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- ✓ Championed OPP transition saving \$4 million annually
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- ✓ 2018-2022 property tax increases averaged 1 per cent per year
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- ✓ Championed reduction in development charges for long term care homes
- ✓ Initiated negotiations with Wightman Telecom bringing ultra-hi speed fibre optic service
- ✓ Initiated negotiations with Town of Amaranth to resolve 15-year dispute over the Pullen Well

See over for election platform

A lot of talk amongst candidates — no real actionable ideas.

I have read some of my competitors’ campaign messages. There is alot of “vanilla” — a lot of talk about reduced taxation — with no real initiatives. Our ratio of property tax collected — 82 per cent residential to 18 per cent commercial/industrial — has to be corrected. We need more commercial/industrial tax base. We also need to help Dufferin County control its spending. We have enough Town staff — we need to hold the line on new initiatives requiring an increase in FTEs. We also need to look at outsourcing opportunities — where the private sector can provide services at a lower cost — without affecting the level of service. Please find below some creative ideas to make our Town better and more affordable.

KEY PLATFORM ITEMS

•Attract New Employment

Create a Dufferin County Economic Development Corporation with a Board of Directors populated with creative and experienced local business leaders who will help attract businesses and develop vacant land. We need more good employers in Orangeville and Dufferin County — collectively, let’s pursue them. More commercial/industrial and retail tax base growth helps residential taxpayers. Our region is a nice place to live — let’s find and attract some new, well-paid jobs to Orangeville and Dufferin County.

•Hotel Tax

Implement a Municipal Accommodation Tax in Dufferin County. This is allowed under current provincial legislation. This tax on visitors is estimated to bring in \$850,000 annually. Many municipalities around us have this tax. This tax is the difference between “have” and “have-not” communities when it comes to economic growth and tourism. This legislation requires 50 per cent of the tax to be retained by the municipality and 50 per cent to go to a non-profit such as the Dufferin Board of Trade to promote economic development and tourism throughout the County. This will save tax dollars throughout Dufferin County.

•Affordable Housing 1.0

For many years in Orangeville and Dufferin County, there has been lots of talk and no action. A municipal Economic Development Corporation, suggested above, can own real estate. What is wrong with a municipality getting into profit-making housing? A mixed-use building across from Town Hall with commercial/retail space, a parking garage and some residential units would help invigorate the downtown core of Orangeville. Do you know that the Whistler Housing Authority owns 2,000 residential units? Let’s leverage available municipally owned land assets throughout Dufferin County and combine that with CMHC 50-year amortization mortgages to build profitable, municipally owned buildings.

•Affordable Housing 2.0

The current council increased Development Charges by 65 per cent in the midst of a housing crisis. I propose to reduce development charges for small infill ADUs and basement apartments to create income opportunities for homeowners and more affordable housing opportunities.

•Time to upgrade Tony Rose

It’s time to upgrade the Tony Rose “Precinct.” A Sports Dome would allow indoor play during the winter — lacrosse, soccer, football, baseball and cricket. Add a climbing wall and fitness centre, an outdoor pool and pickleball courts, as well as some needed improvements to Tony Rose, such as new dressing rooms and better, expanded seating. A \$20-million loan from Infrastructure Ontario would cost about \$100,000 per month. If we add together savings on police services, Railway Property Tax Savings and interest on the \$32-million Railway Fund, we get \$5,500,000 or \$450,000 per month. Let’s use some of those savings. I have travelled through 20 states and six provinces in the past three years. We are behind in recreational infrastructure. Let’s get this done

•A Sustainable Orangeville

Sustainable Orangeville isn’t just the name of a Town committee — it represents initiatives that ensure sustainability for future generations. I believe this includes caring about the environment, food insecurity, climate change and good municipal and intra-municipal transit. Councillor Grant Peters presented free transit to council when I was mayor. I supported it and still do. Transit is a work in progress — routes, equipment and technology are ever-changing. We also need good intra-municipal transit. Dufferin County Transit helps employees and shoppers move around the County. GO Bus Service helps commuters connect to big-city transit.

•YMCA

The YMCA started in Canada in Montreal in 1851. It has extensive experience running recreational facilities. Former Mayor Rob Adams had the YMCA ready to operate Alder — but lost the election in 2000. Instead, the YMCA went to Wasaga Beach. The YMCA operates all around us — Owen Sound, Cambridge, Barrie, Collingwood, Wasaga Beach and Niagara. Why not in Orangeville? Its fees are less than our municipal recreation fees. The YMCA states on its website that if you are struggling financially, it will help you.

If you’re ready for a change from the status quo, take a closer look at Sandy Brown’s record of community involvement and work on behalf of local residents and taxpayers. Please consider voting for the person with the track record for making good things happen. Vote Sandy Brown online starting Oct. 9, at the advance polls Oct. 10 and 18, and on Election Day — Oct. 26.



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SHARING HIS STORY: In an event put on by the Rotary Club of Orangeville Highlands, the local community welcomed 9/11 survivor and public speaker Joe Dittmar. Dittmar was on the 105th floor of the South Tower when the attacks began, and was one of the few from that floor to survive. He recounted his story, his survival, the humanity that he witnessed, and how it fundamentally reshaped his life.

Rotary hosts 9/11 survivor at fundraising event

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Rotary Club of Orangeville Highlands brought the community together for an evening of remembrance and fundraising on Sept. 29, marking 25 years since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Held at the Monora Park Pavilion, Always Remember – Commemorating 25 Years from 9/11 featured World Trade Center survivor Joe Dittmar as the keynote speaker, while raising money for the club's Community Choice Grants.

Dittmar was attending an insurance industry meeting on the 105th floor of the World Trade Center's South Tower when the attacks began.

"Simply by being here to be able to talk to you about this is [a] testament to making critical decisions — many making critical decisions in the most dire of circumstances," Dittmar said. "So, hopefully, as we go through my story, you'll understand how the decisions of many changed and affected that day."

After the North Tower was struck, Dittmar and the other attendees were directed into a stairwell and began the long descent from the 105th floor. At the 78th floor, Dittmar was faced with a critical decision when some members of the group chose to use an elevator.

Drawing on his experience in the fire insurance industry, Dittmar instead returned to the stairwell.

He credits this choice with likely saving his life.

He was between the 72nd and 74th floors when United Airlines Flight 175 struck the South Tower between floors 77 and 83.

As he continued downward, Dittmar witnessed strangers helping people struggling to evacuate and encountered firefighters, police officers and paramedics climbing in the opposite direction toward the disaster.

"They knew that they were going up those steps to try to fight a fire that they probably couldn't beat," he said. They knew that they were going up those steps to try to save lives that they probably couldn't save. They knew that they were marching into the bowels of hell, and they knew that they were going up, and they knew that they were never coming back."

Dittmar escaped the South Tower only minutes before it collapsed.

His story also carried a personal connection to the local Rotary community through Richard Delongte, a Rotarian and first responder who travelled to Manhattan immediately following the attacks.

Delongte arrived on the morning of Sept. 12 and spent the following week searching through the rubble. When he checked in with Red Cross volunteers, he was handed a marker and instructed to write his Social Security number on his arms and legs so his body could be identified if he did not survive.

Twenty-five years later, Delongte contin-

ues to live with health effects from his time at Ground Zero. He told those gathered that he has experienced two cancers and undergone a liver transplant.

Introducing Dittmar, Delongte said the survivor's willingness to continually revisit the events of that day has helped encourage first responders to begin sharing their own experiences.

"Your willingness to tell this story has inspired me and other firefighters I know, who were also there to share our own difficult stories, and that's not easy," Delongte said. "For the first 20 years, I didn't talk about my experience there to anybody, but you showed us that it could be done."

For Dittmar, continuing to tell his story 25 years later is about ensuring the people lost that day remain more than a chapter in history.

He does not charge organizations for his presentations, instead describing sharing his experience as an obligation to those who can no longer tell their own stories.

"I don't tell this story to feel better about what only breaks my heart again and again," he said. "I don't do it for fame or notoriety, nor do I do it for financial gain. I do this because I believe, as a person who's been part of a historic event, it is my obligation. It is my duty to tell the story, to give a voice to the 3,000 people who lost their voices that day, so that they once more can be heard."

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Orangeville Food bank purchases more food as donations decline

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

The world is generally a good place. People generally have good intention to do well when they can. People from Dufferin County put themselves up for seats on municipal and county councils, despite the slings and arrows that responsibility can draw.

“And the community cares about its neighbours or we wouldn’t exist,” said Heather Hayes, Orangeville Food Bank’s executive director.

Hayes is a 12-year veteran helping keep the food bank shelves stocked for anybody who needs respite from food insecurity, and she said it never gets easier for her to update councils.

“Generally, I’m an optimistic person,” she said. “But after this many years giving this presentation, I feel like I’m only leaving you with negatives when I come out of a presentation like this.”

She gives presentations to municipal councils and the County of Dufferin. They’re updates on how the need for the food bank has grown since the previous presentation and ideas on how that need may be met.

Most recently, she even provided feedback to provincial Finance Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy as part of pre-budget consultations. That was something she wanted to

include when she spoke to county council on Sept. 24.

She said she started to write that she was optimistic that her three-minute colloquy with Bethlenfalvy moved the needle.

“What I meant to write was I believe my three minutes did not move the needle,” Hayes said.

She began tapping the Delete button on her presentation.

But then she stopped.

“And I thought, No, my three minutes did matter,” she said. “Like all our three minutes in this world regarding any issue we may have.”

Her issue is food insecurity.

“And I will always be a voice for food insecurity,” she said.

The numbers will show that she and the many volunteers at the food banks are moving the needle.

To wit: In 2025-26, the food bank distributed 697,000 pounds of food to clients and community partners. Of that, 235,000 pounds was purchased. Seventy-two per cent of what the food bank distributes is perishable, such as milk, eggs, produce, and proteins.

And there’s been a drop in donated food of 11 per cent, so that meant food had to be purchased.

There were 25,535 visits last year at the

food bank in Orangeville and the Dufferin Food Share in nearby Grand Valley.

Of those visits, 33 per cent are children, 32 per cent of visitors are working people, and 45 per cent of the households were of single adults.

Oh, and there’s been a 20 per cent increase in seniors who used the service because pensions don’t keep up with the rate of inflation.

“You’re doing the absolute best that you can with what you have,” Hayes said. “And often the issues that you face, often the issues that I face are not always in our purview to be able to change.”

Speaking out and trying to find ways to address the issue is important, she said and thanked all the people involved with the food bank for using their voices to make the world a better place.

With an annual operating budget of \$1.8 million, the Orangeville Food Bank is a significant community operation requiring people, facilities, transportation, warehousing, and infrastructure to safely and reliably serve the community, she said.

Every client visit is supported by much more than the food on the shelf. There’s the receiving and sorting of food, storage, transportation, food safety, volunteer coordination and client support.

“Food security is a community issue,” Hayes said.



FILE PHOTO

STRETCHED RESOURCES: The Orangeville Food Bank had over 25,500 visits in 2025, and demand continues to rise.

Councillor James McLean, Melancthon’s deputy mayor, said Hayes doesn’t have to apologize that the information in her presentations isn’t all rosy.

“I think hearing the raw truth is incredibly helpful and we need to hear this from time to time,” he said.

Food security isn’t limited to the responsibilities of a single government portfolio, and no single level of government owns it, he said. It’s a disservice that nobody is accountable for funding food security.

Orangeville turning into ‘Pinkville’ for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Orangeville is preparing to turn into “Pinkville” this October as businesses, schools, and residents come together for a month-long campaign supporting breast cancer research and awareness.

The Pinkville campaign is being spearheaded by Orangeville resident and breast cancer survivor Charlene Judge, a member of the Board of Directors for Breast Cancer Canada and the community’s Pinkville ambassador.

The initiative will bring together several existing local fundraisers while encouraging businesses throughout Orangeville to deco-

rate their storefronts in pink, raise funds and help spread awareness during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Judge developed the idea earlier this year with the hope of creating a model that could eventually be adopted by other communities across Canada.

“As a board member, I really had a vision that we could take Orangeville and change Orangeville to Pinkville and then potentially challenge other towns and communities to do this kind of fundraising and make a national change in the way that we are doing it,” she said. “I pitched the idea to my board of directors at Breast Cancer Canada, and I challenged my peer board members across the country to do the same thing because I knew that Orangeville would be supportive of this, just because of my past experience in doing fundraising when I was going through my chemo journey.”

Pinkville officially kicks off today (Oct. 1) with Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post proclaiming Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the Breast Cancer Canada flag being raised at town hall, where it will remain throughout October.

The campaign continues Oct. 3 with the fourth annual Team Marathon Row at Headwaters Fitness and Racquet Club. Approximately 50 participants are expected to take part in teams, collectively rowing the 42-kilometre marathon distance on stationary rowing machines. The event will also feature a silent auction, 50/50 draw and raffle prizes donated by local businesses.

Local businesses are also getting involved through fundraising initiatives and pink storefront displays. Judge said the response from business owners has demonstrated how many people in the community have been personally affected by breast cancer.

“It was very powerful and it was very emotional because I heard a lot of stories along the way about people’s wives, mothers, sisters, aunts who had either succumbed to breast cancer, or had a positive outcome like I did,” she said. “Having that in your community is pretty powerful, and to have people be that vulnerable to tell their stories is nothing short of amazing.”

The month will conclude with Westside Secondary School’s annual Day of Pink on Oct. 30, including its pancake breakfast, with

proceeds from the various Pinkville initiatives supporting Breast Cancer Canada.

For Judge, the campaign is personal. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2020 despite having no signs or symptoms, with the cancer instead detected through a routine mammogram. Her mother is also a four-time breast cancer survivor.

Judge said success will ultimately be measured not only by money raised, but by the awareness created throughout the community.

“Raising money and building awareness are super important... so that people don’t forget about this cause, and particularly women, don’t forget to go and have their mammogram,” she said. “Early diagnosis is key. When I was diagnosed in 2020, I had no signs, no symptoms. It was caught through a mammogram, and it wasn’t there in 2019. So it was a very aggressive form of cancer. And had I not gone for my annual mammogram, we might not be sitting here today having this conversation.”

Pinkville is set to be a first in Canada — an entire community united as one to fight breast cancer, raise money and spread awareness.

Correction

A story that ran on Page A5 of the Sept. 24 edition of the Citizen incorrectly stated the Orangeville Antique and Vintage Show will occur on Sunday, Oct. 3. The event actually takes place on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Citizen apologizes for any inconvenience this error may have caused.

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Community invited to join third annual Headwaters Hike to Fight Cancer

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Headwaters Hike to Fight Cancer returns to the Caledon Ski Club on Oct. 8, bringing the community together for an evening of hiking, fundraising, and supporting local cancer care.

Now in its third year, the event is designed as an accessible fundraising opportunity for people of all ages and abilities.

Shauna Santarossa of the Headwaters Health Care Foundation, who also handles marketing for the organization, said that this year, participants can choose between one-kilometre and three-kilometre routes, following feedback that some of last year's routes were more challenging than expected.

"The one-kilometre and three-kilometre options will be a little bit easier than what was hiked last year because we heard some feedback that the hike was a bit challenging," she said. "The five-kilometre [route] wasn't very popular, so this year we're doing a one-kilometre and a three-kilometre."

Registration opens at 4 p.m., with the hike beginning at 5 p.m. Participants can register individually or as part of a team, with registration costing \$35 per person. The fee in-

cludes the hike, a T-shirt and dinner following the event.

After completing the route, participants will gather at the Caledon Ski Club's Main Lodge for dinner, with salad, lasagna and a cookie for dessert.

Games, a raffle table and silent auction will provide additional opportunities for participants to take part, while coffee and apple cider will be available following the hike.

"The registration fee is \$35 a person, and you sign up online," Santarossa said. "You can create an online page where you can solicit friends, family, co-workers to donate to you directly. You can also sign up as a team, so you can do it with your co-workers or maybe your family, your siblings, your neighbours. We have a hockey team that's signed up already to participate this year."

The event also features a peer-to-peer fundraising component. Participants who register can create an online fundraising page and ask friends, family members and co-workers to support their efforts. Prizes will be awarded to the individual and team that raise the most money.

Funds raised through the event remain local and support cancer care at Headwaters Health Care Centre. The foundation directs

the money toward equipment and programs supporting cancer services, including oncology clinics and diagnostic imaging.

Previous fundraising efforts have supported equipment such as oncology treatment chairs and the hospital's MRI and diagnostic imaging capabilities, with this year's funds going toward the highest-priority needs related to cancer care.

The Hike to Fight Cancer was created to complement the Headwaters Health Care Foundation's other signature fundraising events, including its annual golf tournament and gala, while providing a lower-cost way for the broader community to participate and fundraise.

Santarossa said the event is also intended to provide a way for people to support local health care while enjoying the outdoors and spending time together as a community.

"I personally think that the hike itself is actually beautiful," she said. "It's a great way to get outside, enjoy the fresh air, enjoy the beauty that nature in our region has to offer at this time of year, while making a huge difference to your local hospital."

Organizers are encouraging families, friends, co-workers and community groups to take part. All ages are welcome, with hockey teams and other groups already reg-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

SUPPORTING THE FIGHT: More than 150 people participated in last year's Headwaters Hike to Fight Cancer at the Caledon Ski Club, raising \$50,000 for cancer care at Headwaters Health Care Centre. This year's event returns Oct. 8.

Registration remains open for those looking to participate, fundraise or support someone taking part in the Oct. 8 event. The evening offers an opportunity to enjoy the fall scenery at the Caledon Ski Club while helping support cancer care close to home.

Go to hhcfoundation.akaraisin.com/ui/hike2026 to register.

Orangeville Transit to deploy three new buses next week, make route changes

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

After a two-year wait for new vehicles forced Orangeville Transit to rely almost exclusively on school buses, new transit buses will hit the town's roads Oct. 8.

The date also marks when new stops will be added along the transit system's Orange route in the Veteran's Way community, now that the Hansen Blvd. connection is complete and connects to Blind Line.

"Good things come to those who wait! Two years after beginning the order process, we are excited to introduce three new buses that will modernize Orangeville Transit's fleet," said Tony Dulisse, Orangeville's transportation and development manager.

"The new buses were built by a Canadian manufacturer," he added.

The estimated cost for each bus is \$1,030,000, according to the town.

The new buses will feature bike racks for combining transit with cycling and digital screens showing bus lines and timing.

The vehicles also feature a modern interior with room for up to 40 riders, clean diesel technology for lower emissions than traditional diesel buses and SmartRider™ ramp technology that lowers to different heights and self-levels. This makes it easier and safer

for riders to get on and off the bus.

"Transit is a vital service in our community, connecting people to workplaces, schools, essential services, activities and loved ones," said Orangeville CAO David Smith.

"Orangeville is changing and evolving every day, and our transit service needs to reflect that with ongoing improvements. Now more of our community will be able to access transit on reliable buses that meet the different needs of our riders."

With the opening of Hansen Boulevard's extension in August, new transit stops have been added to the Veteran's Way community along that road. Other stops have shifted nearby to accommodate this new part of the orange route.

New stops include Hansen Boulevard at Credit Creek Boulevard (Centre Fellowship Church), Parkinson Crescent at Preston Drive, Parkinson Crescent at Laverty Crescent, Hansen Boulevard at College Avenue and College Avenue at Fieldgate Drive.

Three stops have been removed: Blind Line at Hansen Blvd., College Ave. at Elaine Dr. and Fieldgate Dr. at College Ave.

The town will be posting updated route maps and schedules at transit shelters. The maps can also be found online or through the transit app.



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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT: Orangeville Coun. Rick Stevens, Mayor Lisa Post, and Coun. Joe Andrews stand in front of the town's new bus. Orangeville Transit will deploy three new buses on Oct. 8.

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Headwaters among five Ontario hospitals affected by alleged theft, fraud: OPP

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Sixty-five charges have been laid against a 34-year-old Burlington woman after Ontario Provincial Police officers from the Orillia Detachment investigated hospital theft and fraud.

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) is among the hospitals impacted in the region, with the alleged theft and fraud occurring between August and September.

The accused, Nassim Eronn, has been charged with 34 counts of fraud under \$5,000, 13 counts of theft under \$5,000, seven counts of disobeying a court order, four counts of criminal breach of trust, two counts of fraud over \$5,000, two counts of possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, one count of theft over \$5,000 and one count of personation with intent.

“Headwaters Health Care Centre is cooperating with the Orillia detachment of the OPP in its ongoing investigation into alleged theft and fraud involving several hospitals across Ontario, including Headwaters,” said Kim Dealhunt, HHCC CEO and president.

“As this is an active investigation, we are unable to comment further on the details of the matter.”

Other hospitals affected include Orillia



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

SEIZED PROPERTY: Clothing, furniture and home décor were among the items seized by Ontario Provincial Police during an investigation into alleged theft and fraud at five Ontario hospitals.

Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital between April 2025 and March 2026; Trillium Health Partners between August 2025 and July 2026; St. Joseph’s Health Centre from July 2024 to January 2025; and West Park Health Care Centre from February 2024 to April 2024.

The OPP’s investigation began after receiving several complaints of theft and fraud from patients and staff within the hospital.

Police executed multiple search warrants and seized significant amounts of property.

The investigation remains ongoing and is being carried out by the Orillia OPP Major Crime Unit.

Police believe there may be additional victims who were patients, visitors and staff members in various units of the affected hospitals.

Investigators are asking anyone who attended these medical facilities during the above timeframes to check their financial records for unauthorized transactions and report any fraudulent transactions or cash thefts to the Orillia OPP Major Crime Unit.

The crime unit can be reached by phone at 1 888 310 1122 with occurrence number E250834926.

Dufferin Board of Trade to host forum for Orangeville mayor, deputy mayor candidates

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The Orangeville Mayor and Deputy Mayor Election Forum is coming to the Opera House (87 Broadway) next Monday.

The Dufferin Board of Trade (DBOT) and Dufferin Federation of Agriculture (DFA) are hosting the forum on Oct. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m.

During the event, candidates will share their priorities and answer questions about Orangeville’s future with past DBOT chair Doug Harkness moderating.

DBOT, DFA and audience members will generate questions during the moderated question period, and they’ll be selected as

time permits.

Rogers will broadcast the forum live on television and a recording will be posted online afterward.

“Municipal decisions affect businesses and communities across Dufferin, from roads and planning to agriculture and economic development. As a nonpartisan organization, DBOT hosts election forums and provides an online Election Hub so voters can hear directly from candidates, compare their ideas and make an informed choice. I hope people will join us at the Opera House, explore the Election Hub — and then vote,” said Diana Morris, DBOT’s executive director.

Voters can also visit DBOT’s 2026 Election Hub at dufferinbot.ca/2026elections for candidate profiles and videos from across Dufferin’s eight municipalities.

All 90 municipal candidates were invited to submit a profile and record a video, and Rogers is sharing the videos to help more residents hear from them.

The Election Hub also features a recording of the Sept. 24 Future Dufferin County Council Election Forum. Eleven candidates from Grand Valley, Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur and Shelburne discussed economic development, agriculture, tourism, infrastructure and county governance.

Visit dufferinbot.ca/future-dufferin-county-council-election-forum-highlights-countywide-priorities to view the Future Dufferin County Council Election Forum.

DBOT shares candidate information and hosts forums to help voters make informed choices while keeping business and agricultural needs part of the election conversation. DBOT does not endorse candidates or receive funding to organize its election activities.

“Explore the Election Hub, join the Orangeville forum on October 5 and make your voice heard in the municipal election,” said DBOT.

Dufferin OPP officers conduct bike patrols throughout the community, engage the public

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers took advantage of good weather over the past week by getting out into the community on bicycle patrol.

“Bicycle patrols provide Dufferin OPP officers with an opportunity to engage with community members while patrolling areas that may be difficult to access by vehicle,” said Dufferin OPP in a press release.

“The bikes allow officers to patrol both downtown areas and the wooded paths and trails found throughout many parts of Dufferin County.”

Officers will be utilizing bicycle patrols throughout the fall, weather permitting. Community members enjoying local trails and paths may see Dufferin OPP officers riding through the area as part of their regular

patrol duties.

“If you happen to see one of our officers out on the trails, don’t be surprised, they may simply be making their way through the community while keeping an eye out and connecting with residents,” said Dufferin OPP.

“Bicycle patrols are one of the ways the Dufferin OPP works to maintain a visible

presence throughout the community and engage with residents in a variety of settings. Members of the Dufferin OPP remain committed to proactive and community-focused policing throughout Dufferin County.”

Officers will continue to take advantage of opportunities to connect with residents and patrol local areas for as long as the weather allows.

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INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES: In recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day across Canada, the County of Dufferin hosted an event in Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne, inviting keynote speaker Jennifer David, a member of Chapleau Cree First Nation, to share her family’s story and long road towards reconciliation and regaining traditional lands. The Cedar Drummers were also invited to the event and performed traditional music at the opening and closing of the community event. They are a family hand drum group of Mohawk/Ojibway ancestry and part of Akwesasne First Nation.



Dufferin County marks National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with Community Conversations event

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin County residents gathered in Shelburne to reflect on Canada’s colonial history and the continuing work of reconciliation through traditional music and the personal story of one northern Ontario Cree family.

The county hosted its latest Community Conversations event at Grace Tipling Hall on Sept. 24 in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, observed annually across Canada on Sept. 30.

The evening featured Jennifer David, a member of Chapleau Cree First Nation, who presented 13 Square Miles: My Cree Ancestors and How Colonization Still Shapes My Life — and Yours. The Indigenous Cedar Drummers group also performed traditional music before and following David’s presentation.

David used five generations of her own family history to examine the fur trade, construction of the railway, Treaty 9, the Indian Act and the century-long struggle of Chapleau Cree First Nation to receive land promised under the treaty.

“I’m not here to make anyone feel guilty about the past, something that you and your ancestors had nothing to do with,” David said. “But how have you, and how have we collectively benefited from colonization? That’s the uncomfortable question. That’s the truth we must all face, and truth comes before reconciliation.”

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation honours Indigenous children who never returned home from residential schools, survivors and their families and communities, while recognizing the lasting impacts of the residential school system.

Sept. 30 is also Orange Shirt Day, an Indigenous-led commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the intergenerational impacts of residential schools and promote the message that “Every Child Matters.”

While residential schools are an important part of that history, David’s presentation explored reconciliation through the wider history of colonization and its continuing ef-

fects on Indigenous communities.

Under Treaty 9, Chapleau Cree First Nation should have received close to 13 square miles of reserve land based on its population. Instead, the community received 267 acres, including approximately 90 acres of swamp.

“We never forgot, though, that we were owed land, and though it would be dormant for a generation, we knew there would come a time when we’d get our land back,” David said.

David also detailed how the Indian Act affected generations of her family, including provisions that historically stripped some Indigenous women of status when they married non-status men. Following legislative changes in 1985, her father spent approximately a decade researching his family history and corresponding with archives and government departments before regaining his status in 1995.

Chapleau Cree eventually established a new reserve in the early 1990s. The First Nation continued pursuing its outstanding treaty land entitlement until a settlement was reached in 2016, providing 9,884 acres and monetary compensation.

David connected that history directly to Dufferin County, encouraging residents to learn about Treaties 18 and 19 and consider their own responsibilities within the treaty relationship. She emphasized that reconciliation requires continued learning and action beyond commemorative events held each September.

“Reconciliation is not an annual emotion,” David said. “Maybe it’s a book by an Indigenous author that you read and pass on. Maybe it’s the Indigenous caterer you hire for your next work function. Maybe it’s countering the stereotypes that your uncle tries to repeat at Thanksgiving dinner. Maybe it’s doing your homework instead of putting the burden on one of your Indigenous colleagues.”

With the Cedar Drummers returning to perform traditional music following the presentation, the evening concluded with David asking those in attendance to consider reconciliation not simply as looking backward, but as something that must be actively built in everyday life.

Town of Orangeville
Upcoming meetings
October 2026

Committee of Adjustment	Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. Council chambers, 87 Broadway
Heritage Orangeville	Thursday, Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. Council chambers, 87 Broadway
Orangeville Public Library Board	Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. Mill Street Library, 1 Mill St. Call in: 1-289-801-5774 ID: 871 851 66#

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\$36,495 +HST & LIC
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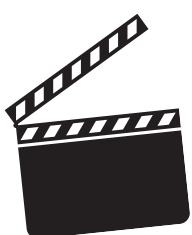
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Arts & Entertainment



LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Review: How We Got to Jersey is a heartwarming and hilarious story of how two small-town Canadians captured Frankie Valli

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Theatre Orangeville continues to outdo itself in every season I catch, and recently, this has not been more accurate.

Coming in like a blast from the past, *How We Got To Jersey* is a musical about how actors Jeff Madden and Adrian Marchuk got into one of the biggest musicals of the late 2000s — *Jersey Boys*.

Throughout the story, Madden and Marchuk dive into their personal journeys and how they landed the role of Frankie Valli — both of them — in the same production, and their views of the production differed from their perspectives.

Starting out as awkward acquaintances in the industry, to rivals and now good friends; the duo met again at auditions in the United States, realizing they both were after the same part.

As fate would have it, two Frankie Valli's were needed; the production was so demanding one actor couldn't handle it, and it had already claimed victims in the attempt. Madden landed lead Frankie, Marchuk landed the alternate Frankie.

From there, the story diverges between the two somewhat. Madden experiences the full chaos and insanity that entails being the poster Frankie, essentially having no life for a good part of the run of the show. Rehearsals, media events, performances. Marchuk settles into the role of simply being invisible. No press, less rehearsals, less performances.

This is where *How We Got To Jersey* really starts to shine for me. We see two identical roles, but two very different lives that play out at the same time. Madden, being a married man, realizes just how little free time he will have to see his family, experience life or even breathe throughout the run of the production. The same could not be said for

Marchuk, who has extra time between sets to live a life, to explore Toronto, but isn't married at the time.

There is a poignant dichotomy at play here.

Despite getting everything he wanted from this role, Madden was taken away from the things he cared about the most — his married life and family. His life at that point was put on hold for his dream, his passion, and he owned it, delivering show after show for the duration of the run of *Jersey Boys*.

For Marchuk, he got the opposite experience. He had the time, but he didn't have the same dynamic at home. But that didn't last. By random chance, he reconnected with someone he once harboured feelings for, and this time, he didn't let it pass. He met his future wife.

Both stories are contrasted beautifully on stage with jokes, songs and dance, and tell a beautiful story of how two people with the same role can lead two very different lives at the same time. One experiences everything he wanted but loses what he really cared about, while the other finds everything he could ever need.

The story, which built this musical up as this monolithic opportunity that was capable of defining lives, was systematically deconstructed as we got to experience the toll it had on the performers, and what they sacrificed to stay on the stage.

In the end, they didn't even choose Frankie Valli; they both walked away from all of it to go back home. There is a beautiful simplicity in that conclusion. Taking huge leaps, sacrificing everything, and then realizing what really mattered most.

Madden and Marchuk are simply excellent on stage. With a live band, some lights and two microphones, they take you back in time to the height of the *Jersey Boys* with some absolutely phenomenal singing and dancing.



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TALE OF TWO FRANKIES: (Left to right) Adrian Marchuk, Jennifer Stewart, Jeff McFadden. Artistic Director Jennifer Stewart poses with *How We Got to Jersey* co-stars Adrian Marchuk and Jeff McFadden following the finale of their weekend show at Theatre Orangeville. The story follows the pair and their journeys getting the role of Frankie Valli in *Jersey Boys*. The production was warmly received at Theatre Orangeville, drawing full houses throughout the weekend run.

The music is incredibly well performed, and Madden and Marchuk demonstrated that Frankie doesn't leave you — especially after the hellish rehearsal cycles they contended with during the production. The pair performed classic hits with a very catchy flair that was very well received by the audience. At points, it sounded like the theatre was singing along in unison.

The accompanying band was equally impressive and delivered an unforgettable performance that left the crowd in a standing ovation for almost 5 minutes through the last song. Each musical track fits perfectly into the stages of the story, from the beginning, middle and sweet ending.

With a captivating, endearing story and catchy, unforgettable musical classics, *How We Got to Jersey* is an unforgettable road trip down memory lane for fans of Frankie Valli, fans of musical theatre, and, of course, Madden and Marchuk themselves.



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Jazz Matharu
Service Consultant



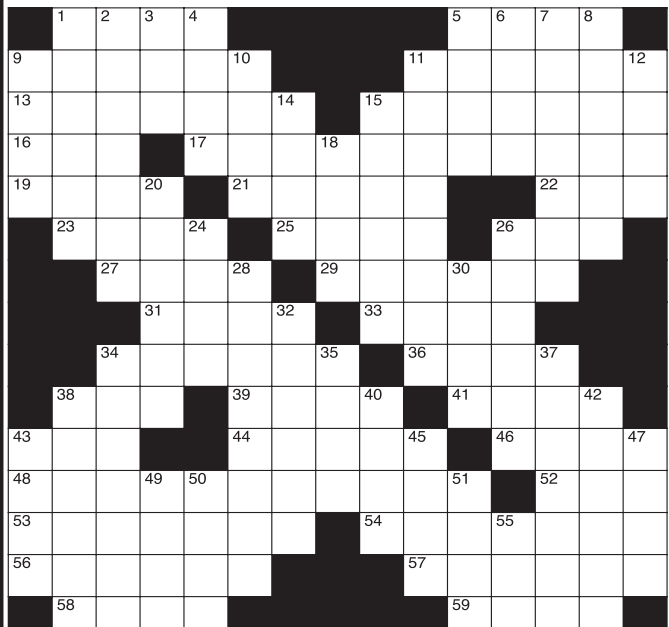
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The Citizen CROSSWORD

Puzzle No. 26A110 • Solution on page: CLASSIFIEDS SECTION



CLUES ACROSS

1. Difficult

5. Coarsely ground corn

9. A group of similar things ordered one after another

11. Loved Romeo

13. Something to solve

15. Pelvic areas

16. Informal debt instrument

17. Ineffective

19. A device attached to a workbench

21. Related on the mother's side

22. "Fresh Prince of ___ Air"

23. Astronomer Sagan

25. C. Utah city

26. Turkey

27. Informal terms for money

29. Awakens

31. Those who favored Prohibition

33. Blabbed

34. Looked through

36. Rhode Island rebellion

38. A type of "cast"

39. One's duty

41. Where golfers begin

43. Make a mistake

44. Semitic Sun god

46. Ancient Greek City

48. Removed someone's head

52. A place to stay

53. Unwise

54. Most unnatural

56. "Dennis" is a notable one

57. Ointments

58. Examination

59. Leaked fluid

CLUES DOWN

1. Brave

2. A state of excitement

3. Jest at

4. Sandwich store

5. Chapter of the Koran

6. Dismounted from a horse

7. Small vehicle

8. Irked

9. A disreputable man

10. Monetary unit of Samoa

11. A list of woes

12. Weight unit

14. Alone, single

15. Broadway legend

18. Monetary unit of Serbia

20. Worn by exposure to the weather

24. A body of traditions

26. Students seek one

28. Hydrophilic amino acid

30. Nasal mucus

32. Branch of U.S. Congress

34. Swinish

35. Russian assembly

37. Grant an exemption to

38. Set up in advance

40. Satisfy

42. Felt

43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls

45. Witnesses

47. Strong insects

49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two

50. One of an ancient people inhabiting Scotland

51. Cheerless

55. Unhealthy

No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.



Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20. The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

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9			21
	1	0	7
35	14	7	



The bill for repair work on a car or truck will be broken down into these main categories.

Answer: Parts and labor

Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Dashboard gauges

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5	3	20

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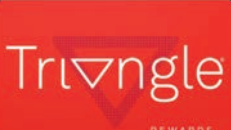
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FAMILY FUN: Families and community members take part in the 10th Annual Dufferin Autism Walk at Fendley Park in Orangeville on Sunday, Sept. 27. Orangeville councillors Joe Andrews and Debbie Sherwood, as well as MPP Sylvia Jones, were in attendance and met with the walk's ambassadors Brooklyn and Brexton Higgins. Walk attendees met with unique characters like the Grinch, Stitch, Sparky the Fire Dog, the Orangeville Northmen mascot, a Disney princess and the Easter Bunny.

Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to stop for school buses, exercise caution

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is reminding residents and road users of the importance of stopping for school buses when their red overhead lights are activated and the stop arm is extended.

Children may not always be paying attention to their surroundings when getting on or off a school bus or crossing the roadway. Motorists are reminded to remain alert, slow down and be prepared for chil-

dren who may enter the roadway unexpectedly.

All motorists approaching a stopped school bus with its red overhead lights activated and stop arm extended are required to stop.

Failing to stop puts children at risk and can result in serious consequences, including a fine of at least \$490 and six demerit points upon conviction.

The Dufferin OPP is asking residents and

road users who witness a motorist failing to stop for a school bus to report the incident to police. Where possible, note the vehicle's licence plate, make, model, colour, location and direction of travel. Do not attempt to follow or confront the driver.

The OPP shared several safety reminders for residents:

- Stop when approaching a school bus with its red lights activated and stop arm extended.

- Remain stopped until the bus resumes motion or the red lights and stop arm are no longer activated.
- Watch carefully for children getting on or off the bus and near the roadway.
- Be prepared for children to cross the road unexpectedly.
- Never pass a stopped school bus when required to stop.
- Report motorists who fail to stop for a school bus to police.

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Dufferin Arts Council celebrates renewed momentum, growth

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

Co-chair of the Dufferin Arts Council’s board of directors, David Nairn was truly thrilled to discuss the reinvigoration of the organization. He wants to call on members and anyone who would like to become a member to join the council for its Annual General Meeting on Oct. 7, starting at 4 p.m., at the Museum of Dufferin (MOD).

The timing of the meeting aligns with the second After 5 Salon being hosted by the Dufferin Arts Council (DAC), with Beckie Morris speaking, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the MOD’s historic Corbetton Church.

In an interview with the Citizen early this week, Nairn shared very good news about DAC, what is keeping the current members pleased over this past year and why there is so much to look forward to.

“We have had great success,” he began. “Last year, we were facing possibly shutting the council down, but fresh interest came on, and we realized there were many reasons to keep it going. For this year’s meeting, the council has joined partnerships with so many arts organizations from across Dufferin.”

“All strong connections,” Nairn pronounced. “All great partnerships.”

In the course of the last year, a number of initiatives to support and promote Dufferin artists have been released: an online calendar covering arts events across the county, along with an online arts directory, in progress. This is to provide a list of artists for anyone seeking to engage an artist for a project or event.

Yet, Nairn wanted to be clear about how DAC’s definition of an artist covers the whole spectrum of not only visual artists but also dancers, performers, writers, and the many

creators in the world of theatre.

There are scholarships and awards, like the Anne Laurier Scholarship Fund and the Reed T. Copper Bursary, which has been extended to the end of October.

The Reed T. Cooper Bursary is a mid-career award for a Dufferin-based visual artist to expand their work through travel, study, or other means. Originally created by his wife, Jane, in Cooper’s memory, herself a supporter of the arts, the bursary has been carried on by their daughter, Sheila Cooper (McCutch-eon).

Jane Cooper died in 2024. Donations to the Reed T. Cooper Bursary can be made via CanadaHelps, which issues an automatic tax receipt.

“A year later and we are really moving forward,” said Nairn. “Also, for encouraging people to see what is happening here – a world-class situation.”

Keeping in line and keeping track with DAC’s new schedule, Nairn was so pleased with the community’s reception of the new DAC programs to date. The first After 5 Salon, held in Hockley Village, was a sell-out, and Michael McCreary’s comic evening at the Orangeville Opera House was very well attended by an audience that looks forward to seeing him again.

Nairn explained the style and intention of the salon events as being more a conversation than a lecture, as the flow of the subject could invite comment or question, keeping the conversation fluid. Refreshments will be served at the upcoming After 5 Salon.

The Dufferin Arts Council is a registered charity founded in 1992, a time of something like a renaissance here in Dufferin County.

In 1989, Nancy Frater and her friend Ellen Clare opened their wonderful independent



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EVENT VENUE: The historic Corbetton Church, built in 1885, will stage the next DAC After 5 Salon. Before that, the Dufferin Arts Council will hold its annual Annual General Meeting on Oct. 7 at the Museum of Dufferin (MOD) at 4 p.m.

bookstore, BookLore. From the beginning, while books were the market, for Frater, the focus was on people and the arts community.

Following this, like something wonderful in nature, the arts made their stamp. In 1994, Signe Ball launched In the Hills Magazine, which covers the Headwaters area.

The same year, 1994, saw the opening of the Museum of Dufferin to a wondrous collection of local history and as a venue for many arts events, with an art gallery displaying works of art on walls rising to the upper floor.

Theatre Orangeville, founded and led by

Jim Betts, lit its stage first in 1993, as the crown of an increasingly vibrant arts community.

And the Dufferin Arts Council supports and promotes these and all the arts organizations in Dufferin.

Dufferin Arts Council invites one and all to attend the Annual General Meeting on Oct. 7 from 4 to 5 pm, after which a walk across to the Corbetton Church will engage everyone on a trip to creating magic with Beckie Morris. Tickets are available online at www.dufferinarts.com/events or at the door of the Corbetton Church.

Teddy Bear clinic brings smiles and health lessons to hundreds of children

Teddy bears and stuffies of all sizes received special care at Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) on Saturday, Sept. 19, as the hospital welcomed hundreds of children to its beloved Teddy Bear Clinic.

For a few special hours, the hospital was filled with laughter, curiosity and the excitement of children proudly guiding their favourite stuffed companions through their very own health care journey.

“The Teddy Bear Clinic is one of the highlights of the year at Headwaters,” said Kim Delahunt, president and CEO of HHCC. “Seeing children explore the hospital with curiosity and confidence is incredibly rewarding. Through play, we are able to help create positive early experiences with

health care that can make a lasting difference.”

The Teddy Bear Clinic is a free, family-focused event where children bring their favourite stuffed animals to the hospital and guide them through a simulated patient journey.

Along the way, children visit stations such as registration, triage, diagnostic imaging, physician check-ups, pharmacy, and hygiene, helping them learn about health care and become more familiar with the hospital environment. The experience is designed to reduce anxiety and build confidence through play.

This year, 267 children attended the Teddy Bear Clinic, enjoying a variety of activi-

ties alongside their teddy bears. The event was made possible through the support of more than 70 staff, physicians and volunteers who generously gave their time to create a memorable experience for local families.

“The energy throughout the day was absolutely incredible,” said Juliann McArthur, manager of patient experience at HHCC and lead organizer of the Teddy Bear Clinic.

“Everywhere you looked, children were learning, laughing and proudly guiding their teddy bears through the hospital. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces.”

The Orangeville Optimist Club served as the presenting sponsor for the 2026 Teddy

Bear Clinic.

“The Teddy Bear Clinic is a wonderful example of what can happen when a community comes together,” said Klaus Hoeg, president of the Orangeville Optimist Club. “We are proud to support this event and help create a memorable experience for hundreds of local children and families.”

Headwaters Health Care Centre extends its heartfelt thanks to the staff, physicians, volunteers, sponsors and donors who helped bring the 2026 Teddy Bear Clinic to life.

Together, they created a day that not only entertained and educated, but also helped children build positive and lasting connections with health care.

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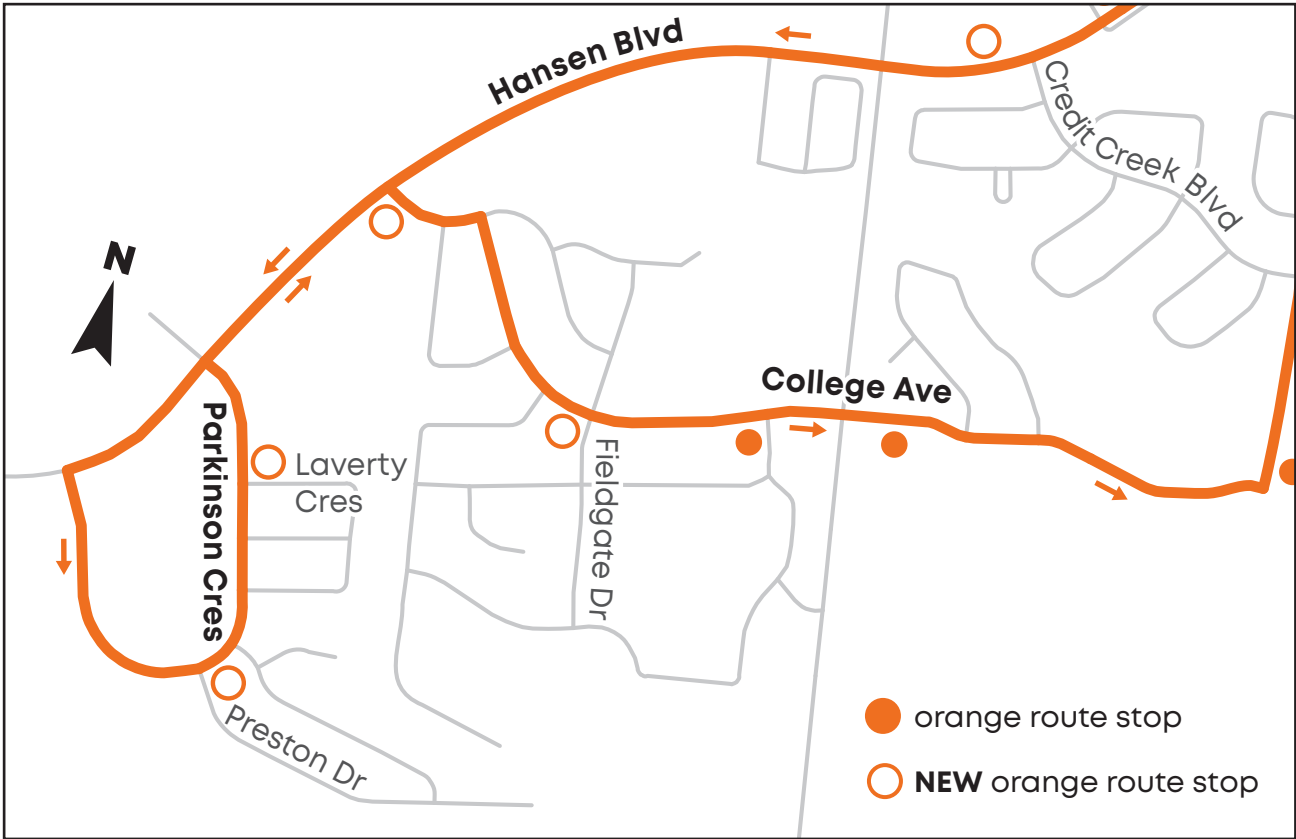
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- College Ave. at Fieldgate Dr.

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Orange route schedule

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Effective October 8, 2026

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8:00 a.m.	8:03 a.m.	8:05 a.m.	8:09 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:18 a.m.	8:27 a.m.	8:35 a.m.	8:39 a.m.	8:41 a.m.
8:45 a.m.	8:48 a.m.	8:50 a.m.	8:54 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:03 a.m.	9:12 a.m.	9:20 a.m.	9:24 a.m.	9:26 a.m.
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2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

CANDIDATE PROFILES - Part 1

With the upcoming municipal election on October 26, we invited each candidate to respond to the same three questions about their reason for running, priorities and vision for the municipality, qualifications, and contact information. Their responses are published below as submitted, subject only to length and standard copy editing for style, grammar and clarity.

Candidates were asked to keep their responses focused on their own qualifications, priorities and vision for the municipality. Candidates are listed alphabetically within each position they are running for.

Joe Andrews (incumbent) — Running for councillor

1. What made you want to run for municipal office?

Having been heavily involved for almost 40 years within our community through my various professional appointments and volunteer commitments, I already had an established connection to the municipality and higher levels of government.

Seeing first-hand the role and responsibilities of being an elected official truly intrigued me. I was also asked time and time again by so many residents here in Orangeville to consider running for municipal office because of my noted integrity, professional experience, and that I truly care about Orangeville and its future.

I was honoured to be first elected in 2018, successful in my re-election in 2022, and I hope to be re-elected in this fall's Orangeville municipal election. There is still so much to do for our community.

2. What do you see as the biggest issues facing the municipality?

In this elected role now for two terms (2018, 2022), I know we as a community continue to face challenging times economically, including inflationary concerns, balancing the expectations of a growing town, while having additional financial pressures that have been downloaded to our level of municipal responsibility.

What this means: key infrastructure that was neglected for a number of reasons by previous councils now requires immediate renewal or replacement and must be financially supported either through important advocacy to the upper levels of government (provincial, federal) or by long-



term financial planning in order to pay for it.

At this juncture, despite having seen through targeted advocacy the successful financial grant awards from the provincial government of over \$30 million during this term of council, the municipality is still responsible to fund the bulk of infrastructure project support.

From a long-term planning perspective, Orangeville must also consider forms of growth expansion beyond our current borders

in order to address the day to day demands of our community, which is becoming more diverse in its population and business make-up.

There must be an equitable balance between the forms of taxation required from the residential, commercial and industrial tax base to support our commitments.

3. What makes you best suited for this role?

I believe my extensive senior-level leadership experience in both post-secondary education and various business sectors, a genuine duty in making decisions that are based on data, dialogue and critical research and planning, are just a small part of what makes me best suited for this role as councillor.

Yet, it is more than just that.

It is so critical to bring to the table civility, respect and a caring, committed, open form of leadership to everyone who provides a vote of confidence so that I can represent their best interests for the greater good of the community.

I am humbled and honoured to be an elected official for the people of Orangeville.

Boubah Bah — Running for councillor

1. What made you want to run for municipal office?

After several decades of community involvement — including with the Orangeville Lions Club, the Town's Economic Development Office, the Parent-Teacher Association, and through hundreds of hours of community service — combined with my experience in law enforcement, I have gained a deeper understanding of people, their challenges, and their aspirations.

I believe we all want to build better lives and a stronger community. I want to take that experience into public office and serve Orangeville in a role where I can make a meaningful difference.

2. What do you see as the biggest issues facing the municipality?

Fiscal restraint is one of the main challenges facing Orangeville.

We need to find ways to control and prioritize expenditures while increasing non-tax revenues where possible.

There are several avenues to achieve this, but it will require clear explanations, realistic goals, and a recognition that the economic environment has



changed.

We also need to build on Orangeville's strengths: an educated workforce, a clean environment, and our proximity to major industrial and commercial centres.

3. What makes you best suited for the role?

I am a pragmatic and practical person who listens, observes, and engages with people to achieve specific goals.

I know this community well through my years of involvement with local service organizations, fundraising for various causes, and participating in community initiatives.

My professional experience in law enforcement has also taught me the importance of leadership, accountability, and finding practical solutions.

Having travelled extensively across Canada and around the world, I have seen how other communities address similar challenges.

I believe we can learn from those experiences while adapting good ideas to Orangeville's own realities and strengths.

Vote for Boubah for Strong Governance, Smart Spending, Vibrant Orangeville — A Better Future For All! Visit me at: boubah4orangeville.ca

Austin Cotton — Running for councillor

1. What made you want to run for municipal office?

As someone who grew up in Orangeville, I've watched the town grow as well, but I believe there is work to be done for positive change to support this growth.

As a father and homeowner, my passion for municipal issues is greater than ever before, and I believe the best way to enact the change you want to see is to do the work yourself.

I believe in the need for diverse perspectives on town council and collective values that align with citizens' penchant for transparency, accessibility, and affordability.

There are several issues I am passionate about, including fiscal responsibility, public safety and crime, property tax management, disability accessibility, municipal accountability, and our connection to the GTA, particularly since the sale of our railway.

I believe better accessibility between Orangeville and the GTA would improve the quality of life for citizens commuting for work or school and boost our tourism industry and local economy. Orangeville has a lot to offer, whether you live here or are just visiting; let's make the most of it and make it work for us.



2. What do you see as the biggest issues facing the municipality?

I am particularly passionate about our connection to the GTA and the sale of our previous railway corridor. This is a pain point that I have heard from other citizens, whether they want to get to the city for leisure or experience long, traffic-heavy commutes each day.

If elected, I intend to collaborate with council and the provincial government on a plan to improve GO Transit access and shorten commute times.

Before COVID caused more people to move out of the city and up to Orangeville, low GO bus ridership was cited as a reason not to expand service. While attending U of T, I rode the GO bus many times and know firsthand that the service is not ideal. That is why ridership is low. It would take half the day to get from downtown Toronto to Orangeville Mall. This is not feasible for commuters, working families, our growing population, or our local economy.

We need an updated investigation to explore the feasibility and demand for improved GO Transit options. Prioritizing faster connections will make better use of residents' time and strengthen our

tourism industry, helping to reduce the need to rely on residential property taxes.

3. What makes you best suited for the role?

Our town will only benefit from fresh perspectives and better representation for all life stages. I will represent young families and working-age individuals to ensure the needs of our entire community are reflected at a governance level.

All candidates will be touching on similar issues and topics, but my approach to winning your vote is entirely different. I pledge that I will not knock on your door uninvited, solicit donations, or clutter the roads with signs. I believe local leadership should be

about modern solutions, not outdated disruptions.

Instead, as a town council nominee, I am accessible to discuss issues and concerns on your terms, with respect for your doorstep, time, and attention.

As an elected town councillor, I will be proactive in problem-solving and will be here when you need me. I will work for you.

I promise to ensure fiscal responsibility, to hold council to a high level of accountability that considers all citizens' values, and, most importantly, to not take this role lightly.

Have questions or ideas for our town? You can reach me directly at austin.cotton@yahoo.ca.

Carrie-Anne DeCaprio — Running for councillor

1. What made you want to run for municipal office?

I'm running because I love Orangeville, and I believe the people who live here should feel connected to the decisions being made about their community.

Through my work in the non-profit sector, volunteering, and simply being part of this town, I've had the privilege of meeting people from all walks of life. I've also seen what can happen when people, businesses, community organizations, town staff and government work together.

Over the last few years, I've become more curious about how municipal decisions are made and how those decisions affect people in their everyday lives. I started attending council meetings, asking more questions and learning more about the role.

Eventually, I realized I didn't just want to follow those conversations. I wanted to contribute to them.

For me, running for council is another way to serve the community I already call home: listening, learning, bringing people together and helping make thoughtful decisions about Orangeville's future.

Because at the end of every budget, policy, and decision, real people are affected. And People Matter Most.

2. What do you see as the biggest issues facing the municipality?

Affordability is the issue I hear about most, and it touches almost everything else.

I saw the pressure firsthand during my three years working at the Orangeville Food Bank. More families, seniors and working people were asking for help as housing, groceries and everyday expenses became harder to manage.

Municipal council can't solve affordability on its own, and I think candidates need to be honest about that. But the decisions council makes matter.

We need responsible stewardship of tax dollars and careful decisions about spending. We need thoughtful



growth and more attainable housing options while protecting what people value about Orangeville. We need strong infrastructure and municipal services, a healthy local economy, and continued collaboration with community organizations, businesses and other levels of government.

Those priorities compete for limited resources, which means council will sometimes have to make difficult choices.

For me, the question should always be: what is the long-term impact of this decision, and how will the people who live here experience it?

3. What makes you best suited for the role?

I listen. I ask questions. I do my homework. And I'm comfortable bringing people with different perspectives around the same table.

My work in donor engagement, nonprofit leadership, community outreach and governance has taught me a lot about stewardship, accountability and collaboration. I've worked with residents, businesses, nonprofit organizations, municipal staff and elected officials, and I've seen how much stronger decisions can be when people actually listen to one another.

I also understand the role I'm asking voters to entrust me with. Councillors provide direction and oversight; municipal staff bring the operational and technical expertise. A good councillor doesn't need to walk into the room knowing everything. They need to prepare, ask strong questions, consider the evidence, listen to residents and staff, weigh competing priorities and make responsible decisions for the long term.

I bring curiosity, energy, compassion and a willingness to do the work.

Most importantly, I won't forget who those decisions are for. Council deals with budgets, roads, housing, planning and infrastructure, but ultimately, it's all about people.

People Matter Most.

Michelle Hartley — Running for councillor

1. What made you want to run for municipal office?

Truly, my plan, desire, and goal was to run in 2030 as a council candidate — I felt I still had a lot to learn and invest in. But then I saw some councillor candidates that I felt were in it for all the wrong reasons: money, popularity, the title — so I threw my hat into the ring.

The first two people I told were current Mayor List Post and current Coun. Debbie Sherwood at the Alder Library, on the day it's new Makerspace was showcased.

2. What do you see as the biggest issues facing the municipality?

Honesty, transparency, communication, living town experiences first-hand, and apologies. I have gone



before council Monday nights, pointing out big, big errors. No one ever apologizes.

3. What makes you best suited for the role?

I deeply, sincerely, honestly care and have for years. The role is not about the money. I'm in favour 100 per cent to roll that income back to 2024.

I experience our town every day: swimming twice a day, taking the bus, fundraising for the food bank, having been a client at Family Transition Place, budgeting the

gas money to drive just 5 mins out of town for a fun moment.

I dislike liars, bullies, fakes, and phonies.

It takes teamwork to make the town work.

Watch for ongoing Orangeville candidate coverage in the weeks leading up to the Oct. 26 municipal election as part of our Orangeville Votes coverage. We'll continue providing voters with information about the candidates, their priorities and their vision for the community.

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Orangeville District Secondary School’s senior soccer season underway

Written By **CHRIS PERROTTE**

The Orangeville District Secondary School (ODSS) Bears senior soccer team had a strong start to their 2026 campaign with a 5-1 win over the Centre Wellington District High School (CWDHS) in their season opener on Sept. 22.

In the first half, CWDHS opened the scoring for a 1-0 lead. ODSS tied the game and went up 4-1 thanks to a goal from Kameron Izzard and a hat trick from Grayson Lepage.

“It felt pretty good,” said Lepage, who plays centre-mid. “I think all around the team played well, fed me the ball and I had opportunities to score.”

In the second, the Bears added to the lead with a penalty kick goal scored by Lucas Drennan and won the game.

On Sept. 24, with a win in the record column, the Bears faced St. James Catholic High School Lions, who also won their first game of the season. In their season opener, they faced the Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School Celtics and defeated them 1-0.

Both teams were evenly matched to start, going back and forth until Bishop Mac increased the pressure offensively and created scoring opportunities. The Bears’ defence held its own throughout the first half and responded

with scoring chances.

“I think we are doing really well. I think we’ve had our opportunities that we could have capitalized on. But overall, everyone wants to win. Everyone is not just here for jokes; we want to win, and I think if we continue going, we’ll get our opportunities and we will be able to come out with the win,” said Nathan McLeod, who plays the centre-mid position for the Bears.

Just before the first half ended, the Lions scored the first goal of the game to make it 1-0 for them.

“They’re playing awesome. We came out a little shaky at the beginning, just getting use [to] the climate of things going on here, but I think they really settled in before [the] half and were able to control that midfield, stop their main attackers, and its definitely been a good push,” said Justin Szarabura, head coach of the Lions.

In the second half, ODSS applied the pressure, tilting the field and creating scoring chances that they couldn’t capitalize on. Midway through the match on a Lions possession, it appeared like they scored to make it 2-0. However, the goal was waived off as it hit the player’s elbow first before he kicked it in, which is against the rules.

On another possession, a penalty kick was

awarded to the Bears. Lepage took the shot but couldn’t get it past the goalie.

By the end of the match, the Celtics held on to a 1-0 victory over the Bears, improving their record to 2-0 to start the season.

“We’re not passing the ball well and not moving it through our midfield very well, we’re trying to skip the midfield,” explained Darryn Stevenson, head coach of the ODSS Bears, on what can be improved going forward.

“We also need to stop trying to put balls vertically up the field. Get them on angles and we did that a lot better on Tuesday than we did today.”

The ODSS Bears are 1-1 in the standings to kick off their soccer season.



CHRIS PERROTTE PHOTO

GAME TIME: ODSS Bears players compete against the St. James Catholic High School Lions during a senior boys soccer game on Sept. 24.

Orangeville Rotary hosts 9/11 survivor

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Dittmar ended his address by asking those gathered to continue carrying the memory of the victims and the events of Sept. 11 with them.

“Always remember and never, never forget,” he said.

The evening event continued Rotary Orangeville Highlands’ tradition of bringing the community together while raising funds that will be reinvested into local organizations through its Community Choice Grants.

The grant program provides funding to local non-profit organizations, with residents helping nominate and select recipients. Five grants are awarded through the program, ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per organization.

Rotary Orangeville Highlands previously organized Canada Day celebrations for 20 years and hosted its annual Taste of Autumn fundraiser for 30 years. Over its three-decade run, Taste of Autumn raised more than \$2 million to support local organizations and international initiatives.

Grand Valley resident charged with impaired driving

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers charged a Grand Valley resident with impaired driving-related offences following a traffic complaint.

On Sept. 26, at approximately 6:00 p.m., officers responded to a traffic complaint regarding a possible impaired driver in the area of Bythia Street in Orangeville.

Officers attended the area and located the vehicle and driver. During their interaction with the driver, officers initiated an impaired driving investigation.

As a result, Sonny Rumbelow, 36, from

Grand Valley, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date to answer to the charges.

In addition, the individuals’ driver’s licences were suspended, and the vehicles were impounded. None of the charges have been proven in court.

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