



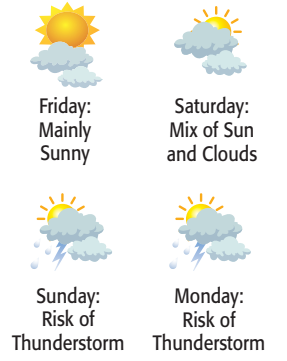
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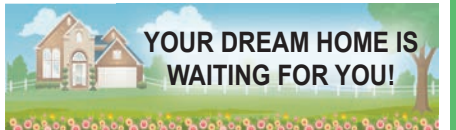
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# Council discusses long term financial plan

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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The Alliston & District Humane Society hThe KNew Tecumseth Town Council recently received a report on its 10-year financial plan.

This is a tool to map the Town’s vision, not a budget or a commitment. The intent is to ensure operational goals align with the Town’s financial goals.

Town staff takes into consideration any initiatives that Council has proposed, the long-range financial plan, asset management, existing capital, and the operating base.

The plan takes into consideration the growth plan that is expected to see the Town

of New Tecumseth reach a population of 80,590 by 2051.

Town staff salaries represent around 44 per cent of the budget. This includes a cost-of-living increase of 2.5 per cent every year.

The transition to full-time firefighting staff includes the addition of four to five individuals per year up until a staff of 40 is reached in 2025, and will include an estimated cost of \$34 million.

In 2026, a savings of \$219,000 is expected due to Simcoe County’s newly formed insurance pool of which New Tecumseth is a member.

An increase of \$277,000 is expected for OPP policing.

As for revenues, speed enforcement is

expected to bring in \$3.8 million. Permit revenues are expected to generate \$2.2 million.

Residents can expect a cost increase of 12.5 per cent for water, and 8.5 per cent for wastewater. A comparison of water and wastewater rates with other nearby communities reveals that New Tecumseth is still in the lower end, ranking 10th out of 15 communities.

The Town is expecting an annual increase of around \$9.8 million in operating costs as a result of growth.

The 10-year financial plan lists several major projects by year.

These projects include:

- 2026 Collingwood WTP, Beeton CC (2026-2028), Church St. N. Road and Bridge

- 2027 Beech St. Watermain, TTM Phase 2, Booster Station on Regional Pipeline, Elevated Water Storage, and indoor pool

- 2028 14th Line Bridge, 10th Line Reconstruction and 14th Line East Reconstruction

- 2029 Church Street upgrades and Albert Street upgrades

- 2030 New Alliston Library and Beeton Creek Bridge

- 2031 Ice Pad and Victoria St. E. upgrades

- 2032 BEWTF Expansion, New Roads Facility, Building Upgrades and Drainage Works

- 2033 Tottenham Watermains, Sidewalks, Building Upgrades and Drainage Works

- 2034 Force Mains, Bridge Rehabilitation, Drainage Works and Building Upgrades

# County of Simcoe unveils revitalized Positive Aging Strategy

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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The County of Simcoe has released the 2025–2030 Age Friendly Positive Aging Strategy.

The strategy reflects a commitment by the County to foster age-friendly communities. It builds on years of research, engagement, and community-driven priorities that enhance the lives of older adults across the region.

As Simcoe County’s older adult population continues to grow, the County looks to be a leader in innovative approaches to aging, ensuring seniors have access to inclusive, healthy, and sustainable community programs, services, and infrastructure.

“Our older adults play a vital role in our communities, and we recognize the need for forward-thinking planning to support their well-being,” said Simcoe County Warden, Basil Clarke. “This updated strategy directly responds to feedback from residents and focuses on key priorities that will help to make Simcoe County a model for age-friendly living.”

Since receiving provincial funding in 2015 for its Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant Program, Simcoe County has remained committed to strengthening age-friendly infrastructure, planning, and services. The strategy has evolved over the years with the initial document incorporating more than 140 recommendations to enhance the well-being of older adults in the community.

Recently, the County conducted an exten-

sive Age-Friendly community survey which garnered 2,587 responses.

Findings from those responses provide three key priorities – outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, and communication and information.

In direct response to community feedback, the County, in partnership with 211 Community Connection, has launched the Age-Friendly Activity Calendar. This initiative provides older adults with easy access to information on local programs, events, and activities that support healthy aging and social engagement.

“The Age-Friendly Calendar helps bridge the communication gap identified in our community survey by empowering older adults to stay active, informed, and connected,” said Jane Sinclair, General Manager, of Health and Emergency Services. “With the support of 211 Community Connection, we’ve created a resource that enhances accessibility and fosters engagement among seniors in our region.”

The Age-Friendly Activity Calendar features activities across five distinct regions: South Georgian Bay, South Simcoe, North Simcoe, Barrie, and Orillia.

Events and programs will be submitted online, vetted by dedicated volunteers, and regularly updated to ensure the most current information is available.

# Campaign to redevelop Hospital relaunches with new goal of raising \$80 million

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation has relaunched and rebranded its fundraising campaign in support of hospital redevelopment, increasing its goal from \$43 million to \$80 million.

The capital campaign's relaunch is due to the rising cost to complete the project, and it was announced during an event held at the Nottawasaga Resort on Wednesday, June 25. Dignitaries, Stevenson Memorial Hospital personnel, and members of the public were in attendance.

The campaign, titled "Because of You," needs the support of the community to reach its new fundraising target.

Construction has already started at the hospital and the redevelopment is now in the first stages of redesign.

Once completed, the new hospital will feature an expanded emergency department, tripling in size to improve wait times and emergency care with trauma bays, isolation rooms, and dedicated spaces for mental health crises.

A new diagnostic imaging suite will include the hospital's first-ever MRI, a new CT scanner, and two additional X-ray machines, along with other new equipment.

The new facility will have 47 private in-patient rooms with ensuite washrooms, including two dedicated palliative care suites and a new four-bed enhanced care unit.

Because of the region's growing population, the hospital will have five modern labour and delivery rooms to support the family demographic.

The campaign was re-launched after infla-

tion and other factors made the cost of construction higher than the initial estimates with a new price tag of \$80 million. The previous campaign, called "Because of you, we can," was aiming to raise \$43 million.

"Thank you all for supporting Stevenson Memorial Hospital. Your unwavering commitment has brought us to this pivotal point in this campaign," said Dr. Ted Vandevs, board chair of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation, as he addressed those in attendance at the re-launch announcement. "This is an opportunity to build a hospital, not just for today, but for generations. As the chair of the Foundation's board of directors, I want to reaffirm our responsible stewardship. We are entrusted with your gifts, whether from individuals, families, businesses, corporations, and community groups. Rest assured, every dollar is managed with the utmost care."

Because of You Campaign chair Sylvia Biffis has been heavily involved with the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation for many years. She and her family have raised a lot of funds for the hospital through the Nottawasaga Foundation.

"The saying is, that it takes a community to raise a family – it also takes a community to make sure we have the services that our growing community needs," Biffis said. "We rely on the support of everybody here, and everybody that lives here. We need to make sure our hospital is serving all of our needs, from young to old, and everything in between."

"It was 2019 when we stood here before the community with a bold dream about redevelopment for Stevenson. Along the way, we needed to ensure that the vision was there – the vision for redevelopment for a hospital



**NEW LOOK** – The Stevenson Memorial Hospital has relaunched and rebranded its fundraising campaign to redevelop the hospital. The new campaign, "Because of You," aims to raise \$80 million for the project. Campaign chair, Sylvia Biffis addresses the audience during the relaunch of the campaign held at the Nottawasaga Resort in Alliston on Wednesday, June 6.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

that will serve the future needs of our growing community," Biffis continued. "It takes years of work. There has been a lot of blood, sweat and tears to get to this point. Since the campaign launch, there has been a lot of generous contributions from local families, from our businesses, volunteers, and the champions who carried us to this particular moment. Each donation, large or small, and all those community events make a difference."

The rising cost of construction and other influences mean the needed funds for the project have also gone up.

"A lot has changed from 2019," Ms. Biffis

said. "Construction costs have skyrocketed, building codes are more rigorous, and infection control is a new urgency and mandate. Our vision, along with all these changes, had to evolve as well. These enhancements come with an increased cost. Our fundraising goal has to reflect this. Our new campaign goals are ambitious, but it is community powered – it's \$80 million – it's what we need to get there."

While it is a lot of money, Ms. Biffis and the entire fundraising team believe it is achievable with the support of donors and the community at large.

## Alliston Memorial Arena going digital for registration

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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A new Book & Go system is coming to Alliston Memorial Arena that will require everyone to register for programs online.

Beginning July 2, Alliston Memorial Arena will be fully digital.

All programs at the arena will require online pre-registration.

The program is designed to eliminate waiting in line or using cash.

This applies to all programs, including

pickleball, badminton, and fitness classes.

On-site staff will be available for the first two weeks in July to help guide patrons through the transaction.

Coming this fall, all drop-in programs at all town recreation centres will transition to Book & Go – a new system that lets you pre-register two to five days in advance of all single classes. This will allow the arena to make sure there are spaces available in the program.

To help residents get comfortable with the new system, training sessions will be offered at local recreation centres.

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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~ Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

## Places I would like to see

There are several places on my ‘wish list’ of places to visit.

I’ve already seen some of them, and hopefully will visit the rest.

At one time, I had planned on visiting Egypt to see the pyramids. They are a wonder of the world, and of course a great mystery in many ways.

However, over the years, I have spoken to other people who have visited, and read online reviews of tourists who made the trek.

The photos you always see of the pyramids is misleading. They aren’t in the desert surrounded by sand. When you see a photo of the reverse angle of the great pyramids of Giza, you see a Cairo slum is right next door and the city has grown around these great wonders.

Almost every review I’ve read of people who have visited, told of constant harassment by locals, horrible hotel conditions, and a generally unpleasant experience.

If someone isn’t chasing you down the street trying to get you to buy a trinket, there are pickpockets trying to relieve you of your wallet.

I’ve decided that visiting via Google Earth was a better option.

I have always wanted to visit Monterey,

California and see Cannery Row – the setting for John Steinbeck’s novel of the same name. Although I’m sure the original charm of the place with its sardine canneries has now been replaced as a tourist mecca.

While in California, I would like to travel to San Jose, and visit the Winchester Mystery House. It is the mansion built by the heiress to the Winchester Firearms fortune.

A little crazy in her later years, Sarah Winchester started building a mansion, and never stopped. Construction on the house went on for 38 years until Sarah died. It is a remarkable place.

I would also like to rent a convertible and drive the Pacific Highway.

While in the state, I would also like to visit Death Valley, one of the most inhospitable places on earth – just to see and experience it.

Sixteen hundred miles south, I would like to visit the Kennedy Space Center and see the Saturn V rockets that put men on the moon.

I would also like to experience a stock car race at the Talladega SuperSpeedway in Alabama.

You might have noticed all of these

places are in the US of A.

Currently, I have no plans to visit any of these places, simply because the threat of being detained by the police is too great.

Recently the governor of Maine, Janet Mills, visited New Brunswick and met with Premier Susan Holt.

The visit was to encourage Canadian visitors to return to her state. It turns out, the local economy relies heavily on Canadian visitors and since no one is crossing the border these days, local businesses are losing a lot of commerce.

I don’t think visitors are afraid of Maine residents. Maine in general, has a reputation as a friendly place, and very similar to Canada in its values.

One article I read stated that Canadians are no longer crossing the border into Maine because they are ‘angered’ by the current American political situation.

I don’t think anyone is angered by the political situation, I think they are afraid because of the trickle-down police policies that seem to be effecting law enforcement at every level.

I was watching a video that popped up on my Facebook feed, from a source that shows people being stopped for traffic violations.

During the conversation, the police officer said, “Speeding is a criminal offence in the State of Georgia.”

I found that hard to believe, so I posted a question on a Q&A forum. A person from Georgia replied, and said that ‘yes, speeding is a misdemeanor in Georgia.’

A quick check on Georgia law states that a misdemeanor is a criminal offence, but not as serious as a felony.

Considering just about every driver gets a speeding ticket or other traffic ticket at some time or another, does that mean this state is absolutely full of people with criminal records?

I’m sure there are plenty of people, especially those in border towns, that want to cross into the US to visit a resort, event, or just do some shopping. However, the fear of being stopped and having the wrong accent or appearing non-American is just too real at the present time.

If Americans want Canadians to return as visitors, they must lobby their law enforcement and get that situation under control.

Until then, I won’t be cruising the Pacific Highway and time soon.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Brain Drains?

How often do you climb up to shake a few branches of your family tree?

Maybe I’m something of an outlier, but just who came before me, and whose ingredients, no matter how diluted, now flow through my veins has always fascinated me.

It’s trivial, to be sure, but as far as trivia goes, it often does spark the imagination. Even if some people like to pre-emptively throw cold water on your findings!

Genealogists in the know, for instance, often say that if you have just a single ancestor of English descent, no matter far back, chances are more than likely you’re descended from Edward III, who reigned between 1327 and 1377. If, by any chance, your branches somehow missed Edward, you can most likely claim regal descent, whatever your background, from either Charlemagne or Genghis Khan – two very well-travelled and apparently busy men.

With that in mind, how can anyone not find the topic at least marginally interesting?

When I was a university student with a

negligible social life, I took the opportunity to trace the branches of my family in earnest – and, thanks to the work of people who were bitten by the bug far earlier than me, I could trace some of my relatives back to the 1400s.

Some of my favourite findings were of the regal variety, but others were just plain neat – such as a 15th century female forebear on my paternal grandmother’s side who was apparently imprisoned in a Swiss castle for alleged witchcraft... and subsequently made a daring escape, rappelling down the side of a turret at the stated age of 98... a claim that surely didn’t lend any gravitas to those witchcraft accusations, but I digress... I was heartened that even back then sisters – or, in this case, x-times great-grandmothers – were doing it for themselves!

While my interest waned somewhat in the years since my university days, there was one nagging question about a matter on my paternal side I was never able to answer – and rekindled a near-cold research ember last month.

It relates to a family story which was

passed down strictly through oral tradition rather than with any written record. With no paper trail, I’ve often wondered whether it was a true tale, or a tall tale spun to cover for something that might have been – well, socially less acceptable at the time.

This latest climb up my family tree revealed little in either direction, but it did yield another x-times-great grandmother with the unlikely name of “Mary Christmas” back in the 1600s, so it wasn’t an entirely fruitless mission.

Yet, despite no evidence, it’s a story that endures, and it’s really a testament to the power of oral tradition.

Last week, I happened upon an interesting podcast on how our language – and our use of it – has shifted over time. The first installment that caught my attention took a deep dive into Queen Elizabeth II’s first televised Christmas Message in 1957 compared to her final broadcast in 2021. The focus was how her vowels, word selection, and general communication style evolved over time, and why certain inflections endured over 60-odd years

while others did not.

In the first broadcast, one commenter pointed out, the monarch in this pre-teleprompter era had a copy of the speech close at hand, which she glanced at from time to time, but the vast majority of the script was clearly committed to memory.

“Just a totally different time,” they wrote. “70 years ago, it was just a little more normal to speak to our history of oral storytelling and that’s one of the many things we’ve lost for the most part with modernization. Reading, memorizing, reciting used to be a huge part of Western culture. When I think about it, I believe we’re giving up something very tragic there to the convenience of modern technology. It’s like language and proper grammar. To employ it requires a certain amount of respect and a standard of education. It means something, it promotes a higher culture, one that considers such things.

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# Stupid old men

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Leading an entire country for a few years is a steep learning curve, but it's useful experience. Being in power for a dozen years makes most leaders arrogant and careless, but some remain more or less functional. Being in power for more than thirty years just makes you stupid. Consider Cambodia's Hun Sen and Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Hun Sen began as a Khmer Rouge commander and went on to rule Cambodia effectively as an absolute dictator for 36 years. (He is by far the country's richest man and his personal guard rivals the national army in size.) He passed the prime ministership on to his son Hun Manet two years ago, but he really still rules.

There is an old history of military confrontations between Thailand and Cambodia, but relations have been stable since Hun Sen came to power. In fact, there were close links between him and the Shinawatra family that has dominated democratic politics in Thailand for half of this century.

So when there was a shoot-out on the Cambodian-

Thai border a couple of weeks ago the Thai prime minister, Paetongtarn Shinawatra, got on the phone to calm things down with Hun Sen. (She called him 'uncle' because her father and the Cambodian leader had been so close.)

Only one Cambodian soldier was killed in the incident, but who wants a war? She criticized the Thai regional commander, who she said "just wanted to look tough," and added that if Hun Sen wanted anything she would "take care of it."

This is how grown-ups in power manage random incidents that can cause serious trouble: apologize (whether your side was in the wrong or not), lay on the flattery, give everybody an off-ramp. And keep it as private as possible.

Instead, Hun Sen put the entire 17-minute conversation on his website. Its effect, and most likely his purpose, was to humiliate Prime Minister Shinawatra and stir up outrage among Thai ultra-nationalists. We can probably therefore assume that he was acting in league with aforesaid ultra-nationalists, but he's crazy to believe that they are reliable allies.

Hun Sen may be calculating that a small military confrontation with Thailand will help his son to consolidate his hold on power. However, it's just as likely that the Thai hard-liners would exploit a brief victorious war (Thais outnumber Cambodians four-to-one) to legitimize their intended coup.

Hun Sen used to be ruthless but clever; now he's just stupid. He's taking an unnecessary risk for a doubtful outcome. But the uncomfortable truth is that at least half the wars on this planet start for reasons no more profound than this. Which brings us to the truly counterproductive behaviour of Iran's Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Like Hun Sen, Iran's Supreme Leader has been in power for 36 years. At least half the Iranian population would be glad to see him gone, but during his early years he was an

effective ruler. Now he is an isolated old man of 86 who simply does not grasp the plight of his nation.

Donald Trump gave Iran's leaders an unintended opening with his over-the-top boasting about the damage that one day of US air strikes did to the country. The American and world media were already questioning his claims that the three nuclear enrichment sites at Fordo, Natanz and Esfahan were "totally obliterated", and Trump had doubled down on them.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, who knows his way around the diplomatic world, humbly admitted the American strikes had done "excessive and serious damage." The country is virtually defenceless against American and Israeli airstrikes: why would Iran give them any reason to believe that they had to go back and finish the job?

But Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was living in Cloud Cuckoo Land. In a video statement on 26 June, he insisted that the American air strikes "did not achieve anything" and further threatened to give the United States "another slap" (referring to the Iranian missile attack on an American base in Qatar in retaliation for the US air strikes).

Khamenei seemed unaware that no damage had been done to American lives or military assets. He didn't even seem to know that Iran's surviving military leaders, hoping to avoid a game of tit-for-tat in which they would be utterly outmatched, had informed US authorities in advance of when the missiles would be launched and on what trajectories.

Trump went berserk at Khamenei's speech. "You got beat to hell," he raged, and declared that he had been about to end sanctions against Iran but the Ayatollah's speech changed his mind. That's probably untrue, but Khamenei is too old to be left in office. As Trump himself will probably be before his presidential term is finished.





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12. More frosty
14. Disfigure
15. Sky color
16. A thoroughfare in a town or city
18. Actress de Armas
19. Spend time in a relaxed way
20. California peak
21. Lodging option
22. Small amount of a thing
23. Expresses sorrow
26. Keeps an ear warm
30. Babies (Spanish)
31. A conceited and self-centered person
32. No seats available
33. Pouches
34. Hip joints
39. A place to bathe

42. Evading
44. Minute, one-celled unit
46. Losing one's hair
47. A country in W Africa
49. One point north of northeast
50. Pointed end of a pen
51. Extreme
56. Norse personification of old age
57. Doctors' group
58. Member of U.S. Navy
59. Mens' fashion accessories
60. A way to allow
61. Gloomy
62. Grads wear one
63. Between south and southeast
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1. Snakes do it
2. Hormone
3. The standard monetary unit of Turkey
4. Fixed charges
5. Electronic communication
6. Artilleries
7. "Strangers on a Train" actor Farley
8. Burning
9. Makes ecstatically happy
10. Greek liqueurs
11. Tropical Old World tree
13. Someone who takes vengeance
17. Style of cuisine
24. Select
25. Immunized against disease
26. Old world, new
27. Honorable title (Turkish)
28. Court case: \_\_\_ v. Wade
29. Supervises
- interstate commerce
35. Not divisible by two
36. Twelve
37. Commentator
- Coulter
38. Encourage
40. Plumbing fixtures
41. Early
42. One point north of due east
43. King of Thebes
44. Short-tailed martens
45. Impose a penalty on
47. Consort of Poseidon
48. A way to lessen
49. Brooklyn hoops team
52. Female of a horse
53. Do as one is told
54. A way to prepare meat
55. Unit of measurement

No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.

# COMMUNITY VOICE

## Monthly Message: Ditch the plastic in your life to lower health risks

Plastic waste is now ubiquitous in the natural environment, found in all ecosystems. Most concerning, it is now found in most parts of our bodies. We eat, breathe and drink plastic every day. It is estimated that we ingest about 5 grams of microplastics per week, roughly equivalent to the mass of a credit card. We are becoming plastic people.

Plastic never dies. It continues to fragment into microplastics that enter our bodies. Microplastics have been found in lungs, brains, placentas – and in babies. Chemicals like BPA, phthalates and PFAS can mimic human hormones, the body's chemical messengers, controlling processes like reproduction, growth and metabolism.

Exposure to these substances has been shown to increase the risk of everything from infertility to poorer fetal development, inflammation and cancer. While science isn't yet conclusive about all the impacts, we know the chemicals in plastics are highly toxic and cannot be good for us. Scientists and physicians are deeply concerned.

We need to stop plastic waste from piling up around us. We all have a role to play in this. Governments must create laws to reduce plastic waste, ban toxic chemicals and refuse lobbying from the oil industry.

Businesses must commit to eliminating



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plastic packaging and be responsible for the mess their plastic products create. As individuals, we need to rethink our relationship with plastic. We need to refuse, reduce, and reuse.

Recycling is not the solution to plastic waste. While lots of plastic is sent to recycling plants each year, only nine per cent of it is actually recycled globally.

Plastic Free July is an annual campaign encouraging people to cut down on single-use plastics throughout the month of July. Since 2011, people have taken the challenge to go plastic-free in July by choosing to refuse the single-use plastics we use daily. You can choose to refuse single-use plastics beyond July.

Lifestyle changes can have a big impact on our ability to lower the risks of plastic to our health. Here are some actions we can all embrace to find new habits.

Plastic sheds into food when it is heated in the microwave and dishwasher. Make your new mantra – Don't drink from plas-

tic, don't eat from plastic and don't prepare food in plastic. And don't put plastic in the dishwasher.

It is estimated that up to 87 per cent of the 10 best-selling personal care brands contain microplastics including L'Oréal, Dove, Garnier, Nivea, Gillette, Axe, Oral-B and Head & Shoulders. Check out Environmental Defence's Toxic Ten for a list of the toxic chemicals found in these products. There are a lot of chemical-free options available. Read Environmental Working Group's guide to safer products.

Resist fast fashion and think of quality instead. Up to 60 percent of our clothing is made from plastic. Instead of fleece, spandex and nylon, buy natural fibres like cotton, wool and linen for clothing.

Change your laundry routine. Use laundry sheets to eliminate plastic jugs. Biodegradable detergent pods contain five of the worst chemical additives. Wool dryer balls are a better option than dryer sheets that contain highly toxic chemicals. Because our clothes

shed microplastics into the water, wear your clothes longer, wash in cold water and reduce the spin cycle, all to reduce the shedding. Install a microplastic filter on your machine if possible.

Fragrance chemicals are common ingredients in perfumes, scented products, cleaning products, personal care items and even some food products. Many products are packaged in plastic. Avoid air fresheners, fabric softeners, scented candles, and scented personal care and cleaning products.

Use compostable coffee pods in your coffee machine. Read the label on tea bags, as many, including paper ones, contain plastic. Refuse produce bags at the grocery store, opting instead for cloth bags, or no bags at all. Household wastebaskets and garbage bins do not need to be lined with a plastic bag.

Moderate lifestyle changes can help lower our health risks with plastic. Keep it simple, but mindful.

*This "Monthly Message" column was submitted by Louise Montague, who is a member of Greys for Green in New Tecumseth. She is interested in helping others learn how to make sustainable living the norm. Contact Greys for Green at [contactus@greysforgreen.org](mailto:contactus@greysforgreen.org).*

## SCDSB students selected as recipients of Schulich STEM scholarships

Two Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) students have recently been

announced as recipients of Schulich Leader Scholarship Fund scholarships. These schol-

arships are awarded to 100 high school graduates from across Canada who are enrolling in a science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) program.

Bradford District High School student Eleen A. has received a \$100,000 scholarship to support her studies in science at York University, while Nathan M. from Bear Creek Secondary School has been awarded a \$120,000 scholarship to pursue studies in engineering and business administration at Western University.

"Eleen has a passion for learning. She is strong-willed, hardworking, and has always demonstrated exceptional attention to detail," says Marie Accettola, teacher at Bradford District HS. "Eleen demonstrates strong leadership skills and has had a positive in-

fluence on her peers and within our school community."

"Nathan not only excels academically but also selflessly dedicates his time to numerous school and community events. He consistently demonstrates responsibility and maturity in all aspects of school life," said Kristen Alderson, guidance counsellor at Bear Creek SS. "His genuine approach to helping others and his kind demeanour are contagious. His contributions have made the school a better place for other students."

The Schulich Leader Scholarship Fund was established in 2012 by businessman and philanthropist Seymour Schulich in recognition of the increasing importance and impact that STEM disciplines will have on the prosperity of future generations.

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# Town of New Tecumseth looking for committee members

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of New Tecumseth is looking for residents to join advisory committees.

The Town is committed to promoting community engagement through several committees, boards, and task forces.

Council appoints committee/board mem-

bers at the beginning of a council term or when a vacancy arises. Descriptions of committees and application forms can be found online.

Application forms will only be available if applications are being accepted for a specified committee, board, or task force.

Currently, there are openings on the Appeal Committee for Dangerous Dogs and Canine

Control.

This committee reviews and makes decisions on charges laid under the Town's Canine Control and Kennel by-laws.

There are also openings on the Environmental Advisory Committee.

The mandate of the Environmental Advisory Committee is to be established after Council has completed its Strategic Plan.

The purpose of the Environmental Advisory Committee is to advise, assist, and make recommendations to Council with respect to environmental, sustainability and climate change issues.

Residents interested in being considered for either one of these committees can find an application form on the Town's website at [www.newtecumseth.ca](http://www.newtecumseth.ca).

# Check for beach water safety before you swim this summer

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Now that summer is here, people are back to enjoying a swim at the many public beaches in the region.

But before heading out to your favourite public beach, you should check with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's website to look for swim advisories.

Designated public beaches are sampled for E. Coli bacteria throughout the summer to ensure safe swimming conditions. Water samples are typically collected once a week, although this may be reduced to monthly if a beach consistently had good water the previous summer.

Note that only public beaches are tested. Public beaches are owned and operated by a municipality and open to the general public for swimming.

If you have a private waterfront or beach, you can get the water tested by a licensed laboratory.

There are several conditions that affect water quality and may require a beach to post a warning or be closed for swimming.

Heavy rain can wash contaminants into the water. Avoid swimming 24 to 48 hours after heavy rainfall.

Strong winds can stir up sand and silt, making the water cloudy. If you can't see your feet in waist-deep water, bacteria levels may be high and you should exercise caution.

Warm, shallow water and wet sand can promote bacteria growth. Always wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after being in the sand or water.

There are three levels of water quality thare used to let the public know how safe a beach is for swimming.

If there is no advisory posted, it means it is safe to swim at the beach. This means bacteria levels in the water are below the recreational water quality guideline of 200 E. Coli per 100 mL. Test results are usually received 24 hours after samples are collected.

Keep in mind that beach water quality can change hourly due to environmental conditions. You should be aware of conditions that impact beach water quality and make an informed decision before swimming.

This means there is a risk of minor skin,



**CAUTION** – If you plan on swimming at a public beach this summer, be sure to check if there are any swimming advisories before you leave home.

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eye, ear, nose, or throat infections and stomach illness. If there is a swim advisory in effect, avoid dunking your head or swallowing water if you decide to go swimming.

A swimming advisory will be lifted once water testing shows bacteria levels are below the recreational water quality guideline.

There are times when a public beach may be closed.

This occurs when there is a significant risk

to health and safety that has been identified. This may be the result of sewage or a chemical spill.

Beach closures are rare, however, if a beach is closed, you should not risk going into the water.

As of June 27, there are only two swimming advisories posted in the Simcoe-Muskoka region, out of 53 swimming areas monitored by the health unit.

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# Arts & Local Events



**COMMUNITY CELEBRATION** – Canada Day celebrations took over Riverdale Park in Alliston on Tuesday, July 1. Attendees enjoyed live music, a free BBQ and giveaways. The event was hosted by New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury MP Scot Davidson and the Alliston Lions Club as a way of celebrating Canadian pride, heritage and identity. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTOS**




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# Regional Mental Health Centre gets Provincial boost as it eyes 2027 opening

BY BROCK WEIR

York Region’s Mental Health and Community Care Centre is eyeing an opening in “early 2027” following a fresh infusion of cash from the Provincial Government.

The project, which will be led by the Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region and South Simcoe (CMHA-YRSS) in Newmarket, received a significant boost in support from the Ontario Ministry of Health on Thursday afternoon when Newmarket-Aurora MPP Dawn Gallagher Murphy presented the project with a one-time grant of \$1,095,100.

The grant is intended to help the CMHA-YRSS in start-up costs as work continues to transform a disused commercial building on Yonge Street into a place where all can come to receive immediate mental health care interventions and referrals.

“Mental health is deeply personal to so many of us, whether it’s a family member, a friend, a neighbour, even ourselves,” said MPP Gallagher Murphy. “Today, I am truly proud to be able to stand before you and announce that our government is investing \$1,095,100 in one-time funding for the [year] 24-25 to support the first year of facility and start-up costs for the new York Region Mental Health and Community Care Centre.

“This new 24-7 community-based facility will offer critical support to individuals in mental health crises. Once open, the hub will provide up to 10 crises and stabilization beds. The Centre will be the first of its kind in York Region, providing care for individuals age 12 and up. Through its integrated approach and strong partnerships, it will guide people to the next step in their recovery and away from emergency rooms that are already stretched thin.”

Gallagher Murphy assured the CMHA-

YRSS that the June 26 announcement was “one of many to come” and acknowledged the organization’s “passion, leadership and care” within the communities it serves.

This appreciation was reciprocated by Rebecca Shields, CEO of the CMHA-YRSS.

Shields said she was grateful for Gallagher Murphy’s “tireless advocacy” both on the mental health file and in making this Centre a reality – and she noted the ongoing work behind the scenes to make it a reality as well.

“We are making progress,” said Shields, standing in front of the stripped-back building which was most recently a Mission Thrift Store which moved to a space across the street two years ago. “Over the past year, we’ve done a lot of site preparation work, a lot of the capital planning work, we’ve been inside removing the mold, fixing up the roof, and we’ve been doing all the excavations. We’ve been doing all the site permitting, we’ve been doing all the soil testing and getting read. With the support of the Town of Newmarket, we got our zoning bylaw amendment, so we are ready to go as we cost out in this next stage.

“We’re happy to be on site as we prepare over the next year to get those shovels in the ground, but really to get the renovation going. On the planning side, we have six committees up and running. These committees range from our first responders like our police and paramedics on how we bring people into the Centre. We’ve been able to submit documents and attestations around having this centre as an alternate destination, and we’re really excited about that because this is what it’s all about: ensuring that people get the right immediate access to specialised care when they need it most.

“We’ve also been working with our partners to look at all of our equity-deserving or equity denied-groups, all the way from youth, indi-



**MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT** – A cheque for \$1,095 was presented to the Mental Health Association of York Region and South Simcoe from the Ontario Ministry of Health on June 26.

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viduals from the Black community, from different ethno-cultural communities, our Indigenous partners, to ensure that this is a culturally safe and welcoming place for those when they come – a lot of planning work around health equity. We’ve also been engaging in a tremendous amount of work as to what’s going to happen after. Working with all of our other mental health and social care partners from Addiction Services of York Region, all the way from our shelters and our other community providers, primary care, on how do we make those referrals and transitions? Because if you’re going to make sure somebody’s first mental health crisis is their last, you have to make sure that they’re connected to the right supports that they need.”

To bring the facility fully into fruition, Shields noted the CMHA-YRSS’ Lead the

Way capital campaign is ongoing, allowing residents at large “to make the difference and make the experience in this hub what it’s really meant to be, which is somewhere where people feel welcome [and] this is where they want to come when they need help.”

“Whether your age is 12 and up, and you’re coming because you have anxiety or you’re coming because you’re having trouble with substance abuse or alcohol, this is a place where you’re going to get the care and the supports we need,” Shields concluded. “Thank you again to the Government of Ontario for ensuring that we can continue to do this work and get ready to open the doors, hopefully early in 2027.”

If you are interested in contributing to the Lead the Way campaign, visit [www.thecentre-yr.ca](http://www.thecentre-yr.ca).

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# SPORTS

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## Local runner wins Niagara Ultra 50 long-distance race

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

For long-distance runner Parker Mills, running isn't just a way of keeping fit, it's a passion for pushing the limits of what he can achieve.

Parker has only been running competitively since January 2024, but since that time, he has made incredible strides in the sport of long-distance running.

The 21-year-old Alliston resident competed in the Niagara Ultra 50 on Saturday, June 21, and finished first with a time of 3:17.30. He completed the race 20 minutes ahead of the second-place finisher.

The Niagara Ultra 50 is an annual 50-kilometre race that starts in Niagara-on-the-Lake and follows a route down the scenic Niagara Parkway to Niagara Falls and back again.

During the race, a sudden cloud burst resulted in pouring rain which made the run a challenge, but it didn't last long and the skies cleared up providing a sunny finish to the event.

"We were running along the river," Parker

explained. "There was this dark cloud and it poured rain, almost like hail. Then it stopped and it got really sunny and really hot."

Parker started running as part of his fitness training for hockey.

"I started running on January 1, 2024, when I went out for a half-marathon - that was 21 kilometers," Parker explained of his start in competitive running. "Before that, I had run 5k and 10k as part of training because I played hockey. I started running that half marathon every day."

He started running 21 kilometres every morning as part of his training. He takes different routes through town including some hilly areas for an extra challenge.

His time for the route is now down to an hour and a half.

On May 3, Parker competed in the Orange County Marathon in California. He finished 15th with a time of 2:39:57, well ahead of his goal.

"My goal for that race was to finish in 2 hours and 50 minutes, and it was a hilly marathon," Parker said.

The Orange County event was a qualifier for

the prestigious Boston Marathon.

On May 24, Parker competed in the Sulphur Springs Trail Race near Hamilton. The race is a 100-kilometre relay where each runner completes 20 kilometres. Since Parker's team had only three runners, he ran two 20-kilometre stretches in the race.

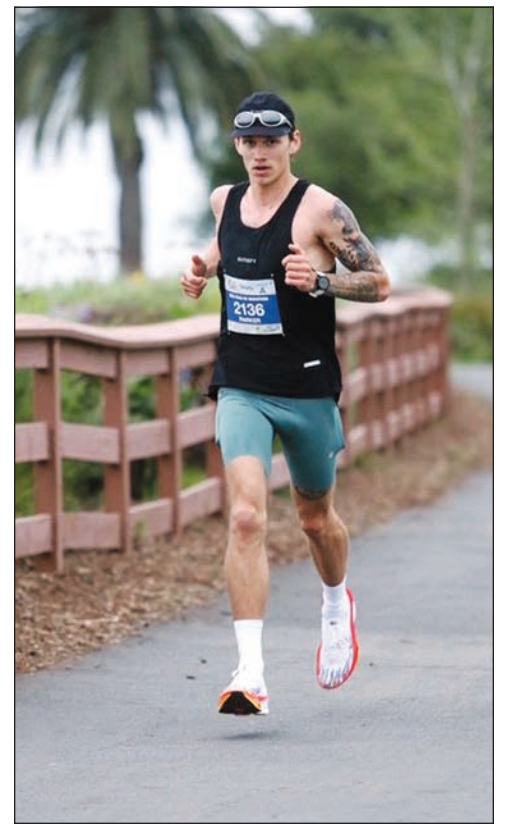
"I'm hoping to get a sponsor with some sort of brand," Parker explained. "I want to get more into the ultra-races like the 50K and 80K. There's a big race in California that's 100 miles - I want to try."

Parker will have close to a year to get ready for the Boston Marathon which happens in April.

The Boston Marathon features world-class runners and is one of the biggest marathon events in the world.

**ON PACE** – Local distance runner Parker Mills competes in the Orange County Marathon on May 3. Parker is having great success as a runner and recently won the Niagara Ultra 50 race held in Niagara-on-the-Lake and Niagara Falls on Saturday, June 21.

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## Mansfield U15 Cubs come alive in fourth inning to defeat Aurora Jays

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

It took a few innings for the Mansfield Cubs U15 AA team to get into the swing of things when they hosted the Aurora Jays on the diamond in Mansfield on Tuesday, June 24.

After falling behind in the early innings, the squad got the bats swinging in the fourth to take the lead.

Aurora opened the scoring with a big hit to centre field in the first inning.

Mason Fogal got the first Mansfield hit of the night when he singled in the first inning, but the Cubs couldn't score.

The Jays went ahead 2-0 in the second inning with another big hit to deep field.

Blake Pyle put out a good effort for the Cubs when he singled and then stole second base in the second inning, but again the Cubs couldn't score.

Aurora took a 3-0 lead in the third inning with a single run.

The Cubs were on the scoreboard in the third inning when Peyton Matchem hit a double to bring in two runs.

The Cubs shut the Jays down in the top of the fourth and the inning ended with Mason Fogal catching a fly ball in centre field.

Mansfield finally got the bats moving in the fourth inning starting with Blake Pyle's single, followed by Pyle stealing second base.

Landon Roncone hit to drive in a Mansfield run.

A hit from Ryan McDeromid brought in the tying run for the Cubs.

Two more runs were recorded when Hudson Milliard hit the left-field fence.

Mason Fogal drove in two more Cubs runs when he hit a double.

The Cubs owned the game when Peyton Matchem hit a two-run home run over the left-field fence.

In the fifth inning, Landon Roncone singled to put two men on base and the Cubs scored another run.

The final was an 11-5 win for the Cubs.

Despite the win, Cubs players thought they didn't play their best game.

"It was not a great game for us," said Brayden Foulds. "We didn't come ready to play. The fourth inning led off with that dropped ball. Hudson (Milliard) hit a double and we scored two runs, and it went from there."

Teammate Corey Coe also thought the team had a slow start.

"We pretty much had one good inning," Corey said after the game. "We didn't play very good. I think we weren't paying attention. We had one big hit and that got us started."

The Cubs will return to their home diamond in Mansfield when they host the Barrie Baycats on Tuesday, July 15.

Game time is 6:30 p.m.



**FLYING HIGH** – Mansfield U15 AA Cubs third baseman leaps for the throw as an Aurora Jays player slides into base during the third inning of their Tuesday, June 24, game. The Cubs left the field with an 11-5 win.  
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## Charges laid for impaired driving while carrying two young children

South Simcoe Police recently received a report from a concerned citizen regarding a vehicle driving dangerously in Bradford West Gwillimbury.

On June 29, at approximately 4:45 p.m., the witness observed the vehicle travelling on the wrong side of the road for an extended period of time, passing other vehicles unsafely, exceeding the posted speed limit, and driving with a turn signal activated without making turns.

The witness provided a description of the vehicle in real-time, assisting police to locate the vehicle on Line 13 in Bradford West Gwillimbury. Police were able to stop the vehicle safely and observed two young children seated in the back of it.

Through investigation, police determined the driver was impaired and as a result, a 51-year-old female from Bolton was arrested and charged with the following Criminal Code charges:

– Adult Operation While Impaired – Blood Alcohol Concentration – C.C. Section 320.14(1)(b)

– Dangerous Operation – CC 320.13(1)  
– Failing to Provide Necessities of Life to Child or Spouse – CC 215(2)(ai) x 2  
– Failure or Refusal to Comply with Demand – CC 320.15(1)

The accused was released with a court date in July 2025.

The charges have not been proven in court.

“The two children are safe, and officers were able to reunite them with a responsible family member. South Simcoe Police would like to thank the citizen who acted quickly to report this dangerous situation,” reads a press release from the South Simcoe Police.

“We all have a role in keeping our communities safe, and together we can make a difference in road safety and help everyone arrive alive. Anyone who witnesses a suspected impaired driver is asked to call 9-1-1 immediately.”

## Toyota Tundra stolen from Tottenham residence, OPP request public help locating vehicle

Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers investigating the theft of a 2023 Toyota Tundra that occurred in Tottenham.

Nottawasaga OPP officers responded to a report of a stolen vehicle from a residence on Richmond Street, New Tecumseth at approximately 6:30 a.m. on June 25.

Video footage obtained from the area showed the vehicle last seen travelling northbound on Jenkins Avenue at approximately 3:18 a.m.

The stolen vehicle is a black 2023 Toyota

Tundra, with an Ontario plate “BV85794” The suspect vehicle is described as a black SUV, no further details have been obtained at this time.

The investigation into this theft is ongoing, and the OPP appreciates any assistance the public can provide to help resolve this case.

To help reduce the risk of vehicle theft, the OPP encourages vehicle owners to take the following precautions:

1. Lock your vehicle: Always lock your vehicle when leaving it unattended, even for short periods.

2. Use anti-theft devices: Consider installing an alarm, steering wheel lock (such as The Club), or a GPS tracking system to deter thieves.

3. Use a Faraday case: To protect against electronic theft, store your key fob in a Faraday case to block signals from being intercepted by thieves using relay devices.

4. Park in well-lit areas: When possible, park your vehicle in well-lit, busy areas or in a garage.

5. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle:

Remove any valuables or electronics from plain sight to reduce the temptation for theft.

6. Secure your keys: Never leave keys in the vehicle or near the vehicle.

If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to this theft, please call the Nottawasaga OPP Detachment at 1-888-310-1122 with Report #E250821836. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit your information online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

## Woman arrested after allegedly assaulting two police officers

South Simcoe Police responded to a report of a disturbance at a property on Line 7 in the Town of Innisfil. Police arrived on the scene and observed a female actively damaging a vehicle with a golf club. Police took the suspect into custody. However, during their arrest, the suspect was uncooperative and uttered threats towards a member of the public, as well as assaulting two officers by kicking them, according to South Simcoe Police.

The police say their investigation revealed

that the occurrence had begun when the suspect confronted another person at the location while possessing a sharp barbecue tool.

As a result, a 22-year-old female from the Township of King was arrested and charged with the following Criminal Code charges:

- Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose – Criminal Code 88
- Mischief Under \$5,000 – Criminal Code 430(3)(a)
- Uttering Threats to Cause Death – Criminal

Code 264.1(1)(a)

• Assault Peace Officer – Criminal Code 270(1)(a) x 2

The accused was held pending a bail hearing. The listed charges have not been proven in court.

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## Brock's Banter: Brain Drains?

And now, we just offload that [integral] part of our entire history to Grammarly and spellcheck."

While I'd hate to ever be considered a luddite, here was one gem of wisdom found in the cesspool that is so often the comments section of YouTube.

Don't get me wrong, there's very little value in recitation and memorization within education just for memorization and recitation's sake; there has to be some sort of practical volume or demonstrable reason why this bit of knowledge needs to be permanently etched into our grey matter, but perhaps the simple act of doing so is the most basic brain exercise we have.

It's not even a matter of recitation and memorization of facts, figures, and poetry.

Not too long ago, my grandmother, who

died in 2012, took exceptional pride in her ability to remember telephone numbers of friends and acquaintances going back decades, regardless of whether or not the person assigned to the number was still alive to pick up. Useless knowledge, particularly where the deceased are concerned, or so I thought.

Nowadays, with the ability to store numbers, handles, and email addresses in devices we always have ready, accessible wherever we happen to be or whatever we happen to be doing, the number of people who can spout off any number other than their own with complete confidence without looking at their screen are, in my experience, few and far between.

In the time since the Global Pandemic, people have said the passage of time feels

just slightly different than it did in the "before times."

I can't say I disagree. It often feels like time is going by just a little bit faster than it did, with special occasions like Canada Day, creeping up with accelerating speed each year. But maybe it's a factor that we don't need to be as conscious of time in the ways we once were.

We're automatically reminded of the big stuff. We don't have to be clock conscious because we know there's one in our pocket ready at a moment's notice; we don't have to drum appointments into our heads before we forget because we'll get automatic reminders. Heck, we often don't even need to enter them into a calendar ourselves, all done automatically and with barely a thought.

Even reminiscences are something we don't really need to worry about. Instead of sharing some nostalgia with friends, family or other loved ones on a special anniversary, or even when something inconsequential triggers some unexpected recollections, we have the Memories feature on any number of platforms to do the heavy lifting for us.

But, how many memories, skills, and mental muscle flexes are we leaving behind us in the process, confident that all of our devices, apps and programs will have our backs? How do we safeguard them in the event of any number of glitches?

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