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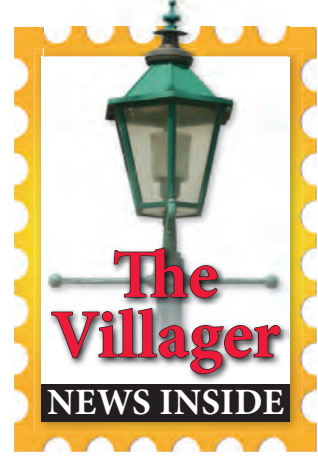
Friendly Circle Seniors' Club
 LONG SAULT - Mark May 6 on your calendar as the Friendly Circle Seniors' Club is holding their annual Theme Night at the South Stormont Community Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. The event includes, silent and live auction, an Elvis Tribute, meal and prizes for theme contest and best individual costume. More information is available on their Facebook page.

Mighty Duck Race
 SOUTH MOUNTAIN - The St. Daniel's council 11725 of the Knights of Columbus Duck Race is coming up on Sat., May 7, with ducks being launched at 1 p.m. on County Rd. 1 (on the bridge). The finish line will be held at the bridge at Bridge Street, South Mountain.

Mother's Day Breakfast
 WINCHESTER - St. Clare's Anglican Church is holding their annual Mother's Day Breakfast: Free will offering, on Sun., May 8 between 8:30 a.m. and noon. St. Clare's is located at 2530 Falcone Road in Winchester.

Winchester Bike Night returns
 WINCHESTER - The Winchester Bike Night series is back. There will be four events this year. One small change this year is that we're running every 2nd Thursday of June, July, August and September. Keep checking in and stay tuned for some exciting announcements as we get closer to our first night, June 9, 5-9 p.m.

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Real life training for firefighters
 Firefighters from all North Dundas fire stations were on hand to take part in the training in Chesterville with the Live Fire Mobile Training Unit. In this photo watching the training were: Left to right: North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser, Mountain fire chief Ray Sherrer, Chesterville fire chief Mike Gruich, Winchester fire chief Dan Kelly and Coun. Gary Annable.
 Morin Photo

North Dundas firefighters train together in Chesterville

Joseph Morin
 Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE - Firefighters from all four stations in North Dundas had a busy week in Chesterville culminating in an all-stations' training session on Sat., April 23.

The municipality was given the use of a Mobile Live Fire Training Unit which enabled firefighters to train in a way they usually cannot do.

The two mobile training units are part of the province's plan to expand and give access to firefighting training to all municipalities.

North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser who himself was a firefighter for 23 years said: "This is highly technical training for firefighters in North Dundas."

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South Stormont searches for safe storage for historical artifacts

Sandy Casselman
 Record Staff

LONG SAULT - Township of South Stormont is looking into potential storage options for Cornwall Township Historical Society artifacts currently housed at the Raisin River Heritage Centre.

"The Cornwall Township Historical Society is concerned about the safety and condition of our artifacts that are located at the Heritage Centre in St. Andrews. In light of the fact that the future of the Heritage Centre is in doubt, we feel that the process of relocating the artifacts to a more suitable location should begin now," Cornwall Township Historical Society president Don McIntosh said in an email to South Stormont.

The April 13 council meeting included a presentation from McIntosh to discuss the relocation of historical society artifacts.

Council agreed that the artifacts need to be relocated to a safe, secure, and appropriate location as soon as possible.

McIntosh began his presentation by thanking the township for a \$725 grant to the organization. He said the money is to be used to cover operating expenses, as well as to erect another historical flag in St. Andrews West that is to complement the village's existing walking tour.

"The reason myself and the others are here tonight is to express our urgent concerns about the unsafe location of where our artifacts are currently being stored," McIntosh said. "A little bit of a background now, the Raisin River Heritage Centre used to be the home of the Cornwall Township Historical Society until the building was condemned several years ago. There, we held our meetings and at times attracted several people interested in local history."

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If possible, use non-voice channels like text messaging, email or social media. These use less bandwidth than voice communications and may work even when phone service doesn't.

If you must use a phone, keep your conversation brief and convey only vital information to emergency personnel and/or family. This will also conserve your phone's battery.

Unable to complete a call? Wait 10 seconds before redialing to help reduce network congestion. Note, cordless phones rely on electricity and will not work during a power outage. If you have a landline, keep at least one corded phone in your home.

Keep a charger for your mobile device in your emergency kit. Consider getting a solar-powered, crank, or vehicle phone charger. If you don't have a cell phone, keep a prepaid phone card in your emergency kit.

Keep your contacts up to date on your phone, email and other channels. This will make it easier to reach important contacts, such as friends, family, neighbours, child's school, or insurance agent.

If you have a smartphone, save your safe meeting location(s) on its mapping application.

Conserve your smartphone's battery by reducing the screen's brightness, placing your phone in airplane mode, and closing apps you are not using. You never know how long a power outage will last!

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SS searches

Continued from the front

We also opened during the summer for guided tours. On the second floor of the Heritage Centre, we operated a museum that housed local artifacts.”

McIntosh said an inventory of the artifacts was done in 1998, revealing the existence of more than 250 items. Each of the items was documented, including the names of those who donated the items.

“To say that some of these items are priceless is certainly not an exaggeration,” he said, detailing the origin and history of some of the items on display. “There’s a story behind each and every one of our artifacts.”

He reminded council that the Heritage Centre was vandalized roughly a year ago. At that time the showcases had been smashed and several artifacts had been broken or stolen.

“We all know that the future of the Heritage Centre is uncertain. What we are

asking is that you make it a priority to remove the artifacts into a safe location, not wait until the future of the centre is decided but do it now,” he said. “We’re requesting somewhere where we have safe access to them with a potential for the possibility of a future display of the artifacts. We realize that there are ongoing discussions with the Upper Canada District School Board on the issue of an archive for Stormont County, but our artifacts are in jeopardy now. We can’t wait for that to happen. The most urgent important issue is a safe storage of our township’s precious historical artifacts that make up the history of this area. It would be a shame to lose them through neglect.”

Mayor Bryan McGillis invited director of parks and recreation Kevin Amelotte to speak to the issue. Amelotte said he’s been on site a few times since the vandalism and confirmed that several items were “ruined beyond repair.”

“I agree, it’s not a secure location for those

artifacts. I’m not sure what the answer is or if council has suggestions on what to do moving forward,” Amelotte said. “We’re talking about even if there’s some type of secure storage, a heated storage unit for now, a secure location that the township can help this historical society until we find a permanent solution.”

Amelotte said the storage of artifacts is not his area of expertise. He welcomed suggestions from council and staff on how to proceed to ensure the remaining artifacts are protected. Currently, the artifacts are taking up a roughly 2,000-square-foot space, but this is with items on display. It was noted that stored items would take up much less space.

Deputy Mayor David Smith and Coun. Andrew Guindon agreed with the idea of finding a nearby safe and suitable storage facility. In addition to security from theft and fire, the issue of required temperature and air circulation for storing artifacts was also mentioned. It was noted that the current space at the museum has possibly

never met the necessary storage conditions, and a storage facility ensuring safety from theft or fire would be an improvement.

“I think it would be appropriate if we took a look at two or three storage options in terms of location, as well as the facilities that they would have available in relation to heat, humidity, those kinds of things,” chief administrative officer Debi LucasSwitzer said. “Depending on the type of artifact, the style of artifact, whether it’s paper versus cloth versus hard surface wood, or metal, the requirements are all a little bit different. So, I think it would be appropriate for us to take a look at some options and then have the director of parks and recreation meet with Mr. McIntosh and members of his team and take a look to see, but I suspect one single unit isn’t going to be enough.”

McGillis said the township will do their best to find something as soon as possible, as this is a priority. When that happens, they will reach out to McIntosh for his opinion.

ND firefighters

Continued from the front

The mayor after a guided tour through the mobile unit said it was a great way to bring firefighters together and give them a realistic training experience.

Chesterville fire chief Mike Gruich said, “The unit arrived on Tuesday and each station had an evening of training on the unit with fire marshal instructors. We figure we have about 80 per cent of our firefighters here for the training.”

Fraser added, “This kind of training is important. Firefighters do not have to leave the community to train. The importance of the training is twofold, it brings the groups all together and

they leave knowing they have learned valuable lessons.”

The units, manufactured by Draeger Canada are 16m long. They simulate the extreme fire conditions firefighters’ encounter and serve as a perfect training opportunity.

The unit has rooms that are equipped with fire and smoke devices that firefighters have to work through. The entire operation is controlled from a room in the unit that has a computerized control panel and monitors that the operator can use to follow firefighters as they navigate through the mobile unit.

Each North Dundas Fire Station had an opportunity to train in the unit; they



Instructor Graham Warburton explains how the control centre works. He can see on the monitor what is happening inside the mobile unit. He will use a control panel to create different situations within the unit. Another instructor, Jamie Meyer stays with the firefighters and follows them as they go through the unit. Morin Photo

encountered smoke, fire, fire rollover where flames roll across the ceiling of a room and force firefighters to work under the fire. The rooms in the unit are designed to be switched around causing firefighters to have to navigate blindly in changing circumstances. Firefighters also had the opportunity to practice venting smoke from the unit using high pressure hoses.

Gruich said the training exercise was a great opportunity for firefighters. The different station had to set up a command centre as they would at any structural fire they are called to. The firefighters took turns training in the mobile unit while simulating real fire situations.



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NDDHS Report

By Savannah Coleman
Student Council Communications



Back and busy

Sports, maple syrup and pancakes, music, fundraisers, and lots of fun.

North Dundas has been a popping place over the last few weeks! There has been badminton and the beginning of track and field, the wrap up of our tapping tree journey, visitors from France, some fun, and some life skills learning inside of ND's walls.

Badminton players of both the novice/ junior and senior teams went to Cornwall to play in a tournament. All teams from novice/junior went to quarter finals, and the boys' double, Nic Guy and Austin Reeve went to quarter finals for the senior teams. The different age groups went on different days, and both days were full of fun all around with smiling students when they returned. Mrs. Hall has started training with the Track and Field team. Their first meet will be May 4.

All the ND's sap that students collected was boiled down with a final product of approximately 30L of maple syrup! With only starting after March Break, everyone is very excited to have produced this much. Mrs. Hall's leadership class celebrated with a class pancake breakfast where students made their pancakes from scratch and used their own maple syrup. Since there is so much maple syrup, there is going to be a school- wide pancake breakfast, Thurs., April 28, where we can all celebrate together!

Our student senate representatives Brooklin Begg and Sebastian Lafrance, have been around the school promoting their Green Iglu fundraiser. The Green Iglu Foundation is a Canadian charity that is designed to fight the issue of food sovereignty in remote and Indigenous communities in Canada. They aid these groups through a "Tomorrow's Harvest Fund" where they help build greenhouses so that community members can cultivate and grow their own harvest all year! They have been asking for donations hoping to reach \$217 by May 1!

Some fun things that have been happening at ND have been: the Grade 10 construction class made gum ball machines; a band from France came to visit us and put on a spectacular show; Health and Wellness SHSM students received training to earn their First Aid and CPR certifications; and, our upcoming Grade 7s came to visit and tour our wonderful school!

Lots and lots of fun, interesting, and educational events and activities are happening at North Dundas, with the Talent Show to come!

North Dundas wishes you a great start to the spring/summer season!

Letter

A tragedy within tragedy

Every April 28, since the National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job was established in 1985, the Cornwall & District Labour council has hosted a memorial service at the Workers' Monument in Lamoureux park. In the years since 1985, 25,000 workers have died of injury or work-related disease in Canada. The ceremony mourns those men and women who went to work and never came home, or if they did, it was with a serious and often debilitating injury, which often led to an early death or a lifetime of disability. The causal events of those 25,000 deaths were typically industrial, agricultural or construction, in workplaces where the dangers are well known and guarded against. But not in 2020-2021. During the pandemic, hospitals and care centres became the most dangerous of workplaces. The threat came silently and struck both vulnerable patients and

residents and felled the caregivers themselves.

Accordingly, this year, on April 28, the focus at the monument in Cornwall is on medical workers: nurses, orderlies, and doctors, but especially on personal support workers (PSW) whose death and debilitating disease tolls were highest. They cared for the sick and became ill themselves. At first, the danger in their workplace was unseen and unexpected and later, as knowledge and understanding of the virus and its potency grew, those workers, now as vulnerable as their charges, were faced with shortages and

sometimes rationing of protective equipment, and they kept going back to work, most often because there were no sick leave benefits for them.

The spokesperson for the ceremony of mourning is Natalie Mehra, executive director of the Ontario Health Coalition, and the general public is welcome to attend at 11:45 a.m. at the Workers' Monument in Lamoureux park, in front of the Kinsmen Play Area.

Elaine MacDonald,
Secretary of the
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LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

Editorial

The system wobbles but it works

I swore by all that may or may not be holy, that if I came down with the sickness, (Covid) I would not write about it.

However, having come down with the ever-popular virus I could not resist.

I have watched with some trepidation as other members of the North Dundas community have caught Covid and only now can I appreciate what the virus is all about.

Fortunately, I have had all my shots, wear a mask when appropriate, and have not been racing through Foodland hugging strangers; nevertheless, the virus found a way to get to me.

The vaccine helped to keep me out of the hospital, my genetics and good luck kept me from becoming

another statistic.

But looking back, I have to say that Covid was the strangest flu I have ever had.

It was not just the fever and the accompanying chills, or the never-ending pain in muscles that have been hidden from me for years. Covid brought with it a greyness and fatigue that settled over everything.

The virus has now passed, but it has left in its wake, tiredness, and body aches as a reminder, that just like that, the little microbe or virus can make your life miserable for a time.

I am so thankful that for a host of reasons, including the advice from our own Eastern Ontario Health Unit that I did not end up in the hospital.

For a short time, while my lungs, thanks to all the thousands of cigarettes I smoked so many years ago, tried to decide how far it was going to let the virus get, I was actually a bit worried.

My bout with Covid had a happy, if annoying ending, while so many others did not. And many continue to deal with the long-term effects of the virus, physically and mentally.

Which begs the question some politically minded people still want to raise.

Did the government overreach, did the health authorities make all of this up?

As I finish coughing parts of my lungs out and arranging the bits and pieces on the kitchen table, I am pretty sure we did the

right thing.

I have been reassured that at least this time around all the agencies, institutions and organizations made all the right calls at the right time. Even allowing for a bit of nonsense here and there, I think we all came out of the pandemic unscathed.

For those Canadians who did not make it despite best efforts, I can only again be thankful I am not one of them and can only feel sadness for those who died because of Covid.

My experience with the pandemic has taught me that we are better off than we think, as I appreciate the like-minded people in my community who were willing to sacrifice a bit of their own comfort, to help their neighbour keep some of theirs.

Joseph Morin



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To market, to market

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

GREELY – There was a steady stream of customers at the Easter Metcalfe Farmers' Market held at the Greely Community Centre on Sat., April 16.

There were 55+ local producers and crafts' people at the event, with Metcalfe Farmers' Market marketing manager Reann Slater explaining it was "an amazing day and was wonderful to see" all the people visiting the market.

Inside and outside the GCC, there were vendors with a selection of gift ideas, foodstuffs, and tasty treats to provide buyers with a wonderful selection

of goods to purchase. The 1st Greely Venturers were onsite selling tasty elephant ears as a fundraiser for scouts in the Ukraine, while around the corner the Osgoode Township Museum provided information on their "Veterans' Memorial Banner Project".

Slater commented the 2022 Metcalfe Farmers' Market season begins on Sat., May 7 at the fairgrounds in Metcalfe and continues through to October. She continued there will be four-night markets to be held on June 8, July 13, Aug. 17, and Sept. 7. For more information on these and other upcoming events, Slater suggests visiting their Facebook and Instagram pages.



Natalie Labelle of Just About Right is seen at her booth at the Easter Market in Greely. She provides people with the opportunity to cook or bake up a storm with her mixes. For more information, please visit her Facebook page or website. Thompson Goddard Photo



– OBITUARY – Marlene Black

Passed away peacefully at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Friday, January 28, 2022, Marlene Black (nee Cross) of Chesterville, age 80. Beloved wife of the late Douglas Black. Loving mother of Kim McCaffery (Kevin) of Ottawa. Dear sister of Nancy Edgerton (John) of Chesterville and David Cross of Chesterville. Dear sister-in-law of Barbara Casselman (Tom) of Napanee. Marlene will be fondly remembered by her grandsons Kyle, Logan and Conor. She was predeceased by her parents Willis and Helen Cross (nee Lewis), her brother Donald Cross and her sister-in-law Ann Cross. She is also survived by nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Chesterville on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 11 a.m. A reception will follow in the church hall.

Interment of cremated remains will be at Grantley Cemetery. Donations to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 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 – AUDREY JANE CROSS

Peacefully at the Winchester Hospital with her loving daughters by her side on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. Audrey Cross (nee Richmire) of Chesterville at the age of 87. Dearly beloved wife of the late Earl Cross. Loving mother of Lorilea (Scott) Erratt of RR 2 Williamsburg, Cathy Cross- McMillan (Curtis) of RR 2 Chesterville, Christine Cross (Myles Barkley) and Carolyn Cross all of Chesterville, and Ross Giles of Metcalfe. Dear sister of George Richmire, Maynard (Bonnie) Richmire and Beverley Richmire all of Williamsburg, Clarke (Barbara) Richmire of New Brunswick, Penny (Clifford) Towsley of Cardinal. Predeceased by her parents George and Audrey Arabella Richmire, her siblings Evelyn Richmire, Raymond Richmire, Winnifred Mulrooney, Ethel Marriner, Louise Small, and Gloria McNalty. Sadly missed by her grandchildren Brandon (Ashley), Amber, Mike (Jenna) Josh (Priscilla) and great grandchildren Cassidy, Loric, Raymond, Alana, Everly and Eligh as well as many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Arrangements


A private family service will be held at the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home in Chesterville. The family has requested that masks be worn at the service. Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Arthritis Society 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". Interment will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery followed by a reception at the Nelson Laprade Centre. Online condolences may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com.




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All Aboard fundraiser a success in Morrisburg

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – A fundraiser for the restoration of the Grand Trunk Railway Locomotive 1008 was an overwhelming success.

The event called the All Aboard fundraiser was created by Jessie Duchesne and Gail McCooey. It was held in the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 48 hall on Sun., April 24.

The event was a coffee and dessert event, with added fun of an Elvis impersonator by the name of Paul Anthony from Ottawa. There was also an auction. Henry Swank was the master of ceremonies. A cheque for \$11,765 was presented to the train committee after the event.

Leading the committee is Gardner Page.

He said, “This began when the St. Lawrence Parks Commission said they would like to divest themselves of the train.”



The Grand Trunk railway locomotive number 1008 was put on display in Morrisburg in 1957.

The Grand Trunk locomotive 1008 is an 8-wheeler 2-6-0 Mogul of the E10a class. It was built in 1930 by the Canadian Locomotive Company (CLC) in Kingston, Ontario. Coach 3474 was retired in August 1957 and was donated to the Ontario St. Lawrence Development Commission. The train is sitting on a section of the original Grand Trunk Railway track that was left in place at the time of the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway in the 1950s.

Kirsten Gardner, Sage’s mother had been involved in the original restoration project for the locomotive 20 years ago.

“We had a conversation about what could be done. We started by engaging public interest. We created a Facebook group so people

could express their concerns and ask questions. From there we put together an application of interest and we wrote out a proposal,” Sage said. “The proposal outlined a plan to keep it there and allow volunteers to restore it and be responsible for maintaining it going forward.”

The proposal went to the commission with a great deal of community support as well as support from all levels of government and local historical societies.

“It is now our train,” said Sage.

The St. Lawrence Park Commission had originally wanted to ship the locomotive and coaches off to Brockville, but area residents wanted to keep the train in Morrisburg right where it is along the waterfront near Upper Canada Village. This was in 2019.

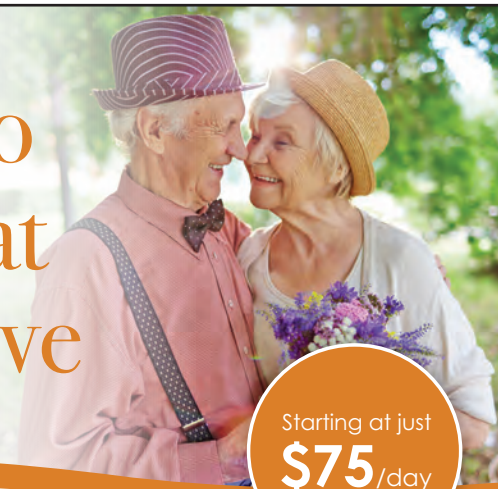
Food Share looking for volunteers to help with Fill-a-Bag drive

WINCHESTER – Community food Share is looking for volunteers for its Annual Fill-A-Bag Food Drive. If you’re a student looking for volunteer hours, round up a few friends and an adult driver and help deliver bags on May 7 and pick them up again on May 14.

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The committee has been able to pick up steam since then. Its proposal would see the train and coaches refurbished in a non-functional cosmetic restoration. The work done on the project would not result in having a working train.

“It involves stabilizing the asset so that it is structurally sound. And restoring it cosmetically so that it looks good and does not deteriorate. We will have an assessment in the next month or so where we will have volunteers look at it. We are also working closely with Ontario Railway in Smiths Falls. They are happy to act as a consultant.”

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During my time in municipal politics, the province was governed by all three major parties. As a result, I experienced the different relationships between the province and its municipal partners. Under the former Government, municipalities made their requests, got promises, but saw little action to address their needs. I witnessed the rapid changes made during the first six months of our Government. During one of our fall meetings, one of AMO's (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) representatives exclaimed that they were "doing handstands in the aisle ways" in response to the changes already put in place. The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing was very aware of the needs of municipalities. He undertook the consultations needed to cut the expensive and needless red tape that were burdening municipalities while increasing the funding they needed to operate and build the infrastructure their residents required.

In early 2020, the world was rocked by a pandemic the likes it had not seen in over a hundred years. Our Government took immediate action to address a virus that we had very little knowledge. With the cooperation of the Federal Government, we put in place the funding and support Ontarians needed to weather the health emergency. The measures helped the province experience the lowest death rate from COVID-19 of the provinces outside of the Atlantic bubble and one of the lowest in the world. The pandemic will change the way we live.

Early on, the importance of reliable high-speed internet became apparent, and our Government committed to the largest investment in the country, including that of the Federal Government, to connect every household and business in the province with a minimum of 50 Mbps service. This investment will make Ontario a global leader and open up many new services and possibilities for our residents.

There were many issues that we needed as the Government to address. Manufacturers had let us know that Ontario had become the most expensive jurisdiction in North America to conduct business, and they were leaving with their limited investment dollars. For example, of the last fourteen automotive plants established in North America prior to 2018, ten were built in the U.S. and four in Mexico. Our Government took the steps necessary to re-establish Ontario as the place to live, work, and raise a family. The cost of electricity was a priority, and we took immediate steps to cut costs by more than fourteen percent over the previous Government's projections. Overall, we lowered the costs of doing business in Ontario significantly, making Ontario a leader in job creation again.

The benefits of a prosperous business environment allowed Ontario to lead in the country's job growth and generated the resources needed to invest in our Government's services. Our health care has seen the largest investment in Ontario's history, experiencing a 32% increase over the previous Government. It includes annual increases of \$2 billion in OHIP spending, \$304 million in community care spending, and \$123 million in mental health.

We also inherited a Long-Term-Care sector that had only added 611 net beds, resulting in a current waitlist of more than 38,000 residents. Our Government released its plan to fix the LTC problem, built around three pillars: improving staffing and care, strengthening accountability, enforcement, and transparency, and building modern, safe, comfortable homes for our seniors. Currently, we have over 21,000 net new beds and 16,000 upgraded beds in the \$6.4 billion development pipeline.

We have also increased education spending by 9% since 2018, which includes a \$683 million increase in grants for student needs, \$176 million for school-based tutoring, and \$96 million for mental health. In addition, our capital program of more than \$1.5 billion in education projects includes 76 new schools, 75 additions and renovations to existing facilities and 4,908 new licensed childcare spaces.

Under this Premier, our government worked to put money back in people's pockets. We lowered the income tax for our low-income workers and established the Seniors Home Safety Tax Credit and the Ontario Jobs Training Tax Credit for workers looking to upgrade their skills. We also created the Ontario Childcare Tax Credit to provide parents with the support and flexibility to choose the best childcare options. The recent deal with the Federal Government will increase this benefit to provide \$10 per day of childcare. Our Staycation Tax Credit will help our hospitality industry while saving travellers money when they vacation in Ontario this year. The removal of Ontario's license plate renewal fees and our reduction in the province's gas tax will save our motorists money and filter down to help lower the cost of your essential purchases, including your groceries.

With the provincial election just weeks ahead, my time as your Member of Provincial Parliament is soon concluding. I want to thank the residents of Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry for allowing me to represent you at Queen's Park over the past three terms. It has been an honour and a privilege.



Thank you again.
Regards,
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Winchester welcomes new BMR owners

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER — Brittany and Darcy Drevniok have taken over from long-time BMR owners Trish and Ken Boje.

On April 1, the young couple from Metcalfe took over ownership of the BMR hardware store, keeping BMR front and centre in the Winchester community and continuing the store's Agrizone line of products.

Ken and Trish Boje have owned the hardware store for the past 17 years with the last ten as a BMR franchise.

Trish looked after the popular Country Treasures part of the store, while Ken looked after the hardware side.

The couple is excited to be moving on with the next chapter in their life. They have moved Country Treasures to

Kemptville, where the two will continue to work.

Ken said he felt it was time for them to retire and do other things, but the couple have enjoyed their time in the Winchester community always helping when asked.

Under the Boje's ownership, the Winchester BMR has promoted such community efforts such as the Heat for the Holidays' program and Project Warmth along with House of Lazarus and Community Food Share.

Brittany and Darcy hope to continue that giving tradition as well as building on the success of Ken and Trish's legacy.

The new owners make for an interesting team. Darcy will be looking after the construction material and hardware side of their business, while Brittany will be looking after the

marketing, customer relations and operation of the store.

Brittany grew up in Hamilton and Darcy grew up in Russell. They met each other when they were children, when their families had cottages on the same lake.

They make for an interesting, enthusiastic, and effective team.

They are uniquely suited to continue the BMR tradition in Winchester.

Brittany has had a career in customer relations and the food industry, while Darcy has a construction background working in the contracting and construction industry, dealing with contractors, equipment and material sales.

"When I was in construction, I was involved with materials, so I was doing the purchasing for the business I worked for. I was



The new owners of the Winchester BMR are Darcy and Brittany Drevniok. The couple are looking forward to continuing the success of the Winchester BMR. Morin Photo

always dealing with the suppliers to get the material that was needed. I had to deal with shortages and supply chain issues," said Darcy.

Darcy remembers that the idea of purchasing BMR came about because of a conversation he had with Ken.

"I had a conversation with Ken and it kind of went from there," he said. "It was the right time and in the right place."

"I want to deal with [the] contractor and commercial side of things and Brittany is much better at the retail side of things than I am," said Darcy.

The enthusiastic, and committed couple are looking forward to growing BMR.

They have no plans to radically change the store. The space that used to be occupied by Country Treasures will eventually be

administration offices and hopefully a tool rental department.

"Eventually, and it will take some time, but I would like to put a small tool rental section in with like leaf blowers and circular saws, for example."

They have been able to retain as many of the former store's staff as they can, but they are looking for people with experience in construction materials and agricultural products to carry on the BMR tradition.

The Winchester BMR carries a complete line of hardware supplies as well as seasonal products for the gardener, farmer, or homeowner.

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They're back!

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
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WINCHESTER – Opening night of the Dundas County Players', *On Golden Pond* is Fri., April 29 at the Old Town Hall in Winchester.

"It's hard to believe that we started rehearsals for this play back in January 2020" commented director Tony Glen in a recent DCP press release. He continued

how production stopped due to the pandemic, with all involved "looking forward to performing it live, in a theatre and in front of an audience."

The play takes a close look at family relationships and dynamics during a summer cottage vacation, with Glen noting the realistic nature of the playwright Ernest Thompson's depiction of old age in the press release.



Norman and Ethel Thayer and Chelsea, played by Terry Green, Maggie Badior and Shannon Murdock pose for a family photo during a dress rehearsal.

Thompson Goddard Photo

The play will run April 29 and 30, May 1 as well as on the following weekend May 6, 7 and 8. Evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m., with a 2 p.m. start for matinee performances. There will be a 20-minute intermission during the performance that has a running time of approximately two and a half hours.

The press release mentioned how due to the recent rise in COVID-19

cases locally, "it is possible that last minute changes may take place to the scheduled performances of *On Golden Pond*," noting the possibility of "new public health measures" coming into effect. It is advised to check the DCP social media pages before attending a performance. The release encouraged the wearing of a mask in the theatre as at the present time they are no longer required.

Canada invests \$13.2 billion for early learning and childcare in Ontario

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

OTTAWA – "Today's historic agreement with Ontario means that all families in Canada now have access to the Canada-wide Early Learning and Childcare system," Canadian Minister of Families, Children, and Social Development Karina Gould said.

Gould was referring to an agreement reached between the Ontario provincial government and the federal government late last month. This includes a \$13.2 billion investment over the next six years by the federal government. Ontario officials noted the agreement also includes an additional year of funding at roughly \$2.9 billion. The announcement was made March 22 with statements released by both levels of government.

"Given how complex Ontario's childcare system is, we wanted to get this right," Ontario Premier Doug Ford said. "Today, we're delivering a deal that will keep money in the

pockets of hard-working parents."

The early learning and childcare agreement between Canada and Ontario is a five-year arrangement that is expected to reduce childcare fees in the short-term, deliver \$10-a-day childcare for Ontario families, and create 86,000 new licensed early learning and childcare spaces in the province. The \$10-a-day will take time to implement with the changes coming in stages.

The province has stated that all Ontario families with children five years old and younger in participating licensed childcare centres will see their fees reduced by up to 25 per cent to a minimum of \$12 per day beginning May 1 and retroactive to April 1, 2022. A further reduction is to come in December increasing the reduction percentage to 50 per cent on average. The province has stated that further reductions will then come in September 2024, culminating in a final reduction to an average of \$10-a-day by September 2025.

The Ontario government also intends to invest \$395 million to ensure Registered Early Childhood Educators for children aged six to 12, as they noted that the federal contribution doesn't extend to children in that age group. The province is also planning to work with municipalities to enroll more than 5,000 licensed childcare centres and home childcare agencies in the new program by Sept. 1. Ontario families are to continue receiving the province's childcare tax credit. In addition to this, Ontario is planning to invest \$21.6 billion in full-day Kindergarten.

"This is a momentous occasion based on the shared goal that every child deserves the best possible start in life," Gould said. "Our vision and objectives for early learning and childcare are quite simple: reduce childcare fees, create more spaces, ensure equitable access for all children, and grow a strong and skilled early childhood educator workforce. This agreement is an important step in ensuring that all families have access to high-quality, affordable, flexible, and inclusive childcare."

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Thursday, May 5 Winchester Diners' Drive Thru – Roast Pork
Thursday, May 5 2 p.m. Ladies' Afternoon Tea – Celebrate Mother's Day
Tuesday, May 10 Footcare Clinic – Call to book your appointment.
Tuesday, May 10 South Mountain Diners' Drive Thru – Lasagna
Tuesday, May 10 1:30 p.m. – "Craft & Chat" – Bring your own craft and enjoy some social time.
Thursday, May 12 Winchester Diners' Drive Thru – Lasagna
Thursday, May 12 2 p.m. – Outdoor Games Day – Come and enjoy some outdoor fun.
Friday, May 13 Health & Wellness Clinics – Call to make an appointment.
Friday, May 13 11:30 a.m. – "Dining with the Royals" – Enjoy a meal and celebrate Victoria Day.
Tuesday, May 17 Footcare Clinic – Call to book your appointment.
Tuesday, May 17 Chesterville Diners' Drive Thru – Smothered Chicken
Tuesday, May 17 1:30 p.m. – Showtime – Virtual tour of the Oschmann Forest
Wednesday, May 18 Caregiver Café Support group at 1 p.m. Call for more information.
Thursday, May 19 Winchester Diners' Drive Thru – Smothered Chicken
Thursday, May 19 2 p.m. Ladies Afternoon Tea
Monday, May 23 CLOSED for Victoria Day
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Tuesday, May 24 South Mountain Diners' Drive Thru – Beef Stir-Fry
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. North American people
6. Chinese surname
10. Fit in at the last minute
14. "Very" in musical terminology
15. Underwater displays
17. Crosby's bandmates
19. Belong to he
20. Informed about the latest trends (archaic)
21. Sequences of alternating turns
22. Genus of grasses
23. Satisfy
24. Petty quarrel
26. Made level
29. Ruler of Iran
31. Historical region of Syria
32. Food suitable for babies
34. Something to lend
35. Zone of oceanic trenches

- 37. Philippine island
38. Domesticated animal
39. Plant of the lily family
40. Bluish green
41. Tomei, actress
43. Without (French)
45. Lilly and Manning are two
46. Apply pressure to
47. Divide in half
49. Bad deed
50. Don't know when yet
53. Hollywood's greatest honor
57. Aiming to exhort
58. Faked
59. A way to pierce
60. Midway between northeast and east
61. Points

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Chop up
2. Spumante (Italian wine)
3. Egyptian goddess
4. Split pulses
5. Afflict
6. Type of area rug
7. Tide
8. Affirmative
9. Sudden change
10. One picked
11. Debauched man
12. Stiff bristles
13. Famous arena
16. Established rules and methods
18. Injection
22. Father
23. Protein-rich liquids
24. He delivers gifts
25. Advanced degree
27. Fencing swords
28. Chinese mountain range
29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)

- 30. Precursor to hemoglobin
31. Much about nothing
33. Compound fabric (abbr.)
35. A way to act slowly on
36. Ottoman military commanders
37. Popular kids' network
39. Hard compound
42. Sympathize with
43. Northeast college
44. Blood group
46. Frosted
47. Turn away
48. Benefit
49. Dry or withered
50. Bangladeshi monetary unit
51. Reproduced
52. Contributes
53. Thrust horse power (abbr.)
54. Wear
55. Promotes retention of water (abbr.)
56. Very small

PUZZLE SOLUTION grid with filled-in letters.

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Naturaide combines sustainability with natural solutions

WINCHESTER – The balance between agribusiness and nature, wildlife and farming has never been an easy one to maintain.

Hugh Metcalfe of Naturaide is hoping to bring the different agricultural realities together in a natural way.

Naturaide started up in January of 2020.

One of Metcalfe's main focuses was nutrient management strategies for farmers.

"The work I do is supporting the other agricultural industries.

If someone is building a new barn with manure storage, they will hire a consultant to draw up whatever plans they might need and then those plans are submitted to Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs.

Everything that Naturaide does is to help the environment, whether it is nutrient management strategies or calculating setbacks from wells and other waterways that go by a barn or surface water," he said.

When not promoting best practices for farms or nutrient management strategies, Metcalfe works on various other aspects of the environment.

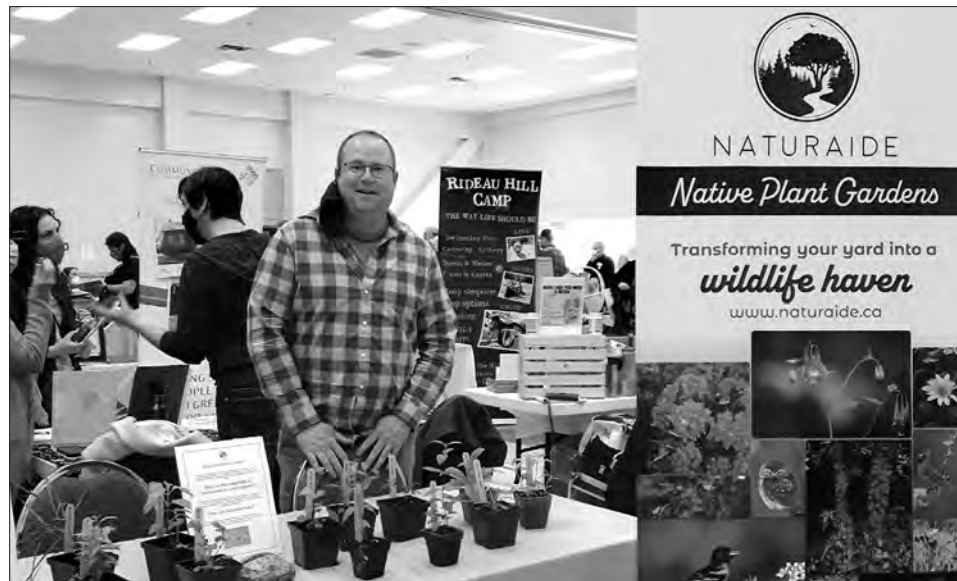
Naturaide offers designs as well as consulting services for those wanting to get the most out of their garden or other areas around their home where birds and pollinators thrive.

Metcalfe is prepared to give advice on how to make your home lawn environment a great place for biodiversity to take hold.

When it comes to nutrient management Metcalfe said, "The farmer wants to be able to get the maximum nutrient benefit from the manure that is being spread." Consequently, his help with any nutrient management plan is intended to help a farmer get the most out of their nutrient management plan.

"I am working with farmers to encourage

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Hugh Metcalfe of Naturaide.

Courtesy Photo

those kinds of best practices on their farms."

"I also do soil sampling and minimum distance separation work, which is to do with odours. More people are moving out to the country from urban centres and sometimes they are surprised by the sights, sounds and smells produced by a farm."

Metcalfe also mentioned that Naturaide tries to stay as independent as possible in order to maintain an unbiased attitude about the projects he is working on.

"For me it is nice to step back and see everything and get a different approach to what is happening."

Since last fall, he has tried to

concentrate more on native plants.

"My background has always been environmentally based. I am a wildlife technician."

He has always been interested in nature and wildlife.

"I have always had an environmentally based approach."

Metcalfe sees ways to be environmentally aware on the farm.

"It could be as simple as putting up nest boxes up along a field edge or taking some marginal land on a farm and putting more trees on it."

Recently, Naturaide has been involved

in helping people convert their lawns from an empty expanse of grass to an area more welcome to local wildlife and native plants.

"Instead of having all of this area of lawn you convert it into native plants that are naturally found in this area," he said.

He likes to introduce native plants back into an area where they once flourished.

"I planted about an acre of wildflowers behind Lactalis on the North end of their property, just north of the water tower there.

I have a few more products lined up for them this spring.

Butterflies and moths have evolved with these plants for hundreds of thousands of years," he said.

The challenge from an environmental standpoint is to show newcomers to a rural area that there are nice ways to protect the natural environment by not introducing plants that traditionally had no place here.

"People build houses then clear out all the trees and create large lawns. The idea is to try and keep invasive plants away from the natural vegetation."

Metcalfe works with clients to design gardens that revolve around native plants.

"I can use my agricultural background to look at soil conditions and chose my plants to suit that particular type of soil and conditions. I put in species that will thrive," he said.

Naturaide also offers avian point count services for organizations or individuals.

The company also offers apple tree pruning from late January through to March.

For more information about Naturaide please connect with Hugh Metcalfe, fish and wildlife technician, certified nutrient management consultant, certified NASM plan developer.

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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.

New parking system coming to WDMH

WINCHESTER – In the coming week, Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) will be implementing a new parking system. Users will see new parking terminals at each parking lot entrance and new payment kiosks in the lobby and Emergency Department. The daily parking rate remains at \$5 per visit, one of the lowest rates in the region.

"Parking revenues support patient care and help us provide local communities with the programs and services they need close to home," explains Cholly Boland, CEO. "Hospitals receive about 90 percent of their funding from the provincial Ministry of Health but are expected to earn revenue from other sources to cover the additional costs of operations and equipment funding."

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Russell's new CAO starts work this week

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EMBRUN – Beginning this week, the township of Russell will have a new chief administrative officer (CAO).

“If Dan is watching, welcome to the team, Dan,” Mayor Pierre Leroux said. “Everyone’s looking forward to making your acquaintance and helping us continue our journey in this incredible time in Russell Township’s history.”

The last item on the municipality’s April 19 council agenda, other than the confirmation bylaw, saw Russell politicians officially unanimously vote to make Dan Faughnan the new CAO. Once approved, they voted in favour of rescinding the December 2021 bylaw that saw Richard Godin move from his position as the director of finances and treasurer to take over for former CAO Jean Leduc, and that saw the deputy treasurer Patrick Auger take over Godin’s position at that time. With the bylaw rescinded, Auger and Godin were to return to their previous positions on April 25, which is when Faughnan’s employment was set to begin.

“For Mr. Godin and Mr. Auger, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for stepping up to the plate, filling in during this transition time; it is very much appreciated by members of council and staff,” Leroux said.

According to Faughnan’s LinkedIn account, he’s been self-employed doing contract work since March 2019. The profile description states: “Senior executive with deep experience and success addressing significant national and international security challenges. Exceptional people skills employed in breaking down silos, stakeholder engagement and inclusion, developing strong synergies with professionally and culturally diverse teams to achieve strategic objectives. Change leader in the development of strategic value propositions, enterprise risk assessment and strategic planning frameworks, practical performance measurement linking organizational mission activity to specific client success, continuous innovation, as well as incident and business continuity planning and practice in very dynamic and time sensitive environments.”

Prior to his self-employment, Faughnan worked for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service for 29 years. Prior to that, he was a military officer with the Royal Montreal Regiment for 17 years. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Government from McGill University and a Master of Arts in International Relations and Affairs from the University of Toronto. Faughnan is a resident of the township of Russell.

Helping our European neighbours

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RUSSELL – The weather may have been a bit cool, but warm feelings flowed everywhere as Beyond the House held their “Spring into Summer – A Fundraiser for Ukraine” event on Sat., April 23.

“It was better than I could have imagined” exclaimed Cluett, continuing how there was a fantastic turnout beginning at 10 a.m and onwards. The event had nine local vendors, a silent and live auction as well as being able to peruse the store itself.

Owner Cindy Cluett explained that in the past, the event had been a fundraiser for Russell’s Ladies Night but as it is



There was a steady stream of people attending the “Spring into Summer – A Fundraiser for Ukraine” event held at Beyond the House Garden Centre in Russell on April 23.

Thompson Goddard Photo

not being held this year, she decided to hold it as a fundraiser for Ukraine. The inspiration for the event held in support of Ukraine, arose after Cluett met Olenka Bastian, a local woman who will shortly open a store for displaced Ukrainians in Ottawa.

Cluett took a moment in her hectic day to thank everyone who attended the

event, the vendors, staff, and family that made it so successful. She also thanked the local businesses and people who made donations to the silent and live auctions. A warm thank you was extended to James Auctions Services of Russell who donated their services and to Labelle Tent Rentals for their assistance.

Russell identifies lands for future residential and employment growth

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EMBRUN – The township of Russell is growing and both staff and council are working to ensure there is available space to continue that growth in the coming years.

A special meeting of council was held prior to the regularly scheduled meeting on April 19 to discuss the comprehensive review of the settlement area expansion for the United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR) Official Plan (OP). Director of building, planning, and economic development Dominique Tremblay recommended that council approve the findings and recommendations found in the WSP Canada Inc. report, to meet sufficient residential and employment growth as forecasted in the Growth Management Strategy (GMS). Council unanimously approved the request.

“The purpose of the OP Review is to update policies to comply with provincial planning legislation and the Provincial Policy Statement 2020, (PPS), as well as to consider public comments and public bodies,” Tremblay said. “The Planning Act requires that a municipality’s OP be updated every five years. As UCPR continues to grow and change, it is important to verify the effectiveness of the OP to improve our policies to help the United Counties achieve their goals and objectives.”

The hour-long meeting began with a slide presentation from Tremblay, summarizing the key points in the review and listing the specific requests. The

meeting also included opportunities for residents to ask questions.

Tremblay said that UCPR retained Hemson Consulting Ltd. to prepare and update the county’s GMS to inform UCPR’s OP review process. She said the township will have a need for additional land to accommodate forecasted growth. As part of the county’s growth management exercise, the township has been requested to identify candidate lands to accommodate forecasted growth for residential and employment land uses by completing a comprehensive review as defined in the PPS.”

During her presentation, Tremblay noted that Embrun’s population grew by roughly 25 per cent between 2016 and 2021, while Russell grew by 22 per cent. She said that on the list of Eastern Ontario cities with at least 1,000 people, Embrun ranked

first, and Russell ranked third in growth.

“Embrun and Russell have done better than most population centres in accommodating the pandemic-inspired surge in demand for rural and semi-rural properties,” she said. “Embrun’s builders increased the town’s housing stock by 31 per cent between 2016 and 2021, while Russell’s did even better, boosting the local housing supply by 44 per cent, according to the census. This was substantially higher than the 9.4 per cent increase recorded by Ottawa over the same period. These numbers helped justify the need for settlement expansions.”

Tremblay said the same surge can be seen in the 417 Industrial Park, where Russell Township’s economic development department has sold more than 93 acres of industrial land in 2021-2022. These sales resulted in the addition of 13 businesses, roughly

851 new jobs, and more than \$812,000 in projected annual municipal tax revenue. In addition, she said the 417 Industrial Park has 140 acres that will become available by 2023 to accommodate new growth and development.

Tremblay said the revised and final Hemson report recommended that land needed to accommodate growth to 2046 in the 417 Industrial Park is equivalent to 104.9 gross hectares or 259 acres, while the gross land needed to accommodate residential growth to 2046 is 163.8 hectares or 405 acres. She said Hemson’s report identified a large deficit of designated lands in the township to accommodate forecasted growth.

“In 2021, the township prepared a feasibility analysis of providing municipal services including roads, water, wastewater, and stormwater management services to candidate lands under consideration for

settlement area expansion,” Tremblay said.

Tremblay’s report included a map and breakdown of available land in the township. She noted what land is suitable and what’s not, making recommendations for how council should proceed in terms of securing the required hectares of both residential and employment lands.

Council members were able to ask questions throughout the presentation. At the close of Tremblay’s

presentation, council members voted unanimously in favour of her recommendations.

The meeting, which includes Tremblay’s presentation, can be viewed by accessing the link for the April 19 special council meeting. The full report, which is more than 450 pages, can be viewed in its entirety by accessing the April 19 special council meeting agenda package via the township website (Russell.ca).

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