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Brooklin Concrete Site To Be Developed




Photo by Aramis Lerma-Garabedian

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Less than half the picture: By Richard Bercuson

The Brooklin Kid Games



The nonsensical stay-at-home order was in full swing, the only swing allowed given there was no baseball/softball, no tennis, no golf, no nothing outdoors.

Six teens sat in a skate park, ruminating on events of the day, or that moment. One was smoking, the rotter. Two youngsters and their skateboards were practising death-defying tricks on one of the skate park's curved chunks of equipment. All were guilty of illegal use of an outdoor facility in defiance of a provincial order. I would have paid decent money to witness a conversation between a bylaw officer and one of those youths to get them to move. However, it was not to be. No such official had come by

that day at all, according to the kids. It is likely our bylaw people have more important issues to attend to.

Which got me to thinking about civil disobedience. I don't mean the kind where grownups march to one of our diamonds and play a game. Shouting and swearing in either official language between adults armed with baseball bats and gloves and the local constabulary is not something I'd want to see nor hear.

Imagine: Durham cops show up in force - with two vehicles. One officer carries the portable ticket dispenser. They order the ballplayers to go home. The ball players say they can't because there are two on with one out in

the middle of a rally from a 19-run deficit and, as we know in adult softball, anything can happen. The cops watch, hoping for a couple of strikeouts, which doesn't happen much in slow pitch unless the batter is a total goof who always wants to put it over the fence but instead rarely gets it out of the infield. He also takes about a dozen practice swings, the softball equivalent of Novak Djokovic's annoying preserve ball bounces. So the inning drags on.

But what if a bunch of kids did the unthinkable and committed their own act of civil disobedience? Let's say a gaggle of children show up at the dead end on Carnwith east. They carry two hockey nets and spare tennis balls. Come on, you need spare tennis balls!

Imagine this. They are armed with hockey sticks, some of which were once ridiculously ex-

pensive but have been relegated to the garage when rinks closed. It's either play with them or let them get abused as plant stalks. Two teams are formed, with spares, and they play across the dead end. Somehow word gets out of the event. Next thing you know, other groups of children are setting up games at the dead ends of St. Thomas or Tremount or Whitmore Court or other spots. Smaller games begin on church parking lots, a riskier approach, but they're kids and are risk averse.

Bylaw is called. The DRPS is notified. Our councillors are bombarded with Facebook messages, a few of which are grammatically correct.

In the end, the kids are ignored and they play.

Imagine.

The 412-418 tolls are still there.

Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson

How I did it



Support for your decision to navigate to a plant-based diet is vital, as I indicated in my last column. As soon as you decide to become plant-based, you will face resistance, some from family and friends and some from your knowledge base. You may doubt your decision and wonder if you will get enough protein and other essential vitamins. It's normal to question yourself.

When I did it, I decided education was necessary. I needed to know more about the lifestyle. I took an online course on plant-based nutrition through eCornell. The course was fascinating and eliminated any fears I had. However, it was also expensive, so it may not be suitable for you.

Shortly after, I went to New York state for a weekend retreat with my mother and sister. It was hosted by the Forks Over Knives organization, a group that advocates for better health through plant-based nutrition. There I heard doctors, professional athletes and others talk about the health and physical benefits of plant-based eating. One of the speakers

was a UFC fighter, James Wilks. He discussed how becoming plant-based gave him a competitive edge. The weekend, including the food, was a fantastic immersion experience.

Then I started attending the Toronto Vegetarian Food Fair. There I watched a vegan named Patrik Baboumian earn the title of the strongest man in the world when he carried a yoke loaded with 550 kilograms across the stage. This quickly dispelled the myth that you can't get strong and build muscle on a plant-based diet.

I also read some great books. My favourites were written by Brendon Brazier, a Canadian Triathlete. He wrote about stress, energy and eating for performance. It all seemed logical to me, especially as I'm a runner and own a yoga and fitness studio.

Once in a while, I also will catch up on Netflix documentaries. There are several good ones. My recommendations are:

- "Cowspiracy"
- "Forks Over Knives"
- "Vegucated"
- "What the Health"
- "Fat, Sick & Nearly Dead"

- "Food, Inc."
- "Game Changers"

As with most documentaries, they are rather one-sided. However, they do provide "food for thought" and can lead you to explore deeper research on some of their topics.

Remember the expression "Knowledge is power"? When making significant changes, it's important to know not only your why but also how to safely do so.

If, like me, you are looking for improved energy and athletic performance, then give the plant-based lifestyle a chance; you can always change your mind.

Sheree's Hack: Spend some of this lockdown time learning about the benefits of plant-based eating.

Brooklin Optimist Club Offers Scholarship

The Brooklin Optimist Club is looking for exceptional youth who are planning for life's greatest challenge by studying in a field of interest. Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate their contributions to the service of our community through school and community organizations.

- Two scholarships up to \$1,000 each
- Deadline: **June 6, 2021**

An application form is available on the website:

<https://brooklinoptimist.org/>

Eligibility:

- You must reside in Ward 1 of Whit-

by (Brooklin area) OR be a member of the Brooklin Optimist Youth Club who participates and volunteers in the club on a regular basis.

- Student must be entering their 1st year in fall, 2021, or currently enrolled in full time study in a post-secondary or trades program.

- Preference given to those who volunteer in the Brooklin/Whitby community

- Proof of acceptance into either a post secondary or trades program must be provided upon being awarded the scholarship



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Brooklin Heritage Society Cullen Gardens

By Cassia Hudgins

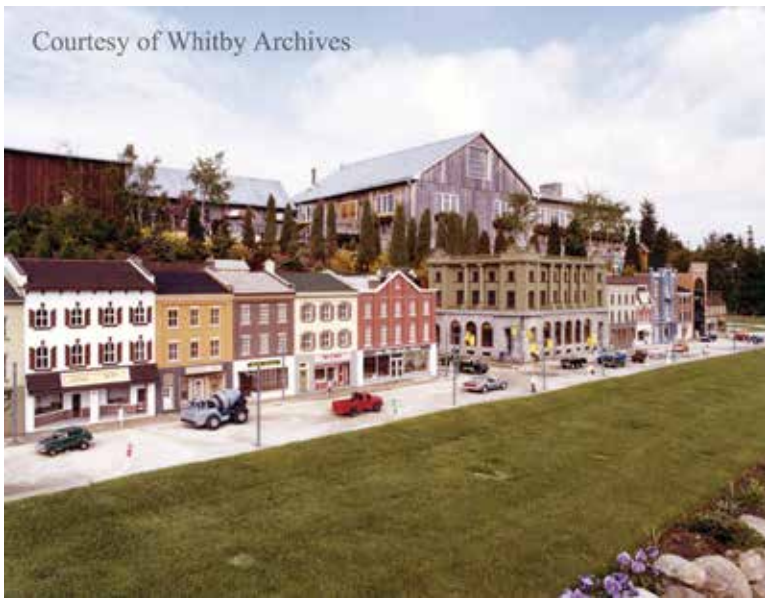


If you visit Niagara Falls today, you may stumble on a tourist attraction that would bring up nostalgic feelings. At the Floral Showhouse, an art installation was designed called “Life on Display.” It was created with the restored miniatures from one of Ontario’s most iconic tourist destinations: Cullen Gardens and Miniature Village in Whitby.

Its visionary founder was Leonard Cullen. Years before the miniature village’s opening on May 30, 1980, he dreamed of creating a show garden open to the public. In 1947, he

purchased the John A. Weall Landscaping Company and expanded it into five renamed Weall and Cullen Nurseries in the Toronto area. He used the profits to help fund his dream and worked to gain the necessary experience in part by building Edwards Gardens in Toronto.

Seven years later, with a need for land to supply his nurseries, Len and his brother Ken bought a 22 acre property on Baldwin Street, north of Taunton Road. In 1966, the nursery farm added another 100 acres of stock and 50 of wooded valley. The following year, he built a log cabin where the family spent its summers helping to construct the park. Len and his wife Connie travelled regu-



larly, researching show gardens and tourist attractions around the world.

Taking shape

While locals often referred to the park as “Len’s Folly,” the dream began to take shape in 1976. The Jones-Puckrin house on the property was transformed into a gift shop and the old barn from 1850 was torn down and replaced by a restaurant. Beams from the demolition were used to build the Kissing Bridge. Local tradesmen dammed up a pond, established lawns, and built a theatre. The village grew to encompass a 300-foot train track, 110 miniature buildings, 150 model vehicles, and over 600 tiny handmade people.

Although Cullen Gardens officially closed in 2006, Leonard Cullen’s legacy lives on. The miniature village’s buildings were initially stored, but were purchased by the Niagara Falls Parks Commission in 2012.

Some have been displayed in various shows, however, it was not until 2017 that the miniatures were restored and exhibited in Life on Display. The land itself, where the gardens and miniature village flourished for a quarter of a century, is now Cullen Central Park, purchased by the Town of Whitby in January, 2006. A ceremony for the unveiling of a statue of Len Cullen was held on June 22, 2019, as a memorial. It was gifted to the Town by his daughter, Sue, and her husband Bryan Green and designed by award-winning Canadian sculptor Ruth Abernethy.

With the opening of the Cullen Gardens and Miniature Village, Len saw his long-awaited plans come to fruition. With more than 300,000 annual visitors, it became an integral part of the community for years. Leonard Cullen died on August 15, 2006 at the age of 81, having fulfilled his dream.



What You Need To Know This Week:

Ontario Extends the Provincewide Stay-at-Home Order

Residents are reminded the provincewide stay-at-home order has been extended until at least **June 2**. As the May long weekend approaches, limit contact to your household and if using fireworks, do so responsibly. whitby.ca/Covid

Let’s Get Whitby Vaccinated

Whitby residents in eligible priority groups are encouraged to book a vaccination appointment online at durham.ca/VaccineAppointments. Please note the Town of Whitby does not play a role in the booking of COVID-19 vaccination appointments.

It’s Road Safety Week

Wonder what to do if you see an aggressive driver in your neighbourhood? Report them anonymously to Road Watch, a Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) and Town safety program. Scan the QR code with the camera on your mobile device or visit whitby.ca/RWP



Stay Informed on Metrolinx’s Proposed Bus Rapid Transit Route

Metrolinx is planning the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit route along Highway 2 in Whitby. Learn more at metrolinxengage.com or email DSBRT@metrolinx.com



Whitby and Brooklin Farmers Markets

The Whitby Farmers Market is NOW OPEN on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Celebration Square at the Whitby Public Library. The NEW Brooklin Market opens June 12 at Municipal lot 9 at 3 Vipond Road from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Get ready to shop and support local while wearing a mask and physically distancing.

WhitbyFarmersMarket.ca

Durham Recruiting Vision Zero Youth Ambassadors

As part of its commitment to Durham Vision Zero and road safety, The Regional Municipality of Durham is happy to announce the award-winning **Teens Learn to Drive (TL2D) Team** is currently recruiting high school students from across Ontario, including Durham Region, to become Vision Zero Youth Network (VZYN) Ambassadors during the 2021-2022 school year.

Vision Zero Youth Network is a free program that enables selected ambassadors to work with the TL2D Team, police and other partners to close the knowledge gap for young drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, making Ontario roads safer.

This program also provides many benefits for student participants, such as a \$500 scholarship, hands-on experience and access to mentoring, while earning 40 hours of

community service.

Why this is important:

In 2019, according to Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) data, 62 per cent of new drivers did not take a driver education course but instead learned from parents and friends who may not have been aware of the current best practices, vehicle safety features or road designs.

Sponsored by 407 ETR, students can apply to become an ambassador by visiting TeensLearnToDrive.com and filling out this form: teens-learntodrive.com/vzyn/#Form.

Note: This initiative is in support of Durham Vision Zero, a long-term, multi-agency strategy to create safer roads for all users including drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. Learn more at durham.ca/VisionZero.

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For the Love of Dog Wellness Centre

Love of Dog Wellness Centre on the northern reaches of Brooklin carry a motto difficult to disagree with: You gotta love your dogs!

And if you do, then, says Su Steiner, the Centre’s manager, you want to provide them with the best.

Once again, Steiner and her colleague Dave McDonald have begun to take in rescuedogswhichhavesufferedthemost extraordinarily difficult experiences. Ravaged by illness and neglect, they’ve nursed about 1800 dogs so far to health through a combination of diet and, well, wellness activities.

Addressing common physical problems Steiner says on their website



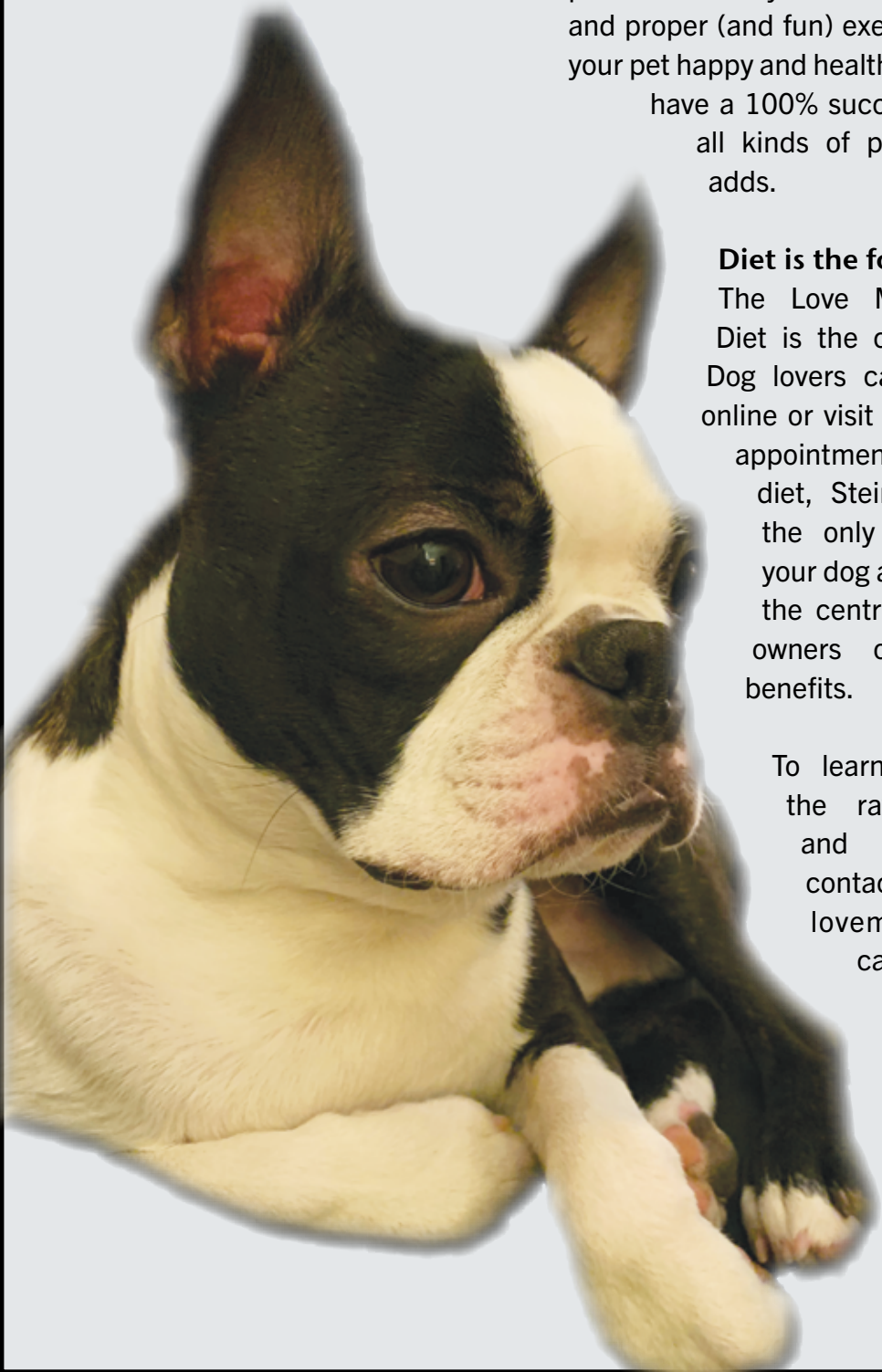
ForTheLoveOfDogWellnessCentre.ca, “I started this company after getting into the dog day care and boarding business and found virtually all of our client’s dogs had physical problems, from allergies to digestion to immune system, chronic ear infections, arthritis and hair loss to name a few.”

Since then, and having learned valuable lessons on what dogs need when you love them, they’ve transformed into a place where they believe a raw food diet and proper (and fun) exercise will keep your pet happy and healthy. “We literally have a 100% success rate fixing all kinds of problems,” she adds.

Diet is the focus

The Love My Dog Raw Diet is the centre’s focus. Dog lovers can order food online or visit the centre (by appointment). The raw diet, Steiner claims, is the only way to feed your dog and to that end the centre will educate owners on its many benefits.

To learn more about the raw food diet and the rescue, contact Su at info@lovemydograwdiet.ca.





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Brooklin Concrete Site Plan To Host Virtual Meeting

**By Aramis
Lerma-Garabedian**

New residential developments have been proposed on the site of Brooklin Concrete Products at 6760 Baldwin St. north, corner of Columbus Rd. The five-year plan would completely replace the company which has existed since 1952 and has 30 employees.

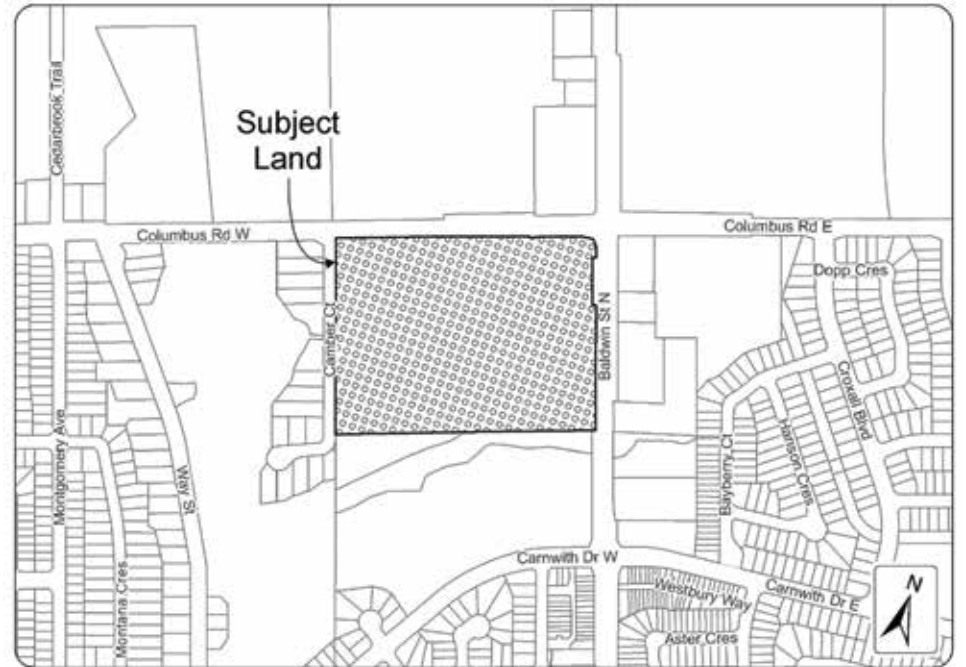
The development proposal includes detached residential dwellings, town houses, a 12-storey condominium apartment building with ground floor commercial use, and a park.

To implement the proposed draft plan of subdivision, a virtual meeting

has been called to discuss the proposed amendment of zoning bylaw 1784, to change the zone category from M1 – Restricted Industrial zone, to M1-BP – Brooklin Secondary Plan Industrial Zone, and D(NR) – Development Zone.

The meeting will be at 7 pm on Monday, May 31, 2021, with live streaming on the Town of Whitby's website: <https://www.whitby.ca/en/town-hall/live-stream.aspx>.

For information on how to participate in the public meeting, visit <https://www.whitby.ca/en/town-hall/participation-at-public-meetings.aspx>



Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre Expanding

The Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre has announced its goal to raise \$5 million to expand and renovate the current facility. The announcement provided insight to the campaign's progress to date, including the formation of several volunteer committees as well as the introduction of the campaign's Chair, Fred Eismont and Special Advisor, Dr. Gary Polonsky.

"We expect patient demand will double in the next five years," said Lorrie Hagen, Executive Director "Expanding the centre is a necessity to ensure that no one with type 1 diabetes is turned away; the need is now."

Additional space

The Building on the Best Campaign will allow for a renovation of the two existing structures and an addition of a supplementary adjoining space. Upon completion, the new centre will have full first floor accessibility, 18 patient counselling spaces, a new large event and education space, six meeting rooms, and an additional clinic room with a children's play area.

The Best Centre delivers one-of-a-kind patient-centred healthcare exclusive to type 1 diabetes. As Canada's only stand-alone centre and charitable organization specializing in type 1 diabetes, the staff provides

highly responsive and individualized care. The interdisciplinary clinical team includes registered nurses, dietitians and social workers who provide frontline healthcare and education throughout patients' lifetime.

Quick Facts

- Type 1 diabetes is an incurable, complex disease. It must be managed 24-hour a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
- The Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre sees almost 2,000 patients and conducts more than 9,200 healthcare interactions per year to support patients living with type 1 diabetes.
- Type 1 diabetes is a disease in

which the pancreas does not produce any insulin. Insulin is essential to help the body control the level of glucose (sugar) in the blood.

• Roughly 5-10 per cent of people living with diabetes have type 1 diabetes, insulin-dependent diabetes. Type 1 diabetes generally develops in childhood or adolescence but can also develop in adulthood. People with type 1 need to inject insulin or use an insulin pump to ensure their bodies have the right amount of insulin to survive.

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Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe

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Large Turnout for Sports Complex Survey

Over 2,700 people directly contributed to the survey about the news sports complex design run by the Town in March and April. Architects had offered three design options and residents were offered the opportunity to vote on their preferences.

“Because our report to Council will not be going until a May 31 special council meeting,” said Whitby CAO Matt Gaskell, “we are unable to share the results until Council has had the opportunity to receive them. However, I can share that the feedback has contributed to the recommended design of this complex given the high level of community interest.

It is expected that the new complex will include:

- A twin-pad arena with 85' by 190' ice pads
- Indoor aquatics centre with an 8-lane, 25-metre pool
- Leisure pool
- Active Living/Wellness Studio/ Multi-Purpose Space
- Indoor walking track
- Meeting rooms, arts and cultural space
- Landscaping, parking and pedestrian connectivity

Residents can stay up to date on the project at: connectwhitby.ca/sportscomplex.

Parent Town Hall: What Is Pandemic's Impact On Children

Parents and caregivers in Durham Region are invited to attend the virtual Let's Talk - EarlyON Parent Town Hall. This virtual event will focus on the impact the COVID-19 pandemic may have on young children (six years of age or younger). It will feature a panel of experts to help answer questions about children's development and health.

Registration is required to attend. See below.

When: Thursday, June 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Due to COVID-19 physical distancing measures, this event will be held virtually.

Why: The COVID-19 pandemic has created unprecedented challenges, and many parents and caregivers wonder how it may impact their child's development and health. This virtual Let's Talk – EarlyON Parent Town Hall aims to provide useful information for parents/caregivers and help answer any questions they may have. The following experts will present at this virtual event:

- Seetha Abeyesekera, M.Ed - Behaviour Consultant
- Pepi McTavish, MD, MPH, MHM, CCFP, FRCPC - Associate Medical Officer of Health
- Melanie Smith-Brown, BASc - Infant and Child Development Consultant
- Jennifer Carr, BCD, RECE - EarlyON Educator
- Sacha Farrell - EarlyON Educator

The Let's Talk – EarlyON Parent Town Hall is free to access. However, registration is required. Please register on Eventbrite at:

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Our Brooklin Kids By Leanne Brown



When some creep ogled my daughter

Last week, I saw a guy checking out my 11-year-old in her shorts, and I kind of freaked out.

We were in line at the ice cream store and I was reading the menu on the window. I glanced at my daughter just as an adult man, probably in his mid-20s, openly checked my daughter out, his eyes scanning her body, before he disappeared into the store next door. I was too shocked to say anything. I just froze.

After getting our ice-cream, I asked my daughter if she'd noticed. She hadn't, and her first response was, "Oh God, that's gross." She wondered if it was somehow her fault.

I quickly told her, "This is in no way about what you're wearing or anything you did. He is, as you said, just gross."

Before continuing, I want to point out that her shorts are not booty shorts. They are simple athletic shorts which come to mid thigh.

We were driving home when I realized this is just the beginning. My little girl has now reached the point where some older boys and men will think it's okay to make comments about her body, despite the fact she's a child.

As her body develops, there's no hiding her curves. I don't want her to feel uncomfortable nor self-conscious. I want her to grow up to be proud of her athletic body, not concerned that by wearing certain clothes, she's giving males an invitation to check her out.

I doubt any of us moms made it through girlhood without sexist comments. Back then, we may have even said "thank you" in response because we'd been taught this was flattering, even though inside our skin crawled. I don't want this to be something she has to deal with.

Maybe things will be better for her than they were for me growing up. My first instinct in this situation was to freeze. I didn't do

anything. But my delayed reaction as a mom is to protect her and to personally tell every guy who comments on her body exactly where he can go.

If I think back, I do remember being excited by some male attention at that age. I understand that my daughter will probably feel this way, too. It's a powerful feeling to suddenly be seen as a young lady.

Fortunately, because our daughters are growing up in a time and culture when they're being encouraged to be more assertive, we can help teach them to react differently than we would have, without jeopardizing their safety.

If there are people nearby, saying "You're a stranger. Don't touch me!" can help bring attention to the perpetrator. What's important is that she removes herself from the situation and doesn't freeze. It's important

to teach our kids to react swiftly and to actually do something if it feels safe to do so and to not let predators get away with it.

The next time something like this happens - sadly, we all know there will be a next time - I've decided I'm going to say very loudly, "Why are you checking out my 11-year-old child?" And if it happens in a public place, I'll definitely consider reporting it.

We've quietly tolerated and denied the seriousness of this behaviour for far too long. I want to teach my daughter to react differently than I was taught so she will not be victimized.



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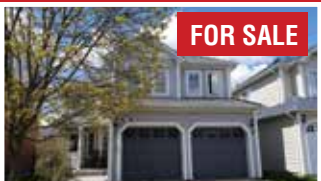
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