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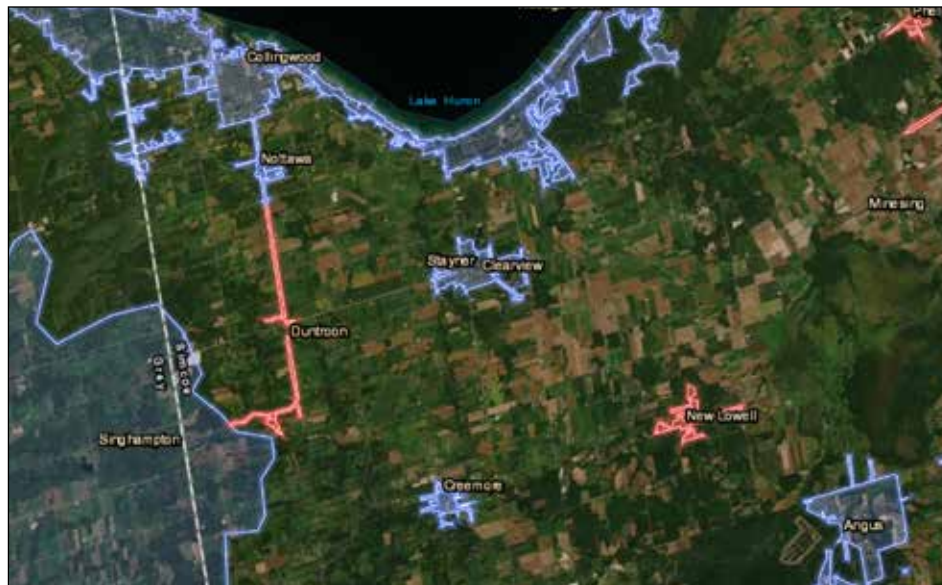
Broadband expanding in Clearview

Simcoe County to receive \$41 million in SWIFT funding for broadband upgrades

by Trina Berlo

Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) announced Dec. 11 it has awarded \$41.1 million in funding to support six fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) projects across Simcoe County and expand broadband services to 12,700 households and businesses that have limited to no connectivity.

Bell Canada has been awarded funding to support three fibre-to-the-home projects. The newly awarded projects will collectively service 389 kilometres of underserved roadway (See "Fibre" on page 6)



Duntroon, Glen Huron and New Lowell will benefit from newly announced SWIFT broadband infrastructure projects. The areas in red show approved projects. The blue indicated already serviced areas.

Simcoe Muskoka in the red

The Simcoe Muskoka region is now under more strict rules since being designated red by the province Monday.

"We are struggling to contain this pandemic. It really comes down to everyone being on their guard and acting on our recommendations about physically distancing from other people beyond your household," said medical officer of health Dr. Charles Gardner, in addition to all other precautions. "We are challenged in our ability to keep up with the cases."

As a result, contact tracing has been simplified further and cases are contacted once and are required to follow up with their own contacts.

They have turned their focus to being prepared to roll out the vaccine, which could begin as early as next week. It will go to the most vulnerable first, employees and residents in congregate care settings. Gardner said vaccinations could reach the general population by spring, with the hope that everyone will be immunized by fall.

Creemore Legion offering monthly take-out meals

Starting in January, The Creemore Legion will offer monthly Thursday night take-out dinners. The first of these will be on Thursday, Jan. 14, the second will be the annual Valentine's Dinner and the third is planned for mid-March.

The Jan. 14 menu features a full cabbage roll take-out dinner for \$17 per person. Place your order by calling 705-466-2330 before Jan. 7. Please bring the exact amount for your purchase, to avoid handling cash. When calling, please specify a preferred pick-up time.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the Creemore Legion has been banned from holding events such as the monthly Sunday breakfasts.

Clerks calling for changes to FOI law

by Trina Berlo

Clearview Township clerk Pamela Fettes has joined forces with other municipalities in the region to advocate for changes to a piece of legislation that regulates public access to municipal records.

Fettes presented a lengthy motion to council Dec. 7, which passed unanimously, supporting a number of proposed changes to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA). The motion was created by a committee of clerks who are lobbying the provincial government to take another look at the Act, saying it is time for a reboot.

The crux of the request for reform is that the Act, passed in 1990, is antiquated and does not take into account advances in technology. Fettes said changes could make the process of requesting information more consistent across the province and hold both the municipality and the requestor accountable.

Among concerns for municipal staff

who process the requests, is time and money.

In some cases, when the release of personal information is denied, there may be an appeal, which can be quite costly, and there are only limited fees that can be charged by the municipality for the processing of the information.

For example, Fettes said Clearview has spent \$25,000 resolving one appeal in a "highly litigated matter" that has been on the books since 2015. The municipality has only been able to charge \$1,035 in processing fees.

The other issue is in regard to frivolous and/or vexatious requests, which are meant to monopolize staff time. Fettes said one person has filed 790 requests since 2011.

Legal advice on requests has caused spikes in costs averaging between \$45,000 to \$50,000 per year, but going as high as \$100,000 one year and \$750,000 another, said CAO Steve Sage, adding that doesn't include the cost of staff time "which is significant but not tracked specifically for freedom

of information (FOI) requests.

The committee is also asking that the threshold for what is considered vexatious and frivolous be lowered and take into account abusive language and the harassing nature of the request, and that the person filing can no longer remain anonymous because, they say, the person being asked to release personal information has a right to know who is asking.

Fettes said in some cases, lawyers are filing FOIs for records in order to determine if they will take the municipality to court, essentially putting the municipality at a legal disadvantage, or insurance companies are looking for information about claims.

Fettes said the concerns are shared among many municipalities who are having similar experiences and that is why the committee is taking its "time for change" campaign to the government, professional associations, and is circulating the motion to other councils.

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Since going into the red-control designation County of Simcoe Paramedic Services have had to cancel their toy drive events but they were able to pick up a large number of donations from *The Echo* office. Pictured is coordinator **Scott Hobson** and **Marcus Hodgkin**. *The Echo's* food and toy drive has come to an end but donations can still be made at the Stayner emergency hub, at 6993 Highway 26.

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Clearview takes another stab at electoral reform

by Trina Berlo

At its Dec. 14 meeting, council has approved a plan to seek public input on a council review – taking a look at its size and structure.

“With the regional review that has recently occurred, it has prompted councils all over Ontario to look at their size,” said Clerk **Pamela Fettes**.

Staff will be putting forward different options in a survey, including reducing the number of wards, doing away with wards and voting for a determined number of council members at-large, or maintaining the status quo. Some options discussed are:

- seven-member council: five wards, mayor and deputy mayor;
- five members elected at large: three councillors, mayor and deputy mayor;
- seven members elected at large: five councillors, mayor and deputy mayor;
- Maintaining the current ward system - a 9-member council: seven ward councillors, mayor and deputy mayor.

Council completed a ward boundary review in 2013. During the last review council decided to stick with seven wards plus a mayor and deputy mayor, with some changes to the ward boundaries.

Indigenous themed sports logos/names

In response to a request from **Christopher Dodd**, Mayor **Doug Measures** said Indigenous-themed sports logos have been removed from township recreation facilities and parks and recreation staff is working on a policy outlining the use of Indigenous-themed logos and names in Clearview. He said staff will be turning its attention to the matter in the New Year with the hope of presenting the policy for council consideration by March.

Winter market

Creemore Farmers' Market president and manager **Helen Martin** made a deputation to council asking for a space to operate the winter market, considering its importance as an essential service.

Martin had made arrangements for the winter market to operate at Station on Green but the board decided to close the facility when the region went into the orange designation for COVID-19 controls. She

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said in other red and grey zones, farmers' markets are operating safely, sometimes in empty arenas.

Pending council budget decisions

Councillor **Thom Paterson** was unsuccessful in convincing council to tackle some big spending decisions before the current budget session closes.

“Several significant 2021 budget spending items are pending, awaiting council deliberations on their need, timing and funding source,” reported Paterson. “Pandemic precautions have played a major part in delaying these decisions. Further agreed-to discussions with staff and external agencies are required to fully understand the options to be put before Council during this budget session.”

Paterson was hoping to convene working sessions on a) expanded bylaw and policing enforcement; b) small hall renovations/AODA compliance; c) social/senior housing; and d) Collingwood Street Bridge, to be included in the 2021-2025 budget process, but there were no takers.

The Brix

Council approved a zoning bylaw amendment for The Brix, a 72-unit condo development at Mary Street and Edward Street in Creemore. The effect of the application is to ensure the entire site has the same residential high-density exception zone. This is to allow for some changes to the plan, going from three buildings to two.

The developer, MDM Developments, will be bringing forward a site plan application, including a tree preservation plan and landscaping plan for approval.

Manortown Homes street names

The proposed Manortown Homes residential development in Stayner received draft plan approval for a total of 81 units comprising of a mix of 39 single-detached dwellings and 42 townhouses on two public roads. The property abuts Highway 26 to the north and is immediately west of Timbr Mart.

Council approved street names “Manor Drive” and

“Ferguson Way.” The latter was selected from the list of historic street names due to former councillor and mayor **Ken Ferguson**'s support for the development of the emergency hub next door and for his volunteer service with the Clearview Fire Department.

Waiving arena advertising fees

Council supported a proposal by parks, culture and recreation general manager **Terry Vachon** to waive all advertising fees at the township's two arenas this season because there are few people there to see them.

The Creemore arena is closed and there are no fans in the Stayner arena. The decision will result in a financial loss of \$24,000 (\$19,000 for Stayner and \$5,000 for Creemore.)

Accessibility

Based on a recommendation of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, staff will update the Facility Accessibility Design Standards (FADs) document and consider a phased in approach when appraising the long-term plans regarding the small hall renovations becoming AODA compliant.

“It is the first objective of the Accessibility Advisory Committee to provide a useable space for people with all abilities to visit and participate in activities being hosted by the hall boards as well as any residents who rent the Small Halls,” reported Human Resources manager **Tammy Gill**, who is the staff rep on the committee. “The secondary objective of the Accessibility Advisory Committee would be to enable people with all abilities to work in the halls such as the kitchen and other mechanical areas.”

Digital newsletter

Council has approved a new digital format newsletter and blog, to be published on the township website at clearview.ca.

The newsletter will be published online and distributed by e-mail three times per year, with printed copies made available at Clearview Public Library branches and the Administration Centre. This will replace a hard copy that used to go out in the mail.

Council members will also each have a blog entitled Council Corners.

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EDITORIAL

Gertie made everyone feel valued

It was always an honour to receive a card or a batch of muffins delivered to *The Echo* office by Gertie Gowan. Who knew that a thank you note or a sympathy card would make someone feel so special?

The sudden passing of Gertie has certainly left a hole in this community.

She died on Dec. 11, just one week before her family and friends were planning a drive-by celebration for her 90th birthday.

It was the late Ken Thornton who aptly referred to Gertie as a “human dynamo.” She was always about town, on a mission of some kind, but she always had time to stop and chat. She was very proud of her entire family and would deftly recall the names of her 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren as she recounted their latest accomplishments.

Gertie was born and raised in Creemore and was very much entrenched in the community. As a result, it feels as though she knew everyone in town, and knew when they needed support and applause.

It is for her small acts of kindness that she was appointed to the 2015 Order of the Diocese of Toronto in 2016 for her “quiet evangelism.”

She has been recognized for her community work in many ways, most memorably when she was nominated as a torch bearer for the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay. It is hard to describe the level of excitement on Mill Street that day as Gertie walked with the torch as the crowd pressed in to get a closer look. We will remember Gertie in many ways, one will be her dressed in her Olympic track suit, glowing with pride for her community and country.

THE WAY WE WERE



I THINK HE'S STUCK

From a retrospective of cartoons by John Wiggins, available at The Creemore Echo's Newsstand.

Self employment takes confidence, regardless of gender

Dear Money Lady,

I just started my career, but I've been feeling like maybe working for a big corporation wasn't the right choice for me. At the same time, I'm also scared about going out on my own and becoming an entrepreneur. I've read so many statistics about how most entrepreneurs fail within the first year. Do you think it is worth it?

Sally

Great question Sally – one that a lot of people are pondering now that life has changed due to COVID. Entrepreneurs these days are like “hard core Navy SEALs” they just never give up! But there are some differences between genders, according to Industry Canada.

Women entrepreneurs tend to focus more on long-term relationships when building and designing their businesses to ultimately grow over time. Men on the other hand, have a propensity for rapid growth and the preparation for a future sale of the business.

They tend to look for a means to generate future opportunities and measure their success

more so on monetary gains.

Women, however, according to Industry Canada, want to be business owners to create more freedom and flexibility, more family time, and they tend to have a higher degree of confidence about multitasking and managing every aspect of the business; much more than their same aged male counterparts.

While we realize, self-employment is not for everyone, and certainly not for the faint of heart, Canada needs our entrepreneurs. They help drive the economy by creating future products, services and jobs. If you are a seasoned business owner or like Sally, thinking of creating a life change to become a new entrepreneur, it is a good idea to establish an annual business plan which clearly outlines how your business will function and grow. Most entrepreneurs use their savings to start their business, but now is the time to consider other various ways of sourcing capital. Commercial lending rates, just like residential



THE MONEY LADY

Christine IBBOTSON

mortgage rates, are at an all-time low. It will be important for you to find a good financial partner within your commercial bank. Someone that has experience and can provide a formal written financial plan to include both business and personal assets so you can see the full picture of how to build your business, your wealth and your future well-being. Don't be afraid to demand a higher level of service. You want a comprehensive approach, regular contact, and good banking services and products for your personal and business needs. You're working hard at building a business, so get the banks to work hard to get your business!

Good Luck and Best Wishes,
 Money Lady.

Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author of the best-selling book “How to Retire Debt Free & Wealthy” and a new book Don't Panic – How to Manage your Finances and Financial Anxieties During and After the Coronavirus” available at all bookstores across Canada. Submit questions via www.askthemoneylady.ca.



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COLUMN

Divorce and menopause often occur simultaneously

by Kelly Nolan

As women age and transition through perimenopause and menopause, they may begin to experience sudden inexplicable weight gain and other symptoms such as low energy, anxiety, depression, irregular cycles, heavy cycles, hot flashes, night sweats, insomnia and more.

As our weight and body shape shifts, we can become disheartened and our self-image suffers. During menopause and perimenopause our bodies go through large changes. Our hormones become unbalanced, and our body shows the effects. Our metabolism may slow down, and our age begins to catch up with us. We find ourselves beginning to put on weight around the middle, our skin and hair become dryer, our nails and bones may become more brittle and our joint pain increases. Our moods may fluctuate, and our energy levels drop.

Many women exercise regularly and eat clean with little to no success in releasing unwanted weight and little to no control over every 10 pounds that magically appears. Unbalanced cortisol and poor sleep only complicate our sudden weight gain even more.

Unfortunately, our journey is often unsupported by the medical system with our desire to understand and seek answers for ourselves. If only we

knew how to plan for this transition, we would seek answers prior in preparation for balancing hormones instead of blindly hoping for the best.

My life changed dramatically in my late 40s. I started to struggle in my marriage. Having four children, I never put myself first, always leaving my needs last. My goals and well-being were always an afterthought. With relationship changes, I started to struggle with self-esteem and self-confidence. In combination with personal life changes, menopause was close by and body image was an issue.

As my first marriage crumbled, I needed to learn how to feel comfortable with being alone. Carrying this dark secret of a failed marriage, I kept it from family, friends and clients. One day, a client asked why I wasn't wearing my wedding rings and we both shared our stories. Because of Sue, I started to open my heart to clients, sharing my life experiences with authenticity. It was then through self-examination I slowly recognized the divorce was truly a positive change I needed. Divorce and successful weight loss transitioned me into the next chapter of life, with renewed hope and self-esteem.

Unfortunately divorce and menopause often occur simultaneously, yet both are a completely natural

process. It doesn't need to be a negative experience. There are many daily success habits both morning and evening that can bring us success in dealing with those changes. We can go a long way in supporting this natural process by balancing our hormones through healthy eating, joining a practical accountable weight loss program, getting proper sleep, drinking plenty of water, gentle exercise and daily meditation. Even simply completing a saliva hormone test can send us on the pathway of success with a guided program to balance all of our hormones including thyroid and the adrenal gland.

Use simple methods to reset your mindset to positive daily and be consistent. Focus on what you want recognizing that there is a great opportunity and an incredible solution in every challenge. Be aware of what you need to accomplish daily to stay on track. Use self-examination and self-awareness to maximize your productivity.

Investing in your health is key. This however requires self-awareness, accountability and commitment. It is incredibly important to focus on yourself, your goals and your dreams. For many, we tend to always put our needs last. When you lack focus, it prevents you from accomplishing all

your goals including health, wellness and perhaps even hormone balance. It all begins by envisioning our success and creating our own daily success habits. My morning always begins with meditation, 30 minutes of reading and 30 minutes of light exercise. I purposely avoid my computer and cell phone for the first 90 minutes. I write in my gratitude book and review yesterday's successes which always shifts my mind to positive.

We have the opportunity, to use this transition to spend more quality time with family, create daily success habits, set our intentions for reaching those health goals that we have not yet reached, and educate others about the natural process of aging and its' benefits. Menopause can be a time of learning and educating for everyone. Now is our time to be our own role models for others to follow and enjoy this beautiful and empowering transition.

This is the time to put ourselves first and reach for our health goals. Start now by committing to invest in your health. Create a community of accountability and challenge yourself to be your best.

Kelly Nolan is a pharmacist and hormone specialist with Avita Integrative Health.


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Fibre optic contracts awarded to Rogers, Bell

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to bring high-speed internet to 10,604 homes and businesses throughout the townships of Clearview, Adjala-Tosorontio, Essa, Springwater, Oro-Medonte, Tiny, Tay, Severn, Ramara and within the towns of Midland, Penetanguishene and Innisfil. The projects represent a collective total investment of

approximately \$32 million and will be completed with service available by mid-2022. This project will service Duntroon and Glen Huron.

Rogers Communications was awarded a contract to deploy fibre-optic cabling along 15 kilometres of underserved roads expanding its network to New Lowell. The \$1.8 million FTTH solution will deliver high-speed connectivity to 422 households and businesses. Construction is expected to begin in January 2021 and be completed by March 2022.

“As a region with a diverse range of rural and urban communities, access to reliable, high-speed connectivity is essential, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic as many of our businesses and residents are adapting to a new virtual environment,” said Warden **George Cornell**. “We are grateful to the federal and provincial governments, as well as our future private-sector partners, for their generous investment in expanding broadband connectivity in our region.”

“County council has been a strong supporter of

SWIFT from the outset, and today these collaborative efforts paid off for the residents and businesses of Simcoe County. It’s important to recognize past and present Councillors, municipal staff and partners who have worked for many years to make SWIFT a reality.”

As a result of SWIFT’s competitive tendering process, the total County project value increased by 47 per cent, delivering an additional \$13 million in infrastructure investments.

The newly announced projects will collectively service approximately 500 kilometres of roadway across 60 communities within Simcoe County.

The project was funded by a joint federal and provincial infrastructure funding program. Municipal partners and private sector investors have also supported improved access to broadband services across the region, including the County of Simcoe, which has provided approximately \$2.5 million in funding to SWIFT since 2015.

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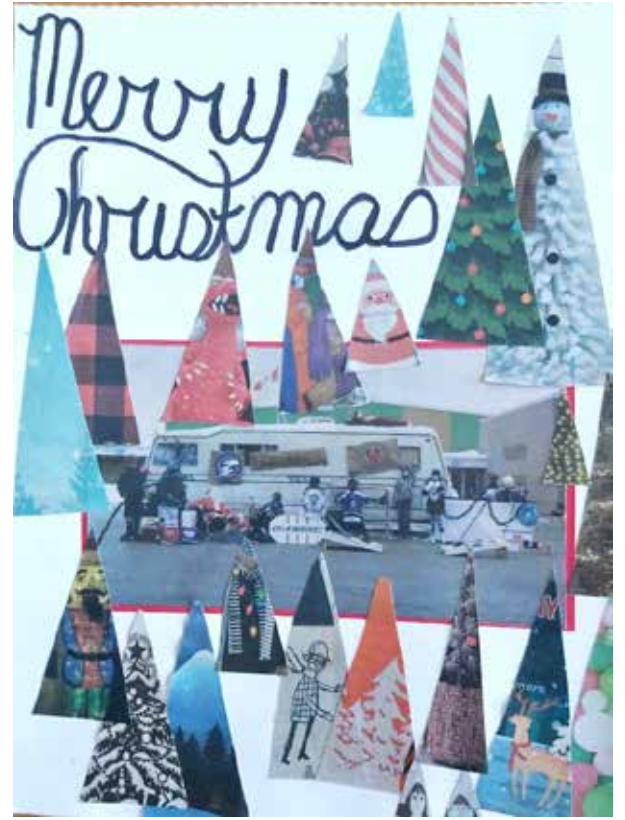
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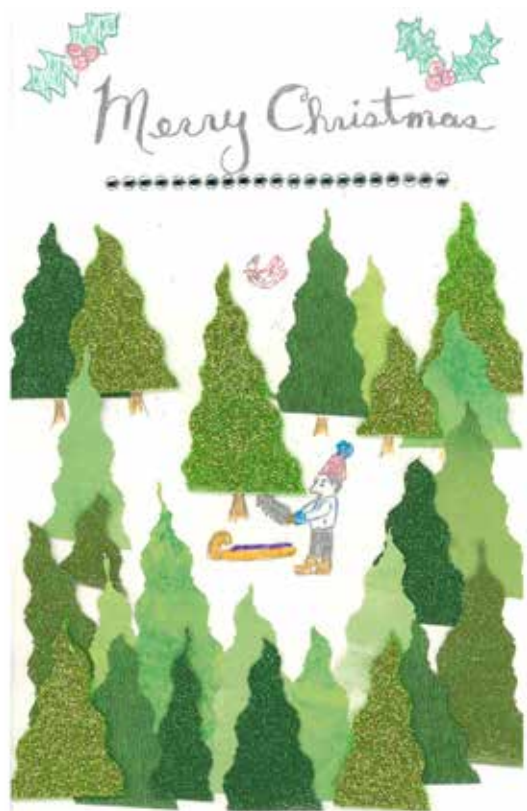
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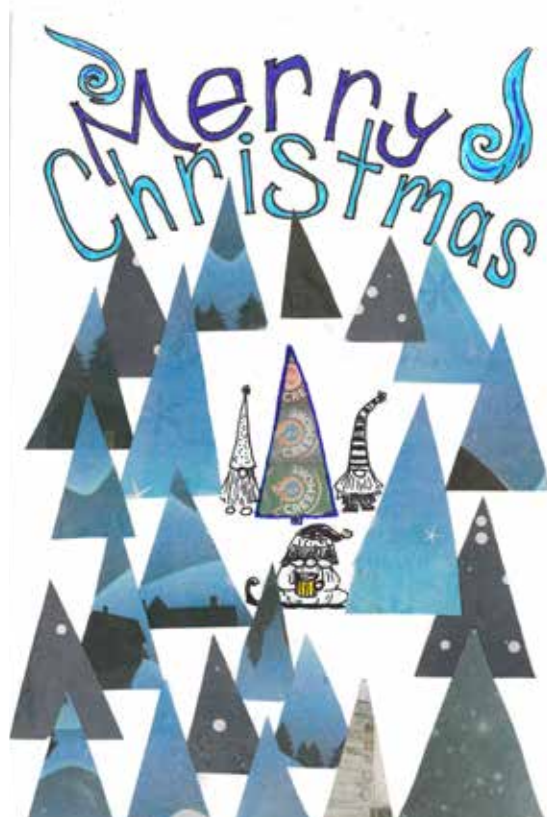
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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A CREATIVE NEW YEAR FROM PHAHS!

DMS Metals expands, acquiring Midwest Metals

by Trina Berlo

Midwest Metals has been purchased by DMS Metals, going from one family business to another.

DMS Metals had a working relationship with **Joan and Donald Gordon** at Midwest Metals for about a year, being the end processor for the majority of metals coming in to the Creemore facility.

In that time the two owners started discussing the possibility of selling. The deal closed earlier this month, carrying on operations with little interruption to service and maintaining the 10-person staff.

“The Gordons built a really nice business. They have a great reputation. They have great employees,” said **Andrew Gallo**.

DMS was started by **Nick Gallo** under the name of Don Mills Steel and Metals Ltd., and is now managed by sons Andrew and **Paul**, with a third son, **Marc**, having recently come onboard full-time.

“The plan is to grow,” said Andrew. “We are all young and ambitious and we have plans to take what our dad started back in 1974 and take it to the next level. I hope this will be the first of many expansions.”

DMS transports metals to its 25-acre facility in Stouffville, where they have



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

Andrew Gallo is overseeing the transition of Midwest Metals to DMS Metals, a family-run metal recycler in Stouffville that is expanding operations, first with the Creemore location.

a shredder that processes and sorts different metals before being sold to another processor in the recycling loop – foundries, mills, and smelters, where they are melted and made into

new products. At the main yard, a staff of more than 30 processes tens of thousands of tonnes of scrap each month, servicing recyclers throughout Canada and the United States. This

past year, DMS installed the new metal shredder for mixed metals and non-ferrous processing system for pure metals, to keep up with increases in volumes.

The majority of customers at the Creemore yard are members of the general public looking to sell scrap metals, along with some professional scrap peddlers and fabricators.

“We understand that the customer base is local so we want to work with the community as much as we can,” said Andrew. “Whatever we can do to limit our footprint in the community and facilitate the flow of metals to keep them out of landfills, we’re game.”

He said the metal drop off bins in front are unique to Creemore and he likes the idea, and plans to keep them.

“Speaking with the residents it seems like it’s a good service that the scrapyards provides and we’ll keep that going,” said Andrew.

“I’ve received a really warm welcome so far and I’d like to thank everyone for that. I look forward to continuing on the legacy that the Gordons built and I look forward to meeting more people and hopefully carrying on the positive contribution that they’ve made already.”

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Spicy cooking demo benefits shelter

The Gorgeous Spice Company has organized a virtual event to benefit My Friend's House shelter for women and children.

The Gorgeous Giving Festive Food Night on Dec. 20 will be a cooking demo with celebrity chef **Devan Rajkumar** – private chef, host of LCBO 5 Stops and regular guest on Cityline – along with a few guests.

Chef Dev has a really special holiday recipe that he is planning

to share, which will be provided in advance for those who wish to cook along.

“While we’re an online company and ship our product across the country, we have had really wonderful support from members and customers here in the Creemore, Mulmur and Collingwood area so I really wanted to do something for the community to give back,” said **Lindan Courtemanche**. “Chef

Dev immediately said yes when we suggested doing a Zoom together to raise money for the event.”

The experience will also include cocktail expert and Grey Goose ambassador **Steph Lamb**, who will share a fun seasonal cocktail, and a trivia game challenge.

The event is from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and are available at eventbrite.ca, search The Gorgeous Giving Festive Food Night.



Chef Devan Rajkumar

Theatre Collingwood presents new online shows

Theatre Collingwood is presenting two professionally filmed shows that will stream online this month.

First up, Theatre Collingwood presents *A Staged Reading of a Christmas Carol*. This year marks the company’s second annual presentation of the dramatic reading made famous by CBC Radio, with local VIP performers and members of the community taking on the iconic roles, including **Melanie Case, Janet Fairbridge, Shirley Joost, Laurie May, Simone Shears** and **Leslie Worts**. Incidentally, it is only fitting that in this “unprecedented” year that Theatre Collingwood would cast all women in the roles, truly making

this a unique version. The company is delighted to have **Anne Raciunas** as the Foley artist and **Greg Gibson** as musical director and accompanist. The performance is available to watch beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 18 until midnight on Sunday, Dec. 20.

Next is *Rockin’ Round the Christmas Tree* starring **Leisa Way** and The Wayward Wind Band. Think back to a simpler time when families gathered ‘round the television to watch their favourite artists perform their Christmas specials, and that’s the kind of nostalgic experience you can create this holiday season. You can’t help but enjoy this wonderful show

that’s packed with superb talent and great music. Leisa and the guys are regulars with Theatre Collingwood and have a very loyal following who just love them! *Rockin’ Round The Christmas Tree* is available to watch online from Dec. 19 until Jan. 3.

“We are very excited about our programming plans for 2021, but also so very happy to be able to bring these holiday favourites to our audience’s homes before the end of this crazy year,” said Theatre Collingwood executive director **Erica Angus**. “For us, 2020 has been all about staying connected.”

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has been proudly supported by The Town of Collingwood, The Province of Ontario, Blue Mountain Resort, TD Bank, EPCOR, Tim Hortons and Royal LePage Locations North.

Tickets are on sale now for both performances. They also make great gifts for friends, family, co-workers, staff and clients. And there are no geographical barriers or postage. To purchase your show link, call the Box Office at 705-445-2200 or visit www.theatrecollingwood.ca. Please also consider supporting Theatre Collingwood with a year-end, tax-deductible donation to help us continue to bring professional entertainment to the community.

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Checking in with RAYS bursary winners

Travis Sacerty

Travis Sacerty who grew up in Creemore and attended Collingwood Collegiate Institute always preferred working with his hands, learning by doing, rather than reading a textbook.

It was natural for him to choose an apprenticeship program to fulfill his dream of becoming a tool and die maker. His choice was the general machine program at Georgian College in Barrie. By early November he had completed stage one of three eight-week in-school training sessions that are a required part of the three- to five-year apprentice program. "It was different doing it online," he says, "but I think I pulled it off." He is now back on the job, commuting daily from Creemore to the Midland tool and die shop of the ZF Automotive Group: TRW Canada. ZF is a large German-based company with different factories throughout the

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Travis Sacerty

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Students reflect on first post-secondary experiences

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world, The Midland shop specializes in metal components for seat belts. Asked what he liked most about his job, Travis said, "That's a tough question because I enjoy it all. But in particular, to be at work and learning." His goal is to get his "red seal" ticket and be a good tool and die maker and continuing to work where he is now. Sacerty wanted to go on record to thank RAYS for what they do to support students and their goals. "Not just with financial support but knowing there is someone there a student can turn to if they have challenges."

Emma Woodhouse

A co-op opportunity with the Wasaga Beach Paramedic and Volunteer Fire Fighters, suggested by her Family Studies teacher, propelled Emma Woodhouse towards a career as a paramedic.

"I was able to tour a paramedic van and realized how cool it was that these first responders could save people's lives getting them to permanent care." In Grade 10, learning that Cambrian College offered a really good program, she travelled to Sudbury to attend their open house. Choosing this program here was, "one of the best decisions I've made in my life."

Like her fellow RAYS bursary winners, the biggest COVID challenge is not being able to meet and get to know other students. It also creates



Mackenna Halliday at her high school graduation. Emma Woodhouse (right) with her roommate Ciera Findlay, in uniform.

difficulty when doing group projects online. Being a tactile learner, the best part for Emma are the hands-on classes. Woodhouse excelled in sports during her four years at Stayner Collegiate Institute. She continues to work out regularly recognizing that physical and mental fitness are a requirement for the demands of this job. She credits her



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RAYS mentor for helping to keep her grounded and the \$1,000 bursary which covered the cost of her books and school supplies.

Mackenna Halliday

Mackenna Halliday's first awareness of Indigenous people was in elementary school when a guest speaker came

to talk to her class about indigenous customs and way of life. Several years later, for a Grade 9 geography assignment, she wrote about residential schools. This made her even more aware of the needs of children in protective services. The die was cast. Graduating from Stayner Collegiate Institute, Halliday enrolled in Canadore College's Indigenous Studies program. On completing this two-year course, she plans to apply to the bridge program at Laurentian University earning, in two additional years, a Bachelor of Social Work. She hopes to work in child protective services with a goal to improve the lives of indigenous youth. She reports that she is really liking the program and that the professors are both helpful and understanding of the difficulties imposed by COVID. More challenging is the social aspect of living in a single room, cooking and eating alone every day. It's a challenge she hopes to overcome soon – making a move from residence to renting an apartment in a student housing complex where she will be with other students and have a better opportunity to make friends. Halliday will be a natural in working with youth as the favourite of various part-time high school jobs was caring for young children at Devil's Glen Ski Resort.

by Anna Hobbs, chair of the RAYS communications committee.

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George Cornell acclaimed to second term as Simcoe Warden

George Cornell, mayor of the Township of Tiny, was acclaimed to serve as County of Simcoe Warden for a second term, 2021-2022.

“It has been an honour and privilege to serve as County of Simcoe Warden for the past two years and I look forward to continuing to serve and represent the interests of County Council, our residents and municipalities for another two years,” said Cornell. “We have a committed, innovative and collaborative group of County Councillors, and I thank my colleagues for their renewed confidence in my leadership.”

“Our unique situation presents challenges and opportunities. We will need to continue to work together to navigate our way through the COVID-19 pandemic, while addressing the pressing needs of our residents, businesses and community partners. From supporting the needs of social services, to long-term care, to our economy and to infrastructure needs, we all have a vested interest in an inclusive, active, safe, prosperous and age-friendly community. It is our job as county council, to understand this vision and support our staff in making it a reality in a fiscally responsible manner.”

As a civil engineer, Cornell spent his career working in the oil and gas sector. He joined municipal politics as a councillor for the Township of Tiny from 2006 to 2010. He was elected Mayor of Tiny in 2014 and



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Tiny Township Mayor **George Cornell** will serve a second term as warden for the County of Simcoe, with Innisfil Mayor **Lynn Dollin** as deputy warden.

was acclaimed as Mayor in 2018. As a two term county councillor, Cornell was elected as Warden for the 2019 and 2020 term.

He also serves as vice chair of the SWIFT board, a member of the Western Ontario Wardens’ Caucus, and as a director on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Board.

County council also elected **Lynn Dollin**, mayor of Innisfil, as the County of Simcoe deputy warden for 2021 and 2022.

Dollin has a diverse background in representing municipal interests. First elected to Town of Innisfil council in 1994, she served 20 years

as councillor, four as deputy mayor, and is entering her third year as mayor (2018-2022 term). During her time on County of Simcoe council, Dollin has served as chair of corporate services, a member on the county’s economic development sub committee, and representative at the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. Dollin has also served as a member of the board of the Association of Municipalities (AMO), as chair and vice-chair of the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities, and as president of AMO in 2016. In addition, Dollin served two years as a board member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and is

one of 19 individuals to receive an appointment by the Ontario Minister of the Environment to serve as chairperson of the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee.

Additionally, the county’s business section chairs and vice chairs for 2021 and 2022 were elected/acclaimed on Tuesday: **Don Allen**, business section chair of performance management; **Rob Keffer**, business section chair of human services; and **Richard Norcross**, business section chair of corporate services; **Harry Hughes**, business section vice chair of performance management; **Jennifer Coughlin**, business section vice chair of human services; and **Mike Ross**, business section vice chair of corporate services.

“On behalf of all County of Simcoe staff, it’s my honour to congratulate Warden Cornell, Deputy Warden Dollin, and our Business Section Chairs and Vice Chairs,” said **Mark Aitken**, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Simcoe. “It has been a privilege to work with this council that has guided us through a number of significant decisions over the past two challenging years. Moving forward we continue to be well represented at the county level, as we work with our community partners and other levels of government to not only address the challenges brought on by the pandemic, but also plan for the future recovery and prosperity of our communities and residents.”

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The CCF, with its Steering Committee and ERA Architects, is embarking on a mission to establish ‘a Vision for Creemore’ that will help direct the Foundation’s efforts. Your opinion will guide this project.

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Dufferin County elects 144th warden

Melancthon Mayor, **Darren White**, was elected as the 2020/2021 head of Dufferin County council. This is White's fourth term as warden having previously held the position in 2017, 2019 and 2020.

Council also elected the four chairs to lead the standing committees of county council. Council has adopted to move to four standing committee to address the county's needs.

Janet Horner, Mayor of Mulmur, will chair the newly formed Community Development and Tourism Committee.

Mono Mayor **Laura Ryan** will oversee the Health and Human Services Committee (formerly titled Community Services/Dufferin Oaks/Museum Committee).

The General Government Services Committee will be lead again by Deputy Mayor of Mono **John Creelman**.

Orangeville Mayor **Sandy Brown** was selected as chair of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee.

The remaining members of Dufferin County council for 2018-2022 are: **Steve Anderson**, Deputy Mayor of Shelburne; **Bob Currie**, Mayor of Amaranth; **Guy Gardhouse**, Mayor of East Garafraxa; **Chris Gerrits**, Deputy Mayor of

Amaranth; **Earl Hawkins**, Deputy Mayor of Mulmur; **Andy Macintosh**, Deputy Mayor of Orangeville; **Wade Mills**, Mayor of Shelburne; **Philip Rentsch**, Deputy Mayor of Grand Valley and **Steve Soloman**, Mayor of Grand Valley.

County council meetings are currently held by video conference and posted to www.youtube.com/DufferinOne. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m.



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Answers on page 15

Canadian Criss Cross

December 18, 2020

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- Bird's bill
 - Questionable
 - Front part of a boat
 - Cutting side of a knife blade
 - Roman emperor
 - Large monkey without a tail
 - Canadian criminologist
 - Adolescent
 - "Hello" singer
 - Right in the head
 - Thieves
 - Stool pigeon
 - Overwhelming feeling of reverence
 - Standing out from its surroundings
 - Record player part
 - "Your Love ___" (Simple Plan song)
 - Make acquainted with
 - Hasty escape
 - Horse food
 - "...company, ___ crowd"
 - Chess piece
 - Praise oneself
 - Paper container for a letter
 - Collides with
 - Card with a single symbol on it
 - Source of indigo
 - Code word for E
 - Comfortable, cozy room
 - Round, green vegetables
 - What fishing line is wound on

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- DOWN**
- Piece of furniture
 - Former name of Tokyo
 - In the past
 - Meat or vegetables grilled on a skewer
 - Buried
 - "I ___ Bad" (Presley song)
 - Not confined
 - In that direction
 - Unimportant thing
 - Ready for business
 - Had been
 - Yoga posture
 - Move troops into position
 - Wife of a rajah
 - ___ Sound, Ontario
 - German composer

- Vertical parts of steps
- Canadian who created "Saturday Night Live"
- Vardalos and Long
- Ghana city
- Male duck
- Ideal place
- Anaesthetic
- Look at and understand words
- In the past, but not any longer
- Humerus is one
- Top half of the legs when sitting down
- You put it in drinks
- Definite article
- The sun, personified

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Dec. 22 - 28

- **Craigeith Heritage Depot 7 Days of Connection** with Heather McIntyre. Join for a guided five-minute activity each day following the seven Grandfather teachings. Watch on the Craigeith Heritage Depot Facebook page or the Blue Mountains Public Library YouTube channel at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 29

- **Craigeith Heritage Depot Big Spirit Moon gathering.** Heather McIntyre will lead a one-hour program using a variety of therapies and will be followed by a Soul Journey Meditation. Watch on the Craigeith Heritage Depot Facebook page, The Chronicles of Momma Mac Facebook Page or the Blue Mountains Public Library YouTube channel at 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 8

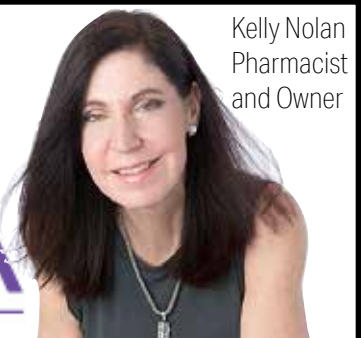
- **Launch into 2021 with GLLI (Georgian Triangle Lifelong Learning Institute) Humans and Space** is a live-streamed six-lecture series beginning Jan. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon. Only \$50/household, your pass includes both live-streaming and video. Watch with your bubble. Topics range from the serious – The Race for Space – to the whimsical – Hello... Is There Anyone Out There? Go to www.gtlli.ca for more information.

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THANK YOU

Merry Christmas Jardine Crescent families and Creemore commuters. Thanks to you all we have safely crossed students, strollers, scooters, bikes, a hoverboard, a basketball net and a variety of toboggans. Have a safe, happy holiday and see you next year.
Your crossing guard, Michelle

ANNOUNCEMENT

Help celebrate **Gretta Leighton's 93rd** birthday on Dec. 20. Drive, walk or run by her house unit 51 in Huron Meadows, Stayner from 2 to 3 p.m. just wave or holler! Weather permitting.

DEATH NOTICE



GOWAN, Gertrude Louise (Gertie) nee Montgomery passed away at home on December 11, 2020 at the age of 89. Gertie was born on December 18, 1930 in Creemore to Thomas and Gertrude Montgomery and lived in her beloved village her entire life. Predeceased by her husband Carl and loving mother of Susan (Fred) Prosser,

Terry, Trudy (Wayne) Fraser of Walkerton, predeceased by Rick (Cathie) of Calgary, Dan (Lynn), Tammy Parker of Lefroy. Grammy/Great Gram will be extremely missed by her 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Gertie was a community figure in a multitude of ways, including minor sports (hockey and baseball), adult skating, curling, bid euchre, Cancer Society volunteer for 50 years, Olympic Torch Bearer for the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, Creemore's Senior Citizen of the Year Award in 2010, Senior of the Year Award for Clearview in 2006. She supported the schools, the local businesses, and the community at large in so many thoughtful ways through cards, food, Christmas treats, jam - the list goes on. Gertie was the heart and soul of Creemore and beyond.

She dedicated her life to helping others celebrate their best moments and offering support during times of struggles and sadness. Family members always joked they needed to set up an appointment to see her or fit her with a tracking device.

The Anglican Church was a very large part of her daily life. Gertie was an active part of the ACW for sixty-nine years as well as being a major organizer of all church events. She held various positions within the church council and was the recipient of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto in 2015, acknowledging her many volunteer hours to her church and community.

Gertie had a heart of pure gold that an entire community received a part of, but her family was her first passion. She never missed a birthday, anniversary or special event of her clan and was so proud of any and all accomplishments. Every family member will cherish her personal touch and all the love enclosed in every gesture she did for them.

She was a presence in everything.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Creemore St. Luke's Anglican Church and the Creemore Union Cemetery. Services have taken place. Friends may visit Gertie's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of **Cora Patton.** Mother, the intensity of your love for your Saviour and children continues to glow in our hearts. God's word promises that we will meet again. In that we have peace. Miss you and love you always.
Your sons, grandchildren and their families.

VOKES, Christopher. Remembering a special son, grandson, nephew, and cousin who left us Dec. 18, 2006. This year has brought more tears than usual, but memories of your endurance have helped us to carry on. *Always loved and remembered by Kathy, Eric and family.*

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This week's answers

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NOTICE – 2020 HOLIDAY ADMIN CENTRE & TRANSIT CLOSURES

The Clearview Township Administration Centre, located at 217 Gideon Street in Stayner, will be closed for the holidays beginning at noon on Thursday, December 24, 2020 until Friday January 1, 2021. The Administration Centre will re-open on Monday, January 4, 2021.

Clearview Transit will not be running on Christmas Day, Friday December 25, 2020 and New Years Day, Friday January 1, 2021.

Have a safe and happy holiday season Clearview.

JOIN THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED CLEARVIEW TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Clearview Township is seeking volunteers to serve on the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC). The EDAC is an advisory committee that will assist Council in expanding the prosperity base to aid in the growth and progress of Clearview Township as a desirable place to move to and do business. The (EDAC) will provide feedback, recommendations and vision to Council to address priority Economic Development issues and opportunities in the Township's business community while maintaining focus on the five key pillars from the Clearview Strategic Plan:

- I. Recreation and Culture
- II. Identity-Marketing-Promotion
- III. Economic Activity
- IV. Quality of Life
- V. Governance

The Township is seeking four (4) plus public members to represent a variety of sectors. Deadline for submission: January 15, 2021, at 4:30 PM. Please provide a letter of application that includes related personal background, reason(s) for volunteering and what contribution you will bring to this committee.

Interested applicants can find the Committee Terms of Reference and application form online at www.clearview.ca/economic-development-committee.

Completed applications can be sent to Pamela Fettes, Director, Legislative Services/Clerk by email to pfettes@clearview.ca, by mail, or in person, to 217 Gideon Street, Box 200, Stayner, ON L0M 1S0

For more information, please contact:

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Reporting to the Mayor and Council, the CAO will contribute leadership, strategy, direction and enthusiasm to a staff of 120 while managing a budget in the order of \$35 million. You will work closely with the Mayor and Council and the senior management team to refine the vision and strategy; implement a community based strategic plan, establish targets and standards of performance and engage the organization to deliver the highest calibre of services to the community. You will utilize your passion and good judgement to ensure that capital, human resources and business processes are aligned and in place. Engage the organization, while embedding yourself into the community, to deliver the highest calibre of municipal services.

As an exceptional communicator, politically astute and visionary leader, you have a proven record of achieving organizational, administrative, financial, client service and change management excellence. You are highly regarded as an inclusive relationship builder that places great value on earning the confidence of others through leveraging diversity, team building, community engagement and nurturing strong external partnerships with stakeholders. You have a history of inspiring others with a shared enthusiasm for results and accountability.

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To explore this exciting opportunity in confidence, send a detailed resume to Organization Consulting Limited at CAOClearview@oclsearch.ca or contact Robert Johnston, President, at 416-385-9975. Closing date is December 21st.