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**Dragons on the attack**

Ice goalie Zachary Robinson gets set to turn away this shot by a Dragons’ forward. The Dragons eventually won the game against the Ice on Sat., March 27 at the Finch Community Arena but not before a great deal of end-to-end action. The Finch Youth Broomball League enjoyed a busy year providing a great deal of fun for parents and children. **See page 9 for more details.**

Morin Photo

**Dundas Manor rebuild on target but with increased cost**

**Joseph Morin**  
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

**WINCHESTER** – The long awaited rebuild for Dundas Manor is expected to begin in mid – 2022, but years of delays and political wrangling have increased the original cost of the much-needed project.

The original estimate was completed in 2016 and came in at \$35,000,000. A new estimate puts the cost of replacing the aging facility with a state-of-the-art building, with 128 beds, from \$55 to \$62-million. Part of the reason for the dramatic increase is construction costs, which have increased from 5.5 percent to 6.8 percent since 2016.

Another reason for the increase is because of improvements and changes made to the future facility because of Covid-19.

Bill Smirle, who sits on the board of directors for the Manor said, “The building has had to be made larger to accommodate the improvements.”

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**South Dundas focuses on youth**

**Sandy Casselman**  
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

**MORRISBURG** – The municipality of South Dundas is looking at the creation of a Youth Advisory Committee to ensure voices of the younger generations are heard.

The March 22 council meeting saw Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner request the Key Information Report regarding the creation of this new committee pulled for discussion. While there was no motion for approval, all of council praised staff for the initiative and made clear their support.

“I think it’s a great start with our youth,” Coun. Lloyd Wells said. “They’re going to be leaders in years to come.”

The report submitted by Manager of Parks and Recreation Austin Marcellus, provided a brief history of the project along with recommendations for the committee

and its focus. Marcellus said a Youth Engagement Report had been completed in 2019 with the intent of gauging how to better serve the youth of South Dundas. The initiative is part of a movement focused on finding ways to engage and attract youth that will lead them in choosing South Dundas as a home base in adulthood.

“Youth play an important role with the municipality and have expressed their interest in becoming more engaged with the community,” Marcellus said in his report to council. “Research and communication from other rural communities in Ontario suggest that youth consider returning to their local community to live, while looking at the following: a job in their field, a place to live, and the recreational amenities that they desire.”

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## Dundas Manor

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The original plan was to fundraise for a portion of the total cost of the rebuild; originally the fundraise amount was set at \$11-million, however due to the estimate increase, the fundraise-goal has had to be changed from \$18 to \$20-million.

"To date we have fundraised a bit over \$8-million," he said.

As a result of the increase, the Manor board has gone back to the architect for the new building and asked them, "to sharpen their pencils, and come back with new pricing." We are waiting for details," said Smirle.

"It is worth noting that retaining the current Manor is not an option," he said.

To date, the project has

received pledges from the United Counties of SD&G, and North and South Dundas. The counties have agreed to pledge \$4-million while each of the municipalities have pledged \$500,000.

Some members of the board would like the government to increase their portion of the funding but there has been talk of asking for more.

In the meantime, the Manor will have to make do with fundraising the amount they need.

Dundas Manor is not the only planned long-term care building project that needs additional funding in SD&G.

MPP Jim McDonell is aware of the increased building costs and the need for some funding adjustments.

"About a month and a half ago we announced there

would be more funding for some of these units to make sure they get going. This will be addressed when they enter into their agreements," he said.

McDonell said that when the government makes these announcements there is a time-period when negotiations between organizations and the government take place regarding the final details of whatever project they are working on.

"I think they will be adjusted at that point."

He is hopeful that as the Dundas Manor project goes forward, there might be more funding to help make up the difference from the original cost estimate in 2016.

Smirle said, "There have been donations made regularly from other groups. We are in the quiet phase of

looking for dollars from those who are directly involved."

Supporters of a newer version of Dundas Manor are going ahead regardless of the estimated increased cost. A new Dundas Manor is a project that cannot be put aside.

"Do we need a new manor? Yes," said Smirle.

"If we maintain the current one, it's going to cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to update, redo and the rooms would still be too small, wheelchairs cannot pass in them right now. The changes are really for the better," he said.

Smirle said the community is extremely generous with the funding but it will not be easy to reach any new goals.

There is little doubt in his mind that the Dundas Manor rebuild will happen in 2022.



### Dinner is served

A sold-out crowd of people at the Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) Branch 569 in Long Sault enjoyed a delicious dinner of braised beef ribs and crab cakes with plenty of side dishes. Randy Robertson, president of RCL Branch 569, was pleased with the turnout at the event. Robertson pointed out that precautions due to the COVID-19 pandemic were followed to ensure a safe evening for all. He mentioned the Good Friday Fish Fry on April 2 would be held, with four seatings available as well as take-out. For more information, contact the Legion at 613-534-2235. After enjoying some fellowship and food, John Molinaro and Lyle Dennison were happy to receive their main course from volunteer Josh Harquail. Thompson Goddard Photo

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# Strategic planning in South Stormont

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

LONG SAULT – During the March 24 South Stormont council meeting, councillors were provided information from MDB Insight on community strategy for the municipality. As the presentation began, Clark Hoskin from MDB explained that the municipality strategic planning program was nearing completion, with insight needed from councillors on municipal goals, guiding principals and vision statement.

Hoskin continued that direction was needed from council regarding the vision statement for the municipality. Three options were presented to councillors, namely Option A, Option B and Option C. Option B stated how “South Stormont is a progressive, family-friendly community, welcoming all to celebrate its natural beauty and exceptional quality of life.” This appeared to meet the approval of council members.

He noted that in discussions with municipal staff, five guiding principals that

encompass “the values of the community and the municipality” were presented: these included collaboration, consideration, progressive, welcoming, and informed decision making. Goals and objectives were also discussed in the report provided to council, with Hoskin providing additional information. The goals included corporate capacity, sustainable infrastructure, economic development, pride of place and regional alliances. Council members agreed with the five guiding principals as well as the goals as presented.

Hoskin explained how after the strategy is finalized, the draft report will be sent to those who had been previously interviewed and once this is done the completed report would be provided to staff and council.

Chief administrative officer Debi LucasSwitzer told council the senior administration team were planning to work on a decision tree which will outline “how and why decisions are arrived at in terms of our recommendations to council” in reports, as well as developed performance measurements.

# Ingleside Wastewater Treatment Plant design update

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

LONG SAULT – Jamie Baker from EVB Engineering provided South Stormont council with an Ingleside Wastewater Treatment Plant (IWWTP) design update on March 24 at the council meeting.

Baker put forward background information on the IWWTP. In 2017 an Environmental Study Report identified several issues with recommendations, including the expansion of the existing plant as well as expanding biosolids storage facilities, a new UV Disinfection System and supporting equipment.

As the municipality is expected to have both increased residential and commercial needs, consultation with stakeholders was undertaken with the design criteria finalized after these consultations. There were several technical memos completed which include details on the various systems. In fall 2020, the design report, which will accompany the drawings to the Ministry of Environment for approval was completed.

Council was then provided with technical information and drawings of various components of the program. Baker provided detailed information on the Headworks Building as well as the Ultraviolet Disinfection Building before speaking on the exterior finishing of the buildings.

Next steps include updating the cost model,

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finalize the detailed design, pre-consultation with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Funding application process and then move onto details of the construction itself.

# Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – The Ingleside-Long Sault- Lost Villages Lions Club (ILSLVLC) celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a drive through beef stew dinner, complete with roll and dessert, on March 17 at the South Stormont Community Hall in Long Sault.

ILSLV Lions Club president Lion Sharon Potvin told *The Chesterville Record* that there were 65 drive through dinners provided during the event. Seven volunteers assisted with the preparation of the meals and the delivery to customers in their cars.



Melvin Rowe is shown shortly after receiving his beef stew dinner from Lion Reg Coffey and Lion Gerry Potvin. Thompson Goddard Photo

Potvin announced plans are underway to hold a drive through ham dinner with all the trimmings on Wed., April 7. She explained pre-

ordering the meals will be necessary with more information on this event available soon on the Club's Facebook page.

# Easter's coming...

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Easter is on its way and so is some fun activities for youngsters of all ages in two of our local communities. The Avonmore Community and Athletic Association (ACAA) are planning a visit from the Easter Bunny on April 3, while the Chesterville Rotary Club is planning a community wide Easter Egg Hunt and the Ingleside-Long Sault Lost Villages Lions Club is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on April 3.

Rotary president, rotarian Christine Barkley explained there will be 13 oversized Easter eggs hidden throughout Chesterville, with each egg having the Rotary Club logo and identifying code. She explained the location and code for each Easter Egg needs to be written on a piece of paper. The entry can be emailed to the rotaryclubofchesterville@g

mail.com or dropped into the Easter barrel on the porch at 54 Victoria Street in Chesterville. Barkley noted that the name and phone number must accompany each entry. Easter Egg Hunt Entries must be received by 12:00 noon on Fri., April 2, with correct entries entered into a draw for an Easter basket scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Sat., April 3.

The Avonmore Community and Athletic Association (ACAA) have

arranged for the Easter Bunny to visit North Stormont Place in Avonmore on April 3 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Jo Poirier, ACAA vice president, explained the event will be held in a drive-thru fashion with COVID-19 protocols being followed, including wearing face coverings and social distancing; with parents having the opportunity to take a photo of their children with the Easter Bunny.

In addition to meeting the Easter Bunny, youngsters will be provided with a treat bag while quantities last and will receive a picture to colour for entry into the ACAA sponsored Easter colouring contest. Poirier explained once the picture is coloured, entrants will take a photo of their artwork and post it on the ACAA Facebook page to enter the contest. More information will be provided on the ACAA Facebook page as it becomes available.

# SD focuses on youth

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In addition to an online survey, Marcellus said staff made several visits to Seaway District High School to ensure maximum input. In the end, 109 youth between the ages of 15 and 29, participated with the majority being between the ages of 15 to 18. The report showed that half the respondents feel their voices go unheard in the municipality and 56 per cent said they would like to know more about South Dundas and how it works.

“I like the idea of getting young people involved,” Coun. Archie Mellan said, adding that he would also like to hear from those younger than 15. He suggested reaching out to intermediate students, as well as senior students.

Among other things, the purpose of the committee will be to advocate for youth, to keep council informed about important issues affecting youth, and to provide leadership experience for youth. While there was no indication during the March 22 meeting as to when this group will be fully functional, council made it clear that it is a welcomed priority.

“If we want to keep youth in South Dundas, we have to do something for them,” Mayor Steven Byvels said.



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## Spring rituals in rural Ontario

Spring is the traditional time of year to get ready for another growing season. In the case of a transplanted urbanite living in a small village in rural Ontario, it means nothing more than making sure all your lawn equipment and accessories are in good working order after a winter safely stored in the garage.

I am getting older, so it was with a certain amount of satisfaction that I went about looking after my property. In my younger days I would not have followed through as carefully as I do now, but now is 60 years plus and then was a different time.

My spring checklist is not the same kind as the serious checklist a farmer would have to do when dealing with large tractors and equipment but in many ways the same ritual is followed.

Last year my son was gracious and kind enough to bring a typical lawn tractor over to my small domain.

My back yard is small, but the lawn tractor is appreciated. I can now cut the grass in my yard in less than 15 minutes, leaving more time for me to savour this weekly outdoor event and enjoy the thrill of keeping up with my neighbour's grass cutting schedules.

It's definitely not the same as seeding a few hundred

acres using a John Deere 9R-490 tractor, but in its own way, it represents my agricultural heritage, which is to say, is pretty small.

In any event, I went out to my garage to make sure the lawn tractor was in good working order.

I felt that at the very least, I was doing my duty as a responsible steward of my back yard to ensure all my tools were ready to go.

I noticed the tractor had a flat tire; I would have to pump it up; no problem as I have an air pump just for that purpose, so I was up to the challenge.

Next was to try and see if the tractor had survived months sitting in the cold. Would it even turn over?

Not surprisingly when I turned the key nothing happened; no problem, my son had left me a lovely battery charger to be used in the event of just this situation.

I got out the charger, re-read the instructions and flipped the tractor seat up to get at the battery.

I have to say that all of this was done in a garage with just the garage door open, so I could not see everything I was working on. The back of the lawn tractor was in the shade but there was no mistaking the wires hanging out of the battery compartment.

I attached the battery charger and went about continuing my "getting ready for summer" chores. I put snow shovels back up on the hooks they were originally hanging from and found the broom I use to sweep the walk of all the sand and salt left over from winter.

I figured enough time had passed to see if the battery had enough of a charge to start the tractor. I yearned to hear its tiny engine just for a few minutes as a definite sign that summer was really on its way.

Like all new technology, the battery charger had a small readout that ran a message across its face. This message told me to connect the charger to the battery.

I was concerned, as I had connected it properly, so the charger might be having a problem.

I double-checked all the wires and cables and sure

enough, I was right, and the charger was wrong.

I texted my son and asked him what could be wrong with the charger and could he give me some advice about what to do. I was determined not to let a faulty charger get in the way of my "getting ready for summer" ritual.

There was a delay, and I thought my son was considering what the various problems with the charger might be, but then he texted. "I took the battery out of your tractor in the fall, and I have it at my place so it would not sit all winter in your cold garage. I will bring it over soon."

I looked at the tractor's battery compartment and sure enough there was an empty space with wires hanging out of it.

Sometimes old age, like a summer storm, just arrives and rains all over you.

Joseph Morin



## NDDHS Report

By Jamie Wilson  
Student Council Communications  
Two weeks remain in third quadmester



The school saw overwhelming support on our Plaid Day last Friday. Students and staff wore plaid in support of suicide awareness. Four years ago, a former, plaid-wearing NDDHS student died by suicide. We now wear plaid in his honour and to show anyone else who is struggling that their North Dundas family understands their struggles and is here for them.

Last Friday, March 26th, was also Epilepsy awareness day. On this day, people in countries all around the world wear purple to support epilepsy awareness. Canada is the only country in the world that officially recognizes March 26th as Purple Day. One of the primary efforts in raising epilepsy awareness is ensuring that people know what to do if someone is having a seizure. There are three steps to help them: stay with the individual, keep them safe, and turn them on their side.

There are only two four-day weeks before the end of the quadmester and the long-awaited spring break that now begins April 12th. As we wrap up this quad, we would like to thank teachers and students for making this bizarre year amazing so far. It is hard to believe there is only one quadmester left in the 2020-2021 school year. The upcoming Easter weekend is an excellent opportunity to finish up any projects left to do before the quad ends, but do not forget to get outside and have some fun. When was the last time you participated in an Easter egg hunt? It is a great, outdoor, social distanced activity for people of any age. Have a great Easter weekend!

## By helping others, volunteers help themselves

Angele D'Alessio  
Mental Health Promoter

Pediatrician Liela Denmark practiced medicine in Atlanta for 73 years. She retired at the age of 103 and lived for another 11 years. In addition to treating young patients in her office, she volunteered at a medical clinic, where she helped some of the city's poorest children, for more than 50 years. When she died in 2012, people celebrated her dedication to helping others. They believed it had contributed to her longevity -- and evidence suggests they were right.

Research shows that by helping others, volunteers are helping themselves.

Stephanie Brown, an associate professor of psychiatry and psychology at Stony Brook University's Renaissance School of Medicine, has done extensive research on the psychosocial benefits of volunteering, especially among older adults. Her research has shown that older volunteers have a 25 percent decrease in the risk of early death compared to people who don't volunteer.

It's not clear why volunteering

helps people live longer, but Brown and others believe so-called helping behaviour leads to feelings of usefulness and competence as well as providing social integration and support. This improves volunteers' ability to regulate stress which, in turn, helps them resist disease.

Not only do volunteers live longer than others, they are also healthier. In a five-year study conducted by researchers from the University of Calgary and several other institutions, seniors who volunteered for at least one hour a week were 2.4 times less likely to develop dementia than those who didn't.

"It turns out that getting everything but the paycheque is actually what makes you more healthy and makes you more happy about your life," University of Calgary psychology professor Yannick Griep, who led the study, told the CBC.

Furthermore, because volunteer work often involves physical activity, volunteers tend to have healthy blood pressure, a lower risk of heart disease and less chronic pain.

There are many options available to individuals interested in volunteering. Most organizations welcome the help of volunteers, and that includes Canadian Mental Health Association Champlain East, which is dedicated to enhancing and promoting mental health through advocacy, education and various services.

"Volunteers play an important role in our organization," said Angela Warren, Manager, Public Education with CMHA Champlain East. "Their contributions are invaluable."

Should you be interested in volunteer opportunities with CMHA Champlain East, please contact Angela Warren at warrena@cmha-east.on.ca.

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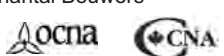
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# New outdoor pod supports rapid COVID-19 screening at Dundas Manor

WINCHESTER— A new COVID-19 screening building in the parking lot at Dundas Manor is making things safer and easier for families and staff members. And it has some neighbours asking if there is a new chip truck in town! In fact, it is the first 'Smart Testing Pod' in Eastern Ontario.

Rapid Tests are being administered to all essential caregivers and staff members at the pod before they enter Dundas Manor. This screening test can detect COVID-19 in 15 to 20 minutes, making it simpler and faster to identify potential COVID-19 positive cases that otherwise could be missed.

Marilyn McCallum visits her Mom Dorothy several times a week and says the new testing process is amazing. "It's been life changing for me," she says. "It is so much faster than booking appointments at the Assessment Centre, going for the test, and then waiting up to four days for the results. It's hard when you want to see your loved one, but you can't. Now I



Dundas Manor RPN Dara Ferguson tests Marilyn McCallum.

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Marilyn McCallum stands outside the new testing centre.

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can go and see my Mom when I want, without all the extra planning."

"Currently we are mandated to test staff three times a week. Essential caregivers are also tested up

to three times a week, depending on how often they visit," explains administrator Susan Poirier. "This new process will keep everyone safe – including our staff members who are giving the

tests - and will reduce congestion inside the home." Residents continue to have regular COVID-19 tests as well and all infection control precautions are still in place.

# Trees added to South Dundas Memorial Program

**Sandy Casselman**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

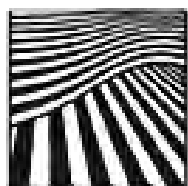
MORRISBURG – The municipality of South Dundas has officially upgraded its Memorial Bench Program to include Memorial Trees.

While the bylaw was passed during the March 22 council meeting, director of environmental services Danielle Watson introduced the issue during the Feb. 22 meeting. She said the municipality had received many requests from residents to include trees in the program. Staff then looked at similar programs in neighbouring townships and created an updated draft policy for South Dundas politicians to consider.

"I think this is an amazing addition," deputy mayor Kirsten Gardner said. "I think that it's twofold. It builds community engagement, but it also will replenish some of the trees we've lost through emerald ash borer."

With unanimous support from council in February, Watson formalized the new policy, bringing it back to council with a new bylaw in March. Under the new policy, staff will keep a list of existing trees and benches, as well as a list of available spaces for potential additions. Donors must apply to the program, following the guidelines set out in the new policy.

In some cases, a donor may pay for a new bench or tree and/or plaque, but in others, it may be possible to simply purchase a plaque for an existing tree or bench. Purchases are to be done through the municipal office to ensure materials are consistent throughout the township. All



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memorials will stay in place for a 10-year period with an opportunity to renew. South Dundas is responsible for maintaining the benches and trees.

"I like the whole idea. I think it's really great," Coun. Archie Mellan said at the February meeting.

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# Council brought up to date on SNCA activities

**Joseph Morin**

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

WINCHSTER – Bill Smirle, the municipality’s representative on the board of the South Nation Conservation Authority, (SNCA) delivered the organization’s annual report to councillors at their March 23 council meeting.

He mentioned that the *Conservation Act* has had some changes approved. One of them may affect how North Dundas selects a representative for the SNCA board.

Representation on the board is now handled by sending an appointed community member or sending an elected councillor.

Smirle said, “The new direction is that all board members should be elected, although it is necessary to have only up to 70 per cent of the board as elected councillors.

Currently, the board has “eight elected members and four community members on the board. Ottawa appoints four representatives, two elected, and two community; Leeds Grenville has two, one elected and one community;

SD&G has three, two elected and one community.”

“As well, I am currently filling two positions,” said Smirle; he serves as past chair on the board as well as the North Dundas representative. “I only get one vote,” he said.

He mentioned the Federal Tree Program which pays \$1.41 per seedling, and that means that about 90 per cent of the costs are recovered.

“In 2020 we planted 141,000 seedlings. Our objective for 2021 was to plant 200,000. To date we have had orders for 229,000,” he said.

Another topic from the report was the Natural Heritage Study being developed as a joint project with Stormont Dundas and Glengarry and Prescott Russell and coordinated by SNCA.

The study is, “the first one involving two municipalities in Ontario – and is considered by the province to be an example to be followed.”

The study will identify core natural heritage areas and corridors between them that will impact communities and natural areas.

Smirle said, “The final summary of information will be important as there will be a written report for each upper tier municipality and the municipalities in each; and will include many maps. This information can and will be used and will be most helpful as municipalities update their Official Plans.”

At the local level, SNAC have plans to do major work on the Chesterville dam. The dam is the largest water/river structure on the South Nation.

“Over the past two years, it has received major work and dollars. Again this year there is a planned expenditure of about \$80,000 to replace and update the “log lifters,” said Smirle.

# UCDSB talks equity and inclusion

**Sandy Casselman**

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MORRISBURG – The topic of equity and inclusion played a large part in the most recent Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) meeting.

During the March 24 virtual event, superintendent of schools David Coombs presented an update for the 2018-2020 installment of UCDSB’s Equity and Inclusion Plan, which included a summary of results, as well as suggestions for next steps. He said his last update to the board was March 13, 2020, just before the first COVID-19 pandemic lockdown was announced.

“I would say that the pandemic has really highlighted the importance of equity and inclusion, and I would say certainly coming out of the pandemic, in a post-pandemic world, equity and inclusion will be a critical element in the success of our students and to this board,” Coombs said.

Among the seven key deliverables listed for the 2018-2020 plan, only two were listed as completed: review and establish self-reflection and self-assessment tools to

determine the effectiveness of the school’s equity and inclusive education plans and procedures; and implement a procedure for the support and accommodation of transgender and gender non-conforming students. The remaining five deliverables are all listed as “progressing.”

As for next steps, Coombs recommended an external review of UCDSB’s policies, procedures, and practices “through an equity and inclusion lens.” He noted that the process of hiring an external reviewer is already underway and the plan is for the results to be

used in defining the board’s 2021-2023 Equity and Inclusion Plan.

Trustee Corina Parisien, one of only two women on the 10-person board, asked how the board could improve diversity. Coombs said many boards are already spending significant time on this issue and he believes that hiring an external reviewer is the best place to start, as it will give a “good outside viewpoint of us.”

The discussion ended with comments from board chair John McAllister: “As enlightened as I think I am, I’m aware of my own

ignorance to a certain extent on the complexities that are involved in this whole thing. I’m extremely pleased that our policies are updated and current. We are gathering data based on our surveys. We sometimes don’t know what we don’t know, and if we listen, we’ll learn more.

So, we are listening. Our antennas are raised to a heightened extent right now, and we are availing ourselves of various resources. We are prepared to act and this external review, I think, is an excellent opportunity. I think we are on the right track.”



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# The vaccine is on the way

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CHESTERVILLE – The pandemic has been affecting Canadians for about a year now.

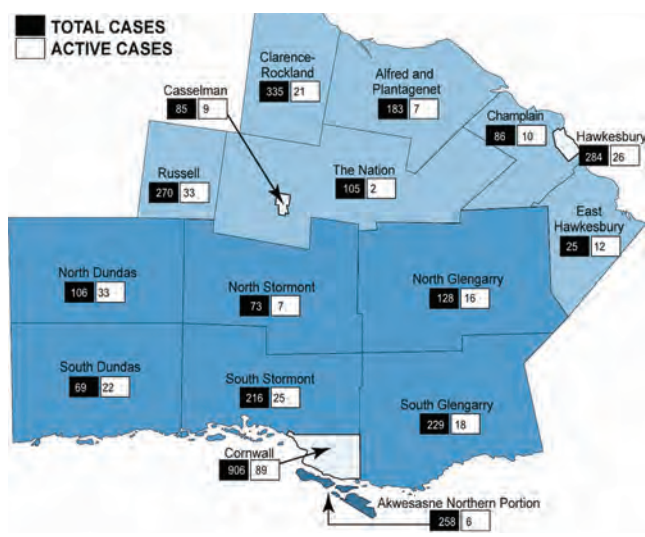
Finally vaccines are being made available to the public in stages according to age, front line health occupation, and health circumstances.

Currently Ottawa and other parts of Ontario are administering vaccine to individuals 70 year's of age and up and it is just a matter of time before SD&G is able to enjoy the same vaccine availability. Currently the area is getting the vaccine out to those 80 and up in age.

The region has been thrown into a red zone category, and residents are asked to maintain precautions as set out by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, (EOHU).

Dr. Paul Roumeliotis is the medical officer of health for EOHU.

He said, "The months ahead will continue to have some challenges, and we must continue to do all we can to protect our community – however, the good news is that we are also seeing significant progress in the fight against COVID-19.



Thankfully, safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines are now available and are in the process of being distributed in our region according to Ontario's 3-phase priority-based distribution plan. Please be assured that the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) is undertaking every effort to distribute the vaccines as soon as they are received in order to protect as many of our residents as possible, as quickly as possible."

The reason why vaccines are not readily available to everyone in Ontario all at once is simply because of global logistics.

"Due to high global demand, vaccine supply is limited at this time. To ensure the available supply is used where it is most critically needed, we are currently vaccinating populations at

high risk of severe disease and death from COVID-19, and frontline workers who are at high risk of exposure while caring for vulnerable populations and individuals with COVID-19," said Dr. Roumeliotis.

He said area residents should check the EOHU website on a regular bases for the latest information and updates about who is eligible for the vaccine and where they can get it.

As with other regions in Ontario, residents are facing the added threat of new, more transmissible variants of the COVID-19 virus.

For this reason, it remains extremely important to continue following public health precautions even if you have received the vaccine until a large majority of residents in the region have been vaccinated.



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Operating as a collaborative service between Cornwall Community Hospital, Hawkesbury General Hospital, Valoris for Children and Adults of Prescott-Russell and 27 more youth-friendly partners, the hub provides young people with direct access to medical care, counselling, peer support, and help with all kinds of life situations.

"What could be better than having all these services under one roof?" asks one of the hub's young clients [name withheld for privacy reasons]. Whether youth need a prescription, want help finding a job, or want to talk about mental health, drug use or anything else, Cornwall Youth Hub can help. The support is free to all youth aged 12 to 25, and there are no wait lists for support.

"I see benefits to the health system," adds Hub Supervisor Michel Lavolette. "The hub can often provide same-day or next-day support, preventing youth from sitting on waiting lists while their needs grow and become more complex."

Cornwall Youth Hub is open several days a week in the afternoon and evening so that it's convenient for youth to stop by. Local and long-distance virtual care is also provided by hub staff, by phone and video chat.

Drop-in visits are welcome at 212 Pitt Street, and youth aged 12-25 can call or text 613-577-7216 or message @cornwallyouthhub to get support from anywhere in the united counties.

Learn more and check out our monthly calendar of services and fun activities for youth at [youthhubs.ca](https://youthhubs.ca).



# Be cancer aware

## April is Daffodil Month

### How to reduce your risk of getting cancer

According to the Canadian Cancer Society, about four in 10 cancer cases can be prevented by adopting healthy lifestyle habits. This means you can take steps to reduce your risk of getting cancer. In honour of Daffodil Month, which is a national fundraising campaign for cancer research and support services, here are some choices you can make that will put you on the path to healthy living.

- **Quit smoking.** It's estimated that 30 per cent of all cancer deaths in Canada are a result of smoking. Giving up this habit can reduce your risk of getting cancer.

- **Protect yourself from the sun.** Skin cancer is one of the most common types of cancer, but it's also among the most preventable. Practice sun safety by covering up, seeking shade, using sunscreen, putting on a hat and wearing sunglasses.

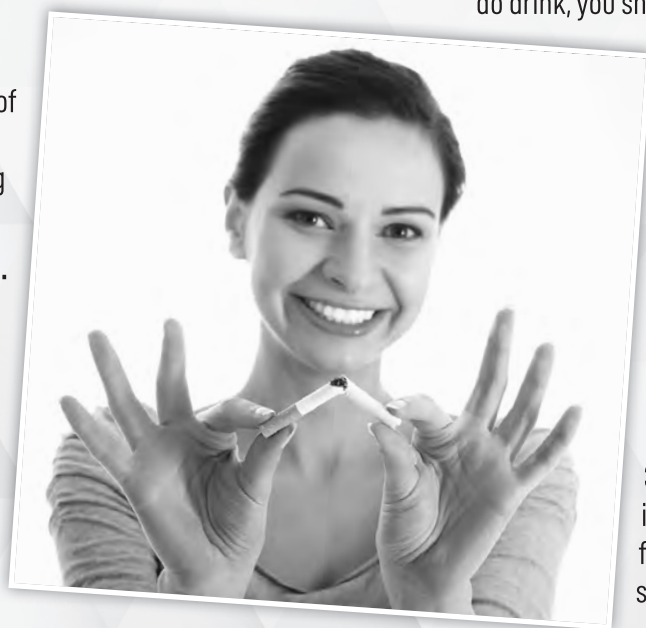
- **Maintain a healthy weight.**

You can reduce your risk for several types of cancer if you have a healthy body weight. Consult your doctor to determine what a healthy body weight is for you.

- **Eat a healthy diet.** A diet composed of a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins will provide the nutrients you need and help you maintain your health.

- **Limit alcohol consumption.** Drinking increases your likelihood of developing cancer, and the less alcohol you consume, the more you reduce your risk. If you do drink, you should do so modestly and not every day.

- **Exercise more and sit less.** A sedentary lifestyle puts you at an increased risk for cancer. Aim to engage in some form of physical activity every day for a minimum of 30 minutes. It's also important to take frequent breaks from sitting.



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# Finch Youth Broomball League closes out season

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

FINCH – Sports for the most part has been affected by the pandemic.

The rules and regulations regarding how to play a sport, how many players can participate and what spectators can and cannot do have created a difficult challenge to local sport organizations.

The Finch Youth Broomball League finished up its season on Sat., March 27. The U9 and U12 teams received their end of season awards and played one last game between the Dragons and the Ice.

On March 19, the league finished off its U16 season.

The Saturday final at the Finch Community Arena featured a practice session before the game and then the two groups of players had a final game and then an awards ceremony.

The final match of the year featured a contest between the Ice and the Dragons, with the Dragons coming out on top in an end-to-end battle.

The specter of Covid -19 was left far behind, as players got into the rhythm of the game.



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MacGregor Ouderkirk Memorial Award was awarded to Clark Sanders of the Ice Team.

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Most Outstanding Player for the Ice was awarded to Tobie Taillefer-Richer.

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Most Sportsmanlike Player for the Ice was awarded to Zach Robinson.

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Most Improved Player for the Ice was awarded to Harmony Robinson.

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Most Outstanding Player for the Dragons was awarded to Yrick Taillefer-Richer.

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Most Sportsmanlike Player for the Dragons was awarded to Chad Robinson.

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Most Improved Player for the Dragons was awarded to Ivy Michaud.

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When Covid arrived and leagues around the region were confronted with restrictions that made getting together to play difficult, the Finch Youth Broomball League asked parents what they wanted to do.

League president Sam Seay said parents for the most part were very supportive and wanted to keep the league operating as best as it could during the pandemic.

The league, with parent support, began the first week after thanksgiving and ran until March 27 at the Finch Community Arena. While the number of players were a little short of what they would have been in a normal year, the league still managed to have 22 U9 players, 26 U12 and 36 U16 players.

“Our main reason was for the kids to have fun,” said Seay. “There was not much

normal going on for them.”

Parents were concerned that the lessons and comfort around socializing were being lost on the children because they were not able to interact with each other like they were used to.

Seay said children spent the summer on their devices.

“Even in registration when the kids came back, you could see the difference in the way they acted. They did not get out anymore, they were socially different,” he said.

“This season was just about them having fun.”

Seay said they knew running the league during

the pandemic would be more work, but everyone pitched in to make it happen.


“The parents were on board.”

He said, “We were given a list of rules from the arena.” Those rules originated with the Ontario Health Unit.

“We saw that it was doable within the rules, so we went ahead with it.”

The league was able to take place because of the

25 to 30 volunteers who were with them all year.

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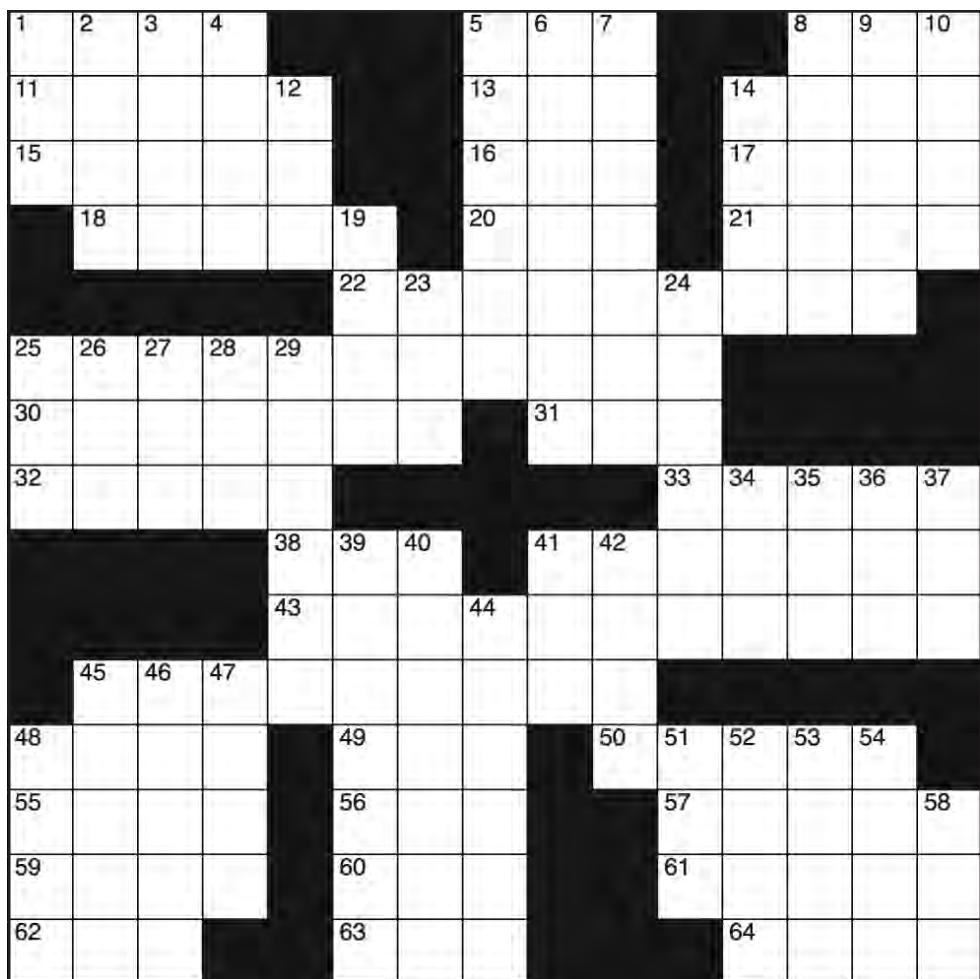
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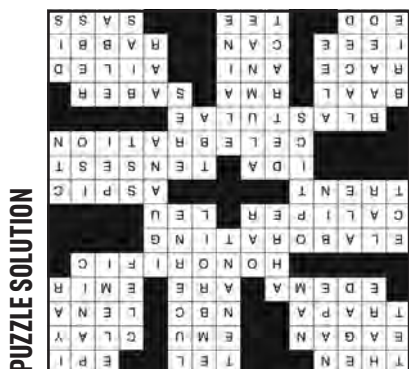
- 1. Now and \_
5. Israeli city \_ Aviv
8. Indicates near
11. Minneapolis suburb
13. Large Australian flightless bird
14. Fine-grained earth
15. Plant genus that includes water caltrop
16. Peacock network
17. TV writer Dunham
18. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
20. They \_
21. Muslim ruler title
22. Position given in respect of
25. Explaining further
30. Measuring instrument
31. Romanian monetary unit
32. Council of \_, 1545-1563

- 33. Savory jelly made with meat stock
38. Journalist Tarbell
41. Most suspenseful
43. Festivity
45. Animal embryos
48. Fertility god
49. Medical patients' choice (abbr.)
50. Type of sword
55. Competition
56. Bird of the cuckoo family
57. Afflicted in mind or body
59. Engineering organization
60. Beverage receptacle
61. Spiritual leader
62. Doctor of Education
63. Where golfers begin
64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Vietnamese offensive
2. Fast mammal
3. Oh goodness!
4. The back of one's neck
5. One who lives in another's property
6. Involve deeply
7. Alfalfa
8. Tropical tree resin
9. Sudden fear
10. Jewish religious month
12. Veterans battleground
14. Musical symbol
19. German river
23. Paddle
24. Lizard
25. Shock treatment
26. The common gibbon
27. Brew
28. Usually has a lid

- 29. Lenses in optical instruments
34. Time zone in Samoa (abbr.)
35. Wrinkled dog: Shar \_
36. Denotes equal
37. TV network for children
39. Take the value away from
40. Female graduates
41. Don't know when yet
42. "\_ tu": Spanish song
44. "Seinfeld" character
45. Bleated
46. Entwined
47. Away from wind
48. Soft creamy white cheese
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. They resist authority (slang)
58. Speak ill of



THE BENEFITS OF CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Even though crossword puzzles have been entertaining and helping people pass the time for more than 100 years, the benefits of crosswords go beyond boredom-busting. Various studies have shown the positive effects crossword puzzles can have on a person's brain and capacity to learn.

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- May help prevent brain diseases

Crossword puzzles can fill empty hours with an entertaining and educational activity. However, there are many other benefits to doing crossword puzzles that may surprise even the most ardent puzzle enthusiasts.

# Lights, camera, action

CHESTERVILLE – There was a lot of excitement when in September 2020, Josie Rennick opened a studio for her photography business in Chesterville; her business Over The Moon Photography is located at 3 King Street. She recently told *The Chesterville Record* how pleased she was to relocate the studio in Chesterville for several reasons, including the historic character of the village as well as the friendly people “who always greet you with a smile.”

Rennick explained her career as a photographer began approximately 10 years ago by “photographing [her] own children; then friends’ children.” And just like that, her dream of “being able to freeze magical moments” for people became a reality. She has been constantly upgrading her skills and expanding her knowledge of the industry by taking courses and workshops. Initially she used a “point and shoot camera” to take photos, but has upgraded to professional photography equipment, purchased many props for use in sessions since she began, and with opening the studio in Chesterville it has added another dimension to her art.

When asked, Rennick explained there are “no advantages or disadvantages to indoor or outdoor” settings, noting sessions can be held in the studio where props are available, in a clients home or weather permitting outdoors. Location decisions are made by taking into

# SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



A photographer can take a moment in time and have it last forever; Josie Rennick, proprietor of Over the Moon Photography, can take that moment and capture it for her clients. She is shown in her studio located at 7 King Street in Chesterville.

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consideration the preference of her clients and other factors as well. She mentioned that the outdoors allows “more room to work with families” and during the “summer months [she spends] a lot of time outdoors and exploring new locations.”

Rennick described how Over The Moon Photography provides clients with the opportunity to record momentous life events such as engagements, weddings, maternity and newborn sessions as well as family photographs. She described

enjoying the different types of shoots, mentioning how “lifestyle sessions are starting to become one of [her] favourites.” Rennick continued that she loves “photographing bohemian style photos, with lots of fun, love and laughter” and describes her enjoyment at capturing unique scenes, nature scenes and utilizing favourite items of clients.

Over The Moon Photography has been featured in several magazines including *Rouge Magazine*, *Shades of Laurel* and in “*The Storyteller* magazine three times.” As well Rennick noted one of their “wedding photos won the cover of *The Cornwall Seeker* brides first magazine” and was included in a blog post “shared on *Shades of Laurel*.”

While her busy lifestyle does not allow her to enter many competitions, she was nominated for the 2019 Ontario Wedding Award for Eastern Ontario and finished in the top ten.

For those who are considering a career in photography, Rennick suggests: following “your dream and don’t give up; if I can do it, so can you!” A visit to the website [www.overtmoonphotography.ca](http://www.overtmoonphotography.ca) or the company’s Facebook page will provide more information on Over The Moon Photography as well as the opportunity to view Rennick’s photographic portfolio; there you will see how a moment in a person’s life can be captured for a lifetime.

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## Feminine hygiene dispensers coming to UCDSB schools

**Sandy Casselman**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MORRISBURG – The Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) has passed two motions in support of feminine hygiene products.

During the March 24 board meeting, student trustees Tain Hughes and Jordan Evans, through trustee Corina Parisien, put forth a motion for UCDSB trustees to refer the issue of accessibility of menstrual hygiene products in UCDSB schools to the policy committee for consideration and report back to the board by the April 28 meeting. Hughes and Evans said the issue had been raised by students in several UCDSB schools.

“This motion is not just a policy set in place, but rather a step toward further progressiveness,” Hughes said. “I speak not only as a student trustee or the student voice, but as a woman. This is National Women’s History Month and it’s also a milestone in women’s rights in Canada. On March 7, the Toronto Youth Advisory Committee announced a petition to make feminine hygiene products free in all public schools across Ontario. School boards across the province are passing similar policies to ours and, if not, most likely already

have. Across Canada, more and more government funded organizations are supporting the fight for free feminine hygiene products. This is not just a motion or a policy. This is a human rights issue and a necessity. I’m proud to be representing the school board that will hopefully be supporting the solution. And I hope that as female rights take a frontline issue, we continue to grow and evolve to support it.”

Through additional discussion, it was determined that feminine hygiene products are already available for free in most UCDSB schools. The current issue is a lack of consistency, as well as a lack of awareness. Most students do not know the program exists and for those who do, each school stores products in different locations. For those who do know, having to go to the office and ask for the product may be an additional barrier.

The original motion was carried with support from Parisien, as well as trustees Donald Cram, Larry Berry, John Donaher, Ryan Jacobs, William Macpherson, John McAllister, John McCrea, Jamie Schoular, and Lisa Swann. The sole opposition came from trustee David McDonald.

McDonald opposed the

original motion on the grounds that it was unnecessary. He said it is awareness and action that are needed. Students need to be made aware of the program and all schools need to make sure the products are accessible and visible to those who need it now.

“I do think we need a policy. Its obviously not happening consistently in our schools and we need it to happen. It’s so important to all women to be able to access them without embarrassment,” Swann said, noting that she knew of one student who stayed home for a week because she did not have access to feminine hygiene products when she needed them.

While McDonald agreed with the need for the program, he disagreed with the need for a policy and a one-month wait to hear back from a committee. Instead, he put forth a motion that dispensing machines for menstrual hygiene products be installed in all female washrooms and gender-neutral washrooms in UCDSB schools.

The motion was carried despite the opposition of trustees Berry, MacPherson, and McCrea and despite trustee Danaher not voting. Those who voted in favour were trustees McDonald,


Parisien, Swann, Cram, Jacobs, McAllister, and Schoular.

McCrea and MacPherson disagreed with McDonald’s motion. They said school staff should have the choice of how to implement the program. McCrae said the board would be exceeding its authority by doing more than simply approving a policy. MacPherson said he felt the two motions were contradictory and wondered how schools would know which bathrooms should have the dispensers installed.

Although Swann supported the second motion, she wondered if the board should consider charging a small fee. She said her concern would be someone misusing the service and taking advantage of the program.

“Contraceptives in our schools are not a cost,” Evans said. “The benefit of having them out is better than the potential of having some students misuse the products.”

With both motions carried, the UCDSB is set to get a policy mandating the free supply of feminine hygiene products in all schools now and into the future, as well as immediate installation of dispensers in female washrooms in all UCDSB schools.



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## Ground-breaking goes virtual for UCPR long-term care facility

**Sandy Casselman**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

HAWKESBURY – The United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR) invited residents to attend the virtual ground-breaking ceremony for the Prescott and Russell Residence Redevelopment Project last week.

“We’re finally here,” said UCPR CAO Stéphane Parisien, referring to the postponement of the ceremony due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Things kicked off with town of Hawkesbury Mayor Paula Assaly welcoming both dignitaries and viewers to the virtual event. Ontario Minister of Long-term Care Merrilee Fullerton and Ontario Minister of Infrastructure Laurie Scott both attended the virtual ceremony, along with UCPR warden Stéphane Sarrazin. Colliers project leaders’ senior project manager Andrew Rodrigues also spoke during the roughly 25-minute event.

“Our number one goal for the new residence is to offer all residents a place where they will feel right at home and provide an inclusive environment regardless of language preference, culture, or belief,” Sarrazin said. “The

people of Prescott-Russell are known to be welcoming and caring, they also hold a strong tradition of family gatherings and the new residence was designed to reflect their culture and core values. We also want this new living environment to be welcoming to families, friends, and visitors, as they are extremely important to the well-being of the residents.”

Sarrazin praised the current residence’s high-quality care. He attributed the facility’s excellence to its more than 200 dedicated professionals, including caregivers, nurses, doctors, receptionists, administrative assistants, and maintenance workers.

“They all come from different fields, but they all have one thing in common,” Sarrazin said; “It is to have the well-being, dignity, and safety of every resident at heart. Today, I want to recognize and thank each and every employee for their excellent work, engagement, and professionalism. The commitment you demonstrate every day and especially during this pandemic makes all the difference in the lives of our residents and for that we are extremely grateful.”

Located near the Hawkesbury and District

General Hospital, the new long-term care facility will have 224 beds, 78 more than the current facility.

There will be a mix of basic, semi-private, and private rooms. The roughly multi-million-dollar project includes a central public courtyard, lots of windows, a large multi-purpose room, dining room, beauty salon, as well as landscaped outdoor space.

“I do feel the tremendous hope for areas like this and across the country with these new developments,” Fullerton said. “To the passionate and hardworking community behind this redevelopment project, I often say the long-term care homes are really the hearts of the communities that they’re in, so I just appreciate all the people coming together to get this done.”

Rodrigues said he expects construction to be completed by the end of 2023. If everything goes as planned, he said residents should be able to relocate to the new facility by the second quarter of 2024.

“The people of Ontario deserve access to quality long-term care in a safe homelike environment when and where they need it,” Scott said. “Today is a step forward, doing that here in the UCPR. We are



Councillors dig in. 1st row from left to right: Mr. Normand Riopel (Mayor Champlain) Ms. Paula Assaly (Mayor Hawkesbury) Mr. Stephane Sarrazin (Mayor Alfred-Plantagenet) and Mr. Robert Kirby (Mayor Hawkesbury East), 2nd row left to right: Mr. Guy Desjardins (Mayor Clarence-Rockland), Mr. Daniel Lafleur (Mayor Casselman), Mr. Francois St-Amour (Mayor Nation), Mr. Pierre Leroux (Mayor of Russell) and Mr. Stephane Parisien (Executive Director of CRF).

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getting shovels moving and providing 21st century integrative long-term care infrastructure for our most vulnerable in communities across the province.”

Residents throughout UCPR will benefit from the new and improved facility.

“Russell Township is a proud member of the UCPR, and the Prescott

Russell Residence, along with its increased bed capacity, will be a welcome addition to our region,” township of Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux said.

## Politicians applaud Russell staff

**Sandy Casselman**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

EMBRUN – The township of Russell’s politicians applauded municipal staff for their many accomplishments in 2020, as well as their robust plans for 2021.

CAO Jean Leduc presented the results of Russell’s 2020 business plan along with the 2021 business plan during the March 15 council meeting. Leduc told council he is hoping to deliver a high number of completed projects by the end of 2021.

“I congratulate you and your team for the amount of work that is there,” Coun. Mike Tarnowski said. “When you see them all together you realize the amount of work that is being done by the township and staff.”

In his report, Leduc said that COVID-19 had an impact on what staff was able to do in 2020 resulting in some unfinished projects. This is not typical for Russell’s staff, as Leduc said their business plans are always “ambitious and a significant number of projects are started and completed.”

In the 2020 summary, Leduc said 33 per cent of projects were completed, 50 per cent are now underway or about to be

completed, 17 per cent were not started or deferred to 2021, and two per cent were cancelled. As for the 2020 capital projects’ list, 62 per cent of projects were completed, 21 per cent are ongoing, and 17 per cent were not started or cancelled.

“While the 2020 pandemic raised some challenges and affected timelines regarding our township business plan, I am proud of the flexibility and adaptability of the staff to accomplish so much during trying times,” Mayor Pierre Leroux said. “We have some amazing projects for 2021 and I am confident in staff’s ability to get the jobs done.”

There are 140 projects of varying complexity listed in the 2021 business plan. The objectives and timelines for each project are laid out along with notes identifying the departments involved.

“The 2021 business plan has been completed with the collaboration of department heads and their staff,” Leduc said in his report. “The 2021 business plan does include projects and/or actions from the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, department heads’ own initiatives, as well as strategies identified in the township annual report card results.”

Both the 2020 summary and the 2021 plan can be found in the March 15 council agenda package.

## Unfortunately, I’ve been fired

**Janel Therkelsen**  
Russell High School Reporter

Hey everyone!

Unfortunately, I’ve been fired, and this will be my last column. Just kidding...

To begin with, happy April Fools’ Day! Due to COVID and everything going on in the world, laughs have been harder to come by. But today is a great opportunity to see everyone laugh and smile- even under a mask. Instead of seeing people’s shiny teeth when they smile, you’ll be able to see their sparkly eyes!

So, for this week’s report, I thought it would be hilarious to look at the history of April Fools!

Historians seem to think that the beginning of this day dates back to the late 1500s. They also believe that April Fools’ Day is linked to the old celebration called Hilaria (translates to joyful) that was

celebrated in ancient Rome at the end of March. But it spread to Britain in the 18th century, and over time it spread to everywhere else from there.

After surfing the internet, I figured out that people have a common opinion when it comes to the best prank of all time. Britain has that crown because of their spaghetti noodle harvest prank! Back in the 1950s, there was a two-and-a-half-minute prank segment from Panorama on BBC. The head of this operation, Charles de Jaeger, hung 20 pounds of raw spaghetti noodles on trees. In this small video women were “retrieving the noodles off the trees” and placing them all in the sun to “dry”. This hoax is one of the most memorable April Fools’ pranks in history! Try to top that one today!

Have many laughs and have fun everyone! See you next week!



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