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

## Stories we may see this year



### Greening it

Whitby MPP Lorne Coe leaves the Progressive Conservative party to join the Green Party for two stated reasons: it allows him a better chance to be party leader as the Greens only have one other member, and he can now take a Caribbean vacation and no one will care.

### A traffic measure

Whitby council, in cooperation with the DRPS, creates what it believes will be a viable solution to the traffic issues at the Carnwith/Watford intersection, a regular irritant and danger for residents. So council and police are creating a volunteer corps of traffic officers whose sole role will be to direct traffic through that intersection. Volunteers will work in two hour shifts at designated early morning and late afternoon/evening hours. They will be “armed” with body cameras to film transgressors and will

have the power to issue tickets for a limited number of infractions. Those caught will also be expected to serve a shift or two.

Brooklin Concrete will supply five large concrete “boulders” that will be placed in the middle of the intersection. The traffic control volunteer (TCV) will stand inside of it to direct traffic. Council will direct Brooklin Concrete to put cup holders on each boulder.

### Clean-up in aisle 1

As we’re in a full lockdown, any town councillor who chooses to use council chambers to conduct business or attend virtual meetings will be directed to clean and disinfect the space using Town-supplied equipment and product. They will also be charged the hourly rate of what the custodial staff would be paid to do it.

### Hill of Dreams

The Town answers the call about having local toboggan hills with

this clever response. It will dig a gigantic hole on one of the vacant lots in Brooklin (eg. on the corner of Winchester and Cachet) using the infill as the hill. Children will thus be able to slide down the hill and into the hole. There’s no word from the Town on how the children will get out of the hole.

### Paint this

Roebuck St. will be permanently closed to traffic and local artists will be hired to paint the faces of Whitby councillors on the pavement.

### A Complex Complex

The BTC has obtained an early draft of the architectural plans for the so-called North Whitby Sports Complex. Borrowing the idea from New York’s Madison Square Garden multi-levels, the

new complex will feature a short track speed skating oval and recreational skating rink below each of the twin pads. The roof atop the rinks will have “bubble” facilities for indoor soccer, basketball, and court sports.

The cost for these will add about 10% to the overall price tag, according to a well-informed source. This will be partly funded through the new traffic measures mentioned earlier as well as toll booths being considered for Winchester Rd and Baldwin St. drivers who do not have Whitby addresses. (Parents of minor hockey players will be exempted, naturally).

This is an annual satirical look at the future. But, what if...?



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## What we covered in 2020 (All past issues are available online at [brooklintoncrier.com](http://brooklintoncrier.com))

### January

- The BTC celebrates its 20th anniversary
- Columnist Leanne Brown educates readers about TikTok
- Local kids visited The Court at Brooklin to read and colour with its residents
- After 40 years, Connie’s boutique shuts down with special fashion show



### February

- The new Gus Brown Hyundai dealership breaks ground
- The Barber of Brooklin, Troy Scanga, loses his battle with cancer at the age of 49
- Residents of The Court at Brooklin donate \$1500 to the Durham Regional Hospice
- Town of Whitby showcases its new brand and logo
- Brooklin Heritage Society celebrates municipal and provincial grants

### March

- Durham announces that speed enforcement cameras are on their way

AND THEN CAME COVID-19!

### April

- Local politicians Mayor Don

Mitchell, Durham CEO John Henry, MPP Lorne Coe, and MP Ryan Turnbull summarize how their governments plan to support people during the first shutdown

- Psychologist Cathy Nagy explains how best to cope with mental health issues associated with Covid
- “Hero” rocks begin to appear along Brooklin paths
- A study commences on highway 7/12 alternate routes

### May

- Leanne Brown offers advice on how to make a movie during quarantine
- Brooklin gymnast, Brooke, thanks frontline workers
- We learn about Brooklin’s master potters from the Heritage Society
- How to help seniors during Covid
- About those Caremongers
- Optimist Club finds new

ways to hold events

- Group 74 has care cards for seniors

### June

- Prima Ballet Company is rescued and Song Spot hangs on
- About the Brooklin Zoo
- Covid’s effect on small businesses
- Automated speed enforcement (ASE) begins in the region
- Optimist Club awards scholarships
- Rules for Stage 2 opening (the good ol’ days?)
- Copper Branch restaurant leaves town

### July

- Brooklin High holds its grad with a not-so-socially distant parade
- BTC publishes the grad list

- Heritage Society tells us about the Brooklin Concretes softball team
- Where to get masks in Brooklin
- walk nearly 5 km.
- Musicians in Brooklin’s “lower east side” get together for some Friday night funk

## August

- The BTC publishes another feature about local home-based businesses
- Councillors Rhonda Mulcahy (regional) and Steve Lee (North Ward) explain recent construction projects
- Bryson Insurance sets to move locations



- James Cook wins Prime Minister’s Award for Teaching Excellence Certificate of Achievement
- Councillor Steve Lee explains the speed bump pilot project
- Brooklin parents weigh in on how school is going - Just fine, they say
- BTC editor investigates the Carnwith “speed track”
- BHS student Ektaa Dewan wins BTC’s high school award for excellence in English and media studies

## November

- Local writer Janet Arnold self publishes two support guides for parents
- Brooklin remembers through private Remembrance ceremonies
- Councillor Steve Lee describes how traffic issues are addressed
- St. Leo School uses a TD grant to set up an outdoor “classroom”
- A rare bird, the variegated flycatcher, is sighted

- near the Brooklin Fairgrounds, only the sixth such sighting north of Mexico
- Local resident Matt Murray assists a senior neighbour with lawn work

## December

- The Charles Best Diabetes Centre receives a national \$87,000 grant
- Santa Claus sets up a mailbox and visiting centre at the corner of Holsted and Darius harns
- Brooklin High hosts a drive-thru Christmas event that raises money for the Canadian Cancer Society
- Optimist Club holds a Christmas cavalcade parade
- Heritage Society writes about when Group 74 brought the holiday to Grass Park



## September

- “Public” planning meeting describes future growth construction, especially in the north end.
- Residents help Bob celebrate his 50th birthday with a new bicycle
- “Take Back The Walk” in support of Kim Black features DRPS officers, recruits, Whitby councillors and family and friends who band together to

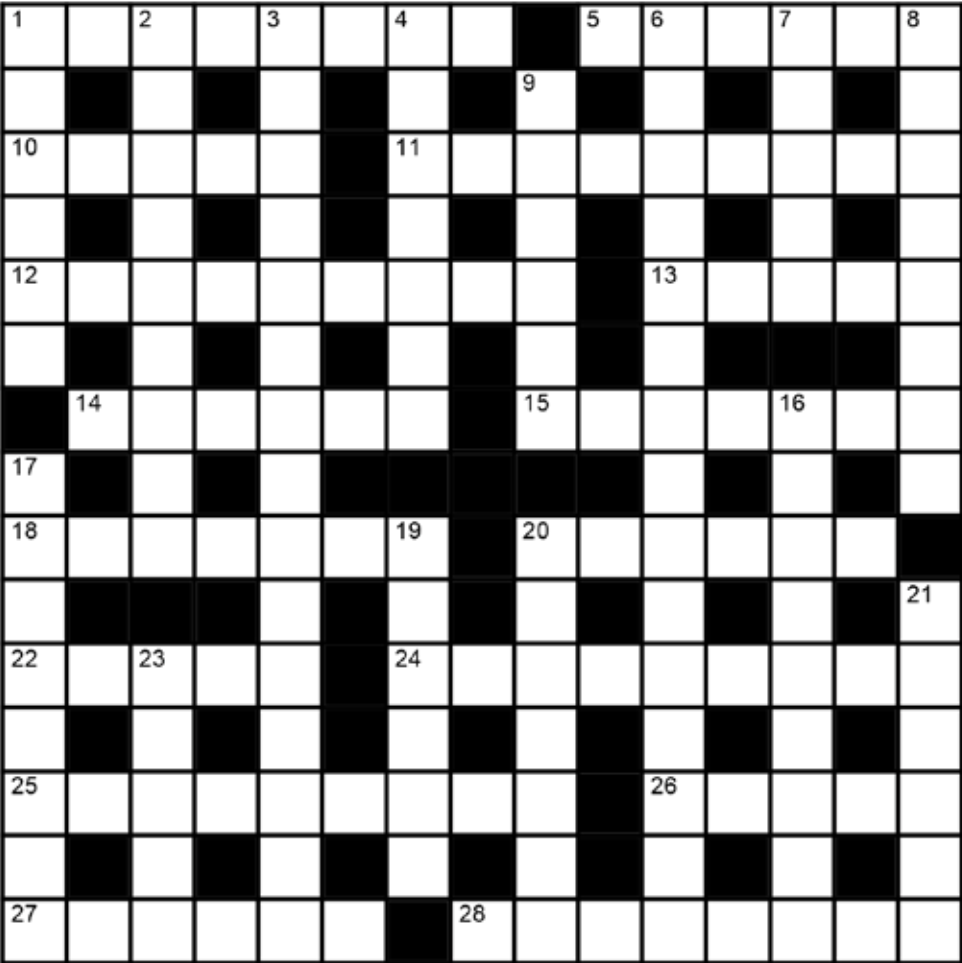
- Is Pinky, at nearly 25 lbs, the world’s largest chicken?
- Whitby Commissioner of Facilities John Romano explains why some facilities are closed
- An anti-black racism webinar is hosted by the Town
- DRT offers free Presto cards

## October

- Brooklin High teacher

### Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe

## Crossword



### Across

- 1 Inopportune (3-5)
- 5 Hollywood industry (6)
- 10 Word processor command (5)
- 11 Care provided to improve a situation (9)
- 12 Good one (9)
- 13 Free from (3,2)
- 14 Flash light? (6)
- 15 The loss of an initial, usually unstressed vowel from a word (7)
- 18 Having no cogency or legal force (7)
- 20 Statements or beliefs that are untrue or make no sense (6)
- 22 Hold on tightly (5)
- 24 A small restaurant where drinks and snacks are sold (6,3)
- 25 Moved or operated or effected by liquid (9)
- 26 A modified leaf or leaflike part protecting an inflorescence (5)

- 27 Excisemen (6)
- 28 Pertaining to the tiny air sacs of the lungs (8)

### Down

- 1 Duty (6)
- 2 A melodic phrase (9)
- 3 Extramural (15)
- 4 Warrant (7)
- 6 Capable of replacing or changing places with something (15)
- 7 Make improvements to (5)
- 8 A man-made object taken as a whole (8)
- 9 Rupture (6)
- 16 A small version of a larger image (9)
- 17 To bat in place of another player (5-3)
- 19 Easily handled or managed (6)
- 20 Having two foci (7)
- 21 Speechmaker (6)
- 23 A numerical scale used to compare variables (5)



Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe

Crossword

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X	L	Z	E	R	O	I	D	A	R	E	T	T	E	L	X	G

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Arm	Deer	Fork	Nurse
Barn	Dinosaur	Four	Park
Bear	Doctor	Hammer	Party
Beaver	Dollar	Horse	Pear
Bird	Door	Iron	Rabbit
Camera	Earth	Jar	Race
Car	Fairy	Kangaroo	Radio
Chair	Father	Letter	Rag

OBITUARY

Collins, Gordon Bell



Passed away peacefully at his home with his family by his side on Monday January 4th, 2021 at the age of 83 after a life well lived, full of strong friendships, long laughs and too many fond memories to count.

Cherished husband of June for 61 years. Most loved Dad of Alyson of Brooklin and Ken and his wife Charmaine of Markham.

Proud grandfather of Alex (Nicole), Kyle, Logan (Randy), Destiny, Carter, Vanessa and Rachel. Delighted great grandfather of Dawson and Paisley. Uncle to Clifford Collins and his wife Minileah and their children Brent and Brayden of Beaverton.

Predeceased by his brothers Harry and Kenneth.

Gord was born in 1937 in Glasgow, Scotland. When he was 12 years old he quit school after contracting rheumatic fever. Bed ridden for a year he started his first business selling comic books that were sent to him by his Auntie Bella in Canada from his bedroom window. After recovery he be-

gan work as a Blacksmith apprentice in the Clyde Shipyard. Following his brother Harry he immigrated to Canada in 1954 and was a proud Canadian of Scottish heritage. In 1959 he married the love of his life –the girl next door - June. He started many businesses during his career but his most accomplished that he co-founded are Gorbern Mechanical and Envirosafe which are still family owned. Gord had an adventurous side – he loved having his pilot’s licence and doing aerobatics, tried skydiving, zip lining and white water rafting. Gord retired in 2000 and he and June travelled widely by land, sea and air – oh how Gord loved his motor home and cruising with Windstar!

Family and friends who knew Gord were fortunate to be loved by such a generous, wise and kind hearted soul. He was truly a unique human being, caring, a master story teller, unparalleled wit and an upbeat spirit right to the end. Gord possessed an infectious laugh and was loved and respected by so many and will be deeply missed.

Due to COVID 19 – the family will plan a Celebration of Life to raise a “wee dram” (or two...) once safe gatherings are allowed – hopefully in the summer of 2021. If you wish to do something in Gord’s memory consider a donation to a children’s charity.

“God Bless All Here”.

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- Move basketball and hockey nets off the road
- Clear snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours of a snowfall
- Keep fire hydrants clear of snow
- Keep your car off the road overnight

Thank you, Whitby! [whitby.ca/snow](http://whitby.ca/snow)

Stay Home, Stay Safe

The best way to stop the spread of COVID-19 is to stay home and follow public health guidelines. Protect yourself and others – stay social with loved ones online or by phone. For ideas of how you can stay connected while apart, visit [whitby.ca/stayingconnected](http://whitby.ca/stayingconnected)

Supporting Local Businesses During Shutdown

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Havery, a graduate of Niagara College’s Landscape and Horticulture Technician program, continues to give back to the industry by hiring trades students and supporting Landscape Ontario by sitting on its board.

He also believes in helping those within the community and gives generously to SickKids, Habitat for Humanity, Simcoe Hall



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So long 2020!

As 2020 came to an end, some had this overwhelming feeling we would kick one awful year to the curb and replace it with a shiny new one.

I'm optimistic 2021 will rise from the pandemic ashes though we are still a long way away from the herd immunity vaccines will provide. Like most people, I spent Christmas and New Year's hunkered down at home. And, yes, I was outraged that some politicians hit the beaches for a break.

I, too, am tired of TV. I miss my skis. I miss my parents. I miss sitting in a restaurant. Last Monday, a friend texted me they lost a parent to COVID. Which is to say we need to continue to be sensible and sensitive to one another.

It is illegal to trespass. Tobog-

ganing fans should read Leanne Brown's column about the great places where you can go for that; but Winchester Golf Club is not one of them.

I've addressed this for ten years. It is a golf course, not a playground, and they do not allow tobogganing since it damages their greens. More importantly, as we recently learned, rescue from that hill requires special equipment which may leave injured people waiting a long time. DRPS has been notified to watch for trespassers.

As to the budget, there are rumblings about record lows. We know people are hurting and so we're doing our best to see what we may be able to reduce or delay, keeping in mind we have services we must provide. To let us know about where you think we should or shouldn't be looking for money, email us [council@whitby.ca](mailto:council@whitby.ca)

The new sport centre. I had a one-on-one with the architects,

the same ones used for the Whitby main branch and Brooklin libraries. User groups have provided their input and the public process is coming up soon. I hope everyone will be vocal about the project and I'm sure many comments will reflect my own. Do not hesitate to provide ideas. Though we have a budget to abide by, I know I'm looking at this with an open mind. Watch for the public process announcement on [whitby.ca](http://whitby.ca) and in this paper.

The highway 12/7 by-pass and its environmental assessment (EA). I think 10 options have been presented. Even though the input process is closing, you can still submit comments to [planning@whitby.ca](mailto:planning@whitby.ca). The purpose of the EA is to gain control over downtown Brooklin and re-route the through traffic. At council, we need to remain neutral and not influence the results of the EA. But be assured we are listening and have opinions which we will one day be able to share.

Vaccine roll out. We're in the roll out's infancy and retired Gen. Rick Hillier

is sending updates to councils across Ontario as it evolves. I suspect we will see mass vaccine sites in large public structures at some point. We're having discussions about where those will be locally. Until then, you know what to do to stay safe.

The Brooklin Secondary Plan (BSP) is still rolling along in the background. We have subdivision plans coming before council at public meetings as early as February 1st. We just listen at this point. This is YOUR opportunity to provide commentary. Understand that the zoning and land use is already determined through the BSP.

We cautiously roll into 2021 and I am grateful for my blessings and my community. Indeed we have a lot of work to do to rebuild our community after this and I hope you will join me in supporting our small businesses whenever possible. Remember: while we're all in different ships, we're sailing in the same turbulent ocean.

Alzheimer Society's Video Series: Alicia's Story

In honour of January being Alzheimer's Awareness Month, the Alzheimer Society of Durham Region (ASDR) has launched a four-part short film series that follows Alicia, a vibrant mother and grandmother diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease 10 years ago, and her family as they confront this disease. The films take viewers inside their lives as they share their story including the challenges and heartbreak they face as well as the feelings of togetherness and moments of laughter.

"I hope by sharing our story, it shows others who are going through similar situations that they are not alone," says Judy. "Sharing and connecting with others is so important. It changes everything."

"We are so thankful to Alicia and her family for sharing their important story," says Denyse Newton, CEO, Alzheimer Society of Durham Region. "Their story helps represent the other 1.1 million Canadians who are currently affected by Alzheimer's disease and dementia and reminds us about the importance of support and the power of love."

The video series is available at <https://bit.ly/alicia-story>.



Alzheimer's disease (and other dementias) is an irreversible and progressive brain disorder that slowly weakens memory, thinking, skills and eventually the ability to carry out the simplest tasks. There are 25,000 new cases of Alzheimer's disease diagnosed in Canada each year, a number that is expected to triple by 2050.

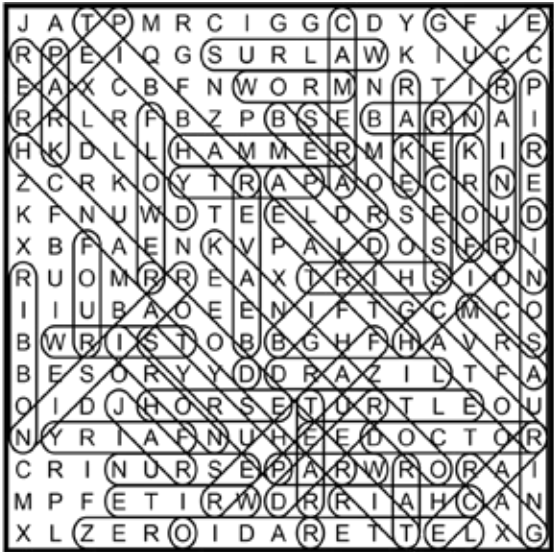
The annual cost of caregiving today provided by family members and friends is likely going to balloon from its current \$12 billion. That is why building connections that matter is at the heart of what the Alzheimer Societies across Ontario do.

What are your risks of developing dementia? The Alzheimer Society will also present free online workshops, including a

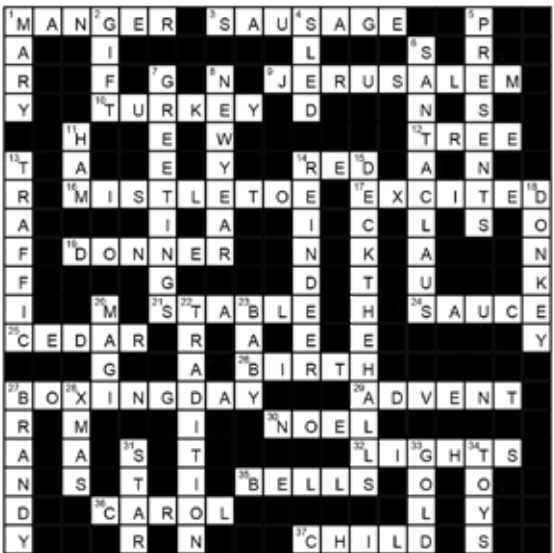
presentation highlighting the impacts of sex and gender on brain health on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021, at 6 p.m. It will answer questions about the roles hormones play, the influence of genetics, and social factors.

The ASDR is also offering an Introduction to Mindfulness class on January 27 at 6 p.m. You can also "attend" (virtually) one of the ASDR monthly Care Partner Support Groups or register for its Next Steps for Family and Friends online workshop series.

For more information about ASDR's January 2021 Alzheimer's Awareness Month events, please contact our Public Education Coordinator [astephenson@alzheimerdurham.com](mailto:astephenson@alzheimerdurham.com) or register online at [asdr.eventbrite.ca](http://asdr.eventbrite.ca).



Answers from December 15, 2020



Our Brooklin Kids *By Leanne Brown*



Hoodies, tobogganing and lockdown adventures

For Christmas, I received a beaver light grey hoodie. Warm, comfy, and a little oversized, it's become my favourite lockdown wardrobe piece. But I've discovered that hoodies create a nasty hair mat at the base of my neck. This was an "ah ha" moment.

You see, my daughter lives in hoodies. Her closet reveals that she owns 12 collected from various sports teams. It turns out the matted nest that seems to just appear in her hair is from the hoodies. Each night at bedtime, I have to carefully pull apart the mess as she winces. Evidently fleece containing polyester and long hair are incompatible.

**Where NOT to toboggan**  
With sports and activities suspended,

she and I have been in search of outdoor adventures. Tobogganing, which is one of the few allowable options, is our go-to and the region has a few fun places to sled. However, not all hills permit sledding. For instance, Winchester Golf Club is NOT a toboggan hill; it's private property. Aside from hazards on the hill, using it for sledding or cross country skiing is trespassing. These activities damage the course and delay golf season, costing the owners thousands for repairs. Please respect them as they provide a lovely little golf course, which is their property and livelihood.

So where can you go tobogganing? The park beside Winchester Public school is awesome. It's a good size with lots of space to social distance and has smaller hills for the less adventurous. We've

- been going there for years.
- Here are some others to try:**
- Hy Hope Farms has hills for everyone
  - The hill behind Chris Hadfield Public School
  - Small hill behind Henry Street High School
  - Small hill at the end of St. Anne's Street South
  - Small hill at Duggan Park
  - Medium hill at the south end of Tremount St.
  - Large hill at Otter Creek Park
  - Medium hill at the East Side of Guthrie Park.
  - Medium hill at Glen Hill Park
  - Hill at Pringle Creek Park
  - Farewell Street just south of Highway 2. This one is for thrillseekers.
  - Uxbridge has a good hill behind the Uxbridge arena.
  - And if you want to go for a drive, try Darlington Provincial Park.

As for virtual learning and working, in our house, we each head to separate rooms to work. My husband takes the family room; I'm in the front room; and our daughter is in her room. We take

lunch together. It's interesting though sometimes hard, but I try to be positive. I remind myself that we are healthy and safe.

We play lots of board games, with Clue, Settlers of Catan, Jumanji and Pandemic being our favourites. We do training in the basement for soccer and hockey. It's especially hard on my daughter who has no siblings and can't see her friends. But I hear her reaching out to friends online and playing "Among Us" so I know she's making the best of it.

As for me, since being downsized, I am freelancing and enjoying it. I learned that during the pandemic, the first job interviews at large companies are not done by humans. Computers conduct Zoom interviews which humans watch later only if the answers match the algorithms. Anyone know what the preferred personal pronoun is for the interviewing computer program....Sir, Miss, He, She, Them, It?

**Note: Provincial orders have changed since this was written. Please adhere to them.**

Plant-Based Eating *by Sheree Nicholson*



Self-care begins with a tasty soup

Happy New Year! While that may sound trite - after all, we're still in the middle of a pandemic - I live with the hope that 2021 will end with a reopened world.

Having more time at home means you have more time to invest in yourself. Self-care doesn't always mean going to an expensive resort; it can also be how you live your daily life. Exercise and eating well are forms of self-care. Last March, my partner, Tom, and I started walking. We now walk five days out of seven and often twice a day on weekends. These strolls through our neighbourhood have led to some weight loss for both of us and some great talks.

They also allow me more time to cook from scratch. For Christmas, I got the new cookbook "OH she glows for dinner" by Angela Liddon. So far, I've made vegan tacos and the following lentil soup, which is now my all-time favourite soup. It was easy to make and quite tasty.

The recipe is from the blog at <https://ohsheglows.com>.

**Glowing Spiced Lentil Soup**  
Pre time: 15 Minutes - Cook time: 20 Minutes

**Ingredients:**  
1 1/2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

- 2 cups diced onion (1 medium/large)
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons ground turmeric
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1 (14-ounce/398 mL) can diced tomatoes, with juices
- 1 (14-ounce/398 mL) can full-fat coconut milk
- 3/4 cup uncooked red lentils, rinsed and drained
- 3 1/2 cups low-sodium vegetable broth
- 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt, or to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- Red pepper flakes or cayenne pepper, to taste (optional).
- 1 (5-ounce/140-gram) package baby spinach
- 2 teaspoons fresh lime juice.

**Directions:**

- In a large pot, add the oil, onion, and garlic. Add a pinch of salt, stir, and sauté over medium heat for 4 to 5 minutes until the onion softens.
- Stir in the turmeric, cumin, cinnamon, and cardamom until combined. Continue cooking for about 1 minute, until fragrant.
- Add the diced tomatoes (with juices), an entire can of coconut milk, red lentils, broth, salt, and plenty of pepper. Add red pepper flakes or cayenne, if desired, to taste. Stir to combine. Increase heat to high and bring to a low boil.
- Once it boils, reduce the heat to medium-high and simmer, uncovered, for about 18 to 22 minutes, until the lentils are fluffy and tender.
- Turn off the heat and stir in

the spinach until wilted. Add the lime juice to taste. Taste and add more salt and pepper, if desired.

**Note:** While full fat coconut milk works better, you may use low-fat coconut milk, though the re-

sults will be a less creamy soup.

**Sheree's Hack:** Farm Boy in Whitby carries inexpensive store brand coconut milk. Have a few cans on hand for recipes such as this.

Brooklin Heritage Society

When a Brooklin Bovine Made the Big Time

By Jennifer Hudgins



A Brooklin hometown girl hit the big time on April 9, 1954 when Canadian milk products distributor Borden Dairy chose to use her image in all their promotional materials.

Elsie, a caramel blonde Jersey cow, became part of our kitchen culture and has been among the most recognizable product logos in Canada and the USA. The first Elsie came into being in 1936 when Borden Dairy was in a pricing war with dairy farmers and the company needed to keep public opinion on its side. A cartoon cow mascot symbolized the perfect dairy product and appeared in print ads, radio announcements and television. Her long-lashed gaze captivated people, many of whom were city dwellers and had never seen a real cow. She had such a strong following that she even had her own personal assistant!

Brooklin's Elsie, Borden's third cow, was purchased from the W. F. Batty and Son farm. Her first appearance was sponsored by the Toronto Evening Telegram. She was the most publicized cow in Canada and her image could be found on billboards, cans and cartons of Borden products. She was displayed at the Toronto CNE and other large exhibitions such as the 1964 New York World's Fair. She also made an appearance in a musical revue by the Broadway composer Kay Swift.

In 1980, the Ontario Borden Dairy operation was purchased by Silverwood Dairy. The new buyer did not own the rights to the logo. But in the USA, Elsie is still found on Borden condensed milk cans and celebrated at events nationwide.



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