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Hello,

Please find attached a request for a campaign finance compliance audit of Dave Thompson, election candidate in Oshawa's Ward 4 City Councillor race.

As this application includes evidence from local publications and the files are quite large, these will arrive as attachments in 6 separate emails to follow this one.

Regards,

Derek Giberson

June 28, 2023

**Application for review of election finances of Dave Thompson
Oshawa Municipal Elections, 2022**

1. A request is made for the Joint Compliance Audit Committee to review the election finances of Dave Thompson. In the 2022 Oshawa municipal elections, Mr. Thompson was a candidate for the office of City Councillor in Ward 4. He also ran for the same office in 2018, and ran in several other elections in Oshawa over the last approximately two decades.
2. This application seeks review of his claimed expenses for advertising during the election period as well as non-claimed expenses outside the election period and prior to his registration as a candidate.

Background

3. On May 24, 2022, Mr. Thompson registered as a candidate for City Councillor in Ward 4 in the 2022 municipal election in Oshawa.
4. His campaign activities included running ads in the Oshawa This Week newspaper and the Oshawa Central newspaper, both weekly publications, as well as printing flyers that were distributed to households.
5. In his Financial Statement filed on March 20, 2023, Mr. Thompson records that he spent \$4484.00 in the Advertising category.

Claim

6. From June 2019 to June 2022, Mr. Thompson took out advertising space in Oshawa This Week that was not explicitly presenting itself as election advertising, but appears to have had the direct and intentional purpose of promoting himself in a manner that would benefit a future electoral effort while attempting to circumvent legislation regulating campaign activity and finance. For example:
 - a. On February 10, 2022, Mr. Thompson ran an ad in advance of Valentine's Day marking that upcoming calendar event; however, along with his photo, the largest and most prominent text in the ad was:
 - o "Dave Thompson Ward 4"
 - b. On September 3, 2020, in advance of Labour Day, Mr. Thompson ran a similar ad marking the calendar event, once again with the most prominent and largest content reading as in the previous example.
 - c. As far back as June 27, 2019, and in the earliest occurrence that could be documented for this application, a similar ad for Canada Day was run by Mr. Thompson.
7. During the period from June 2019 to June 2022, a total of 21 of these types of ads were run in Oshawa This Week by Mr. Thompson. Although they differ in the calendar occasion that they are marking, they are all similar in that they give prominence to Mr. Thompson's name, photograph, and the mention of Ward 4.
8. The opening date for candidate registration was May 2, 2022. One of these types of ads ran on May 5, 2022. Mr. Thompson registered as a candidate on May 24, 2022, and subsequently two more of these ads ran on June 16 and 30, 2022.

9. On July 14, 2022, the first ad that clearly identified itself as an election ad appeared in Oshawa This Week, and on August 2, 2022, the first appearance of an ad of similar character was published in the Oshawa Central. A total of 7 clearly marked election ads were run in Oshawa This Week, and 9 of the same in the Oshawa Central.
10. In the first months of the election period, both Oshawa This Week and the Oshawa Central provided advertising rate information. Rate card information for each are included in this application.
11. This application also includes a complete cataloguing of the ads that were run from 2019 through to the end of the election period in both news publications, along with the ad costs based on the rate card information of each. If Mr. Thompson paid anything different than the rate card, it would be necessary to obtain invoices from the publishers of the newspapers.
12. Based on the cataloguing of ads and costs per ad, Mr. Thompson appears to have spent the following:

\$7,024 in ads from June 2019 to May 2, 2022 (opening of candidate nominations)
\$1,179 in ads of same type from May 2, 2022 to June 30, 2022 not identified as election ads
\$3,764 in ads in Oshawa This Week during the election clearly identified as election ads
\$3,600 in the Oshawa Central during the election clearly identified as election ads

For a total of \$12,017 (presumed to be prior to HST)

13. These numbers differ markedly from the amount reported in the candidate's Financial Statement as \$4,484.

Pre-election advertisements

14. Further to the discrepancy in total amount, the candidate's pre-election advertising activities raise a significant question: do these advertising activities constitute election advertising and financial activities outside the election period, or are they just benign ads being run to mark calendar dates and civic observances?
15. It is informative to look at the pattern of appearances of Mr. Thompson's ads: the first of these ads appear in mid-2019, just under a year after running unsuccessfully for the same office he would run for in 2022. In 2019, he ran 3 ads. In 2020, there were 5. In 2021, the number increased to 7. By 2022, in the first six months of the year the rate was monthly, and in looking at the 10 month period running up to July 2022 when the election period was in earnest, Mr. Thompson had increased these ads to a rate of monthly placement. It seems implausible that this gradual and then accelerating increase of ad placements as the election approached was coincidental.
16. It could be argued that a person choosing to spend their own money to run ads in a local paper to encourage civic attention on important calendar dates is a benign activity. However, in this case it is critical to look at one element found in each and every one of the pre-election ads: the mention of "Ward 4" in the ads. In any other scenario such an inclusion would be extraneous and irrelevant information, out of context to the ad, and yet it appears consistently. By contrast, in a full review of all the Oshawa This Week papers during the same 2019-2022 time period,

there are zero appearances of other non-political ads that include mention of municipal ward. The purpose of municipal wards is for political representation and elections.

17. There are two matters of intent that are relevant in this application: the intent of the candidate in running these pre-election ads, and the intent of the rules set by the Municipal Elections Act.
18. Regarding Mr. Thompson's intent, it becomes transparent in all the following that his intent was to shape and confuse residents' perceptions prior to the election by falsely associating his name with the electoral ward he fully knew he would run in during the 2022 election:
 - a. his acceleration of ad appearances as the election approached;
 - b. the extraneous inclusion of "Ward 4" in the ads, which can only be associated with his future candidacy;
 - c. the well-established fact that name-recognition is a significant factor in voter behaviours during elections, especially municipal elections that do not have parties or party leaders to partially shape voter decisions;
 - d. further to b. and c., an attempt to confuse voters to create a false association between Mr. Thompson and Ward 4 such that some may come to believe that he is the current office-holder, providing an illusion of incumbency;
 - e. the absence of any other information that would indicate some other intent (such as contact information or a professional or business activity).
19. Regarding the intent of the Municipal Elections Act, although it sets clear parameters on advertising during elections, Mr. Thompson's pre-election advertising activities were a transparent attempt to circumvent the election advertising period but are in conflict with the intent of the Act, which is to limit election advertising to the period in which it is permitted and in a way that would require clear lines of financial reporting, transparency, and compliance.
20. To further clarify whether the intent of the Act has been circumvented by Mr. Thompson, it may be helpful to look at election-related guidelines provided by the Province of Ontario, the order of government responsible for regulating both provincial and municipal elections. The guidelines provided for municipal elections are limited in scope and detail; however, there are guidelines provided by Elections Ontario for provincial elections that may be useful in this case. The "Election Finances Act – Guidelines" note the following in determining what might constitute "political advertising" in Section 8:
 - a. "Political advertising is defined as advertising or communications in any broadcast, print, electronic, or other medium with the purpose of promoting ... the election of a registered candidate."
 - b. "The definition of 'political advertising' encompasses election-related advertising or communications that are expressly or impliedly directed to ... candidates..."
 - c. "If the purpose of the advertising is to influence the outcome of an election, then the advertising falls within the definition of 'political advertising;'"
 - d. "In determining whether advertising (including issue advertising) is 'political advertising' the Chief Electoral Officer considers the following criteria:
 - o "a) whether it is reasonable to conclude that the advertising was specifically planned to coincide with the period referred to in Spending Limits section;
 - o "e) whether there is a material increase in the normal volume of advertising conducted by the person, organization, or entity;

- “h) whether the advertising is within the normal parameters of promotion of a specific program or activity”
 - e. The various considerations provided in this section to the Chief Electoral Officer is not exhaustive and notes that “The Chief Electoral Officer also considers any other relevant factors that may indicate that a particular advertisement is or is not related to an upcoming election.”
- 21. Setting aside, for the moment, the ads run prior to the opening of nominations on May 2, 2022, it has already been noted that Mr. Thompson ran 3 ads during the election period that did not identify themselves as being election ads, unlike those that ran from July 14, 2022, onward. One of these 3 was prior to his registration, and the other two were after he became a registered candidate.
- 22. These three ads are significant as they were ads that prominently placed his name, face, and an electoral ward that he was shortly to be and then was registered to run in, during the election period. It would defy credulity to claim that these ads should not be treated as part of Mr. Thompson’s election campaign activities, given that they were run during the period of an ongoing election and two of the three appeared while he was a registered candidate. At that point, any and all advertisements that mention the candidate and the ward they are seeking to represent should be treated as promoting the candidate.
- 23. To bring the ads from 2019 to April 2022 back into the picture, if the conclusion in paragraph 22 stands, it requires application of that conclusion in evaluating all the previous ads because they use nearly identical design, messaging, and placement of Mr. Thompson’s name, face, and Ward reference as the three ads that ran in May and June of 2022. In turning one last time to the “Election Finances Act – Guidelines,” it also notes that:
 - a. “3. In determining whether advertising (including issue advertising) is ‘political advertising’ the Chief Electoral Officer considers the following criteria:
 - “b) whether the formatting or branding of the advertisement is similar to a registered political party’s or registered candidate’s formatting or branding or election material”
- 24. As the formatting of the candidate in the 3 ads run during the election period matches that of the numerous ads run stretching back to 2019, this would make them election advertisements and campaign spending outside the campaign period.

Conclusion

- 25. The violations raised in this application are not merely of a financial nature but highlight a deliberate campaign to confuse voters and misrepresent an individual, and the actions were undertaken in an intentional way, rather than an innocent error in judgment or lack of understanding of rules governing elections, given the number of municipal elections in which Mr. Thompson has run as a candidate for office over the last two decades.
- 26. The claim of a pattern of intentionality of Mr. Thompson’s actions to confuse voters is given further credence in noting that for a period of time during the campaign, his advertisements used the language “City Councillor Elect,” giving the appearance of a well-established terminology that is reserved for an individual who has been duly declared the winner after an election and prior to their swearing-in to office. Only upon prompting from an electoral authority did he remove that language in later advertisements.

Date	Size/type	Page	Ward 4 mention	Election mention	\$ Value				Message
					Pre-election	During election			
						No mention of election, Oshawa This Week	Clear election reference, Oshawa This	Oshawa Central*	
2019-06-27	1/8 horizontal	18	Yes	No	\$ 393				Canada Day
2019-08-29	1/8 horizontal	15	Yes	No	\$ 393				Labour Day
2019-12-19	<1/8 horizontal	33	Yes	No	\$ 393				Christmas
2020-01-02	<1/8 horizontal	18	Yes	No	\$ 393				Happy New Year, Opposed to tax increases
2020-02-13	<1/8 horizontal	20	Yes	No	\$ 393				Valentine's Day
2020-06-25	<1/8 horizontal	12	Yes	No	\$ 393				Canada Day
2020-09-03	<1/8 horizontal	7	Yes	No	\$ 393				Labour Day
2020-12-31	1/8 horizontal	7	Yes	No	\$ 393				Shop local and support our local restaurants in Ward 4
2021-02-11	1/8 horizontal	10	Yes	No	\$ 393				Valentine's Day
2021-05-06	1/8 horizontal	24	Yes	No	\$ 393				Mother's Day
2021-06-24	1/8 horizontal	20	Yes	No	\$ 393				Canada Day
-----					<i>One year to election period</i>				
2021-09-02	1/8 horizontal	5	Yes	No	\$ 393				Labour Day
2021-10-28	1/8 horizontal	5	Yes	No	\$ 393				Halloween
2021-11-11	1/8 horizontal	17	Yes	No	\$ 393				Remembrance Day
2021-12-23	1/8 horizontal	6	Yes	No	\$ 393				Christmas
2022-02-10	1/8 horizontal	10	Yes	No	\$ 393				Valentine's Day
2022-03-03	1/8 horizontal	14	Yes	No	\$ 393				Support Ukraine
2022-04-14	1/8 horizontal	15	Yes	No	\$ 393				Easter
2022-05-02 -----					<i>Date of beginning of candidate registration period</i>				
2022-05-05	1/8 horizontal	14	Yes	No		\$ 393			Mother's Day
2022-05-24 -----					<i>Date of registration of candidacy</i>				
2022-06-16	1/8 horizontal	8	Yes	No		\$ 393			Father's Day
2022-06-30	1/8 horizontal	22	Yes	No		\$ 393			Canada Day
2022-07-14	1/4 vertical	8	Yes	Yes			\$ 605		Using "City Councillor Elect"
2022-08-02	1/6 approx	5	Yes	Yes				\$ 400	Using "City Councillor Elect"
2022-08-09	1/6 approx	3	Yes	Yes				\$ 400	Using "City Councillor Elect"
2022-08-16	1/6 approx	3	Yes	Yes				\$ 400	Using "City Councillor Elect"
2022-08-18	1/4 vertical	10	Yes	Yes			\$ 605		Using "City Councillor Elect", Kars On King
2022-08-23	1/6 approx	3	Yes	Yes				\$ 400	Using "City Councillor Elect"
2022-09-01	Basebar	1	Yes	Yes			\$ 448		Using "City Councillor Elect", Labour Day Weekend
2022-09-06	1/6 approx		Yes	Yes				\$ 400	Using "City Councillor Elect"
2022-09-13	1/6 approx	3	Yes	Yes				\$ 400	Removed "Elect" from Oshawa Central versions
2022-09-15	Basebar	1	Yes	Yes			\$ 448		Switch to "Elect Elect Elect" for Oshawa This Week
2022-09-20	1/6 approx	3	Yes	Yes				\$ 400	
2022-09-22	1/4 vertical	7	Yes	Yes			\$ 605		
2022-09-27	1/6 approx	3	Yes	Yes				\$ 400	
2022-10-11	1/6 approx	3	Yes	Yes				\$ 400	
2022-10-13	1/4 vertical	16	Yes	Yes			\$ 605		
2022-10-20	Basebar	1	Yes	Yes			\$ 448		

Subtotals \$ 7,074 \$ 1,179 \$ 3,764 \$ 3,600

**Total amount spent,
during election only**
\$ 8,543.00 \$4484 reported in
+HST Advertising
\$ 9,653.59

**Total amount spent including
pre-election, but excluding
post-election amounts**
\$ 12,017.00
+HST
\$ 13,579.21

*Oshawa Central ad size is about 1/6 of full page, no rate card equivalent, have used the 1/8 page rate here but could be more; was not able to search every weekly edition, may have appeared in other editions



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Eighth	\$393	Eighth	\$342	Eighth	\$283
False Front	\$3,570	False Front	\$2,625	False Front	\$2,100
Basebar	\$448	Basebar	\$329	Basebar	\$329

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Full	\$1430	Full	\$1370
Half	\$858	Half	\$822
Quarter	\$465	Quarter	\$445
Eighth	\$302	Eighth	\$289
False Front	\$3,045	False Front	\$3,045
Basebar	\$460	Basebar	\$370

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Basbar	OSH/WHIT/CLAR - \$1,121	AJA/PICK - \$760
Earlug	OSH/WHIT/CLAR - \$494	AJA/PICK - \$365
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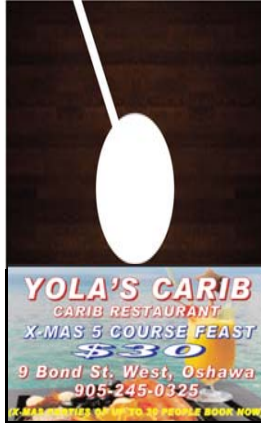
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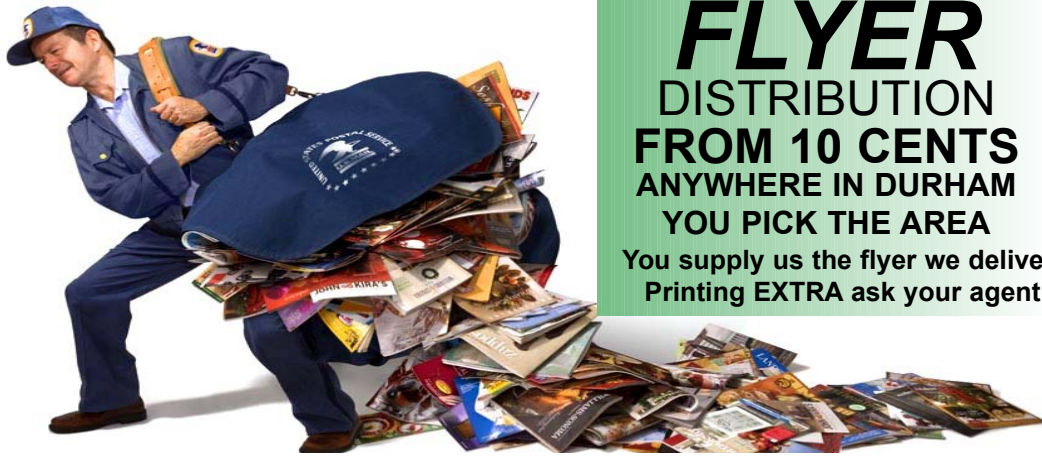
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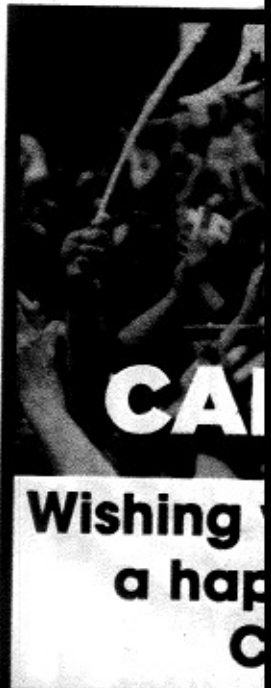
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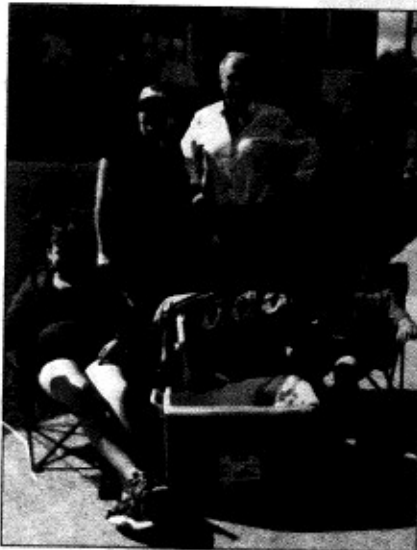
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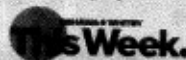
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OPINION

A CARING AND SAFE COMMUNITY BEGINS WITH US

COLUMNIST
DAN CARTER
 SAYS CANADA
 IS FACING A
 NATIONAL
 HEALTH CRISIS



DAN
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 Column

As you know, as Oshawa's mayor, I'm extremely proud of our city. We are a resilient, caring and innovative community that comes together to find solutions to the issues that challenge us.

Oshawa, like many other cities across Canada, is facing a national health crisis caused by issues related to poverty, mental health, addictions and unsheltered individuals. This has resulted in an increase in unsheltered people in our community, many of who are living in rough conditions and struggling with complex addiction and mental health issues.

In 2017, as a regional and city councillor at the time, I

successfully advocated for a mobile health unit. Since its launch, the Primary Care Outreach Program has grown from a pilot to a permanent program that has had more than 1,000 interactions, connected more than 400 individuals with services, and provided 20 people with shelter. In my daily work, I continue to offer my support by directing any honorariums I might otherwise receive from my speaking engagements to be made in donation to the program.

Last December, one of my first priorities as mayor was to launch Spirit of Service, bringing together 50+ faith-based communities to find solutions for unsheltered individuals. I have also made it a priority to visit other communities experiencing similar challenges. I am actively reaching out to provincial and federal leaders and I look forward to meeting with the premier and his ministers before the end of the year to keep addressing solutions to these important issues.

Now is the time for all levels of government to work together to address this national health crisis. At last week's Association of Municipalities annual conference, I strongly

urged mayors from across Ontario to form a working group. In addition to offering to chair this group, I also shared how the city is leading change through initiatives such as the Oshawa Unsheltered Residents (OUR) Task Force and the On Point needle cleanup program.

While the city is taking steps to help connect individuals in need with services and shelter, we must also address unlawful behaviour. At no time do we support individuals breaking the law or bylaws. Durham Regional Police Service Chief Paul Martin and I met recently to confirm our continued commitment to enforcement.

As mayor, I assure you that I am fully committed to and actively engaged in finding compassionate solutions to these issues. I believe in this strongly because that's what great cities do.

Dan Carter is the mayor of the City of Oshawa

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CRIME

SUSPECT SOUGHT AFTER STABBING IN OSHAWA

Durham police are searching for a suspect after a stabbing in Oshawa sent one man to a Toronto-area trauma hospital.

Officers dispatched to the area of Simcoe Street South and John Street just before 1 a.m. on April 3 for an armed person call locat-

ed a 31-year-old man with stab wounds, say police.

He was taken to a Toronto-area hospital with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries.

Police say a suspect -- described as a thin white man, about 6-feet tall and wearing dark clothing --

fled the area following the interaction.

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EVENTS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

Winter Break Camp: Snow and Tell

WHEN: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
WHERE: Visual Arts Centre of Clarington, 143 Simpson Avenue, Clarington **CONTACT:** Dessaré cute;e, 9056235831, education@vac.ca, <https://www.vac.ca/winterbreakcamps.html> **COST:** \$85 per day
 Artists generate inspiration from looking within. How do you reflect yourself in your works of art? Make winter-themed art, poetry and self-portraits using different styles and materials that express your individuality. All materials are included.

Christmas Break Camp

WHEN: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **WHERE:** A Gift of Art, 187 King Ave E., Newcastle, Clarington **CONTACT:** Ann Harley, 905-987-2264, <https://agiftofart.com/project/december-26-january-3-2019-2020-christmas-break-camp-for-kids/> **COST:** Members \$50/day, \$170 for six days. Non-members \$70 /day, \$200 for 6 days
 Are your children looking for a creative outlet over Christmas Break? Arts, crafts and lots of fun for ages 4-12, 9 to 4 p.m. Dec. 26, 27, 30 and 31, Jan. 2 and 3. Come for one day or all six. Spaces are limited, contact us soon.

Winter Break Kids Activities

WHEN: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
WHERE: Canadian Automotive Museum, 99 Simcoe St. South, Oshawa **CONTACT:** Alexander Gates, 9055761222, agates@canadianautomotivemuseum.com,

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<https://www.canadianautomotivemuseum.com/family-fun>
 Bring your family to the Canadian Automotive Museum during Winter Break to see Lighting McQueen and enjoy seasonal kids crafts. Children can make their own festive tree or candle craft to take home.

Day of STEAM

WHEN: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
WHERE: Oshawa Public Library - McLaughlin Branch, 65 Bagot Street, Oshawa

CONTACT: Oshawa Public Libraries, 905-579-6111
 At this family program, visit fun activity stations that correspond with each of the letters in STEAM.

Crazy Jack Comedy Night

WHEN: 9:30 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.
WHERE: Crazy Jack, 19 King St West, Oshawa **CONTACT:** Mano, 647-282-0557
 Free stand-up comedy show at Crazy Jack Bar and Grill every Friday night from 9:30 p.m. to midnight.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Free skate
WHEN: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **WHERE:** Harman Park Arena, 829 Douglas Street, Oshawa **CONTACT:** City of Oshawa, 905-725-3536, <https://www.oshawa.ca/things-to-do/Tim-Hortons-Holiday-Skates.asp>
 Tim Horton's holiday free skate at Harman Park Arena in Oshawa,

sponsored by Ontario Hyundai.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Joyful Noise Choir on Tuesday evenings
WHEN: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
WHERE: Bowmanville Older Adults Association, 26 Beech Ave., Clarington **CONTACT:** Gail Wensink, 9056233471, gailwensink@gmail.com, <https://www.joyful-noise.com>
 Join us and learn to sing the timeless hits of the 50s, 60s, and 70s in four-part harmony. No need to read music and no experience necessary. No auditions. Come for an evening of singing and fun! First night is free so give it a try!

Breaking Down Brick Walls

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
WHERE: Northminster United Church, Corner of Simcoe Street and Rossland Road, Oshawa **CONTACT:** jjintner@sympatico.ca
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General Comedy Night

WHEN: 9:30 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.
WHERE: The General Pub and Grill, 21 Celina Street, Oshawa **CONTACT:** Kevin DeMara, 2896009229, <https://www.facebook.com/905eastcomedy>



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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

TOPS weight-loss group
WHEN: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
WHERE: Sunnyside Park Oshawa, 262 McKim Street, Oshawa **CONTACT:** Linda, 905-576-2182
COST: \$3.50 per week, \$46 per year
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WHEN: 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
WHERE: The Ship, 44 Oshawa Blvd. North, Oshawa **CONTACT:** Navy League of Canada Oshawa Branch, 905-723-7433, oshawa.branch@navyleague.ca
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 Wednesday Meetings 6:30-9:00pm
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 Thursday Meetings 6:30-9 p.m. No registration fee and there is an option to join the band.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Let It Begin With Me: Alanon Family Group
WHEN: 10:00 a.m. **WHERE:** Alano Club, 200 Thomson Rd N, Oshawa **CONTACT:** Rosemary, davis_rosemary@hotmail.com
 A meeting for anyone who is affected by someone else's drinking.

Diabetes Education Group - Bowmanville
WHEN: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Bowmanville Older Adults Association, 26 Beech Ave., Clarington **CONTACT:** Lynda D., 905 576 8711, ldus@lh.ca, <https://www.lakeridge-health.on.ca/en/ourservices/Diabetes-Education-And-Support-Groups.asp>
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 10


World Religion Day: Building Bridges for Unity
WHEN: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
WHERE: Delpark Homes Centre Formerly Legends Centre, 1661 Harmony Rd. N., Oshawa **CONTACT:** Ron King, king838@gmail.com
 An open house style event to view interactive display booths of many of the world's religions. Students from the Durham District School Board will be giving presentations in the Leisure Room at Delpark Homes Center, Oshawa.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Our Hockey Heroes NHL Alumni Benefit Game
WHEN: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
WHERE: Tribute Communities Centre, 99 Athol Street East, Oshawa **CONTACT:** Marissa Campbell, 9055762567, info@alzheimerdurham.com, <http://www.tributecommunities-centre.com/events/detail/nhl-alumni-benefit-game-2020?fbclid=IwAR2iL-se410POYrxvVjEMKq-muzJsn4LA RBR98YhWA0r-IALmFqknaUVT> **COST:** \$29.50 - \$34.75
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DURHAM — Dinner and a movie? Netflix and Skip the Dishes? There are more exciting date nights to be had in Durham.

With Valentine's Day around the corner, here are some ideas for your next night on the town with that special someone.

ESCAPE ROOMS

Nothing brings two people together like solving puzzles, riddles and codes to escape before the clock runs out. Local options include Durham Escape Rooms in Whitby (10 different games), Panic Factory Escape Rooms in Courtice (all bookings are private so you don't play with strangers), and Oshawa Escape Rooms (there's a Harry Potter-themed game)

MINI GOLF

There are 18 holes of indoor, glow-in-the-dark mini golf at Putting Edge in Whitby — and an arcade

too. When the weather is nicer, Pickering Playing Fields has date night specials for its unique mini-golf course, which has become a landmark thanks to a bright yellow airplane right in the middle.

ARCADE GAMES

8-Bit Cafe in downtown Whitby pairs coffee with classic video games. You can find pinball machines, more than 20 classic arcade cabinet games like Space Invaders, Street Fighter II and Jr. Pac-Man, plus booths outfitted with modern and classic gaming consoles. NEBs Fun World in Oshawa also has a large arcade as well as go karts, bowling and other fun activities, while the new Playdium in Whitby has more than 100 video games, including arcade classics, racing games and roller-coaster simulations.

CONTEST: Enter for a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate to a Durham restaurant

OUTDOOR ICE SKATING

What's more romantic than an outdoor skate on a winter day? Free outdoor rinks in Durham include Pat Bayly Square in Ajax, which is open daily from



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If you're not looking to spend big bucks on date night, outdoor ice skating is free.

November to March (weather permitting), and Millennium Square outdoor rink at Valleyview Park in Pickering, a synthetic rink open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

BOARD GAME CAFÉS

Drinks and Dragons in Whitby has more than 400 board games you can play over a snack, beer or specialty coffee, as well as a li-

brary of role-playing game books. At Brew Wizards in downtown Oshawa, you can find hundreds of games, a rotating craft beer selection and Deadly Grounds coffee. Critical Hit Gaming Lounge in Courtice offers up board games and role-playing games and a menu of drinks and sandwiches.

AXE THROWING

BATL Axe Throwing in Pickering has walk-ins with no reservation needed at certain times on Fridays and weekends. You get informal axe-throwing practice and instruction for one

hour, in a common area. If you want something more private, you can also make a reservation.

TRAMPOLINES

At Flying Squirrel in Whitby, Friday and Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to midnight are Neon Lights nights. The company says it's "like a dance club on trampolines" with music, lasers, black lights and strobe lights. Also in Whitby, Sky Zone Trampoline Park has GLOW, a similar event on Friday and Saturday nights from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. with music, lasers and glow-in-the-dark face

painting stations. Jumpers have to wear a white T-shirt or purchase a GLOW T-shirt.

INDOOR SKY DIVING

Less intimidating than jumping out of a plane, IF-FLY in Whitby lets you get the skydiving experience by flying in a wind tunnel. Sessions include training, sitting up and flying two, four or 10 times in the wind tunnel, depending on which package you choose. Advance booking is definitely recommended.

COMMUNITY THEATRE

You don't need to go to Toronto for live theatre, Durham has tons. Oshawa Little Theatre is staging Pride and Prejudice this month, with Dirty Rotten Scoundrels and Cinderella coming up in March. Whitby Courthouse Theatre has Little Women The Broadway Musical on stage in February and up in Port Perry, Borelians Community Theatre is featuring Cat on a Hot Tin Roof.

SNOW TUBING

So, maybe you don't ski or snowboard, but anyone can snow tube. Lakeridge Resort in Uxbridge has a snow tubing park that offers "the thrill of speeding downhill with the ease of floating in a pool without the bumps and thumps of tobogganing." On certain evenings, tubing is open until 9:30 p.m.



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NEWS

OSHAWA SHED FIRE CAUSES \$600,000 DAMAGE

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OSHAWA -- A fire that started in a backyard shed last week spread to two houses on Viewmount Street in Oshawa causing \$600,000 in damage.

Oshawa deputy fire chief Todd Wood said fire-fighters were called to 322 Viewmount Street at roughly 7:30 p.m. on June 18 for a shed fire. When they got there they found a large amount of smoke and flames.

"The fire had extended into the house and also extended to the house to the north of it," said Wood. It took about 30 minutes to knock the flames down.

No one was injured. Damage to the two homes is estimated at \$600,000.

The cause of the fire has not yet been determined



Two Oshawa homes sustained damage after a fire started on Viewmount Street on Thursday.

and Wood urged residents to check their smoke alarms and a current fire

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NDP LEADER IN 'URGENT' CALL FOR SMALLER CLASSES

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With just over a week to go until school starts, NDP leader Andrea Horwath was in Oshawa Monday morning making an "urgent" appeal for smaller class sizes.

Speaking at a media conference outside Eastdale CVI, she said the government has "handed over" infection control responsibilities to educators, parents and students, and that it will be a struggle to keep things safe with regular class sizes.

"How can a teacher help each little one wash their hands properly if there are nearly 30 kids in the class?" Horwath asked. "How can we expect kids not to share pencils or trade lunches when their desks are only a foot or two apart? How can we expect school bus drivers to ensure 70 kids keep their masks on, when they're supposed to be keeping their eyes on the road?"

The NDP leader was joined by Oshawa MPP Jennifer French and two concerned local parents.

Kristy Micklewright is

the single mother of a five-year-old daughter set to start senior kindergarten in-person at an Oshawa school.

"I want my daughter to return to a school so she sees the faces of her friends in real life," she said.

However, Micklewright, said she was "startled" to learn masks will not be mandatory for younger students, and that in many cases, class sizes will be the same as they were pre-pandemic.

With one week until school starts, the local mom said she still has unanswered questions about how classrooms will be set up and what the play-based kindergarten curriculum will look like.

"How will the hand hygiene of the entire class be carried out considering my five-year-old needs to be supervised to ensure it is done effectively and there is one shared sink?" she asked.

Gabrielle Edey is a local mom of two daughters and a kindergarten teacher, who says she has "no choice" but to send her children to school in person, because she has to work.



Official Opposition NDP Leader Andrea Horwath, left, and Oshawa MPP Jennifer French will be joined by parents in calling for smaller, safer classrooms. They were at Oshawa's Eastdale CVI on Aug. 31, 2020.

Susie Kockerscheidt/Torstar

She described "utter shock" at learning that class sizes would not be reduced and said it will be impossible to keep children distanced in full classrooms.

Class size has been a hot topic of conversation in Durham this summer.

The Durham District School Board recently reported all 110 of its elementary schools will be able to distance students by one metre, but it will be tight with learning conditions that are "not ideal," according to acting director of education Norah Marsh.

DDSB trustees have discussed using \$8.1 million in reserve funds for back-to-school safety measures including hiring more teachers — however board officials have urged those decisions to wait a few weeks

until enrolment fluctuations between in-person and remote, learning settle down.

Tracy Barill, director of education for Durham's Catholic board, said Aug. 17 that "all means available" will be used to bring class sizes down.

The board is planning to use \$1.75 million to hire about 20 additional teachers.

On July 30, the province released its school reopening plan, which committed \$300 million in funding including: \$60 million for masks for students and

staff, \$30 million for teacher staffing, \$50 million to hire 500 public health nurses to support schools, \$75 million to hire 900 additional custodians, \$23 million for COVID-19 testing capacity, \$40 million for school bus cleaning, \$10 million for health and safety training for occasional teachers, \$10 million to support students with special needs and \$10 million for student mental health.

That was followed with an Aug. 13 announcement that school boards can access reserve funds up to two per cent of their operating budget, to support back-to-school plans, as well as \$50 million in one-time funding for school HVAC improvements.

On Aug. 26, the federal government announced \$301 million in back-to-school funding for Ontario, which will go towards things like more PPE for school, a school bus driver retention program, and hiring up to 125 additional public health nurses.

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■ COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR GIBERSON SAYS NOW ALL TAXPAYERS ON THE HOOK

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Oshawa council has disbanded the Downtown Oshawa BIA which organized events like Kars on King.

tens of thousands of visitors to the downtown every year," he said. "These annual events have come to define Oshawa for some visitors as a destination or reason to visit the city and will continue to bring a large, diverse group of visitors to the downtown, bringing success to our businesses in the community."

Events hosted by the BIA in 2019, prior to the pandemic, included Kars on King, the Bright and Merry holiday market and a butter tart festival.

Labricciosa advocated for the BIA at council meetings in the past year on several occasions and told Oshawa This Week the organization is now winding down.

"We respect the wishes of council and are working with city staff to successfully transition the BIA business functions to the

city to ensure our downtown businesses continue to receive the needed support during COVID and post-COVID recovery," he said. "It's been an honour to serve our members and work with an amazing group of board members that worked tirelessly to do the best for all our members and community."

■ NEWS

DOMESTIC ASSAULT INVESTIGATION IN OSHAWA LEADS TO SEIZURE OF GUN, DRUGS

An Oshawa man faces charges after police investigating allegations of domestic assault seized drugs and a handgun.

The investigation began after a woman reported an assault by her boyfriend on

Tuesday, Feb. 2, Durham police said. That led to the execution of a search warrant on a suspect's residence on Feb. 4.

During a search police seized a loaded gun, ammunition and drugs including

cocaine and fentanyl, police said.

A 29-year-old Oshawa man faces drug and weapons charges, as well as charges of assault causing bodily harm and forcible confinement.

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Optional - Join us on Zoom on Mother's Day from 11am to 12pm!



Mother's Day May 9, 2021

Creative Mother's Day celebration and gift ideas

On Sunday, millions of people will celebrate the special women in their lives, particularly the mothers, grandmothers and stepmothers who often tirelessly care for those they love.

Even though the way people have been living has changed during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mother's Day may be the first holiday on the calendar when the world can finally regain some sense of normalcy. But caution should still prevail during Mother's Day celebrations. Thankfully, there are plenty of creative ways to celebrate mothers and mother figures this year.

Dine truly "al fresco." Outdoor dining has become commonplace, and even before it was a safety measure, enjoying a meal on a sun-soaked patio or overlooking a body of water was popular. Plan a picnic at a scenic location, such as a local park or your backyard. In-



clude mom's favourite foods and enjoy the fresh air and delicious foods together.

Create a photo slideshow. Digital photos have eclipsed prints in many people's hearts. But too often digital photos never get seen after they're initially taken. That can change when you compile a slideshow of favourite photos from childhood and even present-day photos that mom is sure to appreciate. Use sentimental music or mom's favourite songs as the soundtrack, and include some inspirational quotations or personal voiceovers. This is one gift that can be shared

in person or over group meeting apps.

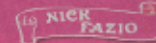
Get involved together. An especially meaningful way to honour a mother who is always giving her time and love is to become involved in a difference-making organization. Joint volunteerism is a great way to spend more time together working toward a worthy goal. During the pandemic, you can clean up a local park together or ask if a local shelter needs a couple of new dog walkers.

Enjoy her hobbies and interests. Devote a day or more to trying mom's interests and hobbies.

Send an edible gift. If you can't be there to celebrate with mom in person, have a special meal delivered to her door. Then enjoy the same foods with her via Google Meet, Facetime or Zoom. Don't forget a tasty cocktail so you can toast the special woman in your life.

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Happy Canada Day



From Mayor Don Mitchell and Members of Council

Celebrating Canada

Things to know about Canada

By Jane Muller

How much do you know about Canada? For the answer, try our Canada Day quiz.



1. When Canada celebrated its Centennial in 1967, a multi-pyramid logo was designed, symbolic of human developments. Our current population is more than 37.5 million. What was the approximate Canadian population in 1967?

- a) 15 million
- b) 20 million
- c) 25 million
- d) 30 million

2. Nellie McClung led the fight to get Canadian women the right to vote. She was a founding member of the Political Equality League in her home province of Manitoba. In what year did that province become the first to allow women to vote?

- a) 1920
- b) 1910
- c) 1916
- d) 1922

3. After the Second World War, Princess Juliana of the Netherlands presented Ottawa with 100,000 tulip bulbs as a token of friendship for Canada's help in the Second World War. The Dutch created a special tulip to help Canada celebrate its 150th birthday in 2017. How many of the bulbs, that produce distinctive blooms of red mixed with white, were sold?

- a) 6 million
- b) 4 million
- c) 1.5 million
- d) 750,000

4. June is National Indigenous Peoples Month, a time for Canadians to recognize and cel-

brate the unique heritages and outstanding contributions of Inuit and Metis peoples. Peoples Day is June 21. What year was the first Peoples Day?

- a) 1995
- b) 2019

5. Norse expeditions sailed to the tip of Newfoundland Peninsula more than 500 years ago. Archaeological remains of a settlement were declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978. Which of the following items were found at the dig site?

- a) bronze cloak pin
- b) a whetstone

6. Thanks to the work of Thomas D'Arcy Murphy, Irene Maryat Hume, Louise Crummy McKim, and John Muir Edwards, women were able to be elected to Senate in 1929. What name was given to the case that went to the Supreme Court of Canada?

- a) The Women's Case
- b) The Persons Case

7. Three Canadian First World War veterans were recipients of the Victoria Cross. One was awarded on Pine Street in Windsor. What name was given to the street to honor them?

- a) Hero Lane
- b) Valour Road



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THE CASE FOR A NEW NORTH OSHAWA

a. You, the residents, have raised millions of dollars to support world-class health care for more than 20 years, and now a new chapter in health care is about to be written.

The city is well positioned to support a new regional hospital location in north Oshawa. A north Oshawa location can provide a minimum of 50 contiguous acres either already zoned or can be appropriately rezoned for a hospital that is development-ready, serviceable and compatible with existing land uses comprising both the natural and built environment.

Partnerships with Ontario Tech University, Durham College, Trent University Durham GTA and Queen's University show the advantages of post-secondary education. These institutions will assist Lakeridge Health in continuing their work to provide innovative and exceptional health-care services to Durham region residents. The city has a proven track record in partnering with post-secondary institutions

through the TeachingCity Oshawa partnership that was formed in 2017. No other community has such proven partnerships.

Oshawa has witnessed the transformation of its local economy over the last decade and is at the point when health care is now the city's largest economic sector, accounting for more than 11,000 jobs and representing 18 per cent of the city's employment base. This sector has grown by approximately 45 per cent over the past decade. The city is excited to build upon this momentum and help Lakeridge Health achieve its vision of a life-science cluster that supports an enviable quality of life, leverages partnerships with academic and business communities and makes a significant contribution to the regional economy.

Oshawa will be one of the fastest-growing municipalities in Durham during the period leading up to 2041. A full-service hospital would assist in meeting current and future demands for hospital health care in Durham in a loca-

tion that is at the geographical centre of the region's urban population along the lake shore, and also address the expansive growth planned for north Oshawa.

But the advantages don't stop there. When minutes matter, the Oshawa Executive Airport has and will continue to play an important role with its medevac flights, organ transplant services and Ornge medical flights. The airport will also facilitate providing medical flights to remote areas, including Indigenous communities, to help bring health care closer to those in need of treatment. No other community in Durham region has these services, seconds away from their hospitals.

With our history, partnerships, unique infrastructure, supportive community, education and research and geographic advantages, the future of health care belongs in Oshawa.

Dan Carter is the mayor of Oshawa.

NEWS

PEDESTRIAN STRUCK BY VAN IN OSHAWA NOW STABLE IN HOSPITAL

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A pedestrian was rushed to hospital with serious injuries after being struck by a vehicle in Oshawa.

First responders rendered assistance to the 37-year-old woman at King Street East and Central Park Boulevard just after 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, Durham police said. The pedestrian was crossing at

the intersection when she was struck by an east-bound Dodge Grand Caravan, police said.

The woman was taken to a Toronto hospital with injuries initially considered to be life-threatening and is now in stable condition, police said Monday.

Police closed the roadway for several hours to investigate, and still want to hear from witnesses. Call 905-579-1520, extension 5217 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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DRIVER KILLED IN SINGLE-CAR CRASH IN NORTH OSHAWA

Police are investigating a single car-crash that killed a man early Sunday, Oct. 24 in north Oshawa. A 2021 Honda Civic was driving east on Howden Road near Harmony Road when it left the road, struck a tree and then

caught fire just after 4 a.m., Durham police said. The driver, the lone occupant of the car, remained inside and was pronounced dead at the scene. The vehicle appears to have been speeding when

the crash occurred, police said. The roadway was closed for several hours for an investigation. Witnesses or anyone with information are asked to call police at 905-579-1520, extension 5256.



Richard Lautens/Torstar file photo
are in Durham Region. Whitby is second, while Oshawa
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USING MARKETS HOT, HOT

88,897 and that's a difference of 14.5 per cent. The difference in Ajax is 12 per cent -- a home listed for \$920,323 sold for \$1,006,006. Oshawa was the top market while Windsor rounded out the top five. In a release, Penelope Graham of Zoocasa noted, "Notably, three of the top markets are located in the Durham Region, long considered a hot alternative to the City of Toronto, at a commutable distance." Toronto usually has the highest price growth in Ontario. However, some buyers look to other communities in the GTA and around the province.

move further from business centres, and an ultra cheap cost of borrowing," Graham wrote. A consistent lack of supply has helped drive up prices, she said. "The number of available homes for sale has plunged progressively deeper each month in nearly every major market, constraining sales and creating tight sellers' market conditions across the province," Graham added. That means buyers can expect a bidding war when trying to buy a property, she noted. "While bidding wars were already prevalent in larger markets, properties in smaller cities and towns are now regularly attracting multiple offers. This often results in homes selling for more than they're listed for — often by hundreds of thousands of dollars," Graham said. The bottom five cities, where houses are selling for less than the listed price, are Caledon, Oakville, Kingston, Burlington

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Signs of remembrance

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Julie Jocsak, TorStar photo



Marking their sacrifice

Volunteers erected 791 crosses and Canadian flags at Lakeview Cemetery in Midland in November 2020. The crosses represented the number of war veterans buried at the local cemetery and were erected to replace the cancelled Drumhead Veteran's Remembrance Service.

Andrew Mendler, TorStar photo



Giant tribute

The GERONIMO! Skydiving exhibition Team conducted a special Remembrance Day event on November 8, 2020 at the Port Colborne Airport on Burnaby Road in Wainfleet. Four members performed a dedication parachute jump from 5,000 feet displaying a 1,500 square foot Canadian flag landing in front of the The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 230 of Ridgeway, honour guard for a presentation of the colours.

Photo by Bob Tymczyszyn, St. Catharines Standard

Flags for the fallen

For several years, Manulife's global headquarters in Toronto has had thousands of flags placed on its lawn for Remembrance Day. In 2020, more than 12,000 Canadian Flags were placed on the 200 Bloor Street East lawn, each one representing 10 members of the Canadian armed forces who have fallen in service.



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The City of Oshawa passed a 1.85 per cent tax levy increase in the

OSHAWA PASSES 1.85 PER CENT BUDGET INCREASE

A LOOK AT THE 2022 CITY BUDGET

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The average Oshawa homeowners will pay approximately \$37.37 more for the Oshawa portion of their property taxes next year. Oshawa Council approved a 1.85 per cent increase to the tax levy in the 2022 budget Friday, Dec. 6.

The COVID-19 pandemic had an approximately \$3.1 million impact on the 2022 Oshawa budget — including lost revenues and unavoidable costs related to the pandemic. Early budget calculations revealed a required increase of approximately 5.81 per cent. City staff used a number of strategies to reduce the impact through cost containment mitigation measures and using the Federal-Provincial Safe Restart Funds.

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WHEN WOULD OSHAWA HUNT A COYOTE?

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Oshawa could amend the Hunting and Firearms bylaw to exempt licensed hunters or trappers hired by the City to deal with coyotes.

The City of Oshawa is grappling with how to handle an increase in reported coyote sightings, and at least three confirmed bites by coyotes.

"These incidents took place in residential neighbourhoods to wee children ... One was in our community park; another one was in the backyard. You haven't spoken directly to the people who were directly impacted by this, so I'm speaking for them," said Councillor Jane Hurst. "This entire plan is a tool box we didn't have before, and we need it. We're desperate to have it."

City staff released a draft Coyote Response Management Plan earlier in January. The plan supports coexistence with urban coyotes using education, behaviour modification and escalating actions to deal with human-coyote conflicts.

HERE'S HOW A NEIGHBOURHOOD'S COYOTE PROBLEM WOULD PROGRESS IN THE

PROPOSED PLAN.

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Encounter: — Coyote following or approaching a person or pet.

Actions: — All the previously mentioned response measures.

Incident: — Coyote aggression (showing teeth, back fur raised, lunging or nipping without contact) toward person or pet.

Actions: — All the previous response actions. Patrol for bylaw violations (feeding of wildlife, dogs running at large, littering and private property maintenance issues) may contribute to the coyote behaviour. Dispatch a Municipal bylaw enforcement officer to investigate and use aversion condition-

ing to move an animal out of an area by creating a fear of humans with loud noises, bright lights, etc.

Bite to Pet: — Coyote wounds, or tries to wound, a pet.

Actions: — All the previous measures.

Bite to Person: — Coyote wounds, or attempts to wound, a person.

Actions: — All the previous actions. Report bite to Durham Regional Health Services, Durham Regional Police Service and the Ministry. Notify Council members. Hire a qualified and licensed hunter or trapper to investigate and, if needed, attempt to eliminate the responsible coyote humanely.

OSHAWA WOULD ONLY CAPTURE OR HUMANELY ELIMINATE A TROUBLE-SOME COYOTE AS A LAST RESORT, AND ONLY:

- after a confirmed bite to a person.
- if a coyote has been determined to be sick or injured and cannot be rehabilitated.
- when all other response options and measures have failed.
- when it has been determined that there is a threat to public safety.

Coyote Sightings in Oshawa



- Each sighting does not represent one coyote. A single coyote is often reported multiple times.
- Reports increased significantly in late 2020 and into 2021 when the City began encouraging residents to report sightings through Service Oshawa.



The City would try to ensure only the aggressive coyote is trapped or hunted. It will require significant investigation — carried out by a qualified and licensed hunter or trapper hired by

Oshawa — to ensure the right animal is removed.

TO IDENTIFY THE BITING COYOTE, THE CITY WOULD:

- interview witnesses
- inspect photos and vid-

eos of incidents

- collect information such as size, colour, unique markings, etc.
- place and monitor trail cameras
- have officers observe the animals.

While trapping and eliminating coyotes, there is no guarantee other wildlife or pets won't be hurt.

TO REDUCE POTENTIAL HARM TO OTHER ANIMALS, OSHAWA WILL:

- place warning signage.
- close park or public space.
- regularly and frequently monitoring of traps by a qualified and licensed person.
- limit trapping hours.

The Coyote Response Management Plan is expected to come before Oshawa City Council in late January for a final vote.

SECURITY COMPANY HIRING FOR OSHAWA LOCATION

A large security company is hiring for its Oshawa site.

Allied Universal is hiring about 200 security professionals for regular and temporary, full-time and part-time opportunities. Positions being filled include security professionals, client and account managers, site supervisors and other functional roles within human resources, sales, finance and IT.

In a press release, the

company said for full-time positions, it offers "industry leading benefits including medical and dental coverage."

Allied Universal is a security and facility services company with more than 800,000 employees worldwide and annual revenues of about \$20 billion.

In addition to hiring in Oshawa, the company is also hiring 200 people for its Ottawa site.

In a press release, Jason

Zigman, vice president of Recruiting – East Division, said, "In addition to in-person interviews, we are also utilizing cutting-edge technology to schedule, interview and on-board candidates and new hires remotely."

"Ottawa and Oshawa, and all of Ontario, represent a vital and growing market for Allied Universal and we are excited to welcome new security professionals to help safeguard our customers and communities," Zigman said.

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THREE LONGTIME RESTAURANTS THAT CLOSED FOR GOOD

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Durham said goodbye to several popular restaurants this winter, including an Ajax burger institution and a family restaurant with decades of history in north Oshawa. Fans of these three eateries say they're gone — but not forgotten.

Texas Burger

After 52 years in Ajax, Texas Burger closed its doors on Feb. 20. Fans describe the burger joint as an "Ajax institution." While burgers were a big draw, the menu also included souvlaki, wings and all-day breakfast.

"We delivered great food to great people for over 52 years. With increased food costs, labour shortages for a variety of reasons and

COVID changing how people eat, our business has suffered," said owner Andrew Lang in a message on Facebook. "The pandemic dealt a series of heavy blows and now our ownership has to end."

One customer noted on social media that Texas Burger has been "a staple for me in Ajax my entire life," while another said three generations of their

family have eaten at the restaurant.

Lang opened a Texas Burger location in Lindsay last summer and says he will now turn his attention to that business.

Traditions Family Restaurant

Located at Simcoe Street North and Beatrice Street for more than 30 years, Traditions Family Restaurant closed in January. This eatery was best known for affordable, homemade comfort food like rotisserie chicken, ribs, soups and pies. The rotisserie chicken family meal was especially popular with many longtime customers.

"That chicken family deal is amazing, better than Swiss Chalet," one fan said in response to news of the closing on social media.

Buster Rhino's

This popular barbecue spot closed for good in December after a 16-year run.



Texas Burger Ajax closed its doors after more than 50 years serving the community.

Owner Darryl Koster said it was simply time to move on to new adventures. Buster Rhino's opened in 2005, inspired by Koster's relatives in South Carolina, who hold many titles from the competitive barbecue circuit. Over the years there were several

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SUSPECT SOUGHT AFTER STABBING IN OSHAWA

Durham police are searching for a suspect after a stabbing in Oshawa sent one man to a Toronto-area trauma hospital. Officers dispatched to the area of Simcoe Street South and John Street just before 1 a.m. on April 3 for an armed person call locat-

ed a 31-year-old man with stab wounds, say police. He was taken to a Toronto-area hospital with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries. Police say a suspect -- described as a thin white man, about 6-feet tall and wearing dark clothing --

fled the area following the interaction. An investigation into the stabbing continues and police are awaiting surveillance footage from the area. Anyone with information about this stabbing can contact Detective-Constable Bowler at 905-579-1520, extension 2739.

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Being in business for nearly 20 years, Some Like It Hot is very thankful for their loyal customers and are proud to have a reputation for great service and quality products.

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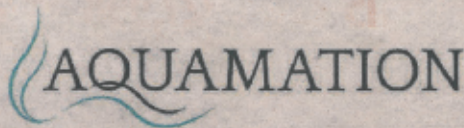
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THREE BABY PEREGRINE FALCONS GROWING UP AT

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Triplets! Three baby peregrine falcons hatched on the roof of Lakeridge Health Oshawa this spring.

The three peregrine falcons chicks — two female and one male — were born in early May on the roof of the hospital.

Lakeridge Health welcomed the Canadian Peregrine Foundation and Ministry of Natural Resources on-site to band, weigh, and measure the chicks before their first flight. The first female weighed 835 grams and was named Jessie, according to the Canadian Peregrine Foundation. The second female weighed 760 grams and the boy was the smallest of the three, at just 565 grams. There were no names listed for Jessie's siblings.

"The chicks were all healthy and so far, we have not seen any evidence of avian flu in any of the chicks," stated a Canadian Peregrine Foundation post.

A pair of peregrine falcon parents have been nesting on the roof of the Oshawa hospital for years. They use a box designed by hospital staff (under the guidance of Peregrine Foundation experts). This



Peregrine falcon chicks, two females and one male, hatched on the roof of Lakeridge Health Oshawa this spring.

year marks almost a decade the peregrine falcons have returned to the nesting spot on top of the Oshawa hospital.

Peregrine falcons were once endangered but the population has since recovered. The population started drastically declining in the 1950s with the use of

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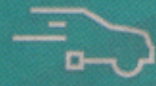
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NDP URGES FORD TO PROVIDE MORE PAID SICK DAYS AND SUPPORTS TO CURTAIL MONKEYPOX

QUEEN'S PARK - NDP 2SLGBTQ+ Issues critic Kristyn Wong-Tam (Toronto Centre) is calling on the Ford government to provide Ontarians with paid sick days and other supports to recover from monkeypox and prevent further spread of the illness. Wong-Tam was joined at a press conference by Len Tooley, an HIV and public health advocate who recently recovered from monkeypox; Dr. Samantha Green, a family physician at the St. Michael's Hospital Sumac Creek Health Centre in Regent Park and a member of the Decent Work & Health Network and Chris Draenos from Community-Based Research Centre, which promotes the health of gender diverse and sexually diverse people.

This past weekend, the World Health Organization's chief declared monkeypox a global health emergency, Wong-Tam said. Doug Ford's paltry three, temporary paid sick days have never been enough

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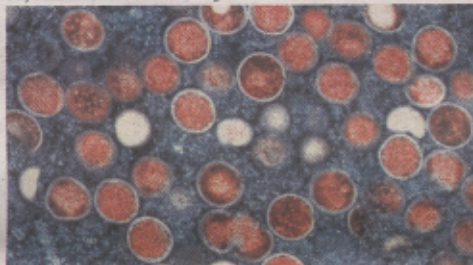
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the NDP is calling on the government to reverse Bill 124

in the health system, including strategies to actively recruit, retain and return health care workers; increasing wages, converting part-time and casual work into full-time jobs and addressing violence against health care workers.

Dr. Samantha Green:

Monkeypox cases are on the rise here in Ontario. Based on what we have learned during the COVID-19 pandemic, the most vulnerable in our community will be impacted the

can stay home while they are sick is vital if we are to curb the spread and stop patients who are recovering.

Chris Draenos:

The government has an ethical duty to provide support to people who are required to comply with public health orders.

Len Tooley:

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WONG-TAM CALLS FOR BUDGET FUNDING TO STOP GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

QUEEN'S PARK - NDP Critic for the Attorney General, Kristyn Wong-Tam (Toronto Centre) is calling on the provincial government to use their budget to fight back the growing epidemic of sexual violence Ontario.

Wong-Tam was joined at a press conference by Naomi Martey, sexual violence counsellor and advocate at the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre/Multicultural Women Against Rape, Tamar Witelson, director of legal services at the Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic, and Pam Hrick the executive director of LEAF (Women's Legal Education and Action Fund).

This week, Statistics Canada released new data that confirmed what survivors and many working in the sector to end gender-based violence already knew: sexual assault in Canada is increasing with no end in sight, Wong-Tam said. Where is the provincial government? How are they taking action? The provincial budget must be updated to include significant funds to address sexual assault. We can't just leave the people most vulnerable to gender-based violence to continue to fight this epidemic alone.

The rate of police-reported sexual assault has reached its highest level since 1996. It is estimated that only 6 per cent of sexual assaults are ever reported to the police. A survey by the Ontario Coalition of

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DDSB STUDENTS TAKE HOME 20 MEDALS IN SKILLS ONTARIO COMPETITION

Canada's largest skilled trades and technologies competition, Skills Ontario, took place in a remote, virtual format from April 19th to 29th, and boasted more than 2,300 competitors from Grade 4 to apprenticeship-level, show-

ing, and four bronze place finishes.

Our gold medal winners won in the job skill demonstration, restaurant service and IT software applications categories. Our silver medalists won in electronics, 2D character animation and workplace safety categories, and our bronze medalists won in the graphic design studio production category.



Program Facilitator Jennifer Parrington notes how the teacher-to-student mentorship is the most important part of the Skills Ontario experi-



'WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HEARD WHAT THE PUBLIC HAD TO SAY ABOUT (THE GATE)'

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the act.

At the time, the city and Scouts Canada (which privately owns the 63-hectare site) celebrated the move to protect the property.

"I'm very proud of our community, and the history it represents. It has been my quest for nearly two decades to preserve and protect Camp Samac and the vital green-space for future generations. This historic achievement is certainly a significant and lasting contribution. I sincerely appreciate the support of everyone who helped to make it happen," said Regional

Councillor Tito-Dante Marimpietri via email.

The process to get the property designated wasn't as straightforward as expected.

Despite the support of city council, the wording of the designation raised concerns of a local heritage advocate, who appealed the designation last June.

"It's a heritage designation in name only ... (Camp Samac) clearly should be designated. I disputed the way it was worded because it was not protective," said heritage advocate Jane Clark. "It's completely useless, there's absolutely nothing protected on the

property other than the front gate."

The key physical feature highlighted in the designation was the westerly gate structure, which "represents a high degree of craftsmanship and/or artistic merit," according to the bylaw.

The iconic Camp Samac gate is old, badly damaged and needs to be repaired. In May, Oshawa received a request from Scouts Canada to alter the gateway facing Simcoe Street North.

Heritage Oshawa supported the plan to refurbish the Camp Samac gateway, but raised concerns and asked Scouts Canada



A portion of Oshawa's Camp Samac was used as a homeless shelter during COVID-19 pandemic.

to consider other ways to fix the gate.

"The gate, the entrance way, really is the face of the camp. We want to make sure we heard what the public had to say about it. We want to be good neighbours. We want to make sure the gate reflects the heritage," said Anyan.

The Samac Foundation has come forward to help fund the gate repairs, and a private organization has offered to donate the steel roof. The repairs are expected to begin soon.

Clark wanted to see a heritage designation that also protected the buildings and structures within Camp Samac. The site contains a log Council Hall, the Scout Shop/Administrative building with prominent totem poles, the large multi-purpose lodge, numerous sleeping cabins and the J. Harry Riggs outdoor chapel, according to a heritage report.

In March, the tribunal dismissed the appeal because Clark wasn't denying the property should be protected under the Ontario Heritage Act.

A revised designation bylaw was passed later this spring, and the City of Oshawa released an official announcement of the final

heritage designation in late June.

"I would just like to state how important Camp Samac is to the community around it, as well as the many youth groups that rent out the cabins and camp grounds on the property," Andrew Morgan, a former member of the 1st Whitby Scouts, said via email.

The heritage designation process was cumbersome, but Anyan said Scouts Canada is happy with the designation as it is now. He said Scouts wants to be able to creatively repurpose the use of the buildings.

Inside one of the former staff cabins, they hope to put a woodworking shop. In another cabin, they plan to put a STEM lab — including a ham radio lab, giving young Scouts a chance to explore the science of this "throwback" STEM activity. Camp Samac even has internet connection now.

"The property is there for the Scouts to have adventures. We have to strike a balance between preserving what we have and not inhibiting us from giving Scouts the best experience. We need the ability to respond to things and activities children like to do,"

DAVE THOMPSON Ward 4, City Councillor Elect

Safety, Security & Well Being for Ward 4

Parks and Upgrades

Rotary Park

This project is taking too long, but I will continue to support it and push to have it completed.

Alexander Park

I propose to realign the baseball diamonds and provide more benches and picnic tables for residents use. Plant new trees for shade.

Kinsmen Park Ball Field

I support the upgrading of the bleachers, new bathrooms, players change rooms and a mini restaurant for food and drinks.

ALL PARKS IN WARD 4 I propose to have them reviewed for upgrades (trees, plants, new planting where required, benches and tables as required). Will work with all organizations and sports alliances groups.

Patrols on Trails and Parks

Durham Regional Police

I will recommend a new Electric Bike Team to patrol and enforce current laws in Ward 4.

Oshawa By-law Officers

I will recommend they also have electric bikes to assist in enforcement on trails and parks. This should help make the parks and trails safe place for our taxpayers, seniors and children.

E-Bike Review

I would like your input on licensing for E-Bikes so we can identify riders in the event of an accident. I want our trails and streets to be safe and well used. (one example Free Registration)

Memorial Park Concerts

Sponsored by business and community groups so as to secure top tier and local artist.

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Let's Bring Back Good Paying Jobs. Amazon, Google, IBM, Bell, Banks For Example.
Let's Stop The Marginalization Of People By The City. No more committees and run around.
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Let's Revitalize Our Downtown As It Has Been Done in Mississauga, Hamilton, Brampton, Aurora And Many Other Municipalities.
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CANADA AND ONTARIO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF 40 NEW HOMES IN COBOURG WHY NOT OSHAWA ?

Units for low-income households are underway in Northumberland County.

Ryan Turnbull, Member of Parliament for Whitby, on behalf of the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion, alongside the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, Bob Crate, Warden of Northumberland County, and Gil Brocaneur, Chair of Northumberland County Housing Corporation, announced a combined investment of more than \$8M for the Elgin Park Redevelopment in Cobourg.

The Government of Canada is investing \$2.4 million through the National Housing Co-Investment Fund (NHCIF), in addition to \$5.7 million through the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI), which is cost-shared between both levels of the government.

Owned and operated by Northumberland County Housing Corporation, this investment will allow the intensification of 18 existing semi-detached homes to allow for a series of 4-plex and 6-plex buildings, which will comprise of 40 total units. With the construction underway for the first phase, the development is on target to create 40 housing units, including both rent-geared-to-income and attainable rental housing with a shared green space.

The development continues to progress on time and on schedule, with first occupancy planned for summer of 2023.

Quotes: "Everyone deserves a safe and affordable place to call home. Our government will continue our efforts to provide access to more housing options to Canadians, including here in Cobourg. This is the National Housing Strategy at work." - The Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion

"Our government continues to work with our provincial partners, including the Government of Ontario, to find ways to create more affordable homes that meet the needs of Canadians, including right here in Northumberland County. This is one of the ways our National Housing Strategy continues to ensure no one is left behind." - Ryan Turnbull, Member of Parliament for Whitby

"Our government's policies have delivered historic results in getting more housing built faster and complement our nearly \$4.4 billion investments over the past three years to grow and enhance community and supportive housing, address homelessness and respond to COVID-19. We have also strengthened mental health and addiction supports for people experiencing,



or at risk of homelessness. Ensuring all Ontarians have a home that meets their needs and budget, especially our most vulnerable, is a top priority for our government." - The Honourable Steve Clark, Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

"Everyone deserves to have a roof over their head and a place to call home. The Elgin Park redevelopment project will play a crucial role in building truly affordable housing right here in Northumberland and I'm proud that the Government of Ontario is working collaboratively with municipal and federal counterparts to get shovels in the ground. We're working hard for our community, so that Northumberland has access to affordable homes today and into the future." - David Piccini, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South

"The Elgin Park Redevelopment will result in 28 new subsidized housing units for our community, along with 12 attainable market rent housing units. This funding support is another important

step forward in increasing the number of affordable homes geared to income in Northumberland County." - Gil Brocaneur, Chair of the Board of Northumberland County Housing Corporation

"This additional funding support will help us to continue quickly advancing the Elgin Park Redevelopment in order to bring more affordable housing to Northumberland. We continue to make progress on our commitment to increase the availability of affordable homes in our community in alignment with Northumberland County's 2019 Affordable Housing Strategy." - Bob Crate, Warden of Northumberland County

Quick facts: The Government of Canada's National Housing Strategy (NHS) is an ambitious, 10-year plan that will invest over \$72 billion to give more Canadians a place to call home. This includes funding towards the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI).

The Canada - Ontario Community Housing Initiative

(COCHI) provides funding to repair, regenerate and expand community housing so tenants can live in a home that is affordable. It can also be used to support community housing providers whose original program arrangements are expiring and help them to become more sustainable.

COCHI and OPHI are programs under the CMHC-Ontario Bilateral Agreement. This 10-year agreement provides more than \$5.75 billion to protect, renew and expand community housing, support Ontario's priorities related to housing repair, construction and affordability, and deliver direct affordability support to Ontarians who need housing.

The Government of Canada, through CMHC, works with its provincial and territorial partners to reduce the number of Canadians in need by improving access to affordable housing.

The new development will add to Northumberland County Housing Corporation's existing complement of 344 community housing units throughout Northumberland.

DAVE THOMPSON Ward 4, City Councillor Elect Safety, Security & Well Being for Ward 4

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Finally - Fire Services - support local 405 Oshawa Fire Fighters. Let's hear from our FIRST RESPONDERS, not consultants.

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Dan Hoornweg is an associate professor of energy systems and nuclear science at Ontario Tech University. He's looking at issues related to growth, especially as it affects the environment.

DURHAM IS LAST SPOT IN GTA FOR UNRESTRAINED GROWTH

TIM KELLY
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Think of Durham as the "Wild East," the last outpost for unrestrained development in the GTA.

That's how Ontario Tech pro-

fessor Dan Hoornweg looks at it.

With other areas of the Greater Toronto Area nearing their maximum growth potential over the next few years, Hoornweg sees Durham's nearly unlimited open areas of land as ripe for residential and commercial explo-

sion.

"Durham is the last big chunk of land in the GTA that's going to be developed for residential areas. There is a lot of money involved for developers, for services, for municipalities in development fees. There is a lot driving

what's going on in Durham," said Hoornweg.

The numbers bear out his statement.

Clarington led the pack in Durham from 2016-21 with a 10.2

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DURHAM REGION ATTEMPTS TO LIMIT LIABILITY BY INTRODUCING FORCED HOME OWNER INSURANCE ON PIPES

Durham Region - The letter that caused an uproar across Durham Region.

Regarding the letter Durham Region residents have received from a company called Service Line Warranties of Canada.

Effective July 1, 2022, the limit of the Region's responsibility for sanitary sewer service connections in the Region of Durham shifted to the property line. The Region has communicated this change on our website and has a social media campaign on-going to bring attention to the change as well as the warranty protection program being offered by Service Line Warranties Canada (SLWC). Please note that SLWC commenced with their marketing campaign with a social media campaign, a press release and a mailout to residents. A comprehensive summary of information is provided below for your information.

The Region's Sanitary System By-Law 90-2003 has been modified and was approved by Regional Council on September 29, 2021, and finalized on April 27, 2022, to shift the limit of responsibility to the property line for the repair of sanitary sewer service connections. This shift in responsibility aligns the Region with Water Supply System By-Law 89-2003 and was completed in concert with Regional Council endorsing Service Line Warranties Canada on September 29, 2021, to provide warranty services to property owners on private property. The warranty program provides affordable protection against significant, unexpected costs of repairing or replacing leaking water and sanitary services and provides timely and high-quality warranty service. The program will also create awareness and inform property owners of their responsibilities when it comes to their water and sanitary service infrastructure.

As required by Item 10.6 of Works Committee Report #2021-W-31 (attached), front line staff have been trained in order to ensure that questions pertaining to the warranty program can be properly answered.

Agreement between the Region and SLWC. The Region entered into an agreement with SLWC on May 19, 2022. The Region is endorsing SLWC to provide warranty services for residential private water and wastewater infrastructure. Residents are responsible for repair and maintenance of water and wastewater infrastructure located on their private properties.

The term of the Agreement with SLWC is two years, however the Region has the ability to extend the term for two additional five-year periods. The pricing of the warranty plan may be adjusted by the

Vendor subject to the approval of the Region.

SLWC offered the Region a five per cent royalty for the use of the Region's logo and program endorsement, however the Region opted out of receiving the five per cent royalty to provide those monies back to the property owners as savings on the cost of the warranty (lower monthly rates).

The agreement allows the Region the opportunity to endorse other warranty providers for the same or similar services as those provided by SLWC.

Service Line Warranties Canada (SLWC) was founded in 1993 in the UK and are the largest international service provider for service line warranty programs and currently operate in Canada, the USA, the UK, France, Spain and Japan. SLWC is currently the only company in Canada that offers this type of warranty program.

SLWC offers the warranty plans to property owners for repairs and replacements to buried water and sanitary services outside of the Region's limit of responsibility for a fixed monthly cost.

The services provided by SLWC are completed by private contractors and not Regional forces. SLWC contractors are fully vetted, licensed and insured. Currently there are 63 municipalities in Ontario that endorse SLWC.

The Region's endorsement of SLWC allows effective marketing of the program to residential property owners. The Region must approve all marketing material before distribution to property owners, and SLWC will cover all costs to produce the marketing materials and administering the program.

SLWC is required to indemnify the Region from any liability claims that may arise as a result of their agreement with property owners and includes the Region's corporate endorsement of the warranty program offered by SLWC and use of the Region's logo. SLWC is also required to provide the Region with reports that enable staff to continuously monitor the services provided by SLWC to the property owners to ensure that the program is meeting the customer service levels and performance metric expectations of the Region Warranty Program.

The warranty protection plans offered by SLWC are entirely optional and there is no obligation for property owners to purchase the warranty plans. The warranty contract will be between the property owner and SLWC and the option to enter into an agreement with SLWC is completely at the discretion of the property owner. The warranty coverage pro-

vides property owners with repair services for their buried infrastructure over and above the typical damage claims which may or may not be covered by their home insurance, and where there is no coverage for restoration services. The scope of SLWC service coverage for water and sanitary sewer service connections will be from the property line to the point where the service connection enters the house foundation, both of which includes any service under a concrete floor. The scope includes locating, excavating and repairing or replacing as required the water and/or sanitary service connections including any damage as a result of thawing of frozen services. The warranty would cover any emergency repair required due to reduction in performance caused by normal wear and tear. It would also include a one-year warranty for workmanship and quality of all repair and restoration work performed.

Financials. The service warranty plan is a monthly flat-fee in a subscription based pricing structure with no deductibles or any additional fees to customers. The property owner may still be responsible for additional Regional charges such as isolating a water service to complete a repair.

The service warranty currently costs \$6/month with a coverage limit of \$5,000 per occurrence for water services and \$8/month with a coverage limit of \$8,000 per occurrence for sanitary services with basic site restoration. An enhanced site restoration plan would cost \$11/month with a coverage limit of \$8,000. Basic site restoration services provided by SLWC to the affected area will be limited to filling trenches, amending (to allow for settling), tamping and seeding (weather permitting) and excludes sod. If slab cutting within the foundation walls is necessary to repair a broken sewer line, the resulting trench will be filled with gravel and covered with concrete.

SLWC also offers a warranty program for inside the foundation walls. The internal plumbing warranty costs \$9/month with a coverage limit of \$3,000 per occurrence. Social media began to raise questions from concerned citizens.

We are dealing with several issues here that, even now, few homeowners are aware

of: The ownership of water service pipes between your home wall and property/city demarcation line was (supposedly) changed some time ago. Amendment to By-Law #89-2003.

The ownership of sewage pipe between your home wall and property/city demarcation line was (supposedly) changed recently (planned in 2021, finalized in 2022). Amendment to By-Law #90-2003.

Chairman Henry stated in an email that Durham Region was proposing to suspend the insurance agreement (Amendment to By-Law #90-2003) until communications campaign had been completed (presumably by the end of 2023). During that time, repairs to sewage pipes are supposed to be carried out by the Region.

The above does not address Amendment to By-Law #89-2003, i.e. homeowners are, supposedly, still responsible for water supply repairs. Also lots of excavation, cutting through concrete etc.

5. To me, a valid question is: Can you receive something to own that you previously did not own without your knowledge and consent?

That is, was the change of pipe ownership by amending the two bylaws legally effective?

When you own something that is located on your property, then, I believe, you are legally responsible for that thing which includes maintenance.

6. The issue of water/sewage pipe ownership and the subject insurance was not investigated by Durham Region. Some other regions such as Peel, Hamilton and Ottawa had done that and the Region of



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Durham just followed the suit. In a reply to Chairman Henry's e-mail (regarding suspension of amended sewage related By-Law #90-2003 and insurance) I suggested the following solution:

For decades, we have been paying for maintenance in Water and Sewer Charges to Durham Water.

From Report #2021-W-31 section 7 and 4.2 it appears that for the period May 1 thru July 28, 2021 the cost of sewer repairs per residential connection was \$1.92 (\$104,500 ÷ 54,400 = \$1.92). The Report #2021-W-31 does not cover Water supply repairs but surely statistics should be available.

In essence, all homeowners would like the Region to conduct all water/sewer repairs and split costs equally on the 178,000 residential connections by adjusting Water Service Charge and Sewer Service Charge.

The difference of charges between quarters or Bi-Monthly periods could be explained in annual mass mailing (Cost of repairs/mam-

ber of customers). Why not try that approach for say, next 5 years?

If costs for water/sewer repairs escalate and Durham Water Bills are too high, then there can always discuss another solution.

This may believe, a reasonable proposal that would not affect property tax level.

It would be well to re-amend both By-Law #90-2003 and By-Law #89-2003 and run the system as suggested above with bi-annual or even annual review for say 5 years.

Politicians and candidates it is necessary to find appropriate and effective way of approaching Durham Region (and the City of Oshawa) to rectify the situation.

It appears that the status quo is unacceptable to homeowners.

The move by the region has been seen as an attempt to limit liability. As the Region changes main lines. It will cause additional stress on homeowners antiquated pipes. Therefore more damage to lines. Many are seeing this as underhanded.

Dave Thompson Ward 4 City Councillor

Safety, Security & Well Being for Ward 4

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Oshawa heritage advocates are concerned the historic Cowan House may be demolished without the protection of heritage designation.

OSHAWA'S COWAN HOUSE COULD BE DEMOLISHED SOON

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Oshawa heritage lovers are bracing for impact, as soon a wrecking ball could be poised to

take down the 160-year-old Cowan House.

"The thought that the house could shortly be a smoking pile of rubble just does not bear contemplating," said heritage advocate

Jane Clark. "There are only 12 properties from the 1850s identified in the entire city, so to casually and needlessly consign Cowan House to the dustbin is inexplicable for a municipality that

claims to value its heritage."

WHAT IS COWAN HOUSE?

Cowan House, at 39 Athol St.

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ONTARIO INVESTING IN VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS IN THE DURHAM REGION

DURHAM REGION - The Ontario government is investing \$52,062 to help the Durham Regional Police Service expand its video surveillance systems and better protect the community against crime and the threat of gun and gang violence.

Funding is being delivered through the Ontario Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Grant Program and will be used to replace outdated equipment, expand or enhance current technology, and install new or additional CCTV surveillance cameras in areas where gun and gang violence and correlated crimes, such as drug and human trafficking, are most prevalent.

Our frontline police, the heroes we rely on to bring criminals to justice, tell us that CCTV technology works and is one of the best tools we have to gain critical advantage over criminal organizations, h said Lorne Coe, MPP for Whitby and Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier. "These investments will improve the Durham Regional Police Service's Support and Outreach (SOS)

Program, increasing community involvement and aiding in the detection and prevention of criminal activity. h

"Safety in Pickering-Uxbridge, and across Durham Region is the top priority of the provincial government," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP for Pickering-Uxbridge. "Investing in new CCTV equipment will replace outdated equipment, enhance current technology, and expand CCTV camera coverage in areas where gun and gang violence and correlated crimes - such as drug and human trafficking - are most prevalent. h

Keeping the residents of Durham Region safe is a priority for our Government h said Durham Riding MPP Todd McCarthy. gProviding law enforcement with the added tools and resources such as CCTV coverage and enhanced technology to combat human and drug trafficking, guns and gang violence, we are committed to supporting our front-line officers who put their lives on the line every day. h

Peter Bethlenfalvy
MPP, Pickering-Uxbridge

Lorne Coe
MPP, Whitby
Patrice Barnes
MPP, Ajax
Todd McCarthy
MPP, Durham

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This is an example of our government's plan to work proactively in the prevention of crime in our communities. We will continue to look for ways to improve the existing infrastructure and use technology to help support our law enforcement partners and serve the community. h

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Durham Region hosts annual farm tour; spotlights multi-generational family farming

Whitby, Ontario - Yesterday, the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) successfully hosted its 20th annual farm tour at Sargent Family Dairy in Enniskillen. The theme was multi-generational family farming in Durham Region, and covered a variety of topics including on-farm dairy processing, dairy operation and the importance of media production to showcase agricultural operations.

The tour started with opening remarks from John Henry, Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer for The Regional Municipality of Durham, followed by a special screening of videos from Durham Region's Agriculture Workforce Project - a project developed to inform residents of careers in agriculture and agri-food production and their essential role in the region, and to encourage residents to enter careers in the agriculture industry.

More than 120 participants attended this year's tour, including elected officials, representatives from various levels of government, chambers of commerce, farmers and agricultural organizations, the educational sector and public agencies.

Agriculture and agri-food production are top economic drivers for Durham Region; and careers in this vibrant sector are essential to our growing communities. Sargent Family Dairy is a wonderful example of multi-generational farming founded on hard work and tradition. They continue to innovate in the agri-business sector to produce

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'DRIVING IS MORE STRESSFUL, I THINK, NOW MORE THAN EVER ON OUR ROADS'

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In Oshawa, premiums went up 12.1 per cent from 2020 to 2021. In rural Durham, residents had a 9.5 per cent increase. For Whitby, rates were up 0.9 per cent.

The rest of Durham saw a decrease.

Across the province, the decrease in premiums was caused by several factors, mostly:

- Professionals using their cars less while working from home.

- Insurance providers offering relief measures through lowered rates and rebates.

- Fewer new drivers behind the wheel because of backlogged testing.

Overall, Durham residents in rural areas and smaller municipalities still

pay less for car insurance premiums than people in larger urban areas. The average rates range from \$1,175 in Kendal to \$2,104 in Pickering.

"I always want to tie in traffic congestion with insurance. We tend to find that when you get into areas for Durham that are busier, 5 o'clock on Taunton Road in Whitby is brutal," said Rorie McIntosh, president of McCam Insurance. "Areas that have population growth and a lot more congestion, there's a lot more hit and runs, small fender benders, a lot of more of that happens.... Unfortunately it changes the dynamic of driving."

McKinney agreed the variation in premiums doesn't make sense when, for instance, someone

moves two blocks away and their insurance goes up in a new postal code.

"Some call it postal code discrimination," said McKinney.

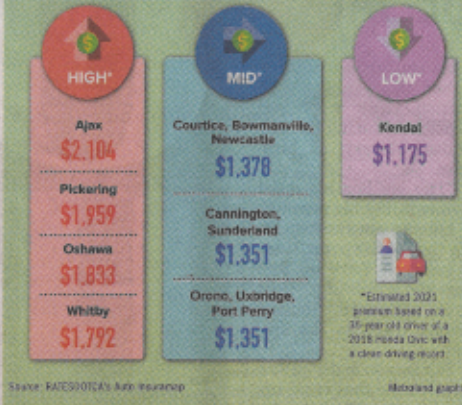
Local insurance experts have advice for drivers who want the best rate:

- When shopping for insurance, find a broker who works with a lot of insurance companies.

- "Every insurance company does definitely have a different demographic; they have the ideal customer. Fortunately not every insurance company has the exact same picture of the ideal customer. Which then means that you have choice," said McIntosh.

- When your life changes (if you move from an urban to a rural area, for example) check with your broker to make sure your

Who In Durham Has The Highest Car Insurance Rates?



current company is still the best fit.

- Consider a new type of policy.

- Usage-based insurance tracks how far you drive and charges based on kilometres. Most tradition-

al plans assume the driver is travelling 15,000 to 20,000 kilometres a year.

- Telematic-based insurance is more about setting the best rates for good drivers. A cellphone app can track how hard a driv-

er brakes, how fast they drive, and how fast they turn corners.

Both of these policies are new and not every insurance company offers them yet.

- Most importantly, keep your driving record clean.

"Driving is more stressful, I think, now than ever on our roads and stress leads to lack of patience, it leads to people cutting people off.... I think that's part of what's going on with the rates," said McIntosh.

STORY BEHIND THE STORY: An Ontario-wide look at car insurance premiums showed something interesting happened in several parts of Durham, where residents saw rate increases rather than decreases last year. We turned to local experts for a clearer picture.



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Ward 4 City Councillor October 24

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- I support the Robert McLaughlin Art Gallery (Ward 4 Downtown)
- I support Parkwood Estates (Ward 4)
- I support Ontario Regiment Museum, Oshawa Airport South field member supporter
- I support Oshawa Public Library (Ward 4 Downtown)
- I support Oshawa Generals Hockey (Ward 4 Downtown)
- I support the New Building for Cultural Hub (Ward 4 beside City Hall)

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- I will push for Free Transit for Oshawa Seniors
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PROVINCE IS INVESTING IN THE SAFETY OF THE DURHAM REGION

DURHAM REGION - The Ontario government is investing \$52,062 to help the Durham Regional Police Service expand its video surveillance systems and better protect the community against crime and the threat of gun and gang violence.

Funding is being delivered through the Ontario Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Grant Program and will be used to replace outdated equipment, expand or enhance current technology, and install new or additional CCTV surveillance cameras in areas where gun and gang violence and correlated crimes, such as drug and human trafficking, are most prevalent.

Our frontline police, the heroes we rely on to bring criminals to justice, tell us that CCTV technology works and is one of the best tools we have to gain critical advantage over criminal organizations, said Lorne Coe, MPP for Whitby and Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier. "These investments will improve the Durham Regional Police Service's Support and

Outreach (SOS) Program, increasing community involvement and aiding in the detection and prevention of criminal activity.

"Safety in Pickering-Uxbridge, and across Durham Region is the top priority of the provincial government," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP for Pickering-Uxbridge. "Investing in new CCTV equipment will replace outdated equipment, enhance current technology, and expand CCTV camera coverage in areas where gun and gang violence and correlated crimes - such as drug and human trafficking - are most prevalent.

Keeping the residents of Durham Region safe is a priority for our Government. h said Durham Riding MPP Todd McCarthy. Providing law enforcement with the added tools and resources such as CCTV coverage and enhanced technology to combat human and drug trafficking, guns and gang violence, we are committed to supporting our front-line officers who put their lives on the line every day.

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RETIREMENT OF DRPS CHIEF TODD ROLLAUER

The Durham Regional Police Services Board is announcing that Chief Rollauer has provided his notice of retirement, effective March 31, 2023.

The Board is very grateful for Chief Rollauer's dedicated service to the Durham Regional Police Service for

to position the DRPS to excel in addressing community safety challenges in the future.

I am so grateful to have fulfilled my dream of being a police officer, said Chief Rollauer. I have been fortunate to work with incredible

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WHERE TO VOTE

Advance Voting Events - Date - Time - Location

Thursday, October 6	12 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Civic Recreation Complex, 99 Thornton Rd. S.
Friday, October 7	12 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Northview Centre, 150 Beatrice St. E.
Friday, October 7	12 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Donevan Complex, 171 Harmony Rd. S.
Saturday, October 8	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Northview Centre, 150 Beatrice St. E.
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Tuesday, October 11	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	City Hall, 50 Centre St. S.
Thursday, October 13	12 p.m. - 8 p.m.	South Oshawa Community, 1455 Cedar St.
Saturday, October 15	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Delpark Homes Centre, 1661 Harmony Rd. N.
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1. When you arrive at a voting place, you will be asked to show your I.D. to an Election Official who will check if you are registered on the Voters List. If you are not on the list, an Election Official will add you to the Voters List and ask you to make a declaration.
2. The Election Official will then issue you a ballot in a secrecy folder based on your ward and school support.
3. You will go behind a voting screen to mark your ballot. To vote for your chosen Candidate(s), fill in the circle beside their name(s).
4. Bring your marked ballot in the secrecy folder to the Election Official operating a tabulator. The Election Official will hold the secrecy folder with your ballot to the tabulator and your vote will be counted.

Voting Day

You can vote in-person on Voting Day, Monday, October 24, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at any voting place in your ward.

Appointment of Voting Proxy

In accordance with Section 44 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, an elector may act on behalf of one other qualified elector who is not a relative or on behalf of one or more qualified electors who are relatives as a Voting Proxy. The Appointment for Voting Proxy Form is available at City Clerk Services (50 Centre St. S., 5th Floor). The elector appointed must present the completed Proxy Form in-person to a designated Election Official at City Clerk Services during normal business hours or, from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on any Advance Voting day that falls on a weekend, for certification. When acting on behalf of more than one relative, separate Proxy Forms are required. At the Voting Place, the elector must present the certified form to the Election Official issuing the ballot and take an oral oath attesting they are the appointed person acting on behalf of voter. Once complete, they will vote on behalf of the elector whom they were appointed by.



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AN INTRODUCTION TO OSHAWA'S SECOND MARSH - AND ITS FRIENDS

PETER TAYLOR ON LAKEFRONT JEWEL



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Column

The Second Marsh covers 55 hectares on the shore of Lake Ontario, between Darlington Provincial Park and the Port of Oshawa. It has been designated as a Provincially Significant Wetland, a Provincially Significant Area of Natural and Scientific Interest, and is a part of Ontario's Greenbelt. The marsh is also designated under the Ontario Heritage Act for its Cultural Heritage Value.

This is the first in a se-

ries of monthly articles that will be written by staff and board members of Friends of Second Marsh (FSM), a registered not-for-profit charity. FSM's mandate is to provide education, interpretive programs and watershed stewardship. We believe the best way to protect the Second Marsh is by connecting people to the value of this wetland and its watershed.

These articles will give you an opportunity to learn more about this fabulous local natural resource, and how it can enrich your life and that of your family.

The organization began in 1972, when a group of local citizens led by Jim Richards and Bob Mills became concerned this amazing area might be lost if it was not actively protected. Their efforts led to the City of Oshawa gaining ownership of the area in 1993.



The Second Marsh in southeast Oshawa covers 55 hectares on the shore of Lake Ontario, between Darlington Provincial Park and the Port of Oshawa.

In 2022, FSM has a volunteer board of nine community-minded citizens and two part-time staff. As our community begins to be less affected by COVID-19, we are again offering more outdoor activities such as this spring's Discover the Magic of the Marsh. Participants were able to learn about the rich and deep history of the Mis-

sissaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, how wetlands are a key part of our natural ecosystem, discover who lives in the marsh and how humans can ensure wildlife thrives there. Some visitors also participated in a forest bathing experience.

Woodland angelica, Garlic mustard and Wild parsnip. These non-native

plants threaten to take over native species that provide food and habitat for the hundreds of insects, birds and other species that call the Second Marsh home.

One of FSM's long-term goals is to establish a Great Lakes Centre for Natural Heritage and Climate Change. To date, we have received support for this ambitious project from local governments and such prominent Canadians as Roberta Bondar, Ed Broadbent, Robert Bateman, Stephen Lewis, and world-renowned environmentalist David Suzuki.

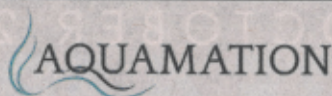
On the drawing board are more educational programs, hikes and learning opportunities to showcase this marvellous marsh.

We are also excited about what is happening with the McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Reserve. General Motors of Canada is donat-

ing this stunning area to the City of Oshawa. Friends of Second Marsh anticipates it will be tasked with expanding its education, interpretive and stewardship services to include these 41 hectares.

For more information about our activities, to volunteer, or to provide financial support, please visit secondmarsh.ca.

Longtime Oshawa resident Peter Taylor first set foot in the Second Marsh when he and his wife, Mary, used to walk the Ghost Road Bush trail with their grandson, Aiden. With Aiden and his sister, Olivia, Peter looked forward to regularly feeding chickadees and repairing the boardwalk each fall. He has been on the Friends of Second Marsh board of directors for a number of years and became president in 2021.



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My plan for Cops on Blocks will make Ward 4 Safe & Secure. There are now 7 "New" condo and high rise coming, some are built. That's thousands of new residents. Let's VOTE DAVE- making the revitalization of our downtown and Ward 4 safe.

Taxes - not above inflation. I will make sure your tax dollars = service.

E-Bike Review & Metro Linc routes review.

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- No more free needles or handouts in the downtown core
- Reminder, the homeless can get a meal at Durham Outlook for the Needy
- Persons with addictions can get help at First-Light and the Foundation of Hope

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Ray Fortune, a patient at Lakeridge Health Oshawa, has had problems during his three-week stay at the hospital, mostly due to what he says and has been told is understaffing. He is worried that patients are not getting the care they need.

Susie Kockerscheidt/Metroland

LAKERIDGE HEALTH HAMMERED BY STAFF SHORTAGE

TIM KELLY
tkelly@durhamregion.com

If you think Durham's hospitals are short-staffed, its emergency rooms are taking longer to

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Lakeridge Health is being hit by a tsunami of impacts - nearly all having to do with staffing

pressures - that are hammering the patient health-care experience.

Whether it be nurse to patient ratios or inability to offload patients at the emergency depart-

ment from paramedics due to a lack of staff availability or longer waiting times in emergency - again due to lack of staff - the

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