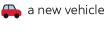


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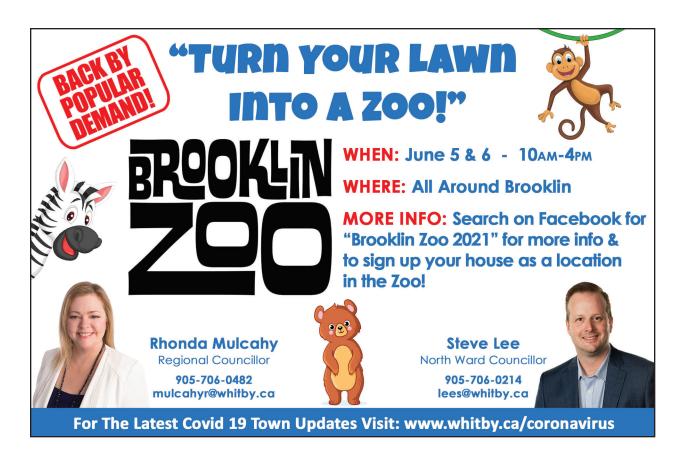
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North Ward Councillor Steve Lee

Say NO to the TOLLS!

in the April 14 announcement by Lorne Coe, Lindsay Park and

Caroline Mulroney that the province will not be removing the highway 412 tolls.

They stated they would be freezing them until 2023, that this was to help residents during a pandemic. It begs the question: if there was no pandemic, would the tolls have increased on schedule?

When asked about election promises, they stated they would advocate for an elimination or reduction of tolls, and that they had kept the promise.

A media release from 2018 from Lorne Coe stated, "All Durham candidates believe removing the tolls from the 412 Highway and not tolling the

I was very disappointed 418 is the right thing to do as it will help keep life more affordable for families and drivers in Durham. Removing the tolls will also help to reduce traffic congestion on our local roads and allow people to spend more time with their family and friends."

> Nowhere does this mention just reducing the tolls. In fact, based on the province's own MTO Tolling Analysis Report, tolls on 407, 412 & 418 from April 2021 have actually increased by 2.27%.

> "The initial toll rates were in effect for four months until May 31, 2017, when the first toll escalation was required, and it was determined to be too soon for an adjustment of toll rates. A regulation amendment freezing the toll rates was enacted to be in effect until May 31, 2019. During the last four

vears of tolling operations, the toll rates have increased only once by 2.27%."

So, while I greatly appreciate the tolls being frozen at current levels, this really doesn't cut it nor does it count as a "reduction or elimination."

The issue here is fair and equitable treatment to the residents of Whitby and Durham Region. The response provided does not address that issue.

The information provided by the province suggests there was some agreement or understanding that the 412 was to be tolled. This is not correct. While it was before my time on council, Mayor Mitchell was there during most of the long process to determine the location as was former Mayor Pat Perkins. He discussed it with her and concluded that MTO officials never advised that the 412 would be tolled.

The debate was over the road's loca-

tion. Neither Whitby nor Ajax wanted it. Whitby wanted to widen Lakeridge which would have better served our residents and retained all the valuable industrial land lost through the 412 expropriation.

We know roads are expensive to build and tolls generate revenue. However, after building (and tolling) the 412, the province managed to find \$616 million to expand the 427 with more free lanes and kilometres.

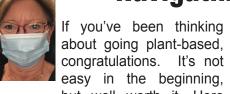
Why are the 412 and the 418 being tolled while other roads like the 427 and other northern ones are built with no tolls?

At council on April 19, we passed yet another motion asking for the removal of tolls and for Durham MPPs to fight for equality.

I will continue the fight for the removal of the 412 tolls.

Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson

Navigating the Change



but well worth it. Here are some helpful tips to navigate the change.

Cravings

You may experience cravings, espe-

cially for comfort foods like burgers, cheese and ice cream. The good news is that there are some fantastic alternatives. Many non-dairy ice cream replacements are great. Try coconut-based ice creams that are creamy and favourable, compared with soy-based ones, which have a bit of an off-taste.



Family gatherings

Eating differently from your family can cause all sorts of problems. Families often eat in traditional ways and when you suddenly stop eating meat, it can make you feel like an outsider. My grandfather and a few of my uncles were cattle farmers so, in my family, beef was a prized meal. Suddenly I'm the weirdo not eating meat.

What helps is not being judgemental about how they are eating. I tell people I don't eat animal products for personal health reasons. I don't push my point of view nor make disparaging remarks about their meat intake. I have eaten quite a lot of meat in my lifetime, so making a change to a plant-based diet does not make me better than anyone else.

Travelling

Travelling can pose a challenge. I was once on a 12-hour flight to Hong Kong and, even though I had prebooked my meals, every meal came with pork. Luckily, when travelling, I carry a few plant-based protein bars and some nuts or seeds. It's definitely getting easier to pick up plantbased options in airports. Still, when travelling in non-urban areas, it can be tricky.

Restaurants

With the plant-based lifestyle gaining ine Health. momentum, more and more restau-

rants offer a variety of vegan options. Inform your server you do not consume animal products. Ask for items that do not contain dairy, meat or honey. Be specific as they might not know what not eating animal products entails. Be patient if they don't understand. It can be confusing with so many people eating a partially plant-based diet. I've been offered fish, dairy and all sorts of non plantbased solutions. I find it best to check the menu in advance of choosing a restaurant.

Slip-Ups

Over the years, I've accidentally eaten products with dairy in them. I read the ingredient lists of foods I purchase, but it's harder when navigating family events and restaurants. These non-intentional things can happen; my advice is just to let them go.

Be patient, open-minded and prepared. Offer to bring a dish to family gatherings; pre-check online menus or call the restaurant; and carry snacks with you when travelling.

Sheree's Hack: Stock up on plantbased snacks when hitting the road. Examples of plant based brands include Iron Vegan, Vega, and Genu-





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Devil's Den and the Ghost Railway

By Jennifer Hudgins

Buried in the history of Devil's Den is the former Canadian Northern Railway's (CNR) Ghost Railway, a term used to describe a train that ran empty for portions of its trip. Though no true ghosts frequented the trains, the devil was rumoured to stalk the "den."

As far back as 1874, there had been a strong, superstitious belief among inhabitants that nightly noises echoing through the area were of the devil himself holding court. The superstition generated fear, but what the inhabitants probably heard was the sound of horse thieves who frequented the gully.

Train service

Built under the charter of the James

Bay Railway Company in early 1910, a mixed freight and passenger service ran from Toronto to Ottawa twice daily. Steam engines filled up at the Brinlook Station water tower and where the CNR crossed the Whitby/Port Perry line (Nip and Tuck), a switching tower stood guard. The 735 ft long steel railway trestle over Lynde Creek, crossing the deep gully of Devil's Den, was built by men mindful of their surroundings.

During World War I, the railway was used by troop trains to transport soldiers. Out of this endeavour another local legend was born. It is said that someone once tried their hand at sabotage since ahead of a run, a section foreman found a log-



ging chain tied around the rails on the Devil's Den bridge, placing a troop train in peril of a derailment and a 95-foot drop. Reportedly, after this discovery, armed guards were placed at each end of the bridge.

Bootlegging

While prohibition in Ontario (1916-1927) officially put an end to the sale of alcohol, another type of phantom emerged. Bootleggers often used the train to ship bottles of contraband to their customers waiting down the line. This cargo was often concealed in crates of turnips.

CNR started out with a load of debt and the real revenue generated from a ghost train did not cover the railway's expenses, let alone pay down the debt. In order to survive, the line was bought out by the federal government in 1917 which led to amal-

gamation with the newly formed Canadian National Railway (CN) in 1927.

By the early 1930s, economic depression forced the railway to reduce traffic. At the same time highway and air traffic became more popular modes of transportation. After only two decades of use, an application to abandon the railway was submitted to the government and on December 21, 1935, the line closed. Most of the track was then torn up, but the bridge remained standing until 1937.

What exists

Although the railroad has been gone for close to 100 years, a bridge pillar still exists on the west side of Baldwin Street. Across the road is Lyndebrook Golf Course, where Brinlook Station once stood, whose driving range roughly corresponds with the former Canadian Northern right of way.

In the Heber Down Conservation area, remnants of concrete bridge abutments that served as bridge

foundations can still be found along the aptly named Railway Trail. One cannot help but wonder what other superstitions are buried in the history of the Devil's Den ghost railway.

What You Need To Know This Week:

Ontario Extends Stay-at-Home Order

The Ontario government has announced that the stay-at-home order that began on April 8 has been extended to six weeks. This means you must stay home as much as possible, except for essential purposes (ex. groceries, medical appointments). No gatherings are permitted except for with members of your immediate household.

Town facilities are closed to the public, however we are still available and delivering essential services. Connect with us online, over the phone or by email. Learn how at whitby.ca/Services

Here's what's OPEN:

- beaches
- off-leash dog parks
- · parks
- park benches
- playgrounds
- trails

Here's what's CLOSED:

- baseball diamonds
- basketball courts
- boat launch
- fitness equipment
- lacrosse boxes
- multi-use sports fields
- picnic shelters and tables
- pickleball courts
- skate parks
- tennis courts

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 now available at select Whitby pharmacies to those 40+ years of age. 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.

Whitby in Bloom Virtual Garden Seminar

Get your garden ready for spring during the virtual seminar "Some Amazing Herbs You May Not Know, But Should".

April 28 at 7:30 p.m. Register online at whitby.ca/WhitbyInBloom



2021 Interim Tax Bill Due April 26

Residents are reminded the second instalment of the 2021 Interim
Tax Billing is due on Monday, April
26, 2021. This billing applies to all residential, farmland, pipeline and managed forest properties. For more information including payment options, visit whitby.ca/Tax





Durham Nuclear Alerts Tests Coming

The Region of Durham will conduct its spring test of the nuclear alerting system on May 3 and 4. The system warns people in the unlikely event of an emergency at the nuclear generating stations in Clarington or Pickering. The test will take place during daytime hours over two days:

On May 3, an auto dialer will call listed landline phone numbers within 10 kilometres of the nuclear generating stations. The calls will show as coming from 905-666-6291.

On May 4, the outdoor sirens will sound for up to one minute. The sirens are within three kilometres of the stations and will be heard by people who are outdoors and in that area.

Cell phone, radio and TV alerts will

be tested by the Province of Ontario on May 5.

Learn how you will be alerted by looking up your address at **durham**. **ca/AlertMap**.

This is just a test, and you don't need to do anything if you get an alert. In a real emergency, hearing the sirens means you should go indoors and tune into local media outlets or official government channels for instructions.

The next test is scheduled for fall 2021.

For more information, visit durham. ca/NuclearPreparedness, or call the nuclear alerting information line at 1-866-551-5373.



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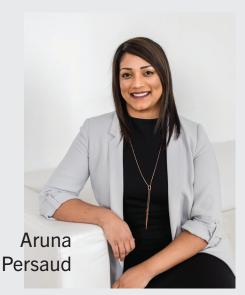
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We want to thank you, our Brooklin clients, for your continued support, patience, and understanding over the past

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year. It's been a terrible time of financial and emotional stress for everyone and unbelievable personal loss for too many. Through it all, you have worked with us to help us serve you in a way that has been safe for everyone. We are grateful beyond measure that we have been able to continue helping you with your family law, wills and estates, and real estate matters during this unprecedented time.

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TRAC: Supporting Mental Health

By Richard Bercuson

Many first responders have experienced the darkness of PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder). Like Brooklin resident Keith Harrison, they know all too well about what he calls "the lowest of lows." But Harrison, a Toronto police officer for 18 years, has opted to help his recovery and that of others by actively working at eradicating the stigma around mental health. He's doing it by selling apparel through his new venture, Tier Response Apparel Company or TRAC.

TRAC sells tee shirts, hoodies, toques and the like through his Facebook site. While this is not the only such company, the venture is less than two months old and is already attracting widespread attention.

"I know there are other clothing lines out there and that's fantastic," he says. "We're going to engage with them and support their causes. We're going to help people find out about clinical support, group support or being a part of a community group to get direction."

Special help

His own diagnosis in 2018 led to obtaining help from the Wounded Warriors. "Getting access to their programs both for myself and my family was huge,' Harrison recalls.

"Also, having a really good psychologist allowed me to acquire tools. You can't have a redo in life.

"A lot of stories I heard through



groups showed there is a common denominator in that there wasn't a fluid process of somebody wanting help. There were always roadblocks and challenges. There are a lot of stigmas for guys and gals reaching

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Brooklin Community Secondary Plan Expansion Area

Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review – Virtual Community Open House #1

Date: April 22 to May 13 | **Location:** whitby.ca/InTheZone

The Town of Whitby and its consultant SGL Planning & Design Inc. are undertaking a Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review – and we want to hear from you!

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!

Residents are invited to learn more and help identify challenges and opportunities with the Town's current Zoning By-law between now and May 13. Here's how:

- Complete an online survey at whitby.ca/InTheZone
- Register to attend a virtual Community Engagement Session being held on Wednesday, April 28 from 7 to 8 p.m. Please note: the event will be held virtually due to current COVID-19 restrictions.

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 or contact the Town's Planning and Development Department at 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

Phone: 905.430.4306

Email: inthezone@whitby.ca

To learn more about the project, including how to access materials, and how to stay informed, please visit 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 or contact Planning and Development staff at the contact information provided above.

By becoming an Interested Party, you are requesting ongoing project information for the Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review, including notice of any public meetings, and information about appeal rights.

Thank you, in advance, for your valuable feedback!



Brooklin Town Crier

their breaking points and not having supportive outlets. So I kind of want to be that."

After graduating from Durham College's Police Foundations program, he spent five years in mental health security in psychiatric wards dealing with mental health every day. It was his introductory exposure to the fragility of the human mind, that something like a car accident could turn, as he describes it, a multi millionaire into someone suffering horribly.

More support today

When he started with the police, there was little to address or support those dealing with the kinds of daily stressors such first responders felt. It's different today, of course, as he points out the many great support mechanisms in place.

Still, "Every week there's someone out there who's at the end of their pain and takes their life. I'm kinda getting really frustrated with that because there are people who are not aware of the amazing services available to them."

"Five years ago," he adds, "if someone had asked me if I would like to have a friend who is not in your job, I'd ask why. So they can criticize me? So they can hate me? But now," he emphasizes, "I have such a strong close knit supportive community of friendships outside of my work that it's amazing."

Tools available

The support he's received and "tools" he now has have enabled him to consider returning to work soon. In fact, just recently he "toured" his police station for the first time in three years, so it's possible he will one day integrate back into limited active duty in an administrative capacity.

In the future, Harrison would like to be able to help with wellness or peer help programs.

"Twenty years from now, I want to be able to say that I didn't walk away, that I gave it another go. But if it turns out that it isn't good for me, that it isn't healthy, then absolutely I have the support in place for a secondary career."

Which may end up being TRAC. What he wants out of the company right now is to be able to donate to worthy mental health causes for first responders. Aside from

covering costs, all proceeds from the apparel sales go to groups such as Wounded Warriors, Beyond the Blue, or Camp Maple Leaf, a summer program for the children of first responders and military personnel

diagnosed with operational or trauma related injuries. The camp allows children to be with clinicians and counsellors to find out why their dads or moms are how they are.

"I'd rather help fund stuff so they can help other people, just to give back what they gave me and more. Everyone is helping everyone."

Managing expectations

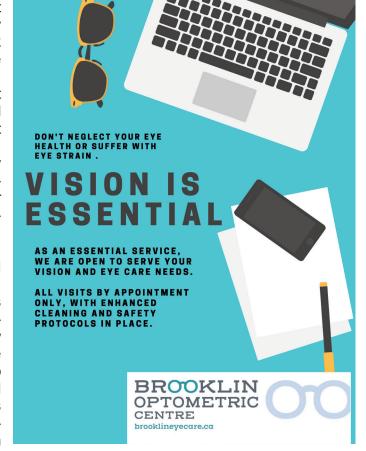
During these initial days of TRAC, he explains his expectations. "I have wild expectations but then I also have tapered expectations. Tapered expectations would be like if I never have to work another overtime, that's fantastic. Wild ones would be I would like to donate six figures. I know there's an availability to have a revenue stream on this. Right now, it's a nonprofit.

"I'm not in it for the money. That's not why I created this. Somebody who is a first responder to wear something of mine out in the community would feel fantastic. I'm able to do something that is meaningful."

The semi colon

The term "tier response" refers to the coordination of the three emergency services in response to an incident. It was therefore a natural place to start for the name. However, he added to the logo an unusual symbol: a semi colon.

Harrison explains. "When you're writing a story and you want to take a pause, you want to collect yourself before removing on - there's a lot of stuff around that in mental health. A semi-colon in your life shows that your life isn't over. You want to persevere but for some



reason you can't. You might need to rest, regroup, seek professional help, self-care, but you can insert a semicolon and then forge on.

"A lot of people who have fought the demons and had suicidal thoughts have semicolons as tattoos. It's something that people can find strength and comfort in."

The TRAC Facebook site, much of which was compiled by his social media advisor Rachel Lopez, includes loads of information about mental health and where to get information in addition to access to the apparel link. And no, one does not need a Facebook account to buy from the site.

Quick turnaround

The company handling TRAC's fulfillment is Oakville and is a print-ondemand service. This means that

an order placed through TRAC's Facebook site will arrive within a few days, and shipping in Canada is free.

Harrison's clothing line isn't cheap, but with good reason. "Prices are made so that I can cover everything and am able to donate a margin that is worthwhile, that covers the cost and donate funds. You can't do it by donating 50 cents for a shirt."

So far, even in this short startup period, support for TRAC has been wonderful, he says. Meanwhile, Keith Harrison juggles two occupations: building TRAC into a support mechanism for first responders' mental health, and taking care of his own recovery.

TRAC: https://www.facebook. com/TRapparelcompany/ Click on "Shop Now"

The Meaning of the Tier Shield logo

The Tier Shield logo proudly displays and honours all branches of 1st Responders. The crests of

EMS, fire and police are on the right with the staff of mercury for nurse, doctor and other medical colleagues. The chevron represents our proud military family.

The semicolon serves as a reminder to pause, rest and take care of ourselves.

As for the circles surrounding the logo, the innermost one represents the circle in group therapy, a

safe non-judgemental place where one can express themselves without fear or recourse. The two outer circles represent the ripple created effect by the waves of change leading to the end of stigmas surrounding mental health.



Public Information Centres

Durham Region Transit (DRT) is hosting virtual Public Information Centres (PICs) to discuss how service will evolve into 2025. Share your feedback directly with staff as part of the planning process.

Online discussion session dates:

- April 27, 2021
 - From 12:00 to 14:00, and 18:00 to 20:00
- April 29, 2021
 - From 12:00 to 14:00, and 18:00 to 20:00

For complete details and to view the presentation boards, visit **DurhamRegionTransit.com/PICs**. If you can't join one of the virtual discussions, but would still like to talk with staff, please call **1-866-247-0055**.



NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE



Between May and October 2021, the Regional Municipality of Durham and the Ontario Ministry of Transportation will be conducting larviciding programs, under the authority of Durham Region's Medical Officer of Health, to control larval mosquitoes in order to prevent the development of vectors of West Nile virus.

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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:

Regional and Municipal property - contact the Durham Region Health Department at 1-800-841-2729 or visit durham.ca/WestNile for additional information about West Nile virus

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The concept is simple: treat a Restoring Kindness Canada stranger to lunch, write encouraging words to random people. cut your neighbor's lawn, pay for the person behind you in the coffee line, etc.

Share this challenge with your

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> Join the individuals, corporations and nonprofits that have partnered with RKC and have accepted the 30/30 Challenge. They ask that you share the movement with other individuals across Canada to share their acts of kindness.

> For more information about and the 30/30 Challenge, visit: www.restoringkindnescanada.ca or their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/restoringkindnesscanada.

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Who are you going to call?

As first time home buyers, Eleanor and Maurice made the process a seamless experience. They were quick to answer calls, emails and book showings at a number of properties of interest. They were very knowledgeable about housing in the Durham region and provided excellent guidance during the negotiation process. It's an extremely competitive market and we are thrilled to have "won the war" on purchasing our first home. Would highly recommend working with them - thank you, both! - D. Martan

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Big Gains in Red Hot Durham

It's no secret Durham's housing market has been heating up but now, a recent report suggests home values have soared even higher.

The region recently made national headlines after Statistics Canada reported in January that Oshawa is one of the country's fastest-growing areas. Over the past year, its population has increased more than two percent, receiving an influx of more than 10,000 new residents. The primary factor driving this growth is that many Toronto households are searching for larger homes at a lower price than what they would find in the major urban centre.

Oshawa is expected to be the most in-demand municipality in Durham, followed by

"What we're now finding is that the spread between Mississauga and Oshawa used to see the average home 40 percent more expensive in Mississauga than Oshawa. Today that spread is closer to 20 percent," said Anshul Ruparell, Properly CEO. "The strong demand during the spring market pushed a fast recovery for Durham's housing market" Watson, the president of the Durham Region Association of REALTORS® (DRAR), in a news release. "Digital marketing tools and virtual open houses allowed for safe interactions as the demand for homeownership remained strong. Low borrowing costs will continue to fuel the housing market recovery. Durham has everything most consumers would want: nearby amenities, excellent sights and sounds, growing infrastructure, and a rebounding economy. Only about an hour outside of Toronto, by GO train or car, it is understandable why Durham is becoming an attractive place to plant roots.

The region's housing market is poised to record strong numbers over the next 12 months as the relocation from urban areas continues.

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