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What You Need To Know This Week:



Final Design Approved for New Whitby Sports Complex

Thank you to the more than 2,700 people who shared their feedback on proposed design options for the new Whitby Sports Complex last year. Based on your thoughts and ideas, a final design concept has been approved for the new facility to be located west of Baldwin Street South, south of the intersection of Highway 407.

The Whitby Sports Complex is now anticipated to include:

- an aquatic centre with a 10-lane pool, separate leisure pool and second floor spectator viewing area – the largest pool in Durham Region;
- a double gymnasium, with three-lane indoor walking track;
- a twin-pad arena with 85' by 190' ice pads;
- flexible spaces to support community programs, meetings, and arts and cultural activities; and,
- space for outdoor recreational opportunities – such as a pump track and skateboard park; pickleball, tennis and basketball courts; multi-use sports field; and playground and water play area.

Construction on the new facility is expected to begin in summer 2023, with the complex anticipated to open in fall 2025. Learn more at connectwhitby.ca/SportsComplex

Have Your Say


Fireworks In Whitby: We're exploring changes to the Town's fireworks regulations and want to hear from you! Do you use fireworks? Where and when do you think fireworks should be used in our community? Do you have any concerns about the use of fireworks in general? Complete a survey by March 21 to have your say. connectwhitby.ca/Fireworks

Greenfield Park: Located at 72 Greenfield Crescent – is being re-developed to better serve our growing community! View the proposed conceptual park design and complete a survey on the playground equipment by March 28. connectwhitby.ca/GreenfieldPark



Stay Active This Spring – Register on March 16

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Less than half the picture by Richard Bercuson



What's important these days?

There's much in life I can neither explain nor rationalize. Around here, one is why not all intersections with lights have advanced turn signals. Another is the seemingly unending digging, filling, and digging again of holes to enable wiring for this and that. The latest one cut my cable.

These of course are first world problems. So when my internet was sliced a week ago due to no wire "locates" for a backhoe operator to see, I was ticked but far from incensed. My phone functioned on LTE which meant I could still bring up CNN to update myself on the Ukraine disaster. First world meets the nether world.

Unlike advanced turn signals and digs, however, the Russian invasion and the resultant suffering of the Ukrainian populace have affected me in ways I just cannot understand. It was like that on 9/11, too. I was in the school library meeting with my co-op students when the attacks occurred. In the evening, at home, I felt an overwhelming desire to do

something, anything, to assist. Was it prudent, even helpful, let alone sensible, to drive to NYC and lend a hand? Aside from my sister-in-law's boss who was killed, I had no connection to the event, apart from being human. When my wife and I visited New York two years later, the gaping hole was still there. The cafe that fed and watered first responders had left its glass cooler locked and by the window, covered in dust, as a reminder. The tiny church where responders slept and ate allowed people in to see what it was like that day. Silence was broken only by my gasps. Nearby fences still had photos of long deceased relatives stuck to them along with messages like "Have you seen this man/woman?"

For many months after, I wondered if, even from such a distance, I had some kind of second hand PTSD. Films of the planes crashing, interviews, and the movie about United flight 93 that crashed into a Pennsylvania field all shook me to my core. They still resonate. Oddly, I am anything but squeamish around

injuries or blood or even my own surgical adventures. It's the emotional losses of others that leave me reeling.

And now, again. It is such a terrible and empty feeling to be in the safety of Brooklin, of Ontario, of this wonderful country and not be moved, if not to tears, then as close as one can get.

I can still shop anywhere and Amazon deliveries continue. My street is safe. I still function in my hockey development role and play once or twice a week, when the thrust and parry of trying to score seems the most important event in my life.

The stories - and the incredibly brave journalists reporting on them - have once more shaken

me. I try to imagine grabbing my wife, dog, and a few important belongings and walking for hours in frigid temperatures to safety while shells decimate the area. Cluster bombs. Thermobaric weapons that suck the oxygen out of you. My daughter's family is around the corner. What of them? What of my neighbours? Where do we go? How?

Finally, I opted to send an organization money for Ukraine. It's a token. It's something. From one human to another, knowing all too well it could never be enough. Still, while I cannot make sense of the senseless slaughter, at least I know my reactions leave me more grounded. Piles of dirt in front of my house aren't so important.

March Break Staycation?

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Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe

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- Across
- 1 Language of Lahore

5 "Good grief!"

9 Light in a light show

14 Bookbinding leather

15 Turn bad

16 Suggest

17 Italian wine area

18 Donut-shaped surfaces

19 Bing, bang or boom

- 20 Type of time off

23 Catch a glimpse of

24 Delay

25 Trousers that end above the knee

28 False god

30 ___ chi

33 Bit of statuary

34 Blame

35 Length x width, for a rectangle

36 Behaviour that evades unpleasant realities

39 And others, for short

40 Set aside

41 Wealthy one

42 Faux ___

43 Effort

44 Type of eubacterium (pl)

45 Debate side

46 Big story

47 The fruitless pursuit of something unattainable

54 More than fervent

55 Appraise

56 Hip bones

57 Like Bo-Peep's charges

58 Cast off

59 Lays down the lawn

60 Archaic spelling of cider

61 Couple's pronoun

62 Convene

6 A cartoon character created by Walt Disney

7 Halo, e.g.

8 Small amount

9 Arranged in a line

10 In a crowd of

11 Completely neat and clean

12 Apart from this

13 Bar order

21 ar, legally

22 Spill or splash clumsily

25 Prepare, as tea

26 Plantain lily

27 Killer whales

28 All thumbs

29 Water carrier

30 Extended family

31 "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" writer

32 Poetic feet

34 Gathering clouds, say

35 A political theory favouring the abolition of governments

37 Squeezing (out)

38 Caper

43 Walk unsteadily

44 Hightails it

45 "Crazy" singer Patsy

46 Fruity-smelling compound

47 Like some hair

48 Footnote abbr.

49 Approximately

50 Home to Honolulu

51 Balm ingredient

52 Fries, maybe

53 Bridge position

54 Bird of myth
- Down
- 1 Caspian feeder

2 Like some wines

3 Facts and figures

4 Of worldwide scope

5 Bars



Brooklin's First Lady

By Jennifer Hudgins

While Canada is not presided over by a president, that did not stop Brooklin from having a First Lady.

Beginning in 1852, members of the Whitby Township Council were only men. This changed on December 12, 1955, when rate-payers elected the first woman to a council seat. Brooklin's Myrtle (Myrt) Lovelock defeated her opponent, fellow Brooklinite Sydney Lockyer, by 53 votes to give her an entrance into the historically male only legislative body where she served as councillor until 1959. Along with other duties, she chaired the Park Board which was responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of all the Township's public parks, including the original Brooklin Memorial arena.

Myrt, a business woman, wife, and mother of three sons, was a charismatic and popular figure in the community. In 1955, when General Motors went on strike and her husband Ed was out of

work, Brooklin residents bought chicken dinners at the Hole in the Wall Restaurant she managed. The tiny restaurant, about the size of a takeout place, was situated on the corner of Baldwin and Way Streets, in the corner of a garage she rented from Brooklin businessman Walter Labanovich. Determined not to lose the business when he raised the rent, she moved it to the family's home on George Street.

Second victory

The second time Myrt was seen as First Lady was in 1962 when she ran for the position of Deputy-Reeve on the Whitby Township Council. She defeated the sitting Deputy-Reeve, John Goodwin, by 89 votes.

Myrt's husband was a strong supporter of her political aspirations. However, after she completed her year as Deputy-Reeve, she gave up politics. They bought a parcel of land at 7725 Baldwin Street north and built a restaurant. Rearranging their initials, they named it The ELM, but to locals it was always known as Myrt's.

The family left the house on George Street to move into living quarters in the building's lower level where Myrt entertained a variety of well known people. An employee said that Joel Aldridge, radio host, the first President of CFTO-TV and part owner of CHFI-FM, made a point of stop-



ping by on his way home from Toronto to Port Perry. Myrt loved a good debate and Clayton Ruby, one of Canada's leading lawyers and a prominent activist who specialized in constitutional and civil rights, often dropped in on the way to his cottage to engage in

political chat.

Ed died in 1977 and "First Lady" Myrt in 1990 at the age of 73. The couple is buried in St. Paul's Anglican Cemetery in Columbus, Ontario.



Off-Leash Dog Park in Brooklin?

At the March 7 council meeting, Regional Councillor Rhonda Mulcahy made a motion, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Roy, that town staff investigate the feasibility of additional off-leash dog parks in Whitby, specifically at Optimist Park on Cassels Road.

This was in response to areas throughout the town where bylaw

has had to regularly address off-leash issues. As well, while Whitby has two such parks already, they are largely only accessible by car rather than walkable.

The motion asked for staff to report to council in the second quarter this year regarding enclosing part of Optimist park for this purpose.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Former Brooklinite Seeks Help in Family Mystery

I am searching for anyone living in the Brooklin area who may be able to assist me in solving a family mystery.

Mary Craig Duff/Bolton may have resided in the area prior to her death in February, 1955. Mary was buried at Grove Side Cemetery. She was born in Durris, Scotland, on September 11, 1874.

I am looking for relatives of the following who may have been her friends: William Brown, Postmaster, William Ashton, Legion, Mr. & Mrs. W Sawdon, William McNea, Mr. & Mrs. W Roach, Mrs. Alex Bremner,

Mr. & Mrs. Burt Smith, Mrs. C Kemp, Mr. E Bowman, Mr. J Sturgess, Mrs. A Hagen, Mrs. Halpenny, Eleanor M Kemp, R McNea, Mrs. A Stanlick, Mrs. B Cornel/Cornew(unsure of correct surname) and Rev M J Cathcart.

Mary is my maternal grandmother's half-sister and would have been my Great Aunt. I have many questions requiring answers. Please contact me at moragmulford@hotmail.co.uk or at 289-356-3369. I need your help!

Regards
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Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson



Read the label

Many products are labeled “plant-based” but may still contain dairy or egg. There seems to be no legislation on using the term “plant-based” and, since being plant-based is a growing trend, using the wording on packaging may sell more products. Never believe the claims on the front of the box. To be safe, you need to read the label before buying a product marketed as plant-based.

The label will tell you what’s in the product while the ingredient list includes everything that’s in it. These are listed in order by weight, with the heaviest ingredient first. You will also see a line that starts with “contains.” This line will list common allergens like nuts, milk or soy. The following line starts with the words “may contain”. This line tells you what the product may have come in contact with as it’s processed in a factory where these ingredients are used in other foods. It’s a warning for people with food allergies where even a trace amount could harm them.

If you unintentionally eat something not plant-based, sweep it under the carpet. This happens to all of us at some point. Over the years, I’ve also made mistakes as product ingredients have changed.

Check content

You may also want to check the fat, sugar and chemical content. Foods high in fat and sugar are not healthy, coconut oil being one. It’s about 90% saturated fat, which is higher than butter, beef, and even lard. So use it sparingly. Many vegan cheeses are made using coconut oil, which means they are not a healthy food.

Eating in restaurants may pose

a problem as many servers don’t really know what plant-based means. Before I go to a restaurant, I’ll check the menu and do some internet research. The Peta website (peta.org) is good for information on all things vegan. However, it’s an American site so it doesn’t provide local information. You can also check out happycow.net for local restaurants that are vegan friendly. Happy Cow also has a smartphone app for quick access to a list of vegan and vegetarian res-

taurants in your neighbourhood. I love it when I’m traveling. As well, many plant-based groups post their favourite meals on Facebook.

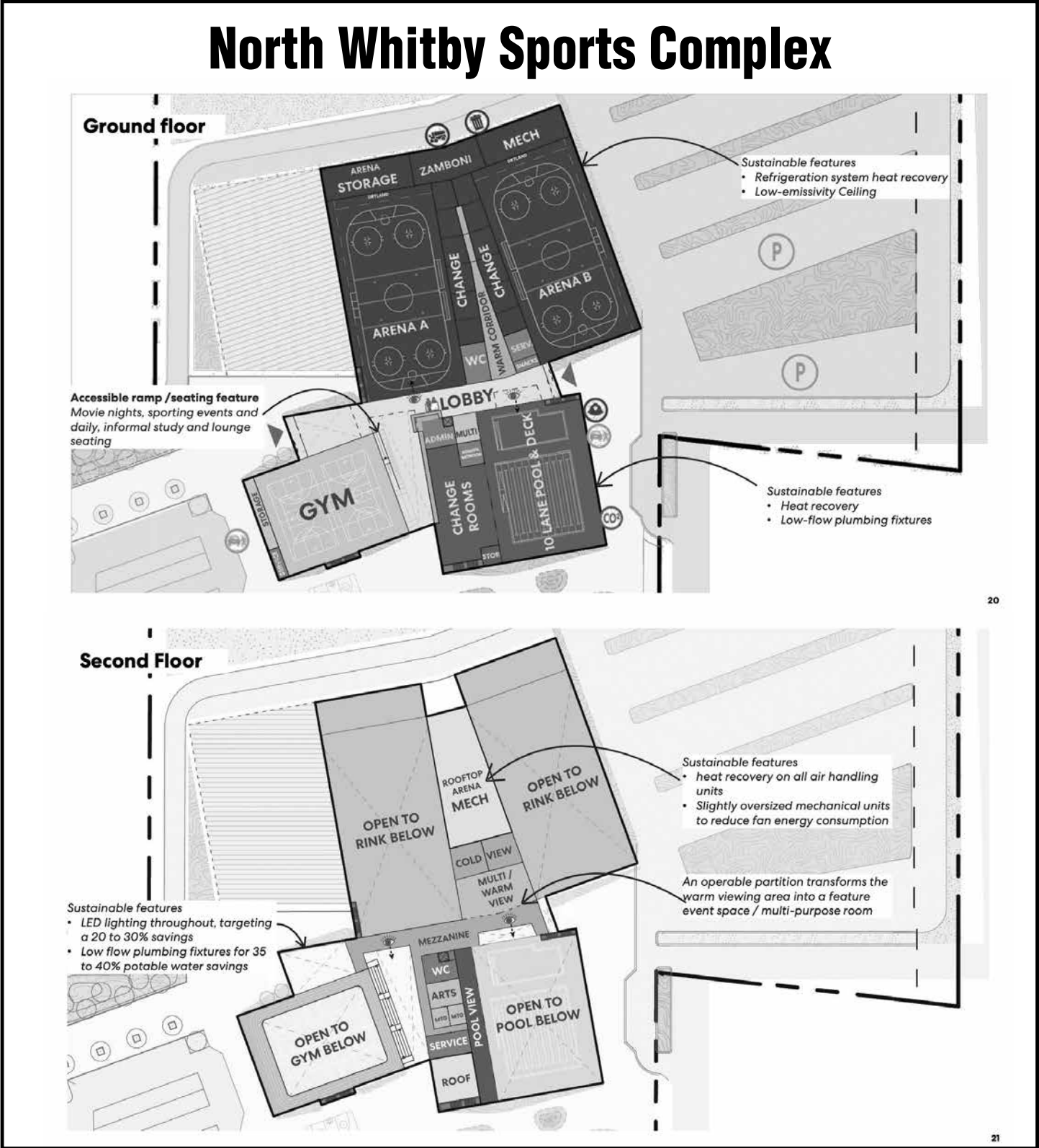
You may also be surprised as to which items have animal products. For example, we were given a gift card to Swiss Chalet as my husband is not plant-based. I ordered a veggie burger (no bun), salad and side vegetables, as their burger buns have milk in them. More and more restaurants have plant-based menus so it is definitely getting easier.

Plant-curious

I recently heard the term plant cu-

rious, which suggests one might be experimenting with the plant-based lifestyle. Some people flip in and out of being vegan before making the decision. If you are plant-curious, you can get great recipes from blogs. Some Canadian bloggers I follow are: Oh She Glows, The Minimalist Baker and Dreanna Burton. They also have great cookbooks if you’re like me and love to flip through cookbooks.

Sheree’s Hack: Sign up for newsletters from your favourite vegan bloggers. Not only will you receive new recipes, but you will also stay connected with other plant-based people.



Bike Club Raises Money

A team of the Durham Shredders mountain bike club took part in the Crush Covid Ride for Mind virtual cycling challenge last weekend. The Shredders is a local club focused on developing youth cyclists and helping to get more kids on bikes.

They gathered at their local training facility near Brooklin to

ride as many collective hours as they could in 24 hrs. Some of the athletes were only able to stay for part of the ride because of other commitments.

The Ride for Mind began in March of 2020 to support the frontline workers at Michael Garron Hospital dealing with the Covid surge. The 2021 Ride was for the men-

tal health issues associated with the pandemic. Those two events raised over \$675,000. This year’s event featured 33 teams and 273 participants from across the GTA, including, of course, the Shredders. As of early this week, the event had already surpassed its goal of \$200,000 by raising over \$250,000.

For the Shredders, starting at 6 pm on Friday and ending at

6 pm Saturday, the 21 participants rode for more than 75 hrs and raised over \$2000. The riders ranged in age from 10 to 48. It was a great event to take part in, and is a cause that we can all appreciate.

For more information, visit rideformind.ca and you can also add to donation by searching for the “Durham Shredders” team.

Cricket Coming to Memorial Park

Town council has approved a new capital project fund of \$52,000 for the development of a temporary cricket field on the grounds of Brooklin Memorial Park.

It will be funded by the Growth Capital Reserve Fund. Cricket, according to staff report CMS 04-22, will be considered in the 2022 Parks and Recreation Master Plan and a strategy is to be developed for the creation of permanent cricket facilities in Whitby.

According to the staff report, "Cricket has been identified as an emerging sport in the Durham Region. Community Services staff has worked with Whitby Cricket to permit multi-use fields for temporary cricket pitches since the 2020 season, and have received requests from other cricket organizations for permitted space."

One section of the staff report was titled "Communication and Public Engagement." It stated that Community Services staff "engaged Whitby Cricket in discussions regarding the suitability of the Brooklin Memorial Park location...Staff have also met with the President of Brooklin Spring Fair to discuss possible field amendments and to mitigate any issues relating to shared use of the park."

No community engagement
However, neither residents of the area, especially those on St. Thomas St. adjacent to the grounds, nor businesses at the north end of that street were consulted or made aware of the plan. One business representative, when informed of the project, expressed surprise at the announcement and wondered about how it might affect parking for their business.

The BTC contacted John Romano, Whitby Commissioner of Community Services, with questions about the project. Below are the questions and his responses, verbatim:

1 - Why has there been no communication or consultation with residents of this part of Brooklin, specifically the residents of St. Thomas St.?

As I mentioned above (editor's note: in his email to BTC), to date we have been working collaboratively with local stakeholders, including the Whitby Cricket Club, to bring forward this opportunity. We look forward to sharing this good news more broadly with residents and doing targeted outreach this spring to those who live and own businesses within the area prior to the planned opening of the pitch this summer. The sport of cricket has been growing in popularity within Whitby and this temporary space will help respond to this significant community interest. The Whitby Cricket Club will be working to develop an inclusive program for the space that will be open to the entire community.

2 - There are also businesses at the northern end of the street. Were they consulted or informed? (eg. CB Pools, Manchu, Michael Kelly's, C-Store)

Businesses in the area around the park will certainly be part of

our targeted outreach planned for this spring. We are always open to receiving feedback from our community.

3 - Will there be any such communication or consultation? If so, in what form?

We will be sharing more information and doing targeted outreach on this project this spring. Direct mail-outs to those who live and own businesses in the area around the park will be the primary means of communication and we welcome everyone's thoughts and ideas. In addition, the Whitby Cricket Club will be working with neighbours in the area to ensure that any concerns are addressed as best as possible.

4 - With the project approved, what happens if residents/ or businesses voice concerns and/or objections? Does the town have a contingency plan?

We will listen to any concerns that are brought forward by our community. This site was selected for the cricket pitch as the size of the track infield offers a unique opportunity to accommodate the sport of cricket, while continuing to provide ample space for residents to access the park for other recreational activities like soccer, dog walking or lacrosse. In addition,



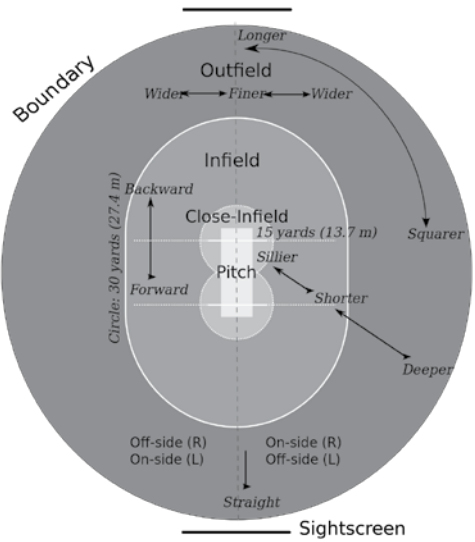
tion, there will be space for waste bins, storage and parking to support players and limit any impact to neighbours.

5 - What will happen to the grounds after the expiry of "temporary"?

With the planned opening of the Whitby Sports Complex (working name) slated for 2025, a master plan will be conducted for the entire Luther Vipond Memorial Arena and Brooklin Memorial Park in 2024. This public process will determine the future of the entire site and will be based on feedback we receive from our residents.

6 - Given the grounds will be leveled, cut and maintained, will anyone else have access to the field for, say, little kids soccer or field lacrosse practices and such?

As I noted above, the size of the track infield within the park offers a unique opportunity to accommodate the sport of cricket, while continuing to provide ample space for residents to access the park for other recreational activities like soccer, dog walking or lacrosse. The field will be approximately 100 metres by 120 metres, and a game of cricket involves only two teams with 11 players per side, minimizing any impact on the existing use of the site. In addition, the Whitby Cricket Club will be working to develop an inclusive program for the space that will be open to the entire community. It's our hope that residents who may not have previously tried cricket will have the opportunity to experience the sport.



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Deter Porch Pirates

- Send packages to a friend or relative who will be home
- Send packages to a post office or pick-up locker service or require signature upon delivery
- Request packages be placed out of sight or provide a lockable package bin on your doorstep
- Subscribe to delivery alerts and notifications when parcels have been delivered
- If a package arrives and you won't be home for some time, ask a trusted neighbour to retrieve
- Install clearly visible security cameras or video doorbells and clearly pointed at drop-off location
- Hang signs in your window or

yard about your security system

- Always keep your doorstep clear of large debris or shrubs so thieves cannot conceal themselves
- Request non-descriptive packaging so as not to announce what the package contains
- Check on the seller and delivery company's policies regarding theft/fraud

Deter Vehicle Thefts

- Always ensure your vehicle is locked and take the keys with you
- Always park in a well-lit area and/or locked garage
- Never leave an unattended vehicle running with keys inside

- Consider anti-theft devices, such as a steering wheel lock or collar
- Never hide a spare key inside your vehicle or outside your home
- When not in use, place your key fob inside a radio frequency shielding pouch (Faraday Bag) to block cell signals
- Never place/hang or leave keys directly inside the front door or near windows
- Consider placing keys on your bedside table, as long as it's not near a window The key fob can also be activated as an alert alarm, if you hear or see suspicious activity outside your home at night

Deter Home Invasions

- Leave a motor vehicle in the driveway

- Use timers on lights inside the residence
- Post signage for alarm companies and/or pets
- Have a neighbour or other source remove any pamphlets, mail or flyers from the door handles or in front of the residence
- Don't announce your travel plans on social media platforms



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Brooklin Village Dental



The power to change the world begins with a simple smile. **Brooklin Village Dental Care** is committed to helping patients obtain their best smiles through state-of-the-art technology and on-site comprehensive care for specialized dental treatments, all under one roof.

First Impressions

Meet Dr. Peter Yao, who opened Brooklin Village Dental Care in 2004. Originally from Calgary, Dr. Yao received his BS in Microbiology before moving to Manitoba where he completed his Medical Dentistry Degree.

Patients are drawn to Dr. Yao’s genuine manner and positive outlook. Dr. Yao served as a Captain with the Canadian Armed Forces for nine years and practiced dentistry at the military base in Toronto. “It was a great experience serving my country,” says Dr. Yao, who is dedicated to serving all of his patients with compassion and offering the very best in quality care.

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

Comprehensive Care

Brighten your day with a visit to **Brooklin Village Dental Care** and meet our amazing staff! Our friendly and knowledgeable team of dentists, hygienists, orthodontist and periodontist make it easier for you to choose a specialist you feel comfortable with so you and your family can

have all your needs handled in the same building.

Brooklin Village Dental Care provides unique on-site comprehensive services for you and your family’s dental needs, providing the latest dental techniques for pain-free procedures! We also offer children and nervous patients with nitrous oxide for everyone and IV conscious sedation for adults.

Brooklin Village Dental Care specializes in family & general dentistry, periodontics, oral surgery, cosmetic dentistry, and orthodontics, all in a clean, modern facility. Each room is equipped with cameras to explain the procedure so you can document your progress with before and after photos.

Our family friendly office is a digital, paperless environment, complete with a kid’s zone with free video games and complimentary Wi-Fi for all patients.

Contact Us

Brooklin Village Dental Care is dedicated to making a difference, one smile at a time. We always accept new patients from Brooklin and surrounding areas.

Schedule your next appointment with us today at **(905) 655-7117**, or stop in and say hello. Our office is located at 5969 Baldwin St. South. Our friendly staff is happy to answer any of your questions. You can also visit us online at **brooklindentalcare.com**.

Brooklin Village Dental Care is open Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 8 pm and Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00pm.

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2022 Municipal Election

Nominations and Candidate Campaigns

The Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, provides that every person who proposes to be a candidate for the Office of Regional Chair in the 2022 Municipal Election to be held on Monday, October 24, 2022 shall file a Nomination Paper with the Regional Clerk.

The *Municipal Elections Act* further provides that a candidate's election campaign period for the Office of Regional Chair begins on the day they file a nomination for the office. No contributions shall be made to or accepted by or on behalf of the candidate and no expenses may be incurred by or on behalf of a candidate prior to filing the prescribed Nomination Paper with the Regional Clerk. Money, goods and services given to and accepted by or on behalf of a person for their election campaign are contributions.

Take notice that nominations will be received by the Regional Clerk for the municipal election to be held on October 24, 2022 for the **Office of Regional Chair**.

Nominations for the **Office of Regional Chair of the Regional Municipality of Durham** must be filed in the Office of the Regional Clerk, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario L1N 6A3 or may be submitted electronically as directed on durham.ca/elections.

In-Person Nomination Procedure:

1. The prescribed Nomination Paper may be obtained and filed in the Office of the Regional Clerk:
 - on any day from May 2, 2022 to August 18, 2022 when the Regional Clerk's Office is open (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday to Friday).
 - Candidates must make an appointment to file.
 - no later than Nomination Day, Friday, August 19, 2022 during the hours 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
2. The Nomination Paper shall be accompanied by a filing fee in the amount of \$200.00 in cash, certified cheque or money order, payable to The Regional Municipality of Durham, or by Debit, Visa or Mastercard.
3. **The onus is on the candidate for election to an office to file a bona fide Nomination Paper.**

Electronic Nomination Procedure:

- See procedure as outlined on durham.ca/elections.
Note: payment of the filing fee may be completed electronically.

For further information, or to make an appointment, please contact:
Cheryl Bandel
Acting Regional Clerk / Director of Legislative Services
clerks@durham.ca
Regional Municipality of Durham
605 Rossland Road East, PO Box 623
Whitby, Ontario L1N 6A3
Phone Number: 905-668-7711, extension 2100
Dated this 11th day of March, 2022.

If you require this information in an **accessible format** please contact the Regional Clerk / Director of Legislative Services via email at clerks@durham.ca or by telephone at 905-668-7711, extension 2100.