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**KEEPING REMEMBRANCE ALIVE:** The Sandhill Pipes and Drums parade across Second Street in Orangeville following Legion Branch 233's annual Remembrance Day Service at the Alexandra Park Cenotaph on Nov. 11. Residents lined the streets to observe the parade and hundreds gathered at the Cenotaph to pay their respect for the veterans who served and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to keep Canada free. See more photos and a full story on Page A4

## Orangeville council approves \$26.5 million fire station

Completion date anticipated for December 2027 if ground is broken on project next month

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Orangeville council gave municipal staff the go-ahead to have a contractor begin construction of the new fire station.

It's been a long time since the town's Fire Master Plan identified the need for a new fire station in July 2015. It was initially recommended that funds be allocated to the 2016 municipal operating and capital budget. Construction was hoped to begin in the fall of 2017 and be completed in 2018.

Construction costs increased due to inflationary pressures, and the fire station's scope and size were reduced to save money.

The training grounds and suppression facilities remain, while the administration building has been removed from the scope of work.

A community engagement centre was removed, outdoor concrete pads were changed to asphalt, four-fold bay doors were converted to roll-up doors, and other alterations were made.

Fourteen general contractors were pre-qualified earlier this year, and bids closed on Oct. 28.

Construction costs are pegged at about \$17 million, bringing the total budget to \$26.5 million, inclusive of land acquisition, project management, site works, design,

permits, construction, furniture and fixtures, utilities, and contingency funds.

The total budget in the approved 2025-2034 capital program is \$25,792,441. To award a contract, an extra \$745,662 is required through property tax-supported debt.

J.J. McGuire was the lowest bidder at just over \$17 million.

"It was lower than we expected," Heather Savage, the town's community services general manager, said when council met Nov. 10. "But not by much."

If ground is broken on the project in December this year, it's expected that the construction will be finished in December 2027.

"This is one of the biggest decisions we are going to make," Savage said.

"At this point, we're looking at next steps."

All that was required for the construction contract to be executed was council's approval of the extra \$745,662.

"If council chooses not to approve the fire station, it means that the project will then be halted," Savage said. "We suspect that construction costs will continue to increase as we figure out what our next step is."

"I never wanted this fire hall," Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor said. "I just didn't. It's expensive. I felt like we had a fire hall that worked for us."

He said he's been a "reluctant participant" in the process.

"The truth is the current hall just doesn't meet our needs any longer and I've come around to understanding that and knowing we need to go forward," Taylor said.

He said council will likely be criticized for spending the money on the fire hall by taxpayers who are "burdened." And council will likely be criticized by residents for neglecting public safety if they skuttle the new fire hall.

"I choose public safety," Taylor said. "I think it's the right thing."

Councillor Debbie Sherwood said she was concerned that the administration space had been removed as part of the project's scope being scaled down. Axing the administration building saved about \$2.9 million at the new site. But that could mean a later expenditure to upgrade the current building on Dawson Road.

"Are you going to be coming back to us asking for a significant amount of money to renovate Dawson Road to accommodate administration staff?" she said.

"There will be minor renovations required at Dawson (Road)," Savage said.

At the end of the conversation on the new fire hall project, council voted unanimously to approve the extra money, so it can move forward.





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# Ontario’s speed camera ban blocks program in Orangeville and Mono

Written By JAMES GERUS

The Ontario Government’s new law to ban Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) has put future plans to build cameras in Orangeville and Mono on pause, indefinitely.

As part of the Ford Government’s new Bill 56, Building a More Competitive Economy Act, all municipalities in Ontario are required to discontinue their use of speed cameras.

Orangeville and its neighbour, Mono, did not have Automated Speed Enforcement at the release of Bill 56. They were both in the process of bringing them into the community, or, in the case of Orangeville, starting a pilot project for the cameras on specific streets.

Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post and Mono Mayor John Creelman said they wish there had been more time and transparency to have an open discussion with the Ontario Government before such a law was rushed into place.

Orangeville was in the early stages of a two-year pilot project installing cameras on Spencer Avenue and Alder Street to determine whether it was a traffic-calming procedure they wanted to pursue.

“We had just gotten past the approval point and had just started early negotiations with the company that would have been doing it for us,” said Mayor Post.

When the town caught wind of the government putting the ban in effect, they were able

to pause without moving forward and spending money on the project.

Mayor Post said she is grateful that, while other municipalities have already spent money on their ASE programs, Orangeville has not yet reached that stage in developing its pilot project.

“It’s a big loss for a lot of them, because they already invested in that infrastructure, thankfully, we hadn’t yet,” she said.

Mayor Creelman, who prefers to call them “safety cameras” rather than the commonly used term “speed cameras,” is particularly disappointed by the Ford Government’s quick move to put the ban in place.

While he aimed to have them on Hockley Road and Airport Road, he was also trying to address concerns about the safety cameras that some members of the community had been raising.

The Mono ASE program was originally scheduled for deployment around spring 2026, but the ban shut it down. Mayor Creelman and Mono council are now looking for alternatives to curb speeding. While some feel speed bumps are an alternative, Mayor Creelman says it is not always the best solution.

“It’s all very well and fine to say ‘put in speed bumps,’ but they play havoc with snow plows, they play havoc with emergency vehicles... so they are not the solution,” he told the Citizen.

When asked if he’s ever been the recipient of a safety camera ticket, Mayor Creelman said no, “I’m the kind of person that everybody passes.”

The trigger speed at which someone would get a ticket for going over a certain kilometre while driving was not disclosed to the public while ASE programs ran, but both mayors said they thought that ticketing drivers going only a few kilometres over the limit was irresponsible and not the intended job of ASE.

Doing so “was not deploying the technology in a responsible fashion. The whole point is to deter serious speeders,” said Mayor Creelman.

Regarding where the money from ASE would have gone, Mayor Creelman said it should have been used to offset policing costs, while Mayor Post wished to use the revenue for traffic calming.

Going forward, there are plans to tackle the issue of speeding in other ways,

“In the areas where we have ongoing speeding issues, we’ll be looking through our approved policy and trying to figure out which other measures might be as effective in that area,” said Mayor Post.

“The Ford government has promised that there will be additional funds for traffic calming,” with a detection of humour, she adds, “I’ll wait to see that happen.”



FILE PHOTO

## Local police seek the public’s help in identifying man who allegedly stole breast pumps from Walmart

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are investigating a shoplifting incident at Walmart in Orangeville and seeking the public’s assistance in identifying the individual responsible. On Nov. 3, Dufferin OPP responded to a reported theft, where the suspect entered the store and allegedly stole two breast pumps, a

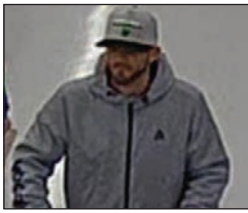
vacuum, and a baby monitor.

The total value of the stolen items is estimated to be over \$1,000. The suspect is also believed to be responsible for several other thefts at the Orangeville Walmart location.

The suspect is described as approximately 5’11” tall, with a beard, and thin build. He was

wearing a grey and black ball cap and a grey tracksuit at the time of the theft.

Anyone with information regarding this incident or other suspected unlawful activity is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), or online at [crimestoppersdm.com](https://crimestoppersdm.com).



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**SUSPECT WANTED:** Dufferin OPP are looking to speak with the man pictured here in connection to a recent theft at the Orangeville Walmart

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| Date               | Time   | Location                            | Meeting                                  | To listen in                       |
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| Tuesday, Nov. 18   | 1 p.m. | Council chambers and by phone       | Age Friendly Committee                   | 1 289-801-5774<br>ID: 828 070 001# |
| Tuesday, Nov. 18   | 4 p.m. | Council chambers and virtual        | Orangeville OPP Detachment Board         | Youtube @orangevillecouncil        |
| Wednesday, Nov. 19 | 5 p.m. | Mill Street Library and by phone    | Orangeville Public Library Board         | 1 289-801-5774<br>ID: 801 866 68#  |
| Thursday, Nov. 20  | 6 p.m. | Main floor boardroom and by phone   | Heritage Orangeville                     | 1 289-801-5774<br>ID: 830 244 878# |

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Public meeting

Tree preservation bylaw

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The draft bylaw will be presented at the November 24 meeting of council.

Find meeting details or review the proposed bylaw at [orangeville.ca/Meetings](https://orangeville.ca/Meetings) as of November 20.

Public notice

Consolidated User Fees and Charges bylaw

As part of the requirements under Section 391 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, the Town of Orangeville will review the 2026 User Fees and Charges bylaw. This bylaw outlines the fees and charges related to local government services such as recreation programs, Clerks services (marriage licenses, etc), planning applications, bylaw penalties, and more.

Public meeting to review the bylaw:

- Monday, November 24 at 7 p.m.
- Town Hall (87 Broadway)

If you are interested in making verbal or written comments regarding the proposed amendment, please provide them by:

- Monday, November 17 at 10 a.m.
- [councilagenda@orangeville.ca](mailto:councilagenda@orangeville.ca)

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**LEST WE FORGET:** Veterans, Orangeville Legion members, Lorne Scots Cadets, dignitaries, and members of the public gathered at the Alexandra Park Cenotaph on Nov. 11 for a Remembrance Day Ceremony. Wreaths were laid at the Cenotaph by members of the public and various organizations. A police-escorted parade travelled from the Orangeville Legion to the Cenotaph before the ceremony, and the parade marched back to the Legion when it concluded. See Page A5 for more photos.

# Veterans' sacrifices honoured at Orangeville Remembrance Ceremony

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Hundreds of people gathered at Orangeville's Cenotaph in Alexandra Park on Nov. 11 to honour the veterans who have fought to keep Canada strong and free.

The Orangeville Legion Branch 233, as it does every year, organized the annual Remembrance Day Service, beginning with a parade, which departed from the Legion (5 John Street), made its way down Broadway, and finished at Alexandra Park (11 Second Street).

Members of the Sandhill Pipes and Drums, Canadian Army Cadets, Air Cadets, Dufferin County EMS, Orangeville Fire, and Dufferin OPP officers participated in the Remembrance Day Ceremony.

"It's so important to remember why we're able to be free and have freedom of speech... It's because of all those men and women who fought for our country, and laid down their lives, which was the ultimate cost,"

said Orangeville Legion President Elizabeth Russell, who took over the role from Chuck Simpson on June 1.

"It was amazing to see the community at the ceremony. This was my first Remembrance Day as president and my first time marching down. It was an honour to be part of that group and to be a part of the service."

Russel said the ceremony was somber, and she dearly missed having Dave Pounds sing O'Canada, Abide With Me, and the Royal Anthem, as he had for the past 15 years or more.

Pounds passed away on Nov. 4, and his obituary reads, "One of Dave's proudest singing moments was participating in the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Orangeville Cenotaph every year."

Following the service at the Cenotaph, veterans and their family members, Legion members, and others gathered at Greenwood and Forest Lawn Cemetery to lay wreaths on veterans' graves.

Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post, who laid a

wreath at the Alexandra Park Cenotaph on behalf of the town during the Remembrance Day service, said it's encouraging to see the community turn out in large numbers year after year.

"It's just so great to see that the community supports the Legion as much as they do and supports their veterans," she said.

"We owe the freedom that we have today to the veterans who served, so it's important that we all come out and remember them."

Mayor Post said it is thanks to the Orangeville Legion that the local Remembrance Ceremony runs so smoothly each year.

"It's the Legion who really puts this day together, and they do an exceptional job of it," she said. "I just really want to make sure that gratitude is given to the folks at the Legion who make this service what it is."

Mayor Post also noted her appreciation for the Orangeville Legion's efforts with the annual Poppy Campaign, which fundraises in support of veterans, their families, and cadets. The campaign also encourages peo-

ple to wear poppies as a symbol of remembrance, keeping alive the memory of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to keep Canada free.

Russel told the Citizen that the Legion has received strong support for the Poppy Campaign this year and expects to raise a similar amount as last year.

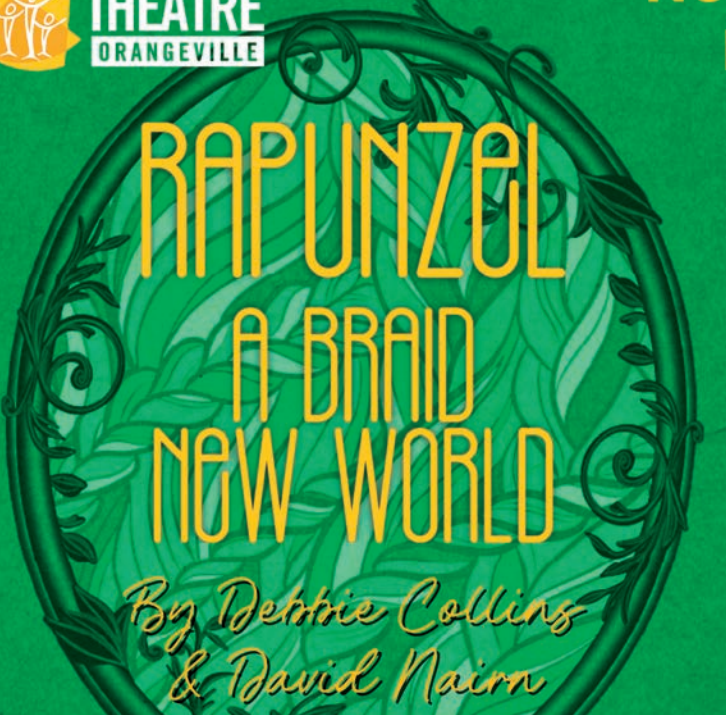
"It's just great to see everybody wearing it and supporting the campaign because it's critical to support it so that we can keep supporting our veterans," said Russel.

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback, who read a prayer and laid a wreath during the Remembrance Ceremony in Orangeville, noted his appreciation for the many residents throughout the region who honoured the day.

"I am so proud to live in a community that remembers. All over Dufferin-Caledon, eight communities held Remembrance ceremonies to ensure we never forget the sacrifices our soldiers made to protect and secure Canada. Lest we forget," said MP Seeback.

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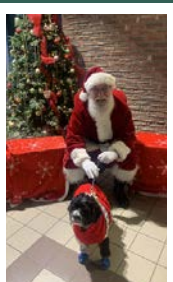
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# Concert coming to Uptown Church this weekend in support of The Lighthouse

Written By SAM ODROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A concert is coming to Orangeville in support of a local lunchtime food program for individuals who are homeless or struggling to afford groceries.

Ignite the Night, featuring Becki Lynn and The Felicity Alliance, will be held at the old theatre inside the Uptown Church at 219 Broadway on Saturday, Nov. 15, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and the concert starting at 7 p.m.

All of the funds raised through the concert will support The Lighthouse at 207 Broadway, which runs a free lunchtime program, sponsored by the Uptown Church, where people can access a warm meal from 11:30 a.m. to noon, Monday to Friday.

The Lighthouse will be open before the concert kicks off, during intermission, and after the concert concludes, so attendees can stop in and learn more about the charitable work it does in the community. There will be interviews with people who access the Lighthouse, played on screens; volunteers and staff will answer questions; and one client who wrote a poem about the Lighthouse will recite it.

“It’s going to be a fun night,” said Krista Taylor, food administrator at The Lighthouse. “It’s being held in the old theatre, and



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**PRINS FAMILY TO PERFORM:** Becki Lynn and The Felicity Alliance are bringing edgy folk, jazz, and rock to the Uptown Church’s old theatre for a fundraising concert in support of The Lighthouse on Saturday, Nov. 15. The show gets underway 7 p.m. and doors open at 6 p.m.

a lot of people haven’t been there in a while. It’s got the original seats... so it will be a little bit nostalgic.”

Becki Lynn and The Felicity Alliance are bringing a wide variety of music to the Uptown Church stage, with a focus on edgy folk, jazz, and rock. There may also be some early holiday cheer spread during the performance with a few Christmas songs.

Becki Lynn and The Felicity Alliance is made up of the Prins family, featuring Bec-

ki Lynn, her husband Chris, and their two children.

Organizers are hoping to raise \$5,000 to \$10,000 to help cover food and operational costs at The Lighthouse.

The Lighthouse is working to become its own entity, operating outside the Uptown Church, while still receiving regular financial support, for spring 2026.

Up to 275 tickets are available for the event, and they can be purchased at Hen-

ning Salon, located at 193 Broadway, or by calling The Lighthouse office at 519-415-0737 for \$25 each.

Everyone who purchases a ticket automatically enters a draw to win a \$50 gift card for Blue Bird Café in Orangeville.

There will also be raffle prizes that attendees can purchase tickets for at the event.

“Come and just have some fun, learn more about the Lighthouse,” Taylor smiled.



## TOWNSHIP OF East Garafraxa

### NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING TOWNSHIP OF EAST GARAFRAXA OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

In accordance with Sections 17 and 26 of the *Planning Act*, a Statutory Open House and Public Meeting are being held regarding the proposed new draft Official Plan for the Township of East Garafraxa.

An Official Plan is a legal document required by the Province through the *Planning Act* that sets out the municipality’s long-term land use strategy for growth and development.

This Notice is being given in accordance with *Planning Act* requirements. A final recommendation on the new Official Plan will not be presented until after the Township Open House and Public Meeting and all technical comments have been received.

**DATE AND FORMAT FOR THE OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING**

The Open House and Public Meeting dates and times are as follows:

**OPEN HOUSE DATE AND TIME:**            **Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.**  
**PUBLIC MEETING DATE AND TIME:**   **Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.**

The Open House and Public Meeting will be held in a hybrid format, with both in-person and remote participation available. Registration is required for those wishing to attend remotely. The Zoom registration links will be posted on the Township website calendar (under the applicable meeting dates).

Any person may participate in the Open House and Public Meeting or make written or oral representation either in support of or in opposition of the proposed Official Plan.

Council will consider all written and oral submissions regarding the draft Official Plan and will provide any person attending the Open House and Public Meeting the opportunity to be heard, as required under the *Planning Act*.

1.        Written Submission  
Written submissions should be addressed to the Township Clerk at the address shown below. Written comments will be accepted until Monday, February 9, 2026. If you wish to be notified of the adoption or the refusal of the proposed Official Plan, you must also make a written request to the Township Clerk before the adoption.

2.        Oral Submission  
Oral submissions may be provided to Council at the Open House and Public Meeting.  
The Township of East Garafraxa is processing the Official Plan as required by the *Planning Act* and welcome any comments that you may have.

**DETAILS OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW**

The purpose and effect of the draft Official Plan is to update Township policies to conform with the County of Dufferin Official Plan and provincial plans, be consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement, and address matters of provincial interest. The draft Official Plan also responds to community needs and sets out a vision for the future of East Garafraxa. The Open House and Statutory Public Meeting provides an opportunity for public review and comment.

The Official Plan contains policies and maps to guide planning and development by identifying where land uses can and should be located. Updating the Official Plan also ensures the community’s long-term vision is managed in a way that balances social, economic, and environmental interests.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** related to this notice and the proposed new Official Plan will be available by Monday, December 1, 2025, and can be viewed in the following ways:

- In-person at the Township Administration Office during office hours (065371 Dufferin County Road 3, Unit 2, East Garafraxa, ON L9W 7J8); and/or
  - Visiting the Township website (Official Plan and Official Plan Review Page);
- Material related to the Introductory Official Plan Workshop (Special Council Meeting) held on September 17, 2025 is available on the Township website on the Official Plan and Official Plan Review Page.

**PLANNING ACT REQUIREMENTS:**

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of East Garafraxa, to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township before the proposed official plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council of the Township of East Garafraxa before the proposed official plan is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the Township of East Garafraxa on the proposed official plan, you must make a written request to the Township Clerk at the address provided below.

Should the proposed new Official Plan be adopted by the Township of East Garafraxa, it will be submitted to the County of Dufferin for approval pursuant to Section 17(2) of the *Planning Act*.

**Dated this 6th day of November 2025**  
**Jessica Kennedy, Dipl.M.A., Clerk**  
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# Orangeville council considers joining e-scooter pilot program

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Orangeville enacted its new Right-of-Way Management Bylaw and received a request to make e-scooters available to residents.

Local resident Matthew Smith suggested that Orangeville council make e-scooters available to residents who don't have access to a vehicle of their own. There's even a section in the town's Right-of-Way Management Bylaw that deals with e-scooters.

Smith said the town should get in on a provincial pilot program that will run until November 2029.

The pilot program enables municipalities to choose where and how e-scooters may be used. Under the program, the conveyance must have a 24 km/hr maximum speed and a maximum weight of 45 kg. There must be at least one front white light and a rear red light.

They can't be kitted out with pedals, a seat, or a basket.

Regulations under the umbrella of the Highway Traffic Act also apply to e-scooters.

"I feel there's many benefits to the town and to its residents that could be had," Smith said.

E-scooters would supplement the municip

pal transit system, he said.

"Not all areas of our town are serviced by transit," he said. "The northwest portion, as we know, is not serviced by transit. Also, the transit doesn't operate on Sundays."

Smith suggested e-scooter use could become very popular in Orangeville.

"Especially when the rail trail gets developed in town and it will be a great way to get through the middle of town for many residents," he said.

The town's very own transportation master plan recommends cutting down on traffic by curbing single-vehicle use.

"Vehicle usage is planned to increase in town as (the) population increases," he said. "We can provide an option to avoid that. I think we should consider it."

Councillor Joe Andrews said an e-scooter is a viable option for people to get around in the community.

About a dozen Ontario communities are taking part in the provincial e-scooter program, he said. And they've faced some "push-back and also some reality checks," Andrews said.

"Yes, we can consider this, but we also have to understand how are we going to enforce this properly?" he added.

Should council request staff to either re



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search or opt-in to the program, a further staff report will be provided to detail any required bylaw amendments.

Andrews said the town has to take a deeper look at the educational aspect of e-scooters and their safe usage.

"Education is paramount to those that are going to be using those," he said. "Not only those who are selling these vehicles, these scooters, but also the parents that are letting their 12-year-olds ride them without helmets."

"With a proper safety program ... I think they're a great device to use and necessary for some people," Coun. Andy McIntosh said.

# Presentation to council highlights benefits of 10-year fleet management plan

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Orangeville has chalked up vehicle fleet management as a priority and a way to achieve savings by getting away from vehicle leases.

Council heard during a presentation at its Nov. 10 meeting that a 10-year fleet management plan will set a clear path that taxpayers can understand and council can oversee.

"It moves the town from a mix of leased and owned units to full ownership, standardizes platforms and outfitting, and strengthens reserve funding so replacements are affordable and predictable," according to the plan.

The plan covers all non-fire and non-transit assets valued at more than \$10,000: licensed light- and medium-duty vehicles, heavy and utility equipment, trailers, mowers, and attachments.

Of the 122 municipal assets, 10 are heavy equipment, 12 are trailers, 13 are utility vehicles, 51 are licensed, 10 are mowers, and 26 are attachments. Twenty-four of the licensed vehicles are leased.

Powered vehicles drive most maintenance effort and cost. Trailers and attachments are

essential to operations, but do not create the same shop workload.

"Fire and Transit assets will remain outsourced at this time and will be included in future fleet management plans, as staff see fit," according to an executive summary to council.

The proposed Fleet Management Plan recommends managing vehicles and equipment based on their roles and usage. Light-duty vehicles that see lower use would be reassigned to less demanding uses in approximately their fifth year.

Heavier frontline trucks would typically stay in service for about seven years, depending on how heavily they're used, with reassignment at their third or fourth year.

Heavy equipment would continue to be replaced based on condition and operating hours rather than age.

By way of lease discounting and lease resale values, savings would be about \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year. Additional operating savings come from bringing preventive maintenance and minor corrective work into the shop.

Tim Kocialek, the town's infrastructure services general manager, said the plan represents an opportunity to move away from a

fleet of rental vehicles.

"We found it wasn't efficient as it may be in some other municipalities," he said. "So we're looking at procuring our own fleet."

The town is also considering having a designated lifespan for its vehicles.

Gillian Harris, a director at the Diameter Services consulting firm, said the operations plan includes a baseline staff of a supervisor, two mechanics, and a seasonal student. Simply, doing repairs in-house is cheaper than outsourcing that work.

"The financial improvements come from aligning our replacement timing to lifecycle targets and performance routine and shifting that maintenance in-house where it is efficient," Harris said. "This reduces the exposure to higher vendor labour pricing."

Councillor Joe Andrews said the plan phases all make sense, especially when the cost-benefit analysis is factored in.

Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor said the plan is "a 360 report."

"We started on a different avenue then we went to a different place and now we seems to be back where we started," he said. "This feels like we've arrived at a place that we should've been a few years back."

Coun. Tess Prendergast said the municipi

pality's fleet of vehicles was the greatest single source of greenhouse gas emissions.

"But modernizing how we manage, maintain, and renew the fleet, it really is taking a practical approach that balances our service needs, climate responsibilities, and fiscal responsibilities," Coun. Predndergast noted.

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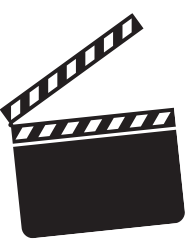


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# Arts & Entertainment



## LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Theatre Orangeville presents pantomime ‘Rapunzel: A Braid New World’

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

For those with a love of bombastic, colourful, and hilarious theatre, Theatre Orangeville's *Rapunzel: A Braid New World* will have those needs covered when it premieres on Friday, Nov. 28.

Written by David Nairn and Debbie Collins, with Nairn stepping into the director's boots, this pantomime production also comes fully loaded with an all-star cast.

Christina Gordon, who will be playing Ethel the Fairy and Justin the Beaver, said that this retelling of Rapunzel will be anything but an average performance.

"The audience is going to be visually stunned," said Gordon. "It's a saturated atmosphere. What this theatre can bring to life with Beckie's designs is something you just don't normally see in live theatre. You're part of the environment, you think you're there."

For those unfamiliar, Pantomime is a type of musical comedy that often retells well-known stories in a new, comedic way.

Made for family entertainment, it's famous for openly encouraging audience participation in the performance. Nairn said that audience participation will be key to this production.

"The success of the panto lies in the fact of audience involvement," he said. "If the audience just sits back and doesn't get involved, then we haven't done our job right."

Throughout the performance, Nairn said that actors will be looking to engage with the audience, sometimes on a very personal level. They'll play off the energy of the room, ensuring that every performance is unique from the previous one.

Gordon said that they want to really connect with audiences and maybe help them open up about their own lives through comedy and theatre. Nairn and Gordon both agree that theatre is an important outlet for emotions and the stresses of daily life, so as much as they want people to laugh, they want to release equally as much.



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**READY TO PERFORM:** The cast of *Rapunzel: A Braid New World* are all returning actors from Theatre Orangeville's pantomime last year. All experience and seasoned, their chemistry promises to help deliver an unforgettable performance. From left: Ben Skipper, Christina Gordon, Debbie Collins, Annika Tupper, William Lincoln, Rachel Cameron, and Andrew McGillivray.

"I always found that there are many moments in panto where something hits somebody really hard," Gordon said. "It might even just be a lyric from a song or something. But if you can just sit for a second and acknowledge what may be going on in your life, and then kiss it goodbye or accept it as part of you, then that's a good thing to take away."

Nairn continued by saying that the production's humour has something for all ages. There will be jokes for younger kids and adults. One of the merits of this approach is that jokes can be kept fresh, up-to-date, and relatable for audiences.

"We try to make it work for younger audiences as well as older ones, but that doesn't mean it's a children's show," he said. "We have basically two levels going on. There's references in there that anybody over the age of 12 might not understand, but there's also references in there anybody under the age of 12 won't understand. We try to keep it relevant."

Theatre Orangeville is also promising an equally captivating set to accompany the performances. Once again, the product of Beckie Morris and Lisa Lahue, the same minds behind the incredible set of *For the Wonder of it All*. Their expertise and vision promise unforgettable visuals that already have the cast excited to act within them.

Ben Skipper, who plays Fred the Fairy and the soothsayer, praised the behind-the-scenes team for an incredible job.

"All I can really say is that the work Beckie and Lisa have done is incredible," he said. "To create this set is a towering achievement."

Puns aside, the excitement isn't contained to just an upcoming audience; it's being felt by the cast as well.

For some of the cast, the prospect of performing in a pantomime is just as exciting for them as it is for the audience watching them.

Annika Tupper, who plays Rapunzel and Rhonda the candlestick maker, said the atmosphere is extremely uplifting and lets the performers and cast cut loose and just have fun together.

"This show is so accessible for newcomers, and oldcomers, and teaching each other about the mechanics of panto, that's what excites me," she said. "Growing up in the prairies, pantomime wasn't really a thing. So coming here and doing my first pantomime last year, I can say there's so much joy and discovery. It's basically permission to be silly with a group of people for a couple hours."

"You go on this crazy journey, you all laugh, cry, do all those things, then you go home and tell all your friends about it," Tupper added.

*Rapunzel: A Braid New World* is promising a fun-filled experience for cast and audience, as Theatre Orangeville performs its third yearly pantomime of the season. For those looking for good laughs, some fun engagement with the performance, and a release from life's stresses, this will be the performance they've been waiting for.

Skipper said it's a performance that will heal its audience through the joy of comedy.

"Come out to Rapunzel," he said. "It's a chance to just have fun. There's nothing that heals better than laughter. You're giving yourself the opportunity to let loose in a room with no judgment. You can't look sillier than us, so come into this space with the people you love and have fun."

Tickets are available online at [app.arts-people.com/?show=269299](http://app.arts-people.com/?show=269299) and more info can be found on Theatre Orangeville's website.



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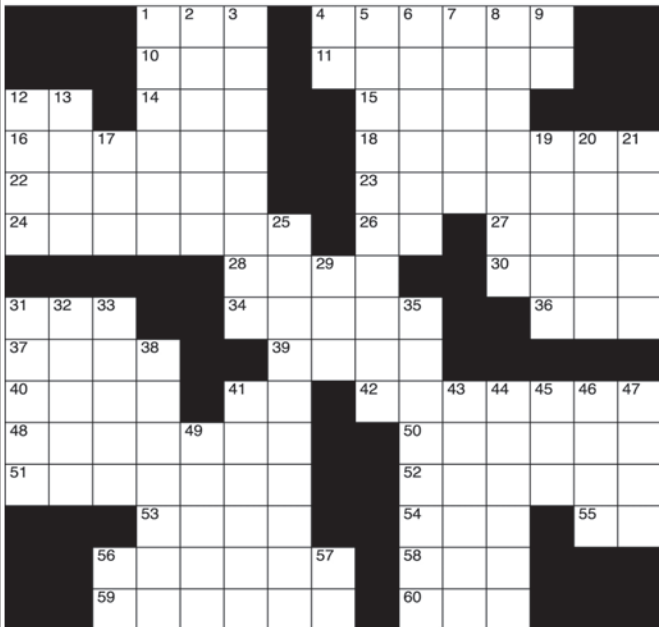


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- 12. Canadian province
- 14. Swiss river
- 15. It can be straight or curved
- 16. Edit
- 18. Utter repeatedly
- 22. Gotten up
- 23. Sea vessel
- 24. Agents of one's demise
- 26. Not out
- 27. Something to scratch
- 28. A round water pot
- 30. Slang for cylindrical green fruit
- 31. Promotions
- 34. Masses of matter
- 36. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 37. Nightstand item
- 39. The content of cognition
- 40. Arab ruler
- 41. Northern U.S. state
- 42. Chewed in small bites
- 48. Hawaiian island
- 50. More thin
- 51. Of one
- 52. Rigid bracelet or anklet
- 53. Barbary sheep
- 54. Not even
- 55. Atomic #106
- 56. Haggle
- 58. Boxing's GOAT
- 59. Division of a group into opposing factions
- 60. Vietnamese offensive

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- 2. Prejudices
- 3. Peacefully
- 4. University athletic official
- 5. Soldiers
- 6. Large mollusk
- 7. Take out again
- 8. Sour or bitter in taste
- 9. Songwriter Tunstall
- 12. Husk of wheat
- 13. Flexible covering in some birds
- 17. Energy
- 19. Night monkey genus
- 20. Small nails
- 21. Colorless volatile liquid
- 25. In a way, changes integrity
- 29. Mark Wahlberg's stuffed animal
- 31. Remember it
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- 33. Pleasant facial expression
- 35. Sea vessel
- 38. Lacking poetic beauty
- 41. Tall, swift and slender dog
- 43. Sports personality
- Michelle
- 44. Robber
- 45. Liquefied natural gas
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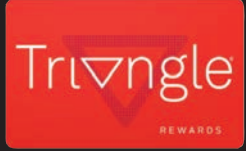
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# Achill Choral Society to perform ‘Season of Light’ concert at two area churches

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

It is lovely to think about all the music this coming season brings to Orangeville, and the concerts are already being announced.

Achill Choral Society is performing its Season of Light concert on two dates: Saturday, Nov. 29, at Knox Presbyterian Church in Alliston and Sunday, Nov. 30, at Westminster United Church in Orangeville.

Much of their audience's favourite music is included, along with surprises and the rewriting of an old carol intended to thrill them. The joy of the audience singing Christmas carols with the choir is an annual part of the program.

Shawn Grenke, artistic director, outlined the concert in an interview with the Citizen.

“We’re doing a large work, ‘Gloria,’ a new piece in 2025, by Mary McDonald from the U.S., which is written really well for community choirs,” he said.

At 12 minutes long, this is the Ontario premiere of McDonald’s “Gloria.” It is in the old text, written 300 years ago, all in Latin, and the choir will perform it in Latin.

“This is a standalone, three-movement piece with strings and piano, beautiful harmonies,” Grenke explained.

He continued, “I will mention too a written piece resetting the Huron Carol.”

Sarah Quartel’s lesous Ahatonnia (“Jesus is born”) is taken from an Indigenous-language rewrite of the Huron Carol, translated from English some years ago. Quebec-based poet, Andree Levesque Sioui, has worked on it for a “newly written Indigenous text,” Grenke said.

The choir will be singing lesous Ahatonnia in the Wendat language. Sarah Quartel co-wrote it, and she wrote a beautiful piano part for it.

Grenke commented that in the last five or 10 years, the importance of Indigenous music for choral singing has grown. About the government’s calls to action for reconciliation, one phrase he states clearly is “There is nothing to tell without us.”

Susan Allen, President of Achill for the last two years, with 30 years in the choir, was also available to talk about the concert, adding about the Gloria piece, “The chords and the dynamics make it stunningly beautiful.”

She spoke about another: Love’s Pure Light, which is a new arrangement of Silent Night by American composer Elaine Hagenberg. “It is so calming and wonderful.”

Allen also said the Westminster Bells will play at the concert on Nov. 30 at Westminster United Church.

On a more personal note, Allen was pleased to announce that two weeks ago, he attended his Convocation for a three-year General Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies with a minor in Church Music, Worship, and Liturgy from the University of Waterloo.

This followed her retirement after many years as an elementary school teacher. Allen enjoyed her studies so much that, once she earned her degree, she continued her education by taking courses online.

Grenke remarked how much he enjoys finding new music by Canadian or other composers. When he came across the lesous Ahatonnia, he wanted to include it in this special concert.

The Achill choir is strong with around 70 members. Every year, new people audition to join.

“This is a very caring choir, a good community experience,” Grenke said. “I think it’s important to support local arts in the region. Achill is important and they will put everybody into the spirit.”

It is most thrilling, in Grenke’s opinion, to perform a vast array of music, not only traditional songs. There is music about the Solstice and the winter season, not just Christmas.

“Music is the way to be together,” Grenke commented.

Encouraging people to come and hear the very popular Achill Choral Society in concert, he feels that it is important to produce such a program, for “music calms the



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**TIS' THE SEASON:** Achill Choral Society is presenting its winter concert, Season of Light, at Westminster United Church in Orangeville on Nov. 30. The choir is preparing to perform a wide range of music for attendees to enjoy.

soul. With so much division and difficult daily news, music is the way to put aside our worries about the world’s troubles for the moment.”

For tickets to Achill’s Season of Light concerts, go to [www.achill.ca](http://www.achill.ca), or paper tickets can be purchased at BookLore in Orangeville or Papermoon Gallery in Alliston.

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# Artful Giving Show and Sale opens at Alton Mill Arts Centre’s gallery

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

The splendid collections of art and hand-crafted items by approximately 40 artists are filling the Headwaters Arts Gallery at the Alton Mill Arts Centre in Alton.

The annual Artful Giving Show and Sale is ready for business, as of yesterday, Nov. 12.

Open every week from Wednesday to Sunday, in keeping with the Alton Mill’s regular hours, the Headwaters Artful Giving show and sale runs until Jan. 4. The Headwaters Arts Gallery is packed with a very wide array of beautiful, unique, amusing, and whimsical gift choices that many artists have brought to the Artful Giving Show.

Deb Menken, acting gallery committee chair, who is responsible for organizing the show, was delighted to say, “This is an amazing show. We were nine hours hanging it yesterday and it looks great. It’s artful, it’s an output gift show of one-of-a-kind items and art.”

Menken drew up a list, in part, of the wonders installed and for sale at the gallery over the weeks of the show. There is a beautiful assortment of ornaments, wonderful pottery, and lots of small paintings, some original and some printed.

In addition, Menken reported that quite a few new artists are coming this year. Happy news for the many people who come regularly and “join us every year, to see quite a few new things this year.”

She gave a shout-out to some first-timers like Barry Young, who collects crystal vases and dishes. He upscales them with gorgeous wood-turned lids, praised by another wood turner as nice and tight-fitting.

One other artisan is bringing crumb trays, used for wiping crumbs off the counter, along with handmade bread knives, while another is bringing Blue Jay ornaments.

There are comfy blankets, hand-woven with “big, soft, chunky yarn, so nice and big

as well,” said Menken.

Handweaver Pat Burns-Wendland is bringing her special hand-woven hand towels, made of 100 per cent cotton.

Some beautiful hand-hooked pillows made by Leslie Knight are on display. She is also bringing non-metallic jewellery made of felt.

As a concession to the cost of living, many artists have considered their contributions while still offering original handmade pieces and art, like Judi Ireland’s little paintings for children’s rooms and her crocheted chickens, which she calls “Emotional Support Chickens.”

Journals and coasters and small things are available as well, “there is definitely something for everyone here,” Menken declared.

Sustainability is not ignored, for the one-of-a-kind inks made naturally by Dufferin Foraged Inks are sourced from plants “respectfully foraged.”

Another new thing is the Monarch Butterfly Nature Kits for youngsters ages four to eight, including a 40-page book with pictures – a good-natured project!

The Artful Giving Show and Sale is on the Mill’s time, open Wednesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Headwaters Gallery will host its artists’ reception on Dec. 22, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., for the chance to meet the artists, enjoy light refreshments, and shop amongst the bounty. As a Headwaters Arts press release reveals, this is the moment to donate to the arts with the kick off of its Grateful Giving fundraising campaign.

This will help to boost the Headwaters Arts Scholarship Fund, which provides the much-needed dollars to high school students to advance their education and training in the Arts, ensuring a pathway for young artists.

“Stay tuned to hear more about this important fundraising initiative, ‘Grateful Giving’ a good-natured project



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**UNIQUE SELECTION:** The Headwaters Gallery at the Alton Mill Arts Centre is ready for shoppers with lots of unique, affordable items lovingly made by local artists. There something for everyone, from handcrafted ornaments to original artwork.

this holiday season,” reads the press release.

That date is, as well, the Alton Mill’s Open House, which runs both Saturday, Dec. 22, and Sunday, Dec. 23.

As the closing day for this Annual Christmas show and sale is Jan. 4, 2026, Menken offered a reminder that many people make a point of coming to the Alton Mill during the week between Christmas and the New Year.

Many families have people visiting during this time, and not only is it always a joy to visit the Mill, but the Artful Giving show will still be at the Alton Mill, giving people the opportunity to shop.

“We’re actually pretty busy that week,” said Menken.

Headwaters Arts is a not-for-profit arts organization run by volunteers. To support artist members, Headwaters regularly presents month-long exhibitions, specifically pitched by the artists themselves, as solo or group shows, thus offering individual artists opportunities to promote their work in a focused way.

Yearly, Headwaters offers the opportunity to showcase local and regional artists through its Fall Festival Juried Art Show and Sale, as well as other arts events.

Headwaters Gallery is in the Alton Mill Arts Centre. All items and merchandise in the current Artful Giving Show are hand-made by the participating artists.

## Seniors to receive Christmas-themed care packages through Adopt a Grandparent

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

An Orangeville woman wants to make sure seniors in Dufferin and Caledon are remembered during the holidays, so she set up a gift-giving program to help make it happen.

Enter Marcia Amaral’s 4th Annual Adopt a Grandparent Program25.

She saw a need in the community and stepped up after being inspired by the company she works for, Mary Kay.

“Mary Kay has really opened my heart and mind to the community,” she said. “I love my

home and the community, and I saw a need for a program like this. It’s really a program of the heart.”

Amaral delivers Christmas-themed care packages to seniors in long-term care homes, including a pair of socks and a Mint Bliss energizing foot and leg lotion. The items in the care packages are sourced through donations, and she gifts them to seniors in need of holiday cheer. Amaral hopes the care packages’ products help seniors, especially in winter, when the air gets drier.

While she said her idea is not unique, and similar initiatives exist, it’s her personal

touch that sets hers apart.

Amaral insists on personally delivering the gift packages of lotions and socks, spending time with the seniors she visits.

This year, Avalon Care Centre in Orangeville, Sorrento Retirement Residence in Bolton, and Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care in Shelburne are receiving the gift packages.

“It’s not so much about the items themselves, I feel,” Amaral said. “It’s the measure of the fact that they feel like someone is thinking of them, that there’s something waiting for them during the holidays.”

“That’s why I do what I do,” she added.

Amaral works closely with the seniors’ homes she visits, catering her visits with the help of staff. She said that her visits are to treat the seniors.

“Most, if not all, times, I reach out to the coordinators, and we work out what it is that I’ll be doing,” she said. “Sometimes I might have a table where seniors can come in, and I’ll share my products with them. A big part of my service is going [into the long-term care homes].”

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# DuffleBag Theatre to unpack ‘A Christmas Carol’ at Grace Tipling Hall

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

As the festive season starts to take shape and winter weather becomes ever more present, the Town of Shelburne has some festive plans in store.

The DuffleBag Theatre will be performing *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens at Grace Tipling Hall on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. This won't be a normal, classical performance, however, as the DuffleBag Theatre will be bringing its own comedic take on the classic story.

Melissa Kenney, communications coordinator for the Town of Shelburne, said the

town is delighted to host the Dufflebag Theatre as it continues to find new ways to promote the arts.

"This event is part of the town's ongoing commitment to celebrating arts and culture in the community," she said. "Whether you're a theatre enthusiast or simply looking for a fun night out with loved ones, this performance is sure to delight."

The DuffleBag Theatre is famous for its signature reimagining of classic stories, turning them into comedic, engaging experiences for audiences who often find themselves part of the show, reads a press release from Kenney.

It said the theatre's heartwarming and hi-

larious rendition of A Christmas Carol will be a perfect start to the festive season.

Founded in 1992 by Marcus Lundgren and Rod Keith, the DuffleBag Theatre has performed hundreds of shows across North America and beyond. Their specialty includes classic fairy tales such as *Snow White and Beauty and the Beast*, as well as *Robin Hood and The Three Musketeers*, and Shakespeare's works like *Romeo and Juliet*.

Most relevant, of course, is their holiday lineup, including their upcoming performance of *A Christmas Carol*.

The DuffleBag theatre describes it as a comedic twist on holiday spirit.

"Penny-pinching miser Ebenezer Scrooge is well-known across Victorian London for being far more interested in making money than friends," Dufflebag said in its description of the production. "Above all else, he hates Christmas time and its spirit of giving. But on one particular Christmas Eve, several spirits give Ebenezer the surprise of his life, as they whisk him off on a magical journey through past, present and future, to show him the true meaning of the season."

The description continues, "From Fezziwig to Tiny Tim, all the favourites are included in DuffleBag Theatre's exuberant version of the Charles Dickens Yuletide classic!"

Tickets for the performance can be purchased on Eventbrite for \$15 plus tax.

# Shelburne residents to star in upcoming theatrical production, ‘Sugar Road’

Two Shelburne area residents will star in the Grey Wellington Theatre Guild's (GWTG) upcoming production, which will lead audiences down Sugar Road to a night of comedy, romance, and music.

Canadian playwright Kristen Da Silva sets the play in a small Ontario town, where amusement park operator Hannah Taylor is about to be reunited with an old flame who rose to country music fame and is returning to town to perform at a popular local festival.

Director Peggy Raftis says the play features a strong cast of experienced actors and a story that will make local theatre-goers feel right at home.

"This is a really fun play that has romance and laughter and a little bit of music. It shows the importance of friendship, especially in rural Ontario," Raftis said.

Cast members include Shelburne area

residents Jenessa Doherty as Hannah and Josh Oatman as country star Jesse Emberley. Both are performing for the first time with the GWTG, but have appeared onstage at Century Church Theatre in Hillburgh, and Oatman is a professional musician with numerous stage and television acting credits.

Guild veterans Dan Bieman of Harriston and Minto resident Amy Sjaarda were both seen most recently in the GWTG production of *Anne of Green Gables – The Musical*.

Bieman plays an ex-roadie and park handyman, while Sjaarda portrays Hannah's eccentric best friend.

Sugar Road runs Nov. 21, 28, and 29 at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 22 at 8 p.m., and Nov. 23 and 30 at 2 p.m. at the Harriston Town Hall Theatre.

Tickets are \$20 and available at Harris-

ton Home Hardware and Walsh's IDA in Mount Forest or online through Zeffy at [greywellingtontheatre.com](http://greywellingtontheatre.com).

Tickets can also be purchased at the door or can be reserved by calling 519-338-2778 or by sending an email to [gwtheatreguild@gmail.com](mailto:gwtheatreguild@gmail.com).



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**LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION:** Starring in the Grey Wellington Theatre Guild's upcoming production, the comedy *Sugar Road* are, from front left: Josh Oatman and Jenessa Doherty; from back left: Dan Bieman and Amy

# Seniors to receive Christmas-themed care packages through Adopt a Grandparent

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Amaral said that the reception is always positive. Some seniors she's visited weren't expecting any gifts for the holidays, and were happily surprised and shocked when she visited them.

"For the most part, they are very surprised," she said. "They're always welcoming and deeply affected by it. They usually put on the socks right there. Then I'll sit with them

and have a coffee, and ask them about their day. It's my contribution to them. These seniors have stories, so it's a wonderful experience."

Amaral said that the seniors appreciate the human connection the most. There's a big difference between packages arriving by mail and a personal visit with a smile and a gift in hand. Someone who's willing to sit with them and make them feel heard and valued.

"I have found that when I get into these

homes, men and women are looking for these products," she said. "They're looking for something hydrating for their skin, so I can help there."

Amaral is encouraging anyone interested in helping her initiative to contact her and

donate. She can be reached by phone at 416-795-4428.

Amaral will also be a vendor at Hollyfest 2025, which takes place at the Orangeville Fairgrounds on Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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# New CEO to start at the Orangeville Public Library next week

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Orangeville Public Library is entering a new chapter as its leadership structure changes, with a new CEO taking over at the start of next week.

Replacing Darla Fraser, who retired from the role after 15 years with the library, is Laura Warner.

The Town of Orangeville announced Warner will become CEO on Nov. 17.

“A champion for innovation, Warner brings more than 17 years of leadership experience, including 10 years with public libraries,” reads a press release from the Town of Orangeville.

Warner most recently worked as a senior manager of library resources at the Brant-

ford Public Library and also has prior experience as the director of corporate services and facilities at Saskatoon Public Library.

“Laura’s experience and commitment to community enrichment and engagement make her an exceptional fit for the Orangeville Public Library,” said Heather Savage, general manager of community services for the Town of Orangeville.

“We are excited to welcome her to the team and look forward to her leadership in continuing to grow the library as a vibrant hub for knowledge, connection and creativity.”

Looking at her past experience, Warner has spearheaded wide-ranging technology upgrades, capital projects, and community partnerships.

“Committed to innovation and inclusiv-

ity, her work includes initiatives that expanded access to library services, strengthened digital infrastructure and fostered community connection,” reads the town’s press release.

Warner holds a master’s degree from Dalhousie University in library and information studies and public administration. She also brings experience as an active mentor and facilitator of a national library leadership program.

“Warner steps into the role following the retirement of the library’s previous chief executive officer, Darla Fraser,” reads the town’s press release. “She will work closely with library staff, the library board and community partners to continue shaping accessible services for residents of all ages.”



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**FRESH LEADERSHIP:** Laura Warner is beginning her new role as Orangeville Public Library CEO on Monday, Nov. 17.

## FTP looks to turn the community purple in support of Woman Abuse Prevention Month

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Throughout Ontario, November marks Woman Abuse Prevention Month.

The initiative aims to raise awareness while inspiring action to reduce and eliminate violence against women.

To recognize the month’s significance, Orangeville-based Family Transition Place (FTP) is participating in the Wrapped in Courage Campaign.

This province-wide initiative, created by

the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses (OAITH), takes place every year.

The campaign encourages communities to wrap themselves in purple, as a symbol of support for survivors of domestic violence, reminding them they are not alone.

“FTP invites all community members to demonstrate their support by wearing a purple scarf throughout November as a visible symbol of solidarity against domestic violence,” reads a press release from FTP.

To formally recognize the International

Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on Nov. 25, FTP has planned flag-raising ceremonies and proclamations with municipalities across the region.

“Throughout the month, FTP will also be sharing information and resources to help raise awareness of Woman Abuse Prevention Month and the Wrapped in Courage campaign,” reads FTP’s press release.

“This November, FTP also encourages everyone to participate in Shine the Light on Woman Abuse — an initiative created by the London Abused Women’s Centre — by light-

ing up your home with a purple bulb. Purple bulbs are available for purchase so that residents can help illuminate their homes and workplaces in support of survivors.”

To spread the message of support for survivors even further, a Shine the Light polybag sign is available for purchase through FTP.

“Together, we can turn our communities purple to show support and raise awareness,” reads the press release.

For more information or to purchase a Wrapped in Courage purple scarf, visit [familytransitionplace.ca](http://familytransitionplace.ca).

## Dufferin police shares tips for motorists to safely navigate icy roads through the winter

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) issued a statement on Tuesday, Nov. 11, reminding residents and visitors to the region that it’s always better to arrive a little late than not at all.

“While the OPP is committed to keeping our roads safe, your safety begins with you. Drive smart, drive safe, and enjoy a worry-free winter season,” reads Dufferin OPP’s statement.

Dufferin OPP shared the following winter driving tips for motorists in Dufferin County:

**Check your tires**

Ensure your vehicle is equipped with winter tires. These provide! better traction on snow and ice, which is especially important in Dufferin County’s often unpredictable winter conditions.

**Keep your distance**

During the winter months, leave plenty of space between your vehicle and the one ahead. Snow and ice can greatly extend

braking distances, so give yourself extra room to stop safely.

**Watch for black ice**

Black ice is a common hazard on Dufferin’s rural roads, particularly early in the morning and after dark. It can form quickly and is difficult to see, so always drive cautiously, even on roads that appear clear.

**Know your roadways**

Dufferin County has a mix of urban and rural roads. Be extra cautious on less-travelled routes where snow can accumulate quickly and plowing may be less frequent. Keep a shovel, an ice scraper, and a blanket in your car — just in case.

**Slow down on steep hills**

Some areas of Dufferin County, especially near the escarpment, have steep inclines and declines that can become icy. Reduce your speed on hills and avoid sudden braking or acceleration.

**Be prepared for snowstorms**

Dufferin County can experience heavy

snowfalls throughout the winter. Before heading out, check the weather and road conditions using the Ontario 511 website or app. If conditions are poor, it’s always safer to stay home.

**Keep a full gas tank**

If you’re travelling through rural areas, make sure your gas tank is topped up. Cold temperatures can cause fuel lines to freeze, and you don’t want to run out of fuel during a snowstorm.

**Use your headlights**

Snowy, cloudy, or overcast days can reduce visibility. Even during the day, keep your headlights on when driving in winter conditions. It improves visibility for you and makes your vehicle more noticeable to others.

**Don’t use cruise control**

Cruise control can be dangerous on slippery roads. It may cause your vehicle to accelerate unexpectedly if traction is lost, increasing the risk of losing control.



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**DATE OF PASSING: November 4, 2025**  
**DATE OF NOTICE: November 13, 2025**  
**Town Initiated Conformity Exercise**

**NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF  
OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT No. 8**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley, having held a Special Council Meeting on February 13, 2024, under Section 26(3) of the Planning Act, an Open House on October 29, 2024, and a Public Meeting May 13, 2025, under Sections 17 (15)(16) of the Planning Act, has passed **By-law 2025-57 to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 8** which is the Town’s Official Plan Conformity Exercise, known as **Vision Grand Valley**, on the 4th day of November 2025.

Official Plan Amendment No. 8 will affect all of the lands within the municipally; therefore, no location map is required.

**THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT of the AMENDMENT**

The purpose of Official Plan Amendment No. 8 is to implement the recommendations of the Vision Grand Valley Project, which was the Town’s conformity review exercise to update Council and Community priorities with respect to growth and development in the Town, bring the Town’s Official Plan into conformity with the Provincial Planning Statement 2024, and Dufferin County’s Municipal Comprehensive (MCR) Project, resulting in County Official Plan Amendments #2, #3 and #4. Oral and written comments received prior to Council’s adoption have been incorporated within Official Plan Amendment No. 8.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding Official Plan Amendment No. 8 and its proposed changes to the Grand Valley Official Plan is available to the public for inspection at the Town Municipal Office located at 5 Main Street North, GRAND VALLEY, ON L9W 5S6, Monday to Friday between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM and on the Town’s website: <https://www.townofgrandvalley.ca/business-development/building-planning-and-development/official-plan-zoning-and-planning-documents/vision-grand-valley-official-plan-and-zoning-by-law-review/>.

**BE ADVISED THAT** the Town of Grand Valley will be forwarding Official Plan Amendment No. 8 to the County of Dufferin (as the approval authority) for its review, and if deemed appropriate, to approve Official Plan Amendment No. 8. Supporting materials and copies of the written submissions received regarding the Official Plan Update and Amendment before its adoption will also be forwarded to the County. Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of the approval authority if a written request to be notified of its decision (including the person’s or public body’s address) is made to the approval authority at:

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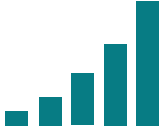


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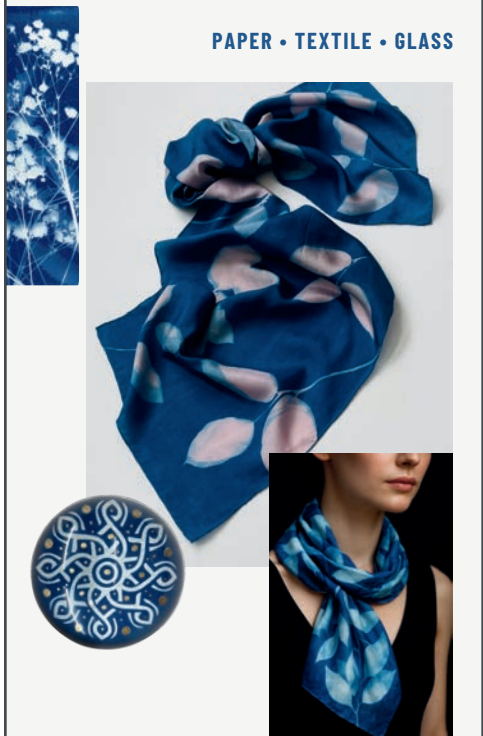
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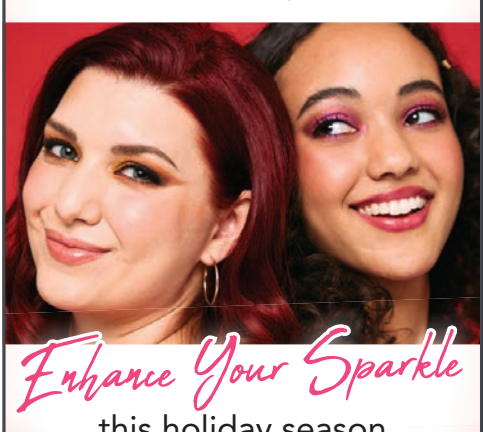
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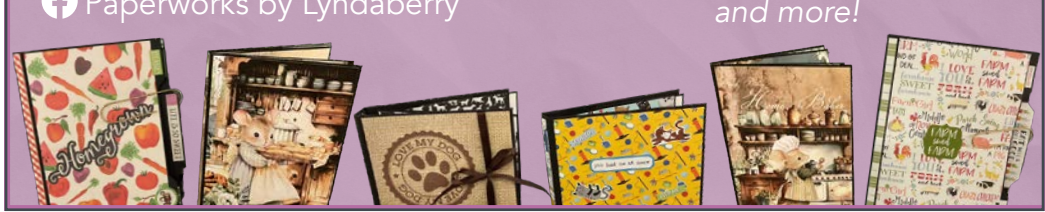
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**LOCAL CHAMPIONS:** The Westside Secondary School Thunder senior girls' basketball team are District 4 champions after a 40-37 win over Emmanuel Christian High School on Wednesday, Nov. 5. The final took place on the court at Westside. Celebrating the win are team members, Meghan Hooper, Logan Wells, Kalli Deremo, Sabrina Bigler, Lauren Wilson-Fairservice, Tatiana Clements, Adelaide Pearson, Rosalie Wackermann, Olivia Wesley, Abby Leigh, Leah Mindle, and coaches Nicole Power, Art Sharp, Rob Marchildon, Caleigh Cargo-Froom, and Charlie Hamilton.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTOS

**IN THE ZONE:** The Westside Secondary School Thunder senior girls' basketball team takes on the Emmanuel Christian High School Eagles in the gym at Westside during the District 4 Senior Girls Championship on Wednesday, Nov. 5. The Thunder won the game 40-37 to claim the District 4 Title. Westside's Olivia Wesley takes the ball into the Eagles' zone during the third quarter of the game.

## Westside senior girls' basketball team wins District 4 Title

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Westside Secondary School Thunder senior girls' basketball team are this year's local champions after winning the District 4 final game at Westside on Wednesday, Nov. 5. The Thunder faced the Eagles from Emmanuel Christian High School in Fergus. When comparing the two teams' records, there was little doubt this would be a competitive final game.

Arriving at the final with a 9-1 record, the Thunder finished the regular season in first place. The Eagles were the only team the Thunder lost to this year. The Eagles arrived at the final as the second-place team, also with a 9-1 record. Both teams arrived with determination and brought their best game to the court. It was a fast-paced match-up with end-to-end action, and both teams matched each other for hoops.

At the end of the first quarter, the Eagle had a one-point advantage with a 13-12 score. When the buzzer sounded to end the third quarter, the game was tied 31-31. It was an all-out battle in the fourth quarter as both teams put forth a stellar effort to take the lead. With five minutes left on the clock, the Eagles were leading by two points. Westside scored to tie the game, then

moved ahead midway in the quarter and put up a solid defence to keep the Eagles from scoring. A successful free-throw gave the Thunder a three-point lead with a minute remaining. The final score was 40-37 for Westside, who claimed the District championship. At the end of the game, the team honoured two players who are completing their senior year of high school and their high school basketball career.

## Orangeville District Secondary School senior girls' claim District 10 Championship

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Orangeville District Secondary School (ODSS) Scarlett Bears senior girls' basketball team is District 10 champions after winning the final game 54-52 over the Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School Celtics on Saturday, Nov. 8. The final game was played at the University of Guelph. Finishing first in the regular season standings, the Scarlett Bears posted an outstanding 13-1 record before heading into the playoffs.

In the quarter-final round of playoffs, the Scarlett Bears knocked St. James out of competition with a 51-19 win. They moved on to the semi-finals and faced Centennial Collegiate on the court at ODSS on Thursday, Nov. 6. This was a very competitive game, with both teams performing well on the court. "We came out hard, we knew this was a big game for us," said Bears' Saige Hazell-Schell after the semi-final game. "We had a lot of injuries during the season, but we finally got our whole team back together. We knew this was

the game we needed to be able to go further. They tried to get in our heads. The talk we had at halftime was, stop talking. We took a deep breath at halftime and decided to re-focus. We're not here to fight with each other. We are out there to win this for our school. Overall, from the start of the season to now, we've had a big improvement." The team managed to squeeze in a practice on the one day they had between the semi-final and the championship game. "We'll be having one final practice before the championship game," Saige said. "We're

going to have to change some of our defence because we'll be missing one of our big defenders for the game on Saturday, so we're going to have to switch up our line-up and come up with different strategies, whether it's a shooting game or a driving-to-the net game." The final championship game was a highly competitive match between two good teams. It was a nailbiter right to the end with the Scarlett Bears coming out on top by a single basket. The Bears have now earned the right to compete at the regional CWOSSA level.

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**DRIBBLING DOWN COURT:** The Scarlett Bears won the semi-final game 51-40 to advance to the District final. The Orangeville District Secondary School Scarlett Bears are District 10 champions after winning the final game 54-52 over Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School. The final game took place at the University of Guelph on Saturday, Nov. 8. Scarlett Bears point guard Paige Corrigan takes the ball into the Centennial Collegiate zone during the Bears' semi-final game on Thursday, Nov. 6

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# OPINION

## Government-sponsored hate speech

There is an opioid crisis in Canada. Most likely, you already know, or know of someone, who has died or overdosed from taking some kind of illicit drug, laced with opioids, at a party. The situation is that bad. The Health Units are issuing warnings. They lament the fact that so many people are dying from illicit drug use. You see the parents of victims on the news and social media, saying something has to be done so this won't happen to anyone else. Many of those who died weren't even regular drug users - they were offered something at a party, and a few minutes later, they were dead. It seems to make perfect sense that the front-line opposition to illicit drugs is to stop them from entering your country. There are at least 35 nations where the death penalty can be applied in cases of drug trafficking. In Singapore, nine executions for drug offences were carried out between October 2024 and February 2025. Yes, they take it that seriously. Most of the international airports in Asia have BIG SIGNS, stating that importing illicit drugs into the country is a capital offence. And yet, when drug smugglers are caught,

there is always some group protesting and declaring they shouldn't face justice. The US has taken a proactive initiative when it comes to bringing drugs into its country. They identify boats, ships, and at least one submarine, loaded with illegal narcotics and headed for American shores. These vessels are intercepted, and if necessary, fired on and destroyed. Yes, the US is taking the drug problem seriously. And yet, the UN human rights chief has now declared those strikes on drug boats are 'unacceptable.' He went on to say the 'mounting human cost is unacceptable.' This is an international 'leader?' Why isn't he citing the 'human cost' of the number of innocent people who have died from these illicit drugs? Why isn't he citing the fact that they are engaged in organized crime activity? Once again, the criminals are supported by our leaders, and the victims are dismissed with a wave of the hand. If the parents of those who have died by unnecessary drug-related deaths really want to make a difference, they need to start with

these world leaders. The list of this type of behaviour by world leaders is long. Too long to mention here. The Canadian landscape is changing in several ways – and not in good ways. Our leaders are not doing what they were elected to do. They don't seem to make policy on what Canadian citizens want to achieve; they make policy influenced by other nations and vocal minority groups, and worry more about offending some small group rather than standing up and making sound decisions. Now there is a Liberal MP who is suggesting the bible be censored. He doesn't like certain scriptures and stated, "There should perhaps be discretion for prosecutors to press charges" if those scriptures are quoted. This is yet another attack on Christians by the current federal government. He wants to censor the bible and have people legally charged for quoting an ancient text, yet he and his government have done absolutely nothing about the 123 Christian churches across the country that have been burned or vandalized in just the past couple of years. If 123 shopping malls or government build-

ings had been attacked, there would be a huge outcry, an inquiry, and the police would be looking for the criminals. And yet, nothing has been done to find the criminals who destroyed these churches, and the Liberal government doesn't care. Instead of going after the criminals, once again, they are going after the victims. In this case, Christians. In typical fashion, the MP attacks Christians, but there is no mention of any other religious group's texts, because he is too afraid of 'offending' anyone else. The churches in this MP's riding should stand up together against this type of nonsense and government-sponsored hate speech and make their voices known. In fact, Christians across the country should do the same and start demanding accountability and proper representation from their elected officials. Maybe a local group in this MP's riding should hang a banner across his riding office. I would suggest John 15:25. "But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.'"

BRIAN LOCKHART  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Attention: Wal-Mart Shopper

*I left my wallet in El Segundo I got to get it, I got, got to get it.* Do you know this song from A Tribe Called Quest? If not, have a listen. I forgot how good it is. The video is dope, too. In it, Q-tip raps about a road trip that has this hallucinatory vibe. Q-Tip and his friends drive past their intended destination and end up in El Segundo — far from where their journey began. After a quick stop for some fast food, where they're distracted by a beautiful waitress, they head back home; they're almost home when Q-Tip realizes he's left his wallet in El Segundo. It's not the story of the wallet that gets you — it's the vibe they're trying to set. That tumbling baseline. The rhyme scheme and witty wordplay. Q-Tip's not angry about losing a wallet. He wrote a catchy tune about it, instead. And, if you listen closely, it's also about the things we lose and the journey to retrieve them. A wallet is so much more than a wallet — it's an archive. When we lose it, it's like losing a piece of ourselves. It's the best rap song about leaving your wallet in a diner. I'm telling you this, dear Wal-Mart shopper, because you brought me back to this track. You got me thinking about wallets.

Because you're the one who stole my wallet and started me on this journey. I only realized something was wrong when I couldn't log in to my bank accounts. I looked for my wallet; it was nowhere to be found. I asked my wife to log in with her credentials; she gasped and mentioned something about her head exploding. A \$230 purchase at Walmart. Over 30 transactions for lottery tickets. Lottery tickets? Scratch and Win? Nicely played — a quick way to turn stolen credit into cash. Did you win anything? I don't buy lottery tickets often. When I do, I don't check the numbers for weeks. I like the idea of winning more than the reality of losing. Sometimes I imagine what it would be like if I did win. I probably wouldn't be as happy as I am right now. You know what they say: more money, more problems. I hope you won a little something. As you know, my wallet is black. It has a zipper. It has this retro vibe to it that baristas sometimes comment on. It isn't a big wallet. Just big enough to carry what I need. Like the gift card to my local coffee shop. There wasn't much on it. Maybe five bucks, or so. When the balance gets to that point, I usually leave it at the café for Warren, a friend of

mine; he's homeless. He likes the Eggie (in case you happen to run into him and want to help him out). My health card: I'm hoping I won't need that for a while. My license: I hate driving. No biggie. You already know about my debit and credit cards. I was never a fan of the whole 'tap' thing. Truthfully, the most valuable item in our wallet is my library card. You see, I love books. My favourite writer of all time is Nelson Algren. Algren put it into my head that we should stand in veneration at what some people have to carry around in their lives, rather than judge and castigate them. Please, check him out. In some ways, I think Algren was the one who started me on this path that I've been treading lately. It's a part of my new practice. It's called 'Discerning Mind.' It's kind of like when your conscience and intellect work together to see, hear, more than what you're seeing and hearing. It's about meeting situations with a 'wise presence'. If that doesn't make any sense to you, don't worry about it. I'm still working on it. That's why it's called a 'practice'. What I do know is that I'm not mad at you. In fact, I'd like to thank you. Because of you, I met a barista who didn't charge me for my coffee when I told him

about my wallet being stolen. Because of you, I spoke to a customer service rep with the thickest of Spanish accents; she sounded jovial, so happy to be alive, happy that she could help in some way (she made me happy to be alive, too). At the bank, the teller next to me had a conversation with an older man who said he was too busy, too tired, to go out trick-or-treating. At another bank, I saw a woman with eyebrows like crows' wings. While walking outside with a rough draft of this column, a gust of wind snatched the papers out of my hand; the papers whirled and danced above me, as if trying to hypnotize me. It was bedazzling. All of this, because of you. Look, I could have given in to despair. I could have shown my children what that looked like. There's already enough of that in our world. Those purchases that you made? I hope they changed your luck, your life, in some small way. I'll think of them as a gift for me, as well. And even though I'll never see them, I appreciate the gesture. After all, it's the thought that counts. Right? I hope you find peace in your life.

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There is a Gala this weekend at the Hockley Valley Resort, a grand affair primarily to raise funds for the very fine establishment, programs, productions, and folk that are the fabric of Theatre Orangeville. Patrons have been assured of excellent dinners, wonderful entertainment, and chances to acquire items and experiences via the silent and live auctions. Ah, but so much more are parts of this and similar galas (although others might be hard-pressed to match the level of talented entertainment as this one). Galas are incomparably valuable for the opportunities to socialize. There has been a tremendous amount of planning, work, organizing, and dealing with the financing, the decorating – the list goes on. Not to mention the venue's preparation with the menu and choices, getting the hors d'oeuvres, the entrée, and the divine sweets just right, served with perfection on the night, amid moments of interruption from the stage by the M.C. and performers. It all has to look easy with not a drop of sweat on a server's face. Meanwhile, the gentlemen have given thought to what they will wear to such an evening, and the ladies were likewise seeing to their attire and checking in with their hairdresser for that perfect coiffure.

All this energy and fuss is well worth the attention, for such evenings are few in this relatively rural area. All is at its best, and those evenings deserve the "hail, fellow, well met" that they frequently deliver between friends – or, even a little less than friends, but acquaintances too that have been met well but not often. Those relationships are mild but treasures; bound by laughter or shared insights that are not burdened by intimacy. Like a spring day that does not demand absolute praise for perfection because there are moderate clouds overhead and the temperature has not settled into summer's promise of steady warmth; something close to friendship still offers light affection that asks for only that moment with each encounter.. As in attending a gala, sat at a table but not necessarily surrounded by one's nearest and dearest, there may be companions one has never actually met or an individual whose place was chosen days ago when the seating was arranged by others, busily putting names on cards. Galas present opportunities to meet and enjoy another life, other tales, perhaps revelations, and who is to say what connection might come to further a business or lead to a deeper emotional relationship?

Galas gather folk together with at least one commonality: the reason for the event, often as a fundraiser for an important part of the community, like the hospital or the local theatre. That aspect brings out the stories of why one is there, one's involvement with the host, and from that, an acquaintanceship is born. Sometimes, one is known and strangers are strangers no more, but people who already know and agree – or not – with what one has said or written. It is all good. Wait: a fierce competition for one of the live auction items rises up. Part of the entertainment is seeing the big donations do their job and entice those who can to spend well, for all is wise. The savvy auctioneer knows the audience, yet there are some surprises from a table of newcomers, maybe recently moved to the town, who are rapidly learning how they have "lucked in" by coming here. It could be, they had not yet heard how substantial the hospital is; or they might not have truly realized how fabulous the theatre is, welcoming them to attend other wonderful events of entertainment. Pause: Outside, a fool is walking across the street while texting, and a car barely misses the walker, beeping at them in rebuke. We are so preoccupied with our little screens,

and this is very far from the only time a person has made that observation. As the old saying goes, "remember to take time to stop and smell the roses." We need that in our lives; we need reasons to socialize "in-person", whether on a small or grand scale. During Covid, when entertaining at home was forbidden, friends of mine used Zoom to join other friends and combine their individual dinners, cooking this at one end of the visual and that at the other. It was a fine compromise and push back to the antisocial lives that the times were otherwise imposing. Wine was surely involved to toast their determination to let the conversation flow, basically dismissing the sadness of separation. The ultimate of that is the Gala, although it comes with a ticket price, and we are there to spend, especially with the gift-giving holiday at our door. Save your money for the next one, likely at about this time of year. It is worth it. A glass of wine, a fine meal, and the fun and song on the stage combine to encourage conversation around the table, whether that concludes with best wishes at the end of the evening or extends to a lifetime.

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# COMMUNITY VOICES

## Monthly Message: Psychologist training standards cut, Ontarians deserve better

**Not enough psychologists in Ontario? Simple, just cut the training and hand out the title.**

That is the direction Ontario seems to be heading. The province’s mental health system is already stretched thin, with families waiting months for care and professionals struggling to keep up. But instead of strengthening the system, the College of Psychologists and Behaviour Analysts of Ontario (CPBAO) has voted to lower the standards for becoming a psychologist. These changes reduce training, supervision, and oversight at a time when public safety depends on them the most. The CPBAO’s proposed solution to the mental health crisis: lower the bar and call it progress.

The training requirements and standards that already exist in Ontario were put in place for a reason: to protect the public. However, in June and September of this year, the CPBAO Council voted to approve a series of sweeping changes that would drastically alter the path to becoming a registered psychologist in Ontario. The proposed changes would cut supervised, hands-on training by up to 75 percent. This is when future psychologists work with real clients under the careful guidance of senior professionals to build the skills and judgment needed for safe, effective care. The plan would also remove licensing exams, drop the requirement for training programs to be accredited by the Canadian Psychology Association, and erase the need for psychologists to prove they are qualified in key specialties like child psychology, neuropsy-



chology, and forensic psychology because these areas would no longer be formally recognized.

The CPBAO is promoting these changes under the umbrella of “modernization” and “increasing accessibility,” but many professionals and community members are deeply concerned that the outcome will be anything but modern or accessible. Less training and oversight won’t make care safer or more available. It only makes it riskier and ignores the real reasons there aren’t enough psychologists in Ontario.

Psychologists work with some of the most vulnerable individuals in our society: children and youth struggling with learning or developmental challenges, neurodivergent individuals seeking support and understanding, trauma survivors, and people in the midst of mental health crises. Their work demands a high level of training, ethical decision-making, and clinical judgment, all of which are developed through years of supervised real world experience and rigorous evaluation. Less training means greater risk of misdiagnosis and inadequate treatment.

If these changes are implemented as proposed, Ontario will move from being one of the most rigorously trained provinces to having some of the lowest standards for psychologist registration in Canada.

The impact of lowering these standards would be serious and far reaching. Families already dealing with long waitlists could face further uncertainty, unsure whether the professional they’re seeing has enough training and experience. Individuals in crisis could end up being cared for by a “psychologist” that doesn’t have training needed to safely support them. And the field of psychology itself, which people rely on for evidence-based care, could lose public trust.

So to break this down, right now, becoming a psychologist in Ontario means completing a masters or masters and doctoral degree from an accredited program, doing thousands of hours of supervised clinical real-world training, and passing both written and oral exams that assess ethics, judgment, and professional readiness. Under the new changes, this would look very different. Supervised training could be cut by up to 75%, oral exams would be removed, accreditation standards dropped, and there would no longer be recognition for certain areas of competency like child psychology or neuropsychology. In short, it means psychologists could enter the field with much less real-world experience and oversight, a major concern when working with vulnerable people and complex mental health needs.

The decisions made by the CPBAO affect not only the profession, but every Ontarian who depends on safe, competent, and ethical mental health care. That’s why it’s crucial that citizens, clinicians, families, and community members speak up now.

If you’re concerned about these changes,

you can make your voice heard by completing this survey being conducted by the CPBAO. We encourage you to vote “No” on question 4 if you have concerns about the proposed changes.

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You might write something as simple as:

“I am deeply concerned about the reduction of training and oversight for psychologists in Ontario. These changes compromise public safety, quality of care, and the integrity of the psychology profession. Please reconsider and prioritize solutions that improve access without lowering standards.”

Regulation exists to protect the public. When those protections are weakened, it’s the public that pays the price.

Ontarians deserve better, and we must speak up to demand accountability.

*This week’s Community Voice submission was written by Dr. Michelle Fardella and Dr. Stephanie Lavoie, clinical psychologists and directors at WonderTree Child, Adolescent, and Family Practice in Orangeville. Dr. Michelle and Dr. Stephanie are part of the Psychology Advocacy Network (PAN) a group of independent psychologists, psychological associates, and psychology graduate students in Ontario as part of a grassroots advocacy effort to raise awareness about the College of Psychologists and Behaviour Analysts of Ontario’s (CPBAO) proposed changes. While they collaborate with the Ontario Psychological Association (OPA), they remain an independent group and are not formally affiliated with any organization or institution.*



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: The cost of extraction: When local land becomes a Commodity

In Dufferin and Caledon, we pride ourselves on being good stewards of the land. Farmers, families, and volunteers work hard to protect the headwaters, care for the soil, and preserve the rural character that defines this region. But increasingly, that stewardship feels like it’s being tested and, at times, undermined by outside forces with little connection to the community.

The proposed blasting quarry in Melancthon is one example that should concern every resident of this riding. The company behind the project has applied for a licence to extract millions of tonnes of material each year, below the water table, in one of Ontario’s most sensitive headwaters areas. The potential risks to local wells, water quality, and ecosystems are significant.

What’s happening in Melancthon reflects a wider pattern across Ontario—one where decisions about local land are driven by large external interests rather than by the communities that live with the consequences. There’s nothing wrong with success or prosperity, but the pattern is impossible to ignore. The profits and influence from operations like this tend to flow outward, while the costs and risks stay behind. The company’s leadership has made significant charitable donations to hospitals and foundations in the Greater Toronto Area, contributions that are commendable but that highlight an imbalance. The wealth generated from resource extraction in rural Ontario is often reinvested in urban centres where executives live, rather than in the communities

where the natural resources are taken and the environmental costs are borne.

The scale of extraction proposed here also raises serious questions about need. Ontario already extracts more than 160 million tonnes of aggregate every year, enough to supply the province many times over. In fact, according to multiple reports, Ontario licenses extraction at levels up to thirteen times higher than the amount actually used annually. Yet new applications continue to appear, often in environmentally sensitive areas like ours, far exceeding what is necessary for Ontario to build and grow.

Meanwhile, residents in Melancthon and across Dufferin and Caledon are left to deal with the dust, truck traffic, noise, and long-term environmental uncertainty that come

with these operations. Local councils face an uphill battle against provincial systems that consistently favour major developers and aggregate corporations. The province holds most of the decision-making power, while municipalities are left to manage the impacts of projects we have little ability to refuse. We are often told that such projects bring economic benefit, but to whom? The short-term jobs and modest tax revenues pale in comparison to the long-term environmental costs and infrastructure burdens. The real gains leave the riding entirely.

It’s time to look more closely at how we balance economic opportunity with community well-being.

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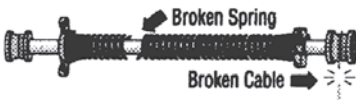
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Open letter re: Strada Aggregates proposal

Good morning,

As a resident of Melancthon Township, I oppose the Strada Aggregates application for a below water table blasting quarry.

Here in Melancthon, we already successfully stopped Seth Klarman's Baupost/Highland Mega-Quarry back in 2008 to 2014. We stopped it due to the science. The science hasn't changed in all those years. Same aquifers, same karst drainage system, same science.

The governments of Canada need to understand that the most precious resource we have is our water.

Surely by this point, we collectively should acknowledge this fact. With respect to limestone extraction, the primary concern should be the compromising of water tables.

Due to the Provincial Government's lack of environmental and scientific understanding, they have deemed Ontario as an open extraction focus, removing the EA necessity from the ARA process. This is disastrous.

The aquifers in the Melancthon area feed and flow into many river systems. The Grand, The Pine, The Nottawasaga, The Noisy, The Boyne, and The Credit, as well as The Saugeen. Compromising any of these rivers would affect the flow and water quality for millions of Ontarians, let alone the aquatic inhabitants, such as the Brown Trout.

Melancthon is significantly higher in elevation than Toronto, at 541-542 meters. We

are also a habitat for many species at risk.

In 2021, Strada joined forces with the North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT) to create a community agreement.

This agreement essentially stated that if the peer reviewers deemed the studies safe, Strada would annually fork over monies to the Township recreation funding. Strada signed the agreement, which also stated that if the scientific results showed this wouldn't work, Strada would not apply.

The community peer reviewer for hydrology, Garry Hunter, deemed that the water would be compromised and what Strada is suggesting won't work. Then Strada brought in their own hydrologist, and those studies revealed that the water would be safe. Strada and NDACT also had residents' wells tested and promised that if something happens to the wells, water would be trucked in.

Garry's studies showed that the personal wells of the residents due east of the quarry would be reduced to 50 per cent of their capacity. The Pine River flux (flow) would also be reduced to 50 per cent. The Pine flows into the Nottawasaga, the Noisy, and the Mad Rivers and affects the flow into the Boyne, Saugeen, and Credit Rivers. One point I'd like to mention is that the Nottawasaga flows into Georgian Bay. Reduced flow, blasting debris, and wells compromised. On the west, south, and north sides of the quarry, farm fields would flood.

Blasting would occur three times a week.

The toxic particles would be spread by our winds at this altitude, flowing over our water sources and farm fields, let alone into the residents' homes.

This would be Strada's first time at below water table extraction. We are not going to be the guinea pig for their experiments. Back in 2010, when I was a Township Councillor, and fighting the Mega Quarry, Strada sat in our chambers and promised they would never dig below the water table. Here we are in 2025, and they wonder why the community doesn't trust them. We know that Ontario has enough aggregate to last for 38 years, and although the process of recycling cement and grav-

el is initially expensive, the payoff is the sustainability of food and water for years to come.

• **Reserve Lifespan:** At the average annual consumption rate, the Greater Golden Horseshoe reserves are estimated to last for approximately 38 years without the need for new pits or quarries.

• **Annual Production:** In 2023, the total production of mineral aggregates in Ontario was just over 167.7 million tonnes. This figure varies slightly each year based on construction demand and economic activity.

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## The cost of extraction: When local land becomes a commodity

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Local governments and residents deserve a stronger voice, not just in mitigating impacts but in deciding whether these projects belong here in the first place. Transparency about ownership, corporate structure, and community benefit should be a basic requirement before any approval is granted.

Our land and water are not expendable assets. They are the foundation of everything that makes Dufferin and Cale-

don a place worth calling home. We need leadership and policies that protect that foundation, because when the blasting stops and the trucks leave, it's the people who live here who will still be here, living with the consequences.

*The views expressed in this letter are those of Tess Prendergast.*

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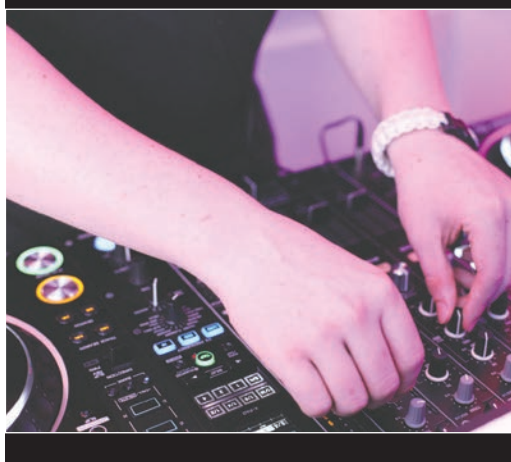
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Open letter re: Strada Aggregates proposal

Continued from B11

• **Licensed vs. Consumed:** Ontario currently licenses the extraction of sig-

nificantly more aggregate (approximately thirteen times more) than it consumes on average each year.

• **Availability Concerns:** While overall reserves are substantial, there are ongoing concerns about the scarcity of high-quality aggregate products close to major market areas, such as the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), which can lead to increased transportation costs and environmental impacts.

In conclusion, the approval of this ap-

plication would destroy Ontario’s very much-needed farmland and water sources, and the hopes of us weary Ontarians. Science once again has proven that when aquifers are compromised, the results are catastrophic.

I am requesting an Environmental Assessment for this project.

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OBITUARIES

### GENA IONE HICKS DOUGLAS GENA: LIVING WITH HER HEART! FEBRUARY 26, 1923 – NOVEMBER 6, 2025

Gena Ione Hicks Douglas passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 6, at Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care in Shelburne. Under the gentle, loving care of staff, she had lived a lovely day and started her nap.

Gena was an enthusiastic mother to Pam McCormick (Dave); the late Alan Douglas, 2020 (Patti); Sam Anderson (Neil) and Donna (Ivar Boriss). We will also honour Al's (Ernie) life at Gena's service.

She leaves grandchildren: Jesse, Josh, Lyndsey & Shannon; Caelan & Jami; Myles & Ryan; Emily & Ben. Her great grandchildren, Hadley, Finn & Blakely, Rory, James, Aurelia & Emma hear stories of before.

When Gena Douglas closed the chapter on parenthood it gave her children opportunity to revel in how lucky we were to have her as our mother. Happy memories came spilling out, unbridled, and plentiful.

"Every day before I went to kindergarten, she'd make salmon sandwiches and we'd sit on the brown chair in the bedroom and watch The Flintstones." Pam

"Mom could blow beautiful smoke rings. She'd 'borrow' a cigarette, never having been a smoker herself, and would blow these perfectly round smoke rings that would float up into nothing. Then she'd give the cigarette back and be off." Sam

"I climbed up the apple tree in our back yard on Sunset Drive. Once I got up there, I couldn't get down. She talked me down, branch by branch!" Alan. Al, who died in 2020, had shared this in 2019.

"It was impossible to see a deserted house and NOT stop. Every house had to be explored, wondered about." Donna

Gena lived in an era where expectations of women were tied to family. Yet, she very nicely ignored those restrictions, getting her pilots license at age 45, scoring bargain furniture and refinishing all of it, anchoring Orangeville Feed and Hardware with knowledge and charm.

Gena Douglas: mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, wife, friend, daughter, sister. Her friendships knew no boundaries. Her heart and her hearth were huge. Married to Don for 46 years, she made it possible for him to pass away at home, in the comfort of the place on 5 Sideroad that they built together. And after his funeral, she forged ahead, maintaining their private airfield (this means mowing 2200 feet of grass runway with a tractor), taking care of the house, and managing to 'let go' of so many of their shared passions... flying, cottaging, sailing, motorcycling. When she eventually moved 'into town,' her tools moved with her and she set up a comfortable workshop.

When Don became president of Ontario Flying Farmers, Gena stood alongside as Flying Farmer Queen. When he joined Rotary, she became a Rotary Ann and together they embraced their volunteer interests. Their birthdays were two days apart and one year they each planned a surprise birthday party for the other...very confusing for their friends who received two invitations for the same nightat two different locations!

Gena met one of her best friends, Yvonne Dudgeon through Westminster United Church junior choir. They were the junior choir 'mothers' for years.

Gena's life began in 1923 in Prince Edward County with unusual parents, equally passionate about how they lived. She grew up in a community of cheese makers; she reveled in the speedboats her parents built and raced; she admired her mother, Louise, for getting her drivers licence in the 20's.

As a teenager she took up the violin and later the saxophone and played frequently. As a senior she became a wicked pool player.

During WW2, she met her best friends, Rhoda, Lenore, and Helen. The foursome anchored teller cages at CIBC in Belleville. They played many tricks on the poor bank manager. Here's just one. On April 1 in 1943 they each, in 15-minute increments, called with difference excuses to say they couldn't come to work. You get the picture. Four unmanned teller cages. The bank manager was beside himself. Two minutes before starting time, the four linked arms, walked kitty corner across the main intersection in Belleville, and entered the bank door. "April Fools," they laughed. That was Gena.

In the past 30 years since Don's death, she has mourned the deaths of his and her own 3 siblings. She has seen her world become smaller as Alzheimers Disease claimed her brain cells. Her pleasant temperament has kept her grounded with caring staff at Dufferin Oaks in Shelburne.

And so, now, Gena, it's time for your final flight. Flaps up!

There's a hole in the clouds. Beyond that, sunshine. Fly high!

Gena's funeral service is scheduled for Monday, November 17 at 10 am (visitation), 11 am (service) at Dods McNair Funeral Home, 21 First St, Orangeville, ON. Memorial donations to Alzheimers Research or Dufferin Oaks Home.

OBITUARIES

### TOM VANDERSTELT

Tom Vanderstelt passed away peacefully on October 29, 2025. He was a devoted husband to Helen Vanderstelt nee (Michalak), and loving father to Natasha Vanderstelt and Dana Putman, nee Vanderstelt. Cherished grandfather to Liam, Piper and Olivia. He was a steady guiding presence, and a man who gave deeply of his patience, warmth, and quiet strength. Tom touched the lives of those around him with his gentle heart and steadfast support, always offering kindness even in difficult times.

He will be remembered and cherished by his family, who will miss him dearly. Though he is no longer with us, his love, lessons, and spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

In loving memory of our father, Tom Vanderstelt — you will be forever loved, and forever missed.

A Graveside Service will be held at The First Presbyterian Cemetery 8029 Poplar Sideroad, Collingwood on Saturday November 8th, 2025 at 2:30 pm. Memorial donations to Headwaters Health Care Centre would be appreciated by the family.

A tree will be planted in memory of Tom in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville.

Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.dodsandmcnair.com](http://www.dodsandmcnair.com)

### DAVE POUNDS DECEMBER 29, 1947 - NOVEMBER 4, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dave Pounds on November 4th, 2025, in Alliston, Ontario. Dave's larger-than-life personality, his sparkling wit, and his kindness of spirit will be sorely missed by his companion, Catherine Laing; his sons, Christopher Pounds and Phillip Pounds (Burcu Yaman); their mother, Barbara Pounds; and his many friends.

The bulk of Dave's life before retirement was spent as an active and respected member of the Orangeville community through his involvement with numerous clubs and community groups.

One of Dave's passions in life was discovering his singing voice. From solos in the church choir, he progressed to Gilbert & Sullivan operettas and the Canadian Opera Company as a chorus member. One of Dave's proudest singing moments was participating in the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Orangeville cenotaph every year.

The other passion in Dave's life was the purchase of his dream retirement property featuring a beautiful pond. Dave and Catherine lovingly renovated their home, and together, they created a garden paradise.

Dave's 'Mellow Bellow' will be missed.

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