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Snowbird #1 Brent Handy Leads With Mom and Dad Flying Close By

By Snowbird #1 parents Brian and Carolyn Handy,
Sep 8, 2025

At the CIAS (Canadian International Air Show) in Toronto, on Friday August 29th, before the Snowbirds started their practice, they were joined by the Northern Stars Aeroteam for a unique photo flight with surprise guest passengers on board.

The Northern Stars Aeroteam invited Brian and Carolyn Handy to fly with them as a surprise for their son, Major Brent Handy who is the Team Lead (Snowbird #1) for RCAF Snowbirds.

Although Brent's parents have flown with him in the past, it was their first time in formation with multiple planes. And it was an honour and privilege to fly with the iconic Snowbirds.

Major Handy had pursued solo performance aerobatic flying in his Pitts Special biplane at

numerous Airshows across Canada and U.S., prior to forming the Northern Stars Aeroteam when he was joined by Todd Farrell in 2018 and later Greg Hume-Powell.

During his tenure with the Snowbirds (2024 and 2025) a friend and experienced aerobatic pilot, Mario Hamel replaced Brent on the team, and is now a permanent member of that team.

Although the arrangement to have the Snowbirds and the Northern Stars fly together over Toronto waterfront was approved by Canadian Forces, Brent was initially unaware his parents would be joining them.

At a flight briefing prior to their departure, it became apparent to Brent that something was happening. The Northern Stars Aeroteam were in a briefing room at Billy Bishop Toronto Island

Airport, and Major Handy was in a briefing room at Pearson Airport in order to conduct the audio/video exercise.

During the discussions, Brent noticed his parents sitting in the room with the pilots and photographers. He interrupted their technical discussions and asked "Is that my dad at the end of the table?" Everyone had a good laugh. The cat was out of the bag.

Both Brian and Carolyn enjoyed the flight as they watched their son lead the Snowbirds across their flight path, sometimes under, sometimes overhead or beside them as they banked over Toronto waterfront and skyline.

It was a thrill of a lifetime and they would like to thank the pilots who made this happen (thanks Mario) and the photographers who captured this event.




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On its website, Tiny Township council boasts that the proposed new administration building will be "green" and "net zero."

The facts tell another story. To make way for this project, they clear-cut five acres of mature forest. That forest wasn't empty land. It was one of the best carbon assets the township had. By cutting it down, council released thousands of tonnes of stored carbon, erased its ability to absorb more every year, and destroyed habitat that cannot be replaced in our lifetimes.

Council's "net-zero" math simply doesn't work. A forest of that size holds well over a thousand tonnes of CO₂. By comparison, a single net-zero house offsets only a few tonnes per year. Dozens of homes running for decades wouldn't even cover the damage caused by this one clear-cut, let alone the massive carbon footprint of constructing the new facility itself. Calling this project environmentally responsible is an insult to both science and common sense.

For nearly 75 years I have called this "Tiny" peninsula home. I care deeply about this community. That is why it is so disheartening to watch our parks decline, our community centres

deteriorate, and our roads crumble, while council pours 50+ millions into what many residents already call an "ego palace."

This project is not only environmentally reckless, it is fiscally reckless. It ignores our rural character, drains public resources, and saddles future generations with debt.

Tiny deserves better. Council must consult its citizens and focus on what matters: protecting the environment we already have and investing in the services people actually use, not chasing monuments to political vanity.

Paul D. Bell, Ph.D., Forest Entomologist, Tiny

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THE SCOOP By Linda Belcourt, Editor

In the Aug. 28, 2025 edition, I raised concerns from Stonemanor residents about water quality and ongoing shortages.

To address these issues, Coun. Anita Moore arranged a town hall meeting where residents could hear directly from Township officials. Coun. Brad Thompson also attended to provide further information.

So why the higher water consumption in just that area? That question remains difficult to answer. The Ministry—not the Township—sets the limits on water usage, and it is hard to determine who is using more water than others.

One longtime resident offered this perspective: "We've lived for 29 years on Sunnidale Road, sharing the same water supply. Our water was always clean and clear—no brown. Yes, there was a water ban this summer, but that's nothing new. We've had both fire and water bans before. Given the high temperatures and lack of rain, both were expected.

Stonemanor Woods has how many houses? Most of them don't just use water for daily living—they also have swimming pools, hot tubs, lawns to water, driveways to wash, cars to clean, and so on. These extras increase the volume required. Compared to that, basic household use is minimal. Frankly, we were lucky the ban was only temporary.

In other areas like Midhurst, many older homes still have their own wells. In our neighborhood, some still do too."

To provide context, I reached out to the Township for the official statistics:

- July 17 – Municipal-wide water ban begins**
- 23 Provincial Offence Notices (tickets) issued, 1 summons to court
 - 68 complaints received
- August 7 – Municipal-wide ban lifted, except for Snow Valley system**
- 3 Provincial Offence Notices issued, 1 summons to court
 - 33 complaints received

The fact that half of the August complaints came from Stonemanor alone—compared to the rest of the Township's complaints over the complete ban—speaks volumes. Readers can draw their own conclusions

Next Scoop: On a lighter note, the Snowbirds flew directly over my office as I was preparing this edition. I mean right over—at low altitude, with a spectacular turn above Elmvalle that made my day.

Stay tuned: next edition will feature Snowbird #1, Major Brent Handy, in an exclusive interview before the team's breathtaking flyover of Midland.

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Elmvale Presbyterian Church Supports School Food Programs

By Mary Fleming, Sep 6, 2025



In May, Elmvale Presbyterian Church held a BBQ/Bake Sale and on Labour Day weekend hosted an “all you can eat” BBQ and Corn event both in support of the Food Programs at Huronia Centennial and Our Lady of Lourdes elementary schools. Parents and children from each school provided invaluable and enthusiastic assistance at both events and a cheque for \$1500.00 each was presented to Tracy Ritchie-Toner of HCES and Lyndsay Steele of OLOL.

It is a proven fact that children concentrate better with food in their tummies and

the elementary schools in Elmvale, Huronia Centennial and Our Lady of Lourdes, both have food programs in place similar in the wish to nurture children but unique to each school’s HCES program is titled “Mindful Mornings”. About 500 children are enrolled and 2 days a week, before school, they have the opportunity to get food and do mindful activities in a coloring or reading corner or do some stretching activities in the gym. Using an approved list from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU), a variety of foods are offered. A fruit basket and fridge are stocked with fresh cut vegetables, hummus and yogurt and are available to the children daily and monthly waffle days are held.

Our Lady of Lourdes enrollment is not that of HCES and their program is somewhat different. Each classroom and the main office have bins filled with varying healthy snacks that the children can easily help themselves to if they have not had breakfast or did not bring their lunch. Elmvale Presbyterian Church thanks Elmvale and the surrounding district for supporting our mission.

COMMUNITY

H.C.E.S. Breakfast Program

By Pat Leonard, Public Relations, Centre Flos W.I. Sep 9, 2025



Centre Flos W.I. welcomed Tracy, representing the H.C.E.S. Breakfast Program, as our guest speaker on Tuesday September 2nd, 2025. She explained that this is strictly volunteer program, running two mornings each week, just prior to the students starting their daily classroom studies.

TWO YEARS LATER, THE SEARCH FOR JESSE DESCHAMPS’ KILLER CONTINUES

One Individual Charged

By OPP, Aug. 27, 2025

(PENETANGUISHENE, ON) - Members of the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged one individual with first degree murder in connection with a homicide investigation in the Town of Penetanguishene.

On Thursday, July 27, 2023, an investigation began after 30-year-old Jesse DESCHAMPS was shot and killed in the rear parking lot of a shopping centre on Poyntz Street in Penetanguishene.

On Monday, August 25, 2025, Danika LAWRIE, 32 years old of Penetanguishene, was arrested and charged with the following Criminal Code offences:

- First degree murder, section 235(1)
- Mischief over \$5,000, section 430(3)

Adhering to the Board of Education rules about what type of food items that they are permitted to offer the children can be a onerous task: i.e. maximum sugar content, minimum protein content, no chocolate, no nuts. Weekly shopping trips, where maximum value for the cash available, are a constant challenge. Volunteers take their turns at preparing fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as setting up the snack area. Some of the older students have taken on leadership roles to help these adults – making it a win-win event. A donated small refrigerator, in the school office, is stocked daily with fresh fruit and vegetables for those students needing a nutritious boost.

More than 100 students use this program every day. Teachers have seen a marked improvement in students who have been able to start their day with nutritious food. It is truly inspirational to hear what a difference that this has made in our youth.

This program receives no monetary support from the School Board, relying on fund-raising events like the Tim Horton’s Holiday Smile Cookie event, and donations from our amazing community.

The members of Centre Flos Womens’ Institute have donated half of the profits from our summer Coffee Parties to this venture, and hope that when others read this information, perhaps they will be able to help out as well. The remainder of our Coffee Party profits will be donated to our local Food Bank.

• Obstruct peace officer, section 129(a)
The accused remains in custody pending a bail hearing, and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Barrie on a later date.

The OPP Southern Georgian Bay Crime Unit is continuing the investigation, under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch, in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.

The OPP would like to thank community members for their ongoing assistance in this investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or crimestopperssdm.com.



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Springwater mayor calls Cabral's boundary map questions 'a personal attack'

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: *BarrieToday.com*, Sep 4, 2025

Springwater Deputy Mayor George Cabral has a handful of questions he'd like answered regarding the City of Barrie's boundary expansion proposal.

In an effort to provide clarity and transparency to Springwater residents, Cabral put forth a notice of motion at Wednesday's council meeting that would have the township's information technology (IT) staff perform an exhaustive forensic analysis that answers the following questions:

How did the boundary adjustment mapping come to include parcels of Springwater land that were not requested by the City of Barrie's boundary adjustment respecting expanded employment land?

Why was additional Springwater land offered to the City of Barrie as part of the boundary adjustment process?

Who authorized this additional Springwater land to be offered to the City of Barrie and included in the boundary adjustment mapping?

Who was responsible for the creation of the boundary adjustment maps, and variations thereof, prior to May 9, 2025?

And where were these maps developed and created?

According to Cabral's motion, organized boundary adjustment meetings in early winter 2023 between Barrie, Springwater and the

Township of Oro-Medonte were taking place without the knowledge or direction of Springwater council, and well before strong mayor powers were granted to the local townships.

His motion contends Springwater council had "absolutely no knowledge of, involvement in, nor did it provide any direction regarding any boundary adjustment mapping."

He wants the township's IT department to use "whatever means" they have at their disposal to locate and examine any graphics, digital mapping, or digital documents available on any Springwater local hard drive, laptop, cloud, or Springwater server as it relates to the City of Barrie boundary adjustment mapping prior to May 9, 2025.

As well, IT staff would examine the embedded metadata — including but not limited to the date, time and author — and report back to council at its regular meeting on Oct. 15.

If the IT department doesn't have the ability to perform this task, Cabral wants them to advise council at its next meeting and provide a list of qualified vendors with expertise in the areas of digital data mining, digital trace analysis and forensic indexing.

Additionally, the deputy mayor wants the Oct. 15 report to include a "repository" of all documents, including copies of documents obtained in the search. And should the documents not provide clear answers to his

questions, Cabral wants staff to include options of suitable forensic auditing firms to complete an investigation into the matters he has outlined. Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin considered the motion an affront to her personally.

"In my opinion, this is nothing more than a personal attack and a personal vendetta," she said. "I am tired of sitting at this table and having my integrity, my process, my goodwill, my oath of office be questioned."

Coughlin agreed that residents have the right to the truth, but not at the expense of the taxpayer.

She made Cabral an offer.

"Let's do a forensic audit, but when the report comes back and it says that I've done something wrong, I'll pay for it," she said.

"But when it comes back and proves again, just like the FOIs (freedom-of-information requests), just like the integrity commissioner reports, just like everything else that has been put forward and against me and comes up clean because there's nothing to find, you pay for it — not the taxpayers," Coughlin added.

In a recorded vote, council passed the deputy mayor's motion with Cabral, Danielle Alexander, Anita Moore and Phil Fisher voting in favour. Coughlin, Matt Garwood and Brad Thompson voted against the motion.

Cabral walks out of meeting as Coughlin invokes strong mayor powers in Springwater

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: *BarrieToday.com*, Sep 4, 2025

With the deadline looming on a framework agreement with the City of Barrie on its boundary expansion proposal, Springwater Township Mayor Jennifer Coughlin exercised her strong mayor powers Wednesday, much to the chagrin of some members of council.

During a special session ahead of the township's regularly scheduled council meeting, Coughlin introduced a reconsideration of a resolution passed July 2 regarding minister's zoning orders (MZOs) related to The Remington Group and Paul Sadlon Communities, which directed council to revoke its support of both MZOs unless they are serviced through the Midhurst water and wastewater treatment facilities.

Unanimously supported in December 2023, both development proposals, when they came before council seeking MZO support, indicated that their preferred water and wastewater solution was to connect to the City of Barrie's infrastructure.

The reconsideration failed to pass, with Deputy Mayor George Cabral and Councillors Anita Moore, Phil Fisher and Danielle Alexander voting against it.

Coughlin and Councillors Matt Garwood and Brad Thompson voted in favour.

Following a quick discussion with the township's clerk, Coughlin announced her intention to use her strong mayor powers to introduce a bylaw that would authorize the mayor to include cross-border servicing for the Bayfield Street corridor in the discussions.

"Council, being a bylaw to authorize the mayor to include cross-border servicing for the Bayfield Street corridor in discussions with the City of

Barrie and the province of Ontario regarding the boundary proposal, whereas pursuant with Section 284.11.12 of the Municipal Act 2001, the act of the head of council is of the opinion that...", she began before being cut off by Cabral, who called a point of order.

"Your reconsideration failed," he said.

"Yes, and if you would prefer me to defer to the clerk to speak to the legal counsel that we have received from (John) Mascarini (the township's integrity commissioner and legal counsel for all things related to strong mayor powers) to ensure that everything that I am doing is within jurisdiction...", she started before being interrupted again.

"I would ask then, Mayor Coughlin, that we seek another legal opinion with respect to that because a reconsideration when it's lost, according to our procedural bylaw, means that it is lost and it cannot be voted on again," Cabral said.

Coughlin advised Cabral that he was "absolutely right."

However, the mayor added, she wasn't looking for another reconsideration; she was introducing a bylaw, which, according to township clerk Jennifer Marshall, was well within her rights as a mayor with provincially appointed strong powers, as long as she provided the clerk and each member of council a copy of the bylaw being proposed, and the reasons for the proposal.

"Under this section of the Act, the mayor does not have, it does not spell out any timing or notice requirements, so she is able to do that now," Marshall advised council. "And that was confirmed with Mr. Mascarini."

At that point, Cabral left the meeting and did not return, even to vote.

Coughlin, as directed by strong mayor powers, read the bylaw aloud and provided her reasons for introducing it. She said the bylaw could potentially support the provincial priority set out in legislation to build 1.5 million new residential units by Dec. 31, 2031 in a number of ways:

It realizes a potential opportunity to create new housing units

It could potentially support the provincial priority of constructing and maintaining infrastructure to support housing

It could support the province's desire for a local solution and it expecting a framework agreement to assist in its mandate.

On July 2, 2025, Springwater council passed a resolution to revoke its support for two MZOs — The Remington Group at 727 Bayfield St. N., and Paul Sadlon Communities at 742 Bayfield St. N. — unless they are serviced through the Midhurst water and wastewater treatment facilities.

On Aug. 14, council received an update in closed session from the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator where new information was presented that could be impacted.

When the vote was called, the township clerk reminded council that it was being done under strong mayor powers.

"So, just more than one-third of members of council need to vote in the affirmative to pass the bylaw," Marshall said.

In a recorded vote, Fisher, Moore and Alexander voted against the mayor's proposed bylaw. Coughlin, Garwood and Thompson voted in favour and the bylaw was passed.

'The Jerry Springwater Show': Council criticized for 'diabolical' antics

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

In a room full of accusations, allegations and generally mean-spirited comments, Springwater Coun. Matt Garwood has emerged as the calm in the eye of the storm.

The youngest member of township council, Garwood has demonstrated a maturity beyond his years, often dampening the cacophony with passive, articulate statements that have been well thought out and considered.

His most recent foray into the world of council peacekeeping came Wednesday night, following a tense and bitter argument over where the maps came from that have been used at various stages of the City of Barrie's proposed boundary expansion.

"I have witnessed a lot at this table in three years and I think this is the most embarrassing," he said after watching his fellow councillors attack one another for 20 minutes. "This is embarrassing.

"I'm not going to talk about maps today. I'm not going to start screaming at each other. That gets us nowhere guys, nowhere," Garwood added.

Without warning or any apparent provocation, Coun. Phil Fisher took umbrage with where he thought Garwood was going in his comments.

"OK, point of order," Fisher said loudly. "I'm not going to be chastised by you again. You do this every time."

Fisher's outburst earned giggles around the council table.

"Coun. Fisher, he didn't even say anything," Mayor Jennifer Coughlin interjected.

"Oh my gosh, he didn't even open his...," she began, losing her train of thought when she

looked over to Fisher, who was chatting with some of the folks in the gallery.

"This is not a performance," Coughlin said to Fisher. "Coun. Garwood has the microphone. He didn't say anything. He didn't accuse anybody of malfeasance or of lying. He's just making a statement."

Garwood took back the microphone.

"The reality is that this often looks like a reality TV show and that is the joke," he said. "We are often — I'm not speaking to one member, I'm speaking to seven — the butt of that joke, over and over and over again. Tonight does not help."

The joke Garwood refers to is the new moniker the township's council meetings have earned, "The Jerry Springwater Show," which is a hybrid offering that combines the bombastic outbursts of reality TV with the boring minutiae of municipal government.

Garwood is not the only one who's concerned about council's reputation.

Coughlin has chastised various council members numerous times for their behaviour, lack of decorum and wild accusations.

Recently, a number of Springwater residents have expressed their concerns over the goings-on at township council meetings.

Wanda Allen, spouse of former township mayor Don Allen, said she was up past midnight Wednesday, penning a letter that detailed her less-than-enjoyable experience watching Springwater Township council live over the internet.

"I hope you were at the Springwater council meeting tonight and I am also hopeful that you will share with the citizens of Springwater what transpired," she said in her email, which arrived

at 12:23 a.m. on Thursday, an hour-and-a-half after council wrapped up. "There are councillors there that not only need to be admonished, but 'kicked out' of their seats at the council table."

She didn't identify them by name, but called their behaviour "diabolical."

One online commenter on BarrieToday said "three council members are acting like adults, while four are acting like children throwing a tantrum as if they didn't get exactly what they wanted on Christmas morning."

It's that sort of comment that prompted Garwood to speak out.

"We are doing ourselves and our residents a disservice when we fight each other," he said. "We have a significant matter in front of us. Let's not fight each other, let's not throw accusations."

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News from Wyevale Community

By Karen Moreau, Sept 7, 2025

Return of regular programming
With September's arrival, our regularly scheduled programming will return as follows:
Mondays: English Language Learners Club 1pm at Elmvale Branch (registration required).
Tuesdays: Storytime 10:30am at Elmvale Branch (no registration required).
Wednesdays: Storytime 10:30am at Midhurst Branch (no registration required).
Wednesdays: The YoungandtheRestofUs 1pm at Midhurst Branch (no registration required).
Thursdays: Senior Tech Help (bi-weekly September 11 and 25) 3pm-5pm at Elmvale Branch (registration required).
Thursdays: After School Games 3:30pm at Minesing Branch (no registration required).
Thursdays: Knit and Crochet 6:30pm at Elmvale Branch (no registration required).

Drop-In Craft
Every month at the library there will be a new, fun drop-in craft available. Have a busy schedule but still want to participate at the library? This program is for you! Choose your own time during our open hours to come in and make your cool creation. Thursday September 18: Acorn bookmark. Cost: Free. Available while supplies last.
Introduction to Online Resources
Want to get access to free movies, TV shows, E-books, newspapers and magazines? This fall the library will be offering an info session on how to

use your library card to access thousands of free online materials! Participants are encouraged to bring their devices for individual help setting up. Not tech savvy? No problem! Library staff at the program will walk you through the process and help you get set up for success! Saturday September 20, 1pm-2pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.
PA Day Program: Comic Book Contest
Visit your local library branch to participate in this awesome contest! Templates for hand-drawn comics and the use of laptops will be supplied. Friday September 26, 10am-5pm at Elmvale and Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. No registration required for this drop-in program.
Ages 4-6: Using pre-filled templates, contestants will draw pictures to accompany the text.
Ages 7-9: Using the blank templates contestants will create their own comic. Comics must tell a story with a beginning, middle, and end.
Ages 10-13: Contestants will be able to use computers to create their own comic book on canva. Comic must be at least 5 pages long.
Take and Make Craft Kit
Every month the library will have a new FREE craft kit for you to take home and make! Each month be sure to stop by and ask staff for a kit! October is a Skeleton Wednesday October 1. Kits are only available while supplies last.

September 21st: Wyevale Board Meeting following the morning Worship Service.
October 4th at 2 pm The family of Rev. Bev Irwin and Rev. Heather Graham are planning to plant a tree in memory there memory at the Tom Coffin Park. 67 Edward St. Penetanguishene. A brief gathering and wishing to say a few words share a story, or offer a prayer are welcome to do so. If light rain, bring an umbrella, if it is raining to heavy, it will be postponed until Sunday October 5th. After the brief remembrance will meet at Wyevale Jug City for Ice Cream.
October 11th Thanksgiving Dinner: Tickets are at the store. Two sittings 5:00 p.m. & 6:15 p.m. Take out dinners are available. Tickets are \$25.00. For further information contact Sandy Rawn or call the Church.
Congratulations to Rae and Betty Woolhead on there 65th Wedding Anniversary which was October 2nd. All the best to Rae Woolhead as he recovers from hip surgery. Get Well soon Rae.
Remembering all though who have recently lost a loved one and those who are ill in hospital or not able to get out.

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Ontario farmers facing uncertainty amid tariffs and trade challenges

By: Philip Oddi, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter,
Source: Vankleek Hill Review, Sep 5, 2025

Ontario farmers are facing growing uncertainty as U.S. tariffs and global trade tensions are weighing heavily on their operations. Rising production costs, volatile markets, and the stress of maintaining farm stability have many producers concerned about their finances and personal well-being.

Producers in Ontario's \$51 billion agri-food industry are among the most vulnerable due to heavy reliance on export markets, particularly Canada's largest trading partner, the United States. Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) President Drew Spoelstra says this reliance makes farmers highly sensitive during trade negotiations.

Changes in U.S. and Chinese trade policies have caused price fluctuations and higher production costs, creating ripple effects across Ontario's agri-food chain. The U.S. currently imposes 25 per cent tariffs on steel, aluminum, and imports from outside CUSMA, the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement.

China has imposed a 100 per cent tariff on canola oil and a 75.8 per cent anti-dumping duty on canola seed, according to the Canola Council of Canada. The Canada-China Business Council said that China has also imposed a 25 per cent tariff on pork.

Spoelstra highlighted the real-world impacts on the province's producers: "The level of uncertainty is almost unbearable at times. Constant change continues to create unique challenges for producers," he said. Spoelstra added that all sectors are affected differently, with greenhouse crops, meat processing, and livestock particularly exposed to tariffs.

The OFA continues to advocate for farmers at all levels of government, pushing for "expanded market opportunities, protection of supply management, and potential enhancements to financial programs to mitigate ongoing market disruptions," Spoelstra said.

Both federal and provincial governments say they are actively supporting farmers. Measures include increasing the Risk Management Program by \$100 million to \$250 million, funding through

AgriMarketing to access new markets, and promoting buy local and buy Canadian movements.

Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness Trevor Jones emphasized that under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, the government has invested \$569 million to support more than 1,500 projects improving productivity, safety, environmental sustainability, and competitiveness.

"Our government will always be on the side of our agri-food industry and farmers. I will continue to build on the progress our government has achieved to ensure the sector has the support it needs to withstand anything that comes our way," Jones said.

Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell Stéphane Sarrazin echoed this commitment, noting efforts to promote buy local initiatives and reduce interprovincial trade barriers to strengthen Ontario's rural economy.

As trade negotiations continue, officials and the OFA say they will stay closely engaged with producers. "The agricultural community is one of my highest priorities, and I will continue to work very hard to bring Ottawa to our community," said Member of Parliament for Prescott-Russell-Cumberland Giovanna Mingarelli.

Mingarelli said she wants to strongly encourage local businesses to work together and support one another as producers face these challenges.

Beyond financial pressures, the mental well-being of producers is also a pressing concern.

Spoelstra emphasized the importance of mental health during trying times. "There are resources available for farmers, farm families, and workers, including a 24/7 counselling service with experts who understand agriculture," he said.

Programs like the Producer Mental Wellbeing Initiative, developed by Impact Canada under Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, aim to support farmers whose work often extends beyond a standard 9-5 schedule and is rooted in family tradition.

Impact Canada states that Canadian producers face unique mental health and well-being challenges, many of which are compounded or heightened by the stressful and unpredictable nature of their work. In addition, stress in farming has been linked to a rise in farm work injuries and a higher risk of suicide.

Mingarelli pointed to the Do More Agriculture Foundation, a federal partner organization that offers AgTalk, a clinically supported and anonymous platform for producers to connect, share experiences, and access mental health resources. As global trade tensions persist, governments and producer organizations say they will continue to prioritize financial support and mental health resources to help Ontario farmers weather the uncertainty.

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'Brand-new experience': Horseshoe Heights welcomes students for the first time

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

Sporting fresh haircuts and looking dapper for the opening day of the new Horseshoe Heights Public School in Oro-Medonte, brothers Declan and Gallagher were both feeling a little bit nervous and a whole lot excited this morning.

Declan, who was making his Grade 3 debut, was excited about seeing the friends he hasn't seen since the end of June and making new ones. He was also pretty excited about exploring his new school, which is almost twice the size of his previous one.

"I already know some of the other kids in my class," Declan told BarrieToday. "I'm going to make new friends and check out the big gym."

His younger brother, Gallagher, who was entering Day 1 of senior kindergarten, had fewer expectations. He was looking forward to just one thing.

"I'm going in the elevator," Gallagher declared, shortly after his parents Rebecca and Brandon took a photo of the boys posed in front of the school, under the Horseshoe Heights nameplate that graces the west side of the new facility on Horseshoe Valley Road, just north of Barrie.

They, too, shared the boys' sense of excitement.

"They had a sneak peak before today and they loved it," Rebecca said. "It's got big bright windows and bright classrooms, and it's only five minutes away from home."

Rebecca and Brandon live in Sugarbush, a community about five minutes east of the new school, just off Horseshoe Valley Road. For them, and other families in the area, Horseshoe Heights is a dream come true.

"We came from Guthrie Public School, so this is very close to home," said Heather McGowan, another Sugarbush resident who accompanied her two children to school on the first day. "It's a mixed bag of emotions, but I think we're more excited than the kids."

McGowan said her children, who are in grades one and three, are thrilled to be going to the new school — not only because it's close to home, but also because their friends will be going there.

"There's a strong sense of community here," McGowan said. "We're excited."

According to Liz Grummett, Simcoe County



District School Board trustee for Oro-Medonte/Springwater, Tuesday's opening day was not only important to students and teachers, but the community as a whole.

She said the school and the attached community centre is an example of what can happen when groups or organizations work together.

"We have a wonderful partnership with Oro-Medonte," Grummett said. "We have a community centre that is part of our school and it gives us this incredible space."

"There's a real sense of ownership among the parents and there's a lot of pride. You can see it when you talk to them. They're engaged and it shows," she added.

Oro-Medonte Township bought the land the school sits on in 2013 with the hope of building a community centre on the site. In the years following the purchase, the township made it known to the school board that it was interested in forming a partnership if the opportunity presented itself.

In 2017, the township and the Simcoe County District School Board formalized an agreement. One year later, the new school was announced, with original approval for 357 students at a cost of \$8.5 million. In 2023, the tender to build the school was issued.

The price of the facility had increased to \$23.8 million and it would accommodate 570 students

— which is 213 more than originally projected.

Bianca and Corey live in Craighurst, a few kilometres west of the new Horseshoe Heights school. Their two daughters, Hazel and Elliot, are entering Grade 1 and Grade 3, respectively. They've been anxiously waiting for their first day.

"It was tough to get them to bed last night," Corey said as the couple waited at the school for the bus that picked up their children earlier in the morning for their inaugural trip to drop them off.

"We're meeting them when they get off the bus for the first time," Bianca said. "This is a whole, brand-new experience."

According to Dianna Wright-Drzazga, the principal at Horseshoe Heights, the school is new, but the staff is not. In fact, she said, the staff that has been assembled is filled with some of the school board's most senior teachers.

"When I was looking to hire, I was told by colleagues to expect 10 or 15 applications per vacancy," she said. "This was more like 65 or 70. We have a very experienced staff."

According to Wright-Drzazga, the first few days will be more social than academic.

"For the first couple of days, we're just going to get to know each other," she said. "Academics will be on the back burner for a couple of days."

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Labour Day got here faster than we expected or wanted. I hope you were able to enjoy all the wonderful things the summer months offered – sunshine, ice cream cones, time with loved ones, and backyard barbecues. Summer is a great time of year as it is equal parts relaxing and busy. I hope when you were relaxing it was in your favourite spot, and when you were busy it was with your favourite people.

September brings the end of summer and the start of the new school year, which can be exciting and stressful for our students. Students of all ages are looking forward to the school year, learning who their new teacher is, figuring out where their classes are, meeting new friends, and seeing old ones, but they may be a bit worried about changes to their routines and classwork. With the preoccupation of getting into the swing of the school year and all the extra traffic September brings to our roads, let's all remember to pay

special attention to school zones, crosswalks, and the flashing lights on school buses.

As we all enjoy the remaining warm days ahead, let's get out into the community and make the best of this time. Get out on the water, enjoy a night under the stars, or have family and friends over for a potluck dinner or BBQ, and create a few more memorable moments. I encourage you to stop in at one of the many farm stands to pick-up some fresh corn, and maybe some tomatoes and zucchini for that last minute get together. We are fortunate to live within a robust farming community, so let's show our support by buying local.

I hope you have a safe and happy start to the school year and enjoy the remaining warm sunny days in our beautiful region. As always, if you have questions or concerns with any federal matters, please contact my office at 705-728-2596 or email Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca.

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Ontario Providing Record Supports with New School in Oro-Medonte

August 28, 2025

ORO-MEDONTE - Today, Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte, announced that the new Horseshoe Heights Public School will be welcoming new students in September for the 2025-26 school year. This project is part of the government's plan to protect Ontario and prepare students for the jobs of tomorrow.

The province is providing Simcoe County District School Board with \$30 million to build the new school and community centre in Oro-Medonte, including \$8.5 million from the Town of Oro-Medonte. This project delivers 570 elementary spaces and a new community centre for local families for the 2025-26 school year.

"The completion of the new Horseshoe Heights Public School and new community centre in Oro-Medonte is very welcome news for our community," said MPP Downey. "This investment will ensure families and students have access to a quality learning environment in the years ahead."

Ontario is providing \$23 billion to support school construction, renewal and improvement over 10 years. Since 2018, the government has approved or supported the development of approximately 300 school-related projects including child care, of which more than 100 are actively under construction.

"Our goal is clear: to provide students with the opportunity to succeed and grow, and ensure teachers have the resources and environment they need to inspire learning and help students thrive," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Education. "We will continue to invest in safe, modern schools while strengthening accountability and transparency across Ontario's education system to ensure that every dollar invested is preparing students with practical skills for good-paying, stable careers." While Ontario is delivering record education funding this school year of \$30.3 billion, we are making sure every dollar is spent responsibly and directed to the classroom by strengthening accountability across school boards, supporting teachers, and most importantly, benefiting students.

"Under Premier Ford's leadership, we're building modern schools to support the needs of Ontario's students, families and growing communities. By investing in new and innovative learning spaces, we're ensuring students have access to the best education that will equip them with lifelong skills and education," said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. "These investments are part of our more than \$200 billion capital plan to protect Ontario by getting shovels in the ground faster on the projects that matter most to Ontario families."

"It is an exciting time for students, staff, and the Oro-Medonte community as we prepare to open the Simcoe County District School Boards's newest elementary school – Horseshoe Heights Public School – on Sept. 2," said Dawn Stephens, Director of Education. "This spectacular facility can accommodate 570 students and has an oversized gym and community centre, thanks to a partnership with the Township of Oro-Medonte. We are grateful for the support from the Ministry of Education that made this new school a possibility. We appreciate the dedication of the SCDSB's Design and Construction team, the hard work of all contractors, and the commitment of Principal Dianna Wright-Drzazga and her staff."

Horseshoe Heights Public School and the new Community Centre are located at 739 and 737 Horseshoe Valley Rd. W. in Oro-Medonte.

Quick Facts:

- Over the past two years, the government has committed \$1.3 billion annually to support new school buildings, school expansion and renovations across the province — the highest level of school capital funding in Ontario's history.
- Since 2018, the government has supported about 300 school-related projects including child care, of which more than 100 are actively under construction.
- The government has introduced Bill 33: Supporting Children and Students Act, 2025 that, if passed, would strengthen oversight of school board finances, governance and program performance and grant the Minister of Education the authority to act swiftly in matters of public interest.
- When school boards fail to meet their responsibilities, the government has not hesitated to act. Supervisors have been appointed to five school boards to address concerns related to growing deficits, depleted reserves and mismanagement.

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Nature Experiences for Seniors in the Township of Tiny

If you live in or around the Township of Tiny, you already know how lucky we are to be surrounded by beautiful beaches, parks, trails, and outdoor spaces. As the summer winds down and cooler weather sets in, it’s a great time to remind ourselves of the benefits of spending time in nature; especially for older adults.

The Township of Tiny’s Recreation and Special Events Department is proud to offer a variety of outdoor programs designed specifically for seniors. These programs promote active aging, community connection, and the joy of being outdoors.

Introducing Nature Connect: Outdoor Adventures for Seniors

This new four-part initiative, funded by the Government of Ontario’s Senior Community Grant Program, is all about helping older adults stay active, engaged, and connected to nature. Here’s what’s included:

- 1. Free Guided Outdoor Excursions**
- We’ve partnered with Free Spirit Tours to offer a series of free excursions at Tiny Marsh Provincial Wildlife Area. These outings are a wonderful way to try something new, meet others, and enjoy the outdoors. Upcoming excursions include:
- Learn to Kayak – Thursday, September 18 | 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
 - Wild Edibles Foraging Experience – Tuesday, September 30 | 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
 - Forest Therapy Walk – Wednesday, October 15 | 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
 - Hiking – Friday, October 24 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 - Snowshoeing – Thursday, February 19 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- 2. 8-Week Slow Sensory Walking Series**
- Wednesdays from September 17 to November 5 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Led by certified Forest Therapy Guide Karen Chaplin, this weekly walking program invites participants to slow down, engage their senses, and connect with nature. Karen brings a wealth of experience in community service, horticulture, and wellness. Each session ends with time for socializing and light refreshments at the common area. Each session takes place at Tiny Marsh Provincial Wildlife Area.

3. Sport Loaner Kit Program

Thanks to the Seniors Community Grant, residents can now borrow Urban Poling Walking Poles and/or Snowshoes free of charge! The Township’s Sport Loaner Kit Program is now available throughout the Fall and Winter. Residents can borrow a set of Urban Poling Walking Poles (with your choice of tips or snow baskets), a set of Snowshoes, or both to stay moving throughout the colder months. Pick up a Sport Loaner at www.tiny.ca/playportal kit to enjoy your own outdoor adventure!

4. Become a Nature Connect Volunteer Ambassador

Do you love the outdoors and want to give back to your community? We’re looking for four enthusiastic volunteers to help lead and support our programs with the goal of starting and sustaining a new inclusive community walking group. Ambassadors will:

- Receive Standard First Aid and CPR-C training
- Complete the Urban Poling Canada Instructor Course, learning how to lead welcoming and accessible walking groups
- Receive a free set of Urban Poles to practice and advocate for active living in their community.

Previous experience supporting group activities or outdoor programs is an asset but not required. To learn more or to volunteer, visit tiny.ca/volunteer or contact seniors@tiny.ca.

Ready to Join Us?

To sign up for any of these programs, visit www.tiny.ca/seniors/programs. For more information, email seniors@tiny.ca or call the Recreation and Special Events Team at (705) 526-4204.

The information in this article is provided as a public service by the Township of Tiny Senior’s Advisory Committee. We invite and welcome your feedback and suggestions on how we can make Senior Tiny Times a valuable information resource for our Seniors.

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Local Brokerage Honoured with Prestigious National Award

By Don Stoddart Principal Broker, Owner – Sep 8, 2025

Elmvale, Ontario – Key Mortgage Partners, headquartered at 10 Queen Street West in Elmvale, has earned one of the most prestigious distinctions in the mortgage industry: Best Brokerage in Canada, presented by Canadian Mortgage Professionals.

This national recognition highlights excellence in client service, industry leadership, and innovation within the mortgage sector. For a local business to achieve this honour on the Canadian stage speaks volumes about the strength of its team, its

dedication to clients, and its ongoing contributions to the community.

Key Mortgage Partners, led by long-time industry veteran Don Stoddart, has become well known for delivering outstanding mortgage solutions and building trusted relationships with both lenders and clients. Beyond business success, the firm has also made its mark by supporting charitable causes and giving back to the community.

“This recognition belongs to our entire team, our clients, and our industry partners,” said Stoddart. “It’s proof that when you combine experience, passion, and integrity, you can achieve something

truly remarkable.”

Stoddart himself is no stranger to recognition. In recent years, he has been inducted into the Mortgage Professionals Canada Hall of Fame, the Canadian Mortgage Professionals Hall of Fame, and has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Mortgage Professionals Canada.

Receiving the title of Best Brokerage in Canada solidifies Key Mortgage Partners’ position as an industry leader and shines a spotlight on Elmvale as the proud home of one of the nation’s top mortgage brokerages.

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MPP Jill Dunlop Announces Ontario Investing Over \$6.3 Million

in Hospital & Health Infrastructure By Office of MPP Jill Dunlop Sep5, 2025

SIMCOE NORTH — The Ontario government is continuing to protect local health care by investing \$6,358,964.00 through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund to upgrade/repair infrastructure at Georgian Bay General Hospital, Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, and Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care, and \$214,690.00 through the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund at Canadian Mental Health Association Simcoe County Branch, Seven South Treatment Centre and Wendat Community Programs. This is part of a broader \$257 million investment to support critical infrastructure upgrades and repairs at 126 hospitals and 66 community health-care facilities across the province.

Funding is being delivered through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF) and the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund (CIRF), helping ensure Ontarians can continue to access the care they need in safe, modern environments.

"As our communities grow, it's essential that our local health care facilities have the infrastructure they need to provide safe, high-quality care," said Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North. "I'm proud to support this provincial investment in Georgian Bay General Hospital, Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, and Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care to help ensure patients and families can access care in more comfortable, modern spaces and I look forward to continued collaboration with these incredible organizations as we work together to improve health outcomes across our region."

The HIRF and CIRF programs enable health-care system partners to address their urgent infrastructure needs, including upgrading or replacing roofs, windows, security systems, fire alarms and emergency generators. This year, the Ontario government increased funding for these programs by 12.3 per cent.

"Our government is continuing to make historic investments to protect Ontario's health-care system, ensuring that more people in Simcoe North can connect to the care they need, where and when they need it," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Supporting infrastructure upgrades at local hospitals and community organizations across Simcoe North is another way our government is ensuring people can receive high-quality care, closer to home."

Ontario continues to make historic investments in health care. Over the next 10 years, the province is investing nearly \$60 billion on major health infrastructure. This is part of the Ontario government's plan to get shovels in the ground on more than 50 major hospital projects across the province, which will deliver approximately 3,000 new hospital beds and build a connected, people-first health-care system.

Through Your Health: A Plan For Connected and Convenient Care, Ontario is expanding and modernizing hospitals and building new health-care facilities, making it faster and easier for people of all ages to connect to the high-quality care they need, where and when they need it.

MPP Jill Dunlop Announces Ontario Boosting Francophone Arts and Culture in Penetanguishene

By Office of Jill Dunlop, August 27, 2025

PENETANGUISHENE – The Ontario government is investing \$9,000.00 in Penetanguishene to support good jobs and help local Francophone artists and community arts and culture organizations thrive.

La Clé d'la Baie en Huronie - Association culturelle francophone will receive \$9,000.00 through the Ontario Arts Council, an agency of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming. The announcement was made by Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North.

"Our government understands the important role

that the arts play in fostering dynamic and thriving communities across Ontario," said Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North.

The Diffusion – projets francophones program grant is designed to maximize the positive impact of Ontario's cultural sector in local communities throughout the province. The program provides artistic programming support as an incentive for not-for-profit Francophone organizations, cultural centres, festivals and presenters to showcase Ontario Francophone arts and artists to a wide range of audiences in their communities.

In Penetanguishene, this funding will enable La Clé d'la Baie en Huronie - Association culturelle francophone to Offrir une programmation artistique variée afin de sensibiliser la communauté du Comté de Simcoe aux arts de la scène tout en soutenant des artistes franco-ontariens.

The funding is part of the government's plan to protect Ontario by supporting workers, businesses, communities and jobs in the face of ongoing economic uncertainty, while creating a solid foundation for a strong, resilient and competitive future.

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Bay Cats advance to IBL Finals

By Brian Belcourt, Sep 7, 2025

In the last edition of North Simcoe Springwater News, I reported on the Barrie Baycats first round series against the Toronto Maple Leafs. The Baycats had just lost game three in Barrie, to go down two games to one. The Baycats needed to win the final two games to advance to the second round.

In game four, at Christie Pitts in Toronto, the Baycats used a strong starting pitching from Frank Garces the Baycats won 6-3. Garces had 13 strikeouts over 8 strong innings.

The Barrie Baycats survived and advanced. In front of a raucous crowd at Athletic Kulture Stadium, the Baycats edged the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-4 on Wednesday night in a winner-take-all Game 5, clinching the opening-round series and booking their place in the IBL semifinals.

Game 5 was a thriller as Barrie got out to a early lead 2-0, until the 6th inning when Toronto scored 3 times to take the lead. In the bottom of the 6th , Adam Odd crushed a two-run homer over the right-field fence to flip the score back in

Barrie's favour, 4-3. Toronto tied the game in the seventh 4-4. The game stayed this way until the bottom of the 9th. Barrie loaded the bases, with 1 out, cleanup hitter Nolan Machibroda delivered a deep fly ball to centre field, scoring the winning run from third and sending the Baycats into the semifinals with a 5-4 walk-off win.

In the second round of the IBL playoffs Barrie faced off against the Hamilton Cardinals. The Baycats used strong pitching to sweep the Cardinals, Barrie winning game one 5-0, game two 7-1 and game 3 5-1.

The sweep marks Barrie's third trip to the finals since 2023, as the franchise looks to claim its second consecutive championship and ninth in franchise history. The Baycats will now rest and await their opponent for the IBL Finals the Welland Jackfish.

The finals best of 7 are scheduled to start September 7th in Welland. Barrie will have home games on September 9th and 13 th, and September 16 if needed.

Simcoe County Rugby Glory Goes to Forest Hill Public School



By Skazin, Donald, Aug 18, 2025

Forest Hill Public School were the Simcoe County District School Champions for 2025. 68 school Rugby teams participated in regional tournaments to qualify for the County tournament. Forest Hill made it to the final game and was victorious over Minesing to become the 2025 Intermediate Co-ed champions.

Penetang Kings Hold Year End Awards Ceremony

Submitted by Jamie Robillard, Sep 3, 2025

The Penetang Kings will open their 2025-26 regular season on Friday September 12th at home when they face the Stayner Siskins beginning at 8:00 pm at the Penetanguishene Memorial Community Centre. The Kings will once again play in the Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League, which will consist of the same eight teams as last season. The other six teams include the defending league champions Orillia Terriers, the perennial powerhouse Alliston Hornets along with local rivals the Midland Flyers,

Innisfil Spartans, Huntsville Otters and Muskoka Bears.

The Kings will play 21 home and 21 away games with the regular season concluding on Family Day Weekend, February 16th. The Kings' next home game will be Friday October 3rd when they host the Midland Flyers. Between September 12th and October 3rd Penetang will travel to Alliston on September 19th, Bracebridge to face the Bears on September 27th and Innisfil on September 28th.

Penetang is planning to ice a very competitive club for the 2025-26 season with several returning

veterans including the league's Most Valuable Goaltender Landon Simec, defensemen Carson Thayer, Jacob Vanderberg and Nicolas Cage as well as forwards Carter Wilson, Owen Fuller, Matthew Laframboise, Cole Rumbolt, Wyndam Brownlee, Camron Hutchinson and Trevor Hutchinson. The roster will also include newcomers such as overage defensemen Barrie product Aiden Pethick (from Junior 'A' Espanola Paper Kings) and Caiden Pattenden (returning to his hometown from the Orillia Terriers), rookie defenseman Blake Weicker along with rookie forwards Noah Johnston and Emersyn Diver.

Scott Simon returns behind the bench as head coach and has added the general manager's role to his portfolio.

The Kings look forward to seeing their fans return for the home opener and throughout the season.

Penetang Kings Schedule for September 2025				
Date	Visiting	Home	Venue	Time
Fri, Sep 12	Stayner	Penetang	Penetang Memorial CC	8:00 pm
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Midland gets failing grade for accessibility on several fronts

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Sep 04, 2025
For those with mobility issues, accessibility in Midland needs vast improvements as many are denied access to local services and businesses due to poor layouts and designs.

That was one of the key takeaways after listening to Steven Laurin talk with Midland council Wednesday evening.

Laurin, the Midland representative for the Simcoe County joint accessibility advisory committee, explained to council that his role was to oversee plans and designs for new parks and public access buildings. He cited Community Outreach in Orillia as a model design for Midland to aspire toward.

“Knowing I was coming here, I asked residents in the Midland area: ‘What are the three biggest concerns they have for accessibility?’ And I got thousands of replies,” said Laurin.

Three areas of concern were shared by Laurin. He noted the 2021 King Street rejuvenation project, also known as the ‘Big Dig’, and asked council why consideration wasn’t given to the addition of sloped entrances along front-facing businesses.

“A lot of us with accessibility needs cannot access most of the buildings from the King Street entrance; we are required to go and use the alleyway to access these areas,” said Laurin. “It’s very difficult, and I know a lot of people who refuse to outright shop downtown because they won’t go down the alleyways for safety reasons.”

Laurin also pointed out the sloped access into the outpatient doors for Georgian Bay General Hospital, and the difficulty for a wheelchair user to reach that access; a difficulty which was amplified when winter weather compounded the problem.

Third, Laurin pointed out a “severe lack of housing



for people with accessible needs”, suggesting that the challenge was within the system itself.

“Most accessible units are being reserved for low-income or geared-to-income housing only,” said Laurin. “They refuse to change those units that have wheelchair accessibility to the ones that are paying full market – they refuse and want to keep them as the geared-to-income.

“I know, because I’ve been on a waiting list for 10 years now. My accident happened in 2015, and within a month I started applying to places knowing that I’d be confined in this chair for the rest of my life. I’m still on that waiting list 10 years later in Midland,” Laurin added.

When stating that there were roughly 100 wheelchair users within Midland, several members of council seemed surprised. He provided Walmart on Highway 12 as an example where residents with accessibility needs could shop, in contrast to the downtown core.

Laurin also thanked staff for installing an accessible porta-potty at Midland Bay Landing which he claimed had become the most used facility of its kind for that reason; other suggestions around town included accessible park benches, better lighting and tactile surfaces, and overhangs for inclement weather.

“It may seem like such a tiny little thing to so many, but to somebody like me it means the world,” said Laurin. “It opens back up the ability to go out into public and be part of the community.”

Council members thanked Laurin for showcasing a perspective on the community which they had not considered; Laurin included himself in having occasional lapses for understanding the

accessibility needs of others.

Laurin also challenged council to sit in his wheelchair and go through a day in Midland, with Mayor Bill Gordon accepting Laurin’s proposal.

Speaking with MidlandToday following the meeting, Gordon clarified one of Laurin’s points, being that building owners in downtown Midland were approached to modify entranceways during the Big Dig but had declined at that time.

“It’s valid criticism, and as urban planners and as approval bodies like we are for land use planning, we need to start thinking about accessibility more and challenge developers, even though we can’t compel them,” said Gordon.

Gordon further mused that although council couldn’t push developers for more accessibility: “Maybe, why don’t we ask? All we can do is ask. We can say it’s not a condition of approval, but we’re just curious because there’s a genuine need.

“What Steve’s doing, and probably the whole committee if they were here, is challenging us to be more cognizant of different disabilities and accessibility challenges,” said Gordon. “And we talk the talk every time we celebrate (Midland-born former lieutenant-governor) David Onley and our commitment to accessibility.”

Gordon also gave a promotional nudge during the meeting to StopGap, a Toronto-based charitable accessibility foundation which provides custom designed mobile ramps.

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Officials from Simcoe County and Springwater Township officially opened the new Simcoe County paramedic post on Snow Valley Road in Midhurst on Wednesday afternoon

By Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

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by Dennis Gannon

Sep 7, 2025
150 years. 1,800 months. 782 weeks. 54,788 days. Unofficially that is how long we, Anten Mills, have been a community. The exact day and date that settlers came to our area and made this their home is not known. What we do know is that in 1875, 150 years ago, a school was started to provide those who lived in the surrounding area an education. That school, long gone but replaced in 1891 by the building we now call our community centre, established our village. For 93 years a school provided the basic education and was the hub of the region. It provided the foundation as the village grew. This Saturday, September 13, we celebrate the fact that we have been a community for 150 years and we are having a special celebration that everyone is welcome to attend.

When the brainstorming meetings were held, those who have lived here for sometime recalled the family fun days that were held on the second Saturday in September after the children had returned to school. Discussed as well was the reunion in 1968 when over 400 former students descended on the school grounds to reminisce about the past. The decision was made that to celebrate our 150 years the day should be part family fun day, part reunion and part celebration and that's what it is going to be.

Anten Mills Celebrating 150 Years will begin at 2PM with opening ceremonies. At that time congratulatory messages will be heard along with a special ceremony to begin the afternoon. The community centre, which has undergone a facelift will be officially reopened at that time. The hall, historically designated by the Township of Springwater, has many of the original building features visible. The work the township did replicates what the ceiling and floor likely looked like in the past. Inside the building there will be displays about our past curated by members of the 150 committee. Visible will be the sign in board from the former students who attended the reunion with

some signatures going back to the 1800's. That sign board the committee hopes to imitate as there will be a registration table. It is hoped that current and former residents will provide some basic information on when and where they lived in the village. It will become a visual reminder of our history.

Outside there will be lots more activity. A kids zone has been created. There will be face painting, craft making, a bouncy castle and a great rock climbing wall. For the adults a fun cornhole tournament is going to be part of the day. Entertainment is also going to be part of the celebration. In the early part of the afternoon local entertainers will be demonstrating their talents. Later on Stir it Up, a local band with many years of performance will take the stage rocking us with their music from the past. History from the 1875 era will be remembered as the Simcoe County Museum will be on hand with period dressed interpretive staff with games and artifacts. Food will be available to satisfy your needs along with an ice cream bar. The annual Christmas in the Village fireworks show is one that is the best around. The finale of the day will be a show that is twice the size and one which will be remembered as it lights up the sky.

Remembering the day and our history will be easy as the short stories of our past that Brian Keyes penned are going to be available in the booklet that has been published. Also available for sale will be different clothing as well as smaller items such as coffee mugs, tote bags and tumblers all at a reasonable price.

Anten Mills Celebrating 150 will be an opportunity to celebrate our past, see our friends who have moved away and make new ones. Bring your camera or phone. Bring your photo albums. Share our memories. Let's make it a day to remember for the next 50 years!

Following the 150 celebration the next big event will be the Anten Mills Artisan Craft and Food Fair on Saturday, September 27. The

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fair is well worth the visit as there are over 30 different vendors registered to participate. They will bring a large variety of goods which will interest many. The fair is under the pavilion, in the hall and along the pathway. For the second year there will be a Chilli Cookoff. Do you have the best chilli? Then this is your chance to have others agree. More details are available on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page. Remember to bring your appetite that morning as well. Back again this year is the popular 2 Tonnies Pancake Breakfast in support of the Elmvalle and District Food Bank. You get 2 huge pancakes and 2 delicious sausages along with the fixings for 2 Tonnies.

A quick reminder that Knotty Knitters will start up again on Tuesday, September 16. They have a new time slot starting at 1:30 and going to 3:30. This is a great social group who do much for those in need. All are welcome to join in.

That's all for this week. I hope to see you, your family and friends on Saturday as we celebrate our history. For now, THANKS for READING, BE WELL and STAY SAFE.

93 North Rocks Little Lake, Donates Proceeds to Salvation Army



By Neil Lefaive, Aug 19, 2025
In July, 93 North performed a Sunday Evening Concert in Little Lake Park.

Thanks to the generosity of the fans who were present, the band raised \$413.15 which it donated to the Midland branch of the Salvation Army.

The band members and the Salvation Army which to thank all who attended and those who donated for their generosity. The band once again thanks the Town of Midland for having them perform.



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'We are not the problem': Guesthouse CEO defends facility amid council criticism

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Sep 05, 2025

Facing a heated council wanting answers for the downtown homelessness issue, Guesthouse Shelter CEO Rosemary Sykes requested compassion from residents while providing reasoning that the facility wasn't the root cause of town problems.

Backed by many supporters in attendance at the recent committee of the whole meeting, Sykes gave an update on the status of the Guesthouse, addressed specific concerns pointed at their services, fielded barbed questions toward management of the facility and offered suggestions on what could be done to remedy the situation.

"We are well aware of the negative impressions some community members have about us," said Sykes. "We are not the problem; we are a small piece of the solution. Our guests have a 10:30 p.m. curfew; they are not responsible for the overnight illegal activity that takes place in the downtown core."

Sykes explained that of the 21 available beds housed within the year-round emergency shelter at 522 Elizabeth St., a waiting list exists as the beds are filled every night. Guests are subjected to a belongings check to be put into a staff-controlled locker, provided three meals and a bed and given access to on-site support services.

"Some of our guests have been community college students, with work placements at two of our long-term care homes – having no homes to call their own. They are working towards a diploma that will qualify them to be fully employed in our community and much needed professions and positions," said Sykes. "Some of our guests are employed earning minimum wage, but are not able to find or afford housing."

During the hour that Sykes was at the podium, it was reiterated that those seeking the services of the shelter were adults, and the Guesthouse had no control over what those adults did once off the property. Furthermore, it was noted that not all of the downtown disturbances were from Guesthouse guests, as verified later by Mayor Bill Gordon who cited last year's nudity incident by a Midland resident along King Street which went viral in social media.

However, criticisms were fired at Sykes with the majority led by Coun. Bill Meridis who hammered his opinion that poor management was to blame, striking the same focal point several times throughout the discussion. One instance he cited involved a passing observation where more than 50 people gathered in the rear parking lot.

"I think the management needs to pay more attention to the outside premises; its open drug use, sexual activities and inappropriate gestures to the public," said Meridis. "Management also needs to improve in its responsibility to ensure that its neighbouring businesses and dwellings are not negatively affected by the activities of the guests of the Guesthouse or who they attract."

Sykes retorted: "We are not responsible for what goes on in the rest of the community – we can't be. We are in constant contact with the police who throw up their hands and say, 'What are we supposed to do?' They can pick people up, they can take them away and those same people will be back in the parking lot doing what they want to do within four hours."



A comment about the inability to secure a garbage lid prompted several on council to hone in on proposed suggestions to acquire a new garbage container. One point of new information on sharps (needles, syringes) surprised many in attendance.

"(As of this week), we have stopped handing out harm reduction products in an attempt to clean (discarded sharps in the Guesthouse vicinity)," said Sykes. "As a council, you're going to hear this within the next month or two – because the problem is going to be moved; (controlled) harm reduction products will be handed out... by the health unit."

"Anyone who wants to use will have to go up to the health unit, which sits very closely to a local high school. So you can expect to hear some concerns coming from that direction very soon. We're moving the problem about, we're not solving it – and that's not us," cautioned Sykes.

The topic of a long-awaited elevator for the facility was also brought up, with full operation anticipated by October; as the Guesthouse had been continued through volunteer efforts with many retirees, the decade-long "stumbling block" could solve accessibility, but Sykes stated that volunteer aging remained an issue.

Funding revolved around many of the criticisms, with suggestions from council members often being agreed to by Sykes if only there were monies available. County funding equated to 70 per cent staffing, 15 per cent program and building maintenance, 10 per cent food and supplies and five per cent administration.

Meridis used the opening to return to management capability as he countered with financial audits regarding staffing costs, adding that he would be conveying the numbers with Simcoe County social and community services general manager Mina Fayeze-Bahgat "so we can get this solved".

Gordon thanked Sykes for "bravely standing at the podium", accepting responsibility where applicable while countering negative stereotypes when brought up.

Following the meeting, Gordon told MidlandToday that the matured council members were more accommodating to a Guesthouse appearance, in comparison to an abrasive presentation in early 2023.

"When I talked to the Guesthouse staff about revisiting council," said Gordon, "I assured them that there'd be pointed questions but they wouldn't evolve the way it did before. And a lot of that was just out of emotion because council didn't know enough about the service, they didn't know the limitations and quite frankly, it was relatively new councillors. Now, time has passed."

"The challenges haven't passed; we're experiencing more of the issues and it's an incremental scale. It'll just keep climbing, unfortunately, no matter how much housing we approve," Gordon added.

Gordon also noted that supportive transitional housing was the "missing piece" between the Guesthouse's urban crisis shelter bed and someone getting a room or apartment, and as the land use planning and land supplier, a potential request to council could be on the horizon in filling that role.

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Bearbells By Leslie Noonan

Sep 7, 2025
I am always looking for somewhere different to explore. Often that means using my app to find new trails, but sometimes it is pure coincidence that I stumble upon a

random place that I have never heard about. This is how I have ended up near Rama on a large tract of forest covering 180 acres of mostly wilderness, with the black river winding through dense pine forest.

Owned by the Chippewas of Rama First Nation, the Black River Wilderness is found just south of Washago and is more known for its camp sites then its hiking trails. We parked at the entrance and paid our day fee, and started our hike through the campground. This should be a boring walk, but was actually quite interesting, as there are two islands for tent camping that you must cross to get to the trail head. Sturdy bridges cross the dark waters between islands, while grey rocks chiseled by the eons of water erosion rear up to form the shoreline. Both children and adults use tubes to float down the gentle waters, and I had a moment of regret that I forgot my bright pink flamingo floatie until I had a vision of my chubby self, drifting away down that river with the flamingo head bobbing above me and a posse of predators chasing me down, salivating at the idea of an easy meal. Alright, no floating today, though I did admire the camp sites perched above the river with a spectacular view. Another time I would like to camp here, but for today we continued across the islands to the start of the trail system.

The red trail, also called the Mshkikiikimigaa Miikaanhs trail, follows the course of the Black River. The views were beautiful, dense forest looking out onto the river flowing between those dark rocks. Kingfishers dove into the deep waters, sometimes emerging with a small fish as a reward for their effort. People also fished the waters, but used poles instead of beaks, and with what appeared to be less success than the deft kingfisher. Cormorants stood regally on partially submerged logs, long beaks also perfect for catching fish. The shine of metal caught my attention just off the trail, which turned out to be one of several stainless steel easels initiated by artist Travis Shilling to inspire connection to the environment as well as honor his



community. Other interactive signs dot the trail, introducing people to plants and animals and their traditional names and usages. I was surprised to learn that the common red dogwood was used as a treatment for malaria, as well as being a favorite food of moose. Can moose catch malaria? I always have questions.

The trail eventually veers away from the river and heads deeper into the forest. This trail is more rugged though still easy to navigate. Several small boardwalks cross areas that would normally be very wet, but now only dried mud remains. Cedars and pine trees stretch off into the distance past the short undergrowth. The sound of the river fades away into the distance. The red trail becomes the newer green trail, which we then continued until intersecting the yellow trail. The rumble of the river grows closer and then here we are, back at the trail head. In all a short walk of just over three kilometers, though with some great views.

While I have enjoyed traveling to different parks over the summer, and have found a few new favorites, I am more than ready to head into the real backcountry. September and October are my favorite times of the year to hike. I love the bright colors, the warm days and cool nights, and of course the quiet. Thus I am heading north, to climb a mountain and maybe make it to Heaven's Gate. With that kind of name, I have more questions, as I am not quite ready for the final hike to the next life, though curiosity will have me at the door. I am more than ready for this next adventure.



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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

REGARDING AN OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE TOWN'S SECONDARY PLAN AND MASTER PLAN FOR THE TOWN DOCK

THE PURPOSE of the Public Meeting will be for Council to hear and consider public comments related to the proposed Draft Official Plan Amendment to implement the Town Dock Secondary Plan and Master Plan for the Town Dock lands pursuant to the provisions of Section 17 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13.

The Public Meeting is scheduled for the following date, time and location:

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Town Hall

10 Robert Street West

Penetanguishene

EXPLANATION OF THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE TOWN DOCK SECONDARY PLAN AND MASTER PLAN

The Town Dock Project provided an exciting opportunity to develop a community vision for the Town Dock and reimagine it as an exceptional public space for current and future generations. The Secondary Plan and accompanying Master Plan will serve as high level tools that build upon an existing policy framework to guide design and development. They include land use planning policies to manage change strategically over time and achieve the ultimate vision to revitalize the Town Dock area.

APPROVAL OF THE SECONDARY PLAN AND MASTER PLAN

Upon adoption of the new Town Dock Secondary Plan and Master Plan by an Official Plan Amendment, the Plan will be forwarded to the County of Simcoe for approval. As such, this proposed Official Plan is not subject to appeal until approved by the County.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further information regarding this matter can be obtained by visiting the Town of Penetanguishene Townhall at 10 Robert Street West, Penetanguishene, by email planning@penetanguishene.ca or by telephone at 705-549-7453. The complete application materials are available for inspection by visiting the Town of Penetanguishene Townhall or online at www.connectpenetanguishene.ca/town-dock-secondary-plan.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene on the matter, you must make a written request to the Planning and Community Development Department 10 Robert Street West, P.O. Box 5009, Penetanguishene, Ontario L9M 2G2 or by email to planning@penetanguishene.ca.

It is requested that this notice be posted in a location visible to all residents if there are seven (7) or more residential units at this location.

Dated at the Town of Penetanguishene this 11th day of September, 2025.

Kelly Cole

Director of Legislative Services/Municipal Clerk

Town of Penetanguishene

Location Map



Jo Knows Nutrition

by Joanne Nijhuis



The kids are back in school, but summer is far from over. Which means it's still prime time for patio dining and cooking outdoors. Instead of the usual BBQ fare, why not try your hand at grilling homemade pizzas to share with family and friends? With this half

whole-wheat pizza loaded with veggies, you'll get a fibre boost and the unbeatable flavour of sizzling BBQ.

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INGREDIENTS

Rainbow Veggie with Feta or Chicken Pizza

- Thin crust (12 oz/340 g) whole wheat pizza dough (see below)
- 2 teaspoons (10 ml) olive oil
- ½ -1 cup (125 ml - 250 ml) tomato or pizza sauce (optional)
- 1 cup (250 ml) cherry tomatoes
- 1 red or green pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 small zucchini, thinly sliced
- ½ cup (125 ml) sliced mushrooms (optional)
- 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 cup (250 ml) crumbled feta or mozzarella cheese

- 1 cup (250 ml) cooked chicken, shredded (optional)
- 1 ½ teaspoons (7.5 ml) dried oregano or 3 Tablespoons (45 ml) pesto
- 1 ½ Tablespoons (22 ml) pitted & sliced black or green olives (optional)
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) basil leaves or arugula, torn for garnish after grilling (optional)

Whole Wheat Pizza Dough

- 1 cup (250 ml) whole wheat flour
- 1 cup (250 ml) white flour, plus extra for dusting
- ¾ cup (177 ml) warm water (110 Fahrenheit/43 Celsius)
- 2 ¼ teaspoons (11 ml) active dry yeast
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) sugar or honey
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) salt
- 1 Tablespoon (15 ml) olive oil, plus extra to coat a bowl

INSTRUCTIONS

Whole Wheat Pizza Dough

1. In a small bowl, combine the warm water, sugar or honey and yeast. Stir and let sit for 5-10 minutes until it forms bubbles on the surface.
2. In a large bowl, combine the flour and salt. Make a well in the centre and add the yeast mixture and olive oil.
3. Mix with a fork or your hands until the dough forms.
4. Transfer to a floured surface and for 6-8 minutes until the dough is smooth and elastic. Add extra flour if the dough is too sticky.
5. Place the dough in a lightly oiled bowl and cover. Let it rise for about 45 minutes until the dough has doubled in size.

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6. Punch the dough down and divide into 2 balls. Roll out each ball thinly (10-12 inches/ 25-30 cm in diameter).

Rainbow Veggie and Feta or Chicken Pizza

1. Preheat the grill to medium-high.
2. Lightly brush one side of the dough with olive oil and grill for 2 minutes until lightly charred.
3. Flip the dough and add the tomato/pizza sauce or pesto.
4. Top with the veggies, feta or mozzarella, chicken, if using and oregano (optional).
5. Close the lid and grill for another 4 to 5 minutes until the crust is cooked and crisp.
6. Garnish with the fresh basil or arugula, if using.

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 – in person and online via Zoom Health. For more information, email Joanne at jo.knows.nutrition@outlook.com

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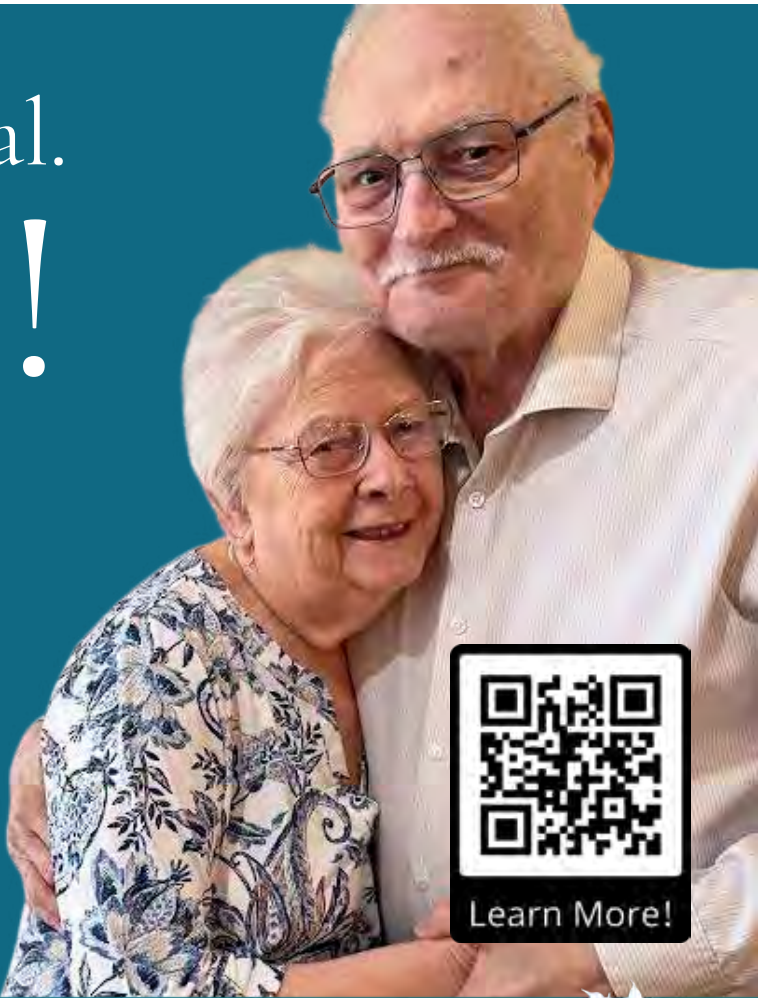
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SENIOR CLUBS

Askennonia Seniors Centre
Rec. Centre, 527 Len Self Blvd, Midland
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

Bay Shore Seniors Club
Bingo - Starts July 30th
Adults Start at 7:30
Bay Shore Seniors Club

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

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

Bay Shore Seniors Club
Bay Shore Mini Putt
May 20 - Aug 26th 9:30 - 11:00 am
Skull Island Wasaga Beach

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

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

Askennonia Seniors Centre
Badminton, 1pm-3pm
1:30 Circle of Friends, 1:30pm-2:30pm

Seniors Springwater Golf Club
every Tuesday at 8:00 am, May 13 to September
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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
Access Art - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m

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

Midland Ganaraska Hiking Trail Club
Meets Wednesdays to hike, snowshoe, go camping or enjoy nature outings led by qualified hike leaders. Check the hike schedule on https://ganaraska-hiking-trail.org/?page_id=13455. For information contact Kris 705-435-8593.

Ganaraka Hiking Club-Wasaga Beach
Weekly hikes Wednesday at 9:30 am from various locations, year round. Both levels of hikes offered, intermediate and easy. Snowshoeing in winter. Please contact Lorraine at 416-606-5081 or lorvanvlymen@gmail.com for information.

THURSDAY
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Thursdays at 9 am-1am
13 Queen St. W, Elmvale , 705-322-1741

Probus Club of Simcoe North
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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

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.

Connecting Together - Fellowship with Others
Thursdays 2-3:30 pm call 705-526-6077
St. Pauls United Church Atrium, 308 King St Midland

Wasaga Beach Parkinson's Support Group
1st Thursday of each month 12:30-2:00 p.m.
Wasaga Beach Public Library meeting room
All persons living with Parkinson's Disease and their care partners are welcome. For more info. contact Dwight (705) 795-6952 or Phil at Bender.philip@gmail.com

FRIDAY
Bay Shore Seniors' Club
Woodcarving 10:00 - 3:00 pm
Billiards/Pool 10:00 - 12:00 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

WEEKENDS
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)

Midland Ganaraska Hiking Trail Club
Meets **Sat and Sun**, snowshoe, go camping or enjoy nature outings led by qualified hike leaders. Check the hike schedule on https://ganaraska-hiking-trail.org/?page_id=13455. For information contact Kris 705-435-8593.

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Weekly Sunday hikes at 1:30 pm in the Wasaga Beach Prov Park from Ansley Drive. Please contact Lorraine at 416-606-5081 or lorvanvlymen@gmail.com for information.

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Sep 13, 2025 10:30-13:00 am
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Willow

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EVENTS/NEWS
Mayor Nuttall declares State
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encampments

By City of Barrie, Sep 9, 2025
(Barrie, ON) – This morning, Mayor Alex
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encampments across the City as the number and
size continues to grow and cause significant risk
and harm.
“Barrie residents have had enough,” said Mayor
Alex Nuttall. “Since day one I have been clear that
encampments are not acceptable in the City of
Barrie. We are here to help those who want help
and there are resources available today. If you refuse
that help you cannot stay in these encampments.
Our city will not allow lawlessness to take over
our community. Barrie will protect its residents,
its neighborhoods and its public spaces. It is time
to take responsibility, accept the help that is there
or move on.”
See Declaration of Emergency on the North
Simcoe Springwater News website.
www.springwaternews.ca

North Simcoe Springwater
News Found in ...

Sep 7, 2025 - Karen King and her brother Charles
Campbell in Port Royal Nova Scotia. They also
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Annie's Journal

by Annie Warner Donnelly



Sep 8, 2025

Hello Everyone. As Christ's followers, how can our hearts contain words, that when spoken, hurt others? How can our hearts contain unspoken words that hurt us?

Unresolved events that occurred 10 minutes ago, 10 years ago or 10 minutes after we were born take up space in our heart, our mind, our soul and our strength. Unsettled, these events can act as triggers when similar events occur.

We may have been abandoned or abused verbally, physically, sexually. Any number of unspeakable events may have occurred in our lives. Left to fester, even if we never speak to another person about them, they are there, just below the surface.

Our hearts hurt. We may feel alone. We may wonder how we will recover from such things as the death of a loved one; an impending separation or divorce; our addiction to alcohol, cigarettes or drugs; our weight that seems to be spiralling upward; the abuse that continues to occur. Our ability to cope with life may seem to lessen every day.

When something happens that disturbs that spot inside us that is already swollen with strong emotions, we can be catapulted into conflict before we take our next breath.

If the difficulty is with another person, let's think of this: we are dealing with someone who is composed of heart, mind, soul and strength, just like us, someone who may be experiencing inner pain just like us.

God is asking us to give Him our painful memories; our need to be angry, to seek revenge, to hate; to come to Him for comfort; to seek His wisdom, His mercy, His grace; and His forgiveness. He is asking us to be His hands touching the world with the kind of love that resides in His heart – sacrificial love enfolded in kind words and actions rather than destructive reactions.

The importance of loving and implementing God's word in our lives cannot be overemphasized. We are called to love one another, to uphold one another, to encourage one another. We are to gently, patiently, faithfully remind each other of God's great love. Let's do this together. Amen.

May Court Awards \$10,000

On August 22, 2025 the May Court Shop celebrated the May Court Club of Barrie awarding five students with \$2,000 each towards their future endeavors in College, University and Trade Schools.

From L to R: Val Carson (Student Awards Convenor), Hannah Kennedy-Barry, Barb Watts, Eva Dzierzbicki, Isabella Fernicola, Roslyn Wright, Zander Aloussis, Joshua Kelly, Bev Jackson and Susan Turner (President).



Congratulations Abby

Anita and Andrew Giffen are very excited to announce Abby Giffen was accepted and has started her studies at OVC

New Path and EarlyON Centre Partnering to Bring Free In-Person Counselling to Midland

Midland, ON – New Path Youth and Family Services (New Path) and the EarlyON Centre in Midland are partnering to offer free, in-person single and brief counselling sessions for children and youth in Midland, in addition to the virtual services already being offered in the community. These in-person services will be available on Tuesdays between 9 am and 4:30 pm at the Midland EarlyON location at 356 King Street beginning on September 9, 2025.

“Our agency is excited to welcome New Path as they begin offering early years and in-person brief mental health supports in our community at our EarlyON Centre in Midland,” says Christine VanderByl, Executive Director EarlyON Child and Family Centre - Simcoe North.

To access in-person counselling support in Midland or at any locations throughout Simcoe County (in-person, by phone and online) book an appointment through the New Path website: www.newpath.ca/book-now, by calling: 705-725-7656 or emailing: info@newpath.ca

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BRICKER, Christina
(aka Miss Tina, Naner)
We are saddened to announce the passing of Christina on August 28, 2025 in Tiny Township at the age of 70 years old. She was a beloved mom, nana, great nana, sister and friend. Please join us in celebrating her life on Saturday, September 13, 2025 from 11:00-4:00p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Penetanguishene. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Ralph's Retreat Animal Sanctuary (Wyebridge) or to your local food bank would be appreciated by the family. Memorial condolences may be shared at www.leclaircremationcentre.com



LALONDE, Omer
May 20, 1938 - August 23, 2025
Passed away peacefully at the age of 87 at Hospice Huronia - Tomkins House in Penetanguishene.
Omer leaves behind his beloved partner of 42 years, Stella, and his children Andre (Rhonda), René (Pauline), Michelle (Bruce), and Laury (Niel). Predeceased by parents Herbie and Eloise Lalonde, and siblings Alcime, Albert, Zita, Therese, Bianca, and Velma. Loving brother to Ralph, Nelson, Maurice, Diane, Simone, Rena, Lorraine, and Eileen. Omer will be greatly missed by his grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Cremation has taken place. As per Omer's wishes, there will be no funeral service. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Hospice Huronia - Tomkins House in memory of Omer.
The family would like to thank the staff at Hospice Huronia - Tomkins House for their excellent care and hospitality.
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JAMIESON, Myrtle
Alica Marie (nee FRALICK)
With heavy hearts we announce that our mom passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Friday August 29, 2025 at the age of 90. A devoted mother, proud grandmother, loyal friend and cherished member of the community.
Myrtle was predeceased by her two loving husbands Stewart Jamieson and Garnet Graham. She will be sadly missed by her children Patsy Wilson (Wayne), Paul Jamieson (Tanya), Peggy Jamieson (Mark) and Ken Graham; her many grandchildren, great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Myrtle was the beloved sister of Glen Fralick and the late Bernice Martin (Ed) and Marion (Tom) Beauchamp.
A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvalle from 5-8 pm on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 and on Thursday, September 4, 2025 at the Elmvalle Presbyterian Church from 11-12 pm, followed by a funeral service at 12 pm. Interment Elmvalle Cemetery.
If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Elmvalle Presbyterian Church (e-transfer donatetoepc@rogers.com) in Myrtle's memory.
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SIMPSON, Luella (nee STONE)

Passed away peacefully at home in her sleep on September 7, 2025 Luella's life was a beautiful blend of adventure, devotion, and deep-rooted love for her community. Born in the

Elmvale area, she carried a lifelong affection for the town and all it represented. Her passion for travel took her to many corners of the world, both on land and water, yet her greatest joy was always in returning home, where family, friends, church, and familiar surroundings welcomed her with love and affection.

She was a small but titanic family leader with a spirited personality who found delight in sports, and her energy was matched only by her unwavering commitment to those she loved. Her early years and boundless enthusiasm were devoted to raising her children, and she lived each chapter of her life and their lives with grace, warmth, and purpose.

Luella's legacy lives on through her beloved family: husband Larry, son Dean (Margot), daughters Michelle (Andrew) and Kari (John), and her cherished grandchildren Brandon, Dustin, and Shailah (Josh). She is also lovingly remembered by her sister Lori, and by her late brother Pat, whose wife Mary remains a treasured part of the family. Luella was always the heart of many gatherings, the voice of encouragement, and the not-always-quiet strength behind countless moments of joy and motherly guidance. All that she was, provided Larry with the support he needed to help carry forward her vision of family.

Her absence leaves a space that cannot be filled, but her treasured spirit remains in every memory, every story shared, and every place she called home. She will be deeply missed and forever loved through the endless memories she created with so many cherished friends and her family. May Luella's essence, grace, and warmth continue to provide comfort to all those she loved. May the memories you hold of her bring peace, and may her legacy continue to shine through the stories we share and the love we carry forward.

Thank you to the many who were part of her journey.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm on Thursday, September 11, 2025. A Funeral mass will be held at the St. Patrick's Church in Phelpston on Friday, September 12, 2025 at 11 am. Eulogies will be said at the reception at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Elmvale.

Memorial donations in Luella's memory may be made to the RVH Cardiac Unit.

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LOUCKS, William

William George Loucks, beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, colleague, and friend, passed away surrounded by family at home on August 28, 2025, at the

age of 70. Bill was born on August 31, 1954, in Parry Sound to Harold Loucks and Marion Morris. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, known for his love of deer and turkey hunting. He enjoyed playing cards and wood carving, but above all, he adored his wife Gay and cherished the moments spent with his family, whether at the fish camp at Indian Lake or around any bbq or bonfire no matter where it was. With a quick wit and infectious smile, Bill brought joy to everyone around him. He loved taking charge at the grill while whipping up a batch of his famous jalapeño poppers, telling fish tales and cracking jokes, worming hooks for the kids learning to fish at the Hunters and Anglers, and though it was a lot of work, he took pride in bragging about how many fish he filleted at the annual fishing derby. William is survived by his wife, Gay; sisters Kathy (brother-in-law Bob), Laurie (brother-in-law Frank), and Bobbi; brother Hap (sister-in-law Shirley); and predeceased by his brother-in-laws Ken and Amedee. He is also survived by his brothers-in-law Andy, Durrell (sister-in-law Pam), Rick (sister-in-law Bonnie), Dan (sister-in-law Doris), and sisters-in-law Dianne, Margery (brother-in-law Gary), and Linda. He leaves behind children Bill and Chris (daughter-in-law Kate), Holly (son-in-law Matt), and grandchildren James, Henry, Simon, Jace, and Blake, as well as many nieces and nephews. A celebration of life was held on August 31, 2025, at the Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers in Port McNicoll from 2 PM to 8 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers, of which he has been a proud member for over 40 years.

Bill leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and cherished memories. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but his spirit will live on in the hearts of his family and friends. We are grateful for the time we shared with him, and we will honour his memory by celebrating the joy he brought to our lives everyday. May he rest in peace. Memorial condolences may be shared at www.leclaircremationcentre.ca

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