



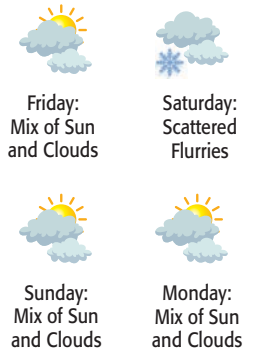
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# Simcoe County council approves over \$1 billion budget for 2026

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Simcoe County council approved a \$1.042 billion budget on Nov. 25, 2025.

The budget was designed to maintain existing service levels while delivering strategic, fiscally responsible investments that support growth, modernization, and community well-being.

Council stated the budget was developed in alignment with Council priorities and with a clear focus on delivering value in today's challenging financial climate.

The approved budget positions the County of Simcoe for long-term resilience and success while minimizing impact on taxpayers.

"This budget reflects County Council's steadfast commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent stewardship of taxpayer dollars while facing rising demand for the County's critical services," said Simcoe County War-

den Basil Clarke. "By balancing the need to invest in critical infrastructure, housing, and community supports with careful financial management, this responsible approach positions Simcoe County to grow sustainably while protecting the services and supports that matter most to our communities."

The budget includes key investments across 20 vital service areas, including infrastructure, housing, emergency services, and community supports.

**Key investments include:**

- Major road construction projects (CR4, CR 21, CR22), bridge upgrades.
- Continued implementation of the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport Strategic Plan, including the Runway Extension project.
- Launch of the new 10-Year Strategy with funding for rental units, supplements, secondary suites, and supportive housing.
- Further work on the Simcoe Village Campus Redevelopment in Beeton

- Continued rollout of Community Paramedicine and Models of Care
- Simcoe County Housing Corporation developments in Barrie, Collingwood, and Wasaga Beach, alongside continued support for third-party affordable housing projects.

Implementation of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, supporting the creation of 978 new licensed childcare spaces through a cost-based funding model.

The approved budget includes a 3.5 per cent increase – 2 per cent for operating and capital, and 1.5 per cent for asset management – on the County portion of municipal property taxes in 2026.

This represents an impact of approximately \$10.86 per \$100,000 of assessment across the region, based on MPAC's 2016 property assessment.

A total of \$237.4 million of the County's \$745.1 million operating revenue budget comes from Simcoe County residential prop-

erty taxes, and the remaining amount from other revenues and funding streams.

The County's strong financial position is reflected in its AA+ long-term issuer credit rating from S&P Global Ratings – a leading provider of independent credit assessments and market insights.

**2026 budget highlights include:**

Total County operating and capital expenditures for 2026: \$1.042 billion.

- Long Term Care Homes and Senior Services: \$126 million
- Paramedic Services: \$89 million
- Community Support and Wellbeing: \$101 million
- Community Housing: \$114 million
- Housing and Homelessness: \$69 million
- Early Learning and Child Care System Management: \$151 million
- Transportation and Engineering: \$82 million
- Solid Waste Management: \$83 million

# Stevenson Memorial Hospital receives provincial funding for infrastructure

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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An Integrity Commissioner Report regarding Stevenson Memorial Hospital in Alliston will receive funding from the province for Community Infrastructure Renewal as part of a broader \$257 million investment to support critical infrastructure upgrades and repairs at 126 hospitals and 66 community health-based facilities across Ontario.

The announcement was made by Simcoe-Grey MPP Brian Saunderson on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

The funds to upgrade Stevenson total \$434,721.

Funding is being delivered through the

Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund and the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund.

"Stevenson Memorial Hospital is a cornerstone of health care in our region," said MPP Brian Saunderson. "This investment will help the hospital continue to deliver high-quality care while preparing for its next stage of growth. Our government remains committed to strengthening health care in Simcoe-Grey and supporting the dedicated people who provide compassionate care close to home."

The HIRF and CIRF programs enable health-care system partners to address their urgent infrastructure needs, including upgrading or replacing roofs, windows, security systems, fire alarms and emergency generators.

This year, the Ontario government increased funding for these programs by 12.3 per cent.

"Our government is continuing to make historic investments to protect Ontario's health-care system, ensuring that more people in Simcoe-Grey can connect to the care they need, where and when they need it," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Supporting infrastructure upgrades at Stevenson Memorial Hospital is another way our government is ensuring people can receive high-quality care, closer to home."

Over the next 10 years, the province is

investing nearly \$60 billion in major health infrastructure. This is part of the Ontario government's plan to get shovels in the ground on more than 50 major hospital projects across the province, which will deliver approximately 3,000 new hospital beds and build a connected, people-first health-care system.

"We are very grateful for MPP Saunderson and the Government of Ontario's ongoing support of Stevenson Memorial Hospital. Infrastructure funding is so important as it helps us maintain our current facility while preliminary construction is underway in preparation for our new facility build."



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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

*“The window to the world can be covered by a newspaper.”*

~ Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

## Don't sweat the small stuff

Years ago, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, also known as the Mormons, ran a series of public service-type commercials on network television.

They weren't proselytizing or even introducing their religion; they were just promoting good messages.

One of those commercials really stuck with me over the years.

There was a man standing in front of a mirror wearing an undershirt, his face covered in shaving cream.

He had a couple strokes of the razor before he heard a familiar sound and looked out the window.

The garbage truck passed by his house without stopping.

The man's son had forgotten to do one of his chores and didn't put the garbage out for pick-up.

In the next scene, the man, his face still covered in lather, and the son are seen running down the street with several garbage bags in an attempt to catch the garbage truck.

When the garbage truck makes its next stop, the two throw their garbage bags into the truck and give a wave to the drivers.

They return to the house and stop on the porch.

The father looks at the son.

In many cases, you would expect to hear the father admonish the son for his irresponsible behaviour and forgetting to do a simple but necessary chore.

Instead, the father laughs at the thought of the ridiculous sight of them running after the garbage truck.

He put his arm around the son's shoulder, and they entered the house.

The message: Don't sweat the small stuff.

I've always thought that was a short, yet powerful vignette of the right way to go through life.

Why make a big deal out of nothing?

Just over a month ago, we celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday. The idea behind this special time of year is to give thanks for what you have.

Originally, it meant giving thanks for a good harvest that would sustain your family over the next year.

Since most of us aren't really involved in a harvest anymore, it has become a time to reflect on all the good things you have in your life.

You can be thankful you're alive, have a decent job, your family is happy and healthy, and maybe because you have a Ford Mustang convertible parked in your garage as a summer toy car.

You should be thankful you live in a

country where you have a democratic voice and the power to change a government if you don't like its policies. You should be thankful you live in a country that is financially successful.

Over the past decade, there has been a lot of 'woke' information about all the wrongs this country has done in the past.

The truth is, this country was built where nothing existed before.

That bridge you drive over every day, and the streets and roads you take to get to work, were built. So were the hydroelectric dams that supply your electricity, the water purification plants that provide you with water, the arena where you play hockey, the home and subdivision you live in, and the park in your neighbourhood. They were all built by hardworking people over the course of over 300 years.

We should all appreciate these first-world amenities, and those who come here and try to disrupt that should probably just leave.

We are now heading into the Christmas season – the season of love, peace, and goodwill toward men – although it has mainly become the season of crass commercialism.

The day after Christmas Day was traditionally called Boxing Day for some

reason.

It has now become synonymous with shopping and getting a good deal. I guess it works, or they wouldn't do it.

I recently bought a new smart TV. My old one just fizzled out and died one evening. Since TV repair went the way of the dinosaurs, buying a new one is really the only option.

When I went into the big box store we all shop at, but no one ever admits to buying at, I noticed all the TVs on display were huge.

After looking around, I came upon a skid full of 55-inch TVs. It was a good brand with lots of features and priced well below what I expected to pay.

I asked the salesperson a lot of questions about the product, and finally asked 'Why is it priced so low?'

She replied that it was part of the 'Black Friday' sale, and it was on for half price. Black Friday? That isn't even a Canadian thing, and it was only Thursday.

I now have a very large TV in a very small room, but I'm happy with it.

Enjoy the coming season, have fun, and don't sweat the small stuff – life is too short.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Giving Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday...

Do you remember when you were first bitten by the spirit of giving?

Some of us are fortunate to have had childhoods where compiling our gift lists around the holiday season was almost as fun as receiving gifts. The possibilities seemed endless!

I was lucky enough to have a mother who was – and is – a gift-giving enthusiast, while my father was, during my childhood at least, a bit of a tougher sell.

At that age, taking me out to get gifts for the parents was, of course, the province of the parent who was not on the receiving end of the gift in question and, as they held the purse strings, my selections were sometimes limited by a number of variables outside of my control, including whether or not they happened to be getting along at the time!

I was probably about eight years old when I realized that gift-giving could truly be as creative as compiling a wish list. One of my elder cousins at the time had their first paycheque burning

a hole in their pocket, and they decided they would give their own gifts to the family.

It's still a mystery to me why they thought Don Cherry's latest – and apparently greatest – installment in his Rock'em Sock'em Hockey VHS series was the right gift for me, but I was glad they allowed me to exchange it for something that was a bit more my speed: The Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. Cookbook.

In my defence, it was 1994 and "Forest Gump" was all the rage at the time, and it has a pretty rock'em, sock'em recipe for shrimp linguine I still revisit from time to time – and my cousin learned the value of a gift receipt. A win-win all around!

A few years later, I had saved a few bucks, withdrew the \$50 in my bank account that had been accumulating cents of interest since pure, unadulterated nepotism landed me my first gig in my all-too-brief career as a child model for drinking water purification systems,

and set out for a GTA mall with a list of whom I had to buy for.

As luck would have it, the mall I landed on had a groovy little store that had about two dozen stores within, featuring work from scores of artisans, producers, and more. Something for everyone, all under one roof!

As a first-time giver, I hit the jackpot.

For my mom, always an enthusiast for antique pine furniture, I found a beautiful hand-made wooden bowl that is still in use; my dad and grandfather, men with nautical inclinations, were on the receiving end of etched glass plaques featuring a variety of watercraft; my brother, who had a cat at the time, a quirky desk organizer in the shape of a feline. The others? I can't remember, but I'm sure what they received was as thoughtfully chosen as possible without having to go to a second store!

Needless to say, the experience didn't turn me into a dyed-in-the-fur mall rat, but the pure joy in the act of

giving has remained a constant – sometimes in spite of another set of variables thrown our way.

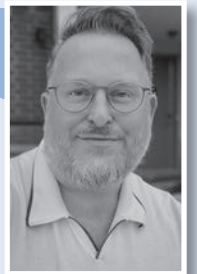
I'm not sure about the rest of you, but I've found the very concept of buying a bit more intense this holiday season – and, alas, we're just getting started.

Perhaps it's because so many of us are feeling more of a pinch this year as the world continues to face economic challenges, but the commodification of the holiday season has felt a bit more in-your-face this time around, particularly in the lead-up to and aftermath of Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

Now, I'm all for getting a deal, but, to my mind, we were doing just fine when our deal-finding dates were more or less firmly set for the Monday after our Canadian Thanksgiving and on Boxing Day.

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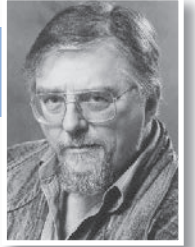
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# Strategy to stay out of jail

**GWYNNE DYER**  
OUR WORLD TODAY



Israel's prime minister, Binyamin 'Bibi' Netanyahu, has just asked the country's president, Isaac Herzog, to "fully pardon" him of all three charges – bribery, fraud and breach of trust – that he has been on trial for since 2020. And the question is: why did he only ask for it now?

The alleged crimes were the kind of petty malpractice that often trips up politicians: accepting gifts (mostly cigars and champagne) from powerful businessmen and bribing media for positive coverage. However, a former Israeli prime minister, Ehud Olmert, served 18 months in jail after conviction on similar charges, so Netanyahu does have a potential problem.

He has dealt with the charges for the past five years by delaying tactics in court and latterly by requesting endless postponements on the grounds that he was too busy fighting a war in the Gaza Strip. But there is currently a cease-fire in Gaza, which some people hope can be turned into a peace deal and reconstruc-

tion of the devastated homes of its 2.3 million people.

The cease-fire intensifies Bibi's legal problem, however, since he can no longer plausibly demand postponements in the trial proceedings because there is a war on. Moreover, there must be an election for the next Knesset (parliament) by next October, and according to current opinion polls Netanyahu's coalition is unlikely to win.

But why are Israeli voters so ungrateful? Didn't Bibi win the war, crush the Palestinians and get all the hostages back? Well, yes, but he was also the man in charge on 7 October the year before last when Hamas fighters took Israel by surprise and murdered more than 1,200 Israelis in their own homes. A great many people have not forgiven him for that.

In Israel major government failures like this usually end up before an independent state commission of inquiry led by a retired judge. That would be political death for Netanyahu: his mistaken belief that he had tamed Hamas by letting large sums of money reach it from Arab sources was why Israel was so unprepared for the October attack.

Bibi has neutered that threat for the time being by putting himself in charge of the inquiry, but he could not hope to keep that position if there is a different government in Israel after the elections. Indeed, his whole agenda for creating a Palestinian-free Gaza, building on Donald Trump's project for a 'Middle Eastern Riviera', would go out the window if he loses power.

Netanyahu seemed very close to his goal in September, but Trump himself then forced Bibi to accept the cease-fire, implicitly abandoning his 'Riviera' project in the process. (Why did Trump do that? Maybe he was swayed by pity for the Palestinians, or perhaps he just realised that the Saudi Arabians were getting very unhappy about it.)

At any rate, the best solution for all Netanyahu's problems, legal, strategic and political, would be a resumption of the war in Gaza. He could go back to stalling court hearings on his corruption charges, he could get started on pushing Palestinians out of Gaza, perhaps he could even win the elections next year if the expulsions went well enough.

The only big obstacle to all that is Donald Trump, who now sees the cease-fire in Gaza as one of his major achievements. It's going nowhere politically, and even in terms of stopping the killing it's not very effective: in November Israeli forces killed at least 300 Palestinians in Gaza, most of them civilians. But Trump is quite protective about it, so Bibi must wait.

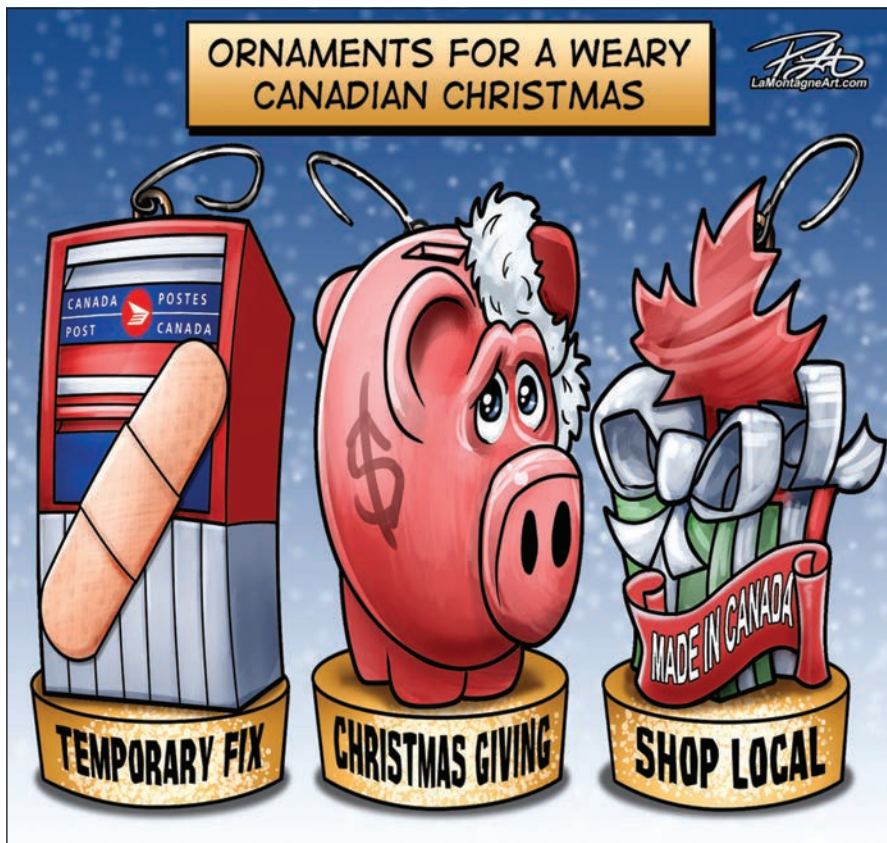
He can't do that indefinitely, but he can probably do it for long enough. He is both patient and persistent whereas Trump is neither. Netanyahu will jump through as many hoops as necessary, fly to Washington to kiss the ring whenever it's required, and sooner or later Trump will go chasing off after some other shiny object.

It should be easy to restart the war in Gaza once Trump is sufficiently distracted. Hamas fighters know that they will lose as badly in any future fighting as they did in the last round, but most of them will probably choose to die on their feet rather than live on their knees.

Israeli reservists might be a bit harder to motivate for yet another round of the war, but the habit of duty plus the promise of a mass expulsion of Palestinians at least from Gaza would probably be enough to get most of them back out one more time.

I'm not saying that all of this is bound to happen.

I'm just saying that these are probably Binyamin Netanyahu's calculations at this moment in time – and that they are entirely rational and realistic, if perhaps a bit ruthless.



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- Spiritual leaders
- A type of solution
- Fortified wine
- Edible mollusk
- They precede C
- A way to compare
- Government lawyer
- "Game of Thrones" actor Ciaran
- The eighth month (abbr.)
- Very willing
- \_\_ ex Machina
- Makes happy
- Type of berry
- A doctrine
- Popular Dodge truck model
- Dekagram
- Naturally occurring solid
- Company officer
- Villains
- Cricket frogs
- Influential German psychologist
- Endured
- A female domestic
- You can get stuck in one
- Cigarette (slang)
- Fiber optics network
- Group of blood disorders (abbr.)
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Belonging to the bottom layer
- Sound
- MLB legend Hank
- Very attractive person
- Late beloved sportscaster Craig
- South Dakota
- Mocking
- Symbol for gold
- Longtime Braves pitcher Julio
- Humor
- Shawl
- Preliminary patient

**CLUES DOWN**

- Animal disease
- Commercial
- Necklace material
- Containers
- A way to save for your future
- Colorado Heisman winner Rashaan
- Dipped down
- Head injury (abbr.)
- Lay about
- Intestinal
- Opposite of yes
- Caused to be loved
- Spiritual leader of Islam
- Businesslike
- Not in
- Number above the line in a fraction
- An animal with its own day
- Pouch
- Swedish krona
- Start over
- Field flowers
- Fourteen
- A visual way to interact with a computer
- Up-to-date
- Campaigns
- Touch lightly
- "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- Violent seizure of property
- Supporter of the Pope
- Anxiety
- Body fluid
- One who's faking it
- Title of respect
- Chilean city
- City in central Japan
- Silk garment
- A form of dance
- Automobile
- The man
- Justice Dept. head honcho

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

# COMMUNITY VOICE

## Monthly Message: The price of convenience is too expensive for the environment

We pay more, think less, and live on auto-play.

Convenience has become a way of life. From pre-cut vegetables to next-day delivery, society is creating a culture that prioritizes instant gratification and convenience over long-term sustainability.

While our convenient lifestyle offers us ease, it's also created a disposable culture. Convenience damages the environment with products like single-use plastics and fast fashion. It creates a sedentary lifestyle, which, in turn, leads to health issues. Higher prices through delivery fees and impulse buying create financial burdens.

**Plastic waste:** Single-use plastics in food packaging, disposable water bottles, and coffee cups overwhelm our waste management systems. Plastic never dies, and a significant amount ends up in oceans and landfills, where it pollutes the ecosystems and harms wildlife. The production and disposal of convenience items contribute to greenhouse gas emissions. Microplastics are everywhere. We eat, drink, and breathe plastic every day. The embedded toxic chemicals create significant risks to our health.



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**E-Commerce:** We are often on auto-play with Amazon orders and Uber Eats. The rise of e-commerce and next-day delivery services increases fuel consumption, traffic congestion, and carbon emissions. The packing only adds more to our already over-capacity landfills.

**Convenience foods:** Ready-to-eat and ultra-processed foods often contain unhealthy levels of sugar, saturated fat, and sodium, risking increased rates of obesity, diabetes, depression, and anxiety. Individually wrapped snacks, single-serving coffee pods, and pre-cut fruits and vegetables are examples of convenience-driven packaging that generate mountains of waste.

**Sedentary lifestyles:** Convenience tech-

nology reduces our levels of physical exercise, from driving short distances to having groceries delivered. This sedentary behavior is a major contributor to lifestyle diseases.

**Life skills:** Our reliance on convenience limits our resourcefulness, creativity, and self-reliance. Skills like cooking family meals and making simple repairs to clothing and household items are vanishing.

**Impatience and instant gratification:** Convenience gives us what we want quickly, but it erodes our ability to wait and be patient.

Simple ways to reduce our reliance on convenience.

- Plan and prepare meals at home, cooking nutritious food, and saving money.
- Take your lunch to work, choosing healthier options and avoiding plastic packaging.
- Keep your reusable coffee cup handy.
- Stop scrolling and shop locally to support sustainable businesses.
- Buy better quality clothing and use it for longer.
- Buy in bulk, avoid individually wrapped items, and choose products with minimal/re-

cyclable packaging.

While convenience offers us immediate benefits, let's recognise the long-term consequences of our choices and the impact on our environment. We have power. We have the power to make a difference - by re-evaluating our buying habits, opting for reusable alternatives, supporting sustainable businesses, and advocating for change. We have the power and an obligation to be environmentally responsible.

We need to slow down and consider what truly adds value to our lives rather than what makes it easier and convenient for us. By prioritizing the health of our planet over convenience, we can work towards living more sustainably and create a more resilient environment for future generations.

We can start simply. We can slow down. We can try something less convenient today.

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## Stevenson Memorial Hospital announces end to influenza outbreak in Medical Surgical Unit

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In collaboration with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, Stevenson Memorial Hospital is announcing that the influenza

outbreak on the hospital's Medical Surgical Unit has been declared over.

The announcement was made on Friday, Nov. 28.

Visitation is open for patients on the unit. The hospital previously declared a flu


outbreak in the medical/surgical unit. Close contacts had been notified, and enhanced cleaning was carried out, with additional infection prevention and control measures in place.

The hospital is asking the public to refrain

from visiting if you are unwell or have any respiratory symptoms.

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# Herbert's Boots pledges \$50,000 to support local hospital's campaign

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Herbert's Boots in Alliston has announced a pledge to donate \$50,000 to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation's Because of You Campaign to help fund the renovation and expansion of Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

Since opening its first location in Alliston in 1958, Herbert's Boots has worked to offer high-quality footwear and apparel, excellent customer service, and fair prices. The family-owned retailer has been an active member of the community, and this year decided to focus their contributions on supporting the vital work of Stevenson Memorial Hospital and its ongoing efforts to improve healthcare infrastructure and services.

"We think it's important to support our local hospital, and we're happy to see Stevenson Memorial expanding to meet the needs of our growing community," said

Dieter Elsner, owner of Herbert's Boots. "It is a service that we all use and need, and we're grateful to be in a position to contribute where we can."

The \$50,000 donation supports Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation's ambitious Because of You Campaign, which aims to raise \$80 million to enhance healthcare services in our community.

Frank Cerisano, CEO of Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation, expressed his gratitude for Herbert's Boots' generous support.

"We are incredibly thankful to Herbert's Boots for their pledge," he said. "Contributions like theirs are vital in helping us reach our campaign goal. This exemplifies how local businesses play a pivotal role in advancing community health and supporting our hospital. Herbert's Boots joins a growing group of community supporters dedicated to ensuring Stevenson Memorial Hospital remains a trusted healthcare resource for years to come."



**CAMPAIGN PLEDGE** – Herbert's Boots in Alliston has pledged \$50,000 toward the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation's Because of You campaign. From left, Frank Cerisano, Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation Chief Executive Officer; Cathy Elsner; Dieter Elsner of Herbert's; and Ted Vandevlis, Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation Board Chair, gather at the Victoria Street store for the cheque presentation. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

# Building Up Simcoe County: Community blueprint for affordable housing, homelessness

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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An Integrity Commissioner Report regarding Simcoe County council has approved and released its new 10-year affordable housing and homelessness prevention strategy, titled "Building Up Simcoe County – Our Community Blueprint for Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention."

This aggressive strategy builds on the County's previous strategy, which concluded in 2024, that created approximately 3,700 new affordable housing units.

"With this strategy, we're committed to

providing 20,996 households between 2025 and 2035 – including 5,081 through new housing units and subsidies, and 15,915 by addressing affordability gaps," said Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke. "This is an aggressive target, but it is one that we know that we can achieve through sustained investments from all levels of government and partnerships throughout our communities with municipalities, non-profits, and the private sector."

Warden Clarke noted that by partnering with communities, residents of Simcoe County will continue to thrive, become stronger, and create places that people are

proud to call home.

The new strategy focuses on three practical pillars: supply, people, and service system management.

This is a balanced approach that moves from targeting units created into housing targets.

It sets a 'households housed' target that combines results from both capital projects and operating programs.

It also includes a broader households served target, which includes households housed plus households supported through diversion and prevention initiatives.

This shift provides a more accurate mea-

sure of the County's impact, and shows not only how many new homes are created or accessed, but also how many residents are able to remain stably housed.

The strategy's three pillars include:

- Increasing supply through new builds, modular bridge housing, secondary suites, and conversions.
- Keeping people housed with prevention, rent supports, and repairs.
- Managing the system with coordinated data, stronger partnerships, and transparent reporting.

To view the full strategy and to understand this new approach, visit [simcoe.ca/ourahhps](http://simcoe.ca/ourahhps).

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# Arts & Local Events



**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT** – The Tottenham Santa Claus Parade featured floats and marchers from a variety of community groups, nonprofits and businesses when it came to town on Nov. 29. Large crowds lined the streets of downtown Tottenham to enjoy the parade, which returned for the first time since 2019.

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# Wheels of Hope needs local drivers to assist cancer patients

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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When a person is diagnosed with cancer, it is a life-changing event that can present many challenges.

One of those challenges is simply getting to medical centres for treatment.

Some people do not drive or don't have a friend or relative to help them. Sometimes, there is just no one available to help due to other obligations.

Some cancer patients may not be able to operate a vehicle after some of their treatment. Since some patients may have to go for radiation treatment for up to six weeks, the constant travel can be difficult.

Wheels of Hope is a program offered by the Canadian Cancer Society that pairs vol-

unteer drivers with people with cancer who need help getting to and from their treatment appointments.

The program operates in Ontario and several other provinces and is currently being expanded to include the East Coast.

Locally, there is a shortage of drivers in New Tecumseth and the surrounding area. Currently, the local program has only one driver, even though the volume of patients requires several more volunteers to ensure everyone who needs a ride has one.

Wheels of Hope is looking for at least five more volunteers to step up and be a part of the program. Volunteers are not required to be dedicated to a strict schedule.

The program is very flexible, so volunteers can choose the days they would like to drive as well as have a choice in the destinations

they will drive to.

With the flexible schedule, Wheels of Hope is looking for drivers who can commit long-term, for at least six months, since they don't have to adhere to a rigid schedule and can drive whenever they choose. Volunteers are reimbursed for both mileage and parking fees incurred.

The program operates Monday to Friday during daytime hours.

This is a valuable program that helps many people. Clients report back to Wheels of Hope that they don't know what they would have done without the program's assistance.

Volunteer drivers say that this work feels rewarding, and they get back more than they give from the feeling of doing something good and helping others. They feel they are making a difference in someone's life and

helping someone in their own community.

Volunteer drivers enjoy meeting people from all walks of life during their drives.

If you are considering becoming a volunteer driver, your driver's license should have 3 or fewer demerits, and you should have operated a 100 per cent smoke-free vehicle.

Volunteers will also be required to undergo a criminal background check and provide references.

Wheels of Hope needs drivers from New Tecumseth and the surrounding area, including Everett. Volunteers will be asked to drive to Barrie and Toronto.

You can become a Wheels of Hope volunteer driver by visiting [volunteercancer.ca](http://volunteercancer.ca) and clicking on Wheels of Hope.

For more information, you can email [volunteer@cancer.ca](mailto:volunteer@cancer.ca) or call 1-888-939-3333.

# Track Your Plow app allows residents to stay informed on winter maintenance

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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Now that the colder weather is here, you can expect town crews to be out plowing the streets during and after a snowfall.

If you would like to know which streets have been plowed and which are currently being maintained, you can now go online to see where the plows are and which streets have been cleared.

The 'Track Your Plow' web application provides New Tecumseth residents with information during a winter event.

The map will show an image of a plow at the location where it is actively deployed, plowing or spreading sand or salt.

The map also shows a colour-coded display indicating maintenance. A Green trail means a street has been cleared within the last eight

hours. Yellow means a street has been cleared within the last 8-16 hours. An Orange trail means a street has been cleared within 16-24 hours.

The 'Track Your Plow' service is available 24/7 and automatically updates to provide residents with the latest information.

A search address feature is also available. You can enter a specific address, and the map will zoom to that specific location.

Roads are plowed based on priority. Major roads are plowed first so emergency vehicles can pass safely. Secondary roads are plowed afterward.

Primary roads are roads with the highest speeds and the greatest traffic volume. Secondary roads usually connect residential roads to primary roads.

The Track Your Plow web application is available on the town website.



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# Smoke alarms save lives – check your batteries regularly

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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With the recent time change and turning your clocks back an hour, it is also recommended that you use the change as a reminder to check the batteries in your home smoke alarms.

By law, every home in Ontario must have a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas.

Most fatal fires occur at night when people are asleep. Often, victims are overcome by smoke and never wake up.

Working smoke alarms give you the precious time you need to escape a fire.

It is the homeowner's responsibility to install and maintain smoke alarms on every storey of their home and outside sleeping areas.

It is a landlord's responsibility to ensure their rental properties comply with the law and ensure their buildings are safe.

If you are a tenant of a rental property and do not have the required number of smoke alarms, contact your landlord immediately. It is against the law for tenants to remove the batteries or tamper with the alarm in any way.

Smoke alarms come in different models with varying features and applications, so

choosing the right one can be confusing. You should familiarize yourself with the different alarms to make an educated decision.

Smoke alarms can be powered by hard-wired electricity or by batteries. If you are installing an electrically powered alarm, it is recommended that it have a battery-powered backup alarm in case of a power failure.

Most smoke alarms employ either ionization or photoelectric technology. Ionization alarms may respond slightly faster to flaming-type fires.

Photoelectric alarms may be quicker at detecting slow, smouldering fires. Consider having both types of alarms in your home.

Smoke alarms with a pause button are highly recommended. The pause feature permits the alarm to be temporarily silenced without disconnecting the power source.

Smoke alarms must be installed on each storey of the home and outside sleeping areas.

Because smoke rises, smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling. If this is not possible, install the alarm high on the wall and follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Avoid placing smoke alarms too close to bathrooms, windows, ceiling fans, and heating and cooking appliances.



**SAVE YOUR LIFE** – Smoke alarms are your number one defence against being alerted to a fire in your home. Check your batteries regularly to make sure your alarms are working properly.

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You should test your smoke alarm monthly by pressing the test button on the alarm. When the test button is pressed, the alarm should sound.

If the alarm fails to sound, make sure the battery is installed correctly, or install a new one.

If the alarm still fails to sound, replace it with a new one.

Install a new battery at least once a year or as recommended by the manufacturer. Install a new battery if the low-battery warning sounds or if the alarm fails to sound when tested.

All smoke alarms wear out. Replace them every 10 years.

Smoke alarms are your first defence and warning when a fire has happened or is about to happen.

## Local health unit says cervical cancer can be eliminated with the bulletproof HPV vaccine

Health unit says cervical cancer can be eliminated with the bulletproof HPV vaccine

Statistics Advisory Committee shows that cancer mortality rates are going down.

However, cervical cancer rates have stopped declining in Canada. More than 99

per cent of all cervical cancers are caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV).

A safe and effective HPV vaccine has been available through Ontario's School Immunization Program since 2007.

"This vaccine not only prevents cervical cancer but protects against several other cancers caused by HPV infection, such as oral, throat, anal and penile, types of cancer that many of us have seen affect people we know," said the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit in a recent press release.

Unfortunately, in Simcoe Muskoka only about 63 per cent of Grade 7 students receive this important cancer prevention vaccine, leaving more than 2,000 Grade 7 youth unprotected against several types of cancer, each year.

Locally, the rate of cervical cancer for females aged 20 to 44 years is about 50 per cent higher in Simcoe Muskoka than in the rest of Ontario.

It is estimated that over 75 per cent of

Canadians will have an HPV infection at some point in their lifetime, as it is easily transmitted through skin-to-skin contact during sex.

Condoms provide only partial protection against HPV infection.

By contrast, HPV immunization offers lifelong, bulletproof protection against HPV – a fact supported by a 2024 study in Scotland that found zero cases of cervical cancer among young women fully vaccinated against HPV.

If you are still in high school and missed the HPV vaccine in Grade 7, it is not too late.

In Ontario, students can receive the HPV vaccine for free until the end of Grade 12, and men who have sex with men are eligible until age 26.

Talk with your health care provider about the vaccine or book an appointment at a health unit immunization clinic.

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## Local health unit says cervical cancer can be eliminated with the 'bulletproof' HPV vaccine

The Public Health Agency of Canada shares that the risk of cancer from HPV goes beyond cervical cancer as there are more than 100 types of HPV and it is one of the most common sexually transmitted infections (STI).

Both men and women can get HPV which is responsible for 80 to 90 percent of anal cancers, 40 percent of vaginal and vulvar cancers, 40 to 50 percent of penile cancers, and 25 to 35 percent of mouth and throat cancers in Canada.

The HPV vaccine is 99 percent effective at preventing HPV infections, as well as the cancers and warts they can cause.

"In my clinical practice, I have seen young people devastated when they seek medical care for their genital warts. None of these patients had received the HPV vaccine and all of them wish they had," writes Dr. Colin Lee, an Associate Medical Officer of Health at the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.

"Vaccines work best when given before someone is exposed to a disease which is why the vaccine is offered to students in Ontario in Grade 7 through in-school immunization programs, along with vaccines for meningococcal disease and hepatitis B. Vaccines are also more effective when given to young teens when their immune systems are most responsive to the vaccine."

While the vaccines for HPV and hepatitis B are not required to attend school, they are strongly recommended. The fact that HPV and hepatitis B are sexually transmitted viruses adds a stigma that can cause parents to hesitate to vaccinate against those diseases, and there is also confusion about who needs to get vaccinated for HPV due to its link to

cervical cancer.

However, because HPV can cause other types of cancers and warts that affect males and females, the vaccine has been available to both sexes since 2016.

"Grade 7 might seem too early to worry about protecting them from STIs and it is natural to want to wait until they are 'ready' or are an adult, but vaccines are needed before a person is exposed to infection," Dr. Lee noted. "Moreover, the vaccines do not cause or lead them to be sexually active sooner. The HPV and hepatitis B vaccines each need two doses, and the body needs time to build up strong immunity. This is why we offer these vaccines to students when they are in Grade 7—so they can grow up to be healthy and protected from these preventable diseases."

Until the latest Canadian Cancer Statistic report showed the plateau in cervical cancer rates, Canada had been on target to eliminate HPV by 2040. Australia is on track to reach HPV elimination status by 2035, so it is possible to eliminate it here as well.

"By preventing the spread of HPV with vaccination, we can protect people's health and ultimately, eliminate cervical and HPV-related cancers, and genital warts," writes Dr. Lee. "Getting students vaccinated against HPV is not just about reducing the spread of an STI, it is about protecting people from an entirely preventable cancer."

For more information about routine and required vaccines given to students and the diseases they prevent, please visit [smdhu.org](http://smdhu.org). To speak with a public health professional, call 705-721-7520, ext. 8827 or 1-877-721-7520, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## NVCA Board of Directors unanimously approve 2026 Budget totalling \$7.8 million

On Nov. 28, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) Board of Directors unanimously passed the 2026 NVCA Draft Business Plan & Budget — the first time since 2021.

"I want to thank our Board of Directors and councils of all 18 municipalities for their clear direction and support for this budget and business plan," said Jennifer Vincent, CAO of NVCA. "At \$7.8 million, this budget reflects fiscal prudence—reducing discretionary charges by 31% and holding most lines flat while advancing efficiency and service modernization. This positions NVCA to deliver services that are responsive to the environmental, economic, and social sustainability of the Nottawasaga Watershed."

Budgets for conservation authorities are categorized into three categories.

Category 1 is mandatory municipal levy that goes towards reviewing development plans to avoid natural hazards. This funding also supports passive recreation and environmental restoration on NVCA lands.

Category 2 are services delivered at the request of a municipality, with funding under agreement with the benefiting municipality.

Category 3 are discretionary programs that go beyond mandatory and municipally requested services and include initiatives such as tree planting, environmental restoration, events and environmental education.



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"We were able to gain support for all three budget categories from all member municipalities by being responsive to community needs," said Jonathan Scott, NVCA Chair. "This budget is lean and efficient. We did that by reviewing the budget line-by-line and significantly reducing Category 3 costs. We've reduced our operating budget by \$9,000 and held our levy to 2.8%, driven by the decrease in planning and permitting revenue with the decline in construction across the province."

NVCA's 2026 budget reflects a modest increase of \$180,372.37, which includes a \$101,307.36 increase in municipal levy shared proportionality across eighteen-member municipalities. It advances efficiency and service modernization, protects fair and competitive wages for staff, invests in responsible asset management, and prioritizes NVCA's role in flood management and in supporting the resilience of the local watershed.

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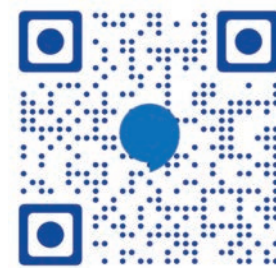
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# SPORTS

NEW TECUMSETH TIMES

## Hornets split the weekend – win at home, lose on the road

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

It was a split weekend for the Alliston Hornets, as the team won at home but lost on the road.

The squad hosted the Huntsville Otters at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre for their regular home game on Friday, Nov. 28.

Huntsville scored the only first-period goal to take an early lead in the game.

After the break, the Hornets returned for the second period and delivered a solid performance, scoring three unanswered goals.

Hornets' goals came from Will Millington and Tristen Pitt for two, to give the Alliston squad a 3-1 lead heading into the final period.

The game ended with a 5-1 Alliston win when David Harvey and Noah Prokopec both scored in the third period.

"I think we finished strong, but we need to start on top," said Hornets forward Mark Coish after the game. "We're not starting games the way we want to, but we're finishing by getting pucks in the net. We've got a couple of new guys so everyone's learning the new chemistry. When we're down, we try to get a hard forecheck on, and try to force turn-overs and hopefully get some goals out of that."

The following night, the Hornets travelled to Penetang to take on the Kings and left disappointed. The last time the two teams met, the fourth-place Kings delivered a major upset, winning 3-0 over the first-place Alliston team.

Coish said the Hornets were prepared to go back there and get the win.

"We're going to be ready for tomorrow.



**SPLIT GAMES** – Alliston Hornets forward David Harvey races for the puck behind the Huntsville Otters' goal during Friday's home game at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre in Alliston on Friday, Nov. 18. The Hornets won this game 5-1. The following night, the Hornets travelled to Penetang to take on the Kings. The Alliston team had to settle for a 2-1 loss in that game.  
BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

We've been thinking about that game that we've lost," he said of the team's resolve to return to Penetang and get the win.

This time, the Hornets were having the same problem – they just couldn't score. In fact, neither team could hit the back of the net in the

first two periods, and they returned for the final period with no numbers on the scoreboard.

Penetang scored at 42 seconds into the period, then scored again with just under two minutes remaining.

The Hornets dodged the shutout when Ben

Smith scored with 59 seconds left on the clock.

The Alliston team had to settle for a 2-1 loss.

The Hornets will return to home ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Dec. 5, when they will host the Stayner Siskins. Game time is 7:30 p.m.



**CLOSE GAME** – The Tottenham Railers host the West Nipissing Lynx on the ice at the Tottenham Community Centre arena on Saturday, Nov. 19. The Railers were squeezed out by a single goal and had to take a 7-6 loss in this game.  
BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

# Southlake recognized as a top employer in the Greater Toronto Area for 2026

Southlake Health is proud to be one of the top employers in the Greater Toronto Area for 2026, a designation that celebrates workplaces that lead the way in supporting employee wellness, development, and engagement.

Southlake is the only hospital in York Region to be recognized this year, and one of three community hospitals across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

"We have always said that Southlake's greatest strength is our people, and this award is a powerful reflection of how we care for them, so they can for others," said Paul Woods, medical doctor, president and CEO of Southlake Health. "Our pride for people is grounded in teamwork, compassion, and a shared commitment to serving our communities. A big congratulations to everyone who made this possible."

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the GTA's Top Employers competition, which evaluates organizations on their physical workspace, social atmosphere, benefits, vacation and time off, communications, performance management, training and development.

"Southlake's recognition as a top employer reflects its ongoing investment in the well-being and growth of its people. The hospital offers a wide suite of programs that support staff and medical staff both inside and outside the workplace," reads a press release from Southlake. These include increased mental health benefits, on-site wellness services, dog therapy sessions, free access to an on-site gym, and a comprehensive package of education and career supports. Together, these initiatives reflect Southlake's long-standing commitment to cultivating a workplace where people feel valued, connected,

and empowered."

Cristina Amaral, vice president of people and chief human resources officer, lauded Southlake's ongoing efforts to empower its team.

"We value every member of our Southlake community and focus on supporting their wellness," said Amaral. "We see our teams as whole human beings with lives and responsibilities beyond work, requiring an inclusive environment where everyone feels they belong. Our wellness programs, benefits, and supports are designed to help them care for themselves so they can continue to care for our patients. There is a deep sense of community and pride in lifting each other up."

This sense of community has been vital to the hospital's success. Southlake's Strategy for the Decade Ahead builds on this foundation, recognizing people as key enablers who drive progress and transform Southlake into a Distributed Health Network over the next 10 years.

As part of this, Southlake has advanced several initiatives that support engagement. These include enhanced leadership development, improved communication tools, and expanded recognition activities.

For many at Southlake, the supportive environment is what inspires them to grow their careers and stay connected to the organization.

Arthika Patmanathan, Manager, Patient Relations & Patient Experience, began as a co-op student and has built her career across multiple departments with the support of colleagues who mentored, coached, and encouraged her along the way.

"I'm grateful for being able to move across departments and for the leaders and



**RECOGNIZING THE TEAM** – Southlake was recently named a top employer in the Greater Toronto Area for 2026. Part of the healthcare team, pictured here, shares some smiles after receiving the recognition. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

colleagues who welcomed me, coached me, and helped me grow," said Patmanathan. "There is a special sense of community here. I absolutely love the people I work with. It is so much a part of me that I feel like I have grown up at Southlake."

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## Adjala-Tosorontio resident arrested following OPP search warrant

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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As a result of an ongoing police investigation, members of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Community Street Crime Unit from the Nottawasaga Detachment, with assistance from Dufferin and Caledon Detachments, executed a search warrant at a residence on County Road 50 in Adjala-Tosorontio Township on Nov. 26.

In early fall, Nottawasaga CSCU received information that the accused was trafficking drugs in the Town of New Tecumseth.

Through surveillance and investigative techniques, officers observed activity consistent with drug trafficking and obtained a search warrant for a residence.

Officers from the Nottawasaga CSCU attended the residence shortly before 12:30 p.m. to execute the search warrant.

Upon completion of the search, the fol-

lowing items were seized:

- Prescription medications, including Oxycodone, Lorazepam, Tramadol, and Trazodone
- Approximately 14,000 contraband cigarettes
- Drug trafficking labels
- \$1,060 in cash

As a result, police arrested and charged Tena Clarke, 66, of Adjala-Tosorontio under the Criminal Code of Canada and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

Charges include:

- Possession of a Schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking – Other Drugs
- Trafficking a Schedule 1 Substance – Other Drugs
- Trafficking in contraband tobacco.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on February 19, 2026.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.



**SEIZED ITEMS** – The Nottawasaga OPP seized a large amount of contraband cigarettes and prescription medication when executing a search warrant on Nov. 26. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

## OPP charge New Tecumseth driver with impaired operation after a single-vehicle collision

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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Impaired driving continues to be a problem on local roads as Nottawasaga OPP have charged another motorist with impaired driving following a single-vehicle collision in Alliston.

Shortly before 1:30 a.m., on Tuesday, Nov. 25, Nottawasaga OPP responded to a single-vehicle collision in the area of Industrial Parkway, east of Church Street in Alliston.

Officers located the vehicle during general patrols and observed that it had collided with a traffic signal in the centre median of the roadway.

Officers met with the driver and, during the interaction, formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol.

This led to the driver's arrest.

The driver was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries.

As a result of the investigation, Arianna

Pastulovic, 19, of New Tecumseth, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – blood concentration (80 plus)

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Bradford on Dec. 18, 2025, to answer to the charge.

The charge has not been proven in court.

## South Simcoe Police investigating theft in Bradford, seeking public assistance to identify suspect

The South Simcoe Police Service is seeking the public's assistance with identifying a male suspect wanted in connection to a theft incident in Bradford West Gwillimbury.

On Oct. 28, at approximately 3:30 p.m., a male suspect located a wallet on the ground in the parking lot of retail business on Holland Street West. The suspect pro-

ceeded to use the credit cards found in the wallet to purchase merchandise and gift cards at nearby businesses totalling nearly \$800.

Police are actively investigating this incident and are looking to identify the suspect.

The suspect is described as a male, brown skin tone, approximately 6'-feet tall, with

dark brown hair. At the time of the incident, he was seen wearing glasses, a grey suit jacket, sweater and dark collared shirt. Image of the suspect is attached.

Anyone who recognizes the suspect or who has further information, is asked to contact Police Constable Alanna Hill at [alanna.hill@southsimcoepolice.ca](mailto:alanna.hill@southsimcoepolice.ca).

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# Brock's Banter: Giving Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday...

With every passing year, however, the peculiar American import of Black Friday becomes more of a presence in our lives. Despite one Black Friday years ago when I went to a local grocery store to get a sandwich for lunch and left not with a sandwich but a flatscreen TV – hey, it was a really good deal! – I've typically been immune to the Black Friday brouhaha. I have to admit, though, I almost got reeled in this time around.

Bombarded from all directions, I found myself adding gifts for loved ones into my cart, things that weren't necessarily asked for, but things I thought they might like. While it is the thought that does indeed count, was it the actual thought that they might enjoy it, or a false sense of urgency that if they might like it, time was of the essence to get it at what was promised to be the best

price in years?

In the midst of all this, we're looking into some sort of vacation in the New Year and when I found myself feeling a bit of anxiety that if we didn't get plane tickets then and there – to a yet-to-be-determined location – because such "deals" likely wouldn't be in the offing again, I finally felt it was best for all to step away from the device, the online shopping cards, the manufactured sense of urgency, and wait until it all passed in order to make good purchases with a clear head.

And despite the fact I am writing this on the morning of Giving Tuesday, a day designated as a "global generosity movement" that is a boon for so many non-profits around the world, including innumerable organizations here at home that have immediate and press-

ing needs at the moment, Eugene Levy just popped up on my screen trying to get me to shell out on a new mattress because these Black Friday deals won't last forever.

Let Giving Tuesday have its moment in the spotlight!

I know that Black Friday, even if it is an American import, is a prime opportunity for our homegrown businesses, which need to take advantage of every opportunity they can get in this economic climate, and groundwork for Giving Tuesday was probably laid, at least in part, as a way to atone for some of the more egregious acts of seasonal consumerism, the focus between the two is nowhere near in balance.

By the time you read this on Tuesday, I can only hope that Giving Tuesday is not already fading into memory, a casu-

ality of Black Friday and Cyber Monday deals extending clear to Boxing Day.

The needs that have been highlighted in the lead-up to Tuesday, December 2, do not magically vanish on Wednesday, December 3, despite the generosity of our community members.

It's not too late today – Thirty-Bucks-in-the-Hole Thursday? – to look up a group or organization that speaks to you, see what their needs are, and really get the most bang for the aforementioned buck by keeping it in the community.

These contributions are always appreciated, no matter what date happens to be on the calendar.

"Donation December" doesn't have quite the same ring to it as "Giving Tuesday," but it's the real spirit of the season that counts.

## No insurance traffic stop leads to seizure of methamphetamine, drug possession charges

South Simcoe Police Uniform Patrol arrest and charge an individual following a traffic stop that resulted in the seizure of suspected methamphetamine.

On Nov. 29, at approximately 12:50 a.m., during the investigation of a blue Hyundai

Sonata being operated without proper insurance on Holland Street West in Bradford West Gwillimbury, police observed an open alcoholic beverage in the centre console of the vehicle, that subsequently resulted in a search of the vehicle.

As a result of the search, officers located and seized a quantity of suspected methamphetamine from within the vehicle.

A 31-year-old male from Barrie was arrested and charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I Substance

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# M&M FOOD MARKET



**NEW SIZE BETTER VALUE**

**Popcorn Chicken**  
680 g

**Cauliflower Bites**  
450 g

**Stuffed Potato Skins**  
5-7 PIECES 390 g

**Cream Cheese and Cheddar Stuffed Jalapeños**  
10-13 PIECES 360 g

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10-13 PIECES 360 g

**Lobster Mac & Cheese Bites**  
14 PIECES 252 g

**LOWEST PRICE OF THE YEAR\***  
\*Lowest price of the year is based on the current calendar year.

**save \$10**  
**INCREDIBLE PRICE**  
**19.99** each

**4 lb ENTRÉES** 1.81 kg

**SERVE 6-8**

Cabbage Rolls

Homestyle Shepherd's Pie

Also available, Deluxe Meat Lasagna

**BUY 1 GET 1 50% OFF**  
Regular price \$14.99 each

**save \$7.50**

**MIX AND MATCH**

**Mozzarella Sticks**  
15-21 PIECES 454 g

**Jalapeño Cheese Sticks**  
13-16 PIECES 454 g

**MULTI BUY**  
Buy 3 for \$9.99 Regular price \$4.99 each

**save \$4.98**

**MIX AND MATCH**

**Bistro Chicken\*** 114 g  
Choose from:  
• Ricotta & Spinach  
• Swiss

**Stuffed, Breaded Chicken** 142 g  
Choose from: • Kiev  
• Broccoli and Cheese • Swiss • Parmesan

**A FREE appetizer gift from us!**

Buy 2, Get 1 **FREE** Regular price \$12.99 each **save \$12.99**

**Pepperoni Pizza Rolls**  
8 PIECES 460 g  
Also available, Cheesy Pizza Rolls 8 PIECES 460 g

**Hot Honey Cheese Bites**  
14 PIECES 280 g

**Crispy Everything Cream Cheese Bites**  
14 PIECES 280 g

**save \$10**  
**INCREDIBLE PRICE**  
**24.99**

**Chicken Strips**  
27-33 PIECES 1.36 kg

**save \$7**  
**INCREDIBLE PRICE**  
**12.99**

**Shrimp Ring**  
42-48 SHRIMP 454 g

Cocktail Sauce included

**Artichoke Mac & Cheese Bites**  
14 PIECES 280 g

**Jamaican-Style Beef Patty Bites**  
500 g

**Shrimp Tempura**  
13-15 PIECES 340 g

Sauce included

**save \$3**  
**9.99** each

**Flatbreads**  
440 g - 515 g 5 VARIETIES

Bruschetta

**save \$4**  
**INCREDIBLE PRICE**  
**12.99**

**Haddock Tenders**  
8-12 PIECES 454 g

Sauce included

## SIGNATURE DESSERTS

**NEW!**

**Cake Pops**  
6 PIECES 216 g  
2 Varieties

Chocolate

**Portuguese Style Custard Tarts**  
6 PIECES 450 g  
2 Varieties

Salted Caramel

**NEW!**  
LIMITED TIME ONLY

**Lemonicious® Lemon Squares**  
850 g

**save \$2**  
**17.99** each

**Nanaimo Bars**  
850 g

**Chocolate Chunk Cream Bars**  
850 g

**Chocolate Yule Log**  
700 g

**22.99** **save \$2**

LIMITED TIME ONLY

## SINGLE SERVES

275 g - 340 g

**sale**  
**4.99** each

Homestyle Shepherd's Pie

Chicken Pad Thai

21 VARIETIES

## PARTY PACKS

21-46 PIECES 430 g - 740 g

Pub

**save \$3**  
**14.99** each

Asian

5 VARIETIES

## MEAL KITS 840 g - 1.05 kg

**NEW!**

**Chicken Parmesan & Spaghetti** 907 g

**save \$2**  
**19.99** each

8 VARIETIES

**NEW!**

**Shrimp Fettuccine Alfredo** 907 g

**save \$2**  
**22.99**

**Beef Stroganoff** 907 g

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## SKEWERS

**Chicken Satay with Peanut Sauce**  
20 SKEWERS 500 g

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