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## Less than half the picture: *By Richard Bercuson*



# Is vultus amo holerum cum muscle

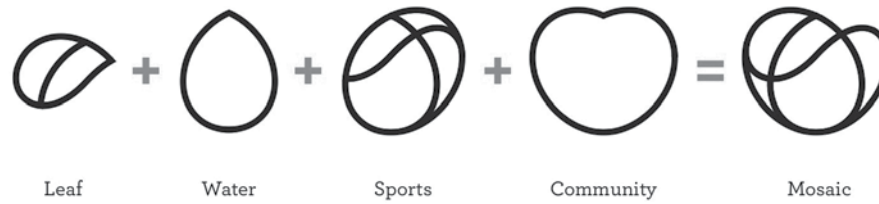
I cheated.

My four - yes, four! - years of high school Latin didn't provide me quite enough linguistic flexibility (ie. intelligence) to share with you what I really think about Whitby's proposed rebranding logo. So I went to Google translate and settled on, "It looks like a vegetable with a flap." Hence, "Is vultus amo holerum cum muscle."

It could also be an errant cabbage, if cabbages can go errant, or a baby cradle with a seat belt.

The Town's Staff Report (CAO 05-19), as presented to the Committee of the Whole on Feb. 4, included

a deconstruction of the logo along with renderings of how the flappy vegetable would look on street banners (confused), stationery (pecu-



liar), and then toques, tee-shirts and coffee mugs (who'd buy one?).

The report describes the proposed final product as follows: "The new recommended brand is modern, in-

novative and progressive and boldly expresses Whitby's core brand attributes of active spaces and community, while also nodding toward growth and innovation, heritage, vibrant, welcoming and sincere." Nodding toward?

Our North Ward Councillor Steve Lee plunked it on Facebook and solicited people's opinions. He got over 400 responses with a wide va-

riety of comments from the inane to sensible. The most creative, if not slightly gross, one? "It looks like a recyclable Depends undergarment." In short, there weren't many who thought the logo represented anything but an obtuse abstract that represents, well, no one is quite sure what except for perhaps the graphic artist. Let's refer here to the icon reconstruction.

It's supposed to link/meld/superimpose/marry/blend/interfuse the themes that go along with a leaf,

water, sports and community. Together they supposedly form a mosaic. Using a leaf struck me as a bit fanatical about a team that has yet to win anything. Still, I do accept we live in the GTA.

I can be as deep as the next person. For instance, when staring straight into the Mona Lisa's eyes once at The Louvre, I'm almost certain I saw a twinkle. Like all of you, I also know a logo that's wrong the moment I spot one. Highway 407 ETR's shows a yellow streak through the letters ETR. Now there's a metaphor if ever I saw one. However, its logo should really be an old fashioned cash register, something everyone can understand.

Meanwhile, Whitby CAO Matt Gaskell has written a curious response to the public's opinion of the suggested logo. We've published it in its entirety. Essentially, he's saying, "Brand is important. A logo must be, too. We chose one. Oopsy, the public hates it. Back to the drawing board. Stay tuned for more options."

However, one Facebook contributor nailed it. "Anytime a logo requires an explanation, it's not done correctly."

Exactly.

## Whitby CAO Discusses Rebranding Project

Last week, a staff report regarding the Corporate Rebrand Project was brought forward to Committee of the Whole for consideration. Due to the significant amount of interest in the topic, Matt Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer offers the following comments regarding the development of the new brand:

"The rebranding project was identified as a priority a few years ago and was initiated in 2017. In addition, Town Council has placed an emphasis upon economic development and promoting Whitby as the vibrant, welcoming, urban Town that it is. To help realize the Town's full potential, we need a brand that reflects who we are and who we want to be.

"Branding is a challenging exercise. It is a strategic direction and an investment that is about much more than just a logo. It is a system of colours, fonts, standards, graphics and more that collectively can set a community and an organization apart from others. Moreover, a brand is not just a logo or a look. A brand impacts how you feel about a product or a community.

### Residents engaged

"A new brand for our community understandably invokes a sense of ownership. And research shows that we invariably have a strong initial reaction to new branding or when a logo changes. The initial reaction to a new brand is usually negative. Several examples of this include Apple, Starbucks and Nike. In our case, the change may feel personal because our connections to this community are strong. We understand that. That is why over the past year and a half, we engaged residents, business owners, staff and stakeholders in the development of the recommended brand.

From an online survey, to comment cards, to interviews and roundtables and more, we undertook considerable effort to seek input into this process.

"These insights helped us to develop the recommended brand. To date, the largest portion of the project's budget has been invested in engagement. In fact, it remains the Town's most significant engagement project to date, and we take pride in that. I would like to acknowledge the significant amount of work that has gone into this project and thank the residents, business owners, staff and stakeholders who contributed insights, ideas and feedback that was received during that process.

### Brand represents values

"The Town's new brand should be unique and dynamic just like our community. The recommended brand presented to Committee of the Whole on February 4 positions Whitby as modern and innovative. It differentiates the Town from other municipalities and signals that things are changing in Whitby. We believe the new brand is consistent with the values of the community and what we have heard through the 2018 community survey.

"However, we also appreciate that there are many different opinions on this topic. The passion with which this issue has been discussed demonstrates its importance.

"Based on the interest in the recommended brand, we will be reporting back to Council on February 19 with additional options on how this project can proceed. Our goal is to, constructively build on what has been done to date and to provide the community with further opportunity for input."

## From Regional Councillor *Rhonda Mulcahy*:



## Budget TBD

The budget was presented to council on Monday at the Committee of the Whole.

Despite the property tax bill being on Town letterhead, the Town's portion of your property tax bill is one third. The school board's 1% and the Region the remainder. Thus a home assessed at \$437,000 (MPAC's average home value), displaces \$2776 to the Region, \$1802 to the Town and \$743 to the school board.

Furthermore, property taxes are 9% of the total household taxes paid to all levels of Government, with the Feds collecting 47% and the Province 44%. To be fair, property taxes get the most done with the least amount collected.

### Where does town revenue come from in our \$133 million budget?

\$93.3 million is property taxes; \$25.4 million is user fees; \$7.2 million is reserve transfers; \$6.2 million is other revenues including Whitby Hydro; and \$0.2 million is from the provincial or federal governments.

### Where does the money go? (in millions)

\$41.32 - fire and emergency services;  
\$39.64 - roads, bridges and sidewalks;  
\$28.61 - facilities, parks and trails;  
\$9.28 - library;  
\$6.28 - waste management;

\$5.34 - corporate governance;  
\$5.14 - winter maintenance;  
\$4.81 - community programs;  
\$3.31 - building, planning and development services;  
\$2.56 - by-law and animal services;  
\$2.24 - sustainability, heritage, downtowns and community development and economic development;  
\$0.82 - special events and community grants;  
\$0.82 - Station Gallery.

Much of the discussion circulated around the funding of the mid-block alterior road and the new Whitby North Sports Facility. Many around the table expressed concerns over the delay of either of these. The longer we wait on the Environmental Assessment for the road, the longer we wait for all of it. So I've asked staff for a memo to outline how we can expedite the hiring to get this rolling.

Our challenges are mostly about future growth. Contrary to common belief, growth does not pay for itself any more than budgets balance themselves.

The budget document itself is over 400 pages. You can get a hard copy at town hall or look it up at [whitby.ca/budget](http://whitby.ca/budget). There is time for feedback and we on council welcome it. An email to [council@whitby.ca](mailto:council@whitby.ca) will get to all of us. Mine is [mulcahyr@whitby.ca](mailto:mulcahyr@whitby.ca)



# Family Day Events In Whitby

On Monday, February 18, activities will take place at five sites in Whitby including: Iroquois Park Sports Centre, Whitby Community Recreation Complex, McKinney Arena, Luther Vipond Arena and Brooklin Community Centre and Library. Admission to all sites will be free.

Here's a listing of what will be available:

Whitby Civic Recreation Complex  
**Time:** 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Activities:

- Health Club Open House - Free Trial workout for ages 14+
- Different classes every 30 minutes! Choose from Zumba, Yoga and Taekwondo.

12:15 p.m. Zumba

12:45 p.m. Yoga

1:15 p.m. Zumba

1:45 p.m. Yoga

2:30 p.m. Introduction to Taekwondo

3:00 p.m. Introduction to Taekwondo

\*Clean indoor shoes required for all classes

**Join us to watch Disney's Incredibles 2!**

**Times:** 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

**Location:** Brooklin Community Centre and Library (in the Gymnasium)

**Other Activities:** Enjoy free popcorn and a fun family photo opp.

Mats will be available to sit on, but guests can bring their own blankets. No outside chairs, food or drink will be permitted.

## Skating

Three locations to choose from! Bring your own skates; there are no rentals available.

**Location:** Iroquois Park Sports Centre

**Family Skate:** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Parent & Tot Skate:** 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

\*Skating for 1 adult, maximum 2 children, 7 years of age and under.

**Backyard Rink:** 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

\*Scotiabank Backyard Rink introduces children 7 years and under to hockey or ringette. Children must wear full protective hockey equipment, adults should wear proper head protection. Pylons and nets are provided, bring your own sticks and pucks. Maximum of two children per adult.

**Family Skate:** 2:00 - 3:45 p.m.

**Other Activities:**

- NHL player (to be announced) will be signing autographs in the lobby from 12 - 2 p.m.
- Various children's activities
- Ice carvings
- Fun family photo opp
- Entertainment

**Location:** Luther Vipond Memorial Arena

**Time:** Family Skate 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** McKinney Arena

**Time:** Family Skate 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

## Swimming

**Public Swim** 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

**Lane Swim** 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

**Public Swim** 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Whitby Civic Recreation Complex

## Children's Crafts

**When:** All day long!

**Where:** Whitby Civic Recreation Complex

## Mayor's Annual Fundraiser Tickets Available

Get a peek at Whitby's future during Mayor Don Mitchell's fourth annual fundraiser, "A Night Out on the Town."

With a limited number of tickets on sale now at [mayorscommunityfundraiser.eventbrite.ca](http://mayorscommunityfundraiser.eventbrite.ca), community members are encouraged to secure their spots on the dance floor. The fundraiser will bring together approximately 300 guests at Whitby's historic Trafalgar Castle to celebrate and give back to the community.

The event will take place on **Sat., March 23, 7 to 11 pm** at Trafalgar Castle, 401 Reynolds Street, Whitby, Ontario L1N 3W9. Tickets are \$100 per person and sales close on March 15.

The evening will include food, friends, entertainment and music. More importantly, funds raised will benefit local community groups, events and initiatives through the Mayor's Community Development Fund (MCDF). The 2018 event raised more than \$70,000 for the MCDF and lead grants were awarded to Epilepsy Durham Region, Pickering Auxiliary Rescue Association and The Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre.

For application guidelines or to fill out an application form, interested groups or individuals can visit [whitby.ca/communityfunds](http://whitby.ca/communityfunds).

For further information, contact Heather Ellis, Executive Advisor to the Mayor, at 905-706-2146 or email [ellish@whitby.ca](mailto:ellish@whitby.ca).

## Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson



# New Food Guide = No Dairy + Less Meat

It had long been rumoured that the Canada Food Guide was being revised to be not only more inclusive of the diverse Canadian culture but also based on more current research. The new food guide encourages Canadians to get more of their protein from plant-based. There are no longer four food groups and dairy has been completely removed.

The previous guide, introduced in 1977, was considered outdated as it was heavily favourable to meat and dairy. Conspiracy theories were rampant that the meat and dairy industries had paid to have their products promoted. But I think it was just the way Canadians ate at the time.

### Less meat

Over time, there's been a shift towards less meat. Even diehard meat-eaters are talking about consuming less of it. Most of the sold-out nutritional tours I do at Farm Boy are filled with people who simply want to reduce their animal product intake, though their biggest worry remains if they'll get enough protein.

Protein is a macronutrient that's essential to building muscle mass. It's commonly found in animal products, though it's also present in other sources such as nuts and legumes. (The other two macronutrients are carbohydrates and fats).

Protein-rich foods are commonly rated in terms of how "complete" their amino acid profiles are. As most animals are made up of proteins similar to ours, it's often suggested that we need to eat meat/eggs/dairy because these contain proteins that match ours. Proteins from these food sources supply all

of the essential amino acids.

### Variety needed

Do we need to eat complete proteins in order to meet our needs for these essential amino acids? The answer is no. Research indicates that this amazing body we live in will take and store the proteins from a wide variety of vegan foods and thus our protein needs will be met. So, in a "nutshell", go for a variety of foods.

Some of the best sources of plant-based proteins are: tofu (I know you may think it's gross but give it another try), beans, lentils, seeds like hemp and chia, oatmeal, brown rice and even Ezekial bread.

From the blog "Oh She Glows" comes this great salad dressing that has two types of complete proteins. Use it on a salad topped with hearty chick peas and roasted vegetables.

### Hemp Seed Dressing

1/2 cup hulled hemp seeds

1/2 cup water

2 tablespoons nutritional yeast

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

1 clove garlic, peeled

1/4-1/2 teaspoon fine grain sea salt,

to taste

### Directions:

Put dressing ingredients into a high-speed blender and blend on high until smooth. Adjust salt to taste. The dressing will appear thin at first, but it thickens after being chilled in the fridge.

Sheree's Hack: Keep hemp and other seeds in the freezer to keep them fresh and lengthen their shelf life.

## Whitby Family Day Closures

Due to Family Day, Town Hall will close at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 15 and will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 19. Some facilities will also have modified hours or programming. For a full list of facility hours, closures and modified programming, please visit [whitby.ca/programnotices](http://whitby.ca/programnotices).

On Monday, February 18, a number of Town facilities, including the Town's arenas, will remain open to host free Family Day activities between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For a complete list of programming and schedules, visit [whitby.ca/family-day](http://whitby.ca/family-day).

### Recreation Facilities

The Whitby Civic Recreation Complex will be open on Monday, February 18 from 12 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. however, Aquatics Instructional Programs are cancelled. The Brooklin Community Centre and Library will be open from 12:30 p.m.

to 5:00 p.m. however, the Youth Room and Library will be closed.

### Whitby Seniors' Activity Centre

The Whitby Seniors' Activity Centre will be closed on Monday, February 18.

### Whitby Public Library

All branches of the Whitby Public Library will be closed Sunday, February 17 and Monday, February 18. Visit [whitbylibrary.ca](http://whitbylibrary.ca) for access to digital content and program information anytime.

### Waste Collection Services

There will be no waste collection services on Monday, February 18. For the week of February 18, garbage, green bin and blue box collection will be moved forward one day after your regular pick up day. To confirm your collection pick up day, check the waste collection calendar or download the Whitby Waste Buddy app.



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# “Wooden It Be Nice”: A Child’s Passion Becomes Valued Pastime

By Richard Bercuson

One of Scott Bennett’s earliest memories going back to his childhood in the east Ottawa suburb of Blackburn Hamlet is of the bed his father constructed for him. While his dad dabbled in woodworking, Scott adopted the hobby almost immediately. Today, this Brooklin resident has a Youtube channel with over 10,000 subscribers and a million views and will be a presenter at the GTA Home and Reno Show on Monday, Feb. 18. His topic at 3 pm will be “Woodworking advice for Home Improvement Projects.”



One of the beds Bennett created.

imported from other countries, especially Third World ones. “It may be cheaper to buy the furniture but eventually everything breaks down and needs repair. That’s where my focus is mostly.”

The business has matured and he’s partnered with a Brooklin upholsterer, Cummins Custom Upholstery. As for his youtube success, that was somewhat of an accident. “I created a

couple of videos and people liked it. I got a lot of positive feedback. I wanted to create content that was helpful, not to show off or entertain.”

He took woodworking while attending high school at Anderson and from that won both Durham and Ontario Skills Canada competitions. That led to his representing Canada at the U.S. Skills Olympics. One of his teachers suggested strongly that, unless he wanted to live on the poverty line, it’d be best to have a full time occupation and do the woodworking on the side, advice he’s listened to.

A fellow who admits he has a hard time sitting still, Bennett says the woodworking is a terrific stress reliever. He works out at a gym, but nothing replaces the time spent creating and fixing.

“In my house, I’ve built bookshelves and my kids’ beds. I wanted them to have what my father gave me.”

Still, going into people’s homes is not something he cares to do. It makes him uncomfortable to the point he just won’t do it. He’d much rather work out of his own shop. Well, that and show viewers online just how he does what he does.

“I always wanted to push the limit of my skills,” he recalls. So when he went to a college program to enhance them, the professor told him he could probably teach the course as his skills were that good.

Scott Bennett’s web sites:  
**WoodenItBeNice.ca**  
**HomeImprovementWoodworking.com**  
Tel. **905-655-0935**

In recent years, Bennett has taken up the mantle, so to speak, of doing furniture repairs, an unheralded field since much of what we buy is

# Local Student Heading To Miss Teen Canada Pageant



Maya Elliott, a grade 10 BHS student, participated recently in the Miss Teenage Ontario Pageant, a qualifier for the National Miss Teenage Canada Pageant which will take place in August in the GTA.

Competition for the show and then competed in various events such as the evening gown, the swimsuit and the interview competitions.

Competing against 23 other teens from across the province, she was crowned that night and given the chance to represent her region (Whitby). The pageant took place over the Jan. 26-27 weekend in Markham. Along with the other participants, she rehearsed choreog-

raphy for the show and then competed in various events such as the evening gown, the swimsuit and the interview competitions. Her gorgeous evening gown was custom designed by Swati Kalra, the owner of the “House of Kalra” store in Ajax. Swati also sponsored the jewelry Maya wore with the gown. Her hair and makeup were done through a sponsor, Kokela, owner of Step ad Styles Boutique in Scarborough.

Each contestant was asked to create a platform that they would support during their reign. Maya chose to raise awareness and funds for AVM (Arterial Venous Malformation/ Pediatric Stroke) and ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), diseases that have both affected her family.



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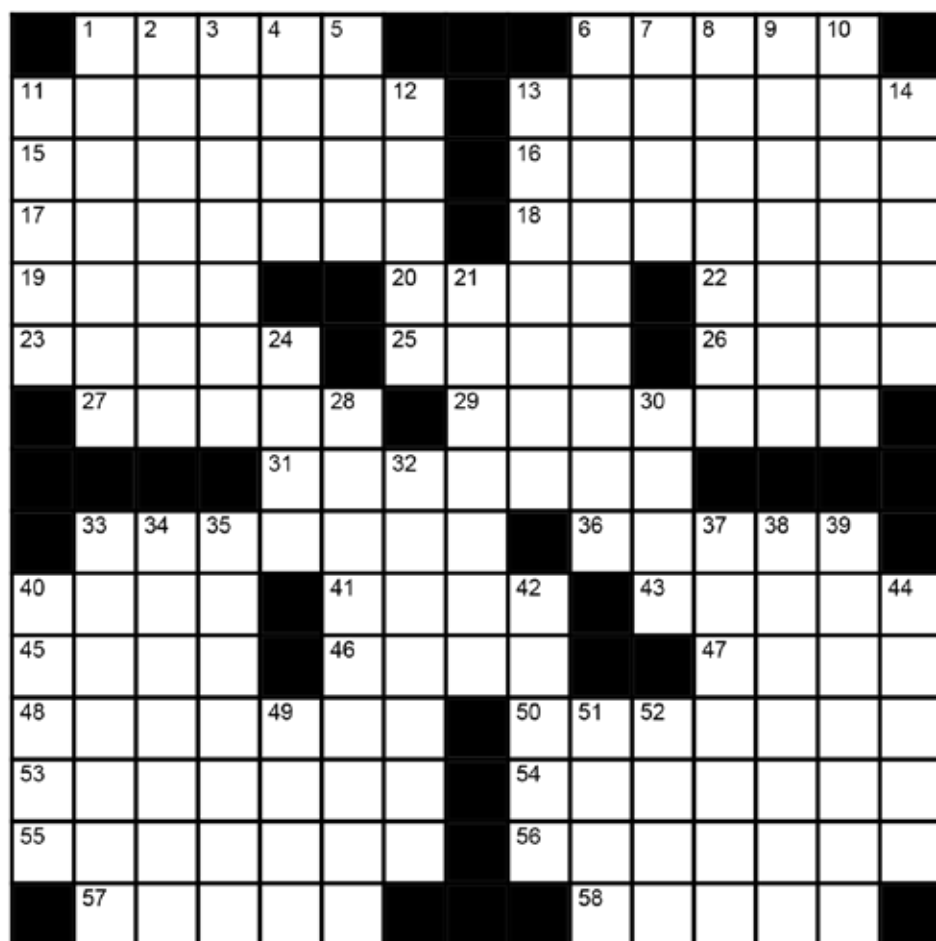


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## Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe

## Crossword



## Across

- 1 Prophetic (5)  
 6 Someone who is dazzlingly skilled in any field (5)  
 11 Gain in value (7)  
 13 Persons appointed by a head of state to head executive departments of government and act as official advisers (7)  
 15 One who accepts the doctrine of animism (7)  
 16 (Greek mythology) the daughter of Agamemnon and Clytemnestra. (7)  
 17 A sodium salt of carbonic acid; used in making soap powders and glass and paper (4,3)  
 18 Showing the most signs of wear and tear (7)

- 19 Arabic for "commander" (4)  
 20 Kind of column (2-2)  
 22 Bypass (4)  
 23 Arrive, as darkness (3,2)  
 25 Cause to wither or parch from exposure to heat (4)  
 26 Type of radioactivity unit (4)  
 27 Force units (5)  
 29 Alphabetical lists of technical terms in some specialized field of knowledge (7)  
 31 Inability to use or understand language (spoken or written) because of a brain lesion (7)  
 33 Fermented and often effervescent beverages made from juice of pears (7)  
 36 A male monarch or emperor (especially of Russia prior to 1917) (5)

- 40 The ball-and-socket joint between the head of the femur and the acetabulum (4)  
 41 Consistent with fact or reality (4)  
 43 Candied (5)  
 45 Colored (4)  
 46 Low in pitch (4)  
 47 At all times; all the time and on every occasion (4)  
 48 Of or related to the pain of angina pectoris (7)  
 50 Type of coast (7)  
 53 Chilled (3-4)  
 54 A small recess opening off a larger room (7)  
 55 Narrates or gives a detailed account of (verb) (7)  
 56 Complains whiningly (7)  
 57 Gives up for a price or reward (5)  
 58 Conditions requiring relief (5)

## Down

- 1 Full of malice or hate (7)  
 2 A positive feeling of wanting to push ahead with something (7)  
 3 Small South American marmoset with silky fur and long nonprehensile tail (7)  
 4 Hip bones (4)  
 5 An amusingly eccentric, grumpy or old-fashioned old man (4)  
 6 Unskillful, awkward (9)  
 7 Assist or encourage, usually in some wrongdoing (4)  
 8 A combatant who is able to defeat rivals (7)  
 9 The innermost membrane of an organ (7)  
 10 (Greek mythology) sea nymphs who were daughters of the sea god Nereus (7)  
 11 Tears down so as to make flat with the ground (5)  
 12 Character (5)  
 13 Breakfast foods prepared from grain (7)  
 14 Small open pies with a fruit filling (5)  
 21 (Greek mythology) the immortal winged horse (7)  
 24 Closely resembling the genuine article (4)  
 28 Illegal pitches in which a foreign substance (spit or Vaseline) is applied to the ball by the pitcher (9)  
 30 Back talk (4)  
 32 Foreshadows or presages (7)  
 33 Swoops down on (7)  
 34 Type of: expert (especially of religious texts) (7)  
 35 Extreme (7)  
 37 Inspiring awe, admiration or wonder (7)  
 38 Gave new life or energy to (7)  
 39 Mechanical devices that sow grass seed or grain evenly over the ground (7)  
 40 Committee head (5)  
 42 English exam finale, often (5)  
 44 Amount of hair (5)  
 49 A short or waste piece or knot of wool (4)  
 51 A feeling of strong eagerness (usually in favour of a person or cause) (4)  
 52 The highest point of something (4)

## Durham Transit Examines New Initiatives

The Durham Region Transit (DRT) Transit Executive Committee convened last week to discuss 2019 transit initiatives and priorities. The 2019 Service and Financing Study was presented and outlines the following customer focused service priorities:

- Investing in service enhancements, continuing the commitment to the five-year service strategy that launched in 2016
- Strengthening transit services with a focus on Rural North Durham
- Improving customer amenities at transit stops
- Managing fleet assets and looking to purchase new buses, replace older fleet and grow service
- Examining transit innovations to ensure DRT is at the forefront of developing technologies like electric and autonomous vehicles
- Continuing the transition to electronic fare media

"This year's Service and Financing

Study mirrors our organizational objectives and the Transportation Master Plan approved by Regional Council," says Vincent Patterson, General Manager of DRT. "With ridership up last year, and preliminary January 2019 numbers indicating strong growth at around 5%, we're excited to continue building attractive transit in Durham. Rapid transit on Highway 2 and Simcoe Street and the GO Lakeshore East extension to Bowmanville are regional transit infrastructure priorities that will continue to improve seamlessness of travel for our customers."

"DRT's continued focus on improving value to customers through targeted service enhancements and technology innovations will ensure DRT provides a competitive alternative to car travel," adds Shaun Collier, Mayor of Ajax and Chair of the Transit Executive Committee.

The next Transit Executive Committee is scheduled for March 6, 2019 at Regional Headquarters, Whitby.

## Community Calendar

**Fri., Feb. 22: 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](mailto:teenservices@whitbylibrary.ca).

**Sun., Feb. 24: 7:30-9 pm: Trivia Night**

At Michael Kelly's Eatery on Winchester and St. Thomas

\$20 per person cash only. Teams of 4-6 ONLY. Each team receives a large pizza and an order of garlic bread, with a beer per person. Winning team members will each get a \$10 gift certificate to MK's.

**Register by emailing your name and number of team members to: [editor-ofbtc@gmail.com](mailto:editor-ofbtc@gmail.com)**

Capacity is 42 people, so registration is first come-first served.

Hosted by the BTC with all proceeds going to Prostate Cancer Canada Network (PCCN) Durham.

**Wed., Feb. 27: 7:30 pm: Brooklin Horticultural Society Membership Meeting**

At Brooklin United Church, 19 Cassels Road East.

A Sheridan Nurseries representative will talk on what's new for 2019.

Arrive early for draw tickets, renew your membership, & enjoy refreshments (please lug-a-mug). New members welcome. For more information, contact Kathy at [905-430-7213](tel:905-430-7213), [kathyallam@hotmail.ca](mailto:kathyallam@hotmail.ca).

**Fri., March 1: 1 pm: World Day of Prayer at St. Thomas' Anglican Church**

The country of focus this year is Slovenia. The theme is "Come, Everything is Ready."

An afternoon of shared worship and

prayer by women from Slovenia and celebrated with several area churches. The scripture focus is "The Parable of the Great Banquet".

Light refreshments after the service. Donations will help fund World Day of Prayer in Canada as well as grants for projects to restore hope to women touched by injustice. Grant stories on the Women's Interchurch Council website at [wicc.org](http://wicc.org). For information, call Dianne Cruyton at 905-655-3853 or Donna Shaddick at 905-620-0724.

**Tues., March 5, 5-7 pm: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

\*Brooklin United Church (19 Cassels Rd. E.)

All you can eat pancakes, with sausages, fruit cocktail and refreshments.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12 (under 5 free).

Call ahead for tickets: **905-655-4141**

**French Family Storytime:** Children and their caregivers can join Madame Sue for weekly French Family Storytime! A half hour of French stories and songs, with a dash of English!

Drop in at Central Library's Children's Program Room

**Tuesdays: 7:25 pm: Brooklin Toastmasters Club**

Practice public speaking at Brooklin Community Centre & Library. Contact John Johnstone at [jajhj@sympatico.ca](mailto:jajhj@sympatico.ca) or phone **905-683-4439** or Patricia Romano at [promano257@outlook.com](mailto:promano257@outlook.com) or phone **905-626-7055**.

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

**Mon.-Fri.**

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

If you have a community not-for-profit event you would like included in the calendar, please email it to [editorofBTC@gmail.com](mailto:editorofBTC@gmail.com) with the subject line "calendar." Priority will be given to Brooklin events. Some editing may occur.



**Blooming in Brooklin By Ken Brown**



# Houseplants Are Coming Back

Will I run out of groceries before the sun melts the ice from my car or will I actually have to go out and scrape it? A gardener in winter often has thoughts like that then retreats to the basement to plant more seeds, pretending the ice doesn't exist.



After the onions, petunias and a few other crops that need a long lead time have been planted, I can continue to browse through seed catalogues looking for the newest and greatest things to try.

One of the year's best selections is a potato we can grow from seed. Clancy F1 sounds wonderful and I'm looking forward to getting some sample seeds. Unfortunately I haven't been able to find a commercial seed source so you'll probably have to wait till I've tried it. Writing about something that's difficult to obtain is not what I like to do, but if I help publicize it, then perhaps more seed companies might stock it next spring.

**Houseplant resurgence**

Of course, we can always turn to our houseplants for gardening satisfaction. While at the Tropical Plant International Expo in Ft. Lauderdale Florida last month, I admired the hundreds of booths exhibiting the latest houseplant trends. Apparently having a collection of houseplants is again becoming a popular pastime. Younger working people still feel the need to have some contact with green growing things but have neither the time nor the space to indulge in much gardening. Consequently, the newest trend are complete packages with a plant or three already in a decorative container, sometimes with a means to hang it or attach it to a wall.

For instance, tillandsias, commonly called air plants because of their ability to grow without any soil, are often attached to decorative rocks or logs or a similar piece of décor. They survive with regular light misting and will be happy if you forget

and ignore them for a week or so. They're quite small, come in a variety of sizes and will produce interesting blooms under the right conditions.

If you want bigger plants and brighter colours, then the extensive array of new bromeliads will be your choice. They're table top size and easy to maintain.

**...And a fun new book**

Let me tell you about a wonderful new book. "Gardening With Emma" is the best children's gardening book ever! Emma is 13 years old and has written this from her perspective. The language, ideas, and pictures are sure to entice any beginning gardener to beg their parents for a plot of land to start their own adventures. Last year, for example, she grew 100 varieties of tomatoes.

She talks about bugs, weeds, little brothers, and a father who likes things in straight rows. She also discusses real gardening topics such as the right type of soil, what plants need, how much sun and when and how much to water. It's a wonderful read and Emma is a delightful girl whom I've had the privilege to know for several years.

Imagine a generation of children who want to trade in their screens for a trowel!

**NOTE:**  
"Gardening With Emma" by Emma Biggs is published by Storey Publishing. It's available from storey.com at \$18.95 or \$23.98 from Indigo. The Kobo e-book version is \$15.99.



## WORSHIP DIRECTORY

<p><b>Burns Presbyterian Church</b> 765 Myrtle Rd West (just 4 minutes north of Brooklin) 10am Worship, Kids Zone Fun &amp; Nursery Care <i>"Discovering God, Sharing God's Love"</i> <b>905.655.8509 www.Burnschurch.org</b></p> <p><b>Brooklin United Church</b> 19 Cassels Rd. E. Sundays 10:30 am • Sunday School &amp; Nursery Care <i>Come catch the Spirit!</i> <b>www.brooklinunited.ca 905.655.4141</b></p> <p><b>Renaissance Baptist Church of Brooklin</b> 40 Vipond Road (Just West Of Library) Sunday Worship &amp; Kids Program 10:30 am <i>We're here for Brooklin!</i> <b>905.655.4554 www.brooklinrbc.ca</b></p>	<p><b>Brooklin Village Church</b> At Brooklin High School, 20 Camwith Drive W. Sundays, 10:30 am <i>Our Mission is to share the love of Christ as we live out our calling to become more like Him.</i> <b>www.brooklinvillagechurch.com</b></p> <p><b>St. Thomas' Anglican Church</b> 101 Winchester Road East Sunday Services: 8:30 and 10:30 am Sunday School &amp; Nursery Program (10:30am) Wednesday 10:00 am Communion &amp; Healing Service <b>905.655.3883 www.stthomasbrooklin.ca</b></p>
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# CLOCA Free Family Day Options

To celebrate families, Central Lake Ontario Conservation (CLOCA) invites you to discover one or all of its local Conservation Areas with free admission/parking on Family Day, Monday, Feb. 18, from dawn to dusk.

"Family time is very important and a visit outdoors to a Conservation Area makes a great outing with many health benefits," says Patricia Lowe, Director of Community Engagement with Central Lake Ontario Conservation. "An increasing body of research suggests that one of the best ways to give your moral a boost is to spend more time outdoors!"

Central Lake Ontario Conservation owns 2,700 hectares of land, with eight publically accessible conservation areas and 45 kilometres of trails, providing watershed residents a variety of recreational opportunities and experiences.

Not sure where to go? Check out some of our Conservation Area (CA) highlights below to help you decide on your destination.

**Lynde Shores CA** – Bring along a handful of bird seed and walk the Chickadee Trail to get up close and personal with local songbirds.

**Stephen's Gulch CA** – Plan a run,

ski, or walk to take advantage of the hills and get a great cardio workout.

**Heber Down CA** – Bring your four-legged friends to hike the trails or an off leash experience at the dog park. Remember to park at the new entrance at 5400 Cochrane Street.

**Bowmanville Westside Marsh CA** – Get close to one of our jewels, two coastal wetlands which host a variety of winter waterfowl. Bring your binoculars.

**Long Sault CA** – If snow conditions are good, bring your cross country skis or snowshoes.

**Enniskillen CA** – This is an opportunity for a stop for a winter picnic, build a snowman and explore the many trails.

Whatever your pleasure, we offer something for everyone and hope you take advantage of our 2nd Annual Free Family Day at these Conservation Areas, literally in your backyard.

Not sure where to find these Conservation Areas? Check out our website at [www.cloca.com](http://www.cloca.com). Still not sure which one to visit? Why not visit all of them, or throw the names in a hat and let someone in your family pull one to decide. Happy Trails!

## How To Envision Durham's Future?

The Regional Municipality of Durham's Planning Division has launched Envision Durham, the Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) of the Durham Regional Official Plan (ROP).

By 2041, Durham Region's population is expected to grow to 1.2 million people, with more than 430,000 jobs. Envision Durham is looking at:

- How and where our cities and towns may grow.
- How to use and protect our land and resources.
- What housing types and job opportunities are needed for our residents.
- How people and goods move within, across and beyond our region.

"Envision Durham is an opportunity to plan for change and establish a progressive and forward-looking planning vision for Durham Region to 2041," said John Henry, Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer. "This is an exciting opportunity for residents, businesses and stakeholders to share their vision for the future of our community."

Over the next four years, the Region is reaching out to area municipalities, conservation authorities, the public, businesses and other stakeholders to gather their views and opinions on a range of topics. The public is encouraged to visit [durham.ca/EnvisionDurham](http://durham.ca/EnvisionDurham), where they can:

- Learn more about the review.
- Take an online survey.
- Watch a quick video of the MCR process.
- Subscribe to Envision Durham, 2041 updates.
- Find opportunities to participate.

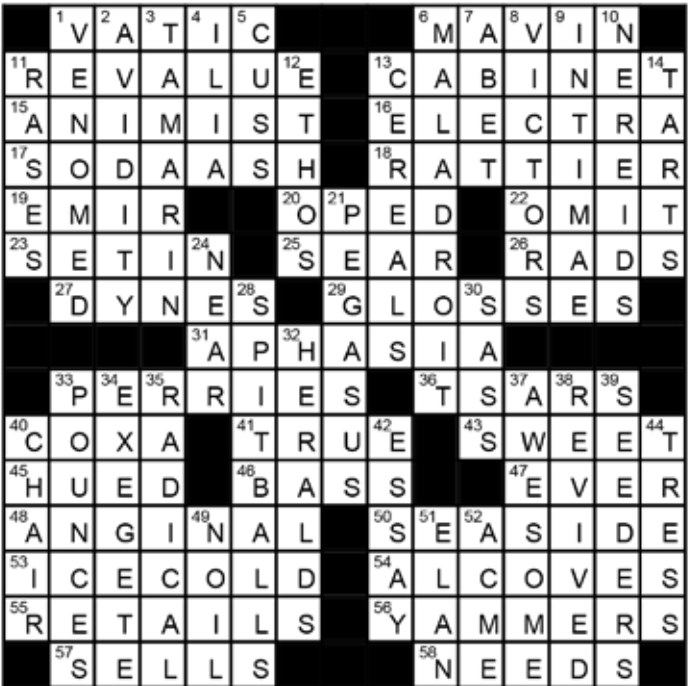
"Our vision is to create healthy and complete, sustainable communities within the region; ensuring that Durham continues to be a great place to live, work, play, grow and invest," said Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. "Through Envision Durham, we will address a wide range of strategic land use planning, development and environmental topics, which will help inform how and where to grow."

The Official Plan is Regional Council's core planning document, guiding Regional decision-making on long-term growth and development. It also provides policies to ensure an improved quality of life, securing the health, safety, convenience and well-being of present and future residents.

Under the Planning Act, the Region is required to review the Regional Official Plan every five years, and to bring it in line with Provincial plans and policy statements. Envision Durham will satisfy these requirements.



# Action from Ontario Parasport Championship at BHS



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### Hint at Stronger Spring

The 2019 housing market has kicked off with modest gains; the stage has been set for a strong spring market, as buyers returned with renewed ambitions, and braved stormy conditions to do so.

"It is encouraging to see the slight increase in January transactions on a year over year basis, even with the inclement weather experienced in the GTA region during the last week of the month," stated Toronto Real Estate Board President Garry Bhaura. "The fact that the number of transactions edged upwards is in line with TREB's forecast for higher sales in calendar 2019."

A shortage of homes for sale will continue to challenge market affordability and will keep buying conditions tight throughout 2019 says Jason Mercer, TREB's director of market analysis, which will continue to drive demand for the lowest priced housing. "Market conditions in January, as represented by the relationship between sales and listings, continued to support moderate year over year price increases," he stated.

TREB's findings reveal the average home buyer has had to qualify for monthly mortgage payments that are \$700 higher than what they'd actually pay as a result of the stress test, which has further cramped purchasing power, and has redirected demand into the condo and townhouse segment.

Population growth, strong employment, and lower fixed mortgage rates will continue to drive demand in the market. Market conditions will continue to tighten as supply remains scarce, driving prices higher.

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