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Briefly

Jewelry event under the tent

MOUNTAIN – The House of Lazarus is hosting this interesting jewelry event on July 22 and 23. Gary Annabel will be on the sale site from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to appraise jewelry for free and replace batteries in watches for a \$5 fee. There will also be a barbecue from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Pop and water are \$1; hamburgers are \$3.50, and a hot dog is \$2.

Naomi's Family Resource Centre event

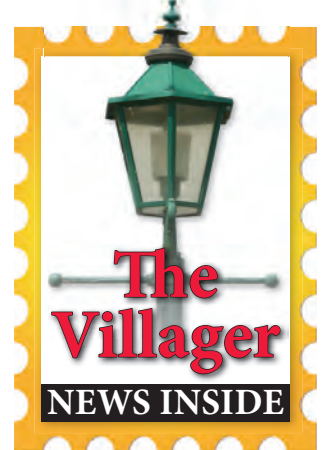
WINCHESTER – Join us and other services at Sweet Corner Park for our Information Station August 19 from 12-3 p.m. to find out what supports, and services are offered in your community. The Information Station is designed to engage the public and community partners in an online round up beginning Aug. 14, on Facebook, followed by an educational walkthrough of agency displays on Aug. 19. Topics covered will be mental and physical health, food security, income, confidence and safety.

A Bunch of People presents

CHESTERVILLE – A Bunch of People is gearing up for a car rally and scavenger hunt on Sat., Aug. 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The meeting point is the Chesterville Arena parking lot. Registration fee is \$25. Call 613-346-5064 or email: abunchofpeopleartsandevent@gmail.com.



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Not your run of the mill bubble

Djenka Barkley was out behind the Winchester arena on the weekend with her dad Chris, and her friend Dara McNaughton blowing giant bubbles. Djenka would like to start some semi-regular kite and bubble gatherings in the future. Kids can fly kites if it's too windy for bubbles. The bubble mix is from a recipe found on YouTube. She uses a bubble wand that's two sticks with a loop of absorbent cord attached. In this photo Dara ducks under the stream of bubbles created by Djenka.

Morin Photo

Winchester and Chesterville to upgrade pedestrian crosswalks

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Concerns over the effectiveness of two designated crosswalks, one in Winchester then the other in Chesterville have prompted the municipality to upgrade both locations.

The council agreed to replace the existing pedestrian crosswalks located at Main Street at Christie Lane in Winchester, and Main Street at Church Street in Chesterville, with level 2, Type C crosswalks.

The decision was made at the municipalities July 13 regular council meeting. These types of crosswalks have regulatory signs, warning signs, and pavement markings. This type of pedestrian crossover only uses side-mounted regulatory signs and rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs).

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South Dundas politicians dive deep into waste

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – The topic of waste management dominated a recent Municipality of South Dundas special meeting.

The July 13 session began with a presentation from DFA Infrastructure International Inc.'s Derek Ali outlining a potential regional waste management project for municipalities within the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry. This was followed by updates, recommendations and, subsequently, decisions made about the local municipality's landfill expansion project, as well as its compost depot days.

While the first presentation was primarily an information sharing exercise, as well as an opportunity to gauge interest in a joint waste management project, the latter two items were current South Dundas operational items needing political attention. In the end, politicians have decided to look at potential transfer station options, making a long-term waste management decision within the year, changing the dates of Morrisburg's compost depot days, and re-examining the landfill fee schedule.

"The collection and disposal of waste is the municipality's responsibility, however the way in which waste is managed when being disposed of is regulated by the province under the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP)," chief

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Upgrade pedestrian crosswalks

Continued from the front

Currently North Dundas utilizes several pedestrian crossings, one in Winchester and another in Chesterville. Winchester has one at the corner of Main Street and Christie Lane and a level 2 crosswalk at the corner of St. Lawrence Street and Wintonia Street as well as a mid-block controlled pedestrian crossing at St. Lawrence Street and Clarence Street.

Chesterville has a controlled crossing at Main Street and Church Street which would be converted to the level 2 design.

According to a report



The existing crosswalk at Winchester's Main Street and Christie Lane. Morin Photo

submitted by the North Dundas Public Works' Department municipal staff had received requests from residents for additional controlled pedestrian crossings. The bulk of the

requests centred around the existing crosswalk at Main Street and Christie in Winchester and in Chesterville at Church Street.

A pedestrian crossing assessment was undertaken.

The assessment showed that the number of pedestrians is greater than 100 over an eight-hour period during school hours. The number of vehicles using the area was greater than 750 vehicles on



All of the existing crosswalks in Chesterville and Winchester will be upgraded to the kind of crosswalk found in Winchester at St. Lawrence Street and Wintonia Drive. The big difference will be the use of flashing lights to signal that the crosswalk is in use.

Morin Photo

Main Street in Winchester over an eight-hour period, which worked out to 8,700 vehicles per day. In Chesterville the study found that over an eight-hour period on Chesterville's Main Street totalled 2,500 vehicles per day.

The report concluded:

"These crossings will be similar to the crossing at St. Lawrence Street and Wintonia Drive in Winchester. This type of crossing will also create consistency across SDG on Counties Road for pedestrian crossings."

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K2D2 Landscaping raises \$5k for House of Lazarus

Every year, Devon Byers, owner of K2D2 Landscaping, hosts a fundraising golf tournament for a local charity. This year he chose the House of Lazarus (HOL) as the charitable recipient, bringing in \$5,000 for the local food bank and outreach mission. The charitable event was held on July 17 at the Sandy Row Golf Club in South Mountain. Pictured prior to the first tee off are Byers (left), along with HOL Advocate Kristina McDermott and HOL executive director Cathy Ashby.

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S. Dundas politicians dive deep into waste

Continued from the front administrative officer (CAO) Shannon Geraghty said in his report. "Therefore, there are only a few options permitted by the ministry that the municipality may consider at this time."

The four options given for the current landfill situation included the expansion of the Matilda Landfill, the construction of a Matilda transfer station, the construction of a new disposal site, or the use of a private disposal site. Geraghty's report included a table listing what each option would entail, cost comparisons, and the pros and cons associated with each alternative. In the end, council voted in favour of the transfer station.

Geraghty said he would bring an action report back to council later this month or in August regarding this decision. Local politicians also requested that opportunities to tour different types of neighbouring transfer stations be explored. While Mayor Steven Byvels expressed concern about cost to taxpayers, noting that changes should be done gradually and with forethought, he also noted that residents needed to understand that waste costs money.

"To transfer all the costs over to users in one or two years is too much. We're going to get a lot of push back on that. Residents of South Dundas have to understand that their waste costs money," he said. "I don't think we should

make a rash decision. Make a decision in the next six months, and in 12 months come to a conclusion about where South Dundas is going with garbage in the long-term. The challenges that got dealt to us was nobody's fault. Let's look forward to see what we can do for South Dundas to make this work."

The discussion surrounding compost was lengthy and scattered, covering a review of the new depot days' initiative, as well as general composting logistics, legalities, and opportunities. In the end, where the Compost Depot Days were concerned, Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner's request to change some of the dates was agreed to by all present. Geraghty said he would look into the possibility of moving some of Morrisburg's November dates to allow for one day each in August, September, and October. Meanwhile, Iroquois' depot days should remain the same for now. Geraghty is set to bring an updated information report

EDPR sells majority share in Nation Rise Wind Farm

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

BERWICK – The Chi-Nódin Limited Partnership, owned by the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation (AOPFN), have officially purchased a 50.01 per cent ownership stake in the Nation Rise Wind Farm.

EDP Renewables (EDPR) made the announcement July 15, noting that the 100-megawatt project located in the township of North Stormont is fully operational and producing energy, which has been confirmed by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO). The project includes 29 wind turbines, which will continue to be operated and maintained by EDPR throughout the project's lifecycle.

"Nation Rise achieving commercial operations is a feat I am exceptionally proud of, and through our collaboration with the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation, I am pleased to provide cost-effective energy to Ontarians for decades to come," EDP Renewables North America CEO Miguel Prado said.

In a recent press release, EDPR noted that the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation have been actively investing in renewable clean technology, taking into consideration the environment and current trends to move away from fossil fuels.

"The opportunity for AOPFN to participate in the local economy and to be partners in renewable energy projects

back to council as soon as possible, as communicating changes to residents is time sensitive.

The compost issue also led to discussion about landfill fees and yard waste. It was noted that all South Dundas' residents are permitted to bring yard waste to the landfill for free, provided it does not contain large branches. Councillor Lloyd Wells noted complaints from residents about inconsistencies in fees, which led to a decision to review the overall fee schedule this fall.

"At the latest, September, we'll look at those fees. We can determine what can be

charged fairly for what's coming in," Byvels said, noting that residents should not be charged for bringing in steel, electronics, or tires, as these are either cost neutral or revenue sources for the township.

Council also provided Geraghty with their feedback on the regional waste management presentation, indicating that they are open to potential partnerships around waste management, whether it's with SDG as a whole or with one or two municipal neighbours. The meeting's reports, as well as the recorded session, are available through the municipality's website.

and local businesses definitely positions our community for success, and we look forward to this venture as well as many others that we expect to come in the future," Chi-Nódin Limited Partnership board of directors' member Amanda Two-Axe Kohoko said.

Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation is an Algonquin community situated on the shores of Golden Lake and the Bonnechere River in Renfrew County along Highway 60. Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation currently has interests in several renewable energy projects in their territory, including five microfits operating in their community.

On a related note, during North Stormont's July 13 regular council meeting, it was confirmed by the municipality's chief administrative officer Craig Calder that the \$300,000 community investment from EDPR is to be received by the township no later than August 13.



- OBITUARY - DOROTHY HELEN GODARD

Peacefully at the Dundas Manor on Saturday, July 17, 2021. Dorothy Godard (nee

Irven) of Brockville at the age of 94. Dearly beloved wife of the late Oscar Godard and the late Donnie Meldrum. Loving mother of the late Bryan and Heather Meldrum of Berwick, Faye Auger (Allan) of Lunenburg, Connie Dingwall (Winston) of Berwick and Betty McEwen of Iroquois. Beloved daughter of the late Lorne and Helen (Armstrong) Irven of Morewood. She is survived by her loving sister Marie Kinnear of Russell and her brother David (Kim) Irven of Chesterville, sisters-in-law Betty Irven, Mildred Irven, brothers-in-law Ken Harrison and Robert Lobb. Predeceased by her brothers Harold, John, Donnie and sisters Greta, Lorna and infant brother Dalton. Dorothy will be fondly remembered by her 7 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren and 2 great great-grandchildren. Also survived by many nieces, nephews cousins and friends.

Funeral Arrangements

Due to Covid restrictions, a family service will be held at the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois on Wednesday, July 21 at 1 p.m. Donations to the Winchester Hospital or the Dundas Manor would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift "please notify the family". Online condolences may be made at [marsdenmclaughlin.com](https://www.marsdenmclaughlin.com).

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Obituary RONALD JOSEPH GARLAND CURRAN (RON/RONNIE)

At the age of 66, passed away suddenly on June 29th, 2021 in Edmonton, Alberta.

Ron was born in Chesterville on April 20, 1955. He was the son of the late Donald Curran and the late Ada Sharkey. He went to high school at North Dundas High School. He moved to Edmonton in 1995 where he worked as a construction worker for many years. He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, hunting and camping. He enjoyed helping people less fortunate with home improvement projects and repairs. He was involved in volunteer work with Mustard Seed of Edmonton. He was a long time member of the Legion.

Ron is survived by his sisters, Muriel Curran of Ottawa and Marie Curran of Osgoode.

Spouses, Debbie Stewart (late) and Karen Bingham of Ottawa. He leaves behind his children, Jason (Katie), Heather (Theodore) and Andrew of Ottawa as well as his grandchildren Teagan and Fiona. He also leaves behind nephews Darryl Hughes (Rebecca) of Ottawa and Derrick Stewart (Jessica) of Vancouver.

Our hearts are broken with the loss of Ron. He was a beautiful soul full of kindness and compassion and generosity. The family wishes to thank the ICU unit of the Royal Alex Hospital in Edmonton. We also want to thank our family and friends for their love and support during this most challenging time.

Service will be held at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Chesterville on July 23rd at 2:00 p.m. with Father Cyril Chibuzor Duru officiating. Burial will follow.

Memorial donations may be made to the Lung Association, 502-885 Meadowlands Dr. E, Ottawa, ON K2C 3N2 or online at <https://www.lung.ca/get-involved/donate/make-general-donation/online-donate-form>.

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ND Mayor's report

Hello to everyone.
We had quite a spring and so far, this summer we've been quite fortunate weather-wise. Cool mornings, hot afternoons and comfortable evenings. We are seeing the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel. I know I haven't sent out a video message or expressed my thoughts in print for a while, and truth be told I didn't have a lot of positive messages to deliver. Most of us had received the message that we had to follow the protocols and to be mindful of how we conduct ourselves in public while we are at work or when we are doing the things that we do. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything the residents of North Dundas have done, to ensure that we do the best we can to ensure our safety and good health during this pandemic. We still have a little way to go, so let's keep up this important effort. When the EOHU requested support for their efforts, the Township of North Dundas responded without hesitation. The Winchester Lions Club gave up the use of their building and allowed the EOHU to use the facility to conduct Covid testing for residents of the Health Unit and beyond. That testing was vital to ensure that plans and models could be developed as well as controlling person to person transmission. Starting on March 21, 2021 the EOHU began providing vaccines at the Joel Steele Hall. They held six clinics and were prepared to vaccinate 300 people at each clinic and on April 16 mass vaccination clinics started at the Winchester Arena. There have been 15 vaccination clinics at the arena and each clinic is set up to administer up to 1000 people. The total number of doses administered at our facilities totals in the neighbourhood of 16,000. The clinics are scheduled to run until Fri., Sept. 3. I'd be remiss if I did not thank the volunteers that gave their time to support these efforts. The positive comments regarding the clinics begin in the parking lot where you are met by members of North Dundas Fire Services. The EOHU can be reached at 1-800-267-7120 for your questions about the vaccine. The Provincial Booking Line can be reached at 1-833-943-3900 or go on-line to www.covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine. EOHU clients can attend a clinic without an appointment; the only requirement is that they have proof of residency demonstrating that they live within the EOHU area.

The warm weather is here and our recreation programs and facilities are ready for action. Our two pools have been open for swimming and lessons. The soccer pitches in Chesterville and in Mountain, our ball diamonds and tennis courts are all ready. Many of our outdoor facilities will be in use beginning this week. Ballroom dancing at the Chesterville Community Hall started after we entered Step 3 of the reopening. There is so much more information to be delivered, but space doesn't permit. Please go to the township website for all of the details. The website is greatly improved and much easier to use. www.northdundas.com. There is another address I promote that can be used to bring complaints or concerns to the attention of staff, info@northdundas.com, please include a description and location information as well as pictures, if possible.

Until next time, take care.

Tony Fraser, North Dundas Mayor

Where there is thunder...

With the recent passing of severe storms and even tornado events in the region, it becomes instinctive to glance up at the sky from time to time.

Damage to farmers' livestock and crops, private property and homes not to mention the inconvenience of downed power lines and tree limbs, all make you wonder if the climate change predictions are starting to come true.

My thoughts on the matter are as immediate as the lightning bolt that hits your barn.

I do not care if climate change is the reason a tornado is barreling down County Rd 43 toward Winchester; I just want to get out of the way.

Climate change is an odd topic filled with misinformation, cautious and mysterious warnings and of course vested interests.

If I sell kites for a living, I yearn for windy days. If I sell long underwear anywhere in Canada I pray for colder winters.

On the other hand, if I value life as we all know it,

I do not like the idea of a world made uninhabited by an inhospitable climate.

That seems to be what is happening.

Incredibly high and dangerous summer temperatures, violent isolated summer storms, and who knows what our winters are going to change into.

Assuming the climate is changing and it is beyond our capabilities to stop any kind of natural change, we should at the very least try to change the things we can and run for cover from the things we cannot.

And as the saying goes, have the wisdom to know the difference between the two.

That seems to be the problem with climate change.

It's almost impossible to visualize how something you have been doing for a few hundred years in your small town or village can have an effect on weather patterns a thousand miles away; but it does, and it has.

No need to feel guilty about all of this. Like so many things, what we as a

culture, as a planet have done in the past have usually been acts of ignorance that led us to where we are today.

To many, cutting the rainforests down made sense to someone at the time as they owned a tree cutting company so guess what?

That shaving cream all of us manly men love, has microscopic pieces of plastic in it to make your razor or bar of soap appear to be a little more slippery.

You can only imagine what that does to the environment especially to your septic tank over 20 years.

The debate over climate change and other climate and environmental concerns does not need to be a two-sided argument, with one group pitted against the other as entertaining as that is.

The important thing is to pay attention and do what you can to not contribute to an inevitable change in the climate.

What humanity does and how they do it does and has affected the climate of the planet.

Even though the planet

as a whole may be destined, with or without our help, to go through different climate changes, still, we should take advantage of how clever and wise we are as a race and try to select what changes are best for the planet and for us.

Of course, profit may be at stake in many cases should we all decide to take climate change seriously and try to do something about it.

Just as climate change can be a slow-moving process, so can a switch from one product to another and from one environmental process to another.

If these recent storms and Western Canada forest fires and soaring temperatures are in any way related to climate change, we need to pay attention.

It's not hard, and by the way we as consumers are the ones who spend all that money on everything, so in many ways, we have an important if not crucial role to play in all of this.

We are not the tail wagging the environmental dog, we are the dog; industry is the tail.

Joseph Morin

The Road Home

Carolyn Thompson Goddard

While I never had the pleasure of meeting Clarence Cross personally, I have benefited from the genealogical work he took during his lifetime. I remember going to a family history day of some sort in Morrisburg one year soon after we moved to Cornwall. I recall seeing this line of boxes with papers in front of them and when I asked someone about them was told they contained genealogical sheets created by Clarence Cross on various families who had lived in the area.

They were arranged alphabetically and so I decided to take a look to see if my name was there in the "T" box and sure enough Dad and Mom, the boys and myself were all listed as well as a couple of generations before my parents. Being of the curious sort, I decided to spend some time trying to find my long-lost ancestors and within half an hour had followed my Dad's maternal line back to Peter Fetterly U.E.L. Luckily, I was able to make photocopies of the pages and

still have them somewhere in my cluttered "office".

I can only imagine the hours Clarence had spent researching and recording the information on the various generations of the local families and to my knowledge doing this without payment. He also made a large number of tape recordings of some of the "old" people who lived within present-day North Dundas and other places in Eastern Ontario. These tapes provide the listener with a glimpse into the past with first-person accounts of fires, friends, houses, businesses, etc. in our small communities.

When Clarence passed, his genealogical collections were provided to at least two historical groups I know of, the St. Lawrence Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association and the Chesterville Historical Society. The CDHS received the recordings he had made and have been digitalized so they are able to be listened to electronically.

I suspect that Clarence never

realized what else he was doing for the generations of people coming after those whose interviews he had taped. This was the ability to hear the voice of a loved one long after they had passed. A few weeks ago, I secured a copy of the interview he held with my Mom in the 1980's. As I listened to her stories about growing up in 1920's Winchester, going with Grandpa Sharpe on the deliveries he made for Beach's lumberyard and the fire which burnt the lumberyard to the ground, tears began rolling down my face.

Almost each day I wish that just once more I could hear my Mom and Dad's voice calling to me. Clarence didn't interview Daddy, but I am so very thankful he spoke and recorded Mom. While the stories were interesting, and made me think perhaps I should write down the other stories she told me before I forget them, it was hearing her voice once again which was so amazing. Thank you, Clarence, for making it possible to hear her voice once again.



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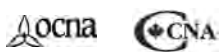
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Joseph Morin
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MOUNTAIN – Twenty-nine cows were struck by lightning and killed during a fierce thunder and lightning storm that swept through Eastern Ontario on Tues., July 13.

The cows were sheltering under a tree close to their barn during the storm at the farm of Bob and Nancy Zwarts.

The lightning struck one of many trees in the area, but did not damage their farmhouse or barn but split the trunk of the oak tree the cows were huddling under.

Normally in similar weather, the same cows would wander back to their barn but this time they decided they wanted to stay put.

Bob Zwarts was shocked to find his herd had been decimated by the storm.

“It’s pretty devastating. It has pretty well wiped out half my herd. I had 52 head of cow/calf, it took out 24 of my better cows and five calves.”

Zwarts raises beef cattle as well as doing some cash crops on his 125-acre farm in Mountain.

“The good news is that I have insurance but there are a lot of calves out there who are orphaned,” he said. “That will be an issue down the road.”

He said, “I have been farming all of my life and I am close to 70 years old and I have never seen anything like that in all my life.”

The storm that made its way over Eastern Ontario consisted of heavy rain thunder and lightning. The entire area was covered by storm clouds.

“Some of the lightning bolts even shook the house. It was pretty scary.”

Swarts said he left the barn open and they could have chosen to go into it.

The oak tree the cows chose to shelter under is very



The lightning storm that settled over Mountain on Tues., July 13 electrocuted 29 of Bob Zwarts’ cows that were huddled under this oak tree. The lightning split the tree from top to bottom but did not knock it over.

Courtesy Photo

tall.

“You can see it blew the bark right off of it and then streaked from the top of the tree down; near the base of the tree it split; it didn’t knock the tree down.”

He figures that the lightning went from the top of the tree, travelled down the trunk and then into the trees roots and any cattle that were standing or laying on the ground were electrocuted.

He said, “There was four cows about 100 feet away from the tree and then there were some other ones a little closer probably 50 to 75 feet away and they just dropped. It was incredible. There was a cluster of cows all around the base of the tree and they dropped dead on the spot.”

He said as a farmer he had heard of lightning strikes here and there that have killed the odd farm animal but never a group of this

size.

Throughout Canada and in every province, there have been reports over the years of lightning strikes that have killed livestock in much the same way as the cows in Mountain perished. The animals group themselves under a tree to get out of the rain and sometimes that is exactly where the lightning will strike. There have been reports of groups of cows being electrocuted even in their stalls in a barn when lightning hits the roof of a barn and travels down to where the cows are eating or sleeping.

The Zwarts have worked their family farm since 1962.

“My brother and I used to milk 200 head of Jerseys. We got out of that in 2008. We cashed cropped for many years, but I always had a beef herd up here. Everything I raise, I raised right here on the farm,” he

said. “I never bring cattle in.”

He explained, “I have raised all of the cattle on the farm from when they were calves. So, it was so devastating to see so many cattle that I raised from a calf like that.”

He pointed out that his herd was having a great year. They were healthy and maturing well.

“There was no sickness problems and they were doing so well. I thought this was going to be a very good year. The crops were good, the hay was good, everything was positive. And in one night everything was put on its head,” he said.

“I was so proud of the cattle and the calves. The pasture is holding up well.”

He said they have had lightning storms in the past and they are not unusual.

“I have had beef cattle here since 1991 and we have had lightning and different storms but never ever have I had any animal that was hit by lightning.”

He said that when the storm began, all of the cattle headed to the back pasture.

“That’s where they spent the night.”

As the storm intensified, he considered if it would be safe to go out on his four wheeler and check up on them but the storm was so savage and the lightning so frequent that he wisely decided to ride the storm out.

The morning after the storm he expected the cows to come wandering back to the barn for the round bales he fed them every morning but there were no cows waiting for him.

He thought it was really strange. He went out and looked for the cows and as he got closer, he could not believe his eyes.

He had to have a veterinarian come over and have a look at the cows to verify what had happened to them.



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GFL rezoning request gets conditional approval from North Stormont

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

BERWICK – Green for Life Environmental (GFL) is making plans for an expansion south of their Eastern Ontario Waste Handling Facility (EOWHF) on Laflèche Road in Moose Creek; this would allow for the creation of a composting facility, as well as making space for a future renewable natural gas facility.

In a July 13 public meeting, immediately prior to the start of the township of North Stormont’s regular council meeting, re: public Urbanism’s Principal and Urban Planner, Paul Hicks provided a detailed overview of GFL’s request and how it might affect the municipality. Council voted unanimously in favour of Hicks’ recommendation that they conditionally approve a first and second reading of a zoning amendment for roughly 114 acres of GFL-owned land from Rural Zone, to Rural Industrial Holding Zone, and that the Locally Significant Wetland zoning overlay be removed.

“[GFL] submitted a completed application package in the spring of 2020 and township staff, along with the township’s consulting planners and engineers, and the South Nation Conservation Authority (SNC) reviewed the completed reports and provided feedback and comments on the application package to the applicant,” Hicks said in his report. “Revisions to the application package were provided to the satisfaction of the township, as such, staff have scheduled the required public meeting under the *Planning Act* to bring the application forward to both council and public for consideration.”

GFL Environmental compliance officer Greg van Loenen was also on hand to provide information and answer council’s questions. In the GFL presentation, it was noted the rezoning would allow for three things: compost storage pads, a bagging operation, and a renewable natural gas facility.

“The continued development of GFL’s EOWHF will provide essential-service employment opportunities to North Stormont and Eastern Ontario,” van Loenen said, noting the “untapped potential” at Laflèche. “The bagging operation and the renewable natural gas facility will create new, well paying jobs for the area.”

Councillor Roxane Villeneuve, who said she is probably one of the closest residents to the site in question, said she is “happy to understand the process and where the expansion will take place.” She asked van Loenen to explain what GFL is doing to limit potential odour issues.

“GFL puts many dollars in place to draw out landfill gas,” van Loenen said, going into detail about methane and its high value uses, biofilters and their ability to block odours, as well as the potential for a “nice smell” through storage pads for compost and finished compost. He said the biggest potential for odour is in leaf and yard waste piles. “Proper material management on site is something we also hold in high regard. We’ve honed the process. [There’s] no potential for increased odours off site as long as we stay diligent in our practices.”

Council members also questioned van Loenen about the renewable natural gas facility project. He said funding to expand the line comes in at just under \$30 million, but this doesn’t account for all associated costs, which could raise the price tag to roughly \$60 million. GFL, North Stormont, and Enbridge are working together to secure government funding with a second application to the province’s Natural Gas Expansion Program, as the first application was recently denied.

“GFL is ready to invest a considerable amount of money,” van Loenen said, noting the project’s potential “to move us away from less clean energy sources.”

The public meeting ended at 7:25 p.m., following council’s unanimous approval of Hicks’ recommendation to conditionally approve GFL’s rezoning request. The conditional approval includes a holding symbol, which prohibits GFL from prematurely storing anything on the land in question. Hicks assured council that approval of detailed drawings is mandatory before any development takes place on the site.

The next step is a third and final reading and council’s approval. All presentation materials and reports can be found on the township’s website under the July 13 public meeting agenda.

South Dundas politicians commit to work at Matilda Hall

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – While discussing potential grant projects, Municipality of South Dundas’ politicians made a verbal commitment to renovate the Matilda Hall washrooms in 2022.

The decision was made during a special July 13 council meeting when communications coordinator Kalynn Sawyer Helmer asked the township’s local representatives to choose between three potential projects for an application to the Canada Community

Revitalization Fund (CCRF), which is due this week. While council ultimately chose washroom renovations at the Morrisburg waterfront as the focus of the CCRF application, it came as a compromise that included a commitment to address needed washroom renovations at Matilda Hall in the 2022 budget.

Council members inquired about several projects not listed. Helmer said these were not included because the only projects being considered under the grant’s guidelines are those

that are shovel ready.

Helmer’s report included a breakdown of grant specifics, including what sorts of projects would be considered, as well as which ones would be prioritized by the deciding body. Based on this information, she provided council with three options: accessible washrooms and hall upgrades at Matilda Hall, accessible washrooms at Morrisburg Waterfront, or pathway expansion at Morrisburg Waterfront.

“Because we’re alone, we need to look at a smaller

scale project,” Helmer said, noting that while the grant application allowed for projects up to \$750,000, priority is to be given to those around \$500,000. In addition, she said the government is giving further priority to those applications with multiple or partnering applicants.

Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner said she would like to choose Matilda Hall in Dixon’s Corners, as she doesn’t want to forget the rural residents, but she sees the Morrisburg Waterfront washroom project as having a greater chance of success; Coun. Lloyd Wells agreed.

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Bernadette Clement settles in as Senator

CORNWALL – It’s not every day that someone is selected because of their history and energy to serve as a Canadian Senator.

When Cornwall Mayor Bernadette Clement was informed that she was being considered for a Senate position she took it in stride.

A champion of social justice and a firm believer in the strength and character of the residents in her Eastern Ontario city, Clement sees her senate appointment as an unexpected opportunity to make a difference on a much larger stage than the City of Cornwall.

The announcement of her senate appointment on June 22 was a bittersweet one for the mayor.

“I knew I was being vetted,” said Clement.

“But I was also very sad. I explained I am currently sitting as the Mayor of Cornwall and that has been

such an honour for me especially during a pandemic. You bond with the community and council during a period of crises. I had to resign as mayor before becoming a senator,” she said. “You cannot be both at the same time.”

The transition from one job to another is a challenge but at the same time thrilling.

Clement said, “It is hard to describe the experience. It is such a mixture of emotions.”

On the one hand Clement was thrilled and humbled at the opportunity but sad she had to leave her position as the mayor of Cornwall.

In a Facebook post she described her journey and her relationship with residents.

Her post stated: “As you well know, I am deeply proud of my heritage, proud of being the daughter of a Franco-Manitoban maman

and of a Trinidadian Pop. And I have been most honoured to be the first female Mayor of Cornwall. It has been most heartening to me to have had little girls tell me that they would run for mayor one day. That is a beautiful thing.

Thirty years ago I took the bus to Cornwall to interview for a job at the Clinique juridique Roy McMurtry Legal Clinic. Thirty years later, I still love my work as a legal aid lawyer. It has always kept me grounded and connected to people and to the real struggles that many face.”

Thrilled, excited and humbled, Clement admits the Senate appointment is one she is looking forward to and expects to bring her experience and attitude to the Senate position.

She posted: I have become a Senator proud of what I’ve accomplished so far, proud of where I come



Senator Bernadette Clement moves on to her Senate role. Photo Courtesy of Jason McNamara of Framed Photography

from, and especially proud of our community. I carry all your voices into the Senate of Canada, and will continue to work on your behalf, as a proud citizen and resident of this community and country, which I love dearly.”

Clement will be a member of the Senate as an independent senator not aligned with any political party.

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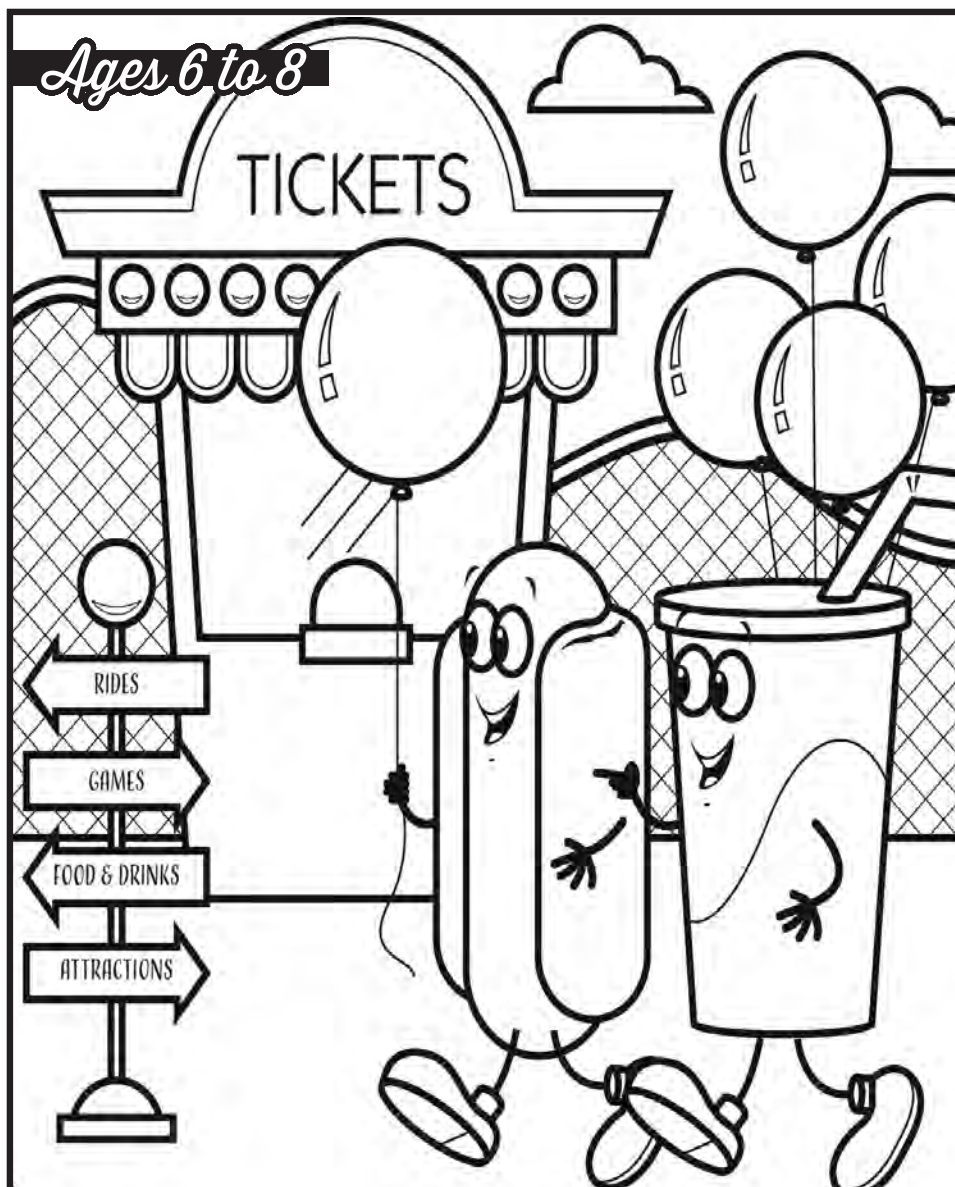
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What's happening at the OTM

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

VERNON – Jillian Metcalfe, executive director at the Osgoode Township Museum (OTM), was pleased to announce in a recent email to *The Chesterville Record*, that the museum will be re-opening “its main building and agricultural barn by appointment starting Wed., July 28.” She continued that people will be able to visit the site Wednesday to Saturday and are able to make an appointment by either booking online at <https://osgoodmuseum.as.m>

or calling 613-821-4062.

Again, this year OTM will be providing Museum Camp Kits, which over the pandemic period have provided children the opportunity “to enjoy activities at home during would-be March Break and Summer Break times at the museum!” She explained “all the materials and instructions for 10 activities” are provided in a neatly packed box, which can be done over a period of five days.

This year, the Things That Go Summer Camp Kit will include activities suited for

people ages 6-12. Metcalfe described them as “things that go pop, things that spin, things that float, things that launch. They can be ordered on the museum website with a pick-up date of Aug. 13 and 14 at the museum.

Another of the projects currently underway is a mural project entitled Paint it Up. This new project is in partnership with the Osgoode Youth Association (O-YA) and Emilie Darlington, an Ottawa mural artist. Six local youth will paint a “pollinator, nature and rural inspired mural with a nod to the apiary history of the

area” with the unveiling planned for Aug. 27.

Currently in the planning stages, staff at the OTM are transforming “part of their outdoor space into an accessible, dementia-friendly, community sensory garden.” Metcalfe commented the garden will feature “raised garden beds, benches, a variety of plant species to engage the senses, and a beautiful gazebo by local business, Timely Touchups.”

For information on these and other projects at the Osgoode Township Museum visit their Facebook page, website located at www.osgoodmuseum.ca or call 613-821-4062.



Maggie and Troy Copeland are pictured working on one of the projects included in a summer camp kit.

Courtesy Photo



Lunch is served

There was a steady stream of customers lining up for the opportunity to enjoy a barbecued hamburger, hot dog or sausage at the Long Sault Plaza between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. when the Lost Villages Lions Club held their barbecue lunch on July 17.

Thompson Goddard Photo

Matilda Hall

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“My way of thinking is a little bit different than everybody else’s,” Coun. Don Lewis said. “We’ve talked about Matilda since this council got elected.”

Both Lewis and Coun. Archie Mellan agreed that the Matilda Hall project was long overdue and should be given priority. This left the deciding vote to Mayor Steven Byvelde, who initially sided with Lewis, Mellan, and Matilda Hall, noting the hall’s washroom renovations have been on the to-do list for too long.

“I see the way this is going to end up. As much as Matilda needs to be done, we’ve sat here as a council about tourism,” Wells said, noting that the Morrisburg Mall, as well as the waterfront washrooms are in a

state of “disgrace” and disrepair.

Gardner added to Wells’ argument, noting that the decision doesn’t come down to which project deserves to be represented, as they are all worthwhile projects, but rather which project would present the strongest application. She said there are community partners, such as the Morrisburg and District Lions Club, that could add their support to the waterfront project, giving it more of an edge.

In the end, council members kept their original choices, leaving the final decision, once again, to the mayor, who admitted to the verity of Gardner and Wells’ arguments, but was still leaning toward Matilda. He then asked for staff’s opinion, and it was noted that Matilda Hall would be preferred, but the best option from a successful application standpoint would be the waterfront washrooms.

“Well, I want the money. We have to respect that initiative. Next year, Matilda is going to be on the list no matter what because the mayor will go nuts if that doesn’t get done,” Byvelde said, adding that it is unlikely Matilda Hall will be in use before then anyway, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each member of council agreed to the deal, committing to fund the Matilda Hall project in 2022. Helmer was instructed to begin preparing the application with the Morrisburg waterfront washroom project as the focus. She was also instructed to ensure that the local member of federal parliament, Eric Duncan, was aware of the municipality’s objective. The application is due July 23.

“I will hold you to your word,” Lewis said, referring to the Matilda Hall commitment.



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Dennis Carkner and family would like to thank all of our family and friends for their cards, donations, generosity and overall support during this difficult time.

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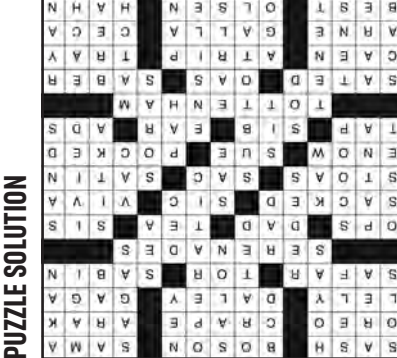
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 22, 2021

- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Fashion accessory
 5. Subatomic particle
 10. Ethnic group of the Philippines
 14. Popular cookie
 15. Fabric
 16. Alcoholic liquor
 17. Peter __, Dutch portrait painter
 18. Longtime Chicago mayor
 19. A famous "Lady"
 20. Islamic calendar month
 22. Rocky peak
 23. Polio vaccine developer
 24. Songs sung in open air
 27. Military movements
 30. Male parent
 31. Beloved hot beverage
 32. Female sibling
 35. Tackled the QB
 37. Set a dog on someone
 38. Long live! (Spanish)
 39. Porticos
 40. Pouch
 41. Smooth fabric
 42. Enough (archaic)
 43. Institute legal proceedings against
 44. Scarred
 45. Draw from
 46. Brother or sister
 47. Body part
 48. Commercials
 49. London soccer team
 52. Satisfied
 55. Surgical technique (abbr.)
 56. Fencing sword
 60. French industrial city
 61. Intellectual property organization (abbr.)
 63. Helps to carry food
 64. "Rule, Britannia" composer
 65. One-time Empress of the Roman Empire
 66. Intestinal pouches
 67. None better
 68. "WandaVision" actress
 69. Comedic actress Kathryn
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Fifth notes of major scales
 2. Region
 3. Your consciousness of your own identity
 4. Georgetown athletes
 5. They follow A
 6. Spoke
 7. Hairdressers' domain
 8. Extravagantly theatric
 9. End-blown flute
 10. Heroic tales
 11. Member of a Semitic people
 12. Members of a priestly caste
 13. Southern Ghana people
 21. Counsels
 23. Body of water
 25. Awesome!
 26. Calendar month
 27. Native of region in Caucasus
 28. Indian city
 29. Exclusive
 32. Alaskan town
 33. Covered with ivy
 34. Loose granular substances
 36. Native American tribe
 37. Written American English
 38. Holiday (informal)
 40. Add up
 41. Small brown and gray rails
 43. Get off your feet
 44. Express disgust
 46. Surface of the ground
 47. Put into a silo
 49. Belief
 50. British noblemen
 51. Tennis game
 52. Dry, protective crust
 53. Swiss river
 54. Large integers
 57. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
 58. Every one of two or more
 59. "Deadpool" actor Reynolds
 61. Earlier
 62. Peter's last name

PUZZLE SOLUTION



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.

Rock n' Roll lives on in Avonmore

AVONMORE – Walking inside Rock n' Ronda's Diner and Pizzeria located at the corner of County Road 43 and Avonmore's Main Street is like a trip back to the Rock n' Roll era of the 50s and 60s. Owned by Ronda Guindon and her son Michael St. Denis Jr., the restaurant continues to be a place to enjoy some delicious food while walking down memory lane and learn about a time when life seemed a bit simpler.

The restaurant began several years ago in their home further north along Avonmore's Main Street, with Ronda's husband Michael mentioning they had a bakery there before the restaurant. It will be four years in October when Rock n' Ronda's opened at its present location, with Michael Jr. explaining that it was a larger establishment compared to their old one which provided the potential for "growth and opportunity."

There is a warm and fun feeling upon entering the diner, which permeates throughout your visit there. The friendly staff, the beautifully designed interior and the home-made food reminds customers of a kinder, gentler time in our history. Ronda mentioned that she often hears parents and children talking about the memorabilia in the restaurant. She explained that the collection was either purchased or given to her as gifts and include such items as 45 records, statuettes of icons such as Marilyn

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Rock n' Ronda's Diner and Pizzeria owners, Ronda Guindon and Michael St. Denis Jr. take a moment during a hectic day amidst the memorabilia which decorates this Avonmore restaurant.

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Monroe, photos and of special mention: wall mounted bowling pins.

When asked what the appeal of the restaurant is, Ronda explained customers are able to have a bite to eat while enjoying the décor and, in some cases, take

the opportunity to have a picture taken with the life size cardboard cut out of the King of Rock n' Roll – Elvis Presley. She recalls people coming in period attire, mentioning customers have been known to dance to the music in the restaurant. Over

the years, there have been many visits of vintage car owners to the diner, with Ronda mentioning the cars remind her of vehicles from her youth.

When asked about customers favourite menu item, she said their top seller was pizza, with hamburgers and French fries coming in at a close second. She took a few minutes to show pictures of the rows and rows of gingerbread people she bakes and decorates for sale at Christmas time as well as some of the custom cakes she has created for clients.

As is the case with many people and businesses, the COVID-19 pandemic and associated closures have been difficult, with Ronda mentioning "it's been a really hard year, but the support of family, friends and customers has kept us going." She mentioned how she had looked very forward to the Stage 3 re-opening on July 16 when customers were again able to dine in the restaurant in accordance with regulations.

Rock n' Ronda's Diner and Pizzeria continues to be an integral part of the community by supporting organizations and events as well as offering some happiness to people during good times as well as difficult ones. For more information on Rock n' Ronda's Diner and Pizzeria be sure to visit their Facebook page or drop by the restaurant to see for yourself.

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.



Mouth watering customer appreciation

Simply Baked Catering took part in the McDougall's Day event on Fri., July 16 in Winchester. The promotion is taking place every Friday in July and August. When a customer presents their McDougall insurance card, they receive a gift. In the case of Simply Baked Catering, the gift was a delicious scone. In this photo Jess Stewart loads up the display case with a fresh batch of scones that she has just baked.

Morin Photo



McDougall's Giveaway Day

Gloria Logtens, owner of Treats & Treasures in Finch, is shown beside the display she created for McDougall's Giveaway Day held at her store on Fri., July 16. Logtens explained businesses who have insurance with McDougall's can participate in the event at different locations each Friday in July and August. She mentioned the owner chooses what free item is provided to customers who present proof of insurance with McDougall's.

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Russell's politicians approve \$96K transfer to new reserve

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – In addition to approving the creation of a special reserve focused on financing Pedestrian Safety Plan projects, the township of Russell's politicians also approved a transfer of roughly \$96,600 in Federal Gas Tax funding into this new reserve.

The decision was made during council's final meeting last month. Executive director of Infrastructure services Jonathan Bourgon provided

council members with a June 21 report outlining what needs to be done and the multi-step, multi-year plan to accomplish these goals.

"We really tried to focus on the main areas where we saw the most complaints," Bourgon said. "The action plan is to start focusing on those main roads." Bourgon's report included a list of existing measures, recently approved measures, as well as the locations with the most complaints. These locations

included Central Park Boulevard (near the storm pond), Lucerne Drive (near the storm pond), St. Therese Street, Centenaire Street, Church Street, Notre-Dame Street, and King Street.

Council members suggested additional areas where pedestrian safety might be an issue, including roads with excessive speed complaints. Radar tracking, speed bumps, Community Safety Zone signage, as well as painting the speed limit in large letters directly on the road were all

discussed.

"What are the consequences? What are the actions that will come out of the information?" Coun. Jamie Laurin asked.

Mayor Pierre Leroux said the information is passed along to the police, giving them a better understanding of when most speeding takes place. This allows the OPP to better pinpoint where and when to station officers. "If someone's a stupid driver, they're a stupid driver," Leroux said. "We

need the OPP to make sure they're getting the message, but we have to do what we can to try to improve the situation."

Laurin moved to amend the recommendation to include a crossing in Russell Trails. The amendment, along with the recommendation, was unanimously approved.

With the creation of this reserve and the approval of the plan, chief

administrative officer Jean Leduc said council members would have the opportunity to "promote items for discussion" every year at budget time. Russell currently has a Speed Reduction Policy, Traffic Calming Policy, a Pedestrian Crossing Analysis, a Streetscape Masterplan, as well as fixed speed radar signs and mobile signs, as part of its Pedestrian Safety Plan.

Russell council set to resume on August 9

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – The township of Russell's council and its many council committees have been on summer break for several weeks, but this will soon be coming to an end.

There were no council meetings or committee meetings scheduled for the month of July, allowing local politicians, as well as those resident volunteers sitting on various council committees, to enjoy a brief interlude before getting back to the

business of running the township. The next regularly scheduled council meeting is set for August 9 at 6 p.m.

Also scheduled for next month are the Environmental Advisory Committee's next meeting on August 11, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee's meeting on August 16, and the Planning Advisory Committee's meeting on August 30. A special council meeting is scheduled for August 31.

To stay current on the municipality's many meetings and

events, residents have been encouraged to refer to the calendar on Russell's website. Council and staff are currently offering further incentive to residents to stay current on municipal news by subscribing directly to the website for news on specific items. Those residents of the township of Russell who register (Russell.ca/subscribe) for the municipality's new email list between April 16 and August 31 will be entered into a draw for a \$50 gift card to a local business of their choice.

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