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Business Roundtable With MP Turnbull Highlights Issues



A Brooklin Small Business Roundtable discussion this week, anchored by Liberal MP Ryan Turnbull, further accentuated the difficulties local businesses are having during these tough times.

Turnbull, Regional Councillor Rhonda Mulcahy and North Ward councillor Steve Lee hosted the event with over a dozen local business owners. Turnbull himself ran a small business for 12 years while Mulcahy and Lee still have theirs. Lee's wedding photography business has taken an especially heavy jolt, as he described in the session as well as in a BTC column in 2020. - See page 7

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Less than half the picture: By Richard Bercuson

I didn't want to go there



It is with profound sadness that I admit I am about to fail at avoiding two topics.

First is Ontario's convoluted dog's breakfast of an approach to Covid. Rather than negotiate my own way through that miasma, I instead refer you to two columnists. They tackled the subject with aplomb, if one can do that to such a deadly thing as a pandemic. Basically, each ripped Mister Ford not just one, but a few ones.

Ottawa freelance columnist Randall Denley sculpted one of those bang-on columns, the kind

that make you nod and mutter, "Yeah, exactly." Published in the National Post, it was entitled, "Ford's latest lazy lockdown plan shows he hasn't learned from the last ones."

"Who knows?" Denley concluded. "If you try the same thing often enough, it might eventually work."

The Toronto Star's Ed Tubb made further mincemeat of Ontario's response in a 267-word "timeline," employing drippingly pointed sarcasm. An excerpt: "There was Stage 1, 2 and 3. Then 'modified stage 2.' After

that: a colour-coded framework. Then a new version. Grey was worse than red..."

Which brings me to the second item: the highway 412/418 toll roads. In the midst of the latest lockdown and vaccination merry-go-round, I didn't want to pile on the misery with more about the toll roads. Until Mayor Don Mitchell was quoted elsewhere that it's a matter of fairness: Tolls in the east but not in the west.

Perhaps. However, my question is, why any at all?

In 2019, Whitby MPP Lorne Coe, the PC party Whip, stated, "The minister of transportation is undertaking a study to review both the economic impact of current toll levels in the surrounding area and the impact of reducing or removing the tolls."

Undertaking - Review - Impact... Blah Blah. Do you hear the deafening silence? Where is that study? No amount of wailing, denouncing, or clamoring has resulted in a smidgen of progress. The tolls remain on barely used roads while alternative routes bear the burden.

Here's another radical thought we could call goodwill. What would have been constituents' reactions if the PCs had announced a moratorium on all 412/418 tolls during the pandemic?

Elected politicians are good at getting elected. In that sense, every person in the Ontario legislature is a winner. The same goes for local council and in Ottawa. None earned their jobs without

walking a lot during campaigns, making appearances, and talking ideas. They may even mean well. However, there is no vetting that could produce rational and forward-thinking candidates who, once elected, would go out of their way to address constituents' needs.

412/418 UPDATE Still Toll Highways

Maybe the problem is as simple as this: the Ontario government really doesn't care about Durham Region. It's an outpost, an afterthought, an area where you can grab a few seats, since the PCs have four of the region's five. Only the NDP's Jennifer French in Oshawa prevented a sweep in 2018. You just can't make people care. Back to Mayor Mitchell. Fairness indeed.

So, while I feel a bit guilty about going there, it's done. The next election is in 18 months. Consider reminders to be a given.

What You Need To Know This Week:

Ontario in Province-Wide Shutdown

Ontario entered a province-wide shutdown on April 3. The shutdown will be in place for at least four weeks. This means residents must limit close contact to those in their immediate household and stay home as much as possible, except for essential purposes like grocery shopping. Town facilities are also now closed to the public until further notice. For more information on new restrictions impacting residents and local businesses, visit whitby.ca/CoronaVirus

Whitby COVID-19 Vaccine Information: Whitby residents in eligible priority groups are encouraged to book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment online at durham.ca/VaccineAppointments. Vaccines are also available at select local Whitby pharmacies. For more information visit Covid-19.Ontario.ca. Please note the Town of Whitby does not play a role in the booking of COVID-19 vaccination appointments. Stay up to date on the latest COVID-19 Town information at whitby.ca/CoronaVirus

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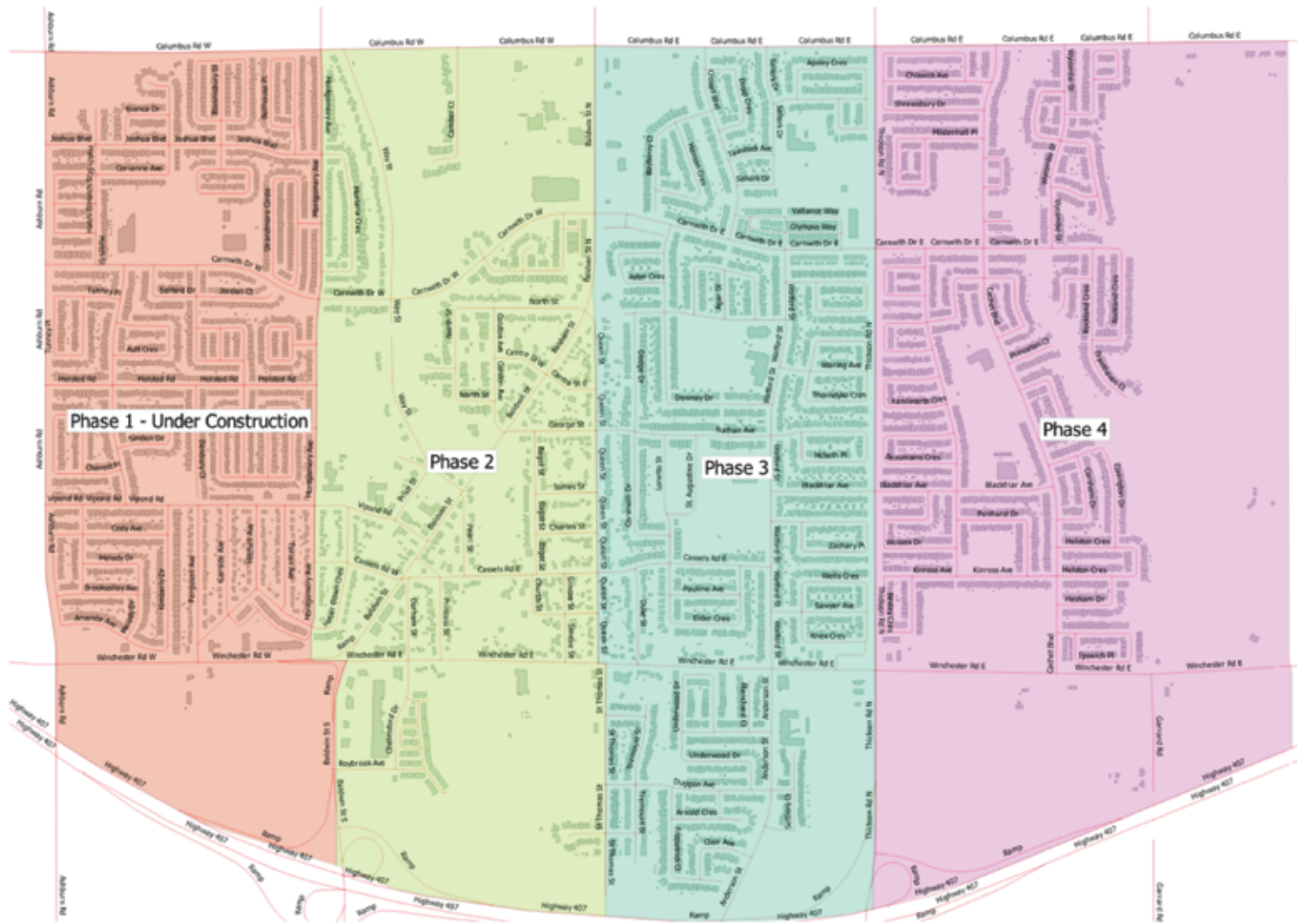


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Who greased the tracks?

By Jennifer Hudgins



On May 22, 1939, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (the Queen Mother) took the train from Ottawa to Toronto as part of their Canadian tour, with a short stopover at the Whitby station.

A group of Brooklin families rode the Nip n Tuck railway south to Whitby to see the Royal couple and some continued to Toronto for more Royal watching. One Brooklin man who liked a good joke, Wes Schell, was not among them.

That evening, the Nip n Tuck tracks below Conlin Road were mysteriously greased, rendering it almost impossible for the train to make the grade to return from Whitby. Many didn't get home until quite late. The "greasers" were never discovered.

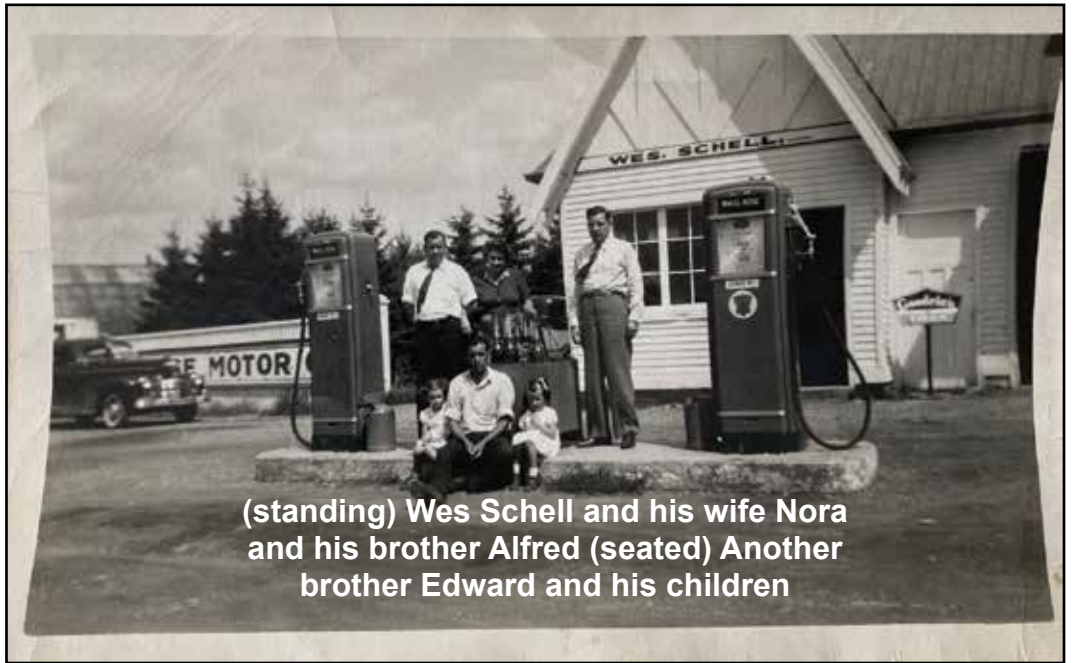
Retirement party

Wes Schell was a well known and popular figure in the area for years. At his retirement party, the emcee, Bud Wilson, said, "If any man deserves the title of Mr. Brooklin, it should be Wes Schell. He is a credit to the community, known as more of a friend to his customers than just as the proprietor of a local garage."

Another retirement testimonial from an executive of the Gooderham & Worts distillery stated that the company felt the success of one of its lines over the years, namely 44-B whiskey, was attributed to "the continued and unfailing support of Wes Schell."

Schell had moved to Brooklin

in 1931 when he and his brother Bill leased the White Rose service station on Baldwin at Highway 7. For 16 years, he repaired vehicles, washed cars and, in the summer, hired local boys to pump gas. It's alleged he once said he'd rather change two truck tires than one bike tire. Yet when kids came to him with their flats, he never turned them away. The service station slogan was 'Service with a Smile' which seemed to aptly describe



(standing) Wes Schell and his wife Nora and his brother Alfred (seated) Another brother Edward and his children



(left to right) Wes Schell, Ray Wagg, Bob Nesbitt

his attitude. He was a man who forgave debts and went out of his way to provide superior service, and, yes, always with a smile.

To the U.S.

One of 10 children, Schell left school at age 12 to help his mother on the family farm after his father passed away. A diligent worker, he eventually real-

ized he needed a different job in order to have a family of his own. The Ford Motor plant in Detroit was hiring line workers so he immigrated to the U.S. to build Model A cars.

By this time, he was engaged to Nora Jardine, who joined him there and they were married in Detroit, remaining for over two years. Their son John (Jack)

was born in 1930, the same year there was a huge layoff at the plant. He brought his family back to Canada and settled briefly in New Lowell, where their second son Norman (Dusty) was born in 1932.

Guy Stevenson sold him his Shell service station at 70 Baldwin Street in 1947 where he worked for 29 years until he sold the business to Dave Wilson. It's believed that Stevenson and Schell operated the first Canadian Tire franchise in Canada during World War 2. They weren't officially tied in with the corporation, however they were one of the major retailers of tires, which, at that time, were almost non-existent.

Wes Schell was active in the Brooklin community. He volunteered as a fireman for 22 years, sponsored and coached hockey clubs, and supported stock car racing with handouts of gas, oil and car parts. An avid softball fan, he never missed a Brooklin team game.

Schell died in 1995 at the age of 91; his wife had passed away in 1984. The couple were buried at Groveside Cemetery.

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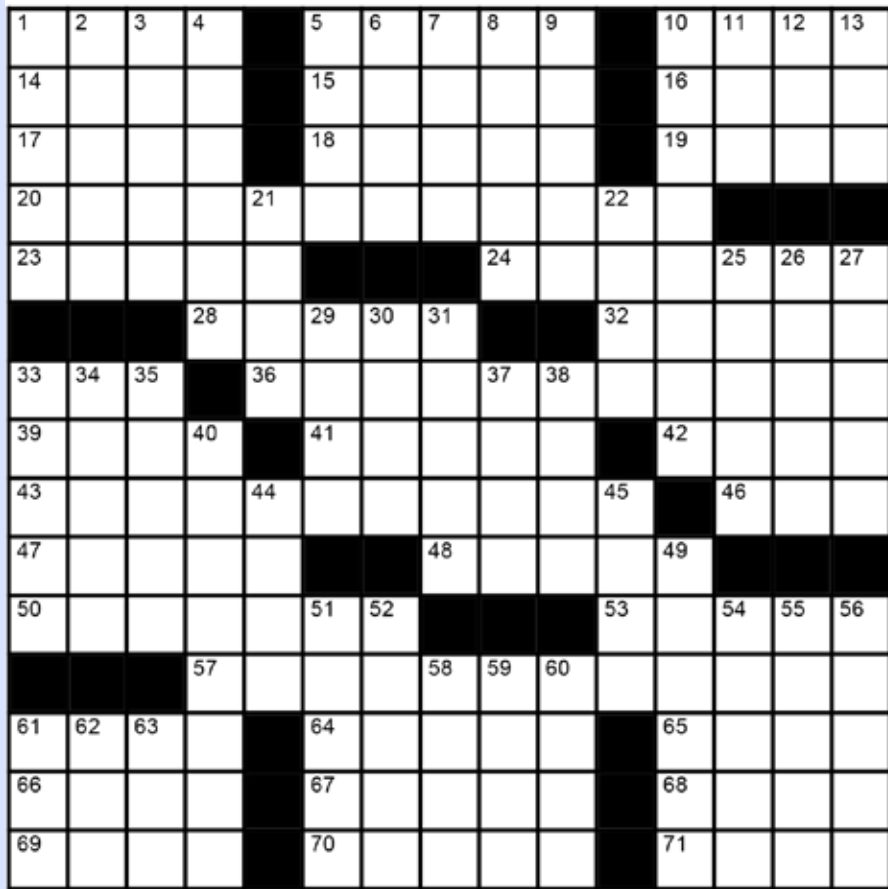
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Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe Crossword



Across

- 1 Tolkien creatures
5 Ice crystals forming a white deposit
10 Six-stringed instrument
14 Whittle
15 Relating to or affecting a lobe
16 Baseball stats

Down

- 17 Mideast ruler
18 A dagger mark. In old manuscripts it marks suspected passages or readings
19 Abbr. after many a general's name
20 A system of functionally related neural structures in the brain

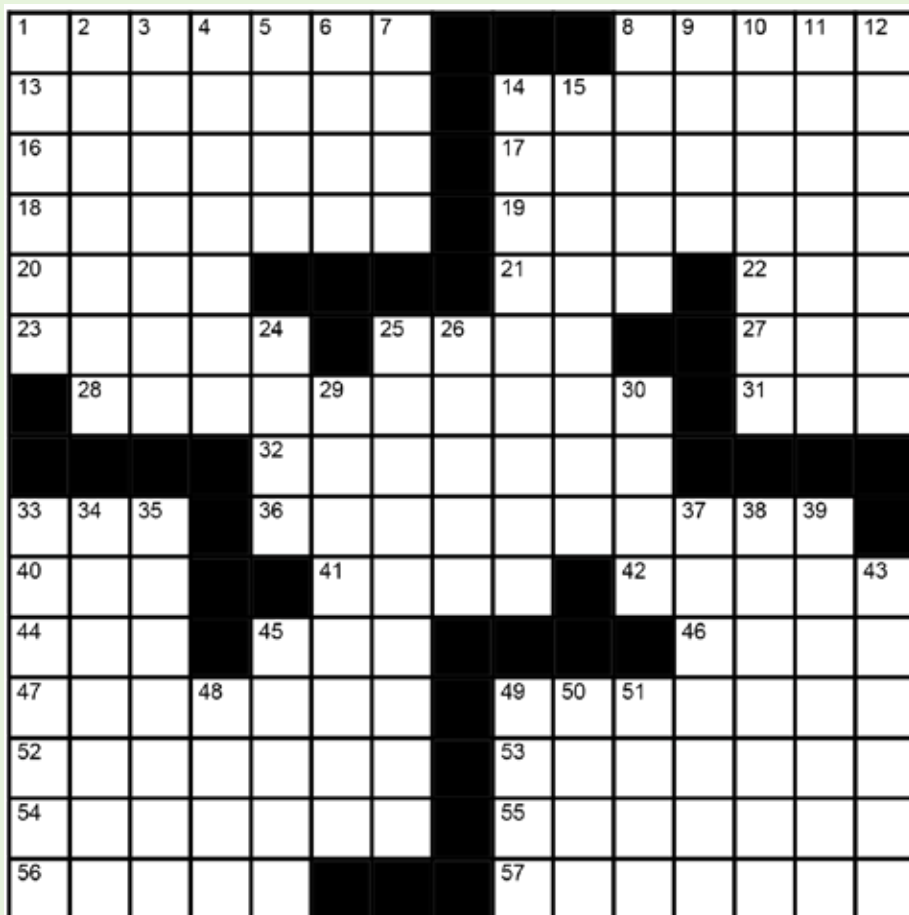
- 23 Old photo color
24 Deodorant type
28 Tiny creature
32 Old Toyota
33 W.W. II fliers
36 Trousers with absurdly wide hems fashionable in the 1960s
39 Some are pale
41 Colony member
42 Works in the garden
43 Provides a ride at an amusement park
46 To's partner
47 Loose fitting garment extending to the hips or knees
48 In progress
50 Small needlelike appendages
53 Strong point
57 Associated by chance
61 Of a very dark black
64 Impassive
65 A jaunty rhythm in music
66 Rubberneck
67 Musical composition
68 Ultimatum word
69 A showy and festive party
70 Shades
71 Nicholas II, for one

- 7 Toe the line
8 It's hot stuff
9 Stale
10 Used as aperitifs or in mixed drinks
11 Anger
12 Muesli morsel
13 Hallucinogen
21 Poetic foot
22 Formerly, once
25 Make a parody of
26 Type of abalone
27 Rodeo rope
29 Seals' meals
30 Burst suddenly
31 Top dog
33 Some are inflated
34 Native Alaskan
35 Abounding in or covered with ferns
37 Bone to pick
38 Black-and-white cookie
40 Island country formerly known as Ceylon
44 Decorated, as a cake
45 Room at the top
49 A plumbing fixture
51 Tube
52 Scrap
54 Stirs
55 City on the Arkansas River
56 Poly- follower
58 Verb preceder
59 Lunar effect
60 Summer coolers
61 Salad ingredient
62 Pastoral sound
63 Wise one

Down

- 1 Milky gems
2 Tall perennial herb of tropical Asia
3 Pinch
4 A landlocked country in the Balkan Peninsula
5 A loosely clumped mass of fine particles.
6 Holds up

Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe Crossword



Across

- 1 Scratch the surface of
8 Put into law
13 The mathematics of generalized arithmetical operations
14 Penny-pinching

Down

- 16 Breezier
17 Type of undo
18 A metrical unit with stressed stressed syllables
19 A light midafternoon meal
20 Alleviate

- 21 Undertake
22 Anatomical duct
23 A cunning or deceitful action
25 Borscht vegetable
27 Wore away
28 Assume control
31 Auction offering
32 The state that precedes vomiting (pl.)
33 Little League coach, often
36 Outside the Earth's atmosphere
40 Anger
41 Talk back to
42 Bakery supply
44 Pouch
45 Ballpoint, e.g.
46 Stairstep measure
47 Terminate debate by calling for a vote
49 Soft-shell clam
52 Type of: worm genus
53 Fabrics having crisscross design
54 Liberate
55 Lack
56 Bridge positions
57 One who makes an assumption.

Down

- 1 A tool used to bend each alternate sawtooth
2 Ready-made pieces of computerized graphic art
3 Inability to recognize objects by use of the senses

- 4 A poor person in the southern United States
5 Footnote abbr.
6 Unleash
7 Ready;lively; quick and easy to move
8 Test format
9 A variant spelling of net
10 Advent
11 A clam flavored tomato cocktail
12 Set in type
14 People who speak softly and i distinctly
15 Argonon, e.g.
24 Lotto variant
25 A native or inhabitant of Bhutan
26 Lets up
29 Light informal conversation for social occasions
30 Catch sight of
33 Get undressed
34 A lake lying between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan
35 Boils down
37 Makes bubbly
38 Semiaquatic reptiles of Central and South America
39 Perfume
43 Less verbose
45 Runs smoothly
48 1920's chief justice
49 Without a date
50 Off-limits: Var.
51 Scots Gaelic

North Ward Councillor Steve Lee



Take a hike - literally!

Over a year since our first lockdown and we're now into the third one with Covid-19 numbers rising again. This is mentally draining and indeed we're all sick of it. There are, however, still things we can do and enjoy.

Recently I headed north for a bit of a personal tradition. In past years in April, I've gone camping in

Killarney Provincial Park which is difficult enough to book in normal times, let alone during a pandemic. It's one of Ontario's most popular parks and always full.

A little-known fact is that while the park's gates are closed all winter and early spring, the park is actually open year-round for camping and no reservations are needed. This year, we were fortunate enough to

have the entire park, yes, all 140+ sites, to ourselves. Well, us and some very hungry and determined raccoons - but that's another story.

You don't have to drive five hours and camp in freezing temperatures to get out of the house and enjoy some fresh air and nature. Whitby and Durham Region are lucky to have many trails and conservation areas close by. As the weather improves, I encourage you to check out some of the great options we have.

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Get out and enjoy our trails and conservation areas. Happy exploring, everyone!

Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson

What do I eat



One of the things I enjoy about plant-based is that it's opened my mind to a whole new food world. Rather than it being a limiting way of eating, I've found it to be more expansive. People ask what I eat if not meat. For some reason, the question stumps me every time. So here's my answer.

I eat everything but animal products, including vegetables, seeds, nuts, and legumes. I've always said that breakfast was the easiest meal to give up animal products and so I cycle through a lot of the same foods. I also eat oatmeal with various toppings, smoothies, toast with peanut butter, and recently scrambled tofu.

Lunch is generally salads with various toppings. Sometimes it's a combination of whatever is in the fridge: leftovers, hummus with brown rice and veggies, or a wrap with scrambled tofu. I'm big on food prep so my fridge is usually well stocked.

Fun dinner

Dinner is the most fun as I've committed to making a new recipe every week. I try to cook a few dishes on the weekend which means I have leftovers during the week. In a pinch, I make the pasta recipe below. It's fast, easy and full of nutrients. Another favourite lunch or dinner is the traditional falafel sandwich. I recently bought an authentic one from Alborz, a restaurant in downtown Whitby.

With many cultures eating little or no meat, I try recipes from other cultures or go to different restaurants (pre-covid). A favourite is Ital Vital, a Caribbean vegan restaurant in Scarborough.

Due to the popularity of plant-based eating, it's easier to find vegan options on menus. For ex-

ample, State and Main in north Whitby has a separate vegetarian menu, including some vegan options.

Here's that recipe.

Easy Peanut Noodles (3 servings)

Ingredients:
2 cups broccoli florets
8 oz linguine or spaghetti

Sauce Ingredients:
3 tablespoons peanut butter
2 tablespoons soy sauce
3/4 tablespoon lime juice
1 tablespoon sesame oil
1-2 garlic cloves, minced
Crushed red chili flakes (optional)
Garnish with cilantro or parsley

Method:

1. In a large pot, bring salted water to a boil.
2. While water is coming to a boil, prepare the sauce. Place all sauce ingredients (peanut butter through red chili flakes) in a bowl. Add 3 tablespoons of water, and whisk everything together till a sauce forms. Set aside.
3. When the water boils, add the broccoli florets and continue boiling till the broccoli is bright green and crisp-tender, about 1 minute. Using a slotted spoon, remove the broccoli from the water and to the side.
4. Bring the same water back to a boil. Add the pasta to the water and cook according to package instructions. Drain well.
5. Add the drained pasta back into the pot with the broccoli.
6. Pour the peanut sauce all over the pasta and toss well. Taste the pasta, if it needs more salt, add soy sauce half a tablespoon at a time, tossing and tasting as you go.
7. Garnish cilantro or parsley. Serve warm or cold.

Sheree's Hack: To make this recipe gluten free, substitute tamari for the soy sauce and GoGo Quinoa spaghetti for the pasta.

Business Roundtable With MP Turnbull Highlights Issues

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Business owners and managers, some of which are relatively new, expressed their frustrations with everything from how federal subsidies are meted out to the very real impacts on those run by women to employees getting more money to stay at home and receive CERB (Canadian Emergency Relief Benefit) money than go to work.

After Turnbull completed his opening remarks, the floor was opened to participants to comment or ask questions. As he noted, some of the issues were in the provincial domain though he did admit to delving into that sphere on the vaccine issue given what he called "conflicting messaging" on the topic. One manager of a local food establishment wondered about the feasibility of having employees vaccinated, an issue that Turnbull couldn't fully address of course.

The inequality of shutdowns was another thorny issue, pitting these small businesses against the large ones like Walmart. One owner wondered why Walmart, for instance, couldn't cordon off departments to force shoppers into just the food aisles, a suggestion she said Premier Ford had nixed because, he allegedly claimed, it would be too difficult for them to do. Yet, the owner

said she cleans everything in her establishment thoroughly by herself.

Another local business representative wondered about the longer term impact to Brooklin's downtown. "It's hard to have a culturally rich downtown in these circumstances and I don't see it getting better."

On that point, Turnbull noted that statistically it was clear that it was the highest earners who've been able to work from home. How nice it would be for them to head to downtown Brooklin for lunch.

There were questions about the hospitality industry, why extra careful owners of personal care businesses can't open, and how the federal government could assist those businesses whose own suppliers are falling by the wayside. An owner commented how one supplier has completely folded while another's costs have risen 20%.

In the end, without making promises he couldn't keep, Turnbull promised to advocate for many of the key points business owners brought up by discussing them with Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland. "The more businesses we get through this," he said, "the more robust the recovery will be."

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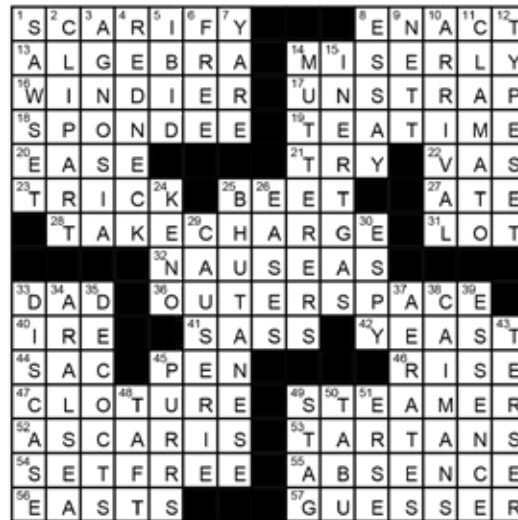
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