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Here we go again: same MPs return to rule

The \$610 million spent to fund an election could have gone a long way to fighting COVID-19, residents say.

With Etobicoke Liberal MPs firmly behind Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in the September 20 federal elections, many Canadians insist they are not better off today and the money could have been better spent.

There was little surprise, drama or major riding flips this election. The Liberals again have a minority government and only gained three seats. That's about \$200 million per seat, some people say. They ended up with 157, the Conservatives with 119 seats, Bloc



PM JUSTIN TRUDEAU with supporters after his September 20 election win with returning MP James Maloney, PC Indira Bains and NDP Sasha Kane with party leader Jagmeet Singh.

Quebecois 34, NDP 25 and the Green Party with two seats, which forced their leader Annamie Paul to step down.

"You are sending us back to work with a clear mandate to get Canada through this pandemic and to the

brighter days ahead," Trudeau said in a victory speech. All three Etobicoke Liberal candidates were returned to their seats. In Etobicoke Lakeshore James Maloney was re-elected, so was Yvan Baker in Etobicoke Centre and Kirsty Duncan, for a fifth-time in Etobicoke North. Maloney received 47.4 per cent of the votes, or about 30,359 total votes. He was elected in 2015 and 2019.

Maloney fended off a challenge by first-time Conservative candidate Indira Bains, who had a strong showing; NDP's newcomer Sasha Kane and Green party rookie Afam Elue.

All the candidates were well-researched, knew the area's history and lived in the riding. There were 60,775 votes cast. Bains obtained 32.2%, or 20,500 votes. Kane with 8,775 votes and PPC's Bill McLachlan with 2,857 votes.

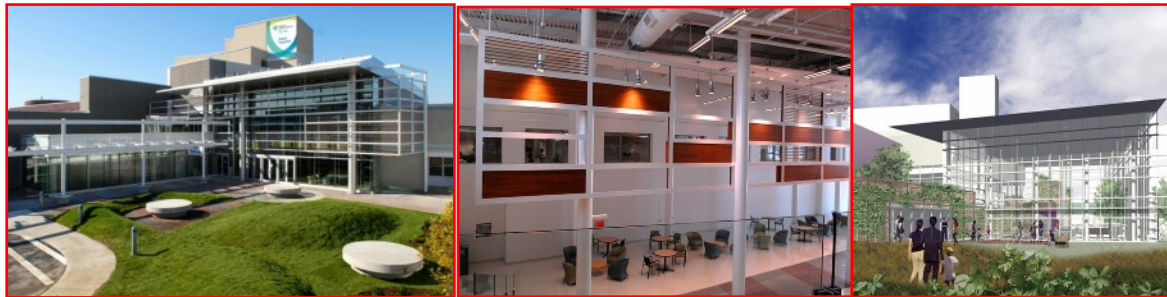
Major expansion plans for Trillium Hospital

A plan to add more health care for the community has received a green light.

A proposal by Trillium Health Partners Queensway Hospital for a new nine storey building with 416 beds on the north side of the property was approved last month by Etobicoke York Community Council.

The matter was approved by Toronto Council on October 1. It was expected the proposal would sail through the red tape due to the urgency of health care in our community.

The application proposes a new central utility plant and an eight storey above grade parking structure with 838 parking spaces at the south end of the site, which includes 140, 150, 160, 170, 190 and 220



TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS QUEENSWAY HOSPITAL is proposing to build a new nine storey-building at its Sherway Drive property with 416 beds to cater to the needs of our community. Area residents welcome the new proposal claiming it will mean better medical services for the area, which has a large amount of seniors. Courtesy photos.

Sherway Drive, at The Queensway, according to documents filed. Trillium health officials were seeking to amend City-wide Zoning By-law 569-2013 so the development can proceed on the property.

An extension to the popular hospital, which serves much of South Etobicoke, has been long awaited in the community

as the population ages and due to the high demand for health services from COVID-19.

The plan includes 47,500 square metres of new floor area for the new hospital, 2,500 square metres of new floor area for the new central utility plant and 26,500 square metres of floor area for a parking structure, according to Trillium officials.

"The ninth floor of the new hospital would be limited to 335 square metres to be used for an indoor amenity area connecting to an outdoor amenity area on the roof of the 8th storey," according to documents. The plan states: "This is the first phase of redevelopment on the Trillium Health Partners Queensway Hospital site and includes protecting for a public street to be conveyed in future phases of the redevelopment of the site."

Residents applauded the new beds being added saying they are getting older and that COVID-19 has placed increased demands on Ontario's health care system. The proposed development, according to the plan, is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and conforms with A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

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No SIU charges against motorcycle officer in wrong-way Sixth St. crash that hurt two



NO CHARGE was laid against police officer who hit motorcyclist (above, right) injuring two.

Some New Toronto residents are outraged that a Toronto Police officer will not face charges in a wrong-way crash last May 13 that left two motorcyclists with serious leg and head injuries. A report released on September 9 by Special Investigations Unit (SIU) Director Joseph Martino admitted the officer travelled up a one-way street and collided with a motorcycle at Birmingham Street and Sixth Street just before 8 p.m. Martino said the officer "failed in his duty of care to other motorists and was directly responsible for the collision that seriously injured two people." Martino was "not reasonably satisfied that the officer's failures were of a magnitude warranting criminal sanction," according to his report. "There was no indication of any excessive speed on the part of the officer as he travelled toward Birmingham Street nor of any other dangerous driving behaviour." The motorcycle riders were rushed to St Joseph's Health Centre. The 49-year-old driver suffered multiple fractures and serious injuries to his internal organs. The female passenger, 30, was diagnosed with several fractures and a head injury. The SIU said the officer, who has not been identified, was "operating his vehicle without an appropriate degree of at-

tention to his surroundings" and was in part "distracted by having turned his attention toward his cruiser computer for reports of calls for service that might be coming in via dispatch." There was no discipline cited for travelling up a one-way street. "There were clearly posted Do Not Enter signs in the northeast and northwest corners of the intersection with "DO NOT ENTER" (police capitals) printed under the northwest sign," the report noted. "The police SUV T-boned the motorcycle in the intersection near the middle of the road," according to the report. "The sound of the impact could be heard," stated the report. "Complainant #1 was seen rolling over the top of the hood of the police cruiser and smashing into the windshield. He was thrown onto the street." The police officer ran to the riders and spoke to them, letting them know an ambulance was on the way. The officer was not injured in the crash. News of a lack of charges against the officer by the SIU quickly circulated in the community with many residents taking to social media to call for charges. "If I did it I'd be criminally charged," wrote Bonnie Chapman. "The crash happened in front of my building," insisted Tina Murie. "The police car was going the wrong way and seriously hurt two people. The police officer should be charged."



Officers make arrest in slaying of New Toronto dad Hurley

Family and friends mourning the death of New Toronto resident Adrian Hurley have more closure in their search for answers.

Toronto Police on September 24 arrested Zachary Barton, 36, who has been charged with first-degree murder in the killing. Hurley was found with no vital signs on August 27 in the Thirty Ninth Street and James Street area, of Long Branch. More than \$8,000 has been raised to help his grieving family, who describe him as the "best brother, loving father and beloved son." Hurley, 23, who grew up in New Toronto, was remembered as an "adoring boyfriend and precious grandson," in a Go Fund



ADRIAN Hurley

Me post that was created on August 28.

"Anyone who knew him knew he had the best spirit, he was always smiling no matter what was going on," his sister Chantelle wrote "He was the strongest person we knew." She said "Adrian just recently had a son who he adored more than anything I've ever seen." He would help anyone he could without hesitation because his heart was just that big, Chantelle wrote. "We are heartbroken that we couldn't help him when he needed us most," she said. The funds raised will go to help pay his funeral expenses and to help his son. He was well-liked and touched many people in the community, residents said. "My deepest condolences to you and your family," wrote Dynonz Hermiz on social media. "My heart goes out to you. Sending you strength, love and peace during this hard time." Krista Langille wrote "rest in paradise Adrian."



ADRIAN was well liked.

Man wanted for assaulting TTC bus driver



SUSPECT sought

A man is on the run for allegedly assaulting a TTC driver after being asked to leave a bus that was no longer in service in the Brown's Line and Lake Shore Blvd. W. area. Officers are seeking the public's help in identifying the violent suspect, who severely assaulted the driver. The incident occurred on September 3 at about 10 a.m. as a TTC employee was performing a check on a bus that was out of service. Const. Caroline de Kloet said the man assaulted the TTC employee several times before leaving. The suspect is described as in his mid-30s, medium build, bald with closely shaved beard. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416-808-2204, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477).

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Disgraced reeve and judge removed from the Bench

Former judge, engineer, lawyer and politician Lucien Coe Kurata in 1966 became the first Japanese Canadian to be called to the Bench in Ontario.



Kurata was a brilliant man who broke many racial barriers in his short life but lost his career and reputation due to his misbehaviour in court. A former reeve of the neighbouring Village of Swansea, he later went rogue and was defrocked after being appointed a provincial court judge.

Kurata, who died in 1971 at age 48, served as a reeve of the Village of Swansea from 1963 to 1966 before the village was annexed by the City of Toronto in 1967.

He worked as an engineer and then lawyer before being called to serve council.

Kurata graduated in metallurgical engineering from the University of Toronto in 1945 and went to Osgoode Hall to obtain a degree in law.

He became the first Japanese Canadian to be called to the bar in 1948 and was also the first to be called to the

Bench when he was appointed as a provincial court judge in 1966. He was removed in 1969.

“An engineer and lawyer, he was appointed a Queen’s Counsel in recognition of his contributions to Canada,” stated his biography. His father was curator of zoology for 35 years at the Royal Ontario Museum.

Kurata was celebrated at the time for being the first Japanese to hold such a high legal position in his community and in the province.

A designation of Queen’s Counsel was quite a high standard in the legal profession to have

after his name. The designation has since been removed.

He was well on his way up the ladder of success but had irked many along the way.

Provincial court Judge Kurata was removed after a public inquiry determined he was unfit, leading the

provincial cabinet to remove him from the Bench. He was the first judge to be removed from the Bench in Ontario under the *Provincial Courts Act*.

Justice Donald Keith of the Ontario Supreme Court ruled



FORMER REEVE Lucien Kurata (top left) with fellow reeves while serving at the Village of Swansea Council in the early 1960s. **Toronto Public Library File photo.**



VILLAGE OF Swansea municipal council hall, where meetings took place for many years.

in a 221-page report that Kurata was "unfit by reason of misbehavior."

Justice Keith wrote that in a 76-day period in 1968, Kurata had “attempted suicide, offered to use his influence to reduce charges against a prostitute in exchange for sexual favours, and made the same offer to an undercover female police officer posing as a prostitute, whom he had indecently assaulted.”

Both incidents involving the women occurred in a courthouse while courts were in session, according to the report. Kurata was removed from the Bench and in shame moved to Shelburne, Ont., in 1969, where he restarted his legal practice. He died two years later.



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Etobicoke war hero Topham, V.C. shot in battle

By TOM GODFREY



VICTORIA CROSS recipient George Topham saved many lives and was a humble man. **Canadian military photos.**

A plaque of Etobicoke war hero and Victoria Cross recipient George Topham stood for many years outside the former Etobicoke Civic Centre. Corporal Topham, 27, was a Medical Orderly in the Canadian Army's 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion from 1942 to 1945 during the Second World War when he watched two colleagues shot to death by enemy fire while saving a man

the wounded man, he was himself shot through the nose." Despite "severe bleeding and intense pain, he never faltered in his task," the military wrote. "He carried the wounded man steadily and slowly back through continuous fire."

As if that was not enough. While returning to his company, he saved three men by rescuing them from a burning carrier that was in danger of exploding. It had taken a direct hit and enemy mortar bombs were still dropping. The vehicle was burning fiercely and its own mortar ammunition was exploding. An experienced officer on the spot had warned all not to approach the carrier.



Topham refused medical help for his wound and worked hard to bring in wounded, showing complete disregard for the heavy and accurate enemy fire. It was only when all casualties had been cleared that he consented to his own wound being treated.

For his exceptional and courageous deeds, Topham was awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest decoration for valor in the British Commonwealth.

"This N.C.O. showed sustained gallantry of the highest order," according to his Victoria Cross citation. "For six

hours, most of the time in great pain, he performed a series of acts of outstanding bravery and his magnificent and selfless courage inspired all those who witnessed it."

Topham's heroism was celebrated with a parade and civic reception in Toronto on

August 8, 1945; 100 members of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion served as a guard of honour. Two weeks after the war ended, on November 10, 1945, the war hero laid the cornerstone of the new Sunnybrook Memorial Hospital for Veterans. He served briefly as a Constable with the Toronto Police Department before a career with Toronto Hydro. He died on May 31, 1974 from a heart attack, and is buried at Etobicoke's Sanctuary Park Cemetery. The Ontario Heritage Foundation erected a plaque at the Civic Centre in 1980 commemorating Corporal Topham, V.C. This plaque has since been erected outside Runnymede College Institute. A park near St. Clair Avenue East and O'Connor Drive was named for Topham. It features three ball diamonds, two lit tennis courts, a wading pool, a children's playground and the Topham Park Community Centre and Clubhouse.



TOPHAM, V.C., in a promotional photo for a charity with a Canadian military officer (left).

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Brando made film at now ailing Woodbine Mall

It seems like Woodbine Mall and Fantasy Fair is getting out of the fantasy business. The massive 60,000 square foot children's amusement park is being auctioned off with its 12 ma-



THE LATE Marlon Brando and Matthew Broderick (right) in a scene of *The Freshman* that was shot at Woodbine Mall. **Courtesy photos.**

Highway 27 mall for 37 years. The mall was completed in 1984.

Two Hollywood movies were shot at the mall and included show-stoppers as *Shazam* and *The Freshman* in 1990 starring the late Marlon Brando and Matthew Broderick.

Described as a breath of fresh air *The Freshman* "is an amusing movie in its own right, but the obvious selling point is Brando playing a gangster named Carmine

"Jimmy the Toucan" Sabatini."

Brando back then was hot after successes with *The Godfather* series. There were many fans in the mall area trying to get a glimpse of the star.

Much of the film's exterior shooting was done in New York but a great deal was shot at Woodbine.

You can see in the film *Fantasy Fair*, the ferris wheel, bumper cars, local shops like Laura Secord and a mall crest on the floor.

There was also a scene with Brando ice skating, which reviewers said was shot at Port Credit Arena.

Reviewer Roger Ebert wrote: "There have been a lot of movies where stars have repeated the triumphs of their

parts—but has any star ever done it more triumphantly than Marlon Brando does in *The Freshman*." One day after filming, Marlon Brando left in the trunk of his car to avoid photographers.

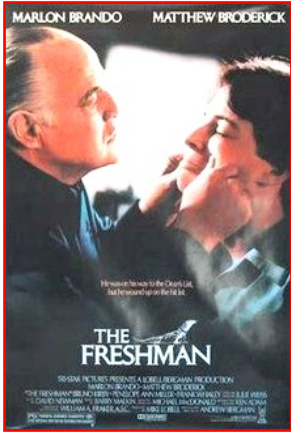
This film was released the same year as *The Godfather: Part III* (1990), the last film from that trilogy. Brando had played Vi-

to Corleone, the title character of the first film in the series, and had won an Academy Award for the role.

Brando passed away in July 2004, at the age of 80. His career span 60 years during which he won two Academy Awards and countless others.



THE CAROUSEL (above) and other attractions of Woodbine Mall Fantasy Fair can be seen in the movie.



major attraction rides, including 44 jumping horses, 50-foot Crystal kaleidoscope ferris wheel, Air Force plane ride, bumper cars, town structures, dinosaurs, tigers and pandas. The once booming mall has hit hard by COVID-19 is now changing its business model.

The mall was popular back in its heyday in the 1980s, 90s and onwards when

Fantasy Fair was a big hit with children and adults alike. Many hours were spent there as a youth.

Called the largest indoor park in Canada, Fantasy Fair has been a fixture of the sprawling Rexdale Blvd. and



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City moves in to seal the fate of trees on Dwight Ave. to make a room for sidewalk



AREA property owner gives City crew an earful. (above) Trees to be removed at right.

As the Long Branch community celebrates Tree Fest, residents of New Toronto are trying to save a dozen healthy trees from being removed to build a sidewalk. More than 1,000 nature lovers have signed a petition to save 12 trees on Dwight Avenue from being chopped down. The trees slated for removal run along the fence of Second Street Junior Middle School and provide shade, exposure from nature, and separation from a busy street to the young children who play there, according to residents and an online petition that has been created.

“The city has made these plans without consultation with the school, the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) or local residents,” according to the petition. “We call upon the city to narrow Dwight Ave. to achieve this goal, rather than remove twelve trees.”

Outraged resident Christina Murie, whose tree in front of her Birmingham Street historic Bell Building was slated for removal, wants the city to save the mature trees.

“There is no need to chop down the Dwight Street trees for a new sidewalk,” Murie explained. “Tree roots are deep and sidewalk excavation is shallow.”

She and others believe Dwight Avenue is being “widened for a left turn lane and an anticipated 4,000 vehicles a day for a new occupant of the former Campbell’s Soup property, which is rumoured to be Amazon.”

The community believes a 24-hour Amazon distribution centre is being located in three huge warehouses and extra road space being developed at the former Campbell’s site.

“Local parents are upset that the trees are being cut down for Amazon,” Murie said. “Who can believe that healthy trees are getting chopped for more trucks?”

City staff told residents at a September 23 virtual information session that narrowing Dwight would be costly and complicated; a left-turn lane onto Birmingham Street is half the block and catch basins would need relocated.

Councillor Mark Grimes said school parents requested the sidewalk several years ago. A large infrastructure project reconstructing and surfacing roads, replacing water mains and installing missing sidewalks, presented the opportunity, he said. Grimes has declared a conflict of interest since he has property in the area.



Anne of Green Gables author Lucy Maud Montgomery had ties to here



LUCY Maud Montgomery

It has been 79 years since Canada’s most beloved writer, Lucy Maud Montgomery, passed away in a home above Humber River on Riverside Drive in nearby Swansea.

The author of *Anne of Green Gables*, and many other titles, was born in Prince Edward Island in 1874 and died in 1942 at 67 in a house called ‘Journey’s End.’ She had strong ties to South Etobicoke, having lived on Riverside for seven years. Montgomery, it is said, spent her last years perched high above the Humber River as she wrote the last few sequels to *Anne of Green Gables*. She wrote *Anne of Windy Poptars* here in 1936.

The river flowed gently to Lake Ontario and would have been a soothing spot for her to write ‘regional romantic novels,’ as some then described her books. A small park was named after her near her home. But things were far from ideal for the former teacher and short-lived reporter for the *Halifax Echo*. It is well documented that those days ‘were dark years for the beloved Canadian writer.’

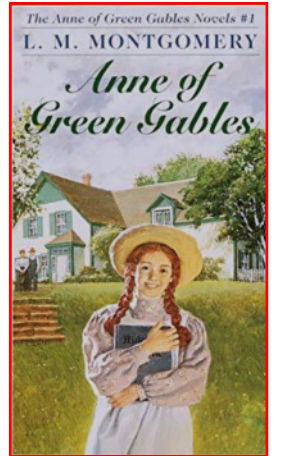
“There has never been any happiness in this house - there never will be,” she wrote in her journal. “The present is unbearable. The past is spoiled. There is no future.” Canadians and a worldwide audience loved *Anne of Green Gables*, which was released in 1908. It was described as ‘a sentimental-

ized but often charming story of a spirited, unconventional orphan girl who finds a home with an elderly couple.’

The novel became an instant best-seller and to this day there are visitors who travel to her birthplace to see where Anne grew up.

Montgomery wrote 22 novels in her lifetime, as well as hundreds of short stories and poems. She is hailed as one of Canada’s most widely-read authors.

She was a passionate advocate for Canadian authors: giving speeches and readings, advice to young writers, insisting that their stories were worth telling and that Canadian voices were worth hearing. Found dead in her bed in 1942, it is said she suffered from depression and had committed suicide from pills, family members later confirmed. In 1923 she became the first Canadian to be made a member of the British Royal Society of Arts. In 1924, she was named one of the “Twelve Greatest Women in Canada” by the *Toronto Star*. In 1935, she was named to both the Order of the British Empire and the Literary and Artistic Institute of France. She was declared a Person of National Historic Significance in Canada in 2013.





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Groups issue warnings for creation of 17-storey Supercourt next year

Named for Jay's broadcaster, the Jerry Howarth Drive to open in Six Points area



THE PROVINCE is seeking to have six Toronto criminal courts merged into a 'supercourt' downtown with 17 floors. (above)

Etobicoke residents will be hit hard with travel time and the costs of parking when six Toronto courthouses are merged into a downtown 'supercourt.'

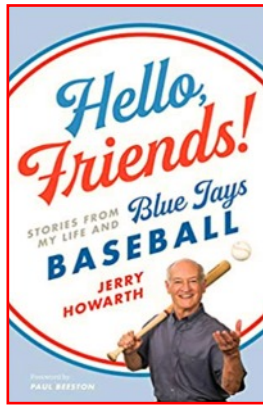
Toronto lawyers and court workers are warning the Ford government of the dangers of moving all six Toronto criminal courthouses across the city into a building downtown. The justice service providers say that it's bad for everyone involved: victims of crime, witnesses, accused people, court workers, and the neighbourhoods where Toronto's six courthouses are located.

Toronto City Council members have echoed their concerns, citing impacts on neighbourhood businesses and access to justice for residents of areas where courthouses will be closing.

Construction has begun for a massive 63-courtroom building in the heart of downtown Toronto. The courthouse will cost nearly \$1 billion and will be 17 storeys tall. It will be the new hub for adult and youth criminal operations, merging six Ontario Court of Justice locations in the Toronto area.

The new courthouse will be located at the corner of Dundas Street West and University Avenue, an area that is densely populated with government buildings including the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal. It is to be built and operational next year. Etobicoke, Scarborough, and North York residents will face a choice between hours on public transit, or exorbitant parking costs downtown to attend court. The only additional parking being added will be for judges and crown managers. It will make it harder for many people who are racialized or living in poverty to navigate the justice system, the justice workers argue.

Neighbourhood businesses owners who depend on customer traffic generated by the six courthouses will take a hit to their sales and services when the courthouses close. Public safety concerns were also raised in an internal report by the Toronto Police Service about rival gang members from different areas of the city being forced to attend one centralized court location at the same time, possibly meeting up on public transit on the way there, increasing the risk of gun violence. Justice service providers are also concerned that the new building won't be able to expand as the population expands. It will have four elevators servicing 63 courtrooms, more than 2,000 people daily and will be difficult to physically distance during this pandemic or any future public health emergencies and potentially threatening justice.



The Toronto Blue Jays deserve great kudos for their hot bat and play this year.

And there is sizzling news that the team's former play-by-play man, Jerry Howarth, is having a namesake Drive open to traffic in

the Six Points Interchange area. Howarth, 75, has been living in south Etobicoke for more than 30 years and coached his son's baseball teams at a number of area high schools.

The long-time Etobicoke resident has been the radio voice of Blue Jays for 36 years. Inducted into the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame in 2000, he retired in 2018.

Jerry Howarth Drive is one of three streets constructed in the development, which with community council approval; were named Adobigok Pathway, Biindagen Trail and Jerry Howarth Drive. Adobigok means where the alders grow and Biindagen means "enter," "come in," or "welcome." The work included a realignment of Dundas Street West, extension of Bloor Street West and regrading of Kipling Avenue; new traffic signals, widened sidewalks with trees and plantings plus physically separated and painted bike lanes. A plan to name the road after the famed announcer has been in the works for two years. An attempt to name a street after former Etobicoke Councillor and Mayor Rob Ford was dismissed.

Howarth, who was born in York, Penn., and raised in San Francisco, was an avid sports fan. He graduated with a degree in Economics from the University of Santa Clara in 1968, then served two years as an officer in the U.S. Army. He began his career in 1974 by calling play-by-play action for AAA baseball's Tacoma Twins as well as basketball and football for the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma. Howarth started a new career in Toronto where he worked part of the 1981 Blue Jays season as a commentator. In 1982, he joined Tom Cheek as full-time play-by-play partner. For the next 23 years, "Tom and Jerry" would be the radio voices of the Blue Jays. Their partnership covered the rise of the Blue Jays through the 1980s with back-to-back World Series Championships in 1992 and 1993.



TAKE A cruise on Jerry Howarth Drive.

In 2004, Cheek was diagnosed with brain cancer, but continued to call games with Howarth. He was forced to stop broadcasting and died in October 2005. Jerry loved Etobicoke and coached his sons in the Etobicoke Basketball Association from 1989 to 1997. He also served as a volunteer basketball coach at Islington Middle School, Etobicoke Collegiate Institute and Martingrove Collegiate Institute. He enjoyed working with the Canadian Special Olympics and the 65 Roses Sports Club, to raise funds to fight cystic fibrosis. The family became Canadians in 1994.

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Woody's Burgers in Top 3 of South Etobicoke and its good



WOODY'S BURGERS G-M Deny Smith shows some of the food the restaurant is well-known for. It is voted in the Top 3 South Etobicoke hamburger restaurants in surveys. **Photos by Tom Godfrey.**

South Etobicoke is known for its excellent grillers of fine charbroiled hamburgers. And there are three hamburger restaurants which food lovers say are the tops in online surveys yearly. They include Apache Burgers, at 5236 Dundas Street W., OBQ Burgers, at 602 Brown's Line and Woody's Burgers, at 3795 Lake Shore Blvd. W., in Long Branch.

Deny Smith, Woody's general manager, says it's all about the wood grillin' and kind, friendly staff.

"All our burgers are cooked over all Canadian hardwood," Smith says. "It is not fast food but it is good food."

She says their meat, vegetables and other needs are purchased locally from stores in the community only blocks away.



"All the meat comes from the local butcher," Smith notes. "It all comes from around here and we fully support our local businesses." Even the beer, and yes you can get it to go with your burger or drink it on their popular sunny patio, is made by local craft breweries. The area is known for its

many craft breweries that make outstanding beer and ales. Woody's Burgers has been a staple in Lake Shore Blvd. W., and Fortieth Street since 2009. Thousands of burger lovers have visited the eatery over the last 12 years to get their fix. "We get a lot of regulars and people come from all over," says Smith. "Even people who leave return for a burger whenever they are in the area." She credits their success to the fresh and local products used to make their top-flavoured hamburgers. Smith vows that hamburgers are a mainstay that remains popular with people year after year.



THE SECRET is said to be the use of good ole' Canadian hardwood used to charbroil a Woody's burger.



"It is homey, comfort food that people crave for and it will always be around and popular," she insists. Woody's has grown and changed some over the years, with now 18 employees, but the burger remains the same as Day 1. People will drive across town to Long Branch to get their fill of Woody's Burgers. They have almost 2,000 online reviews with a 4.5 out of five rating. Phone them at 416-546-2093 or visit woodysburgers.ca

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Feast of Dilli one of the tops in Alderwood for Indian food



Chef Jaipal Singh is celebrating six years of cooking great north Indian food at his busy Feast of Dilli restaurant in Alderwood.

The restaurant at 378 Brown's Line proudly declares "it serves the best Indian food in Etobicoke."

"Business has been very good and we are very happy," says a smiling Singh. "We have had many orders and deliveries during the lockdown."

Today he is preparing his special tasty butter chicken dish, which with other favourites like barbeque, Tandoori or biryani chicken and vegetarian meals sell out fast.

"People love my creamy butter chicken," Singh says from behind a mask as he stirs a pot. "People come from Barrie, Brampton, Scarborough and all over for my food."

The family man lives in New Toronto and has to leave early today to pick up his kids from school.

People love his food and already he is looking at expanding to create a chain of Feast of Dilli restaurants across the country.

"That is my dream to have Feast of Dilli restaurants across Canada," Singh explains. "Everything we make is fresh and that's what people like."

It has been a long journey to Alderwood from his native Delhi, India, where his parents and most of his family still live.

"I named the restaurant after my hometown of Delhi," he notes. "In Canada people pronounce Delhi as 'Delli.'"

He says the Alderwood community has always supported his restaurant.

"This is a great community and the people are great," the chef observes. "The people here have always supported us from day one."

I have to admit that the Chef's butter chicken was outstanding. It had to be one of the top butter chicken meals that I have had even in more expensive restaurants. The flavour was outstanding and the chicken was creamy. You can reach The Feast of Dilli at 647-348-4567 or visit them at www.feastofdillietobicoke.ca - **By Tom Godfrey**



CHEF JAIPAL SINGH with some tasty BBQ tandoori chicken and the fixings in front of his 378 Brown's Line restaurant.

Photos by Tom Godfrey.

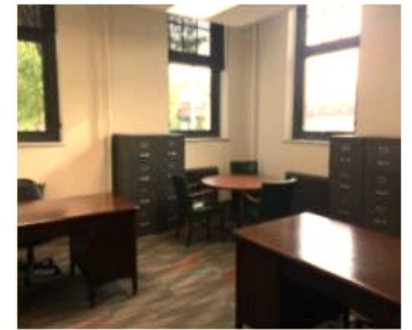
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Poles celebrate 41 anniversary of Solidarity

Members of the Polish community gathered to celebrate the 41st anniversary of the Solidarity movement, which would form the government of their country. The movement was kept alive by Polish nationals living in Canada and in other countries during some tough times. Tribute was paid to Chris Korwin Kuczynski and his late father, who kept the protest alive for months in front of the Consulate General of Poland, on Lake Shore Blvd. W., as attention for Solidarity grew worldwide. Also honoured was outgoing Consul General Krzysztof Grzelczyk, whom some members of the community claim was the “best Consul-General they have had in Canada.” Grzelczyk, and his wife, returned home to Warsaw last month after four years in Toronto. MPP Christine Hogarth and Mississauga Centre MP Natalia Kusendova were among those taking part in the August 31 ceremony.



DIGNITARIES help members of the Polish community celebrate the 41 anniversary of the Solidarity movement at their Consulate General on Lake Shore Blvd. W. **Staff photos.**

Hogarth said she is working with the community to establish a Polish Heritage Day Month to hopefully take place in May next year. Solidarity is a trade union founded in August 1980 at the Lenin Shipyard in Gdańsk, Poland. It was the first independent trade union to be recognized

Polish government attempts in the early 1980s to destroy the union through the imposition of martial law in Poland and the use of political repression failed. Operating underground, with significant financial support



OUTGOING Consul General Krzysztof Grzelczyk with MPs Christine Hogarth and Natalia Kusendova.

by the state. The union's membership peaked at 10 million in September 1981, representing one-third of the country's working-age population. Solidarity's leader Lech Wałęsa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983 and the union is widely recognized as having played a central role in the end of communist rule in Poland.

from the Vatican and the U.S., the union survived and by the late 1980s had entered into negotiations with the government. The 1989 talks between the government and the Solidarity-led opposition produced an agreement for the 1989 elections, the country's first pluralistic election since 1947. By the end of August, a Solidarity-led coalition government was formed and in December 1990, Wałęsa was elected President of Poland.

Words from former MP on a Black Heritage Police cruiser



HALTON REGIONAL Police Service Black Heritage cruiser is a first of its kind. Courtesy photo.

This must be a first for former MP Jean Augustine in her many years of public service.

A quote from the former long-time Etobicoke Lakeshore Liberal Member of Parliament is on a cop car.

A Black Heritage Police cruiser, probably the first of its kind in Canada, was unveiled by the Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) Black Internal Support Network and community partners at the region's police headquarters.

The cruiser design was conceived by the Queen of Heaven Catholic Elementary School's Inclusion, Diversity, Anti-Racism and Equity (iDARE) Committee as part of a design contest held last February.

The cruiser features a quote from Augustine that resonated with the design team for its overarching message about the celebration of Black history. The quote reads, “Black History is not just for Black People. Black History *is* Canadian History.”

“I am so proud to participate in the unveiling of the HRPS Black Heritage Cruiser where the message is around who we are as a community,” says Dr. Augustine, the first African-Canadian to be elected to the House of Commons as a MP, who paved the way for Black History Month in Canada.

“From police services, to community groups and educators, this work around diversity and inclusion is an important message for people to see. Black history is Canadian history and we need to recognize that.”

Const. David Joseph, of the HRPS Black Internal Support Network, said “we are proud to stand behind all that this cruiser design symbolizes and communicates to our community.”

“This project is just one of the many ways the HRPS is working to build relationships with all members of the communities we serve by keeping the door open to meaningful and constructive dialogue,” he said. Augustine is involved in the Jean Augustine Young Women's Empowerment charity, on Portland Street.



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Meet Raynae! JAC Participant for 3 years.

What is your favourite program at JAC and why?

Raynae: My favourite program is Chef Catering because I get to make different kinds of dishes and learn how to prepare new and different types of food and pastries, like muffins.

What is one thing that you want people to know about JAC?

Raynae: One thing I want people to know about JAC is that they teach girls different skills to help them become empowered and offer programs that teach girls how to do and think about different jobs and activities for the future.

Why is girl's empowerment important to you?

Raynae: Girl's empowerment is important to me because I want to be my best self. The programs at JAC help to empower me by developing my different strengths and teaching me new things to help me in the real world.

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In The Community

By TOM GODFREY

A number of South Etobicoke business owners are complaining that they cannot be held responsible for screening their customers for proof of vaccinations and their business have plummeted about 50 per cent since the law was introduced. The owners say many of their customers are local residents who have been frequenting their businesses for many years.

"How do I now tell this customer that I can't allow them in my restaurant," asks the owner of a schnitzel restaurant in Alderwood. "We have been waiting for more customers for a long time. Now we have to tell them they cannot come in."

She insists the long-time customer, who may not have two shots or require paperwork, will never return to her business after being turned away due to vaccination checks. "Many customers are staying in and not coming out."

The owner of Dakota's Bar and Grill, in New Toronto, says her business has dipped as much as 50% since the proof of vaccinations began.

"Many people do not have the double shots and are not coming in or are going elsewhere," she says. "We are suffering."

Many 'mom and pop' store owners say they cannot afford to hire someone to conduct the checks, since the proof of verification can appear on a printed form, on e-mail, digital or versions to be scanned to show if a customer has had two shots. Some angry merchants even told me flat out that they will not be asking for a proof of vaccination from some customers.

They believe that the Ontario government have passed their enforcement efforts to the small and medium sized businesses without proper training.

Even the local Lakeshore Village Business Improvement Association (BIA) said there's been many concerns from many local businesses.

"I think there should be better communication between the province and local businesses," said Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, chair of the BIA. "Many of our members have concerns about a lack training."

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) said businesses are 'divided on the contentious issue of vaccination credentials for entry into businesses.'

The announcement "leaves many concerns and unanswered questions for small business owners. How will enforcement work? Who is responsible in the event of a fraud? What is included under "youth recreational sport," asks the CFIB.

"Will training be provided for businesses that have to check vaccine credentials?"

How are businesses supposed to recognize out-of-province and out-of-country vaccinations? Is there iron-clad protection for businesses against potential human rights challenges and costly lawsuits?"

"It is disappointing that the government is adding additional requirements without first removing the remaining capacity restrictions," the federation said in a release.

This adds an additional burden on these businesses and their employees. "They need to know when they will be able to begin their recoveries," the CFIB wrote. "The Ontario government needs to provide more funding and a plan for allowing them to get back to 100 per cent capacity."

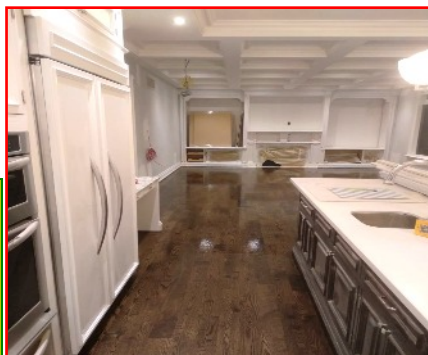
They are calling on the province to provide financial support to aid businesses in their new role as vaccination screeners, which may require additional staff, training and technology to ensure full compliance with the new rules. Health officials say they will be going around to educate businesses on the changes.

Tom Godfrey is Publisher of The South Etobicoke News, who lives in the community. He was a reporter at the Toronto Sun for many years before deciding to use his skills to work in community journalism.

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Your Health

By MONIKA MEULMAN

What mask do you choose?

From the beginning of mankind, we have been known to wear a façade, a mask, to adopt a character. Throughout history, we can see, that men/women choose to don a mask to grow into their world. Would you agree or disagree?

This October, we're honouring everything Halloween, everything it represents. Not just the modern day costume and the sharing of our bounty in the form of candy and treats, but also the older, the ancient traditions of masquerades, balls, acting, the players we invite into our lives.

For humanity to grow together and for our society to function, we readily take on rules in our lives. Many of us willingly take on personas to expand into new roles, but some of us adopt a cover to survive. Some masks can be healthy, stabilizing and creating supportive roles for us: like being a motherly figure or a father figure, or the 'strong one' in the family. Perhaps we accept a role or a mask to help cover who we truly are early on in our life, because we must. It can be an effective protection tool and serves to hide us from danger.

A wolf in sheep's clothing anyone?

Now we find ourselves in the middle (still in the middle but hopefully towards the last end) of a modern pandemic — where physical masks are mandatory.

I don't know if you've noticed, but over the last three, four or even more years there's been this collective outcry of wanting to know the truth and revealing the truth, showing our true selves. The demand for truth, or unmasking if you will, has been prevalent in government bodies, international household name brands, large businesses and even popular icons, from all industries. At least on social media, this has been the modern rhetoric and the go to messaging.

Perhaps in the middle of all this mask wearing we are now being pushed one more step, even further along, to realizing how debilitating and uncomfortable and confining masks are in our lives. I invite you to think about the idea that wearing a mask is not the problem or the challenge. What seems to be quite clear in our modern life and has been true for thousands of years is the freedom to choose. I realize this is a polarizing issue but stop

for a moment. Stop and breathe and just read that over again. What I'm seeing out here is that over the thousands of years, whenever we have had the choice to put on a mask, the experience was very different than when we were forced to wear a mask, whether it be a physical mask as a warrior or during modern pandemic times or a figurative mask to protect our feelings to protect our role in our family or in our society. When we feel we can choose, we readily adopt a mask for fun, for power, for entertainment...Have you noticed this?

It feels that the healing message for this month and for the coming years ahead could very well be that we must practice choosing with responsibility. Also, that we practice growing strong and balanced so that we are able and READY to choose responsibly. With freedom comes responsibility - and with great responsibility great comes power.

'With freedom comes responsibility - and with great responsibility great comes power.' I had to quote Spiderman, 1962, on the great eve of Hallowed Eve, the Costume Olympics of the year!

Your challenge, if you choose to accept, it is to examine the masks you wear. Not just the one on your face to go shopping this fall, though they are quite fun and interesting to wear. No, take time to have a look at how you present yourself to the world and even to yourself in the mirror. Take pause and write down or meditate on the visage or masks that have served you well and the ones that have let you down. As the energy of the season urges us to gather, harvest, slow down and put away and store our resources. This is a wonderful exercise to harness strength and stock nourishment in our body mind and spirit.

As we fall into fall, let us enjoy Thanksgiving and Halloween. Welcome all the joys and fun this season is meant to bring and also allow time to discover how we truly wish to see ourselves and show ourselves of the world.

"Most of us remain strangers to ourselves, hiding who we are, and ask other strangers, hiding who they are, to love us." - Leo Buscaglia

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From the Bench

By Retired JUDGE LLOYD BUDZINSKI

Where are all the women interested in Women's Rights?

Last month I challenged you with an experiment as to who makes the best Juror for a female victim's sexual assault trial. The result was interesting. Only men responded. I know I have a fair readership. It's a reasonable inference that there are a few women readers out there.

I was surprised by their lack of response. There are three possibilities. Women are too shy to express an opinion. I cannot believe that. My wife, like many women, readily shares a variety of opinions ranging from the business pages, Indigenous grievances to my neatness and picking up my socks.

Embarrassment is not an option. I destroy all names and won't use them in any articles to cause concern unless you ask otherwise. Also, remember I am retired so I have no powers of contempt for defiance or ability to over-rule a disagreement. I want to debate ideas. Your opinions are important. I encourage suggestions for topics. Write and list topics for future discussions. The last possibility here and the most frightening is where women don't see these issues as significant. Please don't disappoint my belief in the feminist movement.

I have two young grand daughters. I feel if more women were in power, compromise over tribalism would prevail. As a result, I will postpone my results one more month, hoping some women will take up my challenge before I explain the experiment.

While on the topic of Women Power, let's talk about the 'Me To' movement. I feel it is too limited when seen purely as a feminist issue. Do not get me wrong, the matter is extremely important, but has a wider scope related to power abuse - a person of power taking advantage of someone with less power who cannot protest. It is seen as a significant women's issue because in the workplace women still hold most of the inferior positions lacking equality.

This issue of power abuse, to a much lesser extent than sexual abuse, was personal in my career as I moved from lawyer to Queens Counsel to the head of the Criminal Law Department, while surrounded by some superiors telling me stupid Polish Jokes, like "Newfie" jokes, which ridiculed a whole population including me. I could either stand up to the unfairness of the topic or ignore them. To call out the comments I would identify myself as an 'Outsider' and hurt my chance of advancement. By being quiet and being part of the group, I would be confirming a false assumption about a group of individuals and adding to a bias. People with power must understand their position and use it wisely.

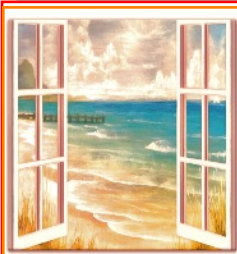
The concept of a power imbalance is also important when we teach our children about sexual relations. We need to understand this idea of abuse of power. Parents who say sex education belongs solely to the family would be surprised at the number of persons charged or victims of sexual assaults who were never given any training on the subject. Very few parents teach their children on this matter. It's an "icky subject" for a parent and even more so for the child, yet it is extremely important.

I bet you would find it hard to explain the nature of consent to your son or daughter. In assessing 'consent' it must be clear to both parties that each have made an informed and free consent as equals to the relationship. That means no power imbalance such as age, experience, alcohol, drugs, position or even lies creating a power imbalance between two people by diminishing the power of one to give free and informed consent. To simply assume there was consent is dangerous.

"Informed" means you understand all the consequences of your actions. That means there can be no abuse of power. Some believe that teaching sex will advance promiscuity so they tend to keep the female ill-informed of the physical nature of sex. In reality it encourages the tradition of male power over the female.

For these reasons I endorse sex education and the understanding of relationships in our schools for both boys and girls if you want to generate equality and reduce power imbalances. Sex education leaves the morality to the parents and the physical sciences to the school. How many of you agree or disagree - write me and challenge the idea.

Judge Lloyd Budzinski retired after 28 years and was a former Crown Attorney, Defence Counsel and Ontario's Assistant Deputy Minister of Criminal Law. He was Chief Prosecutor in the trial of ex-RCMP officer Patrick Michael Kelly, found guilty of murder for throwing his wife from a 17th floor balcony in March 1981.



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Artist create more than 420 pieces of art to help enlighten long-term seniors



ARTIST Fernando Ferreira and partner Anya show some of his many works. Photos by Tom Godfrey.

Mimico artist Fernando Ferreira has more than 420 beautiful pieces of art that he painted to enlighten hard-hit seniors sitting in stacks in his apartment.

He is having a hard time obtaining help from area politicians to help distribute his abstract artworks to the more than 700 homes for seniors in Ontario.

The former 30-year TTC driver is still out in his lakeside studio on most days trying to complete 1,001 pieces of art for the 721 long term homes in Ontario.

The art is painted on two feet square boards, is original and contains a heart and love. They come in bright, upbeat colours that helps people celebrate. He hopes to be finished by June.

“This is a project of love to help lift our seniors,” Ferreira said. “All the paintings are bright, upbeat and are meant to help them in these challenging times.”

He has not received replies for requests for help from most area politicians, except for

the office of PC Christine Hogarth. “I still have a couple more hundred pieces to create for the seniors,” Ferreira said. “Every long care home will have one.”

He is receiving support from the community and requests to sell some of his works has been refused. It has cost about \$1,000 for paint, wood and other materials so far.

“This art is meant to brighten the lives of our seniors. It is free and not to be sold to anyone,” he vowed.

He hopes to have the pieces of art hanging proudly in all seniors’ residences, many

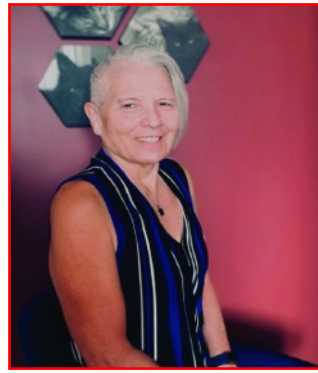


which have been hit hard with COVID-19. The artist has four stacks of his works in his one bedroom Mimico Estates apartment and needs a hand to get them into long term care homes so seniors can enjoy the creativity.

His work is described as “simple and upbeat.” “Every painting has a heart and they contain so much love,” according to reviews.

Ferreira, who is from the Azores, loves painting and artwork. His father was a noted paint chemist. He arrived in Canada in the 1960s and sold paintings to people in the Yorkville area. Ferreira has been living in Mimico for about 17 years and can be reached at 647-855-0721.

Retired OPP officer writes book on policing in North Ontario that is getting great reviews



RETIRED OPP now author Elaine Barr, and with friend below. Courtesy photos.

Retired OPP officer Elaine Barr has released her first book which draws on her 30-years of policing and Canadian military experiences. Barr, who served five years in the Canadian military and 25 with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), released the book on poetry, called *Blame it on Betty*, which is getting good reviews.

“Constable Barr served Sioux Lookout with honour,” according to a Tweet from the OPP North West Region, the OPP Association and Commissioner Thomas Carrique. “I’m proud to have met her, a true credit to the service.”

Born in Fort Frances, Ont., Barr at one time served as the executive director for the Atikokan

Native Friend before moving to work in Fort Frances. It was at that time that she started with the OPP, where she remained for the rest of her career, retiring in 2017. She wanted to humanize policing in her works, she said in a recent interview.

“To let people see that we (police) are not just charging in there with guns and beating people up, that there was an emotional side to it,” she told the *Fort Frances Times*.

“The ones (stories) I’ve remembered all my career are the victims of crime, those are the ones that had an impact on my life. Those are the ones I’m dedicating stories to.”

The ex-cop is an animal lover, who lived another dream in retirement by going wild-game hunting. She lives in Eastern Ontario.

According to an online review, Elaine’s book is a well written autobiography in poetry.

“Her style is unusual, raw and real,” according to the reviewer. “She has a clever way of drawing you right in. You won’t be able to put it down.”

It said Carr’s ‘ life’s journey I compare to the Phoenix rising up out of the ashes.’ “The strength in her words vanquishes the injustice of her past and shows the true heart of an everyday hero,” the review stated. It gave the book a five out of five rating. “The reality brings a lump to your throat and a stirring in your heart, well worth the read.”

Blame it on Betty is available on Amazon or can be downloaded on Kindle.



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OCTOBER 7 ALL ABOUT OSAP for girls 13 to 17 years-old from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. learn all you need to know about OSAP and how to finance your post-secondary education. On October 8 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. there is Career Guidance in which you can speak to experts about different fields. For more information contact the Jean Augustine Centre for Young Women's Empowerment at 416-253-9797 or email info@jeanaugustinecentre.ca or www.jeanaugustinecentre.ca

OCTOBER 8 HUMBER Cultural Hub Community Info Session 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for a virtual update on a major Humber College expansion project and there will be a Q & A session. For further information e-mail culturalhub@humber.ca

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EVERY TUESDAY UNTIL DECEMBER 14 Food Fit Program from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Zoom at Stonegate Community Health Centre and improve your cooking skills, learn new delicious recipes and get in touch with your body's hunger, fullness and satisfaction cues. To register email health.promotions@stonegatechc.org or call 416-231-7070 ext. 307.

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VIRTUAL YOUTH COUNCIL every Tuesday until December 4 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. for ages 13 to 17 years old. Volunteer letters and Letters of Recom-

mendation will be provided. For more call 416-253-9797 or email info@jeanaugustinecentre.ca or www.jeanaugustinecentre.ca

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY FREE emergency food takeout meals continue to be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. through LAMP's adult drop-in program. Group programs are closed.

EVERY THURSDAY The Good Food Market from 12 to 4 p.m. at Stonegate CHC at 10 Neighbourhood Lane for affordable produce, outdoor market and bring your own bags. COVID-19 protocols in place. For more information call 416-231-7070 ext 307.

UNTIL NOVEMBER 13 - Pieces of Mimico to create a collaborative mural to be installed at the Mimico Centennial Branch Library. It includes seven weekly workshops: every Saturday from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Online live video workshops. To register contact the library at 416-394-5330.

EVERY WEDNESDAY UNTIL NOVEMBER 3 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., ages 13 to 17, She Can Code. Register at www.jeanaugustinecentre.ca or call 416-253-9797.

JOAN-ANNE OF AVON CANADA has launched a "We Care Awareness Crusade" for Breast Cancer by AVON Foundation for Women. She plans to raise \$5,000 to fight the disease which she said has taken away two family members. Products can be purchased online with proceeds going to fight breast cancer. Visit the Avon website at avongivesback.ca

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The famed Toronto Scottish Regiment turns 100

By **TIMOTHY J. STEWART CD**
Regimental Historian



Happy belated birthday to The Toronto Scottish Regiment (Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother's Own) which turned 100-years-old on September 1. The Regiment is headquartered at Captain Hutcheson VC Armoury on Birmingham

Street. Its founding Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Colin Harboytte, had brought the 75th (Mississauga) Battalion, the predecessor to the Toronto Scottish, home from the Great War in 1919. He requested the 75th Battalion be given wartime service and become a permanent unit in the post-war militia. In May 1920, the Militia Dept., authorized the forming of the Mississauga Regiment to carry on the traditions of the 75th Battalion. The Mississauga Regiment was redesignated The Toronto Scottish Regiment on September 1, 1921 at Lieutenant-Colonel Harboytte's request because he felt Toronto had a large enough "Scottish" population to support two regiments, the other being the 48th Highlanders. Harboytte sought and was granted affiliation with the London Scottish Regiment in England and adopted its distinctive uniform cloth of Hodden Grey in 1937 by Her Colonel-in-Chief on May 22, 1939, during the Royal Tour of Canada. Her Majesty presented Regimental Colours (flags) to her regiment on the campus of the University of Toronto.



THE TORONTO SCOTTISH REGIMENT is 100 years old. Here are some of the valiant men in full dress in this file photo. Their crest is on the left.

The Regiment was mobilized again on September 1, 1939, for war service and was one of the very first Canadian regiments to arrive in the United Kingdom prior to Christmas 1939. On April 21, 1940, the Regiment had the honour of mounting the King's Guard at Buckingham Palace. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth visited her Regiment on three more occasions during the war. The Toronto Scottish Regiment was designated a machine-gun support battalion and because of its specialized role. A detachment took part in the raid on Dieppe, August 19, 1942, and following D-Day, June 6, 1944, until the ceasefire on May 7, 1945, the Toronto Scottish provided fire support for every action involving the 2nd Canadian Division and for other formations in the First Canadian Army. That support included 36 medium machine guns and 16 awarded from the Great War. The active battalion of the Regiment was disbanded in December 1945, having reverted once again to an infantry militia battalion.

Following the war, Her Majesty visited her Regiment again six times, and again in 1989 on the 50th anniversary of her first visit. Today, the Toronto Scottish is an army reserve unit that augments the regular force. Since World War II, members have served with the United Nations forces in Korea and UN peacekeeping and NATO forces in Cambodia, Bosnia, Croatia, West Germany, Cyprus, Golan Heights and many other countries. Domestically, officers and soldiers of the Regiment have been called to assist local authorities in the clean-up following Hurricane Hazel that rocked Etobicoke in

1954, the Winnipeg flood of 1997, The Eastern Ontario and Quebec ice storm of 1998, the blizzards that crippled Toronto in 1999, and COVID-19 initiatives. A contingent from the Regiment and Regimental family in 2000 participated in The Queen Mother's 100th birthday in London, unveiled a plaque in Dieppe, France, and a monument in Caen, Normandy to mark its World War II battalion. With the passing of our beloved Colonel-in-Chief in April 2002, His Royal Highness, Charles, Prince of Wales, was asked to accept the position of Colonel-in-Chief. His Royal Highness Prince Edward on behalf of his brother Prince Charles visited in 2015 and in a special ceremony presented the Battle Honour Afghanistan to the Regiment. More than 60 Toronto Scots served in Afghanistan. Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, of the Lakeshore Village Business Improvement Area, with ties to the Regiment, said on October 24 at 2 p.m. there will be a musical tribute by the Military Alumni Band to mark the Regiment's 100 anniversary at their mural on Sixth Street.



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Ball Hockey is at all-time high in Etobicoke



Luca Torresan and Mike Sikora have been teaching South Etobicoke children to stay active and healthy by playing organized ball hockey.

Ball hockey has picked up in popularity as parents last season signed up their children for inexpensive outdoor activity. Many of the experienced players have now shifted to ice hockey as ball hockey wound down.

Torresan is the president of the Etobicoke Minor Ball Hockey League (EMBHL), which runs camps for 480 children, aged four to 14, to teach them the skills of playing the game and having fun.

Sikora is the vice-president of ball hockey operations.



EMBHL PRESIDENT Luca Torresan (above) and some ball action from some of the 30 teams of all ages that make up the league. **Photos by Tom Godfrey**

“The first weeks are the best because the kids want to come out and play,” Torresan said in an interview recently. “The kids and their parents want to be outside and be with other kids.”

The EMBHL has been in operation for about seven years and is made up of about 30 teams from the area of all age groups. There are about 36 leagues across the province.

“Ball hockey is always among the top sports,”

he said. “It does not cost as much as other sports and you don’t need a lot of expensive equipment.”

The sport is very popular with children in Etobicoke who may not have much funds for expensive hockey gear or want to keep in shape for ice hockey.

He said there are mixed leagues where boys can play with girls.

“We had a great girls’ team this year,” Torresan noted. “The girls are very good.”

A player named Logan, 10, said “it was real fun to play ball hockey and to have a good time with my friends.”

“This sport satisfies my need for ice hockey in the summer,” observed Charlie, 11. “It is a great sport to keep in shape.” The ball hockey community is pushing for their

sport to be played in the Olympics to obtain more exposure and motivate more children to play the sport. “Our main goal is to have ball hockey become an Olympic sport,” Torresan said. “We have been lobbying for the sport to be played in the Olympics and eventually It costs about \$150 for kids to take part in 10 weeks of competitive, organized play in the EMBHL. The games take place at the Sir Adam Beck Drypad in Alderwood. For more information visit www.embhl.ca





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