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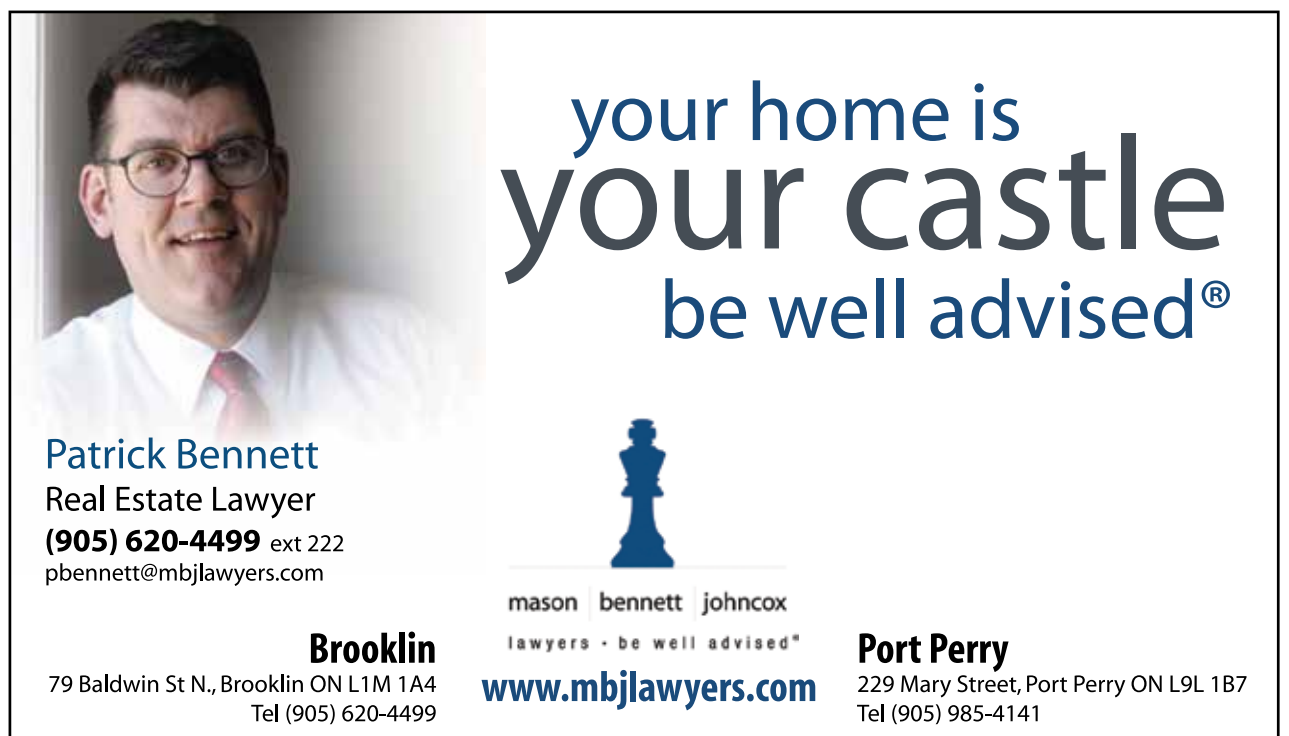
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Court at Brooklin Raises Funds for Durham Hospice

In the photo, left to right: Donna McFarlane (Durham Region Hospice, Senior Advisor), Carol Lefko (Residents' Council President), Doug Fitzsimmons (Residents' Council Treasurer), Joan Brownlee (Residents' Council Member at Large), Lucille Faubert (Residents' Council President Elect) and Dr. Caroline Mcallister

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A Retail Success Story: Markets By Dream Day

By Richard Bercuson

Sarah Gerditschke made cookies, really tasty and popular cookies. Using her mother’s apartment as the cookie homebase, she called them Dream Day cookies because, well, she was making yours a dream day.

Then she and a group of other home-based makers of cool stuff wondered how they could get their goods to more people than just through the occasional festival. Although everyone was a “maker” and loved the independence, there

was still the issue of making people aware of their goods. Social media was the only real answer.

So 18 of them decided to take a big step: they’d rent space in a building for the Nov-Dec, 2018, Christmas rush and see what happened. They took over a unit on the third floor above where the Copper Branch restaurant resides at 66 Baldwin in the heart of downtown Brooklin.

Instant hit

Then came the surprise. Using social media again as the communication vehicle, buyers flocked to the space. Obviously the vendors loved it, too. So Sarah thought about how this could turn into a business. A few months later, on April 1, 2019, she opened Markets by Dream Day. Now, nine months later, she says the biggest surprise she’s had in the new business is how successful it’s been.

“When you go into a business like this,” she says, “you sort of figure that within the first couple of years, you’re not going to make your money back. Vendors are happy. I gave them their last cheque at Christmas time and I don’t how many of

them said this has to be wrong. That’s the crazy part.”

From the initial group of 18, that same location has ballooned to over 75 vendors with about 20% from Brooklin. However, the rules for renting space in Markets are rather simple: only home-based local vendors with handmade goods are permitted. As well, when you apply, there can’t be a duplication of goods. In other words, multiple makers of soap won’t work.

Rent space

Sarah’s business model is based on vendors renting monthly space from \$65 to about \$240 depending on the size required. In exchange, vendors get to keep 100% of their sales. There are discounts for multiple month rentals (eg. 3 or 6 months) and for new makers, those who’ve been at it for less than a year.

“It makes us different from other stores as we’re 100% local and 100% handmade and we really want to stay true to that. Because I was a vendor myself, I wanted them to have a store within a store,” she says. “A lot of makers can’t afford a space of their own.”

Vendors who rent space in Markets get additional perks, such as the ability to host monthly pop-up workshops about what they create.

Signage issue

The one minor headache has been the limitation on signage to show people where the store is. It’s why,



Sarah points out, all her advertising makes it clear to park behind the store in the large lot and take the elevator to the third floor. So-called walk-up business would otherwise have to search to know it’s there. However this hasn’t seemed to hamper business much.

In the end, the success of Markets by Dream Day has been for one simple reason. “People want to come in and shop local. They know they’re supporting real people and the money is going back to an actual person.”

In April, she’s opening a second location in Bowmanville which will be about three times the size of the Brooklin one and will allow for over 100 vendors. It will include small spaces to rent for vendors to use as offices and, in addition to handmade products, will include books.



Durham Declares Climate Emergency

Durham Regional Council voted last week to declare a climate emergency and accelerate action towards a low-carbon, climate-resilient region. This declaration recognizes environmental sustainability and climate change as strategic priorities in Durham Region's Strategic Plan and as a factor in the decisions of Regional Council.

"When it comes to addressing climate change, Durham Region continues to step up to the challenge," said John Henry, Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer. "We have made strides within our own operations. And, we are working with our community partners to create new climate action programs that will help to reduce emissions in our region."

Residents and businesses in Durham are already experiencing flooding, high heat days, the spread of vector-borne diseases, and other known impacts of climate change. Projections show these impacts are expected to become more intense and severe over time.

That's why the Region is taking bold steps to reduce emissions and improve energy efficiency:

- Durham Region Transit is purchasing its first eight zero emission battery electric buses;
- the fleet's first 11 hybrid electric are planned for service in 2021;
- and 50 bus shelters were retrofitted with solar light installations in 2019 (an additional 50 shelters are planned for 2020).

Plus, a new energy retrofit program - in partnership with local area municipalities, utilities, and post-secondary institutions - will help Durham homeowners lower their energy use and emissions. Additional planned initiatives include energy efficiency upgrades to the Region's social housing portfolio, and other operations.

"We know that we can have the most impact working in partnership with all levels of government and the private sector to unlock capital for local climate investment," said Ian McVey, Manager, Sustainability.

Through the declaration brought forward through the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change, Durham Region joins the Government of Canada and more than 400 Canadian municipalities to have declared climate emergencies. Most of these organizations are implementing programs to help reduce their contribution to global carbon emissions.

Durham's Two-Stream Blue Box Recycling

Have you ever wondered why you're asked to separate paper and containers loosely into different blue boxes and not bags when recycling? It's because Durham Region uses a two-stream Blue Box recycling program, which helps to keep paper products clean and protects their value.

"Our collection vehicles have two separate compartments for paper and containers," explains Mirka Januszkiewicz, Director of Waste Management Services. "We have a Blue Box recycling program that separates loose recyclables at the curb, so our Recycling Facility can receive less contaminated materials. These already sorted and loose recyclables result in better quality material, lower operating costs and more diversion."

The Recycling Facility is meant to sort cans, bottles, paper and cardboard; it cannot sort recyclables in plastic bags. Recyclables in bags damage machines, drive up costs and diminish the quality of materials. These single-use plastic bags are not recyclable in our program and end up as garbage at the Recycling Facility.

"We encourage our residents to keep up their great work of separating their recycling and placing it loosely in Blue Boxes," continues Ms. Januszkiewicz. "That way, we can all help our two-stream recycling program succeed in protecting the environment while saving time and money."

For more recycling tips and information, like how to pack and sort your blue boxes and where to place an item you're unsure of, visit durham.ca/Waste or use the "Know Before You Throw" tool available at durham.ca/KnowBeforeYouThrow.

For information on receiving new bins, or replacing broken blue boxes or green bins, visit durham.ca/WasteBins. Some local municipal offices may also exchange broken blue boxes. Contact your local area municipality for details.

Court At Brooklin Raises Hospice Funds

Recently the Residents' Council from the Court at Brooklin donated \$1500 to Durham Region Hospice. The funds were raised from its annual Christmas Bazaar which is held in December through the support of residents, families and staff.

The donation is going to the Capital Campaign where the funds are being raised for the new hospice building in Durham Region which has and ongoing need. More events are planned for 2020

In Port Perry, the Oak Ridges Morningside Hospice, which has a different funding group, has broken ground on its hospice and received funding for an extra three beds from the Ministry of Health.

"This is truly an exciting time for the Durham region and for Hospice... and so needed," says Dr. Caroline McAllister. "You may be aware of the overcrowding of many of our Ontario hospitals. Having a home-like environment for the end of life for Durham Region residents is going to be such a welcome change and relief from the current conditions that many are challenged by if they cannot stay at home at the end of life."

Student Transportation Funding Helps Durham Transit

Last week the province announced it is moving forward with a review of the student transportation funding formula to achieve a more efficient and accountable student transportation system and improve the transportation experience for students across the province.

First announced in March 2019, the review responds to calls from student transportation partners to improve the funding formula, which could be more responsive to the changing needs and costs encountered by school boards.

Durham Region Transit is already engaging with Durham Student Transportation Service (DSTS) and the school boards.

DRT's commitment to increasing youth ridership was evident throughout 2019, including successful fare incentive campaigns:

- The Kids ride free campaign launched in May 2019 provided 54,448 free trips (as of December 2019) for children aged 12 and under.
- Launched in September 2019, the Y10 youth loyalty fare incentive generated a 45 per cent increase in youth pass sales the first month alone.
- In its second year, the 2019 youth summer 2-for-1 monthly pass promotion enabled 670 youth to benefit from unlimited free travel in August when a July pass was purchased.

Community Calendar

Sun., Feb. 23: 7:30-9 pm: Trivia Night
At Michael Kelly's Eatery on Winchester and St. Thomas
\$20 per person cash only. Teams of 4-6 ONLY. Each team receives a large pizza and an order of garlic bread, with a beer per person. Winning team members each get a \$10 gift certificate to MK's. Register by emailing your name and number of team members to: editorofbtc@gmail.com
Capacity is 42 people, so registration is first come-first served.
Hosted by the BTC with all proceeds to Prostate Cancer Canada Network (PCCN) Durham.

Tues., Feb. 25: 6:30-7:30 pm (4th Tuesday of each month)
Teen Advisory Group at Brooklin Library
Whitby Library's Brooklin Branch seeks Teen Advisory Group members to share ideas, and assist with special events and programs. Grade 7-12 students earn community service hours. No registration required. For information, email: teenservices@whitbylibrary.ca

Thurs., Feb. 26: 7:30 pm: Brooklin Horticultural Society Membership Meeting
A representative from Sheridan Nurseries will discuss what's new for 2020. Arrive early for draw tickets, renew your membership, & enjoy refreshments (please lug-a-mug). New members are welcome to join!
Meeting takes place at Brooklin United Church, 19 Cassels Road East.
For more information, contact Kathy @ 905-430-7213, kathyallam@hotmail.ca.


Sat., March 21: 7 p.m. to 12 a.m: A Night Out on the Town
Mayor's Community Fundraiser
At Trafalgar Castle School, 401 Reynolds St., Whitby
A night filled with food, friends, entertainment and music
Funds raised will support local charities, community events and organizations through the Mayor's Community Development Fund.
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Tuesdays: 7:25 pm: Brooklin Toastmasters Club
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289-404-8527 at elainegoulbourne@rogers.com

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If you have a community not-for-profit event you would like included in the calendar, please email it to editorofBTC@gmail.com with the subject line "calendar." Priority will be given to Brooklin events. Some editing may occur.

Whitby Showcases New Brand

The Town of Whitby kicked off 2020 with its new corporate brand. The roll-out of the new brand began with publications, event assets and digital communications. Residents will continue to see the brand roll-out throughout the year and beyond. The new brand focuses on showcasing Whitby as an active, innovative and connected community.

The Town thanks the more than

2,000 residents and staff who provided feedback on the new brand through the online survey, Community Open House or a pop-up activation. Community engagement was a vital part of the rebrand process and the Town will continue to look for ways to connect with residents as it rolls out.

To experience and learn more about the new brand, visit whitby.ca/brand.

What It Means

The new brand features a unique, modern logo, created by a single

flowing line that forms a subtle handwritten “W” for “Whitby.” The line graphic begins as a gold upward curve, giving a nod to Whitby’s heritage. The line turns to green to represent the community’s growth, and active and green spaces, before finishing in cyan (a bright blue) to represent the Town’s waterfront and friendly nature. The palette also includes the navy from the Town’s



previous brand representing stability. Collectively, the colours signal a community that is welcoming, growing and transforming.

About the Roll Out

The new brand will be rolled out in a phased approach. As the highest and most visible touchpoints with the community, residents will first experience the new brand through publications, event signage and digital communications - including a new brand microsite. Other branded items, such as facility and vehicle signage, will be rolled out later this year as budget and resources allow.



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- Parks Renewal Community Open Houses**
February 11 at Town Hall Council Chambers (575 Rossland Road East) and February 18 at the Centennial Building's Regal Room (416 Centre Street South) drop-in between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m to learn more about upcoming park renewal projects planned for 2020. whitby.ca/notices
- whitby.ca/calendar

COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Committee of the Whole**
February 24 at 7 p.m.
- Committee of the Whole**
March 2 at 7 p.m.
- Council**
March 9 at 7 p.m.
- The meetings will take place at Town Hall, 575 Rossland Road East.**
For more information, contact clerks@whitby.ca or 905.430.4315 whitby.ca/civicweb

NOTICES

- Family Day Holiday Closure**
Town Hall will be closed on Monday, February 17. Some facilities will also have modified hours or programming. For a full list of schedule changes, visit whitby.ca/programnotices
- Monthly Construction Notice**
The Town would like to advise residents and local businesses of upcoming road closures and construction projects. whitby.ca/notices

Trail and Splash Pad Projects Community Open House
Join the Town for a Community Open House on February 25 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Town Hall (575 Rossland Road East) to learn more about the upcoming trail renewal and splash pad projects planned for 2020. whitby.ca/notices

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2020 BUDGET

The Town's proposed 2020 Budget is now available online at whitby.ca/budget and in-person at Town Hall. Residents are invited to provide feedback on the proposed budget through the following meetings being held at Town Hall:

Budget Public Meeting | Tuesday, February 18 | 7:00 p.m.

Special Council Meeting for final approval of the proposed 2020 Budget Monday, February 24 | 5:30 p.m.

Residents who wish to speak at the Budget Public Meeting are not required but are encouraged to email clerk@whitby.ca. Residents who wish to speak at the Special Council Meeting must register with the Town Clerk by 10 a.m. on February 19. Visit whitby.ca/delegation for Delegation Forms. whitby.ca/budget

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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 coun-



try," 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.

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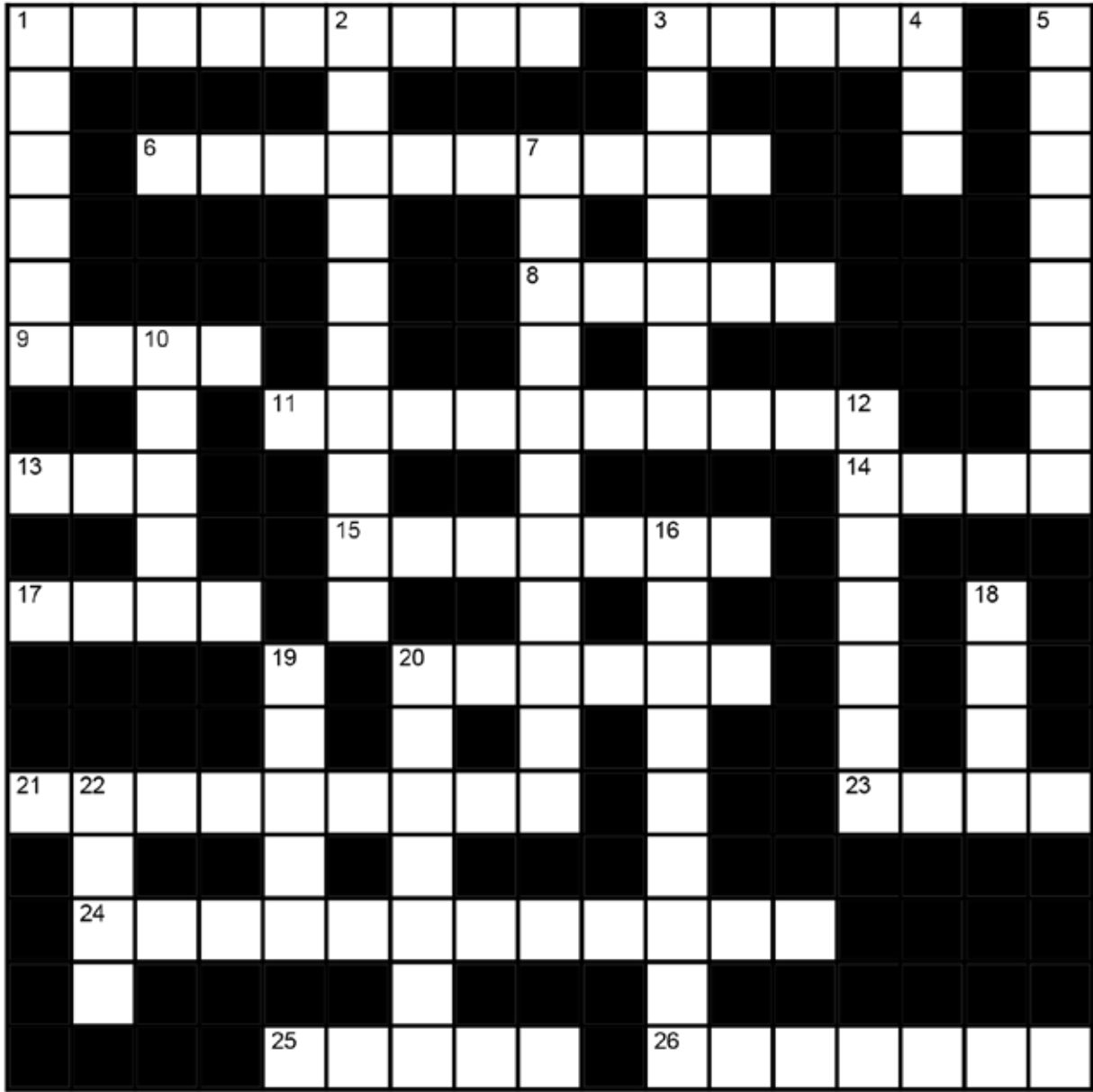
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Brooklin Bafflers: *by Liz Lowe*

Crossword

- Across**

1 Seeking the affections of woman (9)

3 Temporary love (5)

6 Not returned in kind (10)

8 Bat an eye? (5)

9 Sweetheart (4)

11 An object of infatuation (5,5)

13 Try to win (3)

14 Son of Aphrodite (4)

15 Woo (7)

17 A composition forming rhythmical lines (4)

20 A man who courts a woman (6)

21 Worship (9)

23 Take out (4)

24 Displaying warmth (12)
- Down**

1 Innocent (6)

2 Term of endearment (10)

3 Hold dear (7)

4 Embrace (3)

5 Partiality (8)

7 A foolish passion, love or admiration (11)

10 Worship (5)

12 Dear (7)

16 Gift for a sweetheart (9)

18 Present (4)

19 Heartthrob (5)

20 In love (7)

22 Turtledove (4)

25 Kisses, possibly (5)

26 Hold with fondness (7)

Regional Councillor: *Rhonda Mulcahy*

Budgeting 2020



Whitby Council recently approved the budget target, a 1.99% increase on the total residential bill for Town services. This equates to about \$8.90 per month per household based on the average Whitby MPAC assessment of \$470,000. (Or, in the real Whitby world, closer to double that, roughly \$15-16 per month for most of us. I've yet to see a house for \$470,000).

It was suggested at council that we could look at carrying debt to offset the property taxes. Personally, that makes me nervous. We have a lot of growth coming, 40% over the next 12 years. While it's not pretty to have an increase, we'd be piling this on the shoulders of our children down the road. Facing already increasing home costs and affordable housing shortages, we could be digging a hole we couldn't climb out of since growth does not pay for itself. We also know we have an aging population which will trigger even my generation into paying the lion's share while the population shifts to a senior majority.

Kinds of debt

There's good debt and there's bad debt. Much the same as a household budget, we need to be aware of what we're willing to borrow on. Most of us have mortgages and we borrow on our homes for improvements or repairs. But we shouldn't be borrowing for vacations and dinners out. It's the same for the municipality. While in future years, I might be willing to borrow for a sports facility, I won't want to do so for fleet vehicles.

There is lots of good planning in the budget report which is now online at

- whitby.ca/budget.
- February 18** is the public meeting for community input on the proposed budget for 2020.
- February 24** is the Special Council Meeting for final approval of the proposed budget for 2020.

Our Budget Chair this year is your Ward Councillor Steve Lee. You can connect with him at lees@whitby.ca or **905-706-0214**.

Meanwhile, at the Region, I sit on Finance and so have had a good look at what's happening there. You can access this information at:

<https://www.durham.ca/en/regional-government/budget-and-financial.aspx>

There was much debate at Finance about the surplus at the Region as there is a lot of money in reserves. For the first time ever, we are about to see the Region use the Reserve funds for impactful items like electrifying buses and servicing of employment lands to better aid economic development.

It's been a long time coming and I give credit to Chair Henry and CAO Elaine Baxter-Trahair for leading the way on this largely new council which showed ambition to change the status quo. This is the change I was hoping for. We've been playing catch-up to other regions like York and Peel which put pipes in the ground to attract industry while we waited for the industry to pay for the pipes. It's money well spent.

Service gaps
The Region is also facing gaps in

Health and Social Services. Most of the funding for these services comes from the province and the Region delivers them. We've decided that cutting services is not an option in this area and so whatever holes are left after the province makes its changes will be filled with our property tax dollars.

Whitby's representative on Health and Social Services is Councillor Elizabeth Roy. She says, "As we move through health and social services 2020 budget we will be facing inflation and growth pressures. Health and Social services will be working through their budget proposal to ensure we can meet the demands and the pressures in the community for programming."

Overall, like most of you, discussing money stresses me out. But it's as much part of my public life as it is my personal life and there's no getting around our responsibilities. To be frank, you will see an increase.

- But you will also see:
- investment into employment lands to attract jobs,
 - electric buses popping up,
 - shovels in the ground for a new sports facility in a few short years, and
 - shovels sooner than that on the mid-block road just south of the 407.

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Plant-Based Eating *by Sheree Nicholson*



Veggies are the answer

We all know that vegetables, nature’s vitamins that come in a wide range of great colours, are good for us. It’s important to eat “colourful” and steam or roast those veggies for side dishes, salads or Buddha bowls.

I eat a whole food plant-based diet, which means I eat no animal products so I know the benefits of plant-based eating. I also know that winter can be a blah time of year. By February, many people are experiencing low energy and are reaching for comfort foods that don’t have enough micronutrients in them. This creates a cycle of feeling tired and eating less nutrient-dense foods, which contributes to lower energy.

The general medical consensus is that feeling cold triggers a self-preservation mode which sends the body a message to heat up fast. It’s a message often played out as a craving for carbohydrate-rich foods, sugars, and starches to provide the instant “heat” boost your body craves.

Veggies have benefits
Eating vegetables has many benefits. They’re nutrient-dense, lower in calories, and are versatile. Leafy greens are by far the healthiest. Kale, for example, is often hailed as the king of vegetables as it contains a long list of nutrients.

Brightly coloured vegetables and fruits offer a variety of health benefits. Since most are antioxidants, they provide a great many vitamins and minerals. If you want to eat health and cover all your “nutritional bases,” consider eating a ‘rainbow’, a wide variety of fruit and veggie co-

lours.
In the summer, I marinate and bbq Portobello mushrooms, red, green and yellow peppers, and asparagus and then arrange them as a side dish or toss them into pasta. In winter, I roast the same vegetables in the oven at 375o for 25 to 30 minutes and get excellent results.

- Tips for eating the ‘rainbow’:**
1. Breakfast smoothies are exceptional. You can add kale and berries to them. I also freeze bananas and pineapple chunks.
 2. Oatmeal is terrific for breakfast and I top mine with Farm Boy frozen wild blueberries and a tablespoon of Manitoba hemp, chia or pumpkin seeds.
 3. At lunch, eat your greens. Try super salads that start with a base of baby kale or spinach, then toss in roasted sweet potatoes (or other veggies), chickpeas, and some seeds. Both pumpkin and hemp seeds have complete proteins.
 4. At dinner, eat at least two different vegetables such as carrots and peas one night, then asparagus and mushrooms on another. Diversifying your veggies ensures a wide variety of nutrients.
 5. Stir fries are another great way to get vegetables in your meal. Just double the recipe and have leftovers for lunch.
 6. Fresh fruit is your anytime snack. To prevent blood sugar highs and lows, pair fruit with a handful of nuts.

Sheree’s Hack: Spend a little time each week chopping veggies so it’s grab ‘n’ go when you need it.



Meet January’s trivia champs
(left to right) Maggie, Carol, Paul, Pat, Terry

Brooklin Heritage Society
The Poet of Ontario County
By Jennifer Hudgins

Brooklin was once home to the “Poet of Ontario County”, David Graham Burns.

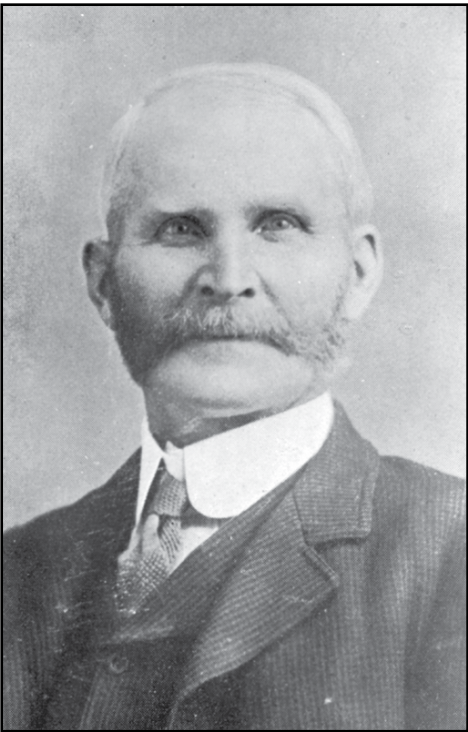
His first book of poetry, Random Writings – To Amuse Myself and My Friends was published by G.A. Goodfellow and Son, Whitby, in 1916. It had a wealth of material to draw from which perhaps explains why his story poems were often pages long. That first volume included a chapter entitled “Drama of Brooklin” where he referenced several old Brooklin families. Another poem, “Men of the Past and Others”, mentions a few of Brooklin’s prominent individuals of the day including Dr. Frank Warren.

Burns wrote:
“There is our old friend, Dr. Warren,
so friendly and so bright,
To meet him and to know him, it is
good for the sight.
Like the Queen of Sheba, he comes
from the South,
To his old early home, in the days of
his youth.
If you know him and trust him, you
will find him alright.
Whatever he does, he does with his
might....”

A natural entertainer with a gift for mimicry, his book created such a stir in Brooklin that he sold 200 copies upon immediate release, making it an overnight success.

Lucy Maude Montgomery, author of Anne of Green Gables, met Burns while he was a stock judge at the Minden, Ontario, fair in 1917. She was so impressed with his writing that she ordered two copies for herself. Random Writings received national attention when Sir Robert Borden, Canada’s 8th Prime Minister, order one as well.

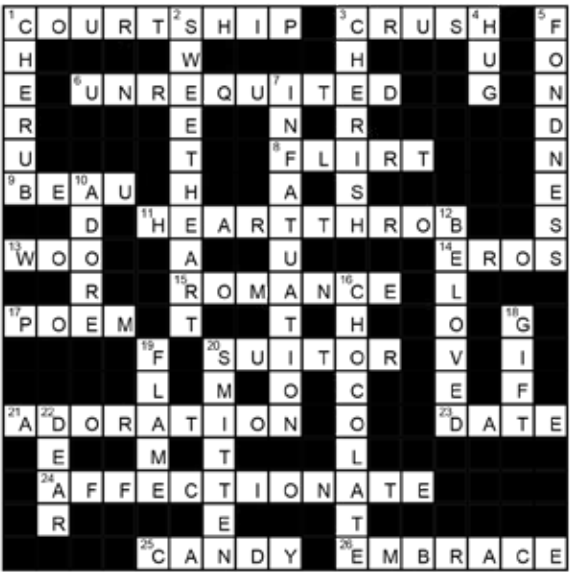
Part of Burns’s popularity was due to how he used profits from the sale of his books. During World War I, between September 7 and December 13, 1916, he donated \$598.95 to the local Red Cross to offer aid to the men fighting overseas, a large and generous sum in those days.



The second edition of Random Writings was published in 1920. While the first volume fulfilled his objective in providing his friends with amusement, he hoped the second edition would as well.

Born on August 6, 1850, Burns had a successful career farming Dorset Farm in the Township of Whitby. When he retired, he bought a house at 110 Baldwin Street in Brooklin. He died on August 12, 1922 and is buried at Groveside Cemetery in Brooklin.

Both volumes are available from **AbeBooks.com** or you can read them online through **canadiana.ca**.



Brooklin Audio Video
To Close Retail

Brooklin Audio Video’s retail store at 17 Baldwin will close in the next couple of weeks, a victim of too much retail competition and inadequate “foot traffic” along the street for that type of store.

Owner Mike South says he will continue his business with special orders, security systems and

custom installations, with a bit of retail of major components. The current location’s remaining components like speakers and such are for sale until the store actually shuts down.

His phone number - 905-425-1072 - will not change.

Enjoy your time together on Family Day!

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ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE AT FIVE LOCATIONS IN WHITBY:

BROOKLIN COMMUNITY CENTRE & LIBRARY

Gym Activities
12pm Preschool Fun • 1pm Family Basketball
2pm Preschool Fun • 3pm Family Basketball

Preschool Room
Make a photo frame craft for a “photo booth” picture taken in the Craft Room.

Youth Room
“Open House” at the BCCL Youth Room for current members, new youth and parents.

Other Activities
Ice carving, face paint & buskers.

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Family Fitness Classes
12:15pm & 1:15pm Zumba • 12:45pm Yoga
1:45pm Movement and Meditation
2:30pm Intro to Taekwondo Tots (4-7 yrs)
3pm Intro to Taekwondo (ages 8+)
Free Trial workout at the Health Club (14+)

Swimming
Public 12pm to 1:30pm & 2:30pm to 4pm
Lane 1:30pm to 2:30pm

Other Activities
Ice carving, photo op, entertainment & crafts.

MCKINNEY ARENA

Free Family Skate • 12pm to 2pm

LUTHER VIPOND ARENA

Free Family Skate • 10am to 12pm


IROQUOIS PARK

Free Family Skate
10am to 12pm • 2pm to 3:45 pm

Free Parent & Tot Skate
12pm to 1:30 pm
(Skating for 1 adult, max. 2 children, 7 years.)

Backyard Rink
1:30pm to 3pm
(Only for children 7 years and under only. Full protective hockey equipment is required)

Other Activities
Face painting, ice carving, balloon artist, busker or musician and NHL alumni autograph signing.



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