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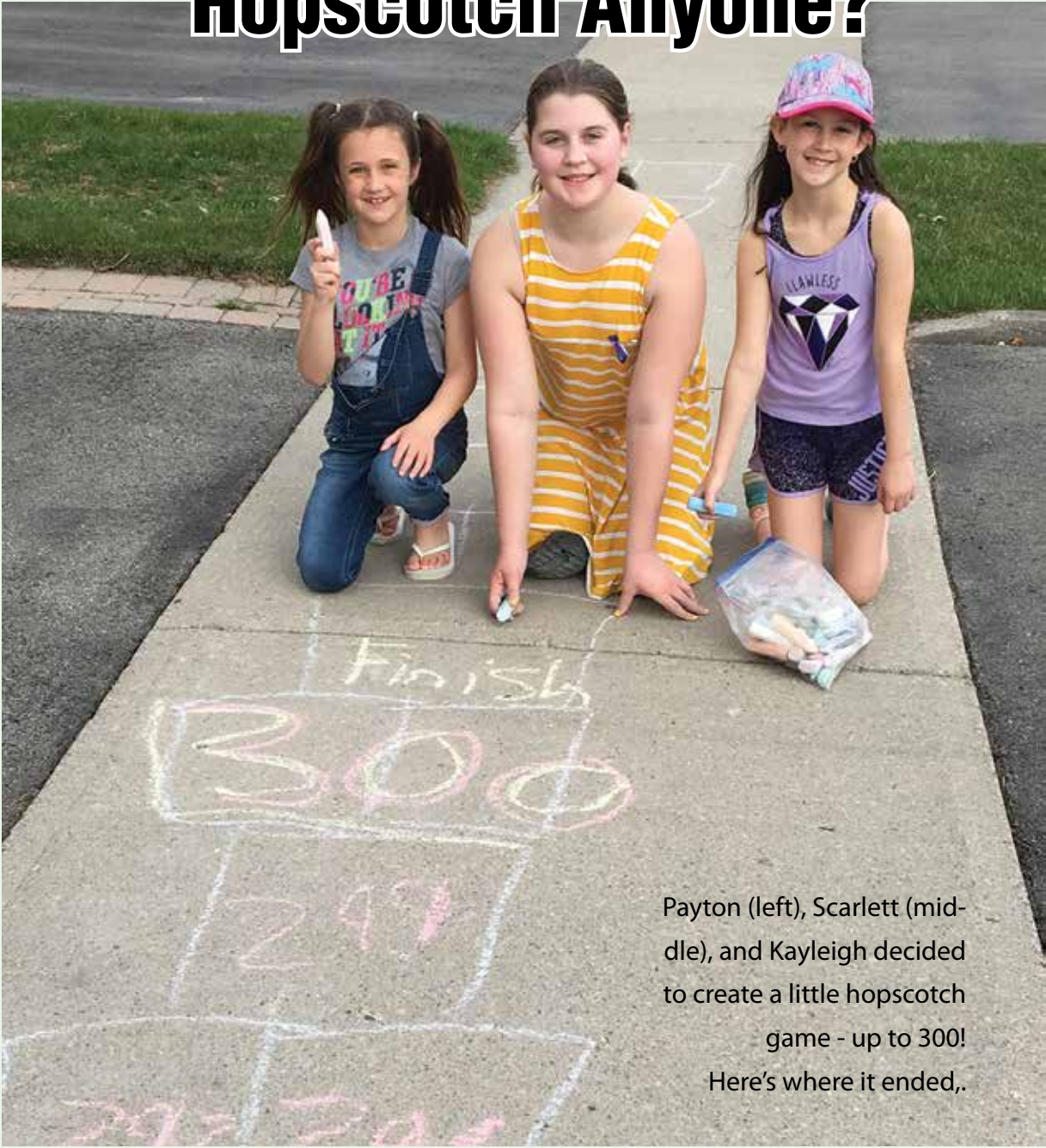


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Hopscotch Anyone?



Payton (left), Scarlett (middle), and Kayleigh decided to create a little hopscotch game - up to 300!
Here's where it ended,.

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Welcome to the Clubhouse

Our Brooklin Kids *By Leanne Brown*



Gender equity starts with talking to our kids

I'm the mom of a little girl who loves sports. She prefers gym clothes to dresses, collects hockey pucks and LOL dolls and likes LEGO over Barbies. Some might call these typical boy preferences.

She's also a "typical" girl. Her neon pink tee-shirts shout phrases like "I'm a girl, what's your superpower" and "Girls never give up." They express girl power and I love it. But I also wonder why her tee-shirt needs to have such bold statements. Her clothing ironically shows just how much is still to be done in gender equity.

Though parents of girls worry about the best way to raise them to become assertive, the truth is that boys need to hear those same lessons. All kids should learn and understand mutual respect. Only by teaching our sons the same lessons as our daughters can we ensure that everyone is on the same page. Therefore, if we want to teach gender equity, we need to step back and think about the messages we send our children every day.

Gender's no excuse

I get frustrated when people use gender as an excuse for behaviour. Why do we do it? When boys rough house or catcall, we dismiss it with "Boys will be boys." When girls are excluding a child as a way to gain power, the drama is called "a girl thing." No, it's not. It's just wrong. Gender doesn't excuse it. It's time to stop attributing behaviour to gender and help kids understand how their words and actions impact others.

The media doesn't help with its barrage of gender stereotypes. When "American Idol" featured a male contestant who preferred to perform as a girl (Adam/Ada Fox), my daughter found it confusing. It wasn't something she'd seen before. I had to gently explain that while it is different, there's no reason why he shouldn't express himself in the way that makes him feel his best. She thought that made perfect sense and admired Ada's glittering ball gown, saying it was "so cool."

My daughter has experienced gender labels, too. She's been referred to as a "Tomboy." I correct them by saying, "Yes, she's an athlete," preferring the gender-neutral language

this implies. She likes to learn about all kinds of athletes and sports so I point out athletes I think she can identify with. And no, they aren't always female. She loves figure skater Gabby Daleman, but Patrick Chan is her favourite for his jumps. Her hockey favs, whom she admires equally, are Jen Wakefield and Mitch Marner.

Show them heroes

While the "me too" movement is a great example of changes being made towards gender equity, it can be challenging to discuss with kids. We can show them heroes, historical figures, and everyday people in the community who make a difference. When you describe how the world

has changed and who helped it to occur, it's easier to explain.

It's also important to point out there's still work to do and we must all play a part. When our kids can see how both men and women shape this world, they develop high emotional intelligence and empathy. Children with greater empathy form lasting relationships based on mutual respect. They see how their actions hurt others and learn to empathize with peers.

While gender equity is a work in progress, the more we chip away at inequities, the closer we get to our goal. It begins with talking to our kids.

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Whitby in Bloom Garden Seminar

Wednesday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the Brooklin United Church. Topic: Lizzie Matheson presents "Floral Design - Tips and Tricks". Space is limited. Register for this free event at whitby.ca/whitbyinbloom

Art Talk with Station Gallery Curator

Thursday, May 17, at 7 p.m. at Whitby Public Library - Central Branch. whitbypubliclibrary.ca

whitby.ca/calendar

Council Meetings

Planning and Development Committee
May 14 at 7 p.m.

Operations Committee
May 28 at 7 p.m.

Council
June 4 at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact the Clerks Department at clerks@whitby.ca or 905.430.4315
whitby.ca/civicweb

Public Meetings
The Town frequently holds public meetings aimed at collecting resident feedback on initiatives and projects being considered or undertaken by the Town. For detailed information on upcoming public meetings, visit whitby.ca/notices

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News

Whitby Youth Invited to Help Create Town's Next Youth Strategy

Whitby youth are invited to participate in the creation of the Town of Whitby's new 2019-2023 Recreation and Leisure Services Youth Strategy, which will help guide the Town's youth programming, services and events over the next five years. Now through September 30, youth (ages 12 to 18) can complete a short online survey at whitby.ca/youth, the results of which will help to inform the development of the new strategy. The new Youth Strategy will help to ensure the needs of Whitby's youth are proactively being met and is expected to be brought forward for Council approval in spring 2019.
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WindReach Farm founder ‘Sandy’ Mitchell dies

WindReach Farm in Whitby is mourning the loss of its founder, Alexander John Mitchell (MBE), better known as Sandy, who died last Saturday after suffering a suspected stroke. He was 74.

Born with cerebral palsy and a three-time equestrian Paralympian, he opened WindReach Farm in Ashburn in 1989 to be accessible to people with disabilities. Today it offers a number of different programs and expanded to Bermuda in 1999.

A visitation will be held Sunday, May 13, with a celebration of life to be held May 14 at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, send donations to windreachfarm.org/ways-to-give.

Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson



On to cauliflower rice

Grocery stores are designed so that you first have to walk through the vegetable and fruit section. This is for a few reasons. One is that it's a higher profit area; another is because the vibrant colours attract us and, since we know they're good for us, we tend to fill our carts with fresh produce.

On a cellular level, our bodies crave the micronutrients supplied by fruit and vegetables. Micronutrients are the vitamins and minerals required for optimum health. Although we only need minuscule amounts to maintain good health, most people don't get enough. The course I took on plant-based nutrition claimed that many people overeat because their bodies crave micronutrients. They mistake these cravings for hunger and tend to snack more. One way to test this is to dramatically increase your vegetable intake to see if you're still feeling those low grade cravings. It worked for me.

Vegetables are often thought of as a side dish. But what if you switch your thinking? Go from what meat am I going to eat today and what vegetable will to accompany it to what vegetables do I want to eat today and then use meat as the small side dish. This is how most nutritionists recommend we eat. Perhaps even have a few meatless meals during the week.

One of the most versatile vegetables is cauliflower. In the last few months I've eaten it mashed (like potatoes), roasted, raw, as a burrito filling and as a rice substitute in fried rice. Cauliflower is high in vitamin C since one serving has 77% of the recommended daily amount of vitamin C. It's a great source of fiber (as are all vegetables) and contains sulforaphane, a sulfur compound that has also been shown to kill cancer stem cells.

I made the following recipe recently and loved it. The sesame oil gives it an authentic Asian taste, however you can substitute vegetable broth if you're avoiding oil in your diet.

Easy Cauliflower Fried Rice
This serves 4, takes about 20 min-

utes to make and is from a blog called "Delish Knowledge." I've modified it slightly.

Ingredients:

- 1 medium-sized head of cauliflower
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil, divided (or substitute vegetable broth).
- 1 tablespoon minced ginger
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 carrots, diced (about 1 cup)
- 1/2 cup peas, thawed if frozen
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 3 tablespoons cashews
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce (or Tamari for gluten-free version)
- sesame seeds, for garnish

Instructions:

Cut the cauliflower into florets, discarding the tough inner core. Working in batches if needed, pulse the cauliflower in a food processor until it breaks down into rice-sized pieces. You should have 5 to 6 cups of cauliflower "rice."

In a large wok, heat the sesame oil over medium heat. Add the ginger and garlic and lightly stir fry for 30 seconds-1 minute until just golden brown and fragrant.

Add the remaining 1 tablespoon of sesame oil.

Add the carrots and sauté until tender, about 2 minutes. Stir the peas and cauliflower "rice" into the wok, mixing the ingredients thoroughly.

Cook, stirring often, until the cauliflower is tender, 5 to 8 minutes. Stir in the green onions, cashews and soy sauce.

Garnish with sesame seeds, if desired.

Sheree's hack: To cut down on weekday prep time, most large grocery stores sell cauliflower already cut into rice-sized pieces.



Our Councillor's Report by Rhonda Mulcahy

North Ward Councillor, Town of Whitby • mulcahyr@whitby.ca

#1 Town Wide Municipal Election Issue

Mark my words. There is no more important report to read than the Employment Lands Investment Readiness Assessment passed at Council last night.

While we have passed the Brooklin Secondary Plan and we await higher levels to do the same we now have to turn our attention to the tasks that follow.

And yes, there are some very important tasks ahead of us. The infrastructure that accompanies the new growth is hanging over our heads as we head into the next election. I will address some of this in upcoming columns. But for now, this report from last night, outlines our most important task.

- An employment lands investment readiness assessment has been prepared which illustrates the status of employment lands available for office/industrial investment attraction purposes.
- The amount of serviced and zoned parcels and acreage available for immediate development for industrial/office employment purposes is 18 and 166 acres respectively. The average parcel size is 9 acres.
- While there is additional lands that will become available for development in west Whitby within two years, the majority (63%) of employment lands designated for growth is not readily marketable due to lack of servicing.
- Not having a good supply of serviced office/industrial land inhibits Whitby's economic development efforts to attract investment, increase assessment and expand value-added jobs as companies looking to invest are seeking market ready properties that are zoned and serviced.

I want this to stand out in your minds as candidates gather at your doors over the next few months. I don't know who will run for the positions of Regional Chair, Mayor or Regional other than who is already on the websites but no matter who takes those positions, they need to understand the gravity of how important this is. When the next Amazon comes knocking we want to be in a position to make that bid.



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Blooming in Brooklin *By Ken Brown*

Gardening Vs. The Weather



Gardening and weather: such a complicated relationship and usually one the gardener is never happy with. It's 10 cm of solid ice in the garden on April 16 and ten days later, 26 C. One day I'm in my parka and the next I'm looking for a shady spot.

I've had a gorgeous visitor in my garden in recent weeks. He is graceful, large and a pleasure to watch. It's a great blue heron feasting on my goldfish. He cleaned out most of the ones that survived the winter. When I replaced them with large specimens provided by a reader who was closing her pond, he showed up the next morning before I had time to install a little fence. I don't know how he's still able to fly after devouring a kilogram of fish. I'll finish the fence before I restock, although the research I've done indicates that herons are persistent and difficult to deter.

Slow tulips

My front yard tulips have been taking their time showing up. With too warm weather, they're capable of showing up, flowering and wilting in a few days. May we just please have some sunny cool spring days to keep them

in bloom and make time in the garden a pleasant activity?

I grow cool season vegetables such as pak choi, kohlrabi, Chinese cabbage, peas and lettuce. They're all in the cold frame or a seed packet, waiting for the soil to be dry enough to be planted. Most years they're in the ground at the end of April, but Mother Nature hasn't cooperated this year. The seedlings continue to grow in their cell packs but the seeds aren't doing much in their seed packets. Hopefully they'll be in the ground by the time you read this. But don't let that stop you from planting your own.

Asparagus is the best

We finally ate the first asparagus. It was amazing how quickly it emerged with few warm days. It may be the best vegetable in the garden. Its early arrival, when we're desperate for fresh vegetables, makes it a contender along with its perennial nature. You plant asparagus once and pick it for the next 30 years! Lightly steamed with a little butter, it has a wonderful taste and texture that would keep it on the best vegetable list at any time of year.

I usually plant containers of pansies on the front porch in early April. The soil was frozen solid so that didn't happen. The upside to the story is the lovely large ones that were available last week when I finally got around to planting them. Garden centres had them ready to go in early April and they just continued to grow while they sat on their benches waiting for the ice storm to pass.

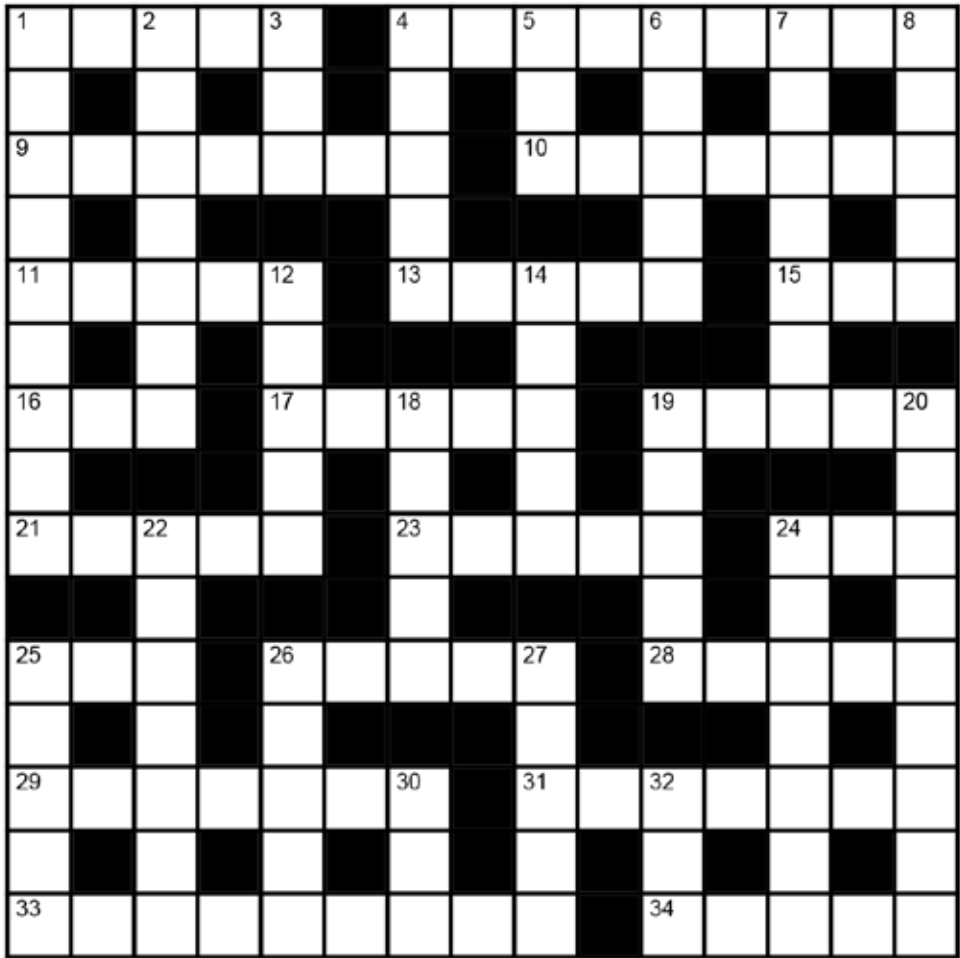
Begonia tubers have been started in the basement and the dahlia and colocasia tubers are potted up and enjoying the warmth in the cold frame. I keep calling that structure a cold frame since that's what it looks like,

but it's actually a hot frame. Its floor has a heating cable to keep it toasty on cold nights. It produces lovely plants and is much more economical than a small greenhouse. Most of the space we heat in a hobby greenhouse is to keep us comfortable when we visit it.

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Brooklin Bafflers: Palindromes *by Liz Lowe*

Crossword



Across

- 1 Formal associations of people with similar interests (5)
- 4 A basis for comparison (9)
- 9 Come down in buckets (7)
- 10 Advent (7)
- 11 Tempest (5)
- 13 Flies alone (5)
- 15 Check for accuracy (3)
- 16 Ornamental flower, for short (3)
- 17 Challenged someone (5)
- 19 Country (5)
- 21 Kind of whale (5)
- 23 They had, they would. (contraction) (5)
- 24 One of the spots on dice, playing cards, or dominoes (3)
- 25 "Welcome" site (3)
- 26 ___ and all (5)
- 28 Friars Club event (5)
- 29 Accomplishing perfectly (7)
- 31 Capable of being influenced or formed (adjective) (7)
- 33 Send by a courier (verb) (9)
- 34 Something that may increase or decrease (5)

Down

- 1 Occasion for exchanging gifts (9)
- 2 Always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences (7)
- 3 Hit the slopes (3)
- 4 Heroic tales (5)
- 5 Literary collection (3)
- 6 Challenges (5)
- 7 Stimulus (7)
- 8 Divvy up (5)
- 12 A title of address (5)
- 14 Pigeon's perch (5)
- 18 Helicopter part (5)
- 19 Kind of screen (5)
- 20 Crayonlike oilbased cosmetics (9)
- 22 Items inserted in a written record (7)
- 24 Deeply rooted; firmly fixed or held (7)
- 25 A musical note having the time value of half a whole note (5)
- 26 Correspond (5)
- 27 Great (5)
- 30 Band booking (3)
- 32 Don't just sit there (3)

Community Calendar

Fri., May 11: 7 pm: Brooklin United Church Charity Auction

Gift baskets, tickets to attractions, golf passes, baking, maple syrup, quilts, and more. Viewing from 6 pm. Auction at 7 pm. Sales will be by live and silent auction. Information: 905-655-4141

Fri., May 25: 4:00 - 5:00 pm (4th Friday of each month) Teen Leadership Council at Brooklin Library

Whitby Library's Brooklin Branch seeks Teen Leadership Council members to share ideas & assist with special events and programs. Grade 9-12 students earn community service hours. Snacks provided. No registration required. For information, email teenservices@whitbylibrary.ca.

Sun., May 27: 10 am: Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides

Sponsored by BAM Lions Club Begins in front of Pet Valu store at 9:30 am Sponsor through walkfordogguides.com Contact Stephen Colcleugh at 905-655-0088 Email: stephen.colcleugh@nexusisp.com

Sat., June 9: 9 am - 12 noon: Walk for Mental Health Awareness Presented by Community Care Durham

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Sat., June 16: 10 am - 2 pm : Nova's Ark 8th Annual Friendship Walk

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Tuesdays: 7:25 pm: Brooklin Toastmasters Club

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Bryson Bloomed!

Bryson Insurance held its annual spring event last weekend. While families were treated to popcorn and party foods, children met Spiderman and Rapunzel. Meanwhile, “background” music featured the stylings of this trio: (from left) Rob Bulger, Doug Matthews and Paul Grecco.



Residents Plant Pollinator Habitat Along Waterfront

Last Saturday, residents and volunteers of all ages joined the Town of Whitby and the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation in the planting of a new naturalized pollinator habitat along Whitby's waterfront.

More than 40 volunteers planted over 1,100 pollinator-attracting plants, such as milkweed and black-eyed susan, within the 10 metre by 50 metre site, which is located at Gordon Richard Park, east of Heydenshore Park.

The planting initiative is part of the Town's Bee City and Mayor's Monarch Pledge commitments to diversify, create and enhance habitat for pollinators like bees and butterflies. This is the first habitat to be planted under these initiatives, which require a new habitat to be created each year.

Bees and other pollinators around the globe have experienced dramatic declines due to a combination of habitat loss, climate change, use of pesticides, and the spread of pests and diseases. The new habitat

builds on the Town's current activities aimed at conserving and restoring pollinator habitats by increasing plant diversity in the immediate and surrounding area.

“Initiatives like the Town of Whitby’s new pollinator habitat are vital to ensuring we have healthy, vibrant green spaces that communities can enjoy for generations,” says Carolyn Scotchmer, Executive Director, TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. “From food production to supporting biodiversity, pollinators like bees have an important role to play.”

In January, Bee City Canada designated the Town of Whitby the 10th Bee City in Canada and first in Durham Region. As part of this designation, and in addition to the new pollinator habitat, the Town will hold public education workshops aimed at increasing awareness of the importance of pollinators.

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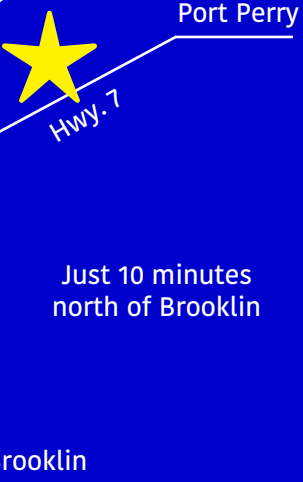
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Local Band Competing For Region’s Best



Quickplay, a band made up four Brooklin boys, is a finalist in Durham’s Best Band 2018 competition and will perform on Friday, June 1, at the Brooklin Spring Fair on the Optimist Stage.

The band seeks your support. Come out to scream and shout, and vote for them. Visit durhamsbest.com/ to find out how to cast your vote for Quickplay.

trained by Matt O’Rourke of Creative Math & Music in Whitby. They perform original music with various influences. Quickplay, which has performed at venues around Durham, is looking forward to playing in front of their hometown crowd on June 1.

In the photo, band members are (left to right):
Connor Ecklund, Connor Tustian, Mason Tustian, Andrew Luke

Quickplay began in 2014 and were

Softball Players Needed

The Raiders softball team is looking for players for this season.

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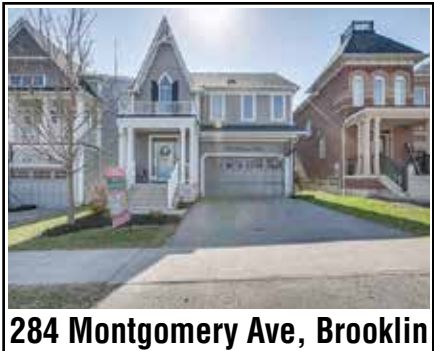


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Less than Half the Picture *By Richard Bercuson*



Yawn

There's no such thing as a single issue election campaign. What's important to some may be irrelevant to others. Although determining who will next govern Ontario will arouse certain passions, it will still come down to parochial concerns. Say what you want about this candidate or that leader, you may still vote according to your own needs first.

Unless there's one issue we could all agree on. Take the weather, for example. If any candidate could successfully ensure ugly wind or ice storms would never happen again, they'd have my vote, no matter the party. See also, "roofs, damage to."

Here's another: the 412/407 toll roads. Everyone goes somewhere out of the immediate region and paying those tolls is torturous. I've not experienced water-boarding, but it can't be emotionally dissimilar. The provincial election's larger ticket issues - a.k.a. promises - are interesting enough and there are plenty of poobah pundits to bandy about the relative worth of each, not to mention the expense.

But the tolls leave me with a paucity of adjectives to describe how much they aggravate me. It's why when yours truly contacted the three major party candidates in our area, I asked them to answer two questions, one of which was about the toll roads. The other, admittedly, was a bit of a trick question. Who among them was well-versed

enough on the area's needs to be able to offer specifics rather than vacuous political blather?

On the topic of the toll roads, it's been about 20 years since PC Premier Mike Harris offered up the 407 on a platter to a foreign entity. Time to move past old history and seek fixes. Meanwhile, the Liberals, who've been in the, ahem, driver's seat for ages it seems, are on the hook for the current highway misery. There've been loud and plentiful objections, petitions and even some plainly logical arguments. All to deaf ears.

I look at it this way: We could cast proverbial stones at the ruling party for its inaction. Or, especially given recent polls, offer them a chance to right a wrong and garner some

votes and good will in Durham by stating they will fix it.

While the PCs hold the seat, isn't this a golden opportunity to solidify it by standing firm on the action they'll take?

The NDP could lovingly surprise everyone out here with a thorough, knowledgeable approach to the issue.

What I don't want are yawn-inducing summaries of what we already know and how unfair it all is. Essentially, dear candidates, this riding has some issues and we want to know what you're going to do about them.

Read their answers then decide if you see a yawner.

PROVINCIAL ELECTION - JUNE 7, 2018

Lorne Coe
Progressive Conservative



If elected, what will be your priorities for this riding?

I will continue to advocate for families and employers. It's what I've always done as an elected representative serving this great community over the past 15 years.

I and my family have called Whitby home for thirty years. Unfortunately, Brooklin and Whitby has suffered under 15 years of the McGuinty/Wynne Liberal Government. On the street, in my constituency office and in the meetings and events I regularly attend, I hear about the neglect, high taxes, over-regulation and lack of access to necessary health services that hurt our community.

Fixing 15 years of Liberal Government mismanagement won't happen overnight. The Ontario Progressive Conservative Party has a Plan for the People that will help get Ontario back on track. That's good news for families, employers and businesses in Whitby and Brooklin.

Doug Ford recently announced, right here in Whitby, that an Ontario Progressive Conservative Government will invest \$1.9 billion in mental health, addictions and housing supports over 10 years. It's part of our commitment to build a mental health system that will help those facing mental health challenges. Importantly, that announcement was made right here in Whitby, home to Ontario Shore's Centre for Mental Health Sciences. I will continue to advocate for those with special needs. I am proud to have been a strong voice that pushed for provincial support of Grandview Children's Centre and the \$37 million investment that finally resulted from those efforts.

The Plan for the People provides Brooklin and Whitby voters a clear choice. Four more years of Liberal waste, increased taxes, skyrocketing hydro rates, and job-killing policies. Or, a new government that brings relief to families, keeps more money in your pocket and opens Ontario to business once again. The Ontario PC Plan includes:

- Ontario Childcare Rebate in 2019 that will pay up to 75% of a family's childcare expenses, with lower income families receiving the most support;

Leisa Washington
Liberal



If elected, what will be your priorities for this riding?

If elected to represent Whitby, my top priorities would be to help create good local jobs, ensure the best opportunities for our children, fight for a local acute care facility

for our growing senior population, and build better and more integrated transit.

Whitby is more than a bedroom community. We need a vibrant downtown ready to support well-paying jobs right here at home. Prior to running for office, I worked closely with the Abilities Centre and the sports industry to relocate the headquarters of the Ontario Basketball Association to Whitby. With the support of Whitby electors, I would like to bring more support to our local entrepreneurs to grow their businesses, as well as bring additional investors, like the OBA, here and show them just how attractive and competitive our community can be. The generation of tomorrow should not have to leave Whitby to build their careers and raise their families.

As a mother, building a better and more prosperous future for our children is my top priority. I believe in the Liberal plan – free childcare for preschoolers, full-day kindergarten, and free prescription medication for those 24 years and under are giving our children the best head start in life. Post-secondary tuition has never been more affordable, giving many youths, some for the first time, a chance at a higher education. I want to make sure that Whitby residents are accessing these post-secondary opportunities, including apprenticeship and skilled trades, to be able to get jobs in their fields after graduation. I am also deeply encouraged by the historic investment in mental health services and, on a personal note, I'd like to do all I can to tackle bullying and create safer school environments for our children.

Lastly, I would like to mention a priority close to my heart. Sports has always been a passion of mine – as I know it is for many families here. Whether it's braving the bitter cold to drive our children to early morning hockey practice or leaving work early to ensure we never miss a dance recital, I would fight for increased tax credits aimed for youth enrollment in sport. I have seen the benefit sports programs have

Niki Lundquist
New Democratic Party



If elected what will be your priorities for this riding?

The Whitby riding, including Brooklin, has seen massive population growth. With that growth comes an increase need for family doctors and health care, for schools,

for safe roads and transportation networks that can get people to work and home to their families.

Priorities for this riding have to meet these needs. Our Region receives the least amount of health care funding in the Province. We have more seniors waiting for long term care than there are beds. Our schools and classrooms are stretched to capacity and our children are not getting what they need to learn. Good jobs are scarce and our children cannot see a future for themselves here.

It doesn't have to be this way. We can choose change for the better and invest in infrastructure and people. The NDP is the only party that has been upfront with its plan to move us all forward. We will scrap EQAO testing, reinvest money into education and re-write the education funding formula so that we have schools that are safer for teachers and students and that support our children's learning. We will convert student loans to grants and create 27,000 new, paid work opportunities to give youth the real world experience that they need to be job market ready.

The NDP will build new community health centres, provide pharmacare and dental care, and make our communities healthier. We will add 40,000 new, long term care beds, increase the hours of direct care for residents and make sure that couples going into long term care are not separated when they need each other the most.

This election is about deciding to build the future we want, for our children, for our seniors and our communities. We can make the people in this riding a priority by asking the most profitable corporations to step up and pay a little more.

Together, we can get good things done.

If elected, what steps will you take to ameliorate

All three candidates responses continue on the next page.

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All three candidates responses continued from previous page.

Lorne Coe
Progressive Conservative



- 12 per cent cut on Hydro Bills, for an average family savings of \$173 per year;
- Ending hospital hallway healthcare by adding 15,000 long-term care beds within five years and 30,000 beds over ten years; and

- Good jobs will be created by lowering taxes, including a job-creating corporate income tax reduction from 11.5% to 10.5%.

The voters of Brooklin and Whitby deserve to have their voices listened to at Queen's Park. I will continue to be that voice as an MPP in a new Ontario Progressive Conservative government.

If elected, what steps will you take to ameliorate the toll road issue out here with highways 407 and 412?

As a municipal Councillor both for the Town of Whitby and Region of Durham, as well as the MPP over the past 15 years, I know firsthand how important roads and highways are to our community's economic development and safety. I'm proud of the part I played to help get Highway 407 extended to Durham Region.

However, all other Highways that link Highway 401 and Highway 407, except Highway 412, are non-toll roads. Despite my Statements in the Legislature, introduction of Petitions from local residents, as well as input from residents, businesses and municipal governments, the Liberal Government went ahead, and made Highway 412 a toll-road.

Highway 407 tolls are tied to traffic volumes. The busier the highway, the higher the toll. Yet Highway 412 is vastly under-utilized because the rate per kilometre is too high relative to the volume it currently carries. The high fixed rates of tolls discourage drivers from using it.

It's clear that the Liberal Government has no intention of addressing the issue. That is a shameful response to the taxpayers and businesses in our community who deserve a better transportation system and to have their voices heard.

The Liberal Government has simply run out of ideas when it comes to meeting the real needs of Ontario's citizens and businesses. Higher taxes, tolls and more stifling Regulations are not the way to promote economic growth and help hard working Brooklin/Whitby families.

As your MPP, I will continue to be a strong voice for Brooklin and Whitby taxpayers at Queen's Park. With respect to Highway 407, 412 and 401, as part of a new Progressive Conservative Government, I will advocate for:

- Finding a proper balance so that Highway 412 is affordable for families and businesses;
- Full interchange, including eastbound ramp, from Lakeridge Road onto Highway 401; and
- Accelerate widening of Highway 401 and building of more GO Stations east of Whitby to ease traffic volumes, particularly across the northern part of the town, through Brooklin.

It's time for change and I look forward to continuing to be your strong voice at Queen's Park.

Leisa Washington
Liberal



had on the health and development of my own children and I strongly believe cost should not be a barrier to these opportunities. That is one of the main reasons I started my non-profit organization Camda. I would also fight for a local sporting complex that

provides a diversity of sporting activities as well as arts and music that fully accommodates our community's needs and creates greater access for families.

Whitby is a great place to call home. Our town has so much potential for smart growth and I'm eager to talk to residents and hear their ideas and priorities.

If elected, what steps will you take to ameliorate the toll road issue out here with highways 407 and 412?

If elected, one of my main priorities would be to work with our municipalities and the region to address areas still affected by heavy traffic and congestion, such as Baldwin Street. Our time should be spent with our loved ones, not sitting in traffic. The Liberal plan has responded to these concerns with one of the biggest transit investments in Ontario's history. This has led to much improvement, but we still need to do more to get ahead of our growth.

The sale of Hwy 407 by the Conservative Mike Harris government is still unforgivable. Not only is it a 99-year lease to a single foreign private company, but the government of the day did not implement any regulations for price setting (which is why we have seen so many price surges) and the province does not share in any of the profits generated by the 407ETR. That means that any of the revenues collected don't go back to repairing our existing or building new roads.

Hwy 412 was built to create a fast link between highways 401 and 407 and help to alleviate traffic. When first proposed, in full consultation and in agreement with the Durham Region and the Whitby municipality, it was always intended to be a tolled road. However, the province set the Hwy 412 rates to be lower than the privately owned Hwy 407, between 15 and 30% lower depending on the time of day and vehicle driven. These lower rates also apply to the provincially owned expansion of the 407 eastward.

However, if there is clear evidence that the highway is not being well used as a result of the tolls, if elected MPP, I would be happy to bring this to the attention of the Minister of Transportation and re-

Niki Lundquist
New Democratic Party



the toll road issue out here with highways 407 and 412?

The sell-off of Ontario's 407 by the Conservative government was a colossal mistake. The Conservatives bound us to a contract that allows drivers to be gouged.

The Liberals made things even worse for us by taking a much needed north-south commuter road, one that starts and ends in our community, and turning it into another toll road.

This important north-south corridor sits virtually empty while traffic on the 401, Lakeridge Rd. and downtown Whitby gets worse and worse. We have more pollution, more frustration, more congestion and less safety.

Making the 412 a toll road wasn't right or fair. We shouldn't keep getting shortchanged. I was one of 6000 residents who signed a petition calling for the removal of the tolls, I stand by that position. I will never stop advocating the removal of the tolls.



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- Chiefs @ Redmen • Wednesday, June 20
- Lakers @ Redmen • Wednesday, June 27
- Rock @ Redmen • Wednesday, July 4
- Kodiaks @ Redmen • Wednesday, July 11
- Lakers @ Redmen • Wednesday, July 18
- Rock @ Redmen • Wednesday, July 25

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Start today with these four steps:

• **Know your risks:** What risks do you need to plan for? Some of the risks in Durham Region are severe storms, flooding and power outages. Knowing the risks where you live,

work and play will help you be better prepared.

• **Have a plan:** Print the emergency plan template at durham.com/demo to create your own plan. What are your escape routes? What is your designated meeting place?

• **Make a kit:** Build emergency kits with the basic supplies you would need for 72 hours. Create a 'prepare to stay' kit to keep at home and a 'prepare to go' kit to save you precious time if you have to leave your home. Drivers should also have a vehicle emergency kit in case they become stranded on the road.

• **Stay in touch:** In a large-scale emergency, the Region of Durham and your local municipality share information through their websites, social media channels and through updates to media outlets.

Find more tips online at durham.ca/demo, or get your printed copy of the 'Are You Ready?' emergency preparedness guide at **The Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters (605 Rossland Road East in Whitby).**



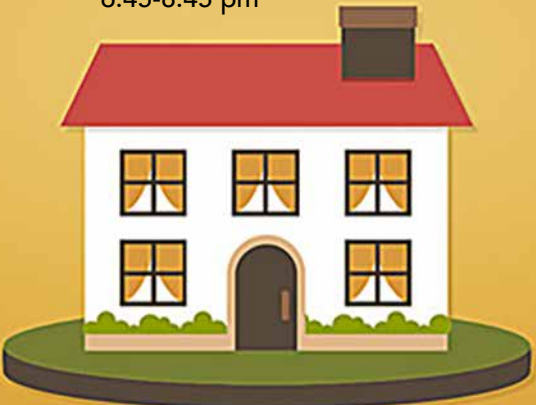
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