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Spring hydrant flushing in North Dundas

NORTH DUNDAS – The Ontario Clean Water Agency will be conducting their spring hydrant flushing for North Dundas during the period of May 3 – May 31.

Residents may notice a discolouration of the water at their homes during this period and for a short time after.

If you notice a discolouration of your tap water, please run the water until it is clear. This discolouration is not hazardous to your health. It is typical of a normal operating water distribution system.

Seaway Surge House League

MORRISBURG – Shout-out to the coaches of local softball teams.

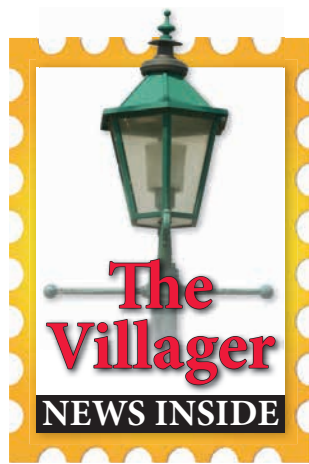
If your season has been cancelled and you are looking for a place to play, you might want to consider House League Baseball with the Seaway Surge.

Baseball Ontario clubs will be playing this summer (as we did last summer) while observing all Covid-19 restrictions set out by our local health units and Baseball Ontario. We would welcome your team as part of our House League.

If you are an interested coach, let us know by emailing info@seawaysurge.com.

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Helping keep their community clean

The Barnhart family cleaned up the Winchester parking lot on Sun., April 25. The group led by dad Blake Barnhart has been spending their weekends helping to clean up different locations in Winchester. Here, left to right are Cassidy, Kailey, Blake and Landen Barnhart getting ready to start their day behind the Winchester Foodland building. Absent is mom Sarah.

Morin Photo

South Dundas highlights SDG Butterflyway Project

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MORRISBURG – “Everybody loves butterflies,” said Municipality of South Dundas Coun. Don Lewis.

Lewis made the statement in response to a letter in the April 12 council meeting agenda introducing the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG) Butterflyway Project. Mayor Steven Byvelts had pulled the item for discussion because he said he felt it was important that South Dundas staff and residents be aware of the initiative.

“I know each and every one of us cares about South Dundas,” he said, noting the benefit to the environment.

Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner said she was glad the mayor pulled the letter for discussion and added that she thought the project was a great idea. All three councillors agreed.

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Community clean up in Winchester

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – It’s nice to want your community to be clean, but sometimes keeping it nice means getting out and doing something to make it that way.

Blake Barnhart and his family have decided to take matters in their own hands and have been going out on weekends cleaning up garbage from their community.

The decision to clean his community came about after Barnhart noticed a posting on Facebook from a Winchester resident.

“A lady was walking down Gypsy Lane in Winchester and she noticed a whole bunch of garbage out there, so she went and posted it online, and I am on her feed on What’s Up Winchester. So I took it upon myself to go down there with garbage bags to clean it up,” said Barnhart.

He grew up in Winchester and has four children.

“We used to drive our four-wheelers that way, and I did not like the looks of it and I wanted to be a good influence on the kids and show them that sometimes you have to sacrifice your own time to do the right thing, even though it’s not your problem.”

He posted his plan to clean the area up on Facebook. “I put a little post online saying I have garbage bags and gloves, and does anybody want to help?”

North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser and his wife Amy came to help.

The next location to clean up was at Tim Hortons.

“That turnout was a quite a bit bigger. I think there was maybe ten of us.”

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Lactalis completes wastewater treatment project

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Over the last few years the village of Winchester has had to suffer through the amazingly terrible smell caused by the Lactalis plant.

Groupe Lactalis becomes the #1 on the global dairy market after the acquisition of Italian dairy leader Parmalat. Parmalat Canada has operated in Canada since 1997 and is a subsidiary of Parmalat S.P.A of Italy.

Lactalis became a leader in the global dairy market after the acquisition of Italian dairy leader Parmalat.

The issue was the plant's need to modernize its wastewater treatment facility.

In 2017 Lactalis commenced its five-phase wastewater treatment modernization project and in early April Lactalis announced that it had completed its facility renovations.

The Winchester plant is now fully operational.

A letter to the Winchester community from Lactalis stated, "The multi-million-dollar state of the art infrastructure is designed to enhance the wastewater treatment process, mitigate associated

odours, and reduce electricity consumption."

Now that the problem seems to have been resolved there is still some issues with stored waste sludge that has been stored.

The next step in making a clean break with the former ailing wastewater treatment facility is to get rid of that sludge stored prior to the new wastewater treatment facility – from the lagoons at the plant site.

This activity is expected to take approximately 10 days, over the course of mid April to end of May, depending on weather conditions.

"As part of this process,

a 'mixing' vessel will be deployed, to 'stir' the lagoons. The organic material from the lagoons will then be emptied and pumped via a pipeline to a farming field 2 km northwest of the plant and applied to the soil to help maintain soil productivity, reduce erosion and add valuable nutrients to the fields for crops.

Similar to previous years, residents may notice an odour associated with this process in the Winchester area. We recognize this temporary odour can be unpleasant for residents and appreciate the community's patience, and understanding over this period as we conduct this process," stated the letter.

Now that the new wastewater treatment plant is fully operational organic materials will only be stored in the lagoons should backup be required.

"For example, in the event of an emergency situation such as a power outage or maintenance requirement. Going forward, organic matter will be processed in an entirely new manner, minimizing associated odours."

A spokesperson for Lactalis said the company would be taking all measures possible to, "mitigate the effect of this work on the community and thanks you for your support and understanding during this time. Lactalis Canada will provide any updates should there be any changes to the scheduled timeline."

Community clean up

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Barnhart turned his attention to the LCBO on Winchester's Main Street.

"That was a good turnout too for there as well," he said.

This past Sun., April 25, with a light drizzle starting to come down, Blake and his children surveyed the Winchester Foodland parking lot, planning their strategy for the day's clean up.

"Dan Pettigrew (owner of Foodland) called me personally. He wanted to make sure we have no insurance issues. I am making sure there are only adults in ditches, and everyone has boots and safety helmets. He also said, I can have as many garbage bags and as much water as we need for every job that we do."

Barnhart said Pettigrew told him, "If you guys are going to clean up the community, I will give you what you need."

The response for each clean up project has been positive.

"If there is more than one family, I make sure they are separated. There is lots of room for everyone with lots of distance between groups," said Barnhart.

The community has noticed what the Barnhart family is doing.

When they were cleaning up the area around the Tim Hortons' drive thru, drivers waiting for their orders donated gift cards for the people picking up the garbage.

Barnhart feels the clean up project is a healthy activity for his children. "It's a good learning situation for them," he said.

"When they get older, they will understand that there are consequences to what you do. The kids are proud to be helping clean up. And that is a good thing to instill. I am hoping to influence other people to do the same thing."



Sweet help from Doyle's Pub & Eatery

Doyle's Pub & Eatery recently presented the Chesterville Public School with a cheque for \$781.85. Over 300 cupcakes were prepared and decorated by Doyle's staff who donated their time to the project. The funds replaced lost funding from the school's cancelled annual Easter Tea because of Covid-19 restrictions. Pictured here left to right: council chair Tawny Bryski-Wilson, principal Jama Kilger and Christine Thompson, Doyle's owner.

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Peter Young named new SDG director of planning services

CORNWALL – The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry is pleased to announce the appointment of Peter Young as the director of planning services, effective May 17.

Young joins the counties with more than a decade's worth of municipal experience, including time with the county of Frontenac and most recently as the director of planning and building at the township of South Stormont.

Young has a bachelor's degree in environmental studies – planning, from the University of Waterloo, with a land development planning specialization. He is also a Registered Professional Planner (RPP) and a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners who mentors or sponsors seven planners working on achieving their full RPP designation.

"Land use planning is an important service provided by the County – it has wide ranging impacts on the everyday lives of our residents," said Counties' CAO Tim Simpson.

"Peter brings an array of experience to the position, both at the upper-tier and local level, and understands the complexities of the position and how to best balance regional and local priorities."

"I'm excited to join the team at the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and honoured by this opportunity to work with all six municipalities on the strategic goals they share," said Young.



Peter Young joins SD&G. Courtesy Photo

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.

"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.

SDG Butterflyway Project

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"I think this is a great thing," Coun. Lloyd Wells said. "Something like this would be very interesting just to put in the backyard. It's good. I like what I see."

The two-page letter was addressed to every member of council. It outlined the project's purpose and what the municipality might do to help.

"As ambassadors of this important initiative, our volunteer role involves recruiting individuals, businesses, municipalities, and others to create 'pollinator patches,' thereby building a new pathway for our local

pollinators (insects, bees, butterflies, bats, hummingbirds, etc.) and working together to replace vital habitat lost through urban development, clear cutting, roadside cutting, herbicides, and climate change," Christina Enright and Carole Fiddler said in their letter on behalf of the SDG Butterflyway Project.

Chosen by the David Suzuki Foundation to lead the 2021 Butterflyway Project for SDG, the duo said pollinator patches can be any size, but must include at least 50 per cent native plants, flowers, shrubs, or trees. A list was attached to the letter for clarification. Signage, to build project awareness, is available to participants for a small cost-recovery fee. In addition to telling

residents about the project, council was urged to challenge ten South Dundas businesses to create pollinator patches.

"If staff ever thinks they have a project that blends into this, we can join forces," Byvelts said. "Collaboration is a good thing. Staff is now aware council is on board with this."

Enright and Fiddler said that at the end of the season they will be producing a report for the David Suzuki Foundation. It will include the number of active participants in SDG, the number and location of pollinator patches added, and the number and varieties of plants, flowers, bushes, and trees added. The SDG Butterflyway Project can be found on Facebook.

This notice was approved by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice

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If you opted out of the class action, the settlement will not impact you.

There will be an online court hearing on **June 23, 2021** to decide whether the proposed settlement of the lawsuit should be approved. The hearing will take place virtually.

Compensation to Class Members is not yet available. If the court approves the settlement and you are part of the lawsuit as a Class Member, you can then make a claim for compensation.

To obtain further information, please visit <https://cpriclassaction.ca> or contact Epiq at 1-866-640-9989, or by email at info@cpriclassaction.ca.

The lawyers acting for the class are Koskie Minsky LLP. You may also contact Koskie Minsky LLP at 1-844-819-8523 or by email at cpriclassaction@kmlaw.ca.

If you approve of the settlement and want it to proceed so you can claim money, you do not need to take any steps. If you want to object to the settlement, you must send an objection to Epiq by **May 26, 2021**.



Two (2) lay appointees sought to join Regional Incentives Program Approvals Committee

The mandate of the Regional Incentives Program Approvals Committee is to effectively and efficiently administer all aspects of the Regional Incentives Program of the County. Included within this mandate is the authority to approve grants under the approved program.

To serve as a member of the SDG Regional Incentives Program Approvals Committee, an individual must be:

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- A Canadian citizen; and a resident of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry;
- Not employed by the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

The appointed lay members will attend approx. 4-6 meetings per year, with compensation of a per diem plus mileage at the County's standard mileage rate. Face to face meetings will be minimized where possible via electronic file sharing.

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Editorial

To thine own be true

As your local newspaper, we pride ourselves on covering as many local events as we can physically cover. Yes, there is no denying that this pandemic has been as hard on us as any other local business, but we strive to continue to support the local community as they have definitely continued to support us.

As you purchase your copy or subscription of *The Record*, as you advertise your business or events, we are completely humbled that we can provide the readership with honest unbiased reporting. We do not take sides; we are there to encourage all who are interested in the wellbeing of the community.

As a member of the community, we are doing what is requested of us, now, it is time for the elected ones to ensure they are keeping our community wellbeing at the forefront of their decisions and not their personal gain.

A conflict of interest is nothing less than having your personal integrity challenged. If you cannot see when you are in a conflict maybe that is where you should start with self-reflection. If the others around that decision making table, whether it be at the county, provincial, federal or municipal level of government do not see that another member has crossed the line, well we have a duty to call them out on it!

Until that moment we will treat the political side of our communities with the respect they deserve.

We will continue to provide unbiased, unjudgmental written content. We will continue to serve our readership with the information to promote and encourage this community. Is that not why we are called a community newspaper? I believe our readership expects nothing less than the facts and updates on what is happening in our immediate area.

Let's be honest, yes Facebook has its place in the world but so does your local community paper. Not everyone wants or trusts what they read on Facebook, nor should they.

To quote, local journalist Ian Cumming in his recent book *Rural Rascals, Cockwombles and Legends* "Which has fostered a disgust and intolerance in me, for those granted the privilege of leadership, unable or unwilling to do the right thing in the shortness of their mandate. Merely using their time "to strut and fret their hour upon the stage," to paraphrase Shakespeare."

We will continue to provide you with the accurate and unbiased reporting and community support that we believe is expected. We will continue to support the local businesses, organizations and residents of our readership area with you as our number one concern.

Thank you. Thank you for all of the continued support and trust you place in us each week. With over 100 years of serving this community, to you we will remain true.

Linda Vogel

Poverty, perspective, and peace

Before we start, I have a bias: I'm 100 per cent anti-poverty. I want to see a world where every person has their basic needs met without question, where every life is considered worthy, and where all people work together for the betterment and safety of one another.

I recently covered a zoning amendment decision at a council meeting. Some, but not all residents in the "affected" zone were adamant about not wanting multi-unit rental dwellings erected in their neighbourhood. The concerns included potential depreciation of property value, overuse of the infrastructure, such as water, schools, parks, and roadways. Someone mentioned the new multi-unit rental residents potentially not having the same pride in the neighbourhood. It was said the "small town" feel would be changed. There were even some who made threats to not vote for current council members in the next election should they vote in favour of the amendment.

With every statement I read, I became more unsettled. Someone asked why the apartment buildings couldn't be built in another subdivision. Having been an advocate for people living in poverty during my last job and having lived in poverty myself at different points in my life, I was offended. In truth, I was outraged, but I've since calmed

down. I want to offer a different perspective.

Who might live in these potential rental units? Seniors looking to downsize, perhaps. A working single mom with two kids who can't afford to buy a home. A single working adult who isn't ready to make the huge commitment of purchasing a property. Someone with a disability who is unable to work outside the home. Maybe an unwed pregnant teen who is receiving social assistance during this challenging time of her life. Is there a difference between these people? I mean a real difference, not in how they look, where they come from, who they worship, where they work, how much money they have, or whether they are in a committed relationship. Is there a difference between any of these people and those that already live in expensive single homes in this neighbourhood? In essence, no. We are all born worthy. We all deserve to have a safe place to live, work and play. All children, whether they live in an apartment building or a single-family home, deserve a great local park, good schools, and safe streets. Let's say the builder erects three apartment buildings. New families, seniors, and single persons move in from all walks of life. They wave as they pass you on the sidewalk. You see them at the park with their dog, pooping and scooping like good citizens. An

elderly widow resting on a park bench strikes up a conversation with you and you discover she lived in a house just like yours before her husband passed. You spend time talking with the young entrepreneur or the unwed mother or the woman from some country you have never heard of before only to discover you like a lot of the same things and have more in common than you originally thought. Another mom or dad strikes up a conversation with you while you watch your children play on the swing only to later realize that she or he is in a same-sex relationship. Does that change the real connection you had? Does it change how you feel about them? I hope not.

My point is that people from different backgrounds and circumstances than yours are not inherently "bad" as some might think. Not any more than you might be, anyway. We all want the same things: to have a safe place to live, work and play, a place where our family will be safe and welcome. Will the feel of your community change with the new cultural makeup? Of course, it will, but that does not mean a change for the worse. It means an evolution into something more with "more" being bigger and better than the original.

Is the possible, but not probable, risk of your house losing a bit of value more important than someone else's right to live in a safe, affordable, and welcoming neighbourhood? I hope not.

Build a nation – be a volunteer

Community participation can sound very scary.

That's most likely because if you have never taken part in a volunteer community activity it is an activity that seems to remind people more of work than of having fun with your community members and all for a good cause.

Learning that volunteering can be fun and healthy for your body and mind is often something taught at an early age.

Volunteers are the invisible workforce and engine that makes any community work.

The recent idea of a family in North Dundas going out to clean up selected areas of their community is a case in point.

A person going out on their own to help their community is always a good thing, but a group of like minded people together and the flavour of whatever it is you are volunteering to do changes.

All that is missing is some food and music.

There are all kinds of organizations you can join to help you get that volunteering spirit up and running. From the lions club to Rotary Club and local Legions there is no shortage of opportunities to volunteer your time.

People volunteer for a variety of reasons. Some just want to make any kind of difference to their community. Other feel they can give back to their community by volunteering. There are those with particular skills who want to share them. Regardless of the reason, volunteering can be quite a fulfilling undertaking because, whether you know it or not, volunteering helps build better communities and better memories.

When I was growing up there was a small community centre at the end of our street in Ottawa.

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The city offered all kinds of different classes from model building to exercise classes. At the time I could not get enough of building model airplanes. The kind that you cannot find anymore. Zellers used to have them for \$3.00 now they are \$59.00 for what it looks like, according to the box, is the same model. In any event, the only way the community centre could manage to offer the model building class for free was with the help of volunteers.

Most of the children at the class could barely afford the actual model not to mention the blade to trim the plastic model, paint, brush and glue. All of that was thankfully supplied. You had to buy your own model. There were wonderful if not exciting model airplanes to be made and all with the help of a group of volunteers, mostly fathers who wanted to share their model building expertise with the rest of their community.

For the odd child who did not have a father around to do this kind of thing the weekly model building sessions were memorable. I never thanked the kind men who volunteered every Friday night to show the rest of us how to put a model together and the importance of reading instructions. But a day does not go by now when I silently thank them for the time they spent with a herd of 12 and 13 year-olds who will never forget those Friday nights at the community centre or their beloved model airplanes.

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CHESTERVILLE – Community Food Share Serving Dundas & Stormont Counties (CFS) and its predecessor, Dundas County Food Bank has been dedicated to ensuring residents of these two counties have access to a steady supply of food since 1991.

Jane Schoones, Team Leader at CFS since July 2019, explained in 1991 the Winchester Ministerial Committee suggested the creation of a food bank to serve local residents. Shortly after its formation, the group merged with a food bank in Morrisburg to form the Dundas County Food Bank (DCFB) with locations in Winchester and Morrisburg. She explained the purpose of the DCFB was to supply emergency food aid to residents of Dundas County, however commented how over the years clients from Stormont County also visited the DCFB locations for assistance.

In December 2016, the name of the organization was changed to Community Food Share Serving Dundas & Stormont Counties. Schoones continued the reason for the name change was to acknowledge the services offered to clients in Stormont County as well as aiding in reducing confusion for clients, donors and community members. In 2016 the CFS Finch Satellite was opened

in Chalmers United Church in Finch and recently the Williamsburg Satellite Location was opened at 4324 Villa Drive in Williamsburg. The satellite locations are able to reduce the amount of travelling needed to access the services provided to clients by CFS.

When asked about how one goes about receiving assistance from CFS, Schoones explained people call the food bank to make an appointment with CFS staff, complete an intake survey which provides information such as proof of residency, personal data for all family members, contact and financial information. She continued as CFS is a member of Feed Ontario and Food Banks Canada the organization uses the “Link2Feed Client Intake Survey” which provides assistance in determining the needs of a client through this confidential gathering of information. Schoones commented the statistics collected helps to ensure the CFS receives its allocation of items such as milk, eggs, etc. from Feed Ontario which is based on the number of clients as well as provide information for



Community Food Share 2020 summer student Megan Scheepers is seen stocking the cooler at CFS.

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Feed Ontario and Food Banks Canada to assist in their advocacy work for food security.

CFS works on a “Client Choice” model which is explained as once the intake interview between CFS staff and the client is concluded, volunteers assist the clients as they make individual choices from selections on specific shelves, with

families. Choices for clients include yogurt, cheese, fresh vegetables, non-perishables, fresh meat, fruits as well as milk, eggs and bread.

Clients of the CFS are also able to receive assistance from two Community Advocates who are able to assist clients in obtaining government benefits. Through the CRA Community Volunteer Income Tax Program CFS volunteers provide assistance in preparing income tax returns. Clients receive benefits from other programs such as the Children’s Snack Program, “Growing Futures”, the North Dundas Christmas Fund, and community gardens such as the one located on the grounds of St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church in Winchester. As garden season is rapidly approaching, Schoones mentioned if people have extra vegetables from their gardens or choose to Grow-a-Row, which involves growing a row of food for the CFS, to contact the food bank to make arrangements for drop off.

When asked about the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on CFS,

Schoones mentioned how an increase in clients as the pandemic restrictions began last March was not as great as expected, perhaps due to the government funding available, before commenting the number of people needing assistance is currently increasing. She explained how pandemic restrictions necessitated changes in protocols, to arranging curbside pick up for clients, reducing the number of volunteers able to assist at the sites as well as severely limiting the ability to fundraise.

Schoones described the community response to the CFS during the pandemic has been “fantastic”, mentioning how municipal councils stepped forward with matching funds or donations and there had been a real increase in the amount of funding from individuals, businesses and organizations. She noted COVID-19 funds from the federal government and Food Banks Canada were dispersed through Feed Ontario to CFS. Due to the pandemic food banks could access funding through the provincial Social Service Relief Fund for related expenses.

Schoones commented how the most rewarding part of her work was to “have the opportunity to work with supportive individuals, businesses and organizations to help decrease food insecurity locally”. It is thanks to the board of directors, volunteers and staff of CFS as well as those who support its work that a helping hand is able to be offered to those who need one.

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EOAN creates a local food portal for Eastern Ontario

L'ORIGINAL – The Eastern Ontario Agri-Food Network (EOAN) reached a milestone by launching local food portal for Eastern Ontario which consists of an e-commerce platform which will connect its member producers and farmers' markets with consumers and local food enthusiasts.

This technological tool – prepared in collaboration with Kitchener, Ontario, based Local Line – thus reaches three EOAN goals: it makes e-commerce accessible to local food producers and farmers' markets; it facilitates the purchase of local food in our community; and it engages collective marketing to the benefit of all vendors.

On the one hand, member producers and farmers' markets will be able to highlight products in a portal (if they already have a website, it can be linked with Local Line), take and fulfill orders, and manage business inventories.

On the other hand, consumers will view the available selection among vendors in various markets, then pre-order and even pre-pay as well as finding the pickup point.

“Close on the heels of three-way regional funding earlier this year, today's program launch is a pivotal moment in the EOAN's history. Our members produce quality local food and beverages but marketing them to a wide

audience has always been a challenge,” says EOAN president Michel Villeneuve. “Now, they will benefit from a greatly enhanced product visibility as they embark in a collective marketing strategy. Moreover, Local Line will offer technical support; all this at an affordable price. As for consumers, they will be able to see at a glance – whether on their computer screen or mobile device – the producers, the farmers markets, and what products and beverages they can buy.”

The Eastern Ontario Agri-Food Network has also gone one step further to entice its producer members to sign on: it is offering an introductory

price to this e-commerce platform of \$95 (HST extra) for an inaugural period of six months. In return, partner Local Line will offer its marketing support to ensure that their products and beverages obtain maximum visibility, thus saving EOAN members precious time and money.

“The pandemic has forced people to turn to neighbours, to seek products, services, and activities that they enjoy locally. This also applies to their search for food. More than ever, 'local food' is becoming paramount in establishing meaningful relationships and sourcing healthy food. With the advent of Local Line and all the visibility it will offer to

producers and farmers' markets, now is a good time to become an EOAN member,” says EOAN executive director Tom Manley.

Local Line's Cole Jones (Chief executive officer) is just as delighted with EOAN's launch. “Over the years, Local Line has built strong relationships with agri-food stakeholders. We are proud to be deepening our platform and services in Eastern Ontario. Both EOAN members and Eastern Ontario residents alike will benefit from this partnership. We're excited to play our part in strengthening the Eastern Ontario local food system!”

The Eastern Ontario Agri-Food Network was

created in 2010 and serves a territory comprising Akwesasne, the City of Cornwall, the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and the United Counties of Prescott and Russell.

Its bi-weekly newsletter is sent out to over 600 recipients, among them institutions and agri-food experts or consumers. In early 2021, the Network received additional funding from the United Counties of SDG and from the City of Cornwall, adding to that of the United Counties of Prescott Russell.

Read more about the EOAN local food portal at <https://www.agro-on.ca/pages/e-commerce>. The portal is now accepting vendor registrations and will be open for public browsing and purchases on May 1.

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South Dundas passes AMPS bylaw

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MORRISBURG – Residents of the Municipality of South Dundas now have a more localized route for contesting specific parking infraction fines.

South Dundas politicians passed two Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) by-laws during the April 12 council meeting, one by-law to adopt the system and another to authorize a screening officer and a hearings officer to adjudicate AMPS reviews and appeals. Chief building official Nicole Lowey made both recommendations to the unanimous approval from members of council. It was noted the new system was thoroughly discussed during a “Committee of the Whole” meeting in September 2020.

“The intent of an AMPS by-law is to reduce costs incurred from court proceedings and to limit the amount of minor cases, including parking and traffic infractions going to the

provincial courts,” Lowey said in her report.

The AMPS by-law states that a person who has received a penalty notice can request it to be reviewed by a screening officer; should the person not agree with the screening officer’s decision, they may request it be reviewed by a hearings’ officer. The by-law outlines the procedures to follow for both. Schedule ‘A’ of the by-law provides a list of parking infractions and the accompanying fines. Schedule ‘B’ lists the potential administrative fees associated with the penalty notice. Schedule ‘C’ is the Request for Review Form.

“In conjunction with the AMPS Bylaw No. 2021-33, the screening officer and hearings officer are appointed by council to ensure that residents have the option to appeal fines and charges issued under By-law No. 2015-30,” Lowey said in her report.

While the screening officer will be a staff member, the hearings officer

will be a resident of South Dundas, both of whom would need to be officially appointed by council prior to implementation of AMPS. Once council has approved position appointments, Lowey said the recommendations would need to be sent to the regional Superior Justice for approval. Following that, AMPS would become operational.

Lowey said while staff have already received public interest in the hearings officer position, it has not yet been posted. It was confirmed that the position will include compensation of some kind.

“This gives our residents a way to appeal a charge,” Mayor Steven Byvelts said. “Everybody has to have their day in court, and this will allow that to happen.”

Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner said she would like staff to come back with a report roughly six months to a year into the program, so council can be sure the system is operating as intended. Lowey said she will be providing council with monthly updates.

Community Food Share holds Annual General Meeting

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Community Food Share, which provides emergency food aid to people residing in Dundas and Stormont counties, held their annual general meeting on Mon., April 19 via Zoom.

CFS chair Jim Wilson opened the AGM by thanking staff members Jane Schoones, Amy Saunders and Adelle Densham for their “commitment, compassion and creative problem-solving” by which CFS clients are able to receive the services they require. He then thanked “private and institutional donors,” acknowledging their “extraordinary generosity,” before acknowledging the “direct financial support from all levels of government” in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He noted that CFS provides

support for almost 1,000 clients of all ages to secure healthy, nutritious food, and as well, the organization can provide support for clients “by advocating for them with landlords, utilities, social services, and other organizations.”

Treasurer Dan Gasser provided a Financial Report which included information on donations from the communities and various community organizations, noting that in 2021 COVID-19 is restricting fundraising activities.

Following Gasser’s report, team leader Jane Schoones provided information on several aspects of services provided by CFS. Schoones reported some new CFS initiatives including the opening in February 2021 of the Williamsburg satellite, a 70+ Pantry Shelf providing food items for clients 70 years of age and over, and

participation in “After the Bell” a summer program whereby “clients with school age children will receive eight weeks of non-perishable packs and fresh fruit and vegetables.”

After noting some staff changes, she described the response to the COVID-19 pandemic which included increased protocols in accordance with safety guidelines from agencies including EOHU, Health Canada and Ontario Canada as well as having the “food orders set outside on tables.

While some fundraisers were cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, Schoones noted the Stuff a Cruiser event held in November 2020 went ahead as did the Garden Gleaning at Upper Canada Village and the CP Holiday Train was transformed into a virtual event. Schoones commented matching campaigns in the townships

of North Dundas and South Dundas as well as donations form North Stormont and South Stormont resulted in just over \$45,000 being raised. Grants and funding were provided by several entities including the federal government, Food Banks Canada Capacity Fund, Ontario Social Service Relief Fund and EDP Renewables as well as approximately 46,000 pounds of food from Feed Ontario. She reported St. Paul’s Community Garden and provided “535 pounds of fresh garden produce.”

The 2021-2022 board of directors include Jim Millard, Colleen Brock, Julianne Steabler, Ernie Coumont, Dan Pettigrew, Ellen Biemond with Jim Wilson serving as chair, Joanne Havekes as vice chair, Dan Gasser continuing as treasurer and Diane Lacasse secretary.

New geriatrician at WDMH supports patients both in-person and virtually

Jane Adams
Record Contributor

WINCHESTER – Geriatrician Dr. Genevieve Casey believes in helping seniors in our region live their best lives. Now, she has joined the WDMH team, providing a monthly Geriatric Clinic for local patients. The clinic is coordinated through Home and Community Support Services Champlain.

“When we talk about geriatric concerns, we often talk about the 5 M’s,” explains Dr. Casey. “These include Mind (concerns such as dementia or depression), Mobility (perhaps frequent falls), Medication (looking at the list and how they might interact), Medical Complexity (a patient’s overall health picture), and Matters Most (looking at each patient’s goals and how we can reach them). I want to get to know each patient and work with them to meet their needs.”


In addition, Dr. Casey also provides e-consultations for WDMH physicians.

Dr. Casey went to medical school in London, England. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine as well as specialized training in Geriatrics at the University of Ottawa. Her practice is based at The Ottawa Hospital. Special interests include dementia, frailty, proper use of medication, and end-of-life care.

Patients must be referred to Dr. Casey by their family doctor via Home and Community Support Services Champlain.

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North Dundas chats with business owners

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

WINCHESTER – “Entrepreneurs are the most resilient people around. We’re lucky to have you in our area,” township of North Dundas economic development and communications officer Stephen Mann said.

On April 22, Mann, in partnership with the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce, held a virtual Economic Development Chat Lounge for local business owners. Despite being a small gathering of less than ten people, the discussion provided lots of opportunity for catching up, finding out about new supports, and simply connecting with others facing similar challenges.

Mann kicked off the meeting by giving a brief update on the recent changes to the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG)’s Regional Incentive Program (RIP). Although the changes need to be approved at SDG council in the coming weeks, Mann said the program is

now available. He said the program is all grants and no loans with a 50 per cent matching program. He noted that the RIP works in conjunction with North Dundas’ Community Improvement Plan.

“There are still many COVID-19 programs out there,” Mann said, noting that Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonnell has a website with a summary list.

Mann also said the new Explore North Dundas publication has been released. It includes a business directory in the back of the program, which can also be found on the township’s website with live links to the listed businesses.

Dennis Taylor of Cannamore Orchard, Carol Johnson of the Chesterville and District Historical Society, and Yves Grandmaitre from the Merrickville-Wolford and District Chamber of Commerce each spoke about how their respective businesses or organizations have been impacted by the

pandemic. In addition, they shared information about booking services, marketing ideas, and more.

Martine Guy, of Guy Fuels and Propane, said the Shop Local initiative has been beneficial for their business. She said they have focused on this in their marketing, reminding residents that they are a family-run business, they are from the area, and they actively support local charities. She said local advertising and social media have been great.

This brought attention to the myshoplocal.ca website, where local entrepreneur Nanda Wubs said North Dundas businesses are listed. She said she is in the process of adding a list of local attractions to the website to promote tourism.

When asked if he had any plans for bringing people into the township, Mann said there were no specific projects or initiatives currently in play, but he is open to suggestions provided they benefit all North Dundas businesses. Wubs suggested

doing something like the Municipality of South Dundas did with their award-winning face mask marketing initiative.

Chamber administrative coordinator Mary Tessier said the organization’s annual general meeting would be held soon. She noted vacancies on the Chambers’ board of directors and urged anyone interested in joining to contact her. She said the website chat Sandy Burns gave a few weeks ago went well and they are looking to do something similar every month or two going forward, and topic suggestions are welcome.

Tessier provided the group with links to various websites, documents, and emails. She also shared some marketing tips in relation to google, websites, and social media.

“This platform is a good idea,” North Dundas Coun. Gary Annable said. “My hat is off to all of you who have or had businesses. I don’t know how I would have coped. My hat’s off to anybody who’s still going and growing.”

Pregnant individuals now eligible to get COVID-19 vaccine

Following an increase in the number of pregnant individuals in Intensive Care Units due to complications from COVID-19, the province announced that as of April 23, it has added all pregnant individuals to the “highest risk health conditions” category in the Phase 2 vaccination prioritization guidance. The change means pregnant individuals aged 16 and over can now book an appointment to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at one of the health unit’s immunization clinics through the provincial call centre at 1-888-999-6488.

“I am not surprised at the number of complications we are now seeing in pregnant individuals who get infected with COVID-19,” says Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, medical officer of health at the EOHU. “Unfortunately, they also suffered severe complications in the past from other respiratory illnesses like H1N1 and the flu. The vaccine is their best protection against severe illness from COVID-19.”

Pregnant individuals may receive the vaccine at any time during their pregnancy, but it is especially recommended for those in the later stages of pregnancy.

If you are pregnant, it is recommended that you discuss with your healthcare provider about:

- The potential risks and consequences associated with a COVID-19 infection during pregnancy;
- The risk of acquiring a COVID-19 infection during pregnancy;
- The potential risks and consequences associated with a COVID-19 infection during pregnancy.

The limited evidence from clinical trials of COVID-19 vaccines in the pregnant population while a discussion with your healthcare provider is recommended, it is worth noting that a letter from a healthcare provider is not required for vaccination.

The vaccine and precautionary measures are essential.

Considering the increasing

number of severe complications seen in pregnant women who get COVID-19, the EOHU is reminding expecting mothers and their family members about the importance of taking precautionary measures to protect themselves and their loved ones.

To reduce the risk of getting or spreading COVID-19, the EOHU recommends that you:

Practice physical distancing with those outside your household;

Wear a mask when physical distancing is a challenge (and where mandatory);

Wash your hands often

with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer;

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For more information about COVID-19, please consult EOHU.ca/coronavirus and Ontario’s website at Ontario.ca/coronavirus.



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South Dundas council monitors fleet repair spending

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MORRISBURG – After some less than happy surprises earlier this year, Municipality of South Dundas politicians are staying on top of the township’s fleet repair budget.

Director of transportation Jeff Hyndman’s first quarter update was pulled from the April 12 consent agenda for council discussion. The report stated that at the time of submission, the fleet repairs’ budget was at \$73,281. Four trucks were identified as being at or approaching the \$10,000 mark.

“I knew this was going to be a hot topic,” Hyndman said of the first quarter report. “I identified four units approaching the \$10,000 threshold. My mechanic is being very diligent, and he does understand the implications and that we want to come within budget.”

Mayor Steven Byvelds asked how much of the 2021 fleet repair budget had already been spent. Hyndman said that of the \$175,000 budget, he had roughly \$100,000 left, estimating that a third of the budget had been spent.

“At budget, we had a pretty lengthy back and forth discussion,” Deputy-Mayor Kirsten Gardner said. “What have you put in place since our budget discussion?”

Hyndman said he has switched to a work order system where the mechanic is scheduled to look at a vehicle, review the problem, and then send a work order with pricing to the respective department. Once the mechanic receives the okay to proceed,

which can only come from the department head, he then moves on with the repair. The only exception, Hyndman said, is if the repair is a safety issue, as those are done immediately and without question.

“I’m just concerned because we’re a quarter in and you’ve spent a third, and it looks like we could be over budget again,” Gardner said. Doing the calculation himself, Byvelds said spending is at 40 per cent, which is more than a third.

Hyndman said the repairs that have been done were in relation to typical vehicle breakdowns. He gave an example of one vehicle that required new hydraulic hoses, hoist cylinder, and a new table chain, which together amounted to almost \$10,000, but, he said, these were all necessary repairs that came about from regular wear and tear.

“Big vehicles take maintenance,” Councillor Lloyd Wells said. “From what I see, I like the report. I think this is a start. Can we improve it? We’ll see as this year ends up.”

Councillor Archie Mellan agreed, saying it is impossible to predict what is needed in a fleet repair budget without a crystal ball. He said if they knew what was going to break down, it would be easier to set a more accurate budget. Provided Hyndman has eliminated unnecessary work, Mellan said it is a matter of crossing fingers and hoping things stay together.

“You had a higher budget. We cut it back and we expect that to be respected, please,” Byvelds said, referring to Hyndman’s initial numbers during budget discussions. He said he would wait until the second quarter report was in to see where things stand.



Your turn is coming soon.



South Dundas policies for firefighters

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MORRISBURG – Politicians had some advice for Municipality of South Dundas Fire and Emergency Services (FES) chief Cameron Morehouse during a recent council meeting.

A report on an updated attendance and discipline policy for firefighters was pulled from the April 12 consent agenda for discussion. Mayor Steven Byvelds said he wanted council colleagues to be aware that the policy was being changed in collaboration with the fire department.

“In order to ensure the safe and effective functioning of the South Dundas FES, a three-step process will generally be followed if a firefighter’s attendance at training falls below 70 per cent,” Morehouse said in his report.

He said there had been meetings and discussions with members of the different departments before the policy was formally updated by staff with the help of the municipal solicitor. He said the updated policy was presented to officers at their Feb. 25 meeting where they were directed to share the information with their respective firefighters at each department’s first meeting in March.

“Language has been updated to make the consequences of a member’s actions clear if they do not meet the required percentages

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– Cameron Morehouse,
SD Fire and Emergency Services (FES) Chief

regarding training, executive meetings, committee meetings, health and safety meetings, and emergency calls,” Morehouse said in his report, adding that the three-step disciplinary procedure had been updated to be: 1) Notice and Limitation of Activities; 2) Second Notice – Limitation of Activities to Training Only; and, finally, 3) Termination.

Although they said they agreed with the updates, each member of council voiced concern for the municipality’s firefighters. They wanted to know if the firefighters had been given the opportunity to see and comment on the changes.

“My only concern is that communication is of utmost importance,” Deputy-Mayor Kirsten Gardner said. “I don’t have issues per se

with the policy as long as it’s something our frontline fire people can work with.”

Councillor Archie Mellan acknowledged the difficult balance between setting policies and having those affected be on board with those policies. He said reading the policy should be mandatory for every firefighter. Once read, he said firefighters should sign and, if desired, provide feedback.

“Make sure our firefighters or volunteers are fully aware of what’s going on and we’re not just throwing this on them,” Councillor Lloyd Wells said. “I’d like to see what they think of the policy too. As long as our volunteers are good with the policy. I know at the end of the day it’s our decision, but it’s their decision. I think highly of our firefighters.”



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INSPIAIR reaches out to its community

CORNWALL – Mary Collins and Marnie Rombough are respiratory therapists residing in SD&G with a passion to provide respiratory services to their community.

They met working in homecare and wanted to provide something better to their patients. As a result, they are opening up a new locally owned business in Cornwall called InspiAIR where patients can access respiratory services including, but not limited to, home oxygen and sleep therapy devices.

The official opening date is May 3.

The two friends will be sharing the load at the business with both Mary and Marnie looking after their clients.

“InspiAIR will provide respiratory services in the community. We will treat underlying conditions such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and provide in-home care.” explained Mary.

Both respiratory therapists have a very strong sense of how important it is for any caregiver services in a community be provided by professionals from that same community.

“Being part of a locally owned and operated company allows us to focus on the areas that matter most, such as patient care, excellent service, and community involvement.” said Marnie.

Mary said, “The reason we got into this is that in our previous roles working together we really felt patients would benefit from a local choice where we are able to offer more tailored care with a personal touch. Patients will get to know their caregiver and know who they will be talking to when they call.

The pair are determined to build great working relationships with their clients. “We will be with our clients from start to finish. Again, it is that personal touch and building that relationship with our patients that is important to us.” said Marnie.

There are many people with serious breathing problems who want to be able to stay at home, out of the hospital and lead as normal a life as possible.

“There are patients who require long-term



Mary Collins on the left and Marnie Rombough, right are respiratory therapists. They are opening their new business in Cornwall on May 3. Courtesy Photo

respiratory care at home. Our goal is to help patients stay at home and be healthy,” said Mary.

An added bonus is that Mary and Marnie are well acquainted with Ontario’s health care system and are able to help their patients navigate it.

They have a respiratory care clinic where they will be providing sleep apnea therapy and CPAP equipment to clients, but they are also excited to get out on the road to care for patients in their homes and provide them with the latest oxygen therapy technology. InspiAIR offers the lightest and most portable oxygen equipment on the market.

“Our oxygen and sleep equipment are able to be monitored remotely. These

latest technologies allow us to better service our patients.” said Mary.

They will be able to provide services like in-home assessment, telemedicine, and follow up with a person’s doctor.

“If someone has a question about their breathing they can call us and we can come assess the patient and reach out to their doctor on their behalf. This is especially valuable during the pandemic when access to care is limited” said Mary.

“It can be overwhelming for patients.” said Marnie.

The two signed a lease on a building in January and have been busy getting their office ready for their May 3 opening.

They are looking

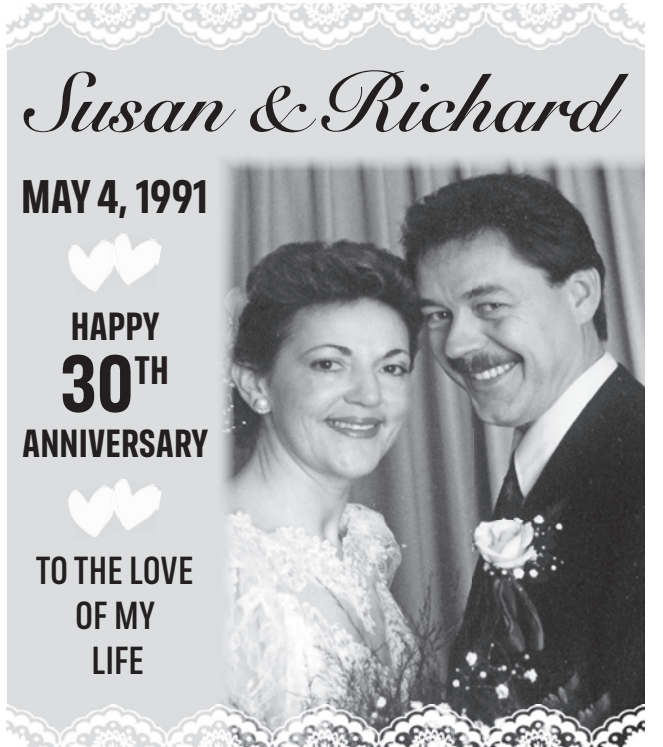
forward to becoming part of the circle of care for people who need their expertise and help.

“We could be sitting at the kitchen table of a patient and be on the phone with their doctor asking for a prescription for oxygen, based on our recommendation. We can hook them up right then and there.” said Marnie

Mary and Marnie said one of their core values was being able to live in the same community they worked in, and to know the people they are working with.

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Roll No. 05 06 006 007 37600 0000; 10417 Hanesville Rd., Brinston; PIN 66113-0294; **Minimum tender amount: \$5,276.75**

Roll No. 05 06 001 004 30200 0000; PIN 66139-0079; **Minimum tender amount: \$12,987.92**

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THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH DUNDAS
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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of South Dundas will hold a Public Meeting on the 25th day of May 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office, to consider a proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment under Section 34 of the *Planning Act*.

This Public Meeting is to allow the Public to comment on the request for the change of zoning for the property noted above. This Zoning By-law amendment is to re-zone the western half of this property from Institutional (I) to Residential Hamlet (RH) to allow for the development of a dwelling.

The By-law would change the zoning for the western half of the property noted above from Institutional to Residential Hamlet (RH).

The Key Plan identifies the location of approximately 8,336.5 m² (2.06 acres) of affected land. This Zoning By-law Amendment is not related to any Minor Variance, Official Plan Amendment, or Plan of Subdivision.

ANY PERSON may attend the Public Meeting via WebEx call and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Amendment.

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If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the Public Meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of South Dundas before the By-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Advisory Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

For additional information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, please contact the Municipal Planning Consultant via email at planner@southdundas.com.

DATED at the Municipality of South Dundas this 29th day of April, 2021.

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KEY MAP

Telling our history

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Over the past year, members of the Chesterville and District Historical Society have been working to research and produce an updated history book about this small North Dundas Community. While the publication date is still unknown, members of the CDHS book committee are confident that the book is nearing completion.

Caroline Roberts, president of the CDHS since February 2020, commented how during the Society's AGM there was discussion about creating a book about Chesterville's history to augment the 1977 "The Time That Was" as well as a 1988 supplement to this book. Several members volunteered to join the committee with committee chair Gail Parker commenting there are seven society members and CDHS chair Caroline Roberts.

Despite not being able to hold many in-person meetings over the past year due to COVID-19 restrictions, Parker explained the group began the process by meeting by phone, compiling lists of what should be included in the book and then "split up our lists to start approaching our contacts." Despite pandemic restrictions, people were contacted by phone and followed up with a no-contact, hand delivered letter of detail. She continued how the response from the

“the pandemic has perhaps brought home to us how quickly our world can change, and how quickly the past can be forgotten,” continuing it is important to “gather firsthand accounts from people who have lived, worked and played a significant part in the development of our village.”

– Caroline Roberts, president of the CDHS since February 2020

community was “excellent and their stories were amazing,” commenting how the photos provided have proved to be a very welcome addition to this book.

Once the information was collected, the stories written and photos received, it became apparent there was the need to bring an editor on board. Parker immediately thought of Bruce and Kim Henbest, who quickly agreed to join the committee. The couple have proved to be an invaluable addition to the team, with Bruce mentioning how their role has expanded to “gathering additional information to complete articles, fact-checking and in some cases, helping to write articles from notes and information available.” They are also busy writing captions for the photos which were submitted, identifying photo needs, and assisting “with some of the overall “project management-type tasks.” When asked to

estimate how many hours they have spent on the project since coming onboard in September 2020, Bruce puts the estimate at approximately 900 hours.

Parker expressed her thanks to Kim and Bruce for the many hours they have spent volunteering their time and experience on this project. The couple commented in a recent email to *The Chesterville Record* how over the past year, “Many people, with different skills, have contributed a lot of time and effort into the production of this book” and while it will be “an important addition to the efforts” of those who published the first two Chesterville history books, however it is the hope the book “will be different and appealing to readers in the 21st century!”

Bruce and Kim noted how working on this book has enabled them to learn a great deal about “Chesterville and the people, community groups, businesses and farms in our area.” Roberts mentioned that “the

pandemic has perhaps brought home to us how quickly our world can change, and how quickly the past can be forgotten,” continuing it is important to “gather firsthand accounts from people who have lived, worked and played a significant part in the development of our village.”

Parker seemed pleased to mention the “committee will each receive the first draft” of the book to review and provide their comments to the editors, before the final phase of the development of the book are undertaken. She mentioned there has been a lot of hard work and fun over the past year and thanked the people who contributed their time and effort to the project. She did mention “if anyone would like to financially support our project with charitable receipts available, this would be much appreciated, and the donors’ names would be listed on the sponsor sheets in alphabetical order.”

As the project concludes over the next few months and this newest volume of local history be added to our bookshelves, it is important to take a moment to thank all those who have taken the time and effort to ensure the history of our area is protected, preserved, and promoted. Without the work of the committee members, the assistance of those who submitted photos and articles as well as the dedication of Kim and Bruce, this book to celebrate the 130th anniversary of Chesterville would have remained a dream yet to be fulfilled.

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SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight

Rideau Auctions takes on the pandemic

WINCHESTER – The pandemic has caused a shift in how many of us go about our business.

For the business community the Covid-19 restrictions have created challenges that are not easy to overcome. One business, Rideau Auctions Inc. in Winchester has managed to deal with the pandemic restrictions and come out the other side as busy as they have ever been.

Rideau Auction was established in 1983, and since then, has built a thriving business of auctioning off thousands of automobiles and assortment of heavy equipment from their live auction arena in Winchester.

Along the way, owner Hunter McCaig and wife Theresa have expanded their business into a liquidation centre. The centre carries a large assortment of items from clothing to toys to furniture. Rideau Auctions has had their share of challenges before the virus arrived.

In 2011, their main building was destroyed in a fire. At that time, they only had the one building to work from. They would have to move items in and out of the building depending on whether there was an auction going on. In 2013, they built a new building and were able to separate the two parts of their business.

When the pandemic arrived, doing business as usual became out of the question.

Before the pandemic, Rideau Auctions had an online presence.



Rideau Auctions has adapted to the new way of doing business because of the pandemic. It is looking forward to a new normal that includes its successful on-line auctioneering strategy.

Courtesy Photo

“We were already doing some sales online,” said McCaig.

“We were actually in the midst of developing our own software. So, we went ahead with the software,” he said.

The newly created software enabled the Winchester company to cement their online presence and was able to continue

their auctioneering and liquidation sales.

“We have gone from 800 units to about 2,300 items. We have the software now launched for all of the small items,” said McCaig.

Figuring out the online side of the business was crucial after the pandemic hit. “There was no software out there

meant for furniture and heavy equipment and automobiles, so we developed the different sides to it, so it handles everything.

We can do furniture on it, we can put small items in it, put a serial number in it of an excavator and it will break it down into codes that can be added onto the car’s side,” said McCaig.

“Covid did a lot of bad things, but pushed other things in the right way,” he said.

“Stuff that was coming got pushed ahead a lot quicker. People have definitely gotten used to it.”

The Liquidation Centre has been temporarily closed, but staff are getting it ready for its eventual return once the pandemic restrictions are eased.

McCaig is pragmatic about the future. “In my heart I had hoped it would go back to normal because I am an auctioneer. But there are more people bidding online from all over. We pushed harder and harder on the software. That’s what it takes to get through Covid. If you sat back and waited for things to get better you could be in trouble,” he said.

For more information about Rideau Auctions Inc. go to www.rideauauctions.com or call 613-774-2735 they are located at 2250 Hwy 31. Their email is: rideauauctions@rideauauctions.com.

If you would like to have a light shined on your business, please contact us at: editor@etceterapublications.ca or call us at 613-448-2321.

Russell politicians deny sole sourcing request

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

EMBRUN – Township of Russell will soon be putting out a request for proposal for all existing light fixtures to be retrofitted with LED lights at Yahoo Park.

During the April 19 council meeting, director of parks and recreation Céline Guitard recommended that council grant an exemption to the purchasing policy and award the project to André Clément Électrique Inc. at a cost of roughly \$57,556.74, which falls within the budgeted amount of \$60,000. With a quick approval, work could have begun in May and could have been completed in June. The recommendation was denied in a 3-2 vote with Mayor Pierre Leroux, and councillors Mike Tarnowski and Jamie Laurin voting against the request. Councillors André Brisson and Cindy Saucier voted in favour.

“I fully support the initiative,” Laurin said. “I just can’t agree to the sole sourcing of the contract even though I understand why.”

In her supporting information, Guitard listed several reasons why it makes more sense to disregard the municipality’s purchasing policy and hire Clément directly. In addition to saving time, Guitard said when the township has hired outside electricians in the past, they have often had to consult Clément who has many years of experience working on Russell infrastructure.

“Clément also provided assistance on completing the proper document with Hydro One in order to secure some incentives to save cost to replace fixtures. On Aug. 27, 2020, we received pre-approval of \$12,595 estimated incentive to replace the fixtures.

Therefore, the total cost of the project would be

\$44,961.74,” Guitard said. “André Clément Électrique Inc. has been our regular contracted electrician for the municipal recreation facilities in Embrun for the last 15 years. He has a great deal of knowledge on our existing electrical infrastructure.

He is also under contract on standby for emergencies for the Infrastructure Department. He is also part of the pre-qualified list of contractors for the municipality.”

Laurin asked why there is only one electrician on the municipality’s pre-qualified contractors list.

Manager of Infrastructure Services Jonathan Bourgon said the prequalification package is always available through the township office and contractors can simply ask to fill out and submit a form to be considered. CAO Jean Leduc said the township has put out requests for submissions in the past, but

no firms had submitted applications.

Guitard’s report noted that Clément had originally been asked for a quote on

the Yahoo Park project late last summer. Included in the project are Joe Bélisle Diamond, Lafortune Diamond, the tennis courts,

and the horseshoe area.

She said the current light fixtures are becoming obsolete, making it difficult to find replacement parts.

Four more local SD&G Legions receive emergency support

MORRISBURG – Four more Royal Canadian Legions in our region will be receiving much-needed funding through the federal government’s Veterans’ Organizations Emergency Support Fund. Royal Canadian Legion branches in Morrisburg, Iroquois, Winchester and Finch will all be receiving funding in the amount of \$10,845 each.

“I am pleased to see more of our Royal Canadian Legions across our region receive much needed support. Despite the challenges over the past year, many Legions continue to give back and fundraise in unique and safe ways. I will continue to push for support for our Legions, so they may continue the work they do for our veterans in the years to come,” said Eric Duncan, MP Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry.

The Veterans Organizations Emergency Support Fund provides grants to non-profit and registered charitable organizations that support Veterans and their families. These grants will help organizations with operational costs and financial shortfalls caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The first round of funding provided support to four other local branches: Cornwall, Lancaster, Long Sault, and Chesterville.

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- High-calorie, non-perishable food
- Water
- Toilet paper and paper towels
- Warm blankets
- Extra clothing and shoes
- Candles and matches
- A battery-operated or crank flashlight and radio
- A cell phone charger and extra battery
- A whistle
- A compass
- Roadmaps
- A first-aid kit

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- Sand, salt or cat litter
- Antifreeze and windshield washer fluid
- A small shovel, scraper and snowbrush
- A tow rope
- Jumper cables
- A fire extinguisher
- Warning lights or road flares

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- First aid kit
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- Extra car and house keys
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Hyndman compares roadside brushing to 'bad twister'

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MORRISBURG – The pros and cons of roadside brushing were placed centre stage at a recent Municipality of South Dundas council meeting.

During the April 12 session, Mayor Steven Byvelts pulled a report about roadside brushing from the consent agenda for discussion, noting that he had heard some concerns from residents about how the program is run. In director of transportation Jeff Hyndman's report, he said roadside brushing and the need to keep trees and brush from encroaching

onto roadways and damaging vehicles was discussed during the 2021 budget.

"We all have to keep in mind that some people don't care what we do on their roadways and then there are others who take them to heart," Byvelts said. "Now that we're behind, some of the larger trees leave a lot of debris."

The report outlined a three-year plan where brushing would be done according to plow routes. While 2021 and 2022 will focus on "getting caught up," 2023 is expected to be the beginning of a maintenance program.

"As we move forward,

the brusher picks each road," Hyndman said. "He ultimately brushes back the trees that are close, to open up the roadway, to alleviate branches from hitting cars on the roadway. It leaves woodchips on the ditch line. It does bunch up the branches, but sometimes they are missed and end up in the ditch."

Deputy-Mayor Kirsten Gardner said most residents just want to know when the work is going to be done on specific roads. Hyndman's report includes a generalized plan of plow routes to be done each year, along with maps showing the roads covered in each route. He said while the

brusher will do the roads on the route, there is no set schedule for what road will be done when. The brusher chooses a road, does both sides in whatever time is needed for that specific stretch of roadway, and then he moves on to another, Hyndman said.

"My concern is when that brusher goes through, it's more like a microburst that goes through. Branches are snapped and it's not a clean cut," Councillor Lloyd Wells said. "Leaving splinters like that, is there any risk of the tree dying?"

Wells said he knows some residents are concerned with the way the trees look after roadside

brushing, but he was more concerned with the life of the trees. Hyndman said he is not a tree specialist but having traveled the roadsides that were brushed two years ago, they now look like they have never been done. He agreed that when the cutting is initially done, it looks "like crap. Like a bad twister." He said there are spots where staff needs to go out with a chainsaw to square things up.

"This is a hard thing. We're damned if we do; we're damned if we don't," Coun. Archie Mellan said. "I think we've got to give ourselves a little bit of time.

Once the brusher goes through, it's going to look a little rough, but you've got to give it a little time. Ya, it maybe looks like a butcher job, [but] they're doing the best that they can. We're behind. If we could have stayed ahead of this then we wouldn't have this issue. We've just got to give ourselves a little bit more time. Mother Nature will replenish herself and it won't look that bad."

In the end, it was agreed that Hyndman's crew should proceed as planned, focusing on getting caught up. Byvelts said it is a balancing act and with everyone, including council, aware of the situation, staff are directed to continue doing the best they can under the current circumstances.

North Dundas council tables Oak Valley Pioneer Park annual report for 2020

WINCHESTER – The volunteers with the group looking after the park continued their work despite the pandemic.

With the arrival of Covid-19, the park was locked down before it could be opened for the season. "Consequently our field day and annual general meeting was postponed. When Parks were hastily opened we pivoted and drew on South Nation staff to do a quick clean up, remove some dangerous trees and prepare for the public," stated the report.

The Volunteers are responsible for the management, operation and development of the park. The park remains in transition to a hardwood forest as the nursery pines are removed due to disease, diminished light and death.

The report stated: "We are approaching what in the wild would be recognized as a mature forest where the hardwoods: oaks, walnuts, buckeye, hickories and other varieties have succeeded the coniferous forest.

For over a decade riverbank erosion of the engineered

banks from the 1980s river channeling are yielding to spring ice and river currents. We have planted willows and Manitoba maples, which cope with the abuse of ice flows. SNC wishes to do some rehabilitation of the river banks."

The park remained an interesting place to spend some time.

Volunteers carried out maintenance throughout the summer and a local couple were married at the park in October; and the executive of Lester McInnis and Margaret Johnson were reelected.

The pandemic forced many area residents to spend more time than they would normally spend indoors so when the park opened local residents came for the natural setting and to escape their indoor routines.

Because of the park closures volunteers were able to spend more time cleaning up the park.

"The cleanup set the tone for the year as the chain saws sang and the wood chipper thumped and screeched arpeggios. It was the start of an artsy summer when the neighbor removed the boulder used to prevent vehicle access."

When covid restrictions eased back a little the group was able to hold their annual general meeting in July. The Chesterville and District Historical Society came for their annual picnic and a wedding was held in early fall.

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The report noted, "Many visitors brought guitars, fiddles and other instruments. Others read singly or to others and one small group was seen reading lines from a play. Many enjoyed picnics and wandering around the site."

A cleanup day was held after Thanksgiving and the park remained open to vehicles until December. Pedestrians continued to access the Park after snow fell.

- Oak Valley Pioneer Park experienced an active year:
- tree growth was good despite spring and early summer drought conditions
 - visitors met very few flies and mosquitos;
 - there was very light nut production;
 - South Nation Conservation commenced a tree risk assessment and trimmed some of the trees in public areas. The balance of this project is expected to be completed in 2022.



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Resident uproar leads to deferring zoning amendment

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EMBRUN – For now, several residents in the township of Russell have been successful in stopping council approval of a zoning by-law amendment for multi-unit housing in their neighbourhood.

During the April 19 council meeting, director of planning, building and economic development Dominique Tremblay recommended a “zoning by-law amendment for blocks 97-98 and 99 on Plan 50R-353 from ‘Residential One A’ to ‘Residential Three – exception 51’ to permit construction of apartment buildings and to limit the maximum permitted height on the subject property to 12 metres, and not more than three storeys.” She noted in her report that the properties in question were part of phase 8b of the planned subdivision for the Russell Trail Project, which was registered on Feb. 4.

“Why does the board want this type of residence in this area? Other than affordable housing and tax income for the towns, I can’t see any benefits for the town to pass this,” Russell resident Paul Brown said at a public meeting late last month.

The report submitted by Tremblay included resident comments from a recent Planning Advisory Committee meeting on March 29 that was open to the public, as well as those sent via email. Residents also joined the question period during the April 19 council meeting. More than one resident wanted to know how the new buildings would benefit Russell residents.

“I’m not certain how to answer that,” Tremblay said during the March 29 meeting. “Our mandate is to ensure that we offer all types of development and all types of density and those blocks are meeting the guidelines set in the provincial policy statement and our Official Plan, which is guiding growth for the next 20 years. So as the township grows, this is more the type of development that we will see based on the provincial policy to ensure that we are investing and building where existing infrastructure is and to make sure that we offer all forms of buildings in the township.”

Tremblay said the builder is looking at three to four storeys and, according to the Official Plan, the density is 36 units per hectare. She said they will be apartment blocks, but she is unsure at this point whether they will

be condominiums or rental apartments.

“I have lived in apartments for low-income families and when I was younger, I would recall that my neighbours of single home dwellings put bars in their windows and at times felt that they were threatened. This may not be our case, but it is a potential. Has the municipality planned anything for this potential future?” asked Russell resident Paul Magallanes during the March 29 meeting.

A few residents were concerned their property values would go down with the addition of multi-unit buildings to the neighbourhood. Tremblay said, while she does not assess property values, she does believe that adding multi-unit dwellings will negatively impact existing properties. Alix Jolicoeur said the data available does not show any substantial impact on property values.

“An argument I’ve heard in favour of the proposal is that it will create lower-cost housing,” Russell resident Bruce Smith said in an email. “While I sympathize with the plight of those looking to purchase in today’s real estate market, it should not be up to us to lose quality in our neighbourhood in order to accommodate more affordable multi-unit complexes. Those units should instead be built where

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current zoning allows for their construction, which allows for affordable housing to be built without backtracking on existing plans that were presented to my family, and many others, before we purchased our homes.”

Most residents who voiced opposition had similar concerns. For instance, they wanted to know if the infrastructure would be upgraded to accommodate the extra water usage and road traffic. School systems at capacity were also mentioned. One of the recurring themes was property values and whether the premium lots they paid for would depreciate when rental apartments were erected. Several of the email letters were copied and used by multiple residents, each one ending with a threat to not vote for current council members in the next election should they approve the recommendation.

“It lowers the value of our community,” Russell resident Marley Ransom said in an

email. “Russell has a reputation for its natural setting and quality of life. We’re a small town and we love it that way. There’s room to play, be active, and enjoy our expansive environment. This rezoning is a mockery of what we have come to be known for and if this is implemented, the township should start re-writing the ‘Why live here’ on the municipality’s website. Our area will become crammed with people who will overwhelm every facet of our community and will lack residents who take pride in being a part of a small village.”

During the April 19 council meeting, there were many varying opinions, some focused on resident complaints and some focused on the fact that the blocks in question had already been designated for multi-unit housing back in 2010.

“This isn’t a new request,” Coun. Jamie Laurin said. “This is a request that mirrors the application for subdivision agreement that’s

already been signed and approved by council, an Official Plan amendment that’s already been put into place, and the draft plan of the subdivision that was done back in 2010.”

It appeared from the many resident comments that the potential for the inclusion of low-income housing was an issue. Mayor Pierre Leroux pointed out that the United Counties of Prescott and Russell use a rent subsidy system whereby those in need can rent any apartment anywhere and receive a subsidy to help pay for it. There is no longer a push for an entire building or area to be designated low-income housing. Tremblay pointed out that the municipality is provincially mandated to have all types of housing available.

A few politicians were concerned about resident claims that they had not been told at the time of purchase that these blocks were zoned for multi-unit dwellings. Leroux explained that it is the developer’s obligation to have a map of the subdivision in the model home outlining the plan, and it is the buyer’s responsibility to make sure they read all the paperwork before they buy a property.

“Any purchaser who had taken the time to contact the township to ask would have been provided with this information,” Leroux said. Tremblay confirmed this, adding that this would be true for anyone buying in 2010 or after.

The potential for the builder to make an appeal through the *Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act* was also mentioned. Laurin noted that if they chose to do so, the builder could file an appeal down the road and potentially win the right to put in five-storey buildings rather than the three-storey buildings in Tremblay’s recommendation. It was also noted that soil testing could potentially rule out higher storey buildings, but the results are not yet in.

Councillor Mike Tarnowski put forth a motion to defer the decision until they had more information about the type of multi-units being built in the area. Coun. Cindy Saucier seconded the motion. Tarnowski called for a recorded vote. Tarnowski, Saucier, and Coun. André Brisson voted in favour of deferring the decision. Laurin and Leroux voted against the deferral. The recommendation has been put on hold until plans for the proposed building are submitted and reviewed against compatibility criteria.

Russell politicians donate to Embrun OPP

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

EMBRUN – Township of Russell politicians voted in favour of donating \$600 to the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Embrun Detachment.

The decision was made with a resolution at the April 19 council meeting. Mayor Pierre Leroux had received a letter from the local detachment asking for a donation toward a fitness room.

The resolution states that: “The donation would be beneficial for the health and wellbeing of the members

[and] this project will reinforce that members of the OPP Embrun Detachment are supported in developing the resiliency and capabilities necessary to mitigate the psychological and physical demands of their work.”

The donation consists of \$150 each from the discretionary accounts of Leroux, as well as councillors Cindy Saucier, Mike Tarnowski, and Jamie Laurin for a total of \$600.

“I appreciate the work that they do, and I think it helps make a healthy community, a healthy police force. So, I think it’s all good,” Coun. Cindy Saucier said.

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Proud grandfather of Bailey (Jaime Goldman), Chelsea and Clark; Savannah (Nolan Winter), Brittney (Elliot Keller), Kylie (Mark Singer); and Jessica. Step-grandfather to Ashley, Kaitlin, Laura, Nathan and Alexis.

Great-grandfather of Owen, Ava and Nevin Winter, Kacen, Adley and Cove Keller. Step-great-grandfather to Alexis, Peyton, Ivy and Emery.

Beloved son of the late James and Mildred (Girouard) Groves.

Dear brother of Shirley (late Jim) Sullivan, Alice, Katie (Francis) Kenny. Predeceased by Winnifred (George) Murdock, Jim (Jean McMillan), and Stephan.

Special uncle to many nieces and nephews and will be missed by all his family, friends and cousins.

George was a proud graduate of Ottawa Technical High School and Ryerson College in Toronto. He loved to sing and was a member of the Ottawa Technical High School choir. His teenage years were spent taking apart and rebuilding many old cars in the backyard of the family home on Nelson St. He also loved to play the harmonica and shared his talent at many a family gathering.

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