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TD Bank demolition begins

by Trina Berlo

Proponents of the Creemore Village Green project have secured a demolition permit for the TD Bank.

Work began on the interior of the Mill Street building late last week and continues this week. It will take another two weeks to completely demolish the building.

The contract was awarded to Clearview based Kostick Demolition.

"They'll be working inside the building for a few days, to demolish that, and then the exterior starts to come down in the second week," said Creemore Community Foundation director **Stuart Lazier**.

He said crews are recycling everything they can.

Project manager **Abbey Scott** said they are starting with the metal and then moving to wood and carpeting, before starting on the shell. Hydro is being shut off Friday.

The community will start to see the building come down next week. Scott



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

Kostick Demolition is working on clearing the inside of the TD Bank, getting ready to demolish the building.

said it will take a week for the building to come down and another week to 10 days to fully clean up the site and finish the job.

Readers have been inquiring about the safe but it is not a freestanding

structure that can be preserved. It is made of concrete, built in to the structure, and it will be demolished with the bank. She said a crane is needed to remove the safe's metal door, which is destined for recycling.

Council to appoint Christie's replacement

by Trina Berlo

Clearview council officially declared the seat of the late Ed Christie vacant at its January 13 meeting.

Clerk **Pamela Fettes** reported that, as set out in the Municipal Act, when a sitting member of council dies, the seat must be declared vacant within the next two meetings.

It was noted that Monday would have been Christie's 80th birthday.

Christie died on Nov. 30 from acute leukemia. His sudden death was a shock to all, as he was an active and vibrant member of the community.

Fettes said she prepared the report with a heavy heart and much difficulty laying out options for council as to how to go about replacing Christie.

Members had to chose between



File photo

Ed Christie on Election Day in 2018.

appointing an individual, possibly from the list of candidates who ran in the 2018 election, putting out a general call for applicants, or holding a by-election. The cost to run a by-election was estimated at \$10,000 to \$15,000.

The appointment, or calling of an election, would have to be done within

60 days.

Council agreed to appointing a member without making an open call for applicants.

Fettes reported that staff developed a process, because the Municipal Act does not prescribe a process for filling a vacancy by appointment.

Each nomination will be confirmed by a council vote. At a subsequent meeting, nominees will be offered a maximum of 10 minutes each to speak and council members will be able to ask two questions each. The final vote will be done by ballot, as laid out in the approved voting procedure.

In 2018, Christie's opponents were **Al Bell** and **Phyllis Dineen**. Christie won with 478 votes. Dineen received 263 votes and Bell received 219 votes.

Medical call to town hall, where firefighters await badges

Clearview firefighters received a tiered medical call Monday to treat a member of council.

The evening council meeting was delayed as firefighters came to the aid of Councillor **Robert Walker**. Firefighters were in attendance for a badge presentation to new recruits scheduled to take place at the top of the meeting.

Walker did not return to the council table for the duration of the meeting, although he did participate in the afternoon's budget meeting.

Mayor **Doug Measures** declined to make a statement, saying it was a personal matter.

Elementary teachers threaten rolling strikes

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) has signalled its intention to start rotating one-day strikes on Monday, if a labour agreement is not reached with the province.

Strikes by ETFO teachers, occasional teachers, designated early childhood educators, professional support personnel and education support personnel locals have not yet been scheduled for the County of Simcoe.

In November, 98 per cent of ETFO members gave their union a strong mandate for central strike action should it be needed during ETFO's central bargaining negotiations. Collective agreements for all ETFO members expired on August 31, 2019.

"This is a wake-up call for Ford and his Education Minister **Stephen Lecce** to get serious about negotiating a deal that supports students and educators," said ETFO President **Sam Hammond**. "We have been clear that, after five months of no progress at the table, we will commence rotating strikes if a deal is not reached by this Friday."

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THIS WEEKEND

Friday, Jan. 17

- **Georgian Triangle Lifelong Learning Institute (GTLLI) - 6 Week Lecture Series** on Water Issues in Ontario at the Station on the Green from 10 a.m. to noon. Livestreamed to Creemore, lectured by U of T professor Dr. Romila Verma and U of Waterloo professor Dr. Ellsworth LeDrew. \$50 for 6 week series or \$10 at door. Visit www.gtlli.ca for tickets or call 705-300-3251.
- **Special riding leadership candidates 'meet n' greet'** at the Creemore Legion at 6:30 p.m. Six Candidates who are getting ready for the Ontario Liberal Leadership Convention in March will attend this special event to meet fellow Liberals, the public and interested media. These candidates include: Michael Coteau, Steven Del Duca, Kate Graham, Brenda Hollingsworth, Mitzie Hunter, and Alvin Tedjo. Each candidate will make a short

presentation, to introduce themselves and state what is most important to them and the future of the Ontario Liberal Party. Afterward, all will have the opportunity to meet n' greet the candidates. Coffee and light snacks will be served. Free. Contact Tony Dittenhoffer, President, Simcoe-Grey Provincial Liberal Association, at 705-985-9119 or ditten@gmx.com.

Saturday, Jan. 18

- **Gerry Blackburn will be signing his new book *Creemore as Remembered by Gerry Blackburn*** at Station on the Green from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. A few words from the author will be spoken at 2:30 p.m.
- **Winter Market at the Creemore Legion** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lots of vendors, breakfast available for purchase, a variety of bakers, food vendors and crafters to add to the shopping experience.

Sunday, Jan. 19

- **Free public skating at Creemore Arena** sponsored by the Stayner Lions Club from noon to 1:50 p.m.
- **Church Services** on page 5.

Sundays, Jan. 19 to Feb. 16

- **Public bible presentations at the Creemore Legion.** Sundays, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., from Jan. 19 to Feb. 16. The gatherings are quiet and simple. They are about Jesus' life and his teachings. This is a free event and open to everyone.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, Jan. 20

- **Taoist Tai Chi beginner classes** (16 weeks) start in Creemore. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Station on the Green. Year round 'continuing' level classes are on Monday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. To find out more about Tai Chi, join us any Monday afternoon or Thursday morning, call 705-445-8204 or visit taoist.org/creemore.
- **The Stayner Garden Club will meet for their annual meeting** at Centennial United Church, 234 William St. Stayner. Social starts at 7 p.m. and the speaker starts at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will start following the speaker.

Monday, Jan. 20 to Feb. 24

- **Therapeutic Pilates on the mat 6 week session (Pre-registered class).** Mondays at 9 a.m. In this customized class we build the basics to keep our backs strong and free of chronic pain and tension. Classes incorporate philosophies of Alexander Technique and Feldenkrais and focus on muscle release, breathing, precision of movement and developing mind-body connection while helping you relax, stretch, strengthen, rehabilitate injury and restore you to your best self. Register by Jan. 17. Cost is \$120. For more information or to register, please contact Karin_Stephens@Hotmail.com and 416-518-8365 or The Sanctuary: thecreemoresanctuary@gmail.com or visit www.thecreemoresanctuary.com.

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Wednesdays, Jan. 22 to Feb. 26

- **Drawing for seniors with Sara Sniderhan.** 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., beginning Jan. 22, at the Creemore Legion. Learn techniques for drawing people, animals, still life and landscape in a fun, welcoming environment. This is a drop in class so no registration required. All skill levels welcome and materials provided. \$5 per class. A program of Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society and the Creemore Community Arts Program. Email sara.sniderhan@gmail.com or call 416-559-6189 for more info.

Thursdays, Jan. 23 to Feb. 27

- **Therapeutic Pilates on the ball 6 week session.** Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. In this ball therapy class, learn dynamic alignment and how to move your body with maximum efficiency to keep your body youthful and energized. This is a gentle class, using stability and therapy (Franklin) balls, working the whole body from bottom to top, including deep Myofascial stretches that lengthen, create change and restore balance. Drop in: \$20 per class (or use your Sanctuary class pass). For more information

or to register, please contact Karin_Stephens@Hotmail.com and 416-518-8365 or The Sanctuary: thecreemoresanctuary@gmail.com or visit www.thecreemoresanctuary.com.

- **Therapeutic Yoga.** Explore six Thursdays of gentle movement while supported by a chair, the wall or the floor! All classes taught by Sass Dempsey, registered Yoga Therapist. Classes are Thursdays from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$120.

Friday, Jan. 24

- **The Creemore Skating Club is holding a pasta supper and silent auction** at the Creemore Arena Hall from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Meal includes pasta with tomato sauce, meat sauce or Alfredo sauce, bread, salad, dessert and coffee/tea. Adult \$10 each. Kids (5 to 12) \$6 each. Children under 5: no charge. Family Deal \$30 (include 2 adults and up to 4 kids). Tickets are available at the door or from Julie Bigham, jbigham30@hotmail.com.

Sunday, Jan. 26

- **Creemore Legion Breakfast at Creemore Legion** from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Choice of 2 eggs or waffle, home fries, toast, sausage or bacon, juice, coffee/tea. Adult \$7, children 12 and under \$4. Hungry Soldier Special \$10. Call 705-466-2202 for more information. 27 Wellington Street West.

Friday, Feb. 14

- **Creemore Legion Ladies Auxiliary Valentine's Day Take-out Dinner.** Lasagna, Caesar salad and dessert. \$15. RSVP by Thursday, Feb. 7 by calling 705-466-2330 or leave a message at the Legion at 705-466-2202. Pick up your dinners between 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Valentine's Day.

Saturday Mar. 7

- **Donovan Woods Matinee Show.** Join award winning singer/songwriter for a seated afternoon show at the Avening Hall. 2 p.m. Tickets \$40 includes tea and treats. Available at *The Creemore Echo* and online at www.aveninghall.com.

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Clearview puts money aside for affordable housing

by **Trina Berlo**

An addition was made to the Clearview budget during council's third and final workshop Monday, bringing the tax increase up to 4.09 per cent.

Staff is estimating that increase would be reduced to 2.44 per cent once taxes collected on behalf of the county and the school board are factored in.

Seniors housing

First up, Deputy Mayor **Barry Burton** proposed the municipality start saving money for affordable housing for seniors.

At Councillor **Robert Walker's** suggestion, council agreed to set aside \$150,000 in 2020, \$250,000 in 2021 and \$350,000 in 2022, to bring the dedicated reserve fund up to \$750,000 in three years, even though Burton was hoping to get to the \$1 million mark.

Burton said Clearview was given a target by the County of Simcoe of creating 79 new affordable housing units between 2014 and 2024 and it has not created any. He hopes the money will put Clearview in a position to partner with the county and developers in a few years to create affordable housing, specifically for seniors.

County statistics show there are 3,907 households on the county central wait list, of which 26 per cent (1,016) are seniors, and there are 357 households on the Central waiting list for Stayner alone, of which 50 per cent (178) are seniors. In Clearview, there is only one building in Stayner with 15 one-bedroom units for seniors.

"You can do the math," said Burton. "We are going to have a lot of seniors leaving our community."

In other municipalities, the county has contributed millions of dollars towards affordable housing: \$12.7 million was invested to create 99 units in Wasaga Beach; \$6.2 million was invested to create 41 units in Tay Township (Victoria Harbour); and \$22.3 million was invested to create 147 units in Collingwood.

"Other communities have done their part," said Burton. "We need to start somewhere."

He said he hears the same question from the public all the time, what are we doing for our seniors?

Mayor **Doug Measures** was not in support of the additional taxation, saying he would rather have a low increase. (Council started Monday's workshop with an estimated net tax

increase of 1.92 per cent.)

"We are more agricultural than we are urban," said Measures, adding both youth and seniors migrate towards urban centres. "The need for a seniors' complex is not as high as you are hopeful."

Measures said he doesn't think Clearview meets some of the other criteria for the county's affordable housing program, including transit system and health care facilities, and 50 cents of every tax dollar is already going to the county.

Creemore councillor **Thom Paterson** was also opposed to the allocation of funds saying, "we really need to understand the proposal."

Paterson said after the vote, which did pass, "I can't believe we did that without seeing anything on paper. Unbelievable!"

As a side note, CAO **Steve Sage** said council should be cautious because the tax relief it enjoys from the offset of lower increases at the county level and at the school district level won't last forever.

As the population grows in Clearview, taxes will balance out and the taxpayer will start to feel the full impact of municipal budget increases.

"We are driving nails in Clearview," said Sage. "Those days are coming to an end. The growth is coming here."

Sunndidale Corners Community Centre renovation denied

Next on deck, Councillor **Connie Leishman** asked council to add \$350,000 to the budget for a new wheelchair accessible front entrance for Sunndidale Corners Community Centre.

The hall board has been working with Clearview staff to create a concept plan for an addition that would have an elevator and universal washroom. The estimated price tag is \$450,000 but the hall board already has \$100,000 in its coffers.

The expenditure was defeated in a split vote because those opposed opted to wait for an updated accessibility report for all the halls, which is expected to come to the council table on March 2. It will be an updated version of the 2012 report prepared by R. J. Burnside and Associates.

"Council will be asked to make



RJ Burnside and Associates rendering

Sunndidale Corners Community Centre was hoping to move ahead with a renovation to improve accessibility but council denied funding, opting to wait until an updated accessibility report for all halls is received in March.

some big decisions with regard to all the halls," said Clearview's General Manager of Parks, Culture and Recreation, **Terry Vachon**.

Last June, council approved a \$20,700 cost to conduct "a more detailed report with specific reference to accessibility deficiencies items that do not meet current Ontario Building Code accessibility standards and Facility Accessibility Design Standards."

The 2012 report estimated a cost

of \$710,000 to make all six halls – Avening, Sunndidale Corners, Nottawa, Duntroon, Brentwood and Dunedin.

The CAO again cautioned council because the Sunndidale Corners price tag does not include all the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) requirements necessary to make the hall fully accessible but Leishman said the hall board has the other projects under control and would not be back asking for more money.

(See "Council" on page 6)

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HEALTH

How to boost your immune system naturally

This is the time of year when my office is filled with sick patients! Whether it's the change of season or kids bringing germs home from school, here is how to use immune boosting herbs and vitamins properly!



1) Vitamin C - this can be used all fall and winter long to boost your immune system. Therapeutic dose for immune system is 3000mg - 4000mg/day. This wonderful vitamin also helps with tissue repair and is a strong anti-oxidant, great choice for your at-home-pharmacy!

2) Echinacea - this potent herb boosts the immune system when it is under-functioning. Use this when you feel a cold coming on and also if you are actively sick. Dose is dependent on the specific product but about 1ml of tincture 4x/day is what I recommend. Use only for 2 weeks!

3) Astragalus - this immune adaptogen is only to be used when you start to feel sick - not when you are sick! It will bring an active immune system down when you are sick - only use when you feel that tickle in your throat! Use only for 14 days.

4) Oil of Oregano - this yucky tasting virus fighting herb is great to keep the immune system high. Use as directed on bottle (or how much you can tolerate the taste!). This is great for viruses that you can't seem to kick.

5) Berberine - this is my favourite herb for immune system - it is the natural antibiotic! Use this with bacterial infections (think green/yellow mucous). My favourite product is Berberis Formula by Seroyal and you can take 2 caps 3x/day (even higher at times but consult a professional!)

6) Probiotics - these beauties should be doubled when sick! I recommend around 25-50 billion CFU when you are fighting an infection. It keeps the beneficial bacteria in your system able to fight the bad bacteria trying to take over!

If you are frequently sick or on antibiotics, there is so much that can be done to strengthen an immune system for optimal function and an illness-free winter!

Kate Hunter is a naturopathic doctor who is practising at Body 'n Balance on weekends. Visit www.katehunternd.com.

THE WAY WE WERE



The DAAL Specialties (a seatbelt manufacturer) float passes in front of the old Creemore Food Market, the current location of Cardboard Castles, during a Santa Claus Parade in the late 1980s. Photo submitted by John Smart.

By-election should be held to replace deceased council member

Editor:
 Due to the sudden and unfortunate death of Councillor Ed Christie, council was required under the Municipal Act to declare the seat vacant and to take action to fill the position. At last [the Jan. 13] council meeting, council passed the following resolution:

- Be it resolved, that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby:
- 1) Declare the seat for Ward 1 councillor vacant;
 - and;
 - 2) Fill the vacancy by means of appointment to the

office within the next 60 days ...
 So... to fill a seat for the next three years, this council opts to 'anoint' (my word) the next councillor?

Just so your readers know, three of the remaining people on council were acclaimed in the last election, Burton, Walker and Leishman, with one never having been elected, Leishman, but acclaimed twice.

With the two runners up less than 100 votes apart in the last election, there should be a by-election for democracy's sake!
Dave Witzke,
 Stayner.

Send letters to the editor to info@creemore.com. All letters must be signed with the writer's full name and include a phone number (which will not be printed.) Deadline is 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.

We appreciate submissions for our They Way We Were feature. Bring in your old photos and we will scan them and get right back to you. We also accept submissions by e-mail to editor@creemore.com. Thank you.



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Governments supporting Ontario's beekeeping sector

The governments of Canada and Ontario are supporting projects that will strengthen the health of managed honeybees and Ontario's beekeeping sector.

Since September 2019, the federal and provincial governments have committed more than \$221,000 to support 135 projects.

These projects will help beekeepers make improvements to better manage pests, diseases and other stressors and grow their bee-related business. Factoring in project funding coming from the businesses themselves, this represents a joint investment of more than \$602,000 in the sector.

The funding has been provided through a targeted application intake under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (the Partnership).

Some projects supported through this targeted intake include:

- Equipment to help managed honeybees survive over the winter months;
- Projects to detect and manage pests such as varroa mites;
- Technology to enhance production;
- Equipment to prepare operations for managing Small Hive Beetle;
- Market and customer research to help increase sales.

"Many of our agricultural crops

depend on the health and productivity of our pollinators, and this regional approach to strengthening Ontario's honey bee populations plays a vital role in allowing our high-value crops to succeed," said the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

"Honey bees play an essential role in Ontario's agricultural sector and in maintaining healthy ecosystems," said the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. "That's why it's so important to support and sustain the health of our honey bees. This investment has helped over 135 beekeepers so far to equip themselves with better tools to prevent diseases, improve winter survival, adopt best management practices and grow their businesses."

Since June 2018, both the federal and provincial governments have committed cost-share support to approximately 2,500 projects through the partnership to help eligible Ontario farmers, processors, businesses and sector organizations innovate and grow.

The targeted application intake to support managed bee health opened on Sept. 3. Eligible applications are being received and

assessed on a continuous basis, while funding is available.

In addition to producing honey, Ontario-managed honey bees pollinate a wide range of crops, including apples, apricots, asparagus, blueberries, squash and canola, both within Ontario and in other provinces.

Managed honey bees pollinate 80 per cent of all agricultural crops requiring insect pollination.

They account for \$395 million in pollination services to Ontario farmers and contribute \$30 million a year in honey sales.

Examples of projects supported through the partnership since June 2018 include: implementation of technology to enhance food safety in processing plants; improving adoption of cover crop management to help reduce phosphorous entering the Lake Erie watershed; installation of equipment to improve biosecurity; technology solutions to improve labour productivity and marketing plans to help businesses to expand their markets.

The Canadian Agricultural Partnership is a five-year, \$3-billion commitment by Canada's federal, provincial and territorial governments that supports Canada's agri-food and agri-products sectors.

This initiative is delivered by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA), and supports specific beekeeping activities in two project categories:

- Advancing Beekeeper Business Capacity; and Honey Bee Health Management.

• OSCIA also delivers cost-share funding under the Partnership for farmers and other businesses (plant health) – the next application intake for this group is from January 8 to January 29, 2020. Program details, including how to apply, program guides, and application forms, can be found on the OSCIA website.

- The health of honey bees is complex and influenced by several factors, including diseases, pests, genetics, environmental stressors and extreme weather.



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<p style="text-align: center;">Centennial United Church Stayner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday service 10:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Minister: Jennifer Irving 234 William St., 705-428-3711 www.ucstayner.ca, Follow us on Facebook</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clearview Community Church Creemore branch – Station on the Green</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday service 11 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday school, Friday night kids program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">705-428-6543 • Clayton Culham</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">The Anglican Parish of Holy Trinity, Clearview</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday worship at 10 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 St. Clair Street, Duntroon Rev. Ray Dobson • 705-794-9140 Facebook: The Parish of Holy Trinity Clearview</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Church of the Good Shepherd</p> <p style="text-align: center;">219 Scott St., Stayner.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Epiphany 2 Eucharist – 10:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Susan Snelling 705-428-3885 Visit us on Facebook at "Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Stayner"</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Creemore - New Lowell United Pastoral Charge</p> <p style="text-align: center;">New Lowell at 9:45 a.m. St. John's at 11 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.newlowellunitedchurch.weebly.com www.stjohnscreemore.ca All welcome • 705-466-2200</p>	

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Council asked to make tough decisions about halls

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“Are you sure you want to proceed this way,” asked Paterson.

“We want to get this done,” said Leishman, adding that the board has wanted to do this for a long time and has been saving.

“Sunnidale has never asked for anything from council. They have done everything on their own...,” she told council. “To get into a serious discussion we need to know that council is behind us. If you’re not behind us, we are going to scrap the whole thing.”

The discussion raised a past renovation project for Avening Hall, which was approved by council. The 2012 accessibility estimate in the 2012 report was \$225,000 but when it went to tender, including kitchen upgrades, the job was priced at \$850,000.

Council did not approve the tender due to the much higher than expected cost and the project stalled.

It has also given cause for concern about the reality of tender prices, versus the estimates provided.

Sage said that was one of his concerns.

“A decision will have to be made and it’s going to be hard... Council has not had the opportunity to discuss what other halls will get.”

That caused Burton to ask, “Who comes first, who comes second?... If we give \$350,000 to Sunnidale, do we give \$350,000 to Avening?”

“The longer we wait, the more it’s going to cost,” countered Leishman, saying it would show the province they are starting.

Other councillors said they do need to start on OADA requirements, but there is only \$1,015,788.39 in the account for such projects.

“I don’t understand the urgency now, over any other hall,” said Paterson. “Every other hall could make the same argument.”

He made a motion to defer until after the Burnside report is received but it was defeated. The same motion tabled by Burton was also defeated.

Measures said he was concerned that council doesn’t have all the information and offered Leishman a chance to withdraw her motion.

Then, the original motion was defeated in a tie-vote.

Comprehensive traffic management study

Council approved that a comprehensive traffic management study be conducted in 2020, at a cost of \$35,000.

Paterson brought this initiative to the table

He said council has been responding to community traffic concerns as one-offs without addressing the overall traffic management in the township.

“Our staff want to follow the guidelines set out in provincial regulations and of course, we in the wards want to respond to real life concerns about safety on our roads,” said Paterson.

As a result, council has approved a number of stop signs that do not conform to the Ontario Traffic Manual.

The purchase of radar speed signs and the adoption of a new Traffic Calming Policy are a good start, said Paterson, but a study would result in proper data and analysis that could be used to create a traffic management plan, with input from the public.

“I want to move away from the squeaky wheel to a recognized public process. I want to stop being responsive and a onsie-tuosie basis and I want to move to a decision making framework that everybody – staff, council and the public – recognize as the way

we are going to do this, and if there are exceptions we can talk about those exceptions but generally we should live by this program that we are going to put in place,” he said.

Paterson said the goal is to show proof there is a safety concern, measured by the analytics.

The \$35,000 is to be allocated from the Federal Gas Tax reserve.

Economic Development Committee of the Whole

This is another initiative that Paterson has wanted to see realized for some time. It is actually a double whammy, as he has wanted to see both a committee of the whole meeting structure adopted, in addition to having an economic development strategy in place.

“What we haven’t been able to do is have a more consistent and township wide policy on what we want the township to look like from a business point of view,” said Paterson. “How do we want it to prosper? What services do we want to offer locally and what services do we want to support regionally?”

“We have been talking about it for a long time. I would say council is very much in favour of doing it, we’ve just finally got off the mark.”

He said the committee of the whole model includes all members of council but allows more time for exploration of specific agenda items and offers a sober second thought option before the decisions are ratified at a regular council meeting.

The budget and tax rates won’t be finalized until later in the spring when the county and school board budgets are passed.

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Community grants awarded

As part of budget deliberations, council is giving out \$29,950 in community grants.

The total amounts to a little less than half of the \$60,000 available to community groups and organizations that operate within Clearview, despite almost all of the 22 organizations who submitted requests for funding getting the full amount.

That leaves a balance of \$30,050 for future requests.

Grants allocated:

- Breaking Down Barriers, \$2,000
- Brentwood Horticultural Society, \$700
- Clearview Community Theatre, \$2,000
- Clearview Minor Hockey Association, \$3,000
- Clearview Soccer Club, \$3,000
- Clearview Stayner Food Bank, \$2,000
- Creemore Cats, \$750
- Creemore Horticultural Society, \$1,000 for community beautification projects

- Dunedin Literary Festival, \$750
- Duntroon Stayner Road Race, \$1,000
- Georgian Triangle Humane Society, \$1,000 for spay/neuter assistance program
- Home Horizon Transitional Program, \$1,000
- Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation, \$2,500
- Magic of Children in the Arts, \$1,000
- My Friend's House - Collingwood Crisis Centre, \$1,000
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 397 Creemore, \$1,000 for Canada Day
- SilverShoe Historical Society, \$1,200 for Bethel
- Union Cemetery/Sunnidale Pioneer historical site
- Simcoe 4-H, \$250
- Stayner Heritage Society, \$300
- Stayner Horticultural Society/Stayner Garden Club, \$1,000 for community beautification projects Stayner
- Lawn Bowling Club, \$1,000
- The Beinn Gorm Highlanders, \$2,500

Dog kennel approval appeal filed

by Trina Berlo

An appeal has been filed for a council decision to approve a dog kennel on Concession 6 North Nottawasaga.

When Nadia Corriveau and Paul Snider pitched their proposal to Clearview council in October, it was described as a home-based doggy daycare and lodging service.

The appeal has been filed by Concession 6 resident Ashley Stevens, one of seven people who voiced concerns at an Oct. 7 public meeting on the topic.

Since then the proposal was reduced from a maximum of 35 dogs to 20 dogs, with only 15 at a time for overnight stays. It received council approval on Nov. 18.

Stevens states the reasons for the appeal saying the location is not appropriate for this type of facility, the

property is located too close to livestock and could become a safety issue, the property is not large enough to facilitate this type of business, and agricultural properties are not to be used for dog kennels.

Clearview planner Rossalyn Workman countered saying the separation between the livestock and the area zoned for a kennel on the 1.48 acre property is ample and the Township of Clearview Official Plan permits kennels as a secondary use within the agricultural designation where it is demonstrated to be compatible with adjacent agricultural uses.

As a result council passed a resolution Monday that it supports the passing of the zoning bylaw amendment to permit the boarding kennel in its current form, as required at this stage of the appeal process with the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

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Clearview Fire Chief **Roree Payment** and Mayor **Doug Measures** (right) presented badges to firefighter recruits who have completed their probationary year, with Deputy Fire Chief **Ed Forster** (at left). Recruits are (from left) **Chris Goodfellow** (Station 6), **Graham Kijowski** (Station 5), **Colin Rigney** (Station 5), **Jeremy Skelton** (Station 4), **Chris Laflamme** (Station 3), **Michaela VerStraten** (Station 3), **Jamie Ward** (Station 1), and **Tyler Thomas** (Station 1). Absent: **Mike Mulcaster** (Station 4) and **Tyler Metcalf** (Station 3).



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Creemore Curling Club standings

Daytime

Team	win-loss
Martens	4-0
Bell	2-1
Coulter	2-1
Steed	2-2
Loranger	1-2
McDougall	0-2
Lambert	0-3

From the Hack: On Monday, Christine, Linda, Heather and Michael managed some lucky rolling shots every end to secure a win for Team Loranger, over Team McDougall. On Sheet 2, Liz, the stand-in skipper for Team Steed, made some lovely draw weight shots, but came up short in a loss to Team Coulter. The afternoon game

was close between Teams Lambert and Martens. It was tied 8-8 coming home, and Bill managed a perfect draw shot to secure the win for Team Martens. They carried on their winning ways on Wednesday. Sandy, Joan, Karen and Bill played magnificent shots to beat Team Loranger easily! Liz played skip again for Team Steed on Wednesday and threw well enough to beat Team Bell. Good curling everyone!

Ladies

Team	win-loss
Baylis	2-0
Crawford	1-1
Walker	1-1
Millsap	0-2

From the Hack: Good curling Monday night. Teams Baylis

and Millsap were back and forth holding the lead. A steal and a big end for a win by Team Baylis.

Team Walker in the win column thanks to “inside guards” and a NO Mulligan rule! Lots of rocks in play and in the house made for challenging games. Kudos to our ice techs for their efforts.

Mixed

Team	win-loss-tie
Donna Baylis	2-0-0
Gord Fuller	2-0-0
Paul Crevier	1-0-1
Jim Madill	1-0-1
Robert McArthur	1-1-0
Jim Bell	1-1-0
Paul Vorstermans	0-0-2
Brian Cass	0-0-2



Contributed photo

Creemore Curling Club held its annual Mixed Bonspiel on Saturday, Jan. 11 with eight teams playing. The winning team was from the Markdale Curling Club: From left is **Shawn and Julie Hooker** and **Cheryl and Bob Crawford**.



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING DUFFERIN COUNTY OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW/ MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

PURSUANT TO SECTION 26(3) AND (4) OF THE *PLANNING ACT*, R.S.O. 1990 (AS AMENDED) TAKE NOTICE THAT A PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD BY DUFFERIN COUNTY.

WHEN: March 12th, 2020
WHERE: Town of Orangeville Council Chambers,
87 Broadway, Orangeville
TIME: 7:00pm

A location map is not provided with this notice, as the Official Plan Review/Municipal Comprehensive Review applies to all lands within the corporation limits of the Dufferin County.

Purpose

The Dufferin County Official Plan is a statement of goals, objectives and policies intended to guide future land use, physical development, and growth within the boundaries of the County. The primary purpose of the County's Municipal Comprehensive Review is to update the Official Plan to ensure conformity with Provincial policies, have regard to matters of Provincial interest, and to address the changing demographics, employment and needs of the County.

Ontario's *Planning Act* requires that County Council shall hold a special meeting of Council to discuss the revisions to the Official Plan that may be required under the Municipal Comprehensive Review.

Tell Us What You Think

The public is invited to attend this statutory public meeting to provide input into the Official Plan Review/ Municipal Comprehensive Review process. We would like your input to identify issues to be considered in the Municipal Comprehensive Review process, which will help build a vision for the Official Plan, but also help develop solutions to issues.

Written Submissions

If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would like your comments and/or concerns received by members of Council, then please submit your comments in writing to: c/o the Clerk, Pam Hillock, 55 Zina Street, Orangeville, ON L9W 1E5, or email: phillock@dufferincounty.ca, and provide your name and mailing address.

Additional Information

For further information on the Official Plan Review/Municipal Comprehensive Review, please contact:

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You may also choose to visit the project website at joinindufferin.com for updates, resources or to make a request to be added to the project mailing list.

The County Website also has further information in regards to this project:

<https://www.dufferincounty.ca/index.php/services/planning-development#my-community-rediscovered->

DATED THIS 13th day of January, 2020

Dufferin Big Brothers Big Sisters receives accreditation

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin and District is pleased to announce that it was granted Accreditation for having successfully met the review of standards outlined by the national governing body, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada (BBBSC). The Accreditation process has been in existence for more than twenty-five years to continually ensure maximum child safety, and positive social and health outcomes of BBBB youth mentoring programs delivered by member agencies across the country.

The Accreditation certificate is granted upon approval of agency practices in the areas of child safety, service delivery, and organizational excellence. Organizational excellence includes a consultative process with agency volunteers, parents and board members, assurance of sound fiscal management practices, and agency strategic planning.

The national Accreditation program is conducted by professionally trained accreditors who must complete Accreditation training provided by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada. Each BBBSC member agency is Accredited every five years. Agencies also participate in a mid-term evaluation as an interim measure ensuring adherence to National Standards

and organizational excellence.

“Our staff and volunteers are to be commended for this accomplishment, the process is quite stringent” said **Steve Murphy**, president of BBBB Dufferin and District. “The accreditors spent a considerable amount of time reviewing files, confirming policies, examining the various programs we offer and interviewing our staff, our volunteers, the kids and parents that we serve” said Murphy.

“We are delighted to have passed the requirements of our accreditation. It’s a wonderful way to start our 48th year of operation in Dufferin County,” said **Nancy Stallmach**, Executive Director of BBBB Dufferin and District.

Relying primarily on local fundraising efforts BBBB of Dufferin and District ensures that every dollar raised goes to providing high quality mentoring and supportive relationships to every child in their program.

BBBS of Dufferin and District has been serving the community since 1972 and is committed to serving children and youth by providing them with quality mentoring relationships with volunteers. In 2019 they served more than 300 local children.

Robert G. Kemp Arts Award call for submissions

The Robert G. Kemp Arts Award Committee, as part of the Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts is seeking applications with a project proposal that benefits the community.

The award winner will receive a \$5,000 cash prize.

The award was created in 1989 to encourage and recognize an individual or group residing in the South Georgian Bay area, which includes Collingwood, Creemore, Town of Blue Mountains, Stayner, Thornbury, Meaford and Wasaga Beach. It also includes the Townships of Clearview, Osprey, Sunnidale and St. Vincent Euphrasia.

The deadline for submission of applications is March 25 at 5 p.m.

Applications are available at the Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts, located at 65 Simcoe St., Studio 4, Collingwood, online @ w.w.w.bmfa.ca or at various locations throughout the area.

Correction

The correct name of a snowmobile event during Sunnidale Winterama is The Morgan Taylor Memorial Snowmobile Fun Run. We apologize for the error.

FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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4. Pole with a hook
8. Muse of history
12. Numero ____
13. River in England
14. Horse's back leg joint
15. Pen point
16. Receives a diploma
18. As a companion
20. Happy cat sound
21. Becomes thick, as pudding
23. Floor-making material
27. One of the three Furies
30. Subdivision of an act of a play
31. Right away
32. Part of TGIF
34. One born with another
35. Kept talking and talking
37. Some early Fords
39. Sheer cotton fabric
41. Like some hair
42. Hipbone sections
44. City on the Nile
47. Out of danger
51. Fast-running bird
52. Invisible emanation
53. Ancient Greek statue of a young woman wearing clothes
54. Performed
55. Hammer head part
56. Junk e-mail
57. Bishop's seat of authority

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DOWN

1. Fish related to mackerel
2. Source of indigo
3. Vehicles for sliding down snowy hills
4. Bunch of geese
5. Ventilate a room
6. Lash down
7. Sick-and-tired
8. People in novels
9. Piece of land
10. Slang for diamonds
11. Authorizes
17. Web site addresses
19. Three-flavour ice cream
22. ____ Lanka
24. Couple who has not been married long
25. Make a sweater
26. Ottawa's hockey team, for short
27. Schoolteacher of old
28. Rebecca and Isaac's son
29. You take money out of it, for short
33. Plant seeds in the ground
36. River in Africa
38. Circle of jewels worn by a princess
40. Shaving wounds
43. Resting on
45. French girlfriend
46. With nothing on
47. Food for infants
48. Feel sorry about
49. Mined mineral
50. Important period of history

Southern Georgian Bay home sales continue to improve

Residential sales recorded through the MLS system for the Southern Georgian Bay region totaled 158 units in December. This was an increase of 22.5 per cent from December 2018.

On an annual basis, home sales totalled 3,317 units over the course of 2019, up 8.9 per cent from the same period in 2018.

The Southern Georgian Bay region comprises two distinctive markets.

Home sales in the Western Region, which includes Wasaga Beach, Clearview Township, Collingwood, The Blue Mountains, the Municipality of Meaford, and Grey Highlands, numbered 89 units in December 2019. This was an increase of 11.3 per cent (nine sales) from December 2018.

On an annual basis, home sales in the Western Region numbered 1,997 units over the course of

2019, up 10.6 per cent from the same period in 2018.

Meanwhile, home sales in the Eastern Region, encompassing Midland and Penetanguishene, the townships of Tay and Tiny, Severn, and Georgian Bay, numbered 69 units in December 2019. This was a large 40.8 per cent increase from December 2018.

On an annual basis, home sales in the Eastern Region numbered 1,320 in 2019, rising 6.3 per cent from the same period in 2018.

“Home sales have been steadily improving since the spring, and that continued in December,” said **Stan Reljic**, president of the Southern Georgian Bay Association of Realtors. “Activity really picked up in the Eastern District to finish the year, with sales coming in just one transaction shy of the December record.”

There were 184 new residential listings in December 2019. This was an increase of 10.8 per cent on a year-over-year basis.

Active residential listings numbered 751 units at the end of December, up 4.2 per cent from the end of December 2018. Despite the increase, overall supply remains low compared to historical levels.

Months of inventory numbered 4.8 at the end

of December 2019, down from the 5.6 months recorded at the end of December 2018 and well below the 10-year average of nine months for this time of year. The number of months of inventory is the number of months it would take to sell current inventories at the current rate of sales activity.

The dollar value of all residential transactions in December 2019 was \$87.3 million, a 45.1 per cent jump from this time in 2018. This was a new record for the month of December.

Sales of all property types numbered 181 units in December 2019, an increase of 24 per cent from December 2018. The total value of all properties sold was \$97.9 million, surging 52.2 per cent from December 2018.

The Southern Georgian Bay Association of Realtors represents more than 600 Realtors registered with its member offices. The geographical area served by the Association includes the Towns of Midland and Penetanguishene, the Townships of Tay and Tiny and parts of Severn and Georgian Bay Townships; Wasaga Beach, Clearview Township, Collingwood, The Blue Mountains and portions of the Municipality of Meaford and Grey Highlands.



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Liberal leadership candidates attend Creemore meet n' greet

Candidates in the Ontario Liberal Party leadership race will be attending a meet-and-greet in Creemore this month, hosted by the Simcoe-Grey Provincial Liberal Association.

Six candidates will be in attendance: **Michael Coteau** (MPP for Don Valley East since 2011), **Steven Del Duca** (Former MPP for Vaughan, 2012-2018), **Kate Graham** (2018 candidate in London North Centre), **Brenda Hollingsworth** (Ottawa personal injury lawyer), **Mitzi Hunter** (MPP for Scarborough-Guildwood since 2013), and **Alvin Tedjo** (2018 candidate in Oakville North-Burlington).

Details on the individual candidates are available at ontarioliberal.ca.

The candidate meet-and-greet will be held at Creemore Legion, 27 Wellington St. W., on Friday, Jan. 17, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Each candidate will make a short presentation, to introduce themselves and state what is most important to them and the future of the Ontario Liberal Party. Afterward, all will have the opportunity to meet the candidates. Coffee and light snacks will be served.

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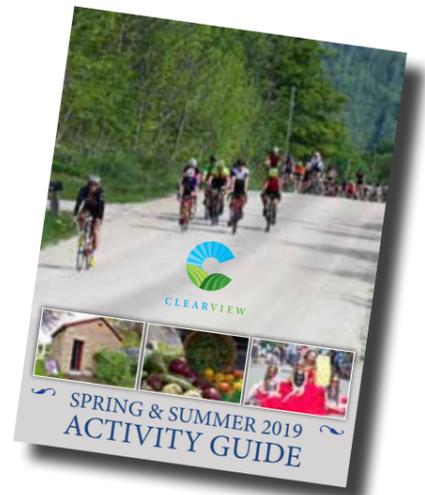


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Betty Belfry had heard reports from neighbours that there was a healthy sized coyote in the neighbourhood so she checked her trail cam and sure enough, on Dec. 31 the visitor was spotted in this image. The coyote is seen sniffing around her raised flower boxes, where she leaves feed for the deer. Belfry, a George Street resident, said she wants people to know there is a potential threat to pets. She is careful not to let her dog out at night.

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As part of the Creemore Transit pilot project, Clearview is looking to gather residents' input.

Residents are invited to submit their comments to the Creemore Route Feedback Survey here, www.clearview.ca/transit. The survey takes less than 2 minutes to complete and the data collected will be used to shape the overall direction and operation of the Creemore route.

Alternatively, hard copies of the survey can be filled out at the Stayner or Creemore branches of the Clearview Public Library or at the Clearview Administration Centre.

The survey closes Friday, February 14th, 2020.

For more information about Clearview Public Transit or the Creemore Route, please visit www.clearview.ca/transit.

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