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Briefly

North Dundas United Soccer Club

NORTH DUNDAS – North Dundas United Soccer Club will be ready to go, if and when pandemic restrictions ease. There may be some changes to the format of the regular season from that of other years, including the days, times that age groups play to maintain Covid restrictions.

Dates and time, procedures for players and parents will be provided closer to the start of the season and will depend on current health restrictions in place.

Players can register now, and payment can be made when the season starts. The club is hoping to offer a ten-week season from the end of June to the end of August. Registration will open for ages U5 to U13. Unfortunately, there will be no U3 registration this year.

To make this year a success and provide fun and safe soccer activities in our community, we will need volunteers. For interest in volunteering see our website for more information: <http://ndusc.ca/>.

SD&G launches online archives

CORNWALL – The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry has launched its online newspaper archives. There are more than 210,000 SDG newspaper pages available and 2,000 Lost Villages photos that can now be viewed at <https://archive.sdgcounties.ca>.




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Dundas County Archives

Susan Peters, archivist at the Dundas County Archives in Iroquois, is shown just outside the building which serves to preserve and protect artifacts associated with the history of Dundas County. She commented how pleased she was to see the project launched. She mentioned how not only will this project be an invaluable research aid for people to easily access, but it will also lessen the use of fragile older copies of our newspapers.

Courtesy Photo

Preserving our history

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CORNWALL – There was an air of excitement as the official launch of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Digitalization Project was held via Zoom on Mon., May 3.

The project will allow people free access to approximately 2,000 photos from the Lost Villages Museum and around 210,566 pages from Dundas and Glengarry County newspapers. SDSG MP Eric Duncan commented that he realized while research for a North Dundas District High School Reunion was being done, the importance of the work was to ensure the local newspapers be preserved for research and for posterity.

United Counties warden Frank Prevost commented in a post launch press release how “newspaper reports can be considered the first rough draft of history” and county council “believed in this project from the outset.” Duncan accompanied by Dundas County archivist Susan Peters, Lost Villages Historical Society president Jim Brownell

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South Dundas pays close to \$1M for contaminated land

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MORRISBURG – Municipality of South Dundas politicians were recently faced with a sizeable bill for a decades-old problem.

During the April 26 council meeting, environmental services director Danielle Watson presented council with a recommendation to purchase property that has been contaminated by the Matilda Landfill and to pay for this with roughly \$935,437 from the Landfill Reserve and another \$12,533 from the capital budget as an unfunded capital expense. Once purchased, the land will be registered as a Contamination Attenuation Zone (CAZ).

Watson’s report stated that a delineation study was undertaken in 2020 to evaluate the level of chloride in groundwater and determine if any fell outside the provincial guidelines for permitted use. Based on the results, South Dundas must create a CAZ for the affected land and since this land is privately owned, the township must buy the property.

“Purchasing the property from the private landowners is a best practice as contaminant levels in a CAZ may impair the current and future uses of the zone and the property’s value,” Watson said in her report. “Since the municipality is responsible for contaminating the lands, it must also be responsible for controlling and preventing further contamination through remediation measures.”

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CDHS report to North Dundas council

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The 2020 Report from the Chesterville & District Historical Society (CDHS) was provided to members of the North Dundas council during the April 27 meeting. CDHS president Caroline Roberts prepared the report which included a detailed account of the activities and projects undertaken by the Society during 2020.

In the report, Roberts described the previous year as “busy but challenging.” She noted the 2020 Spin-In was held at the Chesterville Legion, with members helping with this event. The annual Spin-In provides visitors with an opportunity to see spinning displays and learn about this important part of our local heritage.

In February 2020, the annual general meeting of the Society was held; election results were as follows: Caroline Roberts was elected as Society president, Gerry Johnson as vice president, Vern

McMillan and Kim McInnis continuing to serve as treasurer and secretary, respectively. Ashley Harper will serve as past president with Carol Goddard, Murray Inch, Ian Reveler, Lester McInnis and Gail Parker will serve on the board of directors.

During the AGM it was decided to move ahead with a project to compile a book detailing the history of Chesterville between 1988 and 2020 to commemorate the 130th anniversary of the incorporation of the village. A book committee was formed and was headed by Gail Parker. The book committee has been quite busy collecting stories, photographs, and other information, with Kim and Bruce Henbest serving as editors. The Society is assisting the production of the book, with people able to provide donations toward its publication.

After the announcement of a state of emergency in Ontario due to Covid-19, in-person meetings were suspended. The Society will be able to meet outdoors in July at Oak Valley Pioneer

Park and in October at the Farm of Verne and Susan McMillan as restrictions lessen. Ian Reveler prepared snippets from the Clarence Cross recordings to Roberts who provided them to Society members. They were very appreciative as they were able to listen and learn about our history. In December of 2020, the Society organized a self-guided historical hunt in Chesterville with prizes awarded.

Society secretary and genealogist Kim McInnis continued to assist people with information on local families and locations. Bob Petruniak has been working on a digitalization project over the past year which includes information on local families, local landmarks, and pertinent historical documents.

In February 2021, a Zoom AGM was held with the current executive and board of directors remaining in place. The report, available on the township of North Dundas website, included reports from Petruniak and McInnis on their work for the CDHS.



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Preserving our history

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and Allan MacDonald, Glengarry county archivist made a presentation to the SDG county council in 2019, after which “financial support totalling \$181,132 came from the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, which also committed staff time to help create and launch the project” according to Prevost.

Duncan extended a special thanks to the newspaper companies and private citizens who provided copies to the Dundas Archives which were then digitalized. In addition to *The Chesterville Record* and *Morrisburg Leader* which are still in publication, there will be access to papers such as *The Winchester Press*, the *Mountain Herald* and the *Morrisburg Courier* which have ceased publication.

Peters explained how after receiving the papers they had to be organized, repaired, and prepared for digitalization in keeping with archival practices. She described how the piecing together of some newspaper pages was like “puzzles we had to put together” and mentioned the earliest papers’ date was from the 1860s. In a post event email, Peters mentioned that between the Dundas County Archives (DCA) and the Glengarry County Archives (GCA) “there are about 19 different newspapers.”

Peters noted the DCA are still accepting donations of newspapers and there are still holes in the collection to be filled. Peters took a moment to “thank the service clubs, the Lions and Legions of Dundas County for funding archival tissue repair tape and the archival newspaper boxes. Alan Favreau designed and donated the custom newspaper boxes for the *Morrisburg Leader* back issues” as well as the newspapers who provided copies.

When asked about major obstacles to overcome, other than funding Peters noted how when the project began, the DCA “had no newspapers in our collection”. Duncan worked with the publishers of the newspapers to have access for digitalization and then the public were invited to donate old newspapers for the project.

Peters and Duncan commented how the digitalization of these newspapers will greatly benefit those conducting genealogical, historical, or social research with a wealth of information which is accessible and free to use. Peters mentioned that as well as preserving and protecting the original documents themselves, “the fact that this is available to anyone and free of charge is a huge benefit.”

Peters noted that many research enquiries she had received, needed to be researched using the newspapers, the digitalization of the papers with free public access, will free her up for other duties in the archives. She concluded by commenting how “as [her] mandate is to collect, preserve and make available the historic records of the region, this is the best example of fulfilling that mandate.”

While the digitalization project has been launched, Duncan pointed out the work is continuing. He mentioned there are plans to work on digitalizing Cornwall newspapers as well as continuing with digitalizing other Glengarry and Dundas newspapers. He also noted how LVHS members Ginette Guy and Jim Brownell are working on providing more information on the photos which are part of this project. Peters mentioned how “if anyone has stray copies of older newspapers that they would be willing to lend us or wish to donate to us, I am happy to add them to this project moving forward.”

The digitalization project can be accessed at <https://archive.sdgcountries.ca>.

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Lakeview Waterfront Park – Closed for now

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – During the April 28 meeting of South Stormont council, director of parks and recreation Kevin Amelotte provided council with an update on the use of Lakeview Waterfront Park during the coming months. Amelotte was hoping the park, which is well used by residents, would be able to be open this year after having to be closed in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He told council he had met with the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) and was advised the park is “classified as a regional beach” and the township would have to provide several amenities if it were to open between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily for the period May 20 and Sept. 7. These include the staffing of the park during

all hours of operation, providing portable washrooms, hand sanitizing stations, ensure COVID 19 related signage regarding social distancing and detailing current provincial orders is in place. According to information contained in the report to council, the estimated total cost to the municipality to open the park would have a price tag of just over \$107,000.00, with an unbudgeted amount of \$68,430.00. The cost would include salaries for staff, installation of a gate system, signage, portable hand sanitizing stations and washrooms as well as miscellaneous expenses. It was recommended the park be closed for the summer period. There were concerns raised about the possibility of overcrowding on the waterfront, summer students having to turn away “irate” people who were

unable to access the area. Amelotte mentioned his concern about the effect of the increased staff and the anticipated need for supervisory staff on the budget. He commented there had been several emails received from residents expressing their desire for the park to be open.

In response to a question from Coun. Cindy Woods, Amelotte explained there would be no access for residents walking or walking their dog if there was a no trespassing order. Councillors Andrew Guindon and Jennifer MacIsaac accepted Amelotte’s recommendations, with Guindon mentioning the use of the park should be reviewed throughout the summer. Deputy Mayor Dave Smith suggested the recommendation to close the park could be reviewed on an ongoing basis at council meetings, with Amelotte mentioning this could be problematic as council meets only once

a month in the summer and changes to the parks’ operation could necessitate quick decisions.

Mayor McGillis expressed his disappointment at the lack of opportunity available for people out of doors and questioned as to why this park is considered a regional beach. CAO Debi LucasSwitzer explained this is due to the historical use of this section of waterfront as a beach. McGillis expressed his contention the question of opening or not opening Lakeview Waterfront Park should be discussed at each upcoming council meeting.

Council accepted the recommendation to close Lakeview Waterfront until current COVID-19 restrictions no longer need staff “enforce the maximum capacity and social distancing requirements” and plan to revisit this at the next council meeting.

Contaminated land

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The study determined the flow of the offsite migration of contamination. Watson said underground soil conditions caused the landfill leachate (contaminated liquid) to migrate offsite to the North and Northwest of Matilda Landfill.

When asked if this is something the public has been kept abreast of through various communication channels, Watson said no. While residents were told of the delineation study being conducted in 2020 at the Matilda Landfill, this would be the first time they would be hearing about the contamination, provincial protocols and guidelines, and the consequences.

“I think this would be an area that we really need to start giving this information out to our residents, so they are aware of the difficult decision that any council, and this council, has had to make with not much choice,” Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner said.

Councillor Archie

Mellan said this is something that has been happening for more than 30 to 40 years and it is just now coming to a head and landing in the laps of the current council. He said residents should know there are provincial guidelines in place that dictate what the municipality must do.

“I think the public has to realize that this is a situation we didn’t want, or the landowners didn’t want,” he said. “It is what it is, and we at least stepped up to the plate and addressed it.”

Watson’s report said staff returned to council in 2021 with the updated information, including the amount of land that needed to be acquired. It was noted that there are three separate owners, and the market value was listed at \$12,500. Assisted by legal representation, staff began property acquisition negotiations in February. The final price tag for the contaminated



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property was \$947,970. She recommended that council commit to contributing \$240,000 to the landfill reserve each year, as the municipality will need roughly \$1 million in 2026 to close and cap the landfill, province permitting.

Mellan said he is happy with the decision to put \$240,000 back into the reserve every year for the next four years to rebuild. Like Gardner, he said the public needs to understand that landfills are expensive.

“We’re in a situation where we, the Municipality of South Dundas, have contaminated someone else’s land and it didn’t happen overnight,” Mayor Steven Byvelts said, noting it probably started sometime in the 1970s.

“It’s just another chapter in the saga that this council, and other councils, have had to endure concerning garbage and landfills.”

Byvelts assured residents watching the meeting that council has spent a considerable amount of time discussing the issue, as well as the cost. He said that in the past the municipality has had to do the same thing at the Williamsburg Landfill, purchasing

adjacent land contaminated by leachate.

“We’re hoping this purchase will cover the vast majority that is underground,” he said. “This is not the beginning, but it’s certainly not the end. Many years after we get this thing put to bed and capped, we’ll have to monitor and make sure the leachate pollution doesn’t go any further. This is just another example that landfills cost money, garbage costs money.”

He said South Dundas will need to decide what the long-term goals are in terms of garbage disposal, whether the province

grants the municipality’s request for an expansion or not. He mentioned the potential for a county-wide garbage disposal solution someday, but for now, South Dundas has the Matilda Landfill, which may or may not get an extension.

“I just want to make sure that all residents are aware that landfills are very expensive. We have real expensive ones here,” Byvelts said. “No matter what we do in the future, it will still cost us a lot of money, so please understand that we are still doing the best we can to make sure it works well.”



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Letter

Community Food Share supporting Playhouse campaign

Community Food Share, commonly referred to as the Food Bank, is usually asking for the public's assistance by donating money or food to help feed the hungry in our communities. Now the tables are turned – one of Community Food Share's supporters needs some help and the organization is asking its donors to consider helping Upper Canada Playhouse in their "get on with the show" fundraising campaign.

Over the years, the Playhouse has offered their venue for community events and have held food drives for Community Food Share. In fact, artistic director Donnie Bowes has been a dedicated volunteer at our Morrisburg location for close to ten years.

The Playhouse has been dark for well over a year and with little or no government funding, they are hurting financially. It is up to our community to help. Community Food Share is asking its supporters to consider donating so that this vital part of South Dundas can continue to provide world-class entertainment when life can return to "normal".

Please click on the Playhouse link: www.uppercanadaplayhouse.com to view their video & donation information. Or call 613-543-3713/1-877-550-3650 to support the campaign.

NDDHS Report

By Jamie Wilson
Student Council Communications



Teacher Appreciation

Last Fri., April 30, we had our first virtual spirit day of the year. We chose Pyjama Day as the theme, as we figured that would not be too difficult with everyone likely already in their pyjamas while studying at home. Students and teachers sent in photos to the Student Council of them in their favourite pyjamas to participate. We hope to see more participation in virtual spirit days as we continue with online learning. There are plans for some online challenges as well!

This week is National Teacher Appreciation Week. We want to thank the teachers at North Dundas for everything they do. This year has undoubtedly been difficult for students, but many may overlook the difficulties teachers have faced. They have had to adapt to many changes this year, including the entirely new quadmester system. They have had to learn how to effectively teach online and deal with technical difficulties and interruptions at home during online classes. Not to mention switching back and forth between in-person and online learning throughout the year. We thank them all so much for doing their best to continue to provide the students with the support they need and making this year the best that it could be!

Editorial

Another day in rural Ontario

Some memories just linger.

Back in the late 90's I was the editor of the then Ottawa Carleton Review in Manotick, a small village just south of Ottawa.

The town was surrounded by agricultural land on three sides.

This was my first few days on the job and most of the time I was terrified.

I was replacing a couple of excellent people who had moved on from the popular community newspaper and their knowledge of the area and the farming community as well as the geography of the region was unmatched.

I had a great deal to learn and no one to help me learn it.

I lived in Kemptville and used the recently completed \$196 million Hwy. 416 to get to work every morning.

The two-lane, north and south highway was a boring, straight as an arrow 20-minute drive to Manotick. I decided I might as well start learning about the area I was supposed to work in and know all about.

I left Kemptville that morning determined to try out some different ways to get to Manotick using the back roads.

It was an incredibly foggy morning, not the best weather to try and navigate small country roads.

I used a side road to cross over the 416 and found myself on a small road headed toward the small village of Osgoode.

It was so foggy I could not see the edges of the road and was on guard for deer that might choose that exact moment when I was passing them to dash across the road. I drove through Osgoode's main street, there was only one, and ended up at an intersection so shrouded in mist that deciding which way to turn to get to Manotick, which I knew was somewhere north of Osgoode, was a problem.

Sensing that I could not make any kind of wise decision I decided to just stop.

I pulled over to the side of the road.

To my left was a forest barely seen through the

fog. Behind and in front of me was the road with a visibility range of only a foot.

On my right was a farmer's field. All I could see of the field was the point where two fence lines converged at the corner of the field.

I got out of my car and looked all around desperately hoping to see a sign that would send me in the right direction.

It was at that moment that, I first thought was a mystical event taking place.

I heard a loud voice boom out, "ARE YOU LOST?"

I looked around at the field to my right because that's where the voice seemed to be coming from.

Out of the mist and coming right towards me were several large heads belonging to cows. I could not see their bodies just their heads as they came toward me.

Once more a voice boomed out, "I SAID ARE YOU LOST?"

The origin of the voice had to be coming from the cows. There was no one else around and the heads were now leaning over the

fog shrouded fence staring at me.

For a terrifying moment I actually believed I was being given some help from a cow.

You had to be there to appreciate how real this moment was.

Then slowly moving behind the cows' heads appeared a hat, and then a face.

He shouted at me, "CAN YOU UNDERSTAND ME, ARE YOU LOST?"

Covering up my confusion I simply said yes. I then said, "I am looking for the turn to Manotick." The man, obviously a farmer rounding up his cows in the field, said, "turn your car around and go to the right you cannot miss it."

I thanked the gentleman, and got back in my car and turned around. I could not help but glance at the cows all leaning towards me over the fence and I wondered if they were laughing or just shaking their heads in disbelief.

Welcome to rural Ontario.

Joseph Morin

The Road Home

by Carolyn Thompson Goddard

May has arrived in all its glory! While the first couple of days have been a bit cooler than usual it brings the promise of warmer weather and the opportunity to clean out your flowerbeds in anticipation of enjoying the colours and fragrances of plants.

With the rain these past few days, I have been unable to continue weeding and raking in my front flower garden (which used to be my front lawn) but last week during the sunny weather was a different story. It felt wonderful to be out there, in my bare feet, raking the leaves, which had provided a home for all sorts of insects over the winter. I got a bit carried away unfortunately and lopped off the top of a couple peony stalks, but hopefully they will regenerate and grow into those beautiful flowers soon. As I worked in the herb section of the garden, I was amazed at how green and fragrant my rosemary plants were already.

It was lovely to see some tulips bringing colour to the green of the spring garden, but unfortunately the snow we received at week's end put an end to that. Last fall, in anticipation of having some colour in my early spring garden, I planted a selection of flower bulbs. Unfortunately, I had forgotten about all the squirrels and other rodents which live along the oak-tree lined street I live on. I really hope they enjoyed the bulbs which they had dug up out of my garden for their winter meals. That said, the oak tree which has been growing the last couple of years near my porch probably got its start as an acorn buried by a forgetful rodent.

Moving around my flower garden raking and pulling, I noticed my Loyalist rose bush has started to green up, with leaf buds beginning to show against the brownish grey of the branches. The bush began as a single

root a few years ago which has grown and prospered in its location. As I walked by, my mind created a picture of the pale pink roses providing spring colour to my garden. This hardy bush has a heritage, which began in Scotland, came to New York State with a Cameron family and when they came to Eastern Ontario as Loyalist refugees, Mrs. Cameron brought a sprig with her.

After spending a time cleaning up the garden (and there still is a lot of garden work to do once it warms up and stops raining), I took a moment to sit on a somewhat rickety wooden chair to rest. As I surveyed the piles of leaves, weeds and perhaps a bit of soil, the thought of how much easier it would be to just mow this lawn came to mind. They were quickly brushed away by remembrance of the beautiful colours, which would arrive as spring turned to summer and then to fall.



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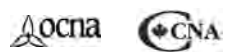
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South Mountain to rename village park

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – The park in South Mountain will be renamed the Rick Cauvier Park in honour of the late Rick Cauvier.

The park is located at 10543 Main Street in South Mountain.

The North Dundas Council agreed to the request for the name change from his wife Sherry Mowat at their April 27 council meeting.

Rick Cauvier was a

familiar and popular figure in the area for many years. He was the owner of Rick's Gas Bar in South Mountain.

In a letter to the council with her request for the name change Mowat stated:

"I am sure most of you, if not all of you knew my husband Rick Cauvier who passed away suddenly this past June. He spent most of his life in the Township of North Dundas. He lived, worked, raised a family, built businesses and supported the community

for many years.

I believe it would be honourable to recognize a man who gave so much of

himself to his community."

Council agreed and the park will be renamed in the near future.



- OBITUARY - BLAKE ARNOLD FEELEY

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Peacefully at the Ottawa Heart Institute on Monday, April 26, 2021, Blake Arnold Feeley of Chesterville, age 86. Loving husband to his late wife Beverley Feeley (nee Shaver). Son of the late Lorne and Isobel Feeley (nee Armstrong). Predeceased by his brother Henry Feeley (Maxine) and his sister Jean Sullivan. Loving father of James (Marion) of Russell and Kristina (Bruno) of Switzerland. Blake will be fondly remembered by granddaughters Jennifer (Patrick), Melissa (Chris), Emily (Shawn) and by great-grandchildren Grace, Blake, Bryce, Wyatt and Rena. Also survived by nieces and nephews. There will be no visitation or funeral service. Interment of cremated remains will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. Donations to Winchester Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift "please notify the family". Online condolences may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com.



Obituary Brimmage, Jessie 1922 - 2021

It is with great sadness that the family of Mrs. Jessie Brimmage

(nee Wert) announces her peaceful passing at the Chesterville Garden Villa, on Wednesday April 21, 2021, following a short battle with cancer in her 98th year. Predeceased by her husband of forty-seven years, Robert Brimmage in 2015, parents Stanley and Hattie Wert (nee MacLennan), brothers, Clayton and Sesel Wert, sisters, Wanda Hafichuk and Sheila Kamp. Survived by her brother Rod Wert (Grace) of New Liskeard and sister-in-law Mavis Wert (late Sesel) of Avonmore. A loving aunt to James Wert (Nancy) of Avonmore, Dawn Pate (Tom) of Brantford, Valerie Smith (Gregor) of Perth Scotland, Charles Wert (Karen) of Avonmore, David Wert (Denise) of Kirkland Lake, and Cathy Plewes (Scott) of Orleans. Jessie was overjoyed to be a great aunt to sixteen nieces and nephews as well as one great-great nephew, closely following and taking great pride in their accomplishments. Jessie was born and raised on the family farm in Avonmore, Ontario. After completing her education, she moved to wartime Ottawa and began her career at the Bank of Canada. She was an avid curler, attending many bonspiels including the Brier & Tournament of Hearts. Jessie curled recreationally, where a last-minute search for an addition to the team, lead to her meeting the love of her life Robert. An ardent fan of the Ottawa Roughriders, Jessie attended many Grey Cup games over the years. Throughout her lifetime, Jessie remained steadfast in her support and love for her extended family and friends. She will be sorely missed by all who were lucky enough to know her. The family would like to thank the staff of Chesterville Garden Villa, Bayshore Palliative Care, as well as Dr. Hamilton for their exceptional support and kindness throughout these tough times. In accordance with Jessie's wishes, cremation has taken place. Due to restrictions with Covid, the family will gather at a later date for a private burial at Memorial Hill Cemetery, Lunenburg. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the activity department of Garden Villa Retirement Residence – Chesterville, 66 Main St. S., County Rd. 7, Chesterville, ON K0C 1H0. Condolences or donations may be made at www.tubmanfuneralhomes.com.



- Obituary - GILLES (GIL) BEAUDRY

Gilles (Gil) Beaudry, 76, left on April 28, 2021, after a long battle with cancer.

He was a beloved companion, father, grandfather, stepfather, and friend to many who knew him.

He was the life of the party. He loved life to the fullest and that included his family, friends, and colleagues.

He was bigger than life and leaves a big hole in our universe.

According to Gilles' wishes, he will be cremated and buried in the family plot in Verner, Ontario.

Celebrations of life will take place at a later date.

Instead of flowers, please give donations to the Heart & Stroke of Ottawa Institute and the Society of Cancer.

- Obituary - SHAY, Myrtle Adelaide



At 5:00 p.m. April 24, 2021 Myrtle, Adelaide, Elsie, Turtle, Muts, Myrt, BABE, Baker Shay with her daughter Sandra and granddaughter Cassie at her side, passed to be in the arms of the love of her life Harold Dwight (originally of Chesterville) who tragically passed January 9, 1964. They will now laugh and dance into eternity along with her Mom and Dad Harry and Elsie Baker.

At 91 years (born October 21 1929), she was the BABE and will be joined by all of her Sisters and Brothers who predeceased her Bessie, Dorothy, Amelia, Velma, Gwendolyn, Verna, Edna, Harold, Curtis, George, Merald and Garnet. They were all part of the original Baker's Dozen.

Left behind to reflect on their lives are her and Harold's children Gary (Laurel), Kevin (Sara), Sandra and Penny (Bill Robinson). Nana Banana was aware of and had good times with her grandchildren, Ryan (Michelle), Patrick (Laura), Megan, Cassie (Justin Lilly) and Michael (Sophie) but because of Alzheimer's never got to know and cherish her great grand children Colton, Carter, Stephen, Jack, Thea and Francis.

Myrtle was born the year of the 1929 Stock Market Crash and it must have been that association that instilled in her a drive and desire to succeed and which she passed onto her children.

After Harold's passing in 1964, Myrtle became a beautician having graduated from the Marvel Beauty School of Ottawa in 1965. She did that while raising her kids and keeping a home. The Shay kids would like to thank the community of Prescott for watching over us from a distance as our Mom worked so hard.

Myrtle was a talented farm girl having done all the farm chores growing up. When she wasn't working in the salon, she enjoyed keeping her lawns and gardens fresh and lovely. When not being gardener she was an artist. (many a toll piece graces walls in Eastern Ontario), a carpenter, wood worker, plumber there was never anything she would not try.

To help her in all her chores Myrtle had her best CD friend Daniel O'Donnell whose voice she heard singing Hallelujah while ascending into heaven.

We wish to extend our sincerest thanks to the folks at St. Lawrence Lodge who saw to her needs earlier in the development of her disease and also to the people at Peter D. Clarke Long Term Care Centre, Ottawa, for the care provided Mom over the past several years until her passing.

Mom was robbed of her final years by Alzheimer's but she always had a laugh and smile and enjoyed life. We all have fond memories of happy times with her.

Arrangements are entrusted with the Irvine Memorial Home and Chapel at Roselawn, 2451 County Road 15 Maitland, ON. Due to Covid restrictions an immediate family only graveside service was held on Tuesday, May 4.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to Toronto Sick Kids Hospital, "Life begins and Flourishes at SICK KIDS" or Alzheimer's Research.

*We can now after 57 years use the phrase
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6 ways to prevent looming pothole damage this spring

From damaged rims to punctured tires, potholes can have a disastrous effect on vehicles. Fortunately, most of this damage is avoidable by adopting certain driving habits.

Here are some preventative tips and tricks for staying safe on the road while avoiding unforeseen spring expenses:

Prevent the blow

The risk of serious damage is significantly reduced when tires are inflated to the correct pressure. Unsure of how often to check your tire pressure? On average, tires lose one PSI every month after being filled up, so checking once a month is a good place to start.

Keep your eyes open

Take a hint from other vehicles and watch for behaviour that signals

what's up ahead. If cars are slowing down or consistently moving around an object, be prepared to do the same. Keep your eyes peeled and follow their lead.

Avoid jumping on the brakes

It's a natural reflex to break when a pothole appears unexpectedly. However, if you can't avoid it by safely changing lanes, it's best to slow down and move smoothly over the hole. Braking aggressively while driving into a pothole is a surefire way to damage the struts in your suspension system.

When all else fails, drive squarely over

When it's impossible to go around the hole, it's better to centre it between your wheels and drive squarely over. If the pothole is

directly beneath the vehicle's body, your tires will avoid dipping into the crevice.

Change your tires

When temperatures consistently hit 7°C, make sure you switch to all-season tires so that you're not wearing out your winter ones prematurely. Pothole season usually accompanies the start of the warmer weather.

Often overlooked

Regular tuneups and maintenance are essential. Ensure all vehicle components are functioning correctly with a periodic checkup by a certified technician. A vehicle with good working brakes, suspension and steering systems will allow you to react more effectively to any road hazards.

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How to sanitize your car cabin

If you share your car, drive for Uber or give rides to friends and family members, sanitizing your vehicle is a must. Here's a brief guide to eliminating viruses from your car's interior.

Take precautions

When cleaning your vehicle, make sure to wear protective gloves and a mask to guard against virus transmission.

Be thorough


Make sure to clean all high-touch surfaces. This includes the steering wheel, turn signal lever, seatbelts, cupholders, sun visors, door handles (inner and outer), armrests, radio and centre console. If the weather permits, it's also a good idea to open your windows to air out the cabin.

Use the right products

Use a disinfectant with at least 70 per cent alcohol to sanitize the hard surfaces in your vehicle. This includes the dashboard, glove compartment and stereo.

For fabric and leather seats and features, opt for a gentle cleaning solution of dish soap and water. Scrub the fabric or leather well with a microfibre cloth. However, be careful not to soak fabric seats, as this can encourage mould growth in the cushions.

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That was the start of a small, family run repair shop and auto sales' center. As the business began to grow, so did the need for a larger shop. After years of renting a small garage, the couple finally found the perfect area to build and design their own auto repair and sales facility.

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team is always pleased to help with any of your automotive purchases and repairs. “Thank you to all of our loyal customers for your support and we look forward to serving you for many years to come.”

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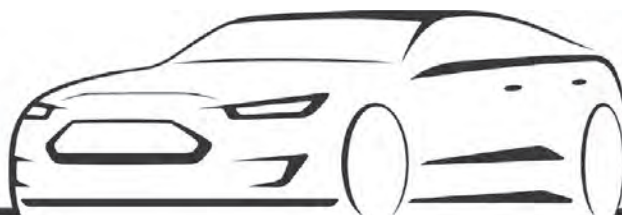


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"It is still very busy. People will always need a car to drive."

Fetterly suggested that motorists, even though they are not driving a

great deal, should take their cars out once a week just to keep everything working properly.

He explained sitting too long is not good for many of the moving parts of a car like the brakes.

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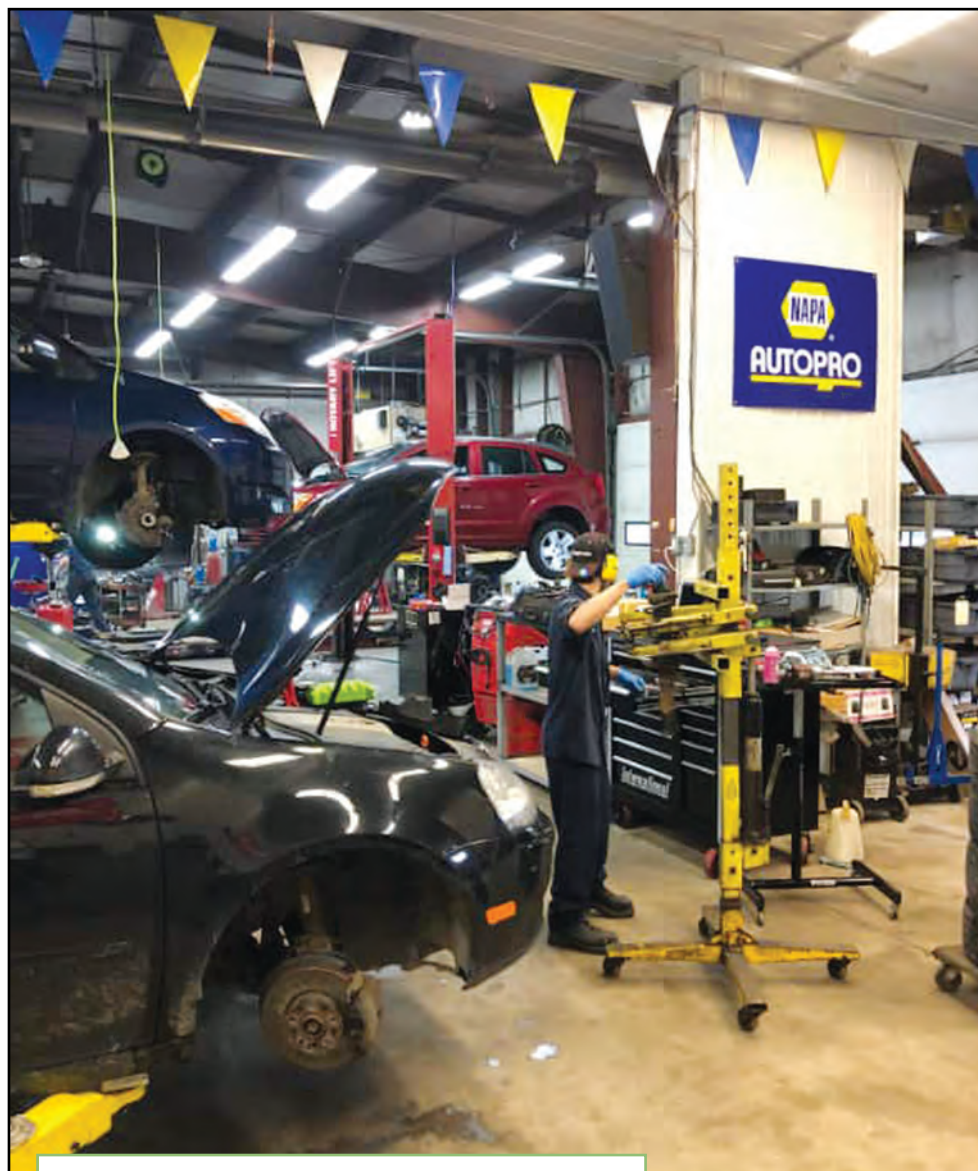
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Pandemic creates unexpected challenges at university

Carley Milne Servage
Record Contributor

INKERMAN – My first year of university took place online, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I started my first semester on campus, hoping that I would be able to experience a fraction of what I had been expecting my first year to be, and finished my second semester at home, in my room, on a random Wednesday.

I made friends, in-person and virtually. I spent time with a select group of other first-year students, but it wasn't quite what I had been looking forward to. There were parties that I was missing out on, opportunities to bond with a larger group of people that were taking place in unsafe circumstances. I knew I was doing the right thing by keeping my contacts limited, but I felt so left out of the university experience.

Normally, I would have been able to meet my professors face-to-face, sit in on lectures and seminars, and engage in conversation with my peers. I would have been surrounded by like-minded students in the courses that we had chosen to take in our first year of

Carley Milne Servage is a graduate of North Dundas District High School. She is attending Trent University in Peterborough and is majoring in English Literature with a minor in Psychology. This is her impression of her first year at university during the pandemic.

university. There would have been study groups, collective projects, meetings in person that would give post-secondary learning a whole new meaning and significance. But classes were being held on zoom. Cameras weren't on. When they were, they showed a very limited view of the people I was sharing my first year with.

Social media played a large part in communication within my classes, as I was able to talk to some of my classmates in group chats made to share ideas and questions. This still left me feeling alone, as so many of these people were all around the province, even the world, and I would not be able to actually meet them this year. We were spread out, taking our courses and chatting through multiple screens. I was on campus, looking through a screen at my classmates, missing that approachability that I look for in meeting a person face-to-face.

Gatherings were still happening, but I felt so isolated from them. Whether this was due to where my room was, how introverted I am in unfamiliar situations, or COVID alone is irrelevant. I missed out on that social atmosphere that movies, books, and role models have raved about. This is not simply about the parties.

This is about walking out of my residence room into a crowded campus of students of all years, heading to class, to lunch, to study. I chose my campus for its beauty, its outdoor presence, which was not being filled. I began to resent its emptiness.

Moving home for second semester brought me back to my family, a house with more rooms that made me feel less closed in inside my home, and freedom and familiarity with my area. It also came with a COVID close contact scare, more loneliness with my friends

away at their own campuses, and less privacy.

I do know one thing: being home was a much better choice for my mental health, and with the rising COVID outbreaks on campus, I know I made the right decision to come home when I did.

I have met more friends since moving home, some that I have never met in person. I have a house with a group of people who I have been talking to online for months, and I am extremely excited to move back to Peterborough to meet them and live with them.

I have come to realize that as much as I wanted it to be, first year was not meant to be my year. I was able to finish – and pass – my courses, and stay self-motivated while being introduced to university through a screen.

This leaves the possibility of in-person classes, whenever they are reintroduced, being a new university first.



Courtesy Photo

Whether this was due to where my room was, how introverted I am in unfamiliar situations, or COVID alone is irrelevant.

Firsts that I was looking for this year, those experiences that I feel I missed out on, are still waiting for me. The world hasn't paused, and these experiences may not be the same as everyone else's, but I, along with the rest of the world, need to look

ahead, beyond the limits of COVID, and remember that not everything happens like we expect it to, and that's okay. We will find ways to adapt to the differences, and whenever life returns to some semblance of normal, we will appreciate it all so much more.

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South Dundas looks at beach fees for tourists

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MORRISBURG – Municipality of South Dundas is considering the possibility of charging beach fees for out-of-towners this summer.

The discussion was had during the April 26 council meeting. With no report included in the night's agenda, Manager of Parks and Recreation Austin Marcellus gave a brief update, noting that he had reached out to the City of Ottawa, the Township of South Stormont, and the St. Lawrence Parks Commission (SLPC) to see how they handled the overcrowding of their beaches last summer.

He said Ottawa beach

fees are enforced by by-law and staff was hired to work parking booths on site. He said Ottawa has different fee schedules for weekdays versus weekends. As for South Stormont and SLPC, Marcellus said the two kept their beaches closed last year due to overcrowding.

"I'm not a fan of this," Deputy-Mayor Kirsten Gardner said, noting that it would be difficult for staff, probably summer students, to manage a fee system at the beaches with or without a gate.

Gardner questioned if the money the municipality would be expending on this venture would be covered by the fees, especially if council had to install a gate system that is worth tens of thousands of dollars. She

said when she worked at the SLPC beaches, she and her coworkers were constantly chasing after people to enforce the entrance fee.

"I know some of our community wanted us to charge astronomical prices because of COVID-19. What about when COVID is gone? We also have to look at the properties that border South Dundas and how they're being operated. If Cardinal or Long Sault isn't charging, it can be tricky," she said, adding that she would like to wait another year to see what the traffic is like this summer.

Marcellus confirmed that South Stormont is opening its beaches this year. He said South Stormont staff would be presenting a report to their council, as

well.

"I made it very clear last year that I was definitely in favour of charging non-residents to use our facilities. I don't know if it's a good year to implement it this year, but I'm still in favour if we maintain it and someone is a user, you got to pay. We don't need a gate. Just put a booth in and some good students in there," Councillor Lloyd Wells said. "Is it going to stop people from coming to this community? No, not one bit, I don't believe. They're not here putting money into our community anyways. They're just here to use our facilities free of charge. I'm a firm believer of [if] we have the waterfront, we should charge for it."

While Coun. Don Lewis agreed with Wells, noting

that last year South Dundas beaches were a "mad house," Councillor Archie Mellan seemed unsure. He said he wasn't against charging a fee, but he would be worried about the safety of summer students if people drive 45 minutes to get to South Dundas only to find out they can't use the beach without paying.

"Everybody's going to be mad. I don't feel comfortable putting a summer student in the line of fire," he said. "Personally, I would shut the whole thing down if it gets to a point like last year."

With all three councillors in agreement about charging non-residents to use South Dundas beaches, Mayor Steven Byvels added an alternate perspective.

"We've always struggled

to get people to come to South Dundas," he said. "It's certainly one of the top roles as a mayor that you know you need to invite the people to come to your municipality to enjoy what you have and to hopefully spend some dollars and, perhaps, moving down here. I'm still on the camp that I want people here."

Gardner agreed with Byvels, noting that unlike Wells, she saw plenty of tourists shopping at Valumart last summer. She said she would like to see residents' welcome tourists and speak to them. Byvels agreed, noting it is an opportunity to tell people about the many other amenities and businesses South Dundas has to offer, such as the Upper Canada Playhouse.

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Ontario tree planting season off to a green start: 140,000 trees to be planted across Leeds and Grenville through Forests Ontario's 50 Million Tree Program

BROCKVILLE – The 2021 tree planting season has begun! Forests Ontario, a not-for-profit organization, is working with planting partners across the province to plant more than 2.8 million trees through its 50 Million Tree Program (50 MTP). One planting partner is the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA), which this year will add more than 200,000 trees to the provincial total.

Tree planting, deemed an essential service in March 2020 by the Ontario government, is a time sensitive business. "Unfortunately, tree seedlings are quite perishable and need to be planted soon after coming from the nursery – careful timing and fine-tuned logistics are required," said Rob Keen, registered professional forester and CEO of Forests Ontario.

Learning from the experiences of the past year, RVCA has implemented several COVID-related health and safety protocols to protect its staff, partners, and the public. Ian Cochrane, forestry program manager for RVCA, says these procedures have been well-received. "Everyone in the sector, from nurseries to contractors, have been cooperative." Best practices include travelling to sites in separate vehicles, limiting landowner contact, implementing physical distancing, ensuring the use of personal protective equipment, and keeping the number of planters on site to a minimum.

RVCA began planting on April 19 and will likely continue well into May. Crews are at work across 22 sites in the watershed, planting White Pine, Red Pine, White Cedar, White



Spruce, and Tamarack, among other tree species. Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Red Oak, and Bur Oak are also popular.

RVCA is seeing more demand to increase forest cover on private land than ever before. "Last year we had 100 applicants for the 50 MTP. This year, we have 130 landowners interested in planting trees," said Cochrane.

Cochrane said landowners have many motivations to plant trees. "Property owners with fallow or unproductive land that is being taken over by invasive want to see that land converted into forest. Some people want to plant trees to create habitat for

animals or a windbreak. Still others are interested in taking advantage of a reduction in taxes through the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP)." But one motivation is consistent: "People want to save the world! With current concerns around climate change, people are looking at their land and doing an inventory of what they can give back."

Since 2008, more than

1.4 million trees have been planted in Leeds and Grenville through Forests Ontario's 50 MTP, and more than 31 million trees provincially. The program provides financial and technical assistance to landowners who wish to plant a minimum of 500 trees on their property. Forests Ontario also offers an Over-The-Counter program for landowners and organizations who are unable to meet the minimum tree requirement of the 50 MTP. These programs aim to increase forest cover in the province in order to multiply the many benefits trees provide.

"The 50 MTP benefits landowners and their communities immensely," explained Keen. "This program pays for an average of 75 to 90 per cent of tree planting costs for eligible landowners. Some landowners may even qualify for the MFTIP, under which they pay just 25 per cent of the municipal tax rate for residential forest properties."

Each year, Forests Ontario's network of cross-province planting partners work closely with local landowners to develop individual site plans and select native tree species that satisfy their specific vision. This can include flood protection, shading a house, creating a windbreak, helping pollinators, providing a habitat or a path for animals to travel between forested areas, boosting local

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As of June 2019, the 50 MTP is supported by the Government of Canada, corporate sponsors, and donors.

It's never too early to think about planting for next spring! Apply now to be added to the waitlist for the 2022 planting season by visiting www.forestsontario.ca/en/program/50-million-tree-program. For more information about any of Forests Ontario's tree planting programs, contact Hayley Murray (Forestry Operations Coordinator) at 416-646-1193 ext. 222.

Forests Ontario is a not-for-profit charity dedicated to re-greening the province through the support of tree planting, forest restoration, stewardship, education and awareness. Through Forest Recovery Canada, we plant in other provinces and work to promote Canada's greatest natural resource – our forests – because healthy forests sustain healthy communities and healthy economies. Forests Ontario is the voice of our forests. Visit www.forestsontario.ca or follow us @Forests_Ontario to find out more.



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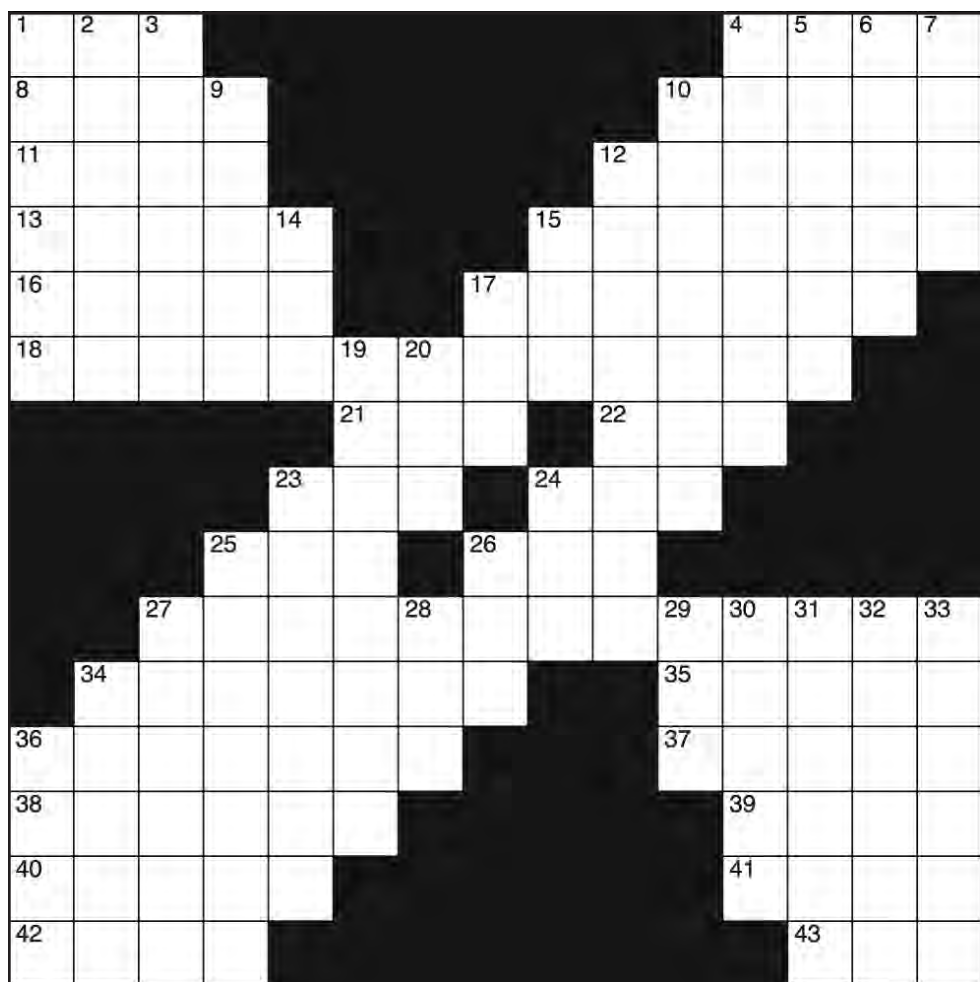
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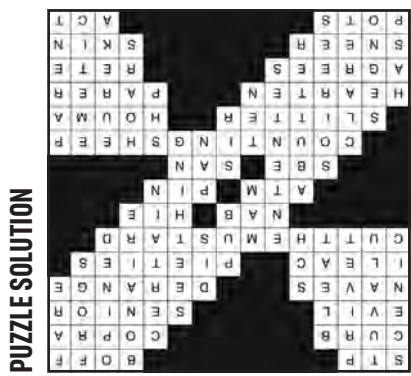
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- Gathering place
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THE BENEFITS OF CROSSWORD PUZZLES

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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- Strengthens memory
- Improve socialization
- Help relieve stress
- 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.

Adding spice to your life

Summer is on the horizon and a favourite seasonal activity is heating up the barbecue and grilling up something delicious for dinner. If you are looking to spice things up a bit, then Crowley's Deep South Pit BBQ might just have what you need.

Since the fall of 2020, Shawn and Allison Fish have operated the business, located in Berwick and have provided a selection of delicious offerings ranging from log-smoked meat to special signature sauces and a selection of rubs for the grill or smoker. Currently most of their business is online, with local customers, clients from the Cornwall and Ottawa areas as well as orders for sauces and rubs from clients in other parts of Canada. Their menu is found on their Facebook page, with delivery available to customers in the Ottawa or Cornwall areas.

Shawn explained how barbecue originated in the American south, which combined good food and good entertainment into a social event, where guests spent time together while the sweet smell of meat cooking and filling the air. He mentioned the traditional smoker barbecue (not grill) season is between May and October, but commented the sauces and rubs are available year-round.

He described their smoker as a large chamber with a wood stove type fire box attached to it. They use only wood as fuel, cut from their own woodlot, preferring hardwood over softwood. Once the meat is

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Two of the products offered by Crowley's Deep South Pit BBQ in Berwick are the Carolina Mustard BBQ and P-Funk BBQ sauces as shown here. For the complete menu please visit their Facebook page.

Courtesy Photo

prepared, it is placed in the smoker where it will spend between ten to sixteen hours cooking as the smoke passes over it. Shawn mentioned pulled pork, beef brisket and pork ribs are the top three meat sellers.

An important part of the smoking process is the sauces and meat rubs used, with CDSPB selling a selection of these ingredients. Shawn explained that traditionally, every family would have their

own secret barbecue sauce and rub. The rubs are sold in one-pound bags. Allison mentioned that the Dark Bayou Dry Rub, and Creole Blackening Spice sell quite well.

There is a selection of hot sauce lines: Charred Peach Habanero Sauce and Blueberry Scotch Bonnet Sauce as well as Louisiana Jerk Marinade. Shawn mentioned the Carolina Mustard BBQ Sauce which is good on chicken is one of two signature sauces they have created, with the other being the P-Funk Sauce. The P-Funk sauce is a sticky and sweet red barbecue sauce good for pork and beef or as a dipping sauce.

In addition to their line of rubs and sauces, Shawn described the "Heat at Home" catering where people can pre-order meat and sides that are then delivered to the client's home to heat up. He continued customers are also able to order vacuum sealed quantities of cooked frozen meat to use later.

The couple is enjoying working together. Shawn commented how "Allison and [he] love doing this together" and are both "happy to be getting back to cooking the food [they] love." Allison mentioned how they are "looking forward to doing that more as restrictions lift." Shawn noted that "family and community are part of the barbecue tradition, and [through the company] are getting both of these together." More information and the menu are available on the Crowley's Deep South Pit BBQ, Facebook page.

If you would like to have a light shined on your business, please contact us at: editor@etceterapublications.ca or call us at 613-448-2321.

Pandemic creates opportunity amid challenges

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Sometimes events and ideas conspire to help you decide what you have been putting off.

Taunya Van Allen, the owner of Winchester Kennels had a great deal to think about after her business was shut down because of Covid regulations and restrictions.

When the pandemic hit, Winchester Kennels was a thriving and busy place.

The kennel has been operating in North Dundas for the past five years and to many, is the best place to board their beloved pets when going on a holiday.

"Covid is a part of that decision," said Van Allen. "A good part about being closed was that it gave me the opportunity to go home which is in the Stratford area," she said.

Van Allen moved to Eastern Ontario almost ten years ago.

"My mom is there and my two brothers, my



Winchester Kennel located at 12089 Ormond Rd, in Winchester is up for sale. Owner Taunya Van Allen is moving back to her hometown in South Western Ontario after the pandemic gave her the pause she needed to plan the next chapter of her life.

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nephews and nieces and my friends. This is where I grew up."

She said that Winchester had been wonderfully welcoming and that she has made many friends here but "it's time for me to go home."

She said her clients have been fabulous and they have become friends but she

missed her family.

Before Covid, the idea of leaving Winchester and going back to Southwestern Ontario was not a priority.

"I was making Winchester my home. I volunteered on the Dairy Fest committee, and volunteered on the Chesterville Art on the Waterfront committee, I

was really making Winchester my home and made North Dundas my home. I was going to set down roots," she said.

She hoped that the house, kennel and eleven acres would be forever.

"Having the kennel was going to give me the opportunity to meet more people."

When Van Allen moved to Eastern Ontario she worked as a psychiatric and mental health nurse. She obtained a community mental health position with Lanark County mental health.

"I had consistent hours. I was not working in a hospital anymore; before that I had been working at St. Joseph's in Hamilton. I was working nights and weekends and 12 hour shifts."

When she started to work in Lanark, she found she had a more stable home life. She also had a dog and the idea of being able to foster dogs was appealing. Before she knew it, she was heavily involved in the dog scene in increasingly bigger ways.

"Dogs did become my whole world," she said.

"One thing kind of led to another and I founded the kennel here. I was working out of the Carleton Place emergency department as a nurse and living here was a healthy commute. I didn't want to like it, but when you come

around the curve and the lane and the weeping willow singing to you and you see the big house and the immaculately maintained kennels, I was sunk," she remembers.

"I knew I had to have it."

She said she is hoping that whomever buys the property is interested in maintaining the kennel aspect and wants to build on the five years of infrastructure she has put in, as well as the name and reputation and clients.

"The two outbuildings have new air conditioning and furnaces and are heated."

She imagined the one building could be a fantastic workshop while the other could be turned into a place for chickens, rabbits or horses, should a new owner not want to continue the kennel side of her business.

Going forward after Van Allen leaves the area and moves home, she said her only plans are to catch her breath and see what it is she would like to do next.

Beach fees for tourists

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"The last thing I want is for these people to have a sour taste in their mouths," he said. "We'll figure something out that makes it work, but I'm still on the opinion that this is a row that I really don't want to hoe."

Despite the potential of turning away potential shoppers and potential new residents or business owners, the three councillors continued to support a beach fee for

tourists. Lewis said if his cellphone wasn't ringing last year, then the house phone was ringing with phone call after phone call from residents saying they couldn't go to the beach because it was overcrowded.

"There's still people down there not respecting us [and] what we got," Wells said. "I don't care if students or adults get harassed, that's what they're being hired to do. Paying to go to the beach, it's just a common practice. I'm still in favour."

Mellan agreed with Lewis and Wells, saying if the

beach is going to be overcrowded, he would much rather see it being used by residents than tourists. He suggested that someone considering moving to South Dundas might rethink their choice if the beaches are not accessible for residents because of overcrowding by tourists.

Marcellus was instructed to come back with a full report for council. All council members agreed they were not in favour of paying \$60,000 for a gate so the report would need to have more cost-effective scenarios if the township is to charge user fees for non-residents.

Raising funds for Stormont County 4-H

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

NORTH STORMONT— Stormont County 4-H is holding an online auction to raise funds to facilitate offering “some amazing in-county leadership activities for all our members in 2022 either in person or virtually” according to Lillian Smith, chair of the organization’s fundraising committee.

Smith explained the online fundraiser opened Mon., May 3 at 8 a.m. and will close on Fri., May 7 at 7:59 p.m., with 43 items to bid on. She continued how this is their first time to hold “an online fundraiser and are overwhelmed with support from local vendors and their very generous donations.”

The items up for auction are listed on the Facebook

page of Stormont County 4-H, with people able to bid below the photo of the item. Smith continued how payment will “be made by e-transfer to our association treasurer and items will be picked up by contactless curb side pick up at one of our volunteer’s homes in Finch. There will be a pick-up time scheduled through Facebook to “to ensure everything is contactless.”

The Stormont County 4-H fundraising committee

consists of Lillian Smith, Jennifer Waldroff, Jill Robinson, Kenda TePlate and Fred Stewart. The committee extended their heartfelt thanks to the local vendors “for their very generous support.” Smith commented how “as volunteers we are passionate about the amazing opportunities 4-H offers our youth and to see that supported by so many local businesses fills us with joy and makes us so thankful for an

incredible community.”

The COVID-19 pandemic changed many aspects of 4-H, with Smith noting how “Stormont 4-H leaders, volunteers and members have embraced virtual learning and meetings.” She mentioned these clubs include woodworking, livestock, cooking, and knitting” with the Cloverbuds adapting to the changes and are very active online. Smith explained how the move to online has enabled

youth to participate in “clubs running in different 4-H associations across the province” as well as learning new skills and “making friends from all over Ontario,” but they are “hopeful the 2022 4-H year will allow us to hold some in-person activities again.”

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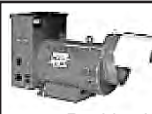
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McDonnell and MacLeod headline SDG virtual event

Sandy Casselman

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

CORNWALL – It was all about business during the recent United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG) Virtual Townhall.

SDG's manager of economic development Tara Kirkpatrick welcomed Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry (SDSG) MPP Jim McDonnell and his colleague, Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries Minister Lisa MacLeod, to the lower-tier government's event on April 28. The session focused on providing viewers with information about potential supports and grants for small businesses and tourism assets dealing with some major challenges due to COVID-19.

The meeting began with a short address from McDonnell who said that while the supports in place for businesses are not enough, his government is working toward including as many businesses as possible in their plans for pandemic-lending supports in this year's budget. Listing millions of dollars for various business-support initiatives, McDonnell promised constituents that the province's budget is focused on expanding its supports for local small business owners.

"Now, is it enough? I'm sure it's not," McDonnell said. He spoke about Ontario's Digital Main Street program, that was created to help more small businesses achieve a digital transition.

Joining the provincial politicians were Cornwall Business Enterprise Centre (CBEC)'s business consultant Candy Pollard and

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Cornwall and The Counties Community Futures Development Corporation (CFDC)'s executive director Lesley Thompson. Pollard and Thompson both made presentations on the various programs and initiatives available locally to help small businesses survive and thrive.

Pollard's presentation focused on CBEC's Starter Company Plus and Digital Consultant Programs. She also reminded viewers of the centre's core services, which include one-on-one consultations, as well as assistance with business development planning, financial forecasting, marketing plan development, digital marketing, government regulations, and various business topics.

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cial supports, Thompson said CFDC offers a Matching Program for SDG's Regional Incentive Program, as well as municipal Community Improvement Programs.

"I'm very fond of the SDG area," MacLeod said, noting her enjoyment of touring Cornwall and the various assets within SDG last summer with McDonnell.

MacLeod joined the meeting around 9 a.m. and after a brief speech updating viewers on the many business-related supports included in the province's budget, she opened the floor to pre-registered questions from those attending. MacLeod also discussed mental health and the importance of reaching out when dealing with depression and anxiety.

"It's okay for anybody on this call to feel anxiety or depression," she said. "There are supports available to you and for you and it is okay to seek help and it is okay to talk about it."

MacLeod said the heritage, sport, tourism, and culture industries were the first hit, the hardest hit, and the ones that will take the longest to recover. However, she called these industries a "powerhouse suite of sectors when they're all combined," noting she calls it

"the ultimate small business sector" with the largest not-for-profit presence.

"As you can appreciate, the budget only passed three days ago," MacLeod said, noting there are "buckets of money" available for the heritage, sport, tourism, and culture sector, which is "going to be absolutely critical in our recovery."

She said the Ontario government and her team are working to make sure they get the funding in the right place. She mentioned "robust" plans on the horizon and drew attention to the recent announcement that Netflix has chosen to set up in Toronto, which will bring many jobs to the area. MacLeod also mentioned an upcoming initiative that will focus on a travel incentive or tax credit of some kind for people to travel across Ontario when it is once again safe to do so.

"It's nearly impossible to tell you when we're going to be able to flip that switch," MacLeod said, answering a question about when agricultural fairs and other tourist-related organizations, programs, and events will be permitted to open. She said the answer is dependent on getting people vaccinated and what the chief medical officer of health has to say about it.

She said for now the focus should be on drive-in or drive-through hybrid models.

As for bed and breakfast businesses, MacLeod noted a new Ontario Small Business Support Grant of roughly \$20,000 for eligible businesses. She said application details would hopefully be available within the week, as she would be attending a final briefing on the program later that morning. In the meantime, she said her government has doubled the Ontario Small Business Grant.

In reply to a question about golf course openings, MacLeod said she gets asked this every day and her team recognizes its importance. She introduced the idea of Ontario Itineraries, where different regions within Ontario could map out and market their attractions, small businesses, and more to entice people to travel and spend their dollars in province during the holiday season. She said together, local travel agencies, bed and breakfasts, and other small Ontario tourism-adjacent businesses could create and market the "authentic Ontario experience."

"When we get out of this [pandemic], we're going to be bigger and better," she said.

MacLeod said she is "very" excited about her ministry working with the federal agency Destination Canada. With hundreds of thousands of dollars for hyper marketing that has not been announced yet, this, she said, is how we are going to build those Ontario Itineraries.

"We want to create something post-pandemic that brings people together," she said. "I'm absolutely committed to making sure that post-COVID-19 our [industry] is better than when we went into this crisis."

Kirkpatrick and McDonnell thanked MacLeod for joining the virtual event. Kirkpatrick talked about "taking back Main Street" and the significant amount of community growth in the past year.

"We will make Ontario the tourist capital of the world," McDonnell said.

"After MacLeod exited the meeting, McDonnell was put in the hot seat, facing questions from attendees. With assistance from Pollard and Thompson, most questions were answered. Before ending, McDonnell addressed the issue of his recent vote against paid sick leave.

"We thought we had an agreement," he said. "From our point of view, we don't want to start up a new plan. We want to enhance the one we have. It does affect all the businesses. Its going to be tough coming out of this for businesses."

Kirkpatrick ended the meeting by reminding viewers that her department at SDG, along with Pollard, Thompson, and the provincial government, are "information ambassadors" who are there to help local business owners find the information and the connections they need.

Mountain Station No. 2 welcomes new fire truck

Joseph Morin

Record Staff

MOUNTAIN – Mountain Fire Station No. 2 has a new frontline pumper truck.

The station has been waiting for the arrival of the new International pumper/tanker fire truck for the past two years.

"We had a committee and we designed it two years ago and we have been working with Battleshield, the company who built it," said Mountain fire chief Ray Sherrer.

Battleshield is a Canadian company that manufactures public safety vehicles such as fire trucks. The company was founded by Luc Thibault who himself is a firefighter and the company is located in Vars.

The new truck will be replacing one that was purchased in 1994.

"It was done. It was rotting out," he said. The latest addition to the Station came



Celebrating the arrival of the new fire truck at Mountain Station No. 2 are, left to right, North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser, fire chief Ray Sherrer, firefighter Parker Havekes and Deputy Mayor and North Dundas Fire Commissioner Al Armstrong.

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with a price tag of \$480,000 but thanks to the fire department putting a little away each year in their budget for the purchase of a new fire truck, there will be no cost to the North Dundas taxpayer in terms of higher taxes.

The new truck has options not available before in this kind of truck.

For one thing there is more room in it. Not only does it have increased water capacity going from a 900-gal capacity in the old pumper to 1550-gal in the new one.

It also seats five firefighters in their gear and allows firefighters to have access to the equipment on the truck in a more efficient manner.

"The only thing, we will have to climb up on the truck for now will be hoses," said Sherrer.

The seats in the new truck are designed to contain the breathing apparatus firefighters have to use at a fire. When they sit in their seat the equipment is already there for them to wear and put on as they head out to a fire.

The old truck was 27 years old and the technology around fire truck design has changed dramatically.

The new truck arrived in early April and has already been out on several calls and Sherrer said the truck makes a big difference.

"It has worked out beyond what we had expected," he said.

Over the next ten years, each of the municipalities other three stations will have purchased a truck like the one in Station 2.

Sherrer said regular maintenance and testing of all of their fire trucks in the past have resulted in a 20-to-25-year lifespans for them.

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Russell politicians reverse sole sourcing decision

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EMBRUN – Township of Russell politicians recently altered their decision to deny a staff request for sole sourcing a project at Yahoo Park.

The May 3 council meeting saw Mayor Pierre Leroux introduce a motion to suspend the rules of procedure specifically for the LED lights work decision made during the April 19 council meeting. He said he had new information to offer. The motion was approved.

Leroux said the issue came down to the contractor, who has a relative on staff at the township, not having signed a "Conflict of Interest" form, which has since been signed. It was noted that staff had signed the form years prior.

Councillor Jamie Laurin took the opportunity to say he had heard back from several Russell residents following the April 19 decision to vote against the sole sourcing. He said he has since altered his perspective, but just for this specific situation, as he is still against sole sourcing as a general practice.

"I voted against this last time for the specific reason that

I'm not a fan of sole sourcing contracts," Laurin said, before noting the community feedback that suggested in this situation, an exception be made based on the many reasons laid out in Director of Parks and Recreation Céline Guitard's initial report.

Among other things, Guitard had recommended awarding the contract to André Clément Électrique Inc. at a cost of roughly \$57,556.74 because it would allow the township to get started immediately, potentially finishing the work in June. She also noted that when the township has hired outside electricians in the past, they have often had to consult Clément for help because of his many years of experience working on Russell infrastructure.

"Clément also provided assistance on completing the proper document with Hydro One in order to secure some incentives to save cost to replace fixtures. On August 27, 2020, we received pre-approval of \$12,595 estimated incentive to replace the fixtures. Therefore, the total cost of the project would be \$44,961.74," Guitard said, adding that he has been Russell's regular contractor for 15 years.

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Despite being one of those in the 3-2 vote against the recommendation at the April 19 meeting, Leroux was the one to introduce a motion at the May 3 meeting to approve the recommendation. This was seconded by Councillors André Brisson. Councillor Mike Tarnowski called for a recorded vote. With Councillor Cindy Saucier absent due to illness and Tarnowski voting against the recommendation, Laurin was a deciding vote.

He voted in favour of the recommendation. The contract will be awarded to André Clément Électrique Inc.

Council revisits zoning amendment decision

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EMBRUN – The township of Russell will see multi-unit housing on Gamble Drive in the Russell Trail Subdivision.

At the May 3 council meeting, politicians voted in favour of the zoning by-law amendment for all three properties in question: Blocks 97, 98, and 99. Director of planning, building and economic development Dominique Tremblay reported that time was running out for Russell to decide about the amendment application, as the 90-day window allotted in provincial regulations would soon be running out. If that happened, she said the developers would be in a position where they could submit an appeal through the *Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act* (LPAT), giving LPAT the power to decide what happens. This, she added, includes the potential for the approval of five-storey buildings rather than the staff recommending three stories.

With backlash from some area residents, council had deferred the decision during the last council meeting on April 19, with a note that the decision would be revisited when more information was available from developers about the types of buildings to be erected. Unfortunately, Tremblay said additional information was not yet available, but the deadline to decide was looming.

While Coun. Mike Tarnowski questioned whether there were protocols in place to make sure the new developments would be compatible with the rest of the subdivision, Mayor Pierre Leroux said he is quite comfortable with Tremblay and her team making appropriate decisions when it comes to site plans. Tremblay explained there are provincial guidelines staff must follow, but they also have a good relationship with the developers, which is important in terms of compromises that favour Russell.

She said following

discussions with both contractors, Block 97's owner has agreed to the three-storey limit for height. Tremblay noted there are clients already waiting to move into the future 35-unit building. As for Block 98 and 99, the owner of that development said he would agree to three stories for 98 but would like a minimum of four stories for 99. She said it looks as though the soil report will show that this is the best area in Russell for supporting five-storey buildings, which both developers could push for if they went to LPAT. Both owners, however, agreed to the three-and-four-storey height limits provided the amendment is approved right away.

Councillor Jamie Laurin moved to alter the motion, changing it to match the developer requests. The new motion would approve the zoning by-law amendment with a three-storey height limit for Blocks 97 and 98, and a four-storey height limit for Block 99. With Coun. Cindy Saucier absent due to

illness, the remaining four council members voted in favour of approving the motion.

"Right now, the developers seem to be happy with this scenario. Members of the public are more than welcome to appeal this to LPAT, but keep in mind the risk," Leroux said, reminding viewers that should the developers push for it, Russell could end up with five-storey buildings in those locations. He said a similar situation has happened in Russell in the past. "I think it's a very good compromise."

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Russell proclaims May 10 'Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism'

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EMBRUN – The township of Russell has officially proclaimed May 10 to be a "Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism."

The decision was approved at the May 3 council meeting following a request from a Burnaby, British Columbia community group, Stand With Asians Coalition (SWAC). The Mayor of Burnaby, Mike Hurley, had signed a proclamation for that city and a copy was sent along with the letter requesting other Canadian municipalities to follow suit. Upon receiving the letter, Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux asked for it to be included

under consent items in the May 3 council agenda.

"I am writing today to ask your council to consider proclaiming May 10, 2021, as the "Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism," a nationwide movement that was initiated by a group of grassroots activities in Burnaby, B.C.," wrote SWAC organizer Doris Mah. "SWAC is a community of people in Canada who are concerned about the surge of anti-Asian racism in our cities. Vancouver has seen a staggering increase of over 700 per cent, Burnaby – 350 per cent, and Ottawa – 600 per cent."

The request was approved by Russell council without further discussion.

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