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Part 1 - The Northern Lights Did Set His Sights

From my back porch in August, I'm looking at the Northern Lights for the first time. The breathtaking view tells me there's still magic in the world and to never cease seeking the fantastical.

I was also inspired by books like "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed and "Into Thin Air" by journalist and mountaineer Jon Krakauer about a Mount Everest disaster. In third grade, my geography

I've always loved hiking and have had an appreciation for nature, even if it's the trails at Heber Downs with friends or strolling through Brooklin.

What first introduced me to the El Camino was the movie *The Way* with Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez. Then later at U of T, one of my instructors had actually walked the Camino. Her story got the wheels turning more.

I was also inspired by books like "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed and "Into Thin Air" by journalist and mountaineer Jon Krakauer about a Mount Everest disaster. In third grade, my geography teacher, Mr. Rose, drew a huge peak on the chalkboard and inspired us with the story of Sir Edmund Hillary's daring ascent of Everest in 1953. It always captivated me.

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But it's when I try on my new backpack that I get truly excited. I finally realize how much I want this experience. I will see it through.

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Less than Half the Picture By Richard Bercuson

Meet the Creature

Ah, that time of the school year, isn't it?

Once, it went like this: A mother, Mrs. Simpson (I've forgotten her real name), entered the gym with her grade 10 son Gary in tow. He looked like he wanted to climb into his own skin and pull his scalp over his eyes to hide.

To begin with, a gymnasium was a lousy place to hold parent-teacher interviews. Every conversation bounced around like dodgeballs. On the discomfort scale, it was almost on a par with interviews held in a hallway where desks and chairs were so close, people were regularly bumping into each other. Then again, the proximity of normal humans was beneficial the evening a parent threatened she'd send her three adult sons to "straighten me out." 'Twas the night a new teacher learned the importance of wearing dark shirts to camouflage sweat stains.

Besides, in a ten-minute block, it was next to impossible to whittle down problems to the core issues and seek solutions. Or was that even the objective?

Mrs. Simpson's problem was mostly with Gary. I think. Maybe.

He wasn't working to his potential. The curriculum moved too fast. Did he ask questions? Did I call on him when he didn't? The grading scheme seemed convoluted. He won't get to university with these marks. No, the level is where we want him. Yikes.

Every few moments, she'd turn to him, as if expecting a pronouncement of remorse or his guarantee things would get better immediately, if not

No, he had nothing to say. Or, lots to say but, hey, we were in a gym. Where were the basketballs?

Trying to address it all in that venue, in that time block, was like playing hopscotch on a bed of nails. So I said practically nothing aside from pointing out the V.P. who was doing nothing important for the moment.

Given the boy's rough semester and that he was also in my phys. ed. class, where he excelled, I'd been frequently updating his parents on

superfluous.

I almost always liked Meet the Creature night. Parents weren't the enemy and I got a kick out of most of them. Humour can deflect a lot. The rare ding-dong was likely a ding-dong elsewhere, too. Besides, the staff gatherings afterwards were special in their own way. As parents of two kids, my wife or I attended nearly every Meet the Creature night ourselves.

his progress. The interview seemed Only a couple of times did we face a little more push than should have been.

> I kind of miss those days. At least now I don't need to buy dark shirts.

> (Full disclosure: Yours truly retired from teaching in 2014 after 36 years in the private and public systems as a teacher, department head, union rep, and sometimes vice-principal type guy.)

Police Remove Drugs from Streets

Police concluded a three-month ing conducted to confirm the heroin long drug trafficking investigation resulting in three people being charged and a dangerous form of heroin believed to be laced with fentanyl was taken off the street.

Project Explorer involved officers from East Division and the Drug Enforcement Unit with assistance from Halton Regional Police's Drug Unit. The investigation focused on the trafficking of heroin believed to be laced with fentanyl, which is a dangerous combination of drugs.

On October 7, 2016, undercover officers were involved in a drug transaction at a plaza parking lot in Oshawa. Members of the DEU surrounded the suspect vehicle and boxed it in. The suspect attempted to flee by driving into the police vehicles. He was not successful and caused damage to his own vehicle and four police vehicles.

A search warrant was executed in Halton Region and a quantity of heroin was seized as well as cash. Laboratory testing is currently bewas laced with fentanyl.

Bryan LEMIEUX, age 33 of King Street East in Oshawa, is charged with Trafficking x4 and Possession of Proceeds Obtained by Crime x3.

Pankaj BEDI, age 37 of Liberty Street North in Clarington, is charged with Trafficking x4 and Possession of Proceeds Obtained by Crime x4.

Justin BELLINGER, age 27 of Sawgrass Drive in Oakville, is charged with Trafficking, Possession of Proceeds Obtained by Crime and Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

Anyone with new information is asked to call the DEU at 1-888-579-1520 ext. 5802.

Anonymous information can be sent to Durham Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 and tipsters may be eligible for a \$2,000 cash reward.

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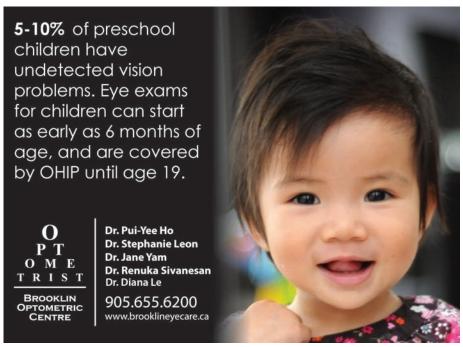
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DRPS: Pin-up Poochies Calendar

Our four-legged members will once again grace the pages of the DRPS 2017 K-9 Calendar. All proceeds will be donated to Alzheimer Society Durham, Autism Ontario and The Animal Guardian Society (TAGS). Last year, over \$25,000 was raised for local agencies.

You can get your \$20 calendar online at drps.ca. They will also be available at DRPS Divisions and at the Police Education and Innovation Centre (located inside Durham College), as well as a variety of community partners. A full list of locations is available on drps.ca.

Smile Cookie Campaign Raises Big \$\$\$

Participating Durham Region Tim Hortons restaurants raised \$134,079 during this year's Smile Cookie campaign for Community Care Durham (CCD) and its clients.

The overwhelming generosity from across the region will go towards assisting more than 12,000 individuals with services that include support for activities of daily living. health, nutrition, transportation, personal safety and caregiver respite. Community Care Durham also provides mental health group support services throughout Durham, and assisted living.

The services help people avoid hospital admissions and emergency department visits. It also helps people when they are discharged from hospital, assisting in their successful transition home.



Brad's El Camino (from page 1)

My 800 kilometre long El Camino de Santiago walk begins in France on October 4 when I spend the day exploring the village of Bayonne on the Nive River. My first steps are from the village of St. Jean Pied de Port, France, in the Pyrenees Mountains on the route called the Camino Frances. On that first day, I take the train from Bayonne to St Jean at 7:45 am. At first I figure there'll be no pilgrims heading out so early in

the morning, but the train is crowded with people and backpacks.

When I get off the train, I'm welcomed by some Canadians who had walked for eight weeks from Le Puy. One of the guys, Wayne, is from Hamilton.

I decide to break up my hike of the Pyrenees over two days and so I stay at Orisson, a wonderful place in the mountains where I meet the first pilgrims I've continued to meet (and hear about) along the way. When I was in Pamplona, lost in the sea of city crowds, I heard my name called over the noise of restaurants, clinking glasses, and conversations in many languages. I looked around and was excited to see Adam, who had been walking with his father, Peter, an Australian from Melbourne. This is Peter's second camino.

At Orisson we have a pilgrim dinner and introduce ourselves. It's amazing to meet people from all over the world. Even though we all start the walk on our own, there is an instant



fellowship and camaraderie formed that night.

I wake up to groans, shuffling sleeping bags, and the clattering of gear. It's 7 am and still dark. The fog is a bit spooky, like something out of a Stephen King story. I'm a little worried. Here I am, attempting to climb a mountain. Am I ready for this? It's difficult to see about 20 feet in front of us.

Sections of the mountains are surrounded by enchanting Grimm fairytale-like forests. I can see why early writers might have been inspired.

Crossing the Pyrenees mountains into Spain is physically challenging but it's where I've one of the most magical experiences. While adjusting my pack, a wild horse comes up to me in the fog. I'm nose to nose with this incredible animal. I'm a little nervous at first, but it just wants to say hi. There's a soulfulness in its eyes I don't believe I will

By Oct. 16, I've walked 192 km. Only 584 km to go before I reach Santiago.





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Blooming in Brooklin By Ken Brown

Make This a "Bulbous" Autumn



cumber beetles, which we plant them. survived the mild winter.

We're still picking ripe tomatoes and peppers because of abnormally warm autumn days. The lack of bright colours since bulbs are so frost has kept several vegetables from our dinner plates. Brussels sprouts, leeks and autumn lettuce as harbingers of spring and there's taste so much better after a couple of light frosts because they convert less tasty starches into sugars that one of the few garden features that enhance flavour.

and narcissus that will be amazing in the spring. But the beds I want the receding snow and extend to them in are still resplendent with the early summer alliums that rise summer flowering annuals which above other developing perenni-

Global warming is a I'm not ready to rip out because of I've laid new sod on top and still mixed blessing. We had their delightful colours. With warm they emerge each spring in ever invery few cucumbers this soil, those bulbs develop root syssummer because of the tems to push up their waves of corecord numbers of cu- lour next spring, no matter how late

> I'm always amazed come spring how many gardens are missing the easy to plant. A little effort and they can last for years. They provide joy a colour, style and shape to satisfy any gardener's whims. They're also have actually become cheaper.

I have bulbs to plant, like new tulips My bulb garden starts with snowdrops. They emerge at the edge of

> als with huge white or purple orbs. One of the other delights of bulbs is their ability to naturalize and spread. A few practically indestructible snowdrop bulbs planted in the lawn this fall will become a larger patch next year.

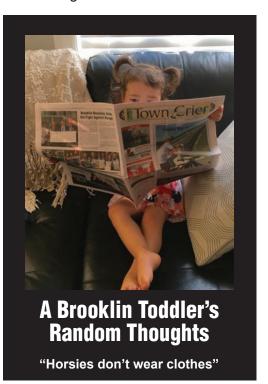
creasing numbers . I don't cut that area of lawn for the first couple of cuts to allow the bulbs time to mature and drop new seed. When I do cut them, they only lose about half their leaves. That allows them to keep increasing for the next year. Plus, squirrels ignore them.

As soon as the leaves start to turn colour, consider planting a new tree or shrubs. Most garden centres have fall sales so you can actually save money by planting a tree at the time of year it prefers. This also applies to many deciduous shrubs that provide us with interesting colours in the spring. A brilliant yellow forsythia to start the season and the sweet aroma of lilac are among the treats you'll find on sale at the garden centre. If that weigela you carefully planted a couple of years ago is now obviously in the wrong location, then dig it up now and move it.

The golden colours of fallen leaves also provide some gardening gold. Mine never see the inside of recycle bags. The leaves are packed with nutrients they've been creating all sum-

mer and are a wonderful source of organic matter. Rake them straight onto your garden beds. Your vegetable garden's bare soil is another excellent place to put them. I move mine in big windrows. Then the lawnmower comes out for possibly its last time and chews the leaves into bits that are spread across the soil. Next spring's vegetables will grow in the enriched soil.

By the way, store the lawnmower behind the snow blower and start that machine. It's much easier to find problems now rather than on than that first cold, dark, snowy morning.



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Horticultural Society presents Steven Biggs and his daughter Emma. They will speak about "Growing Gardeners: Kid-Tested Gardening." Children and grandchildren welcome! This meeting will also feature our Pumpkins, Pies and Pictures Show. Stick around after the meeting to enjoy some delicious refreshments (pies, of course). At the Brooklin United Church, 19 Cassels Road East.

Sat., Oct. 29: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Brooklin Zombie Walk (Optimist Club of Brooklin) at Grass Park, Brooklin. Join the Legion of the UNdead as we wander the streets of Brooklin in search of brains. What's a Zombie Walk? It's basically what zombies do best. Besides eating brains, they lurch, shamble, and drag hinged limbs down the street. Why are we dressing like zombies? What other monsters have such unity as a mass in death?! Plus it's just fun. Oh, and we'll be collecting

Wed., Oct. 26: 7:30 pm Brooklin non-perishable food goods for the food bank. www.brooklinzombiewalk.com

> Sun., Oct. 30: 7:00 pm Brooklin Pub Quiz Night, \$15.00 per person will get you a platter of wings and fries and a mug of beer for your team of 4-8 teams of 6 are best. Clues are: 1. Paddington Bear 2. Halley's Comet. Please contact Carolyn at 905-449-1162 for further questions. All proceeds go towards Pulmonary Hypertension of Canada

Sat., Nov. 12: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Annual Vendors' Sale at St. Leo the Great Parish Hall, 130 Watford St. (off Winchester). Free Admission- Over 30 vendors - Door Prizes - Something for everyone!

Sat., Nov. 12: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Rebekah's Craft Sale - 42 Bagot Street, Brooklin -Vendor tables \$15.00. 6 or 8 foot tables. For more information call Samantha Puckrin at 905-620-0538 or

Lis Whetstone at 289-356-3913

Sat., Nov. 12: Pre-ordering of Holiday House Tour tickets has begun - in person at the gallery, by phone or online at www.whitbystationgallery.com. The event day is Saturday, November 12th, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$30 each. Station Gallery is a stop this year with artisan food sampling and a silent auction featuring tabletop holiday trees decorated by different community businesses and local talent. We are hosting a raffle again this year tickets are \$5 for a chance to win a chauffeur driven town car on event day (for 4) with 'front of the line' lanyards!

Tuesdays: Brooklin Toastmasters, 7:15 p.m. for Meet & Greet, Meeting from 7:20 to 9:14 pm. at the Brooklin Community Centre & Library (NEW LOCATION), 8 Vipond Road, 2nd floor Boardroom (NW corner). For more information, contact John at 905-683-4439 or jajhj@sympatico.ca or Loran Weston-

Smyth at lorn@lornawestonsmyth.com or 416-910-4109. Brooklin Toastmasters provides a supportive and positive environment where members have the opportunity to develop their communication and leadership skills.

Basic Foot Care: Community Care Durham provides basic foot care services by registered foot care nurses on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at St. Thomas' Anglican Church. Please call 905-668-6223 for more information.

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Yes Woman *By Marissa Campbell*

Even "Tomboys" Should Look Good

My own personal shopping experience. While this might be many a girl's dream come true, it actually set my blood pressure rising. When I go shopping, I'm a run-into-thestore, grab-what-I-needand-leave kind of girl. This applies to everything from groceries to clothing. I never played dress-up as a kid. My closet is no bigger than a small bookshelf (I hear the gasps).

Fun fact: I'm a tomboy. I'm still a dedicated diva princess, but think Merida from *Brave*, as opposed to Cinderella and her fancy balls and glass slippers. I live in jeans and t-shirts, mixed with the occasional yoga pants.

I had my first pedicure last year. Seriously. So when the Brooklin Town Crier sent me to **Humphrey's Boutique** in Brooklin, I was shocked. I've lived here for over ten years, but I had no idea this hidden gem existed. Tucked away on the corner of Princess St. and Cassels Rd. E., this stunning Victorian home moonlights as a gorgeous clothing and gift store. The atmosphere is comfortable and down to earth, but the clothing ranges from casual to sophisticated chic to downright funky.

I met with owner Stephanie Humphrey and store manager Cathi Westrop who both assured me that every customer who comes into Humphrey's gets personalized attention. Don't know what you want to wear? They'll help you find it. Need that perfect look for a night out? They'll help you put it together. They took one look at my rocking mom duds and escorted me to the clothing racks.

Humphrey's impressed me. It's not one of those cookie-cutter big box chain stores. Stephanie and Cathi have taken advantage of every nook and cranny to display their

hand-picked selection of designer clothing. Humphrey's also sells jewelry and a few personal treats like handmade soaps and bath bombs. I mean, who doesn't love a hot bath and wine after a hard day of trying on clothes?

My personal style consultants had a plan. I was to pick out three things I thought would look good on me, and they were going to find three things they wanted me to try on. Off I went, my selections in hand.

Clothes flew off hangers, piling over chairs, landing on hooks, racks, and stools. Their change room was bigger than my ensuite bathroom.

When the final tally was collected, I had a row of options to choose from, only one of which I had picked out for myself. I was given options on how to wear each piece, what to pair it with, and how to accessorize it. They even gave me a scarf tying lesson. Who knew there were so many ways to arrange a neck warmer?

Having never shopped in a small town boutique, I had no idea what to expect. After working retail for many years in my youth (back in the days of vinyl records and landline telephones), I can honestly say my Humphrey's shopping experience was a blast and surprisingly educational. I received real, personalized service and genuine style advice. A girl could get seriously used to that.

In the end, I whittled it down to a pair of funky tights, a cheeky Pac Man cashmere sweater designed by Lisa Todd, and a rocking tank top emblazoned with Swarovski crystals. There were about five other items of clothing I have my eye on for the next time I pop in. Turns out tomboys need wicked outfits, too.

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"After" in my designer casual chic.



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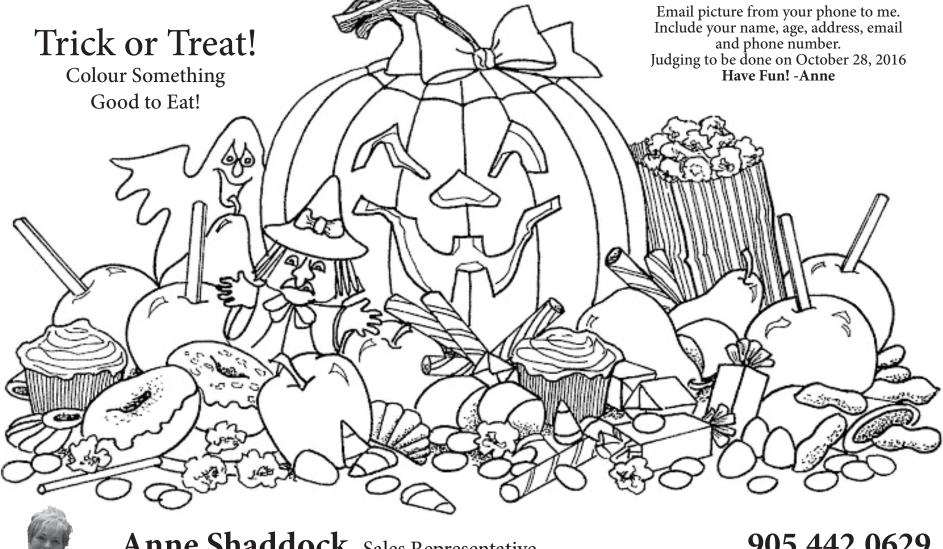






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How many jellybeans do you see?

Georgia Zinner, 7, guessed 1016 jelly beans. Wonder how close that was?

Georgia was one of the many who enjoyed St. Leo's Catholic Church Bazaar last Saturday.



Brooklin Bafflers by Liz Lowe: Business

Across

- Hotel posting (5) Assessment (9)
- Proportionately (3,4) 10 A soft silver-white
 - ductile metallic element (7)
- Produce (5)
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- Auction offering (3) 16 European Currency
- Unit, (abbrev) (3)
- 17 A noisy fight in a
- crowd (5) 19 Command (5)
- Boozehound (5) Rice (with raw fish) wrapped in seaweed
- 24 Common Market inits.
- 25 "My man!" (3) 26 Jottings (5)

- Merchandise (5)
- Type of payment (4,3) Small circular or square cases of dough with savoury
- fillings (7) Concluding an action
- Check for fit (3-2)

Down

- The act of returning
- money received (9) United States writer and social critic
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- maybe (3)
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- relates to living organisms (7)
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- organization (2-3) 26 Japanese-American
- Money substitute (5)
- Kind of shot (3) Big wine holder (3)



12 year olds Felicity Viger (left) and Lauryn Bedford raised over \$300 for Ms. Mitchell's Associated Class at Brooklin Village Public School. The class is in regular need of supplies for its special high needs students.



The Whitby Novice Blues hockey team, most of whom are from Brooklin, pose with two vans full of collected bags of clothing to be donated to Herizon House, a local shelter for abused women and their children. Team members are Tanner Kerr, Cam Monk, Luke Gummow, Noah Murray, Lincoln Wright, Christian Luciano, Carter Lee, Kaillen Taylor, Mason Calligaro, Broden Shea, Aiden Hodgkinson, Sam Bliss, Nolan McFarlane, Cohen Redelaar, Ronan Miller, Tristan Terry, and Griffin Jannes.

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Patients are drawn to Dr. Yao's genuine manner and positive outlook. He served as a Canadian Armed Forces Captain for nine years and practiced dentistry at the military base in Toronto. "It was a great experience serving my country," says Dr. Yao who is dedicated to serving all of his patients with compassion and offering the very best in quality care. "I like being in health care," he adds, "because ultimately you are there to help people."

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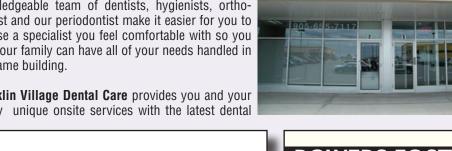
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Branch 152 would like to thank the residents of Brooklin, Myrtle, Ashburn, and surrounding communities for your continued support throughout the Poppy Campaign. Monies raised are put into a trust fund and is used to help Veterans and their families, our youths through bursaries and school awards, and helping others in our communities when needed. Without your help we would not be able to make this program possible.

STATEMENT OF POPPY ACCOUNT

Opening Balance October 1, 2015

Income From Campaign and Other Sources	\$39,899.95
	\$73,555.24
Disbursements: Poppy Campaign Expenses Bursaries & School Awards Youth Education Donations – Veterans Donations – Cadets	\$14,694.61 \$400.00 \$3.731.39 \$17,000.00 \$5,000.00
Donations – Community Total Expenses	\$6,500.00 \$47,326.00
Closing Balance September 30, 2016	\$26,229.24

Yours in Comradeship, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 152 NORM O'BOYLE, PRESIDENT

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Our Councillor's Report by Rhonda Mulcahy

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the most is "When is... going to happen?"

It's a common question. What isn't common is the knowledge of why it takes

so long for certain things to happen in municipal government. Traffic calming is a good example. We are flush with areas in Brooklin that need attention. But it's not as simple as installing a stop sign or painting a crosswalk.

Before we get to any of that, we need to study the area. We need statistics about the vehicle and pedestrian traffic. We also need to know if these things are warranted or not. (i.e. installing a crosswalk without a signal where it's not warranted can result in a more dangerous situation where pedestrians assume traffic will stop for them.)

I'm finding out that some of the areas I've thought dangerous are already under study. Councillor Derrick Gleed already had staff working on them and there's more problem areas as we grow and change.

According to Town staff, we do traffic studies in May and October. That is when the truest numbers are present. We also cannot do assessments on specific roads as we need to see the impact on traffic once the 407 tolls come into play.

One of the things I hear Next year's budget is being created now. We already have many areas of our community accounted for in the budget for traffic calming measures. Anything new will be accounted for in the budget next year.

> Once a study is done, a report will go from staff to an Operations Meeting and then subsequently to Council for approval. Although a process that takes time, it's important to do things properly. We generally have meetings every Monday night. Over a three week period, we have Planning, then Operations, and finally Council where we address both the Planning and Operation items brought forward.

Nothing moves as quickly as we would like it to, so in the meantime we all need to be aware of our driving habits. I frequently communicate with the DRPS but ultimately our safety comes down to our own human behaviour. Do high school students really need drives to school every day? It's a question worth asking. Fewer cars on the road would lessen the congestion. Whatever happened to the Walking School Bus for elementary school children?

In the meantime, I'm here to listen and share your concerns with staff. I'm happy to help you through the process. We all need patience, (myself included), but I believe we can enjoy a safe and pedestrian friendly community.



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