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## Honouring Their Service and Sacrifice

Local dignitaries and members of the Royal Canadian Legion branches in Alliston, Tottenham, and Beeton gathered to officially open a new crosswalk dedicated to veterans on Albert St. just outside of the Town of New Tecumseth administration building on Monday, Sept. 22. The crosswalk connects the Veterans walk and is dedicated in honour of Veterans who served and sacrificed. BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

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# New Tecumseth Council receives staff report on investment strategy

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

New Town Council has received a report from the Town treasury department to present the first annual performance update on the Town's investment portfolio.

As of July 31, 2025, the Town's investment portfolio continues to reflect strong adherence to its core principles – preservation of capital, liquidity, and financial stewardship.

The portfolio achieved a one-year return of 4.24 per cent, generating \$211,755 in income.

The current strategy, anchored in laddered GICs and fixed income securities, has proven effective in a declining interest rate environment.

The current asset allocation has 4 per cent for cash and cash equivalents and 96 per cent for fixed income. The current yield on the fixed income allocation of the portfolio is 4.22 per cent, and the projected annual income is approximately \$210,833.

Municipalities investing in Ontario have two options for investing. Section 418 of the Municipal Act, 2001 using Part I of O. Reg

438/97 details a series of permitted municipal investments, referred to as the "Prescribed List." Alternatively, Section 418.1 of the Act under Part II of O. Reg 438/97 permits opportunities for broader equity opportunities under the structure "Prudent Investor Regime." Part II is not widely used by municipalities in Ontario due to the extensive requirements.

In August 2023, the Town's Investment Policy was approved by Council. The fundamental principles within the policy include:

- Legislative compliance
- Preservation of principal
- Maintenance of liquidity
- Competitive rate of return

When developing the policy, key considerations included minimizing investment risk and preservation of municipal capital through portfolio diversification and maturity timing. The policy requires investment maturities to synchronize with cash flow requirements. The use of legal or financial advice for proposed investments will be leveraged where appropriate.

Using a conservative approach, the Town's



investment policy has been developed to expand the opportunities for investment beyond basic bank account interest. Investment policies are frequently included among municipal financial policies.

In 2024, the Town invested \$5 million, where one third of the portfolio matures each year, beginning in 2027, 2028, and 2029. The decision to reinvest in longer-dated notes when the portfolio was initially constructed in 2024 has benefited the portfolio by locking into higher-yielding investments. To take

advantage of higher interest rates or yields, it is recommended to reinvest in maturing securities into longer term GICs/Bonds to lock into higher-yielding securities.

Based on the objectives of the Investment Policy Statement and the asset allocation, the Portfolio will continue to provide steady, consistent performance.

One-year rate of return on the Portfolio is 4.23 per cent, earning \$211,755. Projected next twelve-month income of approximately \$210,833.

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# Tottenham woman hopes to win Face of Halloween contest

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Everyone has their favourite holiday season.

For Tottenham resident Sabrina Mazzocchi, Halloween has always been a time of year she enjoys. She likes dressing up, and she's also a fan of the spooky movies that go along with that time of year.

Although Sabrina isn't very active on social media, her canine companion Pumba is, and through Pumba's Instagram account, she came across a Halloween contest called the Face of Halloween. The winner will receive a cash prize and the chance to mingle with some celebrities.

The contest is sponsored by the Starlight Children's Foundation and Rue Morgue Magazine.

The Starlight Children's Foundation helps seriously ill children by providing things like gaming consoles, games, products, and services to make their time a little more enjoyable during a difficult situation.

Rue Morgue Magazine is a publication with stories from the dark side.

The contest is endorsed by some well-

known people, including Jamie Leigh Curtis, star of the Halloween series movies.

People can vote for their favourite person in the contest.

"I don't have an Instagram page, but I created one for my dog Pumba," Sabrina explained. "I found the contest on there. I had to submit some writing and a couple of photos, and explain why you are a good candidate for the contest."

Sabrina made the first few cuts in the contest. People are eliminated as the contest continues until there is a final winner.

The winner of the contest will receive a \$13,000 cash prize and the chance to do some promotional work for the Starlight Children's Foundation, with Jamie Lee Curtis, horror movie actor Kane Hodder, and horror movie director Matthew Lillard.

If she wins, Sabrina plans to use some of the funds to help local organizations, including the Alliston Humane Society, where she is an active volunteer.

"My goal, if I win, is to take a large chunk of that money and put it back into the community," Sabrina said. "I would like to bring awareness to, and make a large donation to the Alliston Humane Society as well as some

other local groups."

Voting for group finalists in the contest will end on Thursday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m.

One free vote can be made online, and you can also make additional votes with a donation.

You can vote for Sabrina by visiting online at: <https://faceof-halloween.org/2025/sabrina-mazzocchi>.

**FRIGHTFUL FUN** – Tottenham resident Sabrina Mazzocchi is entered in a contest called the Face of Halloween and is hoping for your vote. Sabrina found out about the contest sponsored by the Starlight Children's Foundation and Rue Morgue Magazine through her dog Pumba's Instagram account. If she wins, Sabrina will be meeting some horror movie celebrities and wants to make a donation to some local good causes.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



# Province connecting more people to faster emergency care with \$36 million investment

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Ontario government is investing over \$36 million in Simcoe County to connect more people to emergency care faster and increase the availability of paramedics and ambulances in communities.

"This significant provincial investment will allow for faster access to life-saving emergency care when every second matters," said Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey. "By supporting our paramedics, adding more offload nurses, and ensuring ambulances are available in our communities, we are strengthening our local health-care system and improving outcomes for patients and their families."

In Simcoe County, the provincial government is increasing land ambulance funding by 10 per cent, bringing the province's total investment in the region to \$34,502,178 this year.

This increase in base funding helps

ensure municipalities address increased costs so they can continue to deliver high-quality emergency care. This investment is part of the almost \$1 billion in land ambulance funding Ontario is providing municipalities across the province this year, representing an average increase of 8.7 per cent from 2024.

In addition, to further reduce delays paramedics encounter when dropping patients off at a hospital, Ontario is investing \$800,000 in Simcoe County through the Dedicated Offload Nurses Program to hire more nurses and other eligible health professionals dedicated to offloading ambulance patients in hospital emergency departments.

The program allows paramedics to get back out into the community faster and respond to their next 9-1-1 call sooner, and has played a significant role in reducing ambulance offload times and increasing ambulance availability for 9-1-1 patients across the province. As a result of this

investment and the dedication of health-care professionals, provincial ambulance offload time has been reduced by approximately 65 per cent since its peak in October 2022.

To ensure urgent patients receive critical care sooner, Ontario is also continuing to implement the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) across the province. The system helps to better prioritize and tri-

age emergency medical calls and dispatch paramedics sooner.

The province has expanded the use of MPDS to Mississauga, Kenora, Thunder Bay, Ottawa, Renfrew, Georgian, Kingston, Lindsay, Oshawa, and Timmins, and is accelerating progress to implement the system at the 10 remaining Central Ambulance Communication Centres across Ontario over a year ahead of schedule.

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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~ Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

## Hate speech

"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me."

That's a phrase kids are taught about how to respond to someone calling them names.

It means just turn around and walk away. There's no use in responding to name-calling, and no reason to get into some physical confrontation over something insignificant.

If you do get into some situation, like traffic road rage, where some hothead starts yelling, simply ignore them and leave.

That will take the wind out of the guy's sails, and he just ends up looking like a fool in front of anyone who witnessed what happened.

In Canada and several other countries, the government has enacted 'hate crime' and 'hate speech' laws.

These laws are redundant and never should have been created in the first place because there are already laws in place covering what could happen in such situations.

Hate speech laws are nothing more than the government's attempt to stifle free speech when they feel it becomes necessary.

A 'Hate Crime' is defined as "an act against a person, group of people or property that is motivated by hate, prejudice or bias based on race, colour, nationality or

ethnic origin, language, religion, sex, age, mental or physical disability or sexual orientation."

This was already covered by existing laws. There are penalties for crimes committed when 'hate' is involved.

Serious crimes like murder, aggravated assault, and attempted murder are never committed because of a friendly act.

You will never hear a murder confession where a guy says, "I liked my neighbour. We were good friends for 30 years. I just figured he was too darn nice and helpful, so I shot him and his wife to death."

If a person was murdered because they were disabled or a minority, or a member of a religious group, the result is the same. The person is still dead, and the offender must face the penalty for their crime, regardless of the motive.

During a trial, if one of the reasons a person was murdered was due to one of those reasons, that fact will be part of the evidence presented by the prosecutor, and it will be taken into consideration during sentencing.

Murder of an intimate is one of the most common types of killing in this country. Does the fact that a man murdered his wife make it less of a horror than if the man murdered a gay person?

Both crimes deserve the same punishment.

Hate speech laws in Canada are not well defined. If you look at court cases about hate speech in this country, the findings are all over the road.

Hate speech laws are not enforced evenly. They only apply to certain groups.

Judges are reluctant to convict, and there seems to be no clear understanding of what constitutes hate speech.

Again, there were already laws in place regarding making threats to people that were taken seriously by the courts.

If making a hateful comment to someone is a crime, then there are a lot of people going through divorces in this country who are guilty, as well as many road ragers, angry neighbours, and dissatisfied restaurant customers.

The Liberal government is now trying to push through new legislation that will provide up to 10 years in prison for 'displaying symbols' of hate. They have specifically referred to Nazi symbols like swastikas and Nazi SS insignia.

This type of legislation is both confusing and dangerous.

What exactly is a 'symbol of hate?'

It could mean different things to different people.

If a World War II collector has historic artifacts in his collection that contain Nazi symbols, does this legislation automatically

make him a criminal?

If you see a criminal gang member walking down the street wearing gang colours, can you call the police and have him arrested for displaying a 'hateful' crime symbol by wearing the bandana?

A couple of years ago, a neighbour on my street flew a Confederate flag from his house. It was only there for a day, and I have no idea why he was flying it.

Could this new legislation mean you can request charges be laid because someone has a beef with Robert E. Lee?

Certain religious groups have anti-social and anti-societal behaviours. Does this mean a cleric can be arrested for wearing a robe that represents that organization in public?

The legislators are not answering these questions, and the proposed law is very vague.

We don't need more laws to 'correct' our behaviour.

If your grandmother left you her collection of Dresden porcelain, you may have to hide it before some government agency arrives with a search warrant because some nosy neighbour peeked through your window and was offended by a wartime German porcelain doll.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Automated eyes on the road

It's hard to fathom that it has been a decade since children Daniel, Harry and Millie Neville-Lake, along with their beloved grandfather, lost their lives in a devastating car crash just north of Kleinburg at the hands of a reckless driver.

My first encounter with the family actually took place 12 years ago when I had the chance to interview their mother, Jennifer, under decidedly happier circumstances.

Daniel was a member of Aurora's 44 Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts Group in 2013 and younger brother Harry tagged along, providing a learning opportunity for others in the group.

Harry was born missing his left thumb, part of the radial bone on the same arm, and had a non-functioning thumb on his right hand. To help ease the impact of this condition, Harry became a War Amps CHAMP and the family was eager to have their challenge be a teachable moment for others – particularly as the organization geared up for its 95th anniversary of serving those in need.

"Daniel didn't realize there was anything

different about Harry," Jennifer told me at the time, recalling an activity with the 44 Scouts that involved crawling along the carpet. "He was just his younger brother, four-and-a-half years apart. After they crawled, Daniel asked me, 'Why does Harry crawl differently?' and I explained it is because Harrison can't do that and that is how he figured out how to do it.

"He started hitching up his brother's pants getting him to crawl properly, so I decided we should ask the War Amps to see if there is something they can do to help Daniel understand that his brother is different, but also that it is okay and not a scary thing, because he was getting upset at night."

Using their journey to help others, Jennifer noted, enabled "Daniel and some of his friends to understand that even if some kids are different, it's not a bad thing. Everybody is different and they all do things differently." In their young lives, the brothers had a real impact on their peers in helping them see the world differently, and I often wonder of the myriad ways they would have found to be difference-makers

had their lives not been tragically cut short.

In a way, they continued to be difference-makers as their unimaginable fate caused people across the country to sit up and take notice of the real impacts that reckless driving can have not just on the individual, but society as a whole, and spurred a wave of activism to make our roads – and, therefore, our communities – safer. It is a shame, however, through this lens, that the tenth anniversary of this unspeakable event, one which continues to impact those left behind, coincided with Premier Doug Ford's announcement that automated speed enforcement (ASE) cameras would be banned across the Province.

The ASE network, of course, was an imperfect system where some cameras were, perhaps, a little bit too sensitive in certain cases and places, and in need of adjustment. That said, removing a traffic calming mechanism that actually caused drivers to be conscious of their behaviours and the role they play behind the wheel is not, by my estimation, a cause for relief.

"At a time when governments at all lev-

els should be doing everything they can to lower costs and make life more affordable, too many municipalities are using speed cameras as a cash grab," said Premier Ford in a statement last week.

"Enough is enough. Instead of making life more expensive by sending speeding tickets to drivers' weeks after the fact, we're supporting road safety measures that will prevent speeding in the first place, keep costs down, and keep our streets safe."

Minister of Transportation Pabmeet Sarkaria doubled down on the Premier's cost-savings argument, adding: "Municipal speed cameras have become nothing more than a tool for raising revenue. Our government is focused on measures that truly protect the safety of all Ontarians and we will continue working with municipalities to ensure Ontario maintains its position as one of the safest jurisdictions in North America."

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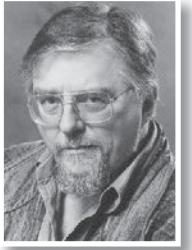
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# Qatar and Poland

**GWYNNE DYER**  
OUR WORLD TODAY



I'll get to the Russian drones shot down over Poland, but I'll start with the Israeli air strikes on Qatar because that's a much bigger deal.

Israel has bombed Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Iran, and Yemen repeatedly in the past few months, so hitting Qatar might seem like just one more demonstration that Israel can now attack any country in the Middle East with impunity. Yes, Qatar is America's closest ally in the Gulf, but so what?

What makes it such a big deal is that Qatar was hosting the arms-length talks between Israel and Hamas on a cease-fire in Gaza, where a huge new Israeli 'final offensive' is underway. Prime Minister Binyamin 'Bibi' Netanyahu's target in Qatar was precisely the exiled Hamas leaders with whom Israel was negotiating the cease-fire.

The usual panels of 'experts' were soon on the air – the statutory politicians from left and right, somebody from a local think-tank, maybe a retired general too – trying to explain why Israel did that without mentioning the one screamingly obvious reason: that Netanyahu

wanted to avoid a cease-fire.

Killing the other side's negotiators is a sure-fire way of ending the talks, even if Israel's air strikes don't get the most senior ones. It also puts every Arab country (and Iran) on notice that nobody is safe: the dwarf superpower of the Middle East can cross every red line, and even Donald Trump can't (or at least won't) rein it in.

It was almost comical watching the television experts try to slide by the obvious questions without saying the unsayable. Why did the Israelis try to kill the people they were negotiating with? Why didn't they give the United States advance warning? What was Netanyahu really thinking? And what happens next?

Good questions, and they all have obvious answers. However, for some reason none of the television experts seemed to know the answers. It was Monty Python time: grown-up men and women with impressive job titles diligently searching high and low (with no success) for answers so blindingly bright and clear that they should have been wearing sunglasses.

Netanyahu tried to kill the Palestinian negotiators because he wants his 'final offensive' to drive all two million surviving Palestinians in Gaza into a tiny corner of the Strip, and thence into permanent exile. A cease-fire would stall that process.

There was a risk, however small, that Hamas might return all the remaining Israeli hostages, agree to disarm, and voluntarily go into exile, because the only alternative is exile for all Palestinians. Hamas has rarely been that rational, but it was a risk that had to be stamped out.

Why tell President Trump about the strike only at the last minute? Because there was a risk, also very small, that he would put his foot down and say no if given early warning. As in his dealings with Vladimir Putin, the harshest thing Trump is normally able to say to Netanyahu is that he is 'not happy', but why take a chance?

And what was Netanyahu really thinking? Over the past six months

he has probably come to realize that Donald Trump's presidency is presenting him with an unexpected historical opportunity to end the 'Palestinian problem' by expelling all the Palestinians from what would then become Greater Israel.

Yes, the Gaza war has allowed him to stay in power politically, to evade responsibility for letting the murderous Hamas attack happen on his watch, and to at least postpone his final rendezvous with the courts and possible jail time, but these are now probably minor issues in his mind. He is in full messianic mode, unilaterally deciding Israel's Future.

First, clear out the Gaza Strip and send its inhabitants to Libya or Somaliland or wherever will take them (with enough financial inducements). The three million Palestinians in the West Bank will rise up in anger, so then Israel can expel them too.

There will be huge international opprobrium and doubtless some boycotts and sanctions. The 'Abraham Accords' will crumble, but that's a small price to pay. And Trump will protect Israel from the worst of it and maybe get his 'Riviera' in Gaza as a reward.

People will call it a genocide and technically they will be right, but it doesn't require actually killing millions of Palestinians. Tens of thousands, yes, but not millions. Besides, time heals all wounds; who talks about the Armenians now?

I have no access to Netanyahu's secret thoughts, but what he says and does would serve these ambitions.

As for armed Russian drones over Poland: investigate. If it was a malfunction, send Moscow a stiff complaint. If it was a deliberate provocation, consider basing European NATO fighters and surface-to-air missiles in Poland to shoot down Russian ballistic and cruise missiles over Ukrainian-controlled territory.

And stay calm. It's a long game.



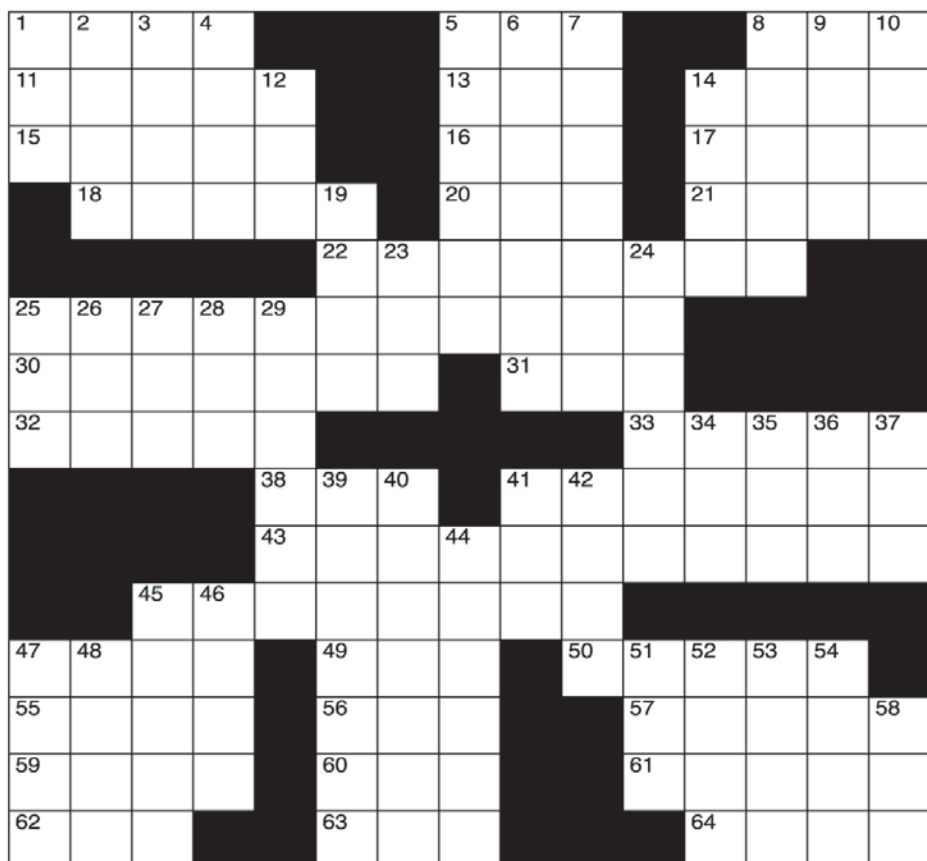
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- Belonging to a thing

- Segmented worm
- Concerns
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- Daniel \_\_\_, French composer
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- Where golfers begin
- Spiritual leader
- Of she
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- Amounts of time

- Fragrant brown balsam used in perfume
- Color properties
- One who hands over
- Thieves of the sea
- Put in
- Nocturnal rodents
- Pouches
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- Greek alphabet letter
- Greek goddess of youth
- Satisfy
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- Dictator
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- Stale
- Go quickly
- Commercials
- Canadian city
- One who slices
- Perform perfectly
- Nest of pheasants
- Tactile sensations
- Sword
- Climactic
- Adrenocorticotrophin
- Fisherman's tool
- Swiss river
- Plant that makes gum
- A French abbot
- One point east of northeast
- Get free of

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# COMMUNITY VOICE

## Monthly Message: How local action can inspire global hope

In a world grappling with climate crises, economic instability, and growing social unrest, it's easy to feel overwhelmed by problems that seem distant and beyond our control. When I find myself in this mindset, I shift focus: I reflect on what I can influence, connect with loved ones, show gratitude, and support my community.

The merits of my shift in focus was reignited when I discovered a compelling documentary, *The Economics of Happiness*, which explores the growing movement of localization – the idea that we can build healthier, more resilient lives by strengthening our local economies, food systems, and social networks thereby creating a path from disconnection to reconnection with nature, with each other, and with purpose.

### Why localization matters

The documentary's creator, Helena Norberg-Hodge, who is a writer and founder of the International Society of Ecology and Culture, explains that our global economic model, influenced by big multinational corporations, has delivered some undeniable benefits.

However, it has also come at a cost: concentrated corporate power, environmental degradation, and fragile supply chains that leave communities vulnerable. It promotes the myth that the solution to world problems is dependent on more economic growth, which encourages urbanization,



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unnecessary consumption, and conveys a message to individuals that to belong and be respected, you need material things.

Meanwhile, small businesses struggle, local farms disappear, and decision-making drifts further from the people it affects most. Individuals, rather than being grateful for what they have, envy what others have.

Localization offers another path. By supporting local businesses, growing our own food, and investing in our community, we reduce our environmental impact, reclaim agency, and foster a sense of belonging, essential for mental and emotional well-being – things we need now more than ever!

### Small personal actions can lead to big impacts

The beauty of localization is that everyone can participate, regardless of income, background, or political beliefs. Here are a few ways to start:

- Reflect on and appreciate what you al-

ready have.

- Spend time in nature — observe what's growing or simply listen.

- Become mindful of our role as stewards of our planet, to protect what sustains us.

- Consume thoughtfully — repair, share, and waste less.

- Support your local markets and independent stores. Resist the urge to buy from big box stores and online options.

- Shop at farmers' markets or small businesses.

- Choose local and in-season food whenever possible.

- Volunteer or engage with your neighbourhood.

- Take an interest in local decision-making, attend a council meeting, and voice your concerns about how government is spending your tax dollars.

Each of these actions creates ripples — strengthening the bonds that make communities resilient.

### From local roots to global change

Localization isn't about turning inward. It's about building grounded communities capable of meaningful cooperation across borders. When we foster sustainability and connection locally, we contribute to collective solutions globally.

Instead of despair, localization offers hope grounded in action. Instead of helplessness, it offers agency. Instead of waiting for top-down change, it starts from the bottom up. Every small effort we make that is rooted in respect for each other and our planet helps to grow something great.

*This Community Voice submission was written by John Wilson, a director of Greys for Green in New Tecumseth. Wilson believes that a greater understanding and appreciation of nature is what's needed to inspire everyone to adopt a more sustainable lifestyle. Contact Greys for Green by email at [contactus@greysforgreen.org](mailto:contactus@greysforgreen.org) or follow the group on social media – @GreysForGreen*

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# Support in reshaping rivers in the Nottawasaga watershed

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

As part of a province-wide shift in how reThe Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority has announced they have received support from Bass Pro Shops and the Cabela's Outdoor Fund for its 'Reshaping Rivers for Resiliency' project.

This is an ambitious initiative aimed at restoring river ecosystems in the heart of the Nottawasaga watershed.

As part of the NVCA's Nottawasaga River Restoration Program, now in its eighth year, the project restores habitat for native and sport fish such as Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Chinook Salmon, and species at risk. The project improves degraded rivers and engages communities through hands-on action.

Funding supports restoration at three key sites. These include the Nottawasaga River near Alliston, Sheldon Creek in Adjala-Tosorontio, and the Mad River at Carruthers Memorial Park in Clearview Township. There are also fall tree planting events.

"Restoring our rivers means creating a more resilient watershed," said Laura Wensink, River Restora-

tion Technician with NVCA. "This grant is helping reshape damaged rivers into thriving ecosystems—and creating real opportunities for the community to be part of that story."

Through the summer and fall of 2025, work includes stabilizing eroding banks, creating an oxbow wetland for amphibians, birds, and juvenile fish, and rebuilding a side channel for young trout.

Native trees and vegetation will be planted to cool the water and stabilize soils. Volunteers will join the restoration and stewardship activities.

These efforts will enhance nearly four hectares of aquatic and riparian habitat, protect another four from degradation, and prevent over 1,100 tons of soil from entering the river.

This will reduce sediment and phosphorus pollution and improve water quality.

At Carruthers Memorial Park, a straightened stretch of the Mad River will be re-naturalized. On the upper Nottawasaga River, restoration will reconnect the river with its floodplain, stabilize banks, and create a new wetland.

Tree planting and bank repairs along Sheldon Creek will protect the river from livestock impacts.



**RESTORATION SUPPORT** – The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority has announced support from Bass Pro Shops and the Cabela's Outdoor Fund for its Reshaping Rivers for Resiliency project. The NVCA, along with volunteers, will do restoration work on several local waterways as well as plant trees and shrubs.

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# Minimum wage increase of 40 cents per hour goes into effect across Ontario as of Oct. 1

BY SAM ODROWSKI  
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Over 800,000 minimum wage workers across Ontario received a pay raise yesterday.

The Ontario government enacted a minimum wage increase from \$17.20 to \$17.60 per hour on Oct. 1. This represents a 2.4 per cent increase in pay, which was based on the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI). The Ontario CPI measures inflation by tracking the changes in prices of goods sold within the province.

The Ontario government says this pay raise

delivers on the government's plan to protect and support workers while keeping Ontario competitive amidst U.S. tariffs.

"At a time when many families are feeling the pressure of global economic uncertainty, our government will protect Ontario workers with a minimum wage increase that supports our world-class workforce," said David Piccini, Ontario's Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. "We will continue to take action to build a strong, resilient workforce ready to face whatever comes our way."

A minimum wage worker who clocks

40 hours per week will see an annual pay increase of \$832.

Approximately 36 per cent of workers previously at or below the wage of \$17.60 per hour were in retail, while 23 per cent work in accommodation and food services.

"This increase is just one of the ways the government is delivering on its plan to protect Ontario workers. Since its launch in 2021, Ontario has invested \$1.5 billion through the SDF Training Stream and Capital Stream to help train more than one million workers for in-demand careers," reads a statement by the Ontario government. "As announced in

the 2025 Budget: A Plan to Protect Ontario, the government is investing \$1 billion more through the Skills Development Fund over the next three years, bringing the total to \$2.5 billion, to support key industrial sectors and help train even more workers."

The province's minimum wage has increased to \$17.60 from \$14 over the past seven years.

Ontario now has the second-highest provincial minimum wage rate in Canada. British Columbia remains the province with the highest minimum wage rate, paying \$17.85 per hour.

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# Arts & Local Events

## Belfountain Bicentennial this weekend: Here's what you need to know

BY RILEY MURPHY  
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The Belfountain Heritage Society has been working for months to prepare a day of fun celebrating Belfountain's 200th Birthday and history.

Sarah Bohan, President, Belfountain Heritage Society & Chair, Belfountain Bicentennial Committee, said the bicentennial is a "great way that the Region of Peel, Town of Caledon, and the community can come together to deliver a phenomenal celebration."

The day will go from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with parades, live music, and ceremonies in between.

While celebrations are underway, road closures will be in effect on Bush Street and Mississauga Road off of Woodland Ct.

They will be closed from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., so be sure to plan ahead of time.

Free shuttles will run throughout the event, starting at 9:30 a.m. and continuing until 6 p.m., with service provided as needed.

The free parking and shuttle service will operate from the Caledon Ski Club's West Lodge, located at 17431 Mississauga Road.

The parade will begin shortly after the event starts at 11 am.

It will feature the Sandhill Pipes & Drums Band, the 2nd York Militia & Canadian Volunteers of 1812 re-enactment company, horses, vintage cars, the Erin Air Cadets, and more.

Those in attendance are encouraged to arrive and dress in vintage or heritage attire.

Those interested in participating in the

parade must pre-register at [www.belfountain-heritage.com/parade-sign-up#registration](http://www.belfountain-heritage.com/parade-sign-up#registration).

Following the parade will be the opening ceremonies, during which a commemorative statue unveiling will take place, as well as the unveiling of a historical plaque from the Town of Caledon.

During the opening ceremony, guests will be invited to view the community garden and Indigenous placemaking feature in Belfountain.

This project involved collaboration with the Belfountain Heritage Society partner with the Region of Peel consulted with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations and the Town of Caledon to create this healing garden.

Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations provided ideas on traditional plantings and a planter.

The canoe is made of cedar, and inside are traditional indigenous plants.

The MCFN logo and reference to the Ajetance Treaty #19, 1818 – the words "As Long as the River Flows" – is an expression used in early treaties to suggest a relationship that will last forever, or as long as the river flows or grass grows.

Following the opening ceremony, live music will begin at 12:45 p.m.

This will feature MAXIMUM 60s and Golden Country Classics Band.

Historical re-enactments will begin at Forsters Park at 1.30 p.m. and run until 4.30 p.m.

This will include battle re-enactments, mini-militia, and musket demonstrations.

Also featured at the event will be a scav-

enger hunt, Heritage Art Show and displays, and a Vendors' Market. There will also be free horse-drawn wagon rides.

Donuts will be supplied from Downey's Farm, and apples and apple cider from Spirit Tree Estate Cidery.

Brar's in Erin Mills will be supplying samosas.

For this day only, everyone will be a "Belfountain Resident", and can enter Credit Valley Conservation's Belfountain property for free.

They will also have various displays available.

To commemorate this day of celebration and parade, the Belfountain Heritage Society has been drawing inspiration from the 150th

celebration old photographs and videos.

This year's event will feature a videographer and photographer to ensure that, for years to come, and possibly even during the 250th celebration, residents and community members can look back and remember this historical moment.

Bohan shared that they are incredibly proud to have this unique opportunity to celebrate the community and that the community stepped up to volunteer and make it happen.

To volunteer with the event, visit [www.belfountain-heritage.com/volunteer](http://www.belfountain-heritage.com/volunteer).

A final free art and poster workshop will be held at the Belfountain Community Hall on Saturday September 27.



**NEW LOOK** – Tottenham Tim Hortons owner & Terry Lawlor is joined by New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross, New Tecumseth—Gwillbury MP Scot Davidson, and local dignitaries for the reopening of the Tottenham store on Monday, Sept. 29. The location has received a renovation that has transformed the store with a new, fresh look.

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# Province will take over residential recycling collection

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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As part of a province-wide shift in how recycling services are delivered, residential recycling collection in Simcoe County will transition to the management of Circular Materials, beginning Jan. 1, 2026.

The change reflects the province's initiative to standardize and streamline recycling collection and processing across the province, shifting the responsibility for the collection and processing of recyclable materials from municipalities to producers.

"This transition marks a shift to a provincially directed recycling system, meaning the County will no longer be responsible for residential recycling collection," said Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke. "While we expect some challenges during the change,

we're committed to doing everything we can to make the process as smooth and efficient as possible for our residents."

Under this new model, Circular Materials, a not-for-profit organization, will oversee recycling services for single-family residential units. The County of Simcoe will continue to provide garbage and organics collection as well as operate local waste drop-off facilities.

Your recycling will still be collected on the same day and using the same carts. The only difference is that it will be picked up by new trucks operated by Emterra, on behalf of Circular Materials.

Garbage and organics will continue to be collected by Miller Waste trucks on behalf of the County. Collection schedules will remain the same, with garbage and recycling alternating weeks and organics collected weekly.

To ensure all materials are collected, please place your recycling and organics at the curb by 7 a.m.

Under the new recycling system, Ontarians will be able to recycle the same materials curbside province-wide, with additional items being added to the program that may not have been accepted before.

Visit [circularmaterials.ca/simcoe](http://circularmaterials.ca/simcoe) to view accepted materials.

Recycling drop-offs at County waste drop-off facilities will include a disposal fee as of January 1, 2026, as the County will no longer receive provincial funding to offset net recycling costs.

Discussions with the Province regarding recycling collection for small industrial, commercial, and institutional (IC&I) businesses under the new program are ongoing.

It is anticipated that more information will be available on this decision later this fall.

This transition is part of Ontario's move to shift responsibility for recycling to the producers of packaging and printed paper, aligning with extended producer responsibility (EPR) regulations.



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## Knights defeat Baysox in Game 7 to claim NBDL's Strother Cup

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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The New Lowell Knights are the North Dufferin Baseball League champions after edging out the Owen Sound Baysox 5-4 in a dramatic Game 7 on Saturday, Sept. 27, in New Lowell.

The Baysox were last year's champions.

Owen Sound and New Lowell were separated by just one point in the regular season standings and traded wins in the final series.

Owen Sound won the first two games in the final best-of-seven series. New Lowell responded with two wins of their own.

Both teams won a single game during the previous weekend to force a decisive seventh game.

After a scoreless first inning, New Lowell scored twice in the second.

Owen Sound answered with a run in the third, but the Knights extended their lead with three more runs in the fourth to lead 5-1.

The Baysox rallied in the sixth inning when Steve Barrett hit a three-run home run over the centre-field fence to narrow the gap to one run.

Owen Sound threatened again in the seventh inning when Ryan Bartley laid down a bunt, but Ryan McNeill was tagged out at home trying to score the tying run.

With two outs, Greg Slater stepped up but struck out, sealing the win for New Lowell.

Adam Shaver led the Baysox offence with three singles. McNeill and Kevin Zettler each added two, while Robert Doyle, Bryan Post, and Nick Van Wyck chipped in singles. Barrett's late-inning home run was a pivotal moment in the Baysox comeback attempt.

Chris Greer paced the Knights with a triple and a single. Tanner Zeggil and Jake Nicholson each had two singles, while Tristan Cabral and Steve Bowman added one apiece.



**CHAMPIONSHIP CLAIMED** – The New Lowell Knights claimed the North Dufferin Baseball League 2025 Strother Cup championship with a 5-2 win over the Owen Sound Baysox on the diamond in New Lowell on Saturday, Sept. 27. League secretary Scott Anderson (second from left) presents the Strother Cup to Knights players Chris Rettie, Pete Kinghan, and Kurt Roy during a post-game presentation.

DAVID ANDERSON PHOTO

Owen Sound leaned on power throughout the series, hitting a total of nine home runs. New Lowell countered with small ball tactics - bunting and clutch hitting to move runners and manufacture runs.

Knights starter Brandon Norrie, who was later named playoff MVP, threw five 1/3

innings, giving up four runs on eight hits, walking two, and striking out three.

Young pitcher Nic Guthrie closed out the final with one 2/3 innings, allowing no runs on three hits and striking out one.

It was another successful season for the North Dufferin Baseball League.

After the game, league secretary and convenor Scott Anderson praised both teams for a hard-fought series and a thrilling final.

The championship Strother Cup was presented to Chris Rettie, Kurt Roy, and coach Pete Kinghan of the New Lowell Knights after the game.



## Alliston Hornets start new season strong, remaining undefeated after four games

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Provincial Junior Hockey League's Alliston Hornets remain undefeated for the 2025/26 season after a win over the Huntsville Otters on the weekend.

It was a road game for the Alliston squad when they travelled to Huntsville to take on the Otters on Sunday, Sept. 28.

It was a 1-1 tie in the Sunday game after Alliston scored first and was matched with a goal from the Otters.

Jacob Jackson got the first-period Hornets goal.

The Hornets took command of the game in the second period, scoring four unanswered goals to lead 5-1 with one period remaining.

In the second period, two Alliston goals came from Duncan Grube, while Will Millington and Jackson each got one.

In the third period, the Hornets increased their lead to 6-1 when Will Hopcraft hit the back of the Otters' net.

Huntsville scored its second goal 7:50 into the final frame.

Ben Smith got the final goal of the night to give the Hornets a 7-2 win.

The Hornets are now undefeated after four games and have taken an early lead in the North Carruthers Division standings. They are the only undefeated team in the Division.

The Stayner Siskins have slotted into second place with a 4-1 record.

In the standings, the Siskins are followed by the Orillia Terriers, Penetang Kings, and Innisfil Spartans.

The Hornets will return to home ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Oct. 3, when they will host the Muskoka Bears.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.

**TOURNAMENT TIME** – The TNT Tornadoes U13 A team take on the squad from Glan-caster at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre during the 400 Cup Tournament on Friday, Sept. 26. There was plenty of action at the recreation centre all weekend. The Tornadoes had to settle for a 2-1 loss in this game.

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## Nottawasaga OPP request video footage following truck theft in Essa

Officers from the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating the theft of a pickup truck from a residential property in Essa.

On Tuesday, Sept. 23, at approximately 7:20 a.m., members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a report of a stolen vehicle from a residence on Nottawasaga Drive, in Essa.

Preliminary investigation suggests a white 2024 Toyota Tundra with an Ontario Plate #BZ13420, had been stolen overnight from the residential driveway. Officers observed broken glass on the driveway, indicating forced entry. The vehicle was equipped with a tracking device, that was located in the area 385 Centre Street.

Surveillance footage obtained shows a suspect SUV arriving at approximately 1:10 a.m. Two individuals wearing hoodies exited

the vehicle while a third remained inside. One suspect broke the driver's side window of the pickup truck, and the other entered the vehicle with an unknown device. The vehicle left the driveway at approximately 1:18 a.m.

The suspect vehicle appears to be an SUV with no further description. The suspects are described as three unknown males or females wearing hoodies.

The investigation remains ongoing, and police are asking residents and businesses in

the area of Nottawasaga Drive, and Centre Street in Angus to check their surveillance cameras for any suspicious activity or footage of the stolen vehicle between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. on Sept. 23.

Anyone with information or video footage is asked to contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or submit a tip anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca](http://www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca).

## South Simcoe Police recover stolen Mercedes in Sudbury, thanks to AirPods tracking

South Simcoe Police received a report of a stolen vehicle in the area of County Road 88 in Bradford West Gwillimbury, on Sept. 10, at approximately 1:09 p.m.

The vehicle, a grey 2018 Mercedes MS6, had been reported stolen earlier that morning from Sudbury.

The vehicle contained a pair of Apple Air-

Pods, which allowed the owner to track the vehicle's location in real-time and provide updates to police. Based on information provided by the owner, officers located the vehicle parked near Line 9 in Bradford.

Officers observed a male seated in the driver's seat and appeared to be sleeping. Through investigation, police determined that the

vehicle had been stolen, and the suspect was wanted on a warrant issued in New Brunswick.

As a result, an 18-year-old male from Moncton, New Brunswick was arrested and charged with three offences under the Criminal Code of Canada:

- Motor Vehicle Theft – C.C. Section 333.1(1)

- Possession of Stolen Goods over \$5000 – C.C. Section 355(a)

- Fail to Comply with Judicial Release Order – C.C. Section 145(5)(a)

The accused was held pending a bail hearing for a future court date.

The listed charges have not been proven in court.

## Ontario Police lay fraud charges in connection to province-wide driveway paving scam

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Anti-Rackets Branch (ARB) has laid criminal charges against two individuals following an investigation into driveway paving fraud spanning several regions across Ontario.

The investigation, led by the OPP ARB Economic Crimes and Corruption Unit, included support from the OPP Provincial Asset Forfeiture Unit, the OPP Integrated Fraud Awareness and Response Initiative, OPP Central Region and the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA).

As a result of the investigation, two individuals were charged under the Criminal Code.

Stuart Barton, 30, of the United Kingdom, was charged with the following offences:

- Fraud under \$5,000
- Fraud over \$5,000 - three counts

Edward Barton, 28, of the United Kingdom, was charged with fraud over \$5,000.

Both accused have been released from custody and are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Cobourg on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

The charges have not been proven in court.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information that could assist with the investigation is asked to call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous,

contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or [ontariocrimestoppers.ca](http://ontariocrimestoppers.ca).

The OPP would like to thank the CBSA for their assistance in this investigation.

"Fraud continues to evolve, affecting individuals and businesses across Canada. Many of these crimes are committed by individuals who use deception, misrepresentation and

manipulative tactics to exploit trust," said the OPP in a press release. "If you think you've been the victim of fraud, do not wait to contact your police service of jurisdiction. If that is the OPP, report fraud by calling 1-888-310-1122. For more information on fraud awareness or to report a fraud attempt, go directly to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre [website]."

## Tottenham resident endures life threatening injuries following single vehicle collision

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a serious collision on Albion Vaughan Road, impacting a Tottenham resident.

On Sept. 21, shortly at approximately 2:35 a.m., officers responded to a single vehicle collision involving a motor vehicle on Albion Vaughan Road near Queensgate Boulevard, in Caledon.

One occupant of the motor vehicle, a 24-year-old from Tottenham, was transported to a Toronto-area trauma centre with life-threatening injuries.

Albion Vaughan Road was closed for several hours while the OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstruc-

tionists assisted with the investigation.

The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [www.peelcrimestoppers.ca](http://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca). When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

If you are affected by this incident or witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

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**708 OBITUARIES**

*Caroline (Carol) Grace Aitchison*

May 8, 1938 – September 23, 2025

Caroline "Carol" Grace Aitchison (née Proctor) went to be with her Lord and Saviour on September 23, 2025, at the age of 87. Born in Toronto on May 8, 1938, Carol was the daughter of the late W. Boyd and Marian (Robertson) Proctor. She grew up at the corner of Highway 9 and 27 in Schomberg, Ontario, and began her career teaching in the school across from the farm she would later move to. In 1965, she married Charles Aitchison and Carol lovingly devoted herself to raising their family and helping on the dairy farm. Carol was the beloved wife of the late Charles Aitchison (1975). She was the cherished mother of Debbie (Wally) Simpson and proud stepmother of Geoff (Marlene) Aitchison and the late Michael Aitchison (2018) (Joy Ceroky). She will be lovingly remembered by her sister, Linda Boehler of British Columbia. When her mother became ill and their parents passed away, Carol, though still young herself, helped raise her sister Linda. This early responsibility reflected the quiet strength and selfless care that would mark her entire life. Carol was a woman of quiet strength, deep faith, and generous spirit. Carol attended Victory Baptist Church in Newmarket where she worshipped faithfully for more than 50 years. She also gave her time to Christian Womens' club, Schomberg Horticultural Society, Meals On Wheels and countless tea gatherings and bus trips with friends and family. In 2019 Carol moved to Leamington, Ontario to be closer to her daughter. She treasured her family and was especially proud of her ever-growing legacy: 18 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Carol's life was marked by faith, love, and generosity. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by her family, friends and all who had the privilege of knowing her. The family extends a heartfelt thank-you to the staff at the Leamington Mennonite Home where Carol was lovingly cared for and supported during her final years.

"To depart to be with Christ, which is far better" - Philippians 1:23

Donations may be made to Gideon's International or Leamington Mennonite Home.

Full funeral details are available at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com) where online condolences and memories may be shared with the family.

*Eva Pizziol*



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Eva Pizziol on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at the age of 91. Eva passed away peacefully at Hospice Simcoe in Barrie, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Frankfurt, Germany, Eva was the daughter of Josef and Maria Klein. She grew up in Neustadt an der Weinstrasse alongside her brother, Josef Klein.

She was the beloved wife of Ezio Pizziol (predeceased) and a devoted mother to her four daughters: Christine (Gilles), Melinda, Anita, and Sonya (Lyndon). Eva's six grandchildren -- Nicolas, Matthew, Lisa, Jillian, Connor, and Jack -- were her pride and joy!

From an early age, Eva showed a creative and compassionate spirit, qualities she brought to everything she did. After completing a Master's degree in Fashion Design in Frankfurt, Eva came to Toronto in 1959 and began her career as a fashion designer of children's clothing. She set her professional ambitions aside to devote herself to raising her family with her husband Ezio, but continued to put her passion for fashion to good use by sewing clothes for her four daughters.

When the girls were older, Eva returned to school and earned a Diploma in Early Childhood Development, working briefly in a daycare setting. In her last professional chapter, she worked as a librarian at the King Township Public Library, where her welcoming smile and kind words were appreciated by all. She delighted in helping patrons and sharing her passion for books.

Eva was a very independent and active lady who filled her days with the things she loved: gardening, reading, tai chi and exercise classes.

Eva will be remembered for her quiet strength, her zest for life, and her warm-heartedness. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

A funeral mass was celebrated on Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 11am at Holy Spirit Parish Church, 650 Essa Road in Barrie, ON.

In memory of Eva, donations may be made to Hospice Simcoe whose care and compassion brought comfort to Eva and her family in her final hours.

**LIVE AUCTION SALE**

for **Emidio Dos Santos**

**Saturday October 11, 10:00am**

**713630 Durham Rd B, Grey Highlands, ON** — From the corner of Hwy 10 & Cty Rd 9 (at the Dundalk corner), come north on Hwy 10 for 12.5km to Rd 170. Turn left & go 3.2km to junction with Durham Rd B. Turn left & follow for 200m to sale. OR From the corner of Hwy 10 & Grey Cty Rd 4 (the four corners in Flesherton), come south 7.5km to Rd 170. Turn right & go 3.2km to junction with Durham Rd B. Turn left & follow for 200m to sale. **\*\* PARKING ON SITE\*\***

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**Lunch Booth & Washroom Available** Preview: **Friday October 10, 1-6pm**

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**LIVE AUCTION SALE**

**Equipment Consignment**

**Saturday October 18, 9:30am**

**554447 Mono-Amaranth TLine, Mono, ON** — Go west through Orangeville on Hwy 9 to County Rd 16 (Veterans Way at Greenwood Cemetery), turn north 5 miles to farm on East side. OR From Shelburne go east on Hwy 89 for 2 miles to Mono-Amaranth Townline, turn south & go 5 miles to farm on East side.

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November 22, 1927 - September 11, 2025

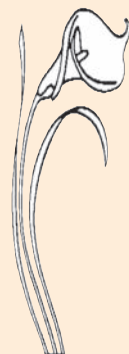
Passed away peacefully at Simcoe Manor, Beeton.

Lorne is survived by his wife of 76 years, Jeane (Ferguson). Loving Father of Heather, Brian, (Shirley), Karen (Richard), Nancy (Tim) and Philip (Laureen). Beloved grandfather of Scott (Heather), Melissa (Chris), Brian T., Kim (Hans), Riley (Lisa), Spencer (Lauren), Meg (Stefan), Isobel, Olivia and Jack. Proud great-grandfather of Elsie, Heath, Sloane, Paige, Charlotte and Penny. Predeceased by his brother, Murray.

A service to say goodbye will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham.

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Alternative road safety measures the Province will support municipalities on our roads?

"Large signs to slow down drivers by mid-November," permanent "large signs with flashing lights" by next September, and encouraging towns and cities to "implement alternative traffic-calming measures such as speed bumps, speed cushions, raised crosswalks, curb extensions and roundabouts."

Oh, and more signs: "enhance signage and education and awareness campaigns."

Now, maybe it's just me, but none of these suggestions, if you can pardon the pun, are re-inventing the wheel. Our communities are rife with speed bumps, speed cushions, roundabouts, maybe a raised sidewalk or two, and signs of every imaginable size, shape, and light configurations

line our roads. The results of these measures have – well, each of us has our own view on how effective these measures have been.

York Region's monthly Council meeting last week coincided with the Province's announcement and many members of Regional Council, although they were waiting for the finer details to be announced, identified a number of issues with the alternatives – not the least of which was the practicality of installing speed bumps, humps, and cushions on busy Regional roads and how doing so might impact emergency services trying to get to a call.

There is clearly much more work to be done on this file, so the question I have is: were the cameras simply too successful?

Granted, getting a speeding ticket weeks after the fact if you were clocked going only one or two kilometres per hour

over the posted speed limit is probably an overreach, and hence the aforementioned tweaks that were clearly necessary before the program was scrapped altogether. But did it cause the persons on the receiving end of those tickets to be a little more mindful of how they used the road? Unless, they were received solely by the individuals who took matters into their own hands and violently disabled various cameras in Vaughan, I'd wager this was certainly the case.

Both the Premier and his Minister characterised the program as a "cash grab" – but, really, the only persons whose cash was getting grabbed were those who were flouting the long-established rules of our roads. One would think this would be decidedly in the wheelhouse of a government that likes to tout itself on being tough on crime and light a fire under other levels

of government they don't believe are holding up their end of the bargain.

"ASE is proven to reduce speeding, change driver behaviour, and make our roads safer for everyone – drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, and especially children and other vulnerable road users," said the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police in a statement a few days prior to the Government's announcement. "The use of these tools is controlled by municipalities and deployed in areas of the community, such as school zones and community safety zones, where slowing down saves lives and prevents serious injuries."

Let's believe the experts.

ASE cameras, sadly, would not have made a difference for the Neville-Lake family, but effective ways of changing driver behaviour will undoubtedly go a long way in avoiding future tragedies.

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