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Banting Legacy Lives On

The Banting Homestead & Heritage Park reopened with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, July 14. The site had been closed to facilitate a new administrative staff from the town that will be taking over with an ongoing partnership with the Sir Frederick Banting Legacy Foundations. Local dignitaries cut the ribbon to officially open the facility. In attendance, from left, was Town of New Tecumseth General Manager of Community Services Chad Horan, CAO Neil Garbe, former town councillor Donna Jebb, Coun. Mark Biss, Coun. Shira Harrison McIntyre, Mayor Richard Norcross, Deputy Mayor Stephanie MacLellan, Coun. Nicole Cox, former mayor Mike MacEachern, Coun. Chris Rapin, and Adam Mobbs, the town's director of recreation, facilities, and culture. Read a full story on Page 3.

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Strong mayor powers enacted to approve official plan amendment

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Town of New Tecumseth's Official Plan Amendment 5 (OPA 5) has been approved after Mayor Richard Norcross invoked strong mayor powers during a town council meeting on Monday, July 13.

Under the province's strong mayor system, a vote requires the support of one-third of councillors, instead of a proper majority. The Monday night vote was tied at 5-5. Under normal procedures, that vote would have defeated the motion.

OPA 5 calls for significant growth in Alliston, including major employment land expansion, continued industrial development, and new transportation infrastructure.

Alliston is planned for around 41 per cent of new population growth, with over 15,000 new residents by 2051.

The plan for Beeton is a 21 per cent increase in population. That's around 7,500 new residents.

Tottenham is forecast to see around 4,950 new residents by 2051.

However, Tottenham will not see an increase in employment opportunities. The plan is for residential growth and more local commercial services.

Upon discussion, several councillors voiced their opinion on the amendment.

Several councillors referred to strong mayor powers as being "undemocratic" because they override a regular majority vote. Ward 6 Coun. Nicole Cox questioned the expansion of settlement boundaries beyond what is needed to accommodate forecasted growth.

"The majority of Alliston growth model makes the most sense," said Coun. Cox. "We saw what these projects could potentially give us 2,871 hectares of development in New Tecumseth. That's a significant amount of land. For this growth management study, we needed just under 500 hectares to accommodate the forecasted growth of approximately 35,000 residents. The recommendation before us today is just under 1,000 hectares. Why are we making permanent settlement boundary expansion decisions today before we know the full impact of the province's 2,871 hectare plan for our municipality?"

Ward 8 Coun. Andrea Jacks said the OPA 5 is about responsible growth.

"In principle, the decision to move forward with OPA 5, and why we need this planning now, is really about responsible

growth and providing policy framework and a toolkit for staff to use to help navigate the future growth, which I will remind everyone, is over 20 years," Coun. Jacks said.

Ward 1 Coun. Chris Rapin questioned the use of strong mayor powers and said that not having a regular vote based on majority support goes against the democratic process.

"The majority of Alliston growth model makes the most sense ... We saw what these projects could potentially give us 2,871 hectares of development in New Tecumseth. That's a significant amount of land."

Ward 6 Councillor Nicole Cox

He said strong mayor powers mean "we are not dictating our own growth, you, [the mayor] have taken that out of the equation."

Coun. Rapin went on to mention the mayor's campaign goals from 2022 and was critical of the mayor's performance since then.

"Our mayor wants an open and transparent council with common goals," Rapin said, quoting the mayor, "'Teamwork is the key to council's success.' Well good luck with strong mayors getting out there."

Deputy Mayor Stephanie MacLellan, who is running for mayor in the next election, criticized Norcross's use of strong mayor powers.

"Democracy is dying folks, and this is what it looks like," she said. "Approximately 4,400 decisions have been made by Ontario mayors using strong mayor powers, and around two per cent, less than 90 decisions, have actually resulted in housing units being built."

MacLellan continued, "Strong mayor powers are not doing what they are intended to do, also, they are wildly undemocratic. Using strong mayor powers today is unnecessary. This could have been added to our regular agenda, where every vote matters and the public can be involved and comment. Using strong mayor powers allows this to pass with only four votes in favour as opposed to a democratic majority of six.



STRONG POWERS – Mayor Norcross defended his position in invoking strong mayor powers at a recent council meeting.

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But I guess if you can't build consensus, you will just take it."

"Mayor Norcross, you have no mandate from the taxpaying residents of New Tecumseth to do this, and you do not have majority support from your council to do this either. Rescind this directive," she concluded.

Mayor Norcross defended his position, saying the directive is mandated by the province and that it is his responsibility as mayor to carry it out.

"I've always wanted all opinions, includ-

ing mine, to be heard," Mayor Norcross said. "We've had structured debate with members of our community and members of council. However, the writing is on the wall. The province is mandating this. I'm the mayor, I'm sitting here. I ask anyone else – what would you do? They [the province] are telling me, you will do this, you are going to make this happen."

The mayor gave several examples of the province overriding municipal decisions.

"They started getting rid of the school boards – their trustees are gone. County councillors – cut in half. They have removed elected officials from regional governments," he said.

The mayor went on to suggest that future amalgamation with nearby towns is possible.

"I never asked for these powers," Mayor Norcross said. "The provincial government has made it perfectly clear – make a decision, or we will make it for you."

The vote on the bylaw ended in a tie, with five in favour and five opposed.

With the strong mayor powers, Mayor Norcross only needed support from three other council members for it to pass.

Voting in support of the bylaw were Mayor Norcross, Ward 2 Coun. Wendy Gabrek, Ward 3 Coun. Paul Foster, Ward 4 Coun. Alan Masters, and Ward 8 Coun. Andrea Jacks.

Opposed were Deputy Mayor Stephanie MacLellan, Ward 1 Coun. Chris Rapin, Ward 5 Coun. Marc Biss, Ward 6 Coun. Nicole Cox and Ward 7 Coun. Shira Harrison McIntyre.

New Tecumseth mayor calls for balanced growth across Alliston, Beeton, and Tottenham

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

With the province announcing intentions for the Town of New Tecumseth to grow, there has been a lot of debate about where growth should, and should not, take place within Tottenham, Alliston and Beeton.

New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross released a statement regarding his position on the province's plan.

"My rationale has always been simple: if growth is being mandated by the province, New Tecumseth should be the one deciding how that growth is accommodated," said Mayor Norcross in his statement.

"OPA 5 gives us the opportunity to proactively plan for housing, jobs, infrastructure, and community services rather than

reacting to growth after the fact. While Alliston will continue to accommodate the majority of future growth, a balanced approach allows Beeton and Tottenham to share in that growth and the benefits that come with it."

The statement continued, "Growth is not just about new homes – it is about building the tax base needed to invest in the recreation facilities, parks, roads, programs, and services that our residents expect and deserve."

"By planning for growth across all three urban areas, we can support complete communities, spread municipal investment more effectively, and ensure New Tecumseth remains a great place to live for generations to come," the statement concluded.



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In accordance with the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, the 2025 Statement of Development Charge Reserve Funds and Project List is now available for public viewing on the Town's website at www.newtecumseth.ca. For further information, please contact the Finance department at (705) 435-3900 or by email at dc@newtecumseth.ca.

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Sir Frederick Banting Homestead & Heritage Park reopens

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Sir Frederick Banting was a Canadian medical scientist and physician. He is best known for co-discovering insulin in 1921 alongside his assistant Charles Best. It's a breakthrough that transformed diabetes from a frequently fatal disease into a manageable condition, saving millions of lives.

The Banting Homestead & Heritage Park reopened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, July 14, at the Sir Frederick Banting Road location in Alliston.

The location features a 1925 home built on the site of the original Banting residence, a visitors centre, a restored original octagonal drive shed, and a dairy barn that is currently not accessible.

Known as the birthplace of Sir Frederick Banting, members of the Banting family lived on the farmstead for over a century.

The last owner, Edward Banting, bequeathed the property to the Ontario Historical Society.

The Town of New Tecumseth bought the property from the Ontario Historical Society in June 2008.

With 107 acres, it was decided to restore the property, including the main house and the octagonal drive shed.

It was closed to facilitate the town's takeover of the property with assistance and an

ongoing partnership with the Sir Frederick Banting Legacy Foundation.

Offering tours of the property to visitors, the facility also functions as a diabetes management and education centre.

"Over the past several weeks, our team has been working to prepare the site," explained Adam Mobbs, Town of New Tecumseth Director of Recreation, Facilities, and Culture. "Earlier this month we welcomed members of the Recreation, Facilities, and Culture for a full tour of the homestead. During the visit, we walked through the site and shared the long-term vision that will guide the broader community programming opportunities. This re-opening presents more than a return to public access. It is the beginning of a renewed chapter in one of New Tecumseth's most meaningful cultural landmarks. The Homestead continues to be a place where history, innovation, and community intersect."

As the home of a person who changed the world and saved millions of lives through his discovery, Alliston is proud to carry on the legacy of Sir Frederick Banting.

"Over 100 years ago, insulin was discovered here," said New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross. "People like myself, I'm a diabetic, and there a millions of diabetics - insulin allows us to live a full and longer life. Here in New Tecumseth, this is where it all



BANTING HOMESTEAD – The Sir Frederick Banting Homestead & Heritage Park in Alliston has reopened to the public following a ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 14.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

happened. This is the birthplace of Sir Frederick Banting. Right here in Alliston, we are connected to one of the greatest discoveries of mankind."

Mayor Norcross acknowledged former

Town Councillor Donna Jebb, and former Mayor of New Tecumseth Mike MacEachern, for their involvement in the original plan for the Banting Homestead & Heritage Park.

Veterans First program launched by county with goal of ending veteran homelessness

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The County of Simcoe and the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH) have launched Veterans First – a program to end veteran homelessness in Simcoe County.

The program recognizes that those who served their country deserve stable housing and support when needed.

The Veterans First project is receiving \$465,000 over the next year from the Homelessness Reduction Innovation Fund. This is a \$45 million federal initiative led by CAEH to fund innovative projects that rapidly and measurably reduce homelessness in communities across the country.

The partnership between the County of Simcoe and the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness, supported by the Government of Canada, aims to end veteran homelessness by helping local Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP veterans experiencing homelessness move into and maintain permanent housing over the next 12 months.

"When Canadians answer the call to serve, they make extraordinary sacrifices on behalf of our country," said Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence. "Backed by a \$465,000 federal investment through the Homelessness Reduction Innovation Fund, the Veterans First initiative demonstrates what is possible when communities, organizations and governments work together to support veterans. We commend the County of Simcoe and the Canadian

Alliance to End Homelessness for their leadership and partnership in helping veterans access stable housing and the support they need to build brighter futures."

"We know this new program will deliver the critical support veterans need and have earned through their service to Canada"

Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke

Key components of this program include a dedicated team of intensive case managers to work with individual veterans, a landlord liaison to expand housing access, adaptive funding to remove barriers, and enhanced use of Quality By-Name Data to measure results in a timely manner and support the flow of veterans into housing.

Veterans will receive focused services, including trauma-informed care, benefit navigation, and community supports to ensure long-term housing stability and improved well-being. Case Managers will support the development of personalized service plans focused on achieving and maintaining housing, enhancing life skills, improving health and mental health outcomes, increasing income stability, fostering social inclusion, and con-

necting veterans to community and veteran-specific resources.

"We know this new program will deliver the critical support veterans need and have earned through their service to Canada," said Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke. "These

brave men and women put their communities and their country first. Now it is our responsibility to stand with them. This new Veterans First program reflects our commitment to helping our veterans with more supports when they need it the most."

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If you build it...

If you have been around long enough, you may remember the old TV show, WKRP in Cincinnati.

Maybe you have seen it in syndication because it has aged well, even though it only lasted four seasons.

I always thought it was a great show, with fun characters. It's hard to forget Doctor Johnny Fever, the aging hippie, Herb Tarlek, the belt and shoes matching sleazy salesman, Les Nessman, the befuddled reporter, and of course, 'The Big Guy' Mr. Carlson, who uttered the famous, still quoted line, "as God as my witness, I thought turkeys could fly."

Doctor Fever was a favourite character, a bit of a free spirit. He lost his previous radio hosting job for saying 'booger' on the air and found a job at radio station WKRP in Cincinnati, playing really horrible, easy-listening music.

The premise of the show was that the new program director, Andy Travis, arrived one day and suddenly turned the format into a rock n' roll radio station by telling the Doctor to play whatever he wanted to.

Doctor Fever was reborn with a new zest for life when he finally got to play the music he liked.

In one episode, Doctor Fever, who had

a good heart despite his wild living ways, was involved with a charity group of rich people who were going to donate in support of a local homeless men's shelter.

At the charity gala, Doctor Fever arrived with some of the men from the homeless shelter. The rich people were appalled at the sight of homeless people being in the same room with them.

The good Doctor asked them why they would be offended by meeting some of the very people that they had pledged to help?

I think the current 'affordable home' situation runs along the same lines. Everyone talks about it, but no one seems to really do anything about it.

Affordable housing, as it is called, has been in the news a lot over the past decade.

It was difficult to define the affordable housing that has been built.

There are six fairly new subdivisions developed or being built near where I live. Three of those developments are mostly single-family dwellings in the modern cookie-cutter fashion. Take your choice of three models, none of which come with an actual dining room!

Two of the subdivisions on the west side of town have large homes, although

on a small amount of land. Pretty much all are single-family dwellings. The homes on the south side average 3,000 to 5,000 square feet.

The sixth development is, again, almost entirely single-family homes. Although too close together as far as I'm concerned.

So where is the affordable housing? These homes are affordable if you are a person making a very good salary.

Although there are a lot of people with really expensive cars or big homes, who also have no money in the bank and are in such debt that they can't afford to go to a bowling alley for a game or go out for dinner on occasion.

It seems the province's answer to affordable housing is to jam as many people as possible into a square block.

I recently visited the Town of Ajax. What a nightmare that once nice town has become.

There are solid blocks of people living attached to one another in a mess of steel and concrete.

If a kid comes from a low-income family, does that mean he doesn't deserve to have a backyard?

There have been attempts to create 'affordable housing,' but, of course,

whenever government is involved, it goes wrong.

The 'projects' in New York were a huge attempt to create housing for low-income people. It produced dangerous ghettos. Other cities have largely demolished or greatly reduced the size of housing projects for that very reason.

A mid-size city in the Niagara Region just announced its first 'affordable housing' project. Yes, that's what they called it – a project.

Of course, everyone deserves a decent place to live. Some people work harder to achieve a goal and maybe have a nicer house.

Developers could choose to build some subdivisions with smaller, less expensive homes, but they aren't doing that because they won't make as much money.

The government trying to create low-income housing just won't work. It never has. It leaves people trapped in a place they don't want to be.

I'm still waiting to see the 'affordable housing', in terms of smaller, less expensive homes, because so far, it hasn't been happening – at least not where I live.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



A certain orange glow

Certain days in this office run at a breakneck pace.

Deadlines have to be met, last-minute changes and details need to be accommodated.

Then, once those proverbial and literal Ts are crossed and Is are dotted, it's a matter of trying to suss out anything else that might need adjustment before the fine details are set in the pulp-and-paper equivalent of stone.

When the task is done, there's a feeling of relief but the pace of the day can often wreak havoc on the internal clock, sometimes making it a bit difficult to wind down in the evening and restore one's personal bandwidth.

One way I've found to beat these odds is to incorporate as much outdoor time as I can into the day. It can be as simple as cracking the window next to your desk, going for a walk in nature when you can steal a bit of time away, or, even going for an immersive experience with a makeshift outdoor "office."

Depending on the space and materials you have, this can sometimes be a

difficult task, but it can be done with a laptop and some determination.

I started last week with two work-from-home days getting sun, fresh air, and stuff done and was so looking forward to a third consecutive day of doing just that on Wednesday. But, when I woke up that morning, all I could see was a disconcerting orange glow pouring through my windows, a hue that appeared nothing short of apocalyptic before going outside to see the full panorama.

So much for that, I thought, as I brushed off a change of plan – a decidedly micro-inconvenience compared to those displaced or otherwise impacted by the fires in Northern Ontario – and considered next steps.

"Well, of course they're not going to like it," I thought to myself as reports tracked the ominous clouds of smoke as State-bound.

It was inevitable.

The last time smoke of that magnitude wafted in the direction of the United States' Eastern Seaboard, we certainly got a lot of feedback from our neigh-

bours to the south, little of it actually constructive, particularly suggestions from the top that we hit our forests with really heavy-duty, super-duper vacuum cleaners and larger-than-life Dustbusters to better manage forest floors.

Of course, for an individual whose unpredictability is about as predictable as Toronto hockey fans getting the gut feeling that this season, every season, is the one that will finally bring "the Cup" home, the reaction from the White House was swift and pretty much as expected.

"President Donald Trump on Friday pledged to hold Canada responsible for costs associated with unhealthy air quality in the U.S. due to spreading smoke from the Canadian wildfires," reported NBC News over the weekend.

"The cost is incalculable!" the president wrote in a post on Truth Social. "This is Willful Negligence, and becoming a yearly occurrence, costing the United States Billions of Dollars, which cost of this pollution must of necessity be added to the TARIFFS Canada is currently paying."

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"In his post, Trump added that he would call Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney 'to find out what they are going to do about it.'

"We are holding Canada responsible for the fact that they are not properly maintaining their Forests, and Brush therein, and the United States is being unnecessarily invaded by filthy, polluted, and unhealthy air, the quality of which is dangerous, and totally unacceptable," Trump wrote."

I'm not sure why anyone would be surprised by this type of reaction.

In a time where Trump has found support in his base waning as he tries to find a way out of what seems like a war with no exit ramp, not to mention ongoing affordability crises on both sides of the border, and on and on it goes, it's understandable he'd dip back into the "TAR-IFF" well in an attempt to demonstrate a bit more clout.

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India and the United States are the world's two biggest democracies, and both of them seem to be in danger. In each of them populist federal governments are deliberately polarizing the population, radicalizing the politics, and seeking to undermine the impartial rule of law. In other places, such an approach has often ended in tyranny or civil war.

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a classic populist leader, although he prefers a austere and religious style to the more florid approach favoured by Donald Trump. Both men control their political parties with an iron hand, both flaunt their religions in public (although only Modi really has one), and both try to eliminate or coopt all rival centres of power.

Both men also have a complete disregard for the truth. Their rhetoric about helping the poor while actually serving the purposes of the rich is the same. Above all, their scapegoating of minorities is the same. (For Modi it's Muslims, for Trump it's practically anybody non-white.) Yet neither man is really

preparing to stage a violent takeover. Muslims, Modi's target minority in India, account for about one-seventh of Indian's 1.4 billion people. They are not immigrants. For the most part they are the locally born descendants of families who converted from Hinduism to Islam during the long centuries when most Indian states had Muslim rulers. But Modi treats them as alien and even hostile.

He leaves the real gutter talk to the street-level troopers of his Bharatiya Janata Party while he takes the higher road – but not all that high. In the last federal election (2024), speaking to a Hindu audience, he referred to India's Muslims as "infiltrators" and "those who have more children." (He meant that the wicked Muslims are trying to outbreed the innocent Hindus.)

Nasty stuff, but it doesn't always work. Take cows, for example, which are seen as a potential food source by most non-Hindu Indians but are 'sacred cows' for devout Hindus. So Muslim merchants moving cattle around the country work mostly by night, while Hindu fanatics try to hunt them down.

Four years ago, a truck transporting cattle was stopped in Madhya Pradesh by fourteen 'cow vigilantes.' Three Muslim men were dragged out of the vehicle by the Hindu mob and severely beaten. One of them, Nazir Ahmed, was killed.

Justice moves slowly in India, but last month the case ended up in the court of District and Sessions judge Tabassum Khan, who happens to be Muslim. She saw it as a clear case of mob lynching and found the fourteen men guilty of murder. She was immediately buried under an avalanche of media and online threats and hatred, but India's judges stuck by her.

She now has police protection, but the murderers are serving life sentences. Narendra Modi has

not come to her defence (perhaps he was too busy), but her legal colleagues in courts all over the country spoke up, noting that she had acted as an impartial judge, not as a sectarian activist for one religion or another.

Many of India's politicians have defected to the populists, but enough of the lawyers are still faithful to their oaths. Indian democracy survived Indira Gandhi's 21-month 'Emergency' in 1975-77, when she suspended most civil rights and arrested thousands. It can probably survive Modi too.

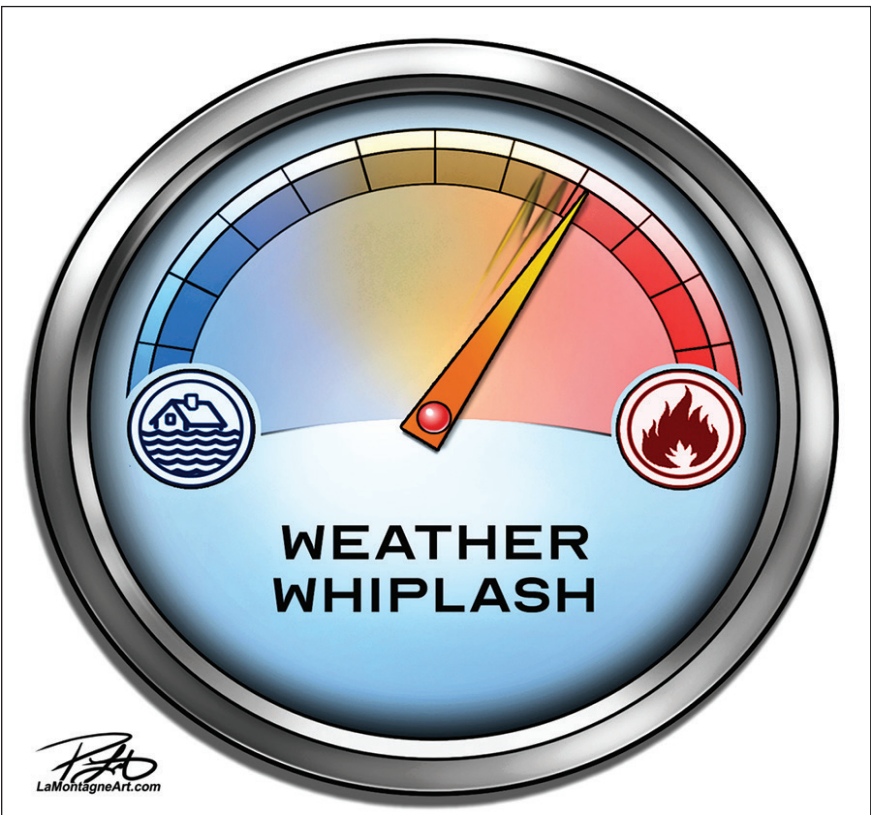
And the same logic applies to the United States. Those who have watched the US Supreme Court's six conservatives outvote the three liberals on one issue after another may despair, but they don't realize that Supreme Court justices may follow their political loyalties on domestic or culture war questions while taking a different stance on constitutional matters.

That actually happens in the higher courts of both countries, not always but often enough to make a difference. The courts still have the final say in both countries, and it would take a political upheaval of great violence to set them aside.

Add to this the obvious fact that the populist governments in both countries can already have almost everything they want without resorting to extreme violence or flagrant oppression, and it's hard to see why either regime would choose that route so long as its hold on power is secure,

It could be very different if there was a serious threat to either government's survival, as witness the half-hearted and abortive coup attempt in Washington after Trump's first defeat in the 2020 election. But that one fizzled out almost harmlessly and so might another one. The rule of law is still deeply entrenched in both countries, and the courts are still (mostly) independent.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Listen to
- 5. Presents
- 10. A type of guitar
- 14. Actor Idris
- 15. A citizen of Iran
- 16. Pretentiously artistic
- 17. Harness
- 18. Diamond weight measurement
- 19. "Better Call ___"
- 20. Fervent support
- 22. Male cat
- 23. Jewish spiritual leader
- 24. Disposed to venture or take risks
- 27. A way to nail
- 30. Cool!
- 31. Women's ___ movement
- 32. "Losing My Religion" rockers
- 35. Step-shaped recess
- 37. A princess can detect it
- 38. Tractor-trailer
- 39. Leslie and Leon are two

- 40. Color at the end of the spectrum
- 41. Lines where fabrics are sewn
- 42. Dodgers great Hersher
- 43. Floor covering
- 44. Traveled aimlessly
- 45. Rocker Stewart
- 46. Body art
- 47. Congressman (abbr.)
- 48. No seats available
- 49. Breaks apart
- 52. Hand gesture
- 55. Ballplayer's tool
- 56. Sword
- 60. Baseball team
- 61. Upper bract of floret of grass
- 63. Italian Seaport
- 64. Mars crater
- 65. Tube on a shoelace
- 66. U. of Miami mascot
- 67. South American nation
- 68. Video game series "Max ___"
- 69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

- 1. German courtesy title
- 2. Ancient Greek personification of mercy
- 3. Jewish calendar month
- 4. Family of long-legged frogs
- 5. Photo
- 6. Delivered a speech
- 7. Lute used in Indian music
- 8. Decorated
- 9. Cease to stand
- 10. The bottom layer
- 11. Member of a Semitic people
- 12. Part of a ticket
- 13. Defunct monetary unit
- 21. Challenges
- 23. Body part
- 25. Tell on
- 26. By way of
- 27. Shady green alcove
- 28. Egyptian city
- 29. ___ and flowed
- 32. Widens a hole
- 33. Eurasian wheat
- 34. Act incorrectly
- 36. "Be back later"
- 37. Al Bundy's wife
- 38. Ocean
- 40. Large root eaten as a vegetable
- 41. Units of subjective loudness
- 43. Music genre
- 44. A way to drench
- 46. Popular hot beverage
- 47. Silk-like cotton fabric
- 49. Rumanian city
- 50. Come back
- 51. Vaccine developer
- 52. Canadian law enforcers
- 53. Wings
- 54. Observational comedian Bill
- 57. Small fry
- 58. ___ Clapton, musician
- 59. Take a chance
- 61. Semi-liquid food for babies
- 62. Consumed food

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

Op-ed: Canada Post and the shuttering of community newspapers

The shuttering of Winnipeg’s *Community Review* means 200,000 households will no longer get the benefit of a free community newspaper delivered to their door. It also means that more than 800 people who deliver the paper and their families will be affected.

This is an unforced error that never should have happened. How did we get here? The answer is complex.

First, there is a high degree of concentration in the flyer printing market in Canada. Montreal-based TC Transcontinental enjoys the dominant position in the marketplace thanks, in part, to a 2012 Competition Bureau-approved asset swap.

Second, municipal and provincial politicians have passed environmental regulations, however well-intentioned, have unintended consequences. Former Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante passed a municipal bylaw that led to the end of distribution of Publisac (a plastic bag with flyers and a community newspaper). Several provinces, including Manitoba, have imposed extended producer responsibility levies on printed newspapers. Ontario’s Premier Doug Ford made the wise decision to exempt newspapers from this kind of stealthy journalism job-killing tax in his province.

Third, Canada Post is the biggest culprit. TC Transcontinental, which had distributed Publisac door-to-door in Quebec, formed a strategic partnership with Canada Post,

which as a Crown corporation was not beholden to municipal bylaws. They bypassed Mayor Plante’s new regulation by distributing a curated bundle of flyers called Raddar through the national postal service. Unlike Publisac, Raddar did not include a community newspaper. On the sidelines of this saga, news publisher Métro Média and its more than 30 hyperlocal publications — including 17 print newspapers — shut down.

In partnership with Canada Post, TC Transcontinental recently expanded its Raddar offering across Canada. It is understood that Canada Post — which has a mandate to “charge postage rates that are fair and reasonable” — is offering TC Transcontinental rates below what it is offering to community newspapers. To its own benefit, the Crown corporation has effectively shut community newspapers — their private sector rivals — out of flyer distribution, lessening competition substantially in that market.

This is not the first time community newspaper publishers have felt the squeeze of Canada Post in the flyer distribution market. As of January 2024, community newspapers with commercial inserts were no longer exempt from Canada Post’s Consumers’ Choice program, which allows Canadians to opt out of receiving ‘junk mail’. Canada Post made that decision without stakeholder consultation or economic/social



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impact analysis and failed to recognize that community newspapers — with or without an insert — are not ‘junk mail’; they are a social good.

The juxtaposition of the shuttering of Winnipeg’s *Community Review* at the same time as the revelation of \$30.8 million in bonuses at Canada Post has not been lost on community newspaper publishers across Canada.

What should Ottawa do about it?

First, Joël Lightbound, the Minister responsible for Canada Post, should ensure the Crown corporation is treating community newspapers fairly and offering them comparable pricing to what it offers to TC Transcontinental.

Second, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage should conduct hearings into the role Canada Post can play in the sustainability of community newspapers — ensuring the relationship is one of partnership, rather than predatory and parasitic.

When a community loses a newspaper, like Winnipeg’s *Community Review* or Métro Média’s publications in Quebec, the information vacuum can lead to people getting their news from less than reliable sources —

like AI and social media — which can create division that drives people apart. Without a check on local government, corruption, mismanagement, and wasteful spending often flourish, which can result in higher municipal taxes and borrowing costs.

It was not foreign Big Tech monopolists like Google and Meta that caused Manitoba’s largest community newspaper to shutter. It was Canada Post.

And it’s not like we weren’t warned...

Thirty years ago, in his review of Canada Post’s mandate, George Radwanski recommended that postal service get out of delivering unaddressed junk mail (i.e., flyers), concluding that the Crown corporation engaged in inappropriate practices that created unfair competition for private businesses like community newspapers.

As a former *Toronto Star* editor-in-chief, Radwanski knew the news business. He noted that Canada Post was actively siphoning advertising revenue away from the news industry and adroitly cautioned that the state-granted mail delivery monopoly should not be in the business of crippling the financial health of newspapers.

A healthy democracy demands a healthy community news media ecosystem. Let’s level the playing field and restore competition in the flyer distribution market before more community newspapers shutter.

Paul Deegan, who wrote this op-ed, is president and CEO of News Media Canada.



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Arts & Local Events

Russell deCarle returning to Beeton for one-night performance

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

You may remember Russell deCarle from his days as lead singer and bassist with the Prairie Oyster band.

During his tenure with the band, he earned six Juno Awards and more than a dozen Canadian Country Music Awards, and had numerous gold and platinum records.

As a songwriter, he has been honoured with two SOCAN Song of the Year awards.

After a successful and audience-thrilling performance with his band in Beeton in 2024, deCarle is returning to an area he is very familiar with for another performance in September.

"I started playing in Tottenham Hotel with the King City Slickers," Russell said. "We played in the basement there, around 1970-71. We also played at the Loretto Tavern and the Windsor House in Alliston, as well as the Muddy Water, which was then called

the Beetonia, [and] we played in the Beehive Lounge."

He added, "I am excited to be coming back to Beeton. I always enjoyed playing for audiences in the area and hope to see some familiar faces in the crowd."

During the Beeton concert, he will perform everything from new music to obscure cover tunes.

Russell deCarle will be performing at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church (128 Main St. W., Beeton) on Friday, Sept. 27, with a 7:30 p.m. start.

Tickets for the upcoming show are sold only in advance and can be obtained by calling 416-722-9795.

BACK ON STAGE – Juno Award winner and former lead singer of the band Prairie Oyster, Russell deCarle is returning to Beeton for a one-night performance on Friday, Sept. 27.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO



Essa-based baker finds success with stuffed cookies at Tottenham Vendors' Market

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

If you have a sweet tooth and like a good cookie every now and then, you will really enjoy Sweetiez giant stuffed cookies, which take baking to a new level.

Megan Power brought her cookies to the Tottenham Vendors' Market on Sunday, July 19, and visitors were delighted to see these delicious baked goods.

"We make giant stuffed cookies in differ-

ent flavours," Megan explained. "They all have something different in them. We have a Mars Bar version, that's our best seller. We do some that may not have a filling on the inside, but they have a filling on top."

The cookies are huge, and come in flavours like salted caramel, strawberry sundae, cookies and cream, and grandma's chocolate chip.

Megan doesn't come from a culinary or baking background. She was looking to try something new, and baking was really more

of a hobby.

The giant cookie was her own invention. She tried different versions before refining it to her current product.

At her vendor stand, she also sells dirty sodas.

Dirty sodas, unlike what the name implies, are delicious pop-based drinks that take a new twist on regular flavours.

"Dirty sodas are all the rage now," Megan explained. "It is a pop-based drink and you add different flavours of syrup to enhance the flavour, and a little bit of half-and-half creamer on top, and that's what makes it

dirty. We add new flavours all the time – sometimes weekly or monthly – or we will have a special flavour. It's a cold drink on ice."

The cookies are a great afternoon treat or a whole dessert because they are so big. They are an excellent choice for weddings, bridal showers, or corporate events.

Megan sells her giant cookies at various markets, as well as the Maker's Market on Victoria Street in Alliston.

She also sells them online.

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SWEET SURPRISE – Megan Power of Sweetiez brought her giant stuffed cookies to the Tottenham Vendors' Market on Sunday, July 19, and they were a big hit with visitors. Megan's cookies are huge and come in a variety of flavours. She also offers Dirty Sodas, a new twist on a regular soda.

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Alliston Tennis Club hosts drop-in night for members and visitors

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Tennis is a sport that requires skill and good hand-eye coordination.

It is also a great way to keep fit and active.

The Alliston Tennis Club hosted a drop-in night on Friday, July 17, encouraging those interested in the sport to come out and try it.

The club is located at the North end of G.A. Wright Athletic Field in Alliston and features three courts.

Mostly active in the summer with recreational tennis, they do leave one court open and clear during the winter months in case it warms up and someone wants to play a game.

The club has been operating for more than 50 years and currently has around 130 members. It is a partnership between the club, Banting Memorial High School, and the Town of New Tecumseth, with each organization contributing to upkeep and maintenance.

“We open as soon as the weather is nice in April,” explained Mary Parsons, a club board member. “But any member could play at any time because we usually keep one court open all year long. We always do a new registration in April. Today, is a drop-in social. We did one in May, and one in June, and this is our final one this year, and non-members can come out and try the sport and maybe garner some interest in it. Members can bring out friends or members of their family.”



ON THE COURTS – The Alliston Tennis Club hosted a drop-in night on Friday, July 17, to give visitors an idea of what the club is all about. The club plays mostly recreational matches between members. Mary Parsons, Paul Wales, Princeton Wilson, and Michael Wilson rally during the evening event.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

On drop-in day, some people rallied on the court while others just came out to practice their serve.

“We don’t have leagues here, we have

drop in times,” Mary explained. “We have dedicated groups that come as well as new members. There’s a ladies-friendly Monday and Friday mornings. People just come when

they want to.”

It is a sport with a strong social element, and people enjoy the camaraderie of playing as much as the physical aspect of the game.

New Tecumseth cyclist to ride 500 km for SickKids Foundation, aims to raise \$5,000

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

For the second year in a row, New Tecumseth resident Vikram Bhangoo is taking part in the Great Cycle Challenge Canada, riding 500 kilometres throughout August with a goal of raising \$5,000 for SickKids Foundation.

Bhangoo is riding in memory of his father, Sukhwinder Malhi, whose strength, courage, and love continue to inspire him every day.

Last year, Bhangoo cycled 300 km in August to raise \$2,500. He surpassed his goal by several hundred dollars. This year,

he increased the distance and his fundraising goal.

“Last year was an unforgettable experience,” said Bhangoo. “Thanks to the incredible generosity of friends, family, coworkers, local businesses, and members of our community, I raised \$2,737 for SickKids. This year, I’m challenging myself to go even further.”

Bhangoo also expressed his sincere appreciation to LIUNA Local 183 for its tremendous support during last year’s campaign.

“I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to LIUNA Local 183 for their generous dona-

tion and to the chair, the board, and all of my LIUNA 183 brothers and sisters for believing in this cause,” Bhangoo said. “Your support helped make my first year such a success, and I’ll always be grateful.”

Every dollar raised through the Great Cycle Challenge helps the SickKids Foundation fund life-saving research, treatments, and support programs for children battling cancer.

“For me, this ride is about much more than cycling,” Bhangoo said. “It’s about honouring my dad’s memory while giving hope to children and families facing the fight of their

lives. Every kilometre I ride is for them.”

As he prepares to ride the 500 km throughout August, Bhangoo hopes the community will once again come together to help him reach his \$5,000 fundraising goal.

Community members can support the challenge by donating or sharing the fundraiser with friends and family.

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Bhangoo added, “Together, every kilometre and every dollar brings us one step closer to ending kids’ cancer.”

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Techie Nesters will host a second session for seniors in Alliston

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

After a successful inaugural information session in Tottenham on July 11, Techie Nesters will host a second session in Alliston in August to let local seniors know about their program designed to support older adults who want to age in place.

The first meeting went very well, and many local residents who could not attend contacted organizers with questions about the program.

Jenn Gerynowicz, founder and chief compassion officer of Techie Nesters, decided to host a second session so more lo-

cal residents could attend and learn how the program could help them.

A May 2025 Ipsos survey found that 93 per cent of Canadians over 65 would prefer in-home care over moving to a long-term care facility.

As the population ages, many seniors would like to age in place in the comfort of their own homes, where they have lived, in many cases, for decades.

Techie Nesters is a member-supported, aging well model now active in nine Ontario markets.

"We have an aging population and we realized that the traditional care models

aren't equipped to meet the emotional, social, and logistical needs of older adults who want to stay in their homes," Gerynowicz explained. "We wanted to fill that gap, and not with expensive programs, but with something that is human centred, available, and local. It's all about connection and empowerment and helping people stay more independent."

While most older adults want to remain at home, many families are facing the reality that private care and retirement living are becoming harder to afford. As most Canadians over the age of 65 would prefer in-home care, that is where Techie Nesters

is trying to fill the missing middle gap.

The model combines friendly technology help, scam awareness, curated social connection, monthly gatherings, Wingmates, and practical neighbour-to-neighbour support through something called Bird Calls.

A Bird Call is a member request for help placed by telephone or email through the Techie Nesters Compassion Concierge.

The second session of Techie Nesters will take place on Friday, Aug. 14, at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre in Alliston from 11 a.m. to 12:30 pm.

To register for this session, call 705-481-3694.

Stay safe during wildfire air quality alerts: Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The province experienced its first air quality alert of the year due to wildfires in northern Ontario that resulted in smoke blanketing southern parts of the province as well as parts of the US.

Wildfire smoke can travel hundreds of kilometres and affect health, especially for those already experiencing health issues.

Locally, the region was experiencing low air quality as the smoke created a visible haze and alarmed many residents by the amount of smoke in the air.

The Rotary Pool in Alliston closed for Wednesday, July 15, and Thursday, July 16, to prioritize the safety of residents and staff.

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is reminding residents to take steps to protect themselves from exposure to wildfire smoke and know the signs of smoke-related illness and when to seek medical care.

Breathing wildfire smoke can affect your health. During poor air quality, limit your time outdoors and avoid strenuous activity.

Stay informed by checking air quality alerts and the Air Quality Health Index.

When hot weather and poor air quality coincide, air pollution levels often rise during extreme heat. Extreme heat can cause severe illness.

When both a heat and an air quality warning are in effect, most people should prioritize staying cool.

In these scenarios, if you need to be outside, consider wearing a well-fitting respirator, such as an N95 or equivalent, to reduce your exposure to wildfire smoke. Keep indoor air as clean as possible by keeping windows and doors closed when temperatures are comfortable, using a portable HEPA air cleaner and setting your home's ventilation system to recirculate mode.

If poor air quality returns, reduce indoor

air pollution sources by avoiding smoking and vaping, burning candles or incense, using wood stoves, and products that release strong fumes.

Wildfire smoke can affect everyone, but some people are at greater risk of health effects. This includes infants and young children, older adults, pregnant women, people

with chronic health conditions such as heart or lung disease, people who smoke, and people who work, exercise or spend long periods outdoors.

Pay attention to how you and those in your care feel during air quality alerts.

Wildfire smoke can irritate the eyes, nose and throat, and affect the lungs and heart.



UNSAFE CONDITIONS – Air quality alerts were issued across the province last week due to smoke from wildfires in Northern Ontario. The public is encouraged to take precautions and stay safe when an air quality alert is issued. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

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Police renew appeal for information in Highway 90 hit and run

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

It has been one year since a fatal fail-to-remain collision in Innisfil claimed the life of a 35-year-old woman from Richmond Hill, and the OPP is appealing to the public for information regarding the vehicle involved and the person who was driving it.

Shortly after 3 a.m. on Sunday, July 13, 2025, the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to a report of a deceased female located on the shoulder of Highway 89 near 5th Side Road.

The deceased was identified as Jessica Follett, 35, of Richmond Hill.

The investigation revealed that the victim had been walking along Highway 89 when

she was struck by an eastbound blue passenger vehicle shortly after 2 a.m.

The driver of the vehicle failed to remain at the scene.

Investigators believe a white sport utility vehicle was travelling closely behind the suspect vehicle at the time of the collision. The driver of that vehicle may be an important witness and is urged to contact the police.

“One year ago today, an innocent mother of five was tragically taken, and her family continues to live with the impact of that loss,” said Det. Insp. Shaun Filman of the Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB), in a statement released on July 13.

“Someone out there knows who was behind the wheel that night. It is time to

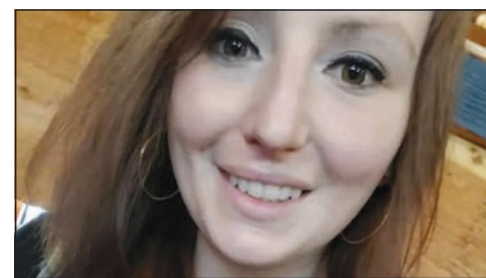
come forward and do the right thing for this grieving family.”

Anyone with information, including dashcam footage from the area around the time of the collision, is urged to contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122 and reference incident number E250924642.

If you would like to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at: ontariocrimestoppers.ca

APPEAL FOR INFORMATION – Nottawasaga OPP has released a photo of a vehicle whose occupants may have information regarding a hit-and-run collision that occurred on Highway 89 in July 2025.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



OPP urges drivers to buckle up after 32 seatbelt-related deaths in first half of 2026

BY SAM OROWSKI

Thirty-two people have died on Ontario roads so far this year in collisions where failing to wear a seat belt or properly restrain a child was a contributing factor, says the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

In an effort to reduce preventable deaths from motor vehicle collisions, the OPP issued a statement urging drivers to buckle up.

“Wearing a seat belt remains one of the simplest and most effective ways to prevent death and serious injury in a collision,” reads the statement.

“These fatalities serve as a tragic reminder that failing to wear a seat belt can have irreversible consequences.”

Closer to home, Dufferin OPP investigated six fatal collisions between January and June, resulting in the deaths of seven people. Police said investigators determined a lack of seatbelt use was a contributing factor in one of those collisions.

Dufferin OPP has also laid 166 seatbelt-related charges so far this year, an increase of about 27 per cent compared with the same period in 2025.

Ontario government statistics show people

who were not wearing a seatbelt were 36 times more likely to be killed in a collision than those who were buckled up.

“Despite ongoing awareness campaigns and enforcement efforts, some drivers and passengers continue to take unnecessary risks by not buckling up,” said the OPP. “Seat belts are designed to keep vehicle occupants securely positioned during a collision, significantly reducing the likelihood of being ejected from the vehicle or sustaining fatal injuries.”

Proper restraint use is especially important for young passengers. Child car seats and

booster seats are designed to provide protection at different stages of a child’s development and can reduce the risk of serious injury in a collision.

“Parents and caregivers have the responsibility to ensure child restraints are appropriate for the child’s age, height and weight, correctly installed, and used on every trip,” the OPP said.

The OPP said officers will continue to educate motorists and enforce Ontario’s seatbelt laws throughout the year, including identifying seatbelt violations as part of efforts to reduce fatalities on the province’s roads.

Two-vehicle Mulmur collision claims life of 71-year-old motorcyclist from Hamilton

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers, along with Dufferin County Paramedic Services and local fire departments, responded to a fatal two-vehicle collision in Mulmur on July 17.

At approximately 8:43 p.m., emergency crews were dispatched to County Road 18

(Airport Road), just north of Mansfield, for a collision involving a motorcycle and a passenger vehicle. The driver of the passenger vehicle was not injured.

As a result of the collision, the motorcyclist, a 71-year-old male from Hamilton, was pronounced deceased.

Members of the OPP Technical Collision Investigation (TCI) unit attended to assist with the investigation.

The investigation remains ongoing.

Anyone with information or dashcam footage related to the collision is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or submit a tip online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

Anyone who witnessed the collision and requires support can contact Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services by phone at 905-951-3838.

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Brock's Banter: A certain orange glow

Of course, it means nothing that when wildfires ravage parts of the United States – the Palisades Fires in California last year, to pick just one example – we don't limit our contributions to mere expressions of sympathy, nor do we complain about its impact on travel plans. No, we send support – practical and moral.

It also means nothing that the current, beleaguered deal we have with the United States – CUSMA – was one Trump negotiated himself during his first administration.

It means nothing that Canada has had to make concessions to the United States over the Gordie Howe Bridge, no matter the fact we paid for it ourselves.

At the end of the day, it really means nothing as it seems any excuse will do to try and get Canada over a barrel and no matter what we do, the chorus will be the same whine: "Big, bad Canada is unfairly treating the country next door."

"This is the latest in a series of unilateral U.S. trade actions that began with the U.S. imposing a series of tariffs in direct violation of CUSMA, the free trade agreement between Canada, the United States, and Mexico," said Prime Minister Mark Carney in a statement on Monday. "These include tariffs on the Canadian auto sector, in violation of CUSMA. Canada, as is its right, has merely matched those measures."

"More broadly, in response to these measures and threats to Canadian sovereignty, provinces, territories, and Canadians from coast to coast to coast have stood together, taking the necessary actions to support our economy and defend our workers, farmers, businesses, and families."

"Recognising that the U.S. has been transforming all of its trade relationships, including those covered under CUSMA,

over the past 18 months, Canada has made a series of detailed and comprehensive proposals to resolve this dispute and to modernise CUSMA. We stand ready to intensify those discussions in the coming weeks."

"Canada believes in the benefits of free and fair trade, as evidenced by our new government signing more than 20 new economic and security partnerships. This trade dispute has raised costs for families, particularly in the U.S. Canada stands ready to engage intensively to address outstanding issues with the U.S. to the mutual benefit of our citizens. In all circumstances, Canada will work relentlessly and take any measures necessary to build our strength at home and to support Canadian workers, farmers, businesses, and families."

As negotiations continue on new trade deals between our two countries, with the

cast of characters currently at the helm, can we expect any talks to be carried out in good faith?

If it's a matter of getting Bourbon back on our shelves, supply management in our dairy industry will become another artificial speedbump on the road to resolution. If that gets settled after the U.S. Government milks it for all its worth, hindrances to a good trade deal will go well beyond products crossing the border, even to cornerstones of our democracy being rebranded as trade barriers.

And, if more smoke blows their way, we'll all be back at the drawing board.

My sympathies to our trade negotiators at this difficult time. If it's leaving us bystanders feeling threadbare and drained, one can only imagine how they feel – and, I suspect, it will take more than a walk in the woods to feel refreshed and restored.

County of Simcoe advances Housing Faster project with new planning toolkit

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The County of Simcoe is taking a significant step to support accelerated delivery of affordable and attainable housing with the release of its Housing Faster Community Planning Permit System (CPPS) Toolkit.

The toolkit includes three key resources designed to help local municipalities streamline development approvals through a simpler, easier-to-understand system that gets shovels in the ground faster.

The toolkit supports the implementation of a Community Planning Permit System.

The system uses a Community Planning Permit By-Law template, a Community Planning Permit System Official Plan Amendment template, and an Implementation Guide.

The Housing Faster project stems from the county's Housing Attainable Supply Action Plan, which was endorsed in 2024, and identifies the need for more efficient planning processes to increase housing supply.

This is an innovative land-use planning tool that combines zoning by-law amendments, minor variances, and site plan approvals into one streamlined process.

By reducing complexity and approval timelines, municipalities can help deliver housing more quickly while maintaining consistent planning standards.

Developed in collaboration with local municipal planners and in consultation with development industry stakeholders, indigenous communities and the public, the CPPS Toolkit is specifically designed to unlock opportunities for "missing middle" housing, including duplexes, triplexes, and other low- to medium-density multi-unit buildings that bridge the gap between single-detached homes and larger apartment developments.

Looking ahead, the county will continue to work with local municipal partners to explore new opportunities to support implementation and build communities that are both more affordable and more enjoyable to live in.

By setting the stage for faster approvals and encouraging a broader mix of housing types, the Housing Faster CPPS Toolkit is the latest example of the County taking action to help communities build up a region that is more affordable.

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Fondly remembered brother in law of Carol Boyd (Clarence), Brad Sloan (Nancy Coulter), Gord Sloan, Sandra O'Hara (Dennis O'Hara), and Lorie Sloan (Warren Court). Predeceased by his parents Clarence "Mike" and Monica Duggan, and his parents in law Russell and Eunice Sloan. Forever in the hearts of his nieces, nephews, extended family, friends, and beloved dog Gibbs.

The family will receive friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Patrick's Church, 91 Church St., Schomberg on Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 11:00am. Interment will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery Schomberg. Reception will be held in the funeral home's Cliffside Hall following the interment.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Peter's memory to Matthews House Hospice Alliston would be appreciated. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

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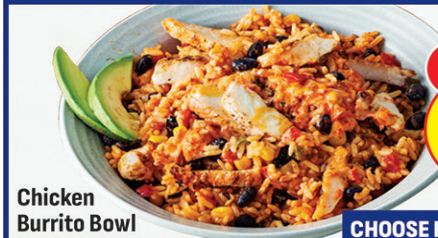


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8-12 PIECES 454 g

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\$5

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400 g



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