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Let's Chat 'Brooklin'



Less than half the picture by Richard Bercuson

The non-debate debate

It was a ho-hum.

strolled out of Whitby's charming Centennial Building on the morning of Sept.12, unsated by the Chamber of Commerce's mayoral "debate" or Q and A or whatever one might call it.

Perhaps a tiny part of me hoped for a rip-roaring oratorical blitzkrieg of Trumpian proportions, replete with insults and falsehoods. No, that would have been excessive and indeed unnecessary. However the experience did provide me the equivalent of an uninspiring white meat only chicken dinner with a smattering of green peas and a dollop of mashed potatoes - with no gravy.

The setting was certainly charming as the building is also home to the Whitby Community Theatre. A main floor wing features massive steel doors that open into airless offices. While waiting, I found a Town employee in a small office practically wheezing for the lack of air circulation. I joined him in the room for about a minute before needing to step out for oxygen. And what was the reason for the non-functional doors? Vaults? Jail cells? Solitary for past mayoral candidates to reflect?

The CoC laid out yummy breakfast goodies, not chicken for those who misread my earlier metaphor. Some could be bad for me so I summoned the restraint to not gobble the pastries. The coffee though was tepid and tasteless. If you've ever had arena coffee, you'd relate. So ends the culinary review.

Mayoral candidates Elizabeth Roy, Deidre Newman, and Evan Griffiths sat at a table on the stage, answering the moderator's prepared questions and then a few vetted ones at the end written by attendees. A chap in the front row held a timer and yellow and red cards. His job was to raise the yellow card when the speakers had 30 seconds left in their responses and the red one when time was up. Except when time expired, he would jump to his feet, calling "Time's up," which, in my humble view, made the red card redundant. Or the standing was. Regardless, the three hopefuls were respectful of time constraints which helped the morning blandly clip along, just as planned.

The audience of about 100 was comprised of local business types, supporters and a handful of councillor candidates. I would have thought that every prospective councillor would attend given that this allowed them to hear from the next mayor. Wouldn't the \$30 entry fee be tax deductible?

Of course, who else could attend on a weekday morning? The affair was pleasant and professional yet it struck me then, as before and since, that a full fledged eve-

ning debate, with free admission, should be held since this audience was hardly representative of the Whitby populace.

Then everyone could experience something more of a thrust and parry that might better highlight our next mayor's skills to run council. Chocolate-infused pastries and gourmet coffee could be optional.

Whitby Canadians 9U A team went undefeated and won the OBA championship. It was the only Whitby team of 18 to take the title.

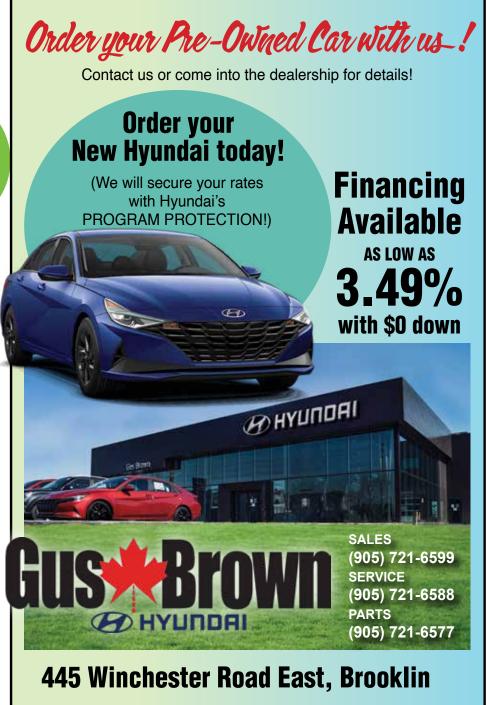


The team won the EOBAs and advanced to the OBAs in Tecumseh on the September long weekend. The championship banner will now hang at the Strike Zone.

Head Coach: Mike Jones left to Andy Stone, Isaac Koolhaas, right: Kelly Lewis, Kyle Hayman, Sean Hill, Phil Stone, Rob Rybarczyk. Back row: Nolan Jones, Colson Williams, Tye Brooks,

Brian Hill, Connor Hayman. Front Row: Callan Dew, Tyler McMenamin, Liam Lewis, Logan Rybarczyk, Matty Timmins







What happened to the Ormiston cows?

By Jennifer Hudgins

At a recent coffee get-together, a few senior Brooklinites reminisced about Roy Ormiston, renowned Holstein breeder, and his farm that once stood on the east side of Baldwin Street where Telstar Way and Chelmsford Drive are now located. The discussion ended with a question: "Whatever happened to Roy's two giant cow paintings"?

Harry Lade, a local artist who once owned Brooklin's only sign gallery, painted the 10' x 7' cow portraits in 1953 on sheets of tin purchased from tinsmith Roy Delong who had



a shop at 150 Baldwin Street, N... Harry worked out of his converted barn studio on his Simcoe Street property. These iconic paintings hung on the exterior of Roybrook Farms' barn year after year, greeting out of town travellers, and welcoming home residents.

When Roy passed away in 2015, the paintings were sold to an unknown buyer at the Ormiston disbursement sale, never to be seen again. Or so it was thought. Until the day in 2019 some locals excitedly discovered their whereabouts through a blog written by one of the owners of Our Lucky Stars Cafe in Warkworth, Ontario.

Blog search

In September 2013, Elizabeth Aikenhead, owner of Our Lucky Stars Cafe and Coffee Roaster at 16 Main Street in Warkworth, Ontario, posted the blog looking for information on the cows and the name of the artist. Last year, the Brooklin Heritage Society was

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happy to provide them with the name.

Trevor Spot, coowner, had discovered the paintings outside Pot of Gold Antiques on Old Wooler Road. The antique shop's proprietor, Mary Postar, didn't know much about the paintings except that they had come from a barn somewhere around Oshawa.

The original intent for Lucky Stars was to have a rotating art exhibition on its walls. But when they saw the wonderful cow

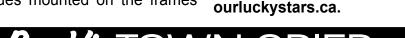
paintings, they knew this is what they wanted. The cafe has never regretted the decision to buy them as they've become a huge part of the Cafe's culture and are very popular with customers.

Return to Brooklin?

Since this came to light, several Brooklinites who recognized the paintings have driven to Warkworth just to look at them. The owners would like to have brass plaques mounted on the frames

and welcome any information about the subjects. The cafe is currently for sale and the Brooklin Heritage Society has asked that if the new owners are willing to part with them, the Society would like to bring them home to Brooklin.

A lingering question about one painting remains: In it, a bull on the right has horns, but so does the cow on the left. Cafe customers are asking if this is correct. You can let them know: info@



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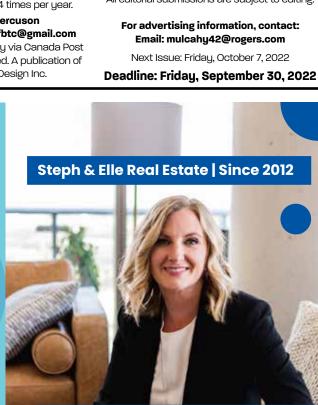
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2022 Municipal Election

Each municipal election cycle, the Brooklin Town Crier provides all candidates free space to explain their ideas. We contacted them through: a) the emails they provided on the whitby.ca site, or b) via Whitby's town clerk who also emailed candidates with election information and included our

request for them to reach us regarding instructions on inclusion in this issue.

Not all candidates responded or published their email addresses on the town site. What follows, therefore, are the platforms of those who did reply to our request.

John Henry

REGIONAL CHAIR (1 to be elected)

Serving our community over the past 4 years as Regional Chair, I have seen first-hand what I

have always known about our Region. Our municipalities are filled with spirit, heart and hope.

all our communities.

Supporting our agricultural community. Challenges of homeless, mental health and

Preparing the Region for the post pandemic recovery and the expected doubling of our population by 2051.

We can seize the opportunities before us and reflect on the lessons learned over the past 4 years. With a united council, we will ensure that Durham Region will continue to be the destination of choice for Ontario jobs, investment, growth and a community worth living in.

My experience as a councillor, Oshawa's mayor and Regional Chair, along with my business and volunteer experience has given me the knowledge and understanding needed to represent all of Durham's 8 municipalities.

My goal is to continue to work on building our communities, complete the innovation we have initiated. strengthen our diverse workforce and create new opportunities for all who

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gional Chair focuses on 4 key areas, expanding the initiatives I began when you chose me to lead the Region in 2018.

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Do you know a young community leader who works hard to help make Whitby the best it can be? Nominate them for the 2022 Celebrating Youth Awards! Nominations are open now through Friday, October 28. whitby.ca/YouthEvents





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2022/2023 Season

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Remembrance Day concert on November 6th with 5 more concerts after that, all celebrating our special occasions. We have a Halloween extravaganza happening at the Brooklin community center on Cassels Rd which will include a pumpkin carving party, a movie night and a Halloween social for the grownups. Similarly the old Brooklin community center will be transformed into a winter wonderland

for the Christmas season and the kids will be able to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies with al theatre company and we are Santa and Mrs. Claus as they build their very own Christmas decorations. There will also be a chance for the adults to get together to celebrate the season with their friends and neighbors and battle for the worst Christmas sweater in Brooklin! Also for the Christmas season, Dream-Co will be presenting Cinderella The Christmas Panto which runs in both Whitby and Port Perry. Finally we will be offering a play in February called 6 Dance Lessons in 6 Weeks. You won't want to miss this heart warming story of two people who appear very different, finding their way to a deep and touching friendship. For more information and to purchase tickets go to www. dreamcotheatre.com.

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Alan Hogan of Turner Moore LLP

In 2000, I relocated my family and business to Brooklin. I am involved with a number of businesses, which include Brooklin Tax and Bookkeeping Services Inc., Hogan Financial Services Inc. and Alan Hogan, CPA, CGA.

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.

Accounting, bookkeeping, personal and corporate taxes and the preparation of financial statements are the core of my business. My practice provides services to both individuals and owner-managed businesses in computers, construction, professionals, farming, retail, not-forprofit and other various industries.

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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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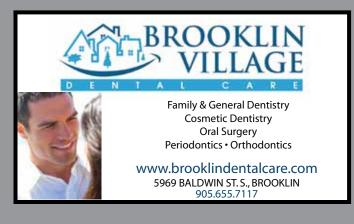












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It's no secret the real estate market has taken buyers and sellers on an unpredictable roller coaster ride over the past couple of years. Now, as the market enters balanced territory, prospective buyers will be relieved to find stable prices and considerably less pressure.

If you're looking for a home in Durham Region, the news is even better: you'll find an "abundance" of entry-level products so you can stretch your home-buying dollars.

That's according to the 2022 Re/Max Hot Pocket Communities Report, which compared market activity in the first and second quarter of this year in terms of unit sales and prices, analyzing 60 Toronto Regional Real Estate Board (TRREB) districts and others across the country.

The average selling price in Durham Region in August was \$920,269, a slight decrease from the previous month, according to Durham Region Association of REALTORS - Durham Region Real Estate (durhamrealestate.org) (DRAR). The average price here hasn't experienced drastic decreases forecasted for the market.

DRAR reports 806 transactions through the MLS® System in August, representing a 15 per cent increase a month-over-month basis. The number of new listings, meanwhile, reached 1,275 – a 13 per cent decrease compared to the previous month.

Here's the average selling price in August by municipality: Ajax (\$979,879), Brock (\$748,071) Clarington (\$923,544), Oshawa (\$796,773), Pickering (\$990,008), Scugog (\$949,057), Uxbridge (\$1,340,132) and Whitby (\$973,935).

TRREB reports 5,627 home sales reported through MLS® in August, representing a yearover - year dip of 34.2 per cent – a lesser annual rate of decline compared to the previous four months. August sales also represented a month-over-month increase compared to July. Here's the average selling price in August by region: Halton (\$1,207,303), Peel (\$1,062,984), Toronto (\$1,031,979) and York (\$1,265,628).

"The number of days a home is staying on the market continues to level out, indicating that transactions are involving home inspections and other important steps to complete a sale,"DRAR President Meredith Kennedy reports. "This is important to note as Durham Region moves towards a balanced market."

In a balanced market, the supply of properties and the number of potential buyers is the same and sellers typically accept reasonable, close-to-list prices offers. Housing prices remain stable and for buyers, there's usually a sufficient number of homes to compare and choose from. There's time for home inspections, financing, showings and other conditions key to a successful transaction.

removing the pressure so many experienced during the recent house-buying frenzy.

Earlier this year, the digital magazine and financial media website MoneySense described Durham as "perfect mix of suburban and rural" and "an excellent place for those seeking a home close to green space and the waterfront" in its annual Where to Buy Real Estate in Canada report.

Any change in real estate markets can be confusing and even stressful for buyers and sellers alike, but The King Home Team: Royal Heritage Realty has experience successfully navigating every type of market.

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