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What were the big stories of 2018?

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Look what Zoe did!

Zoe, who is 5 years old, decided to raise money for Sick Kids Hospital by selling chocolate chip stuffed cheesecake cookies (yum!) at various craft shows and then bought toys with the \$1800 she raised. These were delivered to the hospital on Monday Dec 10.

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Less than half the picture: *By Richard Bercuson*



2019 Stories We'd Love to See

Beaver Pond

Beavers have been discovered in the Stormwater Management Pond at the south end of the Spring Fair grounds. Having destroyed about a third of the trees around the pond to make dams that dam up nothing, Whitby staff determined these aren't terribly bright beavers. So they plan to trap them and deliver them to a suitable location along highway 412, along with a large sign that reads, "Dam it!"

Rhonda for PM?

Having first won a ward victory and then a regional council seat, both within 28 months, Rhonda Mulcahy is being wooed by various federal parties to run in the October election. However, the NDP isn't yet so sure. An unnamed source tells the BTC that, unless someone can prove she owns and actually wears Birkenstock sandals, it's unclear if that party should pursue her further.

Transit this

Someone in Durham Transit, which mostly leaves Brooklin swinging in the wind, took exception to the recent survey sent out by the Town of Whitby to all residents. When they heard about the "Can a bus" survey and whether or not Whitby should opt out, one official was overheard to say, "Well, look, if those Whitby

people are wondering if a bus can or can't, maybe we shouldn't drive in Whitby at all."

Committee of the What?

Whitby Town Council recently took great pride in announcing its new committee structure. Individual Operations and the Planning and Development Committee will be rolled into one and replaced by Committee of the Whole. However, council is also contemplating these names:

Committee of Come Together Right Now as One with Unified Feelings
The Kumbaya Committee
Committee of Committees
IOPaDCom
Committee of All Parts making the Whole

A Lot of Something

The vacant lot at the corner of Baldwin and Way Streets was supposed to be the home of a new RBC Branch. Readers may have noticed that absolutely nothing's happened there for quite some time. The BTC has learned that the lot isn't really vacant after all, though it is to the naked eye. Canada's elite special operations force, JTF2, has secretly constructed an underground facility, which is why there's been no construction on the site. Meanwhile, our local Legion 152 has been mum

on what goes on in its basement.

Hostile takeover

An unsettling rumor abounds that this newspaper is being hunted by what sources tell us is Breitbart News in the United States. Evidently the conservative news outlet is looking for a toe-hold in Canada and wants to do it through community papers.

Have a wonderful 2019, even if there's not a whit of truth to any of the above.



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Letter to the Editor: No Cannabis!

Brooklin is a growing family town, a destination for many relocating from Toronto, because of its hometown appeal. Please do not ruin this aspect of Brooklin by bringing cannabis into it. If residents want the stuff badly enough, they can go elsewhere to get it rather than make it too easy. This drug, in my opinion, would make it harder for our stores to continue

to do business effectively. We do not need our children endangered nor compromise our addiction abuse centre's efforts to heal.

When it all boils down to it, the real reason cannabis has been legalized is because there is money to be had.

- Anne Keefer



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January 4, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

Free Public Skating

Saturday, January 5, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. enjoy a free public skate. Sponsored by Trafalgar Castle School. whitby.ca/calendar

Fireside Stitchers

Wednesday, January 9, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. visit the Brooklin Branch of the Whitby Public Library to gather around the fireplace to socialize and stitch at an informal circle for knitting, crochet and needlepoint. All skill levels. Bring your own supplies. whitbylibrary.ca

Whitby Youth Rooms

Youth ages 12 to 18 years are invited to drop in to any Youth Room on Thursday, January 10, at 5 p.m. to enjoy breakfast for dinner. whitby.ca/youthrooms

whitby.ca/calendar

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole

January 7 at 7 p.m.
January 14 at 7 p.m.

Council

January 21 at 7 p.m.
The meetings will take place at Town Hall, 575 Rossland Road East. For more information, contact clerks@whitby.ca or 905.430.4315
whitby.ca/civicweb

Job Opportunities

The following employment opportunities are available:
Project Manager, Sustainability, closes January 14
Communications Specialist (Temporary), closes January 16
Summer Student positions (multiple available), closes January 16
The deadline for applications is 11:59 p.m.
whitby.ca/employment

Notices

Community Development Funds Applications Now Being Accepted

Community groups in need of financial support for initiatives and projects are encouraged to apply to the Mayor's Community Development Fund and Performing Arts Community Development Fund by February 28. Applications for community grants are due at the end of each month. Lead cause applications for the 2019 Mayor's Golf Tournament are due March 31.

whitby.ca/communityfunds

Recognize a Snow Angel Today

Whitby has a number of "Snow Angels" who give their time to help neighbours clear their driveways and/or sidewalks of snow and ice. Recognize your Snow Angel today by completing a form at any Town facility or online. Every Snow Angel will receive a Snow Angel toque and letter of appreciation.

whitby.ca/agefriendly

Christmas Tree Collection



Christmas Trees will be collected in yellow collection areas from January 14 to 18 and in blue collection areas from January 21 to 25. Visit whitby.ca/waste to learn which area you are in. Please clean natural Christmas trees of any tinsel, decorations, wire, stands or bags, and cut trees longer than 3 metres (10 feet) in half. whitby.ca/waste



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What we covered in 2018

The top story of last year was clearly the two major elections as both will have an immediate impact on the region and, more specifically, Brooklin.

In October, Rhonda Mulcahy dipped her toes into the Regional Council pool by vacating her Ward One seat and running for the region. In a race that involved 10 candidates with four to be elected from Whitby, she succeeded though it was close. She finished fourth, behind Elizabeth Roy, Chris Leahy and Steve Yamada, just 490 votes ahead of the next best challenger, Terry Johnston.

Meanwhile, Whitby's Ward One seat was won by newcomer Steve Lee who handily beat out his two challengers Bill Windrem and Sharmila Saigaonkar.

Mayor Don Mitchell (also from Brooklin) was re-elected for a second term. Durham Region also elected a new Regional Chair, John Henry, Oshawa's former mayor, along with a host of other new councillors

The June provincial election, which vaulted Doug Ford into the premier's chair, had PC incumbent (and former Whitby councillor) Lorne Coe win re-election.

Here are the other stories we featured in 2018:

January

- Brooklin Village Public School celebrates the Leafs 100th birthday by getting the entire school into the gym to watch them defeat Carolina 8-1, one of only 15 schools in Ontario to be granted permission to live stream the game.

- Retired Whitby archivist Brian Winter joins the BTC to give us a live link to our history

- Brooklin High School runs its second Cure Cup fundraising hockey game, raising over \$1000 towards its May Relay for Life event

- Former phys. Ed. teacher Alex McCombes talks about his battle with cystic fibrosis

- Whitby previews improvements to the Brooklin Lions Trail extension

February

- Brooklin High School's Jacob Ewaniuk is one of 80 young Canadians awarded a \$5000 Horatio Alger Post Secondary scholarship

- Brooklin's Legion announces that the cenotaph at the Vipond Arena will be moved to outside the Brooklin library

- Sarah Petrean wins the Clean 50 Energy Leader Award

- Columnist Leanne Brown begins a three part series about the significance of birth dates



March

- Whitby pee wee AA team, with 10 Brooklin players, plays in the prestigious Quebec International Pee Wee tournament

- Bryson Insurance raises \$7000 for local charities during its annual pumpkin giveaway the previous fall

March

- Cameron Witkowski, a grade 12 student at BHS, organizes the school's first ever blood donor clinic in honour of his late uncle

- The BHS curling team wins the LOSSA title



May

- The Spring Fair announces that country music star George Canyon will be the headline act on May 31

- More from BHS: The school hosts its first Diversity Bazaar under the direction of student parliament head Saamah Jadoon

- Pop-up parking study

April

- BHS boys hockey team wins provincial title while girls team captures bronze

- Jessica Hales fights serious illness

- Ashburn residents rise up against soil dumping awards

- Nolan Brandse, 10, wins jiu jitsu tourney

- Agricultural education through Durham Farm Connections

May

- BHS hosts a retro fashion show

- Song Spot vocalists Jessica Docherty and Renee Bolshan win Kiwanis music awards

- Municipal election dates and positions announced

- BHS hosts its 2nd annual Girls Night Out

- WindReach Farm's founder Sandy Mitchell dies

- Brooklin band Quickplay to play at Spring Fair

- Provincial election candidates' platforms

- Our Spring Fair edition, including the Fair's schedule and an interview with Fair Chairperson Kristin Williamson

- June

- Mayor and council tell candidates to drop the tolls

- BHS hosts Ramadan dinner

- Whitby votes for residential hospice

- Brooklin Heritage Society takes flight

- July

- BHS grad night awards list

- Annual Canada Day Run

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June

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Our Brooklin Kids By Leanne Brown



The New Year Board Games Edition

Happy New Year! It's the time of year when the fun of the holidays is behind us and the reality of months of cold winter weather set in.

As much as we may like to be outside enjoying the snow, some days it just isn't possible due to adverse weather. While a movie and blanket on the couch are a great family activity, this often leads to us over-eating. Movies also don't necessarily get us talking to each other.

This Christmas, the theme of our daughter's gifts turned out to be games and we're having a blast. With new PS4 games and the addition of an air hockey table, we've spent hours just laughing among heated competitions. It's been so much fun and created a wonderful bonding time. But the best times have been playing good old fashioned board games.

Over the holidays, we visited my parents. They don't have cable, the internet service is weak and cell service is only available if you walk to the end of the street. Yes, they live out in the country.

The lack of technology had me digging into the attic for games and I found a treasure trove. Games from my childhood: Jenga, Clue, Boggle, Connect Four, Mousetrap, Cranium and a Monopoly game that doesn't

come with a calculator.

Christmas Day had three generations playing games all day. The phones and tablets weren't touched. The TV was off. Yet it was far from quiet. Grandma turned out to be the most competitive member of our family. We even saw her do a victory dance that included her "flossing" (I so wish I had that on video.).

So if you have any of those old games in the closet, bring them out for a night or pick up a board game at a toy store. Once you get past the groans and protests, you won't be disappointed.



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<p>Brooklin United Church 19 Cassels Rd. E. Sundays 10:30 am • Sunday School & Nursery Care <i>Come catch the Spirit!</i> www.brooklinunited.ca 905.655.4141</p>	<p>St. Thomas' Anglican Church 101 Winchester Road East Sunday Services: 8:30 and 10:30 am Sunday School & Nursery Program (10:30am) Wednesday 10:00 am Communion & Healing Service 905.655.3883 www.stthomasbrooklin.ca</p>
<p>Renaissance Baptist Church of Brooklin 40 Vipond Road (Just West Of Library) Sunday Worship & Kids Program 10:30 am <i>We're here for Brooklin!</i> 905.655.4554 www.brooklinrbc.ca</p>	

Final Results of 2018 Festive R.I.D.E.

Seven weeks of the Festive R.I.D.E. campaign resulted in 117 motorists being arrested for drinking and driving offences, five more than last year.

Durham Regional Police officers conducted R.I.D.E. checks in Ajax, Pickering, Uxbridge, Port Perry, Whitby, Oshawa, and Newcastle in Week 7 and 12 people were charged with impaired driving offences. The final numbers from the 2018 Festive R.I.D.E. campaign are as follows (the numbers in brackets reflect the 2017 Festive R.I.D.E. totals, for comparison):

25110 (12593) Vehicles stopped by R.I.D.E.
875 (624) People given Roadside Breath Tests
111 (98) People received "3 Day Suspensions" for registering a "WARN"
25 (22) Novice Driver received a 24hr Licence Suspension

117 (112) People were charged with Drinking and Driving Offences

241 (153) Criminal Code charges
489 (379) Charged with various Highway Traffic Act offences
9 (10) Drug Charges
27 (0) Cannabis Act offences
12 (0) Standard Field Sobriety Tests

After seven weeks, the Festive R.I.D.E. team charged a total of 117 motorists for drinking and driving offences. Last year, 112 had been charged. Another 111 motorists registered a WARN on a roadside screening device and had their driver's licence suspended for 3 days. Last year, a total of 98 drivers had their licence suspended for registering a WARN.

Police would also like to remind motorists to become aware of the new Cannabis Laws while transporting it in your motor vehicle. A driver cannot have cannabis in a motor vehicle when the seal of its original packaging is open and is within reach of the driver.

Festive R.I.D.E. officers are equipped with Body Worn Cameras (BWC) for the first time and for the duration of the festive R.I.D.E. season as part of a pilot project.

A complete list of those charged with Impaired/Exceed is posted at www.drps.ca under Hot Topics.

Durham Regional Police Service will continue R.I.D.E. spot checks throughout the year and remind motorists that drinking and driving or driving high will not be tolerated on our streets.

Note: Under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, anyone charged with a drinking and driving criminal offence will have his or her driver's licence suspended for 90 days and their vehicle impounded automatically for 7 days.

Community Calendar

**Fri., Jan. 25:
4:00 - 5:00 pm
(4th Friday of each month)
Teen Leadership Council
at Brooklin Library**

Whitby Library's Brooklin Branch seeks Teen Leadership Council members to share ideas & assist with special events and programs. Grade 9-12 students earn community service hours. Snacks provided. No registration required. For information, email teenservices@whitbylibrary.ca.

**Fri., Jan. 25: 7 pm:
Paint Nite fundraiser for
Durham Region Hospice**
At St Thomas Anglican Church,
101 Winchester Rd E
Limited tickets available @\$45 each.
To register, visit:
bit.ly/paintBrooklinCares

Sun., Jan. 27: 7:30-9 pm: Trivia Night
At MichaelKelly's Eatery on Winchester and St. Thomas
\$20 per person cash only. Teams of 4-6 ONLY. Each team receives a large pizza and an order of garlic bread, with a beer per person. Winning team members will each get a \$10 gift certificate to MK's.
Register by emailing your name and number of team members to:
editorofbtc@gmail.com
Capacity is 42 people, so registration is first come-first served.
Hosted by the BTC with all proceeds going to Prostate Cancer Canada Network (PCCN) Durham.

**Sat., Feb. 2: 5:15 pm
- Brooklin United Church Fundraiser**
Chili dinner and butter tart challenge (with 'blind' judging). Registration closes Sat., Jan. 26. To register and receive a challenger information sheet:
Contact Karen Martin: 905-655-4945
For tickets, call church office at 905-655-4141 Adults \$12.00, Children 5 - 12 years \$5.00, Under 5 free
Proceeds To Brooklin United Church
A portion goes to 'bridge to a new home' refugee sponsorship program

French Family Storytime:
Children and their caregivers can join Madame Sue for weekly French Family Storytime! A half hour of French stories and songs, with a dash of English!
Drop in at Central Library's Children's Program Room

**Tuesdays: 7:25 pm:
Brooklin Toastmasters Club**
Practice public speaking at Brooklin Community Centre & Library. Contact John Johnstone at jajhj@sympatico.ca or phone 905-683-4439 or Patricia Romano at promano257@outlook.com or phone 905-626-7055.

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Trivia Night Returns

The monthly trivia night begun by Carolyn Mathur a few years ago that stopped when she moved away will begin again in January. Under her stewardship, the evening raised funds for Pulmonary Hypertension of Canada, a disease she's dealt with herself.

The new trivia night, hosted by intrepid Town Crier editor Richard Bercuson, will be a fundraiser for Prostate Cancer Canada. He is a survivor of that disease.

The new trivia night will take place on the last Sunday evening of each month, beginning with Jan. 27, 2019. It will be held at MichaelKelly's Eatery on Winchester Rd, starting at 7:30 pm when the restaurant will be closed to non-trivia night participants.

Teams of 4-6 people will compete for \$10 gift certificates (one per team member) and the title of Brooklin's (temporary) Champions of Mostly

Useless Knowledge.

Cost will be \$20 per person. Each team will receive a large order of MichaelKelly's renowned scrumptious pizza with a choice of four toppings, garlic bread, along with a beer for each person to wash it down. (None of this should be included in anyone's personal fitness and nutrition plan.)

All proceeds will go to Prostate Cancer Canada Network (PCCN) Durham to help fund its activities.

To register for the event, which has a capacity of 42 people, please email: editorofbtc@gmail.com with Trivia Night in the subject line. Indicate the number of people on your team. Entrance is on a first come, first served basis.

Hint: Each event will feature questions about Brooklin, Whitby or even this newspaper. Participants are urged to read each issue, including the ads!

If you have a community not-for-profit event you would like included in the calendar, please email it to editorofBTC@gmail.com with the subject line "calendar." Priority will be given to Brooklin events. Some editing may occur.

**Eat. Drink.
Think. Win.**



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July

- Home-based businesses in Brooklin thriving
- Brooklin addresses on Gardens tour
- August**
- Presenting the Trustee candidates



August

- Local musician Matt Doran releases first single
- Region appoints new Finance commissioner
- Photo radar becomes election issue
- Brooklin girls win ringette gold in Finland
- Meet the Regional Chair candidates
- Mountain biker Liam Mulcahy rises in world rankings
- September**
- New ice cream spot coming to Roebuck St.
- 4-way stop added to Nathan/George and Queen intersection
- Meet the mayoral candidates
- Wolfpack Golf tourney top Lakeridge contributor
- Meet the Regional Councillor candidates

- Harvest Festival another hit
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- What do elected officials do
- Steve Lee and Rhonda Mulcahy elected to councillor posts
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- Full election results
- November**
- Group 74's Boo!Fest does it again
- New health support for Whitby firefighters
- The Legion's importance
- Remembrance Day in Brooklin
- Local dancers aiming high
- Steve Lee: What a month!
- Durham reflects on Amazon HQ2 experience
- December**
- Whitby hospice gets provincial support
- Brooklin's former Pizza 'King', Gus, passes away



October

- Alzheimer Society's #MemoryManiac program
- Do you qualify for tax rebate programs?
- BHS begins Relay for Life fundraising campaign



November



St. Bridget Food Drive Success

Brooklin's St. Bridget Catholic School, under the guidance of grade 7 teacher Justin Pugelj, held two events to collect food and personal items for both the elderly and a Whitby food bank. This photo shows just a portion of what they collected.

In mid November, the school community brought blankets, pjs, toiletries, socks, gift cards, etc. to be placed in gift bags for seniors in Whitby. The entire school com-

munity came forward and put together 80 full gift bags during a Family Advent Night on Nov. 29 in the school gym.

The school community also held a Twelve Days of Giving food drive for St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank in Whitby. Students were put into four groups and asked to bring in items each day from Nov. 30 to Dec. 17. The dozens of filled boxes were worth over \$5000.

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North Ward Councillor - By Steve Lee

New Committee Structure



I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year! I am looking forward to the new council getting right to work. Here's an update on a few items in the works now that we've had our inauguration and I've been sworn in as North Ward Councillor. I've been working at addressing issues and concerns brought up by residents as well as attending various events.

There are a few things I draw your attention to. The first, as Regional Councillor Mulcahy wrote about in a previous edition, are the council goals. We have unanimously adopted these to better guide us and align with what we hope to achieve the next four years. This is a very good step and a great start for council. We can all work together to make Brooklin and Whitby even better.

The second item is that we sent out a survey on the option of allowing retail cannabis stores in Whitby and Brooklin or choosing to opt out and not allow the province to allow them in Whitby. I hope you took the opportunity to give your input. If you have any comments I would be happy to hear them as we need as much public input on this as possible so as to make the best decision for you.

Finally, Council has approved a new committee structure, which will see dedicated nights for public meetings and will give each Council member a chance to participate fully in all meetings.

The new structure, approved at a Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, December 11, will see individual Operations and Planning and Development Committee meetings replaced with Committee of the Whole meetings.

The first meeting will be Committee of the Whole on Monday, January 7, 2019, with the meeting cycle continuing thereafter as follows:

- Week 1 - Public meeting
- Week 2 - Committee of the Whole meeting
- Week 3 - Committee of the Whole meeting
- Week 4 - Council meeting

This new structure will allow all Members of Council to vote in both Committee of the Whole and Council Meetings. As well, dedicated evenings for public meetings will also help streamline the process through which the community can provide input.

The new schedule significantly increases the number of opportunities for Town staff to bring forward reports for Council's consideration.

This structure should help expedite approvals and reduce the wait time at meetings for both residents and business partners.

The 2019 schedule of public and committee meetings is available online on the town's website, whitby.ca.



Group 74's October Halloween event Boo!Fest raised over \$1800 for Hearth Place's paediatric cancer support program. Some money raised also went towards Christmas turkey dinners and other support for local needy families.

In the photo, left to right: Patricia Evans, Deborah Poray, Amanda Grant (from Hearth Place), Deena Misale and Catherine Schuck.

Group 74 encourages Brooklin area women who want to really make a difference in the community to join them in these efforts.

Interested in speaking at the Whitby Council meeting?

Individuals who would like to speak to an item on the agenda, must register with the Town Clerk by 10 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Delegation Request Forms are available at www.whitby.ca/delegation and should be submitted to

clerk@whitby.ca.

This agenda item concerns Brooklin: 5.7 Planning and Development Department Report, PL 1-19

Re: Bill 139 - Two-Year Moratorium on Applications to Amend a Secondary Plan

Recommendation: That, upon final approval of OPA 108, any requests to submit an

application to amend the Brooklin Community Secondary Plan be considered by Council on an individual basis, notwithstanding the two-year moratorium provided for under the Planning Act.

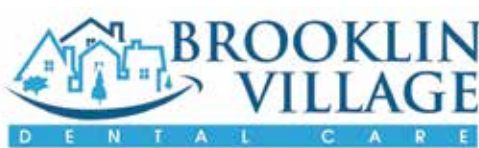
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Where white doves soar: A Sleep Out for Homeless Kids

By Richard Bercuson

The night of Thursday, November 15 in Toronto was cool, slightly below 00, with light snow. Jim Smillie laid out a piece of cardboard on the damp ground and unrolled his sleeping bag on top of it. To one side of him, NHL Hall of Famer Paul Coffey did the same. On the other side was ex-NHL GM Brian Burke, also bedding down for the night, outdoors.

Brooklin resident Smillie recalls that "the sounds of the downtown night" - sirens, car horns, loud bangs, chatter - all conspired against him, allowing barely an hour of sleep. This, he thought, was exactly what homeless kids do nearly every night. How on earth do they get through it?

Smillie's experience, he says, changed his life. "For one thing, I'm a little more relaxed now."

Chance meeting

How his night on the street with two prominent hockey names came about began with a chance discussion at a wedding. A couple of friends had told him about Covenant House (CH), an organization whose goal was to help homeless kids. Intrigued, he visited the organization



Smillie (centre) with Paul Coffey (left) and Brian Burke (right)

and was given a tour of what CH represents.

"There's a wall in the building," he recalls, "with white doves on it. Each dove represents a kid who didn't make it. It was very humbling."

He learned there aren't many success stories though he did meet one 15 year old who managed to not only survive but also thrive and is now a full time student at York University. Yet, at any given time, CH houses as many as 96 kids between

the ages of 15-20.

"You know, coming from a neighbourhood like ours in Brooklin," he says, "it's really hard to understand. For instance, it was alarming to discover just how many young girls are in the sex trade. What I do in my daily job in sales seems so unimportant compared with what these kids undergo day in and day out. And so many come from the suburbs and just gravitate to downtown Toronto."

Fundraiser

The 'sleep out' was an annual event organized by CH to give executives and prominent individuals an opportunity to get a taste of what homeless kids experience. That November night, 57 people slept outdoors on the grounds of Ryerson University, albeit in a protected area, quite unlike what the kids themselves do.

One thing they weren't protected from, however, were the rats. "That was my only fear. Let me tell you," Smillie points out, "Toronto has rats - lots of them."

Covenant House's annual Sleep Out event was a fundraiser since 82% of its funds come from private donations. That particular evening raked in over \$1 million with Smillie's personal campaign surpassing his \$15k objective and bringing in \$17,860. Over 90% of all money raised goes directly to CH's programs which run in Vancouver as well.

Smillie's enthusiasm to help the cause has resulted in CH asking him to recruit other "executives" to participate in next year's campaign, an offer he readily accepts.

He adds, "I will gladly do it again next year."



Smillie starts to bed down for the night.

From Brooklin Heritage Society Brooklin's First Pharmacy



Russell (Russ) Short's first place of employment after graduating from University of Toronto's School of Pharmacy was with Jury and Lovell in Oshawa. In the late 1940s, he moved to Toronto to work for Hoop-

ers Drug Store at Bloor and Sherbourne where he partnered with the son of the owner, Bill Burgess.

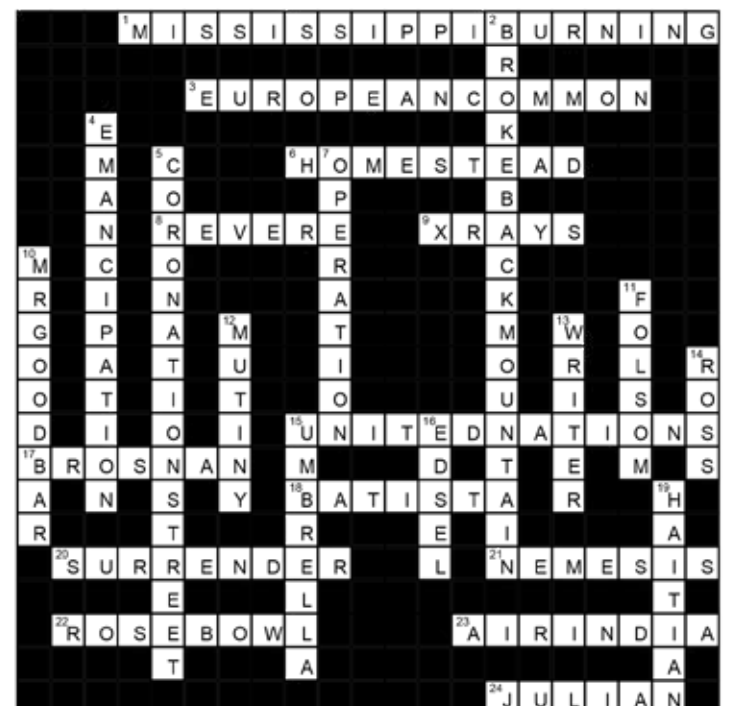
The 1950s saw the introduction of discount retail, making retailing by

the smaller service providers more challenging. So Russ decided to relocate to a town that could support a pharmacy. This was at a time when Brooklin was growing with a new residential subdivision and the community supported a medical centre. He purchased 65 Baldwin Street and moved with his wife Bernice and sons Bob, Jim and Gary to Brooklin.

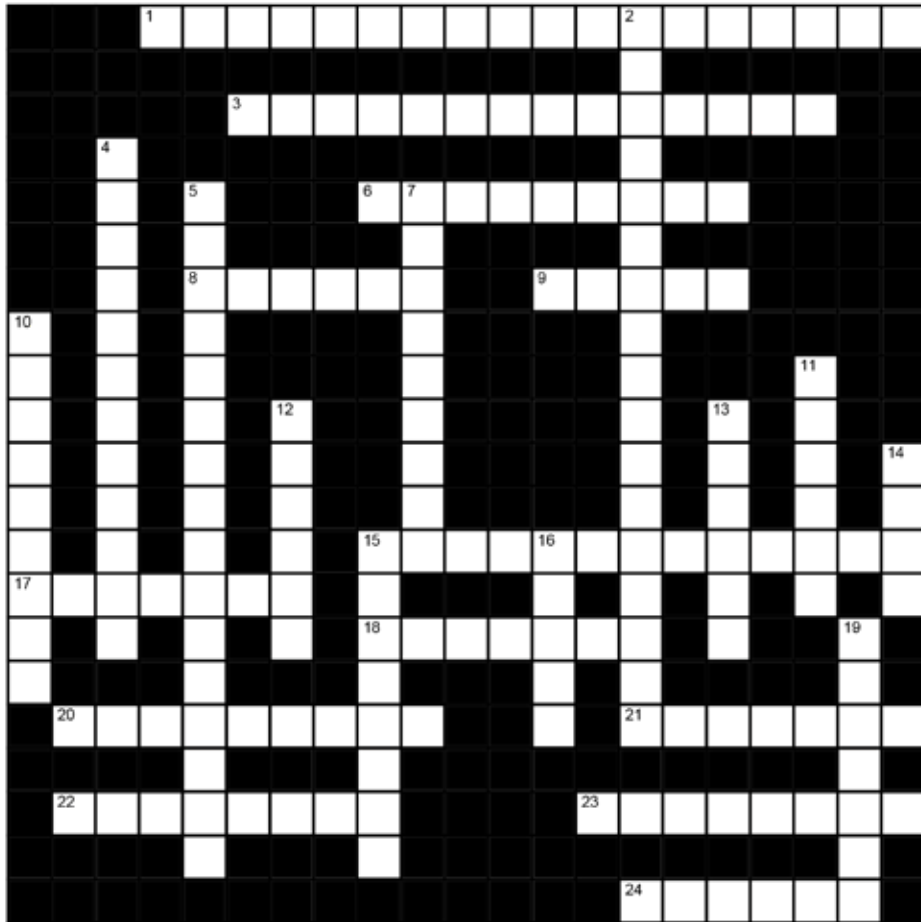
Construction of Short's Pharmacy commenced in 1959 with the grand opening in May, 1960. It was Brooklin's first Pharmacy. In the early days, the store was open seven days a week with extended hours on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays (9 to 9). New jobs came into the village and Russ employed local people.

The pharmacy served an area well beyond Brooklin as flyers were regularly distributed to residents as

far as Locust Hill in the west, Hampton in the east and Greenbank in the north. In 1971 Russ was joined by Bill Burgess who relocated from Toronto to live in Ashburn. Russ suffered a stroke in 1980 and was unable to return to work. His partner Burgess continued with the business, and at his retirement, Bill's daughter Peggy Frankovich took it over. Russ passed away in 1984 and is buried in his home town of Bowmanville.



Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe Crossword



Across

- 1 1988 - Premiere of this fact based crime drama film (11,7)
- 3 1958 - This market starts operation (8,6)
- 6 1863 - Old West: Nebraska farmer files the first _____ claim (9)
- 8 1735 - Birth of patriot who alerted the Colonial militia (6)
- 9 1896 - German physicist announces his discovery of this (5)
- 15 1942 - This international postwar peacekeeping organization is created (6,7)
- 17 1997 - "Tomorrow Never Dies" premieres starring actor (7)
- 18 1959 - This Cuban dictator falls from power (7)
- 20 1946 - 20 Japanese do this after Pacific War has ended (9)
- 21 2002 - 'Star Trek: _____' premieres (7)
- 22 1902 - Michigan beats Stanford 49 - 0 in the first one (4,4)
- 23 1978 - Jet crashes into the sea after take off (3,5)
- 24 45 BC - This calendar takes effect (6)

Down

- 2 2005 - Film release starring Heath Ledger (9,8)
- 4 1863 - This proclamation takes effect (12)
- 5 1960 - First broadcast on British ITV (10,6)
- 7 1967 - Vietnam War: _____ Sam Houston begins (9)
- 10 1973 - Real life murder behind the novel "Looking for _____" (2,7)
- 11 1958 - Johnny Cash gives live concert performance here (6)
- 12 1781 - _____ of the Pennsylvania Line (6)
- 13 1811 - "Last of the Mohicans" _____, James Fenimore cooper weds (6)
- 14 1752 - Birth of this famous seamstress (4)
- 15 1710 - Merchant obtains 5-year royal privilege for his invention of a folding one (8)
- 16 1919 - He succeeds Henry Ford as President of Ford Motor Company (5)
- 19 1803 - Independence proclaimed (7)

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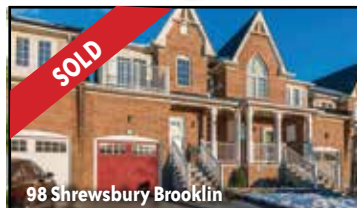
"An ongoing supply issue in the GTA was masked by the fact that sales had dropped off substantially. Now we're in a situation where sales are certainly not back at their record level, but we've also seen listings move back down to where they were prior to the volatility," said Jason Mercer, TREB's Director of Market Analysis.

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A positive sign for a strong market in 2019 is an increased rate of immigration into Canada. Statistics Canada estimates there will be as many as 330,000 newcomers to Canada in 2019. The influx of tech companies into Toronto's downtown core in recent years has already had "a huge effect" on the real estate market, said Anthony Hitt, CEO of Engel & Völkers.

Toronto now ranks as 4th most important tech hub in North America, up from 12th place just two years ago. And it's about to intensify. Microsoft has plans for a new Canadian headquarters in Toronto and Intel announced a new graphics chip engineering plant in North York. The current market slowdown is a "speed bump," Hitt says — the market will be back to rapid price growth soon enough thanks to an influx of tech workers, he predicts.

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