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North Simcoe 4-H Shines at Royal Winter Fair with Top-Ten Display

By Melanie Giffin, Nov 18, 2025 - The North Simcoe 4H club sent an eager team to the Royal Winter Fair to compete in the TD Classic 4H dairy show. Some of the calves were placed and went onto final heats. This year, our display placed top ten out of many clubs in attendance. This is a new accomplishment for North Simcoe and we are very proud. We would like to thank our many sponsors and chaperone's Jackie McCallum and Owen Wright. Official 4-H results are still being compiled locally, and we'll share individual highlights in a future issue.



Photo by Chase Koopal



Simcoe 4H competitors at Royal Winter Fair 2025; Reese Montgomery, Rachel Montgomery and Ashley Miller. Photo courtesy of Lori Chalmers



North Simcoe 4-H Shines at 2025 Royal Fair, Photos courtesy of Bonnie Strachan



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Residential Structure Fire in Springwater

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Dear Editor,

Lately, the Ontario government has been running glossy ads and press releases about “unlocking the potential” of the Ring of Fire—an area in northern Ontario rich in critical minerals. These ads promise jobs, prosperity, and progress. But what they don't mention is who pays the real price.

The Ring of Fire sits on the traditional territories of many First Nations. These aren't empty lands waiting to be developed—they are homelands, sacred ecosystems, and the foundations of Indigenous culture and livelihood. Many of these communities have made it clear that they are not opposed to development, but that they demand their treaty rights and their right to free, prior, and informed consent be respected before any large-scale mining proceeds.

That's not radical—it's Canadian law and international human rights. Yet the government's advertising fails to mention any of this. It's also worth noting that while Ontario boasts of its mining ambitions, several of these same First Nations still live under long-term boil water advisories—Neskantaga First Nation's, issued in 1995, is the longest in Canadian history. How can we justify extracting wealth from these lands while people there still cannot safely drink their water?

We often speak as if colonization is something that happened long ago. But when governments push resource extraction over the objections of Indigenous nations, when profit outweighs consent, and when the people most affected are again left out of the decision-making — that is colonization, happening right now.

Critical minerals may fuel the green transition, but justice must fuel our choices. A truly sustainable future for Ontario cannot be built on broken promises or ignored treaties.

Grace Lau, Midland

By Township of Springwater

Springwater, ON / November 12, 2025 – On Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at approximately 11:00 a.m., Springwater Fire and Emergency Services responded to reports of a structure fire on Amelia Street in Elmvale.

The event involved support from all four fire stations and deployment of aerial apparatus. Firefighters arriving at the scene encountered heavy flames engulfing the roof, with rapid fire spreading throughout the residence.

The building's occupant, alerted by a passerby, was safely evacuated and evaluated by paramedics as a precaution.

"Due to an early roof collapse, our firefighters quickly transitioned to defensive operations," explained Deputy Fire Chief Jeff French. "The home's age and construction presented additional obstacles, such as hidden voids, weakened structural elements, and unpredictable fire spread patterns."

The cause of the fire is under investigation, however is not considered suspicious. Damage estimate is approximately \$800,000.



THE SCOOP By Linda Belcourt, Editor

Nov 18, 2025 - The Christmas spirit is starting to flow, and the stores are already overflowing with gift ideas. When you choose to shop local and shop Canadian, you help sustain our economy and keep our communities thriving. Santa has been crafting local gifts for centuries — it's a tradition worth following. Christmas events are rolling in, and we'd love to share them. Please send your listings to info@springwaternews.ca

On the downside, there is a lot of political news in this edition. Our local municipality must be accountable for how they spend our tax dollars. I urge residents to follow council meetings, either in person or online. The ongoing unprofessional behaviour is, frankly, appalling. The Barrie boundary expansion remains one of the most contentious issues facing Springwater and Oro-Medonte. The real question is: what is a divided council costing us — financially and otherwise — compared to a council that can speak with one voice?



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Lion Vern Beacock and Lion Jack Dyer shown laying a wreath in Elmvale. Photos courtesy of Lion Ray

By Linda Belcourt, Editor, Nov 11, 2025

Hundreds gathered at the Elmvale Cenotaph on Nov. 11 to honour Remembrance Day. Community residents, students, service clubs, OPP officers, Fire Services, and many members of the military came together in a powerful show of respect for those who served—and for those who continue to serve today.

In a striking and unforgettable moment, firefighters were called to an emergency just a few houses away during the ceremony. As black smoke rose into the sky from the Potts family home, it served as a stark reminder of the risks our first responders face every day, and of the service and sacrifice that tie our community together.



Scott McLean, retired fire chief, and military representative shown honouring the ultimate sacrifice in Elmvale.

Penetanguishene cenotaph draws huge Remembrance Day crowd

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Nov. 11, 2025

In a mix of rain and snow this Remembrance Day, large numbers appeared at the Penetanguishene cenotaph to show respect for those who gave their lives to keep the world safe and free.

Roughly two hundred people attended the event which began with a parade along Main Street toward the cenotaph, where service members and dignitaries gathered among residents and visitors.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 68 of Penetanguishene vice president Bev Rittershofer provided attendees with the sequence of events and their importance on the day, beginning with the iconic trumpet call of The Last Post, prayer from Legion padre Douglas Clark and a reading of In Flanders Fields from Cheyanne Gordon.

"The laying of wreaths allows individuals in the organizations to pay their respects and lay a tribute to individuals or groups," said Rittershofer, as she instructed representatives to come forward and place down their organization's wreath."

Parties laid their wreaths down in succession, which was followed by words from Mayor Doug Rawson who thanked the Legion for their work throughout the year.

"Specifically days like today that help us come together in moments of remembrance," said Rawson. "I want to thank everyone that's here today. I think it's phenomenal that we take time to collectively remember and honour those that have served and continue to serve to keep our communities and our country safe. We have so much to be thankful for, so much to be proud of."

Legion Branch 68 president Pat White provided a prayer of peace before acknowledging those in



Penetanguishene cenotaph was host to roughly two hundred attendees for Remembrance Day this year. Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

attendance.

"Fellow veterans, Canadian Armed Forces members, Legion members, Cadets, government and municipal officials, emergency services, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls. In my seven years here, this is the best turn-out that I've seen in Penetang. I thank you very much for your attendance in honouring our veterans."

"As we complete today's ceremony, let us carry forward the spirit of remembrance in our hearts. May we honour the sacrifices of those who have served by striving for peace, compassion, and unity in our daily lives. Thank you for being part of this very important ceremony. Lest we forget," said White.

Rittershofer offered attendees to close the ceremony by providing their own poppies onto the lain wreaths "as a final tribute, acknowledging that all

veteran services and sacrifices will be remembered", which many accepted. A procession dispersed from the cenotaph toward the nearby Legion where community refreshments were available.

Penetanguishene resident Vicky McGuire shared why attending Remembrance Day ceremonies were such a vital part of every community.

"To me, this day is very important to respect my family and all the others that have served for us," McGuire said. "I think it's very important for us to teach the younger people why it's important; to show respect for the people who have died, who have given their lives – who have fought and never come back."

"My grandparents have served and I respect them. I'll place a wreath in their honour. I think it's something that we need to continue," McGuire added.



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Location: Perkinsfield Park, 43 County Road 6 South

Family Movie Night: *Home Alone*

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Location: Township of Tiny Community Centre, 91 Concession Road 8 East

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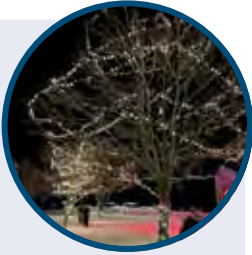
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Council Meeting Schedule

December 1, 2, 3* 2:00 PM	December 10 2:00 PM	January 7 2:00 PM
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Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers and are open to the public. The Meeting of Council Schedule is subject to change. For complete details, visit the Community Calendar at www.tiny.ca/events.

***Note:** Special Budget Committee of the Whole Meetings will occur on December 1, 2, and 3 at 12:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers and are open to the public.

Shoreline By-law – Site Alterations

The Township of Tiny enacted three by-laws to regulate site alteration activities within Tiny's shoreline through a permit process. One of these by-laws is currently under appeal, so the rules from the Interim Control By-law 23-044, as amended, remain in effect. The By-law prohibits the erection of any structure, fence, or sign through the duration of this by-law. This includes, but is not limited to, boathouses, retaining walls, patios, landscaping, decks, fences, walls, or shoreline alteration that are in proximity to the 178-metre contour elevation of the Georgian Bay Shoreline. Before you start your construction project, visit www.tiny.ca/interimcontrol for more information or contact us.

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Winter Maintenance Reminders



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- Disposing of or piling snow from private property onto a highway or municipal lands, including ditches, is strictly prohibited.
- Sand is only applied to roads at major intersections, hills, and corners during freezing rain/icy conditions.
- Sand is not applied to straight-a-ways as it is the driver's responsibility to drive according to weather and road conditions.

Winter Parking

- During the winter months, parking on the road is strictly prohibited where it interferes with snow removal practices. The township does not have an allotted time of day to which parking is allowed as snow removal can happen at any/all times of day. Cars that are found to be parked on the roadside during snow removal operations will be ticketed.

Hazards

- Ensure children refrain from building tunnels or forts inside snow banks by roadways.
- The township will not replace items (including mailboxes and garbage bins) that are damaged as a result of snow accumulation or force of snow off the plow blade. Please be sure to place items far enough back onto your property to keep them out of reach of this area to avoid damage or destruction.

Publication of 2024 Audited Financial Statements

The Township of Tiny would like to advise township residents and tax-payers that as per the requirements of the Municipal Act section 295, the 2024 Audited Financial Statements are now available. The statements can be downloaded by visiting www.tiny.ca/financialstatements or alternatively a request for copies can be made by contacting Haley Leblond, Director of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO at hleblond@tiny.ca. Township residents and taxpayers may review the audited statements upon request, at no cost.

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Springwater mayor uses strong mayor powers to fire legal counsel

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Nov 08, 2025

On Friday, Springwater Township Mayor Jennifer Coughlin used strong mayor powers to veto a bylaw she believed could “potentially interfere” with the provincial priority around building hundreds of thousands of new homes.

In a notice posted to the township’s website Friday afternoon, Coughlin recommended the bylaw passed this week be revoked, in part, as it applied to a resolution to direct the municipality’s legal counsel, Loopstra Nixon LLP, to commence legal proceedings.

Within hours of the notice being posted, Quinto Annibale, a partner at Loopstra Nixon, sent an email to Renee Ainsworth, the township’s deputy chief administrative officer, advising her that in his opinion, “the mayor’s veto does not have the effect of overriding the council resolution.”

He advised Ainsworth he was “proceeding on the basis that the applications are still authorized by council” and he would be drafting and issuing the various proceedings as quickly as possible.

Saturday morning, the township posted another notice — this one stating Coughlin used strong mayor powers to fire Loopstra Nixon.

“I, Jennifer Coughlin, mayor of the Township of Springwater, direct township staff as follows:

1. Retain external legal counsel, without delay, to advise and continue to represent the township with respect to the process and decision making of the township in relation to all matters relating to the Barrie boundary adjustment in order to potentially advance prescribed provincial priorities, in addition to other resources as required to protect the integrity of the township.

2. Issue a written notice to Loopstra Nixon LLP confirming cessation of its engagement effective 12:15 p.m. (EST) on Nov. 7, 2025, directing the firm to cease all work immediately, and clarifying that the Township of Springwater will not be responsible for any costs incurred on or after that time.

3. Preserve all correspondence and records related to this matter.

4. Confirm to my office once legal counsel has been engaged and the notice to Loopstra Nixon LLP has been issued.”

BarrieToday reached out to Coughlin on Saturday morning for more information, but she declined to elaborate on the notice.

At Wednesday night’s township council meeting, Coughlin used strong mayor powers to secure Springwater’s acceptance of the City of Barrie’s boundary expansion proposal.

Immediately after it passed, Coun. Phil Fisher brought forward a motion that directed the township’s solicitor, Loopstra Nixon, to “challenge the validity of the impugned bylaw” to accept Barrie’s land deal.

The motion provided a “broad range of authority to the solicitor to take any and all course of legal action that, in the opinion of the solicitor, are required to have the matter resolved.”

Fisher’s motion allowed the solicitor to seek an application to the courts to quash the bylaw on the basis of potential illegality and/or an application of a judicial review. It also directed the solicitor to seek an injunction to restrain the municipality and any other party from acting upon the bylaw, unless and until the matter is determined by the courts.

Fisher’s motion passed in a 4-3 decision, with

Fisher, Deputy Mayor George Cabral, Coun. Anita Moore and Coun. Danielle Alexander voting in support.

Friday, the notice of Coughlin’s veto was posted, which included her reason for the veto.

She said the bylaw could potentially interfere with the provincial priority of building 1.5 million new residential units by Dec. 31, 2031, and the provincial priority of constructing and maintaining infrastructure to support housing.

“In particular, council’s decision to challenge the use of strong mayors powers and to obtain injunctive relief constitutes an interference with a prescribed provincial priority as it seeks to quash a decision that could potentially advance a provincial priority,” she said.

Annibale challenged the validity of the veto.

“In my opinion, the mayor’s veto does not have the effect of overriding the council resolution,” Annibale wrote in the email to Ainsworth, which was forwarded to all members of council.

Fisher forwarded the email to BarrieToday.

“The veto vetoes the confirming bylaw and the confirming bylaw merely confirms the actions taken by council at the meeting.

“As you know, the actions were authorized by resolution of council, not a bylaw, so while the confirming bylaw confirmed the resolution, I don’t believe the veto of the confirming bylaw affects the resolution at all.”

He said the resolution still stands, and unless and until a court deals with the matter stating court applications can only be commenced by bylaw — a debatable point in his opinion — then the resolution continues to have effect.

City addresses Milligan’s Pond encampment following second fire in two weeks

Barrie Fire has responded to nearly 30 fires at encampments in the last 6 months

By City of Barrie, Nov 6, 2025

(Barrie, ON) – Today, the City of Barrie, in collaboration with the County of Simcoe took coordinated action to address the encampment at Audrey Milligan Park & Pond (Milligan’s Pond). These efforts are focused on providing individuals with alternate shelter and support, while ensuring public safety and restoring the natural area.

Barrie Fire and Emergency Services responded to a large fire last night at Milligan’s Pond, making it the second fire at the site in the last 2 weeks.

“Fires in encampments pose a serious risk to the people living there, as well as to nearby properties and first responders,” said Eric MacFadden, Deputy Fire Chief. “Encampments like the one at Milligan’s Pond tend to have a number of hazardous materials on site. Open flames and makeshift heating devices create a high risk of fires spreading quickly. When our Fire crews got on scene last night, the Fire was about 60 feet by 30 feet.”

Despite the fire last night, the City continued its

work with community partners today to support the transition of individuals from the Milligan’s Pond encampment to shelter.

“It’s incredibly sad to see a place that I used to walk through to see swans, beaver dams, and all the beautiful things the outdoors had to offer turn into a place of encampment where suspected arson and crime is happening,” said Mayor Alex Nuttall. “We are thankful that no one was injured in the recent fire. Fires like these put lives in danger and destroy the natural spaces our community values. We are working every day with our partners to connect people to shelter, support, and safety, because no one should be living in these conditions. We are here to help if you want help. If not, it is time to move on and allow this area to be restored for the safety of everyone.”

The encampment situated throughout Milligan’s Pond has presented health risks and environmental challenges. Through consistent outreach and collaboration with the County of Simcoe, the City has successfully transitioned a number of individuals indoors to safe accommodations and

is starting the work of cleaning up the natural environment. The cleanup at Milligan’s Pond will take weeks, and the park will be closed to the public until further notice.

Earlier this week, the County of Simcoe announced a 40-bed modular home facility is expected to open in the coming weeks that will ease system and capacity pressures for those living unsheltered in Barrie. The modular building will immediately be utilized to support the County of Simcoe’s winter response strategy; providing a 24/7 40 bed program for those currently living unsheltered. This supportive bridge housing program will also provide 24/7 on-site supports and services for unsheltered individuals to secure sustainable and permanent housing outcomes.

Mayor Alex Nuttall declared a State of Emergency on September 9 to address encampments across the City of Barrie as the number and size continued to grow and cause significant risk and harm. For more information and updates on the City’s approach to addressing encampments, visit barrie.ca/AddressingEncampments.

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Springwater mayor uses strong powers to veto council's pushback



Photo from township website

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Nov 13, 2025

As predicted by Springwater Coun. Matt Garwood, a motion put forward Wednesday night by Coun. Danielle Alexander and passed by council was vetoed by Mayor Jennifer Coughlin on Thursday.

According to a post on the township's website, Coughlin used her strong mayor powers to veto a bylaw, in part, as it applies to the resolution "to oppose the City of Barrie boundary adjustment proposal and to direct Loopstra Nixon LLP to proceed with legal proceedings, despite previous mayoral directions."

In her written reason for the veto, Coughlin said it was her opinion that the bylaw "could potentially interfere with the provincial priorities."

Specifically, she wrote, "council's decision to continue to challenge the exercise of powers under Part VI.1 of the Act seeking to potentially advance provincial priorities, to obtain injunctive relief in relation thereto and to request a judicial inquiry respecting the lawful and good faith exercise of said powers constitutes a potential interference with prescribed provincial priorities."

Her decision came into effect Thursday.

As the discussion on Springwater's budget was beginning to wane Wednesday night, Alexander requested to waive procedural bylaw so she could

put forth a motion without notice that would see township staff draft and send correspondence to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to ensure "the minister understands the position of this council" as it related to Barrie's proposal.

Her motion challenged the mayor's authority to veto two resolutions last week.

"Be it resolved that the official position of Springwater council remains and continues to be Springwater council opposes the Barrie framework agreement proposal but supports the (Coun. Anita) Moore motion of Nov. 5, 2025," she read.

Surprised by the motion, Coughlin told Alexander that it sounded like council was being asked to reiterate decisions that have already been made.

"It's muddy here and I just think I would like the minister to know again, if passed, where the majority of council stands on this issue," Alexander said.

Following a short back and forth on procedure, Garwood jumped in seeking additional information and clarity before going down a path that he believed would lead to a never-ending loop.

"I am concerned that we are spending a considerable amount of time and money on this matter to go in a circle," he said.

He asked Renee Ainsworth, the township's deputy chief administrative officer and acting clerk, what Alexander's direction does.

Before she responded, Garwood wondered aloud why council wasn't utilizing the veto process that is built into the legislation around strong mayor powers.

"If we are as worried and focused as we should be on transparency and following process, that is the process that's outlined, not continuous motion after motion after motion," he said, referring to the override option in the legislation.

"Respectfully, Coun. Alexander, I do suspect your motion will pass and if I'm going to use my magic ball, I do suspect there will be another veto and then, come next week, there will be another special meeting and we will continue this process," Garwood added.

Ainsworth provided council with the details of

the override process, advising them that within 21 days after the clerk provides the written veto document to members of council, council may override it if two-thirds of council members vote to override it.

During this process, the clerk noted, the head of council remains as a member of council for council decision-making with one vote.

As Springwater council has seven members, five members of council must vote the same.

Ainsworth reiterated to council what she told them Monday night during a special session of council — the two mayoral decisions, unless rescinded by the mayor, are still in effect.

Garwood said the process Ainsworth described is the one that should be followed.

Coughlin agreed with Garwood on both points — this would be a cyclical process and the process has a built-in override option.

"Every strong mayor bylaw that goes out, every direction that goes out, is done so with legal consultation to ensure that the corporation is protected," Coughlin said. "As far as the Moore motion, the province already has it."

The mayor said she understands that some members of council don't like the Barrie proposal and some don't like strong mayor powers, but she's using what's she's been given.

"I'm following the process and I have great advice moving through it," Coughlin said. "There is a veto avenue if you choose to use it, utilize it."

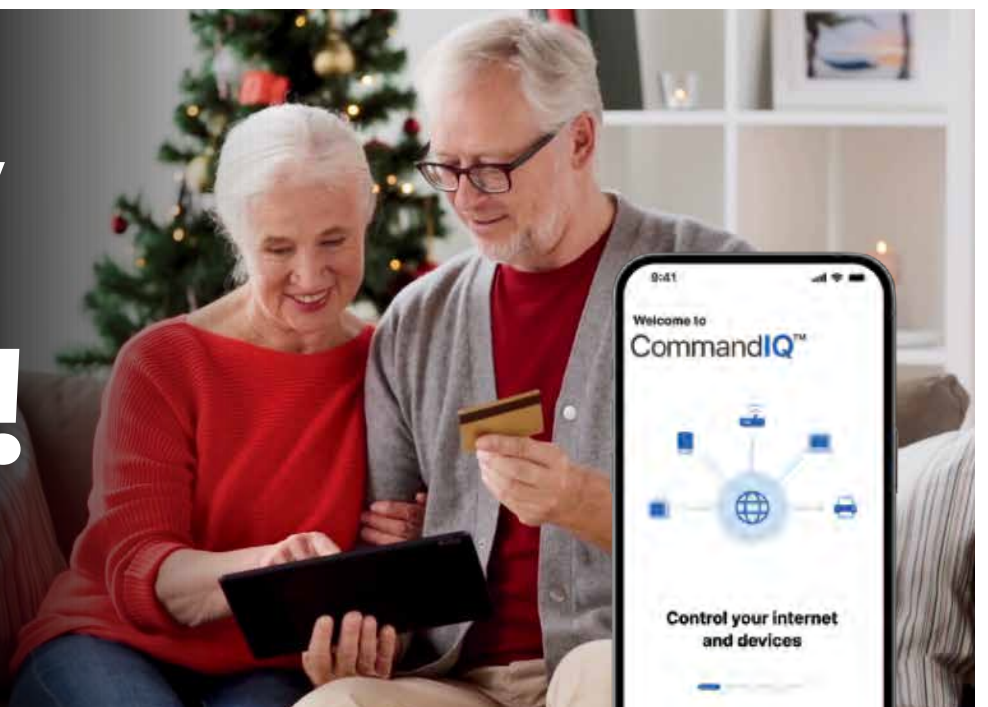
Deputy Mayor George Cabral contended there were two things to consider: one was strong mayor powers legislation and its use, and the second was a judicial review. He thinks a judicial review is needed "to ascertain whether or not strong mayor powers were used in the manner for which they were actually legislated."

Cabral contends it's a way to validate a decision. "It's not necessarily to suggest that strong mayor powers are good, bad or indifferent," he said. "Just in this particular instance, I would like to know whether or not strong mayor powers were actually used in the manner for which they were legislated."

A vote was held on Alexander's motion. It passed with four votes — Alexander, Cabral, Moore and Coun. Phil Fisher.

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Snow Valley housing project sparks traffic and water worries

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Nov 07, 2025

While Barrie’s boundary expansion proposal was the big-ticket item at Springwater’s council meeting this week, it wasn’t the only proposal folks in the township were talking about.

A half dozen residents stepped up at Wednesday’s public meeting to share their concerns about a development proposal located at 2636, 2694 and 2842 Wilson Dr. and 1643 Snow Valley Rd. that would feature 775 residential units, retail and commercial opportunities, parks and a possible hotel/event centre.

“What we’re looking to do is have a collective goal and an overall approach of a comprehensive plan, which would provide a complementary compatible community,” said James Hunter of Morgan Planning Development, which represents the developer, Legacy Golf Properties Inc.

“The design intent of this community is to respect the existing community character, integrate with natural recreation features, support a cohesive, connected land use pattern and ensure there’s a seamless transition between new and existing development,” said Hunter.

Legacy Golf Properties has submitted applications for an Official Plan amendment (OPA) and zoning bylaw amendment (ZBA) to facilitate the subdivision development within the Snow Valley settlement area.

The Official Plan amendment seeks to re-designate the land from ‘tourist and recreational open space’ and ‘agricultural’ to ‘urban residential — exception’ to permit residential and commercial uses. The zoning bylaw amendment proposes to rezone the land from agricultural (A) and open space (OS) to a new, site-specific residential exception (R-Xx) zone.

Hunter said the developer is looking to do this project in a “phased, flexible approach based on market conditions.”

Phase one, he said, would be done on the southern portion of the property — 2842 Wilson Dr., which is about 107 acres and is currently used for agriculture. It would provide 448 units, including 202 residential lots, six townhome blocks with 144 units, a mixed-use block (ground-floor retail/commercial with four or five storeys of residential above with a target of 102 units), a stormwater management block and two parkland areas.

“There are minimal site constraints which would lead to development, so that enables a logical project



start with limited disruption to the remaining land,” Hunter said.

Doing the work in phases, he added, affords the developer the opportunity to coordinate servicing and infrastructure while also allowing the golf course — Vespra Hills Golf Club — to stay open.

The northern portion of the property — about 151 acres in total — is slated for phase two, which will include 119 residential lots, three townhouse blocks for 33 lots, two mid-rise residential blocks (up to six storeys with a target of 175 units), two commercial blocks, a stormwater management block, parkland and amenities.

“The purpose of these (the commercial blocks) is to accommodate for the long-term needs of the community, not just our development but the surrounding land uses, so they’re intended for everyday services, such as a gas station, retail, grocery,” Hunter said.

He noted the second block, located in the north-west portion of the property, is intended to be integrated with the golf club.

“We’re looking at opportunities for hotels, event centres and other kinds of passive/active recreational uses associated with that,” he said.

The amount of proposed development is a major concern for folks currently living in the area, especially when it comes to traffic on Wilson Road.

Phil Kelly, who lives on Priest Avenue in Snow Valley, said if you’re on Snow Valley Road and you try to get on Wilson Road going south, it’s already next to impossible.

He envisions gridlock if the development goes through.

“It’s a mess in the morning, so you add that many

people in and it’s a bit nuts,” he predicted.

J. R. Newland had the same concern.

He said that unless all of the people who are going to move into the area are going to be working from home, the traffic will be a major issue.

“Have you ever tried driving down Wilson to Ferndale and then try to go left on Dunlop?” he asked. “It’s impossible.”

Concerns about the availability of water were also high on the list of concerns.

Last summer, there was a temporary water ban for residents on the Snow Valley Municipal Water System, from July 17 to Aug. 22.

Some residents wanted to know how this development would impact their future water availability.

“I live in Snow Valley and we used to be called the Estates,” one resident who didn’t give his name said. “I don’t know if they still are because this year my lawn was basically wrecked because we had a full water ban. Unless the water for these subdivisions is going to come from a different source, all I can see is it getting worse.

“I might as well throw sand down and call it a beach,” he added.

One of the last speakers at the public meeting was in no mood to mince words.

“I agree one thousand per cent with my community members, but I also feel that we’re just wasting our time here today,” the woman identified as Tina said. “Usually, when we’re at this stage of the planning application, money has already exchanged hands and the plan is going to go forward, regardless of what our concerns are.

“That’s all I had to say. Thank you.”

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Penetanguishene website gets 'awesome' multilingual upgrade after students call out town

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Nov 14, 2025

Visitors to the Town of Penetanguishene website can now access information and services with greater ease, thanks to the students of École publique Saint-Joseph and their proactive criticism toward council this past summer.

In June, students of the grades 3 and 4 class at Saint-Joseph tasked with exploring government and community services for a social studies project learned the town's English-only website didn't offer multilingual translation options — not even French.

They invited Mayor Doug Rawson and Coun. Doug Leroux to their class and presented findings in person, saying they were "embarrassed" as neighbouring municipalities had multilingual options for their official websites, including French.

At the recent regular meeting of council, students, parents and teachers sat in attendance while many more joined remotely. While the council agenda listed a presentation from the students on the launch of website accessibility and language support by the town, it would be more apt to say it was for the students who were excited to be there.

"I want to recognize the school community, the teachers and the students that called us out and said, 'We expect more,'" said Rawson. "We heard you, and thank you so much for your leadership."

Rawson gave a spotlight to communications and technology co-ordinator Sarah Dusome, who had "been working hard not just for the request from you, but for the entire community (on) how can we make our communications more accessible."

With the prompt of a drum roll and the attendees pattering their laps, the town website unveiled on the overhead projection screens, and Dusome explained an Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)-compliant tool with 16 options had been implemented, as well as the ability to translate from French and 59 other languages.

After applause died down, Rawson thanked the students for their courage in speaking up.



"Everyone does their part to make the community stronger and better," he said.

Photos were taken and the audience dispersed. Students told MidlandToday they were impressed. Jack called the website presentation "awesome," and Wesley thought the option of 60 languages was "crazy."

Ezra shared, "Honestly, when they came into our class, I was expecting it to take longer than this."

Dusome stated the original intent was to explore languages as per the students' request, but AODA compliance, such as adjustable text size and ease of screen reading, aligned with the town's strategic priority.

"It's really great to see the smiles on all of the faces," Dusome told MidlandToday, noting more than 50 people were watching the council meeting via livestream. "Your own heart is warmed by seeing something that they've asked you to do, that we could make happen for them."

"Definitely not as simple as flipping a switch," she added, "but the work that we put into it is definitely worth it when we see those smiling faces, and all the people that were watching online live as well."

It had been speculated in a previous meeting a fully translated website would be expensive to implement, but CAO Jeff Lees said having staff getting the website to the calibre expected by the students wasn't difficult, and was time well spent for the entire community.

"It was an important time to get the website to an important part to accommodate a great suggestion that was brought forward, not only from a Francophone perspective but also from an AODA and accessibility perspective," said Lees.

Rawson stated the town had progressed past its previously embarrassed state due to the students.

"It's always awesome when we have students — we have anybody in the community — participate in the process. I give a lot of credit to the teachers and the community for doing that," he said.

Meetings of Penetanguishene council are held on the second Wednesday of each month, and can be watched live on Rogers TV cable 53, or on the Rogers TV website.

Archives of council meetings are located on the Town of Penetanguishene YouTube channel.

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Hey Dads!

Nov 17, 2025

Did you get any snow in your neck of the woods yet? We were outside on Friday night and the white flakes were starting to fall. You're probably wondering what we were doing outside on a cold, snowy, Friday night? I'm glad you sort of asked.

You may have read some of our family's earlier animal tales. Well, the saga continues on this funny farm. We got two calves about 18 months ago. One of them is a steer. If you're unfamiliar with cattle-talk, a steer is a castrated bull. If you're unfamiliar with medical-talk, I'll let you google that one. We named our little steer, Wenceslas, after the (famous?) good king you may have sung about in a Christmas carol. Since naming him Wenceslas I've learned that not everyone is familiar with the Good King Wenceslas of Christmas-time lore. I love the name Wenceslas so much that I suggested to my patient wife that we use it for one of our children. She loved the name so much that there are currently no humans in our home bearing that incredibly terrific title.

We call Wenceslas, Wendy, for short. Wendy has brought tension and conflict to our family. You see, Wenceslas doesn't appreciate fences. Metal fences. Barbed wire fences. Electric fences. He just blasts over or through or awkwardly over-y-through all the fences. Our neighbour, and resident cattle expert, told me early on that you just have to get rid of fence jumpers. And did I listen to the wisdom of the cattle whisperer? Absolutely not.

My children have spent many a summer evening walking down our road searching for Wendy, finding Wendy, and walking Wendy back home. Since I'm a good dad, I keep reminding them that cattle-wrangling builds character. You can imagine the enthusiastic phrases my children say to me when I announce that Wendy has escaped again and we need to round him up.

Our last search and rescue operation for Wendy failed. He was gone and we thought we would never see him again. Until I got a call the next day from another neighbour. "I think I saw your steer on the side of the road," about two miles from our place. "Good news, kids!" I shouted. They did not share my enthusiasm. We drove over there faster than you could say "Hamburger Helper" and sure enough, there was Wendy tromping along the side of the road. Would he come home easily? Of course not! We got out to walk him home and he awkwardly jumped over-y-through another neighbour's gate. So now the kids and I were running around in that field trying to separate Wendy from the other cattle. I guess he loved that herd of heifers (female cattle) because there was no separating him from them. Thankfully we have great neighbours who also lose their cattle on occasion so they are very gracious and kind to a rookie cowpoke like me. Wendy lived in their field for a few months and we finally got him home last week.

But he did not like home. He jumped the fence as soon as we let him out of the barn. Fortunately for my cow-chasing children and unfortunately for fence-jumping Wendy, his escapist days are now behind him. That's what we were doing last Friday out in the snow. We were attending the school of cattle butchering 101 and boy were the lessons tough to learn. Find out more next time! Dad, maybe there's something you've never done before (like butcher a cow) that you want to attempt with your kids? Just do it! Time flies! Make every moment count! Even the pasturey-panicky ones.

Jason Weening chases cows with his 10 children and one wife. Get a Christmas gift for a dad in your life with Jason's new book, "Yes, Dear...I'm Watching Them," on Amazon.

GBGH Seeks Volunteers for Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP)

By GBGH, Nov 6, 2025

November 6, 2025 – Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) is inviting community members to join its new Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP).

HELP volunteers make a meaningful difference through daily, structured visits that keep older adults mentally, emotionally, and physically well while in hospital. Under the guidance of an Elder Life Specialist and clinical team, volunteers provide simple yet powerful interventions that promote comfort and independence.

Volunteer activities include:

- Engaging patients in conversation and memory exercises
- Supporting mobility and physical activity
- Assisting with meals and reducing isolation
- Helping patients stay oriented and emotionally supported

Volunteer expectations:

- One shift per week (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) Monday to Friday with minimum 6-month commitment
- Completion of 4-hour training and 4 shadow shifts

The next training session is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18. Current HELP volunteer Eileen Cross says the experience is as rewarding for her as it is for the patients: "I think I get as much out of this as the patients do. If you're looking for a way to volunteer, this is an excellent way to give back to your community. I really enjoy the hands-on aspect of this role—it's so rewarding to see the difference you can make."

If you are eager to make a difference in the lives of older adults, apply today by emailing volunteers@gbgh.on.ca with the subject line "HELP Program".

TRI-CULTURAL EXHIBITION

Quest Art School + Gallery is inviting artists to submit proposals for our Tri-Cultural Exhibition, a powerful celebration of Midland's living heritage, where three large-scale 2D works will tell the story of our region through Indigenous, French, and English perspectives.

From the Huron-Wendat and Anishinaabek peoples to French settlers and English builders, these intertwined histories have shaped our community, our landscape, and the ways we connect today. Now, we're looking for artists to bring those stories forward through their own contemporary lens.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

December 15th



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This exhibition has been made possible through the generous support of an Ontario Trillium Foundation Grow Grant.



Nov 14, 2025 - The holidays will be here before we know it. Now is the time to start making plans, writing lists, and decorating for the big day. There is no time like the present to get started on your holiday planning.

While you are making your lists and checking them twice, I encourage you to find opportunities to purchase goods from some of the many local shops in the region. Whether it is finding the perfect present at a gift shop downtown or ordering dessert for your Christmas dinner from a local bakery, your purchase at a local business goes a long way.

To kickoff the Christmas season, you may want to bundle up and attend events in the community. In Springwater, on November 30th, the Holiday Train will make a stop at Anne St and Wenden Court. On December 7, you can cheer on Santa as he passes in his sleigh at the Elmvale parade. Anten Mills will be lighting the Christmas tree on December 13 (5-7pm), and Santa will bring a smile to everyone's face at the parade on December 14.

The holiday season can be a challenging time for some families. If you are fortunate enough to be able to make a charitable contribution this

year, please consider doing so. Your contribution will help and be truly appreciated. If you can help, the Elmvale and District Food Bank is accepting donations and have several drop off points. You can learn about what they need this season by calling them at 705-322-9096, sending an email to elmvalefoodbankinfo@gmail.com, or checking their website – <https://elmvaledistrictfoodbank.net>.

Another local group providing toys and food is Christmas Cheer Barrie and District. It supports people who need a little extra help at Christmas time and applications for Barrie, Innisfil, Angus, Oro-Medonte, and Springwater are now open online at christmasbarriecheer.com. They also offer application assistance; for more information you can call 705-730-0449 or you can check their website – <https://christmascheerbarrie.com>.

As always, my constituency office is available to assist you with any federal matters. Please contact my office at Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca or 705-728-2596 for assistance.

Sincerely,
Doug Shipley, Member of Parliament
Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte

Midland looks to cut into 5.18% tax hike after checking out 2026 draft budget

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Nov 06, 2025

Midland residents weren't the only ones to get their first look at the 2026 budget, as council were provided an overview of the first draft Wednesday evening.

Within the first draft, as explained by CAO Rhonda Bunn at the committee of the whole meeting, staff were directed to bring back their best means to keep existing services levels with efficiencies while holding wants at bay over needs. She acknowledged that updated figures would change the draft, noting that the slideshow presentation showed lower figures than what was in the council report.

"The base budget that staff are presenting to council represents a 1.71% increase to the tax rate," said Bunn, adding that an assumed increase to OPP contracted services (at \$564,000, 11% over last year) could result in an additional direct 1.87% increase to the tax rate but could also change when updated information arrived.

Bunn offered that as the base budget was the starting point for council deliberations on proposed service level changes, new initiatives, the agencies, board and commissions, and other council requests – only if all of those were approved as presented, along with the Simcoe County tax rate: "The draft budget represents a 5.12% tax rate increase for 2026. The proposed tax rate increase represents a \$7.32 monthly impact for each \$100,000 of property assessment."

This marks the first time the budget is being presented using Mayor Bill Gordon's "strong

mayor's powers."

Gordon. informed residents that in previous budgets, his voice was just one of nine and council could collectively own up to their decisions, but the 2026 draft budget through strong mayors powers meant ownership of the final decision was his burden alone.

"(In the past), council set the budget, we collectively all approve the number," said Gordon. "We're going to do it exactly the same way we've done it in the past. The only thing is in the name, it's my budget – I'm going to bring and present it, and then we're all going to deliberate and see if we can find and sharpen our pencils even more."

Gordon noted that the draft 1.71% base budget increase was "the one we actually have control over to some degree", and would be the portion "that I'm prepared to be strapped on a boat so when people want to take a run at me on this budget... you can."

Other noted increases were a 4% hike to water and wastewater users, consistent with previous annual 4% increases and less than the recommended 5% increase as staff recognized leniency for ratepayers of those services. A 10-year capital plan listed roughly \$209 million in new capital projects with multi-year initiatives.

"There are some opportunities that council is aware of," said Gordon, "where we could – if we decided to use all of a million dollars that we expect is coming our way – lower the budget to really look incredible to the voters. But would that be responsible, to knock four points off the budget to have an artificially low one in the election year budget, and not contribute to our reserves? That would be wildly irresponsible."

uncertainties.

And while provincial and federal grants are generally still funded by taxpayers, Gordon said there was no reason to believe grant funding wouldn't continue as provincially-mandated growth was coming. Meridis, however, countered that developers could simply abandon projects if conditions weren't right in the economy.

Council approved receiving the draft budget presentation for information. Gordon encouraged residents to attend the November 26 budget public meeting to speak to council and staff directly on what they would like for their upcoming budget.

Following the meeting, MidlandToday spoke with Meridis about the anticipation for the December 9 and 10 council deliberations.

"It'll be my last budget for this term, so I'm excited to carry on what I've been doing for the past three budgets," said Meridis. "I'm looking forward to getting that tax rate with a three in front of it versus the five that is existing right now."

The 2026 draft budget presentation, including slides and summary report, is available in the council agenda on the town of Midland website.

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



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Message from MPP Dunlop

Nov. 13, 2025 - I'm pleased to share some of the key provincial initiatives from the past month that are creating real benefits for families, businesses, agriculture and communities across our region. As we enter the holiday season, it's also a perfect time to reflect on what we've achieved together and look forward with hope for the year

Earlier this month, the government released the

2025 Fall Economic Statement: A Plan to Protect Ontario which sets out investments and tax-relief measures to help workers, families and businesses.

- Tax deferral measures for some 80,000 businesses, providing up to \$9 billion in liquidity relief, helping companies to retain jobs and weather challenging times.
- An expansion of tax-credits and enhanced supports for manufacturing and innovation, including increased flexibility in the Ontario Made Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit.
- A rebates and relief focus: for example, the full provincial portion (8 %) of the HST will be rebated for qualifying first-time buyers of new homes up to \$1 million, a big win for families looking to take their first step into home ownership.
- Significant infrastructure and community investments, including more than \$201 billion in capital investments over 10 years to strengthen roads, housing, transit and municipal services.

For agriculture and rural communities, we're also seeing meaningful supports that help strengthen the backbone of our region:

- The province recognised the 2025 Excellence in Agriculture Awards, honouring 12 winners and 7 honourable mentions for their innovation and leadership in Ontario's ag-food sector.
- Earlier in the year the federal-provincial investment of up to \$14.6 million through the Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program (RALP) was announced, helping farmers improve soil health, build natural infrastructure on their lands, and enhance long-term sustainability.

These initiatives reflect our government's commitment to keep costs down for families, support local businesses, reinvest in our infrastructure and help our agricultural sector remain competitive and resilient.

As we look ahead to the new year, I invite you and your family to join me for some fun community activities! Come out and enjoy our Free Skating Events across Simcoe North on January 2nd, and don't miss our Free Roller-Skating Event on Family Day.

Wishing everyone a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year!

Hindson Marina celebrates end of season with donation to GBGH



By GBGH, Nov 17, 2025

The team at Hindson Marina celebrated another successful boating season on September 13th with their annual End-of-Season Boater Party. The event brought together more than 200 guests for live music by Kitty & The Boyz, fun raffle prizes, and community spirit — raising \$2,500 in support of the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation.

Pictured from left: Lorelei Hindson, Owner; Lorrie Ingram, Accounting; and Jessica Hindson, Dockage/Marketing & Communications, Hindson Marina; with Robyn Kaczanowski, Community Giving Officer, GBGH Foundation.

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HARVESTERS REBOUND WITH FOUR-GAME SURGE TO CLIMB CONFERENCE STANDINGS



By Adrianna McGinnis, Nov 16, 2025

After a tough loss in their home opener, the Elmvale Harvesters have bounced back with determination and a renewed offensive spark, stringing together four straight victories to climb into second place in the North Conference. What began as a slow start has quickly transformed into one of the league's strongest early-season surges.

The turnaround began on November 8 when the Harvesters welcomed the Georgian Bay Applekings to the Elmvale Arena for a highly anticipated local matchup. The hometown crowd was treated to an offensive showcase as Elmvale poured in 11 goals en route to an 11-7 victory. The Will Marshall Insurance Brokers 3 Stars of the Game highlighted top-tier performances from across the ice: 1st Star Jacob Kelly, 2nd Star Jacob Robitaille (GB), and 3rd Star Dylan Palomaki.

The following night, November 9, Elmvale travelled to Minto for a gritty back-and-forth battle against the 81's. Neither side could pull away as momentum swung repeatedly, forcing the game into overtime. The Harvesters showed poise and resilience, securing a 6-5 OT win. The Will Marshall Insurance Brokers 3 Stars of the Game were led by 1st Star Noah Featherstonhaugh Gowe, with 2nd Star Ryan Young and 3rd Star Austin Pope rounding out the honours.

On November 15, the Harvesters hit the road once again, this time to face the Lucknow Lancers. Elmvale took control and maintained steady pressure throughout the game, ultimately earning a commanding 9-6 win. The Will Marshall Insurance Brokers 3 Stars of the Game recognized another balanced effort with 1st Star Brad Keupfer, 2nd Star Jacob Kelly, and 3rd Star Riley Pitt.

The strong road play continued on November 16 as the Harvesters made a short trip to Shelburne to face the Muskies. Elmvale controlled the game from start to finish, executing a steady, structured performance that resulted in a convincing 4-1 victory, extending their win streak to four straight. The Will Marshall Insurance Brokers 3 Stars of the Game for this matchup featured standout efforts from 1st Star Andrew Best, 2nd Star David Pearce, and 3rd Star Devin Shoreman.

This recent winning stretch has solidified Elmvale's position near the top of the standings. The team now sits second in the North Conference, trailing only the Saugeen Shores Winterhawks. Offensively, forward #9 Jacob Kelly has been unstoppable, currently leading the entire league with 24 points, a performance that has made him one of the league's most dynamic and dangerous players. The Harvesters now hold a 6-3-0 record on the season.

Looking ahead, fans will return to the Elmvale Arena on November 23 at 4:30 for a special Youth Night and Teddy Bear Toss. All fans; young and old, are encouraged to wear any team jersey to show their spirit, whether it represents a local sports program, a school team, or an organization they're proud of. The crowd will also take part in the beloved Teddy Bear Toss by bringing a new or gently used stuffed animal to throw onto the ice after the Harvesters score their first goal, with all collected items donated to local families in need.

After the final buzzer, fans will have the opportunity to meet the players, take photos, and get their programs or merchandise signed, making it a memorable night for supporters of all ages.

With momentum building and the community rallying behind them, the Harvesters look poised to continue their climb as the season unfolds.

Elmvale Harvesters 2025-26 Schedule

Home Games

Sun. Nov. 23 @ 4:30 PM
vs. Minto 81's

Sat. Dec. 6 @ 8:00 PM
vs. Saugeen Winterhawks

Sat. Dec. 13 @ 8:00 PM
vs. Creemore Coyotes

Sun. Dec. 21 @ 4:00 PM
vs. Durham Thundercats

Sat. Jan. 3 @ 8:00 PM
vs. Lucknow Lancers

Sun. Jan. 11 @ 4:30 PM
vs. Minto 81's

Sat. Jan. 17 @ 8:00 PM
vs. Georgian Bay Applekings

Sat. Jan. 31 @ 8:00 PM
vs. Shelburne Muskies

Away Games

Sat. Nov. 29 @ 7:30 PM
at Creemore Coyotes

Sat. Dec. 20 @ 7:30 PM
at Creemore Coyotes

Sat. Jan. 10 @ 7:00 PM
at Ripley Wolves

Waterside Retirement Lodge Friday Senior Curling Standings Elmvale Curling Club

	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
Team Pullen	2	0	0	18.5
Team Lambie	2	0	0	18
Team Madore	2	0	0	17
Team Belcourt	1	1	0	9.5
Team Murphy	1	1	0	9.5
Team Scott	1	1	0	9.5
Team Don	1	1	0	9
Team Johnstone	1	0	0	8.5
Team Marshall	1	0	0	8.5
Team Townes	0	2	0	4
Team McClung	0	2	0	3
Team Allen	0	2	0	3
Team Huth	0	2	0	2

6 points for a win, 0.5 Points per end, 3 Points for a tie, 0.25 points for a blank end

SPORTS

Penetang Wins 3 of 4
Remain in 4th Place

Submitted by Jamie Robillard, Nov 17, 2025

The Penetang Kings played four games between November 7th and November 16th winning three and losing by one goal in the other game in the Provincial Junior Hockey League. With the three wins the Kings have solidified their possession of fourth place in the Carruthers Division and have moved within two points of the third place Orillia Terriers.

On Friday November 7th on home ice the Kings doubled the score on the Muskoka Bears winning by a 6-3 margin. Lucas Dubois scored two goals for Penetang while Matthew Laframboise, Cole Rumbolt, Wyndam Brownlee and Camron Hutchinson each scored once. Carter Wilson and Caiden Pattenden had three assists each for the Kings. Owen Moreau turned aside 26 shots in the Penetang net. The Kings fired 38 shots on the Bears netminder Kyle Downey. Dubois collected the Kings Canadoor Garage Doors player of the game award.

On Sunday November 9th the Kings made the short trip to Midland and got past the Flyers by a narrow 201 score. Cole Rumbolt and Pattenden scored one goal each for Penetang while Nathan Schaap spoiled Landon Simec's shutout bid with the Midland tally. Simec was named the Canadoor Garage Door Kings player of the game making 28 saves in the match-up. Penetang fired 25 shots on Flyers netminder Jack Pinder.

The Kings continued their winning ways on Friday November 14th when they shut out the first place Alliston Hornets 3-0. Simec led the team turning aside all 42 shots he faced in goal for the Kings and was again named the Kings Canadoor Garage Door player of the game. Wyndam Brownlee scored twice to lead the Penetang offence with Camron Hutchinson scoring the other Kings marker.

The Kings had a chance to move into a tie in the standing with the Stayner Siskins on Sunday November 16th in Stayner but came out on the short end a 6-5 score. Once again Dubois scored twice for Penetang while Rumbolt, Wilson and Jacob Bunday netted single goals. Penetang peppered Siskin's goaltender Aiden Jerry with 50 shots while Simec turned aside 27 in the Penetang goal.

Notes: Kings Defenseman, Blake Weicker, was selected to play in the PJHL Prospect Game representing the Carruthers Division on Saturday November 8th in Wingham collecting an assist in the contest.

Alliston continues to lead the division with 28 points in 17 games followed by Stayner with 24 points in 17 outings, Orillia 22 points in just 14



Jacob Vanderburg in action vs Muskoka Bears

games and Penetang with 20 points in 16 games in fourth place. Midland is in 5th place with 16 points; Muskoka sits 6th with 14 points while Huntsville with 10 points and Innisfil with 9 points round out the standings.

The Kings continue the regular season on Friday November 21st at home when they face off against the Muskoka Bears before travelling to Orillia on November 22nd to meet the Terriers and then are home on Friday November 28th when they play host the Innisfil Spartans followed by another home date on Saturday November 29th against Alliston.



Lucas Dubois – Player of the Game



Blake Weicker – Prospects Selection



Landon Simec – Player of the Game



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Receive Site for National Defence's Arctic Over-The-Horizon (A-OTHR) project[1] Clearview Township Ontario

Nov 7, 2025

Prime Minister Carney, et al

This document/email is for informational purposes only. It is your decision to accept this information and it is your decision to act to ensure the Department of National Defence (DND) operates in an accountable and transparent fashion. It contains information on:

- Environmental issues, including potential undermining of/for climate change mitigation
- The removal of "prime agricultural lands" from production
- Economic harms
- Security issues

From DND documents it has been expressed that DND needs approx., 4,000 acres of land to construct the Receive Site for National Defence's Arctic Over-The-Horizon (A-OTHR) project.[2] It is stated, on DND web-site, that this installation "will be located south of the 46th parallel north (as a frame of reference, this latitude roughly aligns with the Trans-Canada Highway) within the provincial border of Ontario." [3] The statement of using the 46th parallel north is misleading even with the caveat of "south of the 46th parallel."

With the lacking information, as to exactly which latitude is needed, this misleads Canadians to envision that this site should be on-or-about the Trans-Canada highway, instead of the 44th parallel. What is now becoming very obvious is that the lands DND wishes to expropriate is not the proper location for this site. This is an unnecessary placement on/in Clearview Township.

As your government has stated a number of times you will be "pragmatic" in your decisions, therefore it is only based on logic and solid information that you/your government can determine if, in fact, DND does need to expropriate 4,000 acres of privately owned lands/property.

Environmental, including climate change

DND has expressed that they have already purchased some 700 acres for a preliminary site. DND has also set out "strict requirements" for these installations. Those being:

- "located in a remote, flat, and dry area
- have limited environmental constraints
- a suitable distance from radio noise sources

• close to electrical power sources"[4]

The original 700 acres do not meet the requirements stated by DND.

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With the previously purchased lands, by DND, considering the amount of fill, to meet the requirements, will be astronomical, not to mention, once filled there will be a further potential cause of flooding. This increases government emergency spending and undermines the protections to mitigate climate change.

Removing prime agricultural lands from production - economics

DND, with set-backs, are stating they require approx., 4,000 acres of "prime agricultural lands." According to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) there will be +/- \$10,500,000.00 [6] total business revenue removed from the economy in this community.

"The other point is that, if this is all concentrated in Clearview, these numbers are much more significant than compared to the entire county. \$9 million [7] in lost business revenue is likely a much bigger loss for the town of Clearview than the county of Simcoe. [8]

The information obtained, from this group, may not have included "spin off employment" in their estimations, therefore we have sought out other numbers, from StatsCan.

According to StatsCan there is a greater impact, to the entire community, than merely \$10+ million dollars. According to StatsCan there is the potential of 220 to 470 jobs lost in this area. [9] With the average employment income "for full-year full-time workers in 2020 (\$70,500.00" for "12,255" persons. [10] This could remove an additional \$3,899,318.18, of personal income from the economy on top of the business revenues, from this local economy. Given the numbers, based, on conservative averages of 220 employees (spin off) affected and the removal of \$10 million +/-, this small community will be

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With “Clearview Township budget breakdown: Total Corporate Budget: \$137 million; Operating Budget: \$36.8 million; Capital Budget: \$123.2 million,”[11] removing the potential incomes/revenues/disposable incomes, etc., of \$13+/- million, from the over-all budget inputs (percentages of), including disposable income will have an extremely detrimental effect on this entire community.

There are superior options of which you and your ministers, etc., may not have been made aware of.

OPTIONS

The site promoted, by DND, is 20.5 kilometers or 12 miles from Base Borden.[12] CFB Borden “is comprised of 21,000 acres of land, including a 6,000 acre training area. The Commander of CFB Borden is also Commander of the Military Personnel Generation Training Group (MPGTG), the headquarters of which are also located at CFB Borden.”[13] With Base Borden consisting of 21,000 acres and only using 6,000 acres for training purposes, this facility has the capacity to be far more advantageous for the A-OTHR project.[14]

The document pertaining to requires location, from DND, states:

“What the A-OTHR will look like

The A-OTHR sites located in Southern Ontario will consist of four antenna sites (two transmit and two receive sites) and supporting infrastructure. The program is expected to be accommodated on lands acquired for this program and existing DND sites.”[15]

With DND having made the statement of the location being on “existing DND sites,” one would expect that CFB Borden would be a far superior site, compared to having these facilities placed on land removed from DND security/scrutiny.

Meaford Tank Range

To ensure clarity.

Stayner - 44°25'0" N, 80°5'5"W[16]
Camp Borden[17] 44°18'N 79°56'W
Meaford 44°36'N 80°35'W

CFB Borden and Meaford are on the same latitude as the proposed expropriations. “In 1942, the Department of National Defence purchased 800 km2 (200,000 acres)[18] of private lands along Georgian Bay in the St. Vincent Township.... The facility was administratively an annex to Camp Borden.... The integration of the modern-day Canadian Forces saw the transfer of the Combat Arms School from CFB Borden to CFB Gagetown in 1969–1970, dramatically reducing the requirement for Camp Meaford. In 1970, it was decided to mothball the entire facility, reducing staffing from 153 military and civilian personnel to a five-person security staff of Commissionaires.

“...when Meaford Range is dormatized...it will no longer be used for military purposes,including Regular Force and Militia exercises, training and field firing.”(April 1970 DND internal communication).

During the early 1970s, units of the Canadian Forces Primary Reserve began to make unofficial use of this DND property only 180 kilometres (110 mi) north of Toronto, rather than face the 380-kilometre (240 mi) drive to CFB Petawawa for training.”[19]

Of course, there will be statements of unexploded ordnances, on the base, and yet there would be ample acreage south of the target zone to facilitate this array installation. Based on various documents, from DND, it would seem there are improvements taking place at Meaford, including the Cassino Grenade Improvements - 4th Canadian Division Training Centre (Meaford),[20] therefore Meaford is a very viable option.

Either base would have the ability to mitigate any ordnances. This removal could also facilitate training purposes, as could the installation and operation of the radar arrays.

Security needs

CFB Borden has “approximately 3,250 military members and 1,500 civilians.”[21] According to DND it is only the “ground level for the transmit sites,” which emits “hazardous radiation zones” and “will be contained within the perimeter of the fences and away from human exposure. There are no known adverse human health effects associated with this type of technology at distances beyond the perimeter fence.”[22] That said, if nefarious actors do decide to interfere with this array would CFB Borden or Meaford site(s) not have better security, considering the installation would be on a military base, even if said base is a training facility? One would expect it would, not to mention the opportunities for training purposes involved with this installation, pragmatically speaking.

Aviation Issues

“Aircraft altitudes

Up higher (at aircraft altitudes), the program will work with transportation authorities to put in place guidance and restrictions for affected airspace to keep human exposure to electromagnetic fields within the safe levels per the Health Canada standards.”[23]

Has DND promoted and/or created a “no-fly zone” over the area DND is proposing to expropriate? The Collingwood Airport, shown on the map below, is a small regional training air-field. It is also used for local aircraft including hanger facilities, air shows, etc. Has DND taken into consideration the restrictions that may be placed on this air-field and does CFB Borden already have restrictions in place for specific aircraft altitudes?

The Collingwood Airport is one reason why there cannot be wind turbines due to any negligence/interference that had the potential to occur with those installations, therefore this air-field, being within the 44th parallel requirements of DND, what exactly will the restrictions be and can this installation, if installed beyond CFB Borden, work in unison with this regional air-port? If not, this installation, to a pragmatist, has only one viable location – CFB Borden or Meaford. [24]

Other issues which have not been addressed. There is a main county road which goes through the centre of this proposed site. Will that road, or any other roads, be closed to residential/commercial traffic? See map below. This county road is a main commuter route to and from Barrie, CFB Borden, to Hwy 400 to Toronto, etc. This is also a used route for agricultural equipment to cause less interference with the provincial Hwy 26, including all concession/sideroads. If these are closed, traffic will be blocked during some of the busiest times of the travelling year. Emergency vehicles, etc., will be forced to lose precious time getting to and from calls, etc.

NATO 2-5%

If this is merely an exercise to show the increase in military spending, it defies logic. Canadians are expecting the increase in spending for the benefit of our military personal; increases in spending for naval, aircraft, ground forces; equipment to secure our North, etc. Canadians do not contemplate wasted funding, for the expropriation of prime agricultural lands, merely to put in a radar array that would be best served and more advantageously placed on a military base. The security of our nation is not served by reducing agricultural lands/businesses when there are far better facilities available. Each base noted, in this document, has ample acreage. With the amount of fill, removal of buildings, tile-drainage, road closures, civilian disruption, lost business (plus spin-off businesses) this does not fit with any aspirations, of Canadians, to ensure NATO spending is supported by Canadians. For government, pragmatically and strategically, placing these installations on privately owned land is a lose-lose proposition.

In conclusion, economically this initiative will be harmful to all Canadian tax-payers and military personnel, if not installed on a pre-existing military facility – CFB Borden which meets the required 44th parallel and/or its sister Camp - Meaford. It will cause security issues as it will be a “stand alone” facility in the middle of farm country. It will have a huge environmental impact and as we are looking to more extreme weather events, through climate change, placing this installation on/in/near the Minesing Wetlands, removes protections for 25,000 residents. With the impacts on the over-all community financially, economically, culturally, this facility must be placed at its most advantageous location(s) – CBF Borden/Meaford.

On behalf of thousands

Elizabeth Marshall, Author, Director of Research - Ontario Landowners Association, Past Chair - Canadian Justice Review Board, Legal/Legislative/General Researcher - MPs, MPPs, Senators, Municipal Officials, Lawyers, etc. I am not a lawyer and do not give legal advice.





Bearbells By Leslie Noonan

Nov 13, 2025
Algonquin Park is a hiker's paradise, filled with nature, four-legged animals, and tourists, lots and lots of tourists. Which is why I don't come here in the warmer months. Now that the

leaves are gone and weather is cold and dreary, there are only a few people out on the trails. The Track and Tower trail is a very popular hiking area, found just along the HWY 60 corridor. This 7.5 km loop trail is rated difficult with many steep sections and can take 3 hours to complete. I strapped on my day pack and grabbed my poles, off to enjoy the fall day.

The morning was cold and crisp, and the woods were sharp with smells of decaying leaves. I easily made my way along the well marked trail, as acorns rolled underfoot and off in the distance a woodpecker made his distinctive rat-a tat-tat as he searched for bugs in dead trees. A small pond, covered with a fine layer of ice, appeared on my right, created by industrious beavers damming a small stream. Further ahead the trees thinned then opened to reveal Cache Lake. The low grey clouds choose this moment to part, and the blue waters sparkled in the sunlight. I questioned the difficult rating this trail had been given, as so far the land was predominantly flat with only some roots and rocks to stumble upon. It was the sound of running water, spilling over a causeway, that suggested that the terrain was about to change. I followed the brook, gurgling and bubbling over the wet rocks, with a granite bluff rearing overhead. Here hiker's have the option of continuing along that stream and heading back to the trail head, however, for the more adventurous, a bridge spans that tumbling water and heads to the lookout.

The boardwalk continues for a short distance as it skirts the edge of a swamp and immediately the trail difficulty increases, with abrupt changes in the elevation and with more rugged terrain. The brown reeds of the wetlands gave way to a larger and faster flowing river, the cold waters sluicing down small cascades. This is where the lookout trail begins its steep ascent. A lengthy staircase winds its way to the top of the escarpment, which is the most difficult part for me with a knee that doesn't bend without significant pain. I stopped for a moment to rest, leaning on the railing and looking over the peaceful forest. A movement a few steps below me caught my eye. I smiled as a large red squirrel gave me a very intense gaze, though the smile slipped from my face as he let out several aggressive chitters when I failed to produce any snacks. I gathered my poles and started back up the stairs with the squirrel keeping pace. What is it with me and these rodents?

I was beginning to think that this was personal!! I kept on, and a quick glance up had me happy to see the top, until I made eye contact with another red squirrel sitting on the last post. Those beady little eyes looked directly at me, and the chittering from behind was now accompanied by angry chitters from in front. I was surrounded!! Well, no fluffy rodent was going to intimidate me, and I rushed up the last steps and back out on to the trail. The two ruffians sat on opposite posts, glaring balefully at me. I wondered if they would still be there on my return trip, but that was a later problem.

At this point the trees are thinner, and a light breeze ruffled my hair. There was once a fire tower here, now long gone. Instead, rocks jut over the abyss with a stunning view of the lake. I almost had a heart attack as a head popped up from the edge of the cliff and a family stood to greet me. The small ledge they had been sitting on had me swooning just from the thought of anyone being there. Initially the lovely Asian family laughed at my discomfort as they grabbed my hand and encouraged me to move closer to that precipitous drop, but my look of utter terror must have convinced them that perhaps this was not a good idea. They did insist on a series of photos of me, standing nowhere near that edge, posing in terror before they returned to dangling over that edge, as I carefully made my way back to the top of the stairs. No squirrels in sight as I made a hasty retreat down the stairs, wary of roving gangs of vermin. I followed the trail back down, the towering bluff blocking the sun and allowing moss to grow thick on the rocks and trees. The silence was powerful here, and I shut my eyes and breathed in deeply of that clean air. As my breaths became deeper and slower, so too did my thoughts, and I felt my shoulders relax and the tension leave my body. This is my peace.

The trail crosses another bridge, and down in the shallow waters the submerged planks of an old train trestle are visible. The Grand Trunk railway once ran through here but now the great trains are gone, leaving only the thrum of bike wheels to disturb the silence. After a short distance, the trail leaves the bike path and continues on through the quiet forests. I was surprised to see a small beige moth fluttering over the leaf litter. First one, then another, until the forest floor was a sea of insects erupting from the brown forest floor. Magical but unsettling, as I wonder if this is the invasive winter moth that defoliates oak leaves, though I have no way of knowing for sure. The last kilometer has my pace significantly slowed, as my knee began to make its complaints. I arrived back at the parking area two and a half hours after starting, with a deep sense of accomplishment and a knee that would be reminding me of my trek for the next few days, but worth every step.



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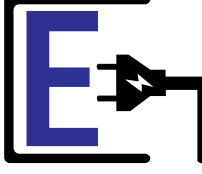
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ANTEN MILLS

by Dennis Gannon

Nov 17, 2025 - While the weather specialists were suggesting that it was a possibility, many didn't want to believe that we were really going to get a measurable amount of snow. But it did come and for a couple of days the bleak scenery was white and bright. There is no suggestion that there will be any significant snow for a while but hopefully there will be sunshine to keep our short days bright. From today until December 22, we will see approximately 35 minutes less of daylight. On December 22 the sun starts to return in our direction and we gain 2 seconds of daylight and by January 1, we are almost ahead 1 full minute.

Of course snow would be nice for the Anten Mills Christmas in the Village which is coming quickly. Saturday, December 13 will see our 11th Tree Lighting when the large tree at the Community Centre will be lit up by more than 1000 multi-colour lights and the ground displays will be turned on. Snow Valley Ski Resort will be there with the Sno-tube slide which the kids thoroughly enjoy. To top the night off, the sky will come alive with the ever popular fireworks display. Of course who does everyone want to see and they won't be disappointed as on good authority the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association has been advised that Santa Claus will be coming with the firefighters. There is no charge for this fun evening but everyone is encouraged to bring donations for the Elmvale and District Food Bank.

Then on Sunday it's the 28th annual Santa Claus parade. This is the longest continuous event in our community and usually the last parade of the year. Running through the village it is very much a celebration as families and friends gather together to celebrate the season. Already there have been 7 confirmed entries and as we get closer hopefully there will be more. If you would like to join us, send an email to antenmillschristmas@gmail.com to get more details.

With all community events they cannot go on without the support of volunteers. The CRA is grateful for all assistance and there is definitely a need for the tree lighting. If you can help out, send an email to the address above or Message me directly.

Before our big event the Elmvale and District Food Bank along with the Barrie Food Bank will welcome the CPKC Holiday Train on Sunday, November 30. Last year the train was cancelled due to safety concerns. Springwater Township has made some safety improvements with parking and a shuttle bus to get visitors to the site safely. CPKC makes a generous donation to the food banks and donations will be accepted by the food bank at the event. More details will be posted on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page and as well on the Springwater Township website where details on parking and shuttle service are available. Take the family and check this great event out.

Leading up to the holidays, many will remember that television classic, Frosty the Snowman. Then of course there is Frozen, the movie released in 2013 with the great line, "Do you want to build a Snowman?" Well here in Anten Mills the question is, will Dennis Laycock build his massive snowman this season? Of course there is the need for packing snow and lots of it and some encouraging words for

Dennis. A lot of work goes into building and maintaining the snowman so encouraging him to continue this tradition will help. In the past many visitors have stopped by to take pictures with the snowman and the Laycock family has no issues with that. Here's a little teaser. What if the snowman has a name this year and those having photos can make a difference with a donation? Perhaps in early January there may be some good news!

In past articles the golfing adventures of young Anten Mills resident, Chloe Hassberger has been featured. Recently Chloe was invited to play in a national golf championship in Orlando Florida. Chloe played golf against top players from across Canada and after 3 days of golf, placed 3rd. With that Chloe now goes to California in February to golf as part of Team Canada in a Tri Nations Cup with players coming from Canada, Mexico and the United States. Well done Chloe and best wishes on the upcoming tournament!

Thinking about the holiday season, did you miss the opportunity to get some Anten Mills Celebrating 150 Years swag. Or perhaps the original Anten Mills gear. Don't delay and as you can order it directly from the supplier. Head over to the <https://antenmills.justadd10.com> website and check out the selection. There is still a small selection of coffee mugs, tumblers and tote bags available here in the community. If you're interested Message me or send an email to antenmills150@gmail.com.

Looking for a fresh cut Christmas tree for your home this year? For over 30 years the members of the South Springwater Fire Fighters Association have been selling top quality trees for the holidays. This year they will be continuing their tradition with fir trees for sale starting Saturday, November 29 at the Ice Cream Hut on Bayfield St. Funds from this sale help support the local charities that the firefighters give to. More information is available on the Facebook page.

That's it for this week, THANKS for READING, BE WELL and STAY SAFE!



Centre Flos W.I. tours Elmvale Food Bank

By Pat Leonard,
Centre Flos W.I., Public
Relations, Nov 10, 2025

Thirteen members met and were given an educational tour of the Elmvale Food Bank, for our October meeting. Volunteer Deb McLean provided a wealth of information about how many local people that this facility serves. Most months over 150 people have to use the Food Bank in order to feed themselves and/or their family. We were able to get a first-hand look at what a typical



Deb McLean and MaryJean Edwards

person would receive, upon their bi-weekly visit. This "food basket" is adapted to each client, as best as possible, according to their individual requirements and preferences. Certain items are only provided once a month or at longer intervals – so the book-keeping that is required can be quite in-depth. Donations of food items are always welcome, and of course monetary donations allow the volunteers to shop for those missing items, where they can get the best value. Our Community is so generous, both with their donations and also with volunteering their time to help man the Food Bank, in the countless positions that are necessary.

Our Treasurer, MaryJean Edwards presented the Food Bank with a cheque for \$250 – which was part of the proceeds from our summer Coffee Parties at Heritage Park. We sincerely thank the public for supporting our 3 events. All of our members came away with a feeling of just how lucky most of us are, to have food in our cupboards & a roof over our heads. Our meeting continued at the Presbyterian Church, with our usual business & of course a bite of lunch.

Our meeting on November 4th was a very informative meeting. Following the customary opening, Secretary Jocelyn Woodcock gave an extremely well-researched program. We learned about what to do and not to do, in case of a fall, and about simple exercises that will help us to prevent falls. Helping to restore even just a small amount of stability will keep us all more healthy and active. What a great presentation Jocelyn!

We are looking forward to our Christmas Celebration, to be held on Dec 2nd at the Four Corner Tea Room. Full turkey dinner – yummmmm. Remember to bring a donation to the Food Bank in lieu of a gift. Our monthly meetings will resume on January 6th. Please bring socks and/or mitts as your Roll Call, and they will be distributed to the Salvation Army to help those in need over the winter.

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Chamber Golf Tournament celebrates 12 years with BIG impact

By GBGHF, Nov 10, 2025

On Thursday, August 21, 2025, 120 golfers came together at Oak Bay Golf Club for the SEGBAY Chamber of Commerce's 12th Annual Golf Tournament, in partnership with Bell Media's BOUNCE 104.1 and Pure Country 106. The tournament raised an incredible \$35,500 through registration, sponsorship, live & online auctions and raffles.

Over the past 12 years, the event has raised more than \$397,000 for local charities, including more than \$290,000 for the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation. This year, in addition to \$25,000 for the GBGH Foundation, the event also supported the Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre with a donation of \$10,500.

"We are proud to support our local hospital and the cancer support centre with this tournament," says tournament chair Fred Wareing. "Our chamber members, local businesses and service organizations, like the Baxter Ward Lions Club, all come together to raise important funds to help our community."

The \$25,000 raised for the GBGH Foundation will support the Kickstart Your Heart campaign, which is focused on investing in surgical services at the Midland hospital. This includes purchasing specialized laparoscopic technology and tools to expand the types of procedures available at the hospital, helping patients receive care closer to home, and reducing wait times for important surgeries.

"We are incredibly grateful to the SEGBAY Chamber of Commerce, Bell Media and all the groups who dedicate their time and energy to supporting our hospital," says Robyn Kaczanowski, community giving officer, GBGH Foundation. "Their commitment to our hospital makes a meaningful difference for patients and families in our community, and we are so thankful for their continued generosity."

The \$10,500 donated to the Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre will benefit the Brian and Anita Millet GAP Fund, which helps offset the costs of gas, accommodations, and parking for individuals undergoing cancer treatment. This fund ensures that patients can access care without the added burden of travel-related expenses, making a significant impact on their journey through treatment.

For more information on the tournament, visit: <https://gbghf.ca/segbay-golf-tournament/>



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Mon., December 1 - A Taste of Frank Sinatra and Friends
Celebrating the Christmas season at the
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Includes: buffet lunch and afternoon entertainment. **Cost:** \$154.00

Tues., December 2 - Niagara Fallsview
Casino & Christmas Light Tour

Includes: a 4 hour stay at the Casino,
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in Niagara Falls. (no meals) **Cost:** \$82.00



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Thurs., December 11 - TSO Holiday Pops at Roy Thomson Hall,
Toronto

Jingle all the way with your Toronto Symphony Orchestra! This year's
festive spectacular is led by guest conductor Sarah Hicks, joined by the
radiant Mikaela Bennett, who lends her soaring vocals to timeless
classics and traditional favourites.

Includes: table service upgraded luncheon at "HotHouse Restaurant"
followed by orchestra level seating for the 2:00p.m. performance.
Cost: \$242.00

2026 Overnight Tours

Contact the office for complete itineraries

March 4 to 18 - Portugal Long Stay including Porto, Lisbon, and
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and sightseeing as we Discover Portugal

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Annie's Journal

by Annie Warner Donnelly



Nov 16, 2025

Hello Everyone. Today, I just want to share what Sarah Meldrum wrote on her Facebook page on November 4, 2025, about the Blue Jays loss.

"The Toronto Blue Jays just lost the World Series. And somehow won something bigger. From last place in the division to Game 7 of the World Series. Two outs from a championship. But then they lost. And almost the entire baseball world — even some Dodgers fans — walked away loving them more than the team that won.

Here's what happened that every leader, teammate, and human should understand: They made compassion visible.

Throughout the series, Blue Jays' relievers wore "51" on their hats — Alex Vesia's number. He wasn't even on their team. He was a Dodgers pitcher, home dealing with something deeply personal. They didn't owe him anything. They just saw another human being hurting and showed up anyway.

And when Game 7 slipped away, two outs from a championship, their character showed again. Jeff Hoffman, the closer who let a home run through, stood in front of reporters and said quietly: "I cost everybody a World Series ring. Got to execute better."

He heartbreakingly blamed himself for the loss. No excuses. No deflection. Just raw accountability.

But before the reporters could even ask another question, Vladimir Guerrero Jr. walked over and wrapped him in a hug.

Ernie Clement, holding back tears, said: "I'd take a bullet for that guy." Not "he made a mistake." Not

"great teammate." Not "consummate professional." "I'd take a bullet."

They went from the bottom of their division to two outs from glory and never pretended to be anything other than themselves. No corporate speak. No polished narratives. Just a group of guys who genuinely liked each other, played with joy, and made you feel something even when they lost.

We think culture is:

- Team-building exercises
- Core values on the wall
- Slack channels with forced enthusiasm

Culture is what happens when nobody's performing. Culture is whether your people write "51" on their hat when someone's going through hell. Culture is whether your team protects each other when everything falls apart - or points fingers.

But this isn't just about business. What the Blue Jays showed us was bigger than baseball. They showed us what grace looks like under pressure. What loyalty looks like when it hurts. What it means to care out loud.

They reminded us that strength isn't about winning. It's about how you lose.

Even Dodgers fans were rooting for them by the end. Not because of the scoreboard — but because of the heart. The Blue Jays didn't just play baseball. They made the world believe in something good again. In a time where everything feels divided, they gave us proof that character still matters. Because long after the confetti's cleaned up, people will remember how this team made them feel. And that's the kind of victory no one can take away." Amen.

A Milestone Birthday, a Meaningful Memory: Giving Back to GBGH Foundation for Susie's 60th

By GBGH, Nov 4, 2025

Celebrating a milestone and giving back! Susan Saccucci's 60th birthday party brought friends and family together to raise \$7,089 for the GBGH Foundation's We See You Campaign, including a generous \$5,000 gift from Randy and Sandra Hall in honour of the care their parents received at GBGH.



What will this winter bring?

Another storm? Missed meals? Days without seeing anyone? No one can predict it, but you can choose to be ready.

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Book Club - First Thursday of each month, 4:00pm – 5:00pm
The book club is resuming this fall. We meet once a month at the library to discuss a pre-selected book. December's book is 'The Hidden Storyteller' by Mandy Robotham. After December we will be taking a break in January and starting again on the first Thursday of February. If you have any questions about the book club, please contact the library.
A minimum of 5 participants is needed to run the program.

Book Sale
Books, puzzles and games are 4 for \$1.00

Senior's Info Series
In collaboration with many organizations, we are proud to present a series of presentations about seniors' issues and concerns on Thursdays this November. Spaces are limited. These presentations are open to the public. A library card is not required. A minimum of 5 people is required to run a program. We hope you can sign up for the following;
• Nov 27, 10:30-11:30 - Stay sharp: Keeping your mind active as you age. Speaker: North Simcoe Muskoka Specialized Geriatric Services Program.

Reindeer Swag Craft Workshop - Friday, November 21, 4:00 to 6:00
\$25.00 for members, \$30.00 for non-members
Nonrefundable or transferable and a minimum of 5 participants is required to run the program. All materials are Included. October 20 – 27, registration open for Penetanguishene taxpaying members with a valid library card. After Oct 27th registration is open to everyone.
Cash only

Christmas Craft – Friday November 28, 4:00-5:00pm
Make a snowman for your Christmas Tree. \$1.00 for members, \$2.00 FOR non-members. Nov 3 - Nov 7 registration open for Penetanguishene taxpaying members with a valid library card. After November 8th Registration is open to everyone. All ages, non-transferable and non-refundable. A minimum of 5 people is required to run a program.
Teddy Bear Giving Tree
Choose to take your bear home or donate after Dec 15th. All donations will be given to Georgian Bay Native Women's Association after Dec 15th. Large bears \$10.00, small bears \$5.00. Cash Only. Receive a ballot for a chance to win the topper a Bearington Holden Presents Christmas bear.

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NEW! Storytime at Minesing Branch
Join Kaitlyn for Storytime in the library! We will be singing songs, reading stories and having fun! At the end of each Storytime program, families can take home a free craft! Tuesdays at 11am, Minesing Branch (Wednesdays 10:30am at Midhurst Branch with Miss Amanda). Cost: Free. Registration required.

Drop-In Craft
The library will be offering a fun drop-in craft every month. This month you can make a gnome door hanger. This program will be available as long as supplies last. Thursday November 20 at Elmvale and Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free.

Library Board Member: Township of Tiny Representative
Passionate about libraries? Looking for a great way to serve your community? Springwater Township Public Library is a vital connector, bringing people, businesses and organizations together through programs and services that empower our residents. This is an opportunity to contribute to a vital community service. As a board member, you serve as a community representative, library advocate and supporter. Candidates must be 18 years old, a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, and a resident of the Township of Tiny. Application deadline is noon Friday November 21 and are available at the Elmvale library, Township of Tiny Admin building or online at: www.tiny.ca/committeeoportunities.

EarlyON at Storytime!
At Storytime this week we're hosting special guest: EarlyON! Come out with your friends and enjoy some songs, stories and take home a simple craft. Tuesday November 25 at 10:30am, Elmvale Branch. Cost: Free. No registration required for this drop in program.

Death Café: Interactive Workshop
This workshop from the South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre offers a unique gathering, where individuals come together to share sweet treats, sip tea, and engage in conversations about death. Unlike grief support or counselling session, Death cafe is a discussion group with no set agenda or themes. Hosted by the South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre, these sessions are led by a Pain and Palliative Symptom Management Nurse Consultant along with a representative from the SGBCHC. Tuesday

November 25, 2pm-3:30pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost: Free. Register at (705) 422-1888 ext 143 or at <https://www.southgeorgianbaychc.ca/event/506/>

Tween/Teen Program
Have a furry friend in your life? Treat them to a new look with a custom-made bandana. It is guaranteed to make you their favourite human! Tuesday November 25, 5:30pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost per item. Registration required.

Intro to Genealogy
This program will provide you with a basic understanding of how to begin your genealogy journey online and in the library. It will highlight some local history books, genealogy materials, Ancestry Library Edition, and some other online resources. Friday November 28, 2pm-3pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: FREE. Registration required.

Take and Make Craft
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! Kits are only available while supplies last. Monday December 1 is a Moose Craft.

Santa Storytime
Santa is coming to the library! He'll share some stories, answer your questions, sing carols, and you can even tell him what you'd like for Christmas this year! Photos and videos are welcome. A take home Christmas craft will be provided. Saturday December 6, 10:30am at Elmvale Branch and 1:30pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

12 Days of Holiday Fun
Join us for 12 days of activities and crafts! Lego challenges, hot chocolate, and card making and more! Free! Drop In! Monday December 8 – Saturday December 20.
Senior Social Coffee and Crafting

Drop by the library for a fun afternoon of crafting and socializing! One morning a month we will have a simple craft activity set up in the branch along with light refreshments. This is an excellent opportunity for seniors in the community to connect for a fun morning of creativity! Friday December 12, 11am-12noon at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.



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Jo Knows Nutrition

by Joanne Nijhuis



Nov 16, 2025 - French food never goes out of style and is considered by many to be the pinnacle of gourmet. No exception is the sophisticated and somewhat intimidating cheese soufflé. Feared by many home cooks, it shouldn't be as it is surprisingly easy to prepare and transforms everyday ingredients - milk, eggs, cheese and flour - into something elegant to share with family and friends for brunch, lunch or a light dinner paired with a salad. Packed with protein, while skipping the heavy cream, this recipe is dietitian approved and will make you feel like a kitchen superstar. Incroyable!

Did You Know?

The word soufflé comes from the French verb souffler, meaning “to blow” or “to puff,” which perfectly describes how this dish behaves in the oven. Invented in France centuries ago, it became famous for its dramatic rise, thanks to beaten egg whites acting like edible architecture. One wrong move - like opening the oven door too soon or not eating it straight away - and the entire delectable structure can collapse. That fleeting perfection is what keeps the soufflé iconic and on menus throughout the world.

INGREDIENTS (4 Servings)

- 2 cups (500 ml) milk (whole, 2% or 1%)
- 4 Tablespoons (60 ml) unsalted butter
- ½ cup (125 ml) all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) salt
- ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) Dijon mustard
- 1 ½ cups (375 ml) Gruyère, Emmental, Swiss, Comté, Monterey Jack, or Cheddar cheese
- 3 egg yolks from large eggs
- 3 egg whites from large eggs
- ¾ teaspoon (3.75 ml) cream of tartar
- 1 Tablespoon (15 ml) unsalted butter, melted to grease the ramekins

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F (200 C). A hot oven is essential to baking soufflés. Also, do not open the oven door to peek as that can lead to a ‘flop’.
2. Coat four 6-8 ounces (180-250 ml) ramekins

- (small, single serve casserole dishes) or any oven-proof dish/dishes with the melted butter.
3. In a large saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. Once melted, add the flour and whisk continuously for 1½ -2 minutes. Do not let the mixture brown.
4. Gradually add the milk to the butter and flour, whisking until thickened which takes 2-3 minutes. Do not stress if there are some lumps. You will not notice in the final soufflés. Creating a béchamel sauce like this takes practise and this recipe is perfect for learning how to make this versatile white sauce.
5. Remove from the heat and whisk in the mustard and salt and then, the egg yolks, one at a time.
6. Return the pan to low heat and stir in the cheese until smooth.
6. In a large bowl, combine the egg whites and the cream of tartar and whisk with a mixer for about 2 minutes to form firm peaks.
7. Gently fold the egg whites into the cheese mixture and distribute evenly amongst the ramekins or into a larger oven-proof dish.
8. Bake until puffed and golden brown, about 20-25 minutes.
9. Serve immediately.



ENJOY!

PER SERVING: |Calories: 425 kcal | Carbohydrates: 19 g| Protein: 19 | Fat: 32 |
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 –for groups or individuals - in person and online. For more information, email Joanne at jo.knows.nutrition@outlook.com

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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
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MONDAY
Elmvale Seniors Drop In
Elmvale Community Church
10 am - 12 noon
Call Lynn for info, 705.322.3309

Midland Jam
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
Line Dancing Advanced, 9:15am-
10:30
Fun Fit Circuit, 9:15-10:15am
Coffee Break, 10:00-12pm
Chair Pilates, 10:30am-11:30am
Intro to Line Dancing- Baby Steps,
10:30am-11am
Walking Club, 11am-12pm
Line Dancing Basic, 11am-12pm
Hand and Foot Card Game, 1pm-
3pm
Writers Workshop, 1pm-3pm

TUESDAY
Elmvale Legion
Tuesdays at 1 pm
Table Shuffleboard, Cost \$1

Palace Tavern Elmvale BINGO
Every Tuesday night
Midland Rotary proceeds 6:30 pm
to 7:30 pm
Barrie Rotary proceeds 8 pm to 9:30
pm
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Penetanguishene Legion
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Euchre
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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
Pickleball, 9am-12pm (starting
October 14)
Cardio Drums Alive, 9am-10am
Quilting, 9am-12pm
Photography Club, 10am-12pm first
Tuesday of every month
Darts Club, 10am-12pm
Zumba Toning, 10:30-11:30
Badminton, 1pm-3pm
Circle of Friends, 1:30pm-2:30pm

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

Bay Shore Seniors Club
Pickleball 12:45 pm
Access Art - 1:00 - 4:00 pm

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

Askennonia Seniors Centre
Table Tennis, 9am-11am
Pickleball, 9am-11:30am (starting
October 15)
Step Class, 9 am-10am
Line Dancing Advanced, 9:15am-
10:30am
Chair Yoga, 9:15am-10:15am
Men’s Shed, 10am-12pm
Cribbage, 10am-12pm
Intro to Line Dancing- Baby Steps,
10:30am-11am
Line Dancing Basic, 11am-12pm
Walking Club, 11am-12pm
Creative Crafting, 1pm-3pm
Bid Euchre, 1pm-3pm
Woodcarving, 1pm-3pm

Midland Ganaraska Hiking Trail
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Georgian Shores Aquarium Club

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Monthly meetings
Guest speakers, DIY aquarium
related projects

THURSDAY
Jam Night Elmvale Palace
Thursdays at 9 am-1am
13 Queen St. W, Elmvale

Askennonia Seniors Centre
Zumba, 9am-10am
Pickleball, 9am-11:30am
Corn Hole, 10am-11am
Tai Chi, 10:15am-11am
Chair Pilates, 10:30am-11:30am
Writers Circle, 1pm-3pm
Uke and Guitar Jam, 1pm-3pm
Card Games, 1pm-3pm

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Coffee Party
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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
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Pick-up Thursday 11:15 – 11:45 at
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Connecting Together - Fellowship
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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.
Dec. 4 Pot Luck at Wasaga Beach
Community Presbyterian Church,
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Wasaga Beach Public Library
meeting room
All persons living with Parkinson’s
Disease and their care partners are
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FRIDAY
Palace Tavern Elmvale BINGO
Karaoke 8:30 pm Every Friday
13 Queen St W, Elmvale

Bay Shore Seniors’ Club
Woodcarving 10:00 - 3:00 pm

Georgian Shores Seniors Club
Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am
Table Tennis, 9:30-11:30 am
3rd Bingo & Lunch: 12 noon - 3:30
pm
TGIF social, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Askennonia Seniors Centre
Knit’n Needles, 9am-12pm
Cardio Drums Alive, 9am-10am
Pickleball, 9am-11:30am
Badminton, 9:30am-11:30am
Tabata, 9am-10am
Chair Zumba, 11:10am-12pm
Card Making, 1pm-3pm
Musicians Jam Circle, 1pm-3pm

WEEKENDS
Elmvale Legion
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Midland Ganaraska Hiking Trail
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For information contact Kris 705-
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Thur. 12:45pm Duplicate Bridge,
Fri. 12pm: Bid Euchre. Contact
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Special Events One Time

Death Cafe wtih South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre and NSMHPCN
Nov. 25, 2025 from 2-3:30 pm
Springwater Library 50 Queen St W, Elmvale
A gathering for individuals to engage in conversation about death over tea.

Township of Tiny Holiday Festivities Family Movie Night
Nov. 28, 2025 from 6:30-8:30pm
Free and 1st come , 1st served. Snacks and drink for small fee.
Township of Tiny Community Centre
91 Conc. Rd 8, Tiny

St. Margaret’s CWL Xmas lunchand Bake Sale
Nov. 29th from 11-2pm
589 Hugel Ave at 3rd St. Midland
\$10 lunch with homemade sweets, Basket draws, Children’s bargain table and Art exhibit.

Christmas Chronicles Legends & Lore
Nov. 28, 2025 7:30pm
112 Collier St, Collier United Church, Barrie
This spectacular holiday show blends beloved Christmas songs and traditions.

Township of Tiny Holiday Festivities Tree Lighting Celebration
Dec. 5, 2025 from 5-6:30pm
Snap a photo with Santa and his reindeer, enjoy hot cocoa by the fire, and join the festive countdown to the tree lighting. S’mores, music, and holiday cheer await!

Simcoe County Branch Ontario Ancestors Show and Share
Dec. 06, 2025 10:30 to 11:30am
Barrie & District Association Realtors Facility,
676 Veterans Drive, Barrie

Elmvale Lions Santa Claus Parade
Dec 7, 2025 at 1pm HCES
Theme, “All I want for Christmas.”
www.elmvalelions.ca to sign up - look in scroll at top

Jazz Cabaret
Dec. 11, 2025 at 7 pm
Elmvale District High School, 25 Lawson Ave
Tickets will be sold in advance only, starting on November 16th at the school office or on school cash online for \$15.

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Dec. 12, 2025 6-9pm
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County of Simcoe Paramedic Services Launch 23rd Annual Food and Toy Drive

Give a little, help a lot

By County of Simcoe, Midhurst/Nov 14, 2025
County of Simcoe Paramedic Services is proud to launch its 23rd Annual Food and Toy Drive, continuing a long-standing tradition of supporting children and families in need across our region during the holiday season.

Financial contributions can be made online at CanadaHelps. Additionally, new, unwrapped toys, non-perishable food items, and gift cards (please indicate the gift card value) are welcome to be donated at the designated drop-off locations listed below.

Over the past 22 years, the Food and Toy Drive has made a significant impact, collecting 130,831 toys, 88,970 lbs of food, and \$289,321.57 in monetary and gift card donations for families in need across the county.

“Our County of Simcoe paramedics continue to show us what community service looks like, with compassion, generosity, and a deep commitment to the well-being of our residents,” shared Warden Basil Clarke. “This campaign brings hope and joy to families across Simcoe County, and we’re grateful to our incredible paramedics who give so much of their time, and to the countless businesses and individuals who continue to support this drive year after year.”

Paramedic volunteers kicked off the drive early this year, thanks to their colleagues at Georgian Manor and Village, who collected 130 lbs of non-perishable food, \$109 in monetary donations and a few toys during a recent community event. These donations were delivered to the Georgian Bay Food Network in Midland.

DONATION LOCATIONS: County of Simcoe Administration Centre, 1110 Highway 26 in Midhurst between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and at the following County of Simcoe Paramedic Stations, where outdoor drop boxes are available until December 21:

- Alliston - 6933 Industrial Parkway, Alliston
- Angus - 1 Tree Top Street, Angus
- Barrie Simcoe Emergency Services Campus - 110 Fairview Drive, Barrie
- Barrie Tiffin - 113 Tiffin Street, Barrie
- Beeton - 51 Main Street East, Beeton
- Bradford – 480 Miller Park Avenue, Bradford
- Coldwater - 1 Firehall Lane, Coldwater
- Collingwood - 169 St. Paul Street, Collingwood

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- Elmvale - 17 Allenwood Road, Elmvale
- Midland - 395 Cranston Crescent, Midland
- Orillia - 68 West Street, Orillia
- Penetanguishene - 10 Robert Street West, Penetanguishene
- Springwater – 1110 Snow Valley Road, Midhurst
- Stayner - 6993 Highway 26, Stayner
- Stroud - 2394 Victoria Street West, Stroud
- Wasaga Beach - 23 Oxbow Park Road, Wasaga Beach

Washago - 401 Anchor Drive, Severn
In addition to the above, many locations across the county will also be accepting donations and pop-up collection points may be in a community near you, including the following:

- Friday, November 14, 2025:
- Collingwood Walmart ~ 5 to 8 p.m.
- Saturday, November 15, 2025:
- Collingwood Walmart ~ 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - Orillia Walmart ~ 2 to 6 p.m.
 - Collingwood Santa Claus Parade ~ 5 to 7 p.m.
 - Barrie Santa Claus Parade ~ 5 to 7 p.m.
 - Alliston Santa Claus Parade ~ 6 to 7 p.m.
 - Bradford West Gwillimbury Santa Claus Parade ~ 6 to 8 p.m.

- Sunday, November 16, 2025:
- Bradford West Gwillimbury Rattlers Hockey Game ~ Bradford Leisure Centre ~ 7 to 9 p.m.
- For an up-to-date list, visit simcoe.ca/toydrive.

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OBITUARIES



DUMAIS, Robert Alfred
Bob Dumaïs, born February 24th, 1936, died November 12th, 2025, passing away peacefully at GBGH. Bob was born in the wilderness of Northern Quebec to nomadic parents, who registered his birth at Rousseau, Quebec. His early life was filled with hardships during the depression, leaving school at age 8, to skin logs in the bush with his grandfather. Bob lost his mother by age 10 and was raised by a loving caring woman as a foster child until age 16. Bob first work in mills, then building railroads in Northern Ontario, then headed south to Toronto. There he worked at anything he could find while he learned English. He worked on the docks, unloading ships from all over the world, as well as truck driving and started his career in construction. He crossed Canada many times, either by rail or driving. Bob made Phelpston his home in 1972 with his wife Evelyn. They settled making their home out of the old chicken coop. Bob worked as a handy man until 80 years of age. He made many friends of the people he worked for and helped. Many people marveled at his ingenuity and creativity.
Bob is pre-deceased by his wife Evelyn (d. 2010) and his daughter Mary-Lou (d.2018). Bob leaves behind 3 sons, Danny, Larry and Michael, and a daughter, Jeanette, 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, many friends and neighbours, and the Phelpston and Palace pool playing buddies.
Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life on Father's Day 2026 will take place at the family home in Phelpston.
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FRENCH, George Edward
Passed away peacefully at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie on Monday, November 17, 2025 at the age of 73. George French of Phelpston, beloved husband of Lyla. Dear father of Sarah Matchim (Scott McCullough) of Toronto, and Cheryl (Josh) Muirhead of Elmvale. Grandfather of Maxine, Harrison, Aurellia, Finnegan, and Mavis. Brother of the late Dorothy (survived by Harvey) Beecroft of Barrie, Cliff (Esther) French of B.C, Wilma (Renee) Brakel of Beamsville, and Tom (Peggy) French of Barrie. George will be missed by his nieces and nephews.
A Celebration of Life will be held at the Lion's Club in Elmvale, November 22, 2025 2-5.
Memorial donations may be made to the RVH Cancer Centre.
Expressions of sympathy may be sent to www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com



Heart of Georgian Bay Fund Opens \$100K Grant Opportunity for Local Initiatives
By Scott Warnock, Nov 4, 2025
Established in 2023 by long-time North Simcoe residents Marc Wayne and Julie Coleman, the Heart of Georgian Bay Community Forward Fund was created to build upon their ongoing philanthropic efforts and inspire meaningful, lasting change close to home.
Marc and Julie have contributed extensively to local charities and initiatives that uplift the people and places that make our region thrive. Through this fund, administered by the Huronia Community Foundation, they continue their commitment to strengthening the communities of Midland, Penetanguishene, Tiny, Tay and Beausoleil First Nation.
The Heart of Georgian Bay Community Forward Fund is now inviting applications for project-based initiatives that create meaningful impact across our communities.
This granting opportunity is designed to support bold, innovative ideas that address key community priorities including:
Food Security, Education Literacy and Training, Healthy Living Activities, Environmental Leadership, Promotion of Mental Health and Creativity in Arts and Culture.
Total funding available is \$ 100,000.
Applicants can apply for a single-year grant of up to \$ 10,000 or a multi-year grant of up to \$ 20,000 over two years (10K per year).
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COOPER, Lois Isabel (Jamieson)
July 31, 1930 - November 4, 2025

Lois passed away peacefully Tuesday November 4, 2025 at the age of 95. She was predeceased by her two husbands - Keith Rowell (m.1952) and Edward Cooper (m.1980). She will be sadly missed by her children: Lynn Drury, Terry Rowell and Sheila (Gary) MacDonald and by her step children: Marlene McReynolds, Cheryl (Paul) Juszko and Elise (Jim) Cooper. Her grandchildren: Kory (Maria) Rowell, Shelby (Kyle) Holm and Parker (Vanessa) Drury - Michelle (Andrew) Carscadden, Alisia McReynolds, Natasha Keill. Lois's great grandchildren: Nyla, Ryleigh, Aurora, Harlow, Charlie, - Maizie, Jade, Colton and Hope. Lois was the beloved sister of her late brothers Stewart (Myrtle) and Murray (Marlene) Jamieson.

Visitation will be held at Adams Funeral Home, Barrie 11am to 12 pm on Wednesday November 12, 2025 - immediately followed by a funeral service at 12 pm.

Interment Wasaga Beach Cemetery.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to IOOF Seniors Homes Inc., or Alzheimer's Society.

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PRINCE, Danny Donald
On November 6, 2025, Danny took the final exit on his scenic route home, peacefully surrounded by loved ones. He left us as he lived, on his own time, giving all that he had right to the end. He joins his Mother Violet Prince (nee Bould), other family members and many friends who arrived before him.

Danny spent his life behind the wheel—whether for work or simply for the joy of driving. His passion for cars extended to the impressive Hot Wheels collection he proudly built over the years. Danny made friends with everyone he met. He had a thirst for knowledge and enjoyed sharing his interest in music, movies and classic cars.

Danny was the foundation of his family, he carried his burdens quietly, worked hard all his life, giving generously and selflessly to those he loved. His kind heart, infectious laugh and smile remain in the hearts of his friends and family.

Danny will be profoundly missed by his children Christa (Dave), Ryan (Anneta), Ashley (Darryl), Harley (Matt), his adored grandchildren, Journey, Ryleigh and Weston, his Father Donald, and his Brother Glen (Sheila) as well as his cousins, and his many friends.

God only knows what we'd be without him.

A celebration of life will be held in May 2026 around his birthday.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Hospice Huronia.

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OBITUARIES



HAYWARD (Dove), Peggy
It is with deep love and sadness that we announce the passing of Peggy Jean Hayward (Dove), (nee Campbell), who gracefully danced through 91 beautiful years of life before passing away in the early hours of November 9, 2025.

Born on October 24, 1934, in Toronto, Peggy’s dedication to dance inspired generations with her talent, warmth, and choreography, having once owned two dance studios in Rexdale and Clarkson, and then another in Elmvale. Lovingly known to those in the dance community as “Miss Peggy”, her admiration for dance lived on through her daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughter, who continued in her dance shoes. Her legacy carried on as Cyndy and Lindsay brought that same love and talent to those whose hearts are forever changed through dance, opening their own studio(s), all stemming from what Peggy began. In addition to her dance, Peggy was also a welcoming face at the office of Dr. John McKenzie in Elmvale, where she worked as a receptionist for over 10 years.

Peggy is predeceased by her late husband, the Honourable Clifford Dove, Justice of the Peace (d. 1993), and then found love again with her late husband, Roy Hayward (d. 2017). She was loved by her four children, Cyndy (Chris Daniels), Steve Dove (Deanna), Kerry Dove, and Wayne Dove (Linda), and her seven grandchildren, Matthew, Lindsay (Ryan), Ashley (Chris), Nick, Jason, Simon, and Nathanael (predeceased, d. 2021). She loved and proudly adored being a Great Nana to her beautiful great-grandchildren, Corbin, Liam, Amelia, Owen, and Charlie.

A private celebration of life will be held at a separate time. The family would like to thank Matthews House in Alliston for their kindness, compassion, and grace, providing such a beautiful space to be with our mother and grandmother in her last days.

Dance is the language of the soul – a way to express what words cannot. It inspires joy, connection, and the beauty of living fully in each moment. Thank you, Grandma, for giving us that. We will always remember you.

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NOTHROP, Brenda Joan (nee Berek)
It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Brenda Joan Nothrop (nee. Berek) on Monday, November 10th, 2025 at the age of 55. Brenda passed peacefully surrounded by family at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre.

Beloved and cherished mother to Brandon, Olivia, and Nic. Loved and remembered by her husband of 23 years, Ron Nothrop. Survived and missed dearly by her sister Susan Berek (Glenn Corbett) and predeceased by her mother Linda (2016), father Walter (2021), and brother David (2023). Daughter-in-law to Ed and Carol Nothrop (2021). Loved sister-in-law to Virginia, Derek, Nikki, and James. She will be missed by her many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Brenda was a supportive mother, wife, daughter, sister, friend, and community member. She selflessly devoted her life to her three children, and her strength and spirit will continue to live on in them. They will forever miss her deeply, but take peace in knowing she has gone home to the lord and has been reunited with her own mother.

Although her life was sadly cut short due to thyroid cancer, Brenda fought every moment of this journey with the upmost strength and determination. Her fight was nothing short of incredible, and she remained brave until her very last breath.

Brenda cherished the many friends she made throughout her lifetime. A special thank you to her dearest friends; Julie Ritchie, Liz Marshall, Kim Lewis, and Leanne Tiahnybok for their extra love and support during her difficult journey. Our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported Brenda throughout her life. We are forever thankful for the profound love she felt from her community.

Her family would like to extend many thanks to Dr. Ying Meng, Dr. Deepak Dinakaran, Dr. Rishi Patel, and especially Dr. Lucy Ma for providing her with more precious time. We are grateful for all the staff we encountered at SunnyBrook Health Sciences Centre, Royal Victoria Regional Hospital, and Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. To the amazing nurses, doctors, and support staff at Princess Margaret Floor 17A, thank you for taking such great care of her during the final weeks of her life.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 2-4 and 6-8 pm on Friday, November 14, 2025. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 15 at 11 am in the funeral home chapel.

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By Laura Forma, Georgian Bay Garden Tour Committee, Nov 11, 2025

Like much of summer 2025, Saturday, July 26th was a scorcher, but that did not discourage over 400 gardening enthusiasts from striking out for some Georgian Bay adventure and green-thumb delights. Imaginations were tickled and inspiration abundant within the twelve feature gardens, ranging from sandy beachfront dune plantings, vegetable plots and swaths of beneficial wildflowers, to cosy backyard retreats, trickling brooks and waterfalls, nature-decorated mossy rock retaining walls, and exotic floral landscapes reminiscent of more tropical climes. Tour participants delighted in varied artisan wares, scratched their heads in our reinvented Mystery Plant Competition, and placed generous bids in our successful Silent Auction.

Recording substantial increases in ticket sales and all fundraising avenues, the organizing committee

recently presented a total of \$16,000 (\$8,000 each) to charity partners: Hospice Huronia and Friends of Wye Marsh.

Tour-goers were astonished by the variety of garden styles and planting schemes they encountered, while the organizing committee was impressed by the willingness of our exceptional garden hosts to share both their property and their experienced horticultural knowledge. “It is the anecdotes of gardening successes and misfires communicated in one-on-one conversations between hosts & Tour participants that many appreciate most about our garden tour,” says Wade Fornwald, Committee Chair. “We are ecstatic that the combined efforts of all involved—garden hosts, artisans, sponsors & silent auction donors, and the many volunteers from our charity partners—generated a huge increase in funds that we could pass on to Hospice Huronia, our long-time charity partner, as well as Friends of Wye Marsh, who came on board for the 2025 Tour and will continue to be a Tour beneficiary going forward.”

“Having been a recipient of the Garden Tour funds for 5 years, it’s amazing how the power of the \$25 garden tour fee and sponsorships and artisan contributions have added up to be many thousands of dollars over that time. The Georgian Bay Garden Tour has contributed close to \$50,000 to our Bereavement Support Program. It’s a program that continues to see a growing demand for services and the Garden Tour has made a

significant impact,” says Debbie Kesheshian, Executive Director of Hospice Huronia - Tomkins House. “It has allowed us to expand our support offerings over these last few years and help many people from communities across our region. Thank you to the Committee, the gardeners and all those who supported the Tour again this year.”

Eric Walter, Executive Director of the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre acknowledged that “The Georgian Bay Garden Tour has established itself as a meaningful and memorable way for people to support local charity and marvel at the creativity, passion, and talent of community members. The funding support we received from this year’s event has meant the world to the staff and volunteers of Friends of Wye Marsh, whose work in environmental education and stewardship doesn’t exist without the support of the community.”

The Georgian Bay Garden Tour, now held annually each fourth Saturday of July, will return for the peak of the gardening season on July 25th, 2026. The organizing committee has already secured all of the feature gardens for the 2026 Tour and is now actively curating the 2027 and 2028 rosters. Anyone interested in offering up their garden for these or future Tours is welcome to contact us by email: gbgardentour@gmail.com. The Tour organizing committee is always in need of additional support and encourages Simcoe County gardeners to reach out and come on board to help organize this 35-years’ strong Simcoe County tradition.



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- ✓ In-Person:
 - Arena Welcome Desk (61 Maria St.): Mon 1–4 pm, Wed & Fri 10 am–4 pm.
 - Town Hall (10 Robert St. W): Mon–Fri 8:30 am–4:30 pm.

Upcoming Events



- ✓ Free Blood Pressure Clinic – Nov 26, 10 am–2 pm
- ✓ Ugly Christmas Sweater Social – Nov 28, 11 am–12 pm
- ✓ Deck the Centre Halls – Dec 3, 10:30 am–12:30 pm
- ✓ Mindful Living After 55 – Dec 5, 10:30 am–12 pm
- ✓ Winter Art Workshop – Dec 15, 10 am–11:30 am
- ✓ Puzzle Swap Drop-In – Dec 17, 10 am–3 pm
- ✓ Cookie Exchange & Social – Dec 19, 2:15 pm–3:15 pm



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For full details on each event, program and membership information can be found by visiting the 55+ Page on ConnectPenetanguishene.ca or TOP.RecDesk.com



Ongoing Programs



- ✓ Qigong: Slow Movements & Deep Breaths
- ✓ Eeezee Line Dancing
- ✓ Coffee & Coloring Social Group
- ✓ Move with Ease Yoga
- ✓ Chair Yoga
- ✓ Drum Fit
- ✓ 58 Card Group
- ✓ Cyber Skill Workshops
- ✓ 1:1 Digital Device Tutoring
- And so many more!**





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