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## Panama brings World Cup buzz to Alliston

There is a lot of excitement around Alliston as the Panama National Soccer team is staying and training at the Nottawasaga Resort & Conference Centre. Hundreds of local residents turned out for a town-sponsored event at the main soccer pitch at the resort on Thursday, June 11, to watch a training session. See full story on Page 3.

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# Auto Mayors receive response from Prime Minister's office

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

After penning a letter to Prime Minister Mark Carney in May, the Simcoe County Auto Mayors have received a response from the PM's office.

The Simcoe County Auto Mayors are a group of mayors from municipalities in the region with a strong stake in the auto industry.

During a special meeting held in the New Tecumseth Council Chambers on Thursday, May 21, the Auto Mayors signed a document called the Canada North Strong Initiative – a coordinated effort to strengthen Canada's automotive sector, support Canadian-built vehicles, and reinforce long-term competitiveness in a rapidly evolving global market.

The initiative comes at a critical time for the industry, following recent developments

impacting automotive investment, including Honda of Canada Manufacturing's decision to halt its planned electric vehicle expansion project in Alliston.

"Moments like this reinforce just how important it is for Canada to remain competitive in a rapidly changing global market," said New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross at the May 21 meeting. "We need to ensure that our policies reflect how the industry is evolving, so we can continue to support our workers, our communities and long-term investment here at home."

The Auto Mayors called for a policy adjustment that better reflects the current automotive landscape, including recognition of hybrid technologies alongside electric vehicles, and measures that ensure fair competition for Canadian manufacturers in a global marketplace.

The Town of New Tecumseth announced

that the Prime Minister's office responded on June 9.

In the correspondence, the Prime Minister's Office acknowledges the importance of a strong and competitive Canadian automotive sector and recognizes the need for ongoing collaboration with industry and municipal partners as federal policies continue to evolve. The response also reinforces a commitment to supporting innovation, investment, and jobs within Canada's auto sector.

"This is a significant milestone – and a major win for New Tecumseth," the Town said in a statement. "It signals that our advocacy is not only being heard but is helping to shape conversations at the federal level. For our community, this means greater visibility for our local automotive sector, stronger positioning for future investment, and increased opportunities to support jobs and economic growth right here at home."

Mayor Norcross said the response from the Prime Minister's Office meant that their concerns were being heard.

"This response from the Prime Minister's Office is a strong signal that our communities are being heard," Mayor Norcross said. "The Canada North Vehicles initiative is about standing up for Canadian manufacturing, supporting our workers, and ensuring communities like New Tecumseth remain competitive as the industry continues to evolve."

The Canada North Strong Initiative is championing Canadian-built vehicles and advocating for policies that reflect today's auto industry.

The initiative highlights the durability, performance, and innovation of vehicles built for Canada's unique climate, positioning the country and New Tecumseth for long-term success.

# Celebrate Canada Day at the Tottenham Conservation Area

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

This is your opportunity to celebrate this great country of ours, have some fun, and meet new neighbours.

The Town of New Tecumseth is hosting Canada Day celebrations on Wednesday, July 1, at the Tottenham Conservation Area.

This will be an evening of family-friendly fun, live entertainment and community spirit.

"Canada Day is a wonderful opportunity to bring our community together to celebrate what makes New Tecumseth such a

vibrant and welcoming place," said Mayor Richard Norcross. "We look forward to seeing residents and visitors enjoy this exciting evening of entertainment, local vendors, and family fun."

Attendees can explore a vibrant vendor market and food truck area, enjoy games and activities in the Kids Activity Zone, and take part in interactive experiences including face painting, glitter tattoos, inflatables, henna art, roaming mascots, and the Recreation Team Fun Zone.

A photo booth will also be available to capture memories from the day.

Festivities will get underway at 4 p.m. and

offer something for everyone, regardless of age, in a scenic outdoor setting.

The event will conclude with a fireworks display lighting up the night sky over the pond.



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- Photo booth
- Vendor Market (4:00 PM – 8:30 PM)
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# Soccer fever takes over Alliston as FIFA Team Panama starts training camp

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

It was an opportunity to see a world-class soccer team in action as the Panama National Soccer team started training at the Nottawasaga Resort & Conference Centre on June 8.

The team will train at the resort until June 25 in preparation for the FIFA World Cup.

Local residents had the opportunity to watch a training session as part of a New Tecumseth Community Event on Thursday, June 11.

The team took to the resort's main soccer pitch for a training centre, with a little pre-practice fanfare as New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross welcomed the team to town.

The Mayor referred to the experience of having a world-class team as "something we

won't see again in our lifetime."

Hundreds of local residents turned out to see the team in action and enjoyed watching the skill on the soccer pitch.

The Nottawasaga Resort recently regraded and re-sodded the soccer pitch to meet FIFA standards. A FIFA representative inspected the pitch to ensure it met the governing body's standards.

This includes the type of sod and the pitch grade.

Before training camp, the team held a press conference.

When asked how they were enjoying staying in Alliston, Team Panama goalie Cesar Samudio said he appreciated the resort's natural surroundings.

Through an interpreter, he said he was a big fan of nature and had spent time walking around the resort, where he enjoyed the scen-

ery and the lake.

He also said he was sure the team would play well in the tournament.

The team has some early-morning training sessions and others that start later in the day.

Excitement around town has been growing since it was announced that the team would be staying locally, and now that they are here, many young fans who are also soccer players turned out to watch the session.



**WORLD CLASS BUZZ** – The excitement of having a world-class soccer team in town is spreading. The Panama National Team is training at the Nottawasaga Resort and Conference Centre. The Town held an event on Thursday, June 11, where hundreds of people were allowed to watch a training session on the Resort's main soccer pitch. Team goalie, Cesar Samudio, speaks at a press conference before the training session. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTOS**



## No-fly zone in effect for local FIFA World Cup

The Ontario Provincial Police is advising the public that a temporary no-fly zone is in effect during the FIFA World Cup 2026.

The No-Fly order is in place from June 12 to July 7. The affected area will be over and around the Nottawasaga Resort & Conference Centre, located at 6015 Highway 89 in Alliston.

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**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Space – the final frontier – and it's not easy to get there.

In the current mode of space travel, escaping the bonds of Earth is a pretty difficult process.

First, you have to build a rocket, and a big one, with one tank of enriched kerosene and one tank of liquid oxygen as an oxidizer.

When the two liquids are introduced under high pressure, the result is a massive release of power capable of thrusting thousands of tons of payload into the atmosphere.

It has to be powerful enough and carry enough fuel to accelerate to over 17,000 mph to achieve an orbit around the planet.

All this, just to get a small capsule into space.

Then there is the complicated method of keeping your astronauts alive. Space travel isn't convenient if your life support systems fail and you kill everyone on board.

The Soviet Union had several fatalities during its space program, possibly even more than they officially recognized.

The US lost three Apollo astronauts to fire during a test run in 1967, and 14 more when two space shuttles were destroyed during missions.

All life support systems in a space cap-

sule must operate perfectly at all times.

Sooner or later, you have to come home.

As of now, the only practical way to return to Earth is to use the friction created when entering the atmosphere at high speed and slowing the craft to a speed where parachutes can be deployed.

That means a highly dangerous procedure of screaming through the upper atmosphere at such a high speed that the temperature surrounding the capsule will reach several thousand degrees, creating the risk of the capsule being destroyed on the re-entry attempt.

Put this all together, and that's where you get the phrase – 'it's not rocket science.'

Rocket science is a complicated affair.

Recently, the Canadian Space Agency published its Employment, Equity, and Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan.

The plan states: "We are taking direct actions to further address issues of inequity and systemic bias."

It goes on to say, "Promotions within the agency will focus on designated groups."

Recently, at a conference, an MP from Richmond Hill posed the question to a Space Agency representative, "Can you point to this committee, the section that

says that mission safety and technical competence come before identity representation targets?"

The MP was asking if the Space Agency was about to hire and promote based on skin colour, sexual orientation, or disability, rather than qualifications, and whether those hiring processes supersede qualifications and therefore jeopardize people's lives by hiring an unqualified person based on the mentioned criteria.

The Space Agency bureaucrat, of course, didn't answer the question. She danced around the answer in typical political fashion, throwing out buzzwords and other nonsense, instead of answering the question.

It is next to impossible to get anyone involved in federal politics or any agency to answer a question.

If you ask a federal agency employee or politician if it gets dark at 3 a.m., no one would ever answer, "Yes, it's very dark at 3 a.m."

Instead, you will get some kind of answer like, "Studies have shown that there are differences in the amount of light during a 24-hour period, which do not necessarily reflect using such terms as light and dark when referring to any period during the day."

I think an astronaut would be pretty

angry to realize that the heat shield on his/her spacecraft was breaking apart during reentry because it was designed by someone who didn't have a proper engineering degree, but rather because that person had a 'handicapped' sticker in the windshield of their minivan.

I'm all for hiring people with disabilities or other minority groups – providing they are qualified for the job – just like everyone else.

The modern concept of getting the job done right dates back to the First World War. It was realized that people were getting killed due to malfunctioning or poorly designed and built equipment.

Standards were put in place so people didn't suffer the results of something that was poorly designed or engineered, or fell apart because the quality of steel used to build something wasn't up to par.

Hiring methods based on 'inclusion' criteria simply don't work.

Remember that the next time you are driving down the highway at 100 km/h, remain safe rather than feel one of your wheels is about to fall off because it was designed by someone whose past experience in automotive design included making donuts and selling designer jeans.

## When the world is watching

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The World Cup is now in full swing and citizens of the world have descended upon Toronto, Vancouver, and a host of other cities throughout the United States and Mexico to watch the so-called "Beautiful Game" unfold – and many of whom are viewing the sport in a country they've never experienced.

While some visitors might be focused strictly on game play, it's a prime opportunity to explore a city, its cultures, and its context within a wider Canadian and international lens. It's a great chance for a city, region, province and nation to put its collective best feet forward – not only to make the visitor experience, and all the economic benefits it can bring, all it can be, but to showcase the best of ourselves on the international stage.

The first game held in Canada last week offered something of an appetizer, showcasing talents as varied as Will Arnett and Alanis Morissette to Canadians and visitors alike, but it was also a bite of how we might want to project ourselves internation-

ally. This chance was always evident, but it seems to have been particularly embraced by the City of Toronto at crunch time when, with just a week or two to go before the big opening, the municipality went into overdrive to make sure Toronto was ready to welcome the world.

When our country prepares to host such a wide-reaching international affair like the World Cup, even in part, it's usually an opportunity to indulge in some introspection as well on just what we want to offer on what it means to be Canadian and the values that hold us together as a nation.

It doesn't even have to be tied to any particular event – after all, Molson's iconic "Joe Canada" commercial, one that spawned countless imitators but nary a single duplicator more than 25 years ago, was more or less a just-because reminder.

Sometimes we even get a reminder from the outside looking in.

At the start of the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, for instance, U.S. news anchor Tom Brokaw offered his own perspective on

Canada through a decidedly American lens.

"Canada and the United States share another unique quality: they are immigrant nations, destinations for people around the world who long for political freedoms, economic opportunity and a tradition of compassion," he said.

In a section of Brokaw's segment that has, perhaps, not aged as well as it could've, he highlighted the importance of our economic relationship and the sheer volume of cross-border trade – and the sheer volume of cross-border travel. That might be worth a revision, but I digress...

He touched upon some of the better-worn tropes of Canada as well, including the sub-zero north, apparent propensity for politeness, our role in the First and Second World Wars – including a reminder that we were in both theatres before our American cousins joined us – as well as in the Iran Hostage Crisis and support in the aftermath of 9/11.

"In the long history of sovereign neigh-

bours, there never has been a relationship as close, productive and peaceful as the U.S. and Canada," said Brokaw before the Opening Ceremonies began. "Speaking before the Canadian Parliament, President Kennedy summarized the relationship this way, 'Geography has made us neighbours. History has made us friends. Economics has made us partners, and necessity has made us allies.'

"Those who nature so joined together," said Kennedy, 'Let no man put asunder.'

While one man has done his utmost to put this special relationship asunder in the sixteen years since Vancouver hosted the Olympics, the gist of Brokaw's message remains a potent reminder not just of who we are – perhaps were, in some elements – but how the identity we put forward is interpreted by others.

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# The Irish question

**GWYNNE DYER**  
OUR WORLD TODAY



Last week's violence in Northern Ireland, not really a 'protest' but an organized pogrom, is being seized on by the British and international hard right as further evidence that 'out-of-control immigration' is fueling the justifiable anger of the beleaguered (and soon to be replaced) white majority. This is a steaming heap of horsefeathers.

It is true that almost all the families who were burned out of their houses in Belfast were non-white immigrants who were legally in the United Kingdom. It was also obviously a pogrom, not a spontaneous outbreak, because the paramilitary members leading the attacks had lists of addresses of the houses to be burned.

But if it was really fears about immigration and the 'Great Replacement' that drove the violence, as Fox News, Elon Musk and all the gang claimed, then why did only Protestants ('Loyalists', in the local parlance) join the pogrom? And why in Northern Ireland, which has the lowest rate of immigrants (three in a hundred) in the UK?

Winston Churchill summed up the general despair about any permanent solution to the 'Irish Question' when the partition of Ireland was being debated in the British House of Commons in 1922. The First World War had just obliterated almost all the familiar landmarks of Europe, but one remained unchanged.

"As the deluge subsides and the waters fall short," he said, "we see the dreary steeples of [the Catholic-majority counties of] Fermanagh and Tyrone emerging once again. The integrity of their quarrel is one of the few institutions that has been unaltered in the cataclysm which has swept the world." In other words, 'Abandon hope', all ye who enter here!

I have just spent a week or so going around Ireland both North and South, and I can see plenty of reasons for hope. The Irish Republic (the South) has become a largely secular place where the Catholic Church's long stranglehold on the culture has evaporated. Simply put, it feels normal.

Northern Ireland is more complicated, because its demography is changing. It is right now making the transition from a territory with a narrow Protestant majority that sees membership in the United Kingdom as its guarantee of security to a domain with a narrow Catholic majority that has traditionally sought to unite with the Irish Republic.

Many people in the Republic are not eager to see that outcome, because they fear that it would import the bitter rivalries and divisions of the North into their own country. But if the North were to vote yes to unification in some future referendum, it would certainly be welcomed by most people in the South as the fulfilment of Ireland's destiny.

The right to such a referendum is written into the 'Good Friday Agreement' that ended the most recent round of 'Troubles' in the North. (3,000 killed 1969-1998 in a minuscule but murderous civil

war.)

The fact that the victims are immigrants rather than Catholics this time is misleading. They are just convenient targets for Protestant anxiety about change.

The rioters are genuine racists, but they follow a different drummer. They will be the next generation of Protestant paramilitaries, they have been itching for a fight, and here was an opportunity for some major aggro. So they took it.

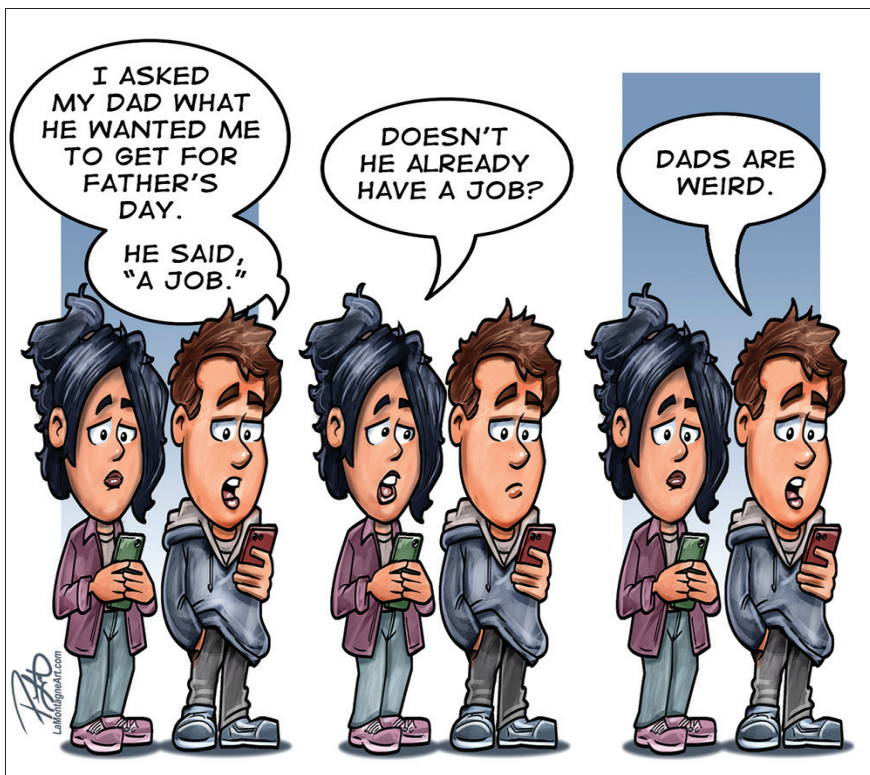
It doesn't mean it will take another war to unite Ireland. It's not even certain that Ireland will ever be united. All I can say is that it doesn't feel a bit like it did when the Troubles started in the summer of 1969. I was in Belfast when it kicked off.

I was a young Canadian naval officer on loan to the British Royal Navy, and the minesweeper I was in had to go into the Harland & Wolff shipyards in North Belfast for repairs. It took a week, while the Protestant community in the vicinity regaled us with talk about the impending disaster (in which some of them intended to assist).

My ship's engineering officer was an Irishman from Dublin who just liked warships. (Irish citizens could serve in the Royal Navy Reserve.) He took me round the Catholic community, where I heard very similar stories from the other side. Lots of people on both sides were eager for it.

Then the shit hit the fan, and when we sailed back out to sea we had to clear the upper decks to avoid snipers from the Short Strand (a Catholic enclave on the river). I was the navigator, so I had to stay up on the open bridge. It was my first time being shot at, but as Churchill said: "There is nothing more exhilarating than to be shot at with no effect."

More to the point, I see little risk of another round of the Troubles in Northern Ireland.



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<p><b>CLUES DOWN</b></p> <p>1. Administer a drug</p> <p>2. Holy places</p> <p>3. Contrary opinions</p> <p>4. Blood type</p> <p>5. Gags</p> <p>6. Micturating</p> <p>7. Silly</p> <p>8. A type of "cuff"</p> <p>9. Spanish be</p> <p>12. Austrian river</p> <p>13. Messenger</p> <p>17. Consume food</p> <p>19. California supermarket</p> <p>20. Electronic communication</p> <p>21. Cassia tree</p> <p>25. Written works</p> <p>29. Cool!</p> <p>31. Noteworthy 90s</p>	<p>32. One who was compensated</p> <p>33. National symbols</p> <p>35. Raising</p> <p>38. A type of talk</p> <p>41. Cloud</p> <p>43. Middle Eastern peoples</p> <p>44. Pouches</p> <p>45. 007's creator</p> <p>46. A cut of meat</p> <p>47. Sports</p> <p>49. Christine __, actress</p> <p>56. Relief organization (abbr.)</p> <p>57. Canadian province (abbr.)</p>
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*No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.*

# COMMUNITY VOICE

## Raising the standard: What Food Banks Canada accreditation means for our community

The Alliston Food Bank is proud to announce that we have officially achieved accreditation through Food Banks Canada's Standards of Excellence Program. This accreditation is a significant milestone for our organization and reflects our ongoing commitment to providing the highest quality of service to the individuals and families who rely on us.

Many people see the food bank as the place where food is distributed, but there is much more happening behind the scenes. Every day, volunteers and staff work hard to ensure food is handled safely, clients are treated with dignity and respect, operations run efficiently, and resources are managed responsibly. The Standards of Excellence recognize these efforts and provide a framework that helps food banks across Canada continually improve and strengthen their services.

The Food Banks Canada Standards of Excellence were developed as a national set of standards designed to create accountability throughout the food banking network. They establish benchmarks for client service and care, food operations, safe food handling, governance, and organizational practices. The standards also reflect the food banking network's commitment to continually enhancing its ability to relieve hunger today while working toward preventing hunger tomorrow.



For the Alliston Food Bank, achieving accreditation is more than receiving a certificate. It is a testament to the dedication of our volunteers, staff, Board of Directors, donors, and community partners who work together every day to support our mission. Throughout the accreditation process, we carefully reviewed policies, procedures, training practices, safety protocols, and operational processes to ensure we met the national standards established by Food Banks Canada.

This accomplishment demonstrates our commitment to transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement. It confirms that we are operating according to nationally recognized best practices and that we are committed to providing our clients with the highest quality of service possible.

The Standards of Excellence are also designed to help food banks identify oppor-

tunities for innovation and improvement in client service. Food Banks Canada recognizes that communities across the country face different challenges, but by sharing knowledge and learning from one another, food banks can become stronger and more effective together. Accreditation encourages shared learning across the network and helps organizations continually improve how they serve their neighbours in need.

This is especially important at a time when food insecurity continues to rise. More individuals, families, seniors, and working households are turning to food banks for assistance than ever before. As demand grows, it becomes increasingly important that food banks operate efficiently, safely, and responsibly while maintaining a welcoming environment for everyone who walks through the door.

The accreditation process also helps strengthen the entire food banking network. Food Banks Canada notes that accredited organizations have the opportunity to advance toward an even stronger and more agile food banking system, activate shared learning to increase innovation, and amplify the collective impact of food banks on Canada's food insecurity challenges.

For our clients, this accreditation means confidence. It means knowing that the Alliston Food Bank is committed to treating every individual with dignity and respect

while following established standards for service and food safety. For our donors, it means knowing that contributions of food, funds, and resources are being managed responsibly. For our volunteers, it reflects the value of the countless hours they dedicate to helping their neighbours.


Most importantly, this achievement belongs to our community.

Every food drive organized by a local school, every donation made by a business, every volunteer shift completed, and every pound of food contributed have helped us reach this milestone. The support we receive from the residents of New Tecumseth and surrounding communities allows us to continue serving those facing food insecurity while striving to improve each year.

While we are proud of this accomplishment, accreditation is not the finish line. The Standards of Excellence are designed to encourage continuous growth and improvement. They challenge us to keep learning, keep innovating, and keep finding new ways to better serve our community.

On behalf of everyone at the Alliston Food Bank, thank you to our volunteers, donors, community partners, and supporters. This accreditation is a reflection of your generosity, dedication, and belief in our mission.

Together, we are helping build a stronger food bank, a stronger network, and a stronger community.



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# Local McDonald's raise \$11,500 for local hospital from McHappy Day

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation received a \$11,500 donation from McDonald's in Alliston and Angus.

The money was raised through this year's McHappy Day, held on May 6.

The funds were formally presented to

SMHF on May 26 at the Young St. McDonald's location in Alliston.

"We're extremely proud of our results from McHappy Day this year," said Thomas MacKinnon, operations supervisor at McDonald's in Alliston and Angus.

"The incredible turnout from the community speaks to how we all collectively pull together in Alliston and Angus for our local

initiatives. This contribution to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation's 'Because of YOU' campaign is yet another step towards elevating our local health care in our region. We're already looking forward to McHappy Day 2027."

This year's contribution brings the total lifetime giving from MacKinnon Restaurants Inc. to nearly \$220,000. Their donation arrives at a defining moment for Stevenson Memorial Hospital, with construction of the redeveloped facility now underway.

"This donation lands at a truly historic

moment for our hospital and our community," said Dr. Ted Vandevs, Chief Executive Officer of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation. "The MacKinnon's steadfast support, year after year, is a powerful example of what community partnership can accomplish."

The Because of YOU campaign is a bold and ambitious effort to raise \$80 million through community support to help meet the ongoing capital & equipment needs of the hospital and build the future Stevenson Memorial Hospital.



**SOAPY SUCCESS** – It was a good day for a car wash when the 734 Air Cadets held their annual event at the Alliston Legion. A steady stream of cars and trucks turned out for a soap-and-rinse. The car wash is a fundraiser for the local cadet group.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO



**BIG SMILES** – MacKinnon Family Restaurants, Inc. donated \$11,500 to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation (SMHF). The funds were raised through McDonald's Happy Day held on May 6, 2026. From left are Fayaaz Kala, board chair of the SMHF; Dr. Ted Vandevs, CEO of SMHF; Thomas MacKinnon, operations supervisor at the McDonald's in Alliston and Angus; Faziela Ali, front counter manager of Alliston McDonald's; Rory MacKinnon, owner of McDonald's in Alliston and Angus; Kara Harris, community and corporate giving officer of SMHF; and Darlene Norris, campaign director of SMHF.

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# Six people charged, including Alliston man, following Wellington homicide

BY BROCK WEIR

Six individuals are facing second-degree murder charges following the death of a 55-year-old man at a home on Wellington Street near Walton Drive on June 10.

On Tuesday, June 16, York Regional Police identified the victim as David Gosse, 55, of no fixed address.

“On Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at approx-

imately 2.45 p.m., officers attended an unknown trouble call at a residence in the area of Wellington Street East and Walton,” said York Regional Police Constable James Dickson in a statement. “When officers arrived on the scene, they located an adult male suffering from significant trauma.

“The victim was pronounced deceased at the scene. The cause of death has been determined to be the result of blunt force trauma.”

Charged are:

- James Montgomery, 44, of Alliston;
- Craig Wilson, 31, of no fixed address;
- Jayne White, 36, of Georgina;
- Fabio Faganello, 58, of Aurora;
- Maria Faganello, 54, of Aurora;
- Bianka Faganello, 29, of Aurora.

Each faces a charge of second-degree murder.

The charges have not been proven in court.

York Regional Police continue the investigation and encourage any witnesses who have not yet spoken to police to come forward.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Homicide Unit at 1-866-876-5423 x7865 or email the YRP’s Homicide Unit at [homicide@yrp.ca](mailto:homicide@yrp.ca).

Information can also be submitted anonymously via Crime Stoppers at 1800222tips.com or 1-800-222-TIPS.

# Police recover thousands in stolen property after executing Melancthon search warrant

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have arrested seven individuals following the execution of a search warrant at a residence in Melancthon as part of an ongoing property crime investigation.

During the spring of 2026, police received numerous reports of thefts from rural properties throughout northern Dufferin County and southern Grey County. The incidents involved a variety of high-value property, including machinery, equipment trailers, farm implements, power tools, and other items.

On May 30, as search warrant was executed a result of the investigation by the Dufferin Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with assistance from Dufferin B Platoon and C Platoon.

The search warrant was for a residence on the 6th Line NE in Melancthon.

Officers recovered a significant quantity of property believed to be connected to the reported thefts. Seven individuals were located at the residence and taken into custody. Investigators also discovered that some of the suspected stolen property was in the process of being dismantled and prepared for scrap metal.

Police have charged seven people following an investigation into allegedly stolen property:

- Eloise McGonigal, 67, of Melancthon
- Wayne Mills, 56, of Cambridge
- Joanne Mulvihill, 49, of Durham
- Richard Nethercott, 61, of New Hamburg
- Tara Tait, 52, of Dundalk

- Gordon Winslow, 34, of Maxwell
- Giuseppe Biase, 61, of Melancthon

Each is charged with:

- five counts of possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000 in Canada
- mischief interfering with the lawful use, enjoyment or operation of property over \$5,000

Police seized the following items:

- a galvanized vehicle hauler/trailer valued at about \$10,000
  - a zero-turn lawn mower valued at about \$7,500
  - two custom farm trailers valued at about \$7,500 each
  - a large quantity of Milwaukee and DeWalt power tools valued at about \$5,000
- None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

proven in court.

This investigation remains ongoing, and investigators believe additional individuals may be involved. Anyone with information related to this investigation is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP and reference incident number RM26146264.

The Dufferin OPP encourages residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity. Anyone with information, dash camera footage, or security video that may assist investigators is encouraged to contact police.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation or other suspected unlawful activity is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), or online at [www.crimestoppersdm.com](http://www.crimestoppersdm.com).

# Applications now open for summer social skills programs for SCDSB students with autism

This July, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is offering two virtual social skills programs for SCDSB students with a developmental profile consistent with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

The Coding and Robotics Social Skills Program is a five-day coding and robotics themed program designed to improve computing, problem-solving, and social skills of

children with a developmental profile consistent with ASD by focusing on following instructions, creativity, and conversational skills.

The Journey to Success Social Skills Program is a 10-day program that will focus on using problem solving, self-awareness, and communication to support social skills development. The program aims to target various

life skills while providing a fun and interactive experience.

Parents/guardians are an important part of the programs and may be required to attend. Parents/guardians will receive resources and support to help children develop and practice new skills at home and at school.

Limited spaces are available. Complete the initial application form on the SCDSB web-

site at [scdsb.on.ca/inclusiverecreationprograms](http://scdsb.on.ca/inclusiverecreationprograms) by June 19. This does not guarantee enrolment into the program. You may be contacted for a telephone interview or screening session to assess if the program is appropriate for your child.

This initiative links directly to the SCDSB Strategic Priorities in the areas of Well-being and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

# FedDev Ontario accepting applications under the Build Communities Strong Fund Local Impact Stream

Building a strong Canada starts with strong communities and regional economies. That is why the Government of Canada launched the Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) to support the infrastructure Canadians rely on and to help build strong, vibrant and connected communities across the country.

As part of this national initiative, Canada’s

regional development agencies are delivering \$1 billion over four years through the BCSF Local Impact Stream, a part of the BCSF Direct Delivery stream, to support community infrastructure projects that strengthen communities and advance regional economic development.

Today, the Honourable Evan Solomon,

Minister of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Innovation and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario), announced that the Build Communities Strong Fund Local Impact Stream is now open in southern Ontario.

Through this stream, FedDev Ontario will invest \$330 million over four years in local infrastructure that residents and families across southern Ontario use, from community buildings and recreation facilities to parks and trails and cultural spaces, to enhance community vitality across the region.

Eligible not-for-profit organizations, municipalities, Indigenous organizations,

and public-sector bodies across southern Ontario can now apply for funding to support community infrastructure projects that deliver economic, social, or environmental benefits for communities and the broader region.

The Build Communities Strong Fund supports investments that strengthen communities and help build Canada strong — today and for generations to come. To learn more about the fund, application deadlines and how to apply, visit [BCSF Local Impact Stream in southern Ontario: feddev-ontario.canada.ca/en/funding-southern-ontario/build-communities-strong-fund-local-impact-stream-southern-ontario](http://BCSF Local Impact Stream in southern Ontario: feddev-ontario.canada.ca/en/funding-southern-ontario/build-communities-strong-fund-local-impact-stream-southern-ontario)

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# County of Simcoe Archives celebrates 60th anniversary of preserving history

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Simcoe County Archives is celebrating 60 years of preserving and sharing the rich history of the region.

The anniversary coincides with International Archives Day. This day highlights the important role archives play in connecting communities with their past.

County councillors and partners were invited to the Archives to celebrate this sig-

nificant anniversary and six decades of service.

To commemorate the anniversary, Service Simcoe created a promotional video showcasing the Archive's important work, the breadth of its collections, and the many ways it supports residents, researchers, and local organizations.

Since its establishment in 1966, the Simcoe County Archives has grown into a trusted resource for preserving the heritage of the County and its past and present mem-

ber municipalities.

The archives contain a wide range of historical materials, including photographs, maps, government records, and tax ledgers. The documents tell the story of Simcoe County's people, places, and development over time.

"Celebrating 60 years of the Simcoe County Archives is a great opportunity to reflect on the importance of preserving our shared history," said Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke. "The archives plays a criti-

cal role in safeguarding records that help us understand where we came from and helps inform decisions we make for the future."

Through modernization efforts and increased public outreach, the archives ensure that historical records remain accessible for future generations while continuing to raise awareness about the importance of archival preservation.

For details on booking in-person appointments to visit the Archives, making donations and more, visit: [simcoe.ca/archives](http://simcoe.ca/archives)

# Stevenson launches Therapy Dog Program in partnership with St. John Ambulance

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH) has announced the launch of a new Therapy Dog Program in partnership with St. John Ambulance.

This partnership will bring additional comfort, connection, and wellness support to patients and staff.

Certified Therapy Dog, Nova, and her handler will visit the hospital beginning June 17, 2026, on a bi-weekly basis as part of SMH's Wellness Wednesday initiative.

Visits will take place in the afternoon and will provide opportunities for patients and staff to experience the positive benefits of animal therapy.

Certified therapy dogs and their handlers from the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program will be clearly identified while on site. During each visit, the therapy dog team will travel throughout designated areas of the hospital, offering comfort, companionship, and positive interactions for patients and staff who wish to participate.

Patient visits will occur only with patient and family consent, ensuring that all interactions are welcome and appropriate.

"At Stevenson Memorial Hospital, we are always looking for meaningful ways to support the well-being of both our patients and our staff. We know that a hospital stay or a busy day at work can be stressful, and sometimes it's the simple moments of connection that make the biggest difference," said Marnie Lightfoot, Vice President, Clinical Services & Chief Nursing Executive, SMH. "We're excited to partner with St. John Ambulance to welcome the therapy dog program and provide an additional source of comfort, companionship, and joy for individuals in our care."

Studies have shown that therapy dog programs can help reduce stress, anxiety, and feelings of isolation while promoting emotional well-being and positive social interaction.

Through this partnership with St. John Ambulance, SMH will enhance the experience of both patients and staff by creating moments of comfort and connection throughout the hospital.





**NEW PROGRAM** – Stevenson Memorial Hospital has launched a Therapy Dog program in partnership with St. John Ambulance. Nova, a therapy dog, will make regular visits to the hospital and help cheer up patients who will appreciate the companionship. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

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# Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority continues to partner with farmers to protect topsoil across the region

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

For more than three decades, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's Healthy Waters Program has partnered with farmers and landowners to protect valuable topsoil, improve water quality, and strengthen the health of local waterways.

Through restoration and stewardship projects completed across the watershed, an estimated 2,090 tons of soil are kept on the land each year, rather than being washed into rivers and streams.

This is equivalent to 2,485 kg of phosphorus.

"Topsoil is one of a farmer's most valuable assets," said Don Little, manager of stewardship and restoration services at NVCA.

"A recent capacity study found that approximately 37,000 tonnes of topsoil erode into the rivers and streams across the Nottawasaga Watershed each year. Along with that soil goes nutrients and investments that were intended to support crop production. Excess nutrients like phosphorus entering waterways can contribute to algal blooms, affecting drinking water quality and reducing oxygen levels for fish and other aquatic life."

NVCA works with farmers and landowners to implement practical solutions that keep soil and nutrients where they belong. Nutrient management planning, improved manure storage, and the installation of systems that

divert clean water around farmyards can reduce nutrient losses while supporting productive agricultural operations.

Livestock fencing protects sensitive areas from trampling, reduces bank erosion and prevents bacteria such as E.Coli from entering the watercourse. These efforts not only benefit the stream but also support healthy herds.

Native trees, shrubs and grasses can be used to create vegetated stream buffers. These buffers absorb nutrients, reducing concentrations before they reach the water, while stabilizing banks to reduce erosion and soil loss. Natural materials such as tree root wads, rocks, and recycled Christmas trees help stabilize streambanks and reduce soil loss.

"Agriculture is an important part of the Nottawasaga Watershed's identity, with generations of farm families stewarding the land since the 1800s," said Kevin Eisses, chair of NVCA's Agricultural Advisory Committee. "Healthy, productive soils are essential to successful farming operations. Through the Healthy Waters Program, NVCA has helped hundreds of farmers strengthen their operations while protecting the rivers, streams, and natural resources that support our communities."

Cost-share funding is available to help landowners undertake stewardship projects that conserve topsoil and reduce sediment and phosphorus entering local waterways.



**WATER TALK** – The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's Healthy Waters Program protects the watershed and its topsoil with several methods. The NVCA works with farmers to prevent soil erosion and maintain riverbanks. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Eligible projects include livestock fencing, County may be eligible for additional cost-streamside and wetland planting, and stream-sharing funding through partner programs to support projects such as cover crops, well bank stabilization. Funding levels vary by upgrades, and farm machinery stream cross- project type, and technical assistance is available through NVCA. Farmers in Dufferin ings.

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**LEARNING THE SPORT** – The Alliston Tennis Club hosted First Set Try Day on Friday, June 5, at the Alliston courts to offer young first-time players or those interested in learning the sport to come out and try it. Participants learned the basics of tennis, including serving, rallying, and scoring, in a supportive and friendly environment. New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross turned out and presented the tennis club with a certificate recognizing the club’s participation in June as part of Tennis Month in Canada. The mayor meets with club director Carolyn Knowles, participants, instructor Peter Simko, director Mary Parsons, and club president Andrew Kokej on the courts. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

## Trailblazers Select U11 team ready for summer action

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Tottenham Beeton District Minor Softball Association (TBDSMA) has rebranded with a new name for its teams.

TBDSMA teams are now the Tottenham-Beeton Trailblazers. The association executive made the switch to give the organization a brand identity.

Two boys’ select teams competed in

exhibition games to start the season against teams from East Gwillimbury.

The U15 boys’ Trailblazers won their game 17-7.

The U11 boys Trailblazers tied their game 8-8.

It was a good way to start the season before the regular season schedule gets underway.

Both boys’ teams will compete in a tournament in Tara, Ont., at the end of June.

New this year is the 2026 U11 girls Select team.

There are 11 players on the squad. They are looking forward to some good results this season.

Team members Ava Abbotts, Lucy Larocque, Lily Minchella, Megan Wells, Addie Norman, Robbie Bell, Remi Smith, Alessandra Digregorio, Stevie Burnett, Sophia Quercia, and Rowen Cox are practicing hard to get ready for the season.

As the first girls’ Select team in the organization, these players are helping blaze the trail for future generations of female athletes in TBDSMA. Their commitment, passion, and love for the game are setting a powerful example and proving that the future of girls’ softball is stronger than ever.

The girls’ Trailblazers will represent Tottenham-Beeton this summer at the Vaughan Vikings tournament on July 5 and the Mississauga Majors tournament on July 25.



**STRONG SHOWING** – The Banting Memorial High School Marauders senior girls’ soccer team take on the Holy Trinity Catholic High School Tigers on the field at Banting during the GBSAA final on Monday, May 25. The Marauders had to settle for a 5-1 loss in their final game of the season. The Banting team had a good season, going 5-1 in the regular schedule before going into the playoffs. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**



**BIG WIN** – The Banting Memorial High School Marauders girls’ varsity slo-pitch team take on the Georgian Bay District Secondary School Bears on the diamond at PPG Park in Alliston on Monday, May 25. A Banting player makes the catch for the out at second base, then throws to make another play at home plate. The Marauders won this game 16-4 and will now prepare for the playoffs, which get underway on June 3. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

# Junior umpires break gender barrier in minor softball

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Two young junior umpires have made local history by becoming the first female Junior Umpires to work together and officiate a local game.

Emma, 17, and Larissa, 12, umpired a recent game and were the first female team to do this in the 50-year history of the Tottenham Beeton District Minor Softball Association.

“Their achievement is about more than umpiring a game – it’s about breaking barriers, creating opportunities, and inspiring the next generation of girls to see themselves in every role the sport has to offer,” said Tottenham Beeton District Minor Softball Association president Kevin Boston. “Emma and Larissa demonstrated confidence, leadership, and a passion for the game while blazing a trail for future female junior umpires in our community. Congratulations to these history makers on this incredible milestone.”

The Association would like to say a special thank-you to Tottenham Chiropractic for sponsoring its Junior Umpire Program and helping to provide opportunities for young officials to develop their skills and grow their love of the game.



**BREAKING BARRIERS** – Two local junior umpires made local history by becoming the first female Junior Umpires to officiate a local softball game. Emma and Larissa umpired a recent game and were the first two female umpires to officiate a game in the Tottenham Beeton District Minor Softball Association’s 50-year history.

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# Alliston defenceman selected number 4 in OHL draft

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Alliston hockey defenceman Adrian Sgro was the number 4 draft pick in the 2026 Priority Selection of the OHL on June 12.

Sgro was drafted by the Sarnia Sting.

The 5’11”, 186 lbs defenceman has been called the ‘Top defenceman playing in Ontario this year.’

Sgro, who shoots left, spent the last season playing for the Vaughan Kings U16 AAA team.

During the season, he played 33 games, scored 10 goals, recorded 21 assists, and was assessed 100 minutes in penalties.

Sgro has a bright future in hockey based on reviews from commentators who have watched him play.

He has been described as having the ability to “Combine physical presence with the ability to control play in all three zones.”

One commentator suggested Sgro is “Capable of impacting games in the OHL right away.”

The OHL draft was held in Kingston and returned to an in-person format for the first time since 2000. The Priority Selection was held over two days.

A total of 301 players were selected in the 15-round process. Selected players included 171 forwards, 95 defencemen, and 35 goal-tenders.

A total of 289 players chosen for the draft were born in 2010, while eight were born in 2009, and four were born in 2008.

The Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL) led the way with 84 selections.

The Vaughan Kings and Toronto Marlboros topped the event list with 12 players each, followed by the Toronto Jr. Canadiens and Don Mills Flyers with 10 apiece, while the Mississauga Senators and Markham Majors each had eight.



**TOP PICK** – Alliston defenceman Adrian Sgro was the fourth pick in the first round of the 2026 Priority Selection of the OHL draft held in Kingston on June 12-13. Sgro is predicted to have a major impact in the OHL.

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# Foul play now suspected after human remains found: OPP

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

After a report of human remains being found in Thornton, police have updated that information and now say foul play is suspected.

Shortly before 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 2, members of the Nottawasaga Detach-

ment of the Ontario Provincial Police were called to a residence near 10th Line and 10th Sideroad after it was reported that human remains had been located.

The preliminary postmortem determined that the deceased is an adult female. The identity of the person has not yet been confirmed.

The OPP is seeking the public's assistance

and is asking anyone with information in relation to this investigation to contact police.

Local residents are urged to remain vigilant and promptly report any suspicious activity in the area.

A continued police presence can be expected as the investigation progresses.

The Nottawasaga OPP Crime Unit is continuing the investigation under the direction

of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner and Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.

Assistance is being provided by the OPP's Emergency Response Team, Canine Unit, and Forensic Identification Services.

Further information will be released as it becomes available.

# Man charged with multiple retail thefts in Bradford West Gwillimbury

On June 13, South Simcoe Police officers responded to a report of a theft in progress at a retail business in Bradford West Gwillimbury.

The suspect was quickly located by responding officers and identified through an earlier unsolved theft investigation. During the investigation, officers determined the suspect was also responsible for two more

theft incidents at various retail businesses in Bradford on the same day.

As a result of the investigation, a 23-year-old Bradford man was arrested and charged with:

- Two counts of Theft Under \$5,000
- Two counts of Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000

The accused is scheduled to appear in

court on Aug. 6.

South Simcoe Police encourage retailers to report any crime, even a crime that may seem minor in nature.

"Reporting these crimes can play a vital role that can connect suspects to specific crimes or ongoing criminal activity. We remain committed to working with retail partners across the region to address retail

crime and support local businesses," said South Simcoe Police.

South Simcoe Police accept non-emergency incident reports through an online reporting tool. Incidents such as retail theft can be submitted online at: [southsimcoepolice.on.ca/report-request/online-reporting/](https://southsimcoepolice.on.ca/report-request/online-reporting/).

Police say timely reporting helps with investigations and supports public safety.

# First-degree murder charge laid after Dufferin OPP officer killed during arrest attempt

BY SAM ODROWSKI

A Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officer has died after being struck by a vehicle during an attempted arrest in northern Ontario. The incident resulted in a first-degree murder charge and prompted an outpouring of grief from police and political leaders.

Provincial Constable Tarun Bali, 29, of the Dufferin OPP Detachment, was killed in the line of duty on June 9, near Hearst, Ont., while on a short-term deployment with the OPP's James Bay Detachment.

OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique said the incident occurred at approximately 12:30 p.m. as officers attempted to safely apprehend an 18-year-old man who had fled from a hospital where he was being assessed under the Mental Health Act.

"As officers attempted to safely apprehend the accused, our officer was struck by a motor

vehicle and killed while that motor vehicle was being driven by the accused," Carrique said.

Carrique said officers from multiple detachments, along with a member of the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service, were involved in the response and arrest.

"We're one big team here at the OPP, and he was one of our own. Everybody leans in to lend a hand," he said, adding that officers from across the province were deployed to assist in the search and apprehension.

The commissioner said Const. Bali, who served with the force for 2.5 years, had volunteered for the northern deployment from his home base in Dufferin County. Carrique described him as a dedicated officer who had "dreamed of being a police officer" from a young age.

"We know, we saw a picture when he was two years old where he stood there saluting,

as in the image of a police officer," Carrique said. "This was a lifelong dream for him."

He said Const. Bali had been deployed in the region for four days at the time of the incident and had previously served in similar northern assignments.

"He's truly an officer that in two and a half years made a difference everywhere he'd go," Carrique said.

The accused, identified by police as 18-year-old Justin Veronneau of Hearst, faces charges of first-degree murder, flight from police (two counts), dangerous operation causing death, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, assaulting a police officer and resisting arrest. He remains in custody and is scheduled to appear in court on June 24, 2026.

The charges against Veronneau have not been proven in court.

The investigation is continuing under the

direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch, with support from the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.

Dufferin County Warden Lisa Post said flags have been lowered to half-mast in honour of Const. Bali and extended condolences on behalf of county council and residents.

"On behalf of Dufferin County Council and staff and our entire community, we extend our sincerest condolences and thoughts to Constable Bali's family, friends, loved ones and fellow police community members," Post said.

The OPP said support is being provided to the officer's family and colleagues as the province's policing community mourns his death.

"Let's give them time to grieve. Let's pay our respects to them and show some sympathy and support," Carrique said.

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# Apply now for summer social skills programs for SCDSB students with ASD

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

This July, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is offering two virtual social skills programs for SCDSB students with a developmental profile consistent with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

The Coding and Robotics Social Skills

Program is a five-day coding and robotics themed program designed to improve computing, problem-solving, and social skills of children with a developmental profile consistent with ASD by focusing on following instructions, creativity, and conversational skills.

The Journey to Success Social Skills Program is a 10-day program that will focus on using problem solving, self-awareness, and

communication to support social skills development. The program aims to target various life skills while providing a fun and interactive experience.

Parents/guardians are an important part of the programs and may be required to attend. Parents/guardians will receive resources and support to help children develop and practice new skills at home and at school.

Limited spaces are available. Complete the

initial application form on the SCDSB website at [scdsb.on.ca/inclusiverecreationprograms](https://scdsb.on.ca/inclusiverecreationprograms) by June 19. This does not guarantee enrolment into the program. You may be contacted for a telephone interview or screening session to assess if the program is appropriate for your child.

This initiative links directly to the SCDSB Strategic Priorities in the areas of Well-being and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

## Province invests \$2.6 million into Primary Care Action Plan to connect more residents with doctors

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

As part of a plan to connect everyone in Ontario to a publicly funded family doctor or primary care team, the Ontario government is investing more than \$2.6 million this year to connect up to 6,891 residents in the South Georgian Bay Region with primary health services.

The announcement was made by Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey, on Wednesday, June 10.

“Access to primary care remains one of the most important health-care priorities for residents across South Georgian Bay,” MPP Saunderson stated. “This investment will help connect thousands more people to the care they need while strengthening the ability for

the South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre and the Georgian Bay Family Health Team to serve our growing communities.”

The South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre and the Georgian Bay Family Health Team are regional primary health care teams established to provide collaborative health care to residents of Clearview, Collingwood, The Blue Mountains, and Wasaga Beach.

They feature collaborative interdisciplinary teams of health care professionals who deliver quality care in patient-centred environments. With this funding, they will establish a process for accepting new patients and communicate it to their local communities.

These organizations were funded through the latest call for proposals under the Primary Care Action Plan, with all 124 teams receiving

funding expected to connect another 500,000 patients to primary care across Ontario. Each team has established a plan to attach a high proportion of unattached people in their community, including those on the Health Care Connect waitlist.

Through the 2026 Budget, the province is also increasing overall funding for the plan to \$3.4 billion between 2026 and 2029.

The province has also exceeded its 2025-2026 attachment goal under the Primary Care Action Plan, which was to connect 300,000 patients to a primary care provider by March 31, 2026. As of January 1, 2026, the province has already attached 330,000 people to care in 2025-2026, surpassing its goal by more than 30,000 with three months still to go.

“Through our Primary Care Action Plan, we are connecting more people to care and have

already exceeded our 2025-26 attachment target,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “By connecting more families to care in Simcoe-Grey, our government is taking the next step toward connecting everyone in the province to primary care by 2029.”

Ontario’s Primary Care Action Team is drawing on best-in-class models of care to implement its action plan, supported by the government’s investment of more than \$3.4 billion to connect approximately two million more people to primary care by 2029, which will achieve the government’s goal of connecting everyone in the province to primary care.

Ontarians looking to find a family doctor or nurse practitioner can register with Health Care Connect or call 811.bria

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## Brock’s Banter: When the world is watching

Last week, however, we had another reminder – the most potent we’ve had in many years – when former Supreme Court Justice Louise Arbour was sworn in as Canada’s latest Governor General in a spectacular ceremony with plenty of pomp and pageantry held in Ottawa on Monday, June 8.

An internationally-recognized jurist who has been an advocate for so many people around the world, it was interesting to hear the King’s new representative expand on what being Canadian means to her through a very worldly lens – and, in my opinion, get right to the heart of the matter.

“As Canadians, we have the extraordinary privilege of living in a mature democracy,” said the newly-minted Governor-General. “We benefit from strong institutions that allow different views to be expressed. We must continue to protect the public space in which our national debates take place, from schools and universities, to the media, to political parties, unions and civil society organizations, from theatres, concert halls and museums, to courtrooms and the floors of our legislative assemblies.

“The peaceful management of our differences is nowhere better expressed than in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The Charter guarantees that our cherished individual rights are subject only to the reasonable limits that are necessary for life in a free and peaceful democracy. This is what it means to

live under the rule of law. In an open society like ours, the purpose of law is not to restrain, but to construct a greater freedom for all.

“We have a constitutional and cultural framework that allows us to imagine, to explore, to innovate, and to experiment. Our humour is grounded in self-deprecation. We believe in leading as a team. We do not mistake humility for weakness, nor do we measure a person’s worth by the thickness of their wallet. We don’t think we are perfect, but we believe we are pretty well on the way there. We have a remarkable capacity to pause, to examine our failures and to learn from them. And, when we do, we seek to understand, not just to blame, and we know that we’re not yet doing enough – not enough for each other, let alone for the billions around the world who look at us with justifiable envy....

“At the dawn of my new role, I am aware of the privilege granted to me to meet Canadians from all over the country and to discover the richness of ideas and ideals that drive them. I am preparing to be surprised and to be confronted with my own stereotypes and unconscious biases.... When I am called to represent Canada abroad or to welcome foreign dignitaries in our country, it is the richness of Canadian voice that I intend to carry. In particular, I hope to be able to embody every day the spirit of empathy that is at the heart of our great reconciliation project. Together, we can harness

our extraordinary resources, the breadth of our talent, our collective know-how, and our boundless imagination. The world is watching us, not to copy everything we do, but to draw inspiration from a country striving to embrace the future with greater security, prosperity, and dignity for all.”

The world is indeed watching Canada in this moment and if the individuals here from all parts of the world to catch some soccer return home with this takeaway about Canada and Canadians, that is a win in itself – and pretty damn accurate, in my book.



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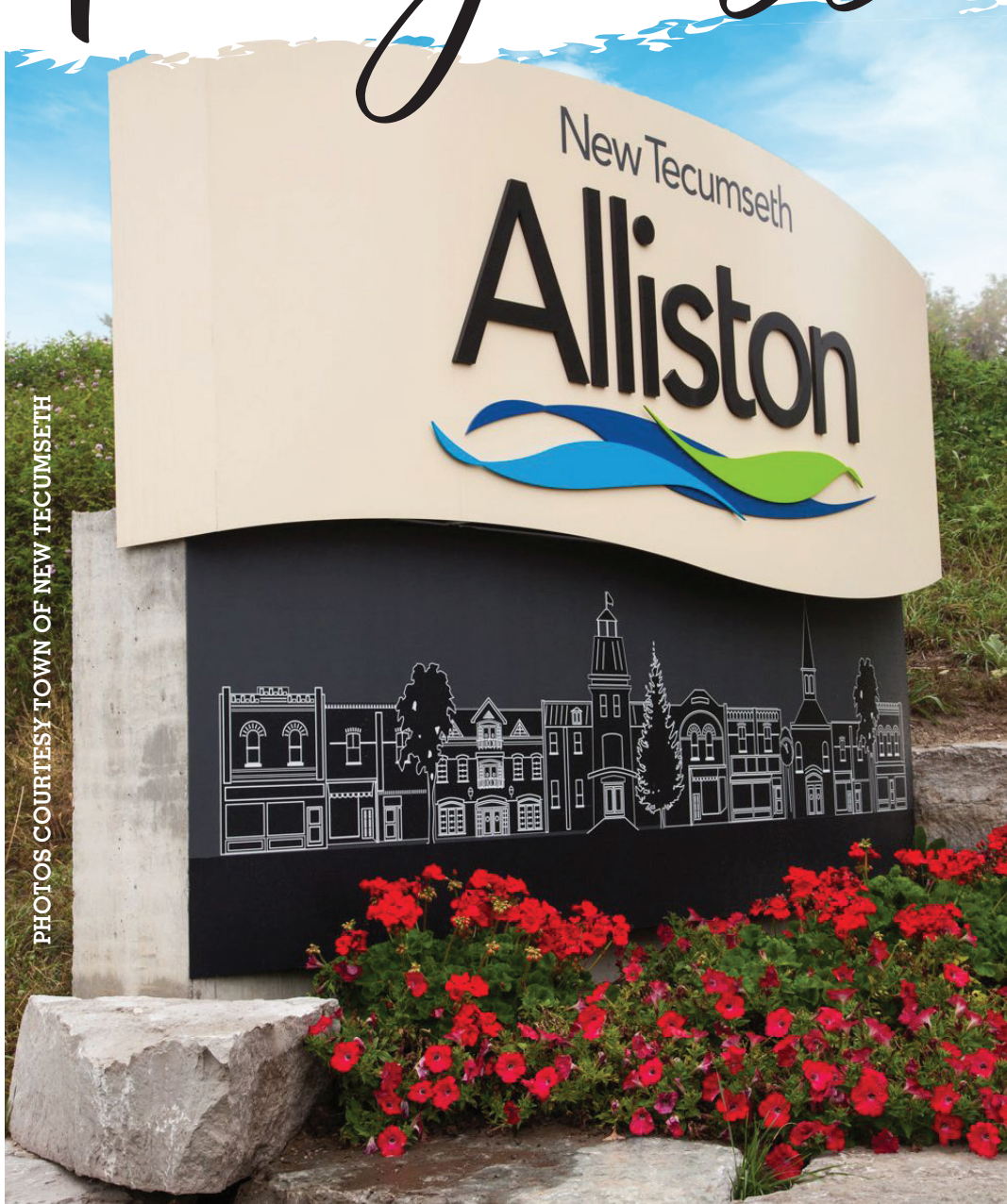
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AN ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL BUSINESSES IN  
**NEW TECUMSETH AND AREA**  
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## A message from the Mayor of New Tecumseth

In New Tecumseth, our local businesses are a defining part of what makes our community thrive. As the mayor of New Tecumseth, I am continually impressed by the vital role our local business community plays in shaping the character and prosperity of our town.

Every day, business owners and their teams contribute not only to our economy but also to the sense of pride and connection that makes New Tecumseth such a wonderful place to call home.

Across Alliston, Beeton, and Tottenham, you'll find a remarkable range of businesses that reflect both our proud traditions and our forward-looking spirit. From long-established shops that have become local landmarks, to emerging entrepreneurs bringing fresh ideas to life, each one contributes to a dynamic and resilient local economy.

What stands out most is the dedication

shown by our local business community. Whether supporting community events, sponsoring local initiatives, or simply providing excellent service, these efforts help foster a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere across New Tecumseth. Their contributions extend far beyond their storefronts — they help build the very fabric of our community.

Making the choice to shop and engage locally has never been more important. Supporting businesses close to home helps sustain local jobs, encourages continued investment, and ensures that our town remains a vibrant place to live and grow. These everyday decisions, made by residents and visitors alike, have a lasting and meaningful impact.

The Town of New Tecumseth is proud to stand alongside our business community. We are dedicated to maintaining an environment that encourages innovation and

growth, while preserving the qualities that make our town special. Through collaboration, planning, and ongoing support, we aim to create opportunities that benefit both current and future generations.

I invite everyone to take pride in the businesses that surround us and to continue supporting them whenever possible. Their success is closely tied to the overall strength and vitality of our community.

Thank you to the New Tecumseth Times for once again spotlighting our local businesses, and to the many individuals whose hard work and dedication continue to move our community forward.

Together, we are shaping a strong, prosperous and connected community for New Tecumseth.

Warm regards,  
Mayor Richard Norcross  
Town of New Tecumseth





# Hear Right Canada's Alliston clinic is quietly changing the way patients experience hearing care

the first place. Paul had spent years in a system with too much red tape and too little room to actually help people.

The moment that crystallized it for him was when a patient needed a \$5,000 set of hearing aids. He pushed for a discount. His manager approved 5 per cent.

"Two hundred and fifty dollars off," Paul says. "It felt like a slap in the face. It doesn't help in the grand scheme of things."

He knew he wanted something different. When Hear Right Canada reached out about the Alliston location — a satellite clinic that had been operating part-time under previous ownership, with some patients carrying away bad experiences — he saw an opportunity. Not just to run a clinic, but to repair one.

"I have a personal investment in here," Paul says. "I'm here to stay. There's not going to be someone different here next week or the year after. I'm here, and I'm here to listen."

That philosophy shapes every appointment.

There's an angle to hearing loss that most people don't think about, and Paul raises it with almost every new patient. It has nothing to do with whether you can hear the TV.

When your brain is straining to process incomplete sound and filling in gaps, working overtime to decode conversation in a noisy room, it draws on the same cognitive resources you use for everything else.

"You only have so much in that pool," Paul says. "If a lot of it is being used just to hear, you have less left for everything else. People come home from a dinner party exhausted, not knowing why. They start avoiding those situations. They notice their memory isn't what it was."

He's seen patients trial hearing aids for 30 to 90 days and come back reporting that their memory seemed sharper — not because the aids fixed their memory, but because their brain was no longer burning energy just to follow a conversation.

"People let it go for too long, and it cuts them off — from family, from hobbies, from their life," Paul says. "That leads to social isolation. It leads to depression. I don't want that for anybody."

He's also aware of the elephant in the room.

"Most people walk through that door already thinking: this guy's a salesman. He just wants to sell me a hearing aid.

He doesn't actually care about me," Paul says. "I get it. I understand it. It doesn't bother me anymore."

His answer to skepticism isn't a sales pitch. It's a trial. Every new patient gets at least 30 days to use the aids in real life, whether that's at work, in a noisy restaurant or watching TV, before making any commitment. The hearing test is free.

"You take it out for a test drive, just like anything," Paul says. "You yourself will be the judge. And then you decide: is this worth it? Is Paul actually looking out for me?"

That 30-day window has produced some remarkable answers. A local woman who'd had a viral infection destroy the hearing in one ear — a sudden, emergency-level loss that had gone incompletely addressed for years — came to Paul after giving up on performing music. The distortion was too much. Jam sessions sounded wrong. She'd quietly stepped away from something she'd loved.

Paul matched her to a hearing aid built for natural sound reproduction and worked with her through the adjustment period.

She came back. She could sing again. "I make the joke with her now," Paul says. "When am I coming to your show? She's getting closer."

For patients who can't easily get to the clinic, Paul goes to them. He recently visited a 105-year-old patient at home — oxygen tank and all — bringing his laptop and programming equipment to fit her hearing aids on her couch.

"Don't ever suffer in silence," he says. "I'm literally the only person who can help you with this. Tell me what's going on — even if it's bad news. We're already in the room together. Let's fix it."

Beyond the clinic, Paul has joined Alliston's BIA, sponsored local minor sports teams, and is actively building referral relationships with area physicians and the ENT department at Stevenson Memorial Hospital. He's helping offload appointments for wax removal, tinnitus assessment, and hearing tests that don't need to take up a doctor's time.

Hear Right Canada — Alliston is accepting new patients. Hearing tests are free with no obligation. Home visits are available for those who need them. To book, call (705) 250-8884 or visit <https://hearrightcanada.ca/hearing-aids/locations/ontario/alliston/alliston-hearing-clinic/>



*"I have a personal investment in here... I'm here to stay. There's not going to be someone different here next week or the year after. I'm here, and I'm here to listen."*

By Sam Odrowski

When Paul Rogozinski took over Alliston's Hear Right Canada clinic last July, one of the first patients through the door was a man who'd been bounced around for years. He had hearing aids covered through WSIB and knew from experience that most clinics didn't want to spend much time on him.

The reimbursement rates are low. The paperwork is heavy. The unspoken message he'd gotten elsewhere was: here are your aids, see you in five years. Paul sat down and actually listened to him.

"You're entitled to these things," he told him. "Let me help you get there."

Within that appointment, Paul walked the man through accessories he didn't know existed, including a partner microphone and TV streamer — the full range of what his coverage actually allowed.

The man left with more support than he'd received in years of being a patient somewhere else.

That was Paul's first week on the job.

His instinct — giving the person in front of him more than the minimum — is what drove him out of corporate audiology in



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# M&M Food Market – Quick, convenient, and high-quality meals

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

You have probably seen the easily recognizable M&M Food Market logo on their trailer at events around town.

When you see that logo, you know that there is a group of people enjoying a delicious barbecue on a warm summer day.

Alliston M&M Food Market owner Colin Oake loves being out in the community and meeting local residents while bringing high-quality products to community events, schools, and wherever people are gathering to have fun.

M&M Food Market is passionate about providing meals that are easy to prepare, and it is high-quality food that is selected and tested by expert chefs in the M&M kitchen.

It is a one-stop location for nutritious meals that offer variety, quality, and convenience.

Colin was involved in the food industry for 20 years before he became involved with M&M Food Market.

As a person who enjoys meeting people and interacting with the public, Colin was drawn to an industry where his personable demeanour allows him to meet local residents and help customers at the store.

“I was already a customer here,” Colin said of becoming involved with M&M Food Market. “I already loved the products and the business. I worked in the restaurant industry for around 20 years, then the insurance industry for about five years. I thought I could bring my food sales experience here, so I thought it was a good opportunity to become my own boss and sell a product that I actually enjoy myself. I love being part of community events. This time of year, there are a lot of end-of-year barbecues at the schools. I like seeing the kids having a good time.”

Originally named M&M Meat Shops, the company rebranded under the new name M&M Food Market in 2014 to better reflect their food selection and the variety of flavourful and healthy foods they offer to their customers.

When you enter the Alliston store, you are greeted by a sign that states, ‘Absolutely no artificial colours, flavours or sweeteners in any of our food.’

Healthy food is a priority with M&M Food Market, and they make sure everything in their products is natural.

Everything on the M&M Food Market’s shelves has been tasted, tested, and approved by the chefs who make the decisions about which products are of the high quality and taste suitable to be on the store’s shelves.

M&M Food Market offers ready-made food that makes life easier for many people, including a single person looking for a meal after a



long day at work, or a family trying to have a meal between their busy activities.

“We’re always trying to find exciting new foods,” Colin explained. “Our innovations department is really the most successful part of our story. Food does not just end up on our shelves because there’s a space to fill. If something is not popular and not selling, we will look for something better. We have an innovations department led by a head chef. It’s their job to curate the shelves and find foods that are becoming popular. They go out and taste-test multiple samples. They are looking for the very best version of a particular dish, as well as the most affordable option so we can give our customers the best price that we can. It’s nice to have a product that is a success and people appreciate.”

Gluten-free products are very popular and M&M Food Market has plenty to offer those who prefer this type of food.

“Our gluten-free products are Celiac Society certified and they taste good,” Colin said. “Much of the gluten-free products you find in grocery stores just don’t taste good, and it’s often unappealing. Our direction is - it has to taste good. We have over 35 certified gluten-free products, and that’s always growing.”

The store can be a part of a person’s regular grocery shopping experience with a wide variety of products that provide delicious options for just one person or an entire family or group gathering.

This includes appetizers, meat, prepared foods, single-serve options, seafood, vegetables, and breads. There is a variety of desserts that will finish any meal with a tantalizing special treat.

The store is always well stocked, and shopping and finding the product you want is easy and convenient. It is a bright and welcoming environment for shoppers.

Colin and his staff are friendly, welcoming, and ready to help with anything you are looking for and can provide information on the products they sell.

M&M Food Market offers a variety of healthy, delicious, and easily prepared foods for people on the go, and families who appreciate good food that is tasty, easy to prepare, and offers a variety of choices.



Colin Oake

The M&M Food Market in Alliston is located at the Young King Plaza at 37 Young Street. You can learn more by visiting the M&M Food Market website at [www.mmfoodmarket.com](http://www.mmfoodmarket.com).



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# SM SERVICES *Bringing old-fashioned customer care back to automotive repair*

By Brian Lockhart

In an industry where many customers often feel rushed, pressured, or treated like just another number, SM Services in Alliston is taking a different approach to customer service and satisfaction.

Owner and Service Technician Sagi Marisi has spent more than 20 years in the automotive industry, working in dealerships and automotive repair facilities throughout his career.

Those experiences taught him not only how to repair vehicles, but he also learned how customers deserve to be treated.

After years of working in large corporate environments, Sagi decided to create a repair shop focused on honesty, quality workmanship, and genuine customer care.

SM Services is a modern automotive repair facility that has earned a reputation for exceptional service and attention to detail.

"Cars can be repaired almost anywhere," Sagi explained. "What makes the difference is how customers are treated through the process."

From the moment customers walk through the door, they notice something different. The shop is meticulously maintained and exceptionally clean, reflecting the pride the team takes in every aspect of their work.

While cleanliness may seem like a small detail, Sagi believes it demonstrates professionalism and respect for both customers and employees.

"We treat every vehicle as if it belongs to a member of our own family," he explained. "If we wouldn't be comfortable putting our own children into that vehicle, then the job isn't finished."

That commitment to quality extends beyond the repairs themselves. SM Services offers complimentary shuttle service, helping customers continue with their day while their vehicles is being serviced. Customers also receive a complimentary air freshener with every visit – another small gesture designed to make people feel appreciated.

"Many shops are focused on the transaction," Sagi said. "We're focused on the relationship."

If spending a little extra helps a customer feel valued, then it's worth it."

That philosophy has helped SM Services build a loyal customer base in Alliston, Innisfil, Barrie, and surrounding communities. Much of the shop's growth has come through word-of-mouth referrals and positive online reviews.

To date, SM Services has earned more than 200 five-star Google reviews – a milestone that Sagi views as one of the business's greatest accomplishments. The shop has grown largely through customer recommendation and the trust built within the community.

Many of the reviews highlight the same themes: honesty, professionalism, fair pricing, and exceptional customer service.

Customers frequently describe their experience with comments such as "finally found a mechanic I can trust," "honest and transparent from start to finish," and "the best customer service I've experienced at an auto repair shop."

Other comments praise the team's willingness to explain repairs clearly and never pressure customers into unnecessary work.

For Sagi, those reviews represent more than just a rating – they reflect the relationships his team has built over the years.

"When customers take the time to leave a review, it means we've made a positive impact," Sagi said. "That's something we're incredibly grateful for."

The team takes pride in explaining repairs clearly, helping customers understand what their vehicle needs, and why. There are no quotas to meet, no corporate sales targets, and no pressure tactics.

Instead, the focus remains on providing honest recommendations and allowing customers to make informed decisions about their vehicles.

For Sagi, customer satisfaction is not simply a business goal – it's a personal commitment.

"When someone trusts us with their vehicle, they're trusting us with their family's safety," he said. "That's a responsibility we never

take lightly."

As SM Services continues to grow in Alliston, the mission remains unchanged – to provide top-quality automotive repair, exceptional customer service, and a level of care that customers rarely experience in today's fast-paced automotive world.

At a time when many businesses are becoming increasingly automated and impersonal, SM Services is proving that integrity, attention to detail, and genuine customer care still matter.

For Sagi and his team, success isn't measured by the number of vehicles serviced each day, it is measured by the relationships built, the trust earned, and the customers who return year after year knowing their vehicle is in good hands.

The shop receives drive-in customers as well as by appointment so you can plan your day and know that the team has ordered parts and is ready to work on your vehicle.

A full service auto repair shop, SM Services offers safety inspections, Uber inspections, oil changes, suspension and front-end work, starters and alternators, vehicle diagnostics, brake service and exhaust repairs, and new tires and seasonal tire swaps.

The shop also offers a ten per cent discount for senior citizens.

SM Services has become a trusted and reliable automotive repair shop in Alliston with a focus on quality repairs and superior customer service.

Sagi and his team enjoy meeting new customers and taking the time to explain what repairs are needed on a vehicle to keep it running safely and efficiently.

SM Services is located at 4987 Dean Drive in Alliston.

You can call for more information or to book an appointment at 647-834-7244.



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# THE FIREPLACE STOP

TAKING CARE OF YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

From Schomberg to Seguin, The Fireplace Stop's story is one of family, fire, and full-circle moments.

BY RILEY MURPHY

At The Fireplace Stop, a customer's experience is truly second to none.

Run by Andy Leonard, his family, and team, he says that their people are what make the store the comforting and welcoming space it is.

They'll take care of you every step of the way, whether it's picking out a product in their up-to-date showroom, right down to the recommendation on installation.

The Fireplace Stop will have everything covered, so all you have to worry about is enjoying.

Leonard prides himself on his businesses, bringing good people, high-quality products, and fair prices to the table.

"Everything, and a little bit more," he adds.

But don't just take their word for it, 90% of the jobs they do, the customer will phone back to thank them for their exceptional service, and quality team members.

The Fireplace Stop, founded by Leonard in 1987, opened its location at Highway 9 and 27 in Schomberg in 1990, where it stands to this day.

Now, Leonard and his family are coming full circle, as they have taken over the Fireplace and Leisure Centre in Seguin, Ontario, 1km from Parry Sound, where he grew up.

At The Fireplace Stop, not only does Leonard work with his three kids, but the team is like one big family, with many of its employees having been there for decades,

the business is Canadian, family-owned and operated and always has been.

They bring their team to both locations, ensuring best treatment will never be a second thought.

At The Fireplace Stop, they understand the struggles you face every day and work hard to adapt to them. They know that you work hard too!

If you can't come in during their operating hours, they invite you to make an appointment to visit, see their products, and meet their team in person.

Leonard makes sure his people are the best, in turn giving you the best experience possible.

His team knows exactly which product you'll need after hearing your concerns, and the exact technical aspects needed for the job.

They also receive frequent recertifications, ensuring their technique remains up to date. "You're going to be taken care of the right way," says Leonard.

Continuing to advance their business by meeting their customers where they are, The Fireplace Stop is renovating their showroom with the newest products and introducing financing for all jobs.

Leonard believes that, like all high-ticket items in your life, you should be able to do the same with your jobs through The Fireplace Stop.

Financing is done directly online,



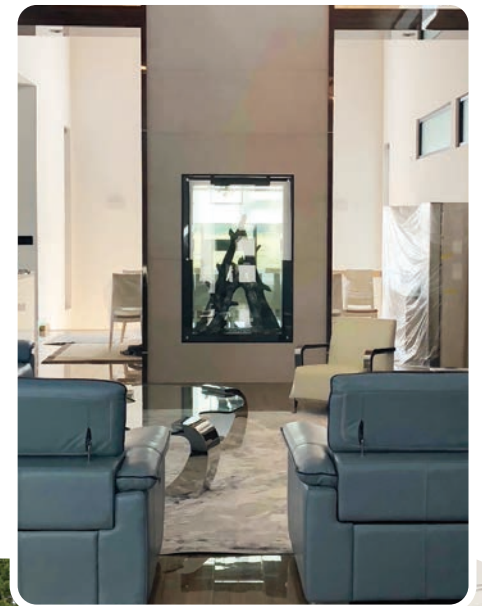
ensuring customers can keep their personal information private and making it quick and easy for consumers.

At The Fireplace Stop, they can do a wide variety of jobs, including those on properties with snowmobile or boat access only.

They sell and service top-brand-name fireplaces at both locations, and also offer hot tubs at their northern location.

At The Fireplace Stop, both staff and customers are treated like lifelong friends. Many actually are, as Leonard says he knows almost everyone who comes through his doors.

Leonard and his team encourage you to stop by their stores, and understand for yourself what makes them your neighbours' go-to business for decades.



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# KEN PRATT

A trusted, professional and knowledgeable real estate agent in the region



Entering the world of real estate can be a daunting and stressful experience - especially for first time home buyers...

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

**B**uying or selling a home will be one of the most important transactions you will make during your lifetime, and buying a home will likely be the biggest investment you ever take on.

Entering the world of real estate can be a daunting and stressful experience – especially for first time home buyers who may not be aware of everything that is involved when buying a property.

Having a trusted, knowledgeable, and experienced realtor to help guide you through the entire process will make your experience easier, less stressful, and help you make informed decisions when it comes to making an offer on a property or determining the correct asking price when you are selling.

Ken Pratt, a realtor with Century 21 in Alliston, has the knowledge and experience to help you with buying or selling a property, and he always places the client's best interest first.

Ken is a well known face around town. He owned the Beeton Foodland for seven years and was known for his friendly demeanour and helpful service with customers at the store.

He always had an interest in real estate and first achieved his license in 2002, but a business associate asked him to return to a local store to use his expertise to help a new owner.

When that tenure was completed, Ken made the decision to go into real estate full time. He had to retake the real estate courses again to update his qualifications, and has now been a full-time real estate agent for the past 12 years.

"There's the business side of buying a house, and the living side of buying a house," Ken explained of

how he helps his clients find a suitable home.

The business side deals with the purchase or selling price, and the negotiations that go along with a transaction.

The living side of finding a property deals with a buyer's wants and needs when it comes to finding a suitable property.

"I love interacting with people," Ken said. "I worked with one family from Syria and I helped them find their first new home. I've worked with people who have lost their spouses and need to move. It's not just selling the house – they need a plan for their investments and where they will go. It's very satisfying to help people like this."

When a client decides to sell their house and relocate to a new property, Ken urges his clients to first go out and see what is available so they know how their search will go.

"When you look at a house, you have to remember that people will be just as critical when going into your house," Ken explained. "If you're going to buy, you should see four or five houses because when you are looking for a house, you may know what you want, but when you start seeing properties, you will realize what really is important, and what would be nice to have. Quite often the best move is to select a house based on 'needs', then do the 'wants' later when it is affordable. Its the same with the location. It's very important to find a location that is right for you."

Ken is knowledgeable of the neighbourhoods and amenities that surround them in the towns that he serves.

Many potential buyers have a list of things they require to be near or services they may need to have close by. This is important to know when you are

looking at different locations and neighbourhoods.

Ken knows the schools, recreation facilities, medical facilities, shopping centres, pharmacies, service groups, sports groups, and restaurants that are close to different neighbourhoods.

This knowledge helps clients narrow down their search and avoid wasting time by looking at houses in areas that just aren't suitable for their lifestyle.

Many people have been frustrated by rising home prices over the past few years, however real estate is always a good investment.

"Houses have always kept their value," Ken explained. "This is the perfect storm right now for someone to buy. In some cases, prices are falling, but the value is still there. People need a real estate agent to work with them on finding the right place and value."

Ken helps first time house buyers prepare to enter into the market by ensuring they have the financing and means to buy a home that they want. It can be frustrating for buyers who want to bid on a house, only to find the home is really out of their affordable price range and they have wasted their time.

Finding the right house for you and your family can be a challenge. By working with a trusted real estate professional who knows the trends, the market, and the inventory available, you can achieve your goals while being advised and informed by an experienced realtor.

Ken is a trusted, knowledgeable, and experienced real estate agent who strives to achieve the best results for his clients.

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# Beyond the refund:

## Rob Katzman shares his philosophy for smart tax planning

*A Taxing Situation helps clients navigate taxes confidently and pay only what they owe*

By Sam Odrowski

**R**ob Katzman will be the first to tell you he didn't always have his financial house in order.

Before entering the financial industry, Katzman spent 23 years in the restaurant business, including three as a restaurant owner. Life was busy, taxes were an afterthought, and eventually the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) came knocking.

"I stuck my head in the sand, not doing my taxes, and that's when Revenue Canada came by to kick me," he said with a laugh.

What followed could have left a lasting bitterness. Instead, it left a lasting obligation. The people at Revenue Canada who helped him work through his situation were, by his own description, genuinely helpful — and Katzman made himself a promise.

"I vowed at some point in the future I would pay that back," he said. "And that's what I'm doing now."

That vow became A Taxing Situation, the Alliston-based tax preparation, bookkeeping, and financial advisory firm Katzman has built over the past decade into one of the largest tax practices in the region.

### A career that built the right foundation

The path from restaurant owner to tax professional wasn't a straight one.

After leaving the restaurant industry, Katzman spent 15 years as a financial advisor with Freedom 55, where he developed a perspective that still drives his business today. He noticed that most investment professionals gave little or no thought to the tax implications of the advice they were giving clients.

"I always approached my business from a tax perspective," he said. "It amazed me how few investment professionals actually take tax into consideration when investing their clients' [money]."

That advisory mindset, focused on keeping what you earn rather than just growing what you have, became the philosophical backbone of A Taxing Situation. Katzman is a Certified Professional Business Advisor (CPBA), and he's quick to distinguish his work from the transactional model most people associate with tax season.

"We're not just data entry clerks," he said. "We're not just taking your stuff, typing on a keyboard, and sending you on your way."

After 15 years at Freedom 55, he retired. But his retirement didn't last long.

"I got bored," he said. "I started this up as a hobby — and now 10 years later I have six franchisees and one of the largest tax practices in the region."

### The right refund, not the biggest one

A Taxing Situation now operates out of a multi-room office on Victoria Street West, a space Katzman moved into during the height of COVID-19, investing roughly \$100,000 in improvements. The office not only serves clients locally but across Canada and internationally, including the United States, Ireland, Poland, and the Czech Republic.

But the core of the business remains rooted in personal, year-round relationships.

"When you come to us, you're working with the same person year in and year out," Katzman said. "They get to know you, they get to know your family, they get to know your situation — as opposed to you being the flavour of the month."

He's also candid about a misconception he runs into regularly — one that he admits could get him in trouble.

"Tax preparation is not about getting you the biggest refund," he said. "Tax preparation is about getting you the right refund — making sure you pay the right amount of tax. It's about knowing the rules and using the rules to your best advantage."

For clients who walk in anxious or overwhelmed, the approach is deliberate. Katzman describes it as mentorship over intimidation — a direct contrast, he notes, to the anxiety Revenue Canada tends to create for most people.

"There are two ways to motivate peo-



ple," he said. "One way is through intimidation — and that's Revenue Canada's method. Most people have PTSD when it comes to taxes. We prefer a mentoring approach. We take you by the hand, we walk you through the process — and we tell a few jokes every now and then."

### Rooted in Alliston

For Katzman, the business has never been separate from the community that supports it.

A Taxing Situation made a \$25,000 donation to Stevenson Memorial Hospital a few years ago and just recently donated an additional \$25,000. Katzman serves as president of the Alliston & District Chamber of Commerce, sits on town economic development committees, and sponsors local soccer teams. He has also served as the on-screen tax expert for CTV Barrie for four consecutive years, and is the current chairperson of his association for taxing and accounting professionals.

Katzman doesn't hesitate to challenge others in the industry to do the same.

"It's about taking care of your community," he said. "We challenge other tax preparers and accountants within the community to do the same thing — and if they don't, why not?"

The local focus is also a deliberate business philosophy. In an era of national chains and U.S.-owned financial services

companies, Katzman makes a pointed argument for keeping dollars close to home.

"Your profit stays here," he said. "It benefits the local economy."

With a new physical location recently opened in Markdale and franchisees operating in Barrie and the broader Alliston area, the model is expanding — but the mission, he says, hasn't changed.

"Come on in," Katzman said, to anyone who's been putting off their taxes, their bookkeeping, or their financial planning. "You don't have to have things perfect. That's our job."

He knows firsthand how easy it is to fall behind — and how much a little guidance can change everything.

A Taxing Situation is located at 26 Victoria St. W. in Alliston. To book a free initial consultation, visit [ataxingsituation.ca](http://ataxingsituation.ca) or call (249) 505-0323.



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You spend around a third of your life asleep.

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Brisco's Mattress World in Alliston offers a full line-up of quality mattresses, box springs, bedroom furniture, and other bedroom niceties so your most private room will reflect your taste and meet your required comfort level.

Brisco's Mattress World opened its doors 13 years ago, when Ken Brisco, owner of Brisco Furniture & Appliances, located just down the street, realized there was a need for a separate store focused on mattresses and bedding.

Brisco Furniture & Appliances already had a solid local reputation as the premier location in the region for furniture and appliances based on quality products and superior service.

Ken brought that same superior service and quality products to Brisco's Mattress World and the region has trusted him and his staff for their knowledge of products and non-pushy approach to sales.

Customer service and making sure their customers are happy with their purchase is a main focus of the store.

Buying a new mattress can be a challenging endeavour for many people.

There are many styles to choose from, ranging in softness from plush to extra firm for those who require more body support.

There is also a wide range of prices and many different manufacturers of bedding products to consider.

The only person who can decide what they need in a mattress is you. You will be spending around eight hours every night on a new mattress, so choosing the right one is important.

When entering the store, some customers may be a little intimidated by all the different styles of mattresses and

have difficulty deciding which one is best for them.

This is when a hands-on approach is best.

Brisco's Mattress World staff encourage visitors to try different mattresses – and that doesn't mean just placing your hand on a mattress to see how soft or firm it is.

Customers are encouraged to lie down on a mattress to get the real feel. You can try it for a minute, or 30 minutes, if that's what it takes.

"When customers come in here, we provide great customer service," said store sales associate Eloine Hunter. "We give advice. There are customers who come in and are not sure if they want to buy a new mattress and they speak to me about it. I provide them with options and offer advice. Some people are coming here looking for furniture, like a new headboard. They will tell me about the colour of the bedroom and they will want something to go with that. I will always ask about the colour scheme and what kind of light comes into the room. We even have bunk beds and kids' furniture."

While some people prefer to replace their mattress every few years, Eloine explained that some people need a new mattress due to a change in lifestyle. An injury or illness may require someone to find a new mattress to help with pain relief or some other kind of discomfort.

"People are looking for comfort when they sleep," Eloine explained. "They just want to sleep comfortably. We carry everything from plush mattresses to ultra-firm mattresses. Medium firm mattresses tend to be the most popular, but different brands will feel different."

The store carries a wide selection of products ranging from inexpensive mattresses to higher-end products. They can help you decide on the right product depending on your needs and budget.

Many well known and popular mat-

tress brands are available including Sealy, Tempurpedic, Sterns and Foster, Dream Star, BeautyRest, Serta, and Kingsdown.

The superior customer service continues after you buy your new mattress.

Delivery personnel at Brisco's Mattress World are highly trained, efficient and friendly, and do an excellent job of both delivering your new product and removing your old mattress.

If you have ever tried getting rid of an old mattress, you know what a challenge that can be.

There is a small fee for removing your old mattress, however that fee mitigates the frustration of trying to remove it yourself, as well as the fee you will still pay if you manage to get it to the local landfill.

Delivery and set-up are free if you live within a 45-minute drive from the store.

One of the reasons the customer service at Brisco's Mattress World is known to be so good is the company culture that reflects how the business operates.

There are no high-pressure sales. Sales associates will help you and advise you on what you want and need, to make sure you are happy with your



purchase. It is a family run business that treats both customers and employees with respect which translates to a healthy work environment and a pleasant experience for customers.

With a variety of products, knowledgeable and friendly staff, and superior customer service, Brisco's Mattress World has become the leading store for mattresses and bedding items in the region.

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You can see what's new at the store on their Facebook page, or call them at 705-435-9777.



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# TOTTENHAM PAINT & PAPER –

*A hidden gem with wonderful colours, design and superior customer service*

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

There are some decisions you will make that will really affect your lifestyle and how you feel about your surroundings.

One of those decisions is choosing the right colour and design for your home, both on the outside and on your interior walls, that will reflect your taste, alter your mood, and create a better feeling when you are at home.

The exterior colour of your home will define the place where you live and set your home apart from others on the street. Carefully coordinated colours will show the trim and windows and define the look of the house.

On the inside, the interior colours you choose for your walls will add your personal touch to the decor, enhance your home's appearance, and create the overall appeal of your surroundings.

Whether you choose neutral shades for a more earthy feel, or colours that pop for that special room, the colours you select will set the tone of a room and the home.

Tottenham Paint & Paper is a Benjamin Moore authorized dealer that offers quality solutions when it comes time to get out your paintbrush and rollers and define the look of your home.

The store is a hidden gem nestled in the quaint town of Tottenham and is an independent retailer that specializes in Benjamin Moore products.

Established in 1990, the store has been the go-to place for paint for many local residents as well as customers from surrounding towns in the region who like

the service and quality products.

The store also carries a full line of wallpaper with sample books available so customers can look through many designs before deciding which will look best in a particular room.

Store owner Christa Lacey took over the Tottenham business in 2022 after working there for several years.

Christa had experience as a house painter after a long career in accounting, which allowed her to take over the store with experience in both paint and business.

She greets her customers with enthusiasm and a friendly demeanour, and she has the knowledge and experience to advise customers on the products they need for a project.

"We sell premium Benjamin Moore products," Christa explained. "We have a full range of interior and exterior paints and stains for primarily residential customers. We do sell to contractors as well. When you come into the store, the first thing we do is assess your needs. 'What are you painting?' is the first question we ask. For customers who have no idea what they want, we will start off by just finding out what they like. Other customers know what they want. Some customers are doing very small steps when painting, while others will want to paint an entire house. We help with their needs."

Christa and her staff work with customers and help them decide the right shade for what they want to accomplish.

There are thousands of paint colour samples available, and Christa encourages customers to take some home with them to see them under the light in a par-



ticular room.

When you choose a colour, Christa and her team follow a set formula when mixing the paint so the shade is always the same as on the samples. This means the paint you receive will be exactly the same as the shade you select.

You can choose finishes ranging from flat to pearl and semi-gloss, with each finish designed to complement walls, ceilings, or trim, depending on your taste.

When painting, choosing a high-quality paint will produce superior results.

"With higher-priced paint, you're getting a better quality paint, a thicker paint, and better coverage," Christa explained. "If you select a less expensive paint, you are going to need more paint to complete the job, so you'll end up spending more. Benjamin Moore has at least 3,500 colours. We like to stick to the formula for consistency. If you need more of the same paint a year from now, we can mix the exact same shade."

Painting is a job that requires tools. The store carries a full lineup of paint brushes, rollers, and everything you need to get the job done.

If you would like to brighten up a room with wallpaper, Tottenham Paint and Paper has many samples of current trends you can look through before making a decision.

In addition to paint and supplies, Christa also fills every little corner with unique gifts items and décor accessories.

Christa and her team at Tottenham Paint and Paper provide superior customer service, excellent product knowledge, and a friendly way of dealing with customers who arrive at the store.

Many customers come to the store from other towns because they appreciate the personalized service in a friendly small



town environment.

Benjamin Moore is a leading manufacturer of quality paint products since 1883. The company has gained a solid worldwide reputation for quality paint products.

Tottenham Paint & Paper is conveniently located in downtown Tottenham at 19 Queen Street North.

You can visit online at [www.tottenhampaintandpaper.com](http://www.tottenhampaintandpaper.com), email at [info@tottenhampaintandpaper.com](mailto:info@tottenhampaintandpaper.com), or call at 905-936-3818.

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## BEYOND THE POLICY: Local Insurance Expert Empowers Families to Plan for the Unexpected

By Sam Odrowski

Sandra Phekoo has spent more than 25 years in the insurance and financial services industry. Over the course of her career, she has witnessed firsthand what happens when families are prepared for life's unexpected turns—and the devastating financial strain when they aren't.

"Nobody wants to think about illness or death," says Phekoo, owner of Co-operators Insurance in Alliston. "But those things happen. And when they do, having something in place — even something small — can make an enormous difference for the people left behind."

This isn't just a corporate message delivered from a distance. Having watched how quickly a health crisis, sudden loss, or sudden unemployment can upend a household, Phekoo is deeply passionate about helping families secure a safety net before they need it.

While Phekoo has been working in the sector since 1999, she took ownership of the Alliston Co-operators office in 2024. The office itself has been a staple of the local community for roughly 40 years, and Phekoo is a familiar face within it, having joined the team in 2008 after moving to town in 2006.

Throughout her tenure, she has guided clients through various economic cycles. Right now, however, she notes that the financial anxiety gripping local families is as heavy as she can remember.

### What's keeping families up at night?

"The biggest things are food on the table, paying the mortgage, the basic costs of getting to and from work," Phekoo says. "People are not even thinking long term right now. They're focused on their immediate needs — just taking care of what's in front of them."

With mortgage renewals landing at significantly higher rates, household budgets are being stretched to the limit. The soaring costs of groceries, rent, and everyday essentials have made long-term financial planning feel like an unattainable luxury. For young families, the math-

ematical reality is particularly punishing as they attempt to balance rent and childcare with the dream of future home ownership, all while trying to set a little aside.

Local retirees face a different version of the same financial strain. Many are living without the cushion they expected, relying entirely on CPP benefits. If a partner passes away, the sudden reduction in government benefits can plunge the surviving spouse into a precarious situation.

### Something is better than nothing

The core philosophy Phekoo brings to almost every client meeting is simple: you don't need a flawless, expensive plan. You just need a starting point.

"Not everybody can afford the right amount of coverage right now. I understand that," she says. "But something as opposed to zero — those matters. Have something in place that fits your budget." This practical approach defines how she treats every person who walks through her door. For example, if a standard financial analysis suggests a client needs \$3 million in life insurance, but their immediate concern is covering a \$500,000 mortgage on a tight budget, Phekoo won't pressure them into a premium they can't afford. Instead, she helps them secure what is realistic, manageable, and impactful for their family today.

That same tailored logic applies to wealth management. Phekoo recalls a young woman who came to her from another financial firm. The client was diligently contributing to a Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA) every month, only to withdraw the exact same funds days later to pay back family members who had financed her university education. Her previous advisors had never questioned the counterproductive cycle.

Phekoo did.

"I said, why are you putting it in and taking it out? Pay off your obligation first. Put \$50 a month in savings so you're staying on track, but deal with the higher interest debt first."

It was straightforward, common-sense advice that

simply hadn't been offered elsewhere.

"They come to us for knowledge. 'Help me with a path. Help me with my goal.' That's what we're here for."

### A local office in a growing community

While Co-operators is widely recognized for home and auto insurance, the Alliston agency operates as a full-service financial hub. The team provides life insurance, critical illness and disability coverage, and investment vehicle management (including TFSAs, RRSPs, and RESPs), alongside ongoing financial reviews that adapt as their clients' lives evolve.

As Simcoe County grows and welcomes diverse new residents from around the world, Phekoo is intentionally building a team that mirrors the community. By offering services in Spanish and Tamil, the office ensures that newcomers can navigate complex financial concepts and ask questions in the language they speak most comfortably.

"It builds trust," Phekoo says. "We can educate them, explain the process. That's how we start."

Her commitment to Alliston extends well beyond business hours. Phekoo actively sponsors local events and backs community organizations, prioritizing her role as a supportive neighbor above that of a business owner.

"I try to get involved not because I work here, but because I love this community and I want it to be better," she says. "That's tied into everything I do."

### No question is too small

For anyone hesitating to look at their financial picture, Phekoo's invitation is simple: book a conversation, clear up the lingering uncertainties, and get a clear view of where you stand, entirely free of obligation.

"People are sometimes afraid to ask because they don't want to sound uninformed," she says. "But those are exactly the questions you should be asking. Come in. We'll talk. You make the decision that's right for your family."



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The Davenports story began back in 1972, when founder Gord Davenport opened the very first store at Mono Plaza near Orangeville. The shop quickly became a hit, leading to a second location and steady growth over the decades. Today, the business is still proudly family run, now led by the third generation: Steve Kallay and Kim Noseworthy.

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## From weddings to community events, Dufferin DJs keeps the party going



*We're not just pressing play on a playlist, we're helping create memories...*

Whether it's a packed wedding dance floor, a corporate event, or a lively community celebration, Dufferin DJs has built a strong reputation across the region for creating memorable events that guests talk about long after the music ends.

Founded and operated by Sam Odrowski, the business provides professional DJ and MC services, along with sound, lighting and entertainment packages tailored to a wide range of occasions. While weddings remain the core of the business, Dufferin DJs also works corporate events, buck-and-doe parties, fundraisers, birthdays and celebrations of any kind. The business operates throughout New Tecumseth and the surrounding area.

For Odrowski, the job is about far more than simply playing music.

"We're not just pressing play on a playlist — we're helping create memories people are going to associate with some of the biggest moments of their lives," he said.

That mindset has helped Dufferin DJs grow largely through word-of-mouth recommendations and positive reviews from satisfied clients, while also building a local presence by DJing at the Tottenham CRIC Draw and Dance, Gibson Centre, Stevenson Inn, and Tottenham Legion.

To the southwest, Odrowski has become a familiar face at many of Dufferin County's best-known events, including the Orangeville BIA Christmas Tree Lighting, HollyFest Christmas Market, Boo on Broadway Street Festival and the Orangeville Food Bank's Coldest Night of the Year Walk.

"A shout out to DJ Sam from Dufferin DJs for doing an amazing job at our Christmas Market," wrote HollyFest Orangeville on Facebook. "He did a great job engaging the crowd and keeping everyone in a festive mood. We would highly recommend him and will be using him at future events."

While community events have helped establish local recognition, weddings remain the business's biggest focus. From rustic barn receptions and elegant banquet halls to private backyard celebrations, Dufferin DJs has worked weddings of all sizes and styles throughout Southern Ontario and the GTA.

Odrowski says one of the most important parts of the job is understanding the room's atmosphere and adapting throughout the night.

"A big part of being a DJ is learning how to read the room," he said. "Every crowd is different, and knowing when to slow things down or bring the energy up can completely change the atmosphere of an event."

That ability to connect with guests and maintain momentum throughout the evening is something clients regularly highlight in reviews.

"The dance floor was packed the entire time, with guests of all ages having a blast and the energy staying high from start to finish," wrote recent newlyweds Ashley and Nevin. "He can truly read the room and deliver an amazing experience."

Flexibility is another recurring theme in client feedback. Reviews frequently mention Odrowski's willingness to accommodate last-minute timeline changes, adjust music selections on the fly and work collaboratively with photographers, caterers and venue staff to keep events running smoothly.

"I always try to make the process as stress-free as possible for clients," said Odrowski. "Especially with weddings, people already have so much on their plate, so I want them to feel confident that the entertainment side is taken care of."

Rather than relying on a one-size-fits-all playlist, Dufferin DJs tailors music selections to each event's audience and

atmosphere. Whether it's classic rock, country, Top 40s, EDM, throwback hits or dance music, the goal is to create an environment where guests of all ages feel engaged.

"One of my favourite parts of the job is seeing different generations out on the dance floor together," Odrowski said. "When grandparents, parents and younger guests are all enjoying themselves at the same time, that's when you know the night is going well."

Beyond music, the business also offers professional sound and lighting packages designed for both intimate gatherings and larger venues. Dufferin DJs additionally provides a 20-inch disco ball setup and an audio guest-book service, allowing guests to leave recorded messages and memories for hosts to revisit long after the event ends.

The company has also recently introduced a sleek white DJ setup designed specifically for weddings and upscale events. The modern design allows the equipment to blend seamlessly into elegant décor while still maintaining a polished visual presence.

As demand for experienced entertainment providers continues to grow, Odrowski says professionalism and preparation remain central to the business.

"I've always believed that professionalism matters just as much as the music," he said. "Showing up prepared, communicating clearly and adapting when things change are all huge parts of running a successful event."

For many couples and event organizers, hiring a DJ is about more than simply choosing songs — it's about trusting someone to help shape the atmosphere of an important celebration. That responsibility is something Odrowski says he takes seriously every time he books an event.

"The best compliment I can get is when guests come up after an event asking for my contact information because they enjoyed the night so much," he said.

For couples planning their wedding day, businesses organizing corporate functions or community groups preparing for large public events, Dufferin DJs continues to establish itself as one of the region's trusted names in live event entertainment.

To learn more or book an event, visit Dufferin DJs on Facebook at [facebook.com/DufferinDJs](https://facebook.com/DufferinDJs) and Instagram at [instagram.com/dufferindjs](https://instagram.com/dufferindjs). Sam Odrowski can also be reached directly by phone at 289-404-4579 or by email at [DufferinDJs@gmail.com](mailto:DufferinDJs@gmail.com).



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# GIBSON CULTURAL CENTRE

The old warehouse, built 1889



*More than a building:*

## How the Gibson Centre connects and inspires a community

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

It is a stunning heritage building in the heart of Alliston, complete with a clock tower, vintage brickwork, and heavy-beam construction that defines a long-ago era in the town.

The Gibson Cultural Centre, in its current state, was created as a labour of love by local residents who made the effort to turn an old warehouse, built in 1889, into a modern centre for the arts, music, social gatherings, and learning.

The Centre opened in 2007, and this three-story building maintains the charm of the 19th century while providing a modern aesthetic for all of its activities.

The bell tower holds the bell from the original Alliston Town Square and it chimes on the hour during the day.

Now going into its 20th year as a cultural centre, the Gibson Centre is thriving and has become the cultural hub of the community.

“We are rich in heritage, and alive with culture,” is how Gibson Cultural Centre Executive Director Jennifer Fortin described her surroundings. “In our 20 years, we have developed, grown, and deliver a year round complement of artistic expressions through the Gibson school of the arts for adults and children. The Gibson Centre has become a vital hub for arts and culture, and our connection to the community has grown tremendously. We are proud that people look to us to inspire them and celebrate life’s special moments, including weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, bris, and quinceañeras. We also host the premier Robbie Burns celebration in

the region. While the Gibson Centre faced significant challenges and growing pains following its grand opening, we have successfully established ourselves as a cornerstone of the community. Today, we maintain strong relationships and frequently collaborate with other local organizations to build a more vibrant community together.”

It was through a lot of hard work and determination that turned things around to make it the vibrant and thriving centre it is now.

On the main floor of this vintage building, the art gallery is a fascinating space that hosts several art exhibits each year by both art groups and notable single artists.

The gallery is bright and spacious and visitors can view the artwork that ranges from traditional work to ultra-modern depending on the artist and their style.

In the east wing of the main floor, the Honda Performance Hall is a venue for both music and stage productions.

It is a 150-seat theatre that hosts a variety of professional bands and top-name performers throughout the year. This venue creates an intimate connection between the performer and the audience.

On the second floor there are gathering spaces suitable for parties, weddings, company events, and social gatherings.

Rotary Hall occupies the west wing of the building, while Holmstrom Hall is located in the east wing. Both halls are large enough to accommodate 150 people.

You can rent a room for a small private affair, or one of the halls if you are planning a gala event and want a special place to host it.

Guests are enthralled with the charm of the original brick and woodwork and the over all decor of the building.

The Gibson Cultural Centre is a beautiful place for a wedding. There are private dressing rooms available for the bridal party to get ready for the big event.

In the basement, the Mercer Pub features live entertainment for a fun night out.

Many independent clubs and groups routinely meet at

the Gibson Cultural Centre to use the space for their artistic endeavours.

The Centre also runs many programs within its School of the Arts that help people learn and achieve personal goals.

“The Gibson Cultural Centre continues to serve as a vibrant hub of activity and I am pleased to say that our programming is thriving year round, offering a diverse range of activities including culinary arts, visual arts, mixed media, ballroom dancing and specialized workshops,” Jennifer explained. “We are also proud to have Artist in Residence Greg Hindle on site as an inspiration and mentor for some of our artists. These initiatives are made possible by our committed staff and professional facilitators.

Our most recent fundraiser, Taste of the Town was a success and we look forward to the second half of our year with a full roster of performances, classes and events! We are pleased to be the go-to place where people want to celebrate life’s special moments.”

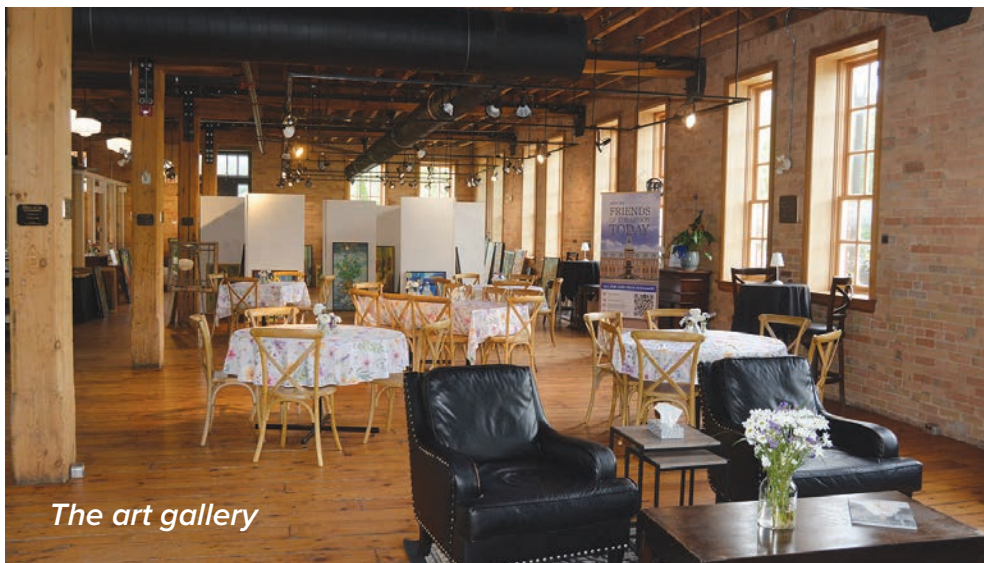
The Gibson Cultural Centre is the region’s premier venue for everything arts related in a beautiful heritage setting.

It has become so well known that many groups from other towns come to Alliston to host an event because they appreciate all it has to offer.

Visitors are always welcome to come and see the building and learn more about Alliston’s place for heritage and culture.

You can drop in to visit the Gibson Cultural Centre from Tuesday to Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information, visit the website at [www.gibsoncentre.com](http://www.gibsoncentre.com).



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# From farm to fryer:

## How WD Potato moves its spuds across Canada



BY SAM ODROWSKI

Every fall, farmers carefully guide massive harvesting equipment down narrow rural roads as potato fields across Ontario come alive with activity.

Within weeks, many of those potatoes will be washed, graded and loaded onto WD Potato Limited trucks before being delivered to food processors. From there, they are turned into the chips found in grocery stores and lunchrooms across Canada.

Beeton-based WD Potato Limited operates as a key link between growers and processors across Eastern Canada. The family-owned company coordinates supply planning, transportation, storage, food safety and traceability programs for potatoes destined for major food manufacturers.

“Success requires not only producing quality potatoes, but also ensuring a consistent year-round supply supported by strong grower and processor relationships,” said Amanda Davidson of WD Potato Limited.



She said demand from processors has increased significantly over the past decade, driven by continued growth in snack food and potato product consumption. Expectations have also shifted.

“Along with higher volumes, processors are placing greater emphasis on consistency, traceability, food safety and supply security,” Davidson said.

Growers are facing similar pressure on the production side, she added, including rising land, equipment, labour and storage costs, as well as stricter requirements around food safety, sustainability and traceability.

Processors are balancing those same cost pressures while still meeting consumer expectations for consistent quality and affordability. They also rely on precise specifications that depend on a steady, predictable supply from growers.

Davidson said WD Potato Limited helps connect the two sides of the industry by managing the movement of product from farms to processing facilities through storage, transportation, and delivery systems.

That work includes supply planning, logistics coordination, food safety programs, traceability systems and storage management. She said the goal is to keep potatoes moving efficiently from farm to processor, where timing and quality are closely linked.

### The Eastern Canada potato corridor

The company operates within the Eastern Canada potato corridor, which spans Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic provinces. Walter Davidson said the region is an important part of Canada’s food manufacturing system, supplying processors that depend on steady year-round volumes.

“Processors need a reliable supply of quality potatoes, and local growers provide that foundation,” said Walter and Linda Davidson, who founded and own WD Potato Limited. “Together, they help create jobs, strengthen local economies and keep food production close to home.”

Davidson said growers are also dealing with rising input costs, particularly fertilizer, alongside broader economic uncertainty.

More than half of the seed used by Ontario potato growers comes from outside the province, including other parts of Canada and international sources. Davidson said that makes coordination and transportation critical to maintaining stable production from season to season.

### A stabilizing force in a changing industry

Within that environment, WD Potato Limited positions itself as a stabilizing force between farms and processors, ensuring product moves on schedule and in the right condition to meet processor requirements.

That stability is built on decades of industry experience.

The foundation of the business was built by Walter & Linda Davidson, whose vision and decades of leadership helped establish WD Potato as one of Eastern Canada’s trusted potato supply partners. Today, the Davidson family continues to build on that legacy.

That commitment to the industry is reflected across the company’s workforce.

WD Potato’s storage and logistics teams include employees with an average of more than 25 years of experience, with some bringing over 50.

That experience becomes especially important during peak harvest and shipping periods, when timing directly affects quality.

### Food security and the supply chain behind the shelf

From WD Potato’s perspective, food security means main-



taining a resilient system capable of delivering safe, high-quality food regardless of seasonal or market disruptions.

“It means supporting growers, maintaining strong relationships throughout the supply chain, investing in storage and logistics, and ensuring potatoes can move efficiently from farms to food manufacturers,” said Walter and Linda.

WD Potato serves as a trusted partner to both family farms and major North American food processors, helping provide stable markets for growers and a consistent supply for buyers.

That stability supports continued investment in farms, storage infrastructure and transportation systems across the region.

### From seed to snack: the potato’s journey

Within that system, a single potato moves through a tightly coordinated journey.

A seed potato is delivered to local farms and planted in the spring. It grows through the summer under careful management of weeds, pests and irrigation.

In the fall, large harvesting equipment collects the crop from fields across rural Ontario. Potatoes are placed into temperature-controlled storage before WD Potato trucks arrive for pickup.

From there, they are washed, graded and delivered to processing facilities, where they are peeled, sliced, fried and seasoned before becoming finished products on store shelves across Canada.

From WD Potato’s perspective, the difference between a finished product and a raw crop comes down to timing, coordination and keeping potatoes moving through every stage of the supply chain.



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# SYNERGY EXTERIORS HELPS HOMEOWNERS PROTECT THEIR PROPERTY WITH SPRING INSPECTION GUIDE

by Sam Odrowski



**W**inter was rough this year, and many roofs, eavestroughs and foundations across the region didn't escape unscathed.

With this in mind, there's no better time to conduct a simple seasonal inspection to prevent small problems from becoming costly repairs – and few companies know that better than Synergy Exteriors, who's been serving the community for 15 years.

Modern shingles can look healthy from the ground while quietly decaying, making professional roof inspections more important than ever.

"Older shingles used to curl up, making it quite obvious when a roof needed replacing. Now they can still look flat from the ground but are actually deteriorating," explained Synergy Exteriors owner-operator Nick Facciolo. "Having somebody come up and actually inspect them is important — it's hard

to tell from the ground how much life a roof actually has left in it."

Inspecting eavestroughs, downpipes and extensions is also essential as they can be damaged throughout the winter.

Facciolo said homeowners should check downspouts for splits caused by freezing, ensure downspout extensions are directing water away from their home's foundation, and confirm that grading around window wells hasn't shifted.

"Make sure the downpipes haven't split, and the extensions are in good shape. A lot of times, the seams are along the back, facing the house, so you can't see them. Over winter, they can freeze up, split, and you won't really notice until you have bricks starting to pop off your house because the water's been leaking in behind," said Facciolo.

"Grades can change or sink over

winter, causing the ground to slope water back toward the house instead of away from it. Window wells are often where this is first noticed — the ground sinks around them, water runs back toward the window level, fills up the well and can flood the basement," he added.

Attic inspections are an important part of a seasonal inspection as well.

"While most people don't start to think of it till fall, spring is still a great time to get ahead of the rush, and make sure your attic is venting properly," said Facciolo. "If there was ice damming over the winter, it's worth getting checked out to make sure there's no heat loss."

Homeowners should also check their foundation for cracks and make sure their sump pumps are operating properly.

Caulking around exterior openings should also be inspected to ensure they

haven't split over the winter, as damaged caulking is a common cause of leaks.

Facciolo and his team at Synergy Exteriors are happy to conduct inspections. The company has GAF Master Elite status, the highest tier of factory certification available to roofing contractors, held by fewer than two per cent of them in North America.

To learn more about Synergy Exteriors, visit [synergyexteriors.ca](http://synergyexteriors.ca) or call 519-939-6007. The business is located at 42 Green St., Orangeville, and can also be contacted via email at [info@synergyexteriors.ca](mailto:info@synergyexteriors.ca).

Synergy Exteriors is open Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and they are always happy to review any problems you may be having.

Facciolo's advice to local homeowners is simple: Don't wait. "Sometimes it's better to deal with an issue now before a small problem turns into a costly repair."



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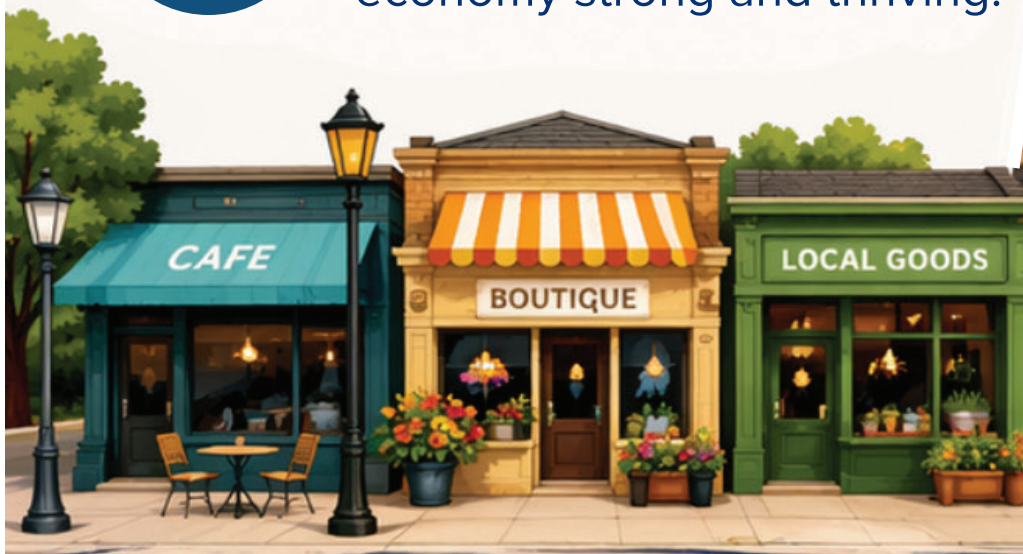
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