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Two local MPs returned to tackle looming tariff

South Etobicoke voters returned to office two Liberal MPs who are joining the ranks of Prime Minister Mark Carney as tariff fighters.

The region has a large industrial base, with many plants and factories; and is a hub for logistic and trucking traffic as we are situated close to downtown Toronto, Pearson Airport and outlying districts.

Our workers and plants stand to take a big hit, like other regions, if U.S. President Donald Trump's plans for stiff tariff on goods become policy. Canadians wish Carney good luck with his face-to-face meeting with Trump on May 6.

Etobicoke Lakeshore Liberal MP James Maloney must be doing a good job as he was returned by voters for his fourth



LIBERAL MPs James Maloney (left) and Yvan Baker (right) were re-elected by voters to fight against looming U.S. tariffs, which can lead to plant closures and layoff of workers (centre).

term on April 28 to work under the leadership of Carney. Their top priority is tackling the U.S. tariffs.

Maloney obtained 34,600 votes and easily defeated former Conservative MP Bernard Trotter, in a comeback bid, who

racked up a respectable 23,800 votes, according to Elections Canada.

In Etobicoke Centre incumbent Liberal MP Yvan Baker also handily recaptured his seat, Carney's Liberals won 169 seats, not enough for a 172-seat majority.

The election led to a loss of the seats of both the Conservatives and NDP leaders. Maloney, a lawyer, was first elected in 2015 and re-elected in 2019 and 2021 and 2025. He is well-liked and attends most events in the community. He began his political life as a Toronto City Councillor in 2014.

Both Maloney and Baker have been given granted permission from Etobicoke voters to stand up against possible tariffs, plant closures and worker layoffs.

Both are skilled politicians who are familiar with the area and the community and we wish them well in the fight.

City shelter now downsized from 80 to 50 beds

City of Toronto officials seems to be listening to pressure from an outraged community and back-peddling on some plans for a proposed Third Street homeless shelter.

New Toronto area residents in an e-mail from City staff on April 17 said the planned 80-bed homeless shelter will be reduced to 50 beds dedicated to homeless seniors.

"The shelter capacity has been reduced to 50 beds, to ensure there is space to accommodate accessibility needs that senior residents may have," Ward 3 Councillor Amber Morley said.

She said there has been 'more senior residents living in encampments across Etobicoke-Lakeshore over the last year.' Morley said the 66 Third Street shelter site is next to a Toronto Seniors Housing building which means it may be possible for some of the homeless elderly to obtain permanent housing, services and programming.



THE NEW THIRD STREET SHELTER (centre) will now have 50 beds for seniors, according to City officials, after protests and meetings with community groups (right). The shelter had been planned to originally have 80 beds for the homeless. Work has begun and it will take about five years to be completed.

A bombshell announcement by the City for an 80-bed municipal homeless shelter last December divided the community as some residents support the facility and others claim it is close to two schools, a seniors residence and area homes. There has been a number of protests, angry feelings and a virtual meeting between irate residents and City staff in regards to the location of the facility. Five years ago the City tried to open a similar shelter at

2950-2970 Lake Shore Blvd. W., but backed down due to protests from the community.

This shelter will not open for three to five years, the City said. It is among 20 planned for different areas of the City.

A recent survey by the Lakeshore Village Business Improvement Area revealed more than 60 per cent of businesses are against the shelter. Many said it will take away valuable parking spaces.

A survey by the Lake Shore Business Improvement Area (BIA) revealed most businesses are against the shelter claiming it will take away valuable parking spots used by customers.

The facility will be operated by the Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre (CONC), an organization with more than 30 years of experience serving the vulnerable community in Toronto.

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Police and area kids in Florida on a fun and dream trip of their lives due to charity



SOME OF THE EAGER TEENS taking part in the May 7 Air Canada Dreams Take Flight program to Florida.

“Community officers show that policing is also about creating positive experiences and lasting memories,” Jongdong said. “Our goal is to promote peace, stability, and a safe Toronto—a city where we can all live, work, and raise our families with pride and security.” Dreams Take Flight is a non-profit organization primarily made up of volunteers from Air Canada and the Air Canada family who organize the trip of a lifetime for close to 1,000 medically, mentally, physically, socially or emotionally challenged children.

The program began in 1989 when several Air Canada employees in Toronto planned a trip-of-a-lifetime. They flew 70 special needs children on a DC-9 aircraft to Walt Disney World in Florida.

Toronto Police have partnered with Air Canada to send nine lucky Etobicoke children on a once-in-a-lifetime daylong trip to Disneyland in Florida.

The May 7 trip was part of Air Canada’s Dreams Take Flight program in which 175 youngsters from across Ontario are flown to Disneyland with their families to have fun.

The children, who were selected from the force’s 22 and 23 Divisions, met with Neighbourhood Community Officers on April 3 to learn more about the unforgettable experience.

“We’re beyond thrilled to share this exciting news and celebrate this extraordinary moment with the kids and their families,” said Staff Sgt. Lhawang Jongdong. He said the initiative is a well-deserved chance for the kids to see a different side of policing.

“They’ve discovered that police officers aren’t only about catching criminals or issuing tickets,” Jongdong said. Police said the Dreams Take Flight initiative ‘helps to build trust, foster confidence and strengthen the bond between officers and the people they serve.’



ECSTATIC KIDS FROM ANOTHER Dreams Take Flight trip in front of their Air Canada jet on a previous trip.

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New Toronto auto crash the worst as three hurt folks run



AUTO CARNAGE scattered across Lake Shore Blvd. W. after a devastating crash

It was a life-and-death high-speed hit-and-run that sent three people to hospital and had area residents running for their lives.

Some 11 vehicles were hit as a fleeing white

Jaguar SUV, believed to be stolen, left a trail of carnage as it sped east on Lake Shore Blvd. W., from Brown’s Line to Islington Avenue, at speeds clocked about 140 kilometres an hour.

Police said luckily no one was killed as the incident occurred April 7 around 3 p.m. as students were leaving schools and walking home or to streetcar stops.

Officers said the SUV hit two vehicles at the traffic light at Kipling Avenue and sped off. It then smashed into a number of vehicles near Sixth Street.

Local barber Andy Dinner witnessed the badly-damaged Jaguar flying through the air after hitting a vehicle.

“It (Jaguar) went flying in the air and would have hit me if it did not hit another car,” Dinner recalled.

Police said the 31-year-old SUV driver was extricated from the wreck and charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle. More charges are pending.

The driver and two other people were hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries.

Dozens of witnesses gathered to watch as crews cleaned pieces of debris strewn across the roadway.

Tires from the SUV and another vehicle were laying on the road and the hood of a sedan was nearly ripped off.

Streetcar and vehicle traffic were rerouted as Lake Shore Blvd. W. was closed for hours due to the investigation and cleanup.

“That white car was zooming down Lakeshore at like 200 km an hour,” wrote Guy Jay. “He almost hit me and a bunch of kids crossing the street on Tenth Street.”

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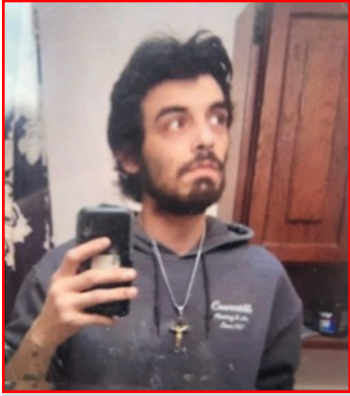
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Accused still alive as horror house now for sale



ACCUSED KILLER Joseph Ayala disappeared nine months ago and is still at large.

Toronto Police at a town hall meeting say they believe a fugitive accused of slaying two Alderwood women nine-months ago is still alive and hiding in the community. "We are still getting tips on his possible whereabouts," said 22 Division Unit Commander Jeff Bangild. "Our homicide officers are working hard on the case."

Joseph Ayala, 33, of Toronto, is wanted for second-degree murder after police received a call in August 2024 to conduct a well-being check at a house at Sheldon and Silvercrest Avenues. Inside the home they found the bodies of 82-year-old woman and a 60-year-old woman, who were relatives of the suspect. They had been brutally killed. The home has a 'For Sale' sign outside and neighbours still talk about the women. "We believe that he is still alive and hiding somewhere," Bangild said. "There is nothing to indicate that he is not alive."

He was among 22 Division officers speaking at a Community Police Liaison Committee Town Hall on April 16 at the Toronto Police College, on Birmingham Street. Also present were Community Neighbourhood Officers and some members of the Hold Up Squad. The meeting was attended by about 100 concerned residents who were given an opportunity to ask questions in regards to events in the community. Asked about the proposed and controversial homeless shelter on Third Street, Bangild said it is the City that decides the location of shelters, not the police. "We will be involved in the security issues afterwards," he said. "We work for the City and it is their decision." Police said serious crimes as assaults, auto thefts, home invasions have decreased compared to last year.



POLICE COMMUNITY officers at a recent meeting with area residents at the Toronto Police College.



A SO-CALLED horror house is now up for sale after a brutal crime that shocked the City.

Residents were told auto thefts are still a problem and there has been more than 150 vehicles stolen in the Division so far this year, the fourth highest amount in the City. "Etobicoke has good escape route with highways to take vehicles to cool down," said Inspector Joseph Matys, of the Hold Up Squad. He said there has been a 57 per cent decrease in break and enter crimes targeting vehicles. In addition, pharmacy robberies dipped by 80 per cent and bank robberies plunged by 70 per cent in the last six months.

South Etobicoke News T-shirt winners



Lucky South Etobicoke News readers Joseph Coazza and girlfriend Gabi (left) who live in the Six Points area, and Minnie Choi (right) are winners of South Etobicoke News T-shirts for answering a skill-testing question in last month's issue. The answer was Doug Holyday as City of Etobicoke's last mayor. You too can be a South Etobicoke News shirt winner by being the third person to send us by e-mail the answer of our new skill-testing question: Which former Etobicoke Swim Club swimmer won multiple gold medals in the 2024 Paris Olympics Games. Be the third to send an e-mail with the answer to thesouthetobicokenews@gmail.com and win a lovely T-shirt. For readers who asked, some of the T-shirts are available for sale for \$40. All we have left are some large sizes.

Donate your junk to aid Baby lacrosse

There is a call for the community to rally around raising funds for youngsters in the Mimico Minor Lacrosse Club's Baby Peanuts Program for girls and boys aged three and four. Great Lakes Brewery, at 30 Queen Elizabeth Blvd., has launched a drive until May 10 to accept donations of used appliances, metal items, electronics and other clearing-out junk to raise funds to help lacrosse programs for children and youth.

They will accept anything with an electric cord or uses batteries, cell phones, laptops, desktops, iPods, monitors, or anything with significant metal, like chainsaws or lawnmowers. They will even pick up items to large or heavy. For more visit greatlakesbeer.com



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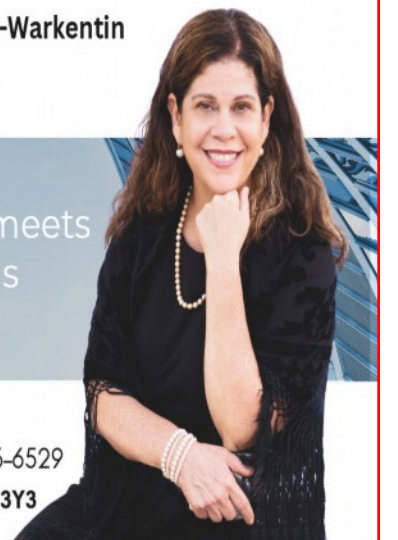
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Liberal Fairclough brings health care to the job

Newly minted Liberal MPP Lee Fairclough was sworn in last month and has hit the ground running to represent the riding of Etobicoke Lakeshore in the Ontario government.

Fairclough, a well-respected former health care worker, defeated Conservative Christine Hogarth to claim the riding last February. She has been appointed by Liberal Leader

Bonnie Crombie as the party's critic for Hospitals, Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness.

"Now more than ever, addressing affordability and strengthening our healthcare system will be critical," Fairclough said. "I will advocate strongly in the Ontario Legislature on these issues and more."

The MPP has been busy setting up a new office and learning the ropes at the Ontario Legislature, where the Liberals now hold 14 seats and has received official



HEALTH CARE WORKER Lee Fairclough has hit the ground running as the new Liberal MPP of Etobicoke Lakeshore.

party status. Fairclough has worked for more than 25 years of leadership in healthcare, and has dedicated her career to improving lives. She started as a radiation therapist at Princess Margaret Hospital and led major initiatives at the provincial and federal levels.

As President of St. Mary's General Hospital, she guided her team through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, working with public health, local businesses, and community leaders to protect vulnerable populations.

"I believe in what's fair for the citizens of Etobicoke Lakeshore," she said. "A healthcare system that doesn't let us down, a strong education system for our children and a government that never loses sight of the people it serves." "The former member of Canada's Women's Rugby Team at the 1988 World Cup, has been



MPP FAIRCLOUGH WITH Liberal leader Bonnie Crombie.

living in the Bloor Street W., and Royal York Road area with her family for more than 20 years. She and her team

knocked on more than 30,000 doors during the campaign, where they repeatedly heard of health care and lack of doctor concerns. She said more than 22,000 people in the riding region do not have a family doctor.

Fairclough is concerned about a lack of accessibility at Mimico GO Station; and is concerned about the growing number of people using food banks because most of their incomes are going to pay soaring rents. She has convened a working group on homelessness in the riding including the City's planned shelter.

"We have to have solutions to those who are unsheltered or unhoused," she said.



MPP LEE FAIRCLOUGH with family and friends at her swearing-in ceremony.

Fairclough holds a master's degree in health policy and says her former role as an adjunct professor at the University of Toronto, blends academic expertise with hands-on experience to bring innovative solutions to complex problems.

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Scottish Regiment honours unknown soldier



SGT.-MAJOR Alexander McVean was identified more than 100 years after death.

Some 16 soldiers of the Toronto Scottish Regiment have returned from the Netherlands and France as part of a ceremony to lay a headstone for a soldier who has been unknown for more than 100 years. The team, with residents from South Etobicoke, included a Pipe Major and historian, visited Meppel, The Netherlands, to mark the 80th anniversary

"These are historical moments that happen infrequently, especially the identification of a soldier from the Great War over 100 years later and the dedication of a new headstone with his name," said Stewart. McVean had been promoted to Company Sergeant-Major in October, a month before he died. "The successful identification of his final resting place is a reminder of the enormity of the sacrifice that some have made in service to Canada," said Bill Blair, the Minister of National Defence. "Your loved one will always be honoured and remembered." McVean was born in Shettleston, Scotland, and was one of nine children. The family emigrated to Canada in 1911 and resettled in Toronto. Before enlisting in the CEF, he served in the 9th



COMPANY SGT.-MAJOR Alexander McVean (left) with fellow Canadian soldiers. McVean was only identified recently and his grave marked with a headstone.

rsary of the Liberation of The Netherlands, to a large measure by First Canadian Army. Regiment historian and author Timothy Stewart said the citizens of Meppel, were 'honoured,' the Canadians were attending the anniversary of the Liberation of The Netherlands. In France, for more than 100 years the unknown soldier of the 75th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) was buried in a grave in the Somme, with an 'unknown' headstone, like countless others.

The soldier was recently identified as Company Sergeant-Major Alexander McVean, 27, of Toronto, and the team placed a headstone on his grave on April 16.



BRAVE CANADIAN TROOPS marching through the muddy and cold battlegrounds of Europe to help save their Allied brothers..

Mississauga Horse, a regiment of the Active Militia, and worked as a civilian chauffeur and streetcar operator. The 75th Battalion fought as part of the 11th Infantry Brigade of the 4th Canadian Division. In October 1916,

the Division was tasked with capturing the Regina and Desire Trenches, the last of a series of trenches between Thiepval and Courcelette, France. The Battle of the Ancre, ended on November 18, 1916, marking the conclusion of the five months of the larger Battle of the Somme. The Canadian Division suffered 1,250 casualties but managed to take many German prisoners, including 17 officers and 608 from other ranks.

Some 248 of the casualties were from the 75th Battalion, where 104 men died, of which 71 had no graves. McVean was reported wounded and then later declared killed in action. He is commemorated on the Canadian National Vimy Memorial.

Built in memory of Canadian soldiers killed in France during the First World War, the memorial honours those who have no known grave.

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Etobicoke councillor pushing for coyote strategy



FAMILIES OF COYOTES are frequently seen in South Etobicoke parks, creeks and in other Toronto communities.

More and more coyotes are being seen as the weather gets warmer and a local councillor is appealing to City council to find humane ways to deal with them. A report on coyote management is slated for the City's Economic and Community Development Committee on May 6.

Ward 2 Councillor Stephen Holyday said the coyotes are not only a concern for Liberty Village, Fort York and Cityplace residents and there has to be a Coyote Response Strategy and staff should examine the best practices of other municipalities in dealing with the wary animals.

Some of the coyotes suspected of being ill are now shot dead or killed by City animal services officers.

"I see a coyote at least once a month in my area," Holyday said. "We saw a family of them looking through our window at home."

He said the coyotes can kill or injure pets, like dogs, cats or even attack people.

"Most encounters with coyotes occur when people leave out food and garbage intentionally or by accident," according to a motion before Council by Holyday.

"Coyotes and dogs may have negative encounters if people have their dogs off leash, causing a coyote to defend itself and its young."

Council has agreed to explore the use of technology or other tools for coyote diversion; study the benefits and drawbacks to different approaches to manage the issue and seek input from wildlife experts.

The City said wildlife management should be examined before allowing construction on City-led projects and the Ontario government should conduct an environmental assessment of wildlife, including coyotes, in the redevelopment of Ontario Place.

Other incidents involving coyotes are also voiced by Councillor Ausma Malik is for bylaw officers patrolling areas of her ward will focus on dawn and dusk when most

reports of incidents/sightings are received.

"Daily evaluation for the necessity, at City staff's discretion, of further escalation to lethal removal if significant," she said.

Etobicoke residents may recall last Canada Day, on July 1, 2024, a

number of residents and media reported three or four physical attacks by a group of coyotes on dogs which were being walked by local dog owners in Princes Margaret Park.

Holyday's motion called for more City monitoring and data collected on coyote attacks injuring pets or people.

Residents are urged to blow whistles; upcycle an aluminum can filled with coins or rocks to startle a coyote when shaken for personal safety. The best precaution from being harmed by coyotes is to make as much noise and commotion as possible.



THIS LUCKY RESIDENT had her cherished poodle chased by a coyote (left) and it survived and is now receiving some tender love from a thankful owner.



OFFICIALS WARN RESIDENTS to make noise and commotion if they come across a coyote, which is becoming more common these days.



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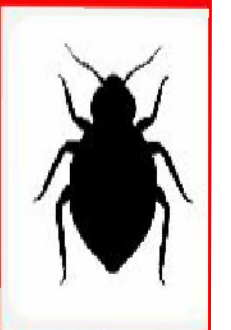
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SARNIA's Owen Maynard helped to design the Apollo Lunar Module.

A proudly Canadian book highlights 300 of some of this country's most prolific inventors, who brought to the world househ old goods ranging from the lawn sprinkler



He made a name for himself with his many discoveries. Credit also goes to Walter Harris Callow, who invented the handicapped wheelchair bus, while being blind quadraplegiac in a veterans hospital. The bus has seen some updates over the years but remains basically the same.



PROLIFIC CANADIAN inventor Reginald Fessenden helped to create the radio and developed hundreds of patents.

Elsie MacGill, known as the "Queen of the Hurricanes," was a pioneering Canadian aeronautical engineer who played a crucial role in the production of Hawker Hurricane fighter planes during World War II.

She was the first woman to design an aircraft and all this while earning three degrees while suffering from polio.

The British-made Hawker Hurricane was a single-seater monoplane fighter aircraft designed by Hawker Aircraft in the early 1930's. It accounted for over 60% of the air victories in the Battle of Britain during WWII.

Most have never heard of Owen Maynard, of Sarnia, who was instrumental in helping to design the Apollo Lunar Module Lander used by NASA on space expeditions. The Lander's legs were made

in Montreal and the first feet to touch the moon were Canadian.

And Elijah McCoy, whose parents were slaves, became the first African Canadian to obtain a patent. He went on to get 55 patents, including for inventions of the lawn

sprinkler and ironing board.

Rector will be speaking at the Bell Telephone Building, on Birmingham Street, for the May 24 to 25 Doors Open showings of about 150 City properties. Rector will speak at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on both days.

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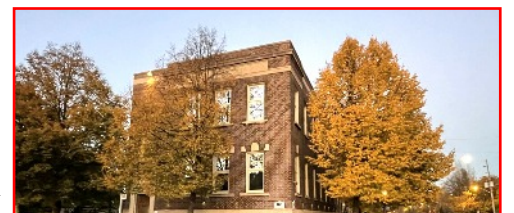


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WALTER HARRIS CALLOW invented the wheelchair accessible bus still in use today.



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Halibut fish is king in this part of TO at this time



THERE WERE GOOD-NATURED LINEUPS outside local fish and chips restaurants (top and right) during the Easter holidays.

Chips, at 1236 The Queensway; and New Toronto Fish and Chips, at 146 Fifth Street.

Good-natured patrons didn't mind waiting for up to 45 minutes with fellow fish lovers for their piping hot meals.

There were customers from Mississauga, Brampton, Woodbridge and even a family from Florida, who used to live here and missed the fish. Many have been eating at the fish faves for decades and always get a meal when they are in the area.

Queensway owner Richard Yong, who has owned Queensway restaurant for 48 years, said Good Friday is one of their busiest days with brisk sales all day.

He places his order of Alaska halibut weeks in advance, stores them in a freezer and then slices the fish into individual meals.

Both restaurants boast that their French fries are made daily from potatoes obtained in local farms.

The fish is king. South Etobicoke fish and chips lovers were out in full force for their favourite Good Friday dish at local restaurants.

Hundreds of residents lined up patiently at two area favourites Queensway Fish and

"It is a lot of work but we do it the right way," Yong said.

"We do not believe in cutting corners in making our fish and chips."

The customers, many ordering two or more meals to go, were lined up outside the door and didn't seem to mind.

The lineups outside the New Toronto chip shop stretched



FISH LOVERS patiently lined up outside New Toronto Fish and Chips right to the parking lot on Good Friday. **Staff photos.**



GOOD FRIDAY means 'all hands on deck' for staff at Queensway Fish and Chips owner Richard Yong.

outside to the parking lot with 11 people working inside to keep the lines moving.

One person was working the cash, another wrapping the meals in paper, with another assisting the main cook.

One lady said she enjoys the camaraderie and never misses a Good Friday halibut feast. Another senior noted that there were fish and chips restaurants at every corner years ago.



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A City program to fund the planting and care of thousands of trees may be on the chopping block. An Infrastructure and Environment Committee has recommended that City Council renew funding a much-needed Urban Forestry Grants and Incentives Program that partially funds the planting of trees on private lands. The program consists of grants which can provide matching funds to eligible organizations and institutions, residents and grassroots groups by providing them with free native trees and shrubs and subsidized private tree planting services.

Since 2017, the program has invested more than \$22.8

million and funded 226 projects to plant over 118,000 trees and shrubs on private land, and engaging over 314,000 people across Toronto.

The program includes a TTC's initiative of planting trees at stations and bus loops with low canopy cover to be enjoyed daily by commuters and local communities. Some 100 large caliper trees will be planted at select TTC stations to promote tree equity and improve environmental conditions. Toronto City Council in 2021 adopted a tree canopy cover target of 40 per cent by 2050 and approved a Tree Planting Strategy to achieve this target. The city of Toronto has an average canopy cover of about 30 per cent. The study showed 55 per cent of the city's land area is privately owned. The trees help with climate change, absorb water to help control flooding and is home to birds and other wildlife.

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Another plaza bites the dust



PLANS ARE UNDERWAY to demolish a plaza at 125 The Queensway to build seven towers up to 50 storeys high.

Another shopping plaza in South Etobicoke may soon be making way for more high-rise condos.

Plans are underway to redevelop the plaza at 125 The Queensway, just east of Park Lawn Road, to make it a community of seven mixed use towers ranging in height up to 50 storeys.



THE AREA WILL lose their second Sobeys with the development.

The plaza with large parking lot is now home to a LCBO, a Sobeys's supermarket, Dollarama, Shoppers Drug Mart, TD Bank, Pizza Pizza and some other smaller retail stores. Plans were filed last March with City officials to demolish and redevelop the prime site that will eventually bring about 4,000 residential units including apartments and townhomes.

It will be the second Sobeys's grocery store to soon disappear from the community. The store at Kipling

Avenue and The Queensway Mall will also be shut and razed at some point for more condos. The development at 125 The Queensway will be built in three stages with two roads connecting the community. A public park is also planned as part of the complex, which will be located next to the Ontario Food Terminal.

The site is near the TTC 501 Queen streetcar, upcoming Park Lawn GO station, and is part of higher density housing zone.

A proposal from developers call for the five shopping plaza buildings and surface parking to be demolished and replaced with towers rising between 42 and 50 storeys, along with a

12-storey mid-rise component. The towers would reach heights of 50, 50, 47, 45, 45, and 42 storeys. It is estimated that more than 10,000 people will move to the area when completed.

The park is planned at almost 2,800 square metres at the south end of the lands, which would connect with a future connection to Humber Bay Shores and Lake Ontario across the Gardiner Expressway.

It will be a congested area when completed as 15 other condo towers are also proposed for the Mr. Cookie factory site, at 2150 Lake Shore Blvd. W., in Humber Bay Shores.



DEVELOPER'S CONCEPT of what the new development will look like with Humber Bay Shores condos.

Plans to build new condo complex near Mimico GO



COMMUNITY COUNCIL is deciding the outcome of this development (top, bottom) at 21-25 Windsor Street, 18 Buckingham Street and 60 Newcastle Street.

A public meeting was held by Etobicoke York Community Council to hear from residents in regards to a large parcel of land proposed to be developed in Mimico.

A request to amend the official plan and zoning by-law applies to several blocks 21-25 Windsor Street, 18 Buckingham Street and 60 Newcastle Street, about 100 metres of the Mimico GO Station.

The application proposes to amend the Official Plan for

the properties to permit a 32 to 46-storey, 14 and seven storey mixed use buildings linked by an eight-storey podium.

The meeting took place on April 3 at Council Chamber, Etobicoke Civic Centre, 399 The West Mall and by video conference.

Etobicoke York Community Council will receive input and review the proposal and any other material placed before it to make recommendations on the application. These will then be forwarded to Toronto City Council for its consideration.

The proposed complex will contain about 1,117 residential units, 933 condo units, 184 co-op units and a private daycare.

A new shelter is proposed to replace the existing Elisa House transitional housing facility, operated by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. The proposed development also includes a 98 square metre park



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Residents give thumbs up for booze in the parks



RESIDENTS ENJOYING A brew in the park on a hot summer day which is now the norm in Toronto.

A majority of City residents are smiling happy and enjoy a controversial Alcohol in Parks Program. The program has had few issues, complaints and not a single ticket has been issued by Toronto Police. The drink in the park program

It said 85 per cent of visitors felt safe in the alcohol use parks and 82 per cent felt comfortable. Some 560 of those surveyed said they visited a park for personal alcohol consumption. There was no increase in calls to Toronto Police Services, nor complaints to 311 of overflowing garbage bins or unruly behaviour. The update said City workers are installing signs at park entrances to show that alcohol use is allowed on the grounds. City crews are monitoring the parks for alcohol use for behaviour, park cleanliness, safety and other considerations. Staff also want to modernize some of the archaic park rules, install ovens and some food vendors to make the parks more enjoyable.



BEER AND WINE are now permitted in 45 parks across the city, including a few in South Etobicoke.

started in August 2023 and is now allowed at 45 City parks, including a few in Etobicoke. "The Alcohol in Parks program continues with a high level of satisfaction among park visitors," according to a program update that was presented to a City committee on April 8. It said there has been a "few issues arising and minimal operational impacts across all parks in the program."



BEER AND WINE lovers give a thumbs up to having a drink in a sanctioned park on a nice day.

A City survey of almost 700 park users last March showed that more than 80 per cent of visitors were 'satisfied with their visit and felt safe and welcomed.' welcomed and 73 per cent said the booze drinkers were considerate. "The majority of park visitors said people drinking in parks were considerate, and there were no significant increases in service requests for amplified noise, disruptive behaviour."



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Protestors against planned Bill 5 which will put some species at risk



Almost 4,000 nature lovers are protesting a plan by the Ontario government to scrap the Endangered Species Act that they warn will place some birds and wildlife at risk.

The thousands of birds and nature lovers have sent e-mails to government officials opposing Bill 5, which was introduced in the Ontario Legislature on April 28 as the Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025.

An Ontario Nature group worried if passed, Bill 5 would scrap the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and create "special economic zones" where developers and resource companies

would be exempt from provincial regulations.

They said the proposed law is one in a series of measures that the Ontario government has taken in recent years to dismantle protections for endangered species, including exemptions for the logging industry and "pay-to-slay" provisions.

The proposed change can place some Lake Ontario birds, and other endangered species as turtles at risk, as the plan will remove provincial protection and leave it to the federal authorities to enforce.

This community is favoured by turtles and programs are underway to protect them at Colonel Samuel Smith and other lakeside parks.

The groups are calling on Premier Doug Ford to cancel Bill 5 and end the attacks on endangered species.

"A handful of developers will rake in short-term profits, leaving the bill for the rest of us. We all rely on a healthy environment for the air we breathe and the water we drink," according to Laura Bowman, of Ecojustice Canada.

The petition states that "bulldozing endangered species protections is only going to unleash more problems in the long run."

"Healthy forests and waters sustain all Ontarians, not just endangered species," according to the petition.

Supporters said ESA has been a cornerstone of environmental protection for more than 20-years as it requires species at risk and habitats be protected from harm.

Critics said the proposed Bill 5 would replace the ESA with a weaker, hollowed-out, and Orwellian-named *Species Conservation Act*.

The Bill would remove "recovery" or ensuring the species is able to survive, with a stable population as a goal. The new Act is so narrow that it would virtually ensure continued decline, extinction, or extirpation, the group said. If passed, it would provide Cabinet the power to decide which species deserve protection, effectively



SOME OF THE precious species at risk from law changes pending in Ontario.



In the Community

By TOM GODFREY



Toronto that's been an eyesore for years, dark with windows stuffed with garbage. Another former bar at Lake Shore and Kipling Avenue area has been shut tight in a busy area for years.

Then there is a boarded up once a shelter contender near Eighth Street that has been an eyesore on a main business strip for years.

These eyesore units downgrade a community, businesses, and depress real estate prices when left to rot.

Finally, one City Councillor Josh Matlow has spoken up saying that the empty stores are a plague across the city and he wants to do something to get them reopened and back in business.

Matlow has introduced a motion before City Council to have a vacant business tax, similar to the vacant home tax, that would have owners pay for their shut stores.

"Thriving main streets are the hearts of our communities and neighborhoods. Strong retail strips promote small businesses and local economic growth, and provide spaces for essential services that residents rely on," the motion reads.

A number of Toronto lively streets lined with shops and restaurants have been rendered almost unrecognizable in recent years, largely due to what feels like a wave of business closures.

"With the looming specter of U.S. tariffs, it is more critical than ever to protect Toronto's main streets," Matlow said.

He said due to the challenging real estate market and rising cost of development, storefronts are remaining vacant for longer periods as developers are sitting on approvals.

"This creates an uglier, less vibrant streetscape, more crime and public safety issues, and reduced economic activity in our city."

He is calling on City staff to look at policy options to get unused commercial spaces leased, whether it means strengthening Municipal Licensing and Standards rules and enforcement. Tax reliefs to landlords who use their empty spaces more effectively, like through pop-ups or art installations, are also being considered.

The local Business Improvement Areas (BIA) contend that they cannot do anything if a store is shut and it will be costly to rescue them so they remain open.

A vacant storefront tax has been in the cards since 2020, when councillors felt that our "buoyant real estate market sometimes creates a perverse incentive to keep a store vacant rather than renting it out to the people willing to invest in our communities."

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

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I declare May: Earth Month. Why? Because it is the month of celebrating Mother’s day. We are all borne of this place we call home. Celebrating Earth for one day in April simply isn’t enough. She’s here for us every day of the year, through generations, eons, millennia. Most people think we began celebrating Earth Day in 1970; however, as modern mankind we have celebrated and honoured the earth for eons.

Over 70 000 years ago, the peoples of Tsodilo, Botswana, and far beyond, paid homage to the python which is believed to be a part of their creation story. A prehistoric site in the northern Tsodilo Hills is called the “Rock that Whispers”. Here, archeologists found thousands of artifacts, many of which were spearheads possibly offered and burned in a ritual. And what is a ritual: a custom, a way of doing something with care, with attention, with specific steps to provide a marking of our time. Our time here. In Botswana and regions all around the world, our ancestors created rituals to offer thank yous for the gifts (resources and support) they received. Some archeologists believe communal ‘events’ date back to over 500 000 years ago, with the findings of the earliest uses of coloured pigments in South Africa. We don’t truly know the OG (original dates) of our celebrations, rituals and customs. But, we do know that prehistoric celebrations around the earth paid homage to the resources that sustain us. Rivers, oceans, rocks, trees, animals, vast landscapes, the sun, the moon and the stars have always been revered. Regardless of our cultures and ancestral beginnings, our roots are a part of who we are today. They are integral in our modern systems. Hence, let us take on an entire month to celebrate our only true home. This mother’s day, as you pick up flowers or dessert for your mom, mother figure or stand-in-momma/aunti/mammie/Mā/maman, choose to walk upon the earth with steps of kindness.

This is a month unlike any other. The signs of spring are everywhere. The air is sweeter. The earth is alive and growing (at least in the Northern hemisphere!). Days are longer. This is the month of vigour and richness. Join me in walking with your head held high (not because you are uber confident but to capture the essence, the aroma of spring). The earth is inviting you to enjoy her bounty with a sneak peek of what’s to come over the summer months. The tree buds open and ephemeral scents waft through the air maybe just for a day or two. Don’t miss it. Be present. Walk with gentleness, your steps demonstrating your understanding the giving nature of our great mother earth. The spring is a call for us to get out and explore. Explore. Explore with the warm rays of sun on your face. Share the abundant daffodils with a friend you lean on when you need a motherly shoulder. But mostly, celebrate. Celebrate every day: the abundance under your feet. Appreciate the support and comfort you find in a simple cup of coffee, that was brewed with fresh flowing, clean water and rich, dark coffee beans from the mountains of the tropics. Take a breath and know that all is unfolding and all you have to do is show up. All you need to do is get up and appreciate it all. Surely, this type of celebration takes at least a month, if not more. I wish to thank you for following me on these health and wellness meanderings. This month marks the last entry for me here. If you ever need a written piece, commentary, script, words for your offerings, you know where to find me. Wishing you much wonder and great discoveries on your paths. “Banish the word struggle from you attitude and your vocabulary. All that we do now must be done in a sacred manner and in celebration. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for.” — Hopi elder
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The recent Canadian election has left the nation at a pivotal moment, offering both challenges and opportunities for its leaders. The Liberals, under Mark Carney, defied expectations by recovering from a precarious position to secure a minority government. Meanwhile, Pierre Poilievre's Conservatives, once poised for dominance, now find themselves as the official opposition. The nearly 50-50 split in votes reflects a nation divided by regional and socio-economic lines, yet united by a shared concern: the preservation of Canadian sovereignty in an increasingly uncertain world. Carney's pragmatic approach played a crucial role in the Liberals' resurgence. His steady leadership resonated with voters seeking stability amidst global and domestic turbulence. On the other hand, Poilievre's fall from top ranking underscores the difficulty of delivering a cohesive message in a fragmented political landscape. Yet, this moment offers both leaders a chance to rise above partisanship and demonstrate true statesmanship.



PRIME Minister Mark Carney.

The election results are a stark reminder of Canada's historical commitment to compromise. The very foundation of our nation was an unprecedented agreement between French and English, Catholics and Protestants—a delicate balance that shaped our identity. This spirit of accommodation is not just a relic of the past; it is a guiding principle for the present. As Canadians, we have always found strength in unity, even amidst diversity. Today, the stakes are higher than ever. The fear of losing sovereignty, a concern deeply rooted in our history, has resurfaced with urgency. From the War of 1812 to the imposition of tariffs and the Fenian raids, Canada has faced numerous attempts to undermine its autonomy. These historical challenges, including the McKinley Tariffs and the revocation of reciprocity trade treaties, ultimately solidified our resolve to protect our sovereignty and led to the establishment of Confederation.



The Trump-era politics have added a new dimension to this age-old concern, making Canadians acutely aware of the need to safeguard their independence. The election results send a clear message: Canadians demand cooperation and compromise to address the challenges ahead. This is a moment for Carney and Poilievre to set aside their differences and work together for the greater good. By forming a "war cabinet" of cooperation, they can prioritize Canada's sovereignty and demonstrate leadership that transcends party lines. Carney can showcase his ability to unite diverse perspectives, while Poilievre can exhibit statesmanship by engaging constructively with the government. Together, they can address the pressing issues facing Canada and ensure that the nation remains strong and resilient. This is not just a political imperative; it is a moral one. Without a united Canada, regional and socio-economic issues lose their significance. Sovereignty is the bedrock upon which all other priorities rest. Once our independence is secure, we can return to addressing the specific concerns of different regions and communities. But for now, the focus must be on unity and collaboration. Canada's history of compromise and cooperation serves as a reminder that unity is not just an ideal; it is a necessity. The very foundation of our nation was built on the principle of finding common ground among diverse groups. This spirit of compromise can serve as a guiding light for today's leaders as they navigate the complexities of modern governance. By recognizing the contributions of federal and provincial leaders, Carney and Poilievre can foster a culture of collaboration that transcends political boundaries. The election results are not just a reflection of political preferences; they are a call to action. Canadians have spoken, and their message is clear: unity and cooperation are paramount. The world has changed, and Canada must adapt to protect its sovereignty and uphold its values. This is a time for bold leadership and innovative solutions, a chance to turn challenges into opportunities.

In conclusion, the Canadian election has set the stage for a new era of politics—one that prioritizes unity, compromise, and collaboration. Carney and Poilievre have the chance to redefine their roles and leave a lasting legacy. By working together, they can address the concerns of Canadians and ensure that the nation remains strong and resilient in the face of external threats. The path forward is not easy, but it is necessary. Canada's leaders must seize this moment to protect our sovereignty and uphold our values, proving that compromise is not a weakness but a strength that defines us as a nation.

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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Skaters to Ontario finals



PROUD SPEED SKATERS show their medals after qualifying to take part in the Canada Youth Short Track Championships. Photos Ken George.

A season of intense competition culminated in the Provincial Short Track Championships held in Sudbury on March 8 and 9 for short track speed skaters from across the province. Every year skaters 11 to 13-years-old compete at the Provincial Championships with the goal of qualifying for the highest level competition in Canada. The competition is tight and ultimately is based on time and overall results for the season.

Local Toronto speed skaters, Leon Guo and Chloe Gould skated their way into qualifying to represent Team Ontario at the Canada Youth Short Track Championships held in Dieppe, New Brunswick last March 22 and 23.

“What a fantastic accomplishment for

these two young skaters to be able to compete at the National level!” said Ken George, President of the Toronto Speed Skating Club (TSSC) based at the Ford Performance Centre in south Etobicoke. Their performance at the renowned National competition was a wonderful way to wrap up their season. After two days of intense competition, Ontario fought their way to winning a record 16 medals overall. Toronto favourite, Leon placed third overall in the 11-year-old boys category, bringing home silver in the 1500-metres and bronze in the 400-m and both Leon and Chloe won first place in their exhibition 1,000-metre races.

The Canada Youth Short Track Championship featured skaters from across Eastern Canada and we were very excited to cheer on all 46 Ontario skaters who represented team Ontario.



SPEED SKATERS Leon Guo (right) and Chloe Gould (left) with Coach Rachel George, a TSSC alumni and former skater turned coach.

Anti-bullying group visit our local schools to help those being targeted



SCHOOL STAFF and students at a recent anti-bullying session at one of several South Etobicoke high schools.

Students from three area schools were warned about bullying and the harm it can do to young people. The students were visited by No Time for That (NTFT), an anti-bullying charity to mark International Day of Pink Outreach last April 9.

NTFT presenter Michelle Treacy, a renowned singer songwriter, shared her motivational story with students of All Saints Catholic School, St. Leo's Catholic School and Vincent Massey Day School. No Time for That Anti-Bullying Society (NTFT) is one of Canada's leading anti-bullying charities with a mission to empower youth and educators to foster kind,

empathetic, and inclusive school communities.

Presenters shared their own stories about overcoming difficult situations, offering valuable insights into the dynamics of bullying, strategies for conflict resolution, empathy-building, and resilience.

The presentations include 45 minutes of speaking, live music performed by a band, videos, and activities. There is a question and answer period and an opportunity to meet the touring crew. Additional classroom activities, materials, and resources are provided to teachers and parent council groups.

The NTFT has delivered nearly 700 free school presentations both virtually and in-person across Canada, which has impacted more than 170,000 youth and 10,000 educators, the group said.

“Whether you are being bullied, the bully, a bystander or an educator everyone can gain from the necessary tools to initiate meaningful conversations that foster positive change.”

The group was founded by motivational speaker Elsie Morden at age 17 after surviving years of traumatic bullying.

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MAY 4, JULY 4, SEPTEMBER 14 PARK CLEANUPS by Friends of Humber Bay Park with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. meet at 2195 Humber Bay Park West Trail. Tools and refreshments provided and prizes to be won. More on their Facebook page.

MAY 5 IS DEADLINE FOR NOMINATING a community champion in LAMP CHC's 25th Annual Awards of Merit. Nominate someone today. This year marks the 25th anniversary of recognizing community champions who are having a profound impact on improving the health and well-being of our community. The recognition goes a long way to encouraging these community leaders to continue their efforts as community role models for others. The awards ceremony takes place on June 25 on LAMP'S lawn. For more information call 416-252-6471 ext. 308.

MAY 10 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to clean up Kingsmill Park South. Meet at 10 a.m. to launch Kingsmill's Toronto Nature Stewards, at 1 Humber Valley Rd. Let's clean up the park. Meet where the road splits to the boat launch area. Contact Diane kingsmilltns@gmail.com.

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MAY 10 is THIRD MOTHERS DAY MARKET at Mimico Square, 2445 Lake Shore Blvd. W., at Mimico Ave. from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Celebrate mom with some local outdoor shopping.

MAY 14 WELLNESS SELF-MANAGEMENT Series at 6 p.m. at LAMP CHC to boost your inner calm wellness workshop. Join wellness expert *Mary Craig* for breathwork, meditation, journaling and more to build tools to support your well being. To register contact jasmind@lampchc.org or 416 252 6471 ext. 308

MAY 14 THE GATEHOUSE'S 15TH ANNUAL Transforming Trauma Conference at Humber College Lakeshore Campus Building G from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. "The Power of Collaboration" conference will bring together survivors, mental health professionals, social workers, educators, police, students, and advocates for a day of learning, connection, and healing. The event features keynote speakers and panelists with lived experience. Get tickets at <https://thegatehouse.org/transforming-trauma-into-triumph-conference>

MAY 15 TO JUNE 19 QUILTING GROUP third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Stonegate CHC, 10 Neighbourhood Lane, Call 416- 231-7070 ext. 307.

MAY 16 THIRD RIDLEY'S HIGH TEA sponsored by Ridley Funeral Home at Franklin Horner Community Centre from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. With sandwiches, scones, tea and live music. Tickets \$25. Contact franklinhorner.matthew@gmail.com.

MAY 17 GARAGE SALE Franklin Horner Community Centre, 432 Horner Ave., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For Spring cleaning items and a BBQ lunch. Tables are \$5. For more call 416-252-6822 or e-mail franklinhorner.matthew@gmail.com.

MAY 30 FREE HEARING SCREENINGS as the Canadian Hearing Services will be checking for hearing loss at LAMP CHC, on Fifth Street. Appointments required and open from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Contact jasmind@lampchc.org at 416-252-6471 ext. 308.

MAY 30 ETOBICOKE COMMUNITY Concert Band performs 7:30 p.m. at Etobicoke Collegiate Institute, 86 Montgomery Road. Tickets \$25. Call 416-410-1570 or e-mail info@eccb.ca,

MAY 31 THE ONTARIO POPS ORCHESTRA is celebrating 10 years of musical excellence and *The Music of Hans Zimmer* and blockbuster classics at 8 p.m. at the Glenn Gould Studio, 250 Front Street W., with **Conductor Carlos Bastidas** and **Soprano Leslie Higgins**. Tickets are \$40 and available at ontariopops.com

JUNE 7 ETOBICOKE CENTENNIAL CHOIR presents Echoes of India and New Voices of Canada at 7:30 p.m. at Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Road. Led by **Hasheel Lodhia**, the choir will share the stage with an Indian instrument orchestra with **Ramona Sylvan** on tabla, **Dhruv Sodha** on sitar and **Nathan Khan** on keyboard. Tickets \$35. Visit etobicokecentennialchoir.ca or e-mail: info@etobicokecentennialchoir.ca or call 416-695-9034

JUNE 28 TO AUGUST 9 YMCA SUMMER Work Student Exchange in a program that provides 16 and 17-year-olds a chance to visit another province to improve their English or French; gain paid work experience; live with a host family and take part in fun activities. The program cost \$200 which covers travel and activity costs. Local employers are also sought to offer summer student job placements. For more call the YMCA at 416-562-8541 or e-mail Tashi.Wangmo@ymcagta.org

THURSDAYS AT 1 P.M. SOCA CARDIO DANCE in the Community Room at LAMP CHC to get your blood pumping and enjoy the sounds of Calypso and Soca music. Register with anthonya@lampchc.org or call 416-252-6471 ext 246.

FRIDAYS AT 1 P.M. AFRICAN DRUMMING classes with Chris at LAMP CHC. Join a group of fun residents who like pounding to the beat. No experience needed, just bring your energy and let's drum it out! These free classes are in partnership with Lakeshore Arts. To register contact ericao@lampchc.org or call 416 252 6471 ext. 257 or contact jasmind@lanpchc.org

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GROCERY SHOPPING TRIPS for those over 55 or have mobility issues. Stonegate CHC has partnered with ESS Support Services to run a shuttle for seniors or those with disability or mobility issues to do their grocery shopping every two weeks on Thursday mornings to No Frills at the Queensway and Royal York. The bus will pick you up and drop off. Call 416-231-7070 ext. 239.

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Food Bank volunteers get massages to mark Volunteer Week



REGISTERED MESSAGE therapists Colette Slone, (middle) with Samantha Chapman (left) and Melanie McIvor.

Three registered masseurs from the community held a Massage Marathon to de-stress volunteers at the busy Daily Bread Food Bank at the height of National Volunteer Week. To celebrate volunteers who do so much in our community the Registered Massage Therapists (RMTs) held a Massage

Marathon to celebrate Volunteer Week that ran from April 27 to May 3. The marathon was a great success.

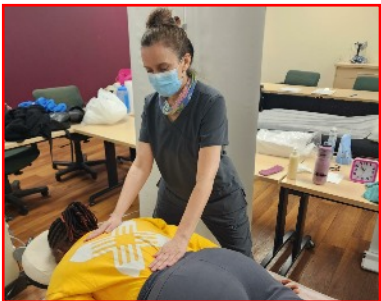
About 20 volunteers at the Food Bank on May 1 each received a 20-minute massage session by RMTs Colette Slone, Samantha Chapman; of Long Branch, and Melanie McIvor; of Islington Wellness. The masseurs set up three beds in a room at the Food Bank where male and female volunteers were ‘treated to the benefits of a massage.’ “Some of these volunteers had never had a massage before,” said Slone. “They loved it.” She estimates they provided about 380-minutes of professional massage that helped the volunteers at this busy time of the year.



FOOD BANK volunteer gets a good de-stressing treatment by an RMT on Volunteer Week.

“I always help the Food Bank,” she said. “I just thought that I am a RMT and can do more to help.” They also managed to raise about \$1,300 from volunteers and others to help the facility. You can reach Colette by visiting www.colettermt.ca

The Food Bank was in the news lately after world-renowned rock band Metallica donated \$40,000 of much-needed funds that will aid the organization’s efforts to feed the city’s worsening hunger crisis.



ABOUT 20 FOOD BANK volunteers received a professional massage as a thank you for volunteering. Photos by Colette Slone.

New tennis dome, soccer FIFA upgrades at Centennial Park

Centennial Park may soon be getting a new all-season six-court tennis dome as the City works with Tennis Canada to meet the demands of tennis lovers. City officials have been searching for a location in a City park to install the massive tennis dome. Staff from Parks and Recreations in a March 27 report said Centennial Park has been found to be the best for the all-year-round tennis dome. Tennis Canada is working with the City to provide access to year-round tennis by contributing up to \$2 million towards the installation of the dome, if a location can be found. City Council has to approve the location. Millions of dollars are being spent to upgrade the park, the City’s second largest, as it will also be a FIFA World Cup of Soccer practice facility for



AN INDOOR tennis dome as this is being constructed at Centennial Park, which is also getting millions in FIFA upgrades.

teams competing for the cup next year in Toronto. “The Centennial Park Master Plan envisions the park as a premier destination for sports and recreation in Toronto,” according to the report. The non-profit Tennis Canada was formed in 1890 and is trying to get more

people to play the sport. The report said there is a need for 20 new courts over the next 20 years to address the growing demand for the sport. The group has a vision to make Canada a world-leading tennis nation and ‘grow the game and participation in tennis for all Canadians.’ The City currently has arrangements in place for six winter tennis bubbles, some to be located at Eglinton Flats, Tam Heather, L’Amoreaux, and North York Winter Tennis Club. Toronto has more than 600 outdoor tennis courts located in 185 parks; 339 of those courts are operated as public facilities, while 263 courts are operated by 61 not-for-profit community tennis clubs. Many of these clubs have extensive waitlists and are not equipped to offer year-round play.



LAMP COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

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Join us to recognize community leaders who have made an impact! Celebrate with food, music, a silent auction & more.



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LAMP Community Health Centre

LAMP IS LOOKING FOR BOARD MEMBERS!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to contribute to your community? **JOIN OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS!**

Who should apply?

If you live or work in the South Etobicoke or South Mississauga area and are interested in shaping the future work and direction of LAMP – your local health care community service centre – this is a perfect opportunity to share your insight and expertise. We are especially seeking individuals under the age of 30 who have knowledge or work experience in areas such as youth engagement, finance, public relations, healthcare, community outreach, or marketing. LAMP is deeply committed to diversity and inclusion. We are dedicated to building a Board of Directors that reflect the diversity and unique life experiences of the community in which we live and serve. We highly encourage applications from Indigenous, Black, and racialized individuals, those who are part of the LGBTQ2S+ community and all others who would contribute to a diverse and inclusive community at LAMP.

What does the LAMP Board of Directors do?

The Board of Directors at LAMP is responsible for setting the overall direction and vision of the organization. This is achieved by attending monthly meetings to monitor, implement, and track goals to guide success at LAMP, as well participating in Board committees which are tasked with specific duties to guide and support the Board of Directors as a whole.

What is the time commitment?

Board members will be expected to commit an average of 8-10 hours a month (evenings and occasional weekends) and are expected to commit to a two-year term.

How do I apply?

If you are interested in applying for a position on LAMP’s Board of Directors, please send your cover letter and resume to karinar@lampchc.org

In your cover letter please detail your interest and the experience you would bring to the position, including insights on what you find most compelling about the work that LAMP does in the community and why.

The deadline for applications is **Friday, May 02nd 2025 at 5:00 pm EST.**

To learn more about LAMP you can visit our website at www.lampchc.org.

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