







Provincial Champs!



Brooklin High School boys team (above) captured provincial gold last week while the girls team took home bronze. See page 3 for more details.



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Less than Half the Picture By Richard Bercuson



No soliciting

was interrupted by solicitors minutes apart, we'd had enough. So I bought a No Soliciting sign and stuck it to the

When one evening, dinner wall by the front porch. There, that should do it.

> An historical reference: On a soft autumn evening, about a week

into my Paris coaching sojourn, the laundry needed to be done. I stuffed it into a pillow case and traipsed over to a nearby laundromat.

I fumbled with the strange French coinage (francs in those days) till two young fellows in sparkling white shirts and grey slacks sidled over to help. They were Mormons in the midst of their European proselytization campaign. They told me of the challenges of door-to-door conversion in a foreign land. I sympathised.

How many door slams, I asked. Surprisingly, not many, they said. Do you ever feel like you're selling widgets, I asked. Gosh (or was it Golly?) no, they said. They were selling the word of God; that's no widget.

Ever since, I've had a soft spot for door-to-door salespeople who, it seems, must be in dire need of a job to resort to this. The soft spot, though, has become edgy over time. I don't need stuff, theirs or anyone else's. I particularly don't need it before, during, or after dinner. Saturdays aren't good either. Sundays? Not a chance.

When I want something I'll either go to a store or search online. Grantcontinued on page 5.

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Town of Whitby

March 29, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lynde House Museum Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lynde House Museum. Find all the Easter eggs in the house and receive an Easter surprise. Kids will also enjoy Easter crafts. Cost: \$3 per child. Parents accompanying children are free. lyndehousemuseum.com

Fallingbrook Park Community **Open House**

Wednesday, April 4, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Town Hall. Drop in and discuss the potential replacement of a portion of the park's playground equipment. whitby.ca/notices

2018 Road Construction **Projects Community Open House**

Thursday, April 19, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Town Hall. Drop in and learn about the Town's 2018 road-related construction projects. whitby.ca/notices

Dryden Boulevard Extension Community Open House

Thursday, April 19, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Drop in to learn more an Environmental Assessment Study that will be undertaken by the Town regarding the extension of Dryden Boulevard (from Deverell Street to Thickson Road) to accommodate growth.

whitby.ca/calendar

Council Meetings

Operations Committee April 9 at 7 p.m.

Council

April 16 at 7 p.m.

Planning and **Development Committee** April 23 at 7 p.m.

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

News

All Community Development Fund Applications Due by March 31

Community groups in need of financial support for initiatives and projects this year are encouraged to apply to the Mayor's Community Development Fund. The final deadline for all 2018 applications is March 31.

whitby.ca/communityfunds Launching a Second Streetside Patio for Downtown Whitby

Last summer, the Town partnered with KB Food restaurant on a highly successful streetside patio project. This year the Town is looking to launch a second streetside patio pilot location in Downtown Whitby. Visit whitby. ca/streetsidepatio for more information. The deadline for submissions of interest is April 5.

Notices

Updated Pringle Creek Master Drainage Plan

The Town, in partnership with the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, has completed an update to the Master Drainage Plan for the Pringle Creek Watershed. The updated Plan is focused on the continued management of the Pringle Creek valley and stream corridors, including water quality, flood and erosion control, resource protection and development planning. The updated Master Plan is now available online for public review and comment. The deadline for feedback is April 22. whitby.ca/notices

Holiday Closures Schedule

Town Hall will be closed March 30 to April 2. A number of Town facilities will also have closures: McKinney Centre (closed March 30 to April 1), Luther Vipond Memorial Arena (closed on March 30 and April 1), Iroquois Park Sports Centre's Pool (closed March 30) and Whitby Senior's Activity Centre (closed March 30 to April 2). Visit whitby, ca/closures for a full list of holiday schedule changes. The Whitby Public Library will be closed March 30, April 1 and April 2. The virtual library is always open. whitbylibrary.ca







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Holiday Waste Collection **Schedule**

Waste collection will be bumped one day forward starting Friday, March 30. 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 Indicates Holiday Collection Change

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



Yellow Collection - Areas 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

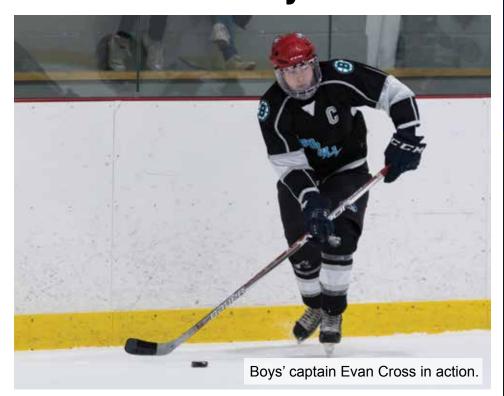




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Gold + Bronze: A Great Week For BHS Hockey At OFSAA





With 10 returning players from last shootouts. year's experience, Brooklin High School's boys hockey team accomplished what had never been done by an LOSSA (Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics) team: winning gold at the provincials in St. Catharine's. Meanwhile, the girls squad captured a bronze medal at the same tournament, thus solidifying BHS as a high school hockey powerhouse.

seed, winning both of its first two games before dropping a 4-2 decision on the second day of competition to Holy Cross. As fate would have it, those teams would eventually meet in the final, with BHS winning 3-1.

"Having those 10 guys back from last year helped quite a bit," says Ethan Markham, the team's selfstyled GM and President of Hockey Ops who doubles as a phys. ed. teacher. "The first game was the toughest. It was at 8:15 in the morning on the first day, but we managed a 2-1 win."

The boys team, with a 25 player roster all of whom saw some action at OFSAA, went 13-0 in the regular season and had an overall record of 23-2-1, with both losses coming in

"It was a bit of a dream team," Markham admits as it featured some impressive talent. A number of players opted to stick around to play high school rather than jumping to junior hockey. "We had a lot of blue chip talent."

Goalie Damon Beaver sported a goals against average of 0.615 during the regular season. Jacob The boys squad entered the OF- Winterton, who played AAA in Ajax-SAA tournament as the number one Pickering and was the MVP at the recent OMHA championships, had 42 points in 29 games.

> "With guys like that wanting to play," Markham says, "a lot of others decided to follow suit."

> Credit needs to go to head coach Matt Snowden, assistant Mike St. Louis, and the player leadership group headed by team captain Evan Cross and assistant captains Spencer Mazakian, Michael Belton, and Carson Johnston who, Markham points out, all provided "unbelievable leadership all year and especially in St. Catherine's."

> As for next season, about 10 are expected to return. "We'll always be deep," Markham says, "but certainly we'll need to find different ways to

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Offer valid until April 30th, 2018 and is subject to change without notice. Hearing tests are provided free of charge for adults ages 18 and older. Candidates must be private sale, or eligible for ADP or AADL. Some conditions may apply. Please see clinic for details. Offer not valid in Quebec. (1) https://www.

Our Brooklin Kids By Leanne Brown

Student Discounts Help Stretch Allowances

an allowance or has a part-time job, you know how quickly the money disappears.

Make the most of it by using student discounts. Though savings are modest, generally in the 10-15% range, if you take advantage of every deal possible, it's like giving yourself a pay raise. Think of it this w: a 10% discount on \$20 is \$2 that stays in YOUR pocket!

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The minute you turn 16, get an SPC Banana Republic, H&M, Addidas,

discounts at thousands of stores and restaurants across Canada. Save money at places like: Yogen Fruz, Victoria's Secret PINK, Tommy Hilfiger, The Source, The Body Shop, Suzy Shier, Stitches, Sirens, Rexall, Pizza Hut, Payless Shoe, Marble Slab Creamery, La Vie En Rose, Bench, Bath and Body Works, Bluenotes, Aeropostale, Aldo, Ardene which offer 10% discounts.

Jack Astors, The Gap, Boston Pizza,

Columbia, Indigo (online), Landmark Cinemas and Skyzone offer 15% off or more.

great also for upsizing your meal. Kernels popcorn gives you a free upsize and Mucho Burrito feeds you free chips and salsa with the purchase of any entrée. Others, like New York Fries, Pita Pit, Pizza Nova, Taco Bell, and Booster

Juice have a

If you're a teen who gets loyalty card. For just \$11, you get bonus like a free drink. In addition to the card, most stores offer student discounts, but may not actively promote this service.

> Here are some good ones to check out.

Technology

How about up to \$200 off a new Mac at Apple.ca? Dell offers discounts on laptops, desktops and more. You can check out these deals online. Best Buy's Students Savings program has exclusive deals on laptops, tablets, desktops and small appliances. For cellphone data plans, Rogers, Bell and Telus have student deals, including 2GB extra on plans that start with 5GB for any student activating or upgrading a premium smartphone.

Retail

This card is At Roots, students save 15% on regular-priced items and 10% off sale items. Both J.Crew and Levi's offer 15% discounts, Top Shop has a 10% discount and you can get free shipping on all orders of TOMS Shoes. Plus, save on products with your Beauty Student Card from Sally Beauty Supply.

Meals

There are lots of discounts on food and entertainment. These places all offer a 10% with valid student ID: Subway Restaurants, Dairy Queen, Arby's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Burger King and Dairy Queen. St. Louis Bar & Grill gives you \$5 off any hot menu item or 20% off food. At Cineplex, students pay \$8 for admission to a movie every Thursday. Bulk Barn offers 10% off on Wednesdays with valid ID. The Real Canadian Super-



A Brooklin Toddler's **Random Thoughts**

"When I turn five I will grow a little bit taller."

store: 10% off your entire purchase every Tuesday at select locations.

Travel

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.

If you're planning a trip this summer, there are many travel out there for students. Greyhound offers 10% off adult regular one-way or return fares only with any valid photo student ID from a Canadian secondary or post-secondary institution.

Via Rail has a Via 6-pack (6 one-way tickets) for students aged 12-25 for a discount up to 50% off! Air Canada and StudentUniverse teamed up to provide the best student discounts on airfare. Flight Centre gives you discounts of up to \$150 of select flights and vacations with your SPC card. For shorter trips, get a GO approved Student ID card through GO Transit or at your school, then pick up a re-loadable PRESTO card. Set up your PRESTO card for Student Fares to save at least 17%.

But the best way to receive a student discount? Ask for one! So don't be shy....

Tuesday June 19, 2018 Show times – 12:30 pm and 5:15 pm Arrive 1 hour prior to show time to ensure seating and parking Tickets - \$25 per adult, \$15 per child WindReach Farm, 312 Townline Road, Ashburn

WindReach Farm Presents

The RCMP Musical Ride

Visit windreachfarm.org for tickets, more information, and directions.

Event will take place rain or shine! Parking included in ticket price. A variety of refreshments will be available for purchase on-site prior to show time.

Don't miss the exciting opportunity to see the RCMP Musical Ride and to visit with horses and officers after the show.

FOR HOPE

Community Calendar

Sat., March 31: 10 am- 2 pm **Brooklin Scouting** Easter Egg & Scavenger Hunt

Brooklin Kinsmen Park (behind the Brooklin Community Centre on Vipond Rd) Kids 7 and under can look for eggs in the forest. Youths 8 to 13 can participate in the Scavenger Hunt \$5 per participant. Loot bags for all paying participants. Prizes for the top 3 Scavengers and Egg Collectors

Sat., March 31: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm: Easter Eggstravaganza

Optimist Club of Brooklin will host Easter Eggs-travaganza. The Easter Bunny will arrive during the program. Please bring a basket for your child to participate in a good old fashioned Easter Egg Hunt in Luther Vipond Arena. Every child will receive a treat and other

special surprises. ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY: brooklinoptimist.org

Sat., April 7: 10-11 am: "How to wake up your garden" seminar

Presented by a representative from Sheridan Nurseries At the Renaissance Baptist Church, 40 Vipond Rd, Brooklin

Sun., April 8 - Brooklin Pub Quiz Night \$15 per person for a team of 4-8 but teams of 6 are best. Team gets a platter of wings and fries and a mug of beer.

Winning team receives \$10 gift certificate per person for Brooklin Pub. All proceeds to Pulmonary Hypertension of Canada. Hints: 1. Lima Bean 2. Gunfight at the OK Corral

Mon., April 9: 7-9 pm: Shine On: An **Exciting Event for Women**

"Real Women - Extraordinary Circumstances - Inspiring Stories \$15/person - \$100/person for VIP tickets Deer Creek Golf and Banquet Facility 2700 Audley Rd. N., Ajax Email: shineonindurham@gmail.com

Sat., Apr. 14: 11 am **Big Bucks Euchre**

Odd Fellows Hall, 42 Bagot St., Brooklin Regular progressive euchre. No partner required. \$10 includes lunch and excellent prizes. Advance tickets only. Proceeds to Camp Trillium camps for kids with cancer and their families. Call 905-655-4652

Sat., April 14: 7-11 p.m. Mayor's Community Fundraiser Central Library

405 Dundas Street West, Whitby Join Mayor Don Mitchell for an evening of food, friends, entertainment and music in support of the Mayor's Community Development Fund, benefiting local community groups, events and initiatives. Tickets on sale now!

mayorscommunityfundraiser. eventbrite.ca

\$85 per person or \$150 per couple. For more information, contact: WhitbyMayorsFundraiser@gmail.com

Sun., April 22: 1-3 pm **Spring Fashion Show** featuring fashions by Alia (of the Oshawa Centre) St. Leo the Great Parish Hall 130 Watford St. Tickets \$15. Lunch and beverages provided Doors open at noon to shop vendors Door Prizes.

Call 905-620-0724 for tickets or info

Fri., April 27: 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.

Fri. - Sun., April 27-29 Saint Vincent de Paul Bundle Weekend

Truck will be parked at St. Leo the Great Church for the weekend to receive donations of gently used clothing, linens and small household goods. Donated items will benefit the less fortunate. Bagged items can be left with members

at the truck. If unmanned, bagged items may be left by truck. Call 905-655-9692 or 905-620-0724 for further information.

French Family Storytime:

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

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

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

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Mon.-Fri.

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One Brooklin Woman's Fight From The Brink

By Richard Bercuson

"The biggest lesson is how frail life is." - Jessica Hales

Christmas Eve, 2016 - Jessica Hales is with family in Napanee. after is in so much pain that she's curled up on the floor, banging on the walls for help.

She's rushed to the hospital where it's discovered her colon has ruptured, an event so dangerous that she's rushed into surgery. Doctors repair the damage and admit they've She goes to the bathroom and soon rarely seen such a case. In January of 2017, she sees a specialist at Mt. Sinai Hospital who is alarmed at her situation and admits her that night.

For the next few weeks, Hales remains in the hospital, unable to eat, with an IV and ultimately home health care. Then, on March 17, she undergoes another surgery, this time to remove her entire colon.

"It went well," she recalls, "but then the doctors said my body was not responding. They didn't know what exactly was going on.

"It's pretty scary to hear that. I was in the ICU for a week and a half and I remember thinking that people die here. I could die here. We put our trust in the medical system, but sometimes..."

Six years earlier, she'd been diagnosed with ulcerative colitis, a disease that causes inflammation and sores in the colon lining and is usually controlled or treated with medication. Flare ups can occur from time to time, though medicine doesn't know why nor why some people even get the disease. Theories range from stress to hereditary factors. In her case, the Christmas Eve attack came out of nowhere.

What kept her positive, she says, were two things: her faith in God and the support of her church, the Harvest Bible Chapel Durham, located at the corner of Baldwin and Cassels Rd.

this fear of the unknown," she says, "was trusting in God. I referred to scriptures I'd memorized or worship songs."

Moreover, the help from the church congregation was overwhelming. During her time in the hospital and home recovery, she and her husband Sean and their two young daughters were provided their meals and had groceries delievered, but it didn't stop there. Choking up at the recollection, Hales describes how the church paid for their hospital parking and even contributed to Sean's salary for his absence from work.

Today, Jessica Hales is a proud stay-at-home Mom and, as a qualified teacher, is home-schooling four year old Emery simply because she can. The story does have an even happier ending. Healthy since being released from hospital nearly a year ago, she and Sean will become parents again in September.

Hales will share her incredible journey at the Shine On event on April 9 at the Deer Creek Golf and Banquet Facility in Ajax. The evening, which bills itself as presenting inspiring stories like hers, will send ticket proceeds to Wings Maternity Home.

Tickets are \$15 each or \$100 for VIP tickets. For information, email "What helped me mentally, with all shineonindurham@gmail.com.

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ed, neither store employees nor online reviews are necessarily more helpful than what that nice chap or young lady is hawking on my porch. The difference is it's my choice. It's not that I'm antisalespeople either. I'm the son of one and the brother of another and both provided well for their families.

So when the province's ban on door-to-door took effect on March 1, I applauded. Bill 193, An Act to prohibit door-to-door sales of certain products covers air conditioners, water heaters, furnaces, water treatment devices and "any other prescribed product," which means items related to those on the list, like duct cleaning services or air purifiers. Products under federal jurisdiction, like telecoms, are not subject to the ban. Some other products didn't generate enough complaints to Consumer Protection Ontario to warrant inclusion.

Of course, it also doesn't prevent any group like the two young guys I met from campaigning door to door.

Which brings up an interesting scenario. The provincial and municipal elections loom. Will my sign stop candidates or their proxies from ringing the bell? Do I want it to?

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Local Kids Shine in Jiu Jitsu Tourney

Nolan Brandse, age 10, won the Pan Am Brazilian Jiu Jitsu championship in Long Beach, California last month, the world's largest, most prestigious tournament of its kind. His sister, Kennedy, also competed, winning silver.

"Nolan had to fight kids from all over the world and one came as far as from Singapore," says his mother Shauna. "In the

> jiu jitsu community, this is the equivalent to the "Kennedy had to fight up two weight divisions,"

> she adds. "Jiu jitsu is still a growing sport among young girls so she had no one to fight in her division. Instead of taking a default gold medal she chose to fight up in weight. We are very proud of her for that!"



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Ashburn Residents Take Stand Against Soil Dumping

Ashburn residents have submitted 22 letters to Whitby's legal council regarding OMB PL17254 application regarding the dumping of 19,212 cu. metres of soil at 450 Myrtle Rd W. Over 1600 trucks, going to and fro, are needed to do the job.

It's expected many will attend the March 29, 10 am, hearing in Whitby's Council Chambers to display a show of force against the application.

At issue is a site alteration application by a developer wishing to dump soil which, it is claimed, is harmless. However residents have expressed in their letters concerns about:

- Extensive and intense traffic from large trucks in an area where there are no sidewalks
- Speed of trucks exceeding posted limits creating safety hazards
- · Lack of supervision of the site or dump-
- Environmental concerns regarding dust, debris, etc. from truck traffic
- · Noise and smell from truck diesels
- · Lack of guarantee the owner of the property will act "in good faith"
- The possibility of contaminated soil leaching into the water table

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We provide bookkeeping services for clients, including the preparation and

In May of 2000, I relocated my fam- filing of HST returns and source deduction calculations. These functions lead to financial statement preparation as well as the preparation and submission of T4s, T3s, T5s, T5018 and other related documents. We can assist clients with business plans and forecasts, startups, succession planning, payroll and employee issues, to name a few.

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Revenue Agency, do not ignore it since, in most cases, it can be easily resolved.

While we'd like to provide every service our clients need, this is simply not possible. So we've established a network of tax and accounting specialists to work on complicated tax issues. We also work with other professionals such as Financial Planners, Lawyers, Real Estate Agents, Banks, Mortgage Brokers and so on.

Volunteer activities are also an important part of our personal and business life. I have recently joined "100 Men of Oshawa" and "100 Men of Whitby," the focus of both groups being to raise money for local charities. I have coached minor soccer, coached and managed minor hockey and held the position of Director of Public Practice for the Durham CGA chapter. We support the Brooklin/Durham Region both on a personal and a business level whenever we can.

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Durham Mourns Passing Of Regional Chair Anderson

The Regional Municipality of Dur- of Ontario (AMO) for 25 years, inham announced last week the passing of Roger Anderson, Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Having recently celebrated his 20th anniversary in the position, Anderson was the longest-serving Regional Chair and was the first person to be directly elected into the role in 2014. A decisive leader who always put the needs of our residents and community members first, Anderson spent countless hours championing the Region's issues to the federal and provincial governments. In all of his years of public service, he never gave up.

Anderson served as a constable on the Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) from 1978 to 1988, and as a broker with a local real estate business. His interest in the political process stemmed from his most important role—that of a dedicated father. He wanted to see more ice rinks built in the Town of Ajax and decided to get involved. He was first elected to the role of councillor in 1985, serving as Regional Councillor and Deputy Mayor for the Town of Ajax from 1991 to 1997.

Transit chair

Anderson was Chair of the Durham Region Transit Commission since its inception on January 1, 2006, and served several terms as Chair of the DRPS Board. He was active in the Association of Municipalities

cluding a two-year term as president. Under his leadership, municipalities gained access to federal gas tax funding for infrastructure and transit. This gas tax funding was made permanent in 2008 and brings approximately \$17 million dollars per year to Durham Region. He also continued to serve on the Executive of the AMO Board.

Locally, Anderson was on the Board of Directors for the Durham Strategic Energy Alliance and WindReach Farms. He served on the GO Transit board for many years and was on the founding board of Metrolinx, with the goal of improved transportation connectivity for Durham residents.

Many of Anderson's achievements were honoured when he was named a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal, awarded to Canadians who demonstrate significant contributions and/or achievements. In 2016, he was honoured by the Ajax Rotary Club with the Pat Bayly Award in recognition of his local advocacy and accomplishments.

Regional accomplishments

As Regional Chair, Anderson had a near perfect attendance record, not missing a single Regional Council meeting prior to his illness. He was instrumental in bringing together 1,200 employees from 10 locations together into one Regional Headquarters building; the amalgamation of our ambulance service to create Durham Emergencv Medical Services (now Region of **Durham Paramedic** Services (RDPS)); the formation of Durham Region Transit, to allow residents to travel throughout Durham and into Toronto and York Region; and a made-in-Durham energy-fromwaste solution for the collection and disposal of the Region's waste within our borders.

He was proud to ad-

vance the physical and social infrastructure needed to support a rapidly growing Region, with projects like the rebuilding of the Region's four long-term care homes, construction of new paramedic response stations, community police offices, and affordable housing units, along with improvement of the Regional roads, water and waste water systems. As a project of regional and national significance, he advocated for the development of a modern airport on the federal lands in Pickering to create local employment opportunities, advance innovation, and achieve environmental benefits.

Health Sector Support

His annual charity golf tournament benefitted the Abilities Centre, students in financial need at Durham

College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, and child and youth initiatives of the Ontario Shores Foundation for Mental Health. This event raised more than \$6 million over the past 20 years. He often commented that he could not market the Region without strong health care, and to that end he supported Durham Region's \$10-million donation for the

RS McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre, initiated a formula for capital campaigns for Durham's hospitals, and pressed for a \$3-million Regional contribution for the new Grandview Children's Centre facility in Ajax.

A book of condolences will be available at The Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, located at 605 Rossland Road East in Whitby. Flags at all Regional facilities will also be half-masted in his memory. Visitation arrangements will be communicated on the Region's website, durham.ca, as details become available. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Ajax-Pickering Hospital Foundation, or a local charity of your choice.

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