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Sky Hawk to Sky Walk



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CAF Parachute Team, the SkyHawks and Wing Walking Demo featuring Mike & Sam Trygvasson at Barrie Air Show. June 13 and 14th, 2025

Wing walking takes great physical strength. Sam and Mike are a husband and wife team of engineers. When asked about the safety of this feat, Sam comments that there were many hours of sitting at the kitchen table with her husband and pilot calculating risk factors and engineering the safety straps.

Drawing on their heritage as veteran RCAF pilots, Todd Farrell, Greg Hume-Powell and Mario Hamel are the Northern Stars Aeroteam. Flying the classic Pitts Special in tight, precision formations and wringing it out with exciting freestyle maneuvers. "It feels like a home town show to us. Lucky to be invited back again the last four years. You can be anywhere around the bay and get amazing views.", Todd said. By Linda Belcourt, Editor, June 17, 2025



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Steelers Restaurant 23 Queen St W, Elmvale
Tim Hortons 68 Yonge St S, Elmvale
Pharmasave 70 Yonge St S, Elmvale
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By Keith Milne

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EDITOR'S NOTES

By Linda Belcourt

Happy Canada Day! Post the
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I hold my breath waiting for a Canada Post to mail out the paper. It is around four and half thousand dollars to mail out the newspaper. There is a chance of a postal strike or lockout with no warning. The newspaper would be held hostage at the Barrie distribution centre. Once delivered there, I can't get it back in the event of a strike. 22,000 papers sitting in a warehouse for who knows how long. That is my worst fear. Mean while the papers are flying off the news stands.

If you are not getting the newspaper in the mail please contact your local Canada Post office or contact me.

50th Anniversary 1974/1975 Elmvale Juvenile OMHA Champs



Submitted by Mark Archer, June 17, 2025
On the first weekend of May, 2025, members of the reunited hockey team to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their victory. Three generations play a fun game of hockey together.

- Front 1st Row left to right:**
Asher Ritchie (3rd Generation), D Ritchie, Mark Archer (Original Team Member), Colton Chew (3rd Generation), S Loftus
- 2nd Row left to right:**
Van Vermilyea (3rd Generation), Nephew P Craddock, Wyatt Schepers (3rd Generation), N P Craddock. Evan Ritchie (3rd Generation), Grandkid D Ritchie, Peter Beardsall (Original Team Member), Steve Loftus (Original Team Member (hugger)).
- 3rd Row left to right:**
Harry Kuypers, (3rd Generation), Grandkid P Craddock, Ben Kuypers; (3rd Generation), Grandkid P Craddock, Ryan Marley (3rd Generation), Grandkid B Handy.

4th Row Perimeter left to right:
Blake Isaac (3rd Generation), Grandkid G Giffen, Ethan Marley (3rd Generation), Grandkid B Handy, Brian Handy Coach (Original Team Member), Julian (Joe) Melnyk (Original Team Member), Gregg Giffen (Original Team Member), Dave (Punk) Morrow (Original Team Member), Kyle Columbus (ringer goalie), Ross Downey (Original Team Member), John Trace (Original Team Member), Sam Calvano (3rd Generation), J Columbus, (son in law), Bradyn Trace (3rd Generation), J Trace Maeve Giffen (3rd Generation), Grandkid G Giffen, Mike Chew (3rd Generation), Grandkid S Loftus, Dan Ritchie (Original Team Member).
Missing from picture but participants on the ice Dan Breedon, Trisha Breedon, Beth Foreman and Adam Melnyk on the bench.
Editors notes: Correction to a name, with regards to the previous edition May 22, 2025 article player picture of 1975. The correct name is Jim Grigg not Mike Ootelar.



Route93 Enters Exciting New Chapter: Cathryn Love Passes the Torch to Nicole French as Fractional Executive Director, By Nicole French
Midland, ON – June 2, 2025 – After playing a key role in building the foundation of Route93 Innovation Hub, Cathryn Love is stepping away from her position with the satisfaction of a mission accomplished. Cathryn's early leadership helped shape the Hub's vision, secured its new home, and laid the groundwork for a dynamic space that will fuel innovation and entrepreneurship across North Simcoe for years to come.
Now, as Route93 enters an exciting new phase of activation and growth, Nicole French steps in as Fractional Executive Director, joined by newly hired Summer Student Emily Hutter to carry the torch forward.
Nicole brings with her a deep understanding of strategic marketing, organizational development, and team leadership. As the founder of Collaborative Haus Marketing and Chair of the Downtown Midland BIA, she has worked with a wide range of organizations, including local entrepreneurs, global companies, and non-profits. Her focus has always been on aligning strategy with action to drive meaningful growth. This diverse experience, combined with her longstanding commitment to regional economic development, positions her well to guide Route93 through its next phase.
Paul Marchildon, Chair of the Board, shared the following reflection:
"Cathryn's contribution to Route93 has been nothing short of transformational. Her determination and strategic insight were instrumental in securing the funding needed to bring the Hub to life. Just as importantly, she helped us reimagine and rebrand Route93 to reflect a bold, inclusive vision for regional innovation. On behalf of the entire board, I want to thank Cathryn for her passion, professionalism, and the care she brought to every step of this journey. We're excited to welcome Nicole, and with the addition of Emily to the team, we're confident this next chapter will build on Cathryn's incredible legacy."



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midland.ca/Swim

Selling or Setting Off Fireworks in Midland

Fireworks can be set off for special events or even on your own property. Under all circumstances, a permit is required. Visit our website for information about setting off and selling fireworks, or fireworks complaints.

midland.ca/Fireworks



Upcoming summer events!

- July**
- Canada Day Festival - July 1, 2025
 - Music in the Park (Sunday evenings) - first day July 6, 2025
- August**
- Tall Ships Midland - August 15 - 17, 2025
 - Music in the Park (Sunday evenings) - final day August 24, 2025
- September**
- Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament - September 12, 2025
 - Midland Mural Festival - September 27, 2025
- midland.ca/Events

Property Tax Bills are in the mail.

If you do not receive your tax bill before August, contact our helpful staff at midland.ca/service.

Yonge Street closures May to November

Closures along Yonge Street will be taking place May through to November for the Yonge Street Reconstruction Project. Plan your route and expect some delays throughout the project. Access to businesses along Yonge St. will be available.



midland.ca/Construction

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- Vacancy: Midland Penetanguishene Transit Committee

midland.ca/Apply

Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament

Mayor Bill Gordon is excited to invite you to the second annual Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament!

- Friday, September 12, 2024 from 11am-6pm
- Player registration is open
- Sponsorship opportunities are available

Visit midland.ca/Golf for more about this extra fun day!

All proceeds directly support our [Community Grant Program](#). Join us for a day of fun, philanthropy, and community spirit!



Watermain flushing underway

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midland.ca/Flushing

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Description of Land:

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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.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available on line at **www.OntarioTaxSales.ca** or **www.midland.ca** or you may contact Jennifer Gaerttner, Tax and Revenue Clerk, The Corporation of the Town of Midland, 575 Dominion Avenue, Midland, ON L4R 1R2, Telephone 705-526-4275, Ext., 2226, Email: taxsale@midland.ca



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Make a Plan



Build a Kit



Be Informed

tiny.ca/prepare

Stay informed about all things happening in Tiny, including any emergencies by signing up for notifications at www.tinyconnect.ca!

Recreation and Special Events

Community BBQ

- Saturday July 12, 2025 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Perkinsfield Park (43 County Road 6 South)
- Tiny's annual Community BBQ event is our biggest summer celebration.
- www.tiny.ca/CommunityBBQ

Summer Soccer Registration Open and Volunteer Coaches Wanted

- Registration is open for summer soccer! Programs are available for various age groups between 3-15 years of age. Register at www.tiny.ca/PlayPortal. Coaches receive a free registration.
- Volunteer coaches wanted! Contact tbialas@tiny.ca for more info.

Beachfront Yoga at Balm Beach

- Tuesdays starting July 8th from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- Join us on the beach for a 60-minute Hatha Yoga class overlooking beautiful Georgian Bay.
- Registration required www.tiny.ca/PlayPortal



Council Meeting Schedule

June 25
2:00 PM

August 6
2:00 PM

August 27
2:00 PM



Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers and are open to the public. The Meeting of Council Schedule is subject to change. For complete details, visit the Community Calendar at www.tiny.ca/events.

Seasonal Reminders



Boating Speed Limits

The speed limit within 300m of shore is 10km/hr in Tiny between Concession 1 and Concession 16. This speed is enforced by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).



Tiny Beaches

Residents and visitors are reminded that personal items/private property cannot be left unattended or overnight on municipally owned property.

Items left unattended or stored on municipal property will be removed by the township at the owner's expense.

Waterfront structures such as boat lifts on the lakebed that are regulated under Provincial law and are not permitted in front of any municipally owned properties.



Garbage at Tiny Parks

Garbage cans at Tiny parks and beaches are meant for waste from your time at the park or beach only.

If you require additional municipal collection for waste from your home or cottage, you can visit one of the County of Simcoe's waste depots or purchase extra garbage bag tags. Visit www.simcoe.ca/waste for more information.



Entrance Permit

Planning to work on the entrance (driveway) to your property this summer? Apply for your entrance permit first!

These works include the installation, relocation, redesign, and paving of an entrance including the installation of a new culvert. The permit is free for simple driveway paving. Apply online at www.tiny.ca/entrance.



Jackson Park Boat Ramp

The Jackson Park Boat Ramp is open! Please note this ramp is meant for small watercraft only due to changing conditions. Use at own risk.

Council Remuneration Survey



Tiny's Ad Hoc Citizen's Committee on Council Remuneration wants to hear from you!

The committee was appointed by the current Council to examine the current level of remuneration for members of Council (how much Council members are paid), and consider an appropriate level of compensation for members of the next Council to be elected in 2026. The committee is seeking your feedback through a survey to consider any changes. The survey will be open until July 13, 2025 at www.tiny.ca.



Canada Post Strike

The Township of Tiny is reminding residents of alternative payment methods for tax and water accounts due to the potential Canada Post strike such as:

- Pre-authorized payment plans
- By credit card (+ processing fee)
- Online banking or telephone banking
- In-person or drop-box
- At financial institutions

The township is unable to make exceptions for late payments sent by mail. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure tax and water payments are made in the event of a strike.

For more information about what payment options are available, visit our website at www.tiny.ca/onlinepayments. If you have questions about your tax and water account, please contact us at taxdepartment@tiny.ca or 705-526-4204.

2025 Property Taxes



Installment Due Dates

- June 30
- September 29



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July 30 - *Steel Magnolias at the Capitol Theatre in Port Hope*
Includes: lunch at “The Railside Restaurant” followed by the 2:00p.m. performance, orchestra level seating. **Cost:** \$184.00

August 6 - *Little Canada & Ripley’s Aquarium, combining 2 of Toronto’s most popular attractions*
Includes: a morning visit to Ripley’s, lunch at the “Duke of York Pub” & afternoon visit to Little Canada
Cost: \$179.00 for adults & \$160.00 Youth

August 9 - *Peach Festival, Niagara-on-the-Lake*
Includes: free time to stroll the beautiful Main Street, a visit to Pickard’s Peanuts & dinner at “Betty’s Restaurant” in Chippewa.
Cost: \$128.00



September 11 - *Anne of Green Gables at the Avon Theatre, Stratford Festival*
Includes: lunch at “Anna Mae’s Restaurant & Bakery” followed by the 2:00p.m. performance, orchestra level seating at the Avon Theatre. **Cost:** \$223.00



Overnight Tours

Contact the office for complete itineraries

August 21 to September 5 – *Scotland featuring Highlands, Islands and Cities including the Edinburgh Tattoo* (fly/drive)
**limited availability



September 23 to October 6 - *Maritime Sampler - The Hidden Gems of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia* (motor coach only)



October 28 to 30 - *Ottawa - Hilton Lac Leamy - Gatineau, Quebec - Lac Leamy Casino* (motor coach only)

November 22 to December 3 – *A Premier Christmas Country Tour highlighting the Music Cities of Tennessee: Memphis, Nashville & Pigeon Forge*
Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Grand Ole Opry in 2025 (motor coach only)

December 31, 2025 to Sunday, January 18, 2026 - *“Once in a Lifetime Adventure” Join Us on this 14 Night South America & Antarctica departing Buenos Aires, Argentina aboard Celebrity Equinox* (fly/cruise)
**limited availability, bookings accepted until July 15



Departure Points include: Barrie, Bradford, Orillia, Alliston, Stayner & Wasaga Beach upon request



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Across

- 1 “___ not!”
- 4 Spirited horse
- 8 It carries peas
- 11 Arrival time approximately
- 12 Running contest
- 13 Cup filler
- 14 Court cry
- 15 Jumble
- 16 Word after Red or Black
- 17 Mid-east priest
- 19 Economics textbook feature
- 21 Said before meals
- 23 “Big Fat ___”
- 26 Like Batman, the Lone Ranger, etc.
- 29 Numbers game
- 30 Tree
- 31 Yanked
- 32 You (biblical)
- 33 Started a camp fire
- 34 Perturb
- 36 Identifies, as in a Facebook photo
- 40 Greetings
- 42 Troubles
- 44 One end of a sock
- 45 High card, often
- 46 Merriment
- 47 Half and half
- 48 Preferred answer, often
- 49 Branching-out point
- 50 Fountain, for one

Down

- 1 Supermarket section
- 2 Piece of merchandise
- 3 Dossier contents
- 4 “Raiders of the Lost ___”
- 5 Extended
- 6 Oak tree beginner
- 7 Test version
- 8 Advertising
- 9 Matter of miner concern
- 10 Paternity proof, briefly
- 18 Face creator
- 20 Pickle
- 22 Demographic segment
- 24 Life duration
- 25 Lightning ___
- 26 Doorway feature
- 27 Dusty grey
- 28 They’re joined by rings
- 29 Fan
- 31 Called
- 33 “___ Dolly!”
- 35 Road direction
- 37 Perching on
- 38 Not at home
- 39 Visited
- 40 Cow chow
- 41 Berg material
- 43 ___ about



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'Attacking us for doing our job': Tiny readies to implement citizen code of conduct

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Source: MidlandToday.ca, Jun 06, 2025

The final touches for a proposed citizen code of conduct were given consent by the Tiny Township committee of the whole, anticipated for ratification of a bylaw at the next regular meeting of council.

However, turmoil continued within the public discourse surrounding the contentious matter.

Over this term of council, residents upset with policy decisions took to social media to state their views against council and municipal staff, and appeared frequently in council chambers to fill the venue to capacity – often jeering any comments spoken during council at any moment. In 2024, Coun. Steffen Walma described the online actions as 'cyberbullying'.

The draft citizens code of conduct was a council direction to municipal staff shortly after, which had nearly been introduced but was pulled several times for revisions as council and staff tightened the wording through legal assistance.

Outspoken opponents to the proposed item were among the loudest seen during audience vocalization, often requiring Coun. Dave Brunelle to wave to them to settle down as the sole voice on council they would acknowledge.

During the recent committee of the whole meeting, Brunelle asked CAO Robert Lamb: "if you feel that a citizen code of conduct is needed for the staff at this time?"

Lamb promptly replied: "Yes, I do believe it's needed, and I think it's going to be seen in even more and more municipalities." He commended council for the direction, stating staff had put great effort over the past year on the document.

"Is it a perfect document; no," said Lamb. "But at least it provides us with the ability when things get to the point where they shouldn't to us, to be able to protect our staff at the different levels from different forms of unreasonable behaviour.

"It's sadder that our society has got to the point where we need to do this; that civil discord has got to the point where keyboard warriors can do or say whatever they want, and take shots at people – take shots at people's professional accreditations, and all the rest of it – without any facts, without any truth behind it," Lamb added.

Brunelle commented: "I believe it's mainly from the advent of social media where you can have a lot of anonymous contributors saying a lot of misinformation, like you mentioned. Unfortunately, we've come to a point where, yes, we have to probably implement this code at this time."

The committee of the whole passed the motion unanimously, with Walma thanking Brunelle for scrutinizing the draft on behalf of the residents.

Following the council meeting, MidlandToday spoke to Lamb, Mayor Dave Evans and Deputy Mayor Sean Miskimins about the matter. They emphasized that the primary antagonists amounted to roughly a dozen residents within the township's estimated 13,000 population.

"I'm a perfect example," Lamb expressed. "I've been attacked on social media. My wife has been attacked on social media. My staff have been attacked on social media. Our professional credentials are being attacked by people who

have no clue who or what our backgrounds are... and with all due respect, they were attacking us for doing our job because they didn't like a decision that council made."

Evans said that having attended the recent Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference, "dealing with online hostility" was the largest topic among nearly 500 municipal representatives from across the nation.

Regarding Tiny residents, Evans added: "They drive by, they comment, they honk, they knock on my door at 8:00 in the morning; but that comes with a territory. They don't know where an MPP or an MP lives, but they'll certainly – they can find us, they can get us so quickly and easily. We're in the community that we live."

Lamb stressed how "fundamentally wrong" personal attacks were at a municipal, provincial and federal level, noting: "That's not what Canada was built on.

"We're hoping at some point in time other levels of government will take the handcuffs off of us, because we're not allowed to fight back," said Lamb, "because we're supposed to just sit there and take it as a civil servant.

r is slander, libel is libel is libel; and I, and my staff or other people, should not have to sit back and go: 'Well, we really can't do anything because it's seen as anti-SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation) legislation trying to silence somebody'. Well there's a difference between somebody trying to ruin somebody's reputation, versus disagreeing about whether we should do X, Y or Z," said Lamb.

Miskimins pointed to "a southern style of politics" and culture pervading Canada, sharing how his memories were of the pride Canadians once held that "we're better than that.

"We seem to be losing all of that over a sense of: 'I'm not getting my way therefore I'm just going to yell louder and louder and louder until I get what I want' – and that's the epitome of capital-E entitlement," said Miskimins.

Lamb continued: "And it's every day. It's not like it's just one issue. Every day.

"When you have to get to the point where you have to moderate everything you put out on social media because you've got people making fun of your announcement on X, Y or Z. – 'We're having a seniors thing' or 'we've done this or that' – it's like... really?

"Your hatred is so bad that you can't even celebrate a good news event without making a mockery of it on social media – and every post, non-stop, every post. The same people are commenting or making – I'm just blown away by it," said Lamb.

The trio agreed that protecting municipal staff was the primary intent.

"And I know even these comments are likely going to receive all kinds of comments and social media about how self-serving and entitled and a bunch of whiners (we are)," said Lamb. "But this isn't about Robert Lamb. This is about the township of Tiny's most valuable resources which is our staff."

The draft citizen code of conduct report 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.

BACKYARD ASTRONOMY Full Moon Names

By Gary Boyle - The Backyard Astronomer, June 6, 2025

The moon is by far the most observed object in the sky. Whether spotted during the day when mostly fully illuminated or gazed upon at night, our natural satellite amazes us. For centuries the moon has been portrayed in works of literature, paintings and songs. There are even ancient artifacts of a flat piece of animal bone with notches etched into it. The cave dweller at the time was recording the ever-changing lunar phases.

Because of its 29.5-day rotation around the earth from full phase to the next full phase, we see a slightly different face each night. This is the best time to examine the lunar terrain with a telescope as long shadows drape across the terminator – the dividing line between the lit and unlit side of the moon.

When the moon rises in the east at the same time the sun sets in the west, it appears perfectly round and is now 100% illuminated. By the way, the dark band rising in or near the moon is the Earth's shadow. The full moon is the worst time to examine it with a telescope as the moon appears one-dimensional – a circle with smaller circles on it.

We do not just call it the full moon. Each month of the calendar year is assigned a name. The most common reference we have heard is the Hunter's Moon in October but there are eleven others. Dating back hundreds of years, some early Native American tribes only used the four seasons as their calendar, while other tribes adopted a 12-month system of full moons reflecting the conditions of that time of year. The various names given for each month are still found in the Farmer's Almanac. Notice the pattern of seasonal change from month to month:

January – The Full Wolf Moon, February – The Full Snow Moon, March – The Full Worm Moon, April – The Full Pink Moon, May – The Full Flower Moon, June – The Full Strawberry Moon, July – The Full Buck Moon, August – The Full Sturgeon Moon, September – The Full Corn or Harvest Moon, October – The Full Hunter's Moon, November – The Full Beaver Moon and December – The Full Cold Moon.

There are times when there are two full moons in the same month. One appears on the first or second of the month with the assigned name while the second full moon is seen on the 30th or 31st. This is called the Blue Moon occurring about every thirty months or so.

Another term we hear in the news is a Super Moon. Coined by an astrologer back in 1979 it is the combination of the Full Moon and its closest approach to the Earth. The moon has an elliptical orbit with a 50,000 km variance. During a Super Moon, it appears 14% larger and 30% brighter than when it is farthest from us.

The moon is tidally locked to the Earth so we only see one side. So the next time you look at the moon, you are looking at the exact same face as did your ancestors dating back hundreds of years.

Clear skies,

Known as The Backyard Astronomer, Gary Boyle is an astronomy educator, guest speaker and former monthly columnist for the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada as well as a certified STEM instructor. His articles have appeared in newspapers across Canada and has been interviewed on more than 80 radio and television stations across Canada and the USA. In recognition of his public outreach in astronomy, the International Astronomical Union has honoured him with the naming of Asteroid (22406) Garyboyle. Follow him on Facebook and his website: www.wondersofastronomy.com



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Glow in the dark rock painting

Friday, July 4, 11:00-12:00

Paint and decorate a rock. \$2.00 Ages: 4-12. Registration is in person only. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run a program. June 10- June 17: registration open to Penetanguishene taxpaying members. After June 17: registration open to everyone.

Adopt a Venus Flytrap

Tuesday, July 8, 10:00-11:00

Learn about Venus flytrap and adopt one. \$5.00 Ages: 4-14. Registration is in person only. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run a program. June 10- June 17: registration open to Penetanguishene taxpaying members. After June 17: registration open to everyone.

Fun with Food

Thursday, July 17, 2:00-3:00

Create a person or animal with vegetables. Free. Ages: 4-14. Registration is in person only. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run a program. June 10- June 17: registration open to Penetanguishene taxpaying members. After June 17: registration open to everyone.

Pickleball at McGuire Park

Tuesday, July 22, 10:00-11:00.

Join us at McGuire Park to play pickleball. Free. Ages: 4-14. Registration is in person only. A minimum of 6 participants is required to run a program. June 10- June 17: registration open to Penetanguishene taxpaying members. After June 17: registration open to everyone.

Fairy Garden workshop

Thursday, July 31, 2:00-3:00

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Stories in the Park

Families are invited to join us this summer outside for stories, snacks and fun in the park! We will be travelling to Homer Barrett Park Mondays 10:30am as well as different parks within Springwater so be sure to check our list below and register for one near you! Cost FREE. Ages 6 and under and their caregiver(s). Thursdays 10:30am on: July 10 at Glenhuron Park, July 17 at Anten Mills Park, July 24 at Hillsdale Community Park, July 31 at O'Neill Park, August 7 at Stone Manor Park, August 14 at Grenfell Park, August 21 at Minesing Park. Registration required.

Pride Spinners

The library will be offering a fun drop-in craft at both the Elmvalle 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 Elmvalle 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.

Chalk the Block

It's time for our annual Chalk the Block week in front of the library branch locations! We've been super impressed with all the hearts, stars, flowers, happy faces and animals you've drawn on the sidewalks outside our front doors and invite you back for another year of helping us create a cheerful entrance into the buildings. Chalk will be available during our branch open hours. Monday June 30 - Saturday July 5 (all branches are closed Tuesday July 1 for Canada Day). This is an unsupervised drop-in outdoor activity and parental supervision is required.

Canada Day Closure

Please note, all branches of Springwater Public Library will be closed Tuesday July 1 in observance of Canada Day. We will reopen to regular branch hours on Wednesday July 2.



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By Office of Jill Dunlop, June 17, 2025

As we welcome the warmer and brighter days of July, I'm pleased to share some important updates from Queen's Park that reflect our government's continued efforts to build strong, flourishing communities across Ontario.

Last month I was proud to join Premier Ford and Minister Jones as we announced the building of a new hospital in Orillia with support through the province's Capital Planning Grant, to serve Orillia and the surrounding region for years to come. This funding for a new acute care hospital will increase critical care resources, the number of ICU beds and inpatient beds, and allow for more services for our communities. Exciting, is that OSMH, in partnership with Lakehead University, have agreed to explore the construction of a new hospital on the University's campus located on University Ave. in Orillia

The province is continuing to invest in the future of health care through expanded nursing education, and is committing over \$4.2 million to train more nurses, more quickly, so people can access the care they need, no matter where they live. This includes support for accelerated RN programs and additional capacity at colleges across the province. These investments will help build a strong health-care workforce and ensure communities across

Ontario Elite Hockey League Approves Second Round of Expansion

Bu OEHL, June 6, 2025 – The Ontario Elite Hockey League announced a second round of expansion for the 2025-26 season. The OEHL member clubs and the Ontario Hockey Association have approved for play the Dunnville Aeros and Elmvale Harvesters. Dunnville is an established franchise with strong community roots, and represents the OEHL's first team based in Haldimand County. Elmvale will play its inaugural season in 2025-26 out of the Elmvale

Ontario, including rural and northern areas, have access to quality care.

Our government is also taking bold action to build a cleaner, more reliable energy system that supports job creation and long-term economic growth. As part of Ontario's first Integrated Energy Plan, we're expanding our hydrogen energy advantage and taking a critical step in building affordable and secure sources of energy.

We also introduced the Supporting Children and Students Act, aimed at strengthening accountability and transparency in Ontario's school boards, postsecondary institutions, and children's aid societies. Whether it's ensuring that public dollars are used effectively in our schools, that families understand postsecondary systems, or that vulnerable youth get the support they deserve, this legislation puts children and students first.

As always, I'm proud to represent Simcoe North and advocate for the needs of our region. Whether it's investing in health care, strengthening our energy future, or supporting students and families, I remain committed to delivering meaningful progress for our communities.

Wishing you and your family a safe and joyful summer, filled with community events, local celebrations, and time to enjoy everything Simcoe North has to offer!

Community Arena. The Harvesters name pays tribute to Elmvale's hockey and farming tradition, carrying on the name of an Intermediate team that played in Elmvale in the 1950s and 60s. The OEHL has now approved a total of five expansion franchises for 2025-26, previously approving the Elora Rocks, Shelburne Muskies and Tillsonburg Thunder. This brings the OEHL membership to 16 teams competing in the 2025-26 season. OEHL member clubs will determine regular season and playoff formats during its Annual General Meeting later this month.

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Mike and Shelly Duval receive the 2025 Senior of the Year Award

Submitted by Town of Penetanguishene, June 12, 2025

Penetanguishene, ON - The Town of Penetanguishene is thrilled to announce Mike and Shelley Duval as the recipients of the 2025 Senior of the Year Award. This prestigious award is presented annually to a senior who has exemplified outstanding dedication and service to their community.

This year the Town is recognizing the joint contributions of a couple who have devoted countless hours and dollars in creating and sharing something truly special with Penetanguishene's residents and visitors. As creators of 'Tiny Town', these Burke Street residents have transformed their back yard into a re-created western village.

Since 2021, the Duval's have been welcoming guests and providing them with the opportunity to step into another time, dress in costume and experience something unique. Through stories, antiques, props and demonstrations, each of the many visitors have left Tiny Town with either new knowledge of days gone past, a cowboy/girl name or photograph and memory to cherish.

The award was presented to Mike and Shelley at the Seniors Information Day event on Thursday, June 5, with further recognition from members of Council at the June 11, 2025, Council Meeting.

The Town of Penetanguishene extends a heartfelt congratulations to Mike and Shelley Duval for this well-deserved honor. We invite all residents to join us in celebrating the Duval's dedication and contributions to our community.

Town of Penetanguishene congratulates Mike and Shelly Duval on receiving the 2025 Senior of the Year Award



Bigs and Littles Get a Big Cheque

By Maureen Reid, Midland Rotary, June 9, 2025
Rotary Club of Midland proudly presented a cheque for \$5000 to Big Brothers Big Sisters! This generous contribution will help support their incredible programs that make a difference in the lives of young people in our community.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Mega Bike Ride . Your efforts and enthusiasm truly embody the spirit of giving back. Together, we're making a positive impact!



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By Brian Keyes

June 15, 2025 -

James Binnie of Scotland emigrated to Canada in 1873 and was followed thereafter by his bride-to-be, Ellen Mackenzie. After their marriage and a brief stopover in Edgar (Oro Township) they settled on Lot 4, Concession 7, Vespra Township. The Binnie’s had a large family of 10 children. Mr. Binnie was a very religious man. Each day he knelt beside his chair and read from the family bible giving thanks for the many blessings. James was very active in the Anten Mills Methodist church as Sunday School superintendent for 25 years. He could sing and preach, often leading the congregation. The family faced many challenges including 2 barn fires plus grass/tree fires. Mrs Binnie who often helped in the harvest saw a grass fire coming her way one day and grabbed her baby to hide in a deep ditch for safety while the fire passed overhead. The Binnie’s neighbours were the Muirs (whom we met a few months ago) and Margaret Muir known as Granny Muir was James Binnie’s sister. One stormy wintry night James Binnie walked to prayer service at the Methodist Church in Anten Mills but no one else came. He knelt in the church and thanked God for the church and the members. The next Sunday Robert Carson announced that the prayer service had been cancelled the week before due to inclement weather. James Binnie rose and respectfully said

“ Well Brother Robert, I was here and I knelt by my chair to pray. The lord was here and we had a wonderful time. Yes, there was a prayer meeting”! (A History of Vespra Township)

Karl and Madeleine Phillips purchased 112 acres of Lot 4, Concession 7, Vespra Township in 1964 from John (Jack) and Verna Binnie. Jack was the youngest of James and Ellen Binnie’s children. Forty Five acres of this land was approved for a subdivision in 1975. The result was 20 beautiful estate lots of two acres each. The street was named Binnie Drive after the original settlers. Community members on Binnie and Pinehurst Lane to the south along with Hendrie Road residents have formed a southern cohort for Anten Mills. Binnie Drive residents even had their own street party on July first for many years. Binnie

Drive borders up against Springwater Golf Course at the western end beyond the cul-de sac.

The southern part of the village continues to grow with the current expansion of a subdivision on the remainder of the Binnie property. Cottonwood Street off Wilson Drive already has new houses occupied and some built for sale. Winterberry Drive and Red Maple Road connect to Binnie Drive at its western end. At the end of Cottonwood Street a paved walkway/bicycle path connects to the North Simcoe Rail Trail.

Today, James and Ellen Binnie would be awestruck if they returned to their farm with all the changes like paved streets that are dotted with modern new homes!



The Binnie and Muir clans, following a church service, marking the 100th Anniversary of the arrival of both families from Scotland, in 1873. The anniversary date was Aug. 19, 1973.

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Time ticking down for mayors to find 'framework agreement' on land

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Jun 03, 2025
The countdown to find a solution to Barrie's proposed boundary expansion is on.

In a June 2 letter to Springwater Township Mayor Jennifer Coughlin and copied to Barrie Mayor Alex Nuttall, Oro-Medonte Mayor Randy Greenlaw and Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke, among others, Jeffrey Schelling and Daniel Mathieson, from the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator (OPLDF), advised the local municipal leaders that Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack has been briefed on the discussions that have taken place thus far and he will continue to be apprised as the process moves forward.

In their letter, Schelling and Mathieson said Flack's expectation is that a framework agreement will be achieved to address the need for additional community and employment area land supply, as identified in the needs assessment report, by Sept. 30.

Such a framework agreement, they added, could inform the form and content of a restructuring proposal as contemplated in section 173 of the Municipal Act — proposal to restructure.

The OPLDF is facilitating discussions between Barrie, Oro-Medonte, Springwater and the county. The facilitation process will continue with all four municipalities as part of their efforts to develop a mutually acceptable approach to enable growth in the area.

According to the letter, the land-needs assessment report was "informed by the input of all parties" and determined the following:

Employment area supply: Barrie, Oro-Medonte and Springwater have sufficient employment area to meet long-term demand to 2051. However, Barrie faces a short-term gap in shovel-ready parcels of land, and accelerated growth in Springwater's Midhurst Secondary Plan area may necessitate expedited designation of additional employment areas.

Community area land supply: Oro-Medonte and Springwater have sufficient community area land to meet their respective growth forecasts to 2051. In contrast, Barrie's community area land is insufficient to meet its 2051 population forecast.

Future municipal boundary expansion: If

necessary, future expansion of Barrie's municipal boundary should address both community and employment area needs, encompassing up to 930 hectares of developable land — approximately 630 hectares for community areas and 300 hectares for employment areas.

"Given these findings, the next phase of the facilitation process will aim to explore viable options for accommodating growth along the respective existing borders of Barrie and the Township of Springwater/Barrie and the Township of Oro-Medonte," the letter stated.

Barrie Mayor Alex Nuttall said the letter from the OPLDF reflects the direction of the city's ongoing discussions with the province over the past two years.

"We are encouraged to see a firm date of Sept. 30 set to reach a resolution, as it is a positive step towards a mutually beneficial outcome," Nuttall said in an email to BarrieToday on Tuesday morning.

"In addition, we are also pleased with the province's continued commitment to working collaboratively on the development and structure of the conservation trust," he added.

Nuttall said he looks forward to continuing discussions with all partners involved.

BarrieToday reached out to Coughlin, Greenlaw and Clarke for their reaction to the letter, but did not receive responses prior to publication of this article.

According to Schelling and Mathieson, the work to explore viable options for accommodating growth along the existing borders is already underway and will require "a robust technical and planning analysis."

The work that is required will include:

An evaluation of the suitability of different land locations and configurations for commercial, employment and residential development

The delineation of both undevelopable land and natural heritage areas

An evaluation of the serviceability of land (e.g. municipal water and wastewater, as well as transportation, electricity, and natural gas)

Consideration of local impacts and regional real-estate market conditions.

"Mayors know the needs of their communities best, and we commend the City of Barrie and

Township of Springwater on working together to deliver better results for the people they serve," Alexandra Sanita, communications manager for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, said in an email to BarrieToday.

"Our government will continue to support municipalities as we strengthen local governance and give them the tools they need, and requested, to get shovels in the ground for critical infrastructure projects faster," Sanita added.

The letter has been added to the correspondence and information items section of the agenda for Springwater Township's council meeting on Wednesday, which starts at 6:30 p.m.

Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign Raises \$220,425 for RVH and Hospice Simcoe

By RVH and Hospice Simcoe, June 13, 2025

The results are in and they're as heartwarming as the cookies themselves.

This year's Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign raised an incredible \$220,425 in support of Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) and Hospice Simcoe. Cookie by cookie, Barrie community members came together to show what happens when small gestures stack up to something much bigger.

Funds will also support Hospice Simcoe, helping meet the growing need for compassionate end-of-life care and grief support programs.

Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign was once again powered by the generosity of Barrie Tim Hortons owners, their teams, and thousands of guests who said yes to a cook-ie with a cause.

And this spring's support moved both RVH and Hospice Simcoe one step closer to a bold milestone: fulfilling the \$1-million pledge to both charities made by local Tim Hortons owners to fund full-circle care for local families.

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ANTEN MILLS

by Dennis Gannon

They came in droves. They searched high and low. They bartered the price and walked away with their treasures. The annual Anten Mills community wide Garage Sale was last Saturday with close to 20 homes participating. Vehicles were seen before 8AM cruising the streets seeking out the best spots with the treasures they were looking for. It was a great day and both the sellers and the buyers were happy with the results.

Have you noticed the banners that now adorn our village? After the Anten Mills Celebrating 150 finalized the logo earlier this year, the decision was made to put banners celebrating our community in order for everyone passing through would know that we are 150 years in the making. Putting banners on the utility poles is not an easy task. The locations needed to be determined, permission from Hydro One was required. Then finding an electrical contractor with a bucket truck had to be secured. After that finding a printing company to make the banners at a reasonable cost and finding the funds to get it all in place. Everything eventually came together and now we have community recognition of the celebration at the entrances to the village, at the Community Centre and along Wilson Dr. and Horseshoe Valley Rd. The community thanks our Ward 3 Councillor, Brad Thompson for securing the funds necessary from his discretionary funds account with full Council support. The installation of the banners on the utility poles was completed by local resident and electrical contractor Shawn Neddeau and his company Davy Electric. The banners were printed by Georgian Copy and Printers owned and operated by Anten Mills residents, Ali and Tasneem Taherali. The final products look great and will be up for the balance of the year.

In the last column a request was posted for historical photos of activities and people from the community as part of our celebration project. A few photos have been submitted and the committee thanks those who sent them. More are needed and you are asked to dig deep into the family history and send your photos to antenmills150@gmail.com.

The students at Minesing Central School held



an end of school year variety show last week. The show was a great success and many local students demonstrated their creative talents. The 150 committee is looking for performers to participate in a variety show at the celebration on September 13 and it would be nice to have some local children demonstrating their talents. Parents and perhaps grandparents are encouraged to discuss the opportunity and let the committee know that they are interested in participating by sending an email to antenmills150@gmail.com and a committee member will be in touch.

One of the important items that the committee wanted to see completed before the celebration was the interior renewal to the community centre. Costs would be prohibitive to totally restore the hall with hardwood floors and random width tongue and groove ceiling. The township was requested to

mimic what was there previously and at the last Council meeting the work was approved and a contractor selected. The work will begin soon and the hall will not be accessible for the duration of the project. The work is to be completed by the celebration on Saturday, September 13 and will be showcased that day.

This is a reminder that the end of school ice cream social is planned for next Tuesday, June 24 from 5:15 to 6PM at under the pavilion at the community centre. Preregistration is required in order that sufficient supplies are available and there is a nominal \$1 per student cost. Check the Anten Mills Community Bulletin on Facebook for more details and signup.

Tomorrow, Friday June 20 is the longest day of the year and the beginning of the Summer Solstice. The sun will rise at 5:34 AM and set at 9:06 PM for a total of 15 hours and 32 minutes of daylight. Summer officially begins at 10:42 PM and hopefully we will enjoy a great summer.

Next week is the end of the school year for the children. The community congratulates all students on their accomplishments and wishes them the best in the coming year.

July 1 is Canada Day. It's a day to celebrate our fabulous country. While not part of a long weekend, it is a statutory holiday and a day off for most. We have endured a number of challenges this year with some uncertainty occurring in the world. This July 1 let's celebrate our country. The best and easiest way is to display our nation's flag. Flying the flag demonstrates our pride in our nation and the freedoms that we have. Let's make Anten Mills an example of how we demonstrate that Canada is the best nation in the world by flying our national flag.

The Anten Mills Community Recreation Association is working on a couple of movie nights under the pavilion. Watch the Facebook page for more details.

Brian's story this week is about the Binnie Dr. area. Check it out.

That's all for this week. Happy Canada Day, THANKS for READING, BE WELL and STAY SAFE.

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The Penetanguishene Sports Hall of Fame

By Waxy Gregoire April 7, 2025

The Penetanguishene Sports Hall of Fame is pleased to announce the 2025 Inductees into its Sports Hall of Fame. The two athletes, two builders and one team will be enshrined at a Dinner and Ceremony to be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, in the Brian Orser Hall at the Penetanguishene Memorial Arena.

This year's five inductees include a 1960's powerhouse Novice hockey team, a provincial high school shotput champion, a multi world and Canadian softball champion, a longtime irreplaceable community fastball volunteer and the Hall of Fame's amazing inaugural volunteer curator.

The Penetanguishene Sports Hall of Fame has been in existence since 1987. This will be its 19th Induction Dinner and Ceremony. With these newest inductees, the Penetanguishene Sports Hall of Fame will now boast 86 honoured members. These include 42 Athletes, 12 Teams, and 32 Builders, for a total of 302 individuals.

Tickets for the October 18 event will be made available later in the summer through Waxy Gregoire at 705 549-7912 or 705 528-9230. The Induction Dinners always sell out quickly.

1963-64 Jr. "A" novice hockey team – Team Nominated by L. Waxy Gregoire

Under the tutelage of coach Don Quigley, Trainer Martin Quigley Sr. and Manager Jim McDonald, these young boys lost only one game all season. They then won their local playdowns and then headed to Parry Sound to participate in the provincial championships. This powerful team would win the 1964 All-Ontario Little NHL championships by defeating Huntsville, Thornhill, Orangeville for the "B" championship, then defeating Newmarket for the "BB" grand championship.

Born in Penetanguishene, baseball was in his blood and the ensuing accolades for Keith Rankin are simply too numerous to list. His baseball skills were in high demand in softball circles. Keith Rankin won nine Simcoe Rural League Champions with Wyevale, Orillia and Minesing, and was league MVP on six occasions.



Keith won three Canadian Men Senior and Masters Championships with Cobourg, Saskatoon and Surrey B.C., and won one North American Championship with Toronto in 2001 where he was also named to the First All-Star Team. He participated in over twelve world softball championships with various Canadian and American teams since 1999 and won a masters world championship with Cobourg as recently as 2024.

Lucie Maurice – Athlete

Nominated by Raymond Cole & family

Born in Penetanguishene, Lucie Maurice's athletic ability shined at an early age at Ecole St. Croix primary school in Lafontaine, Ontario where she was junior girls champion and dominant in the 100 metre, 200 metre, shot put, and triple jump at local meets.



Back Row: L-R: Coach Don Quigley, David Cote, Doug Cote, Jimmy Williams, Rick Legault, Brian Arbour, Glenn Belcourt, Manager Jim McDonald

Middle Row: Adrian Gauthier, Brian Duquette, Louis Belcourt, Chuck Pearson,

Basil Beauchamp, Trainer Martin Quigley Sr.

Front Row: Bobby Dion, Pat Piitz, Whip Cote, Brian Hook, Tom Gignac
Keith Rankin – Athlete
Nominated by Joe Rankin

Her prowess only developed and expanded when she attended Penetanguishene Secondary School. In her first year, Lucie won the local tri-meet and zone meet midget championships and qualified to attend the OFSSA (Ontario Federation of Secondary School) championships at Centennial Park in Etobicoke.

Against twenty-three opponents, many of them larger, her throw of 9.72 metres in the shotput gave her the Ontario midget girls gold medal against bigger schools from larger communities, an amazing accomplishment. It was PSS's first ever OFSSA gold medal.

Fred Patterson – Builder

Nominated by Norm Robitaille

Born and raised in Penetanguishene, Fred has been volunteering at the Penetanguishene Centennial Museum for the past thirty-five years but even longer at Toanche Park in Tiny Township. Between 1977 and 2022, Fred was the treasurer for the Toanche Park board. Fred also held the positions of scheduler, community contact and director of the board. That same year, Fred was a founding board member of the Georgian Bay Minor Softball League.

Along with his longtime friend, Larry Patenaude, Fred has been a force in organizing

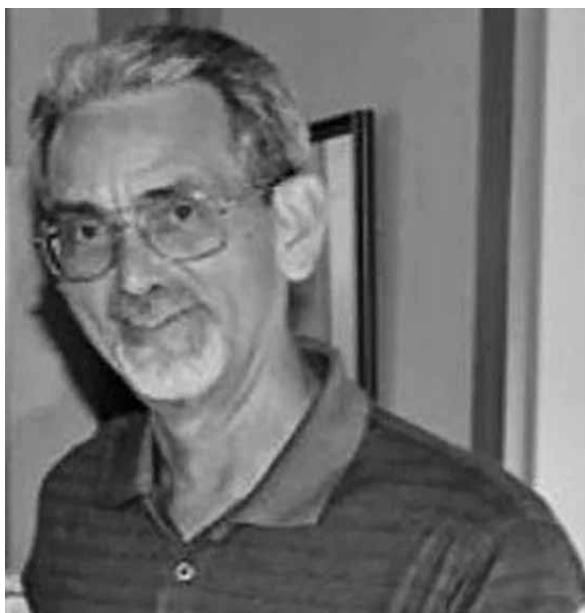
minor softball and fundraising at Toanche Park over many decades. His volunteerism has been outstanding and has been recognized with many local and provincial volunteer awards.

Stephanie Meeuwse – Builder

Nominated by David Dupuis

Born in Newmarket, Stephanie Meeuwse graduated with a degree from Sir Sandford Fleming College in Museum Management and Curatorship. A few years later as curator of the Penetanguishene Centennial Museum, Stephanie was instrumental in collecting inductee artifacts as she created the first Penetanguishene Sports Hall of Fame displays there in 1995.

Despite working as Collections Supervisor for the Museums of Mississauga, Stephanie helped the PSHOF develop policies and create displays for its new Hall of Fame which opened in 2007. She continues to assist the Hall in all aspects of collections management and every two years since, Stephanie volunteers countless hours to completely revamp the Hall and create old and new displays for the Induction Dinners and Ceremonies.





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Bearbells
 by
 Leslie Noonan

June 12/25

I didn't get out this past week for a hike, yet I still managed to have an adventure. My daughter and I headed north to Burke's Falls and the wonderful Circling Hawks store filled with colorful crystals, incense and all things esoteric and magical. A giant crystal bowl gently thrums with energy which you can feel resonating inside you when another crystal is rubbed around the inside of the bowl. Books on healing and witchcraft share space with other books on mythical creatures. Outside in the overgrown garden tiny wood houses, perfect for fairies, peek from underneath the green foliage. Colorful bottles adorn a small bush, an African tradition to capture evil spirits, as well as to honor the dead.

After a wonderful hour browsing this unique store, we were not quite ready to head home. An online search of other activities in the area had us jumping in the car to find some heads, screaming heads, giant screaming heads, and possibly some gargoyles. Now this sounds like an adventure. Only a short drive away, down a narrow country road, and there they are, giant concrete heads in a field, mouths wide open in horror. On the other side of the road is an overgrown stone fence with a rusty metal gate and yes, watchful gargoyles perched upon the rocks, ready to pounce on intruders. Rearing up and over the fence like some medieval behemoth is a concrete castle with watchful glass eyes. We were startled by the sound of many wings as a flock of pigeons flew out from the open windowpanes to circle the eerie fields. This is the private entrance, so we continued to the public parking area further on, with the price of admission being only what you wish to donate.

So here we are, at the Screaming Heads of Midlothian, and if that doesn't sound like a sentence out of some fantasy book, then I don't know what does. This is the private property of artist and retired schoolteacher Peter Camani who has crafted hundreds of structures out of concrete,

mostly those screaming heads, but also hands and the occasional horse. Peter is a calm and dignified man of little words, which we found out when we accidentally entered his private grounds instead of the public area. We were entranced by the huge metal gate shaped like a spider web and inlaid with a black spider. Past these gates is where we found someone we assume to be Peter, sitting calmly in a chair whittling a small piece of wood while peacocks strutted back and forth, screeching at our intrusion. Peter just pointed the correct way and waved us on our way. We did get a closer look at the castle, and the two headed dragon clutching the chimney. It must have been a sleeping dragon, as it was heavily draped in creeping ivy. Just as well, as I am a chubby woman and would make a fine snack for any hungry dragon.

We made our way through the fields, marvelling at the heads erupting from the tall grass. The trail took us along the banks of a small pond and under the cool shade of trees. Metal art pieces materialized out of the thick underbrush, and one strange fabric head resembled a much-tattered Fozzie the Bear (that's an 80's reference for the younger readers). We wandered the trails for several hours, reading the occasional inspirational inscription on the concrete heads. There is always something new to see, and often we were mystified by the purpose and meaning of the structures we stumbled upon. And stumble I did, as I had not planned on a day on wet trails. My flip flops provided little traction, and down I went, arms flailing, legs sprawling and there I am, sitting in a warm mud puddle. Ah well, such is life when you are having an adventure. The sun began its slow descent to the horizon, and the screaming heads became even more eerie as they threw long shadows across the fields. I can only imagine this place at night during a full moon, fields of white heads with mouths open in terror, reflecting the moon's glow. Time to head home before that dragon awakes, and plan for our next adventure to Manitoulin Island.



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Centre Flos W.I. Update

By Pat Leonard, Chair of Public Relations, June 13, 2025

Our final monthly meeting before the summer break, started with a delicious meal at the Hot Wok, in Wasaga Beach on June 3rd. 18 members enjoyed a luncheon of fellowship, with lots of "take-home" boxes for later meals. Some of the more adventurous members topped off the afternoon with golf at Wasaga 500.

These ladies will be hosting a monthly coffee party, the last Thursday of June, July & August, at Heritage Park. Come and enjoy a coffee & sweet treat, under the pavilion, between 9:30 and 11 a.m. Free will offering. Proceeds to be donated to community projects.

Our meetings will re-convene in September.



Elmvale & District Food Bank Update

By Deb McLean, June 7, 2025

It has been sometime since the Elmvale & District Food Bank has updated the community. We try to acknowledge events through our Facebook page but for those who do not follow Facebook I will try to summarize a busy spring at the Food Bank.

Elmvale & District Food Bank is available to any resident of the Township and our coverage district experiencing food insecurity. Proof of residency is the only requirement, at this time.

This year, Elmvale & District Food Bank also had the privilege of helping others. During the two emergency shelters established at the Community Hall, due to winter storm conditions, we were able to provide food to cold, stranded travelers. This small jester was very much appreciated and was just a small part in the community coming together to help others!

In early March we were advised that the Township had approved a donation of \$5,000.00 to the Food Bank. Although we arranged for a formal presentation to be made twice – the weather did not agree on either date!! The funds were presented to the Food Bank and hopefully we will have a formal presentation at some time.

The 2024 A-Maize Bags Cornhole Championship was held in early May. This year proceeds were given too many community organizations, including the Food Bank. For those attending it was a great day and we certainly thank everyone for their support.

Elmvale & District Food Bank took advantage of the EDHS Day. We thank the three wonderful students who did an amazing job at the Food Bank – cutting brush, cleaning up the vines on the fence and raking. It was so nice to work with these students.

Our Lady of Lourdes held a food drive during Catholic Education Week.

There were lots of smiles in the community during the annual Tim Hortons Smile Cookies Campaign. We thank all the organizations that helped to decorate the cookies. Lots of fun and many laughs were had. Together, we've made smiles happen, one cookie at a time, for a grand total of \$13,028.15! A special thanks to the Trude Family and all of the staff at the local Tim Hortons.

Elmvale & District Food Bank thanks every individual, business and organization for the ongoing support. We encourage you to follow our Facebook pages where we try to acknowledge the generosity received throughout the year. We also try to keep an updated list of our most needed items.

Accusations of bias fly over what letters show up in council package

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative
Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Jun 06, 2025

SPRINGWATER — A 145-page doorstopper of updated information commissioned by the Midhurst Landowners Group (MLG) and delivered to Springwater council but not presented at the May 21 council meeting as requested was the fuse that lit the powder keg at Wednesday night's township council meeting.

Accusations of bias, interference and lack of transparency soon followed.

Coun. Anita Moore got things rolling seconds after Mayor Jennifer Coughlin introduced the item — Response to Council Resolution dated Feb. 5, 2025, Future Residential, Community and Employment Lands in Springwater, Midhurst Landowners Group.

Moore said she asked to have the correspondence — which was received on May 15 — added to the May 21 council meeting agenda because she thought the information was “critically important to the future of our township.”

It was added and posted to the weekly council information package (CIP), a public portal, on May 16, but was not added to the next council meeting, set for May 21, due to what the township's clerk

Mayor Nuttall announces future home of South Barrie Mixed-Use Recreation Complex

By Office of the Mayor, June 5, 2025

(Barrie, ON) – This afternoon, Mayor Alex Nuttall announced the future home of the South Barrie Mixed-Use Recreation Complex.

The 100-acre site, located near McKay Road East and Huronia Road, was expropriated by Council on April 16, 2025 (By-law 2025-034). Strategically positioned between the Salem and Hewitt's growth areas, the location is easily accessible and will benefit further from the planned Highway 400 interchange at McKay Road.

“This site represents the future of recreation in South Barrie,” said Mayor Alex Nuttall. “This project is about more than just infrastructure; it’s about building community. We’re going to create a space that will bring people together, support Barrie’s growing population, and enhance quality of life through recreation and culture for generations to come.”

The planned complex will bring together a range of amenities and programming to support a vibrant and connected community.

described as a miscommunication.

Moore said the MLG was in full support of the potential expansion of the Midhurst Secondary Plan and they provided multiple reports — planning opinion and land budget analysis, economic benefits assessment, water, wastewater, linear and transportation servicing assessments and an agricultural report — which were completed “on behalf of the MLG for council’s information and consideration,” according to the cover letter written by MLG’s Daniel Steinberg.

“I thought it was important to have it more public and more transparent,” said Moore, who added posting the correspondence to the agenda would have given the public a better opportunity to read it for themselves and ask questions.

Deputy Mayor George Cabral agreed. He said the township has enjoyed “a very productive partnership for years and years and they (MLG) have been extremely generous during the course of their developments.”

He also said the information MLG provided was important.

Cabral questioned why it wasn't posted when it was requested to be posted the Friday before a council meeting, but a letter from the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator (OPLDF), which arrived June 2, was added two days before a council meeting.

“What strikes me is that there may be some form of bias from time to time, where some things get on the agenda and some things do not,” the deputy mayor said.

According to the township's clerk, Jennifer Marshall, the OPLDF's letter was added to the agenda under the strong mayor powers.

"If the head of council is of the opinion that considering a particular matter could potentially advance a prescribed provincial priority, the head of council may require the council to consider the matter at a meeting," Marshall quoted from the Municipal Act.

Coughlin said she had the OPLDF letter added to the agenda because “council made it clear that any information or correspondence regarding the communications with the City of Barrie were to be made available to members of the public.”

She added it was more appropriate for the township to take the lead posting the letter so the public could see it there first, rather than hear about it from the news media or see it posted to a social-media site.

Moore responded: “Thank you, Mayor Coughlin. So, I just want to be clear then. The correspondence

we received on May 15, you didn't have anything to do with that not being placed on the agenda?"

Before Coughlin could respond, Moore turned to the clerk.

“I’m sorry to put you on the spot like this, but when I spoke to you at 2:58, I asked you to please make sure the documents were put on the agenda, they were coming, and you said ‘yes, no problem,’” Moore said. “And then the agenda got published at 3:22, so 25 minutes later. The agenda got posted without the documents and then the documents did come in within another half an hour.

“So, I want to ask you, and if it was your mistake that’s fine, but was there any interference?” Moore asked.

“Are you asking me if I had conversations with the mayor, is that it?” Marshall responded.

Moore nodded her head in the affirmative.

“No,” Marshall said.

Coun. Danielle Alexander joined the fray. After advising Coughlin that she appreciated her posting the letter from the OPLDF, she added that by not adding the correspondence from MLG, the township was not being transparent.

That was enough for Coughlin.

"I think the conversation here needs to be the accusations that I'm interfering with information for this council or the public," Coughlin shot back.

"This information went on the CIP. This information from the landowners group was received after an agenda was published and now we're sitting here being accused, the clerk and myself, of interfering with information pertinent to this," the mayor added. "I did not interfere with any information coming from the Midhurst Landowners Group to be put on the agenda."

Cabral acknowledged that the information was posted to the council information package, but argued, due to its importance, that it deserved to be added to the agenda the same way the letter from OPLDF was.

“That letter from the provincial facilitator is important, very important,” he said. “However, the information we got from the landowners group, it could have just as easily, under the same circumstances, been added to this agenda. And that’s what I’m struggling with.”

"You've expressed your logic," the deputy mayor added, "but at the same time, because it deals with the boundary adjustment and annexation and plays right into the research bit to make a logical decision down the road, I see this, the value is intrinsically the same for both documents."

Land facilitator shows up unannounced at Springwater council to field questions

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Jun 05, 2025

SPRINGWATER — While Daniel Mathieson's appearance at Springwater Township's council meeting last night was not on the agenda, the chair of the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator (OPLDF) provided additional clarity to the ongoing Barrie boundary expansion proposal.

Mathieson, who joined the meeting virtually from his vehicle, which was parked on the shoulder of the highway on his way home, answered councillors' questions candidly and without hesitation.

"Why the Sept. 30 deadline?" Coun. Danielle Alexander asked, referring to the date provided in an update letter that was sent to Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin and copied to the mayors of Barrie and Oro-Medonte, as well as Simcoe County's warden, earlier this week by Jeffrey Schelling, deputy facilitator at OPLDF.

"There are a number of reasons," Mathieson said. "It doesn't mean the minister will make a decision on Oct. 1.

"If there was an argument to be made, and we're open to the discussion on why that date needs to be moved, we're open to it," he added. "We are not time down, per se, but we do have files that we work on over time and we consider moving them forward."

Part of the reason relates to the upcoming election. "We do want to make sure we have a lot of time that if there is a boundary adjustment that would take effect prior to the municipal election in 2026, that we would have enough time to make any of those adjustments with regards to voter lists and other considerations that would be relevant," Mathieson said.

Coun. Anita Moore has been an advocate of a regional solution to Barrie's request. She wanted to know if the regional needs can be met and satisfied without a boundary adjustment, and would there be consideration then that a boundary adjustment would not be required.

Hey Dads!

June 16, 2025 - When seven of my kids began searching around the gas station to gather as many squeegees as possible I just knew something amazing was about to happen. We were near the end of a 30-hour road trip to the southern states and were almost back to Canada. If you ever have the opportunity to spend a few days in a van with 10 kids I highly recommend the experience.

We pulled into the final gas stop of our adventure. I was keen to take advantage of the less dollars-per-litre gas prices before heading north across the border. Doing conversion calculations along the way I felt like I was going back in time paying only a looney per litre! Along with filling the tank with gas many, many times we were also filling the windshield with bugs. We were some of the lucky ones. Judging by the dozens of deer we saw along the side of the road some people must have been hitting more than just bugs.

As I was getting out of the van I asked if there were any volunteers who wanted to clean the splattered insects off the windshield. The air rang out with shouts. "Me!" "I will!" "Pick me!"

Unfortunately, most of these eager volunteers were less than four feet tall. Our 4-year-old, Mabel, would have a rather difficult time stretching up to clean the windshield of our full-size 15-passenger van. But Mabel would find a way. I handed a squeegee to her 6-year-old brother, Arrow, and he

"I will say that all relevant information will be reviewed," Mathieson responded. "It will be taken into consideration and the recommendation will reflect the best interests of the provincial priorities, the member municipalities and the communities in the long term."

Moore also wondered why the number of hectares being considered was not consistent. In the proposal Barrie Mayor Alex Nuttall presented to Springwater council at its May 21 meeting, Barrie's proposed expansion area was pegged at 1,769 hectares with preliminary analysis suggesting approximately 733 hectares may be developable.

In the letter to Coughlin from Schelling, it was noted that future expansion of Barrie's municipal boundary should address both community and employment area needs, encompassing up to 930 hectares of developable land — approximately 630 hectares for community areas and 300 hectares for employment areas.

"I would say that when these processes start, some communities have their idea of what they need to meet their needs," Mathieson said. "We also then have the independent review of someone like Hemson, who comes in and collects multiple sources of data, looks at provincial trends, looks at population, looks at employment, looks at density, all of these things, and they come back with a recommendation."

Mathieson said "there's no science between the two" and noted two consultants can have different recommendations "depending on who they're retained by."

He said Ontario's ministry of municipal affairs and housing looks at their underlying assumptions to see how they marry up with provincial policy and the assumption the province is using.

"We try to thread a very fine needle between the two of them," he said.

Deputy Mayor George Cabral had a number of questions. His first dealt with the two options that were delivered via the Hemson report — one was for land to go to Barrie via annexation, and the

was just tall enough to stretch up and wash the bugs from my driver's-side window. When one of the kids noticed more squeegees at the next pumping station the race was on.

Under the careful supervision of teenage siblings the kids quickly spread out and gathered most of the squeegees from around the gas station. I went inside to use up some of my last American dollars and came back out to find seven squeegees washing more than just the windows of my van. Picture Snow White and her dwarfs standing around a giant navy blue van armed with squeegees. I was Snow White. These were my seven squeegee-siezing dwarfs. Some of them, not quite tall enough to reach the windows, were just washing the van. "Washing" may be a slight exaggeration. Little Mabel, lacking the upper body strength to carry her newfound squeegee all the way to our van, just dragged it along the ground all the way to pump number nine where we were parked. Very helpful.

I looked around at the other vehicles gassing up to see if anyone else had bugs on their windshields. I guess their windshields were all clean because I didn't see anyone wandering from pump to pump wondering where all the squeegees went. If you see a giant blue van driving around town with half-clean windows and soapy water stains splattered all over it please don't judge.

Kids helped. Windows were cleaned. Paint was most likely scratched. And memories were made.

other was for no boundary adjustment.

Cabral wanted to know if those two options were still on the table.

"We have not chosen a considered path," Mathieson answered. "But that's the importance of our dialogue going forward and having all groups at the table and continuing to acquire new information that comes available from different sources, so that we do make a determination or a recommendation to the minister and the minister considers it that we have been able to provide him all relevant and pertinent information to back up any type of recommendation we'd make."

Another Cabral question was equally direct. In Schelling's letter to Coughlin, Cabral noted a reference to section 173 of the Municipal Act — proposal to restructure — and wanted to know if it was already "fait accompli."

"At what point should this section of the Municipal Act be considered to be set in motion, or has it already been set in motion prior to today's meeting?" Cabral asked Mathieson.

"No, it has not been set in motion," Mathieson said. "Section 173 allows us, when there is a decision which is covered under the Municipal Act, whether it's made under strong mayor powers or by council as a whole.

"That then sets in place section 173, enabling Municipal Affairs and Housing staff and provincial land development facilitators to start moving that direction that has not occurred. And it is not contemplated to occur at this time," he added.

Coun. Matt Garwood was concerned that the Sept. 30 deadline would not provide enough time for the public to provide comments and make their voices heard.

Garwood noted that the letter to Coughlin included the provincial government's commitment to transparency and openness — "we believe full participation in the process is the best opportunity for the township to advocate for its own interests

Why not head outside with your kids to wash your car this weekend? What a fun family event, right...? Right? Time flies, dad! Make every moment count! Even the soapy-stained ones!

Jason Weening does road trips with his 10 kids and one patient wife. For more road rebel stories get his book on Amazon, "Yes, Dear...I'm Watching Them".

Pioneers Get Grant for Beach Courts

By Meredith Forrest

Barrie, ON – June 4, 2025 – The Pioneers Volleyball Club is thrilled to announce a \$5,000 grant from the City of Barrie. This funding will replenish the sand at the 400 North Beach Volleyball Courts. Thanks to the City's investment, our beach courts will be refreshed for a spectacular summer of volleyball, welcoming players of all ages and skill levels. We also thank DDA Trucking for supplying and delivering sand, and Ferris Lane Community Church staff for their time and resources. Special thanks to Jim Johnston. This vital funding allows the Pioneers Volleyball Club, a non-profit, to host a full 2025 summer event calendar in Central Barrie, including JAM Sports leagues, Ontario Volleyball Association Beach Tournaments, and Nike Volleyball Camps in July & August.



Jo Knows Nutrition by Joanne Nijhuis

If you think cauliflower is only for dinner plates and side dishes, it's time to give this humble veggie a starring role in your morning routine. With a neutral taste that blends seamlessly with sweet berries, cauliflower adds creaminess and nutrition to your smoothie without scimping on taste. This cauliflower and berry fusion is an easy and refreshing way to sneak extra veggies into your day—no roasting required!

DID YOU KNOW?

Cauliflower is the perfect addition to many recipes due to its versatility. A member of the cruciferous family of vegetables that includes broccoli, cabbage, turnips and Brussels sprouts, cauliflower contains substances that may protect against certain cancers. To boot, low calorie cauliflower is filling because of its high fibre and water content and is a good source of choline and vitamins C, K, B6 and folate.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup (250 ml) frozen cauliflower florets
- 1 cup (250 ml) frozen berries (i.e., blueberries, strawberries, raspberries)



- 1 cup (250 mL) dairy, almond or oat milk, unsweetened
- 1 Tablespoon (15 mL) ground flaxseed
- Juice of ½ lime, optional
- 2 teaspoons (10 mL) honey or maple syrup, optional
- ½ teaspoon (2.5 mL) vanilla extract, optional

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Add all of the ingredients to a blender.
2. Blend until smooth and creamy.

3. Add more milk, if needed, to adjust consistency.

ENJOY!

Joanne Nijhuis MSc, RD is a consulting, media and culinary dietitian in Simcoe Grey Bruce on a mission to entertain and educate through her love of food. In addition to recipe development and writing for several publications, Joanne offers cooking demos/classes and individual counselling. For more information, email Joanne at jo.knows.nutrition@outlook.com

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Annie's Journal

by Annie Warner Donnelly

June 16, 2025

Hello Everyone. There's a lot going on in the world right now that we may not like. Are we wondering: if I strengthen my belief in my ability, will I be able to handle everything that comes my way?

Truthfully, when life challenges me the most, that's when I do my best to believe that God's wisdom and His strength will see me through. For the record: He's never failed me.

God longs for us to experience the joy of being loved by Him, to believe that His word will guide us and lift us into our identity as His beloved children. He longs for us to do this in spite of what we see and hear around us.

What impact would strengthening our belief in God's concern for us - our belief in His desire to help us, to comfort us, and to show us the best way to move forward - have on the situations we are facing right now?

Moses believed God. Isn't this why he could stand beside the Red Sea and declare to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no

more forever. The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." (Exodus 14:13,14)

Do we have evidence that the Lord has been fighting for us in our lives? Do we have evidence of wisdom that could only have come from Him? Did we get well when the doctors said we wouldn't, but we asked God for His help anyway and now we're well?

Or, are we still trying to do everything in our own strength?

Truly, we need to strengthen our belief in God's goodness toward us. We need to believe that He loves us so much that He wants to help us be wise and to persevere, to step through what's challenging us. All we have to do is ask Him for His help. He promises to never leave or forsake us. We can count on Him! Amen.

Minesing Moments

By Lorrie Norwood, June 16, 2025

Minesing Union Cemetery is hosting their Decoration Day Service on Sunday June 22 at 2:30 p.m. Remember to bring your lawn chair and an umbrella as light rain will not deter the service. For more information you can see an announcement on the Minesing Facebook page or email minesingunioncem@gmail.com.

Barrie Hill Farms has their Annual Strawberry Festival this weekend, June 22 and 23. Pick your own strawberries, enjoy live music and strawberry treats. Wander local vendors from 'The Sunday Market'. There are

also wagon rides out to the strawberry patch! Go check it out and enjoy the day.

If you are shopping at Bradford Greenhouses this season, please consider donating their points at the register to Minesing Central Public School. If you don't collect the points, every purchase accumulates points and you can indicate that you'd like your points to go to the school! Each year the school relies on gift cards to care for the school gardens. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We would like to welcome S & V Automotive to Minesing. They are located at 1630 George Johnston Road here in Minesing (formerly

Wessam's). I have only heard positive comments from numerous customers of theirs indicating that their service is honest and quick. If you are looking for automotive service, come check them out, we know you will be happy with the service you receive!

Baseball season is here and local teams are playing on Mondays, Wednesday and Thursdays at the Minesing Diamonds. Come watch some games and support our local teams!

Until next time, remember to wear your sunscreen and be sure to stay hydrated!



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Tiny's next big infrastructure project should be anything but dry

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Jun 09, 2025

An otherwise dry report on Tiny Township's water financial plan was made more palatable once it revealed how the next 10 years of infrastructure would look for the municipality.

The presentation by Nancy Neale of Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. at the recent committee of the whole meeting explained that for municipalities to provide water under the Safe Drinking Water Act, a six-year financial plan would need to be submitted to the province; municipalities were encouraged to submit 10-year plans, however.

"This document actually tries to predict and forecast future financial statements over a longer period of time," said Neale, as one of five licence requirements along with a drinking water works permit, an accepted operational plan, operating authority accreditation, and a permit to take water.

Neale also stated that the financial plan carried many similarities with a municipal budget or rate study, but pointed out the subtle differences which included naming of financial areas (such as a 'capital forecast' for a budget but 'tangible capital assets' for the plan) or inapplicable areas as with amortization for the budget.

"The increase in your tangible capital assets over the next 10 years is significant," said Neale. "It's just over \$10 million that you're going to increase in new assets coming on board, and that is partially from new infrastructure being put in place as well as replacement of old infrastructure that is due to

come up."

The forecast predicted an accumulated surplus increase of roughly \$7.5 million by 2034, with Neale noting that it corresponded to an expense-to-revenue ratio for water services decreasing from 91 per cent in 2025 to 70 per cent in 2034. Additionally, Neale praised the Tiny Township spending on tangible capital assets in excess of the annual surplus before amortization.

"What that's saying is you are doing a good job at staying (at) pace, and putting new infrastructure and renewing your older infrastructure in place over your 10-year forecast," Neale said.

Mayor Dave Evans asked how a potential and unplanned government investment toward water infrastructure could impact the financial plan, with Neale responding that the province considered it to be a living document to be updated every five years, and moreso with municipalities across the province going through significant changes due to inflation and other infrastructure factors.

Public works director Tim Leitch emphasized the reliance of water testing by Tiny Township, noting that "at our lab, we're the number one customer for testing just because we have so many different pump houses.

"Other than large metropolitan areas, there's not too many municipalities in the province of Ontario that have as extensive a system as we have over such a large geographic area. It is extremely unique, and the solutions that we have to come up with to maintain a good financial plan have to be unique also to support that," Leitch said.

Following the meeting, Evans told MidlandToday that the water financial plan was important due to its incoming relevance over the next few years as just 25 per cent of the township utilized a municipal water supply.

"It's still preliminary, but in terms of next steps and infrastructure, development and investment in Township of Tiny, water will be it," said Evans. "That's the next hill to climb when we've done the building, and we're done taking care of some issues with the environment.

"People are living here full-time and the wells are getting dry, and people have five bedroom or five bathroom homes. Now they're going to need a secure, safe source of drinking water.

"That's something that we've already planned," Evans added. "Our water management plan outlines areas such as Balm Beach and areas like that – urban-type content – where it's going to not just be a question of if-or-when we want to do it. It's going to be: you're going to do it now, and you're going to have to make sure the water is safe to drink."

As part of the provincial requirements, the water financial plan is to become publicly available once formally ratified by council at an upcoming regular meeting.

The water financial plan slideshow presentation by Watson and Associates 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.

Heritage signs continue pointing way to history of Tay Township

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Jun 02, 2025

Tay Township will be getting new signs to showcase old landmarks, following approval for \$10,000 in heritage committee funds on storyboard signage with educational QR codes throughout the municipality.

The approval followed an annual presentation by heritage committee chair Cheryl Larocque at the recent regular meeting of Tay council, which showcased past efforts, looked at future endeavours, and included a request for funding.

"One of the things that was developed were these historic districts," Larocque told council as Victoria Harbour was displayed within a slideshow.

"Generally, it's a group of structures built prior to 1919, and there are also these historic districts built within Port McNicoll, Waubaushene, and Waverley."

Heritage signs continue their rollout across Tay Township. A 2024 presentation to council noted that the municipality hosted 101 historic intersections, but just over one-third of intersections had been

upgraded with historic signage.

"The next batch of street signs will be installed in the fall," Larocque added.

A budget of \$5,200 was allotted to the heritage committee for 2025, but once other expenses had been calculated a remainder of \$4,250 was listed. The request to council was for a draw of \$10,000 from the heritage committee reserves – \$8,000 for four storyboard signs, and \$2,000 for 10 QR 'Museum Town' plaques – to cover the estimated \$14,250 spending total.

Included within the additional spending items were two designation plaques and a school heritage contest, as well as other bookkeeping affairs.

"There's a lot of people that come in from out of Tay itself, and I think it's really important to promote the area," said Larocque. "It's the uniqueness of the area that dares people to certain areas.

"I think the walking tours, in conjunction with the storyboard signs, QR codes, and heritage street signs, all lend itself to one package to promote the township and some of the individual areas as well."

Mayor Ted Walker thanked the committee

members in attendance for their efforts. "The street signs are fantastic, they look really nice," he said.

Deputy Mayor Barry Norris alerted Larocque to potential grants available at the county level to assist with the signs, which Larocque appreciated.

Coun. Paul Raymond raised the topic of changes to the Ontario Heritage Act, which could remove roughly 36,000 heritage properties on municipal heritage registers across the province by 2027 if they have not been formally designated.

Vice-chair John Todd acknowledged that there had been impacts felt by the heritage committee regarding the changes, to which Raymond responded: "That's unfortunate."

Information on the Tay Township heritage committee can be found on the boards and committees page of the municipal website.

The heritage committee budget presentation can be found in the agenda page on the Tay Township website.

Tay council meets for committee of the whole meetings every second Wednesday of the month, and regular council meetings every fourth Wednesday of the month. Archives and livestreams of council meetings are available through the Tay Township YouTube channel.

Barrie celebrates grand opening of new greenhouse

By City of Barrie, June 12, 2025

(Barrie, ON) – Today, the City of Barrie opened its new greenhouse at the City's Operations Centre, located at 165 Ferndale Drive North.

"Today, Barrie unveils its new state-of-the-art greenhouse; an investment in innovation and sustainability, and a step forward for the future of our growing city," said Mayor Alex Nuttall. The plants grown by Horticultural staff in the City's greenhouse are used throughout Barrie for beautification and displays at the waterfront, downtown, parks, and green spaces—bringing enjoyment to residents and visitors, showing community pride, and helping to amplify the

City's profile when taking part in the annual Communities in Bloom competition.

A few benefits of the new greenhouse include:

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EVENTS

Listen up: Sound, traffic concerns addressed ahead of Burl's Creek festivals

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Jun 12, 2025

ORO-MEDONTE — Residents living near Burl's Creek are being advised of potential travel delays when the All Your Friends and Boots and Hearts music festivals take over the local concert venue in late June and early August, respectively.

In his report to council Wednesday, which sought and received authorization to issue special-event permits to both festivals, Dylan Flannery, Oro-Medonte Township's director of operations and community services, said residents should expect delays during peak arrival and departure times.

"For the majority of areas, the most significant impact will be the presence of additional traffic in the area," Flannery said in the report. "Given generally low background traffic volumes, most residents (and business customers/owners) will experience an increase in travel times and delays at some intersections.

"Regardless, these delays are expected to be minimal, with the exception being areas immediately surrounding the site," he added.

The upside, his report noted, is that attendance for the two festivals is expected to be less than last year, which should ease traffic congestion.

He said attendance for the All Your Friends festival, which will be held June 28 and 29 and will feature acts such as Avril Lavigne, Simple Plan, Rise Against and Boys Like Girls, is estimated at 5,000.

Attendance for the Boots and Hearts festival, to be

held Aug. 7-10, is expected to be "slightly less than the peak attendance for the 2024 event."

For events where attendance is expected to exceed 12,000 people, approval must be given by township council.

"Given anticipated attendance of the Boots and Hearts event, a decision of council is required to issue a special-event permit," Flannery said. "The All Your Friends Festival is not likely to have an attendance level requiring council approval.

"However, the festival is being included for given implications associated with policing costs (calls for service) and impact on the community (sound, traffic)," he added.

The township's special-event bylaw licenses various events through the issuance of special event permits. The bylaw ensures the operations plans satisfy all necessary requirements, ensuring risks and impacts to the community and event patrons are appropriately managed.

The two major concerns of most folks who live in the Burl's Creek neighbourhood are sound and traffic volumes, both of which have been addressed in detail.

According to Flannery's report, sound levels for All Your Friends will be consistent with the levels identified for Boots and Hearts, which are the same levels as last year.

These levels were previously established by council. The daily limits are as follows:

June 28 and Aug. 7-10, from 1 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. — 105 dBA with a 15-minute grace period

June 28 and Aug. 7-10, from 11:30 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. — 95 dBA with a five-minute grace period

June 29-30 and Aug. 8-11, from 12 a.m. to 1 a.m. — 95 dBA with a five-minute grace period.

Amplified sound will conclude at 1 a.m.

The traffic plan for Boots and Hearts 2025 has been modified slightly, Flannery said, to address changes in attendance, site layout and logistics.

The festival's opening has been moved from Wednesday to Thursday with gates opening at 10 a.m.

General admission camping traffic will be directed from Highway 11 to Line 7 South to Gate 7B/C.

All RV traffic on Highway 11 will be directed to Line 9 South to Gate 9A.

Specialty groups, identified by a designated tag, will be directed to use Line 5 South to Ridge Road, then to Line 7 northbound to Gate 7C.

Weekend parking and accessible parking will be accessed off Line 8 via Ridge Road through Gate 8M, separating it from camping traffic off of Line 7 or Line 9.

Single-day parking, pickup and drop-offs, as well as shuttles and ride share, will be accessed off Line 7.

"During the evenings and night of each concert day, some congestion and relatively minor queuing is expected on Line 7 South as shuttles and relatives/friends drop-off and pickup during this peak time," Flannery said.

He added Line 9 southbound may experience some minor congestion on Thursday during load in for Boots and Hearts because of the number of RVs that attend the event.

"There is a substantial reduction in anticipated RV numbers compared to years past, however, queuing is expected to be maintained on-site," he said.



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P: (705) 526-7609

Bay Shore Seniors' Club

2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach
Call 705-361-1331 or info@bayshoreseniors.ca

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
Call 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

MONDAY

Elmvale Seniors Drop In

Elmvale Library 10 am - 12 noon
Call Lynn for info, 705.322.3309

Midland Jam

Monday, May 5
Free Admission, Show 7:00, Doors 6:30

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

Elmvale Legion

Tuesdays at 1 pm
Table Shuffleboard, Cost \$1

Palace Tavern Elmvale BINGO

Every Tuesday night
Midland Rotary proceeds 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Barrie Rotary proceeds 8 pm to 9:30 pm

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.
Wasaga 500 Mini Putt 8:30-10:30 am

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
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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

Coffee Party - Centre Flos W.I.

Last Thursday of the month, 9:30 am - 11 a.m.
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Jam Night Elmvale Palace

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Mary Grise 705-526-6349 marygrise0@gmail.com

Coffee Party

Last Thursday of the month 9:30 - 11a.m.
Elmvale Presbyterian Church
All Welcome, Cost: \$3

Bay Shore Seniors' Club

Choir 10-11:30 am
Book Club (4th Thurs) 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Darts 2:00 - 4:00 pm
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach
Call 705-361-1331 or info@bayshoreseniors.ca

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am
1st: Movie and Lunch, 12 noon - 3:30 pm
2nd & 4th: Tiny Stitchers, 9:00 - 3:00 pm
3rd: Book Club, 1:30-3:30 pm

Let's Do Lunch \$5:

Elmvale Presbyterian Church

2nd Thursday of the month. Eat in: 12-1pm. \$5
For take-out & town delivery \$6 call 322-1411
between 9 & noon on the Monday previous.
Pick-up Thursday 11:15 – 11:45 at East side of the church.

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FRIDAY

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
3rd Bingo & Lunch: 12 noon - 3:30 pm
TGIF social, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Askennonia Seniors Centre

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
Card Making, 1pm-3pm

SATURDAY

Elmvale Legion

Saturday at 5 pm
Meat Darts- \$ 10.00 for 3 games
3 prizes per game and a meat draw prize after \$1.00 a ticket (\$25.00 value)

SUNDAY

Bay Shore Seniors' Club

Indoor Pickleball 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Good Vibes

First Sunday 2-5 from 2 to 5 p.m.
An open-mic music event. For winter months, relocated to Hackney Horse Bed & Breakfast, 3276 Penetanguishene Rd. near Craighurst. \$5 donation, tea, coffee & baking at a small extra cost.

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Elmvale Legion Trivia
June 18th, 2025

Strawberry Festival Barrie Hill Farms
June 21 and 22, 2025
2935 Barrie Hill Rd, Springwater

Minesing Union Cemetery Decoration Day
June 22, 2025 2 pm
Join us for our annual Decoration Day Service on Sunday, June 22 @ 2:30 pm

Strawberry Supper \$25
June 24 2025 5:00pm
Elmvale Presbyterian Church, 22 Queen St. E
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Vasey Memorial Service
June 29, 2025 10 - 11 am
Vasey United Cemetery at 5096 Vasey Rd,
Midland, ON

Annual Elmvale Lions Golf Tournament
July 5, 2025
<https://orlakegolfclub.com/product/elmvale-lions-registration/>

MCC PRESENTS: FALSET
July 5 at 7:30pm
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July 18 – August 2 at 8:00 – 10:30, 2:00 – 4:30.
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EVENTS Butter Tart Festival

From Midland.ca, June 15, 2025
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At the inaugural butter tart festival in June 2013, the festival sold out of the 10,000 butter tarts available for sale by 11 a.m. The number of butter tarts available for sale increases each year. In 2024 we were up to 300,000 butter tarts sold by our vendors. Attendance has also increased to approximately 60,000+ visitors for this incredible one day event.
The Egg Farmers of Ontario Butter Tart Contest awards the prize for BEST Butter Tart in Ontario. The contest is open to both professional and amateur/home bakers. The contest features both Traditional and Wild Style categories. Our judges include celebrities, chefs, food and travel bloggers,

local dignitaries all with one thing in common – a love of butter tarts!
The Entertainment Stage features family-friendly musical performances all day. And kids love the Kids Zone in Harbourside Park. Visitors enjoy the convenient and free shuttle service on The Great Canadian Meat Shuttle from two Midland locations. There is free bike valet service, and free transit.
Mark your calendar to join us for the sweetest day of the year, June 14, 2025!



Heritage Park Elmvale 25th Anniversary

Twenty-five years ago, on Canada Day, Elmvale and the surrounding area came together in the park to celebrate. After two years of removing old buildings, building an amphitheater, cutting some trees and relocating others, seeding and sodding, building a pavilion and stage, creating a parking lot, and grooming a trail, the community was ready to put the new facilities to use. Over one hundred people had put in 30 or more hours to bring this project to completion. Many people generously donated equipment, such as trucks, loaders, tractors, chainsaws, and planters, providing whatever was needed to get the job done
Each organization played a vital role through its own fundraising efforts. With financial support from the Federal Government, a shared vision began to take shape. Springwater Township purchased the land, and the community united to bring the park to life. It was a shining example of partnership in action, effective, collaborative, and truly inspiring.
Since that first Canada Day celebration, the

community has enjoyed countless concerts that have brought people together in celebration. This ongoing project continues to offer much to be proud of, honoring both its rich history and its vibrant present.
This Canada Day, the community will come together in the park to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Heritage Park. Join us on July 1st from 1:00 to 4:00 PM for an afternoon of festivities as we commemorate this milestone. There will be food, music, and so much more. It will be an opportunity to learn a little history of the park, celebrate our wonderful country, and strengthen the bonds of community.
- George Allen and Matt Garwood



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Tuesday, July 1st, 11:00–6:00pm

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all the Springwater Firefighters (past and
present), Council members, friends and
family that came out to acknowledge my
years of service. It was truly an honour
and privilege to be recognized by so many.
It was truly very rewarding to volunteer with
the Fire Department for over 36 years – lots
of memories.

Scott McLean

We would like to send a huge heart felt
thank you from the bottom of our hearts
for the overwhelming generosity, support,
prayers and kindness our family has
received during this difficult time. Thank
you to our family, friends, local community,
organizations, and the farming community
for everything you have all done. We are
very grateful for the support and to all that
have reached out.

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AUCTION NOTICES



Upcoming Auctions

- Lieselotte Schmidt Moving Auction - NOTL (June 15 - 19)
- Living Estate of Doris Meredith - Guelph (June 15 - 19)
- Battistone Moving Auction - Wilmot (June 22 - 26)
- Virginia Hammil Estate - Guelph (June 22 - 26)
- Early Summer Multi Consignor Auction - Guelph (June 29 - July 03)
- Estate of Melville Mawdsley Auction - Oro Medonte (June 29 - July 03)
- Summer Jewellery Auction - Guelph (June)

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Elmvale Farmers' Market Kicks off
2025 Season



By Matt Garwood, June 16, 2025

On Thursday June 12, the Elmvale BIA proudly
launched the 2025 season of the Elmvale Farmers'
Market. The Elmvale Farmers' Market is proud to
celebrate its 15th anniversary in 2025, marking a
significant milestone in the heart of our community.
This vibrant Market not only brings fresh, locally
grown produce closer to home but also serves as a
lively gathering space for artisans, musicians, and
community groups.

“The Elmvale Farmers’ Market is a community
gathering place that brings neighbours together,
champions local businesses, and honours the
dedicated producers who shape our region.” said
Ward 1 Councillor, Matt Garwood

In 2025 the Elmvale Farmers’ Market, presented
by the Elmvale BIA, will operate on Thursday
evenings, from June 12 to September 18, 3:00
PM – 7:00 PM in the Elmvale Community Hall
parking lot, 33 Queen Street West.

“We are deeply grateful to our local businesses,
dedicated vendors, and the Elmvale BIA for their
steadfast support. Their continued encouragement
and collaboration have been instrumental in
helping the Elmvale Farmers’ Market thrive. Our
Market is a welcoming space for all, and we thank
you for being an essential part of our ongoing
journey.” said Elmvale BIA President, Crystal
Graveson

There’s even more to look forward to this summer,
don’t miss out on an exciting season ahead. To learn
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Please join us as we come together
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William (Bill) Knicely
 and
Jo-Ann Pudifin Knicely

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Penetanguishene Legion from 1-4p.m.
 A light luncheon and refreshments
 will be served.

***We have all felt sadness and grief for
 Bill & Jo-Ann's passing, but now it's
 time for us to celebrate the remarkable
 lives they lived.***

Celebrating 100 years since the formation of the United Church of Canada

Margaret Lockhart June 9, 2025

A special Sunday service was held Sunday June 8, 2025 at Grenfel United Church in Springwater to celebrate this occasion. Celebrants included on the left Springwater Councillor Anita Moore, centre - Reverend Keith Lockhart and on the right Chair of the Church Board June Everton.



HAWK TALK

Submitted by Lauren MacInnis, June 16, 2025

It has been another great year here at Huronia Centennial! As you may know, our school has a long standing tradition of going to Camp Kitchikewana, a sleep-away camp on Beausoleil Island. Our grade 4s just returned from an incredible trip last week. They had fun doing many things such as archery, capture the flag, outdoor survival games, orienteering and many more fun things.

Our school was awarded Gold certification for our hard work with OPHEA again this year with our school focus on supporting mental health, physical health and healthy eating inside and outside the classroom. We are fortunate to have our Parent Volunteers and school community support our Mindful Morning program where students come in before school for a snack. Always such a busy place with so many students enjoying a healthy snack.

Our Eco Team has also been very busy this year, and was recently awarded Platinum certification, the highest level! To earn this recognition, members of the Eco Team joined a video call with Ontario Eco Schools Canada to share the various things we've done as a school this year. Our leadership team has also been quite busy this year with many fun spirit days. The Grade 6 students and School Council have planned, "Huronia Fun Day" to celebrate with games and outdoor activities.

Our track and field team had very impressive results with both Grade 5 Girls and Boys winning first place in the relay. Other Grade 5 top finishers included winners in the 800m, long jump, 50 m and 100m and the ball throw. Two Grade 4 students won ball throw and long jump. Coach Cook stated, "It was a really successful day for our school. We placed top 3 in almost every event!"



This June also marks a big milestone for our beloved school dog, Rita. She is retiring! Rita has been with us since even our oldest students were in kindergarten. We will miss her very much. Luckily, her brother Tipper has joined us this year. We all want to say a big thank you to Rita and to Ms. Sokach who trained Rita through the Sweet Charity program and shared her with us all these years. To train Rita Ms. Sokach brings her to a mental health dog training class and Rita must get recertified every single year.

Congratulations to our grade 6s who will be moving on to the EDHS middle school this fall. We also want to say a big thank you to all of the teachers and staff here at HCES this year for making all of this possible.

This will be our last addition of Hawk Tawk this year. Have a great summer!

OBITUARIES

CORMIER, Robin Lynne

With great sadness and much love we announce the passing of Robin Lynne Cormier of Elmvale Ontario at the age of 58. Robin died peacefully at the Royal Victoria Hospital in the arms of her beloved daughter Grace, surrounded by loved ones.

Robin was born on September 9th, 1966 in Comox, British Columbia. Her love of travel may have started early with spending her childhood in various locations including Germany, Trenton and London Ontario, as well as Winnipeg, Manitoba. Her adventurous spirit started young, showcased by choosing to go for a walk by herself at the age of 5 while in Germany. Furthermore, her ability to welcome conversation by anyone was observed by her father when he found her safely chatting with police at the station.

She graduated from Fanshawe college with a focus in business and spent most of her working career at Thermogenics Boilers. Due to health challenges Robin left her job early and when feeling well took advantage to spend precious time with friends and family.

Robin was known for her warmth, great laugh and ability to make anyone feel comfortable. She shared the best hugs, everyone loved "a Robin hug". She had many interests and was eager to try new things. She was an avid golfer, loved kayaking, biking, gardening and crafts. Many of those who knew her are kept warm by her knitted blankets. She loved to shop and find a bargain in the clearance aisle or with an auction.

Although separated from her spouse, Paul Cormier, they continued a strong friendship and worked together to co-parent their cherished daughter Grace Cormier. Motherhood came easily to Robin and Grace was always her top priority, unleashing her "Mama Bear" personality when needed.

Robin will be dearly missed by her parents Ken Collard (Nancy) and Beryl Gilbert (late Jim) as well as her siblings James Collard (Sandy) and Denise Collard. She will be lovingly remembered by her many close friends.

A celebration of life will be planned and details will be shared with friends and family in the future.

Gratitude is expressed to Dr Kotchetkov and the dedicated staff at RVH, with special thanks to nurses Chris in the Cancer Centre and Abigail in the ICU. Donations can be made in Robin's memory to the RVH Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society.

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LOFTUS, Stephen Michael

It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Stephen Michael Loftus, born May 14, 1958, and passed on June 13, 2025.

Beloved husband to Leslie and devoted father to Shane, Michael, Stephanie, Shelby, and Presley, and loving Papa to Braelyn, Colton, Johnny, Quinn, Elliott, and Barrett. Stephen’s love for his family was boundless and unwavering.

Stephen was a guiding light to all who had the privilege of knowing him. He was a true role model whose strength, generosity, and kindness left a lasting impression on everyone he met. His ability to uplift and inspire others through the example he set every day was one of his greatest gifts.

A deeply engaged member of his community, Stephen believed in the importance of giving back. Whether through quiet acts of service or larger contributions, he approached life with humility, compassion, and purpose.


As a co-founder of Innovative Automation in Barrie, ON, he was widely respected not only for his remarkable work ethic and determination but above all, for the warmth and sincerity of his heart. His legacy is one of integrity, love, and an enduring commitment to making the world a better place.

Stephen’s spirit will continue to live on through the countless lives he touched, as a husband, father, grandfather, friend, and leader. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 2-4 and 7-9 pm on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 and 2-4 and 7-9 pm on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. A funeral mass will be held at the St. Patrick’s Church in Phelpston on Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 11 am.

Interment St. Patrick’s Cemetery Phelpston.

If desired memorial donations may be made to the United Way, the Elmvale Food Bank, or RVH Foundation in Stephen’s memory.



THORNDYKE, Sandra

November 2, 1951 to June 4th 2025.

It is with great sadness and heartbreak that we announce our mother, Sandy Thorndyke, passed away unexpectedly in her home on Wednesday June 4th, 2025.

Sandy is survived by her 2 children, Mark and Kimberly (Adam Smith), her grandchildren Danica, Kiera, and Emmett. Sister to Keith Weaver (Jeanette), Aunt to Gordon, David, and Scott. Mother to the late Tracy Thorndyke (1981-2012). Daughter to the late Betty and Charles Weaver.

Sandy was born in Johannesburg South Africa then later moved to Toronto.

Sandy loved animals, nature, music arts and crafts, sunbathing, and the fresh country air.

Sandy spent over half her life as a caregiver, not only as a Nurse, but also as a mother and a grandmother. Caring for two special needs children, she gave everything of herself to her children.

Sandy's kindness and love stretched beyond her family and friends, and into the Elmvale community. She loved to volunteer in her younger years and be involved in events within our little town of Elmvale.

Our mother was truly a special woman and we will miss her more than words could ever express.

Donations can be made to the Presbyterian Church, the Cancer Society, or the Epilepsy Foundation.

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OBITUARIES



GRAHAM, Harvey
March 27th,1933-June 9, 2025

After a life well lived, in his 93rd year, Harvey Graham of Elmvale passed away peacefully on Monday, June 9, 2025.

His family takes comfort knowing that he is now reunited with his one true love, his beloved wife Marion (nee Gregg) Graham (d. 2023). Adored father of Diane (Peter) Kenney and Karen (Danny) Ritchie of Elmvale and much loved Papa to Adam, Christopher (Brittany), Matthew (Shalaigh) and Jenny-Lee (Steve). Proud “G-G” of Preston, Ellie and Quinn Kenney, Elliot and Lillian Branton and Evan, Asher and Noah Ritchie. He will be missed by his sister Phyllis (Lyle) Edwards, sister-in-law Arlene Saunders and his nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his brother Don, sisters Jean and Joan and his parents Belle and George Graham.

Harvey was a plumber by trade, but he was a talented Jack-of-all-Trades. He worked at Base Borden until his retirement at the age of 60. He kept a bountiful stock of supplies and materials because one never knew when something would “come in handy”, and he became known for probably having the part you’d need. He loved to watch the Toronto Blue Jays and if he couldn’t watch on tv. he’d listen to their game on the radio. He had a fondness for golf and enjoyed many years on the golf course during his retirement, his last game being just 5 years ago.

A visitation will be held from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm on Sunday, June 15th at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home, Elmvale.

Funeral service will be at the Elmvale Presbyterian Church on Monday at 1 pm.

Interment at the Elmvale Cemetery following the service.

Donations in Harvey’s memory to Elmvale Presbyterian Church or a charity of your choice would be appreciated.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com
His family will forever remember his love of life and his proclamation, “This is what it’s all about.”



WOOD, Ina (Dickinson)
Ina (Dickinson) Wood of Penetanguishene, formerly of Wyebidge, Elmvale, Matachewan and born in Hazenmore SK, passed away peacefully at Georgian Bay General Hospital on May 27, 2025, surrounded by

family. She was in her 92nd year.
Beloved wife of the late Keith Edwin Wood.
Devoted mother of Cheryl Wood Creeden (Thomas Creeden) of Sturbridge, MA; Lorna Wood (Christopher Wright) of Penetanguishene; and Bruce Wood (Janine Moore) of Wyebidge.
Treasured grandmother of Neal Creeden (Molly Dill), Devin Creeden (Anne Beardsley), Erin Wright, Nicholas Wright (Leila Tisdall), Laura Wood, Owen Wood, Allison Wood and great grandson Finley Wright.
Survived by her cherished sister Donna and family as well as the families of her late sister Joan and families of her late brothers Larry and John.

A Celebration of Life service will be held June 21, 2025, at Carson Funeral Homes J. H. Lynn Chapel, 290 First Street, Midland (705)-526-6551 starting at 10 am; service at Noon. Relatives and friends are invited to a light lunch to follow. Interment will be at the Elmvale Presbyterian Cemetery that same day.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Ina's memory to any of the following local charities in which she was involved:

- Huronia Transition Home (Rosewood) (Committed to providing shelter and support to abused women and their children; and to providing counselling to female survivors of sexual assault.) <https://huroniatransitionhomes.ca>
- Warm and Cozy Children's Charity (Supplies new clothing to elementary school aged children as identified by school nursing staff.) <https://canadahelps.org/en/charities/warm-and-cozy>
- Water First Education and Training Inc. (A leading Canadian charity based in Creemore, ON which partners with indigenous communities to address local water challenges through education, training and collaboration to achieve sustainable access to safe, clean water in indigenous communities.) <https://waterfirst.ngo>

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Recreation and Special Events

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- Saturday July 12, 2025 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Perkinsfield Park (43 County Road 6 South)
- Tiny's annual Community BBQ event is our biggest summer celebration.
- www.tiny.ca/CommunityBBQ

Summer Soccer Registration Open and Volunteer Coaches Wanted

- Registration is open for summer soccer! Programs are available for various age groups between 3-15 years of age. Register at www.tiny.ca/PlayPortal. Coaches receive a free registration.
- Volunteer coaches wanted! Contact tbialas@tiny.ca for more info.

Beachfront Yoga at Balm Beach

- Tuesdays starting July 8th from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- Join us on the beach for a 60-minute Hatha Yoga class overlooking beautiful Georgian Bay.
- Registration required www.tiny.ca/PlayPortal

Council Remuneration Survey

Tiny's Ad Hoc Citizen's Committee on Council Remuneration wants to hear from you!

The committee was appointed by the current Council to examine the current level of remuneration for members of Council (how much Council members are paid), and consider an appropriate level of compensation for members of the next Council to be elected in 2026. The committee is seeking your feedback through a survey to consider any changes. The survey will be open until July 13, 2025 at www.tiny.ca.

Canada Post Strike

The Township of Tiny is reminding residents of alternative payment methods for tax and water accounts due to the potential Canada Post strike such as:

- Pre-authorized payment plans
- Online banking or telephone banking
- At financial institutions
- By credit card (+ processing fee)
- In-person or drop-box

The township is unable to make exceptions for late payments sent by mail. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure tax and water payments are made in the event of a strike.

For more information about what payment options are available, visit our website at www.tiny.ca/onlinepayments. If you have questions about your tax and water account, please contact us at taxdepartment@tiny.ca or 705-526-4204.

Council Meeting Schedule

June 25
2:00 PM

August 6
2:00 PM

August 27
2:00 PM

Township of Tiny

Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers and are open to the public. The Meeting of Council Schedule is subject to change. For complete details, visit the Community Calendar at www.tiny.ca/events.

Seasonal Reminders

Boating Speed Limits

The speed limit within 300m of shore is 10km/hr in Tiny between Concession 1 and Concession 16. This speed is enforced by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

Tiny Beaches

Residents and visitors are reminded that personal items/private property cannot be left unattended or overnight on municipally owned property.

Items left unattended or stored on municipal property will be removed by the township at the owner's expense.

Waterfront structures such as boat lifts on the lakebed that are regulated under Provincial law and are not permitted in front of any municipally owned properties.

Garbage at Tiny Parks

Garbage cans at Tiny parks and beaches are meant for waste from your time at the park or beach only.

If you require additional municipal collection for waste from your home or cottage, you can visit one of the County of Simcoe's waste depots or purchase extra garbage bag tags. Visit www.simcoe.ca/waste for more information.

Entrance Permit

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Jackson Park Boat Ramp

The Jackson Park Boat Ramp is open! Please note this ramp is meant for small watercraft only due to changing conditions. Use at own risk.

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- September 29

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