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Residents gathered at the Alliston cenotaph on Wednesday, Nov. 11, for the community's annual Remembrance Day service, honouring those who made the ultimate sacrifice in past conflicts. The parade departed from the town administration centre and proceeded along the Veterans' Walkway to the cenotaph, where a large crowd gathered to pay tribute. Wreaths were laid in remembrance of the fallen. Turn to Page 13 for more photos.
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New town council inaugurated at Alliston Memorial Arena

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The newly elected Town of New Tecumseth town council held its inaugural meeting on Monday, Nov. 16, at Alliston Memorial Arena in Alliston.

It was more of an induction ceremony rather than a real council meeting, as it was an opportunity to introduce the new council and have them make a declaration of office as they vowed to do their duties to the best of their ability.

The new council includes new elected mayor Stephanie MacLellan, the first female mayor in the town's history.

Marc Biss, former councillor, was elected to the office of deputy mayor.

The new council includes five returning councillors and one person elected to their first term.

This includes incumbents Chris Rapin (Ward 1) and Wendy Gabrek (Ward 2), new councillor Tony Phekoo (Ward 3), incumbents Alan Masters (Ward 4), Nicole Cox (Ward 5), Shira Harrison McIntyre (Ward 6), and Andrea Jacks (Ward 7).

Councillors all read a statement agreeing to "solemnly promise and declare that I will truly, faithfully, and impartially exercise this office to the best of my knowledge and ability. I will not receive any payment or reward, or promise thereof, for the exercise of this office in a biased, corrupt, or improper manner."

Regular council meetings for this term will begin on Nov. 23.



INAUGURATION – Newly elected members of New Tecumseth council gather during their inauguration ceremony at Alliston Memorial Arena on Monday, Nov. 16.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

Lake Simcoe Regional Airport expansion helps strengthen emergency response capabilities

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The province has officially broken ground on the new Ornge and Ontario Provincial Police emergency services aircraft hangar at Lake Simcoe Regional Airport.

The nearly 100,000-square-foot facility will house Ornge's two new fixed-wing Special Mission Aircraft, four OPP helicopters, and four OPP fixed-wing aircraft.

This will help strengthen emergency response capabilities and connect more families in rural, northern, and remote communities to emergency services when they need it.

The project is funded by a $56 million provincial investment.

"As part of our plan to protect Ontario, our government is ensuring Ornge has the resources it needs to deliver fast, life-saving care to patients facing medical emergencies," said Sylvia Jones, deputy premier and Minister of Health. "The state-of-the-art Ornge-OPP hangar will provide a strategically located hub for Ornge's new high-speed, long-distance Special Mission Aircraft, and ensure timely emergency care is available across Ontario for generations to come."

The new state-of-the-art hangar will house 10 emergency support aircraft, providing emergency response coverage across the province.

By bringing air ambulance and policing aviation services together at this strategic location, the new hangar will streamline logistics to deploy critical care and law enforcement resources faster, speeding up response time to life-threatening situations such as car accidents, heart attacks, and strokes.

Construction on the hangar is expected to be completed in winter 2027 and will support approximately 200 good-paying construction jobs in the region.

"When an emergency strikes, every second counts, and our government is committed to ensuring our frontline responders are ready to answer the call," said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. "We are making strategic investments to strengthen the OPP's aviation capabilities and ensuring our frontline heroes have the tools and resources they need to protect Ontario. By bringing the OPP and Ornge together under one roof, we're strengthening emergency response, supporting faster deployments and helping keep communities safe in every corner of our province."

OPP Aviation Services operates a fleet of fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft that support frontline policing, specialized investigations, search and rescue operations, tactical deployments, personnel transportation and emergency response efforts across Ontario. The shared facility represents a long-term investment in Ontario's emergency response infrastructure and will support the continued delivery of aviation services across the province.

Ornge is Ontario's provincial air ambulance and critical care land ambulance (CCLA) service provider and provides a range of air paramedical services including moving patients between health-care facilities, responding to emergency on-scene incidents, and supporting health care in northern and rural communities.

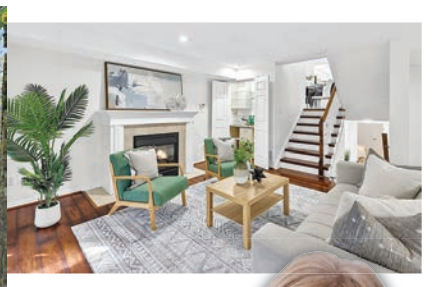
The Ornge Air Ambulance fleet will expand to 14 fixed-wing aircraft by 2030, with the first of the new aircraft anticipated to arrive before the end of 2026.

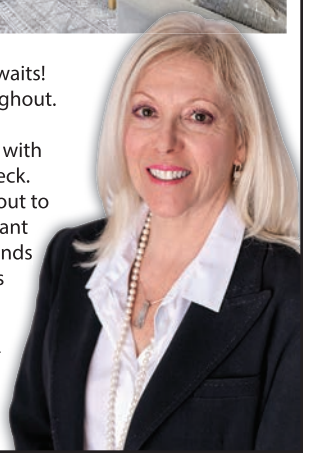


EXPANDING RESPONSE – Lake Simcoe Regional Airport is expanding with the addition of a new hangar for Ornge and OPP aircraft. The new facility will help emergency response times in Northern and rural communities.

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Just let them steal



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

You may have seen the words or something similar, "It's the kind of town where people don't feel the need to lock their doors," in some news story over the years.

That phrase usually turns up when something happens in a small town that is a shock to the local residents.

There are still places where people are civil and respect other people's property, and don't steal from their neighbours.

However, some crime has gotten worse in this country over the past decade.

It's not just serious crimes; it is crimes of a petty nature which are equally disturbing.

When I was a kid, it was perfectly normal to park your car in a shopping plaza and leave the windows rolled down on a hot day so the car wouldn't turn into a furnace while you shopped.

The idea that someone would come along and reach into your car to steal something was unheard of. It just didn't happen.

Now, the police routinely issue 'lock it or lose it' warnings. You can't even trust your neighbour not to steal something from your car on a whim just because you left a window rolled down.

The recent high-profile home invasion in the Bridal Path area of Toronto has made big news — mostly because it is one of the wealthiest areas in the city.

Four members of a family have been seriously injured in their own home. Two of the people's injuries have been described as 'life-altering,' which means some kind of maiming wound or a very serious and debilitating lifelong trauma.

As of this writing, one of the criminals has been identified, and police are actively searching for him. They are trying to identify two accomplices.

You can bet there will be huge public pressure on the courts to make this man pay for his crimes in a big way if he is convicted.

The man they are looking for is known to police, but they would not share any details on prior arrests or charges to avoid jeopardizing any court processes.

However, they released a mugshot-type photo of him, indicating he has been in trouble before. It certainly wasn't the photo from his Boy Scout good deeds identification badge.

The victims in the case must have been severely traumatized. Imagine the horror of being asleep in your own home, only to be awakened in the night by four strangers with guns, and in this case, one of the criminals swinging a hammer.

This goes beyond your typical street crime. This is an invasion of your own home — your safe place in life.

Once again, the question of how to protect yourself in such a situation has been brought up.

A police spokesperson said of this case, "police do not recommend using force yourself if possible. You are responsible for that use of force," adding, "people should call police instead where possible."

There is an obvious problem with this advice.

When someone has a gun pointed at your head, asking them to let you call for help probably won't work. Secondly, if you do manage to call for help, by the time police arrive, the crime has already been committed, and possibly someone is dead.

Years ago, I had a relative who heard noises and realized someone was breaking into his home at 3 a.m.

He picked up his baseball bat, made his way downstairs, and found an intruder in the home in the dark.

He swung that bat, cracking the intruder across the arm, and beat him into a corner, then called police.

I asked him why he hit the guy with the bat.

He replied, "It was three o'clock in the morning, it was dark, and someone had entered my house. I wasn't going to wait to find out if he had a gun."

A recent debate in the Manitoba provincial legislature on Oct. 29 centred on homeowners' rights to defend themselves and their property.

An NDP politician's response to this concern was, "Why would we want to give people this power? It's absurd. If they want to steal, let them steal."

Cripes! If you can't rely on your representatives in government to help deter crime and keep you safe in your own home, you certainly can't rely on them for anything else.

I'm pretty sure Toronto police are actively searching for this wanted criminal and probably putting a lot of pressure on his family and friends as to his whereabouts.

When he is caught, it will be up to the courts to decide his fate.

However, if this is another case where the accused is released on bail, this time you can expect a serious public outcry of disgust.

We deserve to be safe in our own homes.

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When cancelled, postponed, or otherwise fallen-through plans offer up an unexpected free hour in your day, are you the type of person who feels compelled to immediately fill those 60 minutes with something highly productive?

Or, are you the type of person who will take those free minutes as a bonus and use them to slow down for a minute, regroup, or refresh, knowing that the rest of the day is packed to the gills and you might as well tackle it on a full battery?

A lot can be done – or not – in the span of an hour, but it all depends on how you measure it.

The perennially popular Broadway musical "Rent," in arguably one of its most enduring tunes, measures not an hour, but a year. "Seasons of Love" calculates their year in 525,600 minutes, yes, but it also leaves the door open to other units of measurement, including amount of daylight, and numbers of sunsets, midnights, cups of coffee, inches, miles, laughter, and strife.

There are still more ways to measure those 60 humble minutes.

Maybe it can be measured by the impact you can have on your loved ones, your community, and indeed yourself as the large hand makes its way fully around the clock.

Perhaps others measure it in sheer dollars and cents.

Here in Ontario, according to the most recent update to minimum wage rules, an hour of our time is valued by the Province at a minimum of $17.95. It's far from uniform across the country, however, with different Provinces and Territories pegging the same 60 minutes at different values.

Newfoundland & Labrador has set their minimum hourly wage at $16.35, Nova Scotia at $17, New Brunswick at $15.90, Quebec at $16.60, Manitoba at $16.40, Saskatchewan at $15.70, Alberta at $15, and British Columbia topping the Provincial list at $18.25. Up in the territories, the value of the hour is particularly dear in Nunavut at $20.17, while Northwest Territories and Yukon register at $17.20 and $18.51 respectively.

Earlier this month, we gained an "extra" hour when we were compelled to move our clocks back 60 minutes as our seemingly never-ending dance with Daylight Saving Time kicked into fall sweeps.

Ordinarily, this is a time of year when I once again indulge in something I've often been accused of: relentless positivity. I guess it's slightly better than "toxic positivity," but unlike an hour, I'm not sure what units we use to measure toxicity in that context, but I digress. Is it relentless positivity to consider that hour as a bonus that should be taken advantage of in one way or another?

Getting an "extra hour of sleep" is goal enough for some, and I don't disagree, but that hour doesn't have to be cashed in on the day the extra 60 minutes arrive; it can be spread in any way we see fit throughout the long, arduous months we have before we "spring forward" to a time when the sun doesn't begin turning in for the evening at 4 p.m.

It always seems like a golden opportunity at the time, so much so that we all too often forget we have to pay it back in the springtime.

I don't know about the rest of you, but I'm at the point now where if Ontario values an hour as it currently does, I'll happily take a cheque for $17.95 for the privilege of leaving clocks right where they are when we're collectively sprung forward and calling it, well, a day.

Each time we fall back or spring forward, it spurs a debate on whether or not we, as Ontarians, should continue shuttling this hour back and forth.

Despite amazingly consistent statistics being dusted off and updated every year delineating the negative health impacts of the time change, the challenges it brings to drivers and, by extension, the safety issues it brings to our streets, and so much more (not the least of which is public opinion) we're often told with the same consistency that Ontario can't ditch the system until Quebec and New York State get on the same page.

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Amateur spies for hire

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



Pity the Central Intelligence Agency and the various other spy agencies that work for the US Government. It's bad enough when Donald Trump ignores their reports and insists that Iran is trying to get nuclear weapons. Marco Rubio's State Department is now offering cash rewards for anybody who can tell him where Iran's imaginary nuk s are.

The offer was posted on the State Department's 'Rewards for Justice' website on 8 November: up to $20 million for information on Iran's nuclear programme, including "facilities, equipment and associated personnel". State will also provide "possible relocation" if the informant needs to go into hiding afterwards.

The first thing that strikes you is the sheer naïveté of the offer – you wonder why it doesn't also say 'please enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope for reply'. But then you realise that the truly weird thing about this invitation is that doing the research is the last thing the amateur spymasters thought of, not the first thing.

'Amateur', in the sense that these are the political appointees who followed Donald Trump and his spiritual guide, Israeli prime minister Binyamin Netanyahu, into the morass of unfounded suspicion and speculation that twice ended up in unprovok d US-Israeli surprise attack s on Iran (u ne 2025 and February-November 2026).

To be fair, not all Trump's appointees drank the Kool-Aid. In March 2025 his then Director of National Intelligence, Tulsi Gabbard, loyally reported the US intelligence community's collective view that "Iran is not building a nuclear weapon" and has not been work ng on it since 2003, but Trump just replied "I don't care what she said" and attack d Iran anyway.

However, he did it in the usual slovenly way, waiting almost a week after he had made his intentions clear before the American bombers actually struck That was plenty of time for the Iranians to remove the 400 k . of 60% enriched uranium from the Fordow and Isfahan sites and disperse it all over a country half the siz of India.

Satellites actually spotted sixteen big truck s leaving the sites – but they couldn't track them to their destinations because orbits don't work that way. And the Iranians cannot just turn that uranium into bombs, because a) 'weapons-grade' uranium must be over 90% enriched, and b)

several other engineering challenges still lie between Iran and functional nuclear weapons.

So – leaving aside the question of why Iranian nuclear weapons are any more dangerous than North Korean, Pak stani or indeed American nuclear weapons – why is the hunt for a few probably non-ex stent Iranian nuk s getting more attention than the war in Uk aine or global heating or even a Silicon Valley IPO?

A little history. After the 1979 revolution, Ayatollah Khomeini banned all weapons of mass destruction as 'un-Islamic'. Did he mean it, even though he and everybody else in Iran k ew that Israel had already had nuk s for decades? Of course he did. Is the Pope a Catholic?

Why did Iran have a secret but rudimentary nuclear weapons programme between 1998 and 2003? Probably because there was always a tug of war between the Revolutionary Guards and the religious authorities on this question, and the Pak stani nuclear tests of 1998 temporarily gave the soldiers a plausible reason to want nuk s.

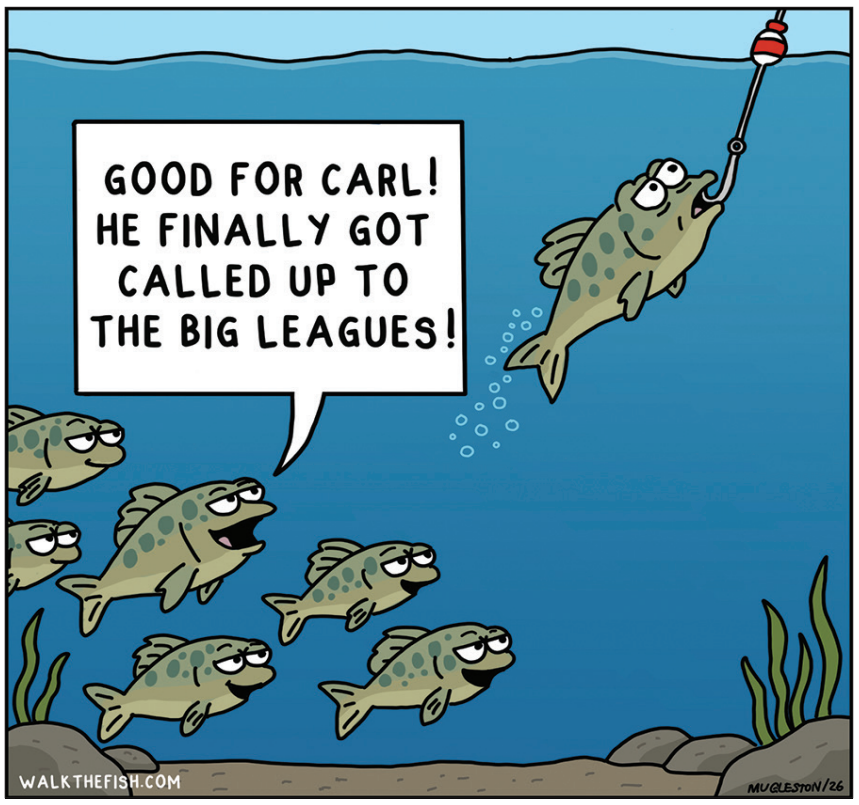
Once Iran's secret programme was ex osed to the world in 2003, Ayatollah Khamenei was able to reimpose the ban on weapons of mass destruction. It has remained in force ever since, which is why Khamenei was free to sign the treaty promising no nuk s with all the great powers in 2015.

Iran got a substantial easing of US economic sanctions as part of that deal, and it would probably have been renewed for another decade last year if Donald Trump, obsessed with erasing every jot and tittle of Barack Obama's legacy, had not torn it up in 2018. Nobody claimed that Iran had been cheating, but the sanctions snapped back automatically.

Iran was hung out to dry, and its only leverage was a gradual increase in the enrichment of its nuclear fuel. The implicit threat was that it might one day go to 'weapons grade', but it meticulously declared each step up in advance, moved very slowly, and never went beyond 60% enrichment. But nothing worked: everybody was too frightened of Trump.

So here we are eight years later, with Trump stuck in a self-inflicted 'forever war' and the whole global economy waiting to see which way he jumps next. I don't know, and probably neither does he.

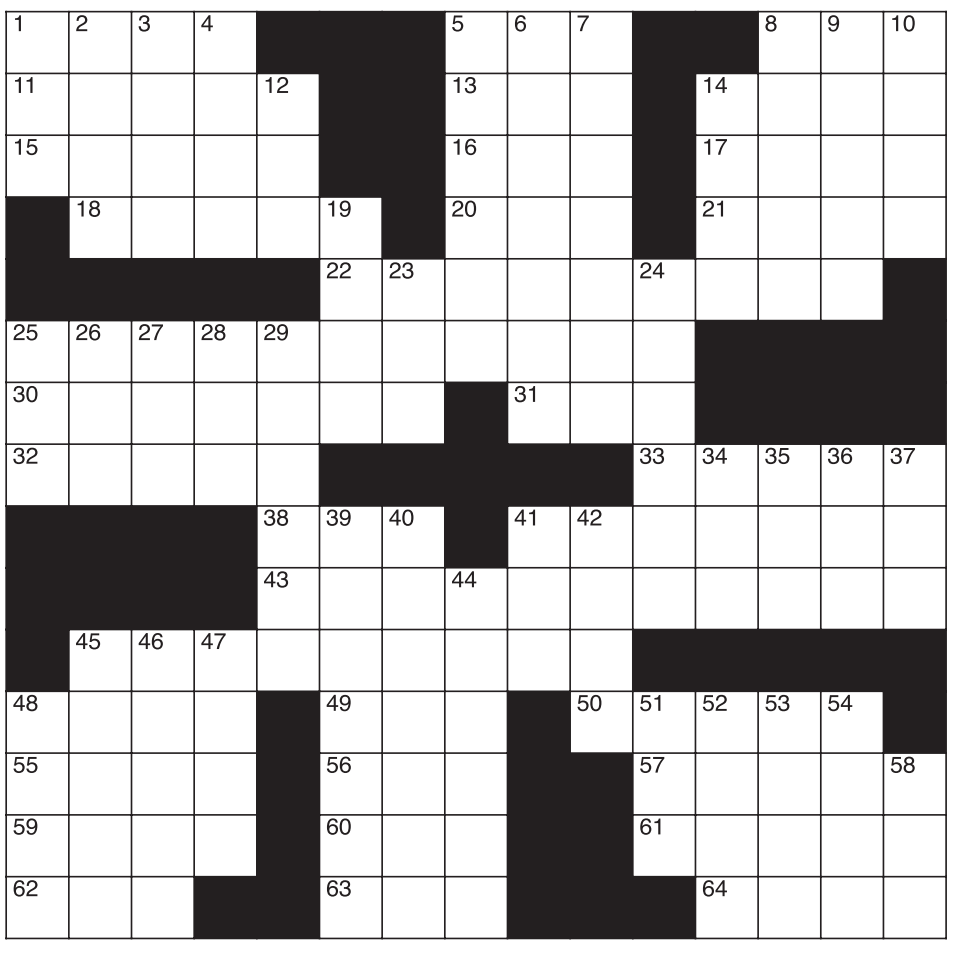
Trump could just declare a victory and leave, but his pride won't let him. The Revolutionary Guards are having too much fun to let him off the hook ignoring the small but very real risk that he might go nuclear. Where are the grown-ups when we need them?



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14. __ Alto, California city
15. Lustrous, velvet-like fabric
16. "Fresh Prince of __ Air"
17. Hebrew calendar month
18. British surgeon who discovered bone disease
20. Agreement between debtor and creditor (abbr.)
21. Elongated part of anatomical structure
22. Acts slowly on
25. Keeps a little too safe
30. Greek seaport
31. "Baba O'Riley" rockers
32. Vision
33. Potassium nitrate in mineral form
38. Midway between northeast and east
41. Not a pro
43. Give a new look
45. Sensational
48. Nobel Prize-winning physicist
49. Annoy constantly
50. Vaccine developer
55. Lying down
56. Type of language (abbr.)
57. Flat-bottomed boat
59. Smallest or slightest
60. Bind
61. Speeds
62. The products of human creativity
63. Consume food
64. Ancient Greek sophist

CLUES DOWN

1. A young canine
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3. Soviet moon probes
4. Sharp spasm of pain
5. One who adheres to a specific art movement
6. Show parts of
7. Unfasten
8. San Diego ballplayer
9. Santa
10. Rocky peaks
12. "Matt Houston" actor Horsley
14. A written agreement between two sides
19. Beginning to end (abbr.)
23. Greek goddess of the dawn
24. Not written in any key
25. Organized missions
26. Seven
27. Work unit
28. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
29. Broadway legend Bernadette
34. Belonging to a thing
35. Vietnamese offensive
36. Bitterly regret
37. Make a mistake
39. Newborn child
40. A combined landmass
41. Satisfaction
42. Hilly peninsulas in Denmark
44. Young swine
45. Type of sword
46. Siskel's partner
47. Brood of pheasants
48. Hindu model of ideal man
51. Suitable in the circumstances
52. La __ tar pits
53. Unstressed-stressed metrical foot
54. California wine country
58. Badly

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A legacy of care, a future of possibility: Celebrating Sir Frederick Banting, the heart of New Tecumseth

Every Nov. 14, we celebrate the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, a Canadian physician, medical researcher and Nobel Prize recipient whose groundbreaking contributions transformed modern medicine and changed the lives of millions around the world.

Born on Nov. 14, 1891, in Alliston, Ont., Banting's journey from a small-town upbringing to becoming one of Canada's most celebrated medical pioneers is a remarkable reminder that extraordinary things can begin in unexpected places.

Best known for his co-discovery of insulin, Banting helped transform diabetes from a frequently fatal disease into a manageable condition. Working alongside medical student Charles Best at the University of Toronto in 1921, and under the supervision of Professor J.J.R. Macleod and James Collip, whose work helped purify insulin for clinical use, Banting helped advance the research and development of insulin into a treatment that could save lives.

In 1923, Banting and Macleod were awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for this work. In an extraordinary gesture reflecting his belief in collaboration, Banting shared his portion of the prize money with Charles Best, recognizing the important role his research partner played in their discovery.

His contributions extended beyond insulin. During the First World War, Banting served as a medical officer, demonstrating an early commitment to caring for others. Throughout his career, he continued to pursue scientific research and innovation, driven by a desire to improve human health and advance medical understanding.

His legacy is not simply one of scientific achievement. It is one of curiosity, collaboration, perseverance and, above all, a commitment to improving the lives of others.

Today, his influence can be seen throughout the Alliston community, including Banting Memorial High School, which officially opened in 1951 and proudly carries his name. The school serves as a lasting tribute to a local figure whose curiosity, determination and commitment to improving lives continue to inspire future generations.

His roots are also preserved at the Banting Homestead and Heritage Park, the historic property where he spent his early years. Through the preservation of the original family homestead, heritage exhibits, historical artifacts and walking trails, visitors can learn about the man behind the discovery – not only his groundbreaking medical research, but also his experience as a physician, soldier, artist and innovator.

The story of Sir Frederick Banting is a reminder that the impact of healthcare extends far beyond the four walls of a hospital. It is built on vision, compassion, innovation and a shared commitment to making a difference in people's lives. Those same values continue to shape Alliston today, creating a foundation on which the next generation of healthcare professionals can build.

But Alliston's story is still being written.

Our community has grown and continues to welcome new families, bringing with it new opportunities, new possibilities and an increasing need for accessible, compassionate healthcare. Stevenson Memorial Hospital remains at the heart of that care, supported by dedicated healthcare professionals, community partners, volunteers and residents who understand the importance of looking after one another.

That future is already taking shape at Stevenson Memorial Hospital. With a transformative redevelopment underway, our community is making a significant investment in the future of local healthcare, which is expected to more than double the hospital's size to support the growing population in Alliston and surrounding areas.

As we reflect on Banting's legacy, we are reminded of just how much a physician can mean to a community. Beyond the care provided in a hospital or medical office, physicians become part of the lives of the people they serve. They build relationships, support families through life's most important moments, advocate for better health outcomes and help create a healthier future for generations to come.

There is something special about practising medicine in a community where your impact can be felt beyond the walls of your practice.

While larger metropolitan centres offer the advantages of big-city living, communities like Alliston offer a different kind of opportunity. Here, physicians have the chance to develop lasting relationships with patients, become familiar faces in the community and experience the meaningful connections that come from caring for generations of families.

For those looking to establish roots, raise a family or find a more connected approach to both professional and personal life, Alliston offers an appealing balance. With welcoming neighbourhoods, local schools, parks, trails, recreation facilities, growing amenities and a strong spirit of volunteerism, it is a community where people come together, neighbours look out for one another, and newcomers have the opportunity to feel at home.

There is also an opportunity to be part of something bigger, and we invite physicians at every stage of their careers to consider making Alliston their professional home.

Alliston & Area
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Perhaps what makes Alliston truly special is not only the community it is today, but the people, history, and remarkable contributions that helped shape it. Among those stories is one that reaches far beyond our town's borders – the legacy of one of medicine's most celebrated pioneers, Sir Frederick Banting.

On this special day, we remember a man whose work began with a desire to help others and whose legacy continues to inspire the world. We also celebrate the community that helped shape him — a community that remains proud of its history while embracing the opportunities ahead.

Happy Birthday, Sir Frederick Banting.

May your legacy continue to inspire innovation, compassionate care and a commitment to making a difference. And may the community you once called home continue to attract the remarkable healthcare professionals who will help shape its future.

Discover Alliston. Build your practice. Make a difference. Become part of our story.

This op-ed was written by Angela Yoon on behalf of the Alliston & Area Physician's Recruitment Committee (AAPRC).



The decision, step by step: What a New Tecumseth homeowner faces first

I spent more than a year walking lots in Alliston, Beeton and Tottenham, checking which ones actually have room for a second unit, not just on paper. The way land was divided up in this part of the county gives it more room to work with than most places I have looked at in Ontario. Most of that potential sits untouched. The rules are not the obstacle. Not knowing where to start is.

A decision that was never only about housing

Ontario's Bill 23, and the regulation that followed it, Ontario Regulation 462/24, made up to three residential units possible on most serviced urban lots. New Tecumseth's own By-law 2021-128 confirms the same allowance across Alliston, Beeton and Tottenham. Alongside it, the County of Simcoe runs a real forgivable loan, up to $50,000, for building or legalizing one of these units.

The first goal behind these changes is straightforward: ease a housing shortage quickly, using space that already exists. A second goal gets less attention. Building even one small unit draws in dozens of local trades and suppliers, from design through materials to the crew on site, and that work puts real money through the middle class, the group most local economies run on. In a town that counts on its own industry and small business, that side effect means something.

It usually starts somewhere specific. A parent can no longer manage the stairs the way they used to. A son or daughter has moved back home because a one bedroom apartment around here no longer fits on their paycheque. The thought comes quietly: what about that space out back? Many people stop right there, only thinking about it, because they are not sure what comes next.

Done well, it solves both sides of the same problem at once. A parent can stay close without giving up their own door and their own routine. A grown child can live steps away while building the independence that comes from having a place that is actually theirs — staying close and staying independent stop being opposites.

The process is not complicated. It just runs in a particular order.

1. Check the lot. Ensure it actually has the room and the standing to qualify.
2. Look at the money. Loans, rebates, and refinancing options.
3. Decide what to build, and with whom.
4. Municipal permits and inspections.

Each of these four steps gets its own full treatment in the pieces that follow in this series: exactly what to do, where to go, and who to call.

One honest note. Provincial and municipal permission is one thing. What your particular lot can actually support, given its servicing, is another. In Alliston, that often means asking about water capacity before anything else. Beeton and Tottenham each carry their own local wrinkles. Knowing which one applies to your street belongs in the first step, well before the crew shows up.

The town has formally committed to adding 6,400 homes by 2031. For a lot of families here, the question is no longer whether they are allowed to build. It is where their own lot fits into that number.

This op-ed was written by Ben Heydarzadeh, a resident of Alliston and founder of the Simcoe Garden Suites startup, working on feasibility technology and design for backyard homes across South Simcoe.

County of Simcoe welcomes Honda's $166 million investment in Alliston manufacturing

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Honda Canada recently announced it is investing $166 million into its manufacturing plant in Alliston to support the production of hybrid-electric vehicles.

Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke issued the following statement regarding the investment:

"Honda's announcement of an $867 million commitment to its North American operations, including a $166 million capital investment in its Alliston manufacturing facilities, is tremendous news for Simcoe County, Ontario, and Canada's automotive sector. This significant investment reinforces our region's position as a hub for advanced manufacturing, innovation and skilled talent," said Clarke

"For nearly 40 years, Honda has been a valued corporate partner and a driving force in our local economy, providing more than 4,000 high-quality jobs and supporting the prosperity of families, businesses and communities across the region. This commitment to maintaining those jobs while upgrading and retooling the Alliston facilities for next-generation hybrid-electric and gasoline-powered vehicle production, including the reintroduction of engine manufacturing, demonstrates strong confidence in our workforce and the long-term future of our region."

Clarke continued, "At a time when the automotive sector continues to navigate economic uncertainty, trade challenges and evolving Canada-U.S. relations, Honda's decision to invest in its Canadian operations sends a strong signal of confidence in our workers, our communities, and our manufacturing excellence."

"On behalf of County of Simcoe Council, I thank Honda, as well as our federal and provincial partners, for their continued investment in our community. This commitment will strengthen our economy, support innovation and help ensure Simcoe County remains a leader in advanced manufacturing and automotive production for generations to come," Clarke concluded.



LOCAL INVESTMENT – Honda Canada is investing $166 million in its Alliston manufacturing facilities to support future hybrid-electric and gasoline-powered vehicle production.
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Arts & Local Events

‘Cinderella.. If the Shoe Fits,’ a rollicking good time at South Simcoe Theatre

BY BRIAN LOCKHART



A NEW TALE – The South Simcoe Theatre’s production of Cinderella... If the Shoe Fits, is currently on stage at the Cookstown theatre. This is a pantomime featuring outrageous humour, some wild costuming, and songs. BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

Be prepared to be part of the action in the South Simcoe Theatre’s production of Cinderella... If the Shoe Fits, now on stage at the Cookstown Theatre.

Written by Debbie Collins and David Nairn, who describe the production as “same story, different boots,” since it takes the old tale of Cinderella and adds some twists, zany characters, outlandish buffoonery, and a lot of good jokes and songs.

Directed by Nancy Chapple and produced by Mel Hinch, Cinderella... If the Shoe Fits is performed in the pantomime style of theatre.

Pantomime is a centuries-old theatre tradition that brings the audience into the show. It has larger-than-life characters, outrageous humour, good characters, bad characters, men in women’s roles, and women in men’s roles.

The audience is encouraged to boo some characters while cheering for others. The characters react with the audience, sometimes taunting them to do better with their efforts.

The dialogue and jokes are unique, as many lines have references to local towns and establishments, providing an even bigger laugh for audience members who live in the region.

You may have to be of a certain age to really get some of the jokes. If ‘Joe who?’ rings a bell, you’re definitely not a teenager.

As Celeste the Fairy, Hanh Nguyen introduces the characters and chapters with a lot of enthusiasm and her magic wand.

In the title role of Cinderella, Madison Olivier brings the character to life in a modern setting. Living on a farm, Cinderella is tormented by her evil stepmother and bullied by her two ugly stepsisters.

The two ugly stepsisters, played by Tom Mercer and Martin Buote, certainly live up to their description. The stepsisters are looking for husbands, but it is easy to see why they are having such difficulties finding a mate.

In the role of the wicked stepmother, Michelle Herman admits she has an evil side and encourages the audience to show disdain for her character.

In the role of Buttons, Avery Nickerson is Cinderella’s best friend and confidant. She offers advice to Cinderella on how to defeat her evil stepmother.

Benjamin Khoa Van Canedo steps into the role of William King — a man from an influential family. He just wants to be able to go into town and not be recognized for his wealth. He takes a real liking to Cinderella when he meets her.

In the role of The Old Cheese Peddler, Judy Erickson is a veteran director/producer with the South Simcoe Theatre and is back on stage for this production to bring the character to life.

Jason Bowers brings the character of Mr. King to the stage. A veteran actor of many productions, Bowers is thrilled to unleash his comic talent for this play.

There are several songs in the production, and as usual, The South Simcoe Theatre has put together a group of talented musicians who perform live and support the characters and songs being performed on stage.

The musicians include Tobin Lippold on bass guitar, Jay Rothenburg on drums, Debbie Silverthorne on trumpet, and Daryl Yaeger on trumpet.

The on-stage dancing is choreographed by Siena Ierullo-Gerrior.

Cinderella... If the Shoe Fits is on stage at The South Simcoe Theatre through Nov. 29, on Fridays and Saturdays, with a Sunday matinee.

For tickets, visit the website at: thesouthsimcoetheatre.com





Simcoe Paramedic Services launches annual food and toy drive

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

As the holiday season approaches, County of Simcoe Paramedic Services are once again inviting residents to help make spirits bright by donating to the 24th annual Food and Toy Drive.

This annual campaign has brought communities together to support local families and individuals in need.

Over the past 23 years, the drive has collected more than 139,634 toys, 97,650 pounds of food, and approximately $333,750 in monetary and gift card donations, providing support to families across Simcoe County during the holiday season.

This year's campaign encourages residents, businesses and community partners to continue the tradition of generosity by donating new, unwrapped toys, non-perishable food items, monetary contributions, or by making an online donation.

All donations stay within local communities, helping ensure families throughout Simcoe County can experience the joy of the season.

Donations can be made at the County of Simcoe Administration Centre, 1110 Highway 26, in Midhurst between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Outdoor drop boxes will be available at the following County of Simcoe Paramedic stations until Dec. 10.

In Alliston, donations can be dropped off at 6933 Industrial Parkway.

In Beeton, donations can be dropped off at 1 Tree Top Street.



DRIVING DONATIONS – County of Simcoe Paramedic Services is once again inviting residents to be a part of their annual Food and Toy Drive. Donations can be dropped off at the County of Simcoe Administration Centre or at paramedic stations in Alliston and Beeton. BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

Achill Choral Society to celebrate Canadian music at upcoming holiday concerts

BY JOSHUA DRAKES,
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Achill Choral Society is preparing to welcome audiences to its annual holiday concert, with this year's performances highlighting the contributions of Canadian musicians and composers.

Titled around a Canadian theme, the concert will feature a selection of seasonal favourites and other musical pieces, each with a connection to Canada's musical landscape.

The performances are scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 28, at 3 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church in Alliston, followed by a second performance on Sunday, Nov. 29, at 3 p.m. at Westminster United Church in Orangeville.

The program will feature a variety of musical styles and genres, including selections from well-known Canadian artists.

Among the pieces are Stompin' Tom Connors' "The Hockey Song" and Gordon Lightfoot's "Song for a Winter Night."

Audiences will also hear selections from "Snow Angel," a suite by Canadian composer Sarah Quartel, alongside an English folk song arranged by the choir's artistic director and conductor, Emily Taub.

The concerts will mark Taub's debut performance leading Achill Choral Society. Taub said the program reflects a personal interest in incorporating Canadian music into the repertoire and celebrating the country's contributions to choral music.

"It's important to shed light on the history of Canada's choral landscape, as well as its exciting future," Taub said. "The choral world recognizes Canada as a powerhouse. We produce some of the world's most breathtaking choral music and host exceptional ensembles."

The choir has spent four decades bringing seasonal music to local audiences, with its annual holiday concert becoming an opportunity to showcase a broad range of musical traditions while welcoming the Christmas season.

Organizers said this year's Canadian theme offers an opportunity to recognize the country's established choral history while highlighting the work of contemporary Canadian composers and performers.

Tickets are available at BookLore in Orangeville and Papermoon in Alliston, as well as online: achill.ca



Province appoints eight new regional chairs after controversial decision

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Ontario government has appointed eight regional heads of council following a controversial legislative change that allowed the province to select appointees.

This includes a newly appointed head of Simcoe County council.

Up until this change, heads of council were elected by sitting members of council.

The heads of council will also have "strong chair powers" that will "speed up decision-making, reduce costs, and expedite housing and infrastructure," according to the provincial government.

The strong powers will include the power to appoint or fire the chief administrative officer (CAO) and division heads, direct staff, veto certain bylaws, and propose the municipal budget.

The decision to allow appointments at this level caused considerable concern at Simcoe County government when it was first announced. County councillors expressed concerns about a new appointee being dropped into the position from outside the region with little or no knowledge of the county.

The province has appointed outgoing Orillia Mayor Don McIsaac to the position in Simcoe County.

"Heads of council bring a range of experience and expertise to their new roles, including municipal governance and administration, infrastructure delivery and finance," the province said in a statement.

"Ontario stands at an important juncture. As we navigate geopolitical challenges and create the conditions for growth, strong leadership at the regional level is more important than ever," said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

"These appointments reflect our confidence in local leaders who bring a deep understanding of their municipalities and a proven record of performance and public service. As heads of council, they will foster collaboration across municipalities, support responsible growth and ensure services are delivered efficiently, so that these communities remain great places to live, work and raise a family."

Positions were posted on the Public Appointments Secretariat website on June 29, 2026, and interested candidates were able to apply until July 13, 2026. Compensation will be determined by municipalities.

In cases where appointees are also a lower-tier mayor or councillor, their total compensation will be capped at the higher of the two salaries.

Heads of council represent the collective interests of their lower-tier municipalities, advocate on behalf of the region with provincial and federal governments, lead during emergencies and provide leadership to Regional Council by chairing meetings and guiding policy discussions.

The province listed seven other appointees to regional chair:

- Kevin Ashe – Durham Regional Chair
- Ann Mulvale – Halton Regional Chair
- Frank Campion – Niagara Regional Chair
- Nando Iannicca – Peel Regional Chair
- Scott Davey – Waterloo Regional Chair
- Steven Del Duca – York Regional Chair
- Scott Aitchison – Muskoka District Chair

Simcoe County launches Population Growth Dashboard, providing long term forecast

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The County of Simcoe has launched a new interactive Population Growth Dashboard, providing residents, community organizations, municipalities, and service providers with access to long-term population forecasts and projections to help support local planning and decision-making.

Developed by the county's Community Partnerships, Policy and Business Intelligence Team, in collaboration with the Planning Department, the dashboard brings together municipal growth forecasts and Statistics Canada population projections.

The interactive tool allows users to explore anticipated population changes across the county's 16 member municipalities, as well as the separate cities of Barrie and Orillia.

The dashboard features interactive maps, tables, and visualizations that allow users to compare growth across municipalities, explore different population scenarios, and examine age and gender trends.

By combining the county's Official Plan Amendment No. 7 growth framework with independent Statistics Canada projections, the tool supports a range of initiatives, including community needs assessments, grant applications, housing and infrastructure planning, and long-term service delivery.

To support transparency and informed decision-making, the dashboard provides information on its data sources and methodologies, helping users understand the differences between municipal forecasts, demographic projections, and supplementary estimates.

The Population Growth Dashboard is available through the county's open data platform at open.simcoe.ca

The platform provides transparent, localized data to help residents, businesses, and municipalities make informed decisions.

Additional tools available through the portal include the 2021 Census Tool, Rental Data Aggregator, Affordable Housing Indicators Dashboard, and several other interactive datasets and resources.

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Town of New Tecumseth issues statement welcoming first female mayor

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Town of New Tecumseth has issued a statement welcoming its new mayor, Stephanie MacLellan, following the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election.

MacLellan, who served as deputy mayor for the previous term, was elected as mayor with 61.79 per cent of the vote on Oct. 26. Her election marks an historic milestone for New Tecumseth as she is the first female mayor in the town's history.

She was first elected to council representing Beeton in 2018, before being elected deputy mayor in 2022.

"I am incredibly humbled and honoured that residents have placed their trust in me to lead the community I have called home my entire life," said MacLellan. "We have a lot of work ahead of us, and I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and work alongside council, staff, and our community to build a bright future for New Tecumseth."

Joining MacLellan for the 2026–2030 term will be deputy mayor-elect Marc Biss and seven ward councillors-elect: Chris Rapin, Ward 1; Wendy Gabrek, Ward 2; Tony Phekoo, Ward 3; Alan Masters, Ward 4; Nicole Cox, Ward 5; Shira Harrison McIntyre, Ward 6; and Andrea Jacks, Ward 7.

Mayor MacLellan officially assumed the role of mayor at the inaugural meeting of council on Monday, Nov. 16, 2026, during a ceremony held at the Alliston Memorial Arena.

The statement said: "The town congratulates Mayor MacLellan, deputy mayor Marc Biss, and all members elected to serve on New Teucmseth council. The town also extends its thanks to all candidates who put their names forward to serve their community and to residents who participated in the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election."



SWORN IN: Newly elected mayor of New Tecumseth, Stephanie MacLellan, signs a document officially placing her in office during an inauguration ceremony held at Alliston Memorial Arena on Monday, Nov. 16.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO



NEW SCHOOL: The new public school project in Tottenham is well underway at the site on McGahey St. This is one of two new schools being built in the town this year. This as-yet-unnamed school will provide 426 spaces for elementary students in the area.

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TOUGH LOSS – The TNT Tornados BB/A team battled West Mall Lighting on the ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Saturday, Nov. 14. The game was part of the TNT Fall Classic tournament hosted by TNT Minor Hock y. The Tornados had to settle for a 5-0 loss in this game.

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Hornets win both weekend games and maintain first place

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BY BRIAN LOCKHART

New Tecumseth's newly elected mayor, StThe Alliston Hornets delivered a serious message over the weekend when they hammered the second-place Penetang Kings 8-1 on Kings' home ice on Friday, Nov. 13.

The Kings have been moving up steadily in the North Carruthers Division standings and took over second place, knocking the Stayner Siskins down to the number three spot.

Friday's game was a challenge for both teams to show some dominance in the division.

The Hornets were leading 2-0 at the end of the first period on goals from Noah Prokopec and Benjamin Smith.

It was a 5-0 game at the end of the second period when the Alliston squad scored three unanswered goals.

Hornets' goals came from Caleb Tucker, Gunner Kirk, and Duncan Grube.

Keeping up the pressure in the third period, the Hornets scored three more times before Penetang avoided the shutout with a goal late in the period.

Grube, Kirk, and Prokopec all got their second goals of the night in the third period to end the game 8-1.

The following night, Nov. 14, the Hornets travelled to Innisfil to take on the Spartans.

The game was pretty much over in the first period when the Alliston team scored six unanswered goals.

Alliston forward Gunner Kirk led the scoring with a hat trick in the first period, scoring three goals in just under six minutes.

Noah Prokopec, Duncan Grube, and Tristen Pitt all got singles in the first period.

Kirk got his fourth goal of the game when he scored at 2:10 into the second period.

Grube got his second goal of the night at 2:23 into the period.

Benjamin Smith scored early in the period.

Innisfil scored two second-period goals.

In the final frame, the Spartans scored the only goal.

The Hornets left the ice with a 9-3 win.

The Hornets are showing the best defence in the division this year, allowing only 31 goals against this season.

In first place in the North Carruthers Division standings, the Hornets have a 14-2 record and 28 points.

The Penetang Kings are in second place with 26 points and a 13-3 record.

The Orillia Terriers are in third place with 24 points.

Stayner has dropped down to fourth place after leading the division early in the season.

The Hornets will return to home ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Nov. 20, when they will host the Stayner Siskins.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.







Lest We Forget

HONOURING THE FALLEN – Residents gather at the Alliston cenotaph on Wednesday, Nov. 11, for the community's annual Remembrance Day service. The parade departed from the town administration centre and travelled along the Veterans' Walkway to the cenotaph, where a large crowd gathered to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Wreaths were laid in remembrance of the fallen. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**













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Two charged following separate stunt driving investigations in Essa

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Nottawasaga OPP continues to target aggressive driving and impaired driving in the region.

Shortly after 12 p.m. on Nov. 13, the Nottawasaga OPP Traffic Unit was conducting focused patrols in response to public traffic complaints on 5th Sideroad in Essa Township.

Officers observed a vehicle travelling at 118 km/h in a posted 60 km/h zone.

A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver, a 40-year-old resident of Alliston, was charged under the Highway Traffic Act with:

- Drive Motor Vehicle – Perform Stunt
- Speeding 50+ km/h Over Posted Limit

As a result, the driver's license was suspended, and the vehicle was impounded for 14 days.

Shortly after 11 p.m. on Nov. 14, Nottawasaga OPP officers were conducting speed enforcement on Brentwood Road in Angus when they observed a vehicle travelling at 94 km/h in a posted 50 km/h zone.

During the traffic stop, officers suspected the driver had consumed alcohol. An impaired driving investigation was initiated, resulting in the arrest of the driver.

As a result of the investigation, Gary Thompson, 42, of Orangeville, has been charged with:

- Operation While Impaired - Alcohol
- Operation While Impaired – Blood Alcohol Concentration Over 80 mg
- Drive Motor Vehicle – Perform Stunt
- Fail to Comply with Probation Order
- Breach of Probation Order

The accused was released from custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Bradford at a future date.

The accused had their licence suspended for 90 days, and their vehicle was impounded for 14 days due to the stunt driving offence.

None of the charges have been proven in court.

Special Investigations Unit invokes mandate after single-vehicle collision near Loretto

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The province's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is investigating an incident that occurred east of Loretto over the weekend.

Shortly before 2 a.m. on Nov. 14, Nottawasaga OPP officers were conducting traffic enforcement on County Road 1, near Loretto, when a passenger vehicle was observed to be travelling at a high rate of speed.

A short time later, the vehicle was involved in a single-vehicle collision.

The driver and passenger of the vehicle were transported to a local hospital with injuries.

County Road 1 was closed from Adjala-Tecumseth Town Line to Concession Road 7 due to the on-scene investigation.

The OPP notified the SIU of the incident, and the SIU invoked its mandate.

As a result of the ongoing investigation, the OPP will not provide further information about this incident.

Brampton man charged with impaired driving requesting the police's help in locating his car

Dufferin OPP recently charged a Brampton resident with impaired driving-related offences following a call for service.

On Nov. 8, 2026, at approximately 12:57 a.m., officers responded to a call for service where the caller was having issues locating his vehicle and required police assistance.

Officers attended the area where call had originated. Officers observed a vehicle parked in the area of Zina Street with the headlights on. Officers also noticed what appeared to be a male resting in the driver's seat.

Further investigation revealed that the vehicle was registered to the same address as the individual who had contacted police earlier.

During the interaction, officers observed signs of impairment and initiated an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Kevin Yanez, 30, from Brampton, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Have care or control of vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available

The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date to answer to the charges.

Their driver's licence was suspended, and the vehicle involved was impounded.

The charge has not been proven in court.

Police seek witnesses or video footage connected to single vehicle collision in Adjala Tosorontio

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Nottawasaga OPP is seeking the public's assistance following a single-vehicle collision in Adjala-Tosorontio.

On Saturday, Nov. 14, shortly before 2 a.m., emergency services responded to a single-vehicle collision near the intersection of County Road 1 and Adjala-Tecumseth Townline.

The vehicle involved was a black 2009 BMW X5 that had been travelling eastbound on County Road 1 from the community of Loretto prior to the collision.

Investigators are appealing to anyone who may have witnessed the vehicle prior to the collision, or who may have video footage that could assist the investigation, to come forward.

Police are specifically asking residents, businesses, and motorists travelling in the area who may have doorbell camera, security camera, or dash camera footage to review their recordings between 1:40 a.m. and 2 a.m. on Nov. 14.

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Healthcare being brought closer to veterans

BY BROCK WEIR

Veterans, Legion-members, and everyday community-members in under-served areas of Ontario will soon be able to access several healthcare services at their local Legion branches.

The Ontario Command of the Royal Canadian Legion formally launched their new Ontario Legion Health kiosks at the Aurora branch on Friday morning.

Initially rolling out to eight Legion branches across the Province, the kiosks were dedicated on Friday, Nov. 13, to mark the end of Veterans Week.

Ontario Legion Health (OLH) is a kiosk that provides important health screening services on the spot, including risks related to mental health, cardiovascular health, and general lifestyle issues.

The OLH kiosks operate in a similar way to blood pressure-reading kiosks that can be found in pharmacies, grocery stores, and other locations. Using an app in conjunction with the kiosk itself, the person using the kiosk will be screened and have their blood pressure, weight, and body mass index taken. The results are automatically and immediately directed to a Nurse Navigator for interpretation. The Nurse Navigator, in turn, will telephone the user directly to discuss the results.

The speed in which a user can get a response was demonstrated at last week's launch in front of a host of dignitaries, including Ontario Minister of Citizenship Graham McGregor, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services Michael Parsa, MPPs Dawn Gallagher Murphy and Laura Smith, Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas, and representatives from several health organizations, including the Sunnybrook Veterans Centre.

"This pilot program, driven by the vision and the leadership of Ontario Command, introduces a new community health screening option for veterans, their families, and everyone else in the community," said Pamela Sweeney, Executive Director of the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command. "It combines walk-in PharmaSmart kiosk access, the Ontario Legion Health App, and a virtual nurse navigator with direct connections to a growing network of health partners.

"OLH is designed to improve access in rural and remote communities and to reach people who may be hesitant, angry, frightened, embarrassed or distrustful of traditional health settings. By placing a simple entry point inside trusted Legion branches, OLH offers another way to begin potentially accessing health services without an appointment, long travel, or the confusion of navigating services alone."

Ontario Command, she added, is pursuing a funding partnership with the Provincial Government, through the Ontario Health Innovation Pathway Grant, to expand services beyond the eight first kiosks. They are also pursuing private funding partnerships as well to expand their mandate.

This sentiment was echoed by McGregor, who hailed the OLH launch as an "innovative community-based model" that will make a difference in many areas, including mental health, cognitive health, and chronic disease risk assessment for seniors, veterans, rural residents "and many others who face barriers accessing traditional healthcare settings."

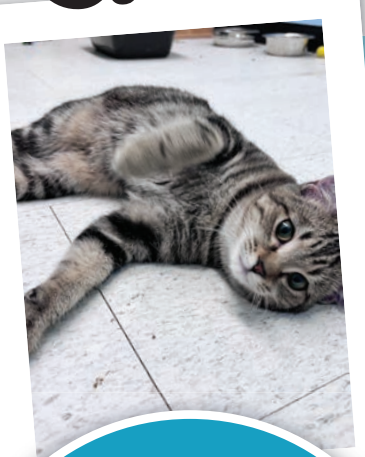
Joined by MPP Smith, who has a focus on the Soldiers Aid Commission, MPP Parsa said this is "the just next step" in ensuring "no veteran or family member who has sacrificed so much is left behind."

Just before the kiosk was demonstrated – and the results analysed – in real time, the impact of the machine and its associated program were underscored by Dr. Jocelyn Charles, Medical Director at Sunnybrook Veterans Centre, and President-Elect of the Ontario College of Physicians.

"Our Canadian Armed Forces receive excellent, timely, well-coordinated care while they're in service to Canada, which they should have. However, when our Canadian military transition to civilian life, it's a major adjustment for them, and it's made even more difficult when they encounter challenges in accessing the health care that they need," she said. "Not receiving timely access to care has a significant impact on their health outcomes and their quality of life. We really, really need to change that.

"As a family physician, I see and I am disturbed by the barriers to accessing health care across our province, but it's particularly disturbing when it's our veterans who served our country. Through Ontario Region Health, veterans will have access to health care. I think this is totally amazing. I'm a big believer that we need more access than just having people come to my office."

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Ted Lloyd

Ted Lloyd passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family in Tottenham on October 23, 2026 in his 89th year. He will be sadly missed by wife Jeanette, children Cheryl, Brent, Bruce and Linda. Grandchildren Kandice (Dan), Ted (Tori), Alyssa (Mike), Mitchell (Sarah) and great-grandchildren Joey, Jack, Addison and Amillia.

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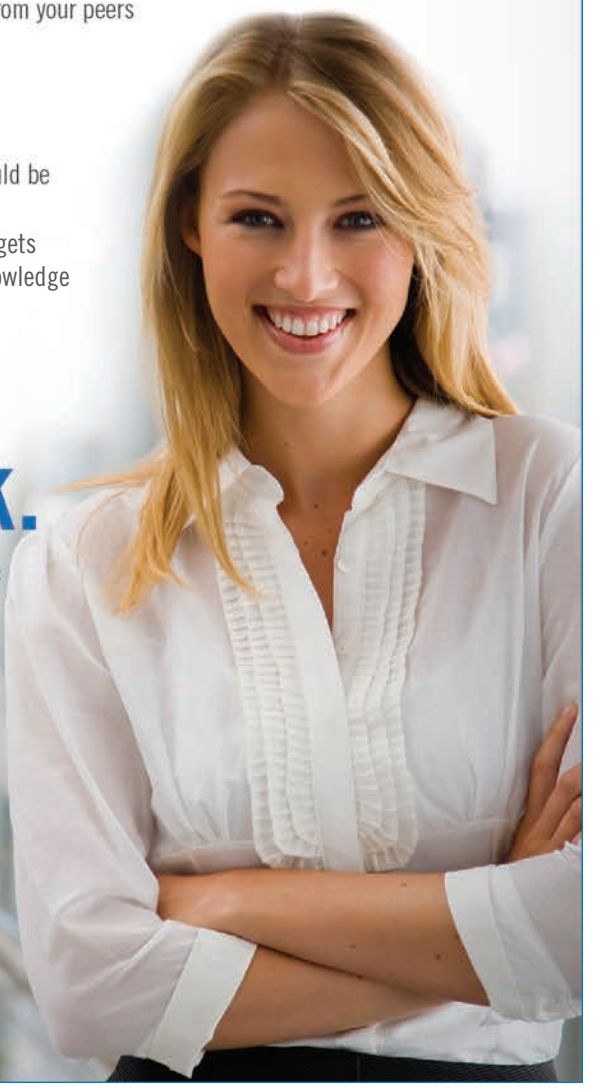
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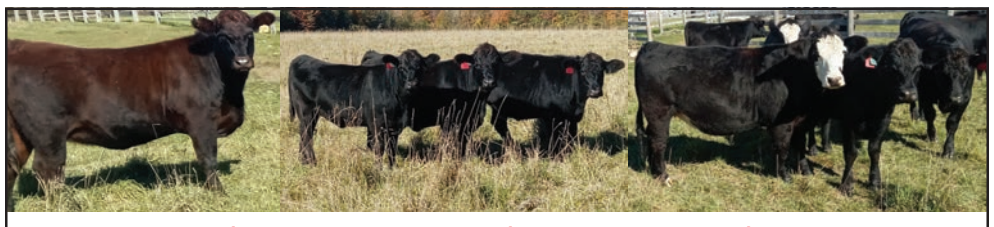


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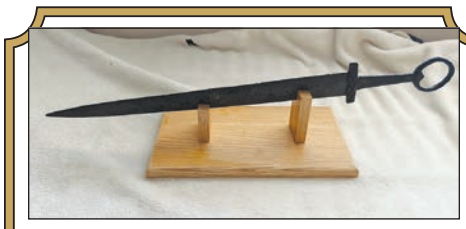
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Brock's Banter: Tick-tock, tick-tock…

All in the name of the economy, of course, and cross-border trade – although I wonder how much of a factor this remains given our current trade relationship with the national umbrella under which New York finds itself.

At the same time, however, at the start of this month, it was confirmed that this multilateral collaboration isn't necessarily the case, as the Provincial Government made Daylight Saving Time permanent in northwestern regions of Ontario.

Ostensibly, the move was to maintain alignment with Manitoba, which moved to Permanent Daylight Saving Time on the same day.

"We heard from Manitobans loud and clear – no more changing the clocks in Manitoba," said Premier Wab Kinew in a statement. "Permanent Daylight Savings Time is good for our health, good for business, and good for parents. For families, especially those with young kids, that one-hour shift can disrupt sleep and routines for days. This change means one less adjustment families have to deal with each spring and fall. That's why this November, your clocks won't be changing."

Ontario, on the other hand, made no mention of the health and family impacts, and instead focused on the economic angle.

"Providing certainty and predictability is essential to supporting strong communities and a competitive economy," said Ontario Attorney General Doug Downey last month. "By keeping this part of the province aligned with Manitoba, our government is taking a practical, common-sense approach to avoid unnecessary disruptions and ensure economic stability in communities that reside in Ontario's Central Time Zone."

The Ontario Government continued: "This decision comes after considerable engagement with communities throughout northwestern Ontario, including Indigenous leaders, that began following Manitoba's declaration of permanently moving to daylight savings time. This engagement revealed substantial support for maintaining alignment with Manitoba. The government will continue to work with local leaders and communities as this proposed change moves forward."

While I'm fairly sure the vast majority of us living in the Eastern Time Zone are content to remain doing so, I suspect if "considerable engagement" was carried out in the rest of Ontario, Ontarians would largely support maintaining alignment with Manitoba in pushing back against this arbitrary and archaic mechanism.

I don't hold out much hope that when we spring forward in March of 2027, it will be the last time we're expected to complete this threadbare task and return the hour we received this month, whether we used it wisely when it was in our hands – or not.

But the realization that we need to rely on the good legislators of Quebec and New York to proverbially get with the program has been a false bill of goods this whole time, and it makes me slightly more optimistic that the clock on daylight saving time is ticking down.

Queen's Park can do a lot with an extra 60 minutes between now and March. Let's allocate that time to copy Manitoba's legislation, switch up some of the particulars, get on with it, and watch it pay dividends down the road.

And just think what they could do with the 57 minutes they have left!

Turn a ticket into a gift for someone in need with Toys for Tickets

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Town of New Tecumseth's annual Toys for Tickets campaign returns this holiday season.

This is a chance for residents to pay eligible parking tickets with a toy donation while supporting local youth and families.

If you receive an eligible parking ticket issued between Nov. 15 and 29, you can pay the ticket by donating a new, unwrapped toy of equal or greater value than the amount of the ticket.

Donations for eligible parking tickets will be accepted until Dec. 10, 2026.

To participate, bring a new unwrapped toy in its original packaging, your purchase receipt, and your eligible parking ticket to the Town administration centre.

The program applies to eligible parking tickets.

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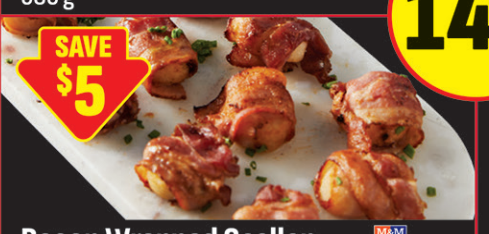
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