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## Tossing in Tottenham

The 7th Annual JAK Washer Toss Tournament took place in the arena at the Tottenham Community Centre on Saturday, April 12. There were 120 teams with 240 players trying to win the toss and move up in the competition. Adam Parsons and Waylon Williamson claimed the championship. The night raised around \$22,000 for the JAK Fund, which assists youth in transition. BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

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# County of Simcoe offers free drop-off of storm-related brush and debris

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

County of Simcoe Council has approved further support to communities to help with the clean-up after the March 27 ice storm that caused damage around the region.

“On behalf of myself and County Council, our thoughts are with everyone impacted by the ice storm,” said Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke. “The damage across our communities was devastating, and it will take significant time to get everything cleaned up and for us to all get back on our feet. I’ve been amazed by the resilience and patience of our residents, and in awe of the many organizations, neighbours and allies that have stepped up to work around the clock to restore power, clean up, and support those in need. Thank you to everyone for their dedication, support and continued patience.”

To help with the clean-up, brush drop-off fees have been waived at all County of Simcoe waste sites until the end of May 2025.

This period was extended from the original date of April 28.

The final date may be changed as required. This is the fastest way for residents to remove debris from their property.

This applies to all residents, businesses, and municipalities in the County. Private debris contractors will not be charged unless the material is clearly unrelated to the storm.

Rootballs will have a charge applied as they require additional processing.

Regular leaf and yard waste trucks are currently collecting smaller brush piles in the hardest-hit areas of the County. These trucks can only collect branches and limbs up to two metres in length and 10 centimetres in diameter.

Piles should be manageable for one person to handle.

Bundling of the brush is not required, however, it is preferred as it will make collection easier.

Sort your debris into larger and smaller brush piles. Leaf and Yard Waste crews will



**CLEAN UP CONTINUES** – A recent ice storm that destroyed and broke apart many trees has resulted in extended clean up efforts for the County of Simcoe. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

collect what they can when servicing your property.

Crews will return at a later time for larger branches and limbs. This may take several months.

The County is actively procuring additional support to bring in resources and equipment to collect and process larger

brush debris.

Larger limbs brought to the curb or on right of ways will be processed in due time.

The County is also cautioning residents to avoid County Forest trails and properties until damage is assessed and cleared.

There is a loose and broken limb hazard in treed areas.

## Province proposes expansion of Strong Mayor Powers across nearly 170 municipalities

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The provincial government is proposing to expand Strong Mayor powers to the heads of council in 169 additional municipalities, effective May 1.

In a statement, the province said the special powers are designed to “help deliver on provincial priorities, such as building more homes, transit and other infrastructure across Ontario.”

The special powers would allow heads of council of single and lower-tier municipalities with councils of six or more members to support shared provincial-municipal priorities such as encouraging the approval of new housing. This is done by approving the construction and maintenance of infrastructure that supports home building, including roads and transit.

“Heads of Council are key partners in our efforts to build homes and infrastructure across the province, said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “By extending strong mayor powers to these additional municipalities we are providing mayors every tool at our dis-

posal to empower them to get homes and infrastructure built faster. Mayors know their municipalities best, and we support them in taking bold actions for their communities.”

Ontario Strong Mayor Powers were initially introduced for Toronto and Ottawa in 2022 and have been gradually rolled out across the province.

The province currently has 47 municipalities with these enhanced powers.

The enhanced powers come with increased accountability for heads of council and maintain essential checks and balances through the oversight of councillors.

Strong Mayor Powers and duties include choosing to appoint the municipality’s chief administrative officer, hiring certain municipal department heads, establishing and re-organizing departments, creating committees of council, assigning committee functions and appointing the chairs and vice-chairs of committees.

The powers also include proposing certain municipal by-laws if the proposed by-law could potentially advance a provincial priority and vetoing certain by-laws if they could interfere with a provincial priority.



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# Procyon Wildlife urges residents to coexist with wildlife during spring season

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Procyon Wildlife has joined with seven other Ontario-based wildlife centres to raise awareness about the increasing number of baby animals being orphaned due to human activity.

When the warmer weather arrives, wildlife becomes more active. Many species, especially raccoons, squirrels, and skunks, seek safe, warm places to raise their young.

Unfortunately, attics, sheds, chimneys, and other quiet structures are prime targets.

When homeowners unknowingly evict a mother from these spaces, the babies are often left behind – cold, hungry, and helpless.

“If baby animals are found quickly, they can be brought to Procyon for care and eventual release,” said Debra Spilar, executive director of Procyon Wildlife. “But each year, we reach full capacity within weeks, and we’re forced to make painful decisions about who we can help. The truth is, many of these orphanings are preventable.”

Procyon Wildlife, along with seven other leading wildlife rehabilitation centres, are launching a coordinated initiative to educate homeowners on humane ways to co-exist with wildlife – especially during nesting season.

“All wildlife plays a vital role in maintaining healthy ecosystems,” Spilar adds.

“We’re urging the public to act with compassion and understanding, so baby animals don’t lose their mothers in the process.”

While many homeowners assume that using a live trap is a humane solution, the reality is very different. Live-trapped animals often suffer injuries and extreme stress and are vulnerable to temperature fluctuations while confined.

If relocated, they are frequently separated from their young and placed in unfamiliar environments without food, shelter, or familiarity with the area. This can lead to high mortality rates.

Ontario’s Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act prohibits relocating wildlife more than one kilometre from the capture site.

Homeowners are encouraged to use humane strategies to prevent conflict and avoid orphaning wildlife.

Procyon Wildlife recommends “waiting it out” if babies are present. Allow the mother to care for them until they are old enough to leave on their own. This usually takes eight to 10 weeks.

To ensure all animals have left, place a crumpled paper towel at the den’s entrance. If it’s undisturbed for 48 hours, it is likely the animals have moved on.

You can encourage relocation by making a space undesirable.

Play a talk radio station (not music), and install a non-flammable light in or near the den. You can try using strong scents like



**PROCYON PSA** – With the spring season now here, small animals will be looking for a place to live and raise their young and that includes many places around a person’s home. Procyon Wildlife is encouraging residents to be aware that removing an animal may leave its offspring in danger. They suggest several ways to remove animals humanely.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

vinegar-soaked rags in ventilated plastic bags.

This gentle but persistent disturbance often encourages the mother to relocate her babies on her own – usually to one of several backup dens.

If you are unsure or overwhelmed, seek help from a reputable wildlife control

company that uses humane eviction and reunion techniques. Avoid any company that offers to live trap and relocate animals – this is rarely in the animal’s best interest.

The best strategy is prevention. Store garbage securely, install chimneys and vent covers, and regularly inspect your home for vulnerable entry points.

# New Tecumseth mayor issues statement in response to U.S. tariffs on Canadian products

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of New Tecumseth continues to draw a hard line when it comes to U.S. tariffs on Canadian products.

Council has already proposed a by-law to amend the Town’s Procurement Policy to implement a more flexible ‘Buy Canadian’ and ‘Buy Ontario’ policy.

This will align with federal and provincial efforts to address tariffs and trade disruption between the two countries while ensuring compliance with existing trade agreements.

With Honda Canada being the Town’s biggest employer with over 4,000 people working there, there has been some concern about automotive tariffs and how this could affect



production at Honda.

New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross released a statement on April 4, regarding U.S. tariffs.

“We support our automotive manufacturing industry in New Tecumseth and are working together to understand the full impact of the U.S. imposed tariffs,” the mayor’s statement said. “We will advocate on their behalf to the leaders of Canada and Ontario to engage with the U.S. and come to a solution.

In the short-term, New Tecumseth is implementing a more flexible ‘Buy Canadian’ and ‘Buy Ontario’ procurement policy to align

with federal and provincial efforts to address tariffs and trade disruptions while complying with existing trade agreements.”

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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~ Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

## Supply and demand

Supply and demand – that’s the way the world works when it comes to the economy.

If you produce a product or provide a service no one needs or wants, you will soon find yourself out of business.

On the flip side, if there is a high demand for something you have, you’re going to get rich if you follow good business practices and make your product available.

Some countries base their entire economy around one or two key products that the rest of the world needs and is willing to pay for.

If your country is the only place in the entire world where the climate is suitable to grow ‘dingo beans’ and the rest of the world wants those beans, you have the start of a flourishing trade situation.

Much of the world economy is intertwined in a network of goods and services needed to keep the world supplied and moving forward.

Everyone uses a pencil at some time or another. Most children learn to write with a pencil.

A pencil is an inexpensive product. You can buy a handful at the dollar store for a buck.

But when you break down the process of how that pencil arrived on the

store shelf, there’s a lot more going on than you may realize.

The wood that creates the pencil comes from somewhere. People were paid to chop down that tree, transport the logs to the sawmill, and cut those logs into a usable shape.

Someone designed a saw, and someone else produced the saw that cut down the tree.

The yellow paint that covers the pencil was made by someone who procured the needed chemicals from someone else.

The little eraser at the top of the pencil came from a rubber-producing country that grew the plants and processed the latex into a usable product. The brass tip that holds the eraser came from a mine somewhere in the world.

The graphite that allows the pencil to write on the page also came from a mine somewhere in the world.

A lot of people were employed and made money from that little writing instrument.

Bullets and artillery shells are another product that are in high demand around the world.

You can’t write your grocery list on a sheet of paper with an artillery shell, but you can use it to kill a lot of people.

Industry, business, and arms dealers make a lot of money by producing military weapons and everything that goes along with keeping the world’s armies equipped. And they want to keep making money.

The U.K. just announced a £450 million military aid package for Ukraine to fund drones, anti-tank mines, radar systems, and critical repairs to military vehicles.

That kind of money is huge, but in terms of military weapons, it isn’t all that much. However, it is still a lot of money that would be better used in other ways.

There are a lot of people who are hoping for war and a continued state of war. The more nations kill each other, the more money these people put in their pockets.

It has been theorized that the world is entering a stage of perpetual war and is being guided in that direction by the people who call the shots.

I used to dismiss this as some sort of conspiracy theory, however, events over recent years seem to point to a situation where there may be some truth in this.

A few years ago, a manufacturer in the US got into some trouble. It seems he had been clandestinely inserting

bible verses by the number into the serial numbers of his products.

Apparently, ‘love thy neighbour’ doesn’t sit well with government types.

This story in itself, wasn’t a big deal. It was the information at the end of the story that caught my eye.

The company had a \$600 million contract with the US government to manufacture and supply rifle scopes for troops in Afghanistan.

I crunched a few numbers, and there is no way that dollar figure makes sense.

If this company is getting more than half a billion dollars just for rifle scopes, how much are the companies that supply the military with everything else put in the bank every year?

Half of Europe has already gone on high alert with calls to start mobilizing for war. The arms manufacturers and dealers must be shopping for new private airplanes and yachts knowing what may happen over the next few years.

When there is a demand, there will be a supply.

Unfortunately, the price may be paid by the next generation.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Don’t worry, green innovations are making things alright

“Don’t worry about a thing, ‘cause every little thing gonna be alright,” sang Bob Marley in the 70s. But these days, there are lots of things to worry about - whether it’s about the impact of tariffs on your job, grocery prices, the political state of affairs or climate change.

As spring arrives, however, there are many things to celebrate. Despite the gloom about the climate, innovation and technology offer an abundance of progress and good news.

Golf courses worldwide are being rewilded and converted back to nature — attracting deer, spawning salmon, pollinators and people who enjoy nature.

A former golf course in Saanich, BC is becoming a nature park for people with disabilities by removing physical,

cognitive, social and financial barriers.

A utility-scale solar power plant on a 1,600-acre site owned by the City of Medicine Hat is expected to be one of the largest urban solar power projects in North America. It will be a productive use of a brownfield site with limited development potential and will contribute to the city’s transition to clean, renewable power.

In 2001, most of P.E.I.’s power came by cable from the mainland. Since 2023, 30 per cent of the island’s energy comes from wind. Today, PEI is number one in Canada for solar installation and Summerside, PEI is 100 per cent powered by solar.

In Port Perry, a developer asked its local Council to use an MZO to fast-track a 600-unit development, which included roads through wetlands and

a communal sewage project on Lake Scugog shores. Council said no!

In 2024, Quebec committed to 100 per cent renewable energy to heat all buildings, except in the industrial sector. This means a big transition to highly efficient electric heat pumps.

More locally, another celebration is coming. The Town of New Tecumseth’s Earthfest event kicks off on April 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Circle Theatre in Alliston with a free screening of the award-winning documentary, “Plastic People,” followed by a panel discussion with environmental health experts from Environmental Defence, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, and Canadian Partnership for Children’s Health and Environment.

Earthfest continues at the Town Hall

on Saturday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Events will include a Repair Café to mend clothing and fix small household items (register through the library), Bike Repair, EV Demo and fun activities for the kids. Hear from experts on a variety of topics and meet some local community groups.

Greys for Green will be discussing how to ditch plastic in your life; we will be helping in the Repair Cafe, and we look forward to meeting you at our table.

Conversations are changing, people are living more sustainably and there are lots of reasons to be optimistic.

Let’s all be mindful of our choices, be kind, and vote!

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I was pleased to have the opportunity to attend the Ontario Community Newspapers Association's Publisher's Retreat over the weekend with our teams from Aurora, Caledon and Orangeville.

Held in the always picturesque Niagara-on-the-Lake, it was an opportunity for both learning and celebration as the OCNA recognized the winners of their annual Better Newspapers Competition and their Hall of Fame's Class of 2025.

The celebratory part of the weekend took place on Friday night over a lovely dinner where connections were made and renewed and, for our outgoing Caledon reporter, Zachary Roman, celebrate his success as he took home top honours in the Best News Series category exploring the challenges of Strong Mayor Powers in smaller and mid-sized Ontario communities.

Professionally, it was a very happy occasion but I have to admit that when we checked into our hotel, I did feel a bit of a melancholic pang.

In any given year, we usually get out to Niagara-on-the-Lake at least twice; once to explore the beautiful community itself and revisit some favourite haunts, and usually on the way back from our annual trip to Western New

York to the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival – as it's held in August, it's a great chance to replenish Ontario-grown stone fruit on the way back!

As we opened the door to the room, we were thrilled that it had a great view of the lake, but I have to admit, the pang came from seeing what was just beyond the lake – a reasonably short distance away but a jaunt that seemed further away than ever before.

We are among the many, many Canadians who are now second-guessing any travel plans to the United States. It's a country where many of my closest friends call home, a place where some of my happiest memories were formed, and a place where, until very recently, I've always felt at home.

Admittedly, on that last front, it's been something of a slow decline as politics descended into a divisive delirium. In the last few years, while experiences with individuals remained pleasant by and large, some of the hateful rhetoric was silent but evident; signs with slurs against political candidates, for instance, and placards denouncing entire groups of people – naturally created a feeling of discomfort. Yet, with each passing year, it was a discomfort that sadly felt like another "new normal" to get used to.

A place as familiar as Western New York – or, at least my memories of it – never seemed further out of reach, and given Niagara-on-the-Lake's proximity to so many key sites related to the War of 1812 I couldn't help but look out that window to across the way wondering how many long-gone residents stood near that very site, looking in the same direction, wondering just what the heck was going on across the water.

A recent report from the U.S. Travel Association (via the Washington Post) has estimated that 20 million Canadians visit the United States each year, generating \$20 billion in spending, but this year, given the tensions between the two countries, the travel industry is noting a

steep drop-off in cross-border trips.

"McKenzie McMillan, a Vancouver-based adviser with the Travel Group, said his company would typically be busy this time of year arranging last-minute spring break and summer trips for Canadians to such favourite spots as San Diego, Palm Springs, Phoenix, Las Vegas and Florida," shared the Washington Post. "Instead, he said, 'it's zero.' The steep drop-off started gradually, with some clients in January saying they were thinking they might avoid the U.S. this year. 'Since February, it's been a complete collapse.'

"McMillan said about 20 to 30 percent of trips that were already booked got cancelled. Since then, he said the company has seen about a 90 per cent drop in new bookings for U.S. vacations compared with the previous year, as clients opt for other destinations."

One Canadian woman interviewed for the piece said not going to the United States at this time was a "moral choice" and one of the ways "Canadian citizens can stand against this."

But it might also be a practical choice as well.

As of this past Friday, all Canadians over the age of 14 who are visiting the U.S. for 30 days or more will have to register with the Washington's Citizen and Immigration Services. This was coupled with a warning from the Canadian Government that not only will this rule be strictly enforced, it opens up the door to further surveillance.

"Expect scrutiny at points of entry, including electronic devices. Comply and be forthcoming in all interactions with border authorities. If you are denied entry, you could be detained while awaiting deportation."

In the wake of this, a British Columbia-based immigration lawyer told CTV News "border agents aren't just looking for evidence of a crime, but whether the traveller aligns with the U.S. administration and its policies."

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# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## FEDERAL ELECTION COVERAGE

### New Tecumseth–Gwillimbury candidates respond to questions ahead of snap federal election

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

our jobs and stand up to Trump from a position of strength.

With a hastily called federal election less than two weeks away, the New Tecumseth Times reached out to local candidates with a series of questions about what they would like to accomplish if elected. Candidates were also asked why residents of the New Tecumseth–Gwillimbury riding should vote for them and what issues are most pressing. These are the candidates' responses.

#### Scot Davidson – Conservative Party of Canada



**Q: As this election was called rather quickly, what issues do you believe are the most pressing in the short term for the next government?**

After the lost Liberal decade, Canadians cannot afford a fourth term of Liberals inflating housing and food costs, unleashing crime, ruining immigration, hiking taxes, blocking resource jobs and making our economy weak and reliant on the U.S.

Conservatives will axe taxes, build homes, cut waste, lock up criminals, secure our borders and unleash our resources to bring home

**Q: What are the most important long-term goals of the next government over the next four years?**

Every single day, I hear from residents of New Tecumseth–Gwillimbury who tell me, "I don't recognize my country anymore. I worry about the future for my kids and grandkids."

After 10 years, we need a strong new Conservative government that will restore the Canadian promise that the Liberals broke. By putting Canada first for a change, we will axe taxes, reward work, unleash entrepreneurs, harvest our resources, make things here, build homes for our youth, secure our borders, rebuild our military, honour our history and proudly raise our flag.

**Q: What will your party do to counter or work with, possible US tariffs in the near future?**

After 10 years of weak leadership under the Liberals, we need to become stronger, more self-reliant, and re-assert our sovereignty, so that we can stand on our own two feet and stand up to the Americans. Canada First Conservatives will retaliate to Ameri-



can tariffs by targeting specific American goods. We will also launch a 'Keep Canadians Working Fund' to help Canadian workers directly affected by Donald Trump's unjustified attacks on their livelihoods. We will take drastic action to build an economic fortress in Canada so we can expand our trade within Canada and around the world.

**Q: A housing shortage continues to plague the country – notably in Ontario. What realistic goals do you have to address this, including reducing the number of immigrants to an area with no housing?**

The Carney-Trudeau Liberals have doubled rent, doubled mortgage payments and doubled the cost of a down payment in the past 10 years. Conservatives will axe the sales tax on new homes, saving families up to \$65,000 on the purchase of a home and \$3,000 on yearly mortgage payments while spurring a massive new homebuilding boom.

We will also sell off 6,000 federal buildings and thousands of acres of federal land to build new homes; incentivize municipalities to speed up permits, free up land, and cut housing taxes so homes can be built faster; and support the training of 350,000 new positions in the trades.

We will cap immigration, and stop the radical Liberal initiative that would balloon Canada's population to 100 million people, more than doubling the population of our towns during a housing crisis. We will keep out and deport criminals, stop fraud and crack down on bogus refugee claims. On housing and immigration, and everything else, we will put Canada First for a change.

**Q: Many Canadians are worried about U.S. President Trump's call for making Canada their 51st state. Whether real or**

**not, what would your party do to stop this type of threat?**

Canada will never be a U.S. state. Now is the time to take back control and relaunch our economy so that we can confront President Trump's unjustified threats and tariffs in a position of strength.

Canada First Conservatives will stand up to the Americans by turning our country into an economic powerhouse. This will be done by repealing the Liberal anti-pipeline law, expanding our natural resource production, removing the barriers between our provinces so that we can trade with ourselves, and passing a Bring It Home Tax Cut on work, investment, home building and energy. We will do this for our people, for our land, for our home.

**Q: What do you, as a candidate, offer the citizens of New Tecumseth–Gwillimbury as a choice for their elected representative?**

I am a former small business owner who has served as a Member of Parliament in the Official Opposition since 2019, fighting against Liberal policies that have seen costs and crime go up and our economy go down under America's thumb. I will continue to be a strong, effective voice for New Tecumseth–Gwillimbury residents, and stand up for our communities in the House of Commons, whether it be on rural issues, the needs of our farmers, and the concerns of workers, seniors, and families who call Bradford West Gwillimbury, New Tecumseth, and East Gwillimbury home. As the MP for New Tecumseth–Gwillimbury, I want to restore the promise of Canada, axe taxes and lower the cost of living to put Canada First — for a change.

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# Hospital Auxiliary donates \$13,870 to fund diagnostic equipment

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation announced it received a donation of \$13,870 from the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

This contribution will help fund the purchase of an ambulatory 24-hour blood pressure monitor with accessories and a new ECG machine.

This will enhance diagnostic capabilities at Stevenson Memorial Hospital and improve patient care.

Both pieces of equipment play a critical role in the early detection and monitoring of cardiovascular conditions.

The ambulatory blood pressure monitor allows for continuous blood pressure tracking over 24 hours, providing accurate data to assist in diagnosing and managing hypertension.

The ECG machine records heart activity, aiding in the identification of irregular heart rhythms and other cardiac concerns.

Together, these tools will help ensure that patients receive timely and accurate diagnoses.

“The Stevenson Memorial Hospital Auxiliary’s generosity continues to make a meaningful impact on patient care by directly supporting our ‘Because of You, We Can’ Campaign,” said Frank Cerisano, chief executive officer at the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation. “Every piece of equipment funded strengthens the ability to provide service to our patients.



**SUPPORTING PATIENT CARE** – Members of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Auxiliary presented a cheque for \$13,870 to the Stevenson Memorial Foundation on Monday, April 7. The funds will be used to purchase important medical equipment at Stevenson to improve patient care. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

The Auxiliary’s dedication to funding much needed equipment is critical to ensure we continue to stay at the forefront of high-quality healthcare.”

The Stevenson Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, a dedicated group of volunteers, has been supporting SMH through fundraising and service initiatives since 2001. Over the years, their contributions have played a vital role in helping the hospital acquire essential medical equipment.

“We are proud to continue our tradition of giving to Stevenson Memorial Hospital,” said Gary Munro, president of the Steven-

son Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. “Thanks to the incredible support of our community, we can provide funding for important medical equipment that directly improves patient care. We look forward to continuing our work in support of the hospital and the well-being of those who rely on its services.”

This donation underscores the Auxiliary’s long-standing dedication to enhancing healthcare in the region.

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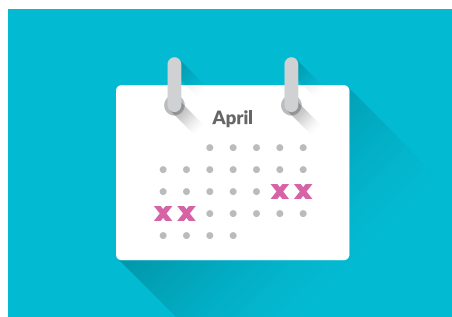
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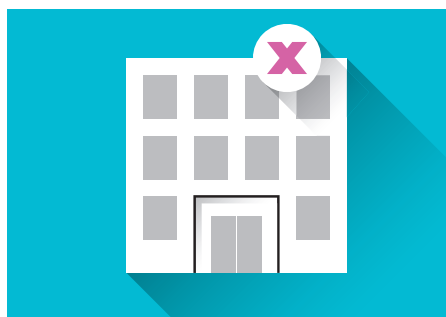
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# Arts & Local Events

## Artist inspired by nature and dresses in unique Gibson Centre exhibition

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A blend of outdoor experiences and dresses inspires artist Sylvia Whitton's work, now on exhibit at the Gibson Centre in Alliston.

The exhibition, titled "Mantles of Gaia," features works of art depicting both landscapes and dresses from different eras throughout history.

Sylvia began her art training at the Ontario College of Art (OCA) in Toronto – an experience she thoroughly enjoyed.

"I didn't think I was going to be an artist until I was finishing high school – I always drew, but I thought I was going to be something else," Sylvia explained. "By accident, I stepped into a life-drawing room with a model stand and life-drawings. It was a galvanizing moment and I thought, 'this is where I belong.' Going into that life-drawing studio, it led me to change my direction and that led me to OCA."

She added, "OCA was fantastic – I had fantastic training. They had a Florence program, and I went on the program."

Sylvia's journey to Florence led to some lifelong friendships as well as meeting her future husband.

After graduating, the reality of life set in and to earn a living, Sylvia worked as a professional scenic artist for the Canadian Opera Company. It was a position she held for 13 years.

"It was very physical, you had to work with broom brushes," Sylvia explained.

It was complicated work that required different backgrounds on a large scale.



**'MANTLES OF GAIA'** – The Gibson Cultural Centre's new art exhibition, "Mantles of Gaia," is now on display in the main floor gallery. Artist, Sylvia Whitton, combines her love of nature with paintings of dresses to tell a narrative. The exhibit is on display until May 23.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

From there, she went into teaching at the Ontario College of Art and Design (OCAD), which was formerly known as the Ontario College of Art. Sylvia recently retired from OCAD after a career of almost 40 years.

"The Mantles of Gaia" exhibit features a series of paintings of both landscapes and dresses.

Sylvia uses a combination of oils and acrylic in her work as well as other objects she uses to create different textures.

"I didn't have models to work with so I

set up the dresses as human figures and I found that was a way I could speak about the things I was thinking of," Sylvia said of being inspired. "Gaia was a goddess of the earth. They used her as a feminine being, one of motherhood. She looks after us and nurtures us."

Each painting represents something different and the viewer can interpret what they see.

"The Mantles of Gaia are the landscapes of the earth I've spent so much time in, and

they feed that other part of me that wants to translate that into something that has to do with my experiences," said Sylvia.

Sylvia's work has been exhibited and resides in collections around the province and around the world. Her work can be found in Seoul, South Korea or China, at the Guan Shanyue Art Museum and Museum of Fine Art in Kaiping.

"Mantles of Gaia" will be on exhibit at the Gibson Cultural Centre in Alliston until May 23.

## Beeton Cookbook Club to look at new cooking techniques at upcoming event

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Beeton Cookbook Club meets monthly to host discussions for foodies and share recipes, favourite cookbooks or tips and tricks they have learned during their cooking experiences.

Every month there is a different theme. For April, the theme is Cooking Techniques,

where you can learn about techniques like sous vide, pickling, smoking, and caramelizing, as well as many more tips for the kitchen.

The Cookbook Club is not a cooking demonstration. It is low-key, with no pressure, and listeners are welcome as well.

The Club's members learn from each other and have fun trying new things in the kitchen. Food contributions are welcome but

not necessary.

The program is for ages 16 and up with a maximum of 15 registrants.

A small selection of theme-related cookbooks will be on hold for Cookbook Club members at the Beeton D.A. Jones Branch of the New Tecumseth Public Library. The books are available one month before each meeting date.

You can stop by and ask for the cookbooks

at the desk and check out any that you like.

Staff at the Alliston and Tottenham branches of the library are also happy to help you find related cookbooks in their branches.

The Beeton Cookbook Club will meet at the D.A. Jones branch in Beeton on Wednesday, April 23, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

This is a free event.

To register or for more information, contact Kim at [adultservices@ntpl.ca](mailto:adultservices@ntpl.ca).

## South Simcoe Theatre to open the spring season on May 2 with production of 'PIPPIN'

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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The South Simcoe Theatre is opening the spring season with a revival of the 2013 Tony Award-winning musical "PIPPIN."

Based on the book by Roger O. Hirson, with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, PIPPIN follows one man's journey to be extraordinary.

This production is directed by Scott Hurst, with music director Colin Frotten and stage manager Lesley Coe.

Heir to the Frankish throne, the young Prince Pippin is in search of the secret to true happiness and fulfillment. He seeks it in the glories of the battlefield, the temptations of the flesh and the intrigues of political power.

In the end, Pippin finds that happiness lies

not in extraordinary endeavours but rather in the ordinary moments that happen every day.

PIPPIN continues to be a timely and telling story even more pertinent in these challenging political times.

PIPPIN will open on Friday, May 2, on the South Simcoe Theatre's Cookstown stage and runs through May 18. Shows on Friday and Saturday evenings begin at 7:30

p.m., with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

This performance includes strong language and images in an attempt to engage the audience in a new and perhaps magical way. Please note that stage fog is used during the production.

This performance is recommended for ages 14 and up.

For more information and tickets, go to [www.thesouthsimcoetheatre.com](http://www.thesouthsimcoetheatre.com).

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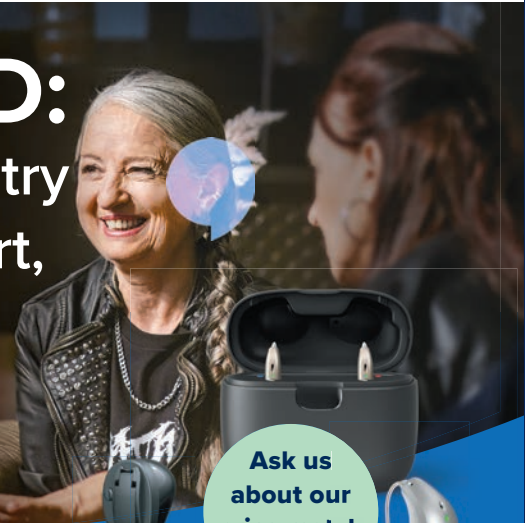
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FEDERAL  
ELECTION COVERAGE



**Paul Montague –  
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**Q: As this election was called rather quickly, what issues do you believe are the most pressing in the short term?**

The biggest concerns to be addressed in the short term are housing and the economy.

**Q: What are the most important long-term goals of the next government over the next four years?**

Reducing inflation, stimulating economic growth, more jobs with living wages and housing and infrastructure.

**Q: What will your party do to counter or work with possible US tariffs in the near future?**

Tariffs and trade agreements rarely go to the House of Commons and any vote at the House is not legally binding. Perhaps this should be changed so trade agreements are more transparent and the elected officials representing their riding can stop bad deals.

**Q: A housing shortage continues to plague the country – notably in Ontario. What realistic goals do you have to address this, including reducing the number of immigrants to an area with no housing?**

The PPC wants to put a moratorium on immigration until the housing crisis is solved.

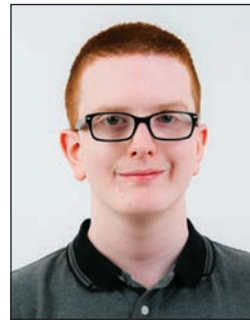
**Q: Many Canadians are worried about U.S. President Trump's call for making Canada their 51st state. Whether real or not, what would your party do to stop this type of threat?**

Let the fool run his mouth. Don't engage with fools.

**Q: What do you, as a candidate, offer the citizens of New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury as a choice for their elected representative?**

I have nothing to do with special interest groups. I will only vote with my conscience and what I feel is best for the riding.

**Callum McKinnon –  
Green Party of  
Canada**



**Q: As this election was called rather quickly, what issues do you believe are the most pressing and important in terms of the short-term goals of the next government?**

The most pressing issue is resolving the growing economic crisis in a way that benefits Canada and all Canadians, not just the richest 1 per cent. In light of Trump's threats, it's clear that we need to change our approach to trade, but we need to ensure everyone is supported by this change. I believe we have a perfect opportunity to shift our economy towards greener investments and technology, and we must do so with haste.

**Q: What are the most important long-term goals of the next government over the next four years?**

Over the next four years, improving trust in our democratic institutions will be remarkably important. What's going on in the U.S. right now is a great example of what happens when that goes wrong.

If we want to maintain the rule of law and our world-class democratic process, we have to show people that they can rely on those institutions by making sure they actually help Canadians, and trust the people that enforce them by holding them accountable when they break that trust.

**Q: What will your party do to counter or work with, possible US tariffs in the near future?**

The Green Party and I are committed to standing up to Trump by not giving him the oxygen to threaten us. By focusing on supporting Canadian production, diversifying our trading partners, and working to dismantle provincial trade barriers, we can smother the flames of the disgusting rhetoric coming from down south.

**Q: A housing shortage continues to plague the country – notably in Ontario. What realistic goals do you have to address this, including reducing the number of immigrants to an area with no housing?**

Housing is an essential [part] of life, and it should be treated as nothing less. That's why I, along with the Green Party, will advocate for a National Affordable Housing Program, which would include capital grants for 20,000 new affordable units per year for 10 years. Furthermore, I will advocate for new public and cooperative housing developments to ensure that there is always a supply of affordable housing units where they are needed.

**Q: Many Canadians are worried about President Trump's statements about Canada becoming America's 51st state. Whether real or not, what would your party do to stop this type of threat?**

Diplomacy doesn't work with Trump because of who he is. To stand up to him, we have to treat his rhetoric for what it is: drivel from a childish, manipulative bully.

We must take it seriously without giving it attention. We also have to have important conversations with our allies to ensure that the global community stands with Canada. Under the Green Party's watch, Canada will never be the 51st state.

**Q: What do you, as a candidate, offer the citizens of New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury as a choice for their elected representative?**

I'm an environmentalist, a student, and a leader who is committed to offering a new perspective in Parliament. I offer candidates a new, visionary choice that is serious about environmental action, affordable communities for every Canadian, and strong democracy.

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# SPORTS

NEW TECUMSETH TIMES

## Three conference championships decided in PJHL playoffs

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Provincial Junior Hockey League is waiting for one conference final series to finish to see which four Junior C teams will move on to the semi-final round of the Schmalz Cup playoffs.

The North Carruthers Division champions, the Orillia Terriers, are done for the season after losing their North Conference series to the Hanover Barons in five games.

Orillia won Game One of the series 5-3, but that's all they could do.

Hanover returned to win the next four games, shutting out the Terriers in two of those games.

The Barons were division champions last year and made it to the semi-final round of the Schmalz Cup playoffs.

In the East Conference, the Napanee Raiders won the title with a four-game sweep over the Clarington Eagles. That series wrapped up on April 10 with a 5-2 Raiders win in

Game Four.

It was a tough battle with four low-scoring games.

The West Conference champions are the Essex 73s. They won the title with a four-game sweep over the Petrolia Flyers.

This was an unbalanced series with Essex scoring 11 goals in Game Three.

The League is now waiting for the outcome of the South Conference final between the New Hamburg Firebirds and the Grimsby Peach Kings.

The series is tied 3-3.

This is proving to be a very competitive series with the teams trading wins over the six games.

The series will come down to game seven to decide the winner.

Game seven was scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, with results not available at press times.

The four remaining teams will enter a best-of-seven series to see which two teams will move on to the 2025 championships.

## 'Boys of Summer' prepare for North Dufferin Baseball League's 2025 season

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

It's time to get out on the diamond for some practice and shake off the winter rust for teams in the North Dufferin Baseball League (NBDL) line-up this season.

The baseball schedule won't start for another month but spring training is always an important part of playing the sport.

Teams will be out on the diamond having batting a fielding practice and just getting back into play mode after eight months of the off-season.

The NBDL has an exciting line-up for this year's season as teams from around the region get ready to battle it out for the league championship.

There are some new developments in both the junior and senior divisions this year.

In the Junior Division, there are seven teams this season.

New to the division are the Bradford Tigers who are making their NDL junior debut.

The Innisfil Cardinals have two teams entered this season.

Also entered this year are the Barrie Baycats, Creemore Padres, Orillia Royals, and the Richmond Hill Phoenix.

The Mansfield Cubs do not have a team in the Junior Division this year.

The Creemore Padres are the defending Anderson Cup Junior Division champions.

It is an 18-game regular season schedule for the Junior Division.

The junior schedule will get underway on May 8, with the first game between Orillia and Creemore on Orillia's home diamond.



**GEARING UP** – The North Dufferin Baseball League is getting ready to start the 2025 season. There are seven junior teams and 12 senior teams in the league line-up this year. **FILE PHOTO**

In the Senior Division, there is a full line-up this year with 12 teams entered into competition.

The Caledon Cardinals are new to the league this year.

Returning teams include the Mansfield Cubs, Barrie Angels, Bolton Brewers, Clarksburg Blues, Creemore Padres, Ivy Rangers,

Lisle Astros, Midland Mariners, New Lowell Knights, Orillia Majors, and Owen Sound Baysox.

The Baysox are the defending Strother Cup senior championship team and will be looking to defend their title this year.

Senior Division teams will play a 22-game regular season schedule before moving into

the playoffs.

The senior season gets underway on May 5, with the first game being played between the Mansfield Cubs and the Lisle Astros in Lisle.

It's going to be an exciting year for the NBDL once the season gets underway and the crack of the bat is heard at local parks.

Are you part of a sports team?

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# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## FEDERAL ELECTION COVERAGE



**Mike Hanrahan - Liberal**



**Q: As this election was called rather quickly, what issues do you believe are the most pressing and important in term of short-term goals of the next government?**

As pertains to NTG (New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury), the immediate short-term goal will be supporting auto workers in Alliston.

Because a significant percentage of vehicles produced in Alliston are exported to the United States, the livelihoods of over 4,000 workers are at stake.

As well, with The Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) coming up for renegotiation in less than a year, ensuring a fair deal for our agricultural sector is of paramount importance.

**Q: What are the most important long-term goals of the next government over the next four years.**

Making life affordable is a worldwide issue — even more so in this age of American tariffs — and that means we have to get Canadians earning more so that they can put food on their tables and roofs over their heads. I think Mark Carney’s plan to build 500,000 homes a year and cover apprenticeship training for people wishing to learn the trades is a package that goes hand in hand with working our way out of the present economic challenges.

Defending our sovereignty and spending more on our military will also assist our economic independence while we seek to address environmental challenges that will continue to worsen unless we transition to a greener economy by providing Canadians with optional incentives to make sustainable decisions.

**Q: What will your party do to counter or work with, possible US tariffs in the near future?**

Long term, as the Prime Minister of a G7 nation, the respect Mr. Carney receives worldwide from government and financial leaders means Canada will be well-positioned to establish new trade agreements while his plan to galvanize interprovincial trade by July of this year is probably the quickest way to counter Trump’s tariffs.

There is no valid reason as to why we cannot lessen our reliance on American exports by looking to other parts of Canada. We must do everything we can to remove barriers to interprovincial trade and labor mobility. I believe that we can supplement this by developing new relationships with more reliable partners, such as the European Union, to diversify our trade profile so all of our eggs aren’t in one basket.

**Q: A housing shortage continues to plague the country – notably in Ontario.**

**What you should know:**

Election day is: Monday, April 28, 2025

Advance voting takes place on: Friday, April 18, Saturday, April 19, Sunday, April 20 and Monday, April 21, 2025

Vote by mail: You can vote by mail if you apply by 6 p.m. on April 22, 2025 (Eastern time). Go to [elections.ca](https://elections.ca) to fill out the application form to vote by mail.

**What realistic goals do you have to address this, including reducing the number of immigrants to an area with no housing?**

As I mentioned, a Mark Carney government will build more homes at a rate not seen since the Second World War by investing in pre-fabricated housing and removing the GST on rental housing and new rental constructions.

NTG residents can learn more about how we intend to address this issue by visiting [liberal.ca/housing-plan/](https://liberal.ca/housing-plan/)

**Q: Many Canadians are worried about US president Trump’s call for making Canada their 51st state. Whether real, or not, what would your party do to stop this type of threat?**

In my view, we have to keep Canada united. Trump’s goal is to lay siege to our economy — to make life so difficult for Canadians that people start looking to join the USA as a means to overcome the hardships imposed upon us. I believe Mr. Carney’s policies — based on sound economic

principles — will allow us to diversify our international trade, stimulate the domestic trade of goods and services, and insulate us from the American threat.

I think, actually, Mr. Carney will be setting the example that the rest of the world will follow to avoid the economic upheavals of Trump’s actions.

**Q: What do you, as a candidate, offer the citizens of New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury as a choice for their elected representative?**

My background is in political science, economics, and sustainable agriculture so I think I’m well equipped to aid our residents who work in both industry and small business and agriculture. Over 25% of Liberal MP’s are retiring, so young voices like my own will renew the party and send it in a direction NTG residents need. I’m approachable, energetic, passionate, and I’ll be available to work with you, other community leaders, and stakeholders to make the best decisions for our community.

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## Beeton man charged with impaired driving after police receive traffic complaint

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a Beeton man with driving while impaired in New Tecumseth.

Nottawasaga OPP responded to a traffic complaint of a white pickup truck travelling westbound on 5th Line and 10 Sideroad in New Tecumseth, unable to maintain its lane

position, on April 7, shortly after 8 p.m.

An officer was in the area and immediately located the white pickup truck turning south onto Tottenham Road from 5th Line. The vehicle was confirmed to be the same as the initial complaint and the officer initiated a traffic stop.

The officer issued an Approved Screening

Device demand (ASD). Subsequently, the driver provided a sample which resulted in a "Fail" reading.

At 8:12 p.m., the driver, Michael McGowan, 42, of Beeton, was arrested and charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Driving motor vehicle with liquor readily

available

In addition to the charges, the driver was issued a 90-day license suspension, and his vehicle was impounded for seven days.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice located in Bradford on May 1, 2025, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven in court.

## Nottawasaga OPP charge Brampton man after fraud attempt at RBC in Alliston

As a result of an ongoing police investigation, Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers arrested and laid several fraud-related charges against a Brampton man.

Officers responded to a report of fraud at an RBC bank, located at 4 King Street North, Alliston, on April 9, just after 5 p.m.

Police received a report that an individual came into the branch and provided a fake

ID as well as a SIN letter trying to open an account under the fake ID name. The person who called the police still had the fake ID in their hands and upon inspecting it, the accused took it out of their hands and fled the scene.

The accused was described as male, 5'8, with facial hair, a slim build, black shoes, khaki pants and a black jacket. When officers

arrived on the scene, the accused had just fled on foot, but they were able to quickly locate the male matching the suspect description.

As a result of the police's investigation, Vikrant Chibber, 25, from Brampton, was arrested and charged with:

- Use, deals, acts on forged document
- Possession of an identity document
- Identity Theft – obtain or possess another

person's identity information

- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000 - in Canada
- Obstruct Peace Officer

The accused has been released and is to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on May 8.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

## Alliston man calls police after striking traffic light pole, receives impaired driving charge

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver involved in a single-vehicle collision with impaired operation in Adjala-Tosoronto Township.

On Sunday, April 13, shortly after 4 a.m., Nottawasaga OPP responded to a single motor vehicle collision near Highway 89 and County Road 50. The driver called 911 to report that he had struck a traffic light pole

and was unsure if he required a tow truck.

No injuries were reported.

At 4:16 a.m., officers arrived at the collision, at which time the officer spoke with the lone male driver. The male stated he was driving eastbound into Alliston when he swerved around two deer that suddenly ran across the road.

The male was asked if he had any alcohol or drug use and he admitted to having some,

hours prior at which time the officer issued an Approved Screening Device demand (ASD). Subsequently, the driver provided a sample which resulted in a "Fail."

At 4:21 a.m., Dwayne Horan, 50, of Alliston, was arrested and charged with the following:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

In addition to the operation while impaired charge, the driver was issued a 90-day license suspension, and his vehicle was impounded for seven days.

Horan is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice located in Bradford on May 8 to answer to the charges.

The listed charge has not been proven in court.

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### Brock's Banter: So near and yet so far...

"The issue is that border officers have full discretion in order to grant somebody admission, and they can deny somebody admission for any reason," Cindy Switzer said," per the CTV report. "The lawyer's comments come in the wake of a French scientist being denied entry to the U.S. after border agents read the contents of his cellphone. The scientist was deported after border officials accused him of having 'hateful' messages against U.S. policy."

One has to wonder whether the same evaluation would extend to anyone who has, at any time, texted a friend, family member or colleague expressing frustration at tariffs or any of the other myriad issues plaguing our neighbours and our relationship with them.

So, is it worth it?

Morally? That is, of course, up to you.

Economically? Well, it doesn't hurt to let our wallets send a clear message.

Practically? Personally, the idea of being detained and deported because I

didn't take my passport with me to breakfast at the nearest Bob Evans doesn't really appeal to me. Nor does running the risk of being denied entry because I'm not a cheerleader for our neighbours tanking our economy in an effort for annexation.

The good news is we're not exactly starved for vacation options.

This is a prime opportunity to discover and re-discover Canada and all we have to offer here at home, not to mention supporting homegrown communities that are rowing in the same direction as the rest of us.

So, this week, I'd like to ask all of you for your suggestions on Ontario and Canadian destinations that might be flying under the radar and are well worth a visit. Where in Canada have you formed unexpected favourite memories? What are some local, provincial and national destinations that are due for a renaissance?

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Peter joined his heavenly family while surrounded by his girls in Matthew's House Hospice. Born in Leicestershire, England, he immigrated to Canada with his parents Stuart and Stella Wright in 1960. He spent his adolescence working alongside his father building and maintaining the McMichael Art Gallery in Kleinburg. It was there that he met the love of his life, Darlene Eldridge. Peter and Darlene settled in Beeton where they raised their daughters Amanda (Johan) and Amy (Nathan). They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary September 14th, 2024. Peter was a friend to everyone who met him. He loved being "Gramps" to Solomon, Wyatt, Gideon and Lacey. He loved cars: fixing them, driving them and watching them race. He loved music, history and fishing, but most of all people. Peter was a genuine people person, loved by all. We wish to express our deepest gratitude to his care team. Amanda his PSW, Mary Jo his Nurse, Dr. Jansen and most of all everyone at Matthew's house. We will miss him forever. Cremation has taken place and a private memorial service will be held at a later date. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com).

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