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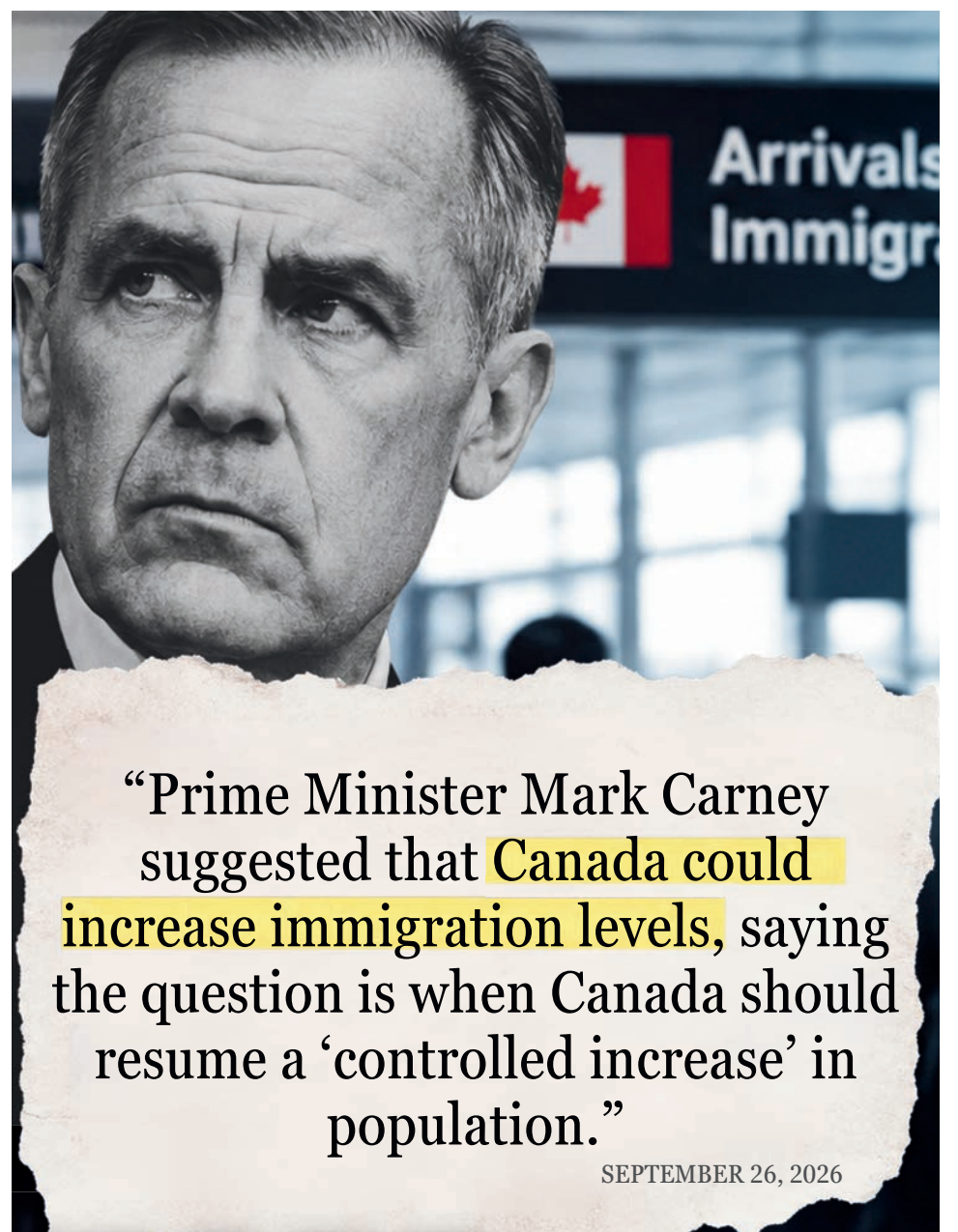
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“Prime Minister Mark Carney suggested that Canada could increase immigration levels, saying the question is when Canada should resume a ‘controlled increase’ in population.”

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NEW COUNCIL: Orangeville's incoming council gathers at the Taphouse to celebrate the success of their respective campaigns. From left, Coun. Carrie-Anne DeCaprio, Coun. Tess Prendergast, Coun. Joe Andrews, Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor, Mayor Lisa Post, Coun. Debbie Sherwood and Coun. Matthew Smith.

Orangeville elects two newcomers, returns five incumbents

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The results are in, and Orangeville voters have spoken.

Incumbent Mayor Lisa has been returned to office by a wide margin, receiving 4,804 votes, followed by Jeremy Williams with 1,868, Sandy Brown with 1,408, Christopher DeCastro with 561, and Nick Garisto with 535.

Incumbent Todd Taylor won the deputy mayoral race with 5,496 votes, compared to his sole competitor, Sheila Hall, who received 2,302.

Three of five council seats are being filled by incumbents Joe Andrews, Debbie Sherwood and Tess Prendergast. Two new faces on council are Carrie-Anne DeCaprio and Matthew Smith.

They will begin serving their four-year council term on Nov. 16.

All of the successful candidates gathered at the Taphouse in Orangeville on Oct. 26 after the results came in.

"I think reflecting on the campaign, we ran our campaigns with a lot of positivity, but also a lot of honesty. There was never a time where we were going to tell a constituent something that they wanted to hear in order to get a vote," said Post.

"It's such an honour that the community is putting their trust back in me and I won't

let them down. I'm going to keep showing up every day like I do with leadership, with passion, with honesty, with integrity."

Post said she's happy to see incumbents returning to council and looking forward to working with newcomers DeCaprio and Smith.

"I think they both bring different skill sets that are really going to round out the council in a strong way," she told the Citizen.

Taylor shared that he felt relieved after the results came in, noting the importance of having a qualified group of people representing the town.

Looking ahead, he said addressing financial pressures will require Orangeville to rethink how it works with neighbouring municipalities and the county.

"We are going to have to explore our relationship with the other municipalities and find a new way of working together," Taylor said. "Part of that could be land acquisition. It could be ways of working in terms of agreements that we have with them financially."

Returning to council, Andrews shared a similar sentiment surrounding the acquisition of neighbouring lands.

I think we've got to do a better job of trying to attract additional business and also looking at expansion of our business industrial land," he said. "That is probably our biggest

Achilles heel right now — not having enough land to expand."

Reflecting on his past term of office, Andrews, who sits on the town's economic development committee, highlighted over \$65 million in new business investment in Orangeville.

He said his focus going forward is finding ways of reducing the tax burden on residential ratepayers, with a view of attracting new business investment.

Coun. Sherwood, who was also re-elected, said critiquing the town's budget will be a priority.

"We heard over and over that taxes are high, and we might have put [forward] increases that were a little bit burdensome to some people, so I really want to make sure that we're really cautious with our budgeting," she said.

Sherwood also pointed to transit as an area requiring attention. She shared that residents have repeatedly raised concerns about the service during her campaign.

"We've heard over and over, it's just not working," she said. "I think that's going to be one of the priorities, and of course we want to make sure that we can get some affordable housing in here as well."

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Eight new municipal councils elected across Dufferin County

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

The Oct. 26 municipal election has concluded, and residents have spoken. New councils have been elected across Dufferin County's eight municipalities. The newly elected deputy mayor and mayors of each municipality will represent Dufferin County council. Community members are welcome to attend county council's inauguration of its warden and deputy warden on Dec. 3, at 6 p.m., at Monora Park.

Election results

In Orangeville, the new council consists of Mayor Lisa Post, Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor, and councillors Tess Prendergast, Matthew Smith, Carrie-Anne DeCaprio, Debbie Sherwood and Joe Andrews.

In Shelburne, the new council includes Mayor Wade Mills, Deputy Mayor Len Guichardi, and councillors Lindsay Wegener, Kyle Fegan, Alethia O'Hara Stephenson, Jim Bates and Brad Reid.

In Mono, John Creelman was elected mayor, Laura Campbell was elected deputy mayor, and Christine Sinclair, Ralph Manktelow, Bradley Mayer-Harman, Elaine Capes, Pat-

DUFFERIN COUNTY
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rick Hendley and Christine Walker won council seats.

In Grand Valley, Steve Solomon was elected mayor, Jennifer Tovell deputy mayor, and Steve Miles, Joshua King and Charlie Brady councillors.

In Melancthon, Darren White was elected mayor and James McLean was acclaimed deputy mayor. Bill Neilson, Bashir Ahmmed, and Bryan Lemcke will serve as councillors.

In Mulmur, Janet Horner was acclaimed as mayor, and Andrew Cunningham was elected deputy mayor. Shirley Boxem, Kim Lyon and Lisa Thompson make up the rest of council.

In East Garafraxa, Guy Gardhouse was acclaimed mayor, and John Sturk was acclaimed deputy mayor. They will serve alongside councillors Lenora Banfield, Joost Heersche, and Bob Morris.

In Amaranth, Chris Gerrits was acclaimed mayor, and Gail was acclaimed deputy mayor. Brad Metzger, Susan Graham, and Cheryl Russel were elected to council.



FILE PHOTO

THEATRE'S FUTURE: Theatre Orangeville continues to work to stabilize its finances and repay a \$300,000 loan from the Town of Orangeville while maintaining operations at the historic Orangeville Opera House.

Theatre Orangeville pledges continued accountability amid financial recovery

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

Theatre Orangeville is pledging continued financial accountability and cooperation with the town as the organization works to stabilize its finances and maintain its role in the community.

In a statement published Oct. 28, the theatre's Board of Directors outlined its ongoing recovery efforts, thanking residents and supporters while acknowledging public questions surrounding its financial circumstances and management.

"In recent months, Theatre Orangeville has been the subject of public discussion concerning our financial circumstances, our relationship with the town, and our role in the management of the historic Orangeville Opera House," the statement read. "Over the past year, Theatre Orangeville has faced significant financial challenges that have required difficult decisions and meaningful organizational change."

The statement, signed by board chair Laura Austin, also congratulated Mayor Lisa Post and Orangeville's newly elected council, expressing a desire to maintain the partnership between the municipality and the theatre as it works to repay its \$300,000 loan.

The organization has faced significant financial challenges over the past year, prompting changes to its operations and internal structure.

Working alongside artistic director Jennifer Stewart, the board said that it has reviewed its operations, introduced cost-saving measures and reassigned responsibilities in an effort to establish a more sustainable financial footing.

The board emphasized that the assistance is a loan, not a grant, and repayment will follow the terms established through its agreement with the municipality.

Beyond its financial relationship with

the town, Theatre Orangeville continues to oversee operations at the Orangeville Opera House, a role that it will continue to do as always.

"Our partnership with the town extends well beyond financial support," the statement read. "Theatre Orangeville is proud of its longstanding role in managing the Orangeville Opera House, including supporting community rentals, providing front-of-house, box office and technical services, and helping ensure this historic facility remains an accessible and welcoming space for our community."

The board acknowledged that rebuilding confidence among residents, patrons and supporters will require continued action and responsible financial management.

Theatre Orangeville has operated for more than 30 years, offering professional Canadian theatre, arts education, youth programming and community partnerships.

The board said maintaining those programs and their community impact will depend on making responsible decisions while strengthening the organization's financial position.

It also committed to providing further updates as developments arise.

The theatre expressed its gratitude for the continued support it receives from its patrons, the community and the Town of Orangeville.

"We recognize that the confidence of our patrons, supporters and community is earned through action," the statement read.

"As we continue to strengthen our operations and financial foundation, our Board of Directors remains committed to responsible oversight, sound financial management and fulfilling our obligations to the Town of Orangeville. To our patrons, subscribers, donors, volunteers, community partners and the Town of Orangeville, thank you for your continued support, your questions and your belief in Theatre Orangeville."

Break-and-enter suspect sought by police

Dufferin OPP is investigating a break and enter at a coffee shop on Col. Phillips Drive in Shelburne.

On Oct. 28, 2026, shortly after 12:30 a.m., an unknown suspect allegedly gained entry to the business through a rear door. Once inside, the suspect reportedly cut open a safe and stole an undisclosed amount of cash, along with the remaining cash from the cash registers.

The suspect is described wearing a mask, a red sweater and gloves.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.



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SUSPECT SOUGHT: Dufferin OPP is seeking information about a suspect in an Oct. 28 break-in at a Shelburne coffee shop.



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Newly elected councillors share their plans for upcoming term

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While financial pressures and economic development remain priorities, returning Coun. Tess Prendergast said she looks forward to working with the town's newest councillors on environmental initiatives.

"I am encouraged to work with new Coun. Smith on the environment portfolio. As he was a member of Sustainable Orangeville, I think we have a lot of work that we can accomplish together. We aligned on that topic for sure," Prendergast said.

Reflecting on the canvassing period, she told the Citizen, "I ran a positive campaign, and it gave people hope."

She continued, "There's so many things that we can do at a local level, and each individual has the potential to affect change in their community."

Smith, who is entering municipal politics for the first time, is hoping to bring that potential for change to town council.

He said pedestrian safety was a concern he heard repeatedly from residents during the election, particularly around school zones and routes children use to get to school.

"Something as simple as crossing the street shouldn't be unsafe," Smith said.

Looking at ways to support active transportation could help to reduce congestion and increase safety, he said.

Part of Smith's success on the campaign trail can be attributed to his civic engagement in the lead-up to the election. He's attended almost every Orangeville council meeting over the past four years and posts relevant information online to keep residents informed about what's happening at



town hall.

"Keeping people in the loop, keeping people informed. People appreciated that. Just knowing what's going on," Smith said.

He also took a hands-on approach to understanding the town's transit system, riding Orangeville Transit to experience its routes from a passenger's perspective.

The experience helped him better understand the challenges riders face, which he hopes to bring forward as a member of council.

Fellow newcomer to council, Carrie-Anne DeCaprio, said her approach will centre on how municipal decisions affect residents.

"At the end of every conversation I had, at the end of every social media post, my slogan and the way I build my life is, 'People matter most,'" she said. "At the end of the day, every decision will affect the people that are living in Orangeville, so that's the lens that we need to be thinking about."

Her four core pillars are collaboration and advocacy, affordability, responsible growth, and accessibility.

DeCaprio said affordability is a growing concern, pointing to the cost of living, increased use of food banks and the town's unhoused population. She said council must scrutinize spending while considering the effects of its decisions on residents.

Under responsible growth, particularly youth development, she suggested collabora-



JIM WADDINGTON PHOTO

RETURNED TO OFFICE: From left, Coun. Joe Andrews, Mayor Lisa Post, and Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor celebrate their election victories at the Taphouse on Oct. 26.

tion with local organizations to find additional funding and bring groups together.

Accessibility was another focus of her campaign. DeCaprio held "coffee and conversations" at local venues throughout the campaign to meet residents where they feel comfortable and hear their concerns.

"I got to dive both feet into all things Orangeville," she said of her campaign. "I got to go out and talk to people that I've never met before. I got to sit down and do spread-

sheets about budgets and learn about what's happening behind the scenes."

Orangeville saw a higher voter turnout than in the 2022 election, increasing from 26.9 per cent to 36.5 per cent. Out of 25,544 eligible voters, 9,310 cast ballots. The majority of votes were cast online, totalling 6,863, compared to 529 at advance polls and 1,918 on election day.

The inaugural meeting for the 2026-2030 term of council is scheduled for Nov. 16.

Orangeville Hallowe'en Haunt Patrol announces this year's winning homes

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

With spooky season in full swing, the results of the Orangeville Hallowe'en Haunt Patrol's annual decorating contest are in.

Judging took place across Orangeville on Oct. 24, with homeowners competing to have the best decorated house in town.

In the end, judges scored 170-172 Lisa Marie Drive as the first-place winner.

The winning home features a Butcher Chop Shop theme, made almost entirely out of handmade props.

The display had no animatronics but did feature live action entertainment, with the homeowner using human actors to add extra scares to those who stopped by.

"I heard the cars were lined up well beyond the curve of Lisa Marie Drive, waiting patiently for their turn to drive by and enjoy this must-do traditional experience," said Orangeville Hallowe'en Haunt Patrol founder and organizer, Michelle Hartley.

She told the Citizen the house has been a part of the contest since its first year in 2020

and never disappoints Hallowe'en enthusiasts.

Second place went to 136 Elaine Drive, which participated in the contest for the first time this year.

Third place went to fellow newcomer, 26 Abbey Road.

"Both locations included an interactive backyard maze and garage experiences," Hartley said. "I can't even guess what 2027 will bring."

For the President's Pick, which Hartley decides, 16-year-old haunt creator Rogan at 270 Elderberry won.

In last year's contest, 118 Church Street won first place, and 4-6 Henderson Street won the year before.

Orangeville Hallowe'en Haunt Patrol collected 274 pounds of food for the Orangeville Food Bank this year and hopes to gather 500 pounds next year.

On Oct. 31, the public is encouraged to vote on the Orangeville Hallowe'en Haunt Patrol Facebook page for the People's Choice Award from 6 to 10 p.m.



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FRIGHTENING FUN: Live actors add to the scares at 170-172 Lisa Marie Drive during judging on Oct. 24. The house took first place in Orangeville's 2026 Hallowe'en Haunt Patrol decorating contest.

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\$248

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$69,086^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN

7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS
C.O.B \$21,163.22

2026 HYUNDAI PALISADE ULTIMATE CALLIGRAPHY AWD

STK# TC0107

FINANCE FROM

\$219

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$60,971^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN

7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS
C.O.B \$18,677.34

2019 RAM 2500 LARAMIE LONGHORN

STK# TC0107

FINANCE FROM

\$247

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$51,621^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN

8.99% FOR 84 MONTHS
C.O.B \$12,511.94

2017 DODGE CHARGER SRT 392

STK# TC0107

FINANCE FROM

\$51,175

CASH

\$51,175^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN

CASH

2026 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 LT TRAIL BOSS 4X4

STK# 23606

FINANCE FROM

\$257

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$80,704^{+HST/LIC}

OCTOBER OFFER: \$10,000 NSCDA APPLIED TO \$90,704 STARTING PRICE
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OFFER SHOWN OCTOBER 2-26, 2026.
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2026 CHEVROLET COLORADO Z71 CREW CAB SHORT BOX 4X4

STK# 23534

FINANCE FROM

\$199

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$57,320^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN PAYMENT

5.49% FOR 84 MONTHS
C.O.B \$12,301.00

2022 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 4XE OVERLAND 4X4

STK# 23606

FINANCE FROM

\$146

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$40,620^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN

7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS
C.O.B \$12,443.19

2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 3500HD HIGH COUNTRY

STK# 23606

FINANCE FROM

\$325

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$90,616^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN

7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS
C.O.B \$27,758.54

2026 GMC SIERRA 1500 AT4

STK# 23606

FINANCE FROM

\$274

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$76,216^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN

7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS
C.O.B \$23,347.38

2019 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE

STK# 23606

FINANCE FROM

\$110

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$22,995^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN

8.99% FOR 72 MONTHS
C.O.B \$5,572.55

2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 LTZ

STK# 23606

FINANCE FROM

\$199

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$55,416^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN

7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS
C.O.B \$16,975.67

2024 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE Z71 AWD

STK# 23606

FINANCE FROM

\$189

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$52,616^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN

7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS
C.O.B \$16,117.94

2024 CADILLAC XT4 SPORT

STK# 23606

FINANCE FROM

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WEEKLY +TAXES

\$47,716^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN

7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS
C.O.B \$14,616.91

2024 CADILLAC ESCALADE ESV 4WD SPORT

STK# 23606

FINANCE FROM

\$344

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$95,716^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN

7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS
C.O.B \$29,320.83

2026 VOLKSWAGEN TIGUAN TRENDLINE 4MOTION

STK# TG2462-NEW

LEASE FROM

\$107

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$41,421^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN PAYMENT PLUS SECURITY DEPOSIT

3.49% FOR 60 MONTHS
12,000 KMS PER YEAR

2026 VOLKSWAGEN TAOS TRENDLINE AWD

STK# TA2682-NEW

LEASE FROM

\$106

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$36,065^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN PAYMENT PLUS SECURITY DEPOSIT

4.49% FOR 60 MONTHS
12,000 KMS PER YEAR

2024 VOLKSWAGEN TIGUAN HIGHLINE R-LINE 4MOTION

STK# TG2462-NEW

LEASE FROM

\$122

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$33,992^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN

7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS
C.O.B \$10,412.82

2024 VOLKSWAGEN ATLAS COMFORTLINE 4MOTION

STK# TG2462-NEW

LEASE FROM

\$133

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$36,995^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN

7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS
C.O.B \$11,332.73

2021 RAM 1500 LARAMIE

STK# TA2682-NEW

LEASE FROM

\$174

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$42,991^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN

7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS
C.O.B \$11,157.57

2023 JEEP WRANGLER WILLYS

STK# TA2682-NEW

LEASE FROM

\$147

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$40,995^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN

7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS
C.O.B \$12,558.06

2023 VOLKSWAGEN TIGUAN COMFORTLINE 4MOTION

STK# TG2462-NEW

LEASE FROM

\$97

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$26,992^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN

7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS
C.O.B \$8,288.50

2023 VOLKSWAGEN ATLAS EXECLINE

STK# TG2462-NEW

LEASE FROM

\$125

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$34,895^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN

7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS
C.O.B \$10,689.44

2023 VOLKSWAGEN TIGUAN COMFORTLINE 4MOTION

STK# TG2462-NEW

LEASE FROM

\$102

WEEKLY +TAXES

\$28,381^{+HST/LIC}

\$0 DOWN

7.99% FOR 84 MONTHS
C.O.B \$8,693.99

2023 KIA SPORTAGE X-LINE LIMITED AWD

STK# TA2682-NEW

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Primary care expansion aims to reach thousands in Dufferin, Caledon

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team (HOHC OHT) and the Dufferin Area Family Health Team (DAFHT) are expanding primary care services to help residents of Dufferin and Caledon access care while waiting for a family doctor.

The expansion will use a “hub-and-spoke” model of care, working to establish care clinics where residents without a family doctor can access a primary care team while waiting to be matched with a local physician. It looks to connect more than 6,500 people

in Dufferin County and Caledon to primary care by early 2027, with the remaining residents targeted for connection by 2029.

“This implementation plan represents a collaboration between a number of HOHC OHT community partners committed to expanding primary care delivery in our community,” said Dave Pearson, executive director of HOHC OHT. “Through this ‘hub-and-spoke’ model of care, we aim to enhance our local health care system with multidisciplinary teams to deliver better care to more people across our vast geography.”

Through the expansion, physicians and

nurse practitioners will be assisted in connecting patients to specialized programs and providers. This is aimed at freeing up physician time so they can take on more patients.

The expansion is also intended to improve access to diabetes and memory clinics.

It will be implemented in consultation with HOHC OHT’s Primary Care Network, led by Dr. Michael Gagnon and Dr. Sonya Caruso.

“The creation of new care service entry points in our community will provide consistent, convenient, and reliable care for every Dufferin and Caledon resident outside of regular weekday business hours, affording

greater continuity of care and further reducing preventable Emergency Department presentations,” says Lianne Barbour, executive director of DAFHT.

“We are proud of the quality of care we have been able to offer our existing patients and are thrilled with the opportunity to expand access to primary care and DAFHT programs and services to the rest of the Dufferin and Caledon community.”

To be matched with a primary care physician in Dufferin or Caledon, visit: hillsofheadwaterscollaborative.ca/accessprimary-care.

Dufferin County recognizes sustainable housing through Green Development Program

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin County is encouraging more sustainable residential development through a regional program recognizing homes and communities designed to be energy-efficient, climate-resilient and affordable over the long term.

The Green Development Program officially launched Oct. 13, in partnership with Grey and Wellington counties, and set up a voluntary framework to encourage environmentally responsible building practices.

Mulmur mayor and Dufferin County Coun. Janet Horner was joined by representatives from Wellington and Grey counties for the occasion. Horner said that the program will help encourage local community growth while, at the same time, reducing long-term costs

“When we talk about housing affordability, the focus is often on what it costs to buy or rent a home. But long-term affordability also includes what it costs to live in a home and community over many years,” she said “The Green Development Program

will help reduce long-term costs related to energy, transportation and sustainable infrastructure in the development stage.”

“Together with our partners at Grey and Wellington Counties, Dufferin is excited to launch the Green Development Program and make decisions today that will serve our growing communities for decades.”

The program aims to encourage developers to incorporate sustainability measures into new construction rather than relying on costly retrofits later, as Dufferin County continues to grow in population. These features are meant to help reduce energy and maintenance costs, improve residents’ comfort and better prepare communities for extreme weather.

Developments are assessed using a scorecard of 18 features across three categories: natural environment, community and transportation, and built environment. Projects earn points for incorporating eligible features, with total scores determining Bronze, Silver or Gold recognition.

There were four developments across the different counties that were recognized during the program’s launch as some of the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

A GREEN FUTURE: Janet Horner, Dufferin County councillor and Mulmur mayor, speaks during the launch of the Green Development Program at the Baybounds Presentation Centre in Meaford on Oct. 13. The initiative, developed by Grey, Dufferin and Wellington counties, recognizes new residential developments that incorporate sustainable features to improve energy efficiency, prepare for extreme weather and reduce long-term housing costs.



first to win awards for their efforts.

Orangeville’s Five Creek Estates, developed by Great Gulf, received the Bronze recognition with nine points in total. The 103-unit development includes native plants, pedestrian-friendly streets, cycling infrastructure, access to parks and public transit, and a mix of different housing types.

Elements of Meaford, a 26-unit mixed-use development by Sarlie Canada, received Silver recognition with 18 points. Its sustainability features include fully electric construc-

tion, prefabricated wood framing, native landscaping and improved pedestrian connections.

Baycrest Apartments by SkyDev in Owen Sound also earned Silver recognition with 16 points. The 712-unit mixed-use development incorporates high-efficiency lighting, water-saving fixtures, electric vehicle charging and naturalized outdoor spaces.

Baybounds by Sinclair Homes in Meaford received Gold recognition with 26 points. The net-zero community’s first phase includes 55 residential units designed with heat pumps, rooftop solar panels and electric vehicle chargers.

The program is open to new residential developments that have received or will be receiving occupancy after Jan. 1, 2025.

The initiative was originally made for projects with 10 or more units, but developments of any size can still apply.

Participation is free and will not delay the standard approval process.

Builders and developers can get started by completing the Program Interest Form on Dufferin County’s website. Once sufficient project details are confirmed, applicants must submit a completed Program Scorecard and supporting documentation to planner@dufferincounty.ca. County staff will review applications before projects are recognized following any required planning approvals.

More information is available at: dufferincounty.ca/planning-development/green-development-program.

WINTER WARMTH

Clothing Swap & Share

Saturday, November 7th
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday, November 8th
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Grand Valley Public Library
4 Amaranth St. E, Grand Valley

Bring your unwanted hats, mittens, jackets and other winter clothing, and swap them for something else for free!

Don't have anything to bring? Stop by anyway! All are welcome!

Clothing drop-off options:
November 4th (10am - 6pm)
November 5th (10am - 8pm)
November 6th (10am - 6pm)
November 7th (before noon)

All clothing must be clean and in good condition.

For all event guidelines, visit dufferincounty.ca/waste

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hazardous & electronic waste event THIS SATURDAY!

Date: Saturday, October 31, 2026
Time: 8am-3pm
Location: Orangeville Operations Centre
500 C Line, Orangeville

Hazardous waste	includes automotive containers, cleaning products, fluorescent lights, batteries, paints, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, syringes, and much more.
Electronic waste	includes audio equipment, cameras, computers, home entertainment equipment, phones, and household electronic items, including lamps, alarm clocks, microwaves, toasters, and small appliances.
Limitations	No waste from industrial, commercial, or institutional sources. No white goods/large appliances (including any appliances with freon). No garbage, or recycling. No unidentified/unknown materials. No drums of materials.

Visit dufferincounty.ca/waste for updates and a full listing of acceptable materials & limitations.

This is the final event of the year.

See website for updates on events in 2027.

Dufferin County residents, including Amaranth, East Garafraxa, Grand Valley, Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur, Orangeville and Shelburne can attend any of these events.

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END OF YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Urban areas of Grand Valley and Shelburne, as well as rural subdivisions, will be collected during the week of **November 23rd**.

The Town of Orangeville will be collected during the week of **November 30th**.

Residents in rural areas must call **1-888-941-3345 ext. 1** one week in advance to be put on the list for collection the week of **December 7th**.

Yard waste collection begins on the Monday of designated weeks, and continues until the entire collection area is completed, which may take a few days. **Place yard waste at the curb by Monday at 7 a.m. of your scheduled week to ensure collection.**

An additional Yard Waste collection schedule will run during the weeks of Christmas Tree Collection in January 2027.

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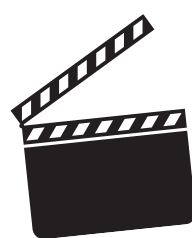
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LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Theatre Orangeville puts community support in the Spotlight

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Theatre Orangeville is putting a fresh spin on its annual fundraising event this year, bringing supporters together for an afternoon of entertainment, food and fundraising at Hockley Valley Resort.

The fundraiser takes place on Nov. 15, beginning at 12 p.m., with lunch to be served at 1 p.m.

Rebranded as Spotlight, the event will take place as a Sunday luncheon rather than the traditional Saturday evening gathering, offering attendees a new way to support the local theatre while celebrating the community partners, volunteers and donors who help sustain it.

Laura Austin, chair of the Theatre Orangeville Board of Directors, said this year's event will feature performances from leadership at Theatre Orangeville and its Young Company

"It's a fun experience all around," she said. "We rebranded it to be something memorable, with top-notch entertainment from Stratford. Our own artistic director Jennifer will be performing in a duet. Of course, Young Company is coming in. They performed 'Into the Woods' this year, and they also did 'Baskerville'."

One of the highlights will be a planned flash mob with the Young Company, but more details will be saved for the actual event.

The event's layout has also been redesigned with a new, center-focused floor plan with a dance floor in the middle of the tables to encourage socializing and bring attendees closer together, with the central dance floor serving as the focal point.

"We reached out to the Headwaters Foundation because they had a huge success with their event, and they were very generous to share what they had," Austin said. "They offered to come and give us some ideas on how they were so successful, and they used this floor plan. We like it because it's more connected, engaging, inclusive — that's why people come out to our events."



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

SPOTLIGHT FUNDRAISER: Theatre Orangeville is introducing a Sunday luncheon format for its annual fundraiser, featuring live entertainment, auctions and raffles at Hockley Valley Resort on Nov. 15.

The Spotlight theme will focus on Broadway and the performing arts, with red, gold and black decorations complementing the occasion. Guests can also expect a meal prepared by Hockley Valley Resort, a longstanding community partner.

Fundraising opportunities will include silent auction items, a raffle featuring three prize baskets, a heads-or-tails game and a golden ticket offering the winner their choice of a live auction item. Prizes include WestJet tickets and a necklace valued at \$3,300 from Gallery Gemma. Organizers are also introducing 50 mystery bags, each priced at \$50 and expected to contain items worth up to \$100.

The event also aims to recognize the local businesses and individuals who have supported Theatre Orangeville over the years, including BookLore, Bluebird Cafe, Greystones and

Adamo Estate Winery, who will be providing drinks for the evening.

The changes come as Theatre Orangeville works toward long-term financial sustainability following a challenging period. Austin said community support has been particularly important, with staff, volunteers and local organizations continuing to stand behind the theatre.

Spotlight also appears to be attracting a new audience, with approximately 40 per cent of ticket purchasers attending for the first time. Organizers hope the Sunday afternoon format will appeal to people who prefer not to travel or attend events late in the evening.

For Austin, the fundraiser represents more than an opportunity to raise money. Theatre Orangeville's productions centre on Cana-

dian stories, playwrights and performers, while its local staff and volunteers help maintain a strong connection between the stage and the community.

"Our five main stage productions are Canadian stories," she said. "They're written by Canadian playwrights. They're acted by Canadian actors. The staff is all local. They're all Orangeville residents or volunteers who have supported our theatre for years and years. We're all Canadian, and we are so blessed to be able to witness these authentic stories on our stage."

Through Spotlight, the theatre hopes to celebrate those connections while raising support for the future of local arts and culture.

For more information and tickets, go to: theatrorangeville.ca/show/spotlight



David Gauthier
Service Consultant

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Maurice McDonald
Service Consultant

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Jazz Matharu
Service Consultant

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22. 8th month of the year (abbr.)
23. Very willing
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26. Satisfies
28. New Zealand mountain
29. A doctrine
30. Popular Dodge truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid material
34. Company higher-up
36. Villains
38. Cricket frog genus
40. Influential early psychologist

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48. French ballet dynasty
51. Employee stock ownership plan
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55. Sound
56. Yankees slugger Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
60. "The Mount Rushmore State"
61. Sarcastic and critical
64. Atomic #79
65. Longtime Atlanta Braves pitcher
67. Humor
69. Shawl
70. Preliminary assessment of patients

1. Animal disease
2. Commercial
3. Craft supplies
4. Containers
5. A way to save for your golden years
6. Common Arabic greeting
7. Bulged downward
8. Acquired brain injury
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Not yes
12. In a way, pleased
13. Messianic figure in Islam
15. Resulting from intense conviction
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Lawn pest
26. Pouch
27. Ancient language (abbr.)
30. Start anew
32. Wild flower

35. Fourteen
37. Graphical user interface
38. Facing the same way
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42. Touch lightly
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55. Moth genus
57. Central Japan city
59. Silk garment
62. Draw from
63. Automobile
66. A male
68. Powerful government lawyer

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Three new designs featured in Orangeville’s growing utility box art collection

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

A walk through Orangeville now offers four new opportunities to experience local creativity.

The town has unveiled four utility box art installations featuring three original designs by local artists selected through the 2026 Call for Artists. The new works bring colour and artistic expression to public infrastructure throughout the community.

Since 2016, Orangeville’s Utility Box Art Display Program has showcased local talent and contributed to the town’s growing public art collection. The four new installations

join a collection of 42 utility box art pieces across Orangeville, alongside murals, tree sculptures and monuments that add to Orangeville’s vibrant and welcoming public spaces.

“These new installations recognize the creativity and talent of artists from across Dufferin County while adding character to streets throughout Orangeville,” said Katrina Lemire, the town’s manager of economic development and culture. “By incorporating original artwork into everyday infrastructure, the program creates meaningful opportunities for residents and visitors to engage with local culture and experience our community in a new way.”

Each year, the town invites artists from across Dufferin County to submit original designs for the Utility Box Art Display Program. Submissions are reviewed by the Economic Development and Culture Committee, with selected finalists receiving \$750 and the opportunity to have their artwork installed on designated utility boxes.

The 2027 Call for Artists is anticipated to open in the spring, continuing the town’s commitment to supporting local artists and making art accessible in every-day public spaces.

Orangeville Hydro sponsored three of the installations, reflecting its ongoing commitment to enhancing and beautifying public



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DUFFERIN’S BACKYARD: Dufferin’s Backyard by Jillian Mclean is sponsored by Orangeville Hydro and located at 60 First Street. Inspired by the local landscape, this oil painting captures wildlife and plant life found in nearby fields, gardens and trails.

spaces throughout Orangeville. To date, it has helped fund artwork on 10 transformers through the Utility Box Art Display Program.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to explore Orangeville’s public art collection, including the new installations, using the town’s digital guide at: orangeville.ca/DigitalGuide

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‘Postcards from the Heart’ brings music and storytelling to Westminster United Church

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

The Orangeville Show Chorus will bring music and storytelling together for Postcards from the Heart on Nov. 7, with performances at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. at Westminster United Church.

Director Laurie Moore said that the fall concert centers on a granddaughter who discovers a bundle of old postcards in an attic.

“The storyline starts as a granddaughter finds a bundle of old postcards in the attic that are addressed to her grandmother,” she

said. “Through the reading of the postcards in the music, we get a glimpse into her grandmother’s life and all of the lives of the people that she loves. So there’s just little tidbits of postcards followed by songs. Of course, the songs support the message of the postcards. That’s the idea of the storyline.”

The program will feature familiar songs, including Memories by Maroon 5 and Brave by Sara Bareilles. Guest performers include the Loo-Wops, a young men’s quartet founded by University of Waterloo students.

Young performers from the chorus’s Aca Pop workshop will also take the stage, pre-

senting songs after a free full-day program for youth in grades four through 12. The workshop was sponsored by the Optimist Club in Orangeville, Boston Pizza Orangeville, and Region 16 of Sing United International.

Participants in the chorus’s fall membership series will join for two songs, bringing together community members who have been exploring a cappella harmony this season.

The Orangeville Show Chorus is a group of about 30 women who sing a cappella harmony.

The chorus meets weekly and competes annually at the regional level under the umbrella of Sing United International.

“We love to sing together,” Moore said. “We love to laugh together. We’re friends and riser mates, and it’s just something that we would love to share with the rest of the community.”

Tickets are \$30, with admission for children 12 and under priced at \$15. Proceeds will help cover the chorus’s music, costume and venue rental expenses.

Tickets can be purchased at: zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/postcards-from-the-heart

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Sanoh Canada expands its Orangeville facility to support future growth

Sanoh Canada Ltd. has completed a 15,700-square-foot expansion at its Orangeville facility, increasing its total footprint to 109,000 square feet. The additional space will accommodate additional machinery to expand production and support the company's future growth.

Headquartered in Findlay, Ohio, Sanoh was established in Orangeville in 1997 and has become a longstanding part of the community's manufacturing sector. The company employs 110 full-time staff, many of them local to Dufferin County. The Orangeville facility produces automotive brake tubing, fuel tubing and chassis tubing assemblies. These components support essential vehicle systems and are fundamental to the safe operation of vehicles.

Backed by extensive industry experience and engineering expertise, Sanoh provides a comprehensive range of solutions for the automotive sector. The company combines its in-house capabilities with the global resources of Sanoh Industrial to support vehicle manufacturing programs and specific customer requirements, while prioritizing quality throughout each stage of its operations. The Orangeville facility supplies Tier 1 customers including Honda and Toyota.

It also supplies Tier 2 customers, including Kautex and FTS, which further process components for Toyota vehicle programs in Canada, the United States and Mexico.

Building for the future

The expanded space will accommodate new equipment to produce components for an upcoming Honda CR-V hybrid model at Honda of Canada Manufacturing in Alliston.

Employees will receive training on the new equipment, which aligns with Sanoh's established manufacturing processes and builds on the expertise of its existing team. Production is expected to begin in early 2027 and is anticipated to create 10 additional positions at the Orangeville facility.

"This expansion reinforces Sanoh's commitment to our customers and highlights our ability to strengthen Ontario's automotive supply chain through the expertise, dedication and experience of our local team," said Randolph B. Gore, plant manager at Sanoh Canada Ltd.

Local contributions

As one of Orangeville's largest manufacturing facilities, Sanoh Canada continues to make important contributions to the local



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GRAND OPENING: Representatives from Sanoh Canada, Sanoh America, the Town of Orangeville and Bremor Engineering celebrate the grand opening of the recent expansion at Sanoh's Orangeville facility at 300 C Line on Oct. 15.

economy through specialized automotive production and local employment. The company is committed to fostering a positive workplace for its employees and maintaining high standards across its operations.

"For almost 30 years, Sanoh has been a valuable part of Orangeville's manufacturing sector. This expansion reflects confidence in our local workforce and business environment and we're grateful for the ongoing

investment in our community," said Katrina Lemire, the Town of Orangeville's manager of economic development and culture.

Sanoh Canada is currently hiring production operators and material handlers and provides on-the-job training for successful candidates.

For more information about Sanoh Canada and its operations, visit: sanoh-america.com

Diamonds and clever twists bring comedy to the Caledon Town Hall Players stage

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

Jack of Diamonds by Marcia Kash and Douglas E. Hughes is next up at the Caledon Town Hall Players (CTHP), opening Nov. 7 and running over the two weekends to Nov. 14.

The play's director, Sherry Michielin, told the Citizen that she likes this play "for the way it pokes fun at itself."

This is Michielin and seven of the nine cast members' first time performing with CTHP. She has a long history with community theatre as well as being a drama teacher in Brampton under the Peel School Board. Michielin has also been involved with Brampton Music Theatre. In all her connections elsewhere, she did comment, "I had heard good things about this theatre in Caledon."

As the history goes for many people, coming back to community theatre after an extended break to raise a family and build a business is a source of great joy. So it was for Michielin. That return was a number of years ago, and she still loves being part of the arts.

There are many differences for Michielin between staging a play in the CTHP theatre building and her usual venues, primarily the scale of space. The Caledon theatre interior

and stage are smaller than the school auditoriums Michielin is accustomed to using. Set as it is in the actual historic Town Hall of Caledon, the theatre has served its theatre company very well for well over 60 years.

One of the big benefits is that actors and directors can rehearse in the theatre as the building is dedicated to the plays and entertainment produced there. Usually, the rehearsal of plays and performances elsewhere needs alternative places to rehearse.

"This works really well," said Michielin, "We have had the whole time to set the blocking and getting used to the set."

Of the seven people new to this stage, they are coming from far enough away, as do the regulars, where the convenience of rehearsing where they will perform is a definite plus.

The retirement home that is central to the story is not the typical nature of this type of play, which has created fun, unexpected versions of characters. One is a Southern Bell; another is very sketchy. They are all a far cry from the usual "old guy," as Michielin described them.

She has been very pleased with the good progress the actors have made to be ready. They were all off-book two weeks ago, and their enthusiasm for this very funny show will shine in performance.

Nine characters are part of this story, each with their own endearing personalities, except perhaps for mean nurse Harper. Then, there is the wicked Barney Effward, who scams some of the others, convincing them to invest their savings, only to lose it in one of his Ponzi schemes.

To clarify where, in due course, clarity may become scrambled, it all begins with Jack, a former jeweller who used to sell diamonds on a late-night television show and now lives in the luxurious retirement home, where he has befriended a number of other residents. As we join them, they are living happily and well, playing cards, gossiping and indulging in all the joys such a life would offer. However, once Barney's theft is exposed, panic that they may lose everything is controlled by the residents themselves in a wildly funny flurry, introducing the mysterious Mr. Smith, and each of them brings their own special skills to bear, each quite distinct, Michielin called them.

Starring in the show are Mike Delany as Jack, Richard Tawton as Wilf, Michelle Barnes as Rose, Deena Baltman as Flora, Jennifer Haynes as Blanche, Angela Terra as nurse Harper, Kevin Wrycraft as Barney, Pamela Mior as Mortimer, and Ekta Sharma as the police officer.

Laugh-out-loud funny, the director said



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TAKING THE STAGE: Jack of Diamonds cast members rehearse, from left, with Angela Terra playing Nurse Harper, Jennifer Haynes playing Blanche, Mike Delany playing Jack, and Deena Baltman playing Flora.

Jack of Spades is "an unexpected opportunity to escape the world in a delightful way."

Her praise for the play is its interesting moments that will captivate the audience. And for the Caledon Town Hall Players, she said, "In places like Caledon, it's nice for people to come and experience it because it is more than they might expect."

Running from Nov. 7 to 14, there are two dinner theatre nights planned for this production.

Tickets and information are available at www.caledontownhallplayers.com or by calling 519-927-5460.



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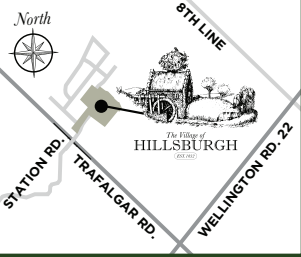
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Former Orangeville Otter receives grant to support Olympic aspirations

Written By CHRIS PERROTTE

Alyssa Smyth, a Swimming Canada athlete and former Orangeville Otters swimmer, found out she won the 2026 Petro-Canada FACE Grant, totalling \$10,000, on Oct. 14.

This funding will support key expenses associated with training, equipment, education and travel as Smyth continues pursuing her Olympic and Paralympic goals.

“It was really meaningful to me to be selected as one of the 55 athletes to be receiving this grant. It is a nationwide grant, so they had to pick me out of a lot of great candidates, so I’m really honoured to be one of the ones chosen,” Smyth said.

For Smyth personally, this grant will continue to help her while she is currently billeting with a family in Barrie, Ontario, to train with her longtime swimming coach Sam Kuntz at the Barrie Trojan Swim Club.

This funding will also help relieve financial pressure as she travels to Victoria, British Columbia, to compete in the 2027 Bell Canadian Swimming Trials, which will take place from April 5 to April 10, 2027, at Saanich Commonwealth Place.

Throughout her swimming career, Smyth has faced many challenges, including the consistent switches of coaches. She met her current coach, Kuntz, when competing with the Orangeville Otters Swim Club. After he relocated to Barrie, she had to make the tough choice of whether to stay and learn under a new coach or go and join Kuntz in Barrie, with whom she built a strong relationship.

“I ultimately decided to follow him to Barrie, and this grant has really helped with that because it’s funding my ability to live here (Barrie) and train here,” shared Smyth.

She had strong praise for her coach, reflecting on his approach to training athletes.

“He is very wise in the way that he



OLYMPIC ASPIRATIONS: Former Orangeville Otters swimmer Alyssa Smyth is using a \$10,000 Petro-Canada FACE Grant to support her training as she works toward qualifying for the 2028 Paralympic Games.

trains, and you can tell that he does really care about each and every one of his swimmers,” said Smyth.

As she continues to train for the upcoming season with help from the grant funding, her sights are set on qualifying for the 13th World Para Swimming Championships. The competition takes place in Guadalajara, Mexico, next year from July 25 to Aug. 1. Her long-term goal is to qualify for the LA28 Paralympic Games, which will take place from Aug. 15 to 27, 2028, in Los Angeles, California.

“This grant is fueling athletes and coaches who are paralympic and olympic hopefuls, so the support that I’m getting through Petro Canada through the grant and also other opportunities will really help me reach these goals,” said Smyth.

She shared that she is a pretty diverse swimmer but specializes in butterfly and



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backstroke.

“I like butterfly because it’s challenging, and I’ve always liked it since I was little, and backstroke is just one of my favourite strokes to race in,” Smyth shared.

Throughout her swimming career, her family and her coach, Sam Kuntz, have been a tremendous help.

“My family has supported me through all of my big decisions in this sport, and definitely this year with my move. They’re far away so they’re not staying with me but they have been really supportive through all of this,” said Smyth. “And then obviously my coach, who is always getting me through those hard workouts and always supporting me.”

Smyth shared that her old babysitter, Tess Routliffe, a paralympic medalist, has been her inspiration over the years not only because she knows her person-

ally but because Routliffe overcame a lot through her career.

For those para athletes who are interested in swimming and pursuing their dreams, Smyth shared words of encouragement.

“Swimming, especially in Canada with our paralympic program, has grown a lot in the past couple of years, and the support is crazy... every coach and everybody you work with, they are all so supportive... and everyone is so friendly on deck,” she said. “When you are a new face, it makes it that much more welcoming, [especially] when there are people who have also gone through [the experience of] being a new para swimmer.”

Smyth added, “Just starting is the first step, and from there you will feel the support and the good environment that Swim Canada has shown me.”

ODSS senior boys soccer done for the season following loss to Bishop Macdonnell

Written By CHRIS PERROTTE

On Oct. 15, the Orangeville District Secondary School (ODSS) Scarlet Bears lost 6-4 in a high-scoring affair against Bishop Macdonnell Catholic High School Celtics in

the quarterfinals of the Senior Boys Soccer League. The playoff game took place at the Bishop Macdonnell School in Guelph.

The ODSS Boys started the game strongly, controlling the tempo and ending the first half with a two-goal lead. However, in

the second half, Bishop Mac answered back offensively, taking the lead and eventually eliminating the Bears from the playoffs. The ODSS boys were stunned by the loss.

“The players were shell-shocked. The mood on the bench was upbeat and really positive at halftime, with the boys having opened up a 3-1 lead. They were stunned at giving the lead up early in the second half and felt that they should have beaten Bishop Mac. The team went into the game not certain that they were able to play with them having lost earlier in the week 3-1, but came out of the game thinking that they let it slip through their grasp,” said Chris Broom, assistant coach of the ODSS Scarlet Bears.

The Bears ended their regular season in fifth place with a 3-4 record. With time now to reflect, assistant coach Chris Broom shares what he is most proud of about the way the team performed and developed.

“Some of our ‘non-soccer’ players became key contributors and players that we had a hard time taking off the field. Our outside fullbacks were extremely competitive and brought lots of energy, physicality and effort and really showed well in those roles,” shared Broom.

Some of the biggest challenges ODSS faced this season were injuries to their players as they came off of busy summer schedules. With a short season of just seven games, there wasn’t much time for the play-

ers to fully recover for future games.

“It became a ‘next man up’ mentality and guys were sometimes playing in spots that they don’t always slot into for the summer teams, but nobody complained and just worked as hard as they could,” said Broom.

According to Broom, the Bears’ loss to the Celtics showed that they could compete with the top teams in the league. Only one point separated ODSS from the fourth and third place positions in the standings.

“The players need to keep talking to their friends, other students, especially athletes about coming out to play soccer. This team proved that athletic individuals with drive, who are willing to train and compete, can make important contributions to a soccer team even if they don’t play the sport year round,” Broom said.

“Often, in high school sports, players take themselves out of the running for a spot on a team by not showing up to try out. ODSS doesn’t get 50-75 students trying out for every team, like some of our Guelph counterparts. Here, teachers are looking to give students a real chance to participate and play, and ODSS has some fantastic athletes that can make a big difference every season.”

After the victory over the ODSS Scarlet Bears, Bishop Mac went on to advance to the finals on Oct. 22, where they lost 2-0 to the John F. Ross Collegiate Vocational Institute Royals.

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OPINION

Arduous times turns need into fear

Every 15 minutes, a person sees through the dream.

Okay, I made that up. But it sounds as if it could be a thing. The case could be made that I'm a little too gracious with the timeframe, actually. Fifteen minutes likely seems generous to many people, given the current circumstances. But I'm trying to be at least somewhat optimistic. Hopeful optimism is about the only thing that doesn't cost anything. Is disappointment a price?

These are days people give up on ambitions tended over years through education, practice, and daydreams. Those hopes are lately abandoned for any job that will send the wolves howling in another direction, away from the door. Those people are lucky enough to be able to get any job. For the rest, the need turns into fear.

It costs more just to live these days. And the wherewithal to meet that bar set by utility companies and corporations is

outmatched and outpaced by need. To wit: Just recently I read that the crowd at Rogers is going to introduce a fee for subscribers who pay their bill with a credit card. Their justification is that the fee is needed to cover costs levied on Rogers by the credit card companies.

And too bad for you if you live in an area where you can't readily go to an outlet to pay the bill. There's always online banking, I suppose. It seems providing as many means as possible to ensure customers' convenience is trumped by the directive to maximize profit for shareholders.

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I don't mean to pile on Rogers. They have the bloated contracts given to athletes to service. And poor service at high cost isn't the monopoly of telecommunications companies. It's getting to be a blight across the board for most consumers.

To those of us who still read: The next time you read about the obscene quarterly profits achieved by Canada's major banks, wonder where the NSF fees go that are paid by more of us as monthly budgets are blown by rising costs at checkout counters. A fabricated charge, that is. What is a bank out when you're account is without sufficient funds? It feels like it is little more than the daily vig on a gambling debt as set by Vito Black Eyes and enforced by goons.

Can anybody explain how the price of petrol can increase as quickly as it does? The gasoline and diesel in the below-ground tanks at any gas station were refined and processed months ago at the price it was then. That should govern the

value now, the commodity's cost. Years ago, when the Loonie achieved parity with the U.S. dollar, we were told Canadian prices would continue to be higher than south of the border because items in the marketplace were manufactured at a higher cost. Industry had to recoup the costs of production and distribution.

Here's something else for anybody who isn't convinced there's a thumb on the scales: The lowest living hourly wage rate in Ontario is between \$21.50 and \$27.20 depending on where you're living. That's according to last year's numbers by the Ontario Living Wage Network. The province's general minimum hourly wage rose to a whopping \$17.95 at the beginning of October.

That extra 30 cents doesn't really go far to assuage the fear sowed by ever-increasing need.



JAMES MATTHEWS
THE BUSTLE IN THE HEDGEROW

Israeli election: No change

According to the '70s anarchist slogan, 'No matter who you vote for, the government always gets in'. That's certainly true for the election in Israel this month (27 October), even if the winner is not Prime Minister Binyamin ('Bibi') Netanyahu himself. All the other party leaders, says Israeli journalist Anshel Pfeffer, are just 'wanna-Bibis'.

Or rather, all the rest except one. former general Gadi Eisenkot, the main opposition candidate, is the 'anti-Bibi', says Pfeffer. He's a working-class hero who joined the army as a private and worked his way up to chief of staff of the Israel Defence Forces (IDF). He retired and went into politics only four years ago, he's modest and honest, what's not to love?

Eisenkot certainly stands out among the party leaders in terms of style, but not so much in terms of actual policies. He was realistic enough to realise 'total victory' over Hamas was not likely, but his 'Dahiya' strategy of causing "immense damage and destruction" (in Lebanon in the 2006 war) foreshadowed the cataclysm that the IDF has inflicted on Gaza since 2023.

He supports Jewish settlement in the occupied Palestinian territories and he

opposes the 'two-state solution' to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (as do all the wanna-Bibis). He wants a full investigation of the intelligence failures that enabled Hamas to commit the massacres of Jewish civilians on 7 October 2023, like every other party leader (except Netanyahu himself).

Moreover, even if Eisenkot won the largest number of seats in the Knesset (parliament) and was asked to form a government, he would have to form a coalition with other parties that are farther to the right than his own Yashar Party is. The next Israeli government will probably be just as expansionist, and just as willing to go to war again, as the present one is.

How did it come to this? How did 'gallant little Israel' turn into the militaristic 'dwarf superpower' that torments the Middle East today? I don't usually have recourse to 'great man' theories of history, and I don't think that Binyamin Netanyahu is a great or even a good man, but he has had a huge influence on Israel and the entire Middle East.

You could make the shallowest dive possible into the past and explain Israel's brutal current behaviour (see, for example, the recent revelations about killing

Palestinian civilians in Gaza) as vengeance for the massacres of Israelis by Hamas three years ago.

You could dig a little deeper and blame the deepening ethno-nationalism of the younger generation of Israelis, driven by their experience of many long, small, indecisive wars rather than the brief, infrequent and triumphant wars of their parents' generation. (Their extremism often shocks their parents.)

Or you could go all the way back to the turning point of 1995, when unspoken collaboration between Israeli and Palestinian hard-liners, both opposed to the two-state solution, managed to kill the peace deal at a time when it really was within reach.

And every time Netanyahu is there, making sure that the fear never fades (he has been warning that Iran is on the brink of getting a nuclear weapon for 34 years now) and the threat of war always seems close. That's his ticket to power, and it has made him prime minister of Israel for more than half of the past 25 years.

Incredibly, he is still in the running for prime minister in the current election campaign despite the fact that all the ugly details about his failure to foresee Hamas's 2023 attack have been spilling

out in the media.

He was given warnings about it well beforehand, with specific details, by Egypt's intelligence chief Abbas Kamel and by Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyanian, the President of the United Arab Emirates. Kamel even flew to Israel to emphasize the urgency of the matter. Netanyahu did nothing about it, nor did he pass any of the warnings on to the IDF or Israeli intelligence.

Did he want the attack to happen (presumably underestimating its scale) in order to exploit it for some domestic political purpose? Did he just forget to mention it? There are many possible explanations, but none of them show him in a good light.

Yet Netanyahu is still there, trailing Eisenkot's Yashar Party by a bit in the polls but definitely still in the race. The Israeli public knows about his little lapse of memory, but a great many of them don't care. Forty-six per cent of Israeli voters think Netanyahu is best suited to be prime minister, compared to 29 per cent for Eisenkot.

And 80 per cent would like to restart the war in Lebanon.



GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY

Food warning labels change what we buy

For years, Canadians have wondered why so many packaged foods contain so much sodium, sugar or saturated fat. Health Canada may have found a remarkably simple way to change that: put a magnifying glass on the front of the package and let shoppers decide.

Since Jan. 1, prepackaged foods that meet or exceed certain thresholds for these nutrients have been required to carry Health Canada's black-and-white "high in" symbol. It does not ban a product or tell anyone what to eat. It makes information that was once easy to overlook impossible to miss.

And Canadians are noticing.

A national survey conducted by Dalhousie University's Agri-Food Analytics Lab in partnership with Blendtek Ingredients found that 94.2 per cent of grocery shoppers are aware of front-of-package nutrition symbols, while 86.9 per cent say they understand them well. More than half have decided against buying a product because of a warning, and 50.5 per cent have switched to another product in the same category. Nearly two-thirds expect the symbols to influence

future purchases.

Those are reported decisions, not proof that Canadians' diets have already improved. But for an industry that watches every shift in consumer behaviour, they are difficult to ignore.

Snack foods appear particularly exposed: 51 per cent of respondents say the symbol has affected their purchasing decisions in that category. Frozen meals, soups and broths, breakfast cereals and processed meats follow. These are precisely the aisles where a shopper can often choose between comparable products in a matter of seconds.

The industry now faces a choice. A company can keep its recipe and display the warning, or reformulate the product so it no longer meets the threshold. That is where this policy may have its greatest effect. Health Canada has changed the commercial calculation without dictating a recipe.

Reformulation has never been easy. Years ago, Campbell reduced sodium in some of its soups, then added salt back to certain U.S. products amid disappointing sales. The lesson for food companies

was clear: improving a product on paper means little if consumers reject its taste. A company that moves alone also risks losing shoppers to a competitor offering the familiar version.

The magnifying glass changes that competitive setting. Every company faces the same labelling rules, and every warning is visible on the shelf. A healthier formulation may give a brand an advantage; a warning its competitor has managed to avoid may put it on the defensive.

Our survey suggests consumers are open to change. Some 45.4 per cent say they are likely or very likely to try a product reformulated to remove a warning, and 46.8 per cent say doing so would increase their trust in the brand. But there is a hard limit to that opportunity: 58 per cent are unwilling to pay more for a comparable product without the symbol. Reformulation may protect sales and trust, but manufacturers should not assume it earns them a premium.

That distinction matters. Food companies do not need another lecture about consumer demand for healthier products.

They need a reason to invest in making products that people will actually buy at prices they can afford. The symbol gives them one.

Canadians generally know that a favourite snack or frozen meal may not be the healthiest choice. Seeing a clear warning at the moment of purchase can still make them pause, compare and sometimes choose differently. If manufacturers respond by improving their recipes, shoppers may eventually encounter fewer warnings on the shelves. That would be a sign the policy is doing its job.

It is early. We still need to see whether reported shopping decisions translate into lasting changes in purchases and nutritional quality. For now, the magnifying glass has accomplished something significant: it has made nutrition a visible part of competition in the grocery aisle.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Orangeville at a crossroads: Our community, our responsibility

With the municipal election behind us, a group of concerned citizens feel key issues need addressing, including transit, affordable housing, food insecurity, and social services.

With a constantly growing population, Orangeville is facing a situation where the demand for local resources is exceeding capacity. Long waitlists for affordable housing, increasing food insecurity, and growing needs for mental health services, youth programming, medical care, and addiction recovery raise an important question: Are we doing enough to support the people who call Orangeville home?

Affordable housing and food security

Affordable housing is a problem that plagues many communities, and Orangeville is no exception. With waitlists of four to eight years, rising market prices, and high rental costs, it has become increasingly difficult for the average resident to afford to live in the community they call home.

Dan spent four months sleeping in his car before entering a shelter while waiting for seniors' housing. Jilly slept in her car before couch surfing for two years while on the Orangeville housing waitlist. These experiences highlight the urgent need for change and raise questions about how we can better address homelessness while increasing access to affordable housing.

The high cost of living also means more people are struggling to feed themselves and their families. Over the last five years, food bank use has skyrocketed, and the stigma associated with asking for help remains a concern. Accessing supports such as the local food bank can be life-changing. No one should have to worry about where their next meal is coming from. Having enough food should be a right, not a privilege.

Jilly is grateful for community supports such as the Orangeville Food Bank, the local SPCA, and the HART (Homelessness, Addiction, Recovery, Treatment) Hub. These organizations play an important role in helping

residents navigate difficult circumstances and demonstrate why community services must be supported and accessible.

Transit and access to services

As Orangeville grows, our transit system must grow with it. Long wait times and inefficient routes make it difficult for residents to access employment, medical appointments, groceries, and essential services.

Wendy faces challenges getting to bus stops near her seniors' building. Poor sidewalk maintenance during holidays, a lack of shelters and benches, and inaccessible or inconvenient stops create barriers to reliable transportation. For seniors and residents with mobility challenges, these are not minor inconveniences; they can affect independence and quality of life.

We believe a committee consisting of council members, community advocates, transit users, and operators could develop a comprehensive transit plan that better serves the needs of our community.

Supporting our community

Orangeville has made great strides in ensuring residents have access to social services, but more can be done. Many people are unaware of the resources available to them. Better promotion, stronger partnerships, and continued support for local organizations could help ensure residents know where to turn when they need assistance.

Accountability and the choices ahead

Who does the community hold accountable for deciding where funding goes and how much is allocated to social services? Municipal council cannot solve every problem alone, but it has an important role in setting priorities, allocating public dollars responsibly, advocating for residents, and working with other levels of government and community organizations.

Signed,
The Mosquitos
(Small but effective)

Theft suspect apprehended in Shelburne

A man who Dufferin OPP says is connected to multiple thefts investigations in Shelburne was recently arrested.

On Sept. 25, Dufferin OPP officers responded to a theft at a Shelburne retail store. An investigation into the theft revealed that a known suspect entered the establishment, selected tools, and exited the store without making any attempt to pay.

On Oct. 8 and 9, officers responded to two separate theft incidents at a grocery store in Shelburne. Police say their investigation found that the same suspect entered the store on both occasions, concealed mer-

chandise, and left without paying.

On Oct. 19, officers responded to a theft from a motor vehicle on Stewart Street in Shelburne. The investigation determined that the same suspect was responsible.

After multiple attempts to locate the suspect, members of the Dufferin County Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) and Dufferin OPP arrested Matthew Tsiminos, 41, of Shelburne, on Oct. 20. He was charged with three counts of Theft Under \$5,000 - Shoplifting and one count of Theft Under \$5,000 from a Motor Vehicle. The charges have not been proven in court.

County of Dufferin calls on the community to provide input on 10-Year Housing Plan

Dufferin County is calling on the community to help inform its next 10-Year Housing Plan.

Residents are being asked to take the County's 10-Year Housing Plan Survey.

Under the Housing Services Act, 2011, services managers must adopt a 10-year plan to address housing and homelessness in their community.

Participants will be asked to rank the following objectives from most significant to least significant:

- Be accountable through data collection,

service review, and practice alignment.

- Reduce community homelessness.
- Prioritize person-centered, accessible, and comprehensive services.
- Increase supply of housing stock, including affordable housing, Rent-Geared-to-Income, rent supplement, supportive housing, and private market units.
- Maintain and improve current public housing stock.

The deadline for the survey is Friday, Nov. 6. Community members can take the survey at: joinindufferin.com





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Community encouraged to show support during Woman Abuse Prevention Month

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

Family Transition Place (FTP) is looking to turn Dufferin County purple this November to show solidarity and raise awareness for Woman Abuse Prevention Month.

Residents, businesses, organizations and community leaders across Dufferin and Caledon are being asked to light homes and buildings purple as part of the Shine the Light on Woman Abuse initiative, created by the London Abused Women's Centre.

The initiative was introduced locally last year, and looks to show visible sup-

port for survivors and start conversations. Purple bulbs and Shine the Light poly-bag signs are available for purchase through FTP.

"Purple symbolizes courage, survival and honour in the movement to end violence against women. A purple outdoor light creates a visible show of awareness and solidarity for survivors of physical, emotional, psychological, sexual and financial abuse," said FTP in a press release.

Running alongside Shine the Light is the province-wide Wrapped in Courage initiative, spearheaded by the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses. FTP is taking part by encouraging the

community to wear purple scarves through November, in solidarity with survivors of gender-based violence.

Locally, FTP will support proclamations and flag-raising ceremonies throughout the month

Nov. 25 marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and FTP will be supporting proclamations and flag-raising ceremonies throughout the community.

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Haliburton resident charged in connection to multiple break-and-enters in Dufferin

Dufferin OPP charged a Haliburton resident with multiple offences following an investigation into a series of break-and-enters and thefts in Shelburne, Mono and Mulmur.

On Sept. 2, the accused attended a storage facility on Victoria Street in Shelburne, where they allegedly entered several storage units.

During the incidents, the accused reportedly covered his face in an apparent attempt to avoid detection.

On Sept. 11, the accused allegedly attended a rural property in Mulmur on an electric scooter and stole a side-by-side utility terrain vehicle (UTV). The vehicle was later recovered at a different address.

On Sept. 12, the accused allegedly attended two separate rural properties in Mono, where break-and-enters occurred. During one of these incidents, a side-by-side UTV was also stolen and later recovered at a different address.

On Sept. 22, the accused was arrested on the outstanding Dufferin County warrants and subsequently charged in connection with the incidents.

As a result of the investigation, Dale McCrea, 40, from Haliburton, has been charged with:

- Break, enter a place - with intent to commit indictable offence - two counts
- Break, enter dwelling house - commit indictable offence
- Theft of Motor Vehicle - two counts
- Disguise with Intent

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Dufferin OPP encourages residents to remain vigilant, report suspicious activity, and look out for their own property and that of their neighbours.

If you suspect someone is driving while impaired, call 9-1-1. To report non-emergency information, contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Shelburne man charged after wallet reported stolen from car dealership

Dufferin OPP officers arrested a male in connection with a theft and fraud investigation in Shelburne on Oct. 2.

Officers responded to a report of a stolen wallet that was believed to have been taken from a vehicle while it was being serviced at a local dealership in Dufferin County.

Between Sept. 30, and the date the theft was reported to police, the accused allegedly used the victim's bank cards multiple times at various retail establishments, both online and in Shelburne.

As a result of the investigation, Kajon Gordon-Stephens, 27, of Shelburne, has been charged with:

- Theft of Credit Card

- Theft Under \$5,000
- Fraud Under \$5,000 (four counts)
- Use of Stolen Credit Card (four counts)
- Use of Credit Card Data
- Personation with Intent

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

If anyone has information regarding this incident, believes they may have been a victim of a similar crime in the area, or has information about other criminal activity, they are asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

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Whether it's a winter storm, flood, tornado, or house fire, emergency shelter volunteers play an important role in helping set up and operate temporary shelters that provide a safe and welcoming place for those affected.

No experience is required. Volunteers will receive training at no cost through the County of Dufferin and will be expected to attend a training session before serving in this role.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Patti at phossie@shelburne.ca for more information or to sign up.

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