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Priority Groups Followed By Population Groups

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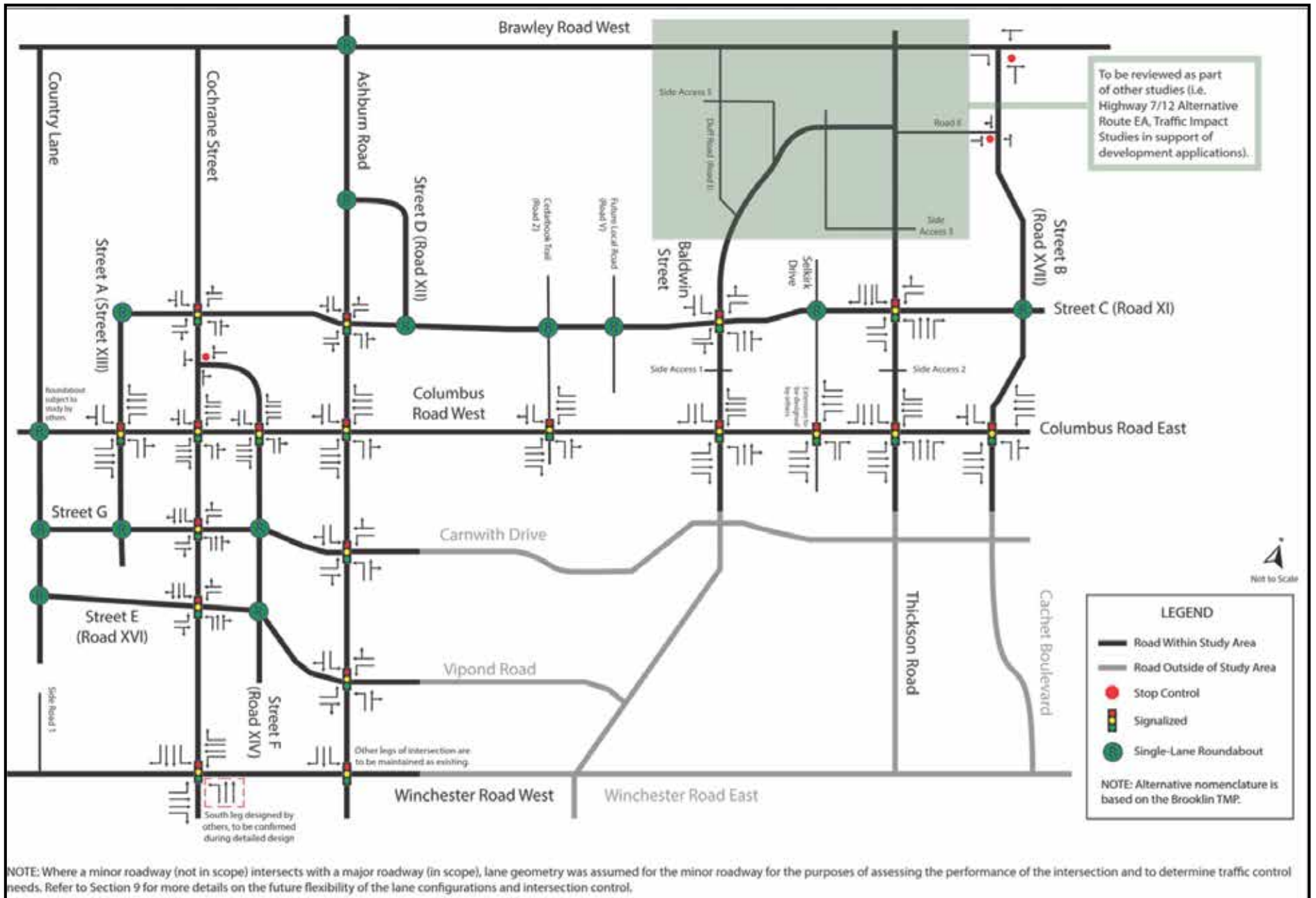
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Brooklin North Major Roads Environmental Assessment - Recommended Intersection Control Measures
 From Committee of the Whole Report PW 5-21 at the Town of Whitby on February 22, 2021

Less than half the picture: By Richard Bercuson

Sys - Boom - Whaaaa...!!!



That's the sound made by people as Brooklin's population explodes. (With apologies to the late Johnny Carson's Carnac the Magnificent)

Although the maps in our Feb. 12 issue (brooklintowncrier.com) were conceptual, what had been planned more than 15 years ago is now on the verge of happening. Some good burghers feel our community rests atop tectonic plates whose movement will be triggered by the onslaught of construction machinery. They believe the resultant quakes will forever shatter Brooklin's placidness and desecrate what is left of its charm. Letter writers to Councilor Steve Lee likened the proposed expansion to Scarborough or, heavens, Mississauga. Both are about as suburban ugly as it gets.

Much of Brooklin's development began around the turn of this century. Especially in the last few years, we've faced traffic and transportation problems which may yet be resolved, but aren't quite there.

We still face problems surrounding how to redirect vehicles around Brooklin. The 407 was completed in 2016 yet the arterial road bypass has not yet broken ground though there's been much broken wind about it coming. Evidently the envi-

ronmental assessment is done and one hopes there'll be shovels at work this year.

Trucks continue to rumble through downtown. The Copper Branch restaurant could have survived quite nicely had it been paid the price of one smoothie for each truck that went by. The regional catastrophe called Winchester west of Watford/Anderson remains hellish.

Traffic in and through the community has "matured" as have the number and ages of drivers. We've had our fill of speeding, running stop signs, and flying through crosswalks. However, the area's layout hasn't helped which has meant needing to apply band aid solutions.

Why was most of Carnwith constructed with no traffic calming measures? Why can you travel on Watford from Cassels to Carnwith, past two elementary schools and a church, with virtually nothing but signs and road paint - useless in winter - to suggest you slow down? Who thought it a good idea for Carnwith to be more than two lanes going past Chris Hadfield and St. Bridget elementary schools? The town recently added an electronic crosswalk at Anderson and Duggan - 20 years after the subdivision was built!

Despite the wailing and gnashing of teeth, we're not going to stop the development. However, in order to ensure the new northern habitats are safe and have a fighting chance to preserve Brooklin's charm, a number of steps are in the offing.

Unlike Brooklin's current road structure, the new developments will have traffic measures put in place before the northern lands are completed. A Whitby town staff report (PW 5-21) at the Feb. 22 Council of the Whole meeting describes in de-

tail how those plans will look.

Obviously it's much easier - and more sensible - to establish where there will be stop lights, speed bumps and even roundabouts before building is done so as not to repeat the errors we've had to endure.

All of this is good news. It does lead me though to one question: will it also be time to have a police station up that way?

Is **Your** Look Out of **Date?**

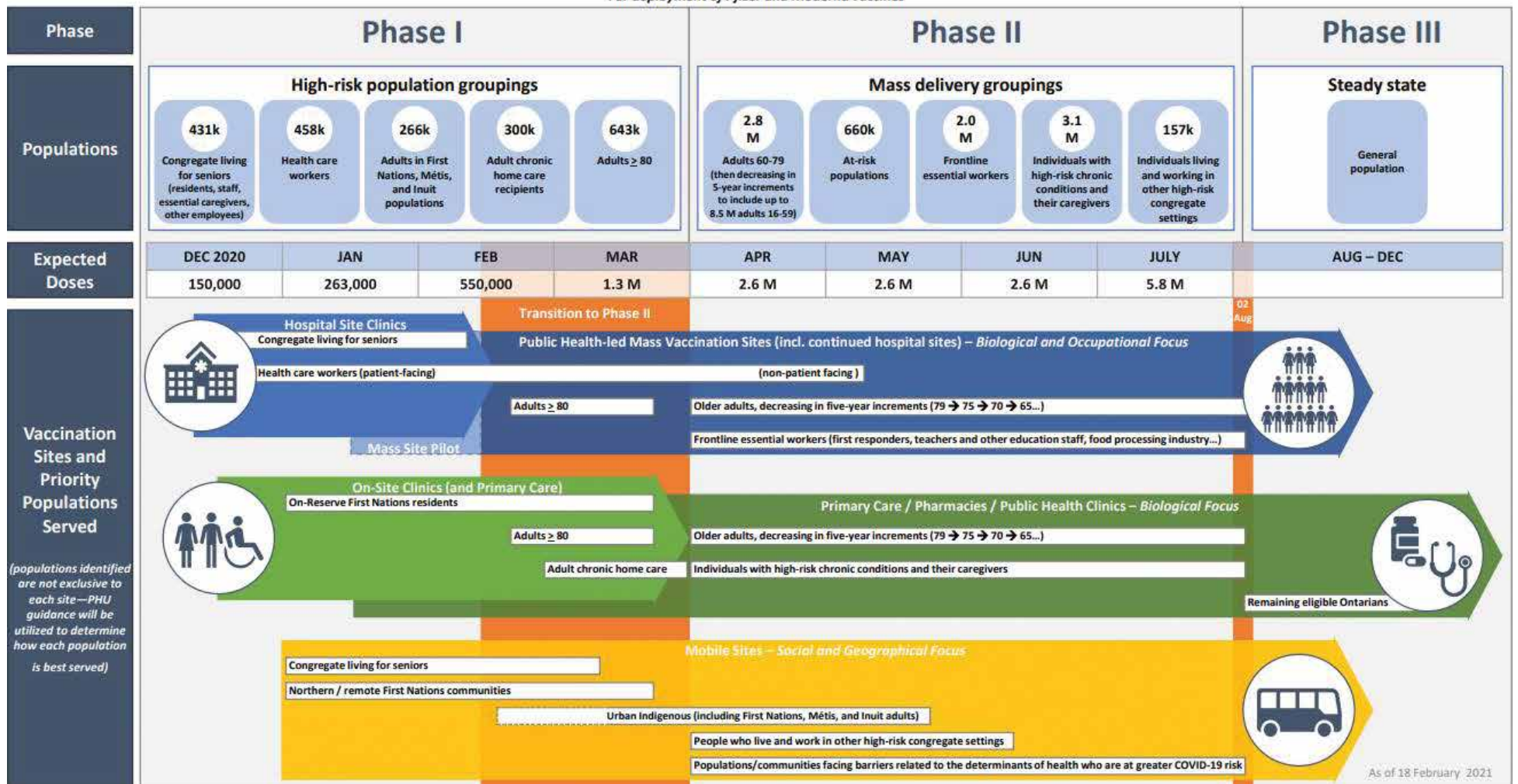
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COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan

For deployment of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines



Whitby Regional Councillor Rhonda Mulcahy

Provincial COVID-19 3 Phase Plan



Durham Region Vaccine Plan

I hear you: Patience is wearing thin in the wait for COVID-19 vaccines. I also have people close to me who are in risk categories and I'm anxious about how to get them vaccinated so they can have some normalcy back in their lives.

The federal government procures the vaccines then distributes them to the provincial governments. Ontario's government is leading the distribution of vaccines through a three-phased distribution implementation plan.

In Durham Region, the COVID-19 Vaccine Steering Table (with representation from Durham Region Health Department, Lakeridge Hospital, and local primary care physicians) is planning to implement vaccine distribution and administration for Durham residents according to the provincial plan, vaccine availability, and the provincial ethical framework.

We are in Phase 1. The plan for the broader population of Durham residents will be available when information is received from the province. When this occurs, the Health Department will communicate details through durham.ca and media outlets.

Healthcare partners will continue to receive information through the Health Department's normal process of communication.

As part of the province's vaccine distribution plan, the im-

mediate priority groups to receive vaccines in Durham Region are:

- Staff and essential caregivers in long-term care homes, high-risk retirement homes and First Nations elder care homes, and any residents of these settings that have not yet received a first dose of vaccine.
- Alternative level of care patients in hospitals who have a confirmed admission to a long-term care home, retirement home or other congregate care home for seniors.
- Highest Priority health care workers, followed by Very High Priority health care workers, in accordance with the Ministry of Health's guidance on Health Care Worker Prioritization.
- Indigenous adults in northern remote and higher risk communities (including on-reserve and urban communities).

When all immediate priority groups have received vaccination for COVID-19, the remaining Phase 1 population will receive the vaccine, including:

- Adults 80 and older.
- Staff, residents and caregivers in retirement homes and other congregate care settings for seniors (e.g., assisted living).
- Health care workers in the High Priority level, and in accordance

with the Ministry of Health's guidance on Health Care Worker Prioritization.

- All Indigenous adults.
- Adult with chronic home care.

You will be contacted directly if you are part of the immediate priority groups. There will be broad communication to the community and health care providers when appointments can be booked for those remaining in Phase 1.

Additional information about when and how to register is still to come.

COVID-19 vaccination clinics will be operating the first week of March for priority populations

These clinics will take place in Oshawa at Durham College and Ontario Tech University and in Pickering at Chestnut Hills Development Complex. These clinics will be used for priority populations in accordance with provincial guidance. These clinics will not be open to the public and they will not take public bookings.

Municipal vaccination clinic locations

Through our partnerships with local area municipalities, area residents will have access to community-based COVID-19 vaccination clinics in all Durham Region municipalities. Additional information on when these clinics will be open will be provided as more details become avail-

able. Implementation dates for clinic openings will vary; population groups will be notified when they may register for clinics.

Ajax
Audley Recreation Centre

Brock
Rick MacLeish Memorial Community Centre Arena

Clarington
Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex

Oshawa
Durham College and Ontario Tech University

Pickering
Chestnut Hills Development Complex

Scugog
Scugog Arena

Uxbridge
Uxbridge Arena

Whitby
McKinney Centre

Mobile clinics will also be available to provide vaccines to populations and individuals who may have difficulty accessing larger clinics.

In the meantime, stay safe and know all of us will do everything we can to ensure we can expedite the vaccine process. Durham Region and the Town of Whitby are ready, waiting and willing to move mountains to get this process underway.

Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson



Colour your way to winter energy

Vegetables are nature's vitamins. They come in a wide range of colours and it's common knowledge they're good for us.

Winter is a kind of blah time of the year. By February, people experience low energy and reach for comfort foods that don't contain high amounts of micronutrients. So it's important to eat "colourful."

According to Web MD, feeling cold triggers a self-preservation mode that sends the body a message to heat up fast. That message is often played out as a craving for carbohydrate-rich foods containing sugars and starches that provide the instant "heat" boost your body longs for. The problem with this is that, while micronutrients contribute to your en-

ergy, some carbs leave you feeling even more tired.

Eating vegetables has many benefits. They're nutrient-dense, lower in calories, and versatile. Steam or roast veggies for side dishes, salads or Buddha bowls. Leafy greens are by far the healthiest. Look for ways to add spinach, kale and other greens to your diet.

Brightly coloured vegetables and fruits offer numerous health benefits. Most are antioxidants, and contain a long list of vitamins and minerals. If you want to eat healthy and cover all your nutritional bases, think about eating a rainbow or a wide variety and colours of fruits and veggies. You can save money by buying frozen vegetables that are out of season. While the taste is different, they

pack the same nutrient punch.

Tips for eating your daily rainbow:

1. Breakfast smoothies are marvelous. You can add kale, spinach and berries to them.
2. Oatmeal also makes for a fine breakfast. I top mine with frozen wild blueberries, fresh strawberries, and seeds such as hemp, chia or ground flax.
3. At lunch, eat your greens. Try super salads that start with a base of Romaine lettuce, add some baby kale or spinach, then toss in your favourite vegetables and chickpeas.
4. Don't eat the same vegetables all the time. Diversifying your veggies ensures you are getting a wider variety of nutrients.
5. Stir fries are another great way to get vegetables in your meals. Double the recipe and have leftovers for lunch.
6. Fresh fruit is your anytime snack. To prevent blood sugar highs and lows, pair fruit with a handful of nuts.
7. Make a homemade vegetable-based soup.
8. Marinate vegetables for use in pasta, pizzas, sandwiches and more.

Here's my favourite marinade recipe from the "Oh She Glows" blog. In the winter, I roast them in the oven for about 20 minutes at 375.

The Basic Recipe

- 2 portobello mushrooms (or use peppers, zucchini or eggplant.)
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 tsp lemon zest (optional)
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 clove garlic minced
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried basil

Pinch of dried red pepper flakes

In a large bowl, whisk together the vinegar, lemon juice, lemon zest, oil, garlic, oregano, basil, salt, red pepper flakes and ground salt and pepper. Add the cleaned mushrooms. Marinate the mushrooms for at least 60 minutes, rotating them every once in a while. You can also marinate them overnight.

Sheree's Hack: Double or triple the recipe and amount of vegetables to ensure you have leftovers for other uses.

What You Need To Know This Week:

Whitby in Bloom Virtual Garden Seminar

Get your garden ready for the new growing season during the virtual seminar "Preparing Your Garden for Spring". Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 7 p.m. Register online at whitby.ca/whitbyinbloom

Parking Enforcement Resumes March 1

The Town will resume regular parking enforcement on March 1. Learn about temporary on-street and overnight parking options and register your vehicle for on-street parking online at whitby.ca/parking

What to Expect After a Snowfall

Wondering when your street will be plowed after a snowfall? Use the "Find My Street" tool to learn more about how soon after a snowfall Whitby roads will be cleared. Find your street at whitby.ca/snow

Danger: Keep Off Stormwater Ponds

Even though they may look fun, stormwater ponds are not meant for hockey, skating or any recreational use. These ponds are dangerous, especially this time of year as water levels experience dramatic and rapid changes during and following periods of rain and snow melt. whitby.ca/stormwater

2021 Interim Tax Bill Was Due February 22 - Residential, Farmland, Pipeline And Managed Forest Properties

The first instalment of the Interim Tax Billing for 2021 was due February 22.

Questions? Contact the Tax Division at 905.430.4304 or tax@whitby.ca
For more information on how payment can be made, visit whitby.ca/tax



Our Brooklin Kids By Leanne Brown



Why are kids scared of the basement?

My daughter doesn't like to go into our basement alone. To be fair, it's only partially finished though there's a comfy couch, air hockey table and other kid cave items. The floor is carpeted and the junk is hidden behind a curtain. In my opinion, it's pretty good for now and at some point we'll finish it. But this doesn't matter.

She will not go down there unless someone's with her. She claims she isn't scared, yet something makes her uneasy, so we don't force the issue.

I used to be wiggy in basements as a child myself, especially in the dark, secluded parts. I don't know what I thought was scary about them and I can't explain it; it was just a feeling. I knew nothing was there. Yet I can relate to the scene in the movie "Home Alone" when the boy, Kevin, is terrified by the basement furnace.

Sounds?

I wonder if it's about sound. When you're upstairs, you can hear outside noises. You know what's happening around you. But with basements, sound is muffled and even sound proof.

Now add those basement and creaky house sounds and other noises stand out more. For a child, they can seem almost ghostly.

There's also the fact that basements can be cooler and damper than the rest of the house. You can get goosebumps or shiver

down there, both of which can be unnerving. Even a basement's musty smell will add to the unpleasantness.

Basements with poor lighting create shadows and dark spaces that can heighten a child's imagination. A chair covered by a blanket suddenly becomes a phantom.

I remember as a child not wanting to be alone down there. I'd go if I really had to, but I'd be quick about it. I wonder if it was like being locked in a basement, which could be terrifying. At least in an upstairs room, you can signal for help out a window, but not necessarily from a basement.

Minimize fear

If your basement isn't kid friendly, there are a few things you can do to minimize the fear.

First, get rid of the junk in corners that create shadows. Then improve the lighting to make shadows disappear. Even if it's not a completely finished space, fix it up enough so it's a nice place to hang out in. Try playing together as a family in the basement to create fun memories and good vibes about the space.

Most kids outgrow the fear. They may even rent a basement during college years. In the meantime, just remember that the furnace isn't really trying to eat you...no really it isn't...is it?

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My office, originally in my home, was moved nine years ago to its current location at 62 Winchester Road East, across from the Luther Vipond Arena.

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Volunteer activities are an important part of our personal and business life. I have recently joined the "100 Men of Oshawa" and "100 Men of Whitby," the focus of both groups being to raise money for local charities. I have coached minor soccer, coached and managed minor hockey and was the Director of Public Practice for the Durham CGA chapter for four years. We try to support the Brooklin/Durham Region on a personal and a business level whenever we can.

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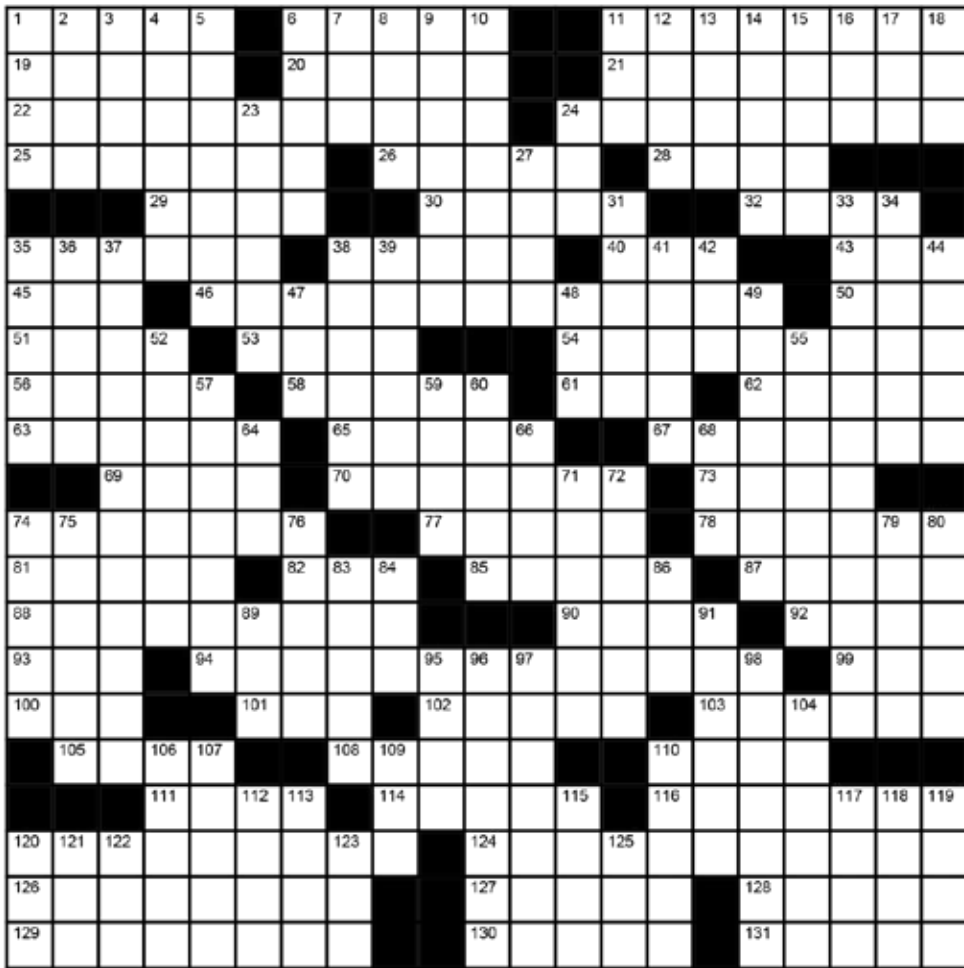
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Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe Crossword



- Across**
- 1 Basic input/output system
 - 5 Trident-shaped letter
 - 8 Made in ____
 - 14 Type of: fellow member
 - 16 A Latin word meaning "for the eighth time"
 - 17 Outlets of a river, drain or other source of water
 - 18 A form of address for a man
 - 19 Up to the task
 - 20 Spoiled
 - 21 U.S.N. officer
 - 22 Prefix with red
 - 25 Nae sayer
 - 27 Unwavering
 - 28 Personnel that enforces discipline and guards prisoners
 - 31 Layer
 - 32 Jiffy
 - 33 Zeta follower
 - 34 Very funny
 - 40 Zilch
 - 41 United
 - 42 Yuletide beverage
 - 44 Coalescing of bacteria or red cells when held together by antibodies
 - 49 Central points
 - 50 Word processor command
 - 51 Sleep disorder
 - 52 In the past
 - 53 "Monty Python" aier
 - 54 Pigeon's home
 - 56 Virility drug
 - 58 To record again
- Down**
- 1 Sis's sib
 - 2 Slip in a pot
 - 3 Giant Hall-of-Famer
 - 4 Type of expedition
 - 5 Tablet
 - 6 An employee who represents a business and sells its merchandise
 - 7 Social connections
 - 8 A rounded fruit that is eaten as a vegetable or in salads
 - 9 Battery fluid
 - 10 T.G.I.F. part
 - 11 Used to disperse crowds (especially crowds of rioters)
 - 12 Means of approach
 - 13 Like Vikings
 - 15 Morocco's capital
 - 20 Some jazz
 - 22 Trickster
 - 23 Guitarist Lofgren
 - 24 Large seaplanes that float with its fuselage in the water
 - 26 Resembling a circle
 - 27 South American monkey
 - 29 Biblical beast
 - 30 Allow
 - 35 Temporary living quarters
 - 36 Addition



- 37 Free from evil or guilt
- 38 Mad Hatter's drink
- 39 Missing
- 43 Govt. property overseer
- 44 Type of mineral
- 45 Polished
- 46 Shamus
- 47 Spud
- 48 Medicinal syrup
- 49 The "N" of U.S.N.A.
- 53 French cheese
- 55 Unrestrained revelry
- 57 Tank filler
- 58 ____ gestae
- 59 Fertility clinic stock
- 60 Minister: Abbr.
- 61 Like some wines

Brooklin's first car dealership

By Jennifer Hudgins

Guy Stevenson Motors on Baldwin was a thriving dealership that employed mechanics, general helpers and salesmen to keep it running smoothly. Some residents may recall how every Halloween one of Guy's older model cars would go missing from the lot, ending up in the creek beside Robinson's funeral chapel. Stevenson also sponsored the Brooklin men's softball team which won the 1950 Ontario Championship.

Noble John Guy Stevenson grew up on a farm at Highway 7 and Coronation Rd. Young Guy was interested in buying and repairing bicycles and his interest turned to automobiles as he grew up. In 1936, he married Margery Estella Diamond, a farm girl from the Warkworth area who moved with her family to Pickering where the couple met. Shortly before their marriage, Guy bought a property on Duke Street that had a house and garage, which is where he began selling used cars. He and his new bride, meanwhile, lived in a three-room cottage across the road from the car lot.

Chrysler arrives

In 1939, Guy accepted the distributorship of Chrysler cars for Ontario County in Whitby and two years later he returned to Brooklin, buying a gas station at the corner of Baldwin and

Way Street. He added to the building's north end from where he managed the sale of automobiles and fuel.

After selling the Duke Street properties, he purchased a farm at 57 Winchester Road. He owned it for three years before selling all but 10 acres adjoining the Brooklin park to Len Blight, who used the land for a racetrack. Guy's sons John Guy and Phillip Richard Stevenson grew up in that house on the 10 acre lot. Today there is a communication tower at the top of the lane where the Stevenson house once stood.

Rented rooms

Eventually Guy needed a larger property than the gas station provided so in 1947 he purchased a duplex house at 63 Baldwin Street. On the south side, he rented rooms to the First Credit Union, and to a veterinarian, Dr. Black while the north side continued to be used as his sales office. He stored cars on the lot beside the house that backed onto Price Street. In 1949, Guy sold the service station portion to Wes Schell. However, Guy Stevenson Motors functioned as a dealership until 1963 when he retired and sold the property to Fred Brown.

Bored with retirement, Guy ended up renewing his license for the Chrysler distributorship and sold cars from his Winchester Road house. He also became interested in collecting antique furniture. The land on Winchester where a communications tower and park currently are is owned by the Town of Whitby.

Guy died at age 63 in 1973 and his wife Margery at age 83 in 1995. Both are buried at Groveside Cemetery.

Development Charges Public Meeting

On Monday, March 8, 2021, the Town of Whitby will hold a public meeting about its proposed development charge rates and policies.

Ahead of the public meeting, a copy of the 2021 Development Charges Background Study is available for review online at whitby.ca/developmentcharges.

Development Charge Background Study

Development charges are collected when there is new development in the Town. They are a primary source of funding for the Town to support growth-related capital costs in Whitby.

The 2021 Development Charges Background Study relates to the delivery of the following eligible development charges services:

- Libraries
- Parks and Recreation
- Fire Services
- Waste Management
- By-Law Enforcement
- Development-related Studies
- Services Related to a Highway – Town-wide Infrastructure, and

Roads & Related – Alternate Route and Related Infrastructure) and;
 • Stormwater Management

Public Comment and Appearing Before Council

Any person may make written representation either in support of or in opposition to the study and/or by-law. Written submissions should be directed to the Office of the Town Clerk no later than noon on Friday, March 5, 2021.

Any person wishing to speak at the meeting in support of or in opposition of the by-law should complete a Delegation Request Form online at whitby.ca/delegations by noon on the day of the meeting. Or call **905.430.4315** to speak with staff in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Written comments received before the meeting and submissions made at the public meeting will be considered by Council before the new development charges by-law comes into effect.

Project Contact is Jennifer Hess, Senior Financial Planning and Policy Advisor at **905.444.2826** or treasury@whitby.ca.

Whitby In Bloom Webinars Coming Soon

It may not feel like spring, but it's time to think about gardening and warmer days ahead. Are you looking to add a garden to your new home? Are you ready to take your harvest to the next level?

Take advantage of the free Whitby in Bloom webinars being held via Zoom. Residents are invited to hear tips and tricks from experienced gardeners.

Register for each webinar through this web site: whitby.ca/whitbyin-bloom

Beginner Gardening Speakers

March 3, 7 p.m. – Ingrid Janssen presents “Preparing Your Garden for Spring”

• Get your garden ready for the growing season. Topics include spring clean up, lawn care, creating healthy soil, insect and weed control, planting and mulches.

March 10, 7 p.m. - Gini Sage and Karen Durnin presents “Introduction to Vegetable Gardening”

• This webinar is all about why, where and how to grow your own vegetables. Topics include cool and warm season crops, small space gardening and companion planting to maximize your harvest.

March 17, 7 p.m. - Pam Clarke, Cori Whittington and Kelly Mitchell present “Gardening in a New Subdivision: What to do and what to avoid”

• Learn tips and tricks for designing and building a garden in a new subdivision. Discover the top plants for beginners, where to plant how to care for your new garden.

2021 Whitby in Bloom Speaker Series

March 24, 7:30 p.m. – Paul Gallatly presents “Top Five”

• Discover the top five must have plants in categories including shade, season extending, rare, clematis, grasses and more.

April 28, 7:30 p.m. – Conrad Richter presents “Some Amazing Herbs You May Not Know, but Should”

• Attend to learn about 30 plus lesser known herbs that go beyond the most well known herbs - such as anise-hyssop, lemon balm, garlic chives, lovage and salad burnet.

May 26, 7:30 p.m. – Ben Cullen presents “Beyond Beefsteak”

• Ben's presentation is geared towards gardeners who have experience with the basics of vegetable gardening and are looking to take their harvest to the next level. Get inspired to make the most of your growing season.

Whitby in Bloom Webinars are sponsored by Lynde Creek Manor Retirement Community and presented in partnership with Brooklin Whitby Garden Club and Durham Master Gardeners.

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The Toronto Regional Real Estate Board (TRREB) projects optimism for a booming Greater Toronto Area (GTA) real estate market in 2021. The report forecasts near-record sales numbers of 100,000 units, with average selling prices expected to break records and exceed the \$1 million mark.

“The pandemic certainly resulted in an unprecedented year for real estate in 2020, but it hasn't put a damper on the overall demand,” reports Jason Mercer, TRREB Chief Market Analyst. “Looking ahead, a strengthening economy and renewed GTA population growth following widespread vaccinations will support the continued demand for both ownership and rental housing. But over the long run, the supply of listings will remain an issue, particularly in low-rise segments.”

Also released this week, January's monthly figures show a strong start to the year. 6,928 sales recorded last month represents an over 50% increase measured year-over-year against January, 2020. Sales growth was recorded in all market segments, including condominiums in both the 416 and surrounding 905 regions. New listings also increased year-over-year, though at a less pronounced rate, which led to a tightening of market conditions versus the previous January.

The average selling price for January, 2021 spiked 15.5% year-over-year to \$967,885, driven primarily by the low-rise market segments as condominium apartment prices dropped in Toronto during this period. Despite this, TRREB expects that the continued growth of condominium sales could soon lead to sales growth outpacing listing growth, and renewed condo price appreciation.

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