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**Briefly**

**Reminder to residents**

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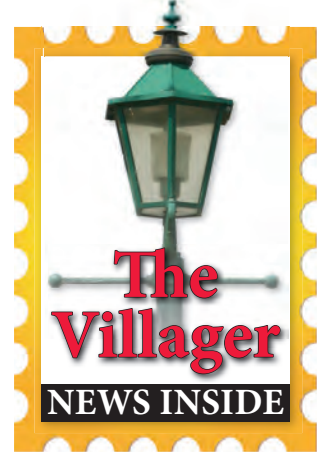
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**Fresh air, good ice and family**

As winter settles in for another year, local outdoor rinks are a great place to spend some time. In Inkerman, the outdoor rink was busy on Sat., Jan. 8 with families coming out for an afternoon skate. In this photo Alexis, Cynthia and Keirsten Crowder, get ready to go out on the ice.

Morin Photo

**WDMH making changes to help keep everyone safe**

**WINCHESTER** – Recent Covid restrictions that have taken the province back a step caused community organizations to take a look at their own rules and regulations regarding being pandemic ready.

The Winchester District Memorial Hospital, (WDMH), is more than ready to deal with the effects of the pandemic.

After the announcement that the province was going back to a modified stage 2 situation, the WDMH made a few changes to its pandemic regulations. The changes are in line with what the province is proposing.

The hospital's CEO Cholly Boland said, "We want to keep our patients safe and keep Omicron out of WDMH as much as possible," he added, "We also want to protect our staff so they can continue to take care of our communities. We are all in this together."

Inpatient visiting at WDMH has been further reduced and is now allowed for long-stay patients, maternity

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**Brunt returns to retirement as Leslie Drynan becomes clerk**

**Sandy Casselman**  
Record Staff

**MORRISBURG** – "Brenda, I don't know what we would have done if you didn't come back, so I want to thank you very much from the bottom of my heart," Municipality of South Dundas Coun. Don Lewis said.

Lewis made the statement during the township's Jan. 10 council meeting, where local politicians passed a bylaw confirming the appointment of Leslie Drynan to the position of clerk. Drynan is replacing clerk Brenda Brunt who, after a brief retirement, returned to the position last fall when her replacement unexpectedly vacated the position. In Brunt's report, it was noted that Drynan was chosen to

fill the position after two rounds of advertising and interviews by the hiring committee.

"First of all, I'm going to thank our current clerk Brenda Brunt for coming back and rescuing us last fall when our clerk at that time resigned. So, thank you Brenda for your work in the last number of months. We certainly appreciate it. I know that Leslie is probably going to appreciate you being around, so we will continue to enjoy some of those benefits, but we do want you to retire in peace and comfort," Mayor Steven Byvelds said. "Leslie, welcome to South Dundas. You bring a breadth of experience with you, and I certainly look forward to working with you."

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# Brunt returns to retirement

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Brunt, who had worked for the municipality for roughly 31 years, officially retired on June 4, 2021, but shortly after, on Sept. 10, 2021, her replacement Ethan Robert resigned from the position. At that time, the municipality asked Brunt to return to work until they could find a suitable replacement. Chief administrative officer Shannon Geraghty said he hoped to find a new clerk by mid-to-late October, so Brunt could return to her much deserved retirement.

"Deep gratitude to Brenda, who could have said no and could have said, 'I've worked long enough, and I don't need to come back,'" Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner said.

The sentiments of both the mayor and deputy-mayor were echoed by the remainder of council, all expressing gratitude for Brunt's return from retirement in the township's time of need. Brunt is expected to remain on site for a short period of time to aid in the transition.

"Thank you, Brenda, for your dedication to South Dundas," Coun. Archie Mellan said. "I don't think people should take it lightly. It's been mentioned that you could have rolled on and left us in the lurch, but your community spirit and your love for South Dundas showed through that you weren't going to let that happen. You weren't going to leave us in the lurch. So, thank you, Brenda."

In addition to all the gratitude toward Brunt, each council member provided enthusiastic welcomes to Drynan, who Byvelts noted comes with extensive experience. Drynan's

LinkedIn page shows that she has more than a decade of experience in various municipal roles, including deputy clerk, clerk, and deputy CAO. She studied business administration at Trent University and then completed a master's degree in Public Administration from Western University roughly 10 years ago.

"I just want to thank everyone for their kind words," Drynan said. "I really look forward to working with council, staff, and most importantly the community. And I want to thank Brenda as well. She has been a mentor throughout my almost 20-year career now. She's one of the strongest municipal clerks in Eastern Ontario, if not the province, and so I know I have big shoes to fill but I know she's left everything in good hands, and I think everything's in order and I look forward to helping you finish off the term strong."

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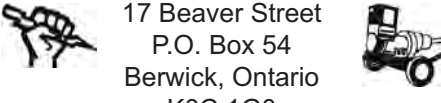
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# WDMH changes

**Continued from the front** patients, specific Emergency Department patients, and compassionate situations such as palliative care.

WDMH will be reducing elective services according to the government's recent directive. Any patients affected by this will be contacted by the hospital.

Changes have been made to protect staff as well. Those who can work remotely are doing so, and volunteers are being asked to stay home. The hospital is ensuring staff has the proper personal protective equipment including N95

masks and access to rapid testing. It has also implemented practices to help ensure physical distancing whenever possible, such as when on lunch breaks. "99 per cent of our staff and physicians have received all three COVID shots which reduces the risk of contracting and transmitting the virus," said Boland.

Everyone is asked to continue to follow public health guidelines by wearing masks, practicing good hand hygiene, limiting contacts, and most important, getting vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19.

"We are taking considerable precautions

throughout WDMH," said Boland. "One of our most important messages to the community is for prospective patients to come to the hospital if they need hospital care – and not to stay away for fear of COVID. We are here for you."

While the hospital is making sure its patients, and staff are protected, North Dundas mayor, Tony Fraser reassured North Dundas residents that the municipality is optimistic about the latest pandemic rules and regulations.

In a You Tube video he said: "While, we all hope for a prosperous new year, and certainly, we're all discouraged [about] where

we find ourselves again, this is extremely difficult on everyone, including your health care workers, teachers, small business owners, essential workers, kids' sports and activities, the elderly, the list goes on. It is especially challenging for the students in our community and their families that are trying to juggle their busy lives along with online schooling."

Fraser stressed that the need for everyone to support each other has never been as important as it is now. He said, "While so many important activities and events have been closed or cancelled, we need to continue to find ways to remain connected and active for our mental health and well-being with gyms and other recreational facilities."

The mayor is looking forward to a time when Covid is in the rear-view mirror.

He said, "I can only look forward to spring where we can hopefully enjoy the wonderful gatherings and events that our community is known for. I personally look forward to the Meet Me on Mainstreet events and activities that help us keep us connected as a community. In the fall, I began gathering information to be able to offer canoes to kayak lending libraries in the communities with water access. I look forward to continuing that discussion with our recreation director this winter."

He said the municipality is planning to break ground this year on the new Palmetto Park. "We are moving forward with our efforts to provide more

water to our area. We also continue to investigate ways to secure long-term security for our water supply. And finally, I want to thank the employees and volunteers of the House of Lazarus, Community Food Share the Rotary Club, the Lions Clubs, the Legions group, those groups that support those that are struggling during these very hard times. If you know someone in these, please direct them to these groups to ensure they receive the support they need.

For more information about what WDMH is doing about the pandemic visit [www.wdmh.on.ca](http://www.wdmh.on.ca) or [www.wdmh.on.ca/visitors](http://www.wdmh.on.ca/visitors).

If you are looking for ideas about recreation possibilities, you can visit the North Dundas website at [northdundas.com](http://northdundas.com).

## Another successful year

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

INGLESIDE – For the second year in a row, the South Stormont gift card promotion was a resounding success. Organizer Dave Smith explained that over 900 ballots were received for the draw held on Wed., Dec. 29, 2021.

South Stormont councillor, Andrew Guindon drew the winning ballot at Jimmy's Restaurant. Amy Shaver from South Dundas won around \$800's worth of certificates from participating businesses as well as a gift basket from Humble Beginnings Brewery Co. in Ingleside.

She met with Smith on Dec. 30 at Butler's Restaurant to pick up her

winnings and during an interview, explained the restaurant's owner had told her about the promotion, "when I came in here to get gift certificates." She continued how this was a great idea and is looking forward to visiting the various businesses in South Stormont.

"Everyone wins!" in the gift card promotion which ran between Dec. 1 and 24 explained Smith. The over twenty businesses which participated this year, provided ballots to clients who made purchases, with the clients having an opportunity to win several gift cards. He continued how the promotion brings people into the community to shop and see all that the municipality has to offer.



Amy Shaver of Iroquois was the winner of close to \$800's worth of gift certificates from South Stormont businesses in the 2021 South Stormont gift card promotion. She picked up her prize at Butler's Restaurant in Ingleside and while Mom looked over the prize, the staff provided the children with crayons and a picture to colour. From the left: Aubrey, Amy and Mack Shaver.

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# EDITORIAL & Opinion

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## Editorial

### Know your limitations

That old expression, 'it never rains but it pours', and 'all good things must come to an end' are so true.

Last week, I needed to drill some holes in a post to put up a new bird feeder that I had made for Christmas. It was a pretty straightforward job using two, three-inch wood screws.

My battery driven drill had not been used for some time, so I charged it up overnight. I was surprised to find the next morning that the drill was still not charged. It only made a clunking sound.

I charged it up some more and tried it again and this time all that I got was a rattling sound as if all of the drill's working parts had had a stroke.

I have had the same drill for ten years and it has been used to make two wooden decks using at least a thousand wood screws in each one, and a small front porch which used only a few hundred. It has been a great tool to have

around the house despite its large size and bright orange colour.

I worried that maybe it was time to say goodbye to my friend the drill. Before I gave up on it entirely, I thought that perhaps the battery was the problem. To replace the battery would be \$35 almost as much as the drill's cost. My next idea was that maybe it was something inside the drill that had come loose so I took it apart.

That was an interesting experience. When I had finished removing all of the screws that held the two halves of the drill together, I was faced with at least five separate parts that promptly fell on the floor when I pulled the two halves apart.

The most interesting part was the one that was about as small as a BB and of course I did not see where it had fallen out from; it looked pretty important.

If the drill had not been a total write off before I took it apart, it sure looked like one now. My limitations were staring me in the face.

I had to accept that the drill was going to have to take its place in my tool hall of fame along with a broken hammer

and other tools that no longer functioned as designed.

This drill had been my best friend for so long, but I decided I could make new friends if I tried.

I began my search for a replacement and was surprised to find that drills of this type were better and came with more goodies than its distant cousin had ten years ago.

It seems that the concept of ownership has shifted over the years. There was a time when any tool you owned was yours for life, but that is no longer true. I guess that any tool used as much as I had the drill, was bound to wear out sooner or later. When you averaged out the cost it was a good deal. Ten years for about \$35 and a few thousand drilling moments.

Still the passing of the drill was a stark reminder of how everything gets used up sooner or later, which causes me to wonder how many moments of use my organs all have had and is there a moment when an expiry date is reached.


That's not something that Home Depot or Canadian Tire can help you with.

Joseph Morin

**NDDHS Report**

By Savannah Coleman  
*Student Council Communications*

**The new year has officially begun**



And just like that, the holidays are over, and the year 2022 has begun. Hopefully 2022 is a year of peace and a little more "normal" than what the past couple years have brought to us.

Going back to the last week of school before Christmas break, there are a few huge thank yous that need to be said! First off, from student council, a thank you goes out to everybody that participated in the spirit week and gingerbread contest that took place in our last week! It made students and staff go off for Christmas break in the holiday spirit for a much-needed rest. Another giant thank you goes to everybody that donated to our Angel Trees and the health and hygiene box – it is very much appreciated and both places were filled with donations! Our community is very thankful for all the donations made by our school and other community groups– it always feels so good to give back to our community.

Online learning started on Wed., Jan. 5 at North Dundas. Students were emailed on Tuesday by both of their teachers and were given an update on what is going on. Students had the choice of doing synchronous online learning or asynchronous online learning. Synchronous, being, going to a team's meeting every day and learning through your teacher on a device. Asynchronous being, checking in through email and getting work pages and lessons from a file that is given to students day by day. We are through the first week and hope to see everybody back in school in the next couple of weeks!

I hope 2022 is off to a good start on your end!

### Visit a farmer near you

I'm not a farmer. I just want to put that out there right from the beginning. I write for the *Eastern Ontario AgriNews* as one of a few non-agricultural writers. Most entries are written by professionals in the agricultural or a related field.

To say I've learned a lot since starting at the *AgriNews* would be an understatement. In addition to having an amazing work ethic and self-discipline, most farmers need a modicum of knowledge on a variety of topics from math and science to business and the environment. This I already knew from my years working as a reporter for *The Winchester Press*. But, since working with *AgriNews*, I think the biggest thing I've learned about farmers is that most of them take their role as stewards of the land quite seriously.

If you don't believe me, check out the Raisin Region Conservation Authority (RRCA)'s two-part Agri Action Farm Tour series. It showcases six local farmers and the best practice projects they're working on or have completed that not only help their farm practice, but also the environment.

I don't think we – non-farmers – see this enough. We don't see the many things that farmers do to care for and to improve their farms, ensuring the availability of healthy agricultural lands for generations to come. Did you know that some farmers have chosen to create conservation areas on their land? Many plant dozens of new trees on their properties every year, taking note of what species is right for their land. Many others work regularly with their local conservation authorities to make improvements,

ones that can have positive impacts on forests, animals, and water sources.

How many of us typical non-farmers know what nutrients are needed for healthy soil? How many of us know the names of all the tree and plant species that are native to this area? How many of us know what needs to be done on our properties to protect surrounding water sources, such as wells, rivers, and ponds?

Now, in addition to not being a farmer – although I have mucked out a few stalls in my time – I'm not a scientist. I have sat through several soil seminars as well as workshops on seeds and fertilizers in years gone by but none of this has stuck. I know I listened. I know I was impressed and fascinated, but I don't remember what I learned. I suppose if I were using the information for more than writing articles then maybe I'd retain a little more, but I didn't. So, from me, here's a "hats off" to all the farmers who do.

When I was younger and deciding what to do with my life, the one thing I knew for sure is that I didn't want to be a farmer. I stayed on a few farms both as a child and as a young adult. What stood out for me was that these farmers were generally on the clock from roughly 4:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., as well as on-call throughout the night, seven days a week. As someone who likes to sleep in, who's not overly fond of going outside in the cold, and who'd rather read all day, farming sounded like too much work to me.

Today, I understand that things are different, but how different are they really? From the research and interviews I've been doing; farmers

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still need to know a little (or a lot!) about many things. They still need to get up early and work all day. I see lots of farmers harvesting fields at night, so clearly night-time work is still a thing. It seems to me that to be a farmer, you really need to love farming, and I suppose that's why I've written this editorial, as an "Ode to Farmers."

If you're at all curious about farming, farmers, or anything agriculture, why not check out our sister paper, the monthly *Eastern Ontario AgriNews*. And remember to mark your calendars for the 2022 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo that's set to hit Kemptville for a five-day run from Sept. 20 to 24. It's an awesome opportunity to celebrate all things agriculture while staying close to home. (Roughly 80,000 people attended the one in Finch several years ago! It was clearly the place to be.)

Sandy Casselman

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### Winter fun in Inkerman

The Inkerman outdoor rink was a great place to be on Sat., Jan. 8. Families and couples spent some time having fun on the ice. In this photo, Hailee Coleman and Emmett Graham pose beside the net after playing a bit of hockey.

Morin Photo

## Upcoming Annual General Meetings

**Chesterville & District Agricultural Society**, host of the Chesterville Fair, will be holding their AGM on Jan. 30 at 1 p.m. More details are available on their Facebook page.

**Kenyon Agricultural Society**, host of the Maxville Fair will hold their 2022 AGM in December 2022.

**Roxborough Agricultural Society**, host of the Avonmore Fair, will be holding their AGM on Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. via Zoom. All members are asked to attend, with anyone interested in joining the meeting email the Society at [info@avonmorefair.ca](mailto:info@avonmorefair.ca) for zoom information.

**Russell Agriculture Society**, host of Russell Fair, the date, time, and place of the 2022 AGM has not yet been determined.

**St. Lawrence Agricultural Society**, host of the Williamstown Fair, will be holding their 2022 AGM later this year.

**Mountain Township Agricultural Society**, host of the South Mountain Fair, are planning to hold their AGM on Mon., Jan. 31, 2022. It is currently planned to be held at the Mountain Township Agricultural Hall, with double vaccination required, but may be switched to a virtual meeting if necessary. Pre-registration at [info@southmountainfair.ca](mailto:info@southmountainfair.ca) or at 613-989-1441 before Jan. 28 is required.

**Stormont Agricultural Society**, host of the Stormont County Fair, will be holding their AGM on Jan. 15 at 1 p.m., with more information available at <https://stormontcountyfair.weebly.com/annual-meeting.html>.

**Dundas Federation of Agriculture** will be holding their AGM in March of this year with date, time, and method of delivery to be determined shortly.

**Dundas Dairy Producers** have not yet determined when their AGM will be held.

**Dundas Cattlemen's Association** is holding their AGM virtually on Jan. 8 at 9 a.m. by zoom. For more information contact the organization.

**Dundas Soil and Crop Association** held their AGM in Dec. 2021.

**Dundas Farm Safety Association** will be holding their AGM on Feb. 22, with more information available by contacting the association.

**Stormont County 4-H** will be holding their AGM via Zoom on Jan. 27 beginning at 8 p.m.

**Stormont County Cattlemen's Association** are holding

their AGM on Sat. Jan. 8 starting at 9 a.m. via Zoom.

**Stormont Dairy Producers** are currently planning when their AGM will be held.

**Stormont Federation of Agriculture** will be holding their AGM on Jan. 19 at 8 pm. Please contact the SFA for more information.

**Stormont Soil and Crop Association** is planning to hold their AGM on Jan. 20 by Zoom at 8 p.m. For more information, please contact the organization.



## - OBITUARY - PATRICIA (NEE MCGUINTY) WARREN

It is with profound sadness that the family of Patricia (nee McGuinty) Warren announce her peaceful passing on January 1st, 2022 at the age of 81 years at the Kemptville District Hospital. Pat, or "Patsy" as she was known to her family in the Pembroke area, will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 56 years, Doug, and her children, Paul (Laura) and Jen. She will be dearly missed by her deeply loved sisters Anna (Tommie) Egan and Margaret (the late Isidore) Radke, as well as her many nieces and nephews on both the McGuinty and Warren sides of the family and many cherished friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Margaret (Ruddy) and William McGuinty, as well as her siblings Theresa (the late Jack) Hunt, Clarence (Jean) McGuinty, Doreen (Art) Lund, Evelyn (the late John) Wren, and Doris (the late Barry) McGuire.

Born in the village of Osceola, Ontario on March 14, 1940, Pat moved to Pembroke with her family as a child. Named Pembroke's Miss Chamber of Commerce in 1962 and described as a "5'5" bundle of charm". Pat spent time at the local newspaper, The Pembroke Observer, as the social reporter where her lifelong curiosity about people and their stories began.

Pat met her husband, Doug, while living in Pembroke, and the two relocated to Winchester, Ontario after marrying in 1965 and would make it their home for the next 50 years where they raised their son, Paul, and daughter, Jennifer. Pat worked for the Village of Winchester, and after retiring, proudly served as one of the area's Welcome Wagon representatives, earning "Representative of the Year" for Ontario in 2007. In 2015, Pat and Doug relocated to Kemptville.

Pat will be forever remembered for her trademark infectious laugh, her sharp wit, her kind ways, as well as her genuine interest in learning about the lives of others through engaging conversation. She was a best friend to her husband. She was unendingly supportive and proud of her children. She loved flowers and feathered friends. She took her euche very seriously but would have everyone collapsing in laughter at her Pictionary skills. Pat was a fan of travel and animal documentaries, never missed an episode of the "Big Bang Theory", and enjoyed cheering on the Toronto Maple Leafs and Toronto Blue Jays. She loved country music and dancing. She read the Ottawa Citizen every morning with her coffee and would pore over the obituaries, absorbing the life stories contained in each. We wanted to write an obituary for her that would have made her smile had she come across it during her daily ritual.

Our deepest thanks for the incredible care and compassion demonstrated by her family physician, Dr. Rattan, and his medical assistant, Tracey, at Rideau Crossing Family Health Centre, as well as by Trish, her in-home nurse for many years. Care provided by paramedics and medical teams at both Kemptville District Hospital and Winchester District Memorial Hospital were instrumental in Pat's many recoveries from health challenges over the years, as was the support provided by pharmacies both in Winchester (Seaway Valley Pharmacy) and Kemptville (Shoppers Drug Mart). With great strength and determination, Pat was able to remain at home until January 1st, and we are thankful beyond words to Kemptville District Hospital for making her final day with us one of peace and comfort.

As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Seniors' Community Services (for Kemptville and surrounding areas) <https://www.canadahelp.org/en/dn/42278> or Beth Donovan Hospice would be appreciated. These local services both provided invaluable support over the years to our family, and we are deeply grateful.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date once COVID restrictions allow. Arrangements entrusted to the **Byers Funeral Home**, South Mountain (613-989-3836).

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by visiting [www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com).



### Family skate

The Crowder family took their daughter Emily out for a skate on Sat., Jan. 8. In this photo, she is flanked by mom and dad, Gerald and Kirsten Crowder.

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*Sunday School Classes & Nursery have resumed.*

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**We're closed for in-person worship.**

We're offering a 10:30 a.m. Zoom service for Morning Prayer. People are asked to phone the church or email [infostmarysrussell@rogers.com](mailto:infostmarysrussell@rogers.com), to receive the link for the service.

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# WDMH receives accreditation with exemplary standing from Accreditation Canada

**Jane Adams**  
Special to the Record

WINCHESTER – Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) has received Accreditation with Exemplary Standing from Accreditation Canada, recognizing WDMH's commitment to compassionate excellence close to home.

"In the midst of COVID-19, this is some positive news. We are very proud," said WDMH CEO Cholly Boland. "We have exceeded national standards for patient safety and quality of patient care."

WDMH has received this highest award for the third consecutive time. 99.3 per cent of compliance standards were met and the survey team commended the WDMH team, noting:

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What I was most impressed with is that staff say: "I'll help with that".

You don't see that very often.

Hospital accreditation through Accreditation Canada is a voluntary exercise that reviews a health care organization's care and services. It includes an intensive self-assessment, a survey visit with a team of health care professionals and a comprehensive survey report. The process also involves

interviews with staff, physicians, volunteers, patients and families, board, and community members. The survey took place from Nov. 15 to 18, 2021.

"This is a milestone to be celebrated, and we congratulate you and the WDMH team for your commitment to providing safe, high quality health services," added Julie Langlois, chair, Accreditation Decision Committee at Accreditation Canada.

"Thank you to our surveyors for spending time with us and thank you to the WDMH team for your incredible work," summed up WDMH board chair James Pitruniak. "Participating in the Accreditation survey during this challenging time speaks to the team's commitment to continually improving the



care they provide for patients and families. Congratulations!"

Contact: Jane Adams at 613.729.4864 or jadams@wdmh.on.ca.

## Robinson reflects

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

FINCH – This February, Dougie Robinson will complete his term serving as one of three 2021 4-H Ontario ambassadors.

This program began just over 15 years ago and provides 4-H members with the opportunities to develop leadership, public relations and communication skills while promoting 4-H Ontario. There is the opportunity for up to six Ontario 4-H members between the ages of 18-21 to participate in this program. Joining Robinson in 2021 were Caitlyn Kolb and Marissa Lester.

Robinson explains the main responsibility of the ambassadors is to promote the organization "by attending events and online activities." The pandemic presented some unique challenges to fulfilling his duties, commenting how the use of online blog posts on "topics relative to the 4-H program" was a useful tool. When asked about the most rewarding activities



He plans to apply for another term as a 4-H Ontario ambassador this year, explaining it is possible to serve for two years. Robinson commented how "this position has helped to improve my public speaking skills and sharpen my time management skills." He encourages other 4-H members to apply.

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this year, he replied it was the opportunity to attend two in-person events where he was able to represent Ontario and promote the 4-H program.

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# Skuce Repairs: Focus of community support after fire

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

VERNON – The new year is bringing a huge challenge for Ron and Linda Skuce.

They operate Skuce Repairs in Vernon.

Ron, a mechanic is Linda’s son.

Skuce Repairs, established in 1988 by Linda and Albert Skuce was destroyed in a fire on Boxing Day, 2021. A suspected electrical issue in the building’s walls has been said to be a tentative cause of the blaze.

The main building destroyed in the fire was their main work area, a building put up in 1995.

Since its beginning, Skuce Repairs has worked to become an important part of Eastern Ontario’s agricultural community, repairing farm equipment, and helping out their community.

While the Skuces wait for the capital from insurance companies to rebuild, they have decided to keep moving forward despite the loss of their building. The family business has five full-time employees.

Linda’s niece, Brenda Thomas-Deugo, has stepped up to organize a Go-Fund-Me page for the business.

The business was the only source of income for the family business.

Thomas-Deugo said in a Facebook post, “It is the heart and soul of the Metcalfe and Winchester farming communities. A dedicated family run business, it has been a place to stop in for a coffee and have a visit, get great advice, or find a rare part. Linda along with Ron and Barry and their staff have kept local farmers and their equipment rolling for years. They now need our help.”

She noted that the building will likely be a total loss.

“With the shop destroyed, they will not be able to generate any income for several months. Anyone who wishes to help can donate via Go-Fund-Me.”

It has only been two weeks since the fire, but former customers, friends and neighbours have responded to the call for help.

Linda said, “You cannot believe the support that we have. It has been absolutely incredible. We cannot believe just how good people are.”

Linda has worked in the shop for 33 years.

Originally Linda was a mother and teacher. When her and her late husband Albert started their business she took on a new career.

To Linda, the disaster of the fire has been overshadowed by the community’s reaction. “It’s all about the customers, and friends here helping. I do not know how I can ever thank them enough,” she said.

Ron and Linda are committed to moving forward and to rebuild.

“We are already working in the garage and what we call the paint shop, so we are already up and working,” she said.

The decision to rebuild has been made, however Linda and Ron are just now having a chance to go into the destroyed shop to see what can be salvaged. There are tractors inside the shop that have to be looked at as well as some tools, tractor tires, and parts, but it may take a while to sort out what they can use and what will have to be replaced.

At least 33 volunteers, have been arriving on a daily basis at the site and have descended on the business, cleaning up the damaged building, and setting up shop on a smaller scale in a garage.

The plan is to work out of the original Skuce Repairs’ building which is their garage.

So far, volunteers have been able to assemble the belts, batteries and bolts section. The availability of parts still requires a phone call to see what is available.

Their phone lines, and internet are back up and running.

“Its only stuff,” she said, “but we are still here.”

If you want to help you can go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-skuce-repairs-rebuild> or go to Facebook and search for Skuce Repairs then follow prompts.

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The Dec. 26 fire at Skuce Repairs in Vernon destroyed the main shop of the business. Photo Courtesy of Cheryl Cooper



A close look at the damage and mess left by the Boxing Day fire. Photo Courtesy of Rick Cheslock



# International Snowmobile Safety Week

January 15 to 23, 2022



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### 7 tips for safe snowmobiling

**S**nowmobiling is a popular winter activity in many northern communities around the world. It's a great way to get outside and enjoy beautiful snow-covered landscapes.

This year, International Snowmobile Safety Week takes place from January 15 to 23, and it's the perfect time to highlight the importance of safe snowmobiling practices. Here are a few tips to keep in mind this winter:

1. Never ride a snowmobile under the influence of alcohol or drugs. You should also avoid hitting the trails if you're tired. Doing so can slow your reaction time and affect your ability to make good decisions.
2. Always pack emergency supplies. You should have a cellphone, a flashlight, waterproof matches, a survival blanket, hand warmers, non-perishable foods, a rope, a spare drive belt, flares, a whistle and a first-aid kit.
3. Check the weather forecast, trail conditions and opening hours of the businesses and shelters you plan to visit before you leave.
4. Always ride with someone else, and let your friends and family know where you're headed and your estimated time of return.
5. Avoid crossing large bodies of water where there are no marked trails. It's almost impossible to assess the thickness of ice at a glance.
6. Follow other snowmobilers at a safe distance, keep to the right, stay on marked trails and stop at all road crossings.
7. Avoid stopping in the middle of a trail, on a curve or on a downhill slope to avoid blocking traffic and to ensure you're visible to other riders.

For more safety tips, visit [snowmobile.org](http://snowmobile.org).

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# 2021 Year in Review

April

## Dundas Manor rebuild on target but with increased cost

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.



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.

Morin Photo

## Vaccine online registration now available

WINCHESTER – North Dundas residents have been patient while they wait for news of the arrival of a vaccine that hopefully will mark the turning point in the pandemic. On April 2, the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) announced that it was a good time to book an appointment for the vaccine. Help is on the way. The vaccination process will be taking place at the Joel Steele Arena in Winchester and eventually will include local pharmacies.

## Council listens to residents– defers land use decision

WINCHESTER – The North Dundas council decided to defer a final decision on adopting a bylaw that would restrict property owners in the municipality to owning 8 hectares or 20 acres of land, before they could have livestock or small farming operations on it. The former Mountain Township used 2 hectares or 5 acres as its rule for allowing residents to have livestock on their property. The Mountain Township bylaw stretches back to 1979 while Winchester Village's bylaw about the same issue dates to 1993.

## Canada Sews – Eastern Ontario

CHESTERVILLE – When the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic began in March 2020, it soon became apparent that essential and frontline workers needed items such as fabric masks, head bands, scrub caps and wet bags to supplement the personal protective equipment they were issued.

## North Dundas drinking water and waste water systems pass the test

WINCHESTER – As North Dundas gets ready to deal with an unprecedented growth in Winchester and Chesterville, a report on the condition of the community's drinking water resources and wastewater treatment facilities has arrived on the council table. The report compiled by the Ontario Clean Water Agency, (OCWA) indicates all is well with the township's water supply and wastewater treatment process.

## 'Kudos' to South Dundas businesses

MORRISBURG – South Dundas Chamber of Commerce president Cindy Peters congratulated the municipality's businesses for adapting and surviving despite the COVID-19 pandemic. "It's been quite a year personally, professionally, business-wise for everybody," Peters said. "Kudos to everybody in business. You've had to adapt promptly. I'm really proud of the people in South Dundas and the community for supporting them. Congratulations to all of you for keeping going and making it work and thank you to the community for supporting everybody."

May

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

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).

## Municipality named general contractor of Crysler Fire Hall project

BERWICK – The Township of North Stormont's Public Works' superintendent Blake Henderson will take the lead in overseeing the municipality's Crysler Fire Hall project. The decision was made in a four-to-one vote during the May 4 council meeting, where CAO Craig Calder recommended that the township be declared the general contractor, and Henderson the project manager for the building's construction. Coun. Roxane Villeneuve was the lone opposition to the recommendation.

## Full circle for Hammond firefighter

HAMMOND – Dave Bergeron has retired from his day job.

Dave and Bonnie Bergeron and daughter Graceson own Dream Ridge Farms in Hammond.

The farm features award winning Ayrshire, Jersey and Holstein animals, and according to Dave, is the reason he and his wife first met when in their mid-20s as a result of both being involved in Jr. Farmers and Ayrshire cattle.

Bergeron's other lifelong career is as an Ottawa firefighter, which he has just retired from after 36 years as a full-time firefighter and four years as a volunteer.

Dave retired as the captain of his station, a nice ending to a decade's long career.

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We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those to be considered will be contacted by phone or email.

## Thank You

Thank you to all the firefighters, police and paramedics who responded to our shop fire on December 26th. Thanks to your professional services, our office and much of our stock was saved.

Thanks is so inadequate to describe our gratefulness to the army of volunteers who came day after day and slaved away to get the old shop ready to work in and to move and organize the saved stock. Your support, shown in so many ways, is overwhelming to us. All of your gifts are so appreciated!!

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Application forms for new members, or renewing members, can be found online at: <https://www.wdmh.on.ca/corporatemembership>.

Please forward completed application forms to: [alafleche@wdmh.on.ca](mailto:alafleche@wdmh.on.ca), or by mail Winchester District Memorial Hospital 566 Louise Street, Winchester, Ontario, K0C 2K0 **Attention: Amy Lafleche**

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 13, 2022
Grid with numbered squares for crossword puzzle.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 13, 2022

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Requests
5. Calendar month
8. Invests in little enterprises
12. Bird sound
14. S. American plant cultivated for tubers
15. Car
16. Bullfighter
18. Hill (Celtic)
19. Strong criticism
20. Detector
21. When you hope to get there
22. Having the skill to do something
23. Legendary MLB broadcaster
26. Vulcanite
30. C. Asian mountain range
31. In a way, healed
32. Midway between east and southeast
33. Small appendages of insects

- 34. \_ Greene, "Bonanza" actor
39. A place to bathe
42. Postal worker accessory
44. Classical music
46. A way of wrecking
47. Terminator
49. You eat three a day
50. Pointed end of a pen
51. NATO official (abbr.)
56. Genus of clams
57. Boxing's "G.O.A.T."
58. A colorless, odorless gas used as fuel
59. Covered thinly with gold paint
60. Bachelor of Laws
61. Red fluorescent dye
62. Engineering group
63. Female sibling
64. Adjacent

CLUES DOWN

- 1. What a thespian does
2. Footwear
3. Adjust spacing between
4. Witnesses
5. Who shows excessive fondness
6. Distinct form of a plant
7. National capital
8. Hunting expedition
9. Related to medulla oblongata
10. European country
11. Cola
13. Excluded from use or mention
17. Speak
24. Bloodshot
25. Make better
26. Keyboard key
27. Type of degree
28. Paddle

- 29. Peacock network
35. Not young
36. Baseball stat
37. One's grandmother
38. Breakfast food
40. Bathroom features
41. Disease-causing bacterium
42. NY ballplayer
43. Got up
44. Prophet
45. Part of the mouth
47. Unnatural
48. Acronym for brain science study
49. Three are famous
52. Languages spoken in Patagonia
53. Freedom from difficulty
54. Widely used OS
55. Many people pay it

PUZZLE SOLUTION
Grid with filled-in letters for the crossword puzzle solution.

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.



## Bradley-St-Cyr & Associates can help you with your message

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Ruth Bradley-St-Cyr and her daughter Emily Bradley do much of their editing service online along with their team of associate editors.

The mother-daughter team recently moved to Chesterville, in part, thanks to the pandemic.

Emily was living with her fiancé and his parents in Toronto and Ruth was living in Ottawa with her son. Once the pandemic hit, they all had to quarantine in place. Ruth's essay writing classes at the University of Ottawa went online and are still online. Her classes had to go online. Emily's fiancé shifted his career goals to YouTube work. There was nothing keeping any of them in the big city anymore so they decided to buy a house together.

Emily said, "Chesterville was the ideal choice as it features walkable neighbourhoods, high-speed internet, and small-town charm."

Ruth explained, "We do most of the editing for Bradley-St-Cyr & Associates, but we have associates trained in different areas. I have worked with them all before when I worked in-house. We have a French editor who also translates from English to French and another who translates from

# SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Ruth Bradley-St-Cyr and her daughter Emily Bradley do much of their editing service online along with their team of associate editors. Courtesy Photo

French to English. Most of the editing we do is non-fiction, but Emily does fiction editing as well."

Most of their clients have been with Bradley-St-Cyr & Associates for several years. Getting to know them, and what they need and expect is the key approach that they use.

"We have clients in Columbia (South America) and New York City, but most are local organizations," said Ruth.

Before the availability of online editing services, the freelance editing business was constrained by geography and supported by couriers, but today even the longest, most complicated book projects are handled online. Anything that's too big to email can be posted to a secure online folder.

Emily said, "No one comes to our

actual door with work, except maybe our relatives. Though, we love to chat with local clients over coffee or lunch."

Different writing projects come with their own unique challenges.

"An annual report, newsletter or blog must communicate essential information to the reader, but fiction brings the reader into a new world," said Emily.

"To be engrossing, fiction has a lot of moving parts that must work well together. These form the basis of storytelling: concept, character, theme, story structure, scene execution, and writing voice. When one or more of these pillars is weak, the story falls apart and the reader is disconnected from the fictional world. Fiction editing involves isolating and examining these pillars to make sure they are strong and work together," she added.

Ruth has edited every kind of non-fiction from biography to multiple-choice exams.

One book that Ruth worked on recently has just been published. Called *Insatiable Hunger: Colonial Encounters in Context* by Joseph W. Graham, it examines "the foundational stories of two very different civilizations [European and Indigenous] to find the root causes of the mutual incomprehension."

"For non-fiction, the goal is to have the final text as simple as possible," said Ruth.

She added, "As Strunk and White say in their famous book *The Elements of Style* (which has been a bestseller for about a hundred years), 'Vigorous writing is concise. A sentence should contain no unnecessary words, a paragraph no unnecessary sentences . . . This requires not that the writer make all sentences short, or avoid all detail and treat subjects only in outline, but that every word tell.'

Many social commentators have suggested that we as a society are not always able to make our thoughts clear when we write.

"The communication fails we see all around us—mistakes on signs, typos on restaurant menus, bloopers in the church bulletin, or something incomprehensible on the internet—constantly remind us that plain language, and solid proofreading, make the world a better place," said Ruth.

When teaching essay writing, Ruth has her students do peer editing for each other. "They are amazed that the essays they've been writing for weeks are still full of mistakes that they missed. However, when that second pair of eyes are those of a trained editor, a piece can go from incomprehensible to professional. The work of an editor, may be invisible, but it allows us to communicate effectively with each other," she said.

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## 2021 Year in Review

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### Serving Chesterville for 45 years

CHESTERVILLE – Forty-Five years ago, on May 11, 1976 Mike Dean opened the doors to his grocery store in Chesterville and began a tradition of committed service to the people of the village and the organizations in the community. He had begun working at Laflamme's Grocery located on King Street in Chesterville and a short time later purchased the store from owner Adrian Laflamme.

### New detachment commander for SD&G OPP

CORNWALL – Stormont Dundas and Glengarry, (SD&G) has a new Ontario Provincial Police, (OPP) detachment commander. Inspector Marc Hemmerick has been selected to lead the counties more than 100 officers into what he expects to be an effective and efficient future for its members and the communities they serve in.

### Setting the stage for municipal pools this summer

WINCHESTER – While spring brought summer, but no relief from pandemic restrictions, municipal staff have begun preparations for when the municipal swimming pools in Winchester and Chesterville can be brought back as a fun summer activity. The two pools are slated to open with restrictions on June 14 when Stage One of the opening up process begins.

June

### South Dundas denies zoning amendment

MORRISBURG – Three Municipality of South Dundas politicians recently voted to deny a zoning amendment application that would have seen a mixed commercial/residential building erected at Morrisburg's Industrial Park. "I've reviewed and listened to the submissions. I do agree with the planners that there is need for residential, but this is just clearly, in my opinion, the wrong spot and I think it would create a conflict of use down the road," Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner said.

### North Dundas firefighters have new DZ licensing policy

WINCHESTER – North Dundas firefighters have a new tool in their toolbox to encourage firefighters who want to obtain their DZ driver's licence to apply for one. The licence

is necessary to drive the large fire trucks in each fire station. Ensuring there are enough credited drivers for the various stations has traditionally been an issue. In the past, the cost of licence certification was the responsibility of the candidate. They had to come up with the estimated \$1,000 or more necessary to take the licensing course. Once training is successfully completed, the municipality would pay the licensed firefighter back over five years for the training cost.

### Hallville residents get funding for park and gift extra land to SNC

HALLVILLE – Residents of the small village of Hallville have been waiting to see their local park area developed. Some land had been set aside for the development of a park for the village by the developer as well as an additional small parcel of land to be used as open space or passive park. That extra land has been transferred over to South Nation Conservation.

### Morrisburg roundabout drives forward with Coco Paving

MORRISBURG – Coco Paving Inc. has been chosen to complete the Morrisburg Roundabout and Street scraping project, which is expected to get underway this year. "From the county point of view, right now, all systems are a go," Municipality of South Dundas Mayor Steven Byvels said during a special June 7 council meeting.

### Allan Armstrong elected as new SDG counties warden

CORNWALL – North Dundas Deputy Mayor Al Armstrong has been elected by United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry councillors, to finish off the term of county warden Frank Prevost. The vote was precipitated by the unsettling vacancy at the United Counties of SD&G council table due to the six-month leave of absence granted to Prevost. Armstrong will be sworn in, in December and will serve as the warden until the term ends in 2021.

Stay tuned to next week's *Record* for more 2021 Year in Review!



### Servin' up dinner

From the left: Emily Welk, Liz O'Gorman-Smit and Kim Williams were among the volunteers in the kitchen serving up 430 chicken dinners for the Chicken BBQ Fundraiser for the Russell Agricultural Society. Thompson Goddard Photo



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## OPP are issuing ice safety reminder

EMBRUN – The Russell County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) want to remind citizens to take precautions on our waterways during the winter months due to the fluctuating temperatures. Help keep everyone safe by following these safety tips:

- Don't trust the ice! - Always be aware of the thickness and quality of ice to reduce risk of breaking through.
- Where ice is checked for thickness, obey posted signs on when and where ice surface is acceptable for activities.
- Clear blue ice is strongest. White opaque or snow ice is half as strong as blue ice. Opaque ice is formed by wet snow freezing on the ice. Grey ice is unsafe. The grayness indicates the presence of water.
- Avoid any open holes in lakes and rivers.
- Avoid travelling on any ice in non-daylight hours.

• Be aware of currents and/or tides as these locations cannot be trusted to have consistent ice thickness.

• Check the ice thickness, many ice fishers will drive a motor vehicle, snowmobile or ATV to their fishing hut. No activity should be carried out on ice less than 15cm thick. In the presence of snow on ice, the minimum thickness would need to be doubled to 30cm.

• Wear a flotation device and cold protection suit, even if you're fishing from shore or on thick ice.

• Carry rescue equipment: This includes ice picks, a rope, a cell phone (in a waterproof container) and a first aid kit. Other safety equipment to be considered includes flashlight, waterproof matches/lighter, tool kit, candles, and survival blanket.

For further information on ice safety from the Canadian Red Cross, visit: Ice Safety - Canadian Red Cross.



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## Santa Claus brings \$1,433,812.50 gift to Russell resident

RUSSELL – Russell resident Rosalee Gravelle has received a late Christmas present.

She has won \$1,433,812.50 from the 50/50 draw in the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario's Dream of a Lifetime Lottery.

Gravelle was the lucky holder of ticket number 636293 and she will take home \$1,433,812.50 in the lottery's 50/50 draw. This year the jackpot for the 50/50 draw grew to an unprecedented \$2,867,625, the highest prize in the lottery's history.

The final draws were made on Jan. 5. Mark Coldham of Ottawa, had ticket number 013613, and won the Grand Prize package worth more than \$3.1 million, which includes the Minto Dream Home fully furnished by La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries, bi-weekly cleaning for one year from ATC Cleaning, \$100,000 in cash, a 2021 4-door LTD Hybrid Explorer 4WD from Donnelly Ford Lincoln Ltd (or \$65,000 cash), a \$5,000 Farm Boy gift card, moving services from Adam's Moving and legal services from Mann Lawyers.

Anyone with a ticket can check their numbers online at [www.dreamofalifetime.ca](http://www.dreamofalifetime.ca) as of 5 p.m. on Thurs., Jan. 6.

All of the winners will receive a confirmation letter from MNP LLP within two weeks, detailing how to claim their prize.

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The CHEO Foundation sincerely thanks all of its ticket buyers and sponsors for helping to raise a record-breaking amount of money to further pediatric healthcare and research at CHEO, the CHEO Research Institute and Roger Neilson House.

"The 2021 Dream of a Lifetime Lottery has been the most successful in our history. Every ticket purchased means more support for children, youth and families," said Dan Champagne, CHEO vice-president of corporate and community development. "With great partnerships and a community that cares about the well-being of children, it's a recipe for success."

"In a year with so many challenges this outpouring of generosity is even more special. From everyone at the CHEO Foundation and on behalf of CHEO staff, I extend our sincere thanks to all ticket purchasers."

## Russell sells land to Maison Interlude House

Sandy Casselman  
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – The township of Russell's politicians recently voted to approve a bylaw authorizing the sale of land in Embrun to Maison Interlude House in the amount of \$560,000.

The decision was made during a Jan. 10 special council meeting, where most of the half-hour meeting was spent in closed session, as per *Municipal Act* guidelines. At roughly 23 minutes into the meeting, council members returned to open session to vote on the items.

"Okay, so for the first one, council was briefed on the subject and as a result of the closed session, the following motions are presented for council's consideration," clerk Joanne Camiré Laflamme said at 6:23 p.m. "So, there are two. The first one, that council approves Bylaw 2022-001 for first, second, and third reading as follows by being a bylaw authorizing the mayor and the clerk to sign a new agreement with Maison

Interlude House for the sale of two lots located at 1203 and 1211 St. Augustin in Embrun."

Camiré Laflamme said the land is being sold for \$560,000 excluding taxes. She also noted that the sale was exempt from the procedures established in Regulation 43-2010, Title of Disposition of Land Policy. Without further discussion, all council members voted in favour of approving the bylaw.

"Still for item one, the motion two is the resolution that council gives direction to the administration to work with the Bourdeau family in order to find a new recognition to honour Mr. Bourdeau," Camiré Laflamme said.

Councillor Jamie Laurin asked to add an amendment to the motion. He proposed that all money from the sale of land go to the parks and recreation budget, that 10 per cent (roughly \$56,000) be spent on purchasing mature trees to be planted in the township in 2022, and that a report be brought back to council

with options for potential uses for the remaining funds.

"I know that there was significant concern over trees that may or may not be taken down during this process. I counted about 15 trees on this lot when I drove by," Laurin said. "So, I said mature trees, I'm talking six-seven feet at least, as opposed to seedlings or the small ones that we plant that take longer to grow. I'd rather see something that can grow a little quicker, so I wanted to make sure some of that was put back."

Laurin's council colleagues agreed, voting to approve the amendment. They then voted on the second motion, which now included Laurin's amendment. This was also approved unanimously.

As with the Russell's regular council meetings, the Jan. 10 special meeting can be found on the township website calendar along with a link to the agenda and to the virtual broadcast. The next regularly scheduled meeting of council is set for Jan. 17.

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- 4 YOU GET TO CHOOSE THE BEST.** Goods from local producers are designed and manufactured to improve your daily life and allow you to get the most out of them. When it comes to food, buying local means gaining access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

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