



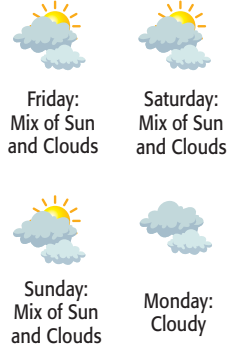
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Town mulls options for old town hall at recent council meeting

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Now that Town of New Tecumseth staff and Council have moved into the new town hall, a decision on what to do with the old town is under consideration.

Council received a report during the September 23 Council meeting with options for consideration.

The report recommend that the town pursue rental options prior to demolition and sale of the old building.

Council passed confidential direction in June after receiving an appraisal of the property, and made the decision to demolish the buildings at 10 and 14 Wellington Street

East and 13 Church Street South.

The report goes on to state that given the current state of the economy, future residential/industrial growth, and impending investment in infrastructure over the next five to ten years, there is potential for an improved valuation to the property should the town defer the listing of the property for several years.

The recent building condition assessment indicated that there is a significant funding gap for facilities maintenance and replacement of \$4M annually. Opportunities to generate revenue from Town-owned assets should be presented and considered to fund these maintenance costs.

The report continues, there has been some solicitation from Non-Profit entities to utilize the space within the former town hall. Council should consider the costs to the Town in providing free space, especially considering the obligations for maintenance to support those buildings. Free space would be considered an increase in service levels. Council should provide a uniform and consistent response to all organizations.

There is a strategic desire to have this real estate utilized for a high density commercial/residential use. This is consistent with planning objectives and is especially beneficial in the downtown core to have a new population to support local business. In

consultation with our real estate consultant it was advised that the property would be more valuable as vacant land than with a building presenting in an aged state. Council has recognized this by directing staff to demolish the building upon occupancy of the new town hall.

There is also an opportunity to investigate the potential for a temporary lease of the building. Tenant potential include those looking for temporary office space for businesses engaged in construction in the Town.

Staff are requesting a six-month opportunity to work with a real estate consultant to explore options and other possibilities prior to demolishing and listing the property.

Rabies reported domestically in Ontario, low-cost clinics available

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Low-cost rabies clinics are returning to Simcoe County, amid the first report of a domestically acquired case of rabies in Ontario in five decades.

Veterinarians in the region are offering several low-cost rabies vaccination clinics to help pet owners protect their dogs and cats that are three months old and older from rabies.

Rabies is a preventable but potentially fatal disease.

The rabies virus is spread through bites or scratches from infected animals and poses a threat to both pets and humans.

These clinics will provide an affordable way for pet owners to ensure their animals are vaccinated and safe.

Low-cost rabies clinics are offered annually by local veterinarians who give their time to participate in the program and operate the clinics.

The first clinic will be held on Sunday, Sept. 29, in Tottenham. Additional clinics will be taking place in Barrie, Collingwood, Oro-Medonte, and Penetanguishene until Oct. 26.

A schedule of clinics is listed on the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit website at: smdhu.org/RabiesClinics.

“On Sept. 5, the first domestically acquired human case of rabies was reported in Ontario in over 50 years,” said Dr. Charles Gardner, medical officer of Health at the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. “It is suspected that the case was acquired from direct contact with a bat.

Although this case occurred outside of Simcoe Muskoka and human cases are exceedingly rare, it is important to remember that rabies is present among bats and wild animals such as raccoons, foxes and skunks who live in and around our communities.

He added, “These animals can pass the disease to our pets who then can pass it to us, so

it is vital that cats and dogs, even those who are indoors, be vaccinated against rabies. It is the best way to protect them and the human members of your family.”

One and three-year vaccines are being offered at the rabies clinics depending on the animal’s vaccination status. Pet owners should speak with their veterinarian to determine when their pet is due for its next rabies vaccination.

It helps to bring the previous vaccination certificate to a clinic to make sure you get the vaccine that is best for your pet.

The clinics provide vaccines against rabies to approximately 1,000 pets annually. Anyone unable to attend the limited low-cost locations can contact their local vet to arrange to get their pet vaccinated.

Anyone who has been bitten or scratched by a domestic or wild animal or has been in direct contact with a bat or other animal should seek immediate medical attention and

report the incident to public health.

In 2023, the Health Unit’s public health inspectors investigated more than 1,600 potential rabies exposure incidents, of which 1,021 involved cats or dogs.

Approximately half of these investigations involved unvaccinated pets.

The best way to protect yourself and your family against rabies is to have your pets vaccinated. It is also the law.

In addition to vaccinating your pet, you can help prevent the spread of rabies by not allowing cats or dogs to roam free and by keeping them indoors at night.

You should also stay away from unfamiliar dogs and cats, as well as all wildlife, including bats.

For information about low-cost rabies clinic times and dates visit smdhu.org/RabiesClinics or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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Local teacher will appear on The Great Canadian Baking Show

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

A local teacher will test her baking skills against other expert bakers on the television show, The Great Canadian Baking Show.

Pamela Kramer, a co-op education teacher at Banting Memorial High School in Alliston, is well known as the teacher who bakes, and her students and fellow faculty rave over her treats.

The TV show is based on the British format with each episode featuring the bakers competing in three challenges – the Signature Bake, the Technical Bake, and the Show Stopper. Once their dishes have been tasted and critiqued, the judges decide who will be the weeks Star Baker, and who will be sent home.

In the final episode, the remaining three bakers will face off for the coveted cake plate and the title of Canada's Best Amateur Baker.

Pamela has been baking for "eight or nine years."

"I started baking after I finished grad school," Pamela explained. "I wanted to do something I enjoyed. I saw a bakery in Toronto that had classes and a friend and I decided to give it a try."

After she tried baking, Pamela was hooked and began experimenting with different things in the kitchen.

Her friends realized she had a real talent for it and encouraged her to try out for the show.

"The first time I applied, I made it to the first audition," Pamela explained. "I applied multiple times over the years."

Applying to be on the show is just the first step. There is a whole series of tests, auditions, interviews, and even health requirements to be on the show.

An applicant has to prove they have the ability to compete.

The show starts with ten bakers who are given challenges. One person is removed from each show.

"Being a good baker is only part of it," Pamela said. "A lot of it is mental. You realize you're not the only good baker anymore."

Pamela realized that as good as she was, she had nine other competitors who were there to challenge her.

The episodes she is on were actually filmed in May and June. Contestants are under strict rules to not divulge the results of any episode



SWEET SUCCESS – Pamela Kramer, a co-op education teacher at Banting Memorial High School, will appear on the upcoming TV show, The Great Canadian Baking Show. On the show, Pamela will compete with other bakers from across the country. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

– to anyone. Producers need to make sure the show goes to air with a surprise ending on each show and the big reveal at the end, of who the winner is.

Pamela said that shooting the episodes were quite stressful. At times she would have multiple cameras on her with producers asking her questions. They would stop tape and ask her to repeat an answer a different way so it would all work out in editing to put on the show.

At the same time, she said she enjoyed working with everyone on the show and thought they did a great job of making everyone feel at ease, and that they were very professional.

Even when a person was eliminated from the show, the judges made their decision in a nice way.

"It's probably the most difficult thing I've ever done," Pamela said. "And I would do it all over again."

The first episode of The Great Canadian Baking Show, will air on CBC on Sunday, October 6, at 8:00 p.m.



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In accordance with the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, the 2023 Statement of Development Charge Reserve Funds and Project List is now available for public viewing on the Town's website at www.newtecumseth.ca. For further information, please contact the Finance department at (705) 435-3900 or by email at dc@newtecumseth.ca.

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Watch where you step

The world has always been pretty innovative when it comes to thinking up new ways to kill your neighbour.

First, it was a rock or club, then likely some kind of edged weapon. Pretty much every society on earth figured out the bow and arrow, which actually is a pretty complicated weapon when you think about it.

The thing about war is that when you are attacking your neighbours, innocent people suffer right along with soldiers in the battlefield. In fact, in many wars, if not most these days, civilian deaths are higher than combat deaths.

It's not easy to drop bombs on a factory without killing the people who live next door.

In military terms this is called “collateral damage.” That's a nice way of saying they dropped a bomb on a hospital or school or senior's home.

No general will take part in a press conference describing a military action and say they knowingly ordered airstrikes on civilian targets – 20 dead children killed while at recess at school are referred to as collateral damage.

There are some weapons that have been deemed too cruel, even for warfare.

Expanding, soft nose bullets, also known as “dumdum” bullets were declared illegal in warfare because they were considered “cruel.” I guess instead of shooting your enemy with a dumdum bullet, ridding him with several rounds from an AK-47, won't kill him quite the same way.

Landmines are another great invention designed to kill and maim.

They are easy to use, and very effective at blowing up anyone who has the misfortune of stepping on one, or in some cases, just getting close to it.

At one time, landmines were designed to kill. There were several versions.

One version, called the Bouncing Betty, was a hugely powerful mine that would pop up from the ground when triggered, leaving only a red mist floating in the air from anyone who happened to be nearby. Other mines were very powerful and designed to disable tanks.

New versions of landmines are no longer designed to kill people. They are designed only to maim – usually by blowing someone's foot off – and there is a good reason for this.

When a soldier is maimed, he is out of action. However, you need at least two other soldiers to get him off the

battlefield, and others are needed to transport him. You then need medical personnel to treat him.

The idea is by maiming one guy rather than killing him, your enemy now has to use valuable resources, eliminating more of them.

Cluster bombs are another way of causing mayhem. A cluster bomb releases a number of smaller bombs before detonation. This is an effective way of destroying aircraft on a runway or killing troops hiding in trenches.

The real problem with these devices is no one ever goes back and retrieves the leftovers once a war is over. They are left there in the dirt. They are a hazard to any innocent person who has the misfortune of stepping on one.

A landmine will kill a child, a young mother, a teenager, or a dog. A lot of people have been maimed or killed by these devices years after a war had ended.

The hand-held device attack in Lebanon was an act of terror no matter how you look at it.

As an act of terror, it was genius. Hand-held devices all exploded simultaneously, killing 37, and wounding several thousand people.

How this happened is still not known. How did they get all these devices into the country and into the hands of the people they wanted to kill? Were the devices implanted with a timer that set off the explosions or was it some kind of radio transmitter or similar that sent out a signal to detonate?

No one has claimed responsibility for this attack.

This is a new level of warfare. How would the attacker know if a man was holding his young child when the device exploded? How would they know if the device exploded when someone was visiting a sick family member in a hospital?

This is just indiscriminate killing of innocent people.

The attackers will say it's collateral damage, but tell that to a woman who has brought her maimed or dying child into a hospital after a hand-held device exploded in their face.

No one can justify using weapons and technology to kill innocent people.

But that's the Middle East for you – where life is cheap and war is a way of life.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Watching history unfold and keeping it at the forefront

Many of my peers have spoken about not feeling like they had real, true roots wherever they lived because, as they grew up, they were bounced around from place to place and school to school.

While we didn't move around all that much when I was a kid – with a few brief interludes, most of my life up until I left for university in 2003 was spent in Newmarket – for one reason or another, I had to play a couple of not-so-rousing games of Musical Schools.

At the time, Newmarket was a far more rural community than it is today, yet it was a community in transition. The Town grew significantly as I went through my formative years and, as such, it was a simple matter of school boundaries being redrawn to ensure a largely equal distribution of students to teachers.

My first public school experience was at Prince Charles Public School, a place of learning built in the 1950s and named to commemorate the present

monarch who, at the time of its opening, was still a few years away from being named Prince of Wales.

That was my educational home up until Grade 2, when the lines were redrawn and I became a student at Bogart Public School the following year. It was its first season of welcoming students, so it felt like we were sort of trailblazers as we were able to leave our stamp on the new, much fancier digs. We had the opportunity to leave something behind, too, as a tree sculpture was erected in its grand new foyer, its branches eventually groaning under the weight of birds each of us made from a heap of scrap metal that was brought in for such a creative exercise.

Three years later, the powers-that-be brought out the eraser and once again re-drew lines, redistributing many of us to a school that was, at the time, not yet complete – and without a formal name.

Before we took our places there, households were sent a survey ask-

ing what each family thought the name should be called. One option was an uninspired testament to local environmental features. Another suggestion was to name the school after the subdivision in which it sat – again, not particularly creative. The third suggestion was to name the school after a York Region teacher who recently passed and evidently meant a lot to the students she left behind, not to mention her family and friends.

Coming from a school that was named after an identifiable individual, and another that was named with the two-barrelled purpose of honouring Bogartown, a largely forgotten village that was eventually swallowed up by Newmarket, as well as the founding family after which the hamlet was dubbed, naming the school after this impactful woman was my first choice as it would ensure her legacy would live on.

Alas, other families within the catchment area felt differently and opted to

name it after the new subdivision and thus, the uninspired Stonehaven Elementary School came to be.

In the first two examples, at least from my perspective, history and heritage were clear and it inspired me to dig a little bit beyond the surface.

Perhaps, looking on, it helped foster my love of history and that feeling of being even a minute part of it. And, truth be told, it also fostered a sense of place amid a lot of change.

On Saturday, while covering a very important community event in Aurora, I wondered whether the children that were quickly assembling for a related event a short time later at the same venue, would have the same sense of place in future years.

We had gathered at the Central York Fire Services' newest station to wit-

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Exploding Pagers: What Was the Point?

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



The exploding pagers that killed at least 12 people and injured 2,800 others in Lebanon and some adjacent places on Tuesday were mostly just a new wrinkle on the exploding cellphones that Israel has used to assassinate its opponents in the past, but there was one major innovation.

You expect competence and ingenuity from Israel's Mossad spy agency, so it's no surprise that it knew Hezbollah, the Lebanon-based Islamist organization, was planning to replace the mobile phones of its planners and commanders with old-fashioned pagers. (One-way pagers cannot transmit, so do not reveal the holder's location.)

More impressively, Mossad found the information early enough to use it. Its operatives quickly turned to an obscure Hungarian firm called BAC Consulting that manufactures pagers under license from a Taiwan company called Gold Apollo.

Gold Apollo's founder, Hsu Chingkuang, denies it made the pagers used by Hezbollah, claiming that BAC Consulting had bought the rights to manufacture its pagers in Europe. "The product was not ours. It was only that it had our brand on it," Hsu said. "We are a responsible company. This is very embarrassing." Indeed.

Now come the speculative bits. Was BAC Consulting a front organization set up in Budapest by Mossad? That seems likely, because sabotaging 5,000 pagers is an industrial-scale operation, not easily hidden. It is not something that can be done by three guys working in a garage.

And how on Earth did Mossad persuade some senior Hezbollah officials to order 5,000 Gold Apollo Model AR-924 pagers from a dubious Hungarian company? Hezbollah will be tearing itself to shreds today as it frantically hunts for the traitors, and some of its senior officials will be facing ruthless interrogations and probably even torture.

Speculations aside, the rigged pagers were all delivered to Hezbollah a couple

of months ago and have been in daily use ever since. The obvious question is: what was it all for? The answer to that lies in another question: why so many?

Normal Mossad assassinations target one or two key figures in militant Arab organizations. There seems little point in targeting thousands of mid- and low-level officials, all of whom will automatically be replaced by their immediate subordinates. Unless, of course, you want to take out as many as possible of them on a single designated day.

The technical brilliance of the Mossad operation was not in how the pagers were manufactured nor in the way the explosive was disguised or concealed. It was in the fact that all 5,000 pagers, widely dispersed across Lebanon and nearby countries, could be detonated simultaneously by a single coded signal.

That is exactly what the Israeli government would want to do on the day it finally launched its long-threatened invasion of Lebanon to 'destroy' Hezbollah.

True, such an operation is unlikely ever to succeed. After eleven months of fighting, the Israel Defence Force (IDF) has not even managed to destroy Hamas, a far weaker foe. But for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government, which cannot think of anything else to do, attacking Hezbollah is an almost irresistible displacement activity.

If he finally decides to go down that road, then thousands of pagers exploding and killing or maiming thousands of Hezbollah's key cadres on the first day of the attack would make perfectly good sense.

So why have the Israelis jumped the gun? According to their own leaked explanation, it was because they thought Hezbollah was about to discover that its pagers had been sabotaged. Use them or lose them, even if using them without an accompanying invasion is a far less effective action resulting only in a few thousand shredded hands, faces and groins.

To maximize the damage, Mossad reportedly sent a message alert to the pagers less than a minute before the actual 'explode' command in order to ensure that as many Hezbollah commanders as possible would be looking at their pagers at just the right time. However, the pagers that stayed in trouser pockets did almost as much damage to stomachs and genitalia.

On Wednesday (Sept. 18) afternoon, the Israelis blew up several thousand Hezbollah walkie-talkies that it had also rigged to explode on command in a separate, probably much earlier operation.

Most walkie-talkies were in storage and would only have been issued if Israel actually invaded, so there were few casualties from those explosions.

The whole thing is just a footnote in history, really, though a fascinating one. Most of the victims were actual combatants, for once, and the only message it sends is that Israel is not yet ready to invade Lebanon. Whether it ever will be ready remains to be seen, but doing so without crippling Hezbollah's communications first would be a very big mistake.



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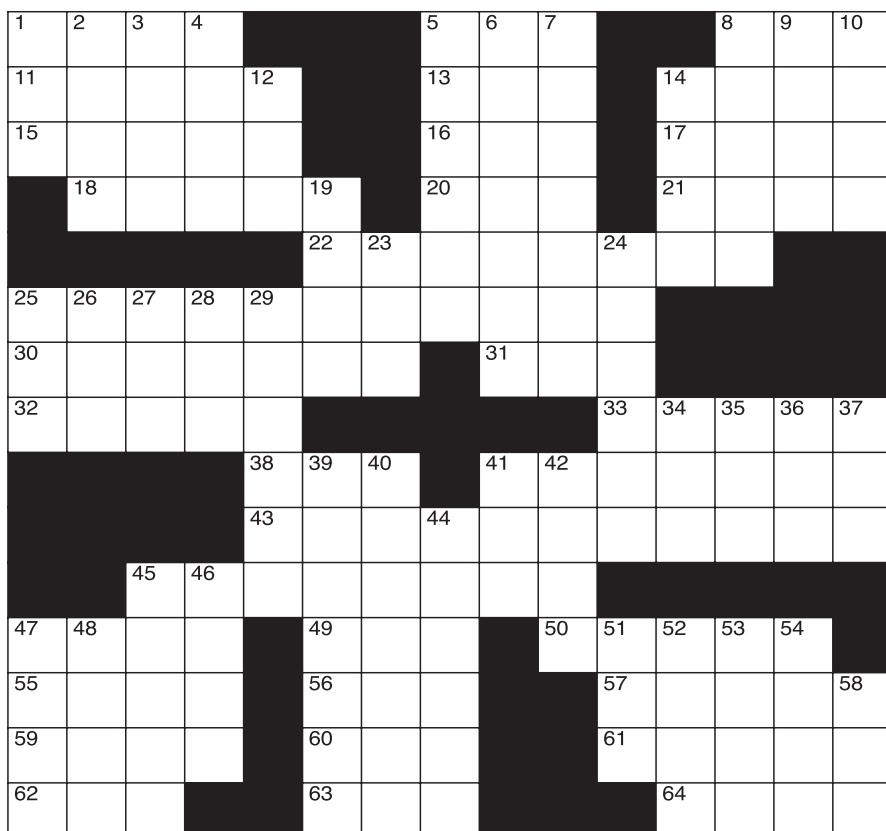
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- Horizontal passage
- Barely sufficient
- Dekaliter
- Goo Goo Dolls hit
- Australian city
- Female servants
- Plumbing fixtures
- Tooth caregiver
- Book of Esther antagonist
- Say aloud
- Thyrotrophic hormone
- Absolute

- Untimely
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- Juicy fruit
- Expresses distaste, disapproval
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- Swedish rock group
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- Begged
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- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Good friend
- Body part
- Tableland

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- Body parts

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- Dug into
- Laughed
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- Eight
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Veterinary clinic to host Our Town Food Bank drive

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Beeton Veterinary Clinic is hosting a food drive in support of the Our Town Food Bank in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving.

The clinic has placed a container at the entrance way to the clinic to accept donations of non-perishable food items as well as hygienic products.

They will also accept pet food as many people are struggling to feed their dogs and cats during difficult times.

Staff at the Clinic is concerned as inflation keeps rising about the basic wage and Ontarians are finding it harder and harder to make ends meet.

Kim Nagy, who works at the Clinic, has penned a letter to ask local residents, organizations and businesses to help the Clinic support the Food Bank.

“We have a growing dilemma in our area. It seems that inflation keeps rising above the basic wage and Ontarians are finding it harder and harder to pinch the pennies to pay the bills.

I work at the Beeton Veterinary Clinic and for me it is truly a blessing to have this job.

Dr. Brar is always at the forefront trying to ease their pain and find the best solutions for every animal that comes through our doors.

“Kristine (his trusted assistant), is so knowledgeable and compassionate with the animals and always eager to help where she can. We have been discussing for a period of time now what it is that we can do to lessen the burden of strain that more and more New Tecumseth residents seem to be feeling.

“In reaching out to the Our Town Food Bank and in talking with the Food Bank coordinator Susan we came to the realization that we can try to help even in the smallest of ways. Apparently, there is growing concern



HELPING OTHERS – The Beeton Veterinary Clinic is hosting a Thanksgiving food drive in support of the Our Town Food Bank. You can drop off non-perishable food items, hygienic items, as well as pet food at the Clinic. Dr. Brar, owner of the clinic, veterinarian assistant, Kristine Bohn, and Food Bank coordinator, Susan Iacoucci, show some of the early donations. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

that those using our local Food Bank have needs beyond just food and hygienic needs for themselves.

“There are so many different variables as to why so many people have to turn to our local Food Banks now, to put food on the table and still make ends meet. You never know how or why their luck has turned and it is so unfortunate to see. Yet knowing that it could just as easily happen to you or I, you might now take a different look at how you can help.

“In talking with Susan, I understand that there is a growing trend that these unfortunate predicaments leave good people worrying about their pets as well. Many will never release them for adoption as they are probably therapeutic to them. A constant that they hold onto to remind them they are loved. And

everyone deserves ‘Hope’ that their circumstances will change for the better too.

“We have decided to fundraise to help support the local Our Town Food Bank for Beeton and Tottenham. We have placed a Thanksgiving Food Drive container in the entrance way of the clinic in the hopes that you might feel inclined to pop by and donate a non-perishable item or hygienic item in the container. We also hope you might consider donating to help support the food needs of their pets as well.

“From all of us at Beeton Veterinary Clinic we thank you for your kind support in helping those in need. Especially through these upcoming holiday times. If we receive a great response to the Thanksgiving Drive, we will look to further our efforts with a Christmas Drive as well.”

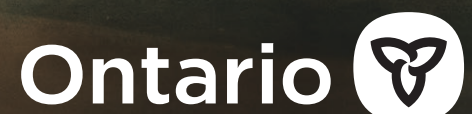
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New prenatal classes available in Angus

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Expecting a new baby is exciting and it's normal to have many questions about pregnancy and what to expect once the baby arrives.

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit offers free prenatal classes throughout the community in a variety of formats.

To help local residents prepare for a new baby, the Health Unit has announced that in-person prenatal classes are available at the Essa Public Library, Angus Branch, starting October 1, 2024.

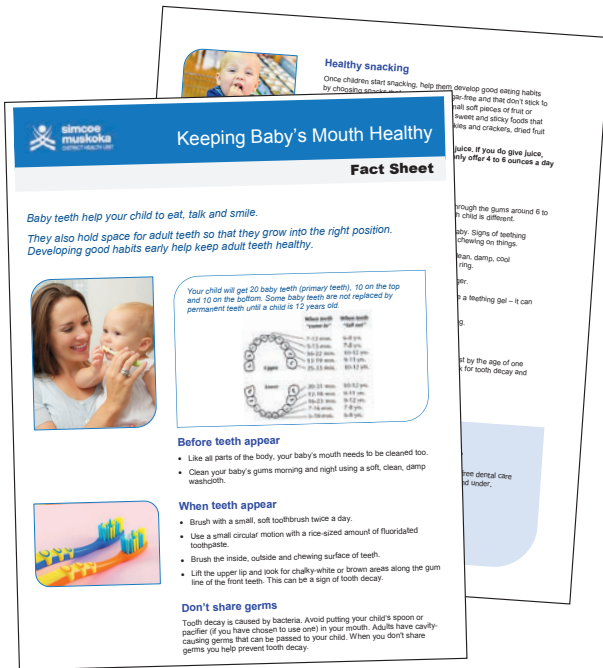
Prenatal classes offer expecting parents an opportunity to learn about labour and labour comfort techniques, medical procedures and birth, and how to care for your newborn.

Classes are conducted by a public health nurse.

Class participants also have an opportunity to meet and speak with other people who are pregnant and their support person.

The Angus class location is a new addition to the Health Unit's classes. It continues to offer in-person classes at locations in Barrie, Bracebridge, Bradford, Collingwood, Huntsville, Midland, and Orillia, with most sessions running once a week over four weeks.

For people who prefer to learn from the comfort of their home, the Health Unit is offering two on-line prenatal class options. The first option is a virtually facilitated class where participants meet on-line for one session each week over the course of four



weeks. The same material that is shared in the in-person class is covered and participants will have an opportunity to speak with a public health nurse and meet others who are expecting.

The second on-line option is self-guided classes that allow participants to access the learning materials through audio recordings that they can go through at their own pace.

The self-guided classes can be started at any time and questions can be submitted using the Health Connection on-line for or by calling Health Connection.

For more information about the Health Unit's prenatal classes, schedule, or to register, visit smdhu.org/PrenatalClass, or call Health Connection weekdays between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.



Arts & Entertainment

Artist inspired by rebirth and transformation for MOD Silo Gallery show

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

When asked to produce work for a show at the Museum of Dufferin, Orangeville artist Stephanie Casino Esguerra, spent several weeks of soul searching to decide on a theme she thought was appropriate for both the show, and from her personal thoughts and experiences.

The exhibit premiered at the MOD Silo Gallery on Saturday, September 14, and is titled Anima(lis).

An obvious reference to the Latin origin of the word “animal”, this show depicts a transformation of what Stephanie has lived through, grown through, and witnessed during her life.

“Anima” by definition, refers to the “soul”, or in Jungian psychology, the “feminine part of human psychology.”

Stephanie was born in Vancouver, but raised in Mississauga from the age of seven. She now calls Orangeville home.

“I’ve been an artist my whole life,” Stephanie explained. “I’ve been drawing ever since I could hold a crayon. I really got back into it seriously about four years ago.”

Stephanie attended Sheridan College in Oakville and achieved a Bachelor of Applied Arts. She studied portraiture, sculpting, technical drawing, and other studies related to the art world.

She held a regular office job in a related industry to pay the bills, however, she was inspired to return to creative art work after receiving an award from the MOD for her painting of a Filipino woman. During



CREATIVE TRANSFORMATION – Orangeville artist Stephanie Casino Esguerra currently has her work on exhibition in the Silo Gallery at the Museum of Dufferin. The exhibit, titled, “Anima(lis)” was inspired by change and transformation in the artist’s life. The exhibit will be in the Silo Gallery through to January 18. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

COVID, Stephanie started working from home and found she had more time to start looking at other avenues of creativity. She joined several local art groups which provided even more inspiration.

Having children, Stephanie said, was

a huge transformation in her life and this helped inspire the theme of her show.

“I was approached by the Curator at the Museum of Dufferin about having a show and I started thinking of a theme,” Stephanie explained. “I thought about it for a few weeks and decided on change and transformation. I was inspired by rebirth, transformation, and change in my own life. The last few years have been a real resurgence for me in terms of my creativity. There was a period of about ten years where I didn’t really pick up a brush at all, because I was raising my kids.”

Raising her children, Stephanie said, was a huge change in her life, and this, in part, inspired the theme of her show.

Working in acrylic, ink, and water colour, Stephanie changes the medium, depending on her mood.

“I really enjoyed making these pieces because they’re from me, my heart,” Stephanie said.

Her work is beautifully crafted with interesting and thought-provoking images.

Stephanie’s exhibit, Anima(lis), is on exhibit at the Museum of Dufferin Silo Gallery through to January 18, 2025.

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New Tecumseth Council receives Fire Master Plan

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Emergency Management Group has completed a Fire Master Plan for the Town of New Tecumseth.

This is the second part of the work being completed by EMG following the delivery of the Comprehensive Risk Assessment in June 2024.

This Fire Master Plan is a strategic plan that will provide guidance to Council for the next 10 years by providing effective and efficient fire protection and emergency services to the Town.

The Fire Master Plan will aim to sustain and enhance the use of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Three Lines of Defence: Public education and prevention; Fire Safety Standards and Code Enforcement; and Emergency response.

EMG has outlined 45 recommendations in the Fire Master Plan along with a recommended implementation timeframe. The recommendations cover a range of

functional categories including public fire safety education, emergency response, department facilities and vehicles, and staff and personnel deployment and strategic priorities.

In late 2022 fire staff met with representatives from Alliston, Adjala-Tosorontio and Essa Fire Departments determining that all three needed the same consulting services for Fire Master Plan and Community Risk Assessments.

In early 2023, a joint Request for Proposal for all three fire services went through a New Tecumseth led procurement process. The approved capital project was awarded to Emergency Management Group from the City of Barrie to provide consulting services for a Fire Master Plan and a Community Risk Assessment for all three fire services with significant savings for each municipality.

This is the third Fire Master Plan since amalgamation in 1991 with the previous occurring in May 2004 by CGI Insurance

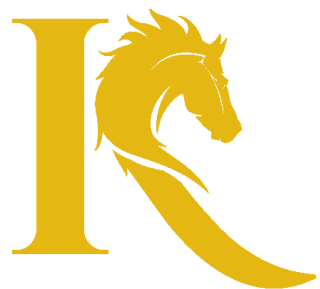


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Fire staff will review and prioritize the recommendations contained within the Fire Master Plan and prepare an implementa-

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Recommendations within the Fire Master Plan requiring financial funding will be included on future capital and operating for approval.



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SPORTS

NEW TECUMSETH TIMES

Owen Sound claims NDBL senior championship on the weekend

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Owen Sound Baysox are the new North Dufferin Baseball League senior champions after winning Game 5 of their best-of-seven championship series with the Ivy Rangers.

The final score was 9-6.

The final game took place at Owen Sound's home diamond.

Owen Sound went into the game with a 3-1 lead in the series. The Baysox have only played in the league for three years.

In the first inning of the final game, the Baysox scored a single run. Ivy answered in the third frame by scoring two runs, then plated two more in the fourth to take a 4-1 lead.

The Baysox had a huge fifth inning with seven hits, including a two-run home run from Paul Van Cedar.

At the end of the inning, seven runs crossed the plate to make it an 8-4 Baysox game.

Down by three runs, the Rangers went three-up, three-down in the bottom of the seventh and Owen Sound claimed their first ever Strother Cup.

In total, the Baysox out-hit the Rangers 12-6 with Robert Doyle hitting a double and two singles, Van Cedar with a home run and single, Ryan McNeil and Greg Slater with two singles and Bryan Post, Ryan Bartley, and Wade Walsh each with one hit.

Ivy hits included a home run from Noah Sauder, a double from Ryan Barr, two singles from Jake Banner, and singles by Charlie Jeans and Parker Walker.



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS – North Dufferin Baseball League secretary Scott Anderson presents the Strother Cup to Don Bartley and Ryan Bartley of the Owen Sound Baysox after their 9-6 Game 5 win over the Ivy Rangers on September 21, 2024. The final championship game was played in Owen Sound. **PHOTO BY DAVID ANDERSON**

Matt Barr, the workhorse for Ivy, started on the mound going 4 2/3 innings, allowing five runs on six hits, walking five, hitting

two batters, while striking out seven.

Jarrett Vanderpost came in relief for 2 1/3 innings, giving up four runs, six hits, and walking one batsman.

Baysox ace Trevor Smith pitched a complete game giving up six runs on six hits, walking one, while striking out six Rangers.

In a post-game presentation, Owen

Sound's Greg Slater was named Playoff MVP and was presented with the Paul Caruthers Memorial Award from former executive member Peter Kinghan.

League secretary, Scott Anderson congratulated both teams on their seasons and presented father and son duo Don and Ryan Bartley with the Strother Cup.



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LOSING START – A Banting Memorial High School Marauders player breaks through the middle during a game against Nantyr Shores on the field at Banting on Friday, September 20. It was the Marauder's first game of the season. The Banting team had to settle for a 34-0 loss. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**



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South Simcoe Police charge driver sleeping in live traffic lane

South Simcoe Police recently responded to a report of a driving complaint in the area of Coffey Road and Line 5 in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

The incident took place on Friday, Sept. 20, at approximately 11 p.m.

Initial reports indicated that a male was slumped over in the driver's seat of a running vehicle in a live traffic lane.

Police, fire, and EMS all arrived on scene and woke up the male.

To rule out impairment of alcohol, a road-side demand was performed and a reading of zero was provided. The Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) evaluation indicated the accused was not impaired by drug at that given time.

As a result of an investigation, a 41-year-old male from Burlington was charged with Possession of Schedule I Drug and Driving While Suspended.

His vehicle was impounded for seven days.

CALEDON OPP CHARGE TEENAGER IN SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

The Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has arrested and charged a teenager from Markham in relation to a shooting incident in the Town of Caledon.

On Aug. 11, shortly before 12 a.m., officers were called to a large house party, known as "Shark Tank," at a residence on

Castleberg Sideroad.

One person was located injured and transported to a Toronto-area trauma centre with an apparent gunshot wound.

On Sept. 19, one person was arrested by the Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit, under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch, with assistance from the OPP Central Region Tactics and Rescue Unit, the OPP Central Region Emergency Response Team, and the Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit.

As a result of the investigation, a 17-year-old from Markham was charged with the following Criminal Code offences:

- Aggravated assault, section 268
- Discharge firearm with intent, section 244(1)
- Carrying a concealed weapon, section 90
- Unauthorized possession of a firearm, section 91(1)
- Possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, section 88
- Knowledge of unauthorized possession of firearm, section 92(1)
- Possession of loaded prohibited or restricted firearm, section 95(1)
- Possession of firearm or ammunition contrary to prohibition order - two counts, section 117.01(1)

The accused was in custody and scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on Sept. 20.

The name of the accused is being withheld under the provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

Anyone with any information in relation to this investigation is urged to contact the Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Videos that can assist this investigation, including but not limited to dash cam, cell phone, and social media captured at the scene between 11 p.m. on Aug. 11 and 2 a.m. on Aug. 12, can be provided anonymously through the Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or peelcrimestoppers.ca.

COCAINE, HYDROMORPHONE, FENTANYL, METH SEIZED IN SEARCH

As a result of an ongoing police investigation, officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) charged a local male with trafficking drugs.

On Sept. 19, member of the Dufferin Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with the assistance of Caledon CSCU, Central Region K-9 and Dufferin platoon members, executed a search warrant on Madison Avenue in Orangeville.

As a result of the search warrant being executed, a local resident faces multiple drug related charges.

Joshua Anderson TRUDEAU, a 35-year-old from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking- Cocaine
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking- Methamphetamine
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking- Opioid
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking- Fentanyl
- Traffick in Schedule I substance- Cocaine
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- Possession of a Schedule II substance for the purpose of Trafficking (two counts)

As a result of the investigation the following was recovered:

- 62 grams of Cocaine
- 18 Hydromorphone Pills
- 4 grams Fentanyl
- 7 Acid Tabs
- 6 Morphine Pills
- 2.5 grams Methamphetamine
- 4.7 grams Psilocybin
- \$3485 Canadian Currency
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The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, to answer to the charges.

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708 OBITUARIES

Maltby: Bernice "Marie"
(née: Doran)



Passed away peacefully on September 19, 2024 in her family home of 60 years. Beloved wife of the late Joseph 'Joe' Maltby. Loving mother of Marianne, Greg (Anne), Raymond, Edward (Liana), Michele (Howard) and Joseph. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Ashleigh, Matthew (Brienne), Rosalind, Grant, Madelaine, Jillian, Hannah, Sara, Lauren, Jacob and Emily. Beloved Great Grandmother to Scarlett and Leif. Cherished twin sister to Florence "Cathy" Brand (Robert), and sister to Nick Stabler, the late Anne Gilmore and the late David Doran. Marie will be greatly missed by her family and friends, as well as the community who knew her from her extensive service for Our Town Food Bank and St. James Church Colgan parish. The family would like to thank Dr. Nishikawa, the nurses Barb and Mary Joe, the P.S.W.'s, Norma Wilkinson, and Matthews House Hospice. If desired, donations in memory of Marie can be made to Our Town Food Bank or Matthews House Hospice, and would be appreciated by the family.

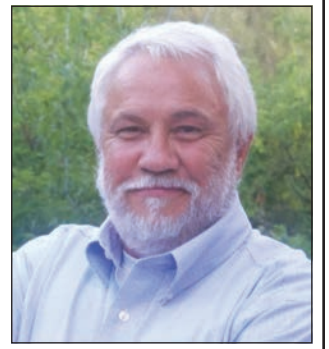
The family will receive friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham (905-936-3477) on Thursday, September 26, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, September 27, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at St. James Church Colgan. Cremation to follow. Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

"We will be known forever by the tracks we leave"

-Dakota Tribe

James (Jim) Arthur Streb, 72, died on September 10, 2024, at Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital. How can we possibly do justice to Jim's life in a few lines on a page? The only way is to write about the great loves in Jim's life.

Jim was born in 1952 in St. Louis, Missouri to Helen (Brisbin) and Victor Streb. As the 'baby' of the family, he was doted on by his sisters, Judy (Krause) and Sallye (Hopmann). Sibling *love* was forever strong between these three and Jim cherished every moment he had with his sisters throughout his life. From a very young age, Jim enjoyed just being outside, roaming the hillsides and waterways around his rural home in Oakville, Missouri with many neighbourhood friends and family. Perhaps this is where Jim learned to stop, look, notice and *love* the natural world - from the minute to the massive - to take time to soak it all in, and not be rushed.



Jim attended Point Elementary School and then Mehlville High School where he was an excellent student, a member of the swim and the water polo teams and entered school politics to fight for causes and justice - another great *love*. Along with lifetime friend, Mike Cry, Jim fought the administration for fairness over important issues for high school students, like dress codes and student protests.

Jim married high school sweetheart, Kathy (Steel) and they welcomed their daughter, Michelle into the world beginning his greatest love of all, a father's *love*. His winona, Michelle, lit up his face the day she arrived and on the last day he saw her in hospital.

Jim turned his *love* for cars and their operation, which he learned from his cherished father, Victor, and later passed on to his son, Mackenzie, into his early profession when he joined Western Diesel as a mechanic. Curiosity and hard work earned him Mid West Craftsmen Guild award in 1977, the role of Director of Distributor Trainer of Western Diesel, and later Service Manager at Mikes' Incorporated.

In January of 1980, Jim, Kathy and Michelle took a brave step to move their lives to Oakville, Ontario, where another love, a *love* for Canada, began.

Jim joined Harper Diesel as a Trainer and travelled all over Ontario meeting people and passing along his knowledge and *love* of learning.

Next, Jim returned to school to obtain his Bachelor of Science in Biology at York University. There he met many exceptional people, including Dr. David Logan, who encouraged Jim to pursue his *love* for nature as his Research Assistant. David and Jim shared long hours of research and many shaggy dog stories! Jim's passion for observation of the natural world, attention to detail and awe were traits he would later share with his daughter, Jordan.

Solving computer problems for the York University community was the next evolution of Jim's career. Self taught and eager to learn, Jim advanced to become a manager in the Computing Services Department at York U, where the team worked hard but had time to prank, laugh and celebrate their community with dinners, poker nights and parties.

As part of a commitment to the natural world, Jim and dear friend, Todd Kondrat started a side project, SK Reforestation, to help re-plant parts of Northern Ontario that had been clear-cut on behalf of the Ministry of Natural Resources. It was in a tree planting camp just outside Bancroft where Jim met Tracy Kay, the *forever love* of his life. They later married in 1994 and were side by side until the day Jim died wrapped in her arms.

While at York U, Jim became a union steward for York University Staff Association (YUSA) which deepened his commitment to the union movement and justice for workers. Stewardship led to Bargaining Chair and then being elected as the President of YUSA, a role in which he was honoured to hold for many terms. Every day, Jim left for work with a mission to make the workplace better for the YUSA members and their families. This evolved outside of the York U circle when he was elected to be Vice President, and then President of the Confederation of Canadian Unions (CCU), an organization to which he remained dedicated by writing articles for its publication, including his latest, "Democracy is not a Spectator's Sport" in July of this year.

In 1997, Jim took a leave of absence from YUSA for his most important role ever - full time dad - when Jordan and then Mackenzie were born. Just like when Michelle came into his life, his *love*, adoration and commitment to Jordan and Mackenzie were unmatched. Ahead of his time, Jim was often the only father in the room at the Nobleton playgroup and school parent committees. Striving to make the school community an enriched environment was a further *love* for Jim. Winter festivals, campfires, camping trips, bike rides, hikes, gardening, tree planting and charity fundraisers were all part of that equation. Jordan and Mackenzie were so incredibly fortunate to have had their father play such an active role in their school communities at Montessori Country School, Aurora Montessori and King City Secondary School.

Community was essential to Jim, and he gave of himself by running for local town counsel in 2014, sitting on the King Township Library Board and Pay Equity Advocacy and Legal Services, helping with trail maintenance in the early days of Cold Creek Conservation, joining the Concerned Citizens of King Township and the Nobleton Community group. Jim was always willing to pick up a hammer, shovel, chainsaw for a neighbour or an organization to just get it done. His willingness to help will be forever missed by so many.

Jim has so many people in his life who are important to him. Tracy, Michelle, Jordan and Mackenzie have lost a pillar who has provided so much support and love. Sallye (Jim Hopmann) and Judy have lost a beloved brother. The late Charlie Robinson, was like a brother to Jim and Jim was forever grateful for the love that he received from the entire Robinson family. The whole Kay family became Jim's Canadian family bonded with deep ties and love. Jim loved and was adored by his many uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews, nieces and great nephews and nieces, and particularly Mike Krause, who was like a little brother to Jim.

Jim, my love, your tracks are deep and meaningful, and we will forever be grateful for the path you have created.

A celebration of Jim's love of life will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at Albion Hills Conservation Area, Chalet, 16500 Regional Road 50, Caledon ON from 11:30-3:00 with memories being shared at 12:30. If you have a funny story or memory about Jim to share, please send to jimstreb.memories@gmail.com

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation on behalf of Jim to the Canadian Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation at: cpff.ca/ donate or the Bruce Trail Conservancy at bruce-trail.org/ways-to-give/ or any other charity that is meaningful to you.

709 IN MEMORIAM

Carin Domke

October 27, 1970 - October 1, 2022.

Remembering a remarkable woman whose life ended all too soon. Gone, but not forgotten, her infectious laugh will always linger. Many lives were touched - so many more had not been. And I know that God doesn't make mistakes, but this sure seems to have been one.

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Brock's Banter: Watching history unfold and keeping it at the forefront

-ness its re-dedication in honour of Ian Laing, who served as Chief of the CYFS from 2010 until his untimely and sudden death last November.

Community leaders stepped up to pay tribute to the Late Chief, from all levels of government, and having known Chief Laing myself, it was moving to hear these reminiscences about the man whose passion for the community, and, of course, safety, was clear even if you had the briefest of moments in his company.

One reflection, however, particularly stuck with me, and that came from his successor, Chief Rocco Volpe.

"Every time we step through these doors will be a reminder of the standard he set, the impact he had, and the difference he made in the lives of so many," said Volpe.

"Today, we do more than name a station – we honour a great man whose service will continue to guide us, inspire us, and remind us why we do and what we do."

I can only hope that it will do the same for every community member, not just those who had that lived experience with him – and that, in the end, is why these dedications are important.

A short time later was another historic event in Aurora's history – the opening of Aurora Town Square. While I have written previously in this space that I found the name ultimately chosen for the space rather uninspiring as at least two existing local landmarks begin with "Aurora Town," the impact of the incredible downtown revitalization project was clear from the outset.

Walking through its doors on Friday eve-

ning, the night before the grand opening day itself, was an almost overwhelming feeling. As the Town of Aurora debated for the better part of four decades on what to do with the land on which it now stands, it was a surreal moment to realize it was finally here and filled with people, all of whom were bubbling over with excitement.

Part of that excitement, at least for me, was how perfectly the new builds dovetailed with the Victorian schoolhouse that has been a community hub since it opened its own doors in 1886.

And that excitement continued on Saturday as hundreds gathered to see the result, one which will be enjoyed by the community for generations to come.

There have been, of course, naysayers along the way, as there are with any big

community projects, but given the reactions this past weekend, I'm confident the community as a whole will soon see its value and it will continue to be a hub of learning, discovery and growth for at least another 138 years.

For the Town of Aurora, it was a historic weekend and, for those who live beyond, a reminder of how much history and heritage is all around us if you take the time to look.

It also underscored the importance of paying tribute to the people, places and things that have come to define us, whether it's a facility named after a remarkable individual, or a brand spankin' new community space that is ushering in a bright new future – all while paying the utmost respect to the heritage that is at its heart.

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Nottawasaga Conservation Authority looking for input on strategy

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is looking for input on a new Conservation Areas strategy.

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partners, volunteers, municipalities and public agencies to maintain these conservation lands.

The Conservation Areas Strategy will outline current uses on NVCA conservation lands and develop a framework for long-term decision-making process to support the management of NVCA's conservation areas.

You can have your say on how you think things should operate.

Visit on-line at: nvca.on.ca/public-consultations to review the draft objectives and complete the survey.

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The Conservation Authorities Act and Ontario Regulation 686/21 requires all conservation authorities to complete a Conservation Areas Strategy by December 31, 2024.

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