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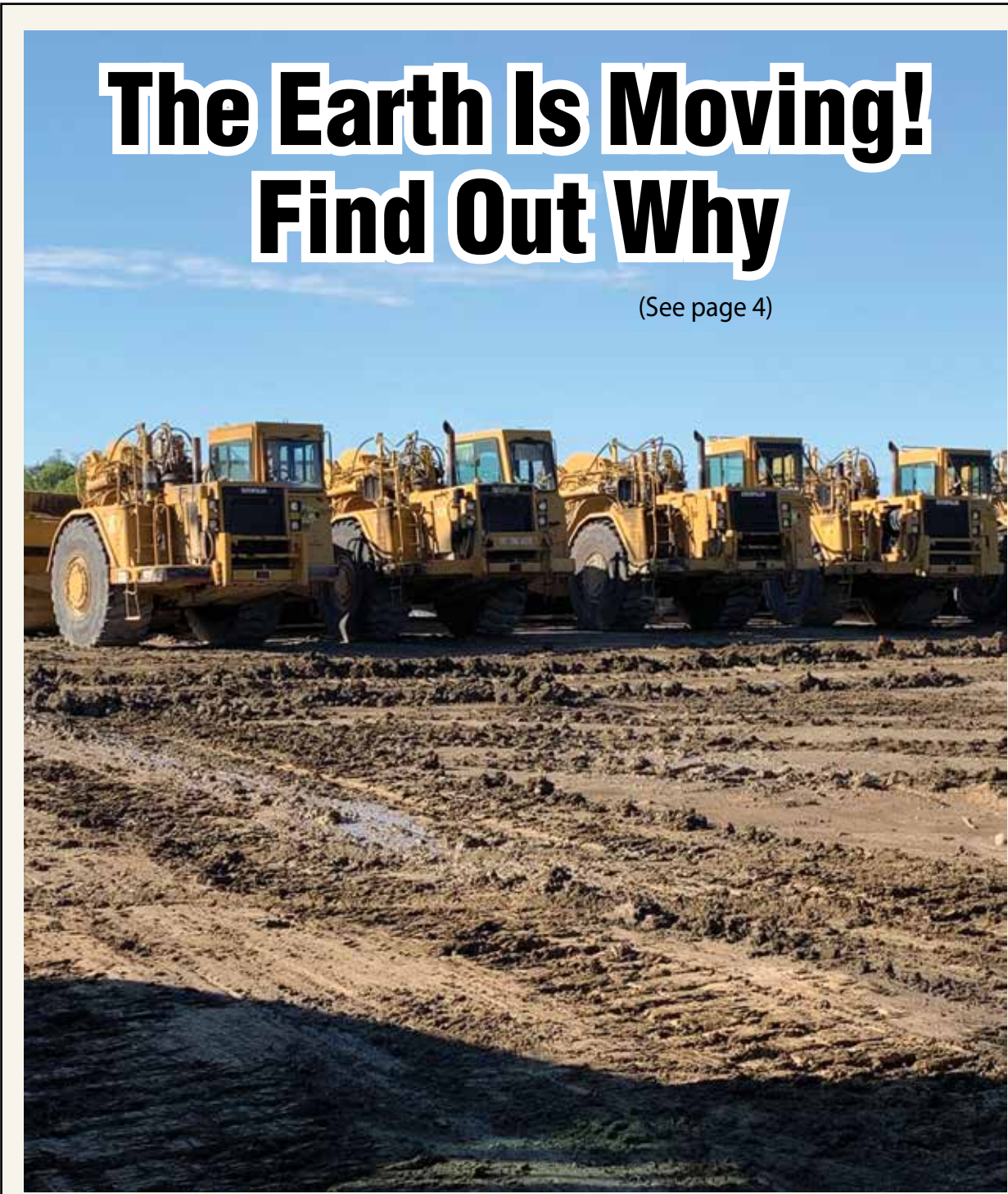
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## Less than half the picture: *By Richard Bercuson*

# Is this idea really so crazy?



Far be it from me to quote sensible remarks by politicians. Yet every now and then, one says something that hits the mark. As reported by the CBC last month, when replying to a question about outdoor classes, Ontario Premier Doug Ford stated that no idea is a ridiculous idea if it means getting children back to school. In other words, he nailed the entire premise.

Let's burrow into this idea. Social distancing among children, particularly the younger ones, is virtually impossible.

Classrooms were constructed for 30 or more students. Consequently, there's no way to space students to be far enough apart and get even half of them into a single room. High school labs, tech rooms, cooking facilities and the like offer further challenges.

Mask-wearing will be an adventure. Mask on - mask off - touch mask - stuff mask into pocket or backpack - retrieve it - don't wash hands - put it on backwards, etc. Online classes just don't cut it, particularly with younger kids where it's a colossal waste of time and - dare I say it - teacher salaries. None of those issues even begin to address school staffing.

However, desperate times do call for desperate measures. We absolutely must find any way possible, no matter how awkward, logistically complex, and physically demanding, to get children back in school. Their health depends on it and, by extension, so does society's.

The answer? Tents, canopies, generators, heaters. And proper outdoor clothing, especially toasty socks. And shovels (okay, snowblowers) to hew out paths to said tents through snow.

Do a web search of outdoor classrooms during the 1918 flu pandemic and you'll find plenty of photos showing how schools ran outdoors. I know: we no longer write on slates. We live in a northern climate. We have/need electricity, tablets and wifi.

However, it's our modern technology and engineering that allow us to conduct school in relatively amenable surroundings. There, students can socially distance and ventilation isn't a problem.

The problems are technical and logistical, though far from insurmountable. Older students, say grades 6-8 in elementary schools, go into the tents. Younger grades are spaced out through those vacated classrooms. School board tech wizards perform their magic with wifi dohickies and extension cords. Teachers may have to make do without amenities like smart boards.

As for them, there will be smaller classes and far less crowded buildings which means much less risk. Boards will need to hire more. They'll also need to hire security personnel to watch over the outdoor facilities, which means more jobs.

In the end, online classes are trashed; parent complaints will centre on needing to buy more gloves instead of worrying about how to stay home from work or stifle the noise when working from home; children get to be with children; and education carries on with hiccups rather coughing jags.

Can it be done? Sure. Will it happen? It's already being considered in many American states.

Remember "The X Files"? The truth is indeed - out there.

### Editor's Apology

The cover photo of the July 10 issue showed a group of Brooklin High students in the Vipond parking lot. They were crowded into and around a car just prior to their evening grad parade. Needless to say, they were not social distancing (nor were most of the BHS grads that evening).

Meanwhile, my column on page 2 ripped into those who would whine about wearing

masks. The column's message was essentially about abiding by the rules in order to control the COVID virus.

As a couple of unimpressed readers pointed out, how could we print that cover photo and then that column on the next page? They were right. I should have instead chosen a photo of students socially distancing to send the right message.

I apologize for the poor decision.

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# Brooklin Area Construction Updates

By Councillors Rhonda Mulcahy and Steve Lee  
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Despite the pandemic, the business of government continues to chug along.

One particular corner in Brooklin has provoked a lot of inquiries so we felt it best to provide an overview based on previous decisions and upcoming meetings about the developments.

**Winchester and Baldwin**  
If you haven't already guessed, it's

about to get very busy with construction.

You currently see machines moving dirt at the southwest corner of the intersection behind the stand of spruce trees. Those trees, by the way, sit on the corner property owned by the MTO.

They were planted by the Brooklin Youth 4H group in the 1940s as a wind block for the high school that

used to sit where Shoppers Drug Mart is now.

The dirt is being moved on property known as the Winash Development. Within that development, there will be mixed use zoning, meaning both commercial and residential.

At a meeting last year, representatives from the proponent, Brookfield, announced both Longo's and McDonalds will be among the many

retail establishments. There are also condominiumstyle residences going in both in their own buildings and above the retail businesses.

The long term plan is to build a pedestrian access off the corner of the intersection into the retail centre along with access points for vehicles across from Roybrook and Ferguson. There is an on-going environmental assessment to de-

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termine how the intersection at Fer- guson and Winchester will proceed and the MTO is negotiating the ac- cess across from Roybrook.

South of the 407

The other dirt-moving is directly south of the 407 and will be an MTO commuter lot. While neither excit- ing nor sexy, it is going to be quite necessary as the area continues to grow. The lot will allow car pooling as well as becoming a transit hub for GO and DRT buses to pick up passengers for the GO Train. It will also allow for easier access for what is planned just south of it.

Regarding the lot south of the com- muter lot, we have a public meeting coming to council on September 8. This will be the Winash South de- velopment. It's the block plan for a large portion of lands which span from south of the 407 to the hydro corridor and from Ashburn Road in the west to half way to Anderson Street on the east.

This land will be bisected by the east-west mid-block arterial road. As indicated on the rough map, the health precinct for a future hospital and the new municipal recreation centre will be to the west; business parks, industrial lands and auto malls will be situated elsewhere along the arterial road. These are the employment lands we are all anxiously awaiting to service and fill with local jobs.

The hospital is a Lakeridge Health and provincial decision. Whitby has a task force hard at work to identify this particular site as the premiere choice..

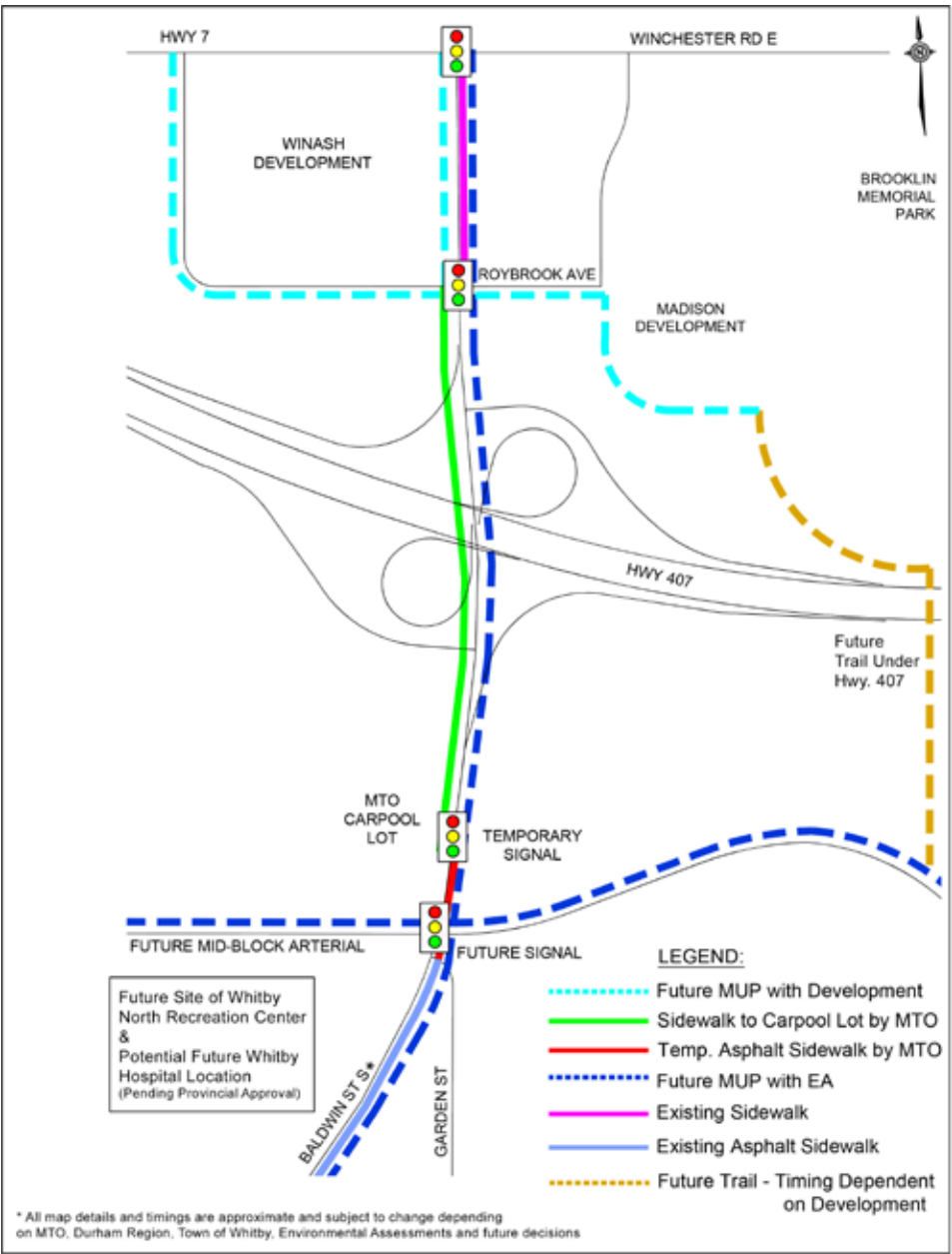
Roybrook

Heading north again, at the east end of Roybrook along the 407 is a Madison development that has re- cently been approved. This will see townhomes along the existing town- homes, condominiums closer to the 407 and retail/commercial beside the new gas station.

Overall, the entire area will include cycling infrastructure including side- walks, Multi-Use Paths (MUPs) for cycling/walking, trails and transit. Garden Street will eventually con- nect with the mid-block arterial. It is shown here as lights but it may be further east and may be a round- about where it hits the mid-block. There are numerous studies under- way and you may see a great many surveyors in the area over the next couple of years as details get ironed out.

We will do our best to keep you up-to-date with information. If you have questions, please reach out to us. In the meantime, regarding the Sept. 8 public meeting, many of the agenda items concern the Brooklin area and its loom- ing growth. Aside from W i n a s h South, we also have the north- west corner of Thickson and Colum- bus and the south west corner of Co- lumbus and Ashburn.

No decisions are made at the pub- lic meeting which are held to hear your opin- ions. You can provide that by email to: clerks@whit- by.ca or have a delegation attend the meeting. You can watch/ listen to the meetings at whitby.ca/ publicmeet- ings.





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Brooklin Bafflers: *by Liz Lowe*

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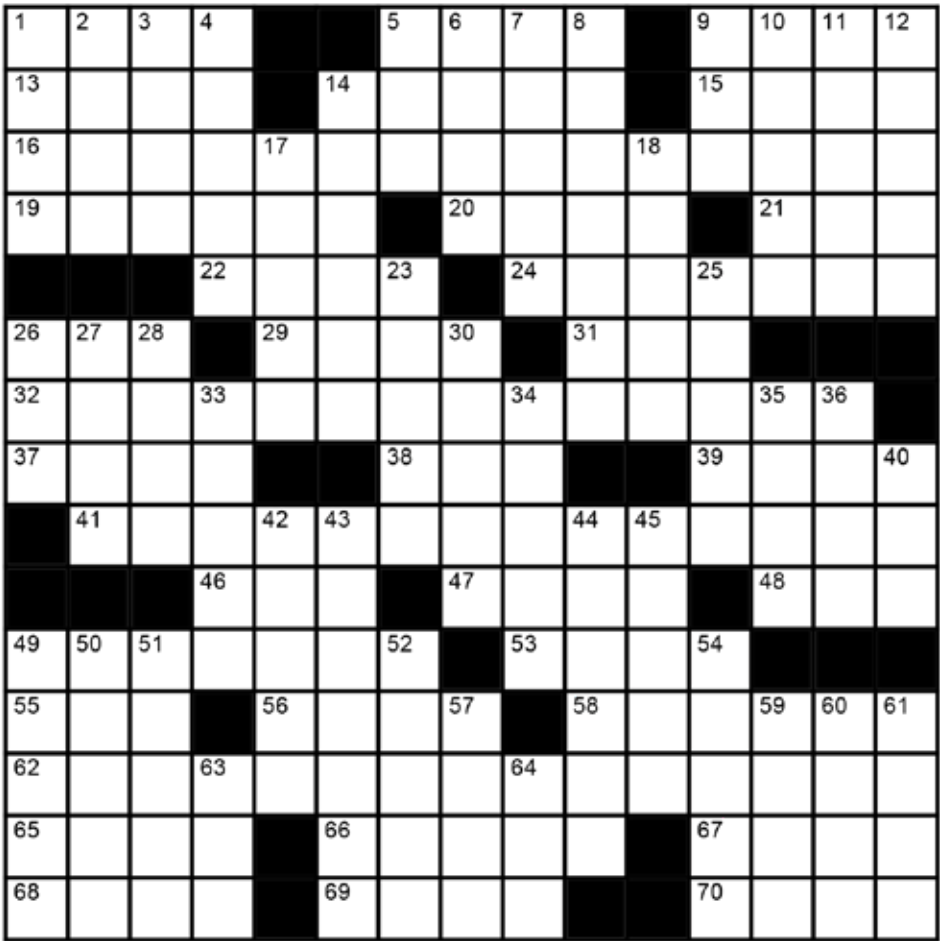
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- 31 Try
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- 41 Policy of a government in dealing with other countries
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- 9 Set down
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- 12 Peruvian peaks
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Our Brooklin Kids *By Leanne Brown*

Back to school, or not



Last week, I had to answer the Durham District School Board questionnaire asking if my child would return to school in person or doing it online. It was one of the hardest decisions I've had to make; it felt like whatever I decided would have repercussions.

On one hand, back to school in person feels like things would be returning to normal. But what of the health risks? Online learning seemed no better, with her spending so much time in front of a screen. There didn't seem to be a right answer.

Yet, around the community, I see activities like soccer, lacrosse and baseball resuming. Some hockey is back on the ice and camps are operating with smaller numbers. Which is to

say that all around us, kids are interacting in groups, though with safety protocols in place. Naturally I wondered that if children are already in these situations, surely it's safe for them to do so at school.

Challenges coming

That was until I attended a social gathering with my daughter for one of her sports teams when it became clear what a challenge our teachers will face. At the event, the girls were super excited to see everyone. Some had already "bubbled together" outside the team and thought nothing of sitting in small groups. Others had been more isolated over the last few months. It was hard to explain to the bubble kids to maintain distance rather than doing the normal things that they'd do inside their bubble. They did it anyway. Those outside the bubbles seemed confused about whether to engage with the group or stand apart.

It's so natural for kids to be to-

gether. The social ones do it without thinking. It's almost impossible to stop it and when you do, they become miserable and stressed, then get creative and find ways to do it anyway.

So as a parent deciding whether to let a child attend school, sports, camps and such, you need to accept that social distancing with kids is tough. Yes, smaller groups are preferred but the reality is that even if kids are distanced in the classroom, they will be gathering the moment they can. It's going to happen.

I'm letting my child participate in sports. For her mental health, she needs to be physical and with other kids. Although I'm making sure COVID plans are followed, I look at it as preparation for returning to school. I realise we have to be cautious and if things need to shut down again, I have no issue. But we also need to live our lives, albeit differently, rather than hiding.

Yes, I'm anxious

I'm also sending her back to school in person. I won't deny

I'm somewhat anxious, having contemplated every worst case scenario. Some nights, I have nightmares; other times I feel confident this is the best thing to do.

Meanwhile, my daughter is thrilled to be returning. She's already dragged me to shopping for a new backpack and shoes. She's already chosen her first day back outfit! We've been out to buy masks, enough for two fresh ones each day. We've attached hand sanitizer in fun scents to the backpack and another goes in her pencil case. We also decided to use a lanyard to hold her mask when not in use.

As the first day approaches, it's going to be a tough time for parents, teachers and kids. We're all feeling the same, whether your child is going into the classroom or schooling online. Like every first day of school, there are going to be tears, excitement and confusion.

Let's be kind to one another. We're all doing what we feel is best for our families.



Brooklin Heritage Society

# Where Geraniums and Fuchsias Thrived

By Jennifer Hudgins



Caring for plants requires observation, skill, and dexterity, which means that operating a nursery can be quite labour intensive. For 47 years, Robert and Vivienne Eckel worked hard to carve out a market for their garden nursery which became known across North America for its geraniums and fuchsias.

Robert discovered his passion for horticulture while studying at McMaster University. He started with a greenhouse in Toronto where he sold boxed annuals and Christmas trees. It was there that he met Vivienne Lewis. Together they founded their business, Robert C. Eckel Greenhouses and Irrigation, shortly after getting married in 1954 and moving to Brooklin where the business was located to 8300 Baldwin Street N.

The Eckels established their greenhouses, supplying plants to the Town of Whitby, Sears, other greenhouses, florists, and church functions. Faithful customers were not only local residents but came from as far away as Cobourg, Aurora and Peterborough.

Robert’s green thumb allowed the company to flourish, meeting customer demands by introducing new plants every spring.

A favourite was the hot pink Veronica, a geranium so bright it seemed to stop traffic. He propagated over 40 varieties of geraniums and cornered the market on colourful and exotic fuchsias by offering more than 30 varieties.

In 1967, when the company got into lawn irrigation, Robert went on the road with student employees to install and maintain these systems. By 1998, they’d expanded again to include the installation of water gardens.

The decision to retire came on June 30, 2001 when Robert told his wife, “There comes a time when you have to stop.” Three weeks later the business was sold and the deal closed on November 2.

He was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) three years after retiring though this did not stop his involvement with the Brooklin United Church and the Brooklin Horticultural Society.

Robert passed away on February 5, 2008, at the age 77, leaving behind his wife, Vivienne, daughters Susan and Jane, son Peter, and four grandchildren. He is buried at Groveside Cemetery.

## Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson



# Doubling And Tripling Recipes

There’s a new reality TV show where guest chefs prepare one recipe with three uses. It’s an idea I often use, doubling recipes to make a variety of easy meals on busier days.

One week I made Southwest Tofu Scramble, a minimalist baker recipe. I ate it as a scrambled egg replacement with toast and fruit then added it to a leafy green salad as the protein. On another day, I topped a wrap with the seasoned tofu, adding some homegrown sprouts and a bit of salad dressing. It was delicious all three ways. The investment in time was minimal while the protein content (for those who worry) was around 20 grams at each meal. People tell me they don’t like tofu, but the key to using is to purchase extra firm tofu, drain it and wrap it in a cloth to remove the excess water. The well-drained tofu then picks up the seasoning flavours.

In the winter, chili is another go-to recipe for me. I make a big pot of it and immediately freeze half in smaller containers. I then eat it as is, as a filler in burritos, on rice bowls or on a plate of leafy greens.

I’ve shared the following grilled vegetable marinade recipe before. It’s from the “Oh She Glows” blog. This is a great time to use it since local veggies are showing up in the stores. I generally use peppers and Portobello mushrooms, but have also used zucchini, red onions, eggplant and thinly sliced carrots (sliced the long way). Really, you can add almost any vegetable that grills well. Experiment and be creative.

I use the grilled veggies as a side dish, with a whole Portobello mushroom on a bun along with

greens and Dijon mustard. The next day, I’ll make pasta with tomato sauce and add the chopped grilled vegetables to the pasta. I also use the leftovers to make vegetable sandwiches to which I add my favourite vegan cheese like Nuts for You or Un-Bre-liev-able, which I purchase at the Whitby Farm Boy.

### Grilled Veggies

This recipe is for two Portobello mushrooms, which you could replace with two peppers. Portobello mushrooms can be roasted whole and then sliced afterwards; peppers should be seeded and cut in quarters, before grilling.

### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons plus 1 ½ teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 clove garlic minced
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- ¼ teaspoon fine-grain sea salt
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

### Directions


1. Remove the stems from the mushrooms by twisting the stem until it pops off. Rub the cap with a damp dishcloth to clean. In a large bowl, whisk together the vinegar, lemon juice, oil, garlic, oregano, basil, salt and paper. Add the Portobello caps and toss to coat them in the marinade. Marinate the mushrooms for 30 to 60 minutes, stirring them every 15 minutes (you can also marinate them overnight).
2. Grill until done to your likeness.

**Sheree’s hack:** Double, triple or quadruple this recipe to ensure you have lots of leftovers for other meals


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# WEAR a MASK or FACE COVERING before entering all INDOOR, ENCLOSED PUBLIC SPACES




As of July 28, 2020, wearing non-medical masks or face coverings will be required in all indoor, enclosed public spaces in Durham Region.




This is an additional public health measure (along with physical distancing, hand and cough hygiene, and staying home when sick) that may prevent the spread of COVID-19.








Some people are exempt from wearing non-medical masks and face coverings – NO PROOF OF EXEMPTION IS REQUIRED. Visit [durham.ca/novelcoronavirus](https://durham.ca/novelcoronavirus) for more information.





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Thank you to the community of Brooklin for warmly welcoming our insurance team over five years ago. We have grown to love the community, so much so that we have decided to act in solidifying a permanent home right in the heart of Brooklin.

We are moving from one side of Grass Park to the other. Our new location will be the current home of Endless Ideas Interior & Design at 3 Cassels Road East. You can rest knowing that Endless Ideas will continue to operate out of part of this beautiful and historical home.

The move will officially happen on September 1st.

As an organization, we have successfully moved to a virtual office environment during this pandemic. We want to ensure you will experience no difference in the service you've come to know and expect throughout what have been challenging times for all.

Saying this, we recognize the virtual way of doing business is not for everyone. We are taking all precautions to allow mutual peace of mind in offering on-site visits, by appointment only. Call or email us to set an appointment time. If you are a client, you can also reach out to your Account Manager to coordinate.

We are excited to continue our journey together with you. We look forward to the day we can safely welcome the community into our home again – it will be an epic open house celebration!

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2 1/2 Storey	5+1	5	3600	49x128	Pie lot; finished basement
2 Storey	4	2.5	2290	36 x115	Walk to great schools + parks
2 Storey	4	3.5	2730	40 x115	Select your finishes
2 Storey	3	2.5	1940	36x115	Backing onto treed yard
New Build	4	2.5	2300	35x115	Central location w/schools
Bungalow	3	2	1670	40x108	South exposure
Bungalow	2	2	1292	35x115	Close to medical centre
Bungalow	4	2.5	2070	40x115	Walk to stores + drugmart
New Build	3	2	1812	50x115	West yard exposure

\* Photo similar to house to be built. Not intended to solicit those under contract.