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Less than Half the Picture *By Richard Bercuson*



The mystery of trustees

Each municipal tax year, my household shovels over \$600 into the local school board coffers. What they do with my cash - and yours, by the way - has always seemed a mystery. That's my own fault. I've never paid it much heed. Like many others I'm sure, I just pay my taxes and assume that duly qualified and/or elected people won't spend it frivolously.

tery: school board trustees. I'd long had a tainted view of their roles. One trustee I knew in Ottawa seemed to appear at every school function where food and drink were available. Rumour had it he spent his days traveling to his area's schools to collect the mileage. Visible? Oh yes. Functional? I don't know.

Of course, when municipal elections came around, who really knew much about the trustee candidates

unless you worked in a school board? As a result, most were acclaimed, relying on little more than name recognition since few voters took the time to learn about them.

School boards play with massive budgets and a key role of trustees is to oversee how that money - mine, yours - is spent not just overall but for your local school. Will there be enough to repair leaky roofs, build a new wing, buy playground equipment or re-sod the playing fields?

One Ottawa-area trustee says, "It is important to know...what will be the Board priorities for the coming school year. They perform a checks

and balance to the process. Each trustee has input to the spending and it is here that they can determine and influence how a school in your community receives appropriate funding and staffing to meet the needs of the students.

"If one takes the role seriously, it can be quite time consuming as the expectation is that you will attend functions and social events sponsored by the schools within your jurisdiction."

Indeed, trustees receive honouaria. For instance, Durham District Catholic board trustees receive *continued on next page*

Which brings me to another mys-

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Whitby Youth Rooms
Youth ages 12 to 18 years are invited to drop in to any Youth Room on Friday, August 10 at 4 p.m. for s'mores or Friday, August 17 at 4 p.m. for Summer Movie Mania. whitby.ca/youthrooms

Culture in the Square
Tuesdays at 7 p.m. until August 21 at Celebration Square, Whitby Public Library.

Music in the Park
WHITBY - Wednesdays at 7 p.m. until August 22 at Rotary Centennial Park. Sponsored by Hearing Excellence Whitby.

BROOKLIN - Thursdays at 7 p.m. until August 23 at Grass Park. Sponsored by Brookvalley Developments.

Fresh Air in the Square
Thursdays at 7 p.m. until August 23 at Celebration Square, Whitby Public Library. Free, outdoor Zumba classes for the whole family to enjoy.

Movies in the Park
Bring your lawn chair or blanket to Whitby Civic Park (30 Bassett Boulevard).

August 10: Space Jam
Sponsored by Tim Hortons.

August 24: The Greatest Showman
Sponsored by Whitby Orthodontics. Movies are weather permitting and begin at dark (approx. 8:45 p.m.).

Wave Summer Music Series
Thursday, August 9, at Station Gallery. Live music, food and drinks. \$15 per ticket. stationgallery.ca

Council Meetings

Town Council is not scheduled to meet during the summer recess, however Special Council meetings may be held. For more information, contact clerks@whitby.ca or 905.430.4315 whitby.ca/civicweb

Job Opportunities

The following employment opportunity is available:

Manager of Innovation and Projects, closes August 13. The deadline for applications is 11:59 p.m. whitby.ca/employment

Notices

Holiday Closure Schedule
Town Hall will close at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 3, and will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 7. The Whitby Civic Recreation Complex, Anne Ottenbrite Pool and all Youth Rooms will also be closed Monday, August 6. In addition, the Whitby Seniors' Activity Centre, Brooklin Community Centre and Library, and Whitby Central Library will be closed Sunday, August 5 and Monday, August 6. For a full list of schedule changes, visit whitby.ca/programnotices. The virtual library is always open at whitbylibrary.ca

News

New Municipal511.ca Provides Real-time Road Information
The Town has launched Municipal511.ca - a new online mapping service that provides residents with real-time traffic and road closure information within the community and region. Through Municipal511.ca, residents can view an interactive and easy-to-use map of current and future road construction projects, lane restrictions and road closures. The Town is the first local municipality in Durham Region to launch the new service. whitby.ca/news

Seniors' Volunteer Award Nominations Due August 3
Each year, the Mayors' Senior Volunteer Awards recognize the valuable contributions made by Whitby seniors (age 55+) to the community through volunteerism. Nominations forms can be picked up at the Whitby Seniors' Activity Centre or Brooklin Community Centre and Library. The deadline for nominations is August 3. whitby.ca/seniors

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Holiday Waste Collection Schedule
Waste collection will be bumped one day forward starting **Monday, August 6**. Please ensure your waste is set out by 7:00 a.m. Check out your Whitby Waste Collection Calendar, download the Whitby Waste Buddy app, or go to whitby.ca/waste for more information. Questions? Call 905.668.3437 or email pw.operations@whitby.ca

Blue Collection - Areas 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

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\$10,522 with the chair and vice-chair getting over \$16k and \$13k respectively. While it seems like a decent coin, the hours invested in helping to guide what is arguably one of our society's most important functions, education, can't be over-

stated.

"People should read about who is running and what they bring to the position," my friend says. "If someone runs because of issues that pertain to operations, then the

person does not have a clear understanding of the role but rather a personal agenda."

We announced in last week's paper that the BTC will use the next few issues to publish the views of those

running in the October election. We begin in this paper with DDSB and DCDSB trustee candidates.

As that trustee advised, choose wisely.

Meet the Trustee Candidates for the 2018 Municipal Election



Durham District School Board (Select 1, 2 or 3 on your ballot - 3 will be elected)



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As a Whitby resident for over 39 years and grandparent of five children attending Whitby/Brooklin schools, I believe all students are entitled to and deserve an education that helps them achieve their full potential. Quality educational experiences that provide children with the attention and support they need to thrive is key to building success, and as parents and grandparents, it is up to us to make certain this happens.

My vision is of an education system that puts students first and whose practices always reflect what is best for kids. A student centered school is safe, free of bullying and promotes equitable outcomes.

My belief that all students can learn and succeed when given the needed support and encouragement coupled with my work experience and knowledge of education systems, has prepared me to be entrusted with the important work of a school trustee.

Our kids future matters and school trustees have a responsibility to ensure organizational structures and practices are held to high standards. As a trustee my task will be to make sure every child is provided with experiences that not only help them gain knowledge and develop

important skills, but also builds character traits that help them become principled adults that are strong and resilient.

As a member of the Board of Trustees, my task will be to work hard on behalf of all Whitby/Brooklin students, parents and community members in making sure tax dollars go to providing the support, resources and materials needed to deliver outstanding programs to all students in every classroom.

As your trustee, I will make certain your voices are heard, that I am visible, accessible and responsive and I will actively participate in all discussions and decisions on behalf of all Whitby/Brooklin students and their families.



Jim Barclay

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Jim Barclay retired from teaching seven years ago after a 32-year career with the DDSB teaching phys. ed., physics and science.

His concerns are as follows:

- School start times - Some high schools start as early as 8 am. Teenagers aren't at their peak at that hour. I don't understand why we can't start later and figure out a way so kids are more into their day - I know bus companies seem to be driving some of this, but don't they work for the board?
- Info to parents - If something happens in a school, it's not really open to public what is going on

• Don't know how much power the board will have under the current government. But clearly Queen's Park doesn't understand the school system. I've been in schools for so long, I would be a good voice to combat regressive changes. Socially, with respect to sex ed and gender identity, to go back 25 years is a ludicrous way to go about it.

• I always thought it was strange that people elected as trustees didn't understand what was going on in schools. I would like to change that.



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I have been fortunate, over the last few months, to speak with thousands of parents, teachers, friends and neighbours about their views of our public education system. As a parent with an elementary-aged child in the DDSB, their stories and concerns are similar to my own.

Many students in our system are not being set up for success. Educators are having to navigate an under-resourced system and in many classrooms, children, especially those with

special needs, do not have the tools and supports they need to succeed. Parents, teachers and students are frustrated. The situation is so dire that school boards, including the DDSB, have been borrowing from other areas of spending to try to meet those needs.

Violence and bullying in schools are also consistently raised as critical issues impacting education. There appears to be a general consensus that administrators do not have tools at their disposal to positively address these situations and introduce accountability for negative behaviours.

We can better support healthy and safe learning environments by providing staff and administrators with the policy tools they need to perform their jobs and give effect to the com-

mitment to create violence-free and bully-free schools.

We need trustees who will be vocal about gaps in education and about the importance of giving every child the opportunity to reach their potential. Trustees must be strong advocates for, and guardians of, a properly funded, public education system and must be committed to strengthening the connection between school trustees, families and the community.

I have spent my career being a strong, principled, legal advocate and I'm committed to using that skill set to advance the interests of accessible, quality, public education. I look forward to working with our community to ensure that all voices become integral to decision-making of the DDSB.



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~ Integrity and Experience ~
Sherri Simzer is running for a seat on the Durham District School Board in the Town of Whitby. She brings 30 years of success in public education with a focus on teaching life and job skills to help youth to secure gainful employment.

"I look forward to once again supporting all students to achieve to their potential."

Sherri offers an impressive resume:

- Created the Employment and Education

Centre (EEC) serving as Executive Director for 30 years.

- EEC became the hub of training and job opportunities for youth throughout Leeds-Grenville in partnership with employers.
- EEC expanded its services to provide computer training, career and financial counselling and innovative programs for youth.
- Significant experience as a Board member:
- 12 years – Leeds and Grenville Community Development Corporation (2 years as President)
- 6 years – Leeds Legal Aid Committee
- 8 years – First Work Provincial Association (4 years as President)
- 4 years – Ontario Network of Employment Skills Training Projects (2 years as President)
- Sherri is the only woman to receive the Brockville and District Chamber of Commerce's Lifetime Business Achievement

Award and the only recipient from the not-for-profit sector.

Sherri's children graduated from the Ontario public education system. Randy became a Civil Engineer while Aimee is a Registered Nurse.

Sherri understands key education issues:

- "The province's "progressive discipline" policy is allowing students and school staff to be physically injured. They deserve a safe working environment."
- "The new Health and Physical Education curriculum is needed to ensure students understand consent, healthy relationships, boundaries and sexual orientation."
- "We should explore how to expand the School Resource Officer Program to support all students and their diversities."

Meet the Trustee Candidates for the 2018 Municipal Election



Durham District School Board (Select 1, 2 or 3 on your ballot - 3 will be elected)

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I have been a resident of Whitby for the past 28 years. My children grew up and attended Schools through the DDSB and now my grandchildren will soon be attending. I want to create a safe environment for both students and teachers and believe this can be accomplished by advocating my points below:

PUTTING STUDENT SAFETY FIRST AND FOREMOST

I believe that teachers and students should have a safe workplace too.

THE NEWER (2015) SEX ED CURRICULUM IN OUR PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM

I believe in moving forward not backwards!

A MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM

We need to have Mental health taught in Grade 11 and 12 moved to be taught in grades 7 and 8 with more detail taught through grades 9 – 12.

CONTINUING THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM (SRO)

I will support them and work to prevent what happened in Toronto! This program helps build a trusting relationship between our Police and Children!

STOPPING PHYSICAL BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING... PERIOD

The current Sex Education Curriculum helps teach children and to build the bridge needed to put a stop to such incidents!

UPGRADING OUR OLDER SCHOOLS WITH PROPER AIR CIRCULATION AND AIR CONDITIONING

...and making sure new schools are air conditioned!

PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FROM CLOSING

There are other methods that can be used to keep these schools open!

Experience:

- Durham District School Board Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)
 - School Community Council (R.A. Hutchison, Anderson HS, Donald A. Wilson)
 - Sesquicentennial Education Committee Town of Whitby
 - Whitby Town Carnival Committee
 - Whitby Library Board – Helped with Securing New Whitby Library and the Brooklin Library/ community centre
 - Proudly named Sir William Stephenson PS (Submitted name and chosen)
 - Numerous fundraising committees including Community Living, SASS (School Alliance of Student Songwriters) and many others!
- On, Oct 22, I am asking for your support!



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I want your vote. My name is Christine Thatcher and I have lived in Brooklin for more than twenty years. As a parent, teacher, coach and swim official in our community I have continually demonstrated my commitment to children and their education. As your DDSB Trustee I

will be that needed link between you and the school board.

We need strong voices to tackle the pressing issues, ranging from violence in our schools to bullying, from bussing to school closings. We need trustees who understand the effect that continual underfunding from the provincial government has on our children. As a Special Education Resource Teacher, I have seen first hand the impact that these issues have in our classrooms. As a mother I have shared the joy, the wonder and the challenges of my own children as they attended school in Durham.

I believe that my experience with my own children, my work as a teacher and coach and my many years working in the corporate sector have given me the skills, knowledge and empathy needed to be your voice on the DDSB.

While I have extensive experience in planning, meeting deadlines, and budgeting, my greatest asset is that I know how to listen. In all my careers I have always believed that learning begins with listening. I will be there to hear your concerns. I will be there to make your concerns known. A vote for Christine Thatcher is a vote for open communication and action.



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My years at as a teacher at Meadowcrest Public School taught me a great deal about the families and community of Brooklin. I loved teaching in Brooklin and always enjoyed a great working relationship with parents because I respected them and we always shared the mutual goal of helping their children succeed.

To be given the opportunity to work closely with the families of Brooklin was one of the

highlights of my career. You will notice on my 'Thomas Wall for DDSB Trustee Facebook group' that I am still friends with many of them. I am so pleased to be given the chance to work with these families again.

The main theme of my campaign is: "Our students deserve the best."

That means well run schools with programming that is responsive to the needs of the students.

After much consultation, I have developed a 5 Point Plan to guide my mandate as Trustee.

- Improving school safety by tackling bullying and violence in our schools.
- Working to provide timely and effective

special education programs.

- Improving access to critical mental health supports.
- Oppose school closures.
- Rapid response to parent concerns.

I believe that service delayed is service denied. That is why I pledge to work hard to get our kids the help they need when they need it. We will succeed by working collaboratively in the best interests of our students. As I said to my students many times: No ONE of us is strong as ALL of us working together.

I look forward to working together with the families of Brooklin as DDSB Trustee.

New Online Mapping Tool Shows Road Info

With the launch of the Town of Whitby's new **Municipal511.ca** service, residents have access to a new online mapping portal that provides real-time traffic and road closure information within the community and region.

Through **Municipal511.ca**, residents can view an interactive and easy-to-use map of current and

future road construction projects, lane restrictions and road closures - including those related to special events (such as parades). The Town is the first local municipality in Durham Region to launch the innovative new service, which is now available for free to the community and accessible from any

computer, tablet or smartphone.

The service combines construction and event information from both the



Town and Regional Municipality of Durham, providing drivers with a complete picture of road issues that could impact them. In addition to road construction and closure information, **Municipal511.ca** will show road collisions, bike lane and sidewalk closures, and weather-related road conditions.

To access the online mapping portal, visit **Municipal511.ca**. For more information, visit **whitby.ca/construction**.

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Matt Doran: On the cusp?

When Matt Doran takes to the stage on August 25 to sing at the annual CNE Rising Star Competition, it may just be one more step for this talented musician who admits he does want "to make it."



To that end, he's recently released his first single "Go Natalie" to iTunes (now available at \$0.99) and Spotify. One step closer...

Coming from a musical family has certainly helped. Both his parents are talented musicians and his little sister Keira, 13, danced at the same competition last year. Still, Matt, who's entering grade 11 at Brooklin High, has earned his own chops. Nary a few hours go by when, outside of schoolwork, he's not singing, playing sax in the school band, working on classical piano, writing songs, or performing with his band "Matt Doran and Luxury Tax" as lead vocalist and keyboard player.

The CNE competition, now 30 years old, features undiscovered talent from ages 6 to 21. Performers are judged on "their natural ability, audience appeal, stage presence and the quality of their performance." But this won't be his first try there. He performed in 2014. In fact, his performances go back even earlier than that. When he was 8, his mom, Barb, entered him in the Brooklin Spring Sing where he sang the Train hit "Hey Soul Sister."

When he was a little guy, he started piano lessons and also sang along with his mother when she performed. He did take vocal lessons for a while but in recent times

hasn't. Barb describes why. "You have to keep your voice in shape. But when someone has a unique sound like Matt, lessons can actually change that uniqueness."

With a career on the horizon and, he hopes, university studies at McGill beckoning, Matt's passion is tempered by two things. "Yup," he admits, "one challenge is breathing better. And marketing. Promoting is a key thing. It's really difficult, especially on social media. A lot of people don't take the time to look through stuff, at the indie artists."

That may change very soon as his star begins to ascend. "It's what I want to do. I'll keep playing and singing no matter what happens."

You can find out more about Matt, and listen to or watch him through:
 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Matt-Doran-Music-274832463287456/>
 Instagram: @matt_doran_
 Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0iCzSWXRfip-Z9LKtE1kqw>

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Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson



How to join the wave

Guess what: The best-selling plant-based cookbook, Angela Liddon's Oh She Glows, has now outsold 50 Shades of Grey. Interest in plant-based eating is rising and few people have contributed as much to the movement as its author. She also writes a popular blog at ohsheglows.com that's packed with recipes and tips.

The wave is building. Starbucks will soon launch a line of plant-based take-out foods. WeWork, a New York City company employing 6,000, says it'll no longer pick up the tab for expensed business meals with meat. Meanwhile, Farm Boy continues to introduce new vegan products.

With more research supporting the fact that it's healthy, it's getting easier to make the choice to reduce meat in your diet. Last year, Olympic weightlifter Kendrick Farris, a vegan, broke the American record in the men's 94 kg clean-and-jerk. I mention this is because for ages it was believed that, to get strength and muscle gains, you needed to eat meat - lots of it.

Local restaurants

Brooklin is lucky to have Copper Branch restaurant which offers plant-based power foods. This is a great starting point for someone who's curious about it all. Another of my favourite local restaurants, Rawlicious in downtown Whitby, of-

fers vegan raw foods and smoothies while a few blocks away, Lil Organic Kitchen also has a great selection of plant-based choices.

I've heard from people who have tried to cut back on meat and couldn't stick to the plant-based diet. That's because it's hard in the beginning; you no longer have your "go-to" recipes. You're also changing deeply ingrained habits, which is why in this column I try to supply fast, easy recipes like the one below.

Recently I was making a pasta dish from a "Canadian Living" magazine recipe from 20 years ago. I thought, it would be great to have a flavour similar to parmesan cheese, or at the very least a sharper-tasting type cheese. I searched for "vegan parmesan cheese" and this recipe came up. It's also an Oh She Glows recipe and was part of a Caesar salad one. It's easy and fast to make.

Nut and Seed Parmesan Cheese

1/3 cup	raw cashews
2 tablespoons	hulled hemp seeds
1 small	garlic clove
1 tablespoon	nutritional yeast*
1 tablespoon	extra-virgin olive oil
1/2 teaspoon	garlic powder
	fine grain sea salt, to taste

- Soak cashews in a bowl of water overnight, or for at least a few hours. Drain and rinse.
- Add the cashews and all other dressing ingredients (except salt)

into a high-speed blender, and blend on high until the dressing is super smooth. You can add a splash of water if necessary to get it blending. Add salt to taste and adjust other seasonings, if desired. Set aside.

I personally find the taste of nutri-

tional yeast to be strong so use about 3/4 of a tablespoon rather than the full tablespoon.

Sheree's Hack: Pre-soak and then freeze raw unsalted cashews so you always have them on hand for last minute recipes or to use in smoothies to replace nut milk.

Our Brooklin Kids By Leanne Brown



When good kids get sassy

The other day, my daughter was mouthing off and giving me a little sass. We had recently established that walking to the park without parental supervision was permissible as long as she was going with a group of friends. On this occasion, she wanted to go alone, reasoning with me that her friends were already at the park. I offered to walk her over but she rolled her eyes and said, "M-o-o-o-m, you're ancient. I'm not a baby!" While slyly glancing in the mirror at my emerging crow's feet, I quickly acknowledged her frustration.

Ages 7 to 9: Seeking independence

At this age kids are challenging authority. They may call you "stupid" (or "old"). These are all ways kids attempt to show their independence. But don't worry. If you think about it, stretching their wings at home is a safe way to go. My daughter knows I still love her even when she acts out.

While kids are better able to understand others' feelings at this age, they also know how to use words for maximum impact, perfecting the attitude from listening to peers and watching TV. They know it's mean, but they do it anyway, especially when they feel something is unfair. As well, outbursts get worse when children are tired or defensive.

Before answering back, wait it out so your disciplinary tactics will carry weight. If you get reactionary (eg. "Don't you dare talk to me that way!"), it will only escalate the situation. Instead look for the root cause of her outburst. Perhaps she's upset because a requested chore cuts into time she'd rather spend with friends. Acknowledge the feelings, and then help show her a better way to speak up: "You seem angry, but the way you're expressing it makes it hard for me to respond. Do you want to talk?" Or, show her that a better way to say might be, "Can I play with my friends now and clean my room in a little bit?"

Ages 9 to 12: Changes in the wind

While preteens realize mouthing off is wrong, they're not yet emotionally mature enough to check their behaviour every time. They may develop a sarcastic tone ("As if! Not happening!") because their friends talk that way. Wanting to appear older can lead to even more defiant comments. Throw in the hormonal changes and moodiness of puberty and your little princess's language can become shocking.

When my daughter uses that snotty tone and a fight erupts, we take a break. I'll say: "I need to cool off. So we'll try talking about this again in a little bit."

That helps her calm down and gives me some time to decide if I'm approaching the situation the right way. Later I get her to take responsibility for part of the solution instead of feeling dumped on. Asking "What's up?" when the child is calm helps a child who feels she's listened to. She's more apt to accept the times when you simply have to lay down a "because I said so" rule. Remember, pre-teens become teens. So think of this as laying the groundwork for a respectful young adult who is able express their feelings in and calm and thoughtful way.










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Blooming in Brooklin *By Ken Brown*

Sun to rain to growth



By now, the perennial garden should be filled with daylily blooms. They're there but are unimpressive. The few weeks of intense heat produced a lower bud count and the flowers are smaller. A lovely deep red one is doing well on the north side of the house where it has more moist soil and less glaring heat from the sun, which proves my theory about the poor performance of the others.

Wonderful things are happening in the vegetable garden. Last week, with the soil finally getting softer from the rain, I pulled weeds and discovered the first ripe tomatoes. That part of the garden gets irrigation from the drip lines which has been sufficient to keep the vegetables thriving. Those in sub-irrigation planters have all the water they want and have used the sun to create a jungle.

Squash growing

I planted in the middle of the garden a few seeds from a squash I'd purchased last winter. Surprisingly, they all germinated and are taking over the garden. They've crawled over everything and are running along the top of the rabbit fence, setting a number of fruit. While weeding, I even cut out some of that growth to allow nearby vegetables to get some space and sun.

However, I also discovered soft spots at the base of each squash vine only to discover holes in the stem where the nasty squash vine borer had entered. These things will eat their way up the inside of

the stems until they completely hollow them out and kill them. So I threaded a thin piece of copper wire into the holes, hoping to catch and destroy the creatures. I know I got at least one of them; it was on the end of the wire when I withdrew it. I can only hope I killed the others and that there's enough of the vine still functional. In theory, I should have wrapped the stems with aluminum foil when they were younger to prevent the invasion in the first place. Gardening without pesticides is the only way to grow our food, but it can have us doing some strange things to battle the bugs.

Dahlias for the kitchen

The dahlias, which share the drip irrigation line with the potatoes, are blooming. A lovely small flowered, red one is producing enough bloom to keep the kitchen vase filled. Cut flowers for the house are the main reason I grow dahlias. They're big and colourful and last for a week or more.

I was able to weed and clean out a large perennial bed in the front yard recently. I'd ripped out all the Japanese anemones last fall, or at least I thought I did. Rather, I just propagated them. I ripped them out again and hopefully have eliminated them. They're lovely in the fall but become invasive.

That's left me with a large blank space and I'm resisting the urge to go plant shopping. Some dahlias might get that spot next spring so passers-by can appreciate them as well. Of course a hundred or so tulip bulbs will also appear there in the fall.

Lane restrictions on Thickson Road

The Regional Municipality of Durham, Works Department would like to advise residents of lane restrictions on Thickson Road (Regional Road 26), around the Winchester Road (Regional Road 3) intersection, in Brooklin.

When: Crews will begin work this week and continue until weather permits. Following a winter shut down, work on Winchester Road will take place in 2019.

Where: Thickson Road, from Highway 407 to north of Winchester

Road, in Brooklin, within the Town of Whitby.

Why: Full road reconstruction includes new asphalt, curb and gutter, traffic signals, storm sewer work and street lighting.

Note: Drivers are asked to exercise caution for the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and workers. For more information about Regional construction, design and environmental assessment projects, visit durham.ca/WorksProjects.

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Meet the Trustee Candidates for the 2018 Municipal Election



Durham Catholic District School Board (Select 1 or 2 on your ballot - 2 will be elected)



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A lifelong resident of Whitby, Teresa Bugelli attended St. John the Evangelist Catholic School. Her three children are former students of St Marguerite D'Youville Catholic School where Teresa was an active member on the Catholic School Council advocating for positive changes and promoting community events. With her children graduated, she would like to dedicate her energy and share her extensive experience towards building and maintaining strong rela-

tionships among the DCDSB's students, parents, teachers and leaders.

She's a Mental Health Counselor within the Durham Region & GTA. She specializes in community engagement knowing that a sense of belonging is paramount to one's self-consciousness towards living a meaningful existence. Building rapport has been an achieved skill which adds to her experience in mediation and conflict resolution, valuable assets when expressing ideas and suggestions about important board decisions.

Teresa follows the mantra of Mother Teresa, has a divine honour towards her life's lessons and is inspired daily by the incredible impact she made upon the Catholic faith. Honesty and integrity are traits upheld with great respect. With a high regard towards philanthropy, she's been

a campaign coordinator for different charities including Raising the Roof (alleviating homelessness) and Autism Speaks Canada that hosts an annual November walk at the Abilities Centre.

Teresa is dedicated to education and developing curricula relevant to our children as they encounter diverse socialization structures. Two key components are counselling and accessing available resources which need expansion.

Being able to openly communicate without the fear of stigmatization or judgment creates comfort. Sharing this ideology is an important trait to Catholic ideals. She will always be available as an attentive and approachable advocate. Devotion and dedication define her path towards being a positive community leader as a DCDSB Trustee.



Tricia Chapman
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During the past four years as a Catholic school board trustee for the Town of Whitby, I supported and enhanced the student's voice and leadership within our board and I have enthusiastically fostered relationships with clergy, provincial and federal members of parliament in order to solidify the importance of our education system.

I am an avid supporter of parents' involvement but I recognize that not all parents are able to volunteer in the classroom. Therefore, it is important that our board continue to provide a variety of ways for parents to get involved. I will continue to support and collaborate with our board's Parent Involvement Committee as they pursue a variety of mediums to reach out to our parents. As I reflect on the past four years, I realize that I thoroughly enjoy being a resource to the community and found myself always available to the public. I believe that it is important for a trustee to be present in public consultations and public information sessions in addition to our board meetings. I have proven to the public that I will be present at public consultations or information sessions to be more equipped to debate issues fully and make edu-

cated, responsible decisions at the board table.

As the trustee representative for the Student Senate over the past four years I have promoted student voice in the creation and discussion of board motions, funding and policy matters. I believe that all students are entitled to the equal and ample opportunities for learning and development. I am also an advocate for arts and technology accessibility for all students in the board.

I will continue to investigate and apply due diligence prior to deliberating board motions that involve our Whitby schools. I am committed to supporting programs that nurture creativity, inclusion and promote student achievement.



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Hello, I am running for re-election as Trustee with the Durham Catholic District School Board.

It's been with great pleasure to have served the residents of Brooklin at the board table the past four years. Having grown up in the Catholic education system, in both elementary and sec-

ondary, I know the power of the Catholic Graduate Expectations on the formation of a person.

With my wife and I now having two children growing up in a faith filled home, I believe now as I did in 2014 that the protection of our valued education system is a must. As Chair of the Board in the 2016-2017 school year I met with various local leaders and politicians to further promote Catholic education in Durham and throughout the province.

As a committed Catholic and proud member of the Knights of Columbus, I feel strongly about what it means to be Catholic. I will continue to fight for our right to have a publicly funded Catholic education system. I will fight to ensure

our core values are maintained and not compromised when negotiating with various levels of government. We owe it to our children to provide them with the best in order to be the best.

Thank you for your support in 2014. With your vote this October 22, I look to continue to represent you at the board table and, it would be my honour to work with you and your family for another four years.

Please reach out to me anytime john@johnrinella.ca or visit my website at johnrinella.ca Thank you and God Bless you and your family.

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Whitby Certifies 51 Candidates For Fall Election

The next Whitby municipal election will take place on Monday, October 22, 2018. A total of 51 candidates have been certified and will have their name included on the ballot to run for office this fall. Nominations closed at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 27, 2018.

This election, voters will elect nine Council Members to Whitby Town Council: the Mayor and four Regional Councillors elected by all voters in the Town, and four local Councillors elected by voters from

each of the four wards. Voters may also cast a vote for school board trustees and Regional Chair.

The complete list of the 51 candidates registered for the positions noted above can be found at <https://www.whitby.ca/en/town-hall/registered-candidates.asp>.

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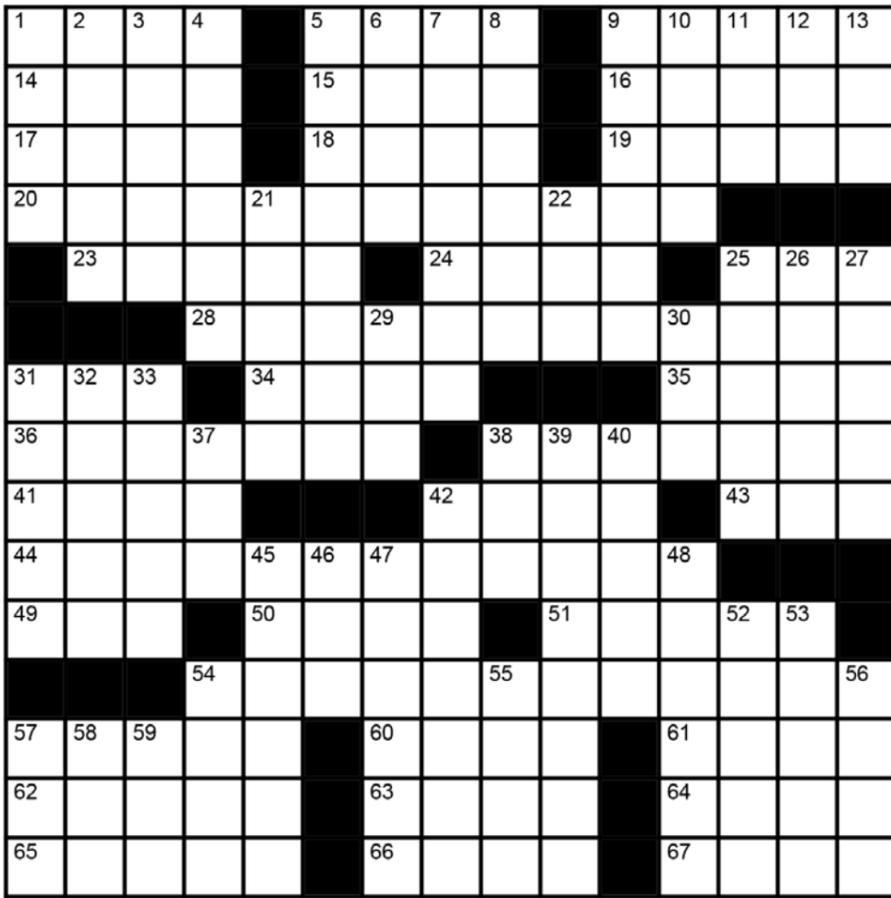
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Conservation Youth Art Competition Opens

Central Lake Ontario Conservation (CLOCA) has launched its Conservation Lands Master Plan community engagement plan, "It's My Nature," for the summer and would like to hear from users of all ages, what they love and love a little less about local conservation areas.

To deliver on this goal, the Conservation Lands Master Plan will incorporate the findings of an internal program review, and municipal and visitor needs assessments. And that is where the public comes into the fold. For those 18 years and older, CLOCA is offering an online survey at www.cloca.com to have their say and provide some insight into user needs that inspire positive change. For those who complete the survey we will be conducting a draw for five free conservation area parking passes, valued at \$75 each.

Youth Art Competition

If you are between the ages of 6 and 17, then grab your paints, brushes, crayons, coloured pencils, paper, glue and glitter for the "It's My Nature" Art Competition. Young artists are asked to think about ways they can illustrate the theme, "It's My Nature" by creating a piece of art that not only presents issues and challenges facing our conservation areas, but also communicates a message that inspires others to act.

CLOCA In partnership with the Whitby Station Gallery, Robert McLaughlin Gallery and the Visual Arts Centre of Clarington are providing some great prizes and will collaborate on the judging of each of the award categories. Submissions will be featured in CLOCA's Conservation Lands Management Plan programs and communication products. For more details and to complete an entry form, check out our website at www.cloca.com.

Community Calendar

Fri., Aug. 24: 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.

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Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe

Crossword

Across

- 1 Fungal spore sacs
5 Actors
9 Corporate department
14 Half-moon tide
15 A long time ago
16 Carry away, in a way
17 Container weight
18 Dirty coat
19 Money in the bank, say
20 Any equipment constantly used as part of a profession or occupation
23 What "yo mama" is
24 Curbside call
25 Cooking meas.
28 Entrusted with private information and the confidence of another
31 "Rocks"
34 Existed
35 A slight rounded elevation where the malleus attaches to the eardrum
36 The craft of a mason.
38 Mainly or chiefly
41 Galileo's birthplace
42 Half: Prefix
43 Hi-___ graphics
44 Greek mathematician and astronomer who estimated the circumference of the earth

- 49 A long, narrow spade for stony lands
50 Legal prefix
51 Avoid
54 The state of living in the streets
57 Any of many longlegged birds
60 Dismounted
61 Ballet attire
62 Cancel
63 Donut-shaped surfaces
64 Tennis serving whiz
65 "Hurray!"
66 Design detail
67 Eggheady sort

Down

- 1 Aardvark fare
2 Reservations
3 Noel
4 Medicinal syrup
5 One who verifies the authenticity of the principal signature or to provide surety.
6 Auth. unknown
7 Short dog, for short
8 Foursome
9 Introduction
10 "If all ___ fails ..."
11 Driver's need
12 Absorbed, as a cost
13 Allow
21 Famous
22 Fire truck equipment
25 Microwave feature
26 Expensive fur
27 A tactic or manoeuvre intended to gain an advantage
29 Swelter
30 Big jerk
31 Drive
32 Where "Aida" premiered
33 English exam finale, often
37 Cheerios grain
38 Author Harper
39 Of or relating to or caused by amnesia
40 Cambodian currency
42 A boat
45 Port city in northwest Portugal; noted for port wine
46 Friend of Frodo
47 Goodies
48 A browning of the skin
52 A tie in tennis
53 Banana oil, e.g.
54 Medal recipient
55 Dublin's land
56 A consonant produced without sound from the vocal cords
57 Kind of station
58 Lawyers' org.
59 Cry from Homer Simpson

Region Appoints New Commissioner of Finance

Durham Regional Council has confirmed the appointment of Nancy Taylor to the position of Commissioner of Finance/Treasurer for The Regional Municipality of Durham.

"We are pleased to appoint Nancy Taylor to this strategic senior position; responsible for the Region's financial management and overall fiscal accountability," said Garry Cubitt, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). "Nancy Taylor has dedicated the last 25 years to providing service to the community through her work with the Municipality of Clarington, and as their Director of Finance and Treasurer since 2001. She will help to ensure our financial initiatives continue to be progressive, represent best practices, and align with our corporate strategic plan and values."

Community involvement

In addition to her contributions to the Municipality of Clarington, Taylor has provided her technical expertise to several associations. She has been the Chair of the Durham Municipal Insurance Pool for the last 14 years. In 2017, she was President of the Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario and in 2018 remains as Past President. Taylor's financial acumen is complemented by her Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) from Brock University and CA designation.

ing reputation for fiscal responsibility and integrity—the result of a robust and accountable framework," said Nancy Taylor, Commissioner of Finance. "It is important that our policies and practices continue to reflect the appropriate management of Regional tax dollars. I look forward to modelling and championing the Region's values, while focusing on the needs of our various stakeholders."

Leads divisions

The Commissioner of Finance establishes strategic plans and provides effective leadership for the Finance Department's four main divisions: Financial Services; Financial Planning and Purchasing; Business Planning, Budgets and Risk Management; Internal Audit and Administration.

As chief financial officer for the Region, Durham Region Transit and the Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation, Taylor is responsible for a robust and accountable framework—one that ensures a financially sustainable corporation. She will also ensure the safekeeping of all Regional assets and long-term financial obligations, while providing sound and timely advice—to Durham Regional Council and the CAO—related to financial management and fiscal responsibility.

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Our Councillor's Report by Rhonda Mulcahy
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School Zone Photo Radar

I just got your attention, didn't I?

As ward councillor, I've discovered that the biggest problem we face daily in Ward One is speeding on residential streets. This isn't a surprise. It was the number one topic of conversation during the 2016 by-election campaign and remains so today. My counterparts in Wards Two, Three and Four claim the same holds true all over Whitby.

In distributing the 'town-approved' **Slow Down** signs, I continue to hear stories of speeding, often while standing on the street as cars buzz past. What residents say is true. What I doubt is drivers understanding why they shouldn't be doing it. Drivers are distracted by their phones,

hurrying to squeeze their lives into the day and flaunting the laws.

Other solutions

We have several initiatives on the go such as the new signs, the Pace program and Road Watch. We are targeting streets with the construction of bump outs and curbs like what is happening on Watford. We're investigating painted lines and graphics on the roads, too.

While we've considered speed bumps, both our traffic and emergency staff aren't crazy about this option. I believe speed bumps should still be discussed, so hopefully we'll look at it again next term. We've also lowered speed limits in certain areas (some worked, but in other areas, drivers speed up!). We have mobile flashing speed signs, which are difficult to obtain since they're in high demand. However, they've yet to be proven successful long term. Of course, there's traditional law enforcement,

and everyone slows down when a police car is present but we can't have a patrol car on every street.

The issue keeps me up at night and I know it does the other ward councillors as well. It seems speeding on residential streets is an uphill climb, one I am eager to test my endurance on. I'm not done yet. Alas, there's hope.

Provincial support

Last year, the Provincial government passed the *Safer School Zones Act*. This will allow municipalities to use photo radar in areas such as school and community safety zones. Now we need Premier Doug Ford to proclaim the changes.

When photo radar was tried before, it was unpopular because it was employed where commuters were driving ten over the limit, which we tend to do on 400 series highways. Now though, we have an entirely different scenario. It's about providing safer pedestrian areas in our communities.

Our hope is that when drivers receive automatic speeding tickets, the message will get through: Speeding in school zones will not be tolerated.

If we can solve this problem, we may also find more parents encouraging their children to walk to school. The more cars we leave at home, the saf-

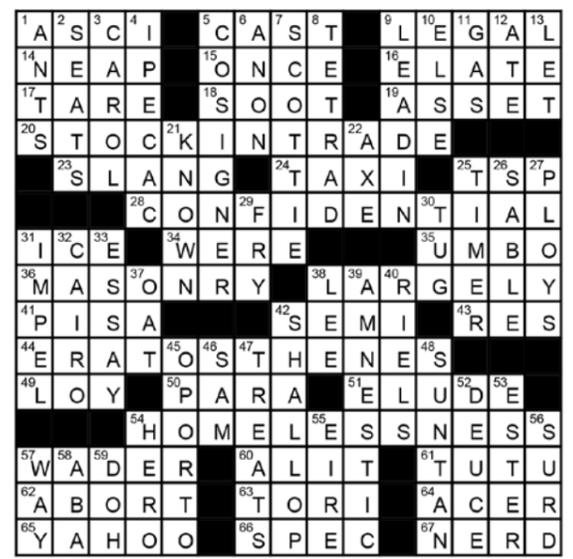
er the area will be.

As for cost...

Finally, what will photo radar cost if applied in all Durham Region school zones? Right now, I don't know. But I do know what the bump-outs and curbs on one street alone cost: over \$250,000! A roundabout would be approximately double that.

London, Ontario, installed red light cameras at 10 intersections where drivers were known to run the lights. They caught, on average, 10 drivers a day in the first year of operation. The cost for the lights was \$3.8 million. The "income" from each was \$325 per ticket. Do the math.

In the end, I think it may pay for itself what with all the habitual speeders we have. But even if it doesn't, the bigger question remains: what might the cost be if we don't have photo radar in school zones?





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