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All candidates meeting

CORNWALL – An all-candidates' debate is taking place at the Cornwall Public Library in the Reading Room on the first floor on Wed., May 25 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. All candidates have been invited to participate, and anyone is welcome. The following candidates will be present: Kirsten J. Gardner, Ontario Liberal Party, Jacqueline Milner, Green Party of Ontario, (GPO), Nolan Quinn, PC Party of Ontario, and Wendy Stephen, Ontario NDP.

Round two of all candidates meeting

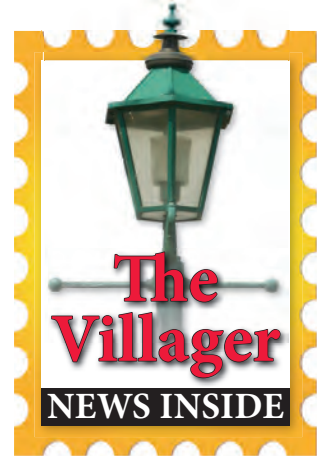
CHESTERVILLE – There will be a second all candidates meeting on Thurs., May 26 at the Chesterville Legion at 147 Queen St., North Dundas. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Moose Creek Duck Race May 28

Each duck is \$5 to enter. The race is sponsored by the Moose Creek Recreation Association. Prizes are: \$250 for 1st place, 2nd is \$150, 3rd is \$100, 4th is \$25. You can get your duck race tickets from any recreation association member or you can send an email money transfer to: MCRAssociation@outlook.com. The race will begin in Moose Creek, Nevada St. at 1:00 p.m. The finish line is at the park behind the pool.

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Helping out gardens all over Winchester

The Winchester United Church took advantage of the fine summer weather on Sat., May 14 to hold a plant sale. The church plans to hold its plant sale throughout the summer. Pictured here are left to right: Penelope Arnold who was picking up some plants for her garden and Charlene and Heather rose who were looking after the church's plant table.

Morin Photo

Name change for Winchester's Centennial Pool suggested

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Mountain residents have suggested the Centennial Pool in Winchester change its name to honour the life-long North Dundas resident and businessman, the late Roy Fawcett.

Fawcett passed in 2018. Estella Rose, a former North Dundas deputy mayor and a Mountain resident made a presentation at the May 17 North Dundas council meeting, asking for the popular Winchester swimming pool to have its name changed to the Roy Fawcett Centennial Pool.

The council will consider the name change and will make a decision at a future council meeting.

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United Way and House of Lazarus discuss Stormont County housing needs

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

BERWICK – “I think the message that I want to bring is ‘let’s work together,’” United Way executive director Juliette Labossiere said during a recent township of North Stormont council meeting. “We want to work with you, so your community is heard.”

The May 3 council meeting included a presentation by Labossiere and House of Lazarus executive director Cathy Ashby on the state of housing in Stormont County. In addition to the slide presentation, the duo also provided council with a 33-page report created by the Housing and Homeless Working Group of Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry (SDG), Cornwall, and

Akwasasne, which is a sub-committee of the Regional Emergency and Strategic Response Council.

“Much of the work presented tonight is based on the Dundas Housing Report that I co-wrote with Kristina McDermott as we started the movement for housing advocacy,” Ashby said.

Labossiere then added that the United Way created the Regional Emergency and Strategic Response Council, known as “the work.” The United Way co-chairs “the work” with the Social Development Council of Cornwall and Area, to address the needs of the entire region by proposing actionable items that will address the identified issues.

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Sunday in Ault Park

The cool weather on Sun., May 15, provided hundreds the chance to enjoy a day with friends at Ault Park, home of the Lost Villages Museum in South Stormont. Visitors saw what the 70+ vendors had for sale at the Spring Artisans in the Park event. "We had a great mix of vendors showcasing their handmade and/or small businesses; definitely something for everyone," commented Debbie Burns who founded the W3G & Co. and has hosted similar events in the local area for 13 years. The next event is planned for June 18 at the Memorial Park Square in Ingleside.

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Serving up breakfast at St. Clare's

St. Clare's Anglican Church, located on the outskirts of Winchester, served up a delicious Mother's Day breakfast on May 8. There was a steady stream of people who enjoyed a complete pancake breakfast, while visiting with friends and neighbours.

Thompson Goddard Photo

Stormont County housing needs

Continued from the front

"Seeing the trend of housing being a crisis across all of SDG, Cornwall, and Akwesasne, "the work" created a sub-committee to look at that specific housing need that's affecting each of our regions," Labossiere said. "The 33-page report you have been provided with, and which we'll try to summarize tonight, is a collective work of this sub-committee and, to the best of our ability, specific to your region."

The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) defines affordable housing as housing that requires less than 30 per cent of a resident's pre-tax income. Households that spend more than the 30 per cent are in "core housing need."

"I was so stressed and worried when my landlord sold the house that I live in with my two daughters. I was frightened that I wouldn't be able to find a place that I could afford that was close enough to work so that I wouldn't need to quit my job. I was concerned for my kids - they would need to change schools and childcare. I am having a lot of sleepless nights," stated T, mother of 6-and-9-year-old

daughters, in a report testimonial.

In addition to defining affordable housing and showcasing several testimonials of residents impacted by the current housing crisis, the report covers the status of available affordable housing in the area, how different groups are impacted by the lack of affordable housing, and the many forms of homelessness existing in our region. The report also includes a list of eight recommendations, which include the creation of an affordable housing advisory committee, annual examination of housing needs and policies, the utilization of a housing first approach, the implementation of financial incentives for providers of affordable housing, using a regulatory approach to meet affordable housing needs, annual determination of affordable home ownership, access to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)'s rental related data, and annual determination of affordable rental housing.

Labossiere and Ashby were thanked for their presentation, and then asked what the township could specifically do to address the affordable housing crisis. Among other things, Ashby suggested keeping in mind that single persons and families are those who are currently most in need of

affordable housing. She also noted that while there is affordable housing available for seniors, there isn't enough. Ashby mentioned secondary suites and the potential for making them more accessible and desirable for homeowners to consider.

"I, myself, am in a position that if I was a first-time buyer, I could not afford the housing market in Stormont or in Cornwall. I am priced out as a single mother of the housing market. But it's not hopeless," Labossiere said. "On page 21 of the report, you can read about what Cathy's doing with those tiny houses in people's backyards, with a small triplex that's now available, that's been renovated thanks to donor monies. We have donors ready to act. We have organizations ready with the capacity to lead. What we need is municipalities ready to say 'yes, it's okay for tiny houses to be added to properties.' We need you to look at those possibilities with us because

we have pockets full of examples that are happening around the world, so, again, it comes back to let's work together, figure out who and how you want to work with us because we are ready to give you ideas and solutions and move this forward so that nobody sleeps in the car."


Deputy-Mayor François Landry agreed that many of the township's housing bylaws are restrictive, adding that it's something the municipality will need to look at. Chief administrative officer Craig Calder said North Stormont will be involved in the housing task force, noting that he's seen and answered the need for secondary dwelling units in previous jobs.

The housing report is available in North Stormont's May 3 council agenda package, while the recording of the council meeting can be found on the township's Facebook page. The report includes statistical data for both North and South Stormont.

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Tales from the Lost Villages

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – Local historian and writer Rosemary Rutley of Ingleside was in the Manson/Lapierre Store at the Lost Villages Museum during the Artisans in the Park event on May 16 to sign copies of her recently published book, *A Place by The River*.

This is the latest book from the author of *Voices from the Lost Villages* and *Of Curds and Whey: A History of the Cheese Factories in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry*. Several years in the making, Rutley commented “I am happy the project is done, and the stories will be available for future generations,” with a tribute provided “to the river spirits whose voices, through the vastness of space and time, will not be silenced.”

A Place by The River features a series of stories based upon her recollections of the people and events in the Lost Villages of Eastern Ontario. The Lost Villages of Eastern Ontario include the villages and hamlets of Aultsville, Dickinson’s Landing, Farran’s Point, Maple Grove, Mille Roches, Farran’s Point, Santa Cruz, Sheek’s Island, Moulinette, Santa Cruz, Sheek’s Island, Wales, and Woodlands that were destroyed during the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project in the late 1950s.



Local historian and author Rosemary Rutley was in the Manson/Lapierre Store at the Lost Villages Museum during the Artisans in the Park event on May 16 signing copies of her recently published book, *A Place by The River*.
Courtesy Photo

In a series of literary vignettes, Rosemary takes her readers on a journey through time, through the eyes of her main character Naomi as she experiences life in the lands of the Lost Villages. Through Naomi we learn about life in Canada during the First and Second World Wars, the Great Depression, and the effect the building of the Seaway had on the people of the Lost Villages.

Rosemary describes the stories in the book as being based on historical information and recollections of people

who had lived in the Lost Villages. Once a story was chosen for the anthology, she would conduct research in local records and newspapers, then writing it in an entertaining and educational way.

She commented how several of the stories are about everyday life, along the Stormont County riverfront in pre-Seaway times, with one whimsical story relating the

adventures of a domestic goose named Roy. Thanks to Rosemary’s work, we can all have a place by the St. Lawrence River from which to dream the dreams of yesteryears.

Copies of *A Place by The River* is available through Amazon and Friesen Press or can be purchased at the Villages store at the Lost Villages Museum.

Clean Up Day at Oak Valley

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Members of the Volunteers of Oak Valley Pioneer Park held their annual general meeting on Sat., May 7 at OVPP. The site is operated by the volunteer group in collaboration with South Nation Conservation.



From the left: Jo Saunders and Kim McInnis are shown with two burr oak trees she donated to the OVPP in memory of her husband Rob Saunders and Irene Broad, a dedicated volunteer at Oak Valley Pioneer Park.

Thompson Goddard Photo

OVPP president Lester McInnis mentioned the park had been provided with its emergency sign as part of the Emily Project. This project was designed to establish civic addresses for rural properties or fields to assist first responders in emergency situations.

After spending the morning clearing fallen branches and planting oak trees, the group of volunteers gathered near the gazebo for a lunch meeting that included the election of board members.

The 10-acre Oak Valley Pioneer Park, a memorial to the early settlers of the area, is open to the public for activities such as fishing, walking, geocaching, picnics, and leashed dog walking daily from dawn to dusk. Located at 3324 Baldwin Lane on the outskirts of Winchester Springs, the site is open between the long weekend in May until the long weekend in October.

Winchester’s Centennial Pool

Continued from the front

Rose told the council that the idea to ask for the name change had been in the works for the past three years but because of Covid had been delayed.

Rose gave a brief summary of Fawcett’s life in North Dundas and why she and supporters for the name change felt it was a good idea.

“Roy was from a family of six, and four of his brothers were set up on farms but Roy was mechanically inclined and went to learn from Alex Davidson, the local jeweller and watchmaker. He also worked a short time in Smiths Falls in this trade.”

Rose explained how he returned from Smiths Falls in 1949 to start up his own business. The store was located at 487 Main Street in Winchester.

His wife, Shirley currently operates a used

bookstore at that spot today.

Rose explained how Fawcett helped many businesses in Winchester as it grew.

Bea Eadie, former co-owner of Eadie Fuels, spoke about how Roy helped them and introduced them to future customers. “He helped me when at 18, I opened Estella’s Beauty Salon on St. Lawrence Street. There was no water in town except from cisterns. When mine ran dry, I would call Sullivans Trucking in Chesterville to bring a tank of water to fill the cistern. Sometimes it was several days before they could come, so Roy would provide an access to an outside tap by his store where I could fill two pails of water to carry a block and I would heat it with an electric kettle. Water came to Winchester in 1960,” she said.

“As a business owner, Roy contributed greatly to the Village of Winchester over his almost 90 years.”

He was an active member of the Chamber of Commerce.

“He, along with Arnold Dukelow, started the first of many trade shows in the local arena,” said Rose.

He provided “The Bubble” with Sharon Adams playing the organ to lead any parade (even outside of the community). He once had Santa flown into Winchester in a helicopter and found 100 seats from an old theatre in Renfrew and brought them to the Old Town Hall Theatre.

He was the founder of Fawcett Pianos and Organs.

Rose said, “Knowing that George Beverly Shea (evangelist) was from Winchester, Roy planned a visit for him and filled the arena with people eager to see and hear him. People came from great distances for the concert. The concert not only had Mr. Shea, but also other local talent.”

Fawcett brought music to the arena not only with concerts but to the Winchester arena and Winchester United Church; however, the favourite for many residents was his Christmas concerts in the

former Van Camp church. He bought the church and displayed his organs there.

“These are only a few of Roy’s contributions to our community,” said Rose. “He was very generous with a number of local churches, for example he donated an organ to the St. Daniels Catholic Church in South Mountain after it was destroyed by fire. He

donated a church organ to St. Clare’s Anglican Church and also was instrumental in having a piano donated to the church. He was not a member of either of these churches,” she said.

Fawcett served on the town council of the day for a time, and while there, noted the villages’ need for a community swimming pool.

“He suggested that a

pool in town would be a benefit to the whole community, especially young people to learn to swim. It would also create youth employment. There were no private pools like there are now. Others thought it was ridiculous but after researching, he finally convinced council and it became a centennial project.”



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Waking up to the decades-long housing crisis

I want to talk about the housing challenges many Canadians are facing. To be clear, there is a crisis in terms of housing stock – there’s not enough homes for sale or apartments for rent to meet the need – but this is not what I want to discuss. I’m more interested in the affordability of the housing rentals currently available and what our provincial and federal governments intend to do to rectify the massive gap between what would be affordable and what’s currently the average cost to rent a home or apartment.

Right now, and for the past four or five years, I’ve been incredibly blessed to have an apartment I love that is safe, beautiful, and affordable. This, unfortunately, is not the case for most low-income

persons or families. However, while I currently have a wonderful living arrangement, if I needed or wanted to relocate to another village or city, I wouldn’t be able to do so financially.

The average rent for a single-bedroom apartment costs almost as much as a two-bedroom or three-bedroom apartment. I was recently looking for apartments in a nearby city where single apartments were \$1,600 per month, while two-and-three-bedroom apartments are generally roughly \$200 to \$500 more, and this is without utilities included. (Of course, there are always the “professional” rentals that go for roughly \$1,000 more than the average rental, but that’s not what this is about.)

The rental costs for most apartments, regardless of size, do not meet the affordability requirement of costing less than 30 per cent of one’s pre-tax income. Take for instance, someone whose bi-weekly pay before taxes is roughly \$1,400, this means their monthly pre-tax income is roughly \$2,800, and that means their affordable monthly housing costs should not exceed \$864 per month. I don’t know about you, but I haven’t been able to find an apartment for rent – one or more bedrooms – for less than \$1,200 plus, and those “cheaper” apartments are usually questionable in terms of liveability and safety.

Let’s take it a step further. If we go ahead and rent an apartment that costs more than the 30 per cent,

then where does that leave us? Keeping it simple, let’s say a miracle happens and we find a one-bedroom apartment all inclusive for \$1,200 (This is highly unlikely, by the way). That’s \$336 more than is considered affordable for someone in the aforementioned income bracket, which, in case you were wondering, is slightly more than minimum wage.

This person’s monthly after-tax income is roughly \$2,280. Take that and subtract the \$1,200 and you’re left with \$1,080. That remaining money needs to cover transportation (car payment, insurance, gas, maintenance), food, personal supplies (menstruation products, for example), medications, internet (required for work), and phone (also required for work and for safety). It doesn’t work.

Most car payments are roughly \$300 or more per month. Gas prices are insane, so depending on the distance to work, you could be paying upwards of \$100 per week on gas alone. Groceries? I’m a single person who doesn’t eat meat and I still pay roughly \$300 every two weeks. Cell phone and internet? Ontario’s cell phone prices are ridiculously high. I pay roughly \$100 per month on my phone alone. If you’re paying attention, we’ve already exceeded the remaining \$1,080 and we haven’t even allotted for all the necessities yet, let alone extras like the occasional coffee from Tim Horton’s.

So, what are people – those who don’t make more than \$20 per hour, for instance – what are they supposed to do? Should they live on the street? Pitch a tent on public grounds?

Sleep on a friend’s couch? Maybe they can “make a home” in someone’s garage or barn. Heck, they could always live in their car, right (well, if they have one).

Yes, I’m being purposefully flippant for maximum effect, but the numbers are real, and the results – homelessness, for instance – are all too true for many Canadians. We’re hearing about the current housing crisis a lot lately, but the reality is that we’ve been in a housing crisis for decades. There are homeless people in Ontario and in Canada. If that doesn’t alarm you, it should. No one, no matter who they are, should be homeless. And a country (or province) that allows its people to struggle this way, is not doing a very good job of governing.

Sandy Casselman

Throwing a wrench in your plans

We have all been there. You are going on about your day, best laid plans in hand and suddenly you receive that email, or a communication that takes you off in the other direction.

We all interpret things a little different. Even the most cautiously worded sentence can be misread by someone else. Even with the best intentions in mind things you say or do can have a negative affect on someone else.

If you feel yourself being triggered to be upset or take your goals off course, try reacting differently. What? What do you mean by that? Well, there is a way to keep your day on track.

Instead of reacting and letting someone take your positive attitude away, or derailing your day, try following these three steps to keep your emotions in check with your plans.

Firstly, take a deep breath.

Secondly, what would be the most positive way the sender could have meant the communication to be? The way you are reading the words may not be at all how the sender intended it to be.

Thirdly, how to react. Evaluate two scenarios and choose the one that responds yet does not trigger your negative emotions.

Don’t let your initial reaction be your motivator.

Try keeping your tools organized in your toolbox and do not allow someone to mess with your goals and ultimately your health.

Linda Vogel

To every season

Getting older is not a new phenomenon. Being overtaken by your children and having to watch them become you, as you and your skillset begins to recede into the rear-view mirror; this is not a new event either.

The problem is that you are not aware of the situation until you find yourself on the other side of that fine line, with your grown children on one side and you on the other.

It is a gradual process only noticed when you realize you have been overtaken by a younger, smarter, and stronger you.

If life were a map, there would be a fateful line dividing the map into two territories called: what was and what will be. If it was a song it would have to be the one by the Byrds called, “Turn Turn Turn”. There is a season for everything and this spring I stumbled right into a season I was not expecting.

I have waited all winter to use the secondhand lawn tractor my son got for me one summer two years ago.

He decided that walking around our relatively small yard was dangerous for my ebbing health, so one day he arrived with a lawn tractor. Now this machine, which I know very little about, was put together with ingenuity, old parts, and a great deal of love, however despite how it looks it does the job. This is one of those lawn mowers, that someone many years ago put a fuel line valve along its fuel line. Apparently, it has a leaky carburetor and if you allow the fuel line to remain open when not in use, there is a chance the gas in the line will leak back into the engine or carburetor or some other vital but mysterious part that makes the engine go.

My instructions were to always open and close the fuel line valve when using and turning off the engine.

That was in the fall. Fast forward to this spring and I am getting ready to dust off the lawn tractor and with any luck get to enjoy riding around the yard listening to my MP3 player, while making my lawn look like the million bucks I do not have.

I never ride on the tractor without giving up a silent standing ovation for the generosity and ingenuity of son number one; my favourite one.

So, there I am, looking at a lawn that now needs a bit of grooming and I have this splendid lawn mower to do it with.

Unfortunately, it will not start. It runs for ten seconds or so, then gives out a death rattle, then stops.

I had some high-octane gas to put in it that had been sitting around since last summer, so I assumed that maybe it had gone bad over the winter. Too late. I realized if it was bad, it was already splashing around in the tank.

It could be my battery. I have a battery charger courtesy of #1 son, so I hooked it up to the lawn tractor battery and waited. I waited and waited and when I had waited enough, I tried the engine. It roared into life, but then just as quickly petered out. If the gas was bad, it should not start, so obviously it was a weak battery. I decided to use my car to boost the tractor battery. Of course, the car was parked the wrong way round and the tractor refused to let me push it out of the garage over to the car so back into the house, look for car keys, find them, come out and move the car. I had to move it three times, since whenever I tried to estimate how close I was to the tractor it was too low for me to see, and I was afraid I

would run into it. Finally, I was positioned perfectly, and hooked up the jumper cables that were actually where I had left them last fall in the garage. I gave the engine a try and it burst to life. I would get to cut my lawn for the first time this summer. The engine sputtered, the tractor shook, and the engine abruptly died. I was beat.

I decided to throw in the towel and call my son, and hopefully he would be able to diagnose what was wrong with the relic, and I could continue along my way as a master landscaper. I called him and the universe saw fit to let me actually catch him with his phone nearby.

He listened patiently as I went through the list of all the different things I had tried to do, to get the tractor going. I even went through the list of all the potential mechanical problems that could be the issue. I had spent several precious hours trying my best to figure out what was wrong. It looked like he would have to come out and take the tractor back to his place to solve the problem.

After I had exhausted all the ins and outs of lawn tractor maintenance ideas, there was a silence on the line.

He said: “In the fall did you close off the fuel line when you put the tractor away? And did you open it up again before you tried to start the engine this morning?”

I was shocked. Of course, that was the problem. I ran over to the tractor opened the fuel valve and tried it. The engine caught first time and stayed on.

It was then that I felt the rush of air, as my child and his youthful knowledge vaulted passed me and shook hands with my dated logic.

Joseph Morin



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UELAC moves archives to Cornwall

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CORNWALL – The board of directors for the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada recently announced that the dominion office and archives have been relocated to the Cornwall Community Museum. Toronto's George Brown House had served as the organization's head office and archives for 15 years but had outgrown this location.

UELAC Dominion archivist Carl Stymiest U.E. explained the collection includes archival material, artifacts, and organizational documentation dating back over 120 years. Due to the large number of donations from a variety of sources, the collection had outgrown the 250 square foot Butler's Room in the George Brown House. Patricia Groom was tasked a few years ago by the UELAC board of directors to look for new facilities.

Stymiest continued, after the 2021 conference hosted by the Bridge Annex Branch, Jennifer de Bruin contacted Jean-Yves Lemoine, curator for the Cornwall Community Museum, with negotiations between the SDG Historical Society, the Cornwall Community Museum and the UELAC beginning last summer. He mentioned how this was a good move for the UELAC as they retain ownership of the collection and have



The Wood House, shown here, forms the main section of the CCM; it was once home to the loyalist Wood family and now will house this important historical collection.

Thompson Goddard Photo

begun a partnership with the SDG Historical Society.

He noted the collection, currently located in boxes at the CCM will eventually be housed in one of four wings that will be constructed at the museum. The CCM is located near the site where loyal refugees landed, camped, and drew land lots after the conclusion of the American Revolution on the waterfront in Cornwall. The Wood House, which forms the main

above ground section of the museum was formerly owned by the Wood family who were loyalists. Stymiest also mentioned the UELAC will share the expenses of an employee with the CCM and the SDG Historical Society.

The St. Lawrence Branch of the UELAC will share a table with representatives of the UELAC at the upcoming Cornwall 1784 celebration, scheduled for May 20-22 at the Lamoureux Park in Cornwall.

Ontario Party puts up candidate in SD&SG

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

SOUTH GLENGARRY – Remi Tremblay is a Franco-Ontarian who is bilingual. And is the Ontario Party candidate for South Dundas and South Glengarry (SD&SG). Following a successful managerial career in the automotive industry, Tremblay focused his management experience on the agricultural where he is acting in the capacity of an operations manager.

He is very involved in his community, for example, he is the president of the residents' association in South Glengarry. He is regularly participating in various citizen initiatives aimed at improving the quality of

life of people from his county. His spouse and partner for over 25 years holds an executive position within the health care sector.

Tremblay believes the current provincial government has strayed from its conservative roots. As a witness of the authoritarianism of the current provincial government who has denied it's conservative roots.

"Under the current governing party, our society has become divided due to unprecedented repressive restrictions imposed to the Ontario's population," says a statement on Tremblay's webpage.

He is not a career

politician.

Instead, he is a committed and concerned Ontario citizen who wishes to ensure that Ontarians are able to live in a free and democratic society where the principles of law, as guaranteed by our Constitution, will never be infringed upon ever again.

"During his time in office, Mr. Ford has become socialists' favourite. There is now no distinction between the Conservative, the Liberals and the NDPs as their platforms are like-minded. Government spending is out of control and our inflation at record-level highs. Our indebtedness will take a toll on generations to come thanks to careless spending. Our



Remi Tremblay has been selected as the Ontario Party candidate.

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collective debt combined with increasing inflation is impoverishing Ontarians, who are not subjugated to government assisted programs to meet end needs," he said on his webpage.

He sees himself as an advocate of true conservative values and wants to defend those values.

Advance voting for the 2022 provincial election in SD&SG

CHESTERVILLE – The 2022 provincial election is taking place on June 2.

If you want to take advantage of advanced voting you can go to one of these polling stations to cast your vote before June 2. The following is a list of locations where you can cast your vote:

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Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry candidates are:

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- Remi Tremblay: Ontario Party

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An increased use of online reporting will allow frontline officers to focus efforts on high priority incidents and proactive work. It will also provide police with an accurate understanding of crime in our communities by mapping and analyzing crime data to ensure the proper resources are

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Funtastic Pool and Spa dives into online shopping



Winchester's Funtastic Pool and Spa sells and installs in-ground pools, on-ground pools, and hot tubs. For a complete list of services, visit their website. And coming later this month, watch for their new online store where customers will be able to buy many of the business' in-store products, such as chemicals and maintenance tools.

Courtesy Photos

Sandy Casselman Record Staff

WINCHESTER – It's lining up to be an exciting year for Winchester's Funtastic Pool and Spa.

This summer, owner Trevor Carruthers, along with his sister and employee Christina Stewart, are set to celebrate their 15th anniversary running Funtastic Pool and Spa, a business that promises to help homeowners create getaways in their own backyards. Located at 495 May Street, the Funtastic team is not only celebrating an anniversary this year, but they're also adding an online shopping option for customers later this month.

"We're opening up an online store at the end of May," Stewart said. "We'll be selling our chemicals through there, our maintenance equipment, pumps, and filters – everything we sell in our retail store, we'll be selling online. We're going to start small with chemicals and maintenance equipment first, but when we get more of a presence and have a better handle on things, then we'll branch into the pool toys and everything."

Stewart said she has a lot of work to do before the online shopping option goes

live later this month. Once it's up and running, she said they'll have a better idea of what works and what doesn't, and they'll adjust accordingly. Access to the online store will be through the business' current website (funtasticpoolandspa.com).

"Our robotic cleaners are a big seller for us," she said. "Those are very cool." She said that in addition to being available in-store, the robotic cleaners will be part of the online shopping options. Funtastic Pool and Spa is an elite member with the Maytronics group that sells the Dolphin robotic cleaners, which means Stewart's clients are eligible for all rebates through Maytronics.

While the owners of Funtastic Pool and Spa were busy before Covid, Stewart said business has increased during the pandemic. In addition to families being unable to travel in 2020 and 2021, many were unable to get the supplies they needed, such as chemicals, because many stores, if they were open, were unable to get the required stock due to supply shortages. At Funtastic Pool and Spa, however, Stewart said they've made a point of stocking up on supplies whenever possible. The

Winchester shop also provided curbside pickup during the height of the pandemic, and they still do, for those who prefer that option.

"Business has increased. Last year, because of the shutdown, people couldn't get into their normal pool places," she said. "And they had shortages where we stocked up before, so we had lots of products to sell last year. So, we were busy. We got a lot of new customers because of that, which was great. It's been a crazy few years, and we've been planning in advance, because we knew there would be shortages, so we stocked up."

Currently, Funtastic Pool and Spa is working a year in advance for pool installations, so those looking to have something installed next year, need to book now. Stewart said Carruthers does all the installations himself with the help of a team, so they only take on what they know they can complete in the allotted timeframe. Currently, she added, Carruthers is looking for one or two more employees to join the installation team.

"We were booked for this year, last August. We're small. We can only do so

many, so we book up fast," she said, adding that there are still openings for next year for those looking to add a pool to their backyards.

As for how many projects they can complete each year, Stewart said it's impossible to know, as each project is different. Installing an in-ground pool versus an on-ground pool is quite different with the in-ground being more involved and taking longer than the other. Funtastic Pool and Spa also replaces in-ground pool liners. Stewart said her team is sometimes hired to

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“You should have winterized your machines through the winter. It is good practice to have put some kind of additive into your fuel tank.”

He suggested using a higher grade of gas in your lawn cutting equipment than regular leaded gas.

“It is definitely bumping

it up to the premium. The price is a lot more but in the long run you will have a cleaner better running engine.”

Langlois suggested fuel filters should be checked before the grass cutting season begins, as well as air filters and belts and blades.

“You will see that the performance of the blades may decrease throughout the season,” said Langlois.

He said if your lawn or



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cutting area has no rocks or sand then lawnmower blades should last a great deal longer.

“You are better off at the start of the summer to keep your blades a little higher. If you have it too low you will burn your grass. When the blade is higher you may have to cut your grass more often, but it will be nice, lush grass.”

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Langlois said he has a regular conversation with his customers about when it is time to replace a blade or piece of equipment instead of just repairing it.

“You might be able to piece older equipment together year after year but at some point you are going to realize it is just not worth it.”

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Funtastic Pool and Spa

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build the deck and fence for around the pool, as well, which, of course, will add time to the length of the installation. As for what clients prefer – in-ground or on-ground, Stewart said it's about the same.

“We do all of our own work,” she said. “We don't contract anything out.”

While they don't offer pool maintenance services, they do offer a water testing service that is available to both customers and non-customers alike. She said they have a resident expert who can help decipher the results and help customers with what they may need as a result.

“We upgraded it last year,” she said. “It's like state-of-the-art water testing on site.”

Funtastic Pool and Spa also sells quality products, Stewart said, adding that whenever possible, they try to order locally made products. Their hot tubs, for example, are made in Ontario, and, she added, they're available now.

“We try to buy as much ‘made in Canada’ products as

we can,” she said. “Everything that we bring in is quality.”

In addition to installing the hot tubs they sell, the Funtastic Pool and Spa team also services the ones they've sold. In fact, Stewart said that unlike other companies, they service all the products they sell. This includes not only the hot tubs, but also the robotic cleaners. They don't, however, service products sold by other companies. Funtastic Pool and Spa offers opening and closing services for pools, but with only one team, there's a limit to the number they can commit to servicing each year.

Located at 495 May Street in Winchester, Funtastic Pool and Spa is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. To learn more, visit their website (funtasticpoolandspa.com), send an email (info@funtasticpoolandspa.com), or phone (613-774-2341). You can also follow them on Facebook to stay current on what's new at the local shop.



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Currently, VanGilst provides garden maintenance to several long-term clients. She opens their gardens in the spring, checks on them mid-summer, and then returns to close the gardens before winter.

“Some of my clients I’ve had since the very beginning, and I still have them,” she said. “I lost a dear client last year, and she was my very first design install. We ripped out what was there and put in a whole new garden. That’s

one of my prized gardens. I love it, and because I’ve been able to maintain it, it just really held its own. And all seasons, like spring, summer, fall, winter, it always looks really good.”

The client in question died in 2021 and a new family has moved into her home. This will be the first year, VanGilst won’t be returning to maintain the garden that got her started in the business.

While she continues to design and install gardens, VanGilst said most of what she’s currently doing is garden renovations rather than new installations. She currently has five projects on the go, she said, noting that some want to downsize or simplify their gardens, making them more self-sustaining

with limited maintenance required.

“Those are my favourite kind of jobs,” she said, adding that clients sometimes find it hard to prune or remove existing plants, but this is one of the areas where she excels. “That’s where my expertise comes in. I’m a very tidy organized person in the sense of a garden and so I can be ruthless maybe a little bit, but that’s, sometimes, what people need.”

VanGilst, who is a mother of two, moved with her husband and children to a new home a couple of years ago, leaving behind her lovingly designed and crafted gardens from her previous home. The new location includes a front garden she designed for the previous owners and she’s planning to

eventually add to the garden landscape over time. Right now, she’s focusing on building a vegetable garden.

While she doesn’t normally design or install vegetable gardens for others, she said she is currently working on one with a client who was looking for a change. She said most people with vegetable gardens want to do it themselves. She does, however, share lots of gardening tips through her Facebook page.

“Most people do their own thing,” she said. “I’ve given advice and whatnot on that, and I do a lot of consultation work where I go in and help somebody with advice.”

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Erin VanGilst, owner of Create It! Garden Design and Installation, is pictured in her greenhouse.
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Finding the flowers at Laura's Valu Mart

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – There is nothing like a sunny, warm day in spring to get

people thinking about their flower and vegetable gardens. Many anxiously await the arrival of flowers and gardening supplies to

garden centres, hardware stores and supermarkets. Laura's Valu Mart in Morrisburg has recently begun receiving shipments of seasonal items on display just outside the store.

Laura Callery, owner of the Morrisburg store, explained for over 20 years the Valu-Mart location has been providing plants and gardening materials to customers. "A variety of annuals, perennials, vegetables, hanging baskets, shrubs, fruit trees, rose bushes, tropical plants and herbs" are available for purchase from the "beginning of May until the end of June," commented Callery.

When asked about sources for the plants, she mentioned there are several as the store obtains different types of plants from different growers. She explained trees, evergreens, rose bushes, perennials and shrubs are guaranteed for one full year. "We have knowledgeable staff that have worked in the Garden Centre for many years who can help answer questions and make suggestions," commented Callery.

She mentioned how the Garden Centre is a way of serving the community, mentioning many



The Garden Centre at Laura's Valu-Mart in Morrisburg provides customers with a wonderful selection of trees, shrubs, gardening tools and of course the colourful flowering plants which bring such joy to people.

Thompson Goddard
Photos



customers return year after year "to add to their gardens, patios and entrances." Callery commented that staff enjoy hearing customers tell them their plans for the beautification of their home's outside area. She noted how each year, customers ask when the Garden Centre will be opened and share their

sense of excitement as they "know spring has arrived when the tent goes up. It's something our customers look forward to."

The long weekend in May is fast approaching, with its tradition of getting out into the garden, preparing, and planting

plants that bring such joy throughout the summer. Remembering the fresh vegetables and herbs, the beautiful flower colours and the joy of getting out into the garden, provides pleasant memories throughout the winter season.

Create It! Garden Design and Installation

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She said she answers questions, provides suggestions, and, if needed and depending on the situation, she can bring plant materials as well. She said she not only brings plant materials for the jobs she designs and installs but is also willing to do so for those clients who want to do the work themselves.

VanGilst said she orders regularly from various suppliers and said it's easy to add a tree or specific plants to an order should someone wish her to do so. In addition to a Manotick plant warehouse, Peter Knippel's Garden Centre in Ottawa, and Russell's Beyond the House, VanGilst says she buys a lot of her plants from Chesterville's AB Greenhouse.

"They are wonderful people to deal with, so good," she said. "Last year, I did a huge order. Unfortunately, I lost three clients due to age who I always plant annuals for, so my annuals order is much smaller. But they're super helpful. I'm grateful."

Helping people find the right type of garden for them and their home is something VanGilst clearly enjoys. While some are all about the annuals, many others are looking for the ease and convenience that comes with perennials or shrubs.

To stay current on what's new with Create It! Garden Design and Installation, follow the business on Facebook (facebook.com/CreateItgardendesign). In addition to updates, Van Gilst also shares links to gardening-related information and advice, such as what plants are best for repelling mosquitos, for instance.

"I share information I think is good and relevant," she said. "I want them to be able to garden for themselves."

To learn more about Create It! Garden Design and Installation, or to book a consultation with VanGilst, send an email (erin@gardensbycreateit.com) or phone 613-448-1947. She also has a business website (gardensbycreateit.com).



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Crysler Home Hardware is ready for spring

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

CRYSLER – Every spring in Ontario homeowners get out their list of jobs to be done around the house.

That includes getting their lawns ready for another summer or their gardens prepared for another spring planting.

There are tools to be made ready, like lawnmowers and rakes, shovels, and garden equipment. It is a time to take stock of what you have and what you are going to need.

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The hardware store has a rich history. It goes all the way back to 1923 when the current owner Mark Beggs' great grandfather bought the building. "At the time it was a window and door factory," said Begg. "They operated it for 50 years selling it in 1973." Eventually Begg was able to buy it back from the people who had purchased it from his great grandfather.

"It has been a hardware store all along," said Begg. "After the window and door factory my grandfather got into building supplies, and

At this time of year we sell a lot of soils, fertilizers and mulches. People are getting their flower gardens and vegetable gardens ready."

– Mark Beggs

eventually hardware and housewares. He joined the Home Hardware franchise in 1965 and it has been a Home Hardware store ever since."

Begg, explained, "At this time of year we sell a lot of soils, fertilizers and mulches. People are getting their flower

gardens and vegetable gardens ready."

The hardware store sells all the seeds you might need along with lawnmowers, tillers and wheelbarrows.

With the spring weather slowly looking like it will soon be moving into summer, people are getting ready to look after the

outside of their homes.

"So far it has been very good especially when [they] get some warmer temperatures and some sunshine. People are anxious to get out and work on their yard projects."

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Begg said birdfeeders and birdbaths are popular as well as lawn furniture so that you can enjoy those warm summer evenings.

"We also have a great deal of barbecue equipment."

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Mark Begg of Crysler Home Hardware continues his family business with deep roots in the Crysler community. Courtesy Photo

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Growing food in communities

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – A community garden is designed to provide people in both urban and rural communities’ fresh produce. Often a community will provide residents, either for free or at a minimal cost with plots to grow vegetables, fruit or flowers for individual use. In some cases, community gardens are maintained by organizations with the produce made available to the public or are designed to provide fresh food to clients of food banks or similar organizations.

For many years, Community Food Share has assisted clients in need of a helping hand in Stormont and Dundas counties. “In 2018, Community Food Share partnered with St Paul’s Presbyterian Church in Winchester to establish a community garden to provide fresh produce for clients who visit our food banks,” explained CFS team leader Jane Schoones. She continued how initially the garden plot at St. Paul’s was small, however it provided CFS with a wide variety of vegetable donations. Schoones continued the size of the garden has tripled over the past few years, with the group focusing on “growing specific vegetables to have a higher yield of standardized produce. She noted how the dedicated group of volunteer gardeners have resulted in CFS receiving 1,321 pounds of fresh produce in 2021, almost 1,000 more pounds than in the first year.



The ground is being prepared for spring planting at the Ffaith Garden located directly behind Christ Church United in Chesterville. Thompson Goddard Photo

Christ Church United in Chesterville started the Ffaith Garden in 2021. Organizer Christine Cross-Barkley explained Ffaith is an acronym for Fresh Food Always in the Home and was created to help people in the community “in need of fresh vegetables in their homes, or those in need of something to do with their spare time.

Once the vegetables are harvested, they are placed into a basket before being put into the Ffaith pantry, a cupboard located outside at the back of the church and are available 24 hours per day for pick up.

Cross-Barkley continued “Members of our church, friends and family donated seeds, young plants, tomato cages, garden tools, and lawn chairs” as well as a small picnic table, mentioning she hopes to introduce a bird feeder this year! She continued how this year there are plans to increase the size of the garden so potatoes and tomatoes as well as flowers can grow.

“Come on out and grab a rake or hoe and lend a hand. Take 15 minutes a week to help with weed

control or water a couple rows of plants. Pick up or drop off a book or puzzle. Watch for the produce in the pantry as it becomes ready to harvest.” she commented.

The North Stormont community of Finch founded a community garden during the 2021 local growing season. Andrew Jacques of Wholesome Growth Garden explains how last year he began speaking to people about creating a community garden and around the same time people and organizations in the Finch area began the process. He continued, residents donated “their time and wood to build and transport the raised beds, as well as the dirt and compost, used to fill the beds.”

Jacques mentioned there are seven raised beds in the Finch Park and two at the Finch View Villa. He continued he understands there are “another one or two at private residences.” All the produce raised in the Finch community garden is provided to the



Since 2018, St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church in Winchester has provided Community Food Share with fresh vegetables for their clients. Thompson Goddard Photo

Grow-A Row initiative of Community Food Share.

In response to a question about the importance of community gardens, Jacques replied how he felt “the most important aspect of the community garden is giving back.” He explained the giving back takes many forms, including providing the produce to those in need, establishing relationships with others

with similar interests and the passing on of gardening knowledge and passion to others. He continued how volunteering in a community garden “can be replicated at home for self-sufficient growing.”

During the pandemic, many people either began, continued, or re-started the joy of gardening. Some likened the “pandemic inspired” gardens as akin to

the victory gardens of the World War Two era, while others enjoyed being involved in a process which helped others, while enjoying some time outdoors. Whatever the reason to become involved in gardening, there is something special about planting the seeds, watching the plants grow and then enjoying or sharing the fruits of the labour.

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Gardening tips from the Chesterville's Green Gang

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – The downtown raised flower beds along Chesterville's waterfront are without a doubt one of the most beautiful spots in the community, thanks to the efforts of our own Green Gang of volunteers. Thanks to the volunteers who prepare the soil, plant the flowers, water, and maintain the raised flower beds for residents and visitors to the community can see and smell the fragrances of the different plants.

When speaking with Gail Parker and Shirley Coons, two long-time Green Gang volunteers, a lot of helpful hints were given that are easily transferrable to the home gardener. Shirley mentioned how the Green Gang like to purchase flowers in bloom, so they know what colours will be seen in the garden beds. Gail commented how for her home gardens, when she is purchasing many plants of the same variety, she will choose one in bloom with the others beginning to bud.

Both women shared their suggestions for locating flowers in home gardens. Gail suggested the label found on most commercial flower containers will provide location information; she suggests for shaded areas geraniums, impatiens, and ferns would be good. Shirley mentioned hosta and begonias do well in mixed light and



It was a bright and sunny morning on May 9. Members of Chesterville's Green Gang took advantage of the warm weather by beginning their annual spring cleanup of garden locations throughout the village. Pictured at the waterfront are, left to right, front row: Connie Gruich, Joke Van Winden, Marge Norg, Shirley Coons and Gail Parker. Back row: Ralph Norg.

Thompson Goddard Photo

suggested sunflowers, petunias, pansies, and roses are happiest in sunny areas.

One of the most important elements in gardening is the condition of the soil. Gail mentioned how the Green Gang ensures the soil in the raised garden beds does not become packed which would affect the plant growth. This is done by the volunteers throughout the growing season.

When asked about fertilizer, Gail mentioned many home gardeners put a slow-release fertilizer directly on the ground once a season. Both Gail and Shirley explained the Green Gang volunteers mix the fertilizer with the water used for the raised flower beds. Gail noted how this

method sends the fertilizer directly to the roots.

Watering the plants is another essential element of gardening. People often wonder if the time of day for watering makes a difference. When asked about this, both women agree the evening or morning is the best time to water gardens, mentioning watering in the hot sun will cause the water to quickly evaporate. Shirley explained the raised flower beds along the waterfront require more watering than those in the more traditional flower beds.

Taking care of flower or vegetable gardens requires a lot of work and in many cases can be costly. As is the case with many organizations, the Green

Gang welcomes volunteers who wish to become involved in this beautification project.

Gail explained how while the Green Gang receives financial donations, more fundraisers are needed to cover the cost of our beautiful gardens. On May 20 beginning at 9:30 a.m., the Green Gang is holding a fundraising plant sale in the Rotary gazebo on Chesterville's waterfront. There will be a good selection of plants to choose from as well as helping to have a beautiful home garden; purchasers will be helping to keep our community gardens beautiful.





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made of synthetic materials.

Wood: Wooden sheds are sturdy and can complement the outside of your home. However, they require considerable maintenance and are more vulnerable to insects and rot than metal and synthetic sheds.

If you're handy, you can design and build your own shed. This way, you can choose its size and appearance. Furthermore, you can insulate the walls to create a workshop. But keep a close eye on your budget. This type of project can easily cost several thousand dollars.

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Claude Tardiff of Cornwall runs for New Blue Party in SD&SG

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

CORNWALL – Claude Tardiff is the New Blue South Dundas and South Glengarry, (SD&SG) candidate running in the 2022 provincial election.

Claude and his wife Jean live in Cornwall. The couple have lived in Eastern Ontario for the past 15 years and in Cornwall for the past five years.

Tardiff was born and raised in a small Northern Quebec community. He is

fluently bilingual in both official languages. He was raised in a large family that valued respect and caring for one another. This upbringing was influential in shaping his character of a strong work ethic, loyalty, and compassion.

As a young man he was encouraged to follow his dreams. Consequently, he became an air force pilot.

A press release from the New Blue party stated: "Claude's military career as a pilot began in the RCAF

in 1979, after which he transferred into the Air Reserve from 1990-2006. Being an Air Force pilot has given Claude the opportunity to live and experience the beauty and culture of Canada from coast to coast."

He established a healthy track record during his time in the Canadian military as a senior pilot demonstrating leadership and a commitment to excellence. Claude has been recognized for his strong leadership and organizational

skills and his ability to increase efficiency, competency, and good morale in units under his command.

As a second career, he became a corporate pilot and settled in the beautiful city of Cornwall.

With love of family engrained in his character, Claude also enjoys researching genealogy.

As your representative at Queen's Park, he is determined to listen to your concerns without bias and, when contacted by you, to



Claude Tardiff is the New Blue Party candidate for SD&SG. Courtesy Photo

respond in a timely manner.

He said, "I consider myself to be your public servant and I will hold

myself accountable to my constituents. I will provide my constituents with my voting record on any motions brought before Queen's Park, whether or not the votes are publicly recorded. I am willing to bring forward private member bills that will benefit the development and growth of our constituency and promote growth for small business."

Claude Tardiff can be reached at 613-360-6561 or at stormont-undas-southglengarry@newblueonario.ca

SD&SG Green Party pins its 2022 election hopes on Jacqueline Milner

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

SUMMERSTOWN – The SDSG Green Party Constituency Association has announced Jacqueline Milner is their candidate for the upcoming June 2 provincial election.

The Summerstown resident has been involved in grass roots initiatives, which have demonstrated to her that when a few determined and like-minded people work together, they can accomplish great things for their community.

A Green Party press release stated: "Innately, she knows that the health of our planet is intricately linked to the health of each and every life. This knowing is what keeps her involved in

her community on a personal and political level."

She considers her candidacy a good fit because of her commitment, "To represent and work with our citizens and communities today, keeping in mind the families who will be living here in the years to come. I am prepared to work with and across party lines at Queen's Park to ensure the people of SDSG and Ontario are supported where they are," Jacqueline explained.

Her favourite quote is "The Green Party is no longer the alternative; it is the imperative." By Rosa Clemente

She said if elected she will work on critical issues

affecting the SD&SG community such as affordable housing and fully funded healthcare. She is determined to create new opportunities for green economic growth in her riding and work to implement environmental policies to preserve and care for Ontario's vital waterways, habitats, and wildlife.

Milner is a self-employed visual artist and photographer; she has also served as a part-time school bus driver for over twenty years.

She has volunteered for Transition Cornwall+, the Cornwall & District Environment Community, and Your Arts Council Cornwall and The Counties.

In the 2018 municipal



Jacqueline Milner is the Green Party candidate for SD&SG. Courtesy Photo

election, she ran for the position of deputy mayor of South Glengarry.

She will be joining with the other declared candidates in SD&SG: Nolan Quinn (Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario), Claude Tardiff (New Blue Party of Ontario), Rémi Tremblay (Ontario Party), Wendy

Stephen for the New Democratic Party of Ontario (NDP), and Kirsten Gardner (Liberal Party of

Ontario). You can contact her at 613-931-9090 or email her at jacquelinemilner@gpo.ca.

Wendy Stephen – SDSG NDP candidate

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CORNWALL – Wendy Stephen was confirmed as the New Democratic Party candidate for Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry during a May 4-Zoom nomination meeting.

Stephen's decision to run in the provincial election, to be held on June 2, was made after seeing the tiredness and frustration of colleagues in the educational field as well as the situation in long-term care. She commented how "we need a change" in these and other areas under provincial control and took an unpaid leave from her teaching position to run as the NDP candidate in SDSG.

When asked about important provincial issues, Stephen commented there is a need to advocate for health care, adding dental care and mental health care to the OHIP system. Stephen continued the provincial government needs to act on the private versus public needs in all policy decisions, noting the importance of using financial resources to invest in the people of Ontario. She noted there needs to be a look at closing loopholes in the taxation system that benefits the wealthy and



Wendy Stephen SD&SG NDP candidate. Courtesy Photo

large corporations.

Locally, she mentions the top three issues are the high cost of living, access to health care and taking care of the senior population. When discussing the high cost of living, she noted while campaigning people were expressing concerns about such basic items as food and rent. Stephen mentioned senior care

became highlighted with systemic issues in long-term care becoming more evident during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stephen's is originally from the Kemptville area. She is currently living in Cornwall with her husband and children and will remain in Kingston during the election period. There is no plan for the family to relocate to SDSG, in the event she is elected as SDSG MPP. She mentioned she would continue to live in Cornwall part-time if elected.

With email, telephone, social media, her website and her presence in the riding, the people of the riding will be well represented by her as their MPP, she said. When asked about the role of an MPP, Stephen mentioned the advocacy of residents is of

utmost importance as well as liaising with the different levels of government, especially local municipalities.

The Cornwall and District Labour council is hosting an all-candidates meeting on Thurs., May 19 in the Automotive Room at the Benson Centre in Cornwall. There are plans to hold an all-candidates meeting on May 26 at the Chesterville legion.

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Fun night out

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – Friendly Circle Seniors in South Stormont held their annual “Theme Nite” event on May 6 at the South Stormont Community Hall in Long Sault.

Event organizer Gloria Waldroff was pleased with the turn-out, noting there were several of the tables decorated in themes such as Happy Days and the New Orleans Mardi Gras. Mayor Bryan McGillis and his wife Cindy were the judges of the table decoration and costume winners.

Waldroff continued there were eight tables decorated for the event and noted choosing the winners was a difficult job

as the tables were well decorated. Jan Milnes was the winner of the best costume award. SDSG MP Eric Duncan was the celebrity auctioneer for the live auction held during an intermission.

On behalf of the Friendly Circle Seniors Club, Waldroff wishes to extend a sincere thank you to “Kevin and Jean-Marc Rivette for the great entertainment, student volunteers Pyper, Morgan and Avery for their assistance, O’Neill’s Pub for the excellent dinner service as well as the local businesses who donated items for the live and silent auctions.

Friendly Circle Seniors Club is planning to hold a seniors’ health and wellness event in September and the popular Christmas Market in November.



Left to right, front row: John Milnes is shown with his wife Jan who was the best costume award winner. Back row: SDSG MP Eric Duncan, organizer Gloria Waldroff and Cindy and Bryan McGillis.

Thompson Goddard Photo

Successful CFS Food Drive

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – Community Food Share volunteers were busy during the afternoon of May 14 collecting bags of donated foodstuff in Dundas and Stormont communities as the 2022 Fill A Bag CFS Food Drive came to an end.

“We were very fortunate to have the volunteers available for the dispersal and retrieval of the bags for the Fill a Bag Food Drive this year,” commented CFS team leader Jane Schoones. She noted there were a lot of youth volunteers in the Winchester area and other locations.

The well-organized food drive saw Chesterville and Morewood donations collected in a trailer at the Chesterville arena before being located to the



From the left: Community Food Share volunteers Jill Roberts and Shelley Lucas take a moment for a photo during the unloading and moving of bags of food from the Ingleside area at the Morrisburg depot of Community Food Share.

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Winchester warehouse joining donations received from Winchester, Williamsburg, and Finch. Donations from Iroquois were brought to the CFS Morrisburg Food Bank from a trailer at the Iroquois Plaza, joining donations from the Morrisburg community.

Schoones explained in an email how Pamela Nesbitt at the Lactalis plant in Ingleside, coordinated teams picking up donations

from the Ingleside donations that will be shared 50/50 between the Agape Centre in Cornwall and Community Food Share; an Agape truck brought the Ingleside donations to the Morrisburg depot.

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Habitat for Humanity breaks ground in South Dundas

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

WINCHESTER SPRINGS – With the site excavation completed and the foundation poured, Habitat for Humanity Cornwall and the Counties' 17th home build project is well underway.

The new home will take shape at 12240 County Road 5 in Winchester Springs in the Municipality of South Dundas. The receiving family, the Rumohr-Boisvert's, are currently living in a transitional housing program home, which, once the family vacates, will free up space for another family to move in. Once the home in Winchester Springs is completed, the Rumohr-Boisvert's will have the space, privacy, and safe living environment they need.

The project officially broke ground on April 22 with the family, the public, and local dignitaries invited to witness the event. Then, on May 9, excavation for the home's foundation took place while St. Lawrence College – Cornwall Campus construction students worked to prepare for the next step, pouring the



The foundation for Habitat for Humanity Cornwall and the counties' Winchester Springs home build project was excavated on May 9. Located in the Municipality of South Dundas, the new build is set to become the Rumohr-Boisvert Family's home before the end of the year. Casselman Photo

concrete foundation. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the on-site supervisor said he expects the family to be moved in before the end of 2022.

To learn more about the local Habitat for Humanity group and the South Dundas build, visit the organization's website (habitatcornwall.org). The website also provides information on

how to donate to, and/or volunteer with, the local non-profit. Since 1998, Habitat for Humanity Cornwall and the counties has created affordable homes for 16 families with 43 children. Partner families pay a geared-to-income mortgage, and they are required to dedicate 500 hours of volunteer work to participate in the program.

Nominations for Youth Volunteer award sought

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – In a May 9 media release from SS Economic Development and Communications coordinator Chris Hemond, the township of South Stormont is seeking nominations for the 2021 Youth Volunteer Award.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of any community, and we know we have some incredible youth in our township who have begun to make a significant impact towards making South Stormont a better place to live," commented Mayor Bryan McGillis.

Instituted in 2019, this annual award recognizes "a special young person in our community who has demonstrated a passion for helping their community through volunteer efforts," said Hemond. He continued how the township seeks to recognize youth who demonstrate a commitment to volunteering in community organizations, school activities, service



groups and similar organizations.

Nominees for this award should be secondary school students who are residents of South Stormont and demonstrate a commitment to volunteering in the community. Service groups, residents and local schools are being asked to identify a young person with a commitment to volunteerism. Visit southstormont.ca/volunteer to fill out a nomination form describing their volunteer efforts and submit

it to the municipality by June 1.

The submissions will be

reviewed by the Volunteer Appreciation Committee "who will then select the Youth Volunteer of the Year Award recipient." During the South Stormont Volunteer Appreciation Gala on Aug. 19, the winner of the Youth Volunteer of the Year as well as the Fran Laflamme Volunteer of the Year awards will be announced.

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Russell adopts Territorial Land Acknowledgement Statement

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – The township of Russell recently approved and adopted a Territorial Land Acknowledgement Statement.

The decision to officially add the statement was made during the municipality's May 16 council meeting, where local politicians received a recommendation from Russell's Community, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee for the wording of that statement. The committee had previously been directed to research and prepare a Territorial Land Acknowledgement Statement for the municipality.

The township's official statement: "We acknowledge that we are on the unceded territory of the Anishinaabe and the traditional lands of the Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat, and Kanien'keháka Peoples. We acknowledge our shared obligation to respect, honour, and sustain these lands and the natural resources contained within."

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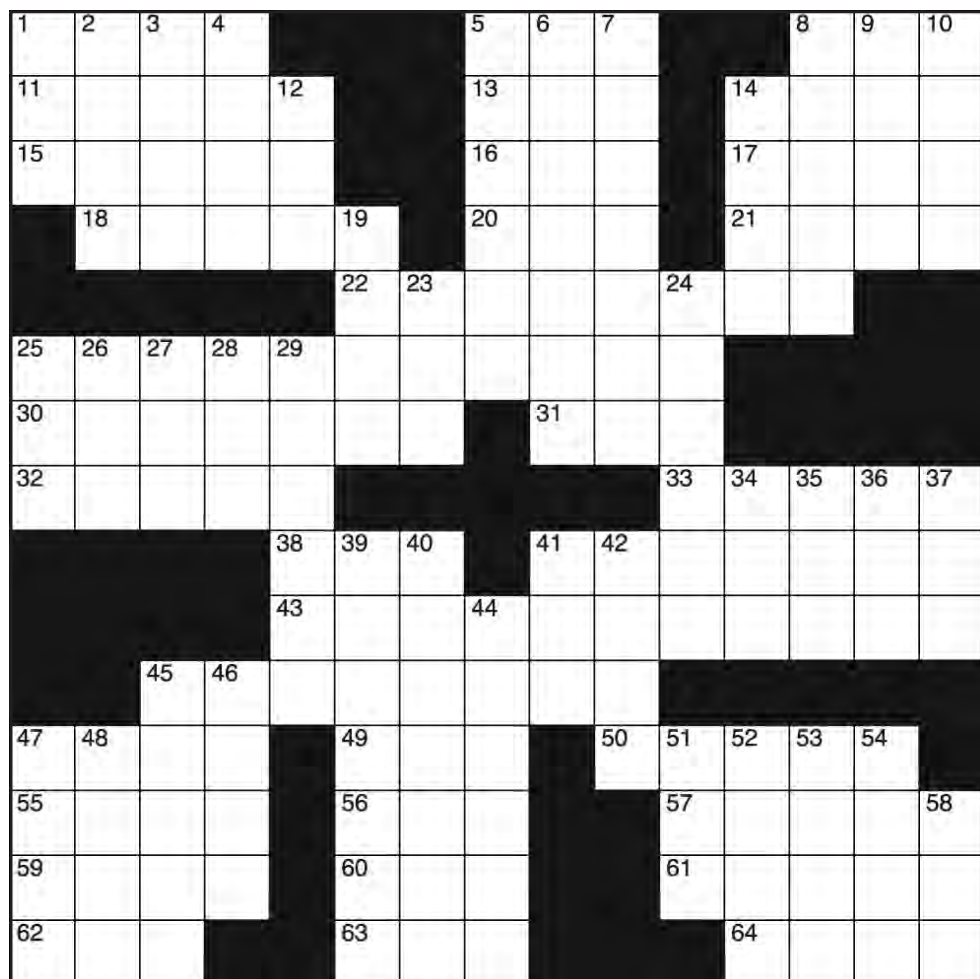


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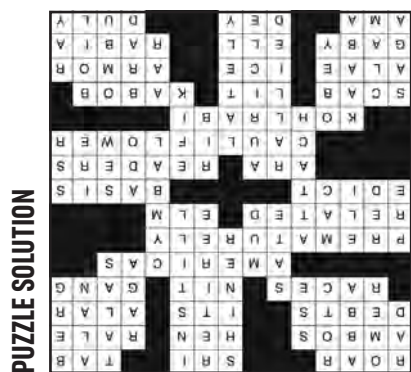
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5. Antidepressant (abbr.)
8. The bill in a restaurant
11. Oblong pulpits
13. Adult female chicken
14. Abnormal breathing
15. Financial obligations
16. Belonging to a thing
17. Winged
18. Peoples
20. College hoops tournament
21. An informal body of friends
22. Region of the world
25. In an early way
30. Connected by kinship
31. Type of tree
32. Official order

- 33. Foundation for an idea
38. Small, faint constellation
41. Book lovers
43. Vegetable
45. Cabbage variety
47. A way to heal
49. Illuminated
50. Dish that features a stick
55. Insurance-related costs (abbr.)
56. Solid water
57. Soldier's gear
59. "Uncle Buck" actress Hoffmann
60. Former measure of length
61. Arabic name meaning "spring"
62. Doctors' group
63. Actress Susan
64. Appropriate

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cool!
2. Hebrew unit of measure
3. Swedish rock group
4. College army
5. Black eye
6. One who stopped working
7. Teach a value
8. Rhythmic patterns
9. "MASH" actor Alda
10. "Friday Night Lights" director
12. Midway between south and southeast
14. Indian musical pattern
19. Fulfill a desire
23. Water soaked soil
24. Brass instrument
25. Before
26. Popular color
27. Peyton's little brother
28. Partner to cheese

- 29. Put onto
34. "Much _ about nothing"
35. A way to mend
36. Anger
37. Soviet Socialist Republic
39. Mobilized
40. Resembles an earlobe
41. Cut of meat
42. Nigerian people
44. Recently
45. Square stone building at Mecca
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SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight

Fur Pets Sake comes to you and your pet

Having animals in your circle of best friends creates great relationships and skills you can use in different ways.

Molly-Jean Roach grew up living on a hobby farm surrounded by all kinds of animals. As a result, her passion for animals led her to start up her own mobile grooming service called Fur Pets Sake based in Ingleside.

She performs services like nail trimming, ear cleaning, dental cleanup, pad trim and dematting. She also does baths and blowouts, clipping and scissoring and blueberry facials.

She explained, "I grew up living on a hobby farm and as an adult now with my own children, I've acquired many different types of animals to add to our hobby farm. I was and still am a very 'on-the-go' type of person, so, having the passion for animals, the skills to groom and love doing it, just made sense to make a career out of it."

While attending the Veterinary Assistant Program in 2016, Roach was introduced to the aspect of animal grooming and how important it was to animals and their human partners.

"Since then, I've been grooming friends and family's pets as a hobby. I've been hearing and reading numerous owners searching for a groomer who are comfortable with reactive pets; owners who have senior pets being turned away from salons due to age and the lumps and bumps that come with it. Owners who lead a busy lifestyle and need someone to come to them," she said.

Last year she enrolled in the grooming program to further her knowledge.

"I decided to offer the in-your-home service. I'm extremely happy to be able to



A beautifully groomed, and well turned-out group of happy clients. Courtesy Photo

provide a service to help pets keep their comfort and still keep up with their grooms, that are very much a necessity."

Roach had no doubt that there was really a need for her grooming business. The only concern was the same as starting out with any new small business.

"With how hard it is to open a local business in our economy, especially a business reliant on fuel, I was nervous. Receiving immediate positive feedback and interest really helped me feel overjoyed to offer this different type of service," she said.

She works on all kind of pets making

pampering them her priority.

"I've worked on cats, dogs, rabbits and even chickens. Currently I am only in-your-home grooming, but in the near future I will have a space to welcome your pets to a getaway spa day."

There are many different temperaments in the animals she is asked to groom.

To ensure she can work with an animal such as a nervous dog for example, she meets with the owner beforehand to find out what, if any issues, she needs to know about before she begins her grooming process.

"With my service, I mostly get reactive animals because they've had some type of

mistreatment to cause groomers to not give them a chance. I will always meet the owner and animal before plainly saying 'no'. Every animal is different, just like children. Some jump into your arms for attention, others react immediately because they're simply just frightened. If there's a history of being reactive, I follow a calm and non-challenging approach."

Her non-confrontational strategy with a nervous animal is to approach the animal while not making eye contact.

"I actually sit down to put myself in a completely non dominating position. After this, the animal generally slows down on their vocalness. It can take anywhere from 5-15 minutes, but eventually the animal chooses to come to me, gives me a sniff and they then decide I'm safe. Treats are always a handy method once they've accepted you as well and allow you to pet them. Who doesn't love a cookie?"

Her immediate plans include setting up a salon as a result of all the positive feedback she has received from her clients.

"Not now, but soon I will be renting out a space to offer in salon! I'm extremely excited about it so I can help more animals. It's definitely something I'm asked often so with the demand being there, I'm going for it!"

Roach plans to complete renovations on her property so that she can offer additional services like a doggy day care and a place to board dogs and farm animals.

Molly-Jean Roach can be reached on Facebook at Fur Pets Sake or at furpetsake@outlook.com or text her at 613-362-6240.

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South Dundas asset management plan shows need for millions in funding

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – "It also demonstrates very significantly that an infrastructure levy, as much as it wasn't the right time for one, is something that needs to be enacted just to bring some funding up," Municipality of South Dundas Mayor Steven Byvelds said about the township's asset management plan update.

Asset management coordinator and financial analyst Tyler Nelson provided council with an overview of South Dundas' asset management plan during the May 9 regularly scheduled council meeting. Council accepted the report, that will be used for the foreseeable future when budgeting, and for applying for funding, with respect to asset maintenance and replacement.

"I'd like to go over the comprehensive analysis section of the asset management plan. I'm hoping this presentation can sort of catch you guys up to date on the progress of the asset management plan," Nelson said. "So, the areas I'd like to focus on today are lifecycle planning, risk and criticality, the annual requirements, and levels of service. I'll remind you that this asset management plan only covers core municipal infrastructure assets. That

first part of the asset management plan will be due July 1, 2022, and then all the other assets will be covered in the July 1, 2024, asset management plan."

Nelson said the core elements for infrastructure assets include water network, wastewater, stormwater, roads, bridges, and major culverts. He said these six categories cover roughly 5,000 out of 5,600 of the municipality's asset inventory. Nelson also said he's determined the approximate replacement costs for all core municipal infrastructure assets, which is roughly \$263 million.

"This number is quite high, and a lot of other townships are coming across this number now

too," he said before explaining how he came to that amount. "So, not a perfect number, but it should give us a rough idea of what we'll need to spend. So, yes, these replacement costs are very high, but there are a few ways we can lower these replacement costs."

At the close of Nelson's presentation, council members were given an opportunity to ask questions and to comment. Coun. Archie Mellan said he felt it was important to ensure that the new council receive this report "first thing."

"It's a good report," he said. "I'm just hoping that we can use or leverage this type of information when we go after funding."

Deputy-Mayor Kirsten Gardner suggested a communication plan to ensure South Dundas residents know about the asset management plan, what it is and why it's necessary, as well as the challenges that come along with funding it. Nelson agreed.

"I think it's imperative that we bring the residents along with us without them having to dive into a 60-page report," she said, and her council colleagues agreed.

Nelson's report is not

included in the May 9 council agenda package, however, to hear his full report, residents can watch the roughly 20-minute

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Russell politician schooled on procedure following code of conduct complaint

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – “I am now fully prepared to take responsibility and be accountable for my actions,” township of Russell Coun. Mike Tarnowski said.

During the May 16 council meeting, Tarnowski made a lengthy statement explaining and detailing his actions regarding a recent complaint filed with Russell’s integrity commissioner, Jean-Jacques LaCombe. LaCombe attended the meeting to discuss his findings and recommendations, which were also made available in a written report included in the night’s agenda package. Tarnowski was accused of influencing the fire department’s hiring practice by showing interest in a specific candidate.

“I categorically deny ever intending to influence the hiring process,” Tarnowski said. “Having said that, I would like to provide some additional context. I full heartedly recognize that I’m not qualified to recommend firefighting staff. This could put lives at risk, I’d never consider doing that. My goal in watching the testing on the morning of Feb. 26 was

trying to understand the difference between male and female physical health requirements. I had no other intentions. As your report highlights, on arrival at the fire station, I asked the chief if it was okay for me to be there and that I had no issues leaving if it was not appropriate. I would have left had I been told there was a process to follow. I’m not stating this to blame anybody or to excuse myself. During my observations of the two individuals completing their physical tests, one by a female candidate and another by a male candidate, at no point did I ever say anything or interfere with the testing. After learning about the test, as explained by the now retired fire chief, I simply observed from a distance. I left satisfied that the physical testing process was fair between men and women and never spoke to the fire department staff.”

Tarnowski said his interest in ensuring a fair process of recruiting female firefighters was made clear before and during his tenure as councillor. He also said he had reached out to the integrity commissioner two weeks before any complaint was filed, when he was first told

there could be a perception problem with the actions taken.

“Having provided additional context, I once again acknowledge the accuracy of the facts presented by the integrity commissioner and take full responsibility for my actions,” Tarnowski said. “Everyone that knows me recognizes that I strongly value honesty and integrity and accountability. So, I apologize for writing to the HR (human resources) office to inquire about positions available with the fire department, now understanding that this would have been perceived as trying to influence the hiring process. I apologize to retired chief Duhamel and the other firefighters at the station that I now recognize that my actions could have been interpreted differently than what was my intent. Finally, I would also like to acknowledge and apologize to Richard Godin, acting CAO (chief administrative officer) at the time, who had to deal with this situation. I have to say, he did this with great professionalism. It was very much appreciated.”

With apologies rendered, Tarnowski went on to offer some suggestions on how to

prevent similar situations in the future. In this, he was not alone, as both Coun. Jamie Laurin and Mayor Pierre Leroux agreed.

“Now that I’ve acknowledged and apologized, I’d like to conclude by offering some additional thoughts that I learned through this process,” Tarnowski said. “Our procedural bylaw sections, 513, 514, 613, are, indeed, often misinterpreted as Mr. LaCombe mentioned. Misinterpreted or misunderstood. Since being elected, I’ve observed the common practice by council members regularly contact the department heads related to concerns or complaints. According to [procedural bylaw], every single one of these communications should go through the CAO and, therefore, every single one of these phone calls or emails can technically be considered a breach of procedural bylaw.”

Tarnowski’s suggestions included potential bylaw revisions, as well as better training for first-time councillors at the beginning of their term on council. He noted that reading the material was clearly not enough to ensure clear and lasting understanding of the

bylaws. He also suggested training for department heads so they might better understand what councillors can and can’t do, which would allow them to potentially advise councillors should they be approaching a breach of a procedural bylaw.

The evidence provided, noted that Tarnowski emailed the HR department about an identified candidate, who had a complaint about the hiring process. LaCombe’s report noted that the complaint should have been relayed to the CAO, rather than Tarnowski. In addition, Tarnowski’s presence at the physical testing could be viewed as interference with the performance of the work of staff, which also violates a section of the procedural bylaw.

“As far as the severity of this case is concerned, it is far from being the worst possible case on the continuum of improper use of influence by a councillor. The councillor did not make promises, threats, or any type of comments to influence the decision-making, other than attending the physical testing portion of the hiring process and sending his Dec. 14, 2021, email. Had he made

promises, threats, or specific comments about the candidate, those actions would have been considered as aggravating factors in determining the sanction,” LaCombe said in his report. “I ask that council officially endorse my recommendation that Coun. Tarnowski be reprimanded for his breaches of the Code of Conduct and the Procedure Bylaw.”

Laurin asked LaCombe what council should be considering in terms of potential sanctions. He said he’d like to see a definition in place to protect the accused, as well as their council colleagues from inappropriate types of sanctions.

“I tend to agree that when we put this Code of Conduct in place, it was a new policy that we never had to deal with and, yes, there was tons of conversation back then,” Leroux said. “I can say for myself, I tend to agree, when you’re a first-time councillor there is quite the learning curve.”

Leroux suggested that Tarnowski’s statement, which included an apology, could be accepted as the sanction. Laurin and Coun. Cindy Saucier agreed. Coun. André Brisson was absent.

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