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Less than half the picture: By Richard Bercuson

Yikes! We're surrounded!



Is our charm seeping away? Is it dripping off the curb, through a sewer grate and into the depths of whatever monstrously large cement piping lies beneath us?

Has the Brooklin of yore vanished for good?

Are these the questions we're asking ourselves, or are they merely rhetorical? (because where would we be without rhetorical questions?)

Beyond the downtown core, we're surrounded by construction zones and will continue to be so for the foreseeable fu-

ture. Like, until your elementary school children graduate from high school.

South East: A massive construction site, replete with oversized Tonka trucks and magnificent signage, has spurted at Garrard and Conlin. What's going on? Is it stage one of a new NHL stadium? Is it a spectacular recreation site, à la Disney, for a water park and drive-in multiplex? Or, is it a warehouse of galactic proportions that few companies could manage?

South: Just when we thought the new gas station and drive-thru Tims on Roybrook was enough, another site below/adjacent to

it has begun. Meanwhile, any month now, the spanking new GO Transit terminal on the south side of the 407 will open. Some time in the next three years, a councillor or some politico of relative importance will jam a shovel into the ground at the site of the North Whitby Sports Complex, henceforth to be referred to as the North Whitby Sports Complex. Maybe. Perhaps.

With everyone excited at the prospect of a local Longo's, there were delays, however that site at Baldwin and Winchester is back up and running. We know it's true because the lineups at Tims in the mall across the road are longer.

Let's not forget the southern bypass, which I've cleverly named the Brooklin Bye-Bye Pass, to route traffic east below the 407. It will one day come to fruition. Possibly in this lifetime.

West: The Robinson farm on Ashburn and Winchester is rub-

ble, soon to be developed. The western bypass, to take trucks off Baldwin, will skirt us, going along Lakeridge and then east.

North: Brooklin Concrete is to be developed into a major commercial/residential centre while other development on the north side of Columbus, as far east as Thickson is underway.

Core: A new building is going up behind the Legion and possibly another next to the IDA. Meanwhile, recently opened buildings still need tenants. Has our downtown core lost its charm? Not so long as there's Grass Park and plenty of places to eat, drink and be merry (and a new one coming soon!).

So, while we seem to be in the middle of it all, the good news is, we're in the middle of it all. As in, everything is happening around us. All we need now to keep us happy is one grand outdoor downtown concert. We deserve that much, don't we?

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When: Available for purchase starting August 21, 2021 through June 2022.

Where: PRESTO cards must be set up to take advantage of a Y10 monthly pass by visiting one of the following DRT PRESTO Points of Sale (POS) locations:

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- DRT Customer Service Centre (110 Westney Road, Ajax)

Once purchased, subsequent Y10 monthly passes can be purchased at any DRT PRESTO POS.

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Note: Customers must continue purchasing the Y10 monthly pass for each consecutive month through to June 2022. If you skip a month, you will not receive the discount again for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

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The telMAX team was joined by Don Mitchell (Mayor of Whitby) along with Ryan Turnbull (MP of Whitby) to award Alison with a certificate to celebrate this monumental step towards the most advanced internet infrastructure in Ontario.
Photos: Trevor Dion - telMAX

telMAX is one of the newest and possibly most advanced, customer focused Telecom providers in Canada.

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well if most of your network is still on old, slow copper. Without pure fibre, speed and especially reliability, go down.”

While the equipment used by telMAX is also available to all Carriers, telMAX only uses pure fibre networks, allowing them to easily introduce and implement the newest technology without retrofitting old systems. By providing affordable, high-performance and reliable communications, telMAX hopes to improve people’s lives by giving them more options when it comes to work, school and play. Ideally, telMAX wants to give customers the one thing they need the most, more time.

As is the case in every competitive marketplace, with telMAX aggressively providing fibre to Durham residents, legacy carriers are taking notice. They are just now unveiling a patchwork plan in response to the customer focused infrastructure telMAX has been carefully planning and putting in place. At telMAX, we know, it’s the consumer who benefits most when companies fairly compete for their business.

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Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson

Summertime and the eating is easy



Summer is the perfect time to increase your plant-based eating. The hotter weather seems to naturally lead you to crave more fruits, salads and lighter fare. I find even my family and friends who eat meat tend to eat less of it during the summer. As local vegetables start to show up in stores, it's natural to reach for them. Local is so tasty. I look forward to the time of year when I can buy them.

I'm often asked what I barbecue in the summer if I'm not eating or cutting back on meat. The answer is that I grill marinated vegetables and occasionally use premade hamburger replacements.

It's also good to think out of the box and test your grilling skills with non-traditional food items. One example is avocado. I first tasted grilled avocado in a little cafe in Tofino. It was served in a salad with a peanut dressing. I was pleasantly surprised at how good it was. Avocados can be tricky as they go from ripe to over-ripe very quickly. If you want to grill them, they shouldn't be over-ripe, just firm.

Avocado is also a "super food," one of the most nutrient-dense foods available. Ounce for ounce, they are among the richest in fibre, folate, potassium, vitamin E, and magnesium among all fruits. There is, however, a lot of controversy around deforestation and unethical farming practices as the demand for avocados increases. If this is a concern, I suggest you research where your avocados are coming from and make choices that align with what's important to you.

Another non-traditional grilling item is watermelon. You may think that it's too watery to grill, but you will be pleasantly surprised. Watermelon is a perfect summer food as it's 91% water and yet grills so well.

I "veganized" the following recipe

by substituting some items. It's from the blog titled "Abbeys Kitchen."

Grilled watermelon and avocado salad

- 3 avocados halved, pit removed and sliced into 1/2" thick slices
- 1/2 large seedless watermelon sliced into 1/2" thick wedges
- 1 red onion cut into 1/4 "thick slices
- 4 tbsp mint
- 4 oz vegan feta cheese crumbled
- 3 tsp red hot chilli pepper seeded, de-veined and finely minced

Dressing

- 2 tsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp maple syrup
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions

- Preheat the grill to medium-high heat and lightly grease to prevent sticking.
- Add the watermelon, avocados and onions in batches, flipping once you see deep grill marks on each side. Remove from the grill and allow them to cool to room temperature.
- Once cool, dice the watermelon and avocado and add to a bowl along with the onions.
- Season with a pinch each of salt and pepper.

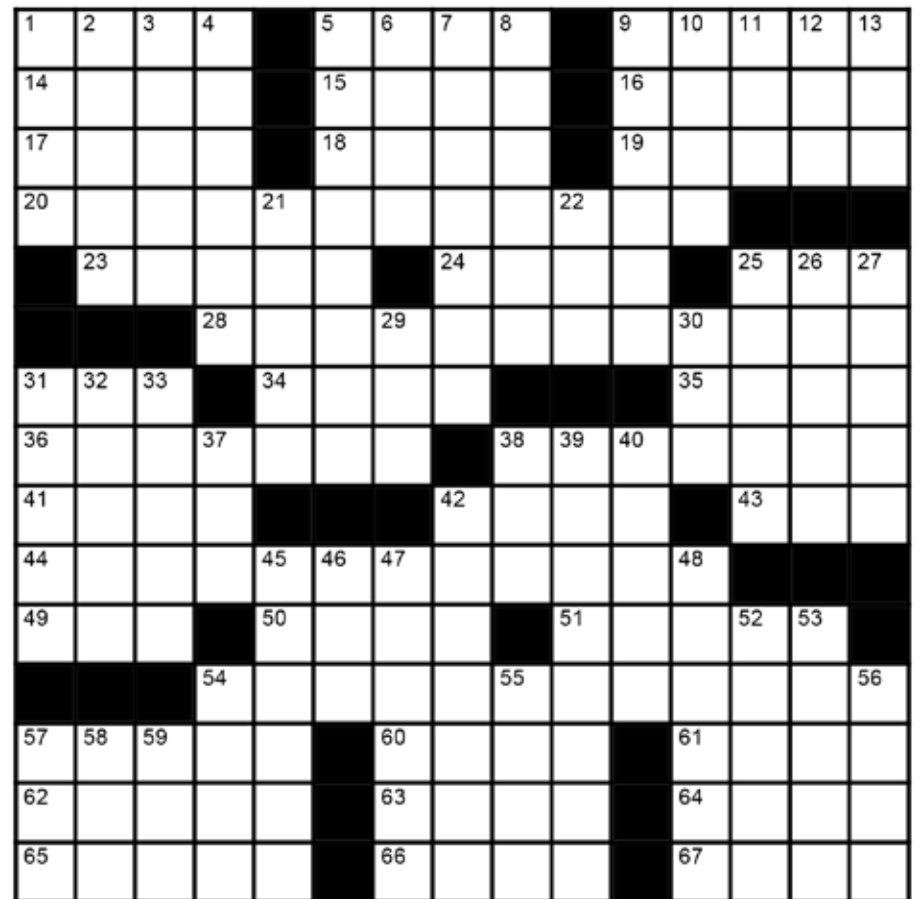
Meanwhile, mix together the Dijon, maple syrup, and lime juice. Slowly whisk in the olive oil until completely emulsified, and then season with salt and pepper to taste. Pour the dressing over the watermelon and avocado and toss very gently.

When ready to serve, garnish the salad with feta cheese, mint and chilli peppers. Enjoy at room temperature.

Sheree's hack: Slow down the ripening of avocados by storing them in your refrigerator. Speed up their ripening process by placing them in a paper bag with a banana.

Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe

Crossword



Across

- 1 Neuter
- 5 Nae sayer
- 9 Utopian
- 14 Put on the payroll
- 15 Cry on a roller coaster
- 16 Civilian clothes
- 17 Reunion attendee
- 18 Isn't wrong?
- 19 Sacred song
- 20 A writ ordering a prisoner to be brought before a judge
- 23 A type of salad dressing
- 24 Common street name
- 25 Triumphant cry
- 28 The phenomenon of certain surfaces that appear to gradually change color as the angle of illumination changes(pl)
- 31 Stage signal
- 34. Form of ether
- 35 Sting operation
- 36 Decree
- 38 File
- 41 Bad day for Caesar
- 42 Go to and fro
- 43 Thieves' place
- 44 Type of clerk
- 49 Table scrap
- 50 Reindeer herder
- 51 Inscribed pillar
- 54 A store where men's clothes are sold
- 57 Some singers
- 60 Low-___ diet
- 61 Indian music
- 62 Sphere
- 63 Type of thermometer
- 64 Swear to
- 65 Somewhat, slangily
- 66 Pigeon's home
- 67 Trawling equipment

Down

- 1 Petsian royal title
- 2 Of or relating to a hair
- 3 Caribbean cruise stop
- 4 Dweller on the Red Sea
- 5 The sound of water moving violently
- 6 Trendy
- 7 Wine mixed with honey
- 8 Colorful fish
- 9 Free (from)
- 10 Pairs
- 11 Young newt
- 12 Broke bread
- 13 On, as a lamp
- 21 Owning many acres of land
- 22 Photo
- 25 Sharp
- 26 Throw with effort
- 27 Skier's mecca
- 29 Anonymous John
- 30 Ultimate degree
- 31 Egypt's capital
- 32 Milk source
- 33 Boot out
- 37 Bring into play
- 38 Grass part
- 39 Capable of being raised
- 40 Dermatologist's concerns
- 42 A female singer
- 45 Red Cross supply
- 46 File folder feature
- 47 Medicinal syrup
- 48 Mideast capital
- 52 Bequeath
- 53 Secret language
- 54 Phone button
- 55 "Doggone it!"
- 56 Swerves at sea
- 57 Sanctuary
- 58 Waikiki wear
- 59 Beachgoer's goal

The 412-418 tolls are still there.



When Brooklin Was “Hollywood North East-ish”

By Jennifer Hudgins

Hollywood brought fame to Brooklin when a made-for-television movie, *To Save The Children*, was filmed here. Produced by Children’s Film Productions for the CBS network on April 5, 1995, it starred Richard Thomas (*The Waltons*) and Robert Urich (S.W.A.T.).

It was based on an actual hostage-taking incident involving 140 children and their teachers that occurred in a Cokeville, Wyoming, public school in 1986. The majority of filming was done at Meadowcrest Public School, but the fire hall on Vipond Road and the Legion were also used. Brooklin became Cokesville as fire trucks, buildings and rented cars bore Wyoming stickers and license plates.

Local extras

Amy Misselbrook Simpson, hired as an extra in the film, was a grade two student at Meadowcrest at the time. Although she didn’t go on to star in other productions, she did manage to earn the princely sum of \$77.47 for a

day’s work. Marg Stevens of Myrtle, her sons Andrew and Michael, her sister Mary, and niece Lisa were also

hired as extras. Marg remembers directing actor Richard Thomas to the staff washroom. The filming took place from February 17-22, 1994. Many local residents braved the cold to watch the action.

In the fall of 1998, a Canadian-American TV show, *The Famous Jett Jackson* aired on the Disney channel for 65 episodes and concluded as a movie in 2001. Filming locations included Grass Park, Meadowcrest Public School, Brooklin Montessori School, and Jac’s Milk (which later became Bryson Insurance and is now a physiotherapy centre). The house at 3 Cassels Rd. E functioned as the Jackson home. Various streets were used for location shots.



The series focused on a teenager who was an actor in the fictional show *Silverstone*. Jett moved the show from Hollywood to Wilstead, North Carolina, portrayed by the Village of Brooklin. The lead actor, Lee Thompson Young, went on to star in *Rizzoli and Isles*, a TNT police drama series. Hayden Christensen played a bully in the series and went on to take the lead in *Star Wars*, Episodes 2 and 3. Other actors include Eartha Kitt and Rachel McAdams.

Other productions

On April 22, 1996, *Ahead By a Century*, the Tragically Hip music video was filmed on Medland’s loading dock at their store (see BTC, August 30, 2019) and in a farm house on Columbus Rd. E. at Selkirk Dr. It won Best Single at the 1997 Juno Awards and CBC used the song to close the 2016 Summer Olympics. The video went platinum the same year.

The Littlest Hobo (see BTC, November 20, 2020) was filmed in

1980, with Fast Freddie, Season 4, Episode 10 and again in 1982, with Happy Birthday Mom, Season 4, Episode 6.

In the fall of 1970, *The Proud Rider*, also known as *The Last Ride*, was filmed at Groveside Cemetery and included members of the Satan’s Choice motorcycle gang.

(Most of these clips are available on Youtube.com)

As recently as 2017, Brooklin was a location for the filming of the short film *Cerpicio*.



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"I like being in health care, ultimately because you are there to help people," he adds. Dr. Yao has lived in the Brooklin area with his family since 2003 and actively participates in local community events such as the Brooklin Harvest Festival.

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About that EA

A couple of years ago, the Town of Whitby initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) to reroute highway 7/12 from downtown Brooklin. The EA was meant to provide an alternative route. We are approaching the end of it.

The initial push for this stemmed from the desire to obtain care and control over our downtown. It would enable us to make improvements like changing the parking, creating bump outs and curbs, installing pedestrian crossings, extending the sidewalks with interlock, burying hydro lines, etc. It would also, of course, redirect truck traffic away from the downtown.

The last time this was presented to council, there were more than 10 possible routes still on the map. However, at the beginning of the summer, our EA was presented to Scugog Council showing a route using mainly Durham #23 to Townline Road before joining back to

Baldwin north of Myrtle Station.

Not presented

Whitby Council hasn't yet had this presented to us for our feedback. Meanwhile, the community along Townline Road is, rightfully, in a tizzy. With the pandemic, we've had little opportunity for a proper dialogue with residents. It has left everyone frazzled.

Concerns include: environmental concerns surrounding the Oak Ridges Moraine and Greenbelt; the elevational changes and hidden entrances; the groundwater and well systems; the impact to a local favourite, Hy Hope Farms; the loss of farmland; and, not least of all, the impact to homeowners. All of those are our concerns as well.

Province directive

When we set out with this EA, the province informed us it would not allow us to have care and control of downtown Brooklin without providing an alternative route identified through this process at a provincial standard. Yet, we've been watching this unfold and waiting for a unicorn to appear.

We hoped an existing route would appear that didn't provide so many

issues. We now feel like the limitations of our Whitby's physical boundaries are going to mean no superior alternative to the route we have now.

But here is the crux of it: the EA's results.

Expensive road

Let's imagine there was zero opposition to the route itself and we could simply go ahead and build that road. However, we fear it is something we can't support. The estimated costs of that road are astronomical, around \$200 million.

A lot of this money would come from Development Charges(DCs). But what we use for this road in DCs takes away from somewhere else in infrastructure needs that we have to find ways to pay for. Most may cringe at the thought of spending so much money knowing that it will leave deficits to make up for in property taxes at some point. Is the return on investment sound?

Growth is coming to the area that is going to cause traffic woes and congestion throughout the downtown. Trucks just won't want to use downtown Brooklin. In speaking with some of our downtown businesses, the attitude has changed. Some have been part of the business association and steering committees of the past 20 years where this was the primary focus.

Different attitudes

But there's been a lot of change in small businesses and the types of businesses in our downtown core. Many aren't opposed to visiting traffic driving through and catching a glimpse of what Brooklin offers. The small business world has been very different during the pandemic, but also even before. In the world of Amazon, we now have to consider what our downtown really is and how we promote it.

It's time to revisit the conversations with the provincial ministries. The EA was worth doing as an elimination process. Without doubt, we have explored options. We are ready to put it away and have more meaningful conversations about the improvements we can make to Brooklin's downtown while the route remains in the province's hands.

We three cannot speak for the rest of council. We may be told we are off base and speaking out of turn with this before the EA is completed. Normally we would allow the EA to be done without giving an opinion. But in this case, the residents along any of the offered alternative routes need to hear we do not see your routes as the unicorn we are looking for yet.

Right now, the whole EA issue begs the question: "Is it worth it?"

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Demand for ownership housing remained well-above average for the time of year despite being below the record July result set a year earlier. Market conditions actually tightened relative to July 2020, with sales accounting for a greater share of new listings compared to last year. The sellers' market conditions sustained a double-digit annual rate of price growth.

"Demand for ownership housing has remained strong despite a pandemic-related lull in population growth. First-time buyers, many of whom were slower to benefit from the initial recovery phase, remain very active in the market place," said TRREB President Kevin Crigger.

The detached market segment led the way in terms of price growth, driven by sales in the suburban regions surrounding Toronto. On a seasonally adjusted basis, July sales were down by two percent and the average price was up by 0.9 percent compared to June.

"The annual rate of price growth has moderated since the early spring, but has remained in the double digits. This means that many households are still competing very hard to reach a deal on a home. This strong upward pressure on home prices will be sustained in the absence of more supply, especially as we see a resurgence in population growth moving into 2022," said TRREB Chief Market Analyst Jason Mercer.

"There is a huge backlog of people seeking citizenship or permanent resident status in Canada. A large share of these newcomers will ultimately choose to call the GTA home. This means ownership and rental market conditions will remain tight with upward pressure on prices for the foreseeable future. Policy makers at all levels must pursue a coordinated effort to bring on a greater diversity of supply in major metropolitan areas," said TRREB CEO John DiMichele.

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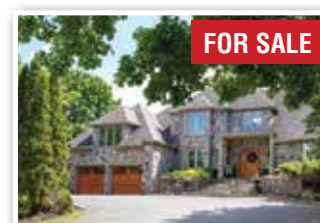
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