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CONTACT Community Services honours volunteers at annual dinner

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Many organizations rely on volunteers to accomplish their mission of helping the community in many different ways.

National Volunteer Week was celebrated on April 19-25 as a time to appreciate all those across the country who give their time and skills to help others and give back to their communities.

Volunteers take on a variety of roles, including organizing programs, working in thrift stores, teaching skills and hobbies, and helping maintain the organization's buildings.

CONTACT Community Services held its annual Volunteer Appreciation dinner at the Lions Club Hall in Alliston on Monday, April 21, recognizing its volunteers for their contributions and celebrating special anniversaries for length of service.

All volunteers seem to agree that they get a good feeling from giving back to the com-

munity they call home.

CONTACT has around 80 volunteers who help run programs and work at The Clothes Line community thrift store in Alliston, where they recycle used clothing, small household items, electronics, toys, and books.

"Today is the 20th anniversary of our volunteer celebration," explained Brenda Pufek, CONTACT Community Services manager of community engagement and development. "For 20 years, we've gotten together annually to celebrate our volunteers during National Volunteer Appreciation Week. This year, we have over 80 volunteers that we are working with – which is amazing."

We couldn't be more grateful. We have wonderful people who donate so much of their time and talent to our organization. Tonight we are giving out awards for people who have been with us for five years, 10 years, and 20 years. It's a big social event. We celebrate milestones, volunteerism, and those who have gone above and beyond."

Volunteers feel a sense of accomplishment

by donating their time and skills.

"The reason we volunteer is to give back to the community," explained CONTACT volunteer Marcia Breedon, who works at The Clothes Line. "Everything that comes into the

store – all the money goes to help people find jobs and housing, and we help the homeless."

Volunteers continue to help local community organizations continue their valuable work.



DEDICATION TO SERVICE – CONTACT Community Services celebrated National Volunteer Week with its annual appreciation dinner held at the Lions Club Hall in Alliston on Monday, April 21. Volunteers were recognized for milestones in their volunteer service. CONTACT executive director Tina de los Santos was joined by Steve Cassar, representing Simcoe-Grey MPP Brian Saunderson, who brought certificates of recognition for volunteers. Volunteers honoured this year include Donna Train (20 years), Ruth Carter (20 years), Claudette Pilon (20 years), Millie Quigley (10 years), Joyce Ramond (five years), Vel Corlett (five years), Rita Thew (five years), and Anne Nolan (five years). Two special awards for service that went 'above and beyond' were given to Cheryl Nuttal and Christine Wodchis. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTOS**

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Team Panama selects Nottawasaga Resort as World Cup base camp

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

With a lot of excitement around the FIFA World Cup coming to Canada in 2026, the Town of New Tecumseth has announced it will serve as one of only two official Team Base Camp centres in Simcoe County.

The Town of New Tecumseth will welcome Team Panama to the Nottawasaga Resort & Conference Centre.

The FIFA World Cup 2026 is expected to draw thousands of international visitors to Canada, delivering substantial benefits for national and regional tourism.

While matches will be hosted in Toronto, communities like New Tecumseth are poised to welcome international visitors and bring tourism to the region.

“Being selected as Team Base Camp for the FIFA World Cup 2026 is a tremendous opportunity for New Tecumseth,” said New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross. “This global event will shine an international spotlight on our community and deliver meaningful economic and tourism benefits that extend well beyond the tournament.”

As part of this global event, the Nottawasaga Resort has been selected as a Team Base Camp, underscoring the quality of its accommodations, training amenities, and

overall visitor experience.

Team Panama will stay in New Tecumseth and prepare throughout their participation in the tournament, calling it home during the World Cup.

“The Nottawasaga Resort is honoured to be selected as a FIFA Team Base Camp for the World Cup 2026 and we are excited to welcome Team Panama,” said Sylvia Biffis, director of sales at the Nottawasaga Resort.

“As a unique resort with two world-class pitches directly on-site and extensive experience hosting previous World Cup and national teams, we look forward to providing a home away from base camp and top-notch pitches for Team Panama as they prepare to take on Ghana, Croatia and England.”

Located within easy reach of major transportation corridors and World Cup cities, New Tecumseth offers teams and fans a welcoming alternative to large urban centres.

Visitors can enjoy a more relaxed and authentic Canadian experience while remaining connected to tournament action across the region.

The presence of Team Panama is expected to generate increased interest in the area, encouraging visitors to explore New Tecumseth’s local restaurants, accommodations, recreation opportunities, and small businesses, while strengthening the Town’s reputation as



TEAM HOST – The Nottawasaga Resort is currently preparing its main soccer pitch for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. The resort will be hosting Team Panama during the competition.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

a destination capable of hosting world-class events.

“Hosting a FIFA World Cup team further positions New Tecumseth as a destina-

tion for future sporting events, group travel, and international tourism, leaving a lasting legacy well beyond 2026,” Mayor Norcross said.

NVCA’s annual Arbour Day Tree Sale returning to Tiffin Conservation Area early next month

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

If you have property that you would like to see deliver some shade, stabilize the ground, or just beautify your surroundings, the Nottawasaga Conservation Authority’s annual Arbour Day Tree Sale will be the place to find a variety of different bareroot tree and shrub seedlings.

The annual tree sale will take place at the Tiffin Conservation Area in Utopia.

There will be a variety of trees available to choose from.

These include White Pine, Red Pine, White Spruce, Norway Spruce, White Cedar, Tamarack, European Larch, Red Oak, Bur Oak, and Bitternut Hickory.

Also included are Silver Maple, Sugar Maple, Black Walnut, Black Cherry, Nannyberry, and Red Osier Dogwood.

Tree availability is first-come, first-served, and cannot be reserved.

The best way to care for your new seedlings is to plant them right away when you bring them home.

For best results, do not open storage bags until you are ready to plant. Reseal partially

used storage bands as quickly as possible.

Load planting pails in the shade and out of the wind, and place seedlings quickly into the planting pail.

Do not prune roots, especially if you see new white root tips.

Place seedlings in an upright position and pack loosely so the removal will not damage the tender roots.

If you can’t plant your seedlings right away, take precautions while storing them.

Store the seedlings in a cool, shaded area and water frequently with fresh water to achieve the best results.

Provide good ventilation and avoid placing seedlings in direct sunlight, standing water, or low-lying frost pockets.

Do not open the storage bags until you are ready to plant.

Ideally, plant the trees within five days of purchase for the best results.

NVCA provides professional tree-planting services for property owners in the Nottawasaga Watershed with over two acres of planting space.

Properties with over 4.5 hectares (11 acres) in size may be eligible for the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program.

At the Arbour Day Tree Sale, trees and shrubs are sold in bundles of 10 for \$40 each.

The NVCA Arbour Day sale will take place

on Saturday, May 9, at the Tiffin Conservation Area, located at 8195 8th Line, Utopia, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Funds raised support the NVCA.

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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

"The window to the world can be covered by a newspaper."

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Don't worry – it's paid for

Throughout history, Western societies have always understood that sometimes people experience hardships beyond their control.

A person could become sick and unable to work, or an injury could prevent them from doing their job and earning a living.

If the breadwinner of a family died suddenly through disease or accident, a young widow with children could find herself in a desperate situation.

Older people who had completed their life's work could be vulnerable, alone, and in need of help.

Even during medieval times, cities and small towns across Europe organized a type of community chest that was used to help the vulnerable and people in need.

I emphasize Western society because in certain societies in other parts of the world, it was easier to throw a widow on her husband's funeral pyre and kill her rather than use resources to keep her alive. In some historical circumstances, the old and weak were dragged off to a field and left to die so their family members wouldn't be burdened with helping them.

The concept of a type of welfare system is not new. However, a community chest or welfare system was in place to help people temporarily when they really

needed assistance.

Those community chests were not designed to support able-bodied people who were lazy.

The modern Canadian welfare system began in the 1930s and expanded significantly in the 1960s.

There is a lot of good that comes from this system.

I don't think any kid should go to bed hungry because their caregiver doesn't have money for food, or go without health care because they can't afford a vaccination to prevent measles.

However, modern welfare systems seem to have lost the idea of helping the vulnerable, and started doling out money – taxpayer money – to anyone who wants it.

The Canadian system doesn't seem to be as mismanaged as some other countries.

There was a rather famous case in the UK where a Pakistani immigrant demanded – not asked for – but demanded a free larger new home, because his wife had just given birth to their sixth child and they needed more room.

The man hasn't worked a day in his life and lives free on welfare, courtesy of the British taxpayers.

Not surprisingly, the local response

from taxpayers was not sympathetic. Most people suggested the man try getting a job to support the family he was raising – just like everyone else.

I was at a local football game a couple of years ago and standing next to relatives from the visiting team from Mississauga.

The group of five or six younger people was all excited about going out and partying that night, because they had all just received their public assistance cheques in the mail.

There is no reason a young, able-bodied person should be receiving welfare paid for by the rest of us.

If government agencies can coordinate welfare payments, the same agency can coordinate with employers to find people jobs to support themselves.

I visited a local manufacturing company not too long ago. They were desperately trying to find employees.

At the same time, there is a local public parking area where people sleep in their cars. There is a very simple solution for both problems here, and it doesn't take a genius to figure it out.

There is a theory from several lobby groups that generational welfare is a simple but effective government solution for controlling the population.

The theory is that if you give people

just enough money to get by every month, they will toe the line to keep receiving those funds, because if they don't, they will be cut off and actually be forced to find money somewhere else.

There's a lot of merit to that theory. What better way is there to control people than financially?

I don't understand how a person can raise a family and remain on welfare.

A job gives you a reason to get up in the morning, and it provides a level of self-respect knowing you earned the money to feed the children you brought into the world.

Now there are suggestions of creating a 'guaranteed income' system, where people receive more taxpayers' money for simply being on the planet.

That's a perfect way to weaken society.

Sooner or later, and judging by the amount of debt the federal government has incurred, it's going to be sooner, they will run out of other people's money to spend.

This country wasn't built by people who relied on government money.

It was built by strong people who knew the value of work and what it accomplishes.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Youth isn't wasted on the young

It's often said that youth is wasted on the young.

Nobody knows for sure exactly who coined the phrase. Variations of it are attributed to such writers and wits as George Bernard Shaw and Oscar Wilde, but as far as my research – and that of others – can tell, there is no agreed-upon first instance of it hitting our public consciousness.

"Youth is the most beautiful thing in this world – and what a pity that it has to be wasted on children!" is one oh-so-close comment attributed to Shaw.

If the adage can indeed be attributed to Shaw, evidently it took hold, as it seems the quote was inextricably considered part of his long list of linguistic contributions while he was still active, writing, and coming up with more turns of phrase that continue to turn heads.

But, as far as phrases go, does it really hold water?

People of my own generation might have a unique perspective on the matter.

I was born in 1985, and there seems to

be a disagreement on whether that puts me in the company of Generation X or the Millennials. Some sources define Gen X as pertaining to those born between 1965 and 1980, immediately following the Baby Boomer generation. Others define it as people born between 1976 and 1985, while the Millennial era is variously plotted as 1981 – 1996, or more narrowly 1990 – 1998.

In hindsight, not only were us 1985 babies in-betweeners, perhaps being able to navigate our way around some of the more negative perceptions of each book-ending generations of Gen Z and Millennial, but we were – and, one supposes, are – subject to constantly moving goal posts on just what constitutes "youth."

Not too long ago, "youth" pertained to anyone 18-and-under, with some variations depending on your geographic location, widening the window to 19-and-under and 21-and-under. Shortly thereafter, "youth" was extended to those 25-and-under, with tributes to, for instance, Top 25 Under 25 lists in your field of choice com-

ing into the fore.

I thought we'd topped out at 25 for a few years until I went on a mission to secure a ticket to a very important event in Ottawa about 15 years ago and was astonished that their cut-off for "youth" tickets reached all the way to the thirtysomethings. An apparently arbitrary thirty-one, to be exact. I thought that was kind of a stretch, personally, but being 26-ish at the time, I wasn't going to argue with a \$40 discount. When a similar event took place last year, I was surprised the youth cut-off had been extended to a whopping 37.

Overshooting that goal post by a year-and-a-half may or may not have sparked a minor existential crisis in me, but I was buoyed a resurgence in Top 40 Under 40 events – not so much now in by forty-first year, but I'm sure the goal posts will be moved again, potentially by those who insist that fifty is the new forty – usually those who have crossed the half-century mark.

Regardless of how it's defined, National Youth Week starts on Friday and I'm glad

to see that many of our communities have stepped up with programs designed to engage and inspire youth while keeping them active and creative at the same time.

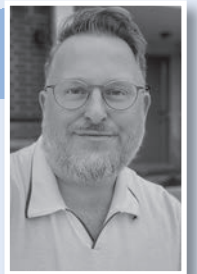
In Aurora, for instance, which defines "youth" as far as programming is concerned as between the ages of 12 and 17, is hitting the ground running, opening the week with a flag-raising ceremony and live music into the evening, followed by six days of events ranging from sports drop-ins and craft activities.

In fact, the celebration of youth is not limited to Youth Week itself.

The party will be extended through May 13 with the Town's annual Youth Innovation Fair, always a favourite event to attend, as students from across York Region converge on the community with ideas simple and elaborate to improve our future in some way.

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Stevenson Memorial Hospital launches Emergency Department Rapid Assessment Zone

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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Stevenson Memorial Hospital has announced the official launch of its new Rapid Assessment Zone (RAZ) in the Emergency Department.

The RAZ is a designated area within the emergency department designed to reduce wait times for patients with minor ailments or less critical needs.

The hospital has evaluated the effectiveness of the RAZ approach over the past several weeks and is excited to launch it full-time.

The RAZ will operate in the emergency department from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week.

“We are offering the Rapid Assessment

Zone to expedite care for patients with minor ailments, so that they can receive the care they need and return home sooner,” said Dr. Oswaldo Ramirez, chief of the emergency department. “We have created the RAZ for our community to access safe, high-quality care, quickly and efficiently.”

The RAZ is an area in the emergency department designed to assess and treat patients with less critical conditions, such as sprains, cough and cold, sore throat and upper respiratory needs, cuts requiring stitches, and earache/infection.

Emergency department patients will continue to check in with Triage upon arrival, where a member of the hospital’s care team will assess eligibility for the RAZ.

“It may be required of patients to return to the waiting area after being seen and

treated if awaiting test results,” explained Dr. Ramirez. “This approach allows us to continue seeing other patients in a timely manner and ensures that care is delivered as efficiently as possible, while supporting our commitment to providing the right care, in the right place, at the right time.”

This initiative supports SMH’s goals of meeting the needs of the growing community and enhancing the overall patient experience in the emergency department.

REDUCING TIMES – Stevenson Memorial Hospital has launched a new Rapid Assessment Zone in its Emergency Department. The new program will help reduce wait times for those experiencing minor ailments or less critical needs.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Town proposed growth

After reading last week’s proposed growth plan from our elected officials, I was left shaking my head at the proposal’s lunacy. I understand “some” growth is necessary; however, the two-stage development plan of 1,874 homes and 3,700 homes is utterly unreasonable for concerns I will be outlining... to just name a few...

My concerns are especially for Tottenham, Colgen and Beeton.

My first concern is the lack of decent water in the Tottenham area; our water is still not free of high levels of trihalomethanes. This has not yet been completely taken care of. These levels have historically exceeded Health Canada guidelines, sparking significant long-term community

concern over potential links to cancer and reproductive issues. Further, drilling in Colgen from the latest development has caused local wells to run dry.

Traffic is another major issue: roads are not designed to withstand the proposed traffic flow, both structurally and in terms of lane capacity. It is congested and dangerous enough already, with the apparent disregard for road signage and not enough police presence to enforce. There would be just far too many people crammed into a small area, by far losing our town’s charm, creating another Barrie, and I’m sure most people do not want that congestion.

More concerns are all we have here in

Tottenham. Anyhow, there are numerous vape/pot shops and hairdressers. We can’t even purchase a pair of underwear! Our stores are not set up to feed or clothe excess people, and basically nothing even stays open past 10 p.m., if open at all, with a few exceptions. We have no buses here in Tottenham, nor a taxi service. I understand there are some Uber users, but not enough to support this proposal. This leads to problems, as kids have no employment here in town or the ability to reach bordering towns due to this lack.

Our schools are another issue. There’s just not enough room for this potential development, from preschool to high school.

Sports is another huge issue. The ball diamonds are all spoken for and are pretty much at their total capacity. Some of our senior ball players are being forced to play past 11 p.m. in order to support the younger players. Nothing’s being done to help

this, and 11 p.m. is pretty late to be playing ball. We only have one recreation centre, and from what I understand, it’s pretty much always in use.

This boils down to corporate greed – monster cookie-cutter homes that are far overpriced for the average family – how’s this helping the housing crisis if affordability is out of the question?

These are all things that should be thought out and considered before even fathoming such a proposal. This would encompass beautiful landscapes into congestion, of both people and cars, car dependency, and habitat loss (as is what happened in Beeton). This is a travesty. Noise, car, and light pollution would also increase, not making our beautiful, serene environment a healthy place to live.

Susan Conforti
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Arts & Local Events

Exploring a mystery in theatre's production of 'Colours in the Storm'

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

It was 1917 when Canadian artist Tom Thomson died under unusual circumstances on a lake in Algonquin Park.

Since then, his life and his work have been celebrated, examined, and shrouded in mystery.

The final few years of his life in Algonquin are explored in The South Simcoe Theatre's musical production of *Colours in the Storm*.

Written by Jim Betts, produced by Judi Erickson, directed by Jason Silzer, with musical direction by Suu Taylor, *Colours in the Storm* is an all-Canadian production that features Mark Ross in the title role as Tom Thomson.

As Thomson arrives in Algonquin for the first time, the locals are amused by his seeming lack of experience in a canoe. Coming from the city, he is new to the rustic ways of the small community in Algonquin.

This is a large cast of 12, who create the people in this small village where Thomson has arrived to paint the scenery. As he becomes involved with the locals, some view him as an artistic genius, while others don't seem to be impressed by a man whose purpose for being there is just to paint.

Over the years, his arrival creates jealousy, intrigue, and a little romance.

Director Jason Silzer explained that casting

the roles for this production wasn't difficult, as many actors are eager to travel a distance to be part of a musical, and there is a large pool of talent in the region.

"I actually read this play several years ago, so I was already familiar with the material," Silzer explained. "Musicals are chaos in a bottle. There are so many more things happening in a musical. Musicals are also much more collaborative – you're doing so much more, they tend to be longer, and of course you have all the music and choreography as well as you still have to act your way through it."

Silzer continued, "For this show we were able to find the talent. I think that people who enjoy doing musical theatre will travel farther for it. There's something about it that makes them want to go to different places. If the material is good, you will get the people coming out. We did have to do a couple of rounds of auditions, but we found the right people."

The production features an interesting historical story, with plenty of songs performed by a talented cast.

Rounding out the cast are Hanh Nguyen in the role of Wild Mary, John Palmer as Dr. James MacCullum, Larissa Stevenson as Annie Fraser/Alice Lambert, Taylor Ballantyne as Winnie Trainor, Benjamin Canedo as Larry Dixon, Thomas Faulkner as Mark Robinson, Ann Johnston as Frances McGillvray, Dave Kouhi as Hugh Trainor/Lawren Harris,



PAINTED LEGACY – The South Simcoe Theatre explores the life of legendary Canadian painter Tom Thomson in its production of *Colours in the Storm*, now on stage at its Cookstown location. This musical is set between 1915 and 1917, when Thomson explored and painted Algonquin Park in Northern Ontario.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

Rebecca Kratky as Marie Trainor, Aaron Maynard as Martin Bletcher, and Colton McClune as Shannon Fraser,

Colours in the Storm is on The South Sim-

coe Theatre stage through to May 10, 2026, on Fridays and Saturdays with a Sunday matinee.

For tickets, visit TheSouthSimcoeTheatre.com.

Earthfest 2026 in New Tecumseth to feature a week of fun, learning and sustainable action

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The Town of New Tecumseth is inviting residents to take part in Earthfest 2026.

This is a week-long series of sustainability-focused events running from April 27 to May 2.

Earthfest Week will feature activities across the community, including educational opportunities and family-friendly programming.

The week will conclude with a celebra-

tion at Town Hall on May 2.

"Earthfest is an opportunity for our community to come together and learn practical ways to care for the environment," said New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross. "Small, everyday actions can make a meaningful difference when we take them together."

Throughout the week, residents are encouraged to try one new sustainable habit each day, such as reducing waste, saving energy, choosing active transportation, or supporting local and sustainable options.

Highlights of Earthfest 2026 include a free movie night, hands-on activities, expert speakers, and opportunities to connect with local environmental organizations.

On April 29, residents are invited to a free screening of *Just Eat It – A Food Waste Story* at the Circle Theatre in Alliston from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

This award-winning Canadian documentary explores food waste across the supply chain and in households, followed by a panel discussion with representatives from

Second Harvest, Simcoe County Waste Management, and Taqueria El Norte.

The main Earthfest celebration will take place on Saturday, May 2, at Town Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will feature a keynote speaker series, interactive demonstrations, a repair café, bike programming, an electric vehicle demonstration, and a sustainability-focused fair.

Earthfest reflects the Town's ongoing commitment to environmental responsibility and community sustainability.





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If you drive, you need to have proper insurance coverage to be on the road in Ontario.

Your insurance will have you covered for damage to your vehicle, liability, and needed medical and related services if an accident occurs.

The Government of Ontario is enacting changes to some currently mandatory coverage in order to allow insurance companies to offer cheaper coverage to consumers.

As a driver, you should be aware of the changes in mandatory coverage and what it could mean for you if you opt for a policy with fewer benefits.

A cheaper rate of insurance may sound like a good way to save a few dollars, however, if you do have an accident, your reduced coverage may leave you with significant costs related to post-accident recovery.

As of July 1, 2026, there will be significant amendments to Ontario's automobile insurance system.

There will be a fundamental shift to the Statutory Accident Benefits schedule, and in the event of a motor vehicle collision, there will be changes that reshape how accident victims are able to access support.

Currently, all automobile insurance policies in Ontario include a standard package of accident benefits covering everything from income replacement and caregiving to funeral expenses.

The new rules will allow consumers to opt out of some coverage. The list of mandatory benefits that will change includes medical, rehabilitation and attendant care, caregiver benefits, non-earner and income replacement benefits, housekeeping and home maintenance expenses, and death and funeral benefits.

Beginning in 2026, only medical, rehabilitation, and attendant care benefits will remain mandatory. Everything else will become optional.

For these benefits to be part of your policy, they must be specifically selected and purchased. This means that the new insurance system requires you to opt-in, rather than opt out.

If you choose to opt out of certain benefits in order to save money, you may be placing yourself in a bad situation if an accident does occur.

If you are ever involved in a motor vehicle collision and are seriously injured, you may be unable to work, take care of yourself, and maintain the upkeep of your property. Optional benefits such as income replacement or housekeeping will no longer be included in your policy unless they are expressly selected.

It should be noted that the 'catastrophic' designation in policies will no longer be required. This means the person injured will more easily be able to access benefits – as long as the optional coverage was purchased.

Pedestrians, cyclists, and passengers without their own insurance policies are already at risk on the roads. With the new amendments, they will face an even greater risk as they may not have access to support through the Statutory Accident Benefits Schedule.

Before the changes to insurance take place on July 1, you should review your current automobile insurance policy to know what is covered, and what is not covered.

Speak to your insurance broker or insurer to learn about the addition of optional benefits to match your needs and the needs of your family.

By being an informed consumer, you can find the right insurance coverage and make sure you won't pay a higher price later after trying to save a few dollars on your insurance coverage.

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4 signs it's time to replace your tires

Inflation has been a hot topic for several years, as the cost of everything from groceries to gas to housing has increased considerably since 2019.

Cars are no exception to that phenomenon, and anyone who has purchased a new car over the last half decade likely experienced some sticker shock when they started their search for a new vehicle. Data from Kelley Blue Book indicates the average cost of a new car was \$37,590 in 2019. By 2023, the average cost had risen to \$47,899. That marks an increase of more than 27 percent in a four-year period.

Cars are indeed a significant investment, which underscores the importance of vehicle maintenance. Maintenance is more than just tending to what's under the hood. Tires also require drivers' attention, as aging, damaged tires pose a safety risk that also compromise vehicle performance. Tires are easily overlooked, but the following are four signs tires need to be replaced.

1. WORN TREAD

The automotive experts at AutoZone® note that tread depth is the most prevalent indicator that a tire needs to be replaced. AutoZone® notes that tread depth should always be at least 2/32 of an inch throughout the tire. Depth should be measured across the tread and around the circumference. If the tread is at or below 2/32 of an inch, the tire should be replaced.

2. BULGES, GOUGES OR CRACKS

Geico® notes that a deflated tire bulges at the sides, and that can compromise the safety of everyone in the vehicle. AutoZone® says bulges occur when air gets between the inner liner and outer rubber layers, which can happen after hitting a curb or driving over a sizable pothole. A gouge or cut that is deeper than the outer layer of the tire also necessitates replacement.



3. POOR GRIP

Drivers may be able to feel certain tire problems, including poor grip, while driving. In such instances, tires may feel as though they are slipping. The tire experts at Firestone note that low tread can reduce tire traction and cause wheels to slip, which may be more noticeable when accelerating from a stop or driving on wet roads. Drivers who feel their tires are slipping can test the tread and replace tires that are low.

4. VIBRATION

Vibration is another issue drivers may feel rather than see. And identifying the cause requires noting

where the vibrations are felt. Geico® notes that a feeling of vibration or thumping that feels like it's coming from under the seats may indicate the tires are not balanced. A suspension issue could be to blame if the steering wheel feels like it's vibrating. Either feeling should be brought to the attention of a mechanic immediately.

Tire issues affect vehicle performance and compromise the safety of drivers, their passengers and fellow motorists. When vehicles are not performing at peak capacity, drivers should not overlook various tire issues as a potential cause of such troubles.

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oils. Though each vehicle manufacturer is different and drivers are urged to consult their owner's manuals regarding synthetic oil change interval recommendations, it's not uncommon for modern vehicles to range between 5,000 and 7,000 miles before they need an oil change. Some synthetic oil manufacturers even note their products can last more than 10,000 miles.

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Prepare now and be road trip-ready

The allure of the open road compels millions of people to get behind the wheel and set off in the direction of new horizons every year. A freedom of adventure is an inherent trait of road trips, and these excursions can be incredible ways to explore the sights. But vehicle preparation is important before taking to the open road.

Vehicle breakdowns can derail a road trip quite quickly. Breakdowns can be costly and are always inconvenient. According to AAA, tire-related issues consistently rank among the top reasons for roadside assistance calls. AAA data also shows battery-related issues account for a significant portion of roadside calls. Here are some key areas to address when preparing a vehicle for a road trip.

• **TIRES, TIRES, TIRES**

Incorrect tire pressure can affect fuel efficiency and handling. Ensure tires are inflated to the correct PSI as indicated in the driver's side door jamb or in the vehicle's owner's manual. Inspect the tread depth on all tires to ensure it is adequate, and also look for any tire damage like cracks, embedded objects or bulges. While you're checking the tires, make sure the spare is inflated and in good condition.

• **BATTERY LIFE**

Many automotive centers offer free battery testing. If the battery is between three and five years old,

consider having it checked or replaced. Use a wire brush to clean battery terminals of corrosion.

• **UNDER THE HOOD**

If a road trip is close to the next oil change, do it before leaving. Ensure that all coolant levels are correct, and that the brake fluid isn't low. Transmission fluid and power steering fluid also should be checked. Refill the wiper fluid reservoir to maintain visibility on the trip.

• **BELTS AND HOSES**

Inspect the belts for cracks and fraying. Check the hoses for leaks and bulges.

• **BRAKES**

Brakes are the primary safety system. If the brakes squeal, grind or pulse when you are braking, they may need to be replaced. The same can be said if a visual brake pad inspection indicates the pads are thinning.

• **ESSENTIALS KIT**

Even with the best preparation, unexpected issues can happen on road trips. That's why it's a good idea to have a kit stocked with jumper cables, a portable air compressor to fill tires, first-aid kit, flashlight with extra batteries, basic tools, flares, water, and non-perishable snacks. A blanket or warm cloth-

ing or reflective vest also is helpful.

• **DOCUMENTATION**

Don't leave home without a driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance. If you are part of a roadside assistance program, keep the contact information and member number handy. While GPS tools on phones and other devices are very efficient, they're only as good as the cellular signal. Paper maps or printed directions are a backup for GPS.

A successful road trip starts with preparation. Ensuring the car or truck is road-ready is very important.



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Splash pads and Tottenham Conservation Area opens soon

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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As summer approaches, there are plenty of ways to stay cool and have some fun during the warmer weather.

Beginning on May 15, the Town of New Tecumseth's four splash pads will be open. The water jets and fountains are a fun way to cool off and enjoy an afternoon.

Remember to bring your sunscreen and water shoes.

Also beginning on May 15, the Tottenham Conservation Area will be open to visitors from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. This includes the Conservation Area beach.

To be safe, you should check with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit beach rating during the summer months before your visit.

The Health Unit regularly tests water at beaches across the region and will post warnings about water quality if necessary.

In addition to swimming, you can bring your canoe or pedal boat to explore the Con-

servation Area pond.

There is also a popular 18-hole disc golf course with disc rentals available.

Keep in mind that the disc golf course will be closed during the Tottenham Bluegrass Festival and the Canada Day long weekend due to increased park visitor numbers.

The outdoor Rotary Pool in Riverdale Park, Alliston, will be open from June 29 to Aug. 31, offering a range of programs and drop-in sessions.

You can take swimming lessons, join a class, or enjoy a leisurely swim.

There will be plenty of things to do this summer around town, so make the best of the season.

SUMMER FUN – The Town of New Tecumseth has announced that the four splash pads in town will open on May 15. The Tottenham Conservation Area will open on the same day. The Conservation Area offers many fun activities, including the pond, beach and disc golf.

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Orientation session for enrolling children in kindergarten coming to New Tecumseth schools

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is soon holding school orientation sessions for parents looking to enroll their children in kindergarten.

These sessions are held as an important connection point for parents as their children get ready to start school.

They provide families with the opportunity to engage with their school community. Future kindergarten students and their parents or guardians meet educators and community partners, find out what and how they will learn

in Kindergarten, and get an introduction to their school community.

Locally, sessions will be held at the following locations:

- Tecumseth South Central Public School on May 20 at 4:30 p.m.
- Tottenham Public School on May 28 at 4:30 p.m.
- Boyne River Public School on May 28 at 4:30 p.m.
- Tecumseth Beeton Elementary School on May 28 at 4:30 p.m.

- Alliston Union Public School on June 4 at 4:30 p.m.
- Ernest Cumberland Elementary School on June 4 at 5 p.m.

Anyone with a child who is turning four in 2026 that has not yet registered for school can register now, and attend their school's Kindergarten orientation in May or June.

Details on registration and required documents can be found on the Kindergarten page on the SCDSB website or by calling your local school.



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Schmalz Cup Junior C finalists will be decided later this week

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The final two teams playing for this year's 2026 Junior Provincial Schmalz Cup will be decided this week as the semi-finals wrap up.

The Fergus Whalers have already clinched their semi-final series and will be going to the cup.

Fergus emerged as a powerhouse team this season after finishing in first place in the North Pollock division with a 14-point lead over the second-place Hanover Barons.

The Whalers got a bye in the first round of the playoffs as the winning team in a seven-team lineup.

They went on to sweep the Kincardine Bulldogs in four games in the division semi-

finals, then eliminated the Hanover Barons in five games to win the division title.

In the Conference finals, Fergus dispatched the North Carruthers champion Stayner Siskins in a series that went just four games.

This sent them up to meet the Frankford Huskies in the semi-final round of the Schmalz Cup playoffs.

The Huskies were a come-from-behind team this year. They finished in second place in the East Tod Division with a 30-12 record, then advanced through the division and conference championships to earn the right to meet the Whalers in the semi-final.

In the Schmalz Cup semi-final, the Whalers won the series in five games, with the final game being played on Fergus' home ice on Sunday, April 26.

They will be going to the Schmalz Cup championship.

In the other Schmalz Cup semi-final series, the Tavistock Braves are leading the Lakeshore Canadiens 3-1.

This was a bit of a surprise, as Lakeshore also has a powerhouse team reputation.

Both teams finished in second place in their divisions in the regular season.

Tavistock went undefeated in the first two rounds of the division playoffs.

They eliminated the Dundas Blues in five games in the Conference finals.

The Canadiens won their first division series in four games, but had a tougher time in the second round when their division semi-final against the Blehneim Blades went the full seven games.

Lakeshore's division championship series

against the Essex 73s also went the full seven games.

During the West Conference final series, Lakeshore hammered the Mt. Brydges Bulldogs with a dominant performance, winning the series in four games.

In the Schmalz Cup semi-final between the Canadiens and the Braves, the Lakeshore team won Game 1 of the series, 3-2.

The Braves took over and have now come out on top in the next three games to lead the series 3-1.

That series was scheduled to have three games over three nights this week to finish it.

Results were not available at press time.

Dates for the provincial Schmalz Cup championships series have not yet been announced.



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New Tecumseth's temporary patio program open for the summer

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The Town of New Tecumseth's Temporary Restaurant Patio Program will again be offered in 2026, providing local restaurants with the opportunity to establish or expand patio spaces for the upcoming season.

The program allows restaurants to take advantage of warmer weather while offering

safe, welcoming outdoor dining areas for customers.

Applications for the program are now open, with patios permitted to be installed and operated from April 15 through to Nov. 15, upon approval.

The Temporary Restaurant Patio Program supports local businesses while enhancing vibrant, active downtowns across New Tecumseth through the patio season.

It should be noted that downtown Alliston businesses applying for the Outdoor Patio Program will be affected by the 2026 Victoria Street Resurfacing Project.

The timing and duration of any required temporary removal will be confirmed by the Town's Contract Maintenance and Support Service Group. No work is anticipated to occur between Aug. 12 and Sept. 4.

In the event that the anticipated timeframe

for the work is altered or extended, the Town will advise the owner of the extension in advance, where reasonably practicable.

If you have any questions concerning this project, contact the Public Works team at publicworks@newtecumseth.ca.

Restaurants interested in participating in the Temporary Restaurant Patio Program can review program requirements and submit an application at: newtecumseth.ca/PatioProgram

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit issues drug alert after increase in related deaths

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The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has issued an emergency drug alert regarding unregulated substances in the region.

The Health Unit is tracking an increasing trend of suspected drug poisoning deaths and drug-related emergency department visits over the past three weeks.

A current street supply of unregulated substances could be deadly.

Details on the substance are not available,

but it is believed to be a form of fentanyl that is mixed with 'Tranq' and/or 'Benzos.'

Toronto Drug Checking Services is reporting new opioids and fentanyl analogues in the supply.

This supply of drugs is believed to have resulted in the increasing trend of deaths and overdoses.

Opioids are drugs used to help manage pain, from a broken bone to long-term illness. Doctors may prescribe them for short-term or chronic pain.

Opioids are drugs that also slow down the

brain, especially the part that controls breathing.

If someone takes too much or mixes opioids with other substances, their breathing can stop. Without help, this can lead to death.

This kind of emergency is called opioid poisoning, and it's happening in communities across Simcoe Muskoka.

The first line of defence to avoid an overdose is not to use unregulated substances.

If you do use unregulated substances, you should carry and know how to use Naloxone.

Naloxone can reverse opioid poisoning tem-

porarily. It helps restore normal breathing for a short period of time and gives someone more time until help arrives.

To help with the issue, residents should be aware of the signs of drug poisoning. This includes a person who can't be woken and has slow or stopped breathing. The person may be making snoring or gurgling sounds, may be limp, and the fingernails and lips may have turned blue, purple, or grey. They may also have tiny pupils or their eyes rolled back.

If you are with someone who appears to have overdosed, call 9-1-1.

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Brock's Banter: Youth isn't wasted on the young

In Caledon, regular youth programs will continue as usual during Youth Week with drop-in games, activities and more at both Southfields Community Centre and the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness.

There is certainly no shortage of things to do, but I can't help but think there is a missed opportunity in here somewhere.

The start of Youth Week 2026 coincides

with the first day residents look for the chance to represent their communities at the municipal level, whether they're seeking the top job of Mayor, any number of Council positions, or even education trustee roles.

What a golden opportunity to encourage youth to get involved with their communities at the civic level, learn about each position's meaning, and, if they meet the age require-

ments, consider putting themselves forward for contention.

As the Youth Innovation Fair reminds us each year, younger citizens have no shortage of ideas on how to improve the world in which we all live and, by the very existence of these ideas, they prove time and time again that they have their fingers on the pulse on the issues that matter to them and their peers – which are, more often than not, the same issues that matter to the community as a whole.

Yet, rare are the times when people who might fall under the myriad definitions of youth offered above feel encouraged to step forward and bring their ideas to a wider arena, and some might even be actively discouraged due to some vague idea that certain life experiences need to be had before they even consider trying to bring their voice to the proverbial table.

Councils should ideally reflect the community they serve, and that includes all eligible voices 18 and above, and the voices of youth, middle-agers and seniors are all relevant and

due consideration.

It might be simply a matter of encouragement.

To all those considering putting their names forward for the first time this week through the close of municipal candidate registration in August, congratulations! You're making a bold step. You see a place where you can have an impact, make a difference, and represent your neighbours. Politics is not for the faint-hearted, particularly in this extremely polarized and often (sadly) combative political environment we're unfortunately enduring at the moment.

To go the distance, you'll need the courage of your convictions and a certain thickness of skin, if you haven't developed that already – those factors will serve you well.

But, above all, it takes courage and compassion not only to identify where things can be improved or further, but to put yourselves up front to help foster a better future.

Kudos to all of you, and make sure there's space at the table.

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Fraudulent licence plates discovered during traffic stop, multiple charges laid

On April 15, at approximately 2 p.m., while on proactive patrol, an officer with the South Simcoe Police Service conducted a traffic stop on Bridge Street in Bradford West Gwillimbury after observing a vehicle displaying a licence plate violation and tinted licence plate cover.

During the initial investigation, the driver presented the plates as legitimate and was cooperative with police.

As a result of the traffic stop, the driver, a 42-year-old male from Beaverton was charged with multiple offences under the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) and the Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act, including:

- Owner operate motor vehicle no insurance
- Drive no licence
- Use plate not authorized for vehicle
- Fail to apply for permit on becoming owner
- Drive motor vehicle no currently valid permit

The licence plates were seized at the scene. The accused was permitted to remove the vehicle from the roadway and arrange for it to be towed.

Subsequently, the licence plates were reviewed by police and determined to be fraudulent replicas, matching a plate that had previously been registered to the prior owner of the vehicle. Officers were able to link the accused to the following incidents:

- Fail-to-remain collision in Durham Region from April 2025
- Unpaid offence notices for a licence plate no longer in their possession from January 2026 in Bradford

Through further investigation, officers determined that approximately three hours after the initial traffic stop on April 15, the same accused knowingly returned to the vehicle and operated it again using licence plates removed from another vehicle.

As a result, on April 16, South Simcoe Police arrested the accused and laid additional criminal charges, including:

- Utter Forged Document – Criminal Code s. 368
- Identity Fraud – Criminal Code s. 403
- Fraud Under \$5,000 – Criminal Code s. 380(1)(b)

An additional set of provincial charges were laid in relation to the accused operating the vehicle after the initial stop:

- Owner operate motor vehicle no insurance
- Drive no licence
- Use plate not authorized for vehicle
- Fail to apply for permit on becoming owner
- Owner operate motor vehicle no insurance – in relation to the April 2025 collision in Durham Region

The accused was released from custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario

Court of Justice in July 2026.

South Simcoe Police remind all motorists that all vehicle ownership and registration requirements must be properly completed. The use of fraudulent or unauthorized licence plates can escalate into criminal offences and may result in liability, fines, and enforcement actions being improperly directed at innocent individuals.

In this case, the vehicle was also equipped with a licence plate cover, which is prohibited in Ontario and often attracts additional police attention. Operating a vehicle after police intervention, particularly without insurance or proper registration poses a significant risk to public safety and will result in further enforcement action.

South Simcoe Police continue to proactively patrol our roadways, enforcing traffic laws to help ensure the safety and security of our communities and everyone using our roadways.

South Simcoe Police Service investigating vandalism at Innisfil religious site, public info sought

South Simcoe Police are requesting assistance from the public in relation to an act of vandalism which occurred at a religious establishment in Innisfil.

On April 10, at approximately 3:45 p.m., officers from the South Simcoe Police Service were dispatched to a report of property damage in the area of Innisfil Beach Road and Willard Avenue.

Through the investigation, officers determined that earlier the same day, at approxi-

mately 10:45 a.m., a lone male attended the location and used spray paint to damage the property. Police have obtained video footage from the surrounding area and are releasing the following images of the suspect in an appeal for public information.

The suspect is described as white male, between 50-60 years of age, with a grey beard. At the time of the incident, he was wearing a black baseball cap, a grey jacket displaying Canadian and American flags

on the left chest area, with an unknown logo on the left sleeve, black pants, and brown boots.

The suspect was operating a black Volkswagen Beetle equipped with silver spoked rims and a rear spoiler.

South Simcoe Police are actively investigating this incident, and it remains ongoing. Police are asking anyone who may have information to contact South Simcoe Police at 905-775-3311 ext. 1057 or email

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Investigators seeking witnesses of fatal collision

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are once again asking for the public's assistance in identifying any witnesses to the fatal motor vehicle collision in the Township of Mulmur.

On April 19, 2026, at approximately 1:30 p.m., a serious two-vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of County Road 17 and County Road 19 (Prince of Whales Road).

Investigators are particularly interested in speaking with anyone who may have witnessed the collision or who may have

dashcam footage from the area at the time of the incident.

Police can confirm that a two-year-old child who was transported to a Toronto-area trauma centre with life-threatening injuries is now in stable condition.

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Anyone with information or dashcam footage is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or report anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

Eight commercial motor vehicles charged by OPP

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) C Platoon, in partnership with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), continue to conduct commercial motor vehicle (CMV) safety enforcement initiatives throughout North Dufferin County.

On April 22, officers carried out a focused CMV enforcement initiative, completing a total of 32 inspections. As a result, eight vehicles were placed out of service and eight Provincial Offence Notices were issued.

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