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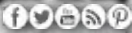
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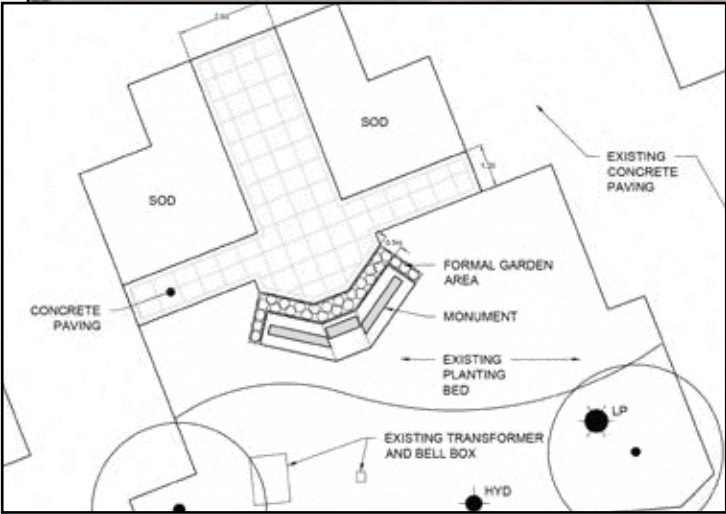
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Less than Half the Picture: *By Richard Bercuson*



A Cautionary Tale?

Where will you stand on this story?

About 120 km northwest of Brooklin sits the wee town of Mono, Ontario. Its sister community, Stereo, is nestled on the eastern side of the Hockley Valley. (Stop! The second sentence is fake news.)

In Mono, population 7,546, there's a wiz-bang of a basketball player named Bryce Dennis. Brycey Buckets, as he's called, just turned nine years old. In community ball, he plays with older kids because the rules permit it. In his elementary school though, he's been deemed ineligible to play for the grade 4-6 squad since he's only in grade three.

His dad, Elvis Dennis, is furious at the school, St. Benedict, for barring the child from trying out for that team. So he's claiming age discrimination. He's also threatening to take

the issue - now it's called an issue instead of a difference of opinion - to the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal.

The board says if it opens the team to any age, the precedent would mean both younger and older children could play on it. Since the school is K-8, a 13 year old grade 8 child might play with Brycey Buckets or perhaps an even younger phenom in grade one or two. Safety issues anyone? Social issues?

A board spokesperson said, "It's very simple, it's a matter of eligibility...it's based on grade."

The dad, in his finest pontificating tone, commented, "As a parent, my job is to constantly support and push my child in whatever avenue he chooses."

Support? Sure. What about supporting the school and a rule that was put in place for good and

logical reasons. How about climbing down from your 18-hand high hobby horse and not wasting people's time with threats centered on denial of human rights? Your child has the benefit of community basketball and is thriving there. In exactly eight months, he will vault into grade four and be eligible to DeMar DeRozan his way into the hearts of every grade five girl around. In the meantime, dad, your preoccupation with your child's prowess is garnering you (and him) exactly the wrong kind of headlines.

You will become the parent from

hell, the one coaches and teachers will cringe at having because their every action will be in your crosshairs. Today, it's the grade four team. Tomorrow, he won't be the starter on the high school squad. The day after that, the colleges you wanted him to go to are staying clear, not because he can no longer sink baskets but because they don't want to deal with you.

Indeed you are welcome to share your misguided hysteria with the Human Rights Tribunal which, I hope, will give it the 45 seconds of attention it deserves. Now go away.

Offences Act Office Hours To Change

The Region of Durham would like to advise the public that the hours of operation for the front counter services for the Provincial Offences Act (POA) Offices are changing.

The new hours of operation will see the front counter services close at 4:30 p.m., effective February 5, 2018.

The front counter services of the Provincial Offences Court offices located at Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Lower Level.

The Provincial Offences Court

front counter services will now be closing at 4:30 p.m.

A drop-off box is available for payments after hours. It accepts non-cash payments after business hours. This box is located on the left-hand side of the south entrance doors.

Payments can also be made online on the **Paytickets** website.

The opening hours for the front counter services are expected to change to 8:30 a.m. in the near future. Please check **durham.ca** and social media for updates.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Durham College Lecture Series Returns

Friday, February 2, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Whitby Public Library. Topic: Access to Justice - The HUB Pilot. Register at whitbylibrary.ca/dcls

Art Talk with Station Gallery Curator

Thursday, February 8, at 7 p.m. at Whitby Public Library. In celebration of Black History Month, this free illustrated art talk will explore the vibrant visual cultures of Africa and the Caribbean. Register at whitbylibrary.ca/arttalks

Whitby Youth Rooms

Youth ages 12 to 18 years are invited to drop in to any Youth Room on Tuesday, February 13, at 5:30 p.m. to make pancakes. whitby.ca/youthrooms

whitby.ca/calendar

Council Meetings

Planning and Development Committee

February 5 at 7 p.m.

Operations Committee

February 12 at 7 p.m.

Council

February 20 at 7 p.m.

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

For more information, contact the Clerks Department at clerks@whitby.ca or 905.430.4315

Bid Opportunities

The following bid opportunity is available:

RFP-523-2018 - Food & Beverage Services, closes February 16

For details, a complete list of the Town of Whitby tenders, quotations and proposals, or to register as a bidder, visit whitby.ca/tenders

News

2018 Budget Meeting

The Town's 2018 Budget will be released on February 5 ahead of the public meeting that will take place as part of the Operations Committee meeting on February 12 at 7pm. In December, Town Council voted to adopt a 0.98 per cent increase as the Town's portion of the total residential tax bill. This represents an overall property tax increase of 2.17 per cent, or approximately \$108, when combined with the estimated regional and educational tax portions. The Town's portion (0.98%) of the overall property tax bill equals approximately \$49 per household based on the 2017 average assessment value of \$401,000. whitby.ca/budget

Get Creative with Station Gallery
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Brooklin High Student Awarded Horatio Alger Scholarship



Jacob Ewaniuk, a grade 12 student at Brooklin High School, is one of 80 Canadians to have recently been awarded a \$5,000 Horatio Alger Post-Secondary Scholarship. He plans to use it for entrance to Queen's University in the fall to study engineering.

The Horatio Alger Association of Canada is a charitable organization dedicated to the simple but powerful belief that hard work, honesty and determination can conquer all obstacles. Scholarships are awarded annually to deserving high school and Quebec CEGEP students in financial need who have overcome significant adversity while demonstrating strength of character, strong academics, a commitment to pursuing higher education as well as a desire to contribute to society.

Ewaniuk, who plays on the BHS senior basketball team and teaches snowboarding in his spare time, began the application process in October. It included extensive reflective essays about the adversity he's faced and how he overcame it. The scholarship will be added to what Queen's has already offered, a \$6,000 academic award as well as a \$1500 bursary.

"I've always loved science and math," Ewaniuk says. "Oh, and chemistry, too. That gets a lot of groans from people, but I like it."

His advice to future applicants is to apply early. "It's a time-consuming process, that's for sure," he says. "There's lots to fill out and you do need to make time to do it. But you need to be completely honest in your application."

The Association received thousands of applications from coast to coast to coast, with each submission confirming the necessity of

these needs-based scholarships:

- The average annual family income of the recipients was \$25,145;
- 51% of the scholars experienced abandonment by a parent or guardian;
- 45% suffered from physical, mental, or sexual abuse;
- 40% faced drug or alcohol abuse in the household;
- 25% experienced disability or serious illness;
- 19% faced the death of a parent or guardian;
- 12% experienced the incarceration of a parent or guardian;
- 8% are wards of the state or in foster care;
- 8% have faced homelessness.

Nevertheless, 60% of them manage to work during the school year and the average recipient maintains an exceptionally high grade of 89%.

About Horatio Alger and the Horatio Alger Association of Canada

Horatio Alger (1832-1899) was an American writer who often wrote about “rags-to-riches” young people overcoming adversity and achieving success.

The Horatio Alger Association of Canada, the Canadian affiliate of the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc., awards scholarships annually to deserving young people in every province and territory. Members of the Association include Wayne Gretzky, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, and Jim Pattison. For more information, visit horatioalger.ca. The Association can also be found on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.



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Our Brooklin Kids *By Leanne Brown*



How To Discourage Materialism

My daughter received many new toys for Christmas. "Out with the old," I thought, as I set about getting rid of some of the older toys, the broken, never played with and outgrown playthings to make room for the new additions. As I worked to eliminate the clutter, I wondered about the impact of all these accumulated material objects on my child.

Materialism is described as a pre-occupation with possessions and the belief that products provide happiness and success, the "never enough" principle of life. It's not a bad thing to want something, but it is a bad thing to never be satisfied with what you have. Research shows that kids who are materialistic tend to be less happy. According to a 2013 paper in the "Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin" by J.M. Twenge & T. Kasser, materialism can lead to decreased life satisfaction, happiness, social cooperation and environmentally sustainable be-

haviors, as well as depression, anxiety, racism and antisocial behavior.

Cut back on advertisements

Children are most influenced by advertising from age eight as this is the age when children start to see possessions as being part of their identity, happiness, and social status. It influences their wants and self-esteem. Limiting exposure to advertisements, minimizing the importance of possessions, and teaching children about the tricks used by advertisers are a good start.

One type of ad kids love are the videos of the adults who unwrap toys. After teaching my daughter that the toy companies were paying a lady to make the videos, she lost interest. I have just recently moved a box of must have "collectables" that were since discarded to the basement. I count it as a lesson she learned.

Giving money can actually be a teaching aid

I've found that allowances can discourage materialism. After a few months of seeing her allowance disappear into her collection, she is much more discerning about her purchases and recognizes that toys in ads are often not as fun in real life as they appear in the ads. Spending a month's allowance on a piece of plastic junk is a real eye-opener.

Find happiness in what you have

It's important to teach children from an early age to be grateful for what they have. You can teach gratitude in many ways. Showing children about other sources of happiness such as spending time with friends and play can divert those wants. Also, writing thank you emails for gifts, showing children people who are much less fortunate than themselves, and teaching children to look around them and just appreciate what they have can help them discern "wants"



A Brooklin Toddler's Random Thoughts

"Why is it called a mud room? It doesn't have any mud."

from "needs."

Like all parents, I will always encourage my child to strive for a financially secure future. But if I can get her away from developing materialistic values, I think she will be happier in the end. And having less to clean and declutter means more time for me!

Whitby Idol Deadline Feb. 2

The Town's 2018 call for Whitby Idol applicants has begun - and is nearly over.

By February 2, all Whitby youth are invited to apply (as individuals or groups) for Whitby Idol - the Town's annual singing competition that invites youth to share their vocal talents.

Interested youth ages 12 to 18 can apply online at whitby.ca/youthevents. Auditions will be held at The Music Scene (1916 Dundas Street East) on Thursday, February 15, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Selected finalists will be awarded recording time courtesy of sponsor The Music Scene. They will also perform live at the Whitby Idol Finale on March 1 and at various Town of Whitby events throughout the year.

Whitby Idol is presented by the Whitby Youth Council - youth and adults from local schools, agencies and organizations who work together to address the needs of Whitby youth.

For more information, visit whitby.ca/youthevents or call 905.430.4300 x6521

Historically Speaking *with Brian Winter*



Historically speaking: What's Brooklin's Oldest House?

The oldest house in Brooklin is believed to be at 42 Cassels Road East. It was built in 1845 as a Regency cottage, for Dr. James Hunter, Whitby's Rebel of 1837.

Dr. Hunter lived in this house until 1856 when he moved to Buffalo, New York, where he died 19 years later.

His daughter, Sarah, married Rev. Robert Darlington, a Methodist Minister, Postmaster at Brooklin, and

Treasurer of Whitby Township.

The last of his family, Georgina Hunter Darlington, died in 1923 and the house was purchased by Rev. Robert Simpson of the Brooklin Presbyterian Church. His daughter, Chrissie Simpson, was a local teacher and the second wife of Dr. John H. McKinney.

The Hunter-Darlington House, as it is called, is designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.

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, kathyallam@hotmail.ca

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

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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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Free Family Day Activities on Feb. 19

Residents are invited to celebrate Family Day in Whitby on Monday, February 19, with free, family-friendly activities being hosted at five Town facilities.

The Town's expanded 2018 Family Day programming will offer residents of all ages more activities to take part in than ever before. Free activities will take place at the following Town facilities: Iroquois Park Sports Centre, Whitby Civic Recreation Complex, McKinney Centre, Luther Vipond Memorial Arena, and Brooklin Community Centre and Library.

Between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., residents can enjoy free swimming, skating and family fitness classes. For those who prefer a more relax-

ing experience, two screenings of a family-friendly movie (title yet to be confirmed) will be accompanied by free popcorn, and will run at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Brooklin Community Centre and Library.

Just want to drop in? The Whitby Civic Recreation Complex will offer free kids' crafts and activities throughout the day. Face painting, balloon art and more will also be offered at Iroquois Park Sports Centre.

For the complete list and schedules of the activities being offered, visit whitby.ca/familyday

This year's event is proudly sponsored by Scotiabank and Trafalgar Castle School.

Whitby Rotary Awarding Bursaries To Grads

The Rotary Club of Whitby is offering one graduating student at each of Whitby's eight high schools an opportunity to win a \$500 bursary.

It's the first time the club has awarded bursaries at all high schools in the same year.

"This provides an opportunity for each school to put forth their most well-rounded candidates and know that a member of their student population will be recognized," says Mary Nurse, bursary committee chair.

Interested students must write an essay that demonstrates their leadership and volunteerism in the community. Those who are shortlisted will then be interviewed by a panel of Rotarians.

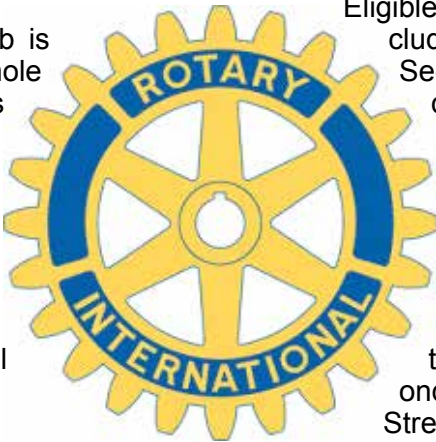
who ultimately will become our future leaders," she says.

The awards will be given at graduation. Students must have accepted admission to an accredited college or university in Canada at the time of the award and be starting their studies in the fall of their graduating year.

Schools may allow as many students as interested to apply. The Rotary club is offering a seminar "Preparing an Application for the Rotary Club of Whitby 2018 Bursary" on **Tuesday, Feb. 6** at the Whitby Public Library from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. for interested students. The application deadline is **Monday, March 19**.

Nurse says the club is looking at the "whole student" with a focus on community service, volunteering, school involvement, extra-curricular activities, part-time employment, leadership skills and overall achievement.

"For young leaders who embody these values and are aligned with Rotary's belief of service above self, the Whitby club wishes to recognize and support these students



Eligible high schools include All Saints Catholic Secondary School, Anderson CVI, Brooklin High School, Donald A. Wilson Secondary School, École secondaire catholique Saint-Charles-Garnier, Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School, Henry Street High School, and Sinclair Secondary School.

For more information or to apply, visit rotarywhitby.org or email info@rotarywhitby.org.

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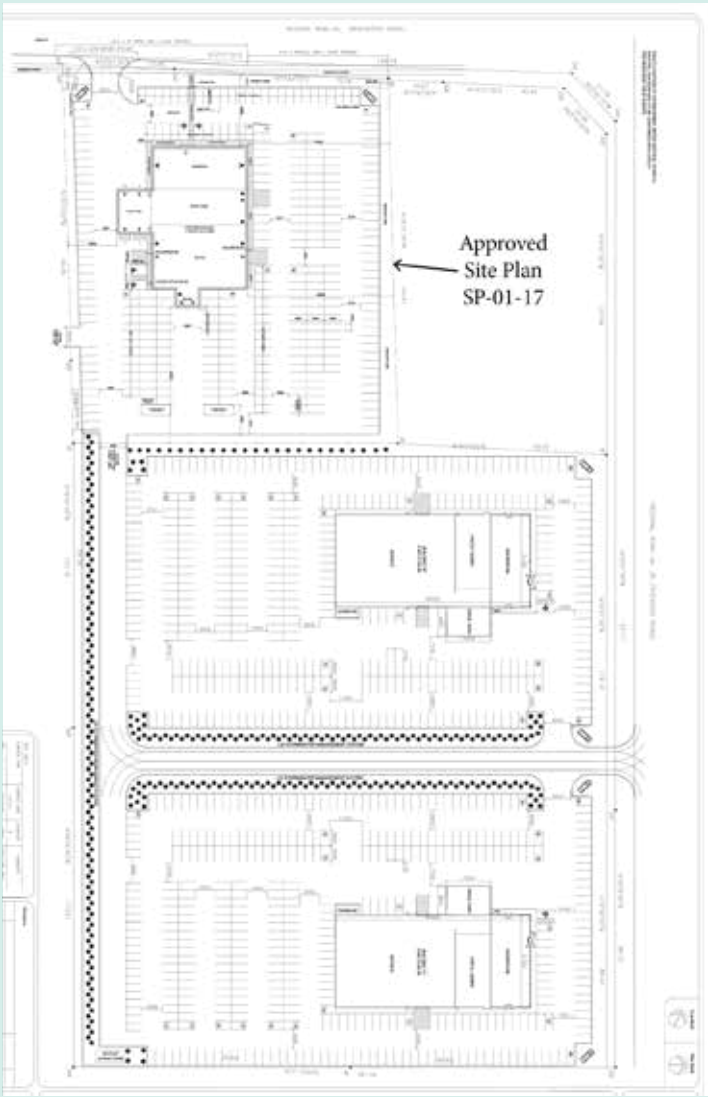
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Auto Sales Lot Proposed for Thickson/Winchester



The Town of Whitby's Planning and Development committee will discuss next week the date and format for a public meeting regarding a proposed auto sales lot at the south west corner of Thickson and Winchester Roads.

The first such meeting was held in September, 2015. Since then, there have been some revisions to the original lot and zoning application.

The original proposal for the 3.96 hectare (9.8 acres) site had a proposed automobile sales establishment on the north portion of the subject land with the south portion remaining vacant. The applicant has been investigating options for access to Thickson Road North and has been working on a stormwater management solution for the lands. The applicant has now submitted a number of updated documents including a Traffic Impact Study and revised stormwater manage-

ment information.

The applicant has submitted a revised concept plan and is now proposing automobile sales establishments on both portions. However, an automobile sales establishment is not a permitted use in the M1A Zone in Zoning Bylaw 1784 for the north portion. Accordingly, the applicant has revised the application to request an exception to the parent M1A Zone which would permit the additional use of an automobile sales establishment. A Site Plan Approval application will be required.

It should be noted that a traffic impact study prepared in September indicates that under future traffic forecasts (2023 and 2028), the traffic generated by the proposed development can be accommodated by the study intersections with the planned road widening of Winchester Road and Thickson Road from 2 to 4 lanes within the study area.

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Plant-Based Eating *by Sheree Nicholson*



The Magic of Quinoa

Quinoa (pronounced Keen-Wah) is a versatile seed that is used like a grain. It can replace rice, oatmeal, couscous and more. It's gluten free is also a complete protein in that it has all the essential amino acids our bodies can't make.

This super versatile food, like most grain type foods, picks up the flavour of the broth or seasonings it's cooked in, on its own kind of bland.

With twice the protein content of rice or barley, quinoa is also a very good source of calcium, magnesium and manganese. It has decent levels of several B vitamins, vitamin E and is high in dietary fibre. It's also one of the least allergenic of all the grains, making it a great wheat-free choice.

A "superfood"

Quinoa has an interesting history. Inca emperors would traditionally sow the first seeds of the season using gold instruments. Today, the United Nations has declared it a super food and NASA has fed it to crews on space travel.

I've used it in salads, chilli, and as a breakfast cereal. I've also had good success cooking with it. If you're interested in trying it out before buying it, the Farmboy kitchen has a good quinoa chilli and great quinoa salads. I've had the quinoa breakfast bowl at Copper Branch and loved it. Costco also has a fantastic quinoa salad, aside from it being a good place to buy affordable Quinoa.

Here's a recipe for quinoa chili from onegreenplanet.org, a wonderful tasting dish that freezes well.

Sweet Potato and Quinoa Chili
Ingredients (serves 6)

- 1 can (15 oz) black beans, drained and rinsed
 - 1 can (15 oz) kidney beans, drained and rinsed
 - 1 can (15 oz) fire roasted diced tomatoes or 1 1/2 cup diced fresh tomatoes
 - 1 can (6 oz) tomato paste
 - 1 large sweet potato, diced (with or without the skin)
 - 1 cup dry quinoa
 - 1 onion, diced
 - 5 – 6 garlic cloves, minced
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons chili powder
 - 1 tablespoon cumin
 - 1 teaspoon dried oregano
 - A few dashes of garlic powder
 - A few dashes of onion powder
 - salt to taste
 - 4 cups (32 oz) water or vegetable broth, + more as needed
- Garnish with avocado, cilantro, lime (optional)

In a large pot or Dutch oven, heat oil over medium heat. Add onions, cook until soft and they start to turn brown (about 7–10 minutes). Add garlic, cook for another minute or so. Add the tomato paste, chili powder, cumin, oregano, garlic powder and onion powder, cook for 2 more minutes stirring constantly. Add tomatoes, liquids, beans and sweet potato, stir until combined. Add quinoa, bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover slightly ajar and cook for 30–40 minutes, stirring occasionally. Chili is ready when sweet potatoes are tender. Add additional water if chili is too thick for your liking. As with all recipes, adjust seasoning to taste.

Brooklin Cenotaph To Be Moved

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 152 (Brooklin Legion) has initiated the relocation of the Cenotaph from its existing location at Luther Vipond Memorial Arena to the courtyard of the Brooklin Community Centre and Library (BCCL). The project's aim is to have the transfer ready for Remembrance Day, 2018.

The move would provide a safer place to carry out Remembrance Day ceremonies as well as enhance the visibility of the Cenotaph to residents and visitors. It's also within short walking distance of the Brooklin Legion building. Parking is readily available and, if required, the local road could be closed for the ceremony.

Legion funding

Funding would be the responsibility of the Brooklin Legion which has made a funding application to the Federal Government Community War Memorial-Commemorative Partnership Program. A Whitby monument company has been selected by the Brooklin Legion to supply and install the monument within the proposed Cenotaph area at BCCL.

The estimated cost for the supply and installation of the cenotaph monument, benches, engraving, etc. is \$74K. The estimated cost of the proposed design concept including new concrete works and landscaping is an incremental \$10K.

Whitby staff met first last March with John Blue of the Brooklin Legion to discuss the Legion's proposal. He highlighted the hard work the Brooklin Legion members have contributed to grow the annual Remembrance Day ceremony. Then in December, staff met with the Legion representatives at the Brooklin Community Centre and Library to discuss the proposed location in the court-

yard garden space south of the main entrance of the building. It was agreed that staff would develop a concept for members of the Brooklin Legion to review, endorse and utilize for funding purposes. Legion representatives were made aware that Council would have to approve the relocation proposal.

No monument at Vipond

The current Cenotaph is located at Luther Vipond Memorial Arena but there is no monument. A bronze plaque commemorating the dedication is located immediately west of the entrance doors of the facility. It would be moved to the new location.

Luther Vipond Memorial Arena was originally built by volunteers in 1948-49 as a memorial to Whitby Township soldiers who died in the first and second World Wars. It was demolished in October, 1972, when the building no longer met provincial arena standards. The Memorial Arena was rebuilt in 1972-73. On June 30, 1973, the building was re-dedicated as the site of the Cenotaph in Brooklin. On November 14, 1982, the arena was re-named in memory of Luther Vipond, a community builder, World War II Veteran, and former arena manager.

The Brooklin Legion members host an annual Remembrance Day ceremony for residents with a focus on Brooklin's school children. The annual ceremony is well attended, attracting upwards of 400 people, and as a result the ceremony has outgrown the current site. There is not enough assembly area for the crowds, often forcing spectators onto the sidewalk near Winchester Road. Parking at the site can be congested with a number of buses and vehicles for those attending the ceremony.

Feds To Fund Youth Skills Project

Building a strong middle class means giving Canada's youth the tools they need to find and keep good jobs.

Celina Caesar-Chavannes, Member of Parliament for Whitby, on behalf of the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, recently announced a new project that will give youth in Whitby job skills training and hands-on work experience. Up to 132 youth will participate in group based workshops, which will be delivered by the John Howard Society through the Ready To Go Job Skills Development for Young Adults.

Helping youth

This project will help youth overcome barriers to employment and develop a broad range of skills and knowledge necessary to make a successful transition to the labour market. Youth will develop skills to help them find and keep jobs, such as job search techniques, interview preparation and business communications. They will have the opportunity to participate in courses

such as First Aid/CPR and employee safety that will prepare them for employment in the Skilled Trades, Customer Service or Hospitality Sectors.

The Government of Canada will provide approximately \$1.3 million in funding for this project through the Skills Link program of the Government's Youth Employment Strategy. Skills Link supports projects that help young people who face more barriers to employment than others develop basic employability skills and gain valuable job experience, which, in turn, assists them in making a successful transition into the workforce or to return to school.

These youth could include those who have not completed high school, single parents, Indigenous youth, young persons with disabilities, youth living in rural or remote areas or newcomers.

Stronger society

"We know that our communities are healthier and stronger when everyone can fully participate," says Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employ-

ment, Workforce Development and Labour. "Supporting youth as they transition into the workforce is a key way in which we can grow our economy and strengthen the middle class. Youth in Whitby will benefit tremendously from the opportunity to develop their skills and gain valuable workplace experience."

"Developing Canada's youth is a priority. The John Howard Society's Ready To Go Job Skills Development project is a concrete example of what we can achieve for youth by working in partnership with organizations across the country," adds Whitby MP Celina Caesar-Chavannes. "This project will help youth get the job skills and hands-on experience they need to succeed in the job market, as well as, provide them with an opportunity to change their future."

Diana Eastwood Executive Director, John Howard Society says, "The Ready to Go Program will provide youth in Durham Region with the opportunity to develop the skills and confidence necessary to be successful in customer service, hospitality and apprenticeship fields. Our experience tells us that youth who are offered opportunities to partici-

pate in skills development programming have greater success in finding and keeping meaningful employment and we are pleased to be a partner in that process."

Quick Facts

Skills Link is one of three program streams under the Government's Youth Employment Strategy (YES). Each year, the Government invests more than \$330 million in the YES to help support young Canadians between the ages of 15 and 30 to get the information, skills, job experience and abilities they need to make a successful transition to the workplace.

Budget 2017 proposes to invest a further \$395.5 million over three years in the YES for additional employment and skills development opportunities for youth. Since 2005, YES programs delivered by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) have helped over 582,000 youth develop skills and gain work experience to find a job or return to school.

ESDC's Skills Link program has helped over 141,000 youth since 2005.

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sible edge. That’s why she wants to offer them the best. “It’s personal,” she says. “Just as I want success for my child, I want these children to succeed.”

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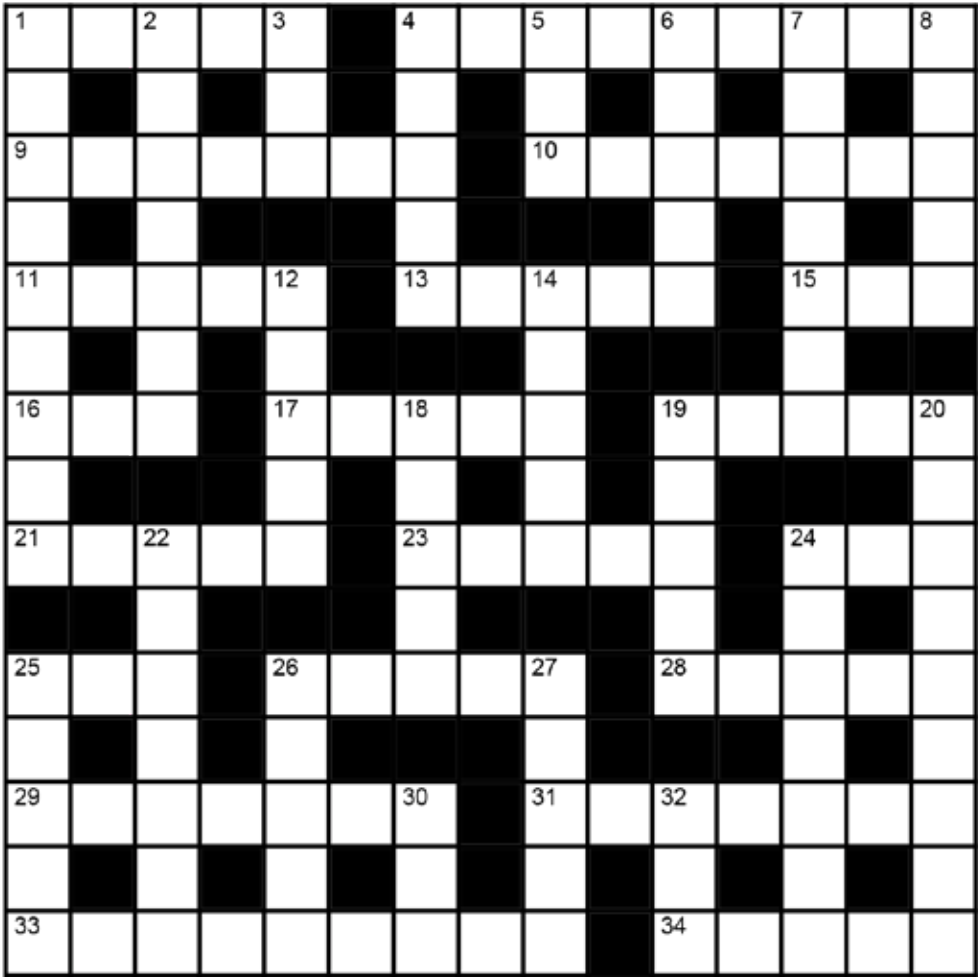
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Brooklin Bafflers: On This Day by Liz Lowe
Crossword



- Across**
- 1 A narrow gorge with a stream running through it (5)
 - 4 A telegram sent abroad (9)
 - 9 Large city and financial centre of Israel (3,4)
 - 10 Minimal clothing worn by stripteasers (1-6)
 - 11 Beauty pageant wear (5)
 - 13 Colony member (5)
 - 15 "Don't give up!" (3)
 - 16 "Whew!" (3)
 - 17 Annoy (5)
 - 19 Combine (5)
 - 21 Become a member (5)
 - 23 "Fiddler on the Roof" role (5)
 - 24 Ceiling (3)
 - 25 Bar bill (3)
 - 26 Catch, in a way (5)
 - 28 ___-be (5)



"This old house..."...staying put

The 150 yr. old (approx) heritage house on Winchester Rd. near Durham St. isn't being moved. The site has been approved for new dental offices and the old building and its foundation will be renovated.

- Down**
- 1 Capable of being reached (3-2-4)
 - 2 Cradlesong (7)
 - 3 Infection by the human immunodeficiency virus (3)
 - 4 Kind of engineer (5)
 - 5 Breathalyzer attachment (3)
 - 6 Banana oil, e.g. (5)
 - 7 Celebrate (7)
 - 8 Hot or warm and humid (5)
 - 12 Of or relating to alga (5)
 - 14 Song of joy (5)
 - 18 Bottomless pit (5)
 - 19 Cat's cry (5)
 - 20 One who expedites (9)
 - 22 Puzzles where you decode a message consisting of pictures (7)
 - 24 Bakery treat (7)
 - 25 Kind of wave (5)
 - 26 Dwells (5)
 - 27 "The ___ Incident" (1943 Fonda film) (5)
 - 30 "This means ___!" (3)
 - 32 Nod, maybe (3)

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Real Estate board predicts flat prices and sales this year
By TESS KALINOWSKI

The Toronto Real Estate Board (TREB) has declared the rollicking real estate ride of the last two years to be officially at an end. It's annual outlook predicts only a slight increase, at best, this year over last year's average home price of \$822,681. Prices are expected to end the year in the range of \$800,000 and \$850,000 on average across all home types.

It's inevitable that sales and prices will look poor in comparison to the first half of 2016, when year over year price growth peaked at over 30 percent, said Jason Mercer, TREB's director of market analysis.

As the psychological impact of last year's Ontario Fair Housing Plan wanes, home buyers will feel the effects of the new mortgage stress testing that took effect on Jan. 1, and of higher borrowing costs generally, he said at the board's annual outlook conference on Tuesday. But there should be an uptick of prices in the mid-single digits in the second half of the year, said Mercer.

Policies such as Ontario's cooling measures, which included a foreign buyers tax and new mortgage stress tests, don't necessarily drive consumers out of the housing market, he said. Sometimes those buyers just amend their purchase. "People change up in terms of what they're going to buy, what price point and certainly the geography in the Greater Toronto Area," he said. TREB expects sales volumes to drop for a second consecutive year or remain flat, although Mercer says the number of transactions will likely also trend up in the latter half of 2018.

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