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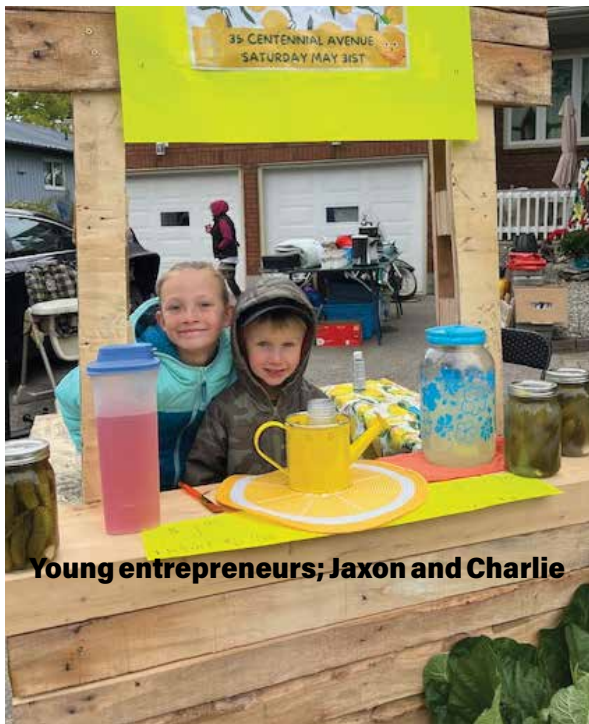
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Elmvale's First Annual Community Wide Garage Sale



Young entrepreneurs; Jaxon and Charlie



Bargain hunter Gloria Woods

By Linda Belcourt, Editor, June 3, 2025
Turning junk into treasure while having some social fun
This year, the quiet, friendly town of Elmvale came alive with the buzz of bargain hunters, collectors, and curious browsers as it hosted its first Community-Wide Garage Sale. What sets the Elmvale Community-Wide Garage Sale apart is its scale and spirit. Fifty addresses were listed in Elmvalae CRA facebook page. The participants transforming front yards, driveways, and garages into pop-up shops brimming with hidden gems. From gently used furniture and vintage

toys to books, kitchenware, tools, sports gear, and handcrafted goods, there's something for everyone. It's more than just a day of deals; it's a celebration of community. Locals used the event as an opportunity to connect with neighbors, support small vendors, and clear out storage space, all while creating a festive and friendly atmosphere. Children set up lemonade stands, cookies or hot chocolate, and it was far too cold for May 31, 2025 but the crowds were big. The streets were busy with everyone having respect for safety. They came for the bargains, but stayed for the smiles.



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Elmvale Foodland 14 Yonge St N, Elmvale
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Whitfield’s Pharmacy 16 Queen St W, Elmvale
Steelers Restaurant 23 Queen St W, Elmvale
Tim Hortons 68 Yonge St S, Elmvale
Pharmasave 70 Yonge St S, Elmvale
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Government may need to
fix Canada Post

May 30, 2025
Submitted by Gordon Cameron, ED of OCNA
Recently, there was a big internet outage in parts of Ontario and Quebec. For a couple of hours over 100,000 customers couldn’t get online to log into their e-mail, do their jobs or read the latest news. The company figured out the issue, rolled back the problem program and things returned to normal. Two hours may not seem like a long time, but for those who depend on a reliable internet connection, their worlds ground to a halt. Had it gone on for even a couple of days, the government might have stepped in to fix the situation whether the company or its employees thought it was appropriate or not. Now imagine the reaction if the outage lasted over a month before the federal government did

anything to address it. What if, only five months later, the same issues cropped up again? Do you think the government would just stand by and let the company and its workers sort it out? Prime Minister Mark Carney would make a big show of fixing the issue, not to protect the corporation or its staff, but rather to protect the Canadians who rely upon what is an essential part of modern life. So then why is the government staying hands off when it comes to the future of Canada Post? There are those who see mail delivery as a quaint anachronism. For many, it represents nothing but bills and junk mail. However, while Canada Post isn’t what it used to be, to pretend that it’s not a vital part of the country’s informational infrastructure is as wrongheaded as believing that it’s as busy as it was 20 years ago. Canada has large, populated swaths that lack reliable internet service and cannot be economically reached by private couriers. Are those Canadians less important than those who live in more built-

up areas? Then there are items – newspapers included – that, even in areas with private delivery options, cannot be affordably distributed outside of Canada Post. Should Canadians be deprived of often their only source of truly local news because they live in rural or remote areas or in multifamily dwellings? As important as the postal system is, it needs to evolve to deal with economic realities. The newspaper business and all those who work within it have had to adjust to changing times, and Canada Post and its workers need to do the same. Yes, it would be better for everyone if Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers figured it out for themselves. However, if they can’t, the government must make the fixes needed to ensure long-term stability of the postal system. Two hours without internet may seem like an eternity, but a bankrupt and collapsed post office would actually be for eternity.

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EDITOR’S NOTES

By Linda Belcourt

June 3, 2025
Our winter lingered longer than expected and warm weather tiptoes in rather than bursting forth. A slow spring offers a different kind of beauty—one rooted in patience, observation, and subtle transformation. Enjoy the outdoors as spring is finally showing up. Canada Post fails to deliver once again. I am working on alternate delivery methods. The mail service is not predictable, not reliable and costs go up consistently. I continue to pivot in order to keep the print paper in your hands. I have added more news stands and places where you can get the paper. The distribution is wide spread and accessible to all four municipalities. I hope you enjoy this edition and this is your community and your paper. Let me know what you like or what you don’t.

Springwater councillors butt heads over strong mayor powers



By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, May 17, 2025

SPRINGWATER TWP. — The oft-heard argument against strong mayor powers is that they are undemocratic — that they take away the power that was bestowed upon a council by voters and place it squarely in the hands of the mayor and only one-third of council.

For many, that flies in the face of logic. They argue that in a democracy, "majority rule" is the standard and accepted measure. It's black and white.

"It's an erosion of democracy," Springwater Township Coun. Phil Fisher said of strong mayor powers during a recent council meeting. "We are elected to represent the people within our wards, the people who elected us."

"When the premier steps in and awards one person more power than the rest, the voices of the people we represent are then null and void," he added.

On May 1, Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin and almost 170 other heads of council in Ontario were granted strong mayor powers by the premier.

Initially introduced for Toronto and Ottawa in 2022, strong mayor powers have been gradually rolled out across the province.

Prior to May 1, the province had 47 municipalities with these enhanced powers, which include:

- Choosing to appoint the municipality's chief administrative officer (CAO)
- Hiring certain municipal department heads and establishing and re-organizing departments
- Creating committees of council, assigning their functions and appointing the chairs and vice-chairs of committees of council
- Proposing the municipal budget, which would be subject to council amendments and a separate head of council veto and council override process
- Proposing certain municipal bylaws if the mayor is of the opinion that the proposed bylaw could potentially advance a provincial priority identified in regulation. Council can pass these bylaws if more than one-third of all council members vote in favour
- Vetoing certain bylaws if the head of council is of the opinion that all or part of the bylaw could potentially interfere with a provincial priority
- Bringing forward matters for council consideration if the head of council is of the opinion that considering the matter could potentially advance a provincial priority.

One member of Springwater council welcomed strong mayor powers, arguing the powers actually enable the council to do the people's work.

Coun. Brad Thompson said Springwater council is divided, with four members — Deputy Mayor Cabral and Couns. Danielle Alexander, Anita Moore and Phil Fisher — voting together on significant initiatives.

While he acknowledges the four votes are the majority on council, Thompson argues those four votes don't represent the majority of the township's eligible voters.

"If you add up the total number of votes each member of council got, you'll discover the combined total of those four is far less than the total of the other three," he said, referring to Coughlin, Coun. Matt Garwood and himself.

"Strong mayor powers, at least in Springwater, actually put the decision-making process back in the hands of the people the majority of the residents voted for," he added.

According to the certified summary of election results for the 2022-26 term of council in Springwater, Coughlin received 3,472 votes, Garwood received 788 and Thompson earned 542, for a combined total of 4,802 votes.

Cabral received 2,409 votes, Moore earned 577, Fisher had 744 and Alexander had zero, as she was acclaimed, for a total of 3,730 votes.

Fisher took umbrage with Thompson's characterization of the situation.

"The tired narrative of the 4-3 split, I'll say it's annoying, frankly, to hear it constantly," he said. "When I vote, I like to think that I'm voting for the people who elected me and the people whose voice I am a conduit for."

"If I happen to vote that way it's because I've been asked to or I feel strongly about or I've consulted people in the community," Fisher added.

Of the more than 20 recorded votes this council has entered into the record, the vast majority of the 4-3 split decisions were decided with votes cast by Cabral, Alexander, Moore and Fisher.



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Former deputy reeve offers Springwater some annexation advice

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, March 21, 2025

Forty years ago, when he was deputy reeve of Vespra, Ken O'Brien had a ringside seat for the City of Barrie's annexation of township land in 1984.

As a member of Vespra Township's council for 10 years, from 1978 to 1988, the 82-year-old says Barrie made its annexation intentions clear years before the land was ever annexed.

"I think they (Barrie) made their first move the year I was elected or the year before," O'Brien recalled during an interview with BarrieToday at his home on the outskirts of Midhurst. "It took quite some time to come together, but it was clear from the beginning that it was going to happen.

"And it's going to happen again."

O'Brien says Vespra Township fought hard in those days against Barrie's annexation plans. They even protested at Queen's Park in Toronto.

Barrie ended up annexing about 2,200 acres from Vespra, including all of the land north of the city's then northern limits at Cundles Road, including the Bayfield Street strip, which was home to Georgian Mall, a McDonald's restaurant, a Kmart store and a variety of other retail operations.

So while the politicians in Vespra didn't win, they did learn a couple of very important lessons.

"First, you won't beat government," O'Brien said. "If there's a will to make something happen at a higher level, that's probably what's going to happen.

"And second, draw your boundary first, before you start talking."

O'Brien offered the second tip specifically for the present-day Springwater Township council. Springwater was incorporated on Jan. 1, 1994

when the townships of Flos and Vespra were amalgamated with the Village of Elmvale and the Hillsdale/Orr Lake area from the Township of Medonte.

O'Brien says he's been keeping an eye on Barrie's latest boundary expansion talks with Springwater and Oro-Medonte townships. He believes folks in Springwater have been taking the wrong approach.

Rather than "bickering among themselves" and voting to halt conversations with Barrie or have talks that are focused on cross-border servicing only, he thinks Springwater council should take the lead, come together and control their own fate.

"Look, it's going to happen whether you want it to or not," he said. "Decide where you want your boundaries to be and then deal with the other things, like servicing, after that because you may discover, after putting those boundaries on paper, that you don't need servicing.

"Boundaries first, everything else second."

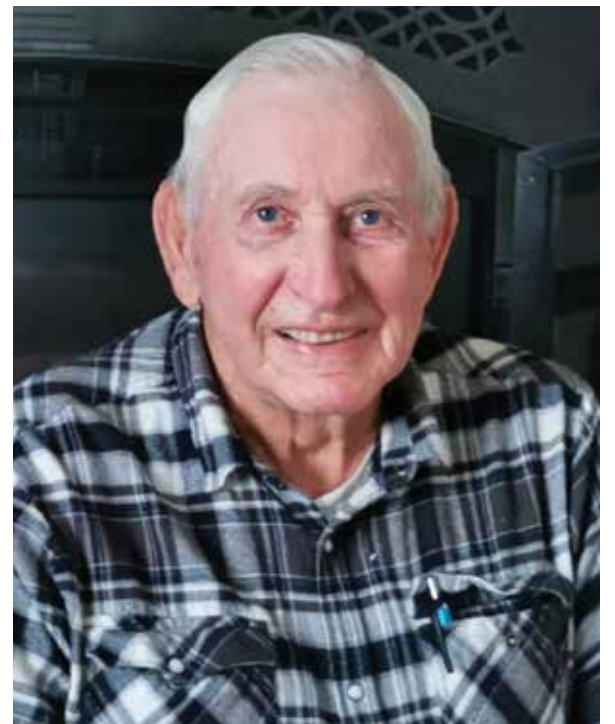
O'Brien also advocated for smaller negotiating groups, saying more people at the table only creates more noise.

"You need the mayor, deputy mayor and the CAO of the township, that's it," he said. "Anybody else just bogs it down and these are the folks who have the power to get things done."

The Vespra annexation of 1984 could have been done in an evening instead of dragging on for years, he said.

"The whole thing could have been settled at George Buie's kitchen table," O'Brien said, referring to the Vespra reeve at the time. "Barrie Mayor Ross Archer, a real gentleman, and George could have had it done in a night."

Instead, it went on and on, racking up huge legal fees and creating friction among the



Ken O'Brien served on Vespra Township council for 10 years and was involved in the Barrie-Vespra annexation of 1984.

Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

participants that took years to dissipate.

At the end of the process, George Taylor, who was the MPP for Simcoe Centre at the time, summed up the experience in a way that may resonate with people today.

"The animosity is primarily between the elected officials," Taylor said in the June 28, 1984 edition of the Barrie Examiner. "A great many of the public are pleased to see it over with and a decision being made, instead of this ongoing discussion and argument."

Opinion Piece: A Bold Step Forward

Why the Barrie-Springwater Boundary Deal is the Right Move for the Region

By Ken O'Brien, May 20, 2025

In a time when many municipalities struggle to plan collaboratively for growth, the recent shared principles agreement between the City of Barrie and the Township of Springwater is a model of forward-thinking leadership. While the finer details are still to be finalized, what's already clear is this: the proposed transfer of 4,373 acres from Springwater to Barrie, in exchange for water and wastewater servicing to 453 township acres, is a win for long-term economic growth, housing supply, and regional collaboration.

This is not merely a bureaucratic shuffle. It's a bold, necessary pivot toward sustainability and development — one that will benefit residents of both communities for generations.

Let's start with the facts. Barrie is rapidly running out of employment lands. Without new parcels ready for development, the city's ability to attract new businesses — and the high-quality jobs that come with them — is at serious risk. This potential land deal directly addresses that challenge, giving Barrie control over thousands of acres suitable for employment and residential uses. Springwater, in turn, receives access to crucial city infrastructure — municipal water and wastewater servicing — for lands that otherwise would remain undeveloped or underutilized.

This agreement didn't come from pressure or partisanship. It came from necessity — and collaboration. Barrie Mayor Alex Nuttall, backed by a unanimous city council vote, used his strong mayor powers not to override opposition, but to solidify the will of council and formalize

negotiations. Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin deserves equal praise for engaging in productive discussions and bringing this proposal forward to her council in the coming weeks. Together, they have set a tone of unity, not division.

This is the kind of leadership residents deserve — proactive, not reactive. And the benefits will be tangible to both communities.

First, there's the economic upside. As Paul Markle, CEO of the Barrie Chamber of Commerce, rightly pointed out, this is "exactly the kind of practical, forward-thinking approach needed to address the critical shortage of employment lands." The new lands will allow for planned growth — commercial and industrial — bringing more jobs, more tax revenue, and more opportunity.

Second, the agreement addresses residential growth responsibly. In a time when Ontario faces a housing crisis, Barrie will gain the space it needs to help meet provincial targets and market demand, without overburdening current urban boundaries. Through a careful planning process that includes environmental assessments and engineering studies, the development of these lands will happen deliberately and sustainably.

Third, the deal strengthens regional services and quality of life. Shared principles include collaboration on health care accessibility, joint economic development strategies, and even recreation — with Springwater residents gaining access to Barrie's recreation facilities and waterfront parking passes. The creation of new employment lands will also generate job opportunities for Springwater residents, supporting local prosperity

and reducing commute times. Importantly, there's also a phased property tax plan to ease any financial transition for affected homeowners. This isn't just a land swap — it's a community-building initiative.

Last but not least is the environmental aspect. A key pillar of the deal is a commitment to sustainability, anchored by Springwater's mayor becoming a member of the Little Lake Conservation Trust. With both municipalities now having a direct stake in the protection and enhancement of the Little Lake area, environmental stewardship remains a central priority.

What makes the Barrie-Springwater shared principles stand out is the spirit of mutual negotiation and shared benefit — a true win-win. This is in stark contrast to recent boundary changes in places like Elgin and Innisfil, where the province imposed one-sided decisions on the municipalities. Here, the mayors of Barrie and Springwater have taken charge, recognizing that if they don't come to the table together, a deal may be made for them. By acting now, they're ensuring the best outcome for their communities — on their own terms.

In an era of political gridlock and short-term thinking, Barrie and Springwater have chosen cooperation over conflict, vision over hesitation. This deal represents more than just lines on a map — it's a commitment to shared prosperity, thoughtful growth, and regional resilience.

Let's hope Springwater Council sees what their mayor already does: that this is an opportunity too important to pass up — again.

Help prepare Midland's Waterfront Master Plan

By Town of Midland, May 23, 2025

The Town of Midland is preparing a Waterfront Master Plan that will create a guide for future decisions about the Town's waterfront.

Get involved

Register to attend a Waterfront Master Plan workshop on June 19, 2025 at Midland's recreation centre (527 Len Self Blvd.) inside the main hall, located on the second floor. There will be three workshop sessions, starting at 1:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Each session will begin with a presentation and will be followed by workshop activities. View the official Notice of Public Workshop.

Open the registration form to sign up for one of the workshop sessions.

About the Waterfront Master Plan

The Town of Midland is preparing a Waterfront Master Plan with consultants from The Planning Partnership (TPP) to create a vision for Midland's shoreline. This plan will guide and manage how Midland's waterfront will change over time.

Creating the plan is a collaborative process, where the public will have opportunities to get involved. Building the plan will include exploring ways to enhance public access, protect natural and cultural heritage, create more recreation opportunities, and support well-designed development for new residential and commercial use.

To follow the project

Visit the Waterfront Master Plan page, subscribe to the page to be notified when there are updates.

Penetanguishene Parking Regulations

By Town of Penetanguishene, May 21, 2025

The Town of Penetanguishene would like to inform residents that timed parking regulations are in effect from Monday to Saturday. On Sundays, there are no parking restrictions in designated timed parking areas. Please also note there are NO OVERNIGHT PARKING in any municipal lot.

Here is a summary of the current timed parking limits by street:

- Robert Street West – 2-hour parking limit
- All down Main Street – 2-hour parking limit
- Simcoe Street – 2-hour parking limit
- Northwest corner of Water Street – 2-hour parking limit
- Water Street – 2-hour parking limit
- Peel Street – 4-hour parking limit
- Jeffery Street – 4-hour parking limit
- Anne Street – 4-hour parking limit
- Lucy Street – 4-hour parking limit

If residents have any questions or require further clarification regarding timed parking regulations, they are encouraged to consult Schedule R of the Traffic and Parking By-Law (By-Law 2012-23), or they can contact our By-law department at bylaw@penetanguishene.ca or call 705-549-7452.

County of Simcoe Changing Composition

By Town of Penetanguishene, May 27, 2025

The County of Simcoe is currently going through the process of changing the composition of their Council. At their meeting held on April 22, 2025, the Council of the County of Simcoe enacted By-law 7119-25, being a By-law to change the composition of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Simcoe, pursuant to Section 218 of the Municipal Act, 2001. The passing of the By-law fulfills the first step in the "triple majority" process outlined in Section 219 of the Municipal Act, 2001, which is that a majority of votes on County Council be cast in favour. To fulfill the remaining steps, the Council of each lower-tier member municipality is required to pass a resolution to consent to County By-law 7119-25.

Before the Council of the Town of Penetanguishene make a decision to consent or not consent to By-law 7119-25, they would like to hear from residents. Please join Council on Wednesday June 11, 2025 at 7:00pm for a Public Meeting where resident's feedback is welcomed. If you're unable to attend the Public Meeting but would like to submit feedback, please send written comments to the attention of the Clerk at 10 Robert Street West, Penetanguishene, P.O. Box 5009, L9M 2G2 or by email to clerks@penetanguishene.ca prior to June 11, 2025. As the County of Simcoe deadline for responses is June 30, 2025, Council of the Town of Penetanguishene will be considering County of Simcoe Council Composition by-law at the June 11, 2025 meeting.

Date: Wednesday June 11, 2025

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Council Chambers, Townhall, 10 Robert Street West, Penetanguishene, ON

Penetang Cultural Heritage Value

By the Town of Penetanguishene, May 21, 2025
TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene passed the following by-laws to designate properties as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.18.

- By-law 2025-18 (13 Fox Street)
- By-law 2025-19 (13 Peel Street)
- By-law 2025-20 (21 Peel Street)
- By-law 2025-21 (26 Water Street)
- By-law 2025-22 (27 Church Street)
- By-law 2025-23 (58 Robert Street East)

The heritage designation by-laws are available to view online: connectpenetanguishene.ca/heritage-designation

Appeals may be filed with the Clerk via the Ontario Land Tribunal e-file service at olt.gov.on.ca/e-file-service by selecting Penetanguishene (Town of) as the Approval Authority. If the e-file portal is down, you can submit your appeal to planning@penetanguishene.ca. The appeal must set out the reasons for the appeal and be accompanied by the fee prescribed by the Ontario Land Tribunal. The appeal fee of \$1,100 can be paid online through e-file or by certified cheque/ money order to the Minister of Finance, Province of Ontario.

THE ORILLIA DETACHMENT OF THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE (OPP) IS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE TO IDENTIFY A SUSPECT IN A FRAUD INVESTIGATION

By OPP, May 21, 2025

(ORILLIA, ON) - The Orillia Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating a fraud that took place at a business.

On March 6, 2025, Orillia OPP entered a fraud investigation after being called by an individual reporting fraudulent activity on a credit card. As part of the ongoing investigation, surveillance footage was obtained. The photograph of the suspect to be identified is attached.

If you have any information in relation to the identity of the suspect, please contact the Orillia OPP at 705-326-3536 or at 1-888-310-1122 and reference occurrence number E250270890. Contact Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestoppersdm.com.



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Going with the flow: Century-old culverts being replaced in Minesing Wetlands

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, May 29, 2025

SPRINGWATER — Few things that reach 100 years old work as well as the day they were made.

Even something as simple and robust as a culvert — a stationary, manmade concrete or metal structure that allows water to flow underneath a road, railway or other obstruction — has a finite existence.

Take the four culverts that are currently being replaced within the Willow Creek sub-watershed under the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority on George Johnston Road (County Road 28), for example.

Referred to as culverts 28078, 28082, 28086 and 28087, they convey a Willow Creek tributary, the Black Creek, the Willow Creek and the Swaley Creek, respectively, in the area between Hindle Lane and Snow Valley Road (County Road 43).

Originally built and installed in the 1920s, they have been extended and/or rehabilitated on multiple occasions, with the latest extension and rehabilitation being completed in 2005.

“As part of the County Road 28 reconstruction in 2005, the culverts were successfully extended to support the widened road platform,” Jae Park, project engineer with Simcoe County’s transportation and engineering group, told BarrieToday in an email.

“Originally built in the 1920s, these culverts have now surpassed a century in age,” he added.

“Due to age, the central portion of the structure has experienced considerable wear over time and is now due for replacement.”

In addition to replacing all four culverts, the county will also make other improvements, including road-base structure strengthening using geotextiles to mitigate settlements.

The culverts are located within the ecologically sensitive Minesing Wetlands, which, according to Park, presents unique challenges, such as soft soil conditions and the need to maintain uninterrupted water flow.

“The Minesing Wetland is one of the largest wetlands in the region and plays a critical role as a natural reservoir,” Park said. “During the spring thaw, it absorbs significant volumes of floodwater and gradually releases a steady flow throughout the summer into the Nottawasaga River system.

“Over time, this process has led to the accumulation of deep organic soil layers, which pose challenges in establishing stable ground conditions for supporting infrastructure,” he added.

And while county construction projects like this one always ensure uninterrupted water flow for all water-crossing infrastructure projects, Park said the unique location of this site means the project must manage substantial water volumes year-round.

To keep the project on track, the contractor proactively adjusted the construction schedule and continued work through the 2024-25 winter season.

A similar strategy is planned for the 2025-26 winter, with only a brief potential pause between January and March 2026, depending on weather conditions.

Traffic approaching the construction area from the north and south is controlled by traffic signals and drivers should expect minor delays when travelling this route.

The budget for the project is \$16,064,144, covering both construction and engineering costs.

A major portion of this funding — \$15,516,944.46 — is being provided through the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF).



Drivers heading north or south on George Johnston Road should expect minor delays for culvert replacement between Hindle Lane and Snow Valley Road (County Road 43).

Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

‘Moving the money into action’: Committee set to dole out dough

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, May 26, 2025

Currently sitting on more than \$280,000 raised through a fundraising drive initiated almost a decade ago, Springwater Township is inching closer to the point where it can start distributing the funds.

At Wednesday night’s meeting, council approved a bylaw that established the terms of reference for the Elmvale District High School (EDHS) donation fund ad hoc committee.

“It’s wonderful that these funds were raised, but they do no good sitting in a bank account,” said Coun. Matt Garwood, who represents the Elmvale community on council. “But at the same time, the funds need to be dispensed appropriately — at the will of the community, those that initially provided said donations.”

According to the bylaw, the mandate of the committee is “to provide enhancements that will benefit both students and the local community, focusing on improvements exceeding those covered by the Simcoe County District School Board.”

To do that, the committee will:

- focus on enhancements not normally provided by school board

- benefit students and continue to support community use of the school as a centre for public activity
- ensure that the EDHS principal and township staff have a strong voice in the use of the funds
- and ensure that the community is aware how the money is used.

The committee will provide recommendations to township council, which will make the final decision before any money is released.

According to Dean Collver, Springwater’s director of recreation, parks and facilities, there’s no shortage of potential projects.

“We have had several conversations with the high school, so we do have a prepared list to bring to the ad hoc committee,” he told council. “It doesn’t exhaust the list, but it gets started on moving the money into action.”

At a council meeting on Dec. 6, 2023, Garwood requested staff report back on the history of the Elmvale District High School expansion project and fundraising efforts, specifically what the community dollars were originally raised for, the manner in which the money was collected and records kept.

On March 6, 2024, Briana Dean, the township’s

manager of recreation, parks and facilities, provided a report that noted the EDHS expansion project goes back almost 15 years and began as a community initiative to help ensure that the high school, located on Lawson Avenue, remained in Elmvale.

In the fall of 2016, the community fundraising campaign was launched with the goal of raising \$200,000.

A fundraising account was set up by the township and all donations were deposited into the account and charitable donation receipts were provided by the township.

Springwater council at the time guaranteed the fundraising commitment of \$200,000.

At their March 6 meeting, council voted to resurrect the committee that was responsible for recommending where money from the Elmvale District High School expansion project and fundraising initiative would be directed.

While the initial recommendation was for a four-person committee — one council member, one community member at large, one high school staff and one school board staff — council approved an amendment that saw the committee grow to six people, adding one more council member and one more community member at large.

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Purse Charms Workshop

Tuesday June 10th, 3:00pm
Create a personalized purse charm at the library. For ages 6 and up. Cost of \$2.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members. A minimum of 5 people is required to run the program. Registration is at the library in person only. Please be aware program is subject to change of time.

Powers of Attorney Presentation

Tuesday, June 17th, 2:00-3:00
This program is in partnership with H&R Block. Lawyer Ben Poole will talk about Powers of Attorney. \$2.00 for library members, \$5.00 for non-members. A minimum of 5 people is required to run a program. Register in person at the library.

Storytime

Friday June 20th, 10:30am
Please register ahead for storytime. Enjoy a story, songs, and make a craft. 5 participants are needed for this program. Register in person at the library.

Executor Info Session

Tuesday June 24th, 10:00am
Learn about the roles and responsibilities of an executor. Free. Register in person at the library. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run the program.

OPP Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Collision in Midland

By OPP
(MIDLAND, ON) A motorcycle operator has succumbed to his injuries following a single vehicle motorcycle collision this afternoon.


On May 30, 2025 just before 5:00 p.m., members of the Southern Georgian Bay detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) attended Curry Road in the Town of Midland in response to a report of a collision. Officers located an injured male near a badly damaged motorcycle.

Simcoe County Paramedics performed life-saving measures and transported the operator to a local hospital however he was pronounced deceased. The collision victim is a 19 year-old male of Tay Township.

OPP Traffic Collision Investigation (TCI) members are currently in attendance to assist with the investigation. Curry Road between Midland Point Road and Tay Point Road is expected to be closed late into the evening.

This investigation is on-going however it is not believed that any other vehicles were involved.

Southern Georgian Bay OPP are asking for anyone who may have witnessed, has video/dash cam footage or information relating to the collision and has not yet spoken with police, to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.





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Magic Card Club

Ages 9-13 join us for fun filled mornings learning how to play magic cards and build a deck. Saturdays in June, 10:30am at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. No registration required for this drop-in program.

Take and Make Monthly Crafts

Every month the library will have a new FREE craft kit for you to take home and make! Each month be sure to stop by early as these kits are only available while supplies last. Thursday June 5 craft is a foam smore.

PA Day Program: Science

This PA Day join us at the library for a science filled afternoon of learning and fun! Friday June 6, 1pm-3pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: \$2 per person. Registration required.

Pride Spinners

The library will be offering a fun drop-in craft at both the Elmvale and Midhurst Branch locations. Participants will make their own Pride Spinner to celebrate Pride month! This program will be available while supplies last starting Tuesday June 19. Cost: Free.

Clearance Craft Day

Did you miss out on a craft during the year? Not to worry! On the PA day, Friday June 27, we will be offering all our leftover crafts at our Midhurst and Elmvale branches. Instructions will be provided, and crafts will be available as supplies last. Cost: Free. No registration required.

Teen Summer Book Boxes (and freebies!)

Sign up to receive a teen book box filled with summer fun and some great books! Each box will contain two library books that need to be returned, and a bunch of fun freebies to keep! Cost: Free! Registration is limited. Pick up of the boxes starts July 7, you will be contacted when your kit is available.

Battle of the Books

This year on May 6th, our 5th annual Battle of the Books competition took place with four area schools coming together at the Elmvale Community Hall to compete and have fun! Each team brought enthusiasm, knowledge, and teamwork to the competition, and in the end, Wyevale Central claimed the top spot, with W.R. Best taking second place in their very first year of participating! Great job everyone! (pictured here is the winning Wyevale Central Public School)



Registration opens May 27 for summer recreation programs

By City of Barrie, May 23, 2025
(Barrie, ON) – Registration for City of Barrie summer recreation and culture programs opens on Tuesday, May 27, at 8 a.m. Customers can currently browse offerings at play.barrie.ca and save them to their “Wish List” to conveniently find desired programs when registration opens.
Registration will be available online at play.barrie.ca or by visiting Allandale Recreation Centre (190 Bayview Drive), East Bayfield Community Centre (80 Livingstone Street East) or Peggy Hill Team Community Centre (171 Mapleton Avenue).
The City also provides a fee assistance program, called recACCESS, that offers support to low-income families and individuals in Barrie by providing qualifying participants with a recPASS membership and youth credits that can be applied to the registration fee for qualifying programs and activities. Residents can learn more and apply at barrie.ca/recACCESS. The City recently launched a similar initiative, the Camp Access Program, which is also a fee assistance program that provides eligible individuals 6–12 years of age the opportunity to participate in an exciting summer camp experience. The Camp Access Program differs from the recACCESS Program, which is applicable to all recreation programs and open to all ages.
Registration for summer camps has been open since February 11. Space is still available in the following camps. Visit play.barrie.ca for details:

- Base Camp Jr (6 – 8 yrs)
- Base Camp Sr (9 – 12 yrs)
- Camp Discovery (9 – 12 yrs)
- Extreme Adventures Camp (10 – 14 yrs)
- Leader In Training 2 (15 – 19 years)
- Soccer Camp Sr (9 – 12 yrs)
- Sports Camp Sr (9 – 12 yrs)
- Ultimate Frisbee Camp (9 – 12 yrs)

City of Barrie seeks public input on lands for new Conservation Trust

By City of Barrie, May 27, 2025
Barrie, ON –The City of Barrie is inviting residents to help shape the future of local environmental protection by providing input on which municipally owned lands should be included in a new Conservation Trust.
Announced on Earth Day (April 22, 2025), the Conservation Trust is a major initiative led by Mayor Alex Nuttall to preserve environmentally sensitive areas in and around Barrie—starting with the Little Lake area and expanding to other natural spaces such as Ardagh Bluffs and Sunnidale Forest.
“By creating a conservation trust, we’re making a long-term, concrete commitment to the future of our natural environment, ensuring these lands remain undeveloped for future generations to enjoy,” said Mayor Nuttall.
The Trust will operate as an independent board, with initial members including Mayor Nuttall, Deputy Mayor Thomson, Councillors Kungl, Nigussie, and Harvey. City staff have also been directed to explore the inclusion of the Mayor of Springwater and members of the public on the board.
Mayor Nuttall is inviting residents to suggest lands they believe should be protected. Eligible lands must be municipally owned and not currently designated as active parks. Feedback will help staff prioritize areas for long-term environmental protection, with a full framework and operating authority expected by 2026.
To submit your suggestions or learn more, visit buildingbarrie.ca/conservation-trust

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Bearbells
by
Leslie Noonan

May 26/25

The forecast called for rain today, but my daughter and I decided it was still worth a hike to McCrae Lake. The small parking lot off Crooked Bay Road was packed as usual, but I did manage to squeeze my car into something resembling a parking area. Despite the high numbers of cars, it is unusual to see more than one or two people out here, as this is both where the trail begins and where kayaker's and canoers portage across a muddy trail to the small beach. Several backcountry camp sites are tucked along the trail which is a fifteen-kilometre return trip. Though I usually don't want to meet or even talk to people along the trail, sometimes you can have interesting interactions out in the woods.

The gentle rain had deepened the bright green of the new foliage, and trees looked downright radiant in their leafy garb. The same rain had turned our trail into a deep brown quagmire of mud and slippery rocks. In several places on the incline, the path had been eroded away by the trickling water, and small rocks threatened to turn an ankle. Once up the incline, the trees thin out and the pink and grey of quartz and granite lay exposed to the northern weather. Scrubby junipers and wind sculpted oaks fought for footage in the thin soil. Tiny pink and yellow flowers of the native rock harlequin and the larger red petals of the wild columbine nestle among the grey lichens. They say that this is God's Country, and the parting of the grey clouds to let that warm sunshine fall on us certainly felt that way. Of course, that warm sun also brings out the mosquitos from the wet grass, just to remind us that nothing is perfect. This is where we had our first interaction with others. Those rocks were indeed slippery, as the young lady hobbling towards us could attest. Using a branch as a crutch, she explained that she thought that she had broken her foot. I offered my poles and to have a look at her ankle, but she declined, as she had already wrapped it and felt she could make it back. You've got to love adrenalin for dulling the pain.

The trail makes it way along the Canadian Shield, over roots and rocks, next to beaver ponds dark with decaying vegetation, and past still ponds reflecting the cloudy sky. As the granite rocks protruded higher from the earth, the trees disappeared, and the sky opened. We are at the Eagles' Nest, a cliff face high above McCrae Lake. As usual I stayed well back from that edge, while still admiring the deep blue waters. Not far away a young man was unpacking his gear for a day of climbing, and we struck up a conversation about techniques and gear. That is right, once, very long ago, I used to rock climb with a group of friends, until an incident made me terrified of heights. But that is another story. Today I was amazed that he planned to climb solo, especially as a newer climber. We wished him well and started back along the trail.

With just a few hundred metres left to get to our car, neither my daughter nor I were really paying much attention to the trail anymore. As Emily walked ahead of me, I was taken aback when a snake appeared from UNDER her shoe. A very small green striped garter snake lay stunned in her footprint, missing the last part of his tail. I gently picked up the poor

amputee and put him in some leaf litter further off the trail, hoping he could over come his trauma. I am not sure if my daughter was more upset at stepping on the little guy, or at the thought of a piece of tail stuck in her shoe treads. It was a quick drive home, with Emily checking her shoes every so often for missing reptile parts.



Community comes together for
Mental Health in Motion, raising
\$25,000 for Waypoint programs

By Waypoint, June 2, 2025 - Unseasonably cold weather was no match for the warmth and energy radiating from participants at the annual Mental Health in Motion event on May 31. The fundraiser generated an impressive \$25,000 for Waypoint's community-based mental health programs. Hundreds of people descended on the main campus in Penetanguishene to run, walk or cycle one- or five-kilometre routes. The day kicked off with a warm welcome from Rob Desroches, Senior Vice-President, Clinical Services, and Chief Nursing Executive, and a smudge ceremony by Traditional Healer Hilton King. Recreation Therapy Assistant Mary Mitchell then got

everyone moving with a spirited warmup session — and with that, participants were off and running. Afterwards, participants and community members were welcomed back to the Start/Finish area to enjoy a KidZone, Dunk Tank, and community partner booths where they could learn about local mental health resources. The event also included a fun-filled Scavenger Hunt with prizes, a food truck and lemonade stand, and a barbecue. The heartfelt support shown at Mental Health in Motion was both uplifting and inspiring — a powerful reminder that mental illness impacts us all.




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Wyevale Community Report

By Karen Moreau, June 1, 2025

Youth Group: June 6th @ 7:00 p.m. It's Bowling Night. Please contact Pat Smith.

Tuesday June 10th United Churches across Canada will be celebrating 100 Years.

U.C.W June 12th Special Speaker will be Dino P. from the Tiny Township Fire Department. The Topic: Fire Safety in Your Home. Home Adult program about smoke and CO detectors.

Rev. Bonnie Kelly will be going on holidays at the end of the month. Rev. Hoom Kim and Rev. Kathleen Greidanus will be our guest speakers while Rev. Bonnie is away.

Simcoe Rural Fastball: June 9th @ 8:30 p.m. Wyevale Tribe verses Parry Island Hawkes at Waubashene June 12th @ 7:00 p.m. Wyevale Tribe verses Minesing Mallards at Doran Park

Elmvale Dairy 4H Club May Meeting

By Tyler Phillips, May 19, 2025

On Sunday May 11th, the Elmvale Dairy Club had our second meeting which was held at Marben Farms. We had a shared meeting with the Elmvale Sheep Club, and Elmvale Soil and Crop Club. Steve Jones started off the meeting sharing information on how to identify weeds that are in our fields. Whitney Ball provided insight on judging Beef Heifers and Sheep. Owen Wright and Julie Parnell provided insight on how to judge Dairy Cows and Show Halters. Rhonda Montgomery gave us reasons on how to judge Baked Goods. Then we had the opportunity to judge and give reasons for all the different classes in preparation for our judging competition at the Elmvale Fairgrounds. Thanks to all the speakers for the great information and to Whitney Ball for hosting.

The Elmvale Dairy club 2025 is looking for members who want to learn about dairy farming with a focus this year on veterinarians and the roll that they play in the life of farmers and the cattle they care for. We will also have judging and dairy cattle showing practice for all members new and old who want to join. Achievement of our club does require a dairy animal to be shown at the Elmvale fall fair we do not provide animals to be shown.



Submitted by Michelle of Gbay Gals that Give, June 1, 2025

We had a real successful Spring Giving event! It was actually our 14th Giving Event since we began this amazing way of Fundraising for local charities in 2018.

The venue was kindly donated and hosted by the wonderful crew at Canadian Maple at Wye Heritage. The food was donated by Sue St Amant.

We think we have around 270 incredible members now! Which is so amazing.

Thus far we have raised \$22450.00 for Boys and Girls. And for Huronia Transition Homes \$21750.00 for a grand total of \$44,200!!!

These totals may change just a bit as potentially a few more donations trickle in, but for now those are our numbers.

Our next Fall Giving event will be hosted at Saint Marie on Monday, October 20th.

As always, if anyone needs any more information, they are welcome to visit our website www.gbaygalsgive.com or email us gbaygalsgive@gmail.com.

Craighurst W I May meeting

By sheila Craig, May 20, 2025

Craighurst W I hosted the community and our neighbouring W I Crownhill as we had Orillia author David Town talk on "Yellowhead's revolt". He told a story of the settlement of Upper Canada, particularly Coldwater and Orillia, and how the natives were treated. The British Government signed the Treaties that they then proceeded to weasel out of. (sorry King Charles). Mr Town gave a splendid talk. When the projector and computer acted up we called on the youngest person in the

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About

We are a group of women, grounded in a tradition of giving to our communities. We are so fortunate to live, work and play in this beautiful area and, as such, are motivated and committed to giving back and making a difference. We want to contribute significantly to keep our communities strong and vibrant. How it works?... Twice per year, all members of Gbay Gals Give (GGG) will get together for a social gathering. Twice per year, all members of GGG will be eligible to nominate a North Simcoe Charity to receive the \$200 per member donation by our group. All nominated Charities will be shared with each member (via Survey-Monkey) prior to the social and each member shall have a vote. The \$200 donation will be made directly to the voted recipient Charity prior to the social either on-line or by phone or at the social event by cash or cheque payable to that Charity

room to help. Thank you, Hale. I always prided myself on knowing how to "cut and paste" on my computer, but that talent gets you nowhere when the slide show won't work. Sigh. Then we had refreshment break, questions to the speaker, and a short meeting, while the Boys Institute stacked the chairs. We reported on the World Fiddling Day last Saturday, held at Eady Hall, where Craighurst W I sold snacks and square danced. The fiddlers played jigs and reels and waltzes and raised money towards the training of "Cope Dogs". And CWI's fame for egg salad sandwiches spread far and wide. Adieu til next month, gentle readers.

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Former Springwater mayor calls Barrie's land-deal offer 'chump change'

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, May 28, 2025

Springwater Township's former mayor, and now Barrie resident, Bill French says he's a big fan of Barrie Mayor Alex Nuttall.

At least three times during an hour-long interview, French noted his appreciation of Nuttall, calling him a "good guy" and saying he was someone he "fundamentally supported" for his vision of what Barrie could become.

So it came as a bit of a surprise when he said he couldn't support the Barrie mayor when it came to his plan to expand Barrie's boundaries into territories that are currently part of Springwater and Oro-Medonte townships.

"I voted for him, but this makes no sense," the former mayor, who just turned 79, said over coffee. "There have been at least two studies — one done in 2018 by Watson and Associates, and the other one done by Hemson, that said Barrie had enough employment land.

"I think the big question, the real question, is what's behind all of this," French added.

In November 2023, Nuttall made his pitch to a provincial standing committee on the issue.

"We need to have an appropriate amount of industrial land to support all of the (developing) residential land that's been taking place," he said at the time. "That's been the request to the province.

"What we've communicated to the province is, 'hey, here's where our services are.' We have pipes sitting at pretty well every road intersection, as well as down the centre of roads that separate our municipalities," the mayor added.

The Oct. 26, 2018, report by Watson and Associates, called Long-Term Growth Scenarios Review, indicated Barrie has sufficient vacant employment land to accommodate forecast employment growth through 2041.

The Hemson report, which was presented to the City of Barrie, the townships of Springwater and Oro-Medonte and the County of Simcoe last December, offered the same conclusion and went even further — that Barrie likely has sufficient employment area land to meet long-term demand through 2051.

"I think the research is pretty clear," French said. "I don't think there is a legitimate answer to the question 'why are you doing this now?'"

French speculates that if that is indeed the answer — there is no answer why, it's just a land grab — then Springwater Township shouldn't consider anything less than \$100 million to make the deal work.

He said the \$13.5-million offer that is on the table from Barrie wouldn't get a return phone call.

"It's chump change," French said of Barrie's offer. "The value of an acre of agricultural land in this area is \$25,000. Once that becomes part of the City of Barrie, it goes up to hundreds of thousands. "Add to that the tax base it contributes and the offer is severely short," he added.

According to the proposal Barrie made to Springwater at last week's township council meeting, Barrie is looking at absorbing about 1,800 acres of developable Springwater land.

French said using the St. Thomas/Central Elgin agreement as a guide to what the value is in Barrie is like comparing "apples to oranges."

In that agreement, an acre of land was 'valued' at \$7,500. How that figure was arrived at was not explained in the April 19, 2024 news release the Municipality of Central Elgin distributed to announce the agreement.

"The value of a piece of land in southern Ontario in the middle of nowhere is not the same as Barrie, where land values aren't that far off of Toronto values," French said. "If you want to see what the after price is, look at Innisfil."

According to a number of local real estate companies that advertise online, an acre of land in Innisfil starts around \$125,000.

French also questioned who was going to buy this land and set it up for manufacturing. He said the days of companies needing massive manufacturing facilities is over.

"Who are these companies that need 50 acres or more to set up manufacturing?" he asked

rhetorically. "I don't see them. I see smaller companies, robotic companies, niche enterprises moving in, not big plant manufacturing."

While he advocates for Springwater council to hold the line and get the most it can from the City of Barrie, French admits he's not fully confident in council's ability to get the job done.

He said of the four parties involved in the boundary expansion proposal — Barrie, Springwater, Oro-Medonte and Simcoe County — Springwater was the only one that was publicly divided.

"Nuttall has the full support of his council, Oro-Medonte is likewise aligned," French said. "The only folks who aren't on the same page are the councillors in Springwater."

Residents of the township, he said, aren't that far behind.

"For the majority of folks who have moved to Springwater over the past few years, they're not engaged in the issues," French said. "With the exception of maybe 200 homeowners who might be affected by the annexation of land by Barrie, most seem to be more concerned with other issues."



Former Springwater Township mayor Bill French, who is now a Barrie resident, says he can't understand why Barrie is trying to annex land from Springwater or Oro-Medonte.

Notice of the Passing of a By-law to Amend Zoning By-law 5000, as Amended ZB-2025-003 – Additional Residential Unit (ARU) By-law Update



Take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater passed By-law 5000-406 on the 21st day of May 2025, under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

Subject Lands

Entire geographic area of the Township of Springwater. No key map has been included in this notice as the proposed amendment applies to the entire municipality.

Purpose and Effect

The purpose and effect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is to update the Additional Residential Unit (ARU) By-law to maintain compliance as per changes to the Planning Act and regulations. And take notice as per Section 34 (19.1) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, c.P. 13 does not allow for the appeal of zoning by-law policies adopted to authorize and regulate the use of Additional Residential Units. For this reason, the decision of the Township of Springwater is final and shall come into effect immediately. The Complete By-law is available for review at the Township of Springwater Administration Centre during regular business hours or can be mailed or emailed upon request. Dated at the Township of Springwater on the 22nd day of May 2025.

Motivationz Fitness and Wellness Studios Grand Opening Was a Success!



By Amy Mota, Founder & Facility Director, June 3, 2025
Congratulations to Motivationz Fitness on the exciting expansion and launch of their new wellness services!
Elmvale and Surrounding Area had an awesome event for all things fitness and wellness this past weekend. Motivationz Fitness has expanded to offer a Wellness space and celebrated by offering the community free classes, discounts, meet and greet the team of experts, shop the wellness boutique, take tours and ask questions.



Local founder, Amy Mota, was born and raised in the Springwater area. When she moved back in the area with her family, with over 16 years of experience in the fitness industry, she decided to invest her passion back into the community she loves: “I opened a fitness facility after the lockdown had lifted, knowing the powerful and positive impact a fitness community can have. The wonderful people I have met, seeing the connections that have been made, and creating a welcoming, inclusive space for everyone has been so rewarding. Thank you to everyone who has and continues to support the services we offer locally here at Motivationz”.

During the big event, there were many community members who joined in classes and came to support the new wellness expansion, including Councillor Matt Garwood: “It was an honour to attend their grand opening today and to present Amy and her incredible team with a celebratory scroll on behalf of the Township of Springwater. Wishing them continued success as they support the health and well-being of our community”.

Here’s a little bit more about them:
Welcome to our Motivationz Fitness Studio & Gym and our Wellness Studio & Shop - two excellent spaces to house all things fitness, health-care, wellness and self-care.
Motivationz Fitness is Elmvale’s local gym facility offering all levels of fitness a variety of classes such as strength training, spin classes, pilates, yoga, Hyrox, HIIT, personal and semi-private training, as well as open gym. They have now expanded into the end unit at 24 Yonge St. Elmvale, offering a variety of health-care and self-care services such as a Naturopathic Doctor, Registered Holistic Nutritionist, Registered Massage Therapist, Registered Nurse, Psychotherapist and Mental



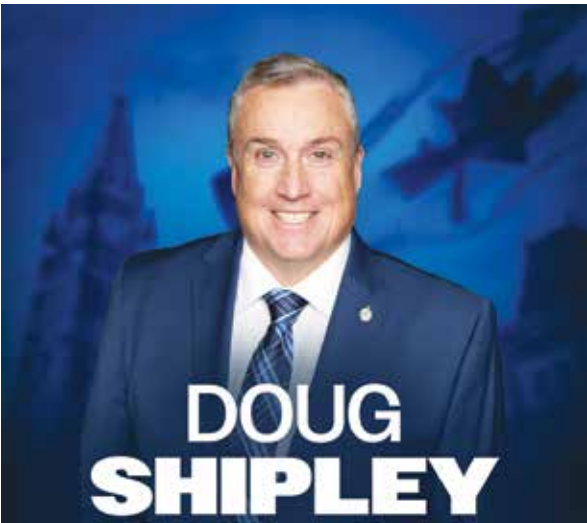
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By Office of Doug Shipley, MP, May 21st, 2025
Doug Shipley, Member of Parliament for Barrie–Springwater–Oro–Medonte, was proud to take the oath of allegiance yesterday in Ottawa. “It’s an honour to be sworn in for the third time as the Member of Parliament for Barrie–Springwater–Oro–Medonte in the 45th Parliament of Canada,” said MP Shipley. “I’m deeply thankful to the residents of our community for re-electing me, and I remain committed to working hard to serve them.” MP Shipley was joined at the ceremony by his wife, Lisa, and their two sons, Wyatt and Luke. “I will continue to be a strong advocate for our community in Ottawa,” he added. “I look forward to Parliament’s return next week. My Conservative colleagues and I are prepared to get back to work.”

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By Brian Keyes

The Eastern White Pine: Pineview Ave & Pinery

June 2, 2025 - Dr Pinus Stobus commonly called the Eastern White Pine is a dominant feature of Anten Mills. A beautiful tree that can grow to 150 feet tall and live 200 years can sometimes have its downside. Residents are showered with a yellow haze each spring as pine pollen blankets the village. Each fall residents compete in a local olympics using rakes, lawnmowers and bags to remove the deluge of pine needles with the hopes they will win a gold medal for most bags at the curb. Late this winter we suffered a destructive ice storm that brought limbs from the mighty pines crashing down on electrical lines, poles and houses causing a memorable power outage adding significant damage to our mighty pines! Suffice it to say that the white pine remains a central part of our village culture even to the names of our streets.

Pineview Ave connects Alexander St and Ghibb Ave to Lawrence Ave. One of the earliest residents was Robert Van Nispen (Dutchy) and family on the corner of Lawrence and Pineview. Next door are the Norwood family, Claire, Norma, and children Brian, Keith, Shelley and Laurie. Norwoods had a window on the park and since their arrival in 1970 they have seen many changes to the park. Claire and Norma tell



me that the park was just half the size it is now with an empty field owned by Lawrence Scott closest to Pineview. The original ball diamond was turned 180 degrees facing Horseshoe Valley Rd. Claire, Rufus and Darryl Skinner planted the evergreens (pine/spruce) in 1971 that now gloriously ring the perimeter of the park. Dale Boone, Brian and Keith Norwood would cut the grass at the park when needed. The skating rink as noted in previous stories was a priority in 1971 when the community association assumed control of the recently acquired school house and park. President John Shannon spearheaded the effort. Well drilling, plumbing, installation of lights, lumber for the boards and change room were the result of support from across the community. Our rink has evolved over the years with a new change house, backboards, basketball nets, skateboard park in the summer and now a pickle board court. The ball diamond has always been a hub in the summer months with ball games. Frankly in the 1990s the diamond was so busy that games were also played on the diamond at the former Ranger Camp down Horseshoe Valley Rd. A centrepiece of the park is the Edward's pavilion which was built in the Spring of 1997 and officially opened on July 5 of that year. It was updated with a new concrete

floor in the Summer of 2021 at the request of the community. The pavilion was named to recognize residents Dennis and Doris Edwards who made great contributions to the community but most notably their Christmas lights display. In more recent years the Anniversary Garden was built and planted in 2021 recognizing the 50th anniversary of a community association. It is maintained by community volunteers and is next to the pavilion. Springwater Township installed a 500 metre track with a screenings surface around the perimeter of the park in 2001 which provides a superb recreational feature for our residents. Year round community events are centred at our magnificent park including our upcoming Anten Mills 150 celebration on Saturday, September 13, 2025.

Pinery is a word recognized as the picturesque land and the stunning white pines that grew on this land which a good part of the village is built on. Pinery Ave reminds us all of the importance of the Pinery to this village.

Next time you are at a function in the park or out for a stroll using the track remember all the community minded residents who built this glorious part of the village.

ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

June 2, 2025 - Here's a record that we did not need to break. Meteorologists were suggesting just a week ago that the month of May would be the coldest seen since 1967. Whether this is a new record or not will have to be determined but let's look forward to above normal temperatures for Summer which those same forecasters are predicting. For them Summer began on June 1.

After a week of rain it was easy to pull weeds from the garden. And that's what a small group of volunteers did down at the community centre in the 50th Anniversary Garden. Since planted just 4 short years ago, the garden has flourished. Many of the plants have taken up significant space and weeding and thinning was required. The group did an excellent job creating space between the plants and more will need to be done. Monthly maintenance is required and the more help the better and quicker it's completed. While the work has been generally performed on a Saturday, there is no reason that it cannot be another day. The gardens are a beautiful place in the community and the people who keep them in great shape are appreciated. If you have any suggestions regarding the gardens please feel free to reach out to me.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words and that is so true. When people gather and photographs are on display there is always much conversation about the memories they bring back.

With the Anten Mills Celebrating 150 on Saturday, September 13, the committee wants to bring back the memories of our community's past. Inside the hall there will be displays featuring the history of our community. Photos are so easy to take now as everyone has a camera on their cell phone. Back 20 to 50 years ago it wasn't as easy. We had our Kodak camera or Polaroid and waited for the film to be developed to see the pictures. Many of you who

have lived in the community for years or have in the past no doubt have photos of the Strawberry Social, the dances at the Pinecrest or the community centre. Construction photos of the pavilion or hall extension. Maybe it was the baseball games for the kids or the annual Fun Day or Santa Claus parade. The 150 committee asks that you dig through the photos and either scan them or take a photo of them and send them to antenmills150@gmail.com



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so that they can be included as part of the 150 years of our community. Everyone loves pictures, just check the Facebook page and see how many likes a post with photos has. Please go through yours and let's share them with everyone.

There have been several reports over the past couple of weeks that Yogi or Cyndy or BoBo bear have made their presence known in the village. They are looking for food and bird feeders are a great source for them. If you can take yours down at night that would be a great idea. Fortunately whichever one of the bears are making the rounds hasn't become a nuisance yet and hopefully they will stay in the forest and not the backyards.

There are two events in the village this month everyone should be aware of. First is the annual community wide garage sale next Saturday, June 14. A map is prepared indicating the homes participating and it's easy to get on. You will find a link on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page to join in and you are encouraged to register.

The second event is the End of School Ice Cream

Social on Tuesday, June 24 from 5:15 until 6. This is a great time and all Anten Mills Elementary School students are welcome perhaps to say see you in September to their friends. There is a nominal \$1 fee and to be able to have appropriate supplies on hand you are asked to sign up on the link on the Facebook page.

There seems to be a significant amount of real estate transactions happening in the village this year that hadn't been seen in many years. For many reasons families are relocating and new families are moving in. If you know a family looking to reside in a great neighborhood let them know to check out the listings here. The community wishes those leaving all the best for their future. For new families coming in, welcome! You will find the Anten Mills community welcoming and one with a true sense of community. The First View project now has 4 homes occupied and there are new foundations for several more. To those residents living in the neighborhood, you are part of Anten Mills, get on the Facebook group and join in the community activities.

Our Springwater volunteer firefighters want to

hose down your vehicle and make it sparkle. Next Saturday, June 14 after you have done your garage sale shopping, head to the radio station on Bayfield Street in Midhurst and get your car washed at their annual car wash. The South Springwater Firefighters Association raises funds for local charities and this is a great way to support them and their causes.

Simcoe County has declared that June is Seniors Month. Many in the village may not think that they belong to that group as they are extremely active, healthy and supportive to many. As part of that group it's an honour to be able to contribute to the community and share experiences. Next time you come across a senior in the community, thank them for all that they have contributed over their lifetime. Remember, not all Seniors have grey hair and ride scooters.

It's Father's Day next Sunday. From the community, thanks Dads for all you do for your family and Happy Father's Day.

That's it for this week. Check out Brian's story on Pineview and till the next time, THANKS for READING, BE WELL and STAY SAFE.



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Shady Veggies

By Stephanie Brash, Master Gardener, Mar. 25, 2025

Do you have a part shade yard, and really want a vegetable garden? All is not lost, there are plenty of options for you! There are actually many vegetables that can grow and thrive without significant direct sunlight. This could mean around 4 hours of sunlight or constant dappled sunlight throughout the entire day.

A general rule of thumb is that any vegetable that is grown for its leaves or roots can handle partial shade, and any vegetable grown for its fruit (tomatoes, cucumber, squash, melon, etc.) needs full sun for the fruit to reach full maturity.

“Leafy” Vegetables for Partial Shade

- Arugula, spinach, endive and mesclun mix are fast-growing leafy greens that can be sown directly into the garden in mid spring, at two-week intervals for constant harvest
- Bok Choy prefers partial shade (particularly in the heat of summer), both its smooth leaves and crisp stalks can be eaten
- Celery is easy to grow as long as it has nutrient-rich soil. Though it takes a long time to mature, it needs consistently moist soil, which helps with a few hours of shade
- Collard Greens, a relative of cabbage, can be grown as salad greens or sautéed
- Kale and swiss chard prefer cool soil temperatures, including light frosts, making it a good choice for shadier locations
- Lettuce is another cool season that dislikes too much direct sun, and can be planted in succession, or pick individual leaves as needed
- Peas do fine in a partially shaded spot, also preferring cool weather, and must be harvested before it gets too hot

Root Vegetables for Partial Shade

- Beets and radishes can be grown for both their roots and their greens, their size will be slightly smaller than if they were grown in full sun, but no less delicious
- Carrots and parsnips are easy root vegetables to grow, and prefer loose soil so their roots are not compacted
- Brussels sprouts take a long time to mature but do well in the cooler shoulder seasons, their flavour actually improving after a light frost. Partial shade is preferred, particularly during the hot summer months
- Garlic, planted in the fall, is harvested the following growing season for both its scapes and then its bulbs
- Potatoes, though tolerant of partial shade, do benefit from a few hours of direct sunlight to keep the top of the plant feeding the tubers beneath

CONSIDER THIS:

If you have a small, sunny area that receives at least 6-8 hours of direct sunlight, consider a large pot for a fruiting vegetable. Tomatoes, cucumber, eggplant, peppers, pole beans... all can be grown vertically in containers with a tomato cage or trellis for support. Note where the sun hits your yard at various times of the day... direct afternoon sun on a patio is the perfect place for a full sun vegetable container!

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E.D.G.E Plant Sale a Success.

By Nancy Lockhart, June 1, 2025

A big thank you to everyone who donated plants, who came out and bought plants. Even the sun made an appearance. All the plants found a new home.

Have you ever wondered how flower displays are judged? Why did the one you liked only placed third? At our June meeting you will learn why.

It's also an interactive meeting. You can bring your own arrangement of flowers, displayed in a vase, mason jar or any container. And our speaker, a Floral Horticultural Judge will explain what it is they are looking for. Come join us, June 25th at the Elmvale Legion 7:00 p.m. Don't forget to bring your mug. Happy Gardening!



HEY DADS!

June 2, 2025 - April showers bring May flowers, correct? Well, I wish we had our garden planted before all those showers showed up. One of my neighbours measured over 4 inches of rain in the last week or so.

I had the great idea to expand our garden this year. It's a big garden. Expansion involved a plow on the tractor and then a cultivator and then a rake. My 13-year-old son, Sterling, looked at the field of dirt where our lawn used to be. I suspect he anticipated more work in the garden when he asked, "Um, why did we expand the garden?"

I could be wrong, but I thought the kids loved working in the garden!

But when all that rain stopped, we let the ground dry up a bit and the planting began. We still had a Costco bin of harvested potatoes from last year's garden. I guess we didn't eat them fast enough through the winter because they started to sprout in the bin. Some of them went to feed the calves and 280 of them just went into the garden, happily planted by a half dozen chipper children!

One of those chipper children, a 6-year-old boy named Arrow, disappeared shortly after the day's activities began. I was then nearly struck by a bike zipping past me through the garden. Arrow thought the smooth, brown dirt would be a great place for a BMX bike track. Perhaps he thought the existing bike track on the other side of the yard, complete with ramps and jumps, was not sufficient for him. He just needed something more flat,

more smooth, and more in the garden. I suspect a packed-down bike path is less than conducive for healthy root growth. The seed planters decided to work around the path and stick to planting in the less-packed-down not-bike-track portion of the garden.

There were a few clumps of grass spread out around the newly-cleared land. As we planted seeds, we would rake up the clumps, pick them up in the wheelbarrow and make a pile beside the garden. If the children were not-quite close enough to the pile they would just wind up and toss the clumps over to the pile. I was raking next to the pile when an inaccurately-aimed clump of grassy dirt flew through the air and struck me in the back. I may have responded with some words of frustration to the guilty party that hit me. I apologized for that later on when we were having a break in the house.


Someone reminded me the other day that these days won't last forever. Our oldest daughter turns 20 this year so that reminder is really hitting home. Dad, maybe you're working on some project with your kids and you feel the frustration setting in because they're not doing it right or they're not doing it fast enough or they're throwing dirt at you. I understand! Let me remind you that these days won't last forever. Time flies! Make every moment count! Even the dirt-tossing ones!

Jason Weening planted a lot of seeds with his 10 kids and one patient wife. Looking for a Father's Day gift? Check out his book, "Yes, Dear...I'm Watching Them", on Amazon!



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Elmvale Juvenile 1975 OMHA Championship Hockey Team Golden Reunion May 3, 2025 Wasaga Stars Arena

By Mark Archer, May 24, 2025

On April 13, 1975 the Elmvale Juveniles hockey team won the OMHA DD Championship in Dorchester. Elmvale had defeated Powassan, Nobelton and Stirling enroute to the crowning final series. It was no easy feat especially after the tragic loss of team mate Ron Deklyne ,player injuries, overtime games and long tiring bus rides.

Three players had been brought up from the Midget team to fill out the short roster.

With a lot of heart and grit the mission was accomplished after overtime and news that same night, during the second period flooding intermission, that the Elmvale arena burned down (ironically inspiring as there would have been no barn to play in the event of a loss).

After being inducted into the Springwater Heritage Sports Hall of Fame in September of 2024 it was decided to reunite for a game of hockey with kids and grand kids.

It would be a game for the ages.

Three generations comprised of proud kids and

prouder Fathers and Grandfathers,skated together for what is hoped to be a repeat event in a couple of years.

Likely it will take place in the Elmvale arena before ice out.

Pizza and reminiscing upstairs at the arena after the game followed by a dinner, dance and more reminiscing back at the Loftus “Barn” rounded out a memorable day and night.

Much like the 1975 quest for the cup several fans found their way to Stars arena to witness and support a star studded match up .

Of the original team members “eight men out” hit the ice while some were healthy scratches and some had been placed on coaching detail.

The reunion also allowed for the remembrance of members of the team called up too early by the heavenly scouting office.

Those called up too soon:

Ron Deklyne, Bill Trace (Manager), Guy Reeve, Jim Grigg, John Melnyk, Jeff Columbus , George Conn (Coach) and Paul Craddock.



“Kids” Reunion Wasaga Stars arena May 3rd 2025



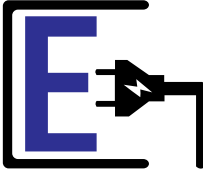
1975 Elmvale Juvenile OMHA Champs above and Champs in 2025 below.



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Submitted by The Midland Flyers Junior Hockey Club May 27, 2025

With a renewed vision and an unwavering commitment to excellence, we are building a team determined to bring a championship back to Midland. Our organization has undergone a complete transformation, featuring new leadership, a revitalized culture, and a clear focus on serving and representing our community with pride.

Last month, we experienced the profound loss of a major part of our organization, our leader Dave Gillespie whose passion, leadership, and dedication helped shape the very heart of the Midland Flyers. While Dave’s absence is deeply felt, his spirit continues to inspire us every day. In his memory, we are more determined than ever to build a team and a culture that reflects his commitment to excellence, community, and heart. Dave’s vision lives on, and

we carry it proudly into this new chapter. At the core of this transformation is our dedication to developing and showcasing local talent. Our roster will feature players from our community who all share a deep connection to our community and embody the values that make this community so special. We believe the Midland Flyers should stand for more than just success on the ice. We are committed to contributing to the growth, unity, and spirit of our community. This is more than a hockey team; it’s a community driven organization.

We invite you to join us on our next chapter. Together, we will restore a tradition of excellence and create lasting memories for generations of Flyers fans. Sincerely, The Midland Flyers Junior Hockey Club



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MIDLAND YOUTH BOWLER STRIKES GOLD IN EDMONTON

By Dennis Brabant, YBC Coach Bayshore Lanes, May 27, 2025

Mason Torraville started 5 pin bowling at the early age of 3 and is a member of the Youth Bowling Council (YBC) program at Bayshore Lanes in Midland. He is now 10 years old. Mason dominated the field at the 2025 Canadian Youth 5 pin Bowling Championships held in Edmonton, May 5-7th in the Bantam Boys Singles division (ages 8 to 10).

Mason started his quest for gold representing Bayshore Lanes at the regional round in November 2024 where he placed 1st winning the right to compete in the Provincial Championships held in Oakville in December 2024. In Oakville, he rolled games of 176, 185, 193, 195 & 199 finishing 46 pins ahead of the 2nd place bowler from Chatham. His 948 total (190 average) is exceptional for his age group. This win meant he would now represent Southern Ontario as the Bantam Boys Provincial Singles Champion competing against 11 other elite provincial champions at the National Championships. Mason would have the daunting task of bowling 22 games over 3 days, playing 2 games against each of the 11 other competitors from 9 provinces, Northern Ontario and the Northwest Territories. Ontario is split into 2 divisions due to travel distances and population.

At Bonnie Doon Lanes in Edmonton, Mason was undefeated after bowling 6 games on Monday and 9 on Tuesday. After 3 games on Wednesday, mental fatigue set in, and he had his first loss to the 2nd place competitor from Manitoba. Nonetheless, by winning his first 18 games he was guaranteed the gold medal and finished the tournament with a winning record of 20 wins and only 2 losses. Mason averaged 193 for his 22 games, finishing 3 wins ahead of the runners up from Manitoba and Alberta who were tied with records of 17 wins and 5 losses.

This was Mason’s third consecutive appearance at the National Championships. In 2023, Mason and his cousin Wylie Ladouceur represented Southern Ontario in the Bantam Boys Doubles Team event



in Regina where they won silver in the mixed doubles and another silver medal, narrowly missing the gold medal in a 2 game roll off against an older more experienced Alberta boys doubles team. In 2024, Mason represented Southern Ontario as the Bantam Boys Single in Ottawa winning the silver medal with 14 wins missing gold by 1 win. Mason joins rare company by competing at the National finals in all three years of the Bantam division (U11) representing Southern Ontario.

The young competitor has excelled in other sports, playing hockey, baseball, and ball hockey all at the rep level and is considered to be an all-around athlete. A celebration will be held at Bayshore Lanes to recognize Mason's achievement in the near future.

We would like to thank the Midland Royal Canadian Legion Branch 80 who contributed a donation to help cover some of Mason's travel costs to Edmonton.

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Kaleb’s story shows why support for Orange Door Project matters

By Waypoint, May 29, 2025

Until June 22, the Orange Door Project is raising funds at Home Depot stores across Canada to help prevent youth homelessness and support young people currently experiencing it. In Midland, 100 per cent of donations will go to the North Simcoe Youth Wellness Hub, a vital local resource operated by Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care and guided by the young leaders on the Youth Advisory Committee.

The Hub offers youths aged 12 to 25 access to mental health care, substance use support, social services, employment and education resources, primary care, and opportunities to connect through social activities like movie nights and cooking events — fostering a sense of belonging and community.

It’s also a welcoming space for people like Kaleb, 24, who found himself turning to a homeless shelter in the last year before learning about the Hub.

“I didn’t know what to do or where I could go or who I felt comfortable calling in that situation,” he said. “I was very down and kind of all over the place — it threw my head for a loop not knowing what was next.”

Kaleb found a supportive community at the Hub. With encouragement and support, he pursued housing and employment opportunities, and found

the tools he needed through the Hub’s wraparound care. Today, he works as a dietary aide in a long-term-care home, has stable housing and is working toward his Grade 12 diploma.

“Coming here every day made me feel like I had a comfortable space,” he said. “I’m a lot more confident and open to trying things.”

Kaleb also wants people to understand that homelessness doesn’t always match the stereotypes — it often goes unseen and can affect anyone.

“People think it’s about drugs and people not doing what they need to do to help themselves, but sometimes you end up in a situation you didn’t plan for,” he explained.

Each year, 35,000-40,000 youths in Canada experience homelessness. Many face systemic challenges — 29 per cent identify as LGBTQ2+, 28 per cent are racialized, and 31 per cent are Indigenous.

Since 2016, the Orange Door Project has raised more than \$17.6 million. The Home Depot Canada Foundation aims to invest \$125 million by 2030 to end youth homelessness across the country.

How to help:

- Donate in-store at the register or online at canadahelps.org/en/dn/28220. Your support can help someone like Kaleb find hope, stability and a path forward.



Photo: Home Depot in Midland is collecting donations until June 22 for the North Simcoe Youth Wellness Hub. — Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care photo



Annie’s Journal by Annie Warner Donnelly

June 2, 2025

Hello Everyone, especially Dads! We sometimes forget that Dads began as little boys.

Dads, did you race around your yard playing Hide and Seek? If you did, when you were “it” and covered your eyes, did you peek between your fingers so you could watch where someone hid?

Did you ever hit a home run or score a winning goal; fill a stamp collection book or collect coins that you still have? Did you collect marbles? Did you go fishing or hunting, or sail toy boats, or anything that would float? Do you remember climbing trees and building forts?

Dads, were you more excited about action than talking; about running and climbing and tumbling than reading a book; about building things and taking things apart; or about scaring the girls with snakes or worms?

Thinking about Dads as boys gives us another view of God. Dads, you’re made in God’s image. How full of curiosity and creativity, energy and laughter, joy and persistence; how full of life God must be to have created little boys!

On a day when we celebrate Dads, we know

that some of you are separated from family by painful relationships, memories or illness; some of you may not see your children. Some of you are soldiers deployed to countries far away on land, on the seas, or in the air; are first responders or health care providers; will have other responsibilities that will keep you away from home on Father’s Day.

Dads, my hope for you wherever you are, is that you know that you are loved. Your Heavenly Father’s heart is filled with love for you! No matter what the circumstances, or what words may have been spoken to you, you are loved!

Whether your need is for safety in a war zone; for relationships to be restored; or a return to good health, I am asking God to comfort you; to meet your needs; and to pour His perfect love and peace into your life, not just on Father’s Day, but always.

Dads, you’re precious! May God bless you for your faithfulness to all that’s good in the world! Amen.

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On May 7, 2025 the U9 MD Pool A Champions celebrate at the Elmvale Legion. Cake was served and everyone enjoyed the celebration. The team is grateful to the Legion for their support. The Legion is the team sponsor. These hard working hockey players were undefeated all season.

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Tiny won't commit on 'complex' complex involving Penetanguishene

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, May 21, 2025

The affordable housing proposal located between Penetanguishene and Tiny Township has added another chapter with Habitat for Humanity offering its pitch to Tiny council.

A few weeks earlier, North Simcoe chapter chair Cate Root provided Penetanguishene council with a request to help with providing utilities and access for a future five-unit, one-bedroom complex with septic bed and parking lot – located in Tiny Township. At the time, the town opted to wait until a pre-consultation could be made between Habitat for Humanity and Tiny Township.

Root appeared at the recent Tiny regular meeting of council with the proposition for the 360-square-foot piece of property near Lafontaine Road and Robert Street West.

"In the 2021 Census, the annual median income for residents of north Simcoe was \$38,500," said Root. "If you take away 15 per cent for income tax, that leaves \$33,000 a year; and the standard is that you only pay one-third of your annual income (which) should go towards housing. That leaves \$11,000 for

housing.

"How do you find a place to rent for less than \$1,000 a month? How can you afford that? And that's what our residents here in North Simcoe are dealing with," Root noted.

The result of the pre-consultation with the township and the Simcoe County planning departments were requirements for an official plan amendment, a zoning bylaw amendment, and consent to sever.

To avoid severance and an official plan amendment at the on-set, Root suggested that if the donated property were transferred to Tiny Township, then potentially a municipal zoning order could be issued as a means to streamline the development process.

"It's complex; it's a huge ask, we know," admitted Root. "But it will provide housing for 5-to-10 people living in your municipality, and it will be a model for how we can quickly add affordable housing to North Simcoe. We need someone to stand up first and show that this model can work."

Root also acknowledged that the county remained cautious due to the property being outside the Penetanguishene settlement boundary. Mayor Dave Evans echoed similar

caution in his response to Root, noting that consideration for the proposal could become "a thin edge of the wedge" regarding official plan amendment requests.

"It's certainly a very noble cause and something we would like to help with, but it's not as easy as just flipping a switch and going forward," said Evans.

Evans added that since Midland and Penetanguishene were the primary settlement areas for the region, those towns "should be providing if there's an opportunity – they're the ones you should be starting with and finding land from... because they have instructions."

The presentation from Root was received for information, with the matter to reappear at an upcoming council meeting for potential discussion with additional input from municipal staff.

The request for assistance from Habitat for Humanity Ontario Gateway North, including slideshow presentation, can be viewed on the agenda page on the Township of Tiny website.

Archives of council meetings are available to view on the township's YouTube channel.

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Developer pitches two, 12-storey tower projects near Bay Point Marina

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, May 23, 2025

Residents voiced their concerns, objected, and haggled during a Midland council public meeting on Wednesday, with the focus toward a proposed hotel and condominium project four times taller than the town's maximum allowance.

The proposal requested council to amend zoning for 1191 Harbourview Drive, near Bay Port Marina, from a highway commercial hold zone (HC-H) to a site-specific highway commercial zone (HC-XX), which would lift the holding symbol.

The structure would consist of two 12-storey towers linked by a four-storey podium, offering 416 residential condominium units, 88 hotel units, 106 square metres of retail floor area along with other parking, amenity, and accessory uses.

As well, the Bayport Tower proposal aimed to add an apartment building (mixed use) as a permitted use, and increase the maximum building height from 11 metres (36 feet) to 44 metres (144 feet).

According to the applicants, Kaitlin Corporation, the justification was due to a 2021 application for a single building hotel proposal to have its height increased to six storeys, which was approved by the committee of adjustment at the time; since that had been approved,

the current request from 11 metres to a two-building 44-metre structure was pitched.

"The economics and the viability of this project no longer makes sense at (the previous) height," said Katilin's director of business development, Devon Daniell, during the public meeting. He cited inflation, the pandemic, engineering and electrical changes as reasons for rising costs.

"What we've landed on right now is 12 storeys, which is in line with the other approvals that have been approved by Midland and previous councils around the bay. We thought that that was an appropriate height, and we've somehow managed to sort of make this work where, economically, this project will be able to proceed," said Daniell.

Coun. Bill Meridis challenged the notion that it couldn't be economically viable at a lower scale, comparing the proposed application to another project in town. His comment received applause from residents appearing at the public meeting who were strongly opposed to the height increase.

As well, concerns were raised regarding increased traffic within the potential 500 units on Marina Park Drive, with pleas for a pedestrian study over a traffic study.

However, the public meeting took a lighter tone when residents spoke off-microphone and away from the podium, addressing applicants and council directly.

While brief questions were thrown around and quick answers provided – such as how long the project would take, with Daniell replying up to 30 months if started as soon as possible – the unofficial interrogation turned to negotiation, which Mayor Bill Gordon allowed but with a gentle reminder to keep things on the record for the public.

One resident asked if locals could have access to the proposed hotel pool and gym, prompting Gordon to say with a laugh: "We can't really do this; you guys can have these negotiations because you know how to reach – there's some wheeling and dealing happening, but we're not supposed to have that at the planning meeting."

"Suddenly the height's not so big an issue if the pool perk is involved," Daniell immediately quipped to the resident.

The public meeting concluded with the presentation being received for information, and all comments taken by town staff.

The slideshow presentation and staff report for 1191 Harbourview Drive are available in the council agenda on the town of Midland website.

Council meetings are held every third Wednesday, and can be viewed on Rogers TV cable channel 53 when available, or through the livestream on the Rogers TV website. Archives of council meetings are available through Rogers TV and on the Town of Midland's YouTube channel.

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The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Town of Midland Municipal Office, 575 Dominion Avenue, Midland.

Description of Land:

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Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

Pursuant to the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c. 10, s. 235 (the "Act"), effective January 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation. Contraventions of the Act are punishable by a fine, and offending purchasers may be ordered to sell the residential property.

The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/tenderers comply with the Act, and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit:

www.OntarioTaxSales.ca

or if no internet access available, contact:

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EVENTS

Celebrate 15 Years of World-Class Music at the Festival of the Bay!

Submitted by John French, May 6, 2025
Midland, ON – This summer, the Festival of the Bay returns to Midland to celebrate its 15th spectacular season! Presented by Brookside Music Association, the 2025 Festival promises an unforgettable series of five concerts featuring internationally acclaimed classical musicians — all taking place at the beautiful Midland Cultural Centre in July and August.
The stellar concert lineup includes:
• True North Brass – Monday, July 28
• Janina Fialkowska – Thursday, July 31
• The Rudersdal Chamber Players – Monday, August 4

- An Evening of Opera Arias – featuring Leslie Fagan, Russell Braun, Colin Ainsworth, Alyson Hardy, Carolyn Maule, and Guy Few
- A Grand Finale – with James Campbell, Graham Campbell, Cameron Crozman, and Carter Johnson performing a dynamic blend of classical music and jazz standards

Adding even more excitement to the festivities, the Festival kicks off early with a Dinner/Dance Under the Stars on Friday, July 11th at the Midland Golf and Country Club. Enjoy a glamorous evening featuring the energetic sounds of the Toronto All Star Big Band.
A Series Pass for all five concerts is available for only \$125 (plus HST and service charges) — offering an unbeatable opportunity to experience world-class music close to home.
The Dinner/Dance tickets are \$95 plus HST a plate. Tickets are available on line or at the Midland Cultural Centre box office.

Brookside Music Association, the proud organizer of the Festival of the Bay, is a registered charity dedicated to presenting high-quality classical and jazz performances in Midland. Through its programming, Brookside Music enriches the cultural life of the community and fosters a lifelong appreciation for live music.
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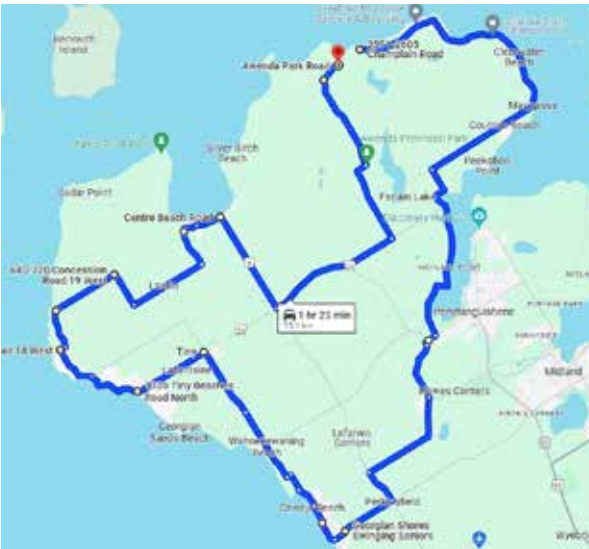
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Great Lakes Waterfront Trail, Car Rally

By Helmut Paddags May 30, 2025
My curiosity was tweaked when a new sign appeared on the hydro pole across the street from our house. Intrigued, I investigated the significance of the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail. I was surprised to learn that the Trail ran from the Quebec border along the great lakes in Ontario, ending at Sault Ste. Marie a distance of 3600 km.
Georgian Shores Seniors Club endorsed the idea to run a car rally through the north of Tiny

Township following the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail. The committee prepared maps, directions and questions about points of interest along the route. On the day of the rally 35 people left Georgian Shores Seniors Club at staggered intervals in 10 cars. Along the way they discovered a tail of a plane in a yard, gargoyles standing guard and even a model of a curling rink “house” with a curling stone on top. All cars returned to The Place in Balm Beach between two hours and three and a half hours. A lunch was served, the questionnaires were marked and the answers were displayed in a video. Prizes for the top three teams were awarded and every one agreed that they had a wonderful morning and looked forward to the next rally event.
For a rally package, please contact the office manager at gssseniors2016@gmail.com.



Anten Mills has is first ever Dog Stick Library and Good Dog Biscuit Box!

By Jay Milne, June 2, 2025
Anten Mills is a small community just north of Barrie. Recently, one of the residents has installed an attraction that has become very popular with the local residents and their Dogs!
Shortly after its opening, the Anten Mills community Facebook page lit up with comments of overwhelming approval.
This has become a popular place to visit and destination for all the Dog Lovers in Anten Mills. It has added to the already amazing sense of community here.



Residents encouraged to support ParticipACTION Challenge during Recreation and Parks Month

Submitted by City of Barrie, May 30, 2025
(Barrie, ON) – June is recognized as Recreation and Parks Month in Ontario and the City of Barrie is encouraging residents to support the ParticipACTION Community Challenge while enjoying hundreds of free activities and programs. The Community Challenge is a national physical activity and sport initiative that encourages everyone in Canada to get active throughout June in search of Canada's Most Active Community, which will win \$100,000 to support local sport and physical activity initiatives.
“Let's do this Barrie! Our City has countless,

amazing recreation opportunities for residents to enjoy while also competing in the ParticipACTION Challenge,” said Mayor Alex Nuttall. “From trying out a new activity at one of our centres, to cooling off at a splash pad, there are so many ways for residents to take advantage of the City's amenities and recreational opportunities.”
A calendar of events is available at barrie.ca/JRPM which includes many free activities for residents to try throughout June while supporting the ParticipACTION Challenge. The schedule includes many of the City's regular drop-in activities at usual dates and times, including basketball, pickleball, yoga and aquafit. In addition, the City is offering free Zumba and outdoor Bootcamp classes on select days and an outdoor yoga class at Sunnidale Park on International Yoga Day (June 21).
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MONDAY

Elmvale Seniors Drop In

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Midland Jam

Monday, May 5

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Bid Euchre

Elmvale Community Hall 1 pm - 4 pm

Call Anne for details 705-322-1232

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am
Seniors in Motion Fitness, 10:00 – 11:00 am
Hustle and Muscle, 11:30 – 12:30 pm
Bid Euchre, 1 – 3:30 pm

Askennonia Seniors Centre

Table Tennis, 9am-11am
Yoga, 9am-10am
Fun Fit Circuit, 9:15-10:15am
Coffee Break, 10:30-12pm
Intro to Line Dancing- Baby Steps, 10:35-11am
Walking Club, 11 am-12pm

TUESDAY

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Bay Shore Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.
Indoor Pickleball 1:00 - 2:30 pm
Bid-Euchre – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am
Line Dancing, Prog. Beginners 9:30 – 11:00 am
Line Dancing, Easy Intermediate, 11:30 – 1:00 pm

Askennonia Seniors Centre

Badminton, 1pm-3pm

1:30 Circle of Friends, 1:30pm-2:30pm

Seniors Springwater Golf Club

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WEDNESDAY

Elmvale District Garden Enthusiasts

4th Wednesday from March to November
7:00 pm Elmvale Legion, 7 John St.

Bay Shore Seniors Club

LifeStyles - 9:00 - 10:30 am
Bridge – 12:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Access Art - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m
Indoor Pickleball - 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am
Chair/Floor Yoga, 9:30 – 10:30 am
Zumba Gold, 11:30 – 12:30 pm
Games Afternoon, 12:30 - 3:30 pm
2nd Camera Club, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Askennonia Seniors Centre

Step Class, 9 am-10am
Chair Yoga, 9:30am-10:30am
Cribbage, 10am-11am
Men's Shed, 10am-12pm
Walking Club, 11am-12pm
Creative Crafting, 1pm-3pm

THURSDAY

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Bay Shore Seniors' Club

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Book Club (4th Thurs) 1:00 - 3:00 pm
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Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am
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2nd & 4th: Tiny Stitchers, 9:00 - 3:00 pm
3rd: Book Club, 1:30-3:30 pm

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Elmvale Presbyterian Church

2nd Thursday of the month. Eat in: 12-1pm. \$5
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Bay Shore Seniors' Club

VON Smart Exercise (FREE) 9:30 - 10:30 am
Woodcarving 10:00 - 3:00 pm
Billiards/Pool 10:00 - 12:00 pm
Indoor Pickleball 10:30 - 12:00 pm/ 3:30 - 5:00

pm
Shuffleboard 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am
Table Tennis, 9:30-11:30 am
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TGIF social, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

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Knit'n Needles, 9am-12pm
Drumming Alive, 9am-10am
Pickleball, 9am-11:30am
Chair Yoga, 9am-10am
Badminton, 9:30am-11:30am
Game Club, 10am-11am
Tabata, 9am-10am
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SATURDAY

Elmvale Legion

Saturday at 5 pm
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SUNDAY

Bay Shore Seniors' Club

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Midland to explore more public input but wary of 'dumpster fire' deputations

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, May 26, 2025

Members of Midland council recognized the value of public input during their recent committee of the whole meeting, while cautioning about the 'dumpster fire' of deputations in neighbouring municipalities this term.

To speak before the Midland committee of the whole currently, a deputation form must be filled out with a limit of two 10-minute deputations for each meeting.

Presented by Deputy Mayor Beth Prost, a notice for which motion was given addressed the feasibility of implementing a public comments section at the beginning of regular meetings of council.

The topic was raised near the midnight hour after a lengthy council meeting filled with several presentations and lengthy discussions of council matters.

Mayor Bill Gordon provided the context that the proposed motion occurs in other municipalities.

"We see this in place in Tiny (Township)," said Gordon. "It's gone through some changes because they've had to clamp down on it – but I don't know if that was so much the procedure or the topics, because they've got some contentious stuff going on."

"There's plenty of (other municipalities) where it doesn't happen," Gordon added, "because it can become a real dumpster fire, real quick if it's not managed well."

He stated that his perception was that the current council climate was accessible to the public through many avenues such as through email or in person, but he would look forward to a report on the subject.

Prost acknowledged there would need to be changes made to the procedure bylaw to accommodate resident engagement, and simply asked for a report if council were interested in approving the motion.

"It's all about bringing the public in, and making them feel like they can come in and say something to us, or ask a question. It's better than emails and phone calls sometimes," said Prost.

"I'm being honest... I don't think a lot of people are going to be lining up at the door to have their whole two minutes at the beginning of the meeting. I think it's going to be fine, and we can learn from Wasaga Beach, from Penetang, from Tiny. There's lots of things we can learn from, and we can make it really simple – and if it's a dumpster fire, we put it out and it's over," said Prost.

In contrast to the majority of council showing favour toward a report on the reconsideration, Coun. Catherine MacDonald objected to allotting staff time to a report – perhaps due to the late hour or because she had been chided moments before on a different matter – using council's words back at them that staff would be busy as budget season and next year's election cycle approached.

"I would prefer to introduce it when we're reviewing the bylaws entirely instead of – because the staff's pretty busy," said MacDonald to the amused reaction of fellow councillors.

Town clerk Sherri Edgar stated that if it were the will of council, a report could be brought by September, but cautioned: "When we make changes to the procedure bylaw, it's for the next term of council... (although) it's not fair to do it three-quarters of the way through the term, and then it would be for the new council."

Prost replied: "That's all I ask. A report comes back and it's up to council if they want to do something to involve the public or not, so if it doesn't go it doesn't go but I tried."

OBITUARIES



BOURGEOIS, Braydon William

Passed away tragically as the result of a motorcycle accident on May 30, 2025. Braydon Bourgeois of Port McNicoll in his 20th year. Beloved son of Jenny Farrell and Joe Bourgeois. Cherished Grandson of June and Lefty Duncan, and Beverley and Herb Farrell. Braydon will be deeply missed by his Aunts and Uncles, Kelly Kohl, Stephanie Kohl, Jody Farrell (Jeff McCoombs), Darren Moore, Heidi (Minna) McKnight-Loponen, and his cousins, Lucas Dauphin, Noah Belfry, Leah McCoombs, Reed and Leila McKnight-Loponen. Braydon will be fondly remembered by his Great-aunts and uncles, cousins, many friends and co-workers.

Braydon loved fishing, dirt biking, working on cars, baseball, hockey, going to the island with Nana and Papa, and hanging out with his many friends.

Visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 2-4 and 7-9 pm on Friday, June 6, 2025. Funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 1 pm on Saturday, June 7, 2025.

Memorial donations may be made to Coldwater Minor Hockey Association.

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SPOTTISWOOD, Charles William

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of our father, Charlie Spottiswood, at the age of 95. His mind was still sharp, but his body was failing. He went peacefully, though still fighting, on May 22, 2025 at the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital. Beloved husband of the late Alice Spottiswood. Dear father of William (Barbara) of Orr Lake, Robert (Robyn) of Gibbons Alberta, and the late Charlene (survived by Tom), Charles, and Richard. Grandfather of Christine, Adam, Alex, Douglas, and Daniel. Great-grandfather of Shelbi, Maya, Thomas, Charlotte, Coen, and Ryerson. Brother of George (late Evelyn) Spottiswood of Chatsworth.

We would like to thank the wonderful doctors and nurses at the hospital for their kindness and care over the last week. We would also like to thank the incredible staff at Blue Mountain Manor Retirement Home in Stayner, where Charlie resided for the last 8 years.

Visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 2-4 and 7-9 pm on Thursday, June 5, 2025. Funeral service to be held in the funeral home chapel on Friday, June 6 at 11 am.

Cremation with interment in Glendale Memorial Gardens.

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DUNN, Wayne

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Wayne Dunn, a proud RCMP Veteran, beloved Georgian College professor, serial Entrepreneur, devoted family man, and legendary storyteller, who left us after a courageous five-year battle with cancer.

Wayne lived life with intensity, humour, and unshakable passion. Whether on the ice, the slopes, or the golf course—or the snowmobile trails, there wasn’t a sport Wayne didn’t excel at. He had an undeniable thrill for speed. His prized Number 77 race car, his boats, motorcycles, snowmobiles and always pristine cars, were more than machines—they were extensions of his adventurous spirit. His wife Ellen didn’t always see eye to eye with him on this one.
His booming laugh could light up any room, and his stories—rich with detail, humour, and heart—and possibly at times some embellishment for entertainment purposes, were unforgettable to anyone lucky enough to have heard them. Wayne had the rare gift of making people feel truly seen and welcome; he greeted everyone with warmth, laughter, and, more often than not, a tale always worth retelling. He told a story that somehow always felt like it was meant just for you.
Wayne had the uncanny ability to recall every country he had visited by remembering the meal he had there. Food was never just food—it was a memory and a story waiting to be shared. A foodie through and through.
Wayne’s strength and resilience were never more evident than in his final years. A true fighter, he faced cancer with courage, dignity, and that same unwavering sense of humour that defined his life.
He leaves behind his loving wife of 58 years, Ellen, his cherished daughter Amanda(Billie), adored granddaughter Harlow, and devoted son-in-law Pete. Wayne was the much-loved brother of Wendy Holm (late Dwight), Donna Ronald (Mark), and Dale Greaves (Doug) . He will also be missed by his sister-in-law Judith Hayes (Andy Luff) and his many wonderful nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents, Harold (Johnny) Dunn and Ruth Dunn.
The family would like to extend their sincere thanks to the Royal Victoria Hospital Cancer and Palliative Care Unit for their tremendous care and support. We are deeply grateful to the entire team for their compassion and dedication. Special thanks as well to Wayne and Ellen’s incredibly supportive neighbours Sandra and Garry Dunn. Also, his very best friends always by his side, John Beer and Fred Fitzsimmons.
Wayne’s legacy will live on in the lives of the countless students he inspired, the family he fiercely loved, and the many friends and colleagues who will forever miss his laughter, wisdom, and stories.
He will be deeply missed but never forgotten. His laughter is now part of us forever. And we will retell his stories, just not quite as well, so they live on.
The family asks that you honour Wayne by sharing a story, embracing adventure, and greeting someone today with a smile and a laugh—just as he would have. You can also share a story below, the family would love to hear yours.
Wayne loved animals. Those wishing to pay homage to Wayne’s memory are invited to support his beloved SPCA Ontario SPCA and Humane Society - Ontario SPCA and Humane Society OR Canadian Cancer Society cancer.ca.
There will be a private celebration of life, as Wayne requested.

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OBITUARIES



STAMMERS, Brian Andrew
It is with heavy hearts and fond memories that we announce the passing of Brian Andrew Stammers after a courageous battle with cancer.

Brian is survived by his best friend and wife of 38 years Susan, his son Andrew, daughter-in-law Victoria and siblings Sharon, Wayne (Lynda) and Brenda (John). Predeceased by his parents Albert and Margaret Stammers and siblings Nib, Dave, John, Al, Larry, Frank, Debbie and Ted.

He will be dearly missed by his mother-in-law Joan Rossiter (predeceased Art), sisters-in-law Cheryl, Lynne (Bill) and brother-in-law Jamie (Pam).

Uncle Brian “Bub” will be missed by all of his nieces and nephews.

Brian was a kind, gentle soul, with a heart of gold and welcoming smile. He loved to bring out the best in someone, whether it was a colleague at work, or coaching kids in sports. It made him happy to be a part of assisting others in striving toward their goals.

Brian had a soft spot for animals, particularly dogs, and they were quite drawn to him.

Brian’s love of sports brought him to The Voyageurs Hockey Team, with which he enjoyed travelling and playing hockey internationally, as well as kicking back with his roomie Mike and teammates between games.

A special thank you to Dr Boyd, the staff at Campbell House Hospice, and the Wasaga Beach Corvette Club for helping Brian have one last ride in his classic 1974 Corvette Sting Ray. It was a beautiful sunny day for the eleven car entourage to cruise the backroads.

Cremation has already taken place, and a private family ceremony will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donation to the Campbell House Hospice in Collingwood would be greatly appreciated.

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REID, Robert
Passed away suddenly at home on Friday, May 16, 2025. Robert Reid of Elmvale in his 79th year. Beloved husband of Allyson. Loved father of Joanne, John, and Corey. Grandfather of Jessica, Jenna, Ali, and Cassie. Survived by his sister Marion. Pre-deceased by his sister Rachel and Parents Archibald and Tiffney. In keeping with Robert’s wishes, there will not be a funeral service.

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Eulogy of Friend Bob Reid

I lost a friend the other day. No, I lost a Brother. Bob Reid passed away of a heart attack. My wife and I were on our annual pilgrimage to Sleeping Giant Provincial Park when Bob’s wife Allyson called us. Allyson never calls us. I knew something was wrong.

Bob and I commuted to Toronto daily for fifteen years. What a friendship and bond was created. All by him answering a message card I put up at the then IGA. Thank you once again Mr. Cave.

Listing all the good times and not so good times we went through would double the size of this fine publication.

We even considered writing a book about his life. Every tribulation was a new chapter. How thick that book would be.

Our thoughts, prayers and love are with Allyson and Corey and the entire Reid Family.

Please let me close with my favourite Bob moment.

We are driving home from work and Bob asks me if I know how to count the number of cows in a field. His answer makes me laugh so hard a York Regional Police officer pulls us over thinking I’m driving drunk.

Bob in his wisdom does everything to crack me up as the officer approaches.

I’m holding it in so hard I begin to tear up. The officer notices the grin on Bob’s face and naturally asks me what’s so funny. We both loose it and I wind up apologizing for Bob’s joke. The officer walks away scolding me that the joke was the oldest in the book.

I miss my friend and brother and cherish every moment we spent together.

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