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Clean Energy Award Won By Brooklin Woman

(See the story on page 3)



Hockey action in Quebec City!

Whitby Pee Wees tie Carolina 1-1 in Quebec International Pee Wee Tournament action last week. This goal was scored by Brooklin's Nathan Taylor (not in view). Whitby went on to win the game 2-1. For more, see page 5.

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Less than Half the Picture *By Richard Bercuson*



The Day the Snowmen Died

Brooklin, 2043 - When Brooklin attained provincehood status in 2034, newly minted Premier Rhonda Mulcahy proudly pointed to the community's crime-free history as a Whitby suburb. Even her opponent in that first election, Lorne Coe, admitted the fledgling province was off on the right foot.

Major crimes were practically non-existent. While some Brooklin residents had been charged with crimes outside the area, none had been arrested for locally crimes committed. One young man serving time for a minor drug charge confessed that committing a crime in Brooklin was like robbing your grandmother. Besides,

he said, there were just too many cameras and too many people who knew everything about everyone. "I'm not the smartest bulb in the drawer," he said from his cell. "But I know there are much lesser and fewer risks stealing somewhere else."



A Brooklin snowman is approached by its assailant whose flying sidekick leaves the victim with just a third of its former self.

Then, seemingly randomly, petty crimes increased. By 2037, graffiti started to appear on trees. Stop signs were painted yellow. Barking dogs were secretly snuck fattening treats; the picturesque streets had desperate owners trying to get their rotund woofers to walk off the weight. Recycle bins were moved to adjacent streets, pitting neighbours against each other.

No one can pinpoint exactly when the trouble began. However, a Brooklin Provincial Police (BPP) behaviour and historical data analyst (BEHIDA) did submit a report in late 2038 that suggested the wave of petty and "really stupid" criminal activity actually had its genesis 20 years earlier. The report, which was ignored, was recently unearthed by an intrepid Brooklin Town Crier reporter who'd just returned from an assignment covering the secession of California from the United States.

The report stated that in February of 2018, a series of attacks on snowmen in Brooklin were not investigated by what was then Whitby police. Despite video evidence, police didn't seem motivated to address the crimes. One officer, wishing to remain anonymous, cracked wise that the snowmen would have died anyway in the spring. Hastening their demise, however violently, he added, just saved everyone emotional trauma later on.

For some years after, Brooklin remained relatively quiet, although every couple of years, attacks on snowmen (and igloos and forts) resumed. No one was ever arrested and the crimes remained unsolved on both the Whitby and BPP books.

The analyst, now retired, still believes that had the snowman attacks been investigated and solved, the later crime surge would not have occurred.

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Whitby Youth Rooms

Youth ages 12 to 18 years are invited to drop in to any Youth Room on February 22, at 4 p.m. for a Just Dance Competition. whitby.ca/youthrooms

Black History Month Panel Discussion

Sunday, February 25, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Whitby Public Library. Presented by the Congress of Black Women of Canada (Ajax/Pickering Chapter), Durham Welcome Centre and Immigrant Services, Culture Expressions Art Gallery Inc. and the Whitby Public Library. Register at whitbylibrary.ca/events

March Break Camp

March 12 to 16, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Brooklin Community Centre and Library. Register at whitby.ca/getactive

whitby.ca/calendar

Council Meetings

Council
February 20 at 7 p.m.

Special Council (Budget)
February 22 at 7 p.m.

Planning and Development Committee
February 26 at 7 p.m.

These meetings will take place at Town Hall, 575 Rossland Road East. For a full listing, visit whitby.ca/civicweb

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Notices

2018 Interim Tax Bill Due February 22

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The first instalment of the Interim Tax Billing for 2018 is due February 22. For more information on how payment can be made, visit whitby.ca/tax or call 905.430.4304

News

All 2018 Community Development Fund Applications Due by March 31

Community groups in need of financial support for initiatives and projects this year can apply to the Mayor's Community Development Fund and Performing Arts Community Development Fund. The final deadline for all 2018 applications is March 31. whitby.ca/communityfunds

New 2018 Spring / Summer Activity Guide

The new Activity Guide will be available at whitby.ca/getactive starting February 19. As of that date, you can go online to browse the new guide, and create and save activity wish lists in advance of registration.

Holiday Waste Collection

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Local Resident Wins Clean Energy Award

By Richard Bercuson

It may not be the sexiest topic around the dinner table. However, what Canada is doing to transition to clean and renewable energy systems and how we go about it is the cornerstone of Sarah Petrean's career with Clean Energy Canada, a privately funded non-partisan NGO.

Last September, the Brooklin resident was the recipient of the Clean 50 Energy Leader Award which recognizes outstanding contributions to sustainable development and is given to those who have made out-sized contributions to the program.

During her time with the organization, a think-tank affiliated with Simon Fraser University, Petrean is merely following her heart from when she was a child. She recalls hearing about chloro fluoro carbons and the dangers of the diminishing ozone layer. Reduce, reuse and recycle was the mantra back then. She'd tell her parents not to toss sway straws, that everything had its purpose.

Political background
Life's twists and turns drew her into politics for a decade in various roles from being a communications director to a cabinet minister's chief of staff. However, those years were hardly wasted as her insider's knowledge of the political world has stood her in good stead in understanding how to deal with governments on this important topic.

"After politics," she says, "I decided to go back to my roots. I asked myself how I could make a difference and change things."

This led her to a stint as Director of Public Affairs for the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation. "I enjoyed my time there, but I really felt a piece of the puzzle was missing."

The pieces are falling into place for Petrean who works at determining what are good climate change action plans. For instance, with respect to government procurement - "a bit boring but super important" - she attempts to make governments understand the need to buy the right things. As she says, governments spend a lot. How and why are another matter.

Her recent article on the Clean Energy site (cleanenergycanada.org/people/sarah-petrean) was on that very topic.

"Consider the scale of government



procurement: it represents 13 percent of the combined GDP of OECD nations. Governments wield a tremendous amount of economic heft through the volume of goods and services they purchase. Procurement by all levels of government accounts for close to 33 percent of government expenditures across this country, or slightly more than 13 percent of Canada's entire GDP.

Canada can lead
"In short, procurement creates big demand, and demand helps create markets. By factoring carbon pollution into its procurement process, Canada can stimulate or lead markets in the direction of low-carbon goods and services. This is a tried-and-tested approach. At least 56 other national governments and many local ones use procurement to meet environmental and economic goals."

Over the next few years, Petrean says the impetus will be on convincing governments, specifically Ontario's, to make solid policy on climate change which, she admits, can seem like a scary subject.

The right direction
"The interesting thing we now see," she adds, "is that they're all talking about it. People see how there are implications to what governments do or not do. Certainly, we're heading in the right direction. It's a vastly different scene now than a few years ago. Even large companies like Shell are investing heavily in renewable energy. Others like HP are doing amazing things to reduce their carbon footprints."

As to Canada's contribution, Petrean feels that in some areas, we do quite well. "Parts of Canada, like Quebec and BC, are geographically blessed in that their electricity is hydro powered. Ontario's nuclear power has zero emissions. Then, on the other hand, you have the Alberta oil sands which has a huge carbon emissions component.

"We're not yet a leader, but that's not to say we can't be or won't be. Give it a bit of time. I sometimes wish people had more of mindset that we can do this vs. we can't. We need to get people, especially in politics where everyone just wants to get elected, to see this topic as a priority.

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Our Brooklin Kids By Leanne Brown



Are January babies more likely to be Olympians?

(Part One of Three)

Ever wondered what it takes to be an Olympian? If your child was born in January, you might have the making of a champion on your hands. Why? Research indicates that your birth month has a big impact on your chances of becoming an elite athlete.

Researchers analyzed the birth dates of all 18,132 competitors at the 2008 Olympic Games and discovered there were more competitors born in the first quarter of the year than any other. Moreover, a study published in the online science journal PLOS ONE suggests the NHL is guilty of an age bias because it weighs its draft selections more heavily in favour of players born earlier in the year. The report found that 36 per cent of players drafted by NHL teams between 1980 and 2007

were born in the first quarter of those years (January to March) compared with 14.5 per cent of draftees who were born in the fourth quarter (October-December).

Born early

Research by Barnsley, Thompson, & Barnsley (1985; Morris & Nevill, 2006) suggests that elite athletes are more likely to be born in the first three months of the year. Overall, the findings seem to show that children born immediately after the cut-off date for their sports (typically Jan. 1) are usually bigger and more likely to be picked in their early years leading to a significant cumulative advantage over the years of participating in their sport. This is known as The Relative Age Effect which creates an advantage to those born earlier.

To put it in perspective, consider the huge difference in development between two eight year olds born the same year. They're both trying out for a rep soccer team. Ally was born in January, Briana in December. The coach plans to choose athletes he thinks have the most potential. Ally is 11 months older and has developed more in strength, skill, and emotional maturity. Briana will develop these abilities over the next year. Ally makes the rep team and benefits from more training and higher competition. At tryouts the next year, Briana has played another year of house league and has caught up somewhat to where Ally was at tryouts last year. Yet Ally is now even further ahead thanks to the advanced training.

may look less skilled and less talented than her peers simply because she is less strong, less fast, and perhaps less athletic at this age and stage of maturation. However, your child might have the potential to become the greatest player in history by age 18. But if she gets cut at age 8, and subsequently put in a program with less training, she will miss the most important years of development. She might just drop out of the sport altogether.

Does this mean your December born child is destined for a life of riding the bench or house league? Not necessarily...

Next issue: How Canada's Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) program is influencing sport and your coaches' decisions.

Prevalent in physical sports

It is most relevant in more physical team sports like hockey or soccer than non-contact sports where selection into elite levels begins as early age 10. The bias is to give older children more opportunities to succeed in sport. These older players may have as much as 11 months more physical and mental development than some of their younger teammates born later the same year. Over time, that cumulative effect can see the older athlete develop significantly more than those given less opportunity. This effect is even more pronounced on two-year age span teams, such as minor-major in hockey.

What happens to Briana? If your child happens to have a younger relative age than other kids, she



A Brooklin Toddler's Random Thoughts

"What a day!"

Community Calendar

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.

Fri., Feb. 23: 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.

Wed., Feb. 28: 7:30 pm - Brooklin Horticultural Society Membership Evening

Featuring: Diane Stackhouse & Brian McLatchie: "Making of a Country Garden" Brooklin United Church, 19 Cassels Road East. Explore a variety of perennials in garden areas such as an old barn foundation garden, a shade garden, and a small vegetable garden. Arrive early for draw tickets, & enjoy refreshments (please lug-a-mug). New members are welcome! For more information, contact Kathy @ [905-430-7213](tel:905-430-7213), kathyallam@hotmail.ca

Sun., March 4: 11 am - 6 pm: Hurry Up and Wait: Thinking about Thinking with HD

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Sun., March 4: 7:00 pm - Brooklin Pub Quiz Night

\$15 per person for a team of 4-8. Teams of 6 are best. Team gets a platter of wings and fries and a mug of beer. Winning team receives a \$10 gift certificate per person to the Brooklin Pub. All proceeds to Pulmonary Hypertension of Canada. Hints: 1. LEGO 2. Tripitaka

Mon., April 9: 7-9 pm: Shine On: An Exciting Event for Women
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Sat., April 14: 7-11 p.m.: Mayor's Community Fundraiser

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Wed., Mar. 7: 12-1:30pm - Community Seniors' Luncheon

At Burns Church (Myrtle Rd W.) Soup, sandwiches and games/euchre/crokinole. Building wheelchair accessible. RSVP [905-655-8509](tel:905-655-8509) (carpool avail.) www.burnschurch.org

Mondays: 6:30-7 pm: 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

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Brooklin Kids Play In Quebec Tourney



The Whitby Pee Wee AA hockey team, featuring 10 Brooklin kids, spent last week in Quebec City playing in the prestigious Quebec International Pee Wee Tournament. This is the same tournament, now in its 59th year, that once featured the likes of Guy Lafleur, Mario Lemieux, and Auston Matthews.

The team, which sports a regular season record of 29-0-2 and the only Ontario AA team competing, has been placed in the elite division. The squad won its first game in overtime 2-1 in against the Lehigh Valley Phantoms from Pennsylvania. Later on, they lost an exhibition game 4-2 to a Swiss team.

The coaching staff, all Brooklin residents, include Head Coach Jordan Boyle, trainer Graham Taylor, goalie coach Pete Mahoney and manager Tatjana Monk.

Brooklin players are: Declan Boyle, Nathan Taylor, Carter Hudson, Owen Slater, Conner Mahoney, Alexander Mouti, Matthew Monk, Zach Labovich, Liam Powell, Brady Davidson

Other team members from Whitby: Brayden Hicks, Ryan Lloyd, Brett Hardy, Max McKie, Kayden Hambly, Josh Cuillerier, Mathew Martel


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Normal Collection Day	Area #	Revised Collection Day		
		Green Bin	Recycling	Garbage
Mon. Feb. 19 (Family Day)	1	Tues. Feb. 20	Tues. Feb. 20	Tues. Feb. 20
Mon. Feb. 19 (Family Day)	2	Tues. Feb. 20	Tues. Feb. 20	No Collection
Tues. Feb. 20	3	Wed. Feb. 21	Wed. Feb. 21	Wed. Feb. 21
Tues. Feb. 20	4	Wed. Feb. 21	Wed. Feb. 21	No Collection
Wed. Feb. 21	5	Thurs. Feb. 22	Thurs. Feb. 22	Thurs. Feb. 22
Wed. Feb. 21	6	Thurs. Feb. 22	Thurs. Feb. 22	No Collection
Thurs. Feb. 22	7	Fri. Feb. 23	Fri. Feb. 23	Fri. Feb. 23
Thurs. Feb. 22	8	Fri. Feb. 23	Fri. Feb. 23	No Collection
Fri. Feb. 23	9	Sat. Feb. 24	Sat. Feb. 24	Sat. Feb. 24
Fri. Feb. 23	10	Sat. Feb. 24	Sat. Feb. 24	No Collection

Questions? Contact the Whitby Operations Centre at 905.668.3437, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or pw.operations@whitby.ca

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Bryson Donates To Charities

Our Councillor's Report by Rhonda Mulcahy

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



During its 10th Annual Pumpkin Giveaway last year, Bryson Insurance raised \$7,000 for local charities. In the photo, the group presents a \$2,000 cheque to Stefanie Molica of Autism Ontario - Durham Region. Monies raised will support sending kids to camp including Nova's Ark Page and WindReach Farm, both in Whitby. Another \$5,000 was donated to

Grandview Children's Centre to support the development of its new location in Ajax.

Pictured from left to right: John Bryson, Rosemary Astley, Rafay Saeed, James Turner, Rose Kelman, Scott Bryson, Tobi McLeod, Dennis Downey, Stefanie Molica, Carly Kurysh, Tracy Makris, George Ciobanu, Kyle Paterson



The 4-1-1 on the 9-1-1

Last Monday night, the Operations Committee had a report about property sign numbers. I suspect this will pass without fanfare next Monday at council given the tone of our conversations this past week. In it are guidelines for residents about the size, shape, colour etc. of their house numbers.

This isn't something we're going to be heavy hitting with as it's more for community safety than anything. The crux of it is that all house numbers need to be legible for emergency services. So those with script-like fonts with numbers written out on the front of your garage should consider ensuring the house number is also visible numerically.

Additionally, the report addresses the long overdue 9-1-1 signs for our

rural areas. Yes, finally. Our rural areas, excluding the little hamlets, will soon have those obvious blue 9-1-1 signs you see in other municipalities.

The Budget

In addition to our agenda that night, we also held the public meeting portion of the budget. It was well attended (by staff), ironic given it's easily one of the hottest topics at the door during an election. I suspect it will be again this year as candidates start their journeys in May. This year's budget is what we call an election year budget. You can read it at whitby.ca/budget.

What you will see is significant investment into infrastructure for our future growth.

When your tax bill arrives, it will say

Town of Whitby on the envelope as the Town collects the taxes. But what isn't always clear is that 53% of the tax bill goes to the Region and another 14% to Education. The Town retains 33%. We also have other revenue sources, such as user fees and transfers (gas tax being one).

The Town operates on a budget of \$124.4 million. Of that, the top three expenses (in thousands) are Roads (\$467), Fire (\$445) and Facilities, Parks and Trails. (\$277).

Of note for our ward is on page 248: Brooklin Indoor Recreation Facility, \$45.8M (2019-2022). I wish I could share more on this. But for now, you know the budget and the timeline. I hope to have something to share on this soon.

Page 252 shows four new local parks and six new district parks at \$13.2M (this will also include some West Whitby parks). Our Brooklin Secondary Plan will show you the areas these parks are earmarked for.

This year, we are making significant investment in things that will be invisible to many. It's the cost of doing business. Our Service Delivery Review (SDR) indicated the serious need for investments in digitization services at the Town. So we are doing it. With it will come easier access and transparency. The Corporate IT Strategy is also being worked on and is simply part of our evolution.

I am always available to answer questions on the budget. Email me anytime. The overall tax increase is 0.98%. February 22nd is budget night.

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Public Notice 2018 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 2018 Municipal Election to be held on Monday, October 22, 2018 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 he/she files 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 his/her election campaign are contributions.

Take notice that nominations will be received by the Regional Clerk for the municipal election to be held on October 22, 2018 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.

Nomination Procedure:

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Blooming in Brooklin By Ken Brown



A Garden's Food for Thought

70!

That's my optimism for the coming season. I've been perusing seed catalogues, a favourite activity this time of year. It's warm, comfortable and almost completely stress free. I seem to have ordered 70 different varieties of vegetables for this summer's garden. Mind you, that's only 33 different vegetables because we need at least four kinds of tomatoes and a few peppers, etc.

Yes, almost stress free. Still, making tough decisions about what to keep on the list and what to pass up can be somewhat stressful. Convincing the Assistant Gardener that the \$221 I spent on seeds is a good investment isn't so stressful because we'll eat several vegetables with each meal from May to November, about 220 days.

A dollar a day

Fresh, organic vegetables for about a dollar a day sounds like a bargain to me. That also includes a gym membership I won't need because of the physical benefits of spending a couple of hours daily in the garden.

Seed packages usually contain more than I need and most remain viable for at least a couple of years. Each year I throw away older seed packets. But this year I was really organized and created a spreadsheet to keep track. I retained the seeds worth about half of the \$221 and added new ones to make up the other half. The result is an expenditure of a little more than \$100 to feed us for eight months. Now that's a bargain!

One great thing about all those seeds is February gardening. I'll be in the basement sowing them almost every week from the end of February until early May. Sowing and transplanting is a great activity for the worst days of winter and my gardener's soul gets thoroughly fed. Then I can go skiing on the sunny days.

Like chess pieces

To move things about to find the space I need to accommodate those wonderful little plants is a bit of a chess game. Eventually I run out of room and those plants need to be moved to the heated cold

frame outside. By the time I'm sowing the latest seeds like cucumbers, zucchini and melons, I'll already be planting the earliest cool season vegetables such as pak choi, cauliflower and kohlrabi to make room for the late ones. It really is a wonderfully therapeutic activity.

How do I decide when to plant what? I dig out my last column or check my web page at **gardening-enjoyed.com** where all that information can be found.

I do grow a few flowers. The begonia seedlings are slowly getting big enough to transplant. The gerani-

ums that have been growing from the cuttings I made last fall are big enough to cut back and produce a double crop. The marigold, morning glory and sweet pea seeds I ordered with the vegetables will get sown at the appropriate times so they can do their double duty.

Marigolds get planted in various locations in the vegetable garden to help deter some insects while the other two join the beans and peas on their trellises to make them more colourful.

Growing from seeds is really the one of the most interesting and exciting garden activities.



Which is Brooklin's oldest house?

Is it the house (above) at 1225 Columbus Rd. West? The current owner is Al Barrett who's lived there for 50 years and practically rebuilt the place. Before him, Warner Lynn lived in the house for 99 years, according to a Lynn relative. Before the Lynns, so goes the claim, the Trulls, United Empire loyalists from Pennsylvania, built the house in 1783.

However, according to former Whitby archivist Brian Winter, the house at 42 Cassels Rd. east is the winner. It was built by Dr. James Hunter, in 1845 and was Dr. McKinney's last home in the 1980s and '90s.

Winter says there were no houses in this area dating back to 1783 since the first settler did not come to Whitby Township until 1794.



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