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## Less than half the picture: *By Richard Bercuson*



# Signs - Be gone!

In the days leading to Monday's election, there were sightings of otherwise normal individuals speed-walking from house to house, armed with leaflets and door hangers. The message was clear: Vote for the face on the flyer.

The idea was that exhorting more people to head to the polls would lead to votes. Supporters darted across streets, danced over lawns, and hopped up and down steps, all the while discovering the wonders of walking as both exercise and a terrific weight loss plan.

It was kind of candidates to leave me material imploring me to vote for them, so, to all who stuffed my door/door handle, thanks. As for your signs, no, the sheer number you planted (or didn't) had no impact on me.

Some candidates had fewer signs but located them strategically based on, well, I'm not sure what... was it where we turn corners the most? Some had few or none. For instance, what was mayoral candidate Andrea Kennedy thinking by having none? If you're serious about running, especially against a popular incumbent, you pretty much need to get with the program. Once in, try to change the sign bylaw. Then again, she did make a point.

No signs and nearly 29% voted for her. Was she on to something?

Similarly, Bill Windrem here in the North Ward had a dearth of signs, save for in front of the library. He still garnered over 27% of the vote. Evidently people liked his message and cared less about signage.

However...however!...I'd made my decisions based on other factors. I pride myself on not being a sucker for marketing ploys, which means signs, sign colours and pretty leaflets weren't going to sway me. I did what I'd hope any responsible voter would do: I read up on the candidates. Where? Online, in the BTC (geez, we had great coverage, didn't we? pat - pat), and through the airwaves.

Pardon the vernacular, but we don't need no stinkin' signs. (I could do without the leaflets, too.) They're a nuisance, an eyesore, sometimes a traffic viewing hazard and beg for abuse from anyone with a grudge or nothing to do at 2 am. I'd rather candidates held regular town forums or debates, be interviewed on radio or TV, and have profiles in print or online. Dump the signs, both printed and homemade. Not on private property nor town property, nor anywhere.

Though name recognition is impor-

tant, anyone who votes according to signs is short-changing themselves and perhaps even mocking the democratic process.

You want to have a say in how we're governed? Take a few minutes to learn about the candidates. A sign

tells you nothing, as does the absence of one.

So, phew, we're now done with elections. Well, till the federal one next year when MP candidates will festoon our streets with these blights all over again. Wonderful.

*By Steve Lee*

## North ward column



I want to take a moment to sincerely thank all those residents who supported me throughout this election. I am very honoured to have been given the opportunity to represent you and the North Ward on council. While canvassing for the election, I had the opportunity to be at the doors and speak with you, the residents, to find out the issues that concern you the most. What I heard over and over again is that the majority of residents want to ensure that taxes do not go up unnecessarily and that their tax dollars are spent wisely on services they need.

I have also heard about the need

for increased focus on job creation and new business here in town and in Whitby. There is also a growing concern with speeding, increased traffic congestion and poor transit in the area. I do not want to waste any time and wish to continue the hard work with the Mayor and the rest of council to provide strong community representation on these or any issue that could affect you and your family, by making sure the North Ward voice is heard.

I assure you that my commitment to Whitby and Brooklin runs deep and I will continue to make our town the best place to live, work, and raise a family. Thank you again for all of your support.



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# Town of Whitby

## October 26, 2018

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Whitby Youth Rooms

Youth ages 12 to 18 years are invited to drop in to any Youth Room on Tuesday, October 30, at 5 p.m. for a Halloween movie and treats, and Tuesday, November 6, at 5 p.m. for nachos. [whitby.ca/youthrooms](http://whitby.ca/youthrooms)

#### Super Hero Family Day

Saturday, November 3, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Whitby Public Library Brooklin Branch. Calling all Super Families! Come dressed as your favourite superhero and try out our green screen. All ages are welcome. [whitbylibrary.ca](http://whitbylibrary.ca)

#### Christmas in the Village

Friday, November 23, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Grass Park, Downtown Brooklin. [whitby.ca/christmasinthevillage](http://whitby.ca/christmasinthevillage)

[whitby.ca/calendar](http://whitby.ca/calendar)

### Notices

#### Local Considerations for Cannabis

With the recent federal legalization of cannabis, the Town looks forward to continuing to work with the Regional Municipality of Durham, Durham Regional Police Services and other area municipalities to address local impacts of the legalization of cannabis. [whitby.ca/cannabis](http://whitby.ca/cannabis)

#### On-Street Parking Restrictions Start November 1

The Town is reminding residents of the annual November 1 to April 15 restriction on all on-street parking in Whitby between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. [whitby.ca/parking](http://whitby.ca/parking)

#### Special Waste Collection Days

Pumpkins, leaf and yard waste can be disposed on the same day as garbage collection. Please have all materials out by 7 a.m. [whitby.ca/waste](http://whitby.ca/waste)



Scare up an alternative to traditional treats with swimming and skating passes!

**10 passes for \$10**  
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### Whitby Election 2018

#### Election Results and Signage

The results of Whitby's municipal election are now available at [whitby.ca/electionresults](http://whitby.ca/electionresults). Candidates are reminded that all election signage must be removed by end of day Monday, October 29, 2018. Thank you to all volunteers who helped to support the election.

### Honouring Whitby Veterans

#### Remembrance Day events:

- **Brooklin Legion Memorial**  
Friday, November 9 at 1 p.m. at Luther Vipond Memorial Arena (67 Winchester Road East)
- **Whitby Legion's Annual Parade**  
Sunday, November 11. Starts at 10:15 a.m. at the Branch (117 Byron Street South) and finishes at Cenotaph Park (111 Dundas Street East). Ceremony to follow at Fairview Lodge at 2 p.m. and The Colonial Retirement Residence at 3 p.m.
- **Bells of Peace**  
Bells will be rung in Celebration Square 100 times at sunset to mark a moment 100 years ago when church bells rang to let Canadians know WWI was over. Ceremony begins at approx. 4:30 p.m.



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# Lest We Forget

**November 11**

A day we remember and honour our heroes

Mayor Don Mitchell and Members of Council



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## Our Brooklin Kids By Leanne Brown

# Welcome to the tween years!



It just dawned on me: I have a tween living in my house.

Gone are the days of the little kid who wants to be in whatever room I'm in. Now she likes her own space. Her room, once overrun with stuffies, is undergoing a transformation. While the favourite stuffies are still there, many have been banished to the playroom or storage. The dresser that used to hold Dr. Seuss books now features chapter books, photos with friends, sports medals and lip gloss. Emoji and sequin-flip pillows cover the bed. And I'm loving this new chapter in our lives.

The tween years are defined as ages 9 through 12. It's that in-between period when little kids transform into young adolescents. It comes with crazy growth spurts, new skills, unfamiliar feelings and the navigation of challenging social situations. But it's also a wonderful period in our children's lives that we need to treat

sure. It's a magical time.

### New independence

While the days of princesses and superhero capes wane, they're turning into amazing young people full of hope and adventure. They're stretching the boundaries of independence, discovering who they are, making their own choices. My daughter, who has always loved sports, has gravitated away from many of her babyhood friends and discovered new ones on the teams she's joined. Babyhood pals will always be there, but her new friendships are based on common interests and goals.

This phase keeps us on our toes. It has her wanting to understand more complicated concepts like politics and ethics. She voices her opinion on everything from what's for dinner to which drills her beloved Leafs need to work on to the way she sees people treated at school or around the world. She questions why our political leaders do things and why

Mom and Dad won't let her have a phone until she's 12. Yes, sometimes those questions require tough answers. She questions what she sees in the media and expects answers.

### Helping friends

But even though she's growing up (way too fast for my taste), I'm proud of who she's becoming. She and her friends are doing good things. They stand up for and help each other when needed and push each other to try new things. And they do it all while still being just kids. Sleepover parties, movie nights, and making music videos on their tablets

are all part of big kid fun. I've even appeared in the background a few times - usually not on purpose. But they still love when I join in, at least for now.

The best part of having a tween, the funny, sassy little girl who challenges everything I say, is that she also still needs me. In those tough social situations when she's mad or has hurt feelings, Mom and Dad remain her go-to people. A heartfelt chat, fresh baked cookies and lots of hugs still work. I'm savouring as many of those as I can because I know these tween years will go by fast.

## Whitby:

# Update on Cannabis Legalization

In April 2017, the federal government introduced Bill C-45 (the Cannabis Act) to legalize recreational cannabis. In September 2018, the provincial government introduced Bill 36 (the Cannabis Statute Law Amendment Act) which included several changes to the use and sale of cannabis in Ontario.

With the federal legalization of cannabis, the Town of Whitby is providing the following local update on cannabis.

### Consumption

Cannabis in any form – smoking, vaping or edibles – may be consumed on private property, subject to the provisions of any lease agreements or condominium by-laws. Under Bill 36, however, the smoking of cannabis is prohibited everywhere the smoking of tobacco is prohibited. In Whitby, the smoking of cannabis and tobacco are prohibited in all public parks and public squares, and within 20 metres of public entrances and exits for all facilities operated by the Town including Town Hall, libraries and recreational facilities.

### Enforcement

Various legislation – including the Cannabis Act (federal), Cannabis Control Act (provincial) and Town By-Laws (municipal) – will govern the use of cannabis in Whitby. The Town will continue to work with the

Durham Regional Police Service to enforce current regulation related to the use of cannabis within the community.

### Retail Stores

No government-operated retail stores will be set up in Ontario. Instead, the provincial government has announced its' intention to allow private retailers to sell cannabis as of April 1, 2019. The Province has given municipalities the option to opt-out of permitting physical cannabis retail stores within their boundaries by January 22, 2019.

As a next step, Town staff will deliver a report to the newly elected Town Council with information on cannabis related impacts and considerations, including local jurisdiction to further manage and regulate the use of cannabis in Whitby, prior to the opt-out date.

### Additional Information

The Town looks forward to continuing to work with the Regional Municipality of Durham, Durham Regional Police Service and other area municipalities to address local impacts of the legalization of cannabis.

For more information, visit [whitby.ca/cannabis](http://whitby.ca/cannabis). Residents are also encouraged to visit [ocscanabisupdates.com](http://ocscanabisupdates.com) or [canada.ca/cannabis](http://canada.ca/cannabis) for updates.

Thank you, Brooklin!

**Rhonda**  
**MULCAHY**

Regional Councillor *Elect*



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*Current Ward One Councillor at the Town of Whitby*

# Community Calendar

**Fri., Oct. 26: 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](mailto:teenservices@whitbylibrary.ca).

### Wed., Nov. 7: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm: Connective Caregiver Conference

at The Royal Ashburn Golf Club. Lunch included. This conference will feature sessions from professional experts in the many fields of Dementia and those with lived experience. Goal is to connect caregivers with each other who share the journey of caring for someone with dementia.

Free admission for family/friend caregivers and \$10 at the door for health care professionals. To register: <https://connective-caregiver-conference.eventbrite.ca/>

For more information call: 905-655-5503.

**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](mailto:jajhj@sympatico.ca) or phone 905-683-4439 or Patricia Romano at [promano257@outlook.com](mailto:promano257@outlook.com) or phone 905-626-7055.

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



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### Burns Presbyterian Church

765 Myrtle Rd West  
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10am Worship, Kids Zone Fun & Nursery Care  
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905.655.8509 [www.Burnschurch.org](http://www.Burnschurch.org)

### 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 a.m.  
Communion and Healing Service  
905-655-3883  
[www.stthomasbrooklin.ca](http://www.stthomasbrooklin.ca)

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# Unofficial Election Results

\* Denotes winner

<b>Regional Chair</b> To be elected: 1		Christine WINTERS 9.19% 6852
<b>John HENRY*</b> 59.22%	<b>12893</b>	John DOLSTRA 7.76% 5786
Tom DINGWALL 18.08%	3937	Rod THWAITES 2.86% 2132
John MUTTON 10.44%	2272	Chudi ASIDIANYA 2.75% 2051
Peter NEAL 6.94%	1510	
Muhammad Ahsin SAHI 5.32%	1159	
<b>Regional Councillor</b> To be elected: 4		<b>Steve LEE*</b> 54.98% 2624
<b>Elizabeth ROY*</b> 16.44%	<b>12257</b>	Bill WINDREM 27.57% 1316
<b>Chris LEAHY*</b> 15.04%	<b>11210</b>	Sharmila SAIGAONKAR 17.45% 833
<b>Steve YAMADA*</b> 13.96%	<b>10404</b>	
<b>Rhonda MULCAHY*</b> 11.46%	<b>8545</b>	
Terry JOHNSTON 10.80%	8055	<b>Niki LUNDQUIST*</b> 26.78% 9844
Derrick GLEED 9.74%	7259	<b>Christine THATCHER*</b> 18.07% 6642

**Town Councillor North Ward 1**  
To be elected: 1

**Durham District School Board Trustee**  
To be elected: 3

<b>Scott TEMPLETON*</b> 15.32%	<b>5631</b>
Jim BARCLAY 13.91%	5112
Thomas WALL 9.86%	3625
Luigia AYOTTE 9.64%	3544
Sherri SIMZER 6.42%	2360

**Durham Catholic District School Board Trustee**  
To be elected: 2

<b>John RINELLA*</b> 35.39%	<b>2571</b>
<b>Tricia CHAPMAN*</b> 34.77%	<b>2526</b>
Teresa BUGELLI 29.83%	2167

**Conseil scolaire Viamonde Trustee**  
To be elected: 1

<b>Sylvie A. LANDRY*</b> 61.90%	<b>52</b>
Anna-Karyna RUSZKOWSKI 38.10%	32

**Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir Trustee**  
To be elected: 1

<b>Roger BRIDEAU*</b> 60.35%	<b>137</b>
Andre LINSKY 21.15%	48
Marcellin KWILU MONDO 11.89%	27
Balonda NKONGOLO 6.61%	15

## Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson



# Vegfest perfect for newbies

I was recently a presenter at Durham Vegfest at Whitby's Abilities Centre. The event was a huge success with thousands in attendance. Given the diverse groups of people who attended, it's apparent that it is becoming more mainstream to not eat meat. When I first stopped 29 years ago I was the only person I knew eating this way. Many were concerned about my health and whether it was a safe way to eat.

I'm not sure if the interest in plant-based eating is a trend toward consumer changes in thinking or a fad, but I love what I see. The Vegfest featured local restaurants sharing great food along with clothing companies and just too many types of vendors to list. We all shared a common interest and passion.

Shows like this, where vendors supply good information, are great for the newbie or someone interested in changing their diet. Another great resource is blogs and books. With blogs, people put in a lot of effort to provide great information, which is all free and so helpful.

Some of the blogs I like are: "Oh She Glows", "The Minimalist Baker", and "The No Meat Athlete". But there are plenty more great ones on the web.

While the recipe below really has nothing to do with Vegfest, it is, however, a lovely snack and great for before or after a workout. It's modified, but the original one comes from <https://ohsheglows.com/>.

**Energy Balls**

- 1 cup pitted Medjool dates\*
- 6 tablespoons hemp hearts
- 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder or raw cacao powder

- 2 shredded unsweetened coconut
- 1 tablespoon virgin coconut oil
- 1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 3 tablespoons chopped dark chocolate (optional)
- 1 to 3 teaspoons (5 to 15 mL) water, if needed

**Directions:**

- Place the pitted dates in a food processor and process until a ball forms.

- Add the remaining ingredients to the processor (hemp hearts, cocoa/cacao powder, coconut, coconut oil, salt, and chocolate, if using) and process until thoroughly combined and almost smooth. The dough should be sticky and shouldn't be crumbly when you form a ball. If it's not sticky enough, add 1 to 3 teaspoons of water, a bit at a time, processing after each addition.

- Line a plate with parchment paper. Lightly wetting your hands if needed, shape the dough into balls and place them on the lined plate. Freeze the balls for 20 minutes until firm or enjoy right away.

- Store the leftovers in the fridge or freezer. The balls will keep in an airtight container in the fridge for a week and in the freezer for 4 to 8 weeks.

**Tips:**

\* If your dates are bone dry, soak them in boiled water for 15 minutes and then drain well. Use an old towel to press out the excess water. If the "dough" is too sticky to shape, add some shredded coconut and process again.

**Sheree's Hack:** Double this recipe and freeze the balls for quick grab and go snacks.

## From Brooklin Heritage Society

By Chris Alderson



ings from his front door to local families as well as to people from out of town. Some of his artwork was recently discovered in

Brooklin had a unique cast of memorable characters, and Clifford George Delong (August 28, 1905 – February 19, 1990) was one of them. He lived at 154 Baldwin Street N. in a saltbox style house without indoor plumbing. Clifford was a house painter and artist. He sold his paint-

Aberfoyle, On.

My favourite memory of Clifford Delong is of him riding his 350 Honda motorcycle down Queen Street in the winter. I thought he was the coolest guy ever on that bike. Cliff is buried at Groveside Cemetery.

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What began as a summer job in high school evolved into a career choice. After attending Niagara College's Landscape and Horticulture Technician program, Rob then worked for other landscape companies for 15 years. In 2010, he opened **R. Havery**

#### Landscaping.

Today, **R. Havery** employs 8-12 full time seasonal staff. With a fleet of modern equipment to service the jobs, there is no job too large.

Services offered: complete design/build landscape, co-ordination of pool installations, decks and fences, excavation services, and commercial and private property maintenance for both winter and summer.

During the summer, the crews are busy installing. Quickly approaching 100 installs in Brooklin, **R. Havery** has gained a local reputation as a reliable and high quality landscape company.

Part of the appeal in hiring **R. Havery** is the hometown pride with old-fashioned quality.

Every site has personal attention from owner Rob Havery. He will be hands-on with his clients from quote, through construction and final clean-

up. His crews are well versed in quality care of the properties they work on. Lead staff have a combined experience of over 60 years.

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## Bake Sale For Animal Shelter

Calla Lunn (left) and Claire Thiebaud held their 2nd Annual Bake Sale recently outside of Pet Valu in Brooklin. They raised approximately \$350 this year and will donate the money to T.A.G.S. (The Animal Guardian Society) Shelter. The two girls organized, planned and baked the goods themselves. They are both 10 years old and are in in grade 5 at Brooklin Village P.S.

## Legion Needs Donations For New Cenotaph

In September, the BTC reported the status of Brooklin Legion Branch 152's fundraising effort for a new cenotaph to be constructed outside the Brooklin Library.

Since then, the Legion has received an additional \$2160 of which \$500 came from each of the Brooklin Heritage Society and BAM Lions Club. There was also \$1160 donated by individuals.

As well, on October 21, Bill Windrem, Sam Steele and Chauntel Inman ran a 30 km circuit around the North Ward to raise additional

funds, reaching their goal of \$1500 as a further donation.

Those wishing to donate to the new memorial can do so as follows:

- 1 - Write a cheque made out to: Royal Canadian Legion - Monument Fund. Mail it to: Royal Canadian Legion, 56 Baldwin St. Brooklin, L1M 1A3 Or
- 2 - Send an email transfer to Karen Walendzewicz, the Legion's treasurer: Email: [kwalend63@gmail.com](mailto:kwalend63@gmail.com)

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In the City of Toronto, home prices rose 5.2 percent year-over-year to an average price of \$883,892. Places such as Markham and Richmond Hill, where prices were overheated in part due to higher rates of speculation saw declines.

The mortgage stress tests have impinged on consumers' buying power.

"It was anticipated we would see a jump in active listings in the Fall Market, especially with the continued warm weather in September," said Durham Region Association of Realtors President Dennis Roberts. The average selling price in Durham reached a slight decrease over August 2018. However, this average sale price is up this September over the same time period last year.

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