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The Brooklin Heritage Society recently celebrated receiving grants from the Town of Whitby and Ontario's Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport Lisa MacLeod. Whitby gave the group \$2000 from the Mayor's community development fund while it received \$1545 from the province. Representing the Town were Mayor Don Mitchel, Regional Councillor Rhonda Mulcahy and North Ward councillor Steve Lee. MPP Lorne Coe was on hand to represent Ms. MacLeod. Following the presentation, the BHS held its regular monthly meeting.

In the photo are the presenters and members of the Heritage Society, back row (left to right): Sandra Mammone, Bradley McIlwain, Claudio Abrue, Gary Young, Don Mitchell (Mayor), Chris Alderson, Jennifer Hudgins, Rhonda Mulcahy (Regional Councillor), Steve Lee (North Ward Councillor), Gord Stevens, Roy Hudgins, Dianne Cruxton and Lorne Coe. Front row (left to right): Catherine Tunney, Meredith Dodge, Betty-Jean Blyth, Pat Evans, Marion Blair, Maureen Stevens, Susan Richards and Marilyn Hill. Absent from the photo: Brian Wick and Beth Dinsmore

The BHS is partnering with the Brooklin branch of the Whitby Library on a speaker series: March 26: 6:30 - 8:30 pm: Nancy Trimble from the Ontario Genealogical Society, Durham Branch. April 23: 7:00 - 8:00 pm: Paul Arculus, author, will discuss one of his books about the Nip n Tuck railroad. May 28: 7:00 - 8:00 pm: Historian Marlene Hodgson about Camp X. June 6: 2 - 5 pm: Annual Reunion at the Legion.

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Less than half the picture: By Richard Bercuson



Fix Vipond proposed

The Whitby budget increase of 1.99%

seems, on the surface at least, a reasonable amount. As Regional Councillor Rhonda Mulcahy pointed out in our last issue, it'll mean a monthly increase of about \$15 for most homeowners. Given that our Town services are actually quite good and spending is effectively managed, I can squawk about other things.

Like this one:

The vision for the North Whitby Sports Complex (let's call it NWSC for now) suffers from myopia. The current plan envisions a twin pad rink complex and the closure of Vipond whose plant is near-death. In other words, a net gain of one pad. This for a community that will explode in population in the next ten years.

More homes - more people more kids - more registrants for hockey, ringette and other ice sports. There's another key argument for even a minimal refurbish of Vipond and replacement of its plant. Hockey Canada instituted its cross ice program in 2018 for all children 8 and under. The Vipond surface is in fact perfect for the younger kids requiring little more than bumper pads to separate sections of the ice. The ancient rooms are too tiny for anyone other than the wee ones. Might as well transform the building into one designed for the under 10s.

(Full disclosure: I'm a Hockey Canada coaching program instructor and evaluator)

This would allow the NWSC

complex to make proper use of its twin pads and allow for more ice for other sports. Consider this as well: How long do you think our ir A team, the Fury, will last at Iroquois with attendance Hockey is an integral part of in the low dozens? What if the franchise wanted to moved up the road to the NWSC? Similarly the Dunlops, who barely practice once or twice a month. Mind you, a large part of that is because of ice cost. The other part? Ice availability.

Given the growth, will the figure skating club require more ice as well? Currently the Durham speed skating club is housed at the Tribute Centre. Do you think they'd rather be at Iroquois or the new NWSC? Not sure? Have vou walked around the Tribute Centre lately?

We have one high school with two hockey teams, boys and girls. Someday soon, there will

be another high school up here because there needs to be another one. Where will those teams play?

Whitby and particularly Brooklin. If you look at team rosters, you'd see that the majority of kids are from Brooklin. That will increase some-fold with northern development.

How much it would cost to do cosmetic surgery at Vipond and replace its plant is the question. A buddy happens to be in the sports complex/recreation field. He figures it'd be well under \$1 million. How does that translate to taxpayers? How about we ask the parents of kids in ice sports if they'd pay a few bucks more in taxes to cover it?

I'll pony up first.

Town of Whitby **Special Meeting of Council 2020 Budget** February 24, 5:30 p.m.

Town Hall Council Chambers 575 Rossland Road East, Whitby

Letter to the Editor **Brooklin Elementary Student Speaks Out**

Subject:

Doug Ford's Mistake Message:

Dear Editor, Hello, my name is Ben. I am 9 years old and I live in Brooklin, Ontario. Doug Ford wants to cut school budgets and teachers are on strike because it isn't good for students. There are no extra-curricular activities because of the strike. That means kids like me can't play sports, go on field trips or stay in for recess to do homework. We aren't learning as much at school because of the strike. I am in 4th grade and this year I am finally old enough to try out for my school basketball team, but I can't. I don't understand why Doug Ford went to Washington last weekend, and why he was talking about how great Donald Trump is. Why isn't he talking to the teachers to end the strike? Ben

Learn About Sites For Anaerobic Digestion And Waste Pre-Sort Facility

The Region's Works Department is inviting residents to learn about six potential site locations for the new Anaerobic Digestion (AD) and Waste Pre-Sorting facility in Durham Region.

When: Thursday, February 27, from 5 to 8 p.m. Where: Durham Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby – Room LL-C (located on the lower level).

Why: Durham Region's population is growing and is expected to be over 1 million in the next decade. More residents means more garbage to manage. The current composting facility for organics and the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) for garbage are at capacity. This new facility will help meet the increasing waste management demands and will reduce the quantity of garbage that the Durham York Energy Centre needs to process.

answer questions. If you are unable to attend, all information, including the six potential locations, will be available online at durham.ca/ADproject while questions can be submitted to ADproject@ durham.ca.

AD is a method of processing organic materials such as food scraps to create energy. Organic material is processed in closed, air-tight containers without oxygen while bacteria break down the organic material, creating biogas, com-

(Editor's note: According to Ben's Mom, she helped with a readthrough and grammar/spelling edit. It's otherwise entirely his.)



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Next Issue: Friday, March 6, 2020 Deadline: Friday, February 28, 2020 At the open house, representatives from the project team will provide information and

post liquid wastes and solid residue.

The Waste Pre-Sort facility sorts out recyclables from multi-residential garbage as well as organics that the Green Bin did not capture. The organics would then be sent to the AD facility for processing into energy and natural fertilizer products.

Learn more about AD and pre-sorting at durham.ca/ ADproject, call 1-800-667-5671, or email ADproject@ durham.ca.

Police Investigating Posters with Discriminatory Messages

Police are investigating more reports of posters being placed around Durham Region with discriminatory messages toward immigrants.

Some of the recent incidents occurred in Whitby where the posters were found this week outside of the Whitby Public Library, a school in Brooklin and on a mailbox in the Beech Street West and Cochrane Street area.

The posters look similar, with a white background and black text, and had a similar discriminatory message directed towards immigrants. Other such posters were found in October in Port Perry and in November in Newcastle.

Investigators are asking anyone who may have witnessed someone placing discriminatory posters to call police.

If anyone has any new information in regards to these incidents, please contact the Central West Community Resource Unit at 1-888-579-1520 ext. 1871.

Anonymous information can be sent to Durham Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.durhamregionalcrimestoppers.ca<http://www.durhamregionalcrimestoppers.ca/> and tipsters may be eligible for a \$2,000 cash reward.



Memorial Cenotaph, Port Perry Diane Hamre Rec Complex, Newcastle October 2019

Brooklin High School, Whitby November 2019

Central Whitby Library February 2020

Coronavirus - The Local Update

February 2020

Current situation

The World Health Organization (WHO) has renamed 2019nCoV, with the formal name of COVID-19. The WHO has declared a public health emergency of international concern regarding novel coronavirus (COVID-19). To date, no cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Durham Region. The Health Department continues to monitor the situation closely.

For information regarding the status of cases in Ontario see the Ontario Ministry of Health website, which is updated every weekday at 10:30 a.m.

ing closely with local, provincial and federal health partners to monitor the situation.

Travellers returning from affected areas

Travellers who have returned from Hubei Province, China including Wuhan City, should:

Contact Durham Region Health Department at 905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 within 24 hours of arriving in Canada.

Durham Region Health Department will provide further information about how to effectively home isolate and monitor for signs and symptoms.

Whitby's Special Projects

Join the Town of Whitby at an upcoming Community Open House to learn more about some of the trail renewal and splash pad projects planned for 2020.

Tuesday, February 25

Drop in between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. to the Whitby Town Hall Council Chambers (575 Rossland Road East) to learn more about the following projects:

Pringle Creek Park: new pedestrian bridge and boardwalk; improved and expanded trails

Waterfront Trail: repaving of the existing trail from South Blair Street to Intrepid Park

Bradley Park: new trail connection from the existing Ash Creek Trail to Brock Street sidewalk

Kiwanis-Heydenshore Park • Splash Pad: splash pad renovation

 Hydro Electric Power Corridor Trail: new trail connection from Longwood Park to Thickson Road

For more information, visit whitby.ca/parkplanning or contact Sean Malby, Supervisor of Park Development, at 905.444.1830 or malbys@whitby.ca.

The Brooklin Town Crier is looking for a sponsor for our upcoming Easter Colouring **Contest!**

If you know a business that would like to have some fun with a colouring contest, we are all bunny ears!

E-mail mulcahy42@rogers.com today!

Student Transportation Funding Helps Durham Transit

Last week Sam Oosterhoff, the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education, announced the province is moving forward with a review of the student transportation funding formula to achieve a more efficient and accountable student transportation system and improve the transportation experience for students across the province.

First announced in March 2019, the review responds to calls from student transportation partners to improve the funding formula, which could be more responsive to the changing needs and costs encountered by school boards.

local boards to promote new fare incentives to encourage youth and students to use public transit in Durham, and we look forward to any opportunity that will enhance access to public transit within our communities."

DRT's commitment to increasing youth ridership was evident throughout 2019, including successful fare incentive campaigns:

· The Kids ride free campaign launched in May 2019 provided 54,448 free trips (as of December 2019) for children aged 12 and under, the next generation of transit users.

Risk to Durham Region residents

The Public Health Agency of Canada has assessed the public health risk associated with the novel coronavirus (CO-VID-19) as low for Canada. Public health risk is continually reassessed as new information becomes available. Currently, there are no cases of COV-ID-19 in Durham Region and the risk to residents remains low.

The Health Department is work-

Travellers who have returned from mainland China should:

Monitor themselves for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days after leaving China.

Contact your health care provider and Durham Region Health Department at 905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 if they experience symptoms of novel coronavirus or think they may have been in contact with someone who has novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

"Durham Region Transit is already engaging with Durham Student Transportation Service (DSTS) and the school boards, and we are more than willing to work together towards equitable solutions that remove redundancy in our transportation systems for the benefit of our residents and taxpayers." says Shaun Collier, Mayor of Ajax and Chair of the Transit Executive Committee.

Bill Holmes, General Manager of DRT adds that "we have worked successfully with our

Launched in September • 2019, the Y10 youth loyalty fare incentive generated a 45 per cent increase in youth pass sales the first month alone, and as of December 2019, has provided 1,985 youth with easier and more affordable access to transit.

In its second year, the 2019 • youth summer 2-for-1 monthly pass promotion enabled 670 youth to benefit from unlimited free travel in August when a July pass was purchased.

4TH EDITION

Durham Partnership With 1855 Continues To Support Businesses

At the 1855 technology accelerator, it's all about achieving sustainable growth. The accelerator's mandate is helping established, high-potential tech and innovation companies accelerate growth towards the global stage.

Founded by the Town of Whitby and the Chief Executive Officer of 360insights, Jason Atkins, the organization's strategy is to grow the technology sector in Durham Region. Part of this vision is delivering the best in thought leadership, hands-on expertise, and mentorship to companies looking to scale.

Access to leaders

Providing access to some of the most visionary and disruptive leaders in technology led to the launch of the 1855 MAS-TERCLASS series, with the first three editions in 2019. It featured globally recognized musicians from Arcade Fire; a Silicon Vallev consultant who defined a game-changing discipline known as Category Design; and an IBM executive speaking about artifi-

cial intelligence. The series has highlighted innovative thinking and attracted start-ups, business owners, students, and business leaders from across the province. It has also enhanced local partnerships and featured highcalibre content from Durham College, Ontario Tech University and Invest Durham.

While mentorship is fundamental to the growth journey for any company in the trenches of acceleration, the approach of bringing together established businesses, post-secondary leaders, and government supports rounds out the community approach, ensuring a full complement of support for innovative businesses.

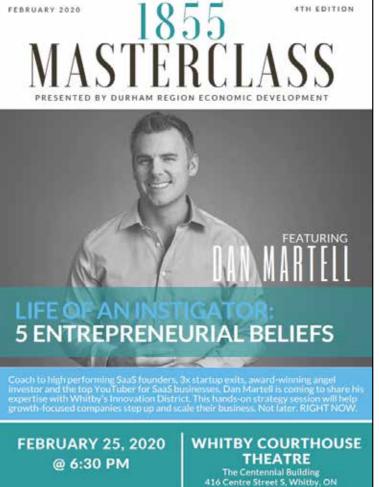
Upcoming speakers

1855 has announced some of the upcoming speakers in the MASTERCLASS series, starting with Dan Martell on February 25. Martell is a coach to high-performing tech founders and has been named Canada's top angel investor. He also hosts a popular YouTube channel for software and has partnered with more

than 65 elite software founders to raise capital, scale, or exit their companies in the past year. "Finding someone who has achieved what you're setting out

to accomplish will compress decades into years," says Martell.

John Warrilow, creator and founder of the Value Builder System, will speak on April 28. Warrilow is an expert in creating and communicating the value of a business and is host of Built to Sell Radio, ranked by Forbes magazine as one of the world's 10 best podcasts for business owners.



"When you start a business, vou're on your own. Without a boss to lean on for advice, it's smart to surround yourself with other founders who have already navigated some of the challenges you're facing," says Warrilow.

For full details and to purchase tickets for upcoming 1855 MAS-TERCLASS events, please visit masterclass.1855whitby.com.

STAY CONNECTED February 21, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Rooms

Youth ages 12 to 18 years are invited to drop in to any Youth Room on February 24 to celebrate National Tortilla Day with chips and dip.

whitby.ca/youthrooms

Trail and Splash Pad **Renewal Community** Open House

February 25 at Town Hall (575 Rossland Road East), drop-in between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m to learn more about upcoming trail and splash pad renewal projects planned for 2020. whitby.ca/notices

COUNCIL MEETING

Committee of the Whole February 24 at 7 p.m.

The meeting will take place at Town Hall, 575 Rossland Road East. For more information, contact clerks@whitby.ca or 905.430.4315 whitby.ca/civicweb

NOTICES

2020 Interim Tax Bill Due -**Residential, Farmland, Pipeline** and Managed Forest Properties The first installment of the Interim Tax billing for 2020 is due February 24. 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

NEWS



New 2020 Spring/Summer Activity Guide Now Available The Town of Whitby's new 2020

Spring/Summer Activity Guide is now available online with limited copies available at Town facilities. Go online to browse the new guide and save activities to your Wish List in advance of the registration date on February 27. whitby.ca/getactive



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Whitby

Mayor Don Mitchell's Community Fundraiser

March 21, from 7 p.m. to midnight. whitbymayorsfundraiser. eventbrite.ca

whitby.ca/calendar

Call for Performers

Are you a band, busker or musician? Apply by 4 p.m. on March 2 to have the opportunity to be featured at Town events. Applications can be submitted at whitby.ca/callforperformers

Winter Weather eNews Alerts Sign up at whitby.ca/subscribe

whitby.ca/plasticsurvey

2020 BUDGET

The Town's proposed 2020 Budget is now available online. Residents are invited to provide feedback through the following meeting being held at Town Hall:

Special Council Meeting for final approval of the proposed 2020 Budget Monday, February 24 | 5:30 p.m.

whitby.ca/budget

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Our Brooklin Kids By Leanne Brown



Screen Time

My daughter loves her devices and makes good use of her daily

screen time allowance. Still, I admit I worry about how much she's using them.

There's plenty of research about how much screen time kids should get with new guidelines regularly coming from the medical community and "experts". The reality is that screen time isn't going away. Rather than saying it's the undoing of society, it's better to embrace it with mindfulness.

Indeed, there's lots of bad stuff on the internet. It can be scary for parents to navigate new apps that might lure our children into who knows what. However screen time does have some positive attributes that help our children to develop important life skills. From learning world facts to developing creativity, there is good out there.

Created videos

Between games at a recent outof-town hockey tournament. she and her teammates created music videos, TikTok videos and even a movie. Not only did their devices serve as a form of entertainment, but also as a creative outlet for their opinions. The girls spent hours bonding, laughing and learning important social skills. They took turns, organized roles, and incorporated everyone's ideas, applying skills that all came from using their devices. I was amazed at some of the ideas and effects that resulted.

Apps like Minecraft as well as colour by numbers and problemsolving games are great for creativity. Ask any Mincrafter to give you a tour of the world they've built and you'll be amazed at how they design their homes, swimming pools, theatres and more. Just like LEGO helps kids build and learn how to follow instructions, apps like Minecraft provide similar skills. For those of you with a LEGO master at home, you'll appreciate not stepping on those little bricks.

Learning through research

Last week I asked her to think about what camps she'd like to go to this summer so she looked up local camps based on her interests. An hour later, she had a list of ones she thought would be good. Along the way, she picked

up some interesting facts.

"Did you know," she asked, "that field hockey is a boys sport in most countries except Canada, the U.S. and England?"

For the last few months, she's been fascinated by baby development, inspired by the birth of her cousin. We found a website that showed how babies develop in the womb and in the first year of life. This past weekend, she proudly showed off her new

cousin to her As the team. girls crowded around the baby, all dressed in their warmup uniforms and trying to get the infant to smile, she informed them that the couldn't baby see them. "He can only see about as far the length as of your arm," she told them. "We're all blurry to him."

If you're worried your child is getting too much screen time, you can set a timer on their device so that it shuts down once the time allotment is up or at bedtime. While your child may find it frustrating at first, they will soon get used to it and learn to use the allotment wisely.

So while many experts are touting the hazards of screen time, it good to remember that as technology advances, children who are comfortable using tech and who know how to self-regulate their technology usage will have the advantage.



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2020 Public Budget Meeting

On the evening of February 18th, Town of Whitby council chambers were full, though with most of the seats occupied by the municipality's staff members.

CAO Matt Gaskell and Treasurer Ken Nix opened the meeting with some comments highlighting the budget.

Overall, the tax bill increase is set for 1.99%. Gaskell explained the 40% growth over the next twelve years which will bring an additional 60,000 people to Whitby. The Town is also working to maintain the over \$2 billion in assets as infrastructure ages from the growth surge of the mid 1990s. of the communications shortfalls.

There was also an explanation from staff regarding the 2016 KPMG Service Delivery Review report that identified 18 new hires a year for the first five years. Since the report was presented, the Town has hired less than a third of the identified positions. This was due to the corporate review and the hesitation to fill positions before understanding the exact needs for the growth. Staff indicated that should the hirings not occur, the town will be close to 30% under-

Dreaming of Warmer Days

2020 Spring/Summer Activity Guide AVAILABLE NOW! Registration Begins

February 27 at 9am All Programs (except aquatics & 55+ programs for non-Whitby residents)

March 5 at 9am Aquatics & 55+ registration for non-Whitby residents

CALL FOR PERFORMERS

Seven residents spoke before council.

Michael Baker, a resident of Southshore Drive, wanted to know why there weren't more budget meetings and better communications from the Town and council throughout the year as well as why councillors weren't communicating back to him. He indicated he'd emailed local councillors without a response.

Staff replied how part of this 2020 growth budget will address some

staffed by the time West Whitby is occupied within five years.

Resident Paul Kneebone of Fallingbrook wanted to know why, if growth was good, it doesn't pay for itself. He also asked about stopping the growth.

Both Mayor Mitchell and staff explained that council doesn't make the decision; growth is mandated through the province based on federal immigration which is bringing in 150,000 new residents to the GTA annually.

Council will make its decision on the budget on Monday, February 24th at 5:30 pm in council chambers.

The Town is looking for interested bands and musical performers to play at events and festivals. Apply on-line by March 2, 2020 at 4pm

SINGLE-USE PLASTICS SURVEY

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Rhonda Mulcahy

Regional Councillor, TOWN OF WHITBY mulcahyr@whitby.ca | 905.706.0482



Burns Presbyterian Church 765 Myrtle Rd West (just 4 minutes north of Brooklin) 10am Worship, Kids Zone Fun & Nursery Care "Discovering God, Sharing God's Love" 905.655.8509 www.Burnschurch.org

Brooklin United Church 19 Cassels Rd. E. Sundays 10:30 am • Sunday School & Nursery Care Come catch the Spirit! www.brooklinunited.ca 905.655.4141

Renaissance Baptist Church of Brooklin 40 Vipond Road (Just West Of Library) Sunday Worship & Kids Program 10:30 am We're here for Brooklin!

905.655.4554 www.brooklinrbc.ca

Brooklin Village Church At Brooklin High School, 20 Carnwith Drive W. Sundays, 10:30 am Our Mission is to share the love of Christ as we live out our calling to become more like Him. www.brooklinvillagechurch.com

St. Thomas' Anglican Church 101 Winchester Road East Sunday Services: 8:30 and 10:30 am Sunday School & Nursery Program (10:30am) Wednesday 10:00 am Communion & Healing Service Celebrating 150 years in Brooklin Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we welcome vou!"

905.655.3883 www.stthomasbrooklin.ca

Community Calendar

Sun., Feb. 23: 7:30-9 pm: Trivia Night

At MichaelKelly's Eatery on Winchester and St. Thomas \$20 per person cash only. Teams of 4-6 ONLY. Each team receives a large pizza and an order of garlic bread, with a beer per person. Winning team members each get a \$10 gift certificate to MK's. Register by emailing your name and number of team members to: editorofbtc@gmail.com Capacity is 42 people, so registration is first come-first served. Hosted by the BTC with all proceeds to Prostate Cancer Canada Network (PCCN) Durham.

Tues., Feb. 25: 6:30-7:30 pm (4th Tuesday of each month) **Teen Advisory Group** at Brooklin Library Whitby Library's Brooklin Branch seeks Teen Advisory Group members to share ideas, and assist with special events and programs. Grade 7-12 students earn community service hours. No registration required. For information, email: teenservices@whitbylibrary.ca

Thurs., Feb. 26: 7:30 pm: **Brooklin Horticultural Society Membership Meeting** A representative from Sheridan Nurseries will discuss what's new for 2020. Arrive early for draw tickets, renew your membership, & enjoy refreshments (please lug-a-mug). New members are welcome to join! Meeting takes place at Brooklin United Church, 19 Cassels Road East. For more information. contact Kathy @ 905-430-7213, kathyallam@hotmail.ca.

At Trafalgar Castle School, 401 Revnolds St., Whitby A night filled with food, friends, entertainment and music Funds raised will support local charities, community events and organizations through the Mayor's Community Development Fund. Tickets on sale now! WhitbyMayorsFundraiser. eventbrite.ca \$120 per ticket

March 26: 6:30 - 8:30 pm: **Brooklin Heritage Society** Speaker Series at the Brooklin Library. Nancy Trimble from the Ontario Genealogical Society, Durham Branch.

Tuesdays: 7:25 pm: **Brooklin Toastmasters Club** Practice public speaking at Brooklin Community Centre & Library. Contact John Johnstone at jajhj@sympatico.ca or phone 905-683-4439 or Elaine Goulbourne 289-404-8527 at elainegoulbourne@rogers. com

1st, 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays **Community Care Durham** (CCD) **Basic Foot Care** at St. Thomas' Anglican

North Ward Councillor - By Steve Lee

Expanding The Tech Sector

The growing tech sector in Whitby (as well as Brooklin) has always interested me. Perhaps it's because I like to keep up with new technology, or per-

haps it's because l've always had the idea that this could be a great thing for our town, creating high paying jobs right where we need them.

Either way, it is something I am The College has also recently passionate about. I've said all along since the election that a key focus for me is to look to the tech sector to see what we can encourage and develop in Whitby. Cyber security, for instance, is one interesting area. It's everchanging and growing rapidly as new threats emerge and more companies look to have data online. I believe we have a wonderful opportunity to be a major tech hub.

Cyber Games

I was recently fortunate enough to be invited to an amazing event, The World Cyber Olympics held a few months ago. Its organizer personally invited me so I could see what it was all about and the companies involved. Taking place here in Durham Region, the event included some of the best companies as well as the best hackers, programmers, and security experts from around the

world who were all involved in the amazing competition. What made it that much morel interesting was that, as this sector grows, these kinds of companies will be able to provide jobs that we need here in town.

again invited to another wonderful event on cyber security and technology in Durham Region. It was the opening of Durham College's new Centre for Cyber Security Innovation. The Centre will assist companies by providing them with the talent and staff they seek and need. It's a huge opportunity and it's next door to us.

Al Hub

opened an AI (Artificial Intelligence) hub which is a leader in applied research, education and innovations for small and medium business. The Centre for Cyber Security will expand on the hub's success and respond to the ever-changing and growing industry of threats and cyber security.

While we already have great tech sector companies here in Whitby, we still need to continue to develop it and encourage growth in these high paying jobs. The Centre and AI hub will play large roles in make this happen.

I met with many industry leaders in this area, which proved to be exciting. As a result, I look forward to pushing this further for Whitby and working with our Economic Development staff to grow the tech sector and cyber security jobs here in Whitby.



Sat., March 21: 7 p.m. to 12 a.m: A Night Out on the Town Mayor's Community Fundraiser

Church. 905-430-5732

Mon.-Fri. CCD delivers hot or frozen meals. To order: Karen Andrews 905-668-6779

French Family Storytime:

Children and their caregivers can join Madame Sue for weekly French Family Storytime! A half hour of French stories and songs, with a dash of English! Drop in at Central Library's Children's Program Room

Which brings me to just last week. I was



What are your favourite moments from 20 Years of The Brooklin Town Crier?

Contact Editor Richard Bercuson to let us know!

editorofbtc@gmail.com

If you have a community not-for-profit event you would like included in the calendar, please email it to editorofBTC@gmail.com with the subject line "calendar." Priority will be given to Brooklin events. Some editing may occur.

Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe

Crossword

Across

- Not conforming to legality, 1 moral law, or social convention
- 9 Knife handle
- 13 Free of trouble and worry
- Wind instrument 14
- 15 Support
- Uneaten morsel 16
- 17 Sea swallow
- 18 Spectacle
- 20 Gave in
- 22 Semicircle
- 24 Low island
- 25 Plural of "I"
- The time of day when a bar 26 sells drinks at a reduced price
- Driveway material 30
- 31 Time for eggnog
- 32 Without exception
- Uncovered 33
- Sow's pen 34
- 35 Stubbornly conservative and narrow-minded
- 37 In the direction of
- 38 Coal container
- 39 Utter
- A diplomatic building 40
- Type of saltwater fish 43
- 47 Train track
- 48 Word to a doctor
- 50 Shrek, e.g.
- 51 Twosome
- 52 Combatant who tries to throw

- opponent to the
- ground Ethereal
- 54 **55** A strain of
 - microorganisms or viruses

Down

- 1 Summer coolers
- 2 Wise men
- 3 Snob
- 4 Turn into
- something else
- 5 Connects a noun with the
- preceding word 6 Whiz
- 7 Inspiring a
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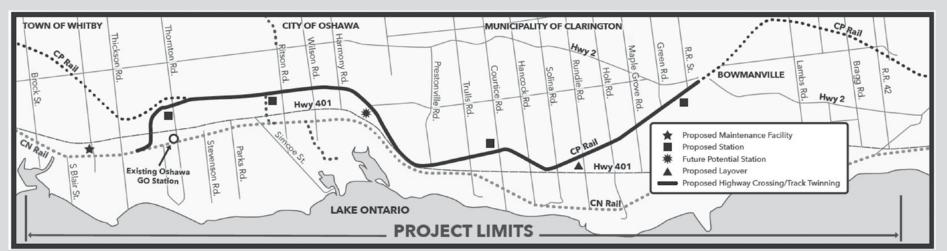
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GO East Extension To Keep Durham On Track



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Image from public presentation by Metrolinx to Durham Region Council on Sept. 6, 2017.

Durham Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer John Henry announced last week that the GO East expansion will be moving ahead.

"Metrolinx has confirmed a route north of Highway 40," he said, "that will provide rail service from Union Station (in Toronto) to Thornton's Corners, a central station in downtown Oshawa, and GO stations in both Courtice and Bowmanville.

"It will help to deliver economic revitalization of our downtown areas," he added, "and will transform and connect communities; increase transit ridership; stimulate job creation and mixed-use development around the stations; and drive an increase in land value within the rail corridor.

"With our community expected to reach 960,000 residents and 350,000 jobs by 2031, this announcement ensures that Durham Region will have strong rail options that complement our existing transportation network."

Whitby Mayor Don Mitchell said, "I am pleased to see support for Option 2. This will maximize the overall economic benefit to the Region - now and in the future - and provide improved access for GO riders."

Durham Conducting Broadband Survey

Durham Region recognizes the importance of adequate broadband infrastructure for the well-being and economic competitiveness of the region's residents, businesses and in-

stitutions. It's a vital piece of modern have equitable, reliable and affordinfrastructure that prepares us for the digital future.

able broadband access. To help address this digital divide, the Region released Connecting our Commu-Many parts of our region do not nities: A Broadband Strategy for



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An accessible print version of the survey will be available from your local municipal office. To receive a copy by mail, please send a request to:

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