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Remembering the Brooklin Spring Fair parades



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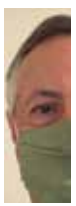
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Less than half the picture: By Richard Bercuson

Meanwhile, on Camber Court...



There are 17 homes and homeowners on Camber Court, a quiet street that faces the Brooklin Concrete (BC) site. Every one of them agreed to form an association to look at the massive development soon to happen literally across from them.

Two individuals stepped up as co-chairs and the group hired an urban planner to investigate what they could do to work with Geranium Corporation, the Ontario company that will develop the 11.35 hectare (28 acres) site.

As one of the co-chairs, Steve Forman, noted, this will be the first major development in

Brooklin that will directly affect homes. Apart from the construction time, expected to be around five years to completion, a myriad of issues face Camber Court residents. However, Forman states the developer has, so far, said all the right things.

"We're not against development,"

he said following a May 18 virtual meeting with Geranium. "We're also not against rezoning provided Geranium addresses our



For the buffer zone, Geranium has offered to plant 16-20 ft. evergreens on the east side of Camber along with building fencing. It even asked what kind of fencing residents preferred. This would mean Camber's homes would wind up facing the back doors of a treed, fenced residential community, an improvement over the status quo.

The parking issue revolves around the fact that there will be about 900 dwellings of various sizes which could translate to about 2,000 people. Forman notes that they're allotted one space per dwelling with 0.2 extra for visitors. Where will the overflow go? Camber's homeowners fear much of it will end up on their short street. What are Geranium and the town prepared to do about it?

concerns. We've become pretty knowledgeable on zoning. We just want them to work with us."

Among the key issues facing the residents are: stacked townhomes on an already elevated chunk of land at the corner of Camber and Columbus, parking, and buffers across the street.

The proposed five units of four-storey stacked townhomes would be directly across from Camber's first few homes. After meeting with the company, Geranium countered by eliminating one unit, however the residents want the four storeys reduced to three. "If they will do that, Forman adds, "the rest is manageable."

Then there's the issue of the proposed 12-storey residential/commercial building on the corner of Baldwin and Columbus. While the building's size and location don't directly affect Camber, the parking very well may. Neither Baldwin nor Columbus can allow parking which means that the building's condo residents, visitors, and commercial clients and staff will need to go somewhere.

Of greater importance is that Brooklin will no longer just be a quaint community of low level homes and buildings. A 12-storey edifice may aim to help increase density as per provincial legislation (see Councillor Steve Lee's column). But it doesn't fit. The Camber homeowners can't do anything about it and perhaps nor can anyone else. And sadly, it may just be the start.

What You Need To Know This Week:

Outdoor Amenities: What's Open

As part of the Province's three-step roadmap to reopening, the Town has reopened select outdoor amenities. Here's what's open right now:

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| • Basketball Courts | • Parks |
| • Baseball Diamonds | • Park Benches |
| • Beaches | • Pickleball and Tennis Courts |
| • Lacrosse Boxes | • Playground Structures |
| • Marina and Boat Launch | • Skate Parks |
| • Off-leash Dog Parks | • Sports Fields (Multi-use) |
| • Outdoor Fitness Equipment | • Trails |

Splash Pads are now open. Find a splash pad near you at whitby.ca/SplashPads. For more information on what's open, please visit whitby.ca/Reopening

Let's Get Whitby Vaccinated

Good news, Whitby! Individuals age 12 plus, and those turning 12 in 2021, are now able to book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment with Durham Region Public Health. Residents are encouraged to book a vaccination appointment online at durham.ca/VaccineAppointments

Things to Do In Whitby This June

There are many ways to recognize and celebrate Pride Month, Bike Month, Recreation and Parks Month, Seniors' Month, National Indigenous History Month and Local Food Week virtually this June! Learn more and register for programming at whitby.ca/Calendar

Have Your Say!

The Town has launched community engagement to learn how its service delivery can be more inclusive and equitable. Share your experiences between now and July 7. Complete an anonymous survey or register for a virtual engagement session at connectwhitby.ca/Idea

Groveside Cemetery Decoration Service – Date Change

The annual Groveside Cemetery Decoration Day Service traditionally held on the second Sunday in June has been moved to Sunday, September 19 at 2:30 p.m. The event will be open for anyone to come and enjoy the grounds of Groveside Cemetery and take part in a service in honour of and to remember friends and family who have passed. Location: 5155 Baldwin Street South. For more information, please call 905.261.5506.

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Everyone Loves A Parade

By Jennifer Hudgins



There is nothing quite like a great parade to bring a community together. The Brooklin Spring Fair's annual version has had over 100 years to establish its well-coordinated and inspiring tradition. It's also why each year thousands of Brooklin residents have braved all kinds of weather to watch marching bands, classic cars, floats and more, ushering fair-goers into the fairgrounds.

The first Brooklin Spring Fair, representing the agricultural community, was held in 1911 on the property of John Vipond, which later became the Meadowcrest subdivision. Information is sketchy about the earliest Brooklin's parades until 1916 when the 116th Uxbridge Battalion and the 182nd Whitby Battalion marched down Baldwin Street for the first time. Following this, it is likely that no parades took place until 1924 when decorated cars were part of the festivities.

Volunteers involved

The parade has been organized by service clubs and dozens of community volunteers. In 1974, a group of women formed Group 74 to offer their organizational skills to the Fair board. One of the highlights of their planning came on June 6, 1984, when 22 members of the 48th Highlanders pipes and drum band participated. The Highlanders were a Canadian Forces Primary Reserve infantry regiment formed in 1891 and are allied with the British Army's Royal Regiment of Scotland whose colonel-in-chief is Queen Elizabeth II. A number of Brooklin residents served with this regiment.

For the 1949 parade, resident Betty-Jean Blyth entered her decorated 1932 Hudson Terraplane car. When resident

Jim Carnwith found out, he entered his own car hoping to beat her for the first prize ribbon. However, on the day of the parade, Jim's car would not start. To the amusement of spectators, he borrowed a horse to tow it, only to lose out to Betty-Jean anyway.

Consistent winners

The Brooklin Heritage Society knows how it feels to win first place ribbons for best float, having done so six out of the seven years it's been entered. Al and Dwayne Parrot have shared in the excitement as they tow their trailer used for floats by the Society. In keeping with the Spring Fair's 2019 dairy theme, heritage society members wore cow costumes and painted the names of local dairy farmers on banners depicting milk cans.

The Brooklin-Ashburn-Myrtle (BAM) Lions club's first attempt at organizing the parade in 2010 was almost a washout. Entrants and volunteers were caught in a torrential downpour, though this didn't deter either the parade or the watchers. Ten minutes after it finished, the sun came out. Jim McGrorey, one of the lead planners, wondered if God was trying to tell him something. Sue Pitchforth, another lead planner who served in the role for over five years, remembers how exciting it was to co-host the occasions Rogers TV broadcast the parade for three years in a row.

The longevity and success of the Brooklin Spring Fair parades stem from the many volunteers, organizers and participants who have given their time to produce

one that is a true representation of the Brooklin community and a valued tradition.



Betty Jean Blyth sits on the front tire fender in this 1949 photo of the car decorating contest.



North Ward Councillor Steve Lee

Updating Key Issues

Brooklin Concrete, the area's largest employee, has been part of our community since 1952. While we're sad to see it go, the writing has been on the wall for some time. We knew development would eventually be in the middle of our community instead of on the outskirts as it once was. The company also knew this was coming and made the business decision to leave when it made the most sense for them. We wish them well.

It means though that we will need to ensure our employment lands along the 407 replace those lost jobs as soon as possible. The proposed development is mixed use and residential and conforms to the secondary plan.

Provincial law

As we know, Brooklin is growing and our density will increase. This stems from provincial legislation in the Places to Grow Act. The province set the population target and we must find ways to make that work as we get little flexibility in it. The official plan, and in our case, the Brooklin Secondary Plan, guide the growth. All development proposals coming forward are part of that Secondary Plan, the long-term vision for growth.

Growth also brings more cars and we need to ensure safety on our streets. The speed bumps are coming back. I'd made a motion for a pilot program on Robert Attersley Drive and the program report showed substantive results in slowing the traffic and in-

creasing safety. As a result, Robert Attersley will get permanent speed bumps this summer/fall. As well, I motioned to add an additional two streets per ward this summer. Council also passed a motion adding 10 streets per year for the next five years. I also motioned at council to ensure the new Brooklin developments will have speed bumps and other traffic calming measures from the start.

Sports complex

As to the new sports complex, this was just in front of council on Monday, May 31. I am excited for this project which has been a long time coming. So far, the response and feedback from the community has been amazing. Staff has been reviewing survey responses and working with the architect to see what can be included in the designs. Next steps will come to council and I look forward to working on this amazing project.

Splash pads

With the provincial restrictions for splash pads changing at the last minute and with the advent of warm weather, I received a lot of messages about when they'd open. Staff has worked hard to get them open as quickly as possible. A fun fact: Whitby is sort of Durham Region's leader in splash pads with 16. Oshawa, Ajax and Pickering have nine, six and three, respectively. So while it may seem like ours slow to open compared with others, it's just that we have more to get to than anywhere else.

In the meantime, let's get outside and enjoy some of Whitby's great amenities!



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He also believes in helping those within the community and gives generously to SickKids, Habitat for Humanity, Simcoe Hall Settlement House and Breast Cancer Research.

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Durham Film Festival To Host Drive-Ins

Durham Region International Film Festival (DRIFF) is pleased to present *Shifting the Narrative*, a curated series of five drive-in screenings celebrating the rich diversity of Canadian stories by contemporary Canadian filmmakers.

After the success of last year’s drive-in screenings, this summer’s drive-in experiences will begin in June and conclude in

September. Each screening pairs an acclaimed Canadian feature-length film, including Sudz Sutherland’s *Home Again* and Anne-Marie Fleming’s *Window Horses*, with a short film by an emerging Canadian director — all under the stars in a scenic locale in Durham Region, with plenty of space between vehicles.

Each short film has been personally selected by the director of each feature, in collaboration with the DRIFF team. DRIFF Programming Director Kirk Cooper was delighted by the directors’ unique selections, which

contribute to “an incredible program of stories that touch upon migration and deportation, losing yourself and finding your voice, strength in pride, and pride from strength.”

Nadège lacks the confidence to assert her desires... until the day she discovers a new passion which awakens the beast within her. DRIFF presents **Wanted: Strong Woman** (Marilyn Cooke, 2019) ahead of the feature presentation of **1:54** on June 24th.

Continuing the creative conversation beyond the drive-in, personal essays and recorded

conversations between these filmmakers will be available at **driff.ca** and on our social media **@CatchTheDRIFF**.

The series kicks off on **Thursday, June 24th** with a presentation of Yan England’s 1:54 preceded by the short film *Wanted: Strong Woman*. Head to **driff.ca/shifting-the-narrative** for the full lineup of feature films.

About DRIFF
DRIFF is a non-profit dedicated to promoting arts, culture and community in the Durham Region. Find out more at **driff.ca**.

NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

Mid-Block Arterial Road Municipal Class Environmental Assessment



The Town of Whitby, in partnership with the South Brooklin Landowners Group, have conducted a Schedule ‘C’ Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) study for the Mid-Block Arterial Road. Following consultation with the public, major stakeholders, property owners, Indigenous Communities and other agencies, a preferred design alignment for the Mid-Block Arterial Road has been identified. The preferred design alignment includes a 4-lane cross-section accommodating a multi-use path (MUP) on the north side and a sidewalk on the south side, with 2-lane roundabouts proposed at all intersections except for the intersection at Thickson Road which will be signalized and at Highway 7 which will be signalized when warranted.

This MCEA study followed the approved environmental planning process for Schedule C projects, as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association “Municipal Class Environmental Assessment” document (October 2000; amended 2007, 2011 and 2015), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

An Environmental Study Report (ESR) has been prepared which documents the MCEA process, the preferred design alignment, the anticipated environmental and property impacts, proposed mitigation measures, and a summary of consultation undertaken throughout the study. In accordance with the MCEA process requirement, the ESR will be placed on public record for a 30-day comment period beginning June 3, 2021. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic situation, only digital copies of the ESR are available at midblockea.ca

Written comments or questions should be sent directly to midblockea@tmig.ca before July 5, 2021.

In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request. The request should be sent in writing or by email to all of the following:

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If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please email midblockea@tmig.ca or call 905.430.4935.

Notice to All Correspondents: Personal information in this project will be collected under the authority of Section 11 of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will be used for information purposes only for this Study. Questions regarding the collection and use of personal information should be directed to the Town of Whitby Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Office at 905.430.4300, extension 2287.

This notice was first issued on June 3, 2021



Town Revises Sports Complex Design

The Town of Whitby is making changes to its proposed design for the new Whitby Sports Complex on Baldwin Street South, the direct result of feedback collected through one of the Town’s largest community engagements to date.

From March 12 to April 2, more than 2,700 people shared their feedback on three possible design concepts for the complex through an online survey and four virtual engagement sessions. Feedback showed strong support for a flexible, active and connected complex design, with a community desire for more outdoor, aquatics and gymnasium space at the facility.

Design revisions presented by Town staff at a Special Council Meeting on May 31 being considered as part of the final design concept will include:

- new space for outdoor recreational opportunities, such as skating;
- 2 additional pool lanes, with a 2nd floor spectator viewing area, which would make the Whitby Sports Complex home to the

largest pool in Durham Region; and

- a double gymnasium.

Town staff will be developing a final design concept for Council approval later this year. If approved, construction on the site could begin as early as Spring 2023.

QUICK FACTS


- Whitby’s population is expected to grow by approximately 40% over the next 11 years.
- The new complex will be located on the west side of Baldwin Street South, south of the intersection of Highway 407.
- Amenities that will remain as part of the design of the complex include:
 - A twin-pad arena with 85’ by 190’ ice pads
 - Indoor aquatics centre
 - Leisure pool
 - Indoor walking track
 - Flexible spaces to support community programs, meetings, and arts and cultural activities
 - To align with Council’s strategic vision on climate change, a variety of environmental sustainability initiatives will be explored

during the design process for the complex including LEED Gold and Zero Carbon Building Certifications.

- View the full results of the survey in Attachment 2 of Staff Report CMS 09-21.

Whitby Sports Complex Survey Results

Engagement on the new Whitby Sports Complex was open from March 12 to April 2, 2021.



Engagement:

9,000 Visits to the connectwhitby.ca project page

2,700 Participants engaged in the process

- 2,450+ survey participants
- 990+ written comments
- 250+ registered for a virtual engagement session

What We Heard:

80% of participants strongly agree that sports complexes are a key contributor to a Town's quality of life

The top 3 priorities for use of space in the new complex (over and above providing space for physical activity) were:

1 Space to Play

2 Space for Community Events

3 Space to Socialize and Interact

Based on the three design concepts presented, participants ranked them in the following order of preference [most preferred (1) to least preferred (3)]:

1 Concept #2* Active Plaza

2 Concept #1* Terraced Court

3 Concept #3* Bridge

*Renderings are conceptual and not an exact representation of the materials or spaces depicted. The design and materiality will change and evolve as the project progresses.


The Top 3 Amenity Priorities Were:

1 Outdoor Spaces

2 Gymnasium

3 Aquatics

connectwhitby.ca/SportsComplex



Whitby Wants To Know...

Is the Town of Whitby’s service delivery inclusive? Does the Town provide service delivery that meets the needs of our diverse community? These are questions the Town is asking the community to help answer as it launches a new project to better understand the current state of diversity, inclusivity and equity in its service delivery.

The project is called: **The IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Anti-Racism) Project – Whitby’s Journey to Inclusivity**. Its goal: to help the Town identify immediate, medium, and long-term steps the municipality can take to improve services for all residents, regardless of age, ability, race or background.

Feedback will be shared with Council later this year and be used to develop a comprehensive action plan to support more inclusive and equitable service delivery.

GET INVOLVED

Residents, community groups and businesses are encour-

aged to get involved. There are a number of ways to share your experiences:

1. Complete an anonymous survey between now and June 13 online at connectwhitby.ca/Idea
2. Residents can register to attend one of two virtual Community Engagement Sessions being held on:
 - Monday, June 21, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.
 - Monday, June 28, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
3. Community organizations can register to attend one of two virtual Community Engagement Sessions being held on:
 - Thursday, June 24, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, July 7, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
4. Business owners in Whitby can also [register](#) to participate in one of two business-focused virtual engagement session being held on:
 - Wednesday, June 23, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.
 - Monday, June 28, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

For more information or to take the survey, visit connectwhitby.ca.

ca/Idea

QUICK FACTS

- Whitby’s population is expected to grow by more than 40 per cent over the next 11 years.
- More than 25% of Whitby’s population identify themselves as a visible minority. (source: 2016 census through the Region of Durham’s Local Diversity and Immigration Partnership Council)
- More than 1 in 10 Whitby residents are living with a disability (source: 2016 StatsCan Census)

The IDEA Project builds on work currently being done by the Town’s Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, as well as Accessibility Advisory Committee to eliminate barriers for diverse populations and build a community where all people feel a sense of belonging.

- Through a recent survey conducted by the Town and its Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, 23% of respondents suggested ensuring “public spaces are welcoming and inclusive” as a way the Town can support diversity and inclusion in the community.



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Our Brooklin Kids By Leanne Brown



Grieving childhood losses

As we enter June, I feel a sense of anticipation for the summer. Whether or not it will be normal remains to be seen, but I'm hopeful.

Well, I was until my daughter expressed her frustration at facing yet another Covid-19 birthday. She complained about missed parties, sports and camps being on hold and not able to go on the popular grade 6 field trip to Canada's Wonderland. It was then I realized she was grieving for the loss of part of her childhood that has been cut short.

Growing up

In many ways, the pandemic has seen kids grow up sooner. They're dealing with loss of fam-

ily in both death and separation. Most are mourning the loss of all that they love in activities and sports. Special milestones have been minimized and acknowledged with little fanfare and are now forgotten.

It shows. As I watch my 11-year-old suck it up and accept the restrictions, I see her resilience but also her sadness. She misses the connections with school, her teams and her friends. There are days when I see the sadness in her eyes despite the smile on her face.

She's had it with the pandemic. We all have. She's anxious to get her vaccine as it provides a sense of control and a glimmer of hope for a return to normal.

Special attention

We talk often. We've created rituals to keep up the hope. One night a week we play "Just Dance," binge watch *Dawson's Creek* and eat junk food. It's my way of giving her the "sleepover" experience she craves but can't have. We watch hockey and practice her skills in the basement. We celebrate every holi-

day no matter how insignificant. I know she'll be fine. Yet I worry how other kids are doing, particularly those in stressful home situations who don't have what she has. Undoubtedly there will be children who may need help in the years ahead, though how they will be cared for is the challenge.

Regional Council Endorses Anti-Racism Task Force

Durham Regional Council approved the terms of reference for the Durham Region Anti-Racism Task Force (DRART).

The recommendation for the DRART comes as part of the Region's commitment to develop and implement an Anti-Racism Framework to ensure a healthy workplace and to address racism within the communities the Region serves.

The establishment of the task force as a Committee of Council, with formalized structure will ensure a consistent approach to addressing systemic racism. This committee will adopt a 'hub and spoke' model where working groups will be identified to address disparity in racialized (e.g., Indigenous, Black, Asian) communities. Anti-Black racism will be the initial focus for this task

Some may not recognize what kids are feeling from the abrupt changes their lives have undergone. Yes, there is greater loss than hockey being on hold or prom being canceled. Yet to kids, these are significant. So when a child isn't super excited about yet another virtual celebration or class, they are grieving what they've lost, and it really hurts.

force. Precedence will be given to the lived and living experiences and concerns of all racialized groups in the Region.

DRART's mandate is to act as an advisory role to Regional Council through the Finance and Administration Committee on issues related to racism – structural, systemic and interpersonal. It will be a volunteer Advisory Committee.

Sterling Lee is the Council representative for the DRART, with Councillor Granville Anderson as alternate.

As part of the next steps, the Region will be proceeding with recruiting and appointing members to the DRART.

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