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## Residents applaud work on Long Branch GO

Many South Etobicoke residents are ecstatic that much-needed work is underway to upgrade and rebuild the Long Branch GO Station.

Excited visitors were recently given a site tour of the GO Station, at 20 Brow Drive, on which work began last month as part of Metrolinx's GO Expansion Program.

Up to 60 workers will work to upgrade the rail networks and station, which will increase train service to every 15 minutes on the Lakeshore West Rail Corridor when completed in 2027.

Land surveys and geo-technical work are underway, with construction slated for next June. When completed, the new station will be more accessible for Long Branch and Alderwood residents to commute downtown or to the Niagara Falls area.



MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY (centre) WERE GIVEN a site visit of the Long Branch GO Station which will be rebuilt as part of a Metrolinx GO Expansion. To the left, and right, is how the new station will look when completed in 2027, with service every 15 minutes.

"We are upgrading the rail network and our GO Stations to enable more frequent and fully accessible service," Metrolinx stated. "This includes accessibility and amenity improvements to Long Branch GO Station."

More than a dozen residents were led through a bushy laneway on August 30 at Foch Avenue and Edgeware

Drive, where an entrance tunnel with elevator and stair connections to platform level will be built for commuters. "We have been asking for these elevators for a long time," James said. "I like it that the pathway will be paved and there will be lights as well."

Officials said the GO Expansion will reduce commuter trip times by up to five minutes one way and provide train service every 15-minutes during peak times.

## No funds for New Toronto substation: Chief

There have been many calls lately on social media and in the community for the return of a Toronto Police substation in New Toronto to help curb some of the area's petty crimes. Toronto's top cop Chief James Ramer said he has heard the calls, but there is little he can do at this time.

"We would love to do it," the Chief said at a recent

student graduation event at the Toronto Police College at 70 Birmingham St., Etobicoke. "It comes down to a matter of resources."

Ramer said 22 Division, located at 3699 Bloor St. W. near Kipling Ave., covers almost 70-square-kilometers and "in reality there should be a substation."

He said more officers will be patrolling the community through the expansion of



TORONTO POLICE CHIEF JAMES RAMER (right) meets with some of 113 students from across the City who graduated from a YIP1 youth in policing program, in an event at the Toronto Police College. The Chief said there's no funds to reopen a police substation to curb petty crime as being called for by some residents. Staff photos.

a neighbourhood policing program. "It comes down to a staffing limit," the Chief said. "It will be an outstanding way to do business."

The former 21 Division substation had two or three officers based in a unit near Seventh Street. It was part of the merging of 21 Division at 799 Islington Ave., currently a Property and Evidence facility, with 22 and 23 Divisions. Some local

business owners claim there has been a rise of petty crimes, including assaults, thefts, attempted carjacking plus others. They called for an increased police presence in New Toronto.

Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, chair of the Lakeshore Village Business Improvement Association, agreed a substation should return if it will help make the community more secure.

"It has worked in the past," Korwin-Kuczynski said. "People feel safer with police officers in the area." Bruce Morris wrote on social media the local population has increased and small businesses are on the rise. "It's a bit much for 22 Division to cover their area and South Etobicoke," Morris said.

Agnes Baxter-Campbell is urging officials to return the substation.

"There is too much going on and I agree that we should have 21 Division back," Baxter-Campbell said.

"We need 21 Division back," Kelly Colepaugh said. "We need to clean up South Etobicoke again and we need programs for the youth to try to keep them out of trouble and getting into drugs." Barber Andy Dinner said it took him six months to get a return call from a detective. "I'm sad to see the state of things and the nothingness that gets done to prevent it," Dinner wrote.



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# 113 Police YIPI youths graduate

Police Chief James Ramer, City and Toronto Police Services Board officials were on hand to present 113 ecstatic students with graduation certificates from a youth in policing program. The gymnasium at the Toronto Police College, on Birmingham Street, was packed last August 26 as the students celebrated the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the highly-successful Toronto Police Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI) summer graduation. The eight-week program recognized high school students, aged between 15 and 18, who represented 31 at-risk neighbourhoods in the city. "Students were assigned to various units and divisions throughout our service," Ramer said. "They gained job experience and life skills through their work with officers and members of the community."



**CHIEF RAMER** with family of YIPI grad above who are all very proud. Photos by Tom Godfrey

Urkosky said. "Many plan to continue in law enforcement." Graduate Emmanuel Wegayeh was beaming as he showed his certificate. "It was a good course that will help me as I work to become a lawyer," Wegayeh said. "I also made a lot of friends who have the same interest." Stephany Oji, 17, proudly showed her certificate to her assembled family and friends. "I enjoy policing and plan to go into that career," Oji said. "I plan to go into the military and then into policing."



**STEPHANY** is proud of her police certificate.

YIPI is part of the Government of Ontario's Youth Opportunities Strategy to build stronger communities by establishing and expanding community programs that help youth achieve a brighter future. The teens represented 31 neighbourhoods including:



**SOME OF THE 113** youths who graduated from a YIPI youth in policing program at Toronto Police College.

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**THIS YOUNG MAN IS HAVING** a nice chat with the Chief.

The students and officers were all smiles as they took selfies with colleagues and police to mark their graduation. Many plan to enter law enforcement or the military after school. Staff Sgt. Brian Urkosky said the students were exposed to working with police, the public and in different communities. "They have very bright futures planned,"

# Beware of fake cops trying to scam seniors



**BEWARE OF** criminals posing as police to steal your cash, police warn.

The Toronto Police Service (TPS) have issued a warning about crooks impersonating officers in a bid to scam the elderly out of money. A fraud investigation is underway, police said.

"There have been several instances over the last few weeks where members of the public have received telephone calls from individuals who identify themselves as police officers," it said in a release.



The force said a suspect calls a resident by telephone, stating that they are a police officer. "The suspect informs them that there have been residential neighbourhood break-ins in the area and that criminals have been watching their homes,"

police added. They said "the suspect persuades the resident to hand over cash to them for safe keeping."

The thieves disappear once they're received a victim's money. Investigators believe the suspects are targeting the elderly. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416-808-1100, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), or at www.222tips.com



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# Community applauds Oscar Peterson's \$1 coin

Many South Etobicoke residents are applauding the beloved late pianist Oscar Peterson for being honoured on a Canadian \$1 coin. Peterson, who with wife Kelly once lived in Mimico, is



OSCAR PETERSON's family and friends check out a new coin (right) to honour the great jazz musician from the Royal Canadian Mint. Courtesy photos.

said to be one of the greatest pianist Canada and the world have seen. Members of his family were in attendance as the honorary coin was unveiled.



He was a proud to represent Canada on international stages performing with some of the top jazz musicians during his six decade career. The Royal Canadian Mint unveiled a one-dollar circulation coin to honour the great musician. The coin, of which there are two kinds, started circulating on August 15, which was Peterson's birthday. Mint president and CEO Marie Lemay says Peterson is both the first Black Canadian and the first musician to be featured on a circulation coin. The Mint is issuing three million coins depicting Peterson, known as "the man with four hands," playing the piano. Peterson, who was born in 1925 and composed more than 400 pieces, lived during the 1960s at Amadeo Garden Court Complex in two apartments overlooking Lake Ontario, according to local historians and residents. Some residents point out Peterson's lakeview unit to visitors. "For years Peterson frequented the mom-and-pop stores along the Lakeshore," and according to his widow, Kelly

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Peterson "loved spending time by the water." He was often seen in Marie Curtis Park, which he loved, before moving to Mississauga.



The portrait of Peterson hangs proudly at a Lakeshore Legends outdoor setting due to his love for the area and its residents, according to the Lakeshore Village BIA, which sponsored the artwork. Kelly says the illustration also includes the final notes of his 1962 composition, "Hymn to Freedom," which was embraced as an anthem of the civil rights movement. Pianist and composer Thompson Egbo-Egbo paid tribute to Peterson with a special performance at the unveiling in Toronto. Born in Montreal Peterson is regarded as one of the foremost jazz pianists of his generation, winning numerous Junos and Grammy Awards over his six decade career. He was inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame before dying of kidney failure in 2007 at 82.

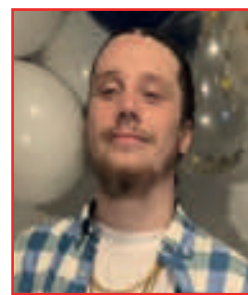
# Family and friends mark death of Adrian Hurley



THE LATE ADRIAN HURLEY, (above, right) was killed just over a year ago and is still missed by many in the community.

Friends and family members gathered at the graveside of Adrian Hurley, a well-loved community resident, who was shot to death just over one year ago. Hurley was killed on August 27, 2021, two days after his 24th birthday. News of his death hit some members of the community hard since he was a father of a young son and had many friends and family members.

A Go Fund Me campaign last year raised more than \$8,000 to help Hurley's family. "Adrian's passing hit the community hard," said his friend Dayna Mainprize. "His sibling, mother, girlfriend, family members and friends and family will forever be missing a piece of their hearts." She said "he will never be forgotten and forever be celebrated." Police in a release said officers were called to the intersection of Thirty Ninth and James streets, south of Lake Shore Boulevard and Brown's Line, after 6 a.m.



August 27 for a medical complaint. The victim was suffering from "obvious signs of trauma" and pronounced dead at the scene, police said. Zachary Barton, 37, is charged with first-degree murder in connection with the death. He is before the courts.



ADRIAN HURLEY'S gravestone

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# Mimico's Orange Hall for sale citing condo uses



HISTORIC ORANGE HALL, (left, and right) at 46 Mimico Avenue, is up for sale after more than 100 years of community use.

The building remains as a reminder of the Orange Order that was well organized throughout Ontario and Canada in the 19th and early 20th centuries. "Excellent commercial, residential location in close proximity to the Gardiner Expressway and Lakeshore Blvd," according to the realtor. "Official Plan land use designation and zoning permit for future redevelopment potential and increased density." There are concerns by some activist members of the community that another condo tower may be built on the site.

Les Veszlenyi, co-chair of the Mimico Lakeshore Community Network, said in an e-mail the hall is building is not listed on the Toronto Heritage Register and there is "no upcoming application for development."



The historic Mimico Orange Hall which has seen better days helping members of the community for more than 100 years may now be facing the wrecking ball. The iconic property at 46 Mimico Avenue has been listed for sale sending a shockwave of emotions to residents in the fast-changing Mimico community. The Hall was opened in 1919. The impending sale has sparked a number of e-mail conversations as community social agencies query about costs and other possible uses for the facility. Real estate company Avison Young has listed the Orange Hall at \$1,525,000. The realtor said the lot size is .12 acres and that it now operates as a Montessori day care centre. The Hall was previously the Mimico Baptist Church, which held its services there starting in 1920.



MEMBERS OF THE GRAND Orange Lodge of Ontario who did a lot of good things for the community and held a lot of power then. Courtesy photo.

"After any sale, the new property owner would have to deal with the City concerning heritage designations to see what development opportunities exist," he wrote. The Grand Orange Lodge of British America, more commonly known as the Grand Orange Lodge of

Canada or simply Orange Order in Canada, is the Canadian Branch of the Orange Order, a Protestant fraternal organization that began in County Armagh in Ireland in 1795, according to community historian Michael Harrison. "The Hall played a large part in the history of Canada with many prominent members including four Prime Ministers, among them Sir John A. Macdonald and John Diefenbaker," Harrison wrote. The Grand Orange Lodge of British America was established in Toronto in 1830, and it expanded to more than 20 lodges in 1860, 31 in 1880, and 56 by 1895. That was a time when Toronto was nicknamed "The Belfast of Canada," according to historians. By 1844, six of Toronto's ten aldermen were Orangemen, and in later years 20 of 23 mayors would be as well. The building is dedicated to the memory of the men of Sir Edward Carson Loyal Orange Lodge of Mimico who died in World War I.

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# Candidates working hard to win Oct. 24 vote



South Etobicoke candidates running for the offices of councillor, trustee or mayor are putting in long hours these days as they try to get their messages to voters. Six candidates are registered with the City of Toronto to run for Ward 3, Etobicoke Lakeshore, perhaps one of the largest ridings in Canada.

The riding, with a population of 129,000, has been held by Councillor Mark Grimes for 19 years. The municipal vote will take place on October 24. Outspoken Ward 3 candidate Amber Morley insist the incumbent has done little for the community and voters want him out.

“He (Grimes) has one of the worst attendance at City Council,” Morley said. “People know what is going on and want changes in the way things are done.”

Morley has been making the rounds drumming up support for her platform, which includes increased affordable housing and the expansion of accessible community

spaces, including the development of local community hubs. She previously worked at Toronto City Hall in various Council support capacities and spent the last three years as the Constituency Assistant in Ward 4, Etobicoke-Centre.

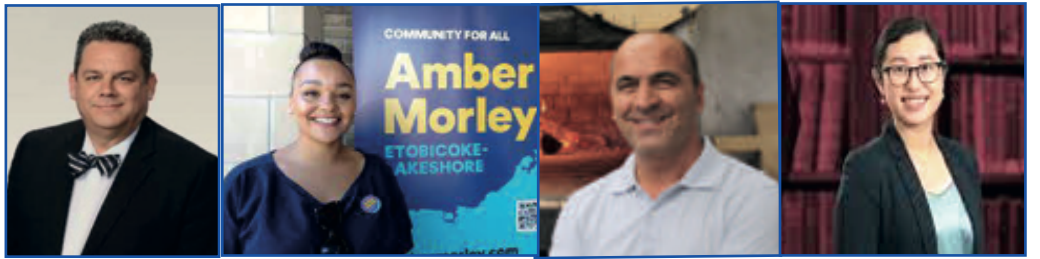
Also making inroads with voters is Zeynel Ari, or Dino, as he is called, the owner of two Dino’s Wood Burning pizza restaurants, who is known for feeding the poor in the community with his pies.

Ari, whose pizza store was burglarized recently, is pushing for more police officers in the community. “People tell me they are tired of the same thing and want changes in the community,” Ari said. “Voters at the door tell me that they want a new voice on Council.”

His campaign team has distributed thousands of pieces of literature in the riding.

He plans to increase police presence in the area, crack down on law breakers, improve our parks and community agencies and help those who are newcomers or at risk.

Long-time councillor Grimes has faced many uphill fights for the ward since first elected in 2003. Grimes and his team has hit the ground running.



CANDIDATES VYING TO CLAIM WARD 3 on October 24 includes, from left to right, Incumbent Mark Grimes, Amber Morley, Zeynel 'Dino' Ari and Bonnie Hu. Also running are Mary Markovic and Marco Valle. Traffic, construction issues, parking and housing remain some of the top issues.

He is now pushing, and tests are being conducted, to have the Bloor Street subway extended to Sherway Gardens Mall, which has been sought by the community for a long time.

The extension will take decades to complete once financial and other approvals are met.

Grimes largest threat comes from Morley, who took a sizeable amount of his vote in the 2018 election. Morley obtained a respectable 27 per cent of the vote in the last election, compared to Grimes who won with 40 per cent. Also running for Ward 3 are Bonnie Hu and Mary Markovic; who is calling for more rights of seniors and housing for lonely and vulnerable seniors. Little is known about Marco Valle, who is also a registered candidate

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# Wreaths laid in Dieppe for the Canadians killed

By TIM STEWART

The Toronto Scottish Regiment (Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother's Own) Historian



BEING IN DIEPPE ON the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack was an eye-opener for Tim Stewart of the Toronto Scottish Regiment. Photo by Donna Stewart.

**DIEPPE** - I was most fortunate to be in Dieppe for the commemoration services on the 80th anniversary, thanks to Jayne Poolton-Turvey, daughter of the late Jack Poolton, Royal Regiment of Canada who landed that morning and was later captured. Jayne organized the trip in conjunction with Connection Custom Travel for family members of Royal Regiment soldiers

Dieppe? The standard answers have varied between testing German defences, to a show of support to our Russian allies, and to demonstrate to the U.S. that the planning and infrastructure for an invasion was not yet in place. However, quite recently, Canadian historian, Professor David O'Keefe in tremendous detail puts forth the thesis that Dieppe was a "pinch" raid to steal the new German four rotor cypher machine – called Enigma – and code books. Intelligence strongly suggested that an Enigma machine was in German naval headquarters in Dieppe and to capture one would be a coup. A seizure such as this would allow British code breakers working at the top-secret Bletchley Park outside of London, to begin work on breaking German naval cyphers. If successful, the Allies, unbeknownst to the Germans would be able to decipher all messages sent by the Germans to their ships at sea.



JAYNE POOLTON-TURVEY (left) reading names of the soldiers of Toronto's Royal Regiment of Canada and support units who landed that morning at Puys (code-named Blue beach). Group members took turns reading the more than 600 names of those who landed. Photo by Tim Stewart.

From the start that morning, things went wrong for the Canadians. They were to land at nautical twilight, (just before dawn), however many landing craft touched down when the sun was coming up presenting an easy target for the German gunners. At the narrow beach at Puys just east of Dieppe, Toronto's Royal Regiment of Canada landed only to be cut down as the men struggled ashore to find shelter. The Royals were tasked to knock out heavy guns that were pointed toward the Dieppe harbour.

With their staggering losses they were not able to carry on. A contingent from the Toronto Scottish Regiment (M.G.) provided heavy machine gun support for the main landings in front of Dieppe. And a special commando unit tasked with "pinching" Enigma was not able to make any headway against the enemy's formidable defences.

Of the nearly 5,000 Canadian soldiers involved, over 900 were killed, and close to 2,000 captured. It was the worst single day of the war for the Canadian Army. Thanks also to Laura Jane Elkin, Project Manager for the City of Toronto, who asked if we could lay two wreaths on behalf of the City of Toronto at the two official ceremonies, Puys and Square du Canada, Dieppe. It was an honour to be asked.



TORONTO SCOTTISH REGIMENT plaque in Square du Canada Dieppe, placed in July 2000. Courtesy photo.

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The Toronto Scottish Regiment is a Primary Reserve infantry unit in Etobicoke that can trace its roots to 1915 as the 75<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Mississauga) Canadian Expeditionary Force. A parade of roughly 100 soldiers will depart from Captain Bellenden Seymour Hutcheson Armoury, on Birmingham Street, and march to the New Toronto Cenotaph, at Colonel Samuel Smith Park. The parade will feature Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members and the Regimental Pipes and Drums and will be a recruiting event.

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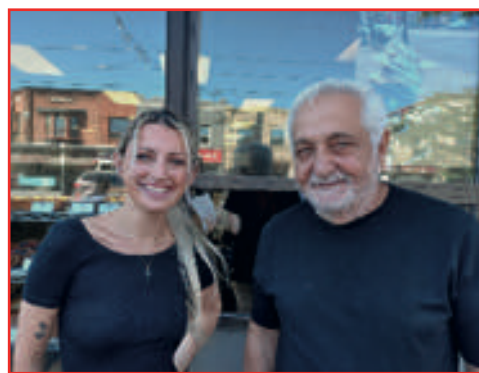
It has been a challenging journey for Mimico businessman Teo Nunes, whose Le Gourmand Bakery is opening its fourth store and restaurant in New Toronto. Nunes was born in Angola and moved to Mimico with his family from Portugal in 1988.

He got into baking when his son Milton passed away of cancer, at the age of 47, after starting the first successful Le Gourmand Bakery in 2002 at 152 Spadina Ave. Milton had studied in France and was a qualified and well-regarded pastry chef. "It was a successful business and I expanded it to South Etobicoke," Nunes admits. "We live in the area and all the staff is from the area." Nunes added a busy customer-friendly location at 2897 Lake Shore Blvd. W., and another brand new eat-in location to open soon at 2899 Lake Shore Blvd. W. just two doors away in New Toronto.

The new location is bright, airy and has room for about 15 tables. It contains a huge kitchen. In addition, a Humber location, directly across from Humber College, was added at 3180 Lake Shore Blvd. W., in the Lake Shore Blvd. W., and Kipling Ave. area. "We love the area and were well-received in the neighbourhood," Nunes says. "Residents will love our new sit-down restaurant." He is motivated by helping the late Mil-

ton expand his booming business and eventually he hopes to franchise the operation. Every March 3 all the proceeds of the bakery goes to help the Hospital for Sick Children, a cause that was dear to his son's heart. The family also gifted 15 per cent of the company to a pastry chef who started out with Milton and helped grow the bakery after he lost his battle with cancer.

"We proudly serve hand-made artisanal baked goods and world famous cookies in the Lake Shore Village neighbourhood of Toronto," Nunes says. "We are a family bakery dedicated to producing the highest quality



CLAIRE WITH TEO NUNES, owner of Le Gourmand bakeries which are popular with South Etobicoke residents.

fresh pastries paired with friendly service and great coffee." For Nunes and his wife, the business is a labour of love to Milton. He knows the names of most of his 60 employees and they operate as a family. Claire Lane, general manager of a New Toronto location, said residents love their freshly baked homemade cookies, cakes, tarts, brownies and ice creams, which are delicious.

"All our items are baked here fresh daily," Lane insists. "We use the best ingredients and people love it." She says the staff "couldn't ask for a better boss" in Nunes. Le Gourmand Bakery can be reached at 416-252-2127 or visit [legourmandbakery.com](http://legourmandbakery.com)

# Basket of Bread



ANETA PROUDLY SHOWS POLISH DONUTS which are the fastest-moving of all the snacks made daily at the Basket of Bread. Photo by Tom Godfrey

A proud Aneta holds a tray of popular Polish donuts, buns and other tasty snacks baked daily at Basket of Bread, which has been opened for about two years at 2783 Lake Shore Blvd. W., across from McDonalds Restaurant. All the goodies at the family-owned business are baked with the freshest ingredients, said Aneta. Our Polish donuts sell very well and is the most popular pastry on the shelf. The bakery also sells fresh coffee and other baked goods.

Area residents love the bakery and are talking about it on social media. "The thing that really sets Basket of Bread apart is the fact that it's a bakery and not a Polish deli," one woman posted online. "No cold cuts here, that's for sure." "Quality baked goods and service with a smile," another person wrote. "The bakery is loved by local people who come here for all their bread at good prices, another added.. "Highly recommend you make an effort to try this place." You can reach the Basket of Bread at 647-723-2130 or visit [www.basketofbread.com](http://www.basketofbread.com)

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# Changing face of Mimico with planned condos

The homey low-rise face of Mimico may soon be changing forever if developers have their way. Plans are before City Council for two major projects to be built along the Mimico strip, which would see the area look more like Humber Bay Shores.



**CITY COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING THIS NINE STOREY mixed housing complex proposed at the site of the Mimico strip plaza, at 2491 Lake Shore Blvd. W. at Mimico Avenue, where some businesses are still open.**

Council is considering one proposal to build a nine-storey mixed-used condo on the site of the Mimico strip plaza at 2491 Lake Shore Blvd. W., across from Mimico Ave. See photo above.

There is also another proposal before Council to build a 10 storey building, with a 33 storey tower, on a four-block area at 2405 Lake Shore Blvd. W., at Birds and Beans Coffee. See that photo to the right.

The proposed Mimico strip plaza development will see the demolition of two restaurants and other businesses to

construct a staggered nine-storey condo with 139 residential units, which includes 80 one-bedrooms, 36 two-bedrooms and 23 three-bedroom units, according to the builders.

The proposal was submitted last month by MHBC Planning. It is designed by architects BDP Quadrangle for owners 2491 Lakeshore Limited Partnership.

A proposal for a high-rise at 2405 Lake Shore Blvd. W., has been filed to amend the City's Official Plan and Zoning By-laws to permit the construction of a mixed-use 10 storey building and a 33 storey tower on a four-block area of the site.

The building will feature 449 'first class' condo units, including stores and access to Lake Ontario.

The half-hectare site is located on the southeast side of Lake Shore Blvd. W., mid-block between Superior and Primrose Avenues, 750-metres east of the Mimico GO Station and 600-metres southwest of the Humber Bay Shores area, according to information filed.

The development will include an east-west roadway that builders hope will "kickstart investment in the Mimico Secondary Plan Area of Etobicoke."

"If approved, it would set a precedent for future development on the lake side of Lake Shore Boulevard in Mimico from a land use, urban design and city-building perspective," according to the proposal.

The building will be built on four parcels of land, which spans 53-metres of frontage on Lake Shore, in addition the Mimico Water Front Trail and Amos Waites Park, which also front Lake Ontario.

"The site at present is occupied by several low-rise buildings including a medical office, rental apartments, storefronts, and a semi-detached dwelling," according to the proposal. The plaza will be levelled to build the con-



**COUNCIL IS ALSO** reviewing a proposal to build a 10 storey building, with a 33 storey tower, (above) on a four-block area at 2405 Lake Shore Blvd. W., at Birds and Beans Coffee. Courtesy photos.

dos. The proposal seeks to redevelop and revitalize this "underutilized and relatively derelict site" and to "re-urbanize and reanimate the site in a manner that is in keeping with both the emerging built form context and the envisioned urban structure for the area."

The proposal aims to leverage the site's location along and access to Lake Ontario as well as its proximity to existing transit, planned transit at the planned Park Lawn TTC/GO Transit Hub, and potential future transit priority treatments along Lake Shore Boulevard West.





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**KEITH POPE, OWNER OF VILLAGE VINYL EMPORIUM & Cafe,** is all smiles as he celebrates his 10<sup>th</sup> year of business at his 2925 Lake Shore Blvd. W. store. All is still welcome to drop by and say hello and take home some vinyl. Customer are stopping by to help Keith celebrate another 10-years in New Toronto. Photo by Tom Godfrey.



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# Memorial garden for Barker

Long Branch honours a local hero. Members of the Long Branch Business Improvement Association (BIA) have set aside a small plot in the middle of a busy strip of Lake Shore Blvd. W., to honour their founder, the late accountant and volunteer Philip Barker.

Barker was a founder of the BIA in 1987 and ran the successful Lakeshore Accounting business, at 3421 Lake Shore Blvd. W. for four decades.

BIA officials will be mounting a commemorative sign on a low stone planter bed on the north side of Lake Shore Blvd. W., just west of Thirtieth Street.



THE PHILIP BARKER (inset) Memorial Planter to open soon in Long Branch.



“He was a great man,” said the BIA’s Corey Bowes. “He was well-respected in the community and we all looked up to his perspective on issues.” Barker was the BIA’s treasurer for many years before passing in May 2020. He was popular and well-respected in the area. Barker is well-known in the community for forming the Lakeshore Charity Foundation, which has been instrumental in the twinning of three schools with hundreds of students in Toronto and the Philippines.

“Philip had a vision,” said Foundation president, Jay Llave. “We are carrying on his vision to help poor students succeed through education.”

Llave recalled Barker made several trips to the Philippines yearly taking hundreds of pounds of donated books, food and school materials. Llave continues the tradition and a third school has since been twinned with schools here. The foundation has sent hundreds of text books, school supplies, laptop computers, printers and other goods, including rice and other food, to help the poor students. They repaired the roofs of school buildings, sent desks from Canada and established a breakfast club that feeds hundreds of pupils daily.

# Solidarnosc



SOLIDARITY REMEMBERED as members of Toronto’s Polish community marked the 42nd Anniversary of the Solidarity movement in Poland, in which Canada was very active. Celebrating the anniversary outside the Polish Consulate General, on Lake Shore Blvd. W., are community activists **Ted Opitz and Chris Korwin Kuczynski** (left) and **Consul Izabela Fabyanska-Potapczuk and Consul Jan Cytowski**. Photo by Tom Godfrey.

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## Our Community

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### In the Community

By TOM GODFREY

I don't know if you've been looking for a free local commuter newspaper lately? Remember the days of those pesky rows of newspaper boxes that were chained 10 or 12 together, hampering the flow of pedestrians in downtown Toronto intersections. They were everywhere. Very few of the community newspapers are available today and many have disappeared.

Try finding such a box now. Back then most of the four Toronto dailies maintained free commuter newspapers, which are now gone. Thousands were handed out to subway riders.

One that is still thriving is *The South Etobicoke News*, which has been published faithfully and with pride monthly for the last four years. We are one of the few that still pay students to deliver the papers to selected homes and communities. Home delivery by eager students were a mainstay for many of the publications. It was the first job for many children.



laid off, offices or companies shut and a lack of commuters venturing out or much less reading any newspaper.

We are one of the last ones left standing for now, due to the difficulties from two years of suffering from COVID-19, in which many people were

You may remember when, only a few years ago, there were many free publications available for people to read. There were thick glossy magazines like *Now*, *Exclaim* and others that looked at apartment and condo rentals, along with those for people seeking homes, cottages, jobs, business, rentals and careers.

How about the dozens of pages in *Now Magazine* featuring escort agencies, people seeking dates or companionship. Many are now online.

It may take some time for many of the publications to return, if they ever do. Maybe it is the changing times. The long lines of newspaper boxes seem to be disappearing at even a greater rate. The boxes are being

moved as publishers try to drive readers to purchase their news from convenience stores or to go online. Many people say the disappearing publications are a sign of the times as commuters no longer want to pay for or read the news. They say we all have smart phones and can access the latest news and videos free online, at our convenience.

We no longer have to pay for a daily newspaper when we can read our favourite publications for free online. Times have changed. Remember when you could always find a well-thumbed copy of a newspaper or other publication at your workplace or on the TTC on the ride downtown. When was the last time you picked up any newspaper?

Most of us who are dedicated readers do find it hard these days to obtain free reading materials and long that someday things may return to the array of well-presented publications that at one time entertained us all.

Today we have generations of young people glued to their smart phones, unwilling or unable to carry on a basic conversation. Sad indeed.

Tom Godfrey is Publisher of *The South Etobicoke News*, who lives in the community. The *South Etobicoke News* won Awards of Merits from LAMP Community Health Centre and the Etobicoke Historical Society in 2022.

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## Your Health

By MONIKA MEULMAN



## From the Bench

By Retired JUDGE LLOYD BUDZINSKI

Abundance of the Everyday Life - Burdock Diary

Let's start off with an agreement. Ok, let us at least agree upon an idea: weeds are plants that get in our way in life. Gardeners dislike weeds because they spoil grass lawns, suck away nutrients from planted harvest gardens and take over fragrant and annual flower gardens. But some people will extol that weeds are not weeds at all. Actually, weeds can be defined as misplaced resources (I will explain!). When we get on the weed bandwagon, I think we are missing the point. What point?

Weeds excel in the environment we have offered them in abundance. We give them space: they come in and take it. Complaining about weeds growing where we have created cracks in the sidewalk and empty open soil beds between our flowers is like tsk tsking when people pile on into an empty subway car during rush hour. It is the natural flow of resources. Have you heard the saying 'the universe abhors a vacuum'? We fail to recognize abundance when we see it.

Your challenge for the season follows below - read on!

This September, it is harvest time. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and we are poised to celebrate with family and friends after two years of pandemic. That's a welcomed abundance. Seeing all the rich colours of vegetables and harvest foods at the farmer's market and our local grocery stores or even in our gardens, we feel blessed. We can see the abundance. But what about the weeds?

Weeds are the epitome of abundance. Join me in celebrating a handsome and abundant weed this September: the overlooked, under appreciated, much misunderstood Burdock, which is the *Arctium* genus. It belongs to the family of *Asteraceae* and though it is native to Europe it has spread and



championed North America for over 200 years. It has some of the largest leaves of all the common weeds in our parklands. It's lush, rich stature and it's medicinal uses all shout: I am wonderful.

Burdock root has traditionally been used by herbalists for over 300 years to purify the blood, help support skin disorders and even as a blood tonic. It grows everywhere. Absolutely everywhere. It is also eaten in Japan as a

popular vegetable (Gobo) in many dishes. Yet, most people in North America are unfamiliar with this generous offering from mother nature. This fall season,

I invite you to practice seeing abundance all around. I challenge you to find one new abundant resource in your life every week until the end of this year. Learn about 'those unwanted weeds' or pesky mosquitos or even different types of mould. Nature is full of surprises and truly full of abundance waiting to be discovered. Did you know mosquitos pollinate blueberries?

As the days grow shorter, the air gets crisper and Thanksgiving draws near may we harvest our bounty from the garden and honour the land where we are, where we walk. Let us send a graceful thank you to the weeds and grasses we walk upon in life, for they are setting the stage for seasons to come.

"We are worth no more than a blade of grass," from the book: *A Cree Healer and His Medicine Bundle* by David Young, Robert Rogers and Russell Wilier

We look forward to the shorter days to come and look towards the future when we cared for each other and the many days together to come.

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This is a simple story of judicial courtesy that I learned from Justice Thomas Zuber and have passed on to many young judges who have sought my advice. It's about role modeling. I was a young Crown of two years working in Peel. I was prosecuting my first jury case. The charge was sexual assault. The defence counsel was the leading criminal lawyer of the Peel Bar, William Mackie. The judge was His Lordship Justice Zuber of the Superior Court, a wise and respected judge.

Experienced Judges will be wary of young lawyers; unaware of their style or knowledge. A simple error, such as mentioning a criminal record, the penalty the accused is facing or a wrong question can lead to a mistrial ending months of work. Jury cases are expensive. For the witnesses, they can be traumatic. A trial without an ending can effect public confidence. No one wants a mistrial or mistake. Judges will monitor a novice's procedures so as to avoid these problems. That's why older lawyers can get away with coming closer to the red line of permissible conduct. Young lawyers feel the older ones get away with more and they do and they are right. The judge knows senior counsel and will allow them to come closer to the red line, confident they will not cross it. That is the value of, and why you pay more for of a senior counsel who enjoys the court's respect. The consequences to a senior counsel who errors are a major embarrassment. They should know better; whereas, a new counsel, making a mistake will more likely be forgiven as inexperienced. Either way it is unsettling for the professional to look stupid. Trial lawyers are like actors, "A" type personalities with an inferiority complex that needs constant gratification. For the actor it's applause, for us its admiration of our achievements. A sloppy mess-up will occupy our minds for years. Its reputation, reputation, reputation.

My story started with an early arrival to the courthouse. As was the custom, counsel would meet with the judge in Chambers before the trial to identify any key issues that could arise. Unlike Perry Mason, we try to avoid surprises. We just want a fair presentation of the facts by counsel and a correct statement of the law by the judge to the jury. I have seen many trials conducted by expert counsel and refereed by a wise Judge finished without an objection.

As the meeting ended, we thanked the Justice. I tried to generate a bit of empathy for my youth and told him, "Sir, I hope you will give me some latitude as this is my first Supreme Court Jury Trial." He smiled but said nothing.

Soon after jury selection and opening remarks, we broke for lunch. During lunch Mr. Mackie noticed a juror sitting at a table with my complainant. Neither knew each other at this time. It was just an accident but it was bad optics. Bill and I decided to report it the Judge. We told him and all agreed that we declare a mistrial and start again. As we left the Justice's Office, he smiled at me and said, "This is your second Jury Trial, I will assume you are experienced now."

As a judge, he was polite, fair, courteous and informed. However, the character that has influenced my life and my practise was his ability to make everyone comfortable, effectively enforce the rules and keep to the issues, minimizing any adversarial aggression He set the example for behaviour in the courtroom.

The courtesy which has stood out in my mind for years and which I passed on to many other young judges occurred when I had called an essential witness who was deviating from his police statement. I had to confront her with her previous statement. There is a strict procedure in law required to obtain permission to cross-examine your witness. It was a bit complicated and could lead to a mistrial. The purpose, is either to destroy your own witness or maybe, hopefully, have her admit some or all of her previous statement. I started, he stopped me, smiled again and politely said: "***I have not done this application for some time, could you please remind, me of the procedure?***" He was secretly seeing whether I knew the procedure without embarrassing me. I summarized the procedure. He replied, "***Yes, Yes That is it, thank you.***" It was this quiet courtesy that left a lasting impression on me and has served as a role model of a judge that I hopefully have passed on to many other young judges or lawyers. Thank you, Justice Zuber.

**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. He can be reached at lbudzinski@talkjustice.info**



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## Alterna Savings raises funds for Women's Habitat to help in crisis

Members of the Alterna Savings Lakeshore Branch are proud to have participated in the Lakeshore Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) Grilled Cheese Challenge last June. The Alterna team held a successful fundraiser to help the Women's Habitat of Etobicoke, a community-based, organization providing vital support to self-identified women and their dependents who are survivors of violence and poverty. The group is a life-saver for many area women.

Above Ola Lukaczyn, the Lakeshore Branch Manager, and her team presents a cheque for \$3,200 to Carla Neto, Women's Habitat's Executive Director, and Lina Almanzan, Director of Philanthropy. Alterna is proud to be a part of the vibrant Lakeshore Village community and to support organizations providing vital support where it is needed most.

Women's Habitat offers a safe, confidential location with all the services a woman needs to make a new life for herself and her children.

Women's Habitat was founded in 1978, with the emergency shelter and outreach centre established in 2006. In the photo, left to right on top row: Mira Cerriku, Lina Almanzan, Carla Neto, Ola Lukaczyn, Laura Baughman, Enzo De Santis. In the front are Yvonne Sagriff, Anisha Jain and Sonakshi Grover. We believe in supporting our community agencies who do so much in helping others in need or in crisis.

# Keeping busy with things to do in the community

**TAKE AWAY LUNCHES** at LAMP CHC on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the community room at 150 Sixth Street from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays at Street Level.

**SEPTEMBER 7 UKRAINIAN SUPPORT GROUP** for those new to Canada or newly-arrived from Ukraine. Join us from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Bell Manor Park, 1 Bayside Lane, for weekly information sessions. Register by e-mail at olena.yatsura@stonegatechc.org or phone 416-231-7070 ext. 379.

**SEPTEMBER 4 to OCTOBER 2 SUNSET SUNDAYS** Evenings of live music and dance from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Mimico Square every Sunday. For more information visit mimicobythelake.com

**SEPTEMBER 9 DEADLINE FOR PHOTO AND ART CONTEST** sponsored by *The Friends of Samuel Smith Park* juried art exhibition for all skill levels that runs from October 5 to November 9 at Assembly Hall. Opening reception October 6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. You can submit up to five images or paintings inspired by the park. Entry fee \$25 for non-members and send digital images to fossphotoart22@gmail.com

**SEPTEMBER 10 IS THE 17th ANNUAL EXTRAVAGANZA FUN FAIR** from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the back lawn of the Franklin Horner Community Centre, at 432 Horner Ave. Fun, fun and more fun including kids games, exciting vendors, a beer and barbecue tent and a stage featuring live music and fun games. Contact 416-252-6822.

**SEPTEMBER 11 MUSICAL MOMENTS** at Saint Matthew's Anglican Church at 2 p.m. "Fireworks Music" concert performed by organist **Damien Macedo and Tyler Versluis** on piano performing works by **Handel, Versluis and Bedard**. Contact the 3602 Bloor Street W. church at 416-231-4014 or e-mail office@saintmatts.ca. Tickets \$20 or pay what you can at the door.

**SEPTEMBER 12 ETOBICOKE CAMERA CLUB** opening session with **Gail Hill**, who will explain how creativity happens when inspiration and courage come together to hold hands with fear. To purchase tickets go to <https://www.facebook.com/etobcc>.

**SEPTEMBER 12 SOCIAL ANXIETY GROUP** from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to run for four weeks, for those who have a hard time socializing or talking to other people. The pandemic has left many residents isolated because of the long time spent indoors. Learn coping strategies and make getting out of your comfort zone easier. To register call 416-231-7070 ext. 307.

**SEPTEMBER 13 INTERESTED SINGERS** for the Etobicoke Centennial Choir Open Rehearsal takes place from 7:30-9:45 p.m. at Humber Valley United Church, 76 Anglesey Blvd. Participants will sing with the choir during rehearsal, meet the conductor and choristers and experience what ECC has to offer. Contact the choir at 416-433-5495 or e-mail them at publicity@etobicokecentennialchoir.ca

**SEPTEMBER 14 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JEAN.** Open House and 85th year birthday celebration for the beloved Jean Augustine from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Jean Augustine Centre, 101 Portland Street. Call 416-253-9797 or info@jeanaugustinecentre.ca

**SEPTEMBER 14 to NOVEMBER 2 Mindful Resilience** a free 8-week online series held on Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. with **Corin Desouza**, a certified mindfulness teacher through the Canadian College of Educators. To register send email to jasmind@lampchc.org or call 416-252-6471 ext. 308.

**SEPTEMBER 16 is the 46TH LAMP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** at 7:30 P.M. Community Online Zoom examining our Health Care in Distress with keynote speaker **Andre Picard**, Health Reporter and Columnist for *The Globe and Mail* and author of 'Neglected No More.' For registration call 416-252-6471 or email jasmind@lampchc.org

**SEPTEMBER 17 STONEGATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** Annual General Meeting 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 10 Neighbourhood Lane, Unit 201. Party at Bell Manor Park follows from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., 1 Bayside Lane. For more contact info@stonegatechc.org

**MILITARY PARADE SEPTEMBER 17 TORONTO SCOT-TISH** Regiment 100th Anniversary Parade at 11 a.m. as about 100 soldiers, with assorted gear, march from the Captain Bellenden Seymour Hutcheson Armoury, on Birmingham Street,

south on Third Street, and west on Lake Shore Blvd. W., to the New Toronto Cenotaph, at Colonel Samuel Smith Park, at Lake Shore Blvd. W., and Kipling Ave. After a service they return west on Lake Shore Blvd. W., and north on Third Street back to their barracks. The parade will feature Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members, and a recruiting event showcasing weaponry,

**UNTIL SEPTEMBER 31 HANDICRAFTS FOR WOMEN** at Bell Manor Park every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for women to meet, chat and work on their art projects. Bring your own materials for knitting, sewing, crocheting or painting. For registration call 416-231-7070 ext. 307.

**SEPTEMBER 25 LIVE OUTDOOR LONG BRANCH TREE FESTIVAL** at Marie Curtis Park from 12 noon to 4 p.m. with live music, children's activities, 'Hurricane' history walk, vendor market, tree identification walks and a host of other events. Visit [www.longbranchtreefest.ca](http://www.longbranchtreefest.ca)

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