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## Heritage Society Preps To Launch Book



The Brooklin Heritage Society will launch its book “Brooklin Remembered” at its annual reunion in late May. The book is a collection of articles and stories about our history, most of which have appeared in this paper. Further details about the launch will be published shortly.

Brooklin Heritage Society members in photo:

**Back row (left to right):** Claudio Abrue, Chris Alderson, Brian Wick, Roy Hudgins, Jennifer Hudgins, Gary Young. **Front row (left to right):** Gord Stevens, Dianne Cruxton, Maureen Stevens (fuschia sweater) Ann Spry, Pat Evans, Marion Blair, Betty-Jean Blyth.**Three absent members:** Susan Richards, Tom Power and Bradley McIlwain.

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## The Lady Who Saved Local History

By Jennifer Hudgins

It was, she once said proudly, a labour of love.

Years before organizations such as the Ontario Genealogical Society in Oshawa existed, Chrissie Simpson collected information about the history of local pioneer families. Their graves were the only reminders that these people



had once forged a living in the Village of Brooklin and surrounding areas.

"There was a long time when those old cemeteries were forgotten," Simpson stated, "but the people in them were the ones who opened up this part of the country and we have a duty to remember them."

It explains why the headline for an article in the Whitby Free Press

on February 2, 1983, shouted, "Brooklin Woman Saves Local History from Slipping Away".

### Cemetery Board

In 1946, she took the position as secretary with the Groveside Cemetery Board where she proved to be so capable that she was eventually given a management and research position. When the Township of Whitby took ownership of the once privately owned cemetery, the office was in disarray. Records were misplaced or incomplete and it was not known where a particular person or family was buried.

In some cases it wasn't known if anyone was buried in some areas of the cemetery. A few stones were engraved with Mother or Father, without names, birth or death dates (as is the case of my Bailey great-grandparents) making it difficult to match with any records. In many cases all Simpson had to go by was a name.

During her time with the Board she created reliable records out of the disorder, sometimes just from the memories of Brooklin seniors. Many old flagstones were saved from fields and a few were recovered from Brooklin's first cemetery on Albert at Church Street. The stones are now in an area at Groveside marked "Pioneers of

the Township of Whitby."

### Married later

She served on the Groveside Cemetery board for 37 years, her last five as the wife of. Dr. John McKinney, whom she married on April 21, 1978.

Christian Katherine (Chrissie) Simpson was born on April 15, 1902 near Peace River, Alberta. In 1922, her family moved to live in Brooklin's oldest house, the Hunter Darlington place on Cassels Road. Her father was minister at the Burns Presbyterian Church in Ashburn from 1937 to 1940, where she eventually became an Elder.

In Helen Alve's book, "One Hundred Years of Brooklin Schools," there is a record of Chrissie teaching grades 1-3 at the Brooklin Continuation school from 1934 until 1948. She then taught grade 1 at Meadowcrest School until she retired in 1971.

When she left her job with the Cemetery Board in 1983, a retirement dinner was held in her honour. The Town of Whitby presented her with a gold pin in appreciation of the many years she dedicated to providing a lifeline to the past for local families. She passed away on August 16, 1995 and is resting, naturally, at Groveside.

## What You Need To Know This Week:

### What Is 'Grasscycling'?

After mowing, 'grasscycle' by leaving your grass clippings on your lawn. This returns nutrients back into the soil, reducing the need for fertilizers and lawn watering. **Remember: grass clippings are not accepted as part of Whitby's waste collection program.** [whitby.ca/Waste](http://whitby.ca/Waste)



### Emergency Preparedness Week (May 1 to 7)

Are you prepared for hazards or severe weather? Whitby Fire and Emergency Services is offering a free, recorded Emergency Preparedness Webinar with tips that will help you and your family be ready in any emergency situation. [whitby.ca/Fire](http://whitby.ca/Fire)



### Help Keep Our School Zones Safe

When driving through school zones, stay safe and help support your neighbourhood crossing guard. Remain fully stopped until all pedestrians and the guard have cleared the crossing and are safely on the sidewalk. [whitby.ca/SchoolZoneSafety](http://whitby.ca/SchoolZoneSafety)



### How To Schedule A Community Clean-up

Did-you-know you can easily schedule a one-time community clean-up through the Town's anti-litter app? Receive a free clean-up kit (bags and gloves) from the Town and staff will collect the waste from a specified location after you are done! Thank you for doing your part to care for and keep our community clean! [whitby.ca/CleanUp](http://whitby.ca/CleanUp)



### Help Shape Whitby's Climate Change Plan

Complete a survey now through Friday, May 6 to share your local climate change concerns and what actions you think will have the biggest impact on reducing emissions in the community. The first 200 participants will receive a free package of pollinator friendly native perennial wildflower seeds. [connectwhitby.ca/ClimateChange](http://connectwhitby.ca/ClimateChange)



### Celebrate National Youth Week in Whitby

Whitby youth ages 12 to 18 are encouraged join the Town in celebrating National Youth Week (May 1 to 7). Connect with friends and have fun with a series of free activities. Go for a swim or skate, visit the Youth Room Open House on May 3 at 4 p.m, shoot some hoops at the Youth Drop-In Basketball and more! Sponsored by Elexicon. [whitby.ca/Calendar](http://whitby.ca/Calendar)



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**Deadline: Friday, May 6, 2022**



OBITUARY

Christine Lorna Disney (Baskey)

On mar.16th 2022 in her 56th year. Brooklin Ont.

Much loved wife of Wayne Disney, beloved mother of Amanda and Andrew Loved forever by her mother Muriel Baskey and predeceased by her father James Baskey.



Christine has gone home to life with her lord to watch over and smiles upon us. A Celebration of life will be held on May 7th 3 pm. At the I.O.O.F hall Bagot Street, Brooklin.

Christine will be sadly missed by sisters Wanda and Marlyn and brother Jim and his wife Kathy, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and her many friends in Parkers Cove NS. and The QE2 hospital I.C.U 5.2 in Halifax would be appreciated by the family.

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NOTICE OF PHASE TWO ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review – Phase Two Online Engagement



**Study Area**

- By-Law 5581-05
- By-Law 1784
- By-Law 2585

**Outside of Study Area**

- Brooklin Community Secondary Plan Expansion Area

**Date:** May 2 to May 26  
**Location:** [whitby.ca/InTheZone](https://whitby.ca/InTheZone)

The Town of Whitby and its consultant SGL Planning & Design Inc. are undertaking a Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review. Phase 1 of the project is complete, and comments regarding the Comprehensive Zoning By-law Study and Background Reports have been received and reviewed by the project team.

Phase Two of the project has focused on the development of a Strategic Direction and Issue Identification reports to support the development of a new Town-wide Zoning By-law. These are now available for public review and feedback.

The goal is to create a new Town-wide Zoning By-law to manage land use and future development for all types of uses including residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural. Zoning for residential properties controls things like where accessory apartments are permitted, where you can build a shed or detached garage and how wide your driveway can be. Specifically we want to create a by-law that:

- reflects current zoning practices
- implements Provincial and Regional policy
- aligns with the Town's updated Official Plan, and
- is easy to read and understand

Have Your Say!

Between May 2 and 26, residents are invited to learn more and provide feedback on the Strategic Direction and Issue Identification reports prepared as part of Phase Two of this project.

- Here's how:
- Complete an online survey at [whitby.ca/InTheZone](https://whitby.ca/InTheZone)
  - Register to attend a virtual Community Engagement Session being held on Tuesday, May 10 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Feedback on challenges and opportunities with the Town's current Zoning By-law is also welcome.

The review will require extensive community and partner engagement throughout the study process, in accordance with the Planning Act and as directed by Council. Future Community Open Houses will be hosted as the project progresses.

Having trouble accessing the materials online? Contact the project team below to arrange for an alternative. Please include your name, address, postal code, phone number and email address if you have one. Please quote file number Z-01-20.

Questions or Comments?

Visit [whitby.ca/InTheZone](https://whitby.ca/InTheZone) or contact the Town's Planning and Development Department at [inthezone@whitby.ca](mailto:inthezone@whitby.ca) or 905-430-4306.

Scan this QR code with the camera on your mobile device to access the virtual Community Open House.



The scope of this study includes the entirety of the Town of Whitby, with the exception of the Brooklin expansion area as illustrated on the map.

Learn More

To learn more about the project, including how to access materials, and how to stay informed, please visit [whitby.ca/InTheZone](https://whitby.ca/InTheZone)

**Further Notification:** To receive further notification and become an Interested Party for this project, please visit our form at [whitby.ca/InTheZone](https://whitby.ca/InTheZone) or contact Planning and Development staff at the contact information provided above.

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The pellet and/or briquette formulation of the larvicide methoprene (Altosid - Registration No. 21809 and No. 27694 under the *Pest Control Products Act, Canada*), or the water soluble pouch formulation of the larvicide *Bacillus sphaericus* (VectoLex WSP - Registration No. 28009 under the *Pest Control Products Act, Canada*), will be placed into catch basins of storm drains in areas across the Regional Municipality of Durham.

The granular formulation of the larvicide *Bacillus thuringiensis subspecies israelensis* (VectoBac 200G - Registration No. 18158 under the *Pest Control Products Act, Canada*) will be placed in temporary pools of standing water, ditches, and storm water retention ponds in areas throughout the Regional Municipality of Durham.

The granular formulation of the larvicide VectoBac 200G and/or the granular formulation of the larvicide *Bacillus sphaericus* (VectoLex CG - Registration No. 28008 under the *Pest Control Products Act, Canada*) might also be placed in sewage lagoons in areas across the Regional Municipality of Durham.

All larvicides will be applied by Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks licensed applicators or trained technicians.

For more information on the locations and dates of treatment on:

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Ontario Ministry of Transportation property - contact Ontario Ministry of Transportation at 1-416-235-5462 (collect calls accepted) for additional information.



## Brooklin Catalyst Takes Off



The Optimist Club of Brooklin is launching an exciting new program, the Brooklin Catalyst, aimed at helping and encouraging local young people running their own businesses.

People are already familiar with the Optimist Club, which has been active in Brooklin for over 30 years, and works alongside other service clubs to support and enrich many activities. It's part of Optimist International - its motto is 'Friend of Youth' - which has also been instrumental in arranging many regular events such as the youth dances, Breakfast with Santa and Easter Egg hunts.

"We've been fortunate in that a number of successful local business owners have been enthusiastic about helping us," commented Tarren. "Jacki Turner (Write On Resumes) and Karen Lilly (Purpose to Impact) are joining us for the first session, talking about their experiences, good and bad, of being a small business owner and different aspects to be considered. In the second session, we'll be moving on to think about financial and business topics and be guided by Nelly Temraz (JointAction Physiotherapy & Wellness Centre) and Mike Libbey (Your Bottom Line)."

The Catalyst idea was first suggested by Bonnie Kao, a successful entrepreneur who runs Madison Living ([madisonliving.ca](http://madisonliving.ca)), a health and wellness business. It was she who approached the Club with the initial idea as a way for young entrepreneurs to learn from established Brooklin business owners. She joined forces with Club member Bev Tarren to develop the idea, however, it soon seemed that Covid restrictions might scupper their plans to start it this year.

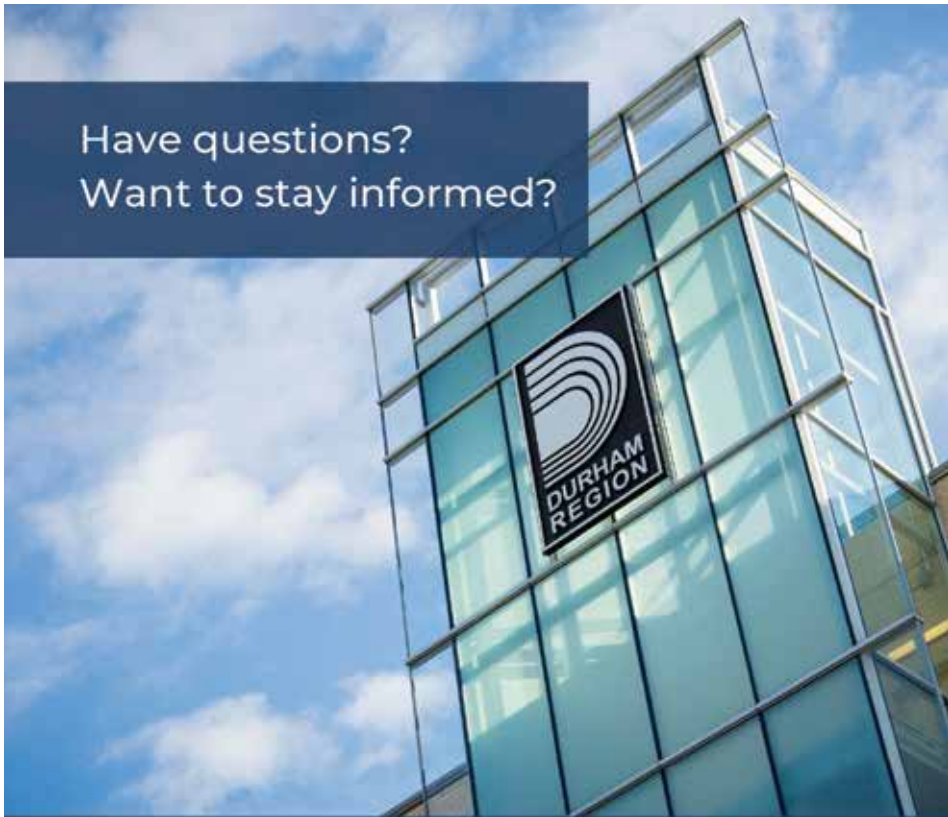
### Now launches

As restrictions relaxed in February, they had the opportunity to reconsider and so the program now begins as a small pilot.

Tanja Coughlan and Yara Jbeily complete the Optimist team working together to bring this new initiative to fruition, which launched with an information session in mid April.

"Initial feedback has been very positive," said Kao "and we know the scheme will enable young participants to have a fantastic opportunity to learn from others already running their own businesses."

The sessions are free for participants. More information can be found on the Brooklin Catalyst Facebook page or through email: [Brooklincatalyst@gmail.com](mailto:Brooklincatalyst@gmail.com).



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## DRIFF in a Jiff is back

The first DRIFF in a Jiff (Durham Region International Film Festival) screening of 2022 is on May 6. Catch some great short films for free at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery in Oshawa, happening every Friday through the season.

Opening night on May 6 will feature local music artist Dizzy to kick things off with screenings of "The Best Orchestra in the World" and "This Garden is Yours" in Arthur's on the 4th.

Screening Times:  
7:15PM | 8:00PM | 9:00PM

The summer drive-in lineup: Save the dates for our three big drive-in screenings:

- June 16, 8:00 p.m. - "Beans"
- July 21, 7:50 p.m. - "Akilla's Escape"
- August 18, 7:15 p.m. - "Sleeping Giant" following "Heap"

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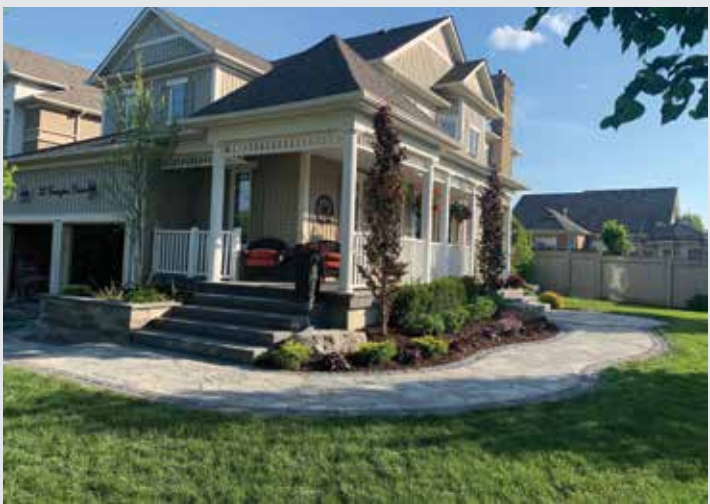
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## Durham remains most affordable region in GTA

There are some signs the real estate market is starting to ease, but it remains in seller's territory this spring, despite rising prices and interest rate hikes.

One real estate company is forecasting a 15 per cent increase in Canada's aggregate home price and a 16.5 per increase in the aggregate price of a home in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) in the fourth quarter of 2022 compared to the same quarter last year because demand continues to outpace supply.

Royal LePage issued its forecast with the April 19 release of its House Price Survey, which found the aggregate price of a home in Canada increased 25.1 per cent year-over-year to \$856,900 and the aggregate price of a home in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) increased 27.7 per cent year-over-year to almost \$1.27 million in the first quarter of 2022.

Still, there was a definite slowdown in both activity and price growth in March compared to February, led by declines in the GTA and Calgary, the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) reports. Many are welcoming these first signs of moderation.

**Durham affordable, welcoming**

Here in Durham Region, the average price dipped 6.5 per cent to nearly \$1.15 million in that time and remains the most affordable region in the GTA\*. "There is a shift happening and we expect to see further corrections still but nothing overly substantial," says Durham Region Association of Realtors (DRAR) President Meredith Kennedy. "Listings are up and so are the amount of sales which is great to see for so many buyers."

Could this be the beginning of the long-awaited cooling of the red-hot market? Only time will tell but if you're thinking of buying and/or selling, it's more important

than ever to have a local realtor on your side. King Home Team: Royal Heritage Realty has the information, knowledge and guidance you'll need if you're planning to enter the market this year.

**End of blind bidding?**

On April 6, CREA announced plans to introduce a pilot project this summer in select markets across Canada to display realtime tracking of offers on REALTOR.ca listings.

And beginning next year, home sellers in Ontario will have the option of allowing their real estate agents share the contents of competing offers with the buyers bidding on their property.

Under the current system of blind offers, real estate brokerages that represent clients must disclose the number of written bids but not the substance of those bids. Some believe blind bidding has contributed to soaring prices in the GTA because buyers don't know how much more they need to beat the next highest offer and say changes will usher in welcome transparency. King Home Team: Royal Heritage Realty carefully follows real estate pricing trends and other news related to real estate so we can help you make smart real estate decisions.

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