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Why are these men smiling? Who won what?



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Less than half the picture: *By Richard Bercuson*



What a load of crap

The fellow's dog sniffed, as dogs do, for just that right spot. Satisfied with the location, it hunkered down and dropped what seemed like a fair load. It was a medium sized pooch which took about 10 seconds to finish its business. So my conclusion is likely accurate; we dog owners know such things.

I was about 30 metres away with my own leashed beast. Meanwhile, the owner watched. And watched some more. Which is when I called out, "Do you need a bag?" because he hadn't made a move to pick up. He'd have likely walked away if not for my bearing witness.

"What, are you the dog police now?" he shouted back, reaching into a pocket and withdrawing a bag. He sidled over to the spot and scooped.

"Nope. Just hoping you'd do what you did. This is a public park after all."

Here, in the middle of the Spring Fair grounds, he chose to grouse about his not needing the likes of me to tell him what to do, unless I really was the dog police.

The exchange would have ended there except that some minutes later, we wound up on the same path near the skate park. His dog dumped again, this time in the

weeds by the footbridge.

"Should I pick that up, too?" he snapped.

That's where he launched into a mini lecture about dog poop being bio-degradable and good for the grass and did I ever study biology (I did, wasn't good at it, and wasn't going to admit it). Unable to resist a counter, I offered it was still a public place where people walk and kids play.

Then, a few days ago, on the same grounds but too far away to toss advice, a man watched his little white doggie drop its load where minor baseball kids do their warm-ups. He saw me see him but turned and strolled away, his pooch happily following.

And so it goes in the world of dog

owners who are either too lazy or too dimly irresponsible to simply pick up. Now in both of these instances, and others I've seen, I suppose I could have done what Animal Control says I could do: find out where the person lives, call them, and allow them to pay a visit and issue the requisite \$200 fine. They say - and yes, they've caught plenty and issued many a fine - you have to see the act, or non-act.

I'm not interested in being Citizen (pardon the pun) Watchdog. Instead, I hope, perhaps naively, that stares and offers of free doggie bags might shame people into doing the right thing. Meanwhile, during Pitch-In Brooklin on April 27, I may just show up with a large garbage bag, gloves and a shovel. If you like your parks clean, I recommend doing the same because some dog owners are just full of it.

Our Brooklin Kids *By Leanne Brown*



The collectors

Kids are natural collectors. My daughter was an enthusiastic collector of rocks as a toddler. Before doing laundry, I would have to empty pockets of stones.

It starts when, as toddlers, with picking up interesting leaves and rocks then expands into "special" toys as they get older. Kids will naturally gravitate towards their interests and passions. Hockey players will collect hockey cards or NHL mementos. If they're gamers, maybe it'll be Pokemon cards. But whatever it is, collections are great learning tools for kids.

Sorting and categorizing and then learning statistics provide good math skills for kids to acquire. Collections also allow kids to have control over something that's all their own. The only issue is how to help them keep control of their "special" items.

For the card collectors

Do you have a card collector? Binders with vinyl inserts are definitely the way to go and are available at most dollar stores. Also available are zipper bags for keeping the duplicates that your child likes to trade. They're perfect for transporting the cards, keeping them clean and preventing them from getting lost. Extra special cards they want to display can be put in plastic cases.

Shopkins, Hatchimals, Grossery gang figures are tiny and easy to store. A simple plastic tub with a lid may be all you need. But for

kids who like to sort the common ones from the rare ones, you need something with compartments. Plastic tool boxes and small plastic cabinets (the kind used for storing nails) are ideal as they keep all the tiny figures in one place and are easily carried since most have handles.

Stuffies need a home

What about the stuffed animal collection? Little girls love their stuffies and it's hard to get them to let go. The Beanie Boo collection that seems to multiply like bunnies every time you enter her room can be controlled easily and perform double duty. Bean bag chair covers are inexpensive and don't have to be filled with beads. Instead, stuff it with stuffies. These bags hold a lot and provide great kid-friendly seating in a bedroom or games room. The stuffies are out of sight but easily accessible. And when it's clean up time, even the youngest child can fill up the bean bag.

Awards, trophies and medals can start to take over a dresser. So why not move them to the wall? Wall shelves and hooks are perfect for hanging medals and displaying their victories. They keep them safe and provides the recognition they deserve.

At some point, they may wish to part with or sell their collection. If it's been well stored, you'll get more money for it on resale. In the meantime, you'll save your feet and sanity when the collection is off the floor.

Whitby: A Definitive No To Amalgamation

Whitby Town Council unanimously adopted a resolution at its March 4 meeting to confirm the Town's continued support for the existing two-tier structure of municipal government in Durham Region. Council also confirmed that residents identify and engage most with their local municipality and that strong connection must be preserved.

"We know that people value and have a strong emotional connection with their local level of government," said Mayor Don Mitchell. "Our top priority is to maintain this connection and continuing to deliver effective, efficient and responsive services to our residents and our community."

In January, the province had announced its intention to undertake a review of regional government. The commencement of this review involved the special advisors meeting with the Head of Council from each of the 82 implicated lower-and upper-tier municipalities for individual interviews, including Whitby.

As a result, on February 25, Whitby Mayor Don Mitchell and Chief Administrative Officer Matt Gaskell

met with the Province of Ontario's special advisors to the Regional Government Review process.

During this meeting, the Town identified the need to clearly define the roles and responsibilities for upper- and lower-tier municipalities, including the size of regional government, in order to strengthen governance and improve service delivery for residents and the local community.

The Town welcomed the opportunity to participate in the meeting and share its position on the review, including voicing its strong opposition to any consideration of the amalgamation of the upper and lower tier municipalities in Durham Region.

Until Tuesday, April 23, residents and businesses can have their say on the Regional Government Review by visiting ontario.ca/page/consultation-regional-government-review. Comments are also being accepted by email at regionalgovreview@ontario.ca or by mail at Local Government Policy Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, 777 Bay Street, 13th floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 2E5.

Town Giving Durham College \$1 million For Whitby Campus

Over the next five years, the Town of Whitby will be providing \$1 million in funding to Durham College to support the expansion of its Whitby campus.

The expansion project being undertaken by Durham College will see the construction of a new 60,000 sq. ft. centre that will double the college's industrial skilled trades training capacity. The entire expansion is estimated to cost \$35 million.

Through Durham College's efforts, the funds provided by the Town will help contribute to the creation of more local jobs in Whitby - both on-campus and in the industrial skilled

trades - a 2018 to 2022 Council Goal. The funding will also help continue to build Whitby and Durham College as centres of innovation.



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A Special BTC Feature

Where Ums And Ahs
Go To Die

By Richard Bercuson

Every Tuesday evening at 7:25, upstairs at the Brooklin Community Centre, a group of people gather to listen, speak, and learn not to use um or ah. An eclectic lot with a mix of ages and backgrounds, they are but one small sample of the over 300,000 others in 14,000-plus clubs in 126 countries who joined Toastmasters International, an organization with the stated mission to help people find their voices.

Toastmasters International is 95 years old and includes members from every class of society, all of whom share one goal: to improve their ability to communicate. A Toastmasters brochure quotes former minor league pro baseball player Byron Embry. "Baseball gave me the confidence to stand in front of huge crowds. Toastmasters afforded me the confidence to speak to those crowds."

Exact timing
It's no trivial matter to note the exactness of a meeting's start time and, for that matter, the planned closing of 8:58 pm. Because time, the one commodity we don't have an endless supply of, is held in high esteem by membership, so much so that most everything is put to the clock.

Each person who speaks, whether it be a formal speech, meeting overview, evaluation, or the spontaneously fun table topic presentations, is timed. The timer - members all fulfill roles in a meeting - is equipped with green, amber and red lights which turn on once the speaker hits a certain time.

So, for instance, the evening's first speaker, Kris Nelson, talking about "Convenience," was timed at 8 minutes and 19 seconds. She began by saying, "You're going to eat what I'm talking about." At 5 minutes, the green light went on. It became amber at 6 then red at 7, indicating she'd gone a bit long. She could have been excused on this night though as she adroitly multi-tasked by actually baking a tray of Rice Krispies squares at the same time.

Afterward, everyone had some. They were good; she was brilliant.

Open house
The Brooklin chapter opened its doors to visitors on March 12, although in reality, any meeting is sort of an open one. "We welcome anyone who comes in the door," they state. The meetings just don't all feature explanations of agenda items and tasty goodies like fruit trays and brownies.

Sitting in on a Toastmasters event, let alone participating in one (more about that later), was a surprisingly enjoyable experience. I envisioned stale talks by rank amateurs while critics armed with clipboards and checklists dissected every word. This was not the case at all. For one thing, each speaker seemed to enjoy the experience. The audience was warm and receptive, obviously tuned in to how difficult it is for most individuals to address a group. For another, the commentary presented later in the evening by another member focused more on what was good than less so.

It quickly became easy to see how those who lack confidence, especially with regard to speaking in front of others, learn skills which had been completely foreign to them, let alone terrifying. The March Open House, where attendees included a smattering of newbies and recent newbies, took everyone through a typical agenda.

Packed agenda
This included the loyal and royal toasts, introductions, overviews of what will happen and then the joke and word of the day, which was 'epitome.' One member, the Grammarian, was tasked with choosing the word and was also responsible for tracking who used it (just two) along with counting every speaker's ums and ahs, a nasty speaking habit Toastmasters tries to teach people to eliminate.

The highlight though was the Table Topics. Another member - on this day it was Al De Wachter - created

How To Have
A Winning Smile

Savaughn Goubourne, pictured on our front page on the left with fellow member Al De Wachter, was picked for the Table Topic entitled, "If you could have someone else's smile, which person would you choose."

In just under two minutes, Goubourne cleverly described how he'd want actor Will Smith's. The result was an entertaining talk that afforded him first prize in the weekly Toastmaster agenda item.

six topics. He'd pull someone from the membership, give them the topic, and they had mere seconds to prepare to talk about it, either as fact or fiction. What's more, the idea was to finish in under two minutes. These were the topics (total time taken in brackets):

- What does it mean when a wife says to her husband, "Honey we need to talk?" (1:05)
- Your car makes a funny chirping sound under the hood. What should you do now? (1:25)
- What does it typically mean when a husband says to his, "Honey, there's something I need to tell you?" (1:44)
- In hindsight, what class in school do you wish you had paid more attention to or taken more seriously? (2:58)
- If you could have someone else's smile, which person would you choose? (1:58)
- More than any other, what skill do you wish you could do better? (3:18)

Uh-oh: My turn
As the lone member of the press corps, I was happy to sit at the back with my brownie and watch how the evening unfolded. Till Mr. De Wachter reached the final Table Topic and called me up. I admit I wasn't fearful since I've made hundreds of presentations and given a great many talks over the years. As a retired teacher, being in front of a group never really fazed me.

So off I launched into an improvised meandering diatribe about not being able to fix anything at all, the one skill I wished I had. I talked too long (3:18), too much, too fast, and just tried too hard to be entertaining rather than informative. I slunk back to my seat and was told later I'd been guilty of two ums and ahs. Whatever my objective might

have been, I'm quite certain I didn't achieve it.

Still, it was fun. As De Wachter said later, "If you're going to join any club, this is the one to come to. We have fun. It's not always serious business."

About self-improvement
He would know. A member for three years, he says, "Self improvement is the bottom line. I've been in management for years and have done a lot of talks in front of people. There's a difference between knowing how to do that a little bit and being good at it. I always enjoyed it but wasn't necessarily good at it. Here, you get to sharpen your knife basically."

He adds, "The big thing is the self confidence to get in front of people and make sense in what you say. You can think on your feet. That's really what you learn.

"The point is that anyone can learn to speak in front of other people. It's not something you're born with. Some are better than others. There's mechanics, there are techniques you can learn. It has to do with eye contact and get to the point where you're comfortable. In my mind, there are three phases. The new person who gets up is thinking about himself. What am I doing with my hands and that sort of thing. The second is you focus on the people in front of you. Why are they doing what they're doing. How come they're not paying attention. Finally you get to the point where you're paying attention to your message. The rest falls into place. You're never perfect."

And, as Toastmasters boasts, you can learn to say anything better in a positive supportive environment, yummy snacks notwithstanding.

Most Durham Transit Fares Won't Rise

The Durham Region Transit Executive Committee recently discussed the 2019 Durham Region Transit (DRT) Business Plan and Budget.

Highlights of the 2019 operating and capital projects include the following customer-focused service priorities:

- Transit services increased by nearly 8,000 net additional service hours over a 12-month period spanning 2019-2020, including more service on DRT's busier routes and expansion of DRT's OnDemand service in north Durham.
- Effective May 1, 2019, all DRT fares to remain the same for the second year running, except for adult and youth single trips paid either with PRESTO or a paper ticket, which would see a nominal increase of five cents.

At a recent Durham Region Finance meeting, it was passed that Durham Region Transit implement a pilot this year that all riders 12 and under ride for free when accompanied by a fare payer. Details will be announced at a later date.

"DRT's 2019 budget reflects Durham Region's commitment to improving transit services for residents while ensuring affordability," says Shaun Collier, Chair of the Transit Executive Committee and Mayor of Ajax.

"The action items included in this year's budget support DRT's strategic objectives endorsed by the Transit Executive Committee," adds Vincent Patterson, General Manager of DRT.

Members of the public are invited to attend upcoming Public Information Centres (PICs) held in all municipalities throughout Durham Region. These well-attended sessions are part of DRT's continued commitment to engage with our customers and solicit meaningful feedback to help shape transit services in Durham for 2020 and beyond.

PICs start April 1. Visit durhamregiontransit.com for more information.



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We look forward to having all Brooklin residents come out to help clean up their local parks and neighbourhoods. So grab your family, friends and neighbours and come out to Pitch In! You may even win a prize!

Your first step is to meet up on the Pitch-in Brooklin Facebook page. Friend us, post an idea and connect with others in the community so we can work together to pitch in for Brooklin.

Special thanks to the Brooklin Spring Fair Board for providing prizes. If you are interested in sponsoring this event or being a Park Captain, please e-mail **Michael_argue@hotmail.com**.

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Corrections from March 15 issue:

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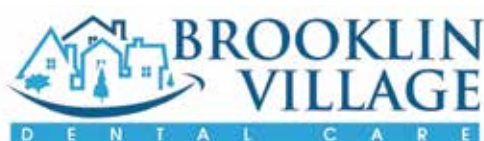
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Town Hall Meeting About Human Trafficking

The Brooklin Legion will be the location of a Town Hall meeting on Saturday, April 13, 1 to 3 pm, to examine Human Trafficking. Members of the DRPS Human Trafficking Division will be on hand.

This first ever event is being hosted by North Ward Councillor Steve Lee, Regional Councillor Elizabeth Roy and Deputy Mayor Rhonda Mulcahy along with Durham District School Board Trustee Niki Lundquist.

Parents and teachers of youth are encouraged to attend as this informative afternoon could change the lives of those close to you.



SHOP & SWAP

March 30th
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2-4 pm
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7-9pm
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Earth Hour
Saturday, March 30, from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. residents and businesses are encouraged to join the Town in turning off all non-essential lighting and electrical equipment during Earth Hour.
whitby.ca/earthhour

Youth Rooms
Youth ages 12 to 18 years can drop in to any Youth Room on April 3 at 4:30 p.m. to compete in a pool tournament or April 12 at 4:30 p.m. to celebrate National Grilled Cheese Day.
whitby.ca/youthrooms

Free Public Skating
Saturday, April 13, from 2 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. at Iroquois Park Sports Centre, IKEA Arena 5. Sponsored by Okanagan.
whitby.ca/calendar

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Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole
April 1 at 7 p.m.

Committee of the Whole
April 8 at 7 p.m.

Council
April 15 at 7 p.m.

Meetings take place at Town Hall, 575 Rossland Road East.

For more information, contact clerks@whitby.ca or 905.430.4315
whitby.ca/civicweb

News

Town Responds to Provincial Review of Regional Government
A provincial review of regional government is now underway. Learn about the Town's response to the review and how you can share your thoughts with the province at whitby.ca/news

Notices

2019 Road-Related Construction Projects Community Open House
On Tuesday, April 16, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. residents are invited to drop in to the Regal Room at the Centennial Building (416 Centre Street South) to learn about the Town's 2019 road-related construction projects.
whitby.ca/notices

Help Keep Our Town Clean
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Durham Transit Hosting Public Information Centres

Durham Region Transit (DRT) is pleased to announce upcoming Public Information Centres (PICs). These well-attended public forums, held annually in each municipality throughout Durham Region, are designed to solicit public feedback on

proposed changes and enhancements to DRT services. “The public input we receive at the PICs each year is invaluable: it is a great opportunity for our customers to have their voices heard and

provide feedback on our services,” says Vincent Patterson, General Manager. “Our customers play a key role in helping to shape the future of Durham Region Transit services, for 2020 and beyond.”

investment of nearly 8,000 new annualized service hours.

The PICs will be held at the following locations starting April 1, 2019

**Central Durham
Durham Region Headquarters**
Monday, April 1
10:00 to 12:00
605 Rossland Rd. E., Whitby

Oshawa Centre
Thursday, April 4 • 16:00 to 20:00
Saturday, April 6 • 11:00 to 15:00
419 King St. W., Oshawa

Iroquois Park Sports Centre
Wednesday, April 10
18:00 to 20:00
500 Victoria St. W., Whitby

For more information, including a preview of the proposed 2019 DRT service enhancements, visit durhamregiontransit.com/PICs.

Community Calendar

**Fri., March 29: 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., March 31: 7:30-9 pm:
Trivia Night**
At MichaelKelly'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**
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Sat., April 20: 10 am to 2 pm: Annual Easter Egg & Scavenger Hunt
Hosted by 2nd Brooklin Scouts At Brooklin Kinsman Park (behind Brooklin Community Centre), 8 Vipond Rd \$5 per participant Children 7 and younger will collect eggs found in the woods. Those 6 and older can hunt for clues in the field for the Scavenger Hunt (trivia questions, hidden creatures, solve puzzles) Loot bags for all paying participants and prizes for top scavengers and most eggs collected. Crests for all Scouting/Guiding members.

Wed., April 24: 7:30 pm: Whitby in Bloom Presents Tara Nolan on "Raised Bed Gardening"
At Brooklin United Church Learn how to create your own oasis and the benefits of raised bed gardens that allow you to garden almost anywhere. Space is limited. Register and reserve your spot early at whitby.ca/whitbyinbloom.

Sat., April 27: 9 am-11 am: Pitch-In Brooklin
At all Brooklin parks Check it out on Facebook to win prizes For more info, email: Michael_argue@hotmail.com

Sat., May 4: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm:
St. Thomas' Anglican Church Spring Market Bazaar

Sun., May 5 - 6th Annual Autism Awareness Run/Walk (5k Run or 1K walk)
8 am registration - 9 am opening From Anderson CVI in Whitby All proceeds to our charity CCRW and will pay for our program SOAR, a summer employment program for teens and young adults with Autism. A Family Friendly event centered around supporting the autism community. Face painting, live music, refreshments, live mascots, prizes and more! We will also be protesting the new OAP plan and

will have local MPPs and petitions on site. Contact details: **Kara Onofrio: 416-333-3858 autismangels.com**

**Wed., May 22: 7:30 pm
Whitby in Bloom Presents: Carol Pasternak on "Drama in the Butterfly Garden"**
At Brooklin United Church Learn how to focus on the life in your yard. Will feature a book signing of "How to Raise Monarch Butterflies, a Step-by-Step Guide for Kids." Space is limited. Register and reserve your spot early at whitby.ca/whitbyinbloom.

Sun., May 26: 9 am - 12 pm: Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides
Hosted by Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides At Brooklin's Pet Value store **Visit: walkfordogguides.com/locations/walk.cfm?ID=1981**

Thurs., June 13: 1:30 pm:
14th annual "Fore the Future" Charity Golf Classic At Royal Ashburn Golf and Country Club. Proceeds to programs supporting children and youth in care throughout Durham. For more information or to register, contact Sian Gibson, Executive Director sian.gibson@durhamcaf.ca

Sat., June 15: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Nova's Ark's 9th Annual Friendship Walk.
3 km walk from Grass Park led by Bing the camel Fundraiser to help maintain our unique program facility. Music from The Working Dawgs, face painting and hands-on interaction with therapy animals. Nova's Ark Charity is a not-for-profit organization based in Brooklin that provides individualized programs for people of all ages and abilities. To register for the Friendship Walk or to make a donation, visit www.novasark.ca.

French Family Storytime:
Children and their caregivers can join Madame Sue for weekly French Family Storytime! A half hour of French stories and songs, with a dash of English! Drop in at Central Library's Children's Program Room

Tuesdays: 7:25 pm: Brooklin Toastmasters Club
Practice public speaking at Brooklin Community Centre & Library. Contact John Johnstone at jajhj@sympatico.ca or phone 905-683-4439 or Patricia Romano at promano257@outlook.com or phone 905-626-7055.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays Community Care Durham (CCD) Basic Foot Care
at St. Thomas' Anglican Church. 905-668-6779

Mon.-Fri. CCD delivers hot or frozen meals.
To order: Karen Andrews 905-668-6779

“The annual PICs are an important opportunity for our Service Design team to speak directly with our customers and gain meaningful insight to ensure we provide services where they're the most effective,” adds Christopher Norris, DRT Manager of Customer Experience.

Information will also be available at the PICs about the 2019 DRT Service Plan, which focuses on enhancing the Frequent Network, continued expansion to new communities and employment areas, advancing transit in north Durham, and providing additional capacity on DRT's busiest transit routes. The DRT 2019 Service Plan presents an

Durham Film Office Hosts Locations Seminar

The Durham Region Film Office recently hosted the Film Durham: Locations Seminar to educate local homeowners and business operators about listing and marketing their properties as potential filming locations. Topics covered included marketing locations, scouting and site visits, preparing for the production community and much more.

“Durham has a unique mix of landscapes and sites that attract producers. As a result, we've seen a growing demand for more filming in the region,” says Simon Gill, Director of Economic Development and Tourism. “Film Durham is developing resources and education, such as this seminar, to foster partnerships and create more opportunities for film production in Durham.”

The seminar outlined the process for listing properties in the Film Durham and Ontario Creates digital location libraries, and featured a panel discussion with location managers and film professionals. Key-note speakers from Film Durham and Ontario Creates highlighted the important role that Durham Region

plays in Ontario's film and television industry.

The Durham Region Film Office, also known as “Film Durham,” is a member of the Association of Film Commissioners International, operating within the Region's Planning and Economic Development Department, with the goal of attracting film-related investment to the region.

With production activity in the region totaling \$37.1 million in 2017, the film industry is making a positive economic impact across Durham. Film Durham offers a number of resources about this growing industry, including a complete **Guide to Filming in Durham Region** and a **Film Durham-Digital Locations Portal—an online resource**, which showcases the excellent film locations that the region has to offer, and features location tours and information on productions shot in Durham.

Visit durham.ca/film for more information on film production in Durham Region.



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Burns Presbyterian Church
765 Myrtle Rd West
(just 4 minutes north of Brooklin)
10am Worship, Kids Zone Fun & Nursery Care
"Discovering God, Sharing God's Love"
905.655.8509 www.burnschurch.org

Brooklin United Church
19 Cassels Rd. E.
Sundays 10:30 am • Sunday School & Nursery Care
Come catch the Spirit!
www.brooklinunited.ca 905.655.4141

Renaissance Baptist Church of Brooklin
40 Vipond Road (Just West Of Library)
Sunday Worship & Kids Program 10:30 am
We're here for Brooklin!
905.655.4554 www.brooklinrbc.ca

Brooklin Village Church
At Brooklin High School, 20 Carnwith Drive W.
Sundays, 10:30 am
Our Mission is to share the love of Christ as we live out our calling to become more like Him.
www.brooklinvillagechurch.com

St. Thomas' Anglican Church
101 Winchester Road East
Sunday Services: 8:30 and 10:30 am
Sunday School & Nursery Program (10:30am)
Wednesday 10:00 am Communion & Healing Service
Celebrating 150 years in Brooklin
"Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we welcome you!"
905.655.3883 www.stthomasbrooklin.ca

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.

BHS Students To Join Province-Wide Walkout

If you happen to be in the vicinity of Brooklin High on the afternoon of Thursday, April 4, expect to see dozens, perhaps even hundreds, of students gathered in front of the school with placards and signs. They'll be protesting Premier Doug Ford's education cuts.

The province-wide walkout will take place from 1:15 to 2:15 that day, which coincides with the last class of the day at BHS. Megan Johnson, 15, a grade 10 student, will be among those protesting. She's been motivated by how the cuts will affect a friend's autistic sister as well as what it will do to the school's thriving arts programs.

"Without proper funding," she says, "a lot of students who rely on the arts programs may suffer."

As the walkout gains social media attention and momentum, what's started out as a few dozen students has already blossomed into over 100 with the prospective of a great many more.

While teachers, such as Johnson's, aren't specifically permitted to voice opinions, they also aren't permitted to "punish" students for participating in the event, according to Johnson. Citing both the Education Act



and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, she says the students have every right to protest so long as it's peaceful, absent of derogatory signage, and on school grounds. Her own parents have been completely supportive of her participation.

"Generally, most people at school feel they should protest in some way," she adds. "There aren't many I've seen who don't agree."

"We want our voices to be heard. After all, in 10 years, we'll be the ones who will need to clean up the mess."

And, in less than half that time, students like Johnson will also be eligible to vote.

Deputy Mayor - Rhonda Mulcahy



Thanks for Nothing, LPAT

I know what you're thinking. What the heck is LPAT? Welcome to the world of government acronyms. LPAT stands for Land Planning Appeal Tribunal, the replacement name for the former OMB (Ontario Municipal Board) Hearings. And, as it turns out for Brooklinites, a new name for the same ol', same ol'.

For years, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) had lobbied to have the OMB's review process changed. Municipalities felt that decision-making was being taken away from them in favour of a high tier government with little knowledge of the area. So, with the idea being there would be a greater ability for a municipality to weigh in on local developments, LPAT was created.

Last Monday, council received notice from the Town's legal team that we had lost the appeal by Brooklin Meadows (the land owner) for the zoning change for the northeast corner of Carnwith and Baldwin (directly across from Brooklin High). It seems the Tribunal felt the Town and the dozens of residents who attended the hearing didn't know as much as it did about the area. The Tribunal stated that future commercial development in the surrounding area would suffice. (We will be waiting a while for some of those sites to come on line. For instance, the cement factory next to the school isn't going anywhere anytime soon to make way for commercial development)

This is NOT a case of NIMBYism. The residents who bought prop-

erties backing onto the site did so **knowing** that the zoning was designated special commercial and fully expected to see commercial on that site. In fact, they sat through five days of an appeal to fight FOR commercial on the site.

Instead it appears we will see yet more townhomes built on an infill site that was designated for anything but.

This has nothing to do townhomes. They just should not be on that site. I am, however, against having townhomes higher than two storeys because, simply put, they are not compatible with seniors wanting to downsize and having to manage multiple flights of stairs. I suppose the market is driving the developer to insist on building this style of housing as opposed to something actually useful for our community.

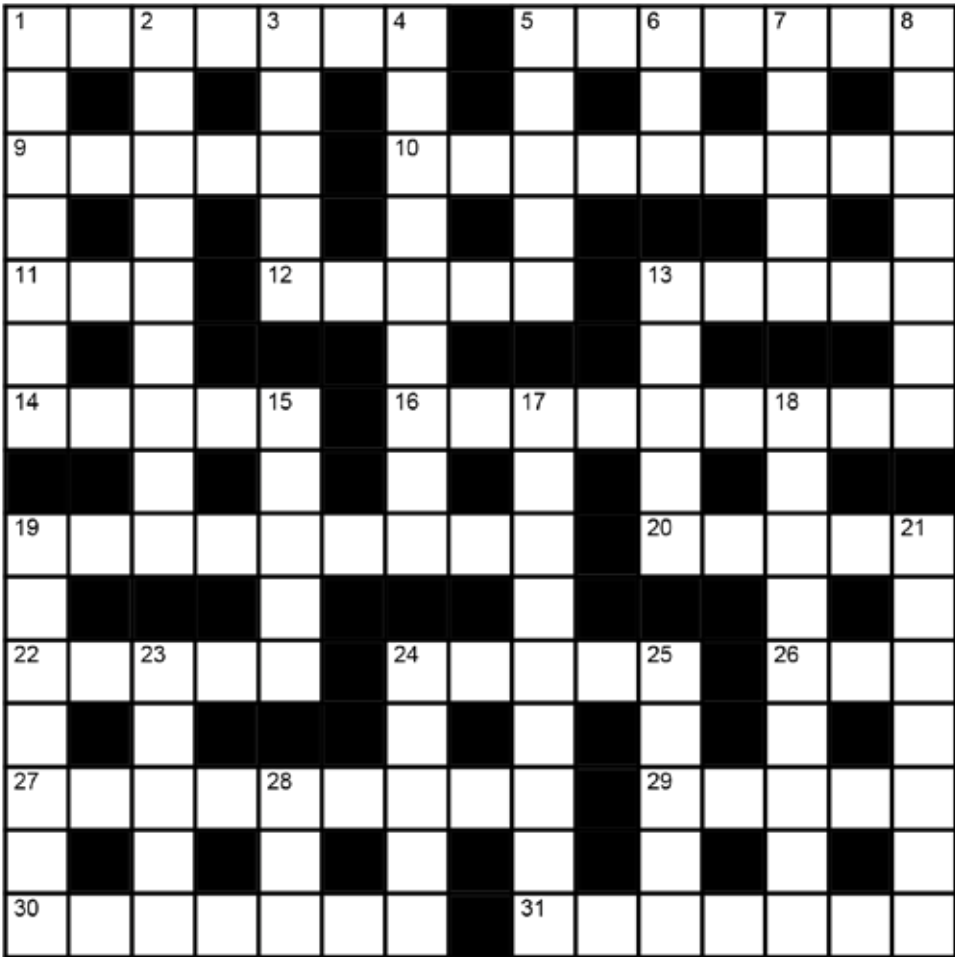
That corner is part of what I consider our downtown with one entryway, if you will, from the north. Two of the other corners are already residential. Frankly, we could have done much better on this site than more of the same.

In its myopic, ignorant decision, LPAT concluded it knew more than any of us about our own community and more than our previous council which unanimously agreed to launch the appeal.

So, LPAT, once again, thanks - for nothing.

Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe

Crossword



Across

- 1 Type of vat used on laundry day. (7)
- 5 Feline dinner. (3,4)
- 9 Insect stage (5)
- 10 A vast plain in Tanzania to the west of the Great Rift Valley (9)
- 11 Sharp turn (3)
- 12 Strong string (5)
- 13 Attack suddenly and without warning (5)
- 14 In a state of mental numbness (5)
- 16 Adapt (9)
- 19 A commercial compound, used in the treatment of arthritis. (9)
- 20 The excrement of sea birds; used as fertilizer (5)
- 22 Of large size for its weight (5)
- 24 Assumed name (5)
- 26 Sticky stuff (3)
- 27 Destroy the peace or tranquility of (9)
- 29 Japanese-American (5)
- 30 "That's ____" (4,3)
- 31 Football stat (7)

Down

- 1 To make a sound, as an object passing swiftly through the air. (7)
- 2 Someone indifferent to the busy world (9)
- 3 Rainbow ____ (5)
- 4 A form of torture in which the soles of the feet are beaten with whips or cudgels (9)
- 5 Cut or slice into pieces (5)

- 6 A silvery malleable metallic element that resists corrosion (3)
- 7 A dagger mark. In old manuscripts or editions of the classics, it marks suspected passages or readings (5)
- 8 Very light rain (7)
- 13 Flashy, ostentatious jewellery (5)
- 15 Consider as a god or godlike (5)
- 17 The science of matter (9)
- 18 Absence of the sense of pain without loss of consciousness (9)
- 19 Taxi drivers. (7)
- 21 Any compound, usually explosive, formed by the addition of ozone to the double or triple bond of an organic compound. (7)
- 23 Numbers game (5)
- 24 Full of activity (5)
- 25 Whale finder (5)
- 28 Confederate soldier. (3)





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