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Briefly

Metcalfe Farmers' Market

METCALFE – The Metcalfe Farmers' Market (MFM) will be open for business on Sat., May 8 at the Metcalfe Fairgrounds. The MFM will be operating as an "essential farmers' market" and all COVID-19 protocols will be followed. For more information, please visit either their Facebook page or webpage located at www.metcalfefm.com.

North Dundas lifts burn ban

NORTH DUNDAS – The burn ban in the township of North Dundas has been lifted as of April 20. For information on burn permits, please visit <https://northdundas.com/.../emergency.../burning-by-law/...> or contact the township at 613-774-2105.

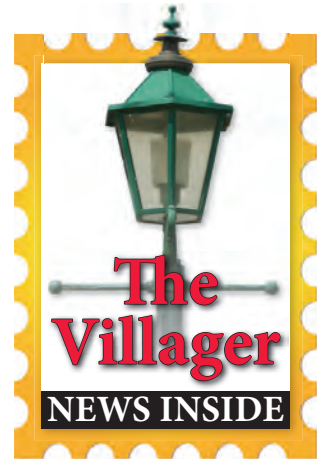
Rays of Sound Project

WINCHESTER – The Planted Arrow in Winchester is hosting a special project this year called the Rays of Sound Project. The initiative gives songwriters and musicians a chance to have their work produced professionally. If you live in North Dundas, South Dundas or the surrounding area, submit your original song to Raysofsoundproject@gmail.com. The project runs until Dec. 31. Each month a song will be selected to be produced. Include your name and phone number. At the end of the year, an album made up of all the winning songs will be produced and sold, with the proceeds going back to local art initiatives.



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Peace begins with a smile

Horses are known to help reduce the stress and anxiety people and children experience. Sophie Laplante riding Ariel (left) and Violet McDonald riding Lea (right) take time to enjoy the warmer spring temperatures. The smiles on these faces are a welcomed sight.

Vogel Photo

North Dundas drinking water and waste water systems pass the test

Joseph Morin
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

WINCHESTER – As North Dundas gets ready to deal with an unprecedented growth in Winchester and Chesterville, a report on the condition of the community's drinking water resources and wastewater treatment facilities has arrived on the council table.

The report compiled by the Ontario Clean Water Agency, (OCWA) indicates all is well with the township's water supply and wastewater treatment process.

The report highlighted a few minor issues with the drinking water system namely about following correct filing procedures and water testing deadlines and replacing a missing bolt on the well cap of test well in Chesterville Well #6. The bolt has been replaced and the well casing is secure.

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'Kudos' to South Dundas businesses

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MORRISBURG – South Dundas Chamber of Commerce president Cindy Peters congratulated the municipality's businesses for adapting and surviving despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's been quite a year personally, professionally, business-wise for everybody," Peters said. "Kudos to everybody in business. You've had to adapt promptly. I'm really proud of the people in South Dundas and the community for supporting them. Congratulations to all of you for keeping going and making it work and thank you to the community for supporting everybody."

Once again, the Chambers' annual general meeting (AGM) was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Roughly 20 people attended the April 14 meeting, including

United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry's warden Frank Prevost, Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonnell, Municipality of South Dundas Coun. Archie Mellan, and South Dundas' economic development officer, Rob Hunter.

Peters highlighted the "great working relationship with all government levels," noting that chamber manager Geraldine Fitzsimmons has "made lots of partnerships over the years to help businesses in the community."

The South Dundas business group has roughly 112 members of which eight are brand new to the chamber, Peters said. She also noted that the \$100 annual membership fee can be paid in installments for those who require that option. Peters acknowledged the outgoing board of directors' members as well as those joining the team for 2021.

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ND drinking water and waste water

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Other than these very minor irregularities spotted by OCWA, the municipality's drinking water facilities and capabilities are in good shape.

Increased residential and industrial growth expected over the next three years in North Dundas will, however, result in pushing the township's drinking water and waste water infrastructure to the limit, and plans are already underway for a ambitious estimated \$50 million necessary upgrade to both systems.

The municipality's drinking water system is served by eight groundwater production wells.

The report stated: "Sodium hypochlorite (Chlorine) is used for both primary and secondary disinfection at five pump houses (two pumps at each house). There are two storage reservoirs, Chesterville underground reservoir and Winchester at-grade reservoir, two elevated tanks and approximately 51 km of distribution pipe network.

Overall, the system was operated and maintained

according to the *Safe Drinking Water Act*. All of the following issues cited in the report have been corrected or completed.

1. Two distribution samples that were collected on Dec. 14, 2020 were submitted to Caduceon Environmental Laboratories in Ottawa, Ontario, without the free chlorine residual recorded on the chain of custody;

2. Monast Pit missed taking the sample for the 2020 reporting year;

3. The missing bolt on the well cap of the test well beside Chesterville Well #6 was replaced, securing the well casing;

4. The owner/operating authority was not in compliance with the requirement to prepare Form 3 and associated documents as required by their Drinking Water Works Permit."

Winchester's wastewater system consists of a gravity fed sanitary sewage collection system, three pumping stations and a wastewater treatment lagoon. The wastewater treatment system consists of a seasonally discharged five-cell lagoon system with a rated capacity of 1,046 m3/d with potential performance flow increase to 1660 m3/d.

Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) has prepared an annual

Winchester Wastewater System report for the period of Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2020 to meet the requirements of the Certificate of Approval. Overall, the system was operated and maintained according to the Certificate of Approval, however, the report identified the following few areas for further consideration:

The ECA limit of total suspended solids (TSS) was exceeded during the fall discharge from April 2 to April 30, 2020. The elevated TSS concentration in the samples appears to have been caused by algae growth in the polishing cells.

The hydraulic flows reaching the sewage lagoons in 2020 averaged 700 m3/day, which represents 42 per cent of the 1,660 m3/day design capacity.

The report included some history of the Chesterville wastewater infrastructure. Chesterville's wastewater system consists of a gravity fed sanitary sewage collection system with three pumping stations and a wastewater treatment lagoon. The main pumping station is located on Water Street and discharges directly to the lagoon.

There is also a pumping station located on Lori Lane which was constructed in the early 1990s to service the Thompson subdivision.

A third pumping station is located at the lagoon and services the industrial site located at 171 Main Street North.

This pumping station is currently offline.

Chesterville's sewage treatment system was originally constructed in the 1970s and included only one lagoon cell until a second cell was added in 1981. Substantial upgrades to the system took place between 2014 and 2015. A second wet well was added at the main pumping station, increasing the pumping capacity to 145 l/s, and a continuous chemical feed system for phosphorus removal was added along a new forcemain from the pumping station to the lagoons.

The lagoon system was expanded by incorporating the former Nestlé lagoon cells, creating a five-cell system, and the existing municipal lagoon cells were converted to polishing/effluent storage ponds with the addition of aeration to both cells.

The lagoon system's design capacity was increased from 1046 m3/d to 1660 m3/d following the upgrades. However, the ministry required that testing be undertaken to confirm the lagoon would be able to perform to the required effluent criteria when the facility reached the new rated capacity. The testing took place, and a report was submitted, but not deemed by the ministry to provide enough evidence that the lagoon would be able to meet all necessary requirements when operating at full capacity. Rather than extending the timeline to continue the testing, the ministry removed the performance testing requirement from the ECA and replaced it with a requirement in the annual report to review performance as flows increase. The amended ECA # 6657-BPYPVL was issued June 1, 2020.

Effluent from the lagoons is discharged in the spring and in the fall via a 600 mm

diameter pipe, which extends from the treatment facility to an outlet in the South Nation River.

The report stated: "The ECA limit for total suspended solids (TSS) was exceeded during the spring discharge in 2020, and the objective was exceeded during the fall discharge. The elevated TSS detected in the samples was caused by algae growth in the polishing cells. The action plan submitted to the ministry on Oct. 1, 2018 by OCWA to address the ongoing TSS issues remains in effect. In accordance with the plan, effluent was discharged at a slower rate, over a longer period of time during the spring discharge. In addition, sludge removal from the west-polishing cell took place in 2019. OCWA is continuing to investigate and implement methods to reduce total suspended solids in the lagoon effluent. The pH objective of 8.5 was slightly exceeded in the fall, with an average effluent pH of 8.58."



SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
Municipal Act, 2001
Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

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Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on May 21, 2021, at the South Dundas Municipal Office, 34 Ottawa Street, Morrisburg Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the South Dundas Municipal Office, 34 Ottawa Street, Morrisburg.

Description of Land(s):

Roll No. 05 06 006 006 94400 0000; 11557 County Rd. 18, Iroquois; PIN 66114-0147; PT LT 9 CON 5 MATILDA as in DR117931 S/T DRB28501; SOUTH DUNDAS. According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$143,000
Minimum tender amount: \$43,835.29

Roll No. 05 06 001 010 18000 0000; 3325 County Rd. 31/Bank St., Winchester Springs; PIN 66144-0055; PT LOT 31 CON 8 WILLIAMSBURG PT 1 8R3442; SOUTH DUNDAS. According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$42,000
Minimum tender amount: \$9,734.78

Roll No. 05 06 001 008 62000 0000; PIN 66144-0077; PT LOT 27 CON 8 WILLIAMSBURG as in WG13084; SOUTH DUNDAS. According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$7,400
Minimum tender amount: \$4,513.48

Roll No. 05 06 006 007 37600 0000; 10417 Hanesville Rd., Brinston; PIN 66113-0294; PT LOT 31 CON 5 MATILDA as in DR121471; SOUTH DUNDAS. According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$31,500
Minimum tender amount: \$5,276.75

Roll No. 05 06 001 004 30200 0000; PIN 66139-0079; PT LOT 26 CON 3 WILLIAMSBURG as in DR48954 EXCEPT PT 6, 8R3740; SOUTH DUNDAS. According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$36,000
Minimum tender amount: \$12,987.92

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, crown interests, or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. Any interests of the Federal or Provincial Crown encumbering the land at the time of the tax sale will continue to encumber the land after the registration of the tax deed. The assessed value according to the last returned assessment roll may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit: www.OntarioTaxSales.ca or if no internet access available, contact:

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Playgrounds yes – ball diamonds no

For compliance with the enhanced restrictions under the extended Province's Stay-At-Home Order, the Township of North Dundas has closed all the following recreation facilities: ball diamonds, basketball courts, tennis/pickleball courts, picnic tables. The following recreation amenities will remain open to the public during the Stay-At-Home Order, but patrons must all maintain physical distance of 6 feet at all times: play grounds, play structures/equipment, park benches and walking/biking paths.

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'Kudos' to SD businesses

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The new board took effect immediately following the April 14 meeting. While Cindy Peters (president), Tracy McMillan (secretary), and Stepheny Rocks (treasurer) will be continuing, Tracey Veinotte, Julianne Swindells, Dale Charbot, Joanne Ouellette, and Monika St. Louis are leaving their positions on the chamber's board of directors. Joining Peters, McMillan and Rocks for the 2021 year are Marilyn Kelly, Kathy Moger, Swapan Randhawa, Jim Cooper, Steve Gergis, and Barry Keicks.

Peters said there is room on the board for more directors, as the minimum is eight and the maximum is 12, leaving three spaces available, including an open spot for someone interested in becoming the chamber's vice president. Those interested in joining the board are encouraged to contact Fitzsimmons (geraldine@southdundaschamber.ca).

The financial report was created and delivered by Fitzsimmons and Rocks. It was noted that although 2020 was a lower income year due to the pandemic, this year is progressing much better despite the COVID-19 challenges.

The group is working on a virtual trade show, which Fitzsimmons said she hopes to announce dates and times

for this week. Whether virtual or in-person depending on the pandemic guidelines, there will be more networking events this year. A new business membership directory is currently being compiled. Updates are being made to the chamber's website to modernize it and make it more user friendly. In addition, the group is working on a member-to-member discount project whereby members could receive discounts or perks when they purchase products or services from other members. Fitzsimmons noted the ongoing benefits of being part of the Ontario and Canadian Chambers of Commerce, as well.

The AGM's keynote speaker was Ky-Lee Amanda Hanson, owner of Iroquois' Oneida Grand, formerly the Iroquois United Church. Hanson said the purchase documents were signed three days before the pandemic happened last year, leaving the new owner to quickly change plans and adapt to the new circumstances.

"We decided to focus more on kitchen and catering aspects," she said, noting that she and her partners have been busy renovating. So far, she said, roughly 25 to 30 per cent of the building has been renovated. She has hired a Red Seal chef from British Columbia, and they have been developing dishes, including items that are gluten-free and dairy-free to accommodate those with

dietary restrictions.

The kitchen recently passed inspection. Hanson said they will be piloting the food for two weeks with friends and family before opening to the public for takeout in just a couple of weeks. She also talked about the many other plans they have for the building in the coming months and years, including the potential for a ballroom, event room, market fairs, classic car drive-in events, and possibly a boutique hotel.

"It's stunning, the colours are beautiful,

they've honoured the history of the building. It's absolutely amazing," Peters said, noting that she and Fitzsimmons were able to tour the Oneida Grand facility and meet the new chef. "I can't wait to get in there for some food."

Following Hanson's presentation, viewers were reminded of the many supports from the local, provincial, and federal Chambers of Commerce, as well as the municipality's economic development department. MPP McDonell invited viewers to check out the new provincial

government programs offering COVID-19 supports for businesses.

"It takes everyone working together to help our businesses as much as

we can to hopefully weather the storm and get back to normal," Mellan said, noting that businesses are "the heartbeat of South Dundas."

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EOHU vaccination clinic in Winchester

The Eastern Ontario Health Unit supported by an army of volunteers held a Covid-19 vaccination day at the Joel Steele Community Centre Thurs., April 16. The first person through the process was Mr. Robert Simmons. The health unit encourages everyone to get vaccinated when it is their turn and until then be patient. Please get a vaccine when it is your turn and help others get a vaccine when it is their turn. You can check to find out if you are eligible for a vaccine at <https://eohu.ca/.../scheduling-covid-19-vaccine>

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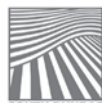
NEW Composting Program in South Dundas 2021 Depot Days

In order to provide composting services to residents in South Dundas, the Municipality will be offering Compost Depot Days for free drop-offs in Morrisburg and Iroquois throughout the year. For more information about why the Municipality has made this change, visit the Landfill and Composting page at southdundas.com.

Depot Day drop-offs will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays, and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

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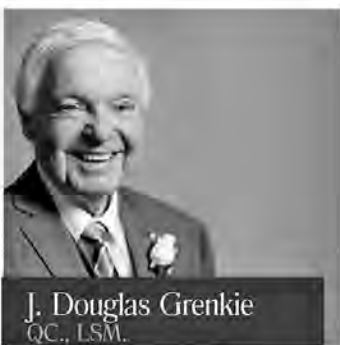


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OPP enforcement under the Stay-at-Home Order

ORILLIA – The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is requesting that Ontarians voluntarily comply with the new emergency orders, as it does its part to support the Government of Ontario's health emergency declaration to limit transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

OPP officers will enforce the Stay-at-Home Order, under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMPCA), and the *Reopening Ontario Act* (ROA) by focusing on non-compliance in businesses and restaurants, complaints from the public and unlawful public gatherings. Officers can disperse and ticket individuals found to be non-compliant resulting in a \$750 fine.

The new emergency orders include:

- Outdoor events/gatherings are now prohibited unless all parties are from the same household or one other person from outside that household who lives alone or is a caregiver for any member of the household;
- All retail stores that are permitted to be open must:
 - Limit the number of persons to 25 per cent capacity of the store
- The following outdoor recreational amenities shall be closed:
 - All outdoor sports facilities and multi-use fields including:
 - Baseball diamonds,
 - Soccer fields,
 - Frisbee golf locations,
 - Tennis, platform tennis, table tennis, pickleball courts,
 - Basketball courts,
 - BMX parks, and
 - Skate parks
- All portions of park and recreation areas containing outdoor fitness equipment
- All picnic sites and picnic tables in park and recreation areas
- An outdoor recreational amenity that is an off-leash dog area or park bench may be open and used if physical distancing is maintained
- A playground, a place specifically designed to enable children to play there, may be open and used

Consistent with the new emergency orders, OPP officers will not arbitrarily stop an individual or a vehicle, or enter a dwelling for the singular purpose of checking compliance with the order. Individuals are not expected to provide proof of essential work. Officers who believe an individual may be participating in a gathering that is prohibited may require the individual to provide information to determine whether they are in compliance.

More information about the restrictions covered by the Government of Ontario's declared 'State of Emergency' and the updated enforcement provisions of the EMPCA can be found at *Reopening Ontario Act* (A Flexible Response to COVID-19; ROA), 2020.

For all non-emergency police matters - including allegations of COVID-19 restrictions non-compliance - contact your municipal bylaw office, call the OPP non-emergency number at 1-888-310-1122, or contact your local detachment. Please reserve 911 for life-threatening emergencies.

The OPP will continue to provide public safety services to the communities we serve and support the efforts of federal, provincial and local health authorities.

Sometimes less is really more

The flat tire: that could be the title of a novel about disappointment, frustration and accepting one's limits or knowing when to fold them, as the song goes.

Getting ready for a summer season of cutting the grass with your excellent lawn tractor and being able to cut your lawn in eight minutes flat is something to really look forward to.

Originally the issue with my lawn tractor was a missing battery that had been removed and safely stored away for winter; that was resolved when my son arrived one day to put the battery back and we fired it up. The motor immediately caught, and the sound was like a spring concert.

All around the neighbourhood neighbours were testing out their lawn tractors and the roar of lawn tractor motors reverberated across the vast expanse of Inkerman.

That sound is as intoxicating as the smell of freshly cut grass.

Regarding that smell, so distinctive to us all, it really is the smell of a special chemical that freshly cut grass gives off. The smell is an evolutionary signal to us

that there is something tasty to eat, and it's nearby.

From the perspective of chemical composition, the freshly cut grass smell is an airborne mix of carbon-based compounds called green leaf volatiles, or GLVs. Plants often release these molecules when damaged by insects, infections or mechanical forces — like a lawn mower.

Traditionally when vegetation is damaged or munched on by an insect or bug, the smell gives off signals to other predators who love to dine on Bug A for example, to head over for a snack; a very clever strategy on the part of the grass, tree or plant.

Just about every fresh vegetable has some GLV scent to them, and that is to remind us to eat healthy.

We do not eat grass, but the grass does not know that, so we get to enjoy the smell they give off.

But getting back to the lawn tractor, having the battery back in place and the motor happier sounding than it has sounded all winter, riding it out into the yard from its winter home was a lopsided experience. One of

the rear tires was as flat as it could be.

It turns out this particular tire did not have the all-important inner tube, so time, weather, and wear and tear had destroyed the integrity of the original tire.

It was an opportunity to pay a visit to the hardware store and then YouTube.

This should not be a difficult do-it-yourself fix. The expert on YouTube quickly removed the tire from around the rim using a variety of seemingly ordinary sharp-edged tools.

He put the tire on something called a pole that was wedged into a worktable-vice. This was the first indication I was going to have a problem. I did not have a worktable-vice nor the pole to mount the tire on.

Once the tire was taken off the rim, the newly acquired inner tube was pushed in around the rim with the valve sticking out through the hole in the rim.

One interesting move was to place a washer over the valves once it was through the rim and then screwing the cap that comes with the tube on top of it to prevent the valve from slipping back into the tire.

After that it was just a matter of pumping air into the tire and away, we go.

Armed with this newly found miracle mechanical information, I went back outside to look at the tractor, which was now looking like a wounded bug slouched over to one side.

I realized that the first step in this successful tire rehabilitation was getting the tire off the tractor, something not covered in the YouTube tutorial.

This was the first step and the last step.

I could not get it off. It looked easy but there must be a secret code to getting the rim off the axle and I was looking forward to seeing a YouTube video that explained it all.

I gave up once the video began.

The fellow that was about to show me how to take the wheel off said it was easy since he had his trusty acetylene torch, sledge hammer and can of special lubricating oil.

The skill level for his job just went from level one (easy) to the highest level (insane) just like that, and I would have to consider getting some help launching my tractor into summer.

Joseph Morin

The Road Home

Carolyn Thompson Goddard

School Days, School Days, dear old golden rule days! It is always easy to look back and reminisce about going to school in the "old days" back in the 1960's.

There is a sense amongst youngsters that we are making up the stories of, in my case, walking a mile to school, a mile to and from school at lunchtime and the final mile of walking after school ended. This really did happen, and we had no such thing as "snow days" having to make the walk regardless of the weather.

Today I saw a post on Facebook about having to write, "I must not talk in class" a number of times and that brought back a whole bunch of memories. Being a bit of a talker, despite not speaking until well past two years, I tended to have to write out lines a lot! Each year it would be 10 lines, 25 lines, 50 lines and so on and yet it didn't stop me from chatting in class. Sometimes they were written on the blackboard but most times we

were given long sheets of foolscap to write the lines on. Eventually, we figured out how to use two or three writing instruments to get the job done quicker, that is until our teacher discovered how we were done with the writing so quickly. Some school memories from that era include standing in line to get a dose of cod liver oil during the winter, lining up for recess, for a drink or a trip to the washroom and of course lining up for vaccinations.

This morning I lined up at the Benson Centre in Cornwall to get my vaccine and readily admit I was a bit apprehensive. However, the whole action of lining up while socially distancing and chatting with a former colleague in line seemed to have a calming effect on me.

Before you knew it, we were moving along, sanitizing our hands, answering questions and finally entering the vaccination area. Someone asked me how I was today and smiled when I answered, "Very Nervous". All the volunteers or staff

were so kind that my apprehension diminished quickly and by the time I reached the "vaccination station" I was pretty calm.

As I sit here a couple of hours later, I am looking back and realizing how easy the volunteers and staff had made the process for me. Everyone ensured the safety protocols were followed, kindly pointed you in the right direction and while during the post shot period staff were present in the waiting area asking how you were, while sanitizing empty chairs. After receiving my vaccination receipt the friendly staff bid me farewell with a recently vaccinated person commenting as I left, "One down, one to go".

On the way out of the Benson Centre, I felt an incredible sense of gratitude that I was able to get an appointment, get safely vaccinated with kind and caring volunteers and staff ensuring the experience was a good one. Thank you to all those who day in and day out ensure we are protected and cared for during this very trying time.



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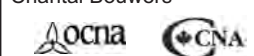
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It takes a community!

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

MONKLAND – A group of volunteers, including community members and high school students, spent a few hours on April 3 and April 10 working to rehabilitate the grounds of the Monkland and District Community Centre (MDCC). According to MDCC vice president Matt Shea, the baseball diamond, its fencing, and an outdated play structure was removed, with the basketball court and ball diamond lighting left intact.

Shea explained the topsoil and grass seed were applied throughout the MDCC grounds, with further work planned for after COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed. He hopes the play structure, which features three regular swings, one handicap swing and a new safety base for the swing set will be installed this year, however this will depend on several issues beyond the control of the MDCC. Future plans also include moving the gazebo, now located at the side of the MDCC, to the back area to provide shade for people, but for the near

future, Shea will be ensuring the seeding will be maintained over the summer.

In addition to thanking all the volunteers who lent a hand, Shea wished to thank Andy Lapierre, owner of Lapierre Landscaping, for the use of equipment and assistance with removing the steel posts; DMD Picard Enterprises Inc. for the loan of a quick cut saw and Stan Grant who loaned a tractor. He expressed his sincere appreciation to Gator's Metal Recycling for providing a bin to collect the metal and agreeing to purchase the metal, he thanked the township of North Stormont for removing the concrete, topsoil and seeding at the site.

When asked about the effect of the COVID-19 regulations on the Flea Market and Farmers' Market, Shea replied how the Flea Market is currently closed and a decision on the opening of the Farmers' Market will be determined at a future date. More information can be found on the organization's Facebook page as it becomes available.



The MDCC is working to enhance the recreational opportunities for residents at the centre. The basketball court was left intact during recent renovations to the field.

Thompson Goddard Photo



– Obituary – **TURNEY, MATTHEW ERNEST ALBERT "TIM" (1926 – 2021)**

Matthew Ernest Albert Turney, known as "Tim," passed away on April 17, 2021, at the age of 94 years in Winchester, Ontario.

Tim was predeceased by his wife, Anna Marie Turney (Cuming), two brothers, Elmer and Kenny and three sisters Elsie, Eva, and Lucille.

He is lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his four children, Tim Turney and his partner Gerald Petkau, Colleen Hull and her husband Larry Hull, Ed Turney, Andrew Turney and his wife Lorilynn Turney and their children Keziah and Zoey.

Tim Turney was born in Dalesville, Quebec on November 4, 1926. In the late 1940s he worked in a lumber camp before heading to Ottawa to apprentice in carpentry. In the 1950s he began carpentry around Hamilton, Ontario where he met and married his wife, Anna. In the early 1960s he worked up on the DEW Line in Arctic. In the 1980s, after Anna's passing, he moved to Maxville and was most recently living in Winchester, Ontario.

He was passionate about carpentry and skilled at creating anything out of wood. He was someone who loved talking with people and had friends in abundance. He will fondly be remembered for the many poems he wrote for friends, commemorating everyday events and special occasions. A couple of his poems won awards and one was posted on the Facebook page of CP Rail. He was a proud Canadian and loved his country.

The family wishes to sincerely thank those who cared for him with dignity and respect while at the Dundas Manor Nursing Home.

A private graveside service for family will take place with the Kitching, Steepe & Ludwig Funeral Home at Woodland Cemetery, Burlington, Ontario. A celebration of life will be planned for when there is an opportunity to do so, in Winchester. Contact the family if you are interested in participating at timturney26@gmail.com.

Donations may be made in Tim's memory to the Dundas Manor Activity Fund at www.dundasmanor.ca

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- OBITUARY - **CATHERINE PRICE April 6, 1945 - April 13, 2021**

On the morning of Tuesday, April 13, 2021, Cathy peacefully slipped away after a brief illness. She is survived by her sister Joan of Ladysmith, BC and her brother Robbie of Madoc, Ontario. She was predeceased by her siblings Raymond, Gary, Wendy, and Marty, and her parents Hazel and Graham.

Cathy grew up in Chesterville and Winchester, and lived most of her adult life in Toronto and Scarborough. From an early age, Cathy was her own woman: strong enough to not feel like she had to "play by the rules". Even in small-town Ontario in the 1960s and 70s, she entirely rejected the conventional woman's role. She was single, she worked, she loved to play sports, she was competitive and felt no compulsion whatsoever to "be nice". A role model without realizing it, she had a beautiful smile and a totally infectious laugh - when she laughed you did too, even if you had no idea what you were laughing about. She was an excellent bookkeeper and inveterate organizer, and was involved with women's groups and in her tenants' community: participating in fundraisers; organizing socials, meals, games; assisting others; whatever was needed. She will be sorely missed.

At Cathy's request there will be no memorial service. Her remains will be interred with those of her sister Wendy in Winchester. Donations may be made to the Michael Garron Hospital Foundation where Cathy received excellent care over the years and in her final days. (Facebook memories: <https://bit.ly/2Q3urcA>)



Obituary **RANKIN, MARILYN 1940 - 2021**

With heavy hearts the family of Marilyn (Nan) Rankin want to share she left this earth peacefully with family at her side to go be with Bill and Great Nan after a lengthy battle with cancer on Friday, April 9, 2021.

Born on October 20, 1940 in Springhill, Nova Scotia she was the daughter of the late Howard and Elsie Embree.

Marilyn was a loving, caring wife of the late Bill Rankin. Loving Mom to Tanya, Tara and David and Mother in law to Eric. Nan to Justin (Nathalie) and Great Nan to Alex, Chase and Jackson. She also leaves sister-in-laws Helen, Mary, Lil brother-in-law Gerry and many nieces and nephews. She also leaves her furry friends Stinky and Kiwi.

Marilyn met her handsome military man Bill in Whitehorse, Yukon and his Military career took them from Whitehorse to Borden, Vancouver, Germany, Calgary, Moncton, Virginia, U.S.A. and Russell, Ontario where they retired from travel life. In the spring of 2012, they moved back to Moncton to be with their children and grandchildren. In 2019, she moved to Winnipeg with Tanya who helped her cope with her illnesses and cared for her with all her heart.

During her years as a military wife Marilyn became a great cook and sandwich maker. Many lunches and volunteer gatherings needed sandwiches made and she was the one they called. During her years in Russell, Ontario she spent countless hours with the Ladies Axillary and Russell Legion. When not volunteering she enjoyed a good game of shuffleboard.

At home she loved having all her family around her during special times, especially Christmas, the bigger the crowd the happier she was. Christmas dinners were a spread; the table was done in the finest fashion with her Old Country Roses dinnerware and gold utensils. She always made "her" dressing because it was better than Nan's. Her passion was that everyone had plenty to eat, especially her "working men", she wanted them to eat the most and loved it when they did. If you dropped in for a visit you would be offered something to eat or a cold drink before you had your shoes off. Summers brought on Lobster, she loved lobster and would only have the shells left when finished.

She loved animals, especially her pets. They would be spoiled, they came first. We gave her the nickname "the cat whisperer", we think she talked cat. She always made sure they were healthy and fed, even if they weren't hers.

Traveling south with her children and family was fun for her. She loved to sit on the beach and people watch, sneak a snooze then go listen to music or take in a show.

Honouring Marilyn's wishes there will be no visitation.

In memory of Marilyn, contributions to Adeline Animal Hospital mercy fund, 293 High Street, Moncton. This mercy fund aids companion animals in need of medical care. Please call 506-854-9201 or e-transfer to adelinemet@gmail.com in memory of Marilyn Rankin or to the Canadian Cancer Society. Online condolences for the family can be made at www.fairhavenmemorial.ca.



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SNC asking residents to help clean up spring litter

Kelsey Smith
Stewardship and Outreach Assistant

FINCH – Litter can have a detrimental impact to humans, wildlife, and the environment, and can eventually end up contaminating local water sources, soil and pollute the air. And, according to the International Institute for Sustainable Development, the COVID-19 pandemic has Canadians using more single use plastics than ever before.

With the last bit of snow finally gone, a winter's worth of garbage accumulation and litter is now revealed and ready to be picked up.

This is the time of year when South Nation Conservation (SNC) would be mobilizing community volunteers to help clean up trash in public spaces and along waterways.

But, with the COVID-19 Emergency Stay-at-Home Orders in place, annual river cleanups and SNC's

popular Cache In Trash Out event are again cancelled for 2021.

Instead, SNC is hoping to mobilize residents venturing outdoors for recreation and mental health to consider bringing along gloves and a garbage bag to pick up trash and join this year's efforts to keep our communities' litter-free leading up to the Provincial Day of Action on Litter on May 11 "Social gatherings may be on pause but doing our individual part to keep

our communities clean doesn't have to be," says John Mesman, SNC's outreach lead.

Residents can submit before and after photos of their cleanup areas to SNC through social media or by emailing info@nation.on.ca for a chance to win a prize of local products.

When picking up litter, always use personal protective equipment including gloves or a litter grabber. Always separate recycling from garbage.



Courtesy Photo

Community groups and residents are encouraged to reach out to SNC to borrow supplies if needed, including litter grabbers, safety vests, disposable gloves, and garbage bags.

Also, be mindful around watercourses as slopes could be unstable or slippery. Consider wearing a safety vest or brightly coloured clothing if collecting litter along a roadway. And never pick up dangerous materials such as shards of glass, syringes, barbed wire, or chemical waste (instead please contact your municipality).

Residents without a personal method of garbage or recycling disposal can reach out to their municipality for

information on public garbage disposal, such as using a city street garbage can and recycling bin.

Please follow health guidelines, work only with your household bubble, and exercise physical distancing with those you may pass.

"And of course, have fun! Getting outside and safely cleaning up your own backyards and neighbourhoods can be a great learning experience for the whole family," adds Mesman.

For more information on how to safely cleanup litter during the pandemic, the Government of Ontario provides various litter cleanup resources and guides online at www.ontario.ca/page/litter-cleanup-guide.

United Counties Update

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Long Sault - Members of the South Stormont council were provided with an update from Tim Simpson, chief administrative officer for the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (SDG) and Benjamin de Haan, director of transportation and planning services.

Simpson provided an overview of the work carried out by the United Counties of SDG, mentioning the 2021 budget has been passed, noting transportation, health and social services and policing are the top

three expenses. He continued about 6.5 million dollars in total has been committed to the expansion projects at the Maxville Manor and Dundas Manor in North Glengarry and North Dundas. He commented how the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of the long-term care homes and the safety of their residents.

He announced Tara Kirkpatrick has been hired as the new manager of economic development and commented the Regional Incentive Program should be available for intake in June 2021.

There are six priority areas in the Economic Development Strategic Plan adopted in 2020 by counties council. Priority areas include advocating for natural gas expansion and broadband access, enhancement of digital tools,

enhancement of the Regional Incentives Program, increased investment attraction, invest in small businesses and strengthening the SDG brand of "Where Ontario Began." de Haan provided a review on projects currently underway which include work on County Road 18, discussions with the Ministry of Transportation regarding the design of round-about at the intersection of Headline Road and Highway 138.

When providing a report on Planning, de Haan discussed the use of LiDAR, growth and population studies as well as the Natural Heritage Study. He provided information on the role of SDG in manage approximately 10,000 acres of forest and spoke about the control measures used to control noxious weeds.

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH DUNDAS NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT PART LOTS 8 AND 9, CONCESSION 7 3523 COONS ROAD (FORMER GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMSBURG)

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This By-law will change the zoning for the property noted above. This farm lot was subject to a Consent Application, which resulted in the severance of a surplus dwelling lot from a vacant farm parcel comprising the bulk of the property.

This Zoning By-law Amendment is needed to fulfill a condition of approval of the aforementioned Consent Application wherein no new permanent residential uses are to be allowed on the retained vacant farm parcel zoned Agricultural. This Zoning By-law amendment is also needed to reduce the required minimum lot frontage for the severed parcel for a residential use from 45 metres to 8 metres.

The zoning is being changed by rezoning the retained parcel zoned Agricultural to Agricultural Special Exception 8 (A-8) and the severed parcel zoned Agricultural to Agricultural Special Exception 70 (A-70).



This amendment is related to the following Consent Application: B-102-20. The Key Plan identifies the location of approximately 49.7 ha of affected land. This Zoning By-law Amendment is not related to any Minor Variance, Official Plan Amendment, or Plan of Subdivision.

DATED at the Municipality of South Dundas this 13th day of April 2021.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH DUNDAS NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT PART LOT 36, CONCESSION 8 3260 WALLACE ROAD (FORMER GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF MATILDA)

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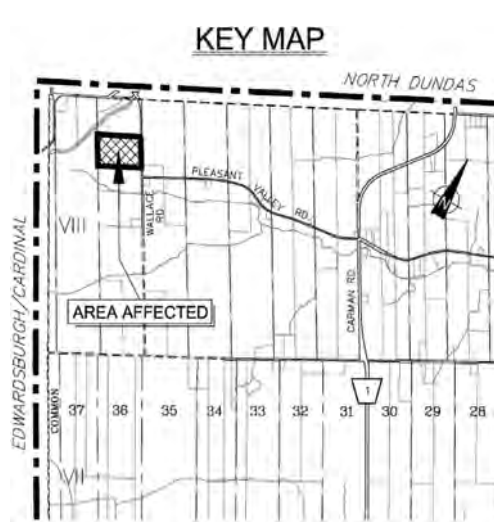
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This By-law will change the zoning for the property noted above. This rural lot was subject to a consent application, which resulted in the severance of a vacant rural lot.

This Zoning By-law Amendment is requested to re-zone the property from Mineral Aggregate Pit to Rural to allow for limited residential development on the lot. It will also remove the Pit (MAP) Adjacent special exception from the abutting Rural and Agricultural lands.



The zoning is being changed by rezoning the severed parcel zoned Mineral Aggregate Pit (MAP) to Rural (RU).

The Key Plan identifies the location of approximately 10.7 hectares of affected land. This Zoning By-law Amendment is related to a housekeeping Official Plan Amendment.

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Spring has sprung

Welcome to Chesterville's most glorious of seasons – spring! There are numerous signs of this most anticipated time of year, but can any be more welcomed (other than the disappearance of snow) than the opening of the Snack Shack, flowers blooming in front gardens or bags of soil appearing outside of Mike Dean's Superfood Store in Chesterville. For a few weeks, gardeners have been able to plan their vegetable and flower gardens. Soon it will be time to place the seeds and seedlings in the soil, with the ability to see the flowers and vegetables growing whilst enjoying an ice cream treat. Spring is certainly the season of hope.

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South Dundas 'under one roof'

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MORRISBURG – The Municipality of South Dundas is updating outdated bylaws, including the Site Plan Control Bylaw.

Municipal planning consultant Erin Reed provided council with a Key Information Report on the updated bylaw during the township's March 29 "committee of the whole" meeting. South Dundas does not currently have a Site Plan Control Bylaw, but rather one for the Village of Iroquois from 1980, and one for the Village of Morrisburg from 1981. The new bylaw will cover all South Dundas and it will include the repeal of the two previous bylaws.

"It's good that we're finally getting bylaws from our old municipalities all put together, so all South Dundas is under one roof," Mayor Steven Byvels said.

In her report to council, Reed outlined the purpose of site plan control, as well as where and when it applies. The proposed bylaw will do the following: repeal existing site plans; implement the new bylaw for the entire municipality; designate areas and types of development subject to the bylaw; exempt certain classes of development; encourage pre-consultation with the planning department; provide requirements for approval of plans; provide requirements for a complete application; designate council as the approval authority for these

agreements; and outline enforcement and penalty.

"Through site plan control, the municipality is able to ensure that the proposed development will be compatible with adjacent or nearby properties, have safe and easy access to pedestrians and vehicles, meet specific standards of quality and appearance, and be built in a manner by which the proposal was approved," Reed explained in her report.

Byvels confirmed with chief building official Nicole Lowey that cannabis projects will fall under this bylaw. He noted that "none of the agriculture zones are caught in this," and he asked Lowey what would happen if someone wanted to build a grain elevator. Lowey said while it would not fall under the Site Plan Control Bylaw, a grain elevator project would be subject to other bylaws with clear parameters in place. The mayor said North Dundas requires agriculture to follow site plan controls and it's very controversial.

"I'm not saying we need to do it [in] every circumstance," he said, noting his concern with potential issues if an agriculture project, like a grain elevator, was large enough to impact traffic or cause other issues for neighbours. Lowey said she would consult with North Dundas on their process.

"I sort of agree with you on the commercial elevator side of things," Coun. Archie Mellan said. "It's probably a good exercise to go through."

Writing in 150 winners

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE — Winners in the 3rd annual "Writing in 150" writing competition were announced in a press release from A Bunch of People Arts and Events (ABPAE) and *Perch Magazine* on April 17.

The "Writing in 150" competition was held on March 27 with 25 writers entered in five categories. The competitors were given 150 minutes or 2½ hours to create "their literary or musical entry based on a word prompt." The

top three submissions in each category will have their work "published in a hard copy collection of works" by local publisher Pre-Raphaelite Publishing Inc. in June of this year.

Amanda Burger of ABPAE commented how "we are really excited to be working with *Perch Magazine* to debut the 1st place winners' work for everyone." She continued how the literary and musical pieces from the competition will be available on the magazine's website "at 10 a.m. Mon., April 19, 2021." Burger mentioned how "we love working with other organizations toward creating more appreciation of the great talent in Cornwall, SD&G and Akwesasne."

Burger wished to thank Rachele Eves, Suzanne Millaire and Thomas Schoch for serving as judges for the event as well as "their volunteer time and energy and support for this event these last three years," she continued how ABPAE is looking forward to events in the future "as they grow in popularity and talent." Winners in the 2021 Writing in 150 literary competition are as follows:

Fiction category: 1st Jennifer Pretty; 2nd Carol Goddard; 3rd Carol Johnson.

Non-fiction: 1st Jacquelyn Toupin; 2nd Marnie Fossitt; 3rd Shelley Adams.

Poetry: 1st Jannah Russell; 2nd Karen

Ray-Stewart.

Short Play: 1st Patrick Burger; 2nd Sandra McNeil.

Song: 1st Rick Ventrella; 2nd Place: Tony Glen.

More information on *Perch*, an independent magazine telling "the stories of the people who live, work and play in Cornwall, Akwesasne and the SDG Counties," can be found at www.perchmagazine.com. A Bunch of People Arts and Events is an organization which "gives 100 per cent of their yearly profit to a local charity at the end of each calendar year. For more information on ABPAE please visit their Facebook page.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 22, 2021

CLUES ACROSS

1. Ocean surface indicator (abbr.)
4. American time
7. Satisfaction
8. Diving duck
10. Very small amount
12. Metrical units
13. An ignorant or foolish person
14. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
16. It may sting you
17. Turn outward
19. Perform on stage
20. "CSI" actor George
21. Localities
25. Make a choice
26. Indicates position
27. One of Thor's names

29. Indian musical rhythmic pattern
30. "The Raven" author
31. Take in solid food
32. Legendary QB
39. Sorrels
41. Organization of nations
42. Texas pharmaceutical company
43. Mathematical term
44. Expression of disappointment
45. Abba __, Israeli politician
46. Hide away
48. Salad restaurant
49. Daughters of Boreas (mythology)
50. Men's fashion accessory
51. Political action committee
52. Unhappy

CLUES DOWN

1. Make unhappy
2. Heard the confession of
3. Capital of Taiwan
4. Fiddler crab
5. Brazilian dances
6. Fit with device to assist breathing
8. Brother or sister
9. Pastries
11. "Lone Survivor" director Peter
14. Boat type (abbr.)
15. Apertures (biology)
18. Suffix
19. Creative endeavor
20. Icelandic poem
22. Spanish dances
23. Town in Central Italy

24. Cars need it
27. Mimics
28. Rocky peak
29. Cigarette (slang)
31. One point south of due east
32. Soap actress Braun
33. Large domesticated wild ox
34. Island nation
35. Appear
36. Addictive practices
37. Loss of control of one's body
38. Type of poster
39. Greek mountain
40. Funny person
44. One and only
47. Pouch

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THE BENEFITS OF CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Even though crossword puzzles have been entertaining and helping people pass the time for more than 100 years, the benefits of crosswords go beyond boredom-busting. Various studies have shown the positive effects crossword puzzles can have on a person's brain and capacity to learn.

- Improve vocabulary
- Strengthens memory
- Improve socialization
- Help relieve stress
- May help prevent brain diseases

Crossword puzzles can fill empty hours with an entertaining and educational activity. However, there are many other benefits to doing crossword puzzles that may surprise even the most ardent puzzle enthusiasts.

SMALL BUSINESS *Spotlight*

Gardening, groceries and so much more

SOUTH STORMONT—As the season changes from winter to spring, many people pore over seed catalogues dreaming of their vegetable or flower gardens. Once the weather has warmed enough to awaken the multitude of insects wintering in your garden, out come the rakes to remove the leaves and organic material from the beds. It is then gardeners begin to look forward to the opening of local garden centres with their multitude of resources for their vegetable and flower gardens.

Harvest Garden Centre (HGC), with three locations in the Cornwall area, is a favourite destination for many gardeners searching for fresh soil, vegetable or flower seeds, seedlings and perhaps a shrub or tree to plant as the Victoria Day weekend comes near.

Harvest Garden Centre is owned and operated by George Varnava and Linda McCarthy; the Cornwall Centre Road location opened in 1980, the Vincent Massey Centre about 10 years ago and “our newest garden centre opened on Boundary Road last year and will re-open in May.” She continued how the three businesses draw their clientele from “as far away as Ottawa and as close as across the street.”

When asked about why they opened a garden centre, Linda replied that in 1980 a lot of people were starting to be “really getting into gardening and at that time there were not a lot of places to purchase



Plants on display

There is a selection plants available to purchase in the grocery section of Harvest Garden Centre. Linda McCarthy, who owns the store with husband George Varnava, is shown by the plants.

Thompson Goddard Photo

plants.” She attributed their business success to the “long hours, hard work, good staff” combined with good products and prices. One cannot discount the

customer service provided to Harvest Garden customers.

In addition to gardening supplies, the Cornwall Centre Road location has offered

customers a grocery store, small gift area and restaurant which has been transformed into a gift boutique in 2020. The couple owned land at the corner of County Road Two and Powerdam Road near Cornwall and decided to open a garden centre and car wash about ten years ago. An enclosed building at the location now houses a market which offers customers a selection of “fresh veggies, groceries, fresh or frozen meat and bakery items.” Linda noted both market buildings seasonally offer “a lot of local produce and meat” for their customers.

There is currently a selection of topsoil available for sale at the two market locations, with Linda explaining the role weather plays in opening garden centres but hopes to have all three locations open before Mother’s Day. She continued they will be offering “trees, shrubs, annual, hanging baskets, soil and pretty much any plant you might need for a flower or vegetable garden,” before noting how they will be carrying many pollinator plants.

Linda commented how COVID-19 restrictions have “actually helped [their] sales” for several reasons including their businesses being declared essential; they follow the precautions designed to protect both their staff and customers and demonstrate their appreciation and respect for their clients.

More information on Harvest Garden Centre can be found on their Facebook page or by visiting one of their locations.

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South Dundas denies zoning amendment

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MORRISBURG – While Municipality of South Dundas politicians denied a zoning amendment application for a property along County Road 2 just east of Iroquois, they left the applicant with hope for future success should they apply again.

The decision was made during the April 12 council meeting when municipal planning consultant Erin

Reed recommended the application be denied as presented but suggested an alternative that would give the applicant a three-year temporary permit. Council members unanimously agreed they were not comfortable with a temporary bylaw and so denied both options.

“I will also echo council’s sentiments. Going temporary at this time will not suit us in South Dundas,” Mayor Steven Byvelts said. “I also echo

the words of Councillor [Lloyd] Wells. We certainly will be willing to entertain anything they might want to do, and we will work with them at the same level we do with any other developer in South Dundas.”

Reed recommended council deny the applicant’s original rezoning request of “Highway Commercial” because it did not meet with the provincial *Planning Act*, the 2020 Provincial Policy

Statement, or the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG) Official Plan. Instead, she suggested they pass an amendment to the Zoning Bylaw that would rezone the land in question from “Rural” to “Rural Temporary Use 1,” permitting a sales’ office use, model home and billboard sign for a period of up to three years. This, she said, would support the potential for the development of a residential subdivision, which is the landowner’s

goal. The temporary bylaw would also have included reducing the lot area, as well as the front and interior yard setbacks.

A house was erected on the property in 2020 with a municipally issued permit for a residential dwelling, while a digital sign was erected the same year with an SDG issued permit. It was noted the sign permit, which was good for only six months, was insufficient as it did not meet the municipality’s requirements for the erection of signs.

The South Dundas Waterfront Development Corporation want to use the house as a model home and sales office to advertise their future residential developments. At the time of the April 12 council meeting, Reed said the municipality and SDG had not received any applications from this group for a potential subdivision in South Dundas. It was noted the group had intended to file for the subdivision approval after the completion of the zoning amendment.

Superior Group lands South Dundas grass cutting job

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MORRISBURG – Superior Group landed a two-year grass cutting and trimming contract with the Municipality of South Dundas.

Manager of Parks and Recreation Austin Marcellus made the recommendation during

the April 12 council meeting, noting a bid price of \$53,139 plus HST. This, he said, is below the budgeted amount of \$68,400.

“Municipal staff reviewed all of the tenders,” Marcellus said in his report. “Superior Group was the low tender, and after a review of the documentation provided in the tender submission,

municipal staff found the submission to be the most competitive and complete.”

There were five other submissions with only three bidding on all sections. The other complete bids were roughly double the Superior Group bid price. Marcellus said the company has worked for the City of Cornwall, the City of Ottawa, and the township of North Stormont. He said he contacted all three and all three recommended the company.

Councillor Don Lewis asked if Marcellus had physically gone and checked Superior Group’s equipment for himself. He said he had, but had questioned the references and company about the machinery and was assured it was clean and met the requirements.



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“I echo Donnie’s thinking,” Mayor Steven Byvelts said. “It’s not a bad thing to do. References are probably correct but check it out to be sure you’ll be happy with it.”

Byvelts also verified that the contract stipulates a period of two years with no out clauses so that the municipality can file for damages, should Superior Group back out at any point prior to completion of the contract. The contract is effective from May 1 to Oct. 31 each year. It was noted that South Dundas has 26 parks, 26 municipal facilities, four cemeteries, and 18 pieces of public property that require grass cutting and trimming.

People’s pets a priority in South Stormont

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

LONG SAULT – During the April 14 South Stormont Council meeting, fire chief Gilles Crepeau updated council on DocuPet Pet Licensing Services, which will be used to administer the pet-licensing program in the municipality.

Crepeau announced there would be a “soft launch” of DocuPet on April 15 followed with the launching of the program on May 1. He continued how pet owners will be able to renew their pet license and dog tags by phone, mail, in person or online. The license will continue for 365 days from registration date, with DocuPet providing renewal reminders as the expiration date nears. Crepeau mentioned there is a Lost Pet

Service provided with the purchase of a South Stormont dog tag with people available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist in connecting the lost pet with owners. He noted there is also the option to purchased personalized dog tags.

Later in the meeting, council passed the Responsible Pet Ownership By-law for the municipality. Crepeau mentioned South Stormont staff have been involved in significant research in neighbouring municipalities as well as seeking input from community members. He thanked Shelby Martel, Administrative Assistant in the Fire and Rescue department, for the work she has done on this project before mentioning staff will continue to educate members of the public through online means as well as the local media.



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Local theatre group takes on the pandemic with streamed performance

Joseph Morin
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – The pandemic has resulted in many changes in how we all interact.

The local entertainment industry in communities, as represented by small theatre groups has for the most part been shut down by Covid-19.

The Russell Association for the Performing Arts, (RAPA) has found a way around those pandemic circumstances with their performance of the play *Check Please*.

The president of RAPA Dave Rama said, “We are a community theatre group.

We do theatre twice a year and just before the pandemic we were going to put on *Monty Python’s Spamalot* and had rehearsed that and were about to go on in April of 2020.”

He said, “The pandemic made performing the play next to impossible, and of course the pandemic hit us and we had to postpone that. So, we were really interested in getting reconnected with our community and doing something, so we decided that we would do an online play on Zoom.”

The play *Check Please* was a perfect choice. A play by Jonathan Rand was live streamed by RAPA in March as a fundraiser for Good Neighbours’ Foodbank.

The theatre group had sponsorship from

Russell Foodland and Barry’s Home Hardware. “A lot of our hesitancy to actually do something online is that everybody is kind of getting tired of it,” said Rama.

The play was about 30 minutes long. “It is a nice quick snappy little play, people could sit down and just spend 35 to 40 minutes with us and get a good laugh, and then get on with their day.”

Their performance was a hit with an estimated 400 viewers who watched it on their computer screens and \$1,000 was raised for Russell’s food bank.

The play is designed to use a minimum of special effects and set changes which was why RAPA choose it. The premise is that a man and a woman are going on different dates with a set of different people.

RAPA cleverly used as a backdrop for the different restaurant settings locations in Russell.

The awkward and increasingly bad dates continue throughout the play until the man and women are finally paired up with each other.

The play, which RAPA spent several months rehearsing ran from March 25 to 27 and because it was streamed, it was watched by people right across Canada.

The cast for the play did all their rehearsing over Zoom, taking advantage of the technology that can thank the pandemic for its popularity. They rehearsed twice a



In this screen shot of the different cast members, left to right moving down row by row are Sandra McNeill, Dave Rama, Sophie Peterson, Christine Backs, Scott Tomlinson, Gord Hawkes, Nadia Beaupré, Kevin Kennedy, and Jennifer Rowberry. Courtesy Photo

week for about two months.

“It was fun to reconnect,” said Rama.

Because the performance required changes in locations and actors for each scene, the transitions on the screen were handled with short musical interludes.

There was different things to get used to, using Zoom instead of a stage.

Rama directed the performance and was in charge of the technical aspect of it as well.

Turning the different cameras for the

different dating couples on and off as the play progressed was a challenge.

Rama said that with practice turning the cameras on and off at the correct time became a smooth operation.

“It was fun,” said Rama.

Using Zoom to produce a play and getting all of the different performers working flawlessly when they are not all in the same room was one more challenge overcome by RAPA created by the pandemic.

Holder Tractors promotes ‘No Mow May’

Sandy Casselman

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

EMBRUN – The township of Russell recently granted Holder Tractors Inc. permission to participate in the “No Mow May” project to save the bees.

“Holder Tractors requested a permission to support our local bee population by participating in the ‘No Mow May’ project. This entails not cutting the grass for the month

of May,” director of public safety and enforcement Millie Bourdeau said in her report to council earlier this week. “According to Alana Pindar, a pollinator expert from the University of Guelph, it is vital for many flowers that we perceive as weeds, to be around when bees emerge from their nests in May.”

The April 19 council meeting saw Bourdeau recommend that council approve the request as a pilot

project, and direct municipal law enforcement officers to overlook a section of the Clean Yard By-Law for the month of May. It was suggested that observations and issues would be documented, shared with the Environmental Committee, and a report on the potential future of the project would be brought back to council.

“I actually love this initiative,” Coun. Cindy Saucier said. “I attended a workshop this morning by Dr.

David Peter Orays. He’s a biologist at the University of Ottawa and [the workshop was about] saving pollinators, and that’s exactly what they were recommending, a “No Mow Zone.”

Bourdeau said her department supports the request but needs direction from council to follow through by not enforcing a portion of the Clean Yard By-Law for May. Her report included the original letter from Holder Tractors Inc., as well as articles from both Kitchener and Toronto news sources.

“In May, the first flowers are clover and dandelions, and dandelions attract pollinators. They’re food for bees. They’re food for butterflies,” Saucier said, noting that in addition to other endangered species, the bumblebee is rare right now. She said she would like to see a butterfly garden built for attracting pollinators added to the Jonathan Pitre Park plan.

Councillor André Brisson said that while he is all for the preservation of bees and bumblebees, if more properties participate in the project, he was concerned with the potential for grass

getting too long and becoming more like hay, and possibly attracting rats. Mayor Pierre Leroux said the municipality is not telling people they must participate, but rather committing to not enforcing the by-law for the month of May should they wish to participate.

“I think this will be a pilot project to see how it goes. I think currently we probably have a contract with our grass cutter for all our properties so I don’t think we can create a “No Mow Zone” right now on

our lands, but definitely something to consider after this pilot project and see where council wants to go with that,” Leroux said in response to Saucier’s suggestion that the municipality participate in the project as well.

Bourdeau said she is hoping that by highlighting the ‘No Mow May’ pilot project and its importance to the local pollinators, this will encourage resident participation and reduce any potential complaints, as mowing would resume on June 1.

Russell has healthy COVID-19 reserve

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EMBRUN – Financially speaking, the township of Russell is more than prepared for a third wave of COVID-19 with roughly \$1-million in reserve.

During the April 19 council meeting, politicians were given an update on the impact of COVID-19 on the municipality’s 2020 budget. Along with the report prepared by deputy treasurer Patrick Auger, director of finances-treasurer Richard Godin provided council with background information, graphs, and a detailed budget sheet.

“This is just an information report,” Godin said. “The net impact for all the departments was about \$832,680; about \$546,000 is for taxation support departments.”

The graphs show that the biggest pandemic-related losses in 2020 arose from taxation supports and daycare closures with the largest loss taking place in December 2020.

Based on high-level estimates, Auger listed some of the factors that contributed to the losses, including loss of revenue due to service suspension and loss of revenue due to relief measures on interests on outstanding taxes and water and sewer accounts.

“We did receive grants from the province that pretty much covers the whole impact, and we did have some savings and some additional taxation revenue that we had identified in the operational budget, so those were used to minimize the impact of the COVID implications,” Godin said. “We

were in a position to transfer a lot of those grant revenues to the reserves at the end of the year and council will have some funds available for ongoing COVID impacts in 2021.”

Auger’s report indicated that in 2020, the township received \$832,800 from the province to support Russell’s COVID-19 operating costs and pressures. That amount was transferred into a reserve along with the 2020 surplus of \$126,817 for a total of \$959,617 in Russell’s COVID-19 reserve as of Dec. 31, 2020, Auger added.

The pandemic also contributed to a reduction in payroll costs due to service suspension, as well as a reduction in convention costs. Godin noted that savings were made by departmental layoffs or by delaying new hires.

“I want to recognize the difficult decisions that were made by our department heads,” Coun. Mike Tarnowski said, noting that the payroll reductions benefitted Russell’s taxpayers.

Auger’s report also noted the township had received \$56,740 from the province to help with financial challenges in the transit department due to the pandemic.

In addition, roughly \$39,140 is expected to be used for the transit department in 2021 to fund the cancellation costs of the Russell’s transit system.

It was noted that in 2021, the municipality is expected to receive an additional \$258,329 in COVID-19 funding through the province.

The finance department expects there to be more than \$1.1-million in Russell’s COVID-19 reserve for 2021.

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