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YOUR GOOD NEWS NEWSPAPER



Scugog and Uxbridge firefighters, along with Durham Regional Police and Durham paramedics responded to the scene of a massive fire and explosion at a residence on Fralick's Beach Rd., near Hood Dr. on Scugog Island on Tuesday, June 9th. The Township of Scugog has stated, on Twitter, 3 firefighters are being checked for what the fire service believes are minor injuries. **DAN CEARNS**
The Standard

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Something From Nothing Summer 2020

DURHAM: Theatre on the Ridge has been adjusting to the new realities of social distancing and necessary restrictions on public spaces and gatherings, and are excited to let our patrons and supporters know that, although we won't be live onstage this summer, we are still committed to bringing captivating theatre experiences to our audiences and communities.

Here are just a few programs we're rolling out in June. Watch for more to come, and stay with us as we keep working to bring more performance based events to you as well!

We launch our very own podcast series with Big Theatre/Small Towns and explore the connection of big theatre ideas growing in small towns and vice versa with hosts Graeme Powell and Amanda Jane Smith. They'll be chatting with guests from all walks of the theatre community, from near and far, about

topics such as: the resilience and magic of live theatre, playwriting for and in rural communities, the attraction and potential of regional theatre making, making the transition from local theatre to professional theatre training and career, and more.

This summer, in lieu of bringing people to the theatre, Theatre on the Ridge is bringing the theatre to people's homes, and we have several exciting online and video outreach opportunities that offer great learning experiences for theatre lovers of all ages and interests. There's something for everyone: from one on one guidance for both aspiring professionals and rookies, with Follow Spot & Single Spot coaching; to hands on production skills workshops in props, sets, lighting and sound, with DIY Theatre video workshops; and even a unique online creative creation activity, assembling an original piece of

theatre, with Cut & Paste Theatre Creation and Scrapbook Stories.

In addition to the programs above, watch for online playwriting workshops soon, and by the end of the summer, we hope to present unique performance programming to the community as well.

All Theatre on the Ridge outreach learning programs are available free of charge this summer, but we're encouraging participants to consider a donation to support keeping the doors open and the programs coming. Theatre on the Ridge will be participating in the Great Canadian Giving Challenge, and donations of any amount in June could help us win a \$20,000 donation from CanadaHelps!

Details on all of our programming and summer activities can be found at www.theatreontheridge.ca.

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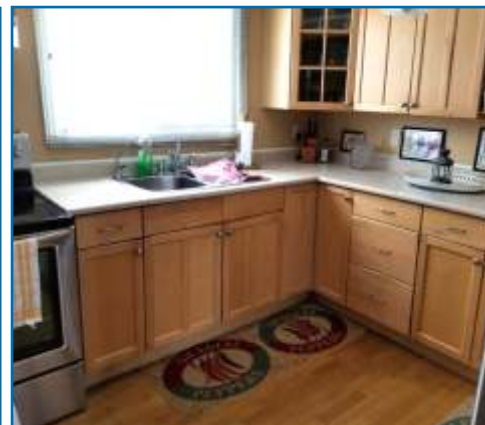
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Scugog launches online community engagement site



DAN CEARNS, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, for The Standard

SCUGOG: While COVID-19 has forced municipalities to rethink how they operate, the Township of Scugog has launched a new online engagement platform to make it easier for residents to provide their input.

On Tuesday, June 2nd, the Township announced the launch of "My Scugog, Our Community, a service which gives residents the opportunity to provide their ideas and opinions on local municipal projects." A press release explains the site "offers interactive options to connect with Scugog staff and community members through discussion forums, spaces to post comments and ideas, surveys and interactive maps."

Township communications staff explained this site is a way to mitigate the effect of COVID-19 on regular township business. "With in-person engagement

tactics suspended at the moment due to Covid-19, this platform will ensure we continue to provide a space for meaningful communications to occur between residents, community partners and our project managers," Lori Bowers, Scugog's manager of communications said, in a press release.

Mayor Bobbie Drew is also pleased with this site officially launching. "I am very happy that we can bring this new format to our Scugog residents," she said, in a press release. "Even before COVID-19, it was not always convenient for our residents to attend a public meeting in person. We have always [striven] for opportunities to improve our connection with our residents and this site is an easy and accessible way to do just that."

Residents, who wish to use this, can access this communication portal by going to my.scugog.ca.

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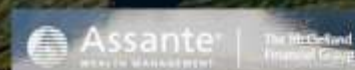
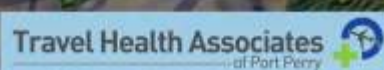
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Brock Council hears dredging project update

DAN CEARNS, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, for The Standard

BROCK: Brock Councillors got an update on a dredging project at the Beaverton Harbour, during a meeting on Monday, June 8th.

Brock's Facilities Coordinator Craig Belfry explained the Township has been working with the federal government to get this project moving forward.

"We're looking at getting the sounding done either this week or next week. Once we get the information about how much material we have to take out, we'll be developing a tender, which will go out for bidding. Nothing can happen until

after July 15th, due to the Fisheries Act. We've already put in process all our permits with Lake Simcoe Conservation [Authority] and the federal government. They require three quotes to come back from the tender process so they can evaluate it, and determine how much funding we're going to get. Hopefully a 50-50 match," Mr. Belfry said.

Mr. Belfry added he is hopeful the project can get underway this summer, possibly in early August.

"We'll keep our fingers crossed that come July 15th, we'll be pulling muck out of the area," Mayor Debbie Bath-Hadden said.

Provinces commits \$150 million to improve broadband



DAN CEARNS, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, for The Standard

KAWARTHA LAKES/NORTH DURHAM: The Ontario provincial government has announced they are making an investment to improve broadband and cellular service in rural and underserved areas.

On Wednesday, June 3rd, provincial officials announced a \$150 million investment towards internet and cellphone service improvements.

"Reliable high speed internet is no longer a luxury. It's an absolutely essential part of our life. Internet connection is something that too many of us take for granted. But there's still hundreds of thousands of people in Ontario who lack this critical infrastructure," Ontario Premier Doug Ford stated, at a recent press conference.

The funds will be distributed through the province's new Improving Connectivity in Ontario (ICON) program, and eligible applicants can include telecom companies, municipal governments, First Nation communities, and non-profit organizations. According to a press release, this program "when leveraged, has the potential to result in an investment of up to \$500 million in total partner funding, to improve connectivity in underserved and unserved areas."

This investment is part of the province's \$315 million commitment, announced

last year, to tackle broadband and cellular service access.

"As someone from rural Ontario, who lives this experience first-hand, I know the digital divide is real," Minister of Infrastructure, and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott shared.

MPP Scott told The Standard what the intake period, to apply to this program, will be like, "There will be an adequate intake period. More details are going to come in a couple of weeks, but we work with municipalities and in our region EORN (the Eastern Ontario Regional Network) and talked around about the best way to do this."

What the provincial government heard, was to rollout the program in two intakes. One for projects that could be done right away, and then a second intake for long term, bigger projects.

The first intake is expected to launch this summer. The province will fund a portion of each funding-approved project.

MPP Scott stressed the importance of the federal government stepping up to the plate. "There is never a greater need than now, when we need to work and learn from home," Ms. Scott explained. "It's time for all of us to be in the 21st century. We're doing what we can, and what we need to do, but the federal government needs to come and help us to do that last mile."

McClure Musings

COURTNEY McCLURE

The Standard



Colleges and universities classes should remain online for the rest of 2020

Many colleges and universities across Ontario and Canada have yet to announce when or if they will be opening in September for in-class programs, or if all programs will be run online.

In my opinion, colleges and universities should not be allowing students physically through their doors, even if the pandemic is lifted in fall 2020.

There are pros and cons to this statement. It will be a lot harder to maintain the Corona Virus if someone in a university or college contracts the disease, because there are a higher number of students and staff members within most post-secondary schools on a daily basis. Although I would like to say otherwise, it is reality that not everyone will wear a mask, and it is nearly impossible to force someone to do so.

The final con I am going to address regarding this topic is that not everyone has access to internet, so they can't complete assignments. Similarly, some people still live at home with their parents and siblings and may have to share a computer with said siblings or other family members. So, not every student has access to a computer at home or may not have access to more than one computer.

Likewise, I have seen multiple professors expressing the difficulty with delivering lectures to their students through online platforms like Zoom and Google Classroom.

Many of these issues, which can also extend to students, have to do with connectivity issues, like having low or minimal signal when it comes to Wi-Fi.

As someone who lives out in the country, Wi-Fi can be fairly spotty here.

As for pros for this topic, there are quite a number of them. Working online and from home may not be ideal for most people, but it may be the safest way for colleges and universities to function.

I believe colleges and universities should function on an online basis for the remainder of 2020 just to play it safe. This way universities and colleges may be able to cut down the contraction of Covid-19 cases in post-secondary students and staff.

I also think it would be a good idea to continue running post-secondary programs online, because many students have low or no income while they are in school, so not having to catch a bus or drive to school everyday would be a pro. Although there are a large number of students who do not have classes every day, it will still save them money not having to commute.

Students would not have to move away from home, again, to attend school or live in residence. Personally, I have not lived in residents myself, while attending college, but I have heard quite a few horror stories about some residence buildings.

Not having to physically attend school, students can complete their courses from the comfort of their own homes.

Many colleges and universities also have a variety of programs, only available in the form of online learning. If post-secondary schools adhere to online learning for a little while, I think it will be a good contribution to flattening the Covid curve.

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EPSOM & UTICA by Faye Ashton

The annual declaration service for the Kendall and Hillman Cemeteries at Utica that would have taken place on June 14th has been cancelled due to COVID19. People are still permitted to decorate the cemeteries especially for that day while practicing Province of Ontario guidelines on physical distancing and public gatherings. Donations would be greatly appreciated in order to help fund the regular maintenance of the cemeteries. Donations may be made by mail, electronically through CanadaHelps.org or dropped off at Green Tractors, attention Pat Kerry. People can contact Pat by phone at 905-985-3661 or by email at uticacemeteryboard@gmail.com, if additional info is needed.

If there are any graduates in your home, please share with me so the community can send congratulations. Send news items to me by email at faye.eaglesnest@gmail.com or call me at 905-852-5389.

PONTYPOOL by Coralee MacDonald

With kids not in school, we need to remember to drive slowly and be aware of the kids out riding bikes and playing.

I hope you all helped the girl guides of Canada by buying some cookies. If you haven't, it's not too late. Some stores still have them, so keep an eye out for them and buy your cookies.

I want to wish all that are graduating Congratulations. It's sad that you won't have the end of the year you should have but try to find ways to celebrate. You did it and way to go to all the classes of 2020.

Stay safe and healthy.

SHORELINES

SEAGRAVE by Barb Martyn

We have a maternity turtle ward across from the former Seagrave Store. A very large turtle was spotted laying her eggs on Saturday, June 6th, and the area has been taped off in hopes to protect the eggs. It takes 60 to 90 days for the eggs to hatch, depending on the weather. There are also baby robins, nestled in various hanging planters in the area. The rebirth of nature continues.

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to: Cathy Nix, June 2nd, John Kent, June 7th, Ken Nix, June 8th and Brad Goris, June 10th. On June 4th, Ena Wassenaar celebrated her 84th birthday, but there were no celebrations due to COVID19. Happy Birthday to Howard Payne, June 15th.

Sympathy is extended from the community to the family and friends of the following Greenbank people: Kathryn Bealmer who passed away on May 29th at Ann and John Peters home, Marolyn Rushford who passed away at Lakeridge Hospital in Oshawa, on June 1st, at the age of 90. Condolences to her son Hugh and brother Lyle and his wife Irene Michener of Peterborough. Mary (Till) Real, wife of Ross Real, passed away June 4th, at Caressant Care in Lindsay. Condolences to their children, Don and partner Dave Chambers, Kim and Rod and sister's-in-law, Betty Stone and Mary Jean Till.

Sunday, June 7th was Trinity Sunday, which was the first Sunday after Pentecost, celebrating the Christian doctrine of the Trinity - the three persons of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. One God in three Divine persons. I encourage you to think about what you can plant and grow, both literally and spiritually.

Call a friend, contribute to the food bank, plant seeds, protect nature's rebirth. God wanted us to look after creation and care for it.

Minister Stephanie's virtual Sunday services can be viewed on our website Seagrave-church.com. If you wish personal prayers, grocery or medication pickup, or to submit a photo of how you are keeping active for Coffee Hour, contact, Minister Stephanie by e-mail gspastoralcharge@gmail.com or ssutchrichmond@gmail.com or phone 905-718-8086.

The Seagrave and Greenbank Churches outdoor food banks are open daily. Take what you need, give what you can. Our doors are currently shuttered, but the Church is the people, and the people are continually reaching out and providing services to the community.

The Seagrave Park Board scheduled Art In the Park, on July 11th has been CANCELLED.

If you have news for this column, contact Jean at grammiejean2010@hotmail.com or 905-985-9921.

Do not tolerate disrespect, not even from yourself. All lives matter.



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Larger business patios possible in Kawartha Lakes



DAN CEARNS, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, for The Standard

KAWARTHA LAKES: The City of Kawartha Lakes is looking to help businesses, like restaurants and stores, struggling due to COVID-19, by allowing an increased footprint to establish patios.

The decision was a recommendation made by the city's economic recovery task force.

"The group reached a consensus on allowing stores and restaurants to extend their footprint and patios onto municipal property, such as sidewalks and parking spaces, to offset the need for physical distancing," read a Kawartha Lakes press release.

Mayor Andy Letham explained what

this will look like, during a telephone press conference, on Wednesday, June 3rd. "We'll let them use as much sidewalk as they need, or part of a parking lot, or whatever's needed. We're going to try to be as flexible as we can as a municipality, to allow them to spread out a little bit. We might lose a few parking spaces on some of the roadways, to allow access for pedestrians. I know people are very excited about their parking spaces in this city, but we're going to lose a few, and if that means we can help some of our local businesses, then that is what we are going to do," the Mayor stated.

At the City's June 23rd council meeting, members of council are expected to discuss whether to waive all patio inspection and license fees.

Kawartha Lakes keeping emergency declaration in place



DAN CEARNS, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, for The Standard

KAWARTHA LAKES: Following discussion at their Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), the City of Kawartha Lakes has decided not to rescind their local state of emergency just yet.

At a recent press conference, Mayor Andy Letham said the emergency operations team would discuss possibly lifting the local emergency declaration, on Tuesday, June 2nd. However, city officials have decided to keep it in place for now.

"Obviously the province has extended their [state of emergency]. Our partners were pretty unanimous as I went around the table. One of the big concerns is not that something might happen, but it was just the message, the confusion, the possible confusion with people, if we released the

local state of emergency while the province still had a state of emergency in place," Mayor Letham said, during a telephone press conference on Wednesday, June 3rd. "Some people would think the pandemic is over, and it is back to business as usual."

Members of council are expected to discuss their opinions and thoughts, on when to lift the local state of emergency, this week.

Mayor Letham told The Standard when the city could have another discussion about rescinding this state of emergency.

"I don't have a specific timeline. I'm just trying to take it slow and respect our EOC partners, and their opinions. I do want to take it [on Tuesday, June 9th] to the committee on the whole, and have a discussion with council. I won't do anything before then, and then we'll see where the province is going over the next

You've got to be Kidding!

Just like Bogey & Bacall

by Jonathan van Bilsen



Through the years I have been privileged to meet people who have accomplished greatness in life. I am always in awe of them.

I remember a time I met a woman, who had a history greater than life. I was on a flight to Atlanta and was upgraded to business class by the airline. We were about half an hour from take-off when a flight attendant came up to me and asked if I was a movie star. I looked puzzled and simply said, "I wish."

She replied, she must have the wrong seat, and I continued reading the newspaper.

The window seat beside me was empty, until a few minutes before take-off, when a woman, who looked vaguely familiar, stepped in front of me, apologized and sat down. She was carrying a rather large handbag, which she promptly put under the seat.

I couldn't really see her face, as she was sitting beside me and I did not want to be rude.

Directly after take-off, the flight attendant brought a bowl of water and placed it on the small table of the armrest between our seats. I assumed it was a finger bowl, and you can imagine my surprise when she reached in her hand bag and brought out a small, Yorkshire terrier. I was stunned, but all I could do was smile.

The dog lapped up the water as I stared in surprise. The woman then asked if I could hold her dog for a minute while she rummaged through her purse for, what turned out to be a doggy treat. "Of course," I said, and proceeded to introduce myself, hoping

she would do the same and solve my curiosity.

"Nice to meet you," she said. "I'm Lauren Bacall." I was in shock. Here, sitting next to me, was one of the greatest movie stars Hollywood had ever produced, and I was holding her dog. I turned to take a close look, and it certainly was her. All I could do was ask what it was like to have been married to Humphrey Bogart? She said he was great, until he hooked up with that b*#&h, Katherine Hepburn, and for the next 20 minutes she berated another of Hollywood's greatest stars.

I asked what she was doing in Toronto, and she explained she had just finished filming a new movie. "I am pretty much retired," she said. "But I have a new house in Atlanta, and I need to furnish it." We laughed and it broke the ice.

I saw her as a person, rather than a pedestalled film star, and she spoke candidly about her life.

We landed and I offered to carry her 'doggy' bag, with the dog in it. We had cleared customs in Toronto, so I walked with her to the gate where she was met by someone. She introduced me and we said goodbye, and I was still amazed as I shook the hand of Lauren Bacall.

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And to think, I shook her hand

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Walk Softly

Northern Red-bellied Snake

GEOFF CARPENTIER



As I sit and put finger to keyboard, it used to be pen to paper (LOL), I think back to an unexpected encounter I had the other night.

My friend Peter and I were in Prince Edward County, looking for night birds and watching fireflies dancing along the road edge. In the background, Whip-poor-wills were calling incessantly with their monotonous but thrilling “WHIP-poor-will WHIP-poor-will” song, as they sought a mate in the darkened landscape. The soft “peenting” of the American Woodcock punctuated the dark as well, but this sound is only heard when he is on the ground.

These odd members of the sandpiper family live in upland areas and feed on soil insects and invertebrates. At this time of year males do an elaborate sky dance that involves rocketing skyward, all the while making a twittering sound, created when air passes through modified feathers in the wings. Once the apex of the flight is reached, he then spirals downward uttering a twittering sound, as he zigzags back to earth, hoping some nearby female might be impressed.

It was almost fully dark, and we had fed most of the mosquitoes already, so it was somewhat peaceful. As I glanced down to the hard-packed road surface, I saw what I thought was a large worm wriggling across the surface. But it moved too fast and seemed deliberate in its actions. I normally try not to touch wildlife but this little critter intrigued me, so I stooped down and caught it. To my surprise, it was a lovely Northern Red-bellied Snake! I marveled at how dainty and fragile it seemed, but in reality knew it was a hunter. After a quick moment of reflection, I set it back down and off it went on its nightly hunt, for it is a nocturnal predator. Being non-venomous there was no risk when I picked it up.

The Red-bellied Snake is a small snake, 30 cm in length, compared to many other snakes in the world. It is quite drab in appearance, being sandy to medium brown on the back with varying darker or lighter markings, sometimes appearing random. Other times defined patterns form, such as a partial ring around the neck. But when you turn it over, it has a dramatically

bright red under-belly.

They are relatively slow moving and feed on equally slow prey: such as slugs, insect larvae, land snails and earth-worms.

They are widespread in Canada and can be found from southern Saskatchewan through to PEI, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Their preferred habitat is meadows, ravines and forest clearings. Heavy ground cover and sufficient hiding places such as fallen logs and rocks are a must for their survival, as they are preyed upon by a large variety of predators. These same habitats may be used in winter, where they hibernate in animal’s tunnels, ant hills, rock crevices and other safe places.

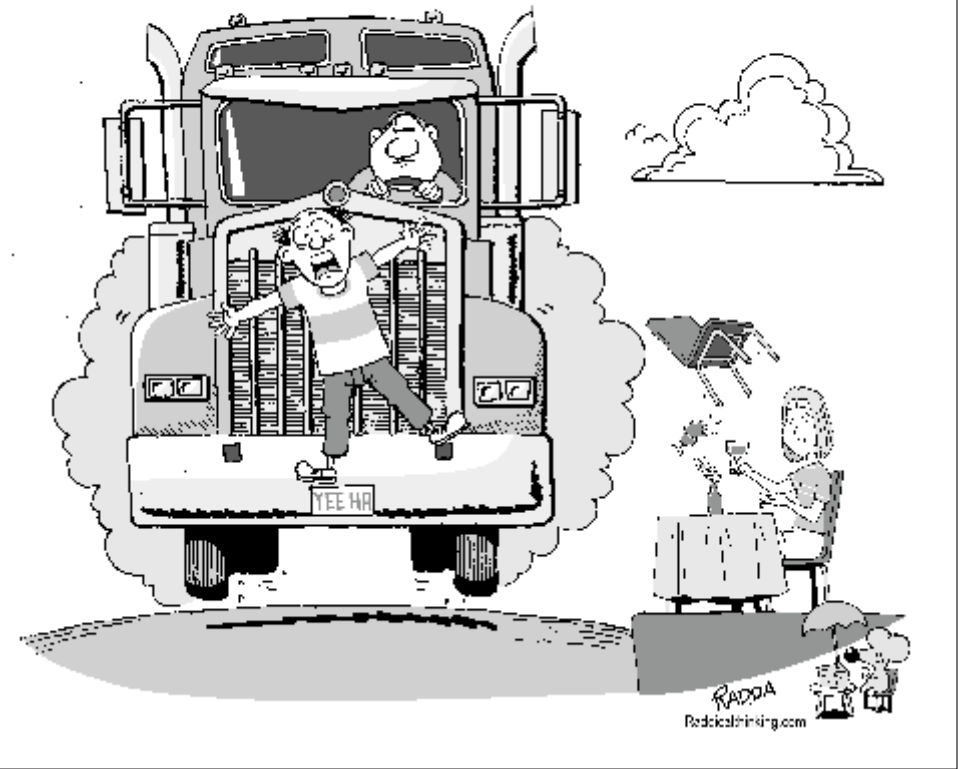
The Northern Red-bellied Snake breeds primarily in early summer and then the female gives birth to 4 to 12 live young late in the season, August to early September. The small offspring develop slowly and take two years to reach maturity. How long they live in the wild is uncertain but in captivity they have been kept for more than 4 years. By the way, please do not catch them and keep them as pets, as wild things need to remain wild!

Oh, did you ever wonder why they have a red belly? When threatened, they will roll over and expose their red underside which can shock a predator momentarily and they can escape. This is a common attribute of many prey species, they use colour or surprise to throw their pursuer off balance giving themselves a couple of moments to flee.

When we are out and about, we often only see what is obvious, but take the time to look down and travel outside at different times of day, you might be surprised and delighted with what you encounter. Be respectful of nature always, so everyone can share in its bounty!

Geoff Carpentier is a published author, expedition guide and environmental consultant. Visit Geoff on-line, at www.avocetnatureservices.com, on LinkedIn and Facebook.

While local municipalities are allowing businesses more space on sidewalks and parking lots to set up patios, it is always wise to be fully aware of where the parking lot ends and the road begins...



Dear Editor

Once again, residents along Riverview Drive and Simcoe Street are feeling the effects of construction. Last fall, when the job by Blackstone paving wasn't completed, our area was left a mess of construction traffic signs and litter, including cigarette butts everywhere. Now, that the job is almost complete, we have construction on the old Canterbury golf course. It's effects are spilling over into my neighbourhood on Riverview Drive.

Aside from the noise, which is bound to happen, we have construction vehicles of all kinds parking on our street. One of which is a road washer that spills more oil than water and simply makes a dusty mess. Why? We have nothing to do with this project.

I also asked a worker today about a project they were working on and he stated “the project at Simcoe and Reach”. So now we have two projects concurrently occurring and we are one of the casualties. As a resident in a fully developed neighbourhood watching these events, I ask, why has the Township not put stricter rules on these developers to prevent unnecessary problems and issues for current residents?

I propose a few things-

- 1, There should be no parking of any contractor or associated vehicles on a side street, such as Riverview. Keep your vehicles on Simcoe or in the development area. We don't need another "no parking" sign either- this town has enough signs. A blanket policy to all contractors should be made clear when these people are awarded contracts.
- 2, More communication with residents about events coming up. We knew there would be development, but the overflow into our neighbourhood was not expected.
- 3, Have the contractor/developer pay to have everyone's homes and windows professionally washed in the affected area. Our house and our neighbours are now filthy.
- 4, Start time should be enforced at 7 a.m. This group has been starting at 6:30 a.m.
- 5, Have the company pickup all the litter in the area of construction during and after job completion. The quantity of cigarette butts, all over our lawn and roadway, has gone up dramatically.

*Greg Worona,
Port Perry*

P.S. I am certainly not the only

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People are People

I'm sure many of you reading this have heard the famous quote "the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Recent actions by a few Minneapolis police officers in the United States have once again exposed the biggest underlying issue the country has: racial discrimination. The U.S. is not alone in this issue, Canada still has a ways to go to reach racial equality, and should take the opportunity to address this issue. Some people recently have said, discrimination does not exist or is not a big issue in Canada. But a couple of Canada's leaders have acknowledged the opposite is true.

During a recent press conference, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said, "anti-Black racism is real. It's in the United States, but it is also in Canada," later adding the country has "work to do" on this issue.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford also addressed the recent news, at a press conference, on Monday, June 1st. He stated the province has "zero tolerance for anyone targeting the Black community, or any [other] minority group." In a way, Premier Ford also said there is a discrimination issue in

Ontario. "People are hurting right now and we must acknowledge this pain. We must acknowledge where it is coming from, and that means coming face to face with some of the most difficult problems we face as a society."

Need a recent example? How about the fears many Asian-Canadians have lived with recently, due to COVID-19 related stereotypes and misinformation, just because the virus originated in China.

There is also the inequality First Nations peoples in Canada continue to face to this day. This divide was certainly exposed during the Wet'suwet'en protests, but history has many examples of the poor treatment the Indigenous peoples have faced from Canada's officials, which the country is still paying for today.

In my mind, every person should be viewed and treated as just that, a unique individual. We, as a society, need to stop categorizing people. In 2020, it's time for us all to think differently. The first step is accepting, we, as a country, have a problem.

Letter to the Editor

Starting on Saturday June 13th a protest and stand in solidarity with Black Lives Matter. We will be there from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Palmer Park Port Perry and every Saturday following. We invite everyone to attend but ask that you follow Covid-19 social distancing guidelines to ensure we are

welcomed and safe. We hope to see you all, out there standing with us.

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Durham Region deploys Automated Speed Enforcement cameras

DURHAM: Durham Region's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) cameras have been deployed and are in some school zones and designated Community Safety Zones on Regional Roads. At this time, the ASE cameras will be operating in data collection mode and no fines will be issued.

ASE is a tool used to help improve road user safety, by increasing speed compliance, altering driver behaviour and increasing public awareness about the critical need to slow down in school zones and community safety

zones.

Once fully operational, the ASE cameras will take images of vehicles that are detected going over the speed limit. These images are then reviewed by a Provincial Offences Officer, and an offence notice will be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle. With ASE, no demerit points are issued. It is anticipated, the Region will begin issuing fines at the initial four ASE sites, starting in September 2020. The initial full list of locations, where Durham Region plans to use ASE on rotation, can be found at durham.ca/ASE.

ASE acts as a reminder to drivers that speed limits are not guidelines, they are laws. Speed is a contributing

factor in approximately one third of fatal collisions.

"As part of Durham Vision Zero's goal to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways, we know that reducing speeds is the best way to decrease the frequency and severity of collisions. Automated speed enforcement has proven to be an effective way to get drivers to slow down. While the cameras are only in data collection mode at this time, drivers should always remember the need to follow posted speed limits for the safety of our community," explained Ramesh Jagannathan, Director of Transportation and Field Services.

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The Atmospheric Fund awards grant to Durham Region Transit for electric bus project

DURHAM: Since 2017 Durham Region Transit (DRT) has been actively engaged in investigating transit electrification innovation opportunities throughout the Region. In November 2019 Durham Region Council committed \$10.1 million in federal gas tax funding towards DRT's first battery electric buses and charging infrastructure as a pilot project to inform the transition of the Region's transit fleet to zero emission buses over the next ten years. This project will be an important step to implement the Durham Community Energy Plan and will demonstrate the Region's position as a leader in reducing GHG emissions.

On May 21st, The Atmospheric Fund (TAF) Board of Directors approved grant funding for the *Scaling-up to Zero Emissions Transit in the Region of Durham* proposal. TAF funding will specifically support DRT in advancing key analysis and design work for the electric bus project, including specifications for the buses and charging infrastructure, and key project components such as training, re-tooling, software and performance monitoring. These are essential steps to support procurement of the vehicles in 2021 and to prepare for their arrival in 2022.

"TAF is supporting Durham Region Transit's electrification initiative because it's a key route to zero carbon cities and has many local benefits, including job creation and improved health," explained Julia Langer, CEO, The Atmospheric Fund. "Let's all hop on the electric bus!"

Submitted in partnership with Oshawa Power and Utilities Corporation (OPUC), as part of the project DRT will be examining infrastructure requirements and business model best practices, as well as determining specifications for the design, build, finance, operation and maintenance of electric bus charging solutions and associated grid upgrades at its Oshawa garage location.

"As a community-minded organization, it's important that we enable leading energy projects like this," stated Ivano Labricciosa, President and CEO of the OPUC group of companies. "DRT's efforts will lead to transformative carbon reductions and service improvements across Durham, making us a very proud collaborator and project partner."

The project will also help inform the design of a new bus depot with the capability to support a 100 percent

zero emission fleet, with design work on the new depot expected to begin in 2021. To achieve this outcome, DRT will gather information while piloting eight battery electric buses and charging technologies. The project will enable DRT to acquire the necessary expertise and data to plan the effective transition of the fleet to zero-emission technologies, and to design its new bus depot to include zero-emission buses.

"Durham Region Transit is excited to be able to explore electric technology options, including battery electric and hybrids, for future fleet acquisitions," said Bill Holmes, General Manager of Durham Region Transit. "We are grateful for the funding provided by TAF and are eager to move forward with informing our plans for a zero-emission fleet at DRT."

The total TAF grant value is approximately \$195,000 over two years to support project management requirements for the project and is in addition to the previously announced Region of Durham contribution from the federal gas tax funding, as part of the Region's commitment to sustainability and addressing the impacts of climate change.

Durham Region Transit Safe Driver Awards

DURHAM: Twenty-nine Durham Region Transit (DRT) operators are being recognized for their dedication and ongoing efforts to ensure the safety of passengers and the public, with whom we share the roadways in and around Durham Region.

The Safe Driver Awards were established in 2015, to publicly honour DRT operators who have achieved safe driving milestones of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 or 30 years without a single preventable collision. Throughout 2019, the 29 employees celebrating Safe Driver milestones drove approximately 12,470,000 million kilometres without a preventable collision. In the same year more than 11 million customers travelled with DRT, the highest annual ridership ever recorded. These remarkable achievements are a testament to the dedication of the employees being honoured, who serve their community with a safety first mentality.

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The importance of routine vehicle maintenance



Owning a car is a big responsibility. Drivers who plan to keep their vehicles for the long haul must emphasize maintenance, if they want to keep adding miles to their odometers. In fact, routine maintenance may be the most important thing drivers can do for their vehicles.

A vehicle needs consistent care if it is to run efficiently. Maintenance also reduces the risk of roadside breakdowns and costly repairs. Here's a look at some of the benefits of staying on top of maintenance:

Saves money: Even though maintenance costs money, sticking to a consistent maintenance schedule can save big

bucks in the long run. For example, the cost of rotating and aligning tires is considerably less than repairing a car after a major blowout and paying for a tow and tire replacement.

Improves performance and efficiency: Routine maintenance includes oil changes, filter changes and fluid top-offs. Such tasks keep engines running smoothly. Ignoring this routine maintenance can put engines in jeopardy of breaking down and can adversely affect vehicle performance, diminishing fuel economy leading to a sluggish ride.

Identifies safety issues: Routine inspections and

work performed by reputable service stations help drivers stay abreast of recalls or issues that can affect the safety of the vehicle.

Maintains a maintenance record: When the time comes to sell the vehicle, having a log of routine maintenance indicates to potential buyers that the vehicle was well cared for.

Keeps compliance: Vehicles covered under manufacturer's warranties typically need to be maintained in adherence to factory-recommended maintenance schedules. This ensures the vehicle is in compliance and will be covered in the event of a warranty claim.

Routine vehicle maintenance is important for a variety of reasons. Drivers can work with a trusted and reliable mechanic to develop a schedule that keeps their cars and trucks on the road.

Durham Region Transit Safe Driver Awards

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"The benchmarks of the program are highly respected throughout the transit industry, representing a level of excellence we should all strive for, and a true testament to the professionalism and dedication of our operators," says Bill Holmes, General Manager.

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JANICE NICHOLLS The Standard

The sport of kayaking is becoming increasingly popular for people of all ages. Six years ago I took up this sport and I am in my sixties.

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place whether it is health or economic, kayaking maybe the answer you need.

You no longer need to travel the world to get away. I'm finding the peace and solitude, I need, in my own backyard. It has helped me overcome many stress-related issues including chronic depression, anxiety and a heart attack, as well as keeping 140 pounds off.

During my kayaking excursions I've had

the privilege of seeing the nesting habits of birds such as herons, swans, osprey and cormorants. I have paddled through carp and salmon as they were mating.

At one point, a carp almost tipped my kayak as hundreds of them were leaping all around us.

Last year I paddled over 1,400 kilometers, in different parks and rivers. I have shot rapids, capsized, paddled through blizzards

and met some amazing people.

There are a lot of groups around, and I belong to two Durham Region Kayakers and Kayak Ontario. Both can be found on Facebook. I love introducing the sport to new kayakers and paddle as much as possible.

Get out there and kayak! Hope to see you soon.



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IN MEMORY OF RUSHFORD, Margaret Marolyn (nee Michener)

RUSHFORD, Margaret Marolyn (nee Michener) - Passed away at Lakeridge Health Oshawa, on June 1, 2020, at the age of 90 years. Wife of the late James (Jim) Rushford. Survived by her son James Hugh Rushford and a younger brother Gavin Lyle Michener. Also missed by many nieces, nephews and friends. Marolyn was born in St. Thomas, Ontario, but grew up in Wainfleet and Port Colborne. After her marriage moved to Toronto, and raised her family and worked for Bell Canada for 35 years till her retirement in 1984 and retired to Greenbank, Ontario. Her greatest loves in life were her family, friends, church, music, playing the organ, reading murder mysteries and quilting. Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Low and Low Funeral Home, 1763 Reach Street, P.O. Box 698, Port Perry, Ontario L9L 1A6 (905-985-7331). For online condolences, please visit www.lowandlow.ca

AT REST



IN MEMORY OF MARY ANN "DENISE" VALLEE

Peacefully, on Friday, June 5, 2020 at the Lakeridge Health Centre in Oshawa, at age 61. Denise Vallee was born and raised in Toronto and was the youngest child of Rene and Allison Vallee. Dear sister of David and the late Suzanne Clark (Bruce). Loved aunt of Christina and Jennifer, and great aunt of Olivia, Joshua, Ellaina and Cassandra. Denise will be greatly missed by her family and friends. In light of the current situation a private graveside service will be held at Resurrection Cemetery in Whitby. If desired, memorial donations may be made by cheque to the Canadian Diabetes Association. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at www.waggfuneralhome.com



IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY OF GORDON SMITH
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Passed peacefully at Oshawa General Hospital at the age of 72 with family by his side. Forever remembered by his loving wife, Julie, children Tristan (David) and Keely (Tod), and many extended family members in England, including Cherry (sister-in-law), Bradley and Laura. Gordon was predeceased by his brother Richard. Arrangements to be entrusted to the Oshawa Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Medical Imaging Department at Toronto General & Western Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by the family (tgwhf.ca/tribute).

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Regional representatives respond about racial discrimination concerns

DAN CEARNS, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, for The Standard

DURHAM: Durham Region officials have put out statements with respect to the current global situation following the killing of George Floyd in the United States, and the protests started because of that.

In a statement sent out, on Wednesday, June 3rd, Regional Chair John Henry called for unity.

“Recently, our global community has been shaken to the core, following senseless acts of racism. Many of you are likely feeling a wide range of emotions; trying to understand how these unnecessary acts of violence could occur. The fight against racism and discrimination is one we all support here in Durham. Remember, we are all human beings; loved by those around us. We need to accept others for who they are, rather than defining people by their beliefs, culture, identity, language, or the colour of their skin. Be proud that Durham Region is a welcoming place. A place where residents speak almost every language and represent many cultures,” Chair Henry said.

However, the Regional Chair acknowledged “racism still exists” in the Region.

“Let’s use our differences to create opportunities, to ensure civility and respect remain community cornerstones, to showcase why inclusion has been a long-standing core value in our Strategic Plan. Together, we can push diversity and

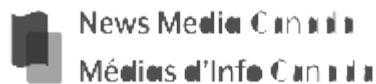
inclusion forward. Let’s stand together for equality; working together to eliminate racism, discrimination and marginalization,” he said.

Durham Regional Police (DRPS) Chief Paul Martin responded to the concerns communities have had about police since this Minneapolis incident

“Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) stands with our Black colleagues and the larger community to speak out against racism and promote understanding. We are committed to supporting change and pursuing equality. The members of DRPS chose policing as a means to contribute positively to community, to help make our communities safer. We do not support, nor condone, nor practice, in any fashion, kneeling on a human being’s neck, long past the point of consciousness,” he wrote, in his statement.

Chief Martin also wanted the public to know the police service is always working to improve.

“Many of you have reached out to us to express your frustration, to inquire about what we will do next and to investigate what strategies we are employing to ensure that this doesn’t happen here. We acknowledge that there have been times that we have failed you in the past. Please know that we are committed to continuously improving our training, education, conduct and accountability practices, and to listening to the collective voices of the communities of Durham Region.”



Batman Word Search

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Bat Bot
Deathstroke
Copperhead
Utility Belt
Joker
Superman
Batcave

Batarang
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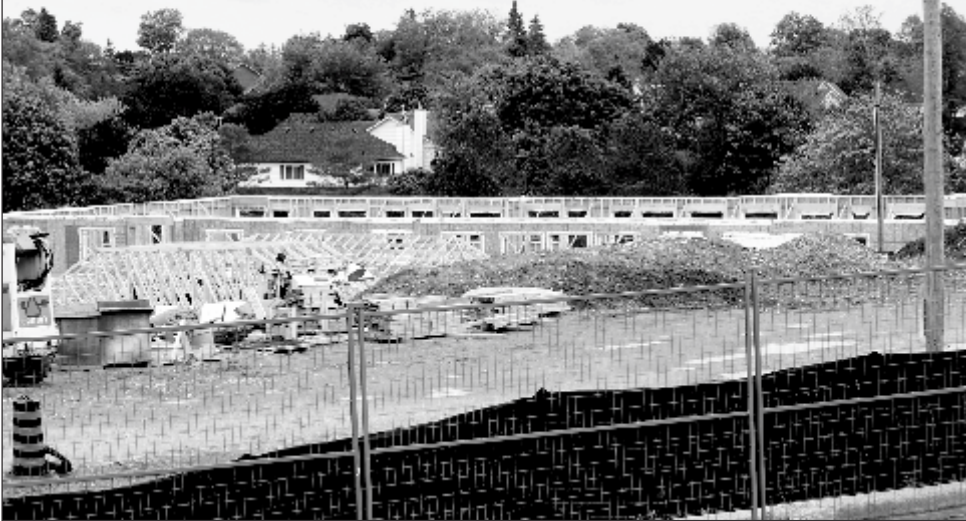
To solve a Sudoku puzzle every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: Each of the nine vertical columns, Each of the nine horizontal rows, Each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember no number can occur more than one in any row; column or box.

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Level: Intermediate

Oak Ridges Hospice of Durham, in Port Perry, is making progress on construction, with framing going up recently.

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Work on Uxbridge's Brock Street has resumed for the township's culvert project. A portion of Brock St. West will remain closed until late September.

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Increased testing volumes; Maintaining safety while resuming some services; Cloth masks needed

AMANDA CARVALHO, Communications and Public Affairs Officer, Ross Memorial Hospital

KAWARTHA LAKES: Following the province's introduction of expanded testing guidelines, the RMH COVID-19 Assessment Centre has seen a significant increase in testing numbers.

To date, RMH, in partnership with Kawartha Lakes Paramedic Service, has provided 2176 assessments, and 1019 tests. "This increased testing volume is helping to identify COVID-19 cases in our community," said Kelly Isfan, President and CEO, "and we encourage any community member who is concerned that they could have COVID-19, whether due to mild symptoms, close contact with a suspected or confirmed case, or being at high risk due to their employment, to call us at 705-328-6217 to arrange testing."

Expanded testing may often result in additional cases, said Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, Medical Officer of Health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, especially with people who do not have any symptoms of the virus. "The province and public health have been telling people to assume that everyone they come in contact with could potentially be a carrier of the virus," said Dr. Noseworthy. "We know that some people are asymptomatic, meaning they have no symptoms, yet have the virus and this additional testing is helping to identify those cases so we can help stop the spread."

That's why, both Dr. Noseworthy and Isfan urge residents to continue to follow the public health recommendations designed to stop the spread of the virus. They are: maintain physical distance, by staying 6 feet apart from others; do not gather in groups of more than 5; wear a cloth mask if you are unable to maintain distance while out of your home, such as in a grocery store, public transit, etc.; wash and/or sanitize your hands often; stay home if you are

ill; and maintain safety as some hospital services resume.

RMH, along with regional hospital partners, has received approval from Ontario Health to gradually ramp up some surgeries and procedures. As we thoughtfully resume these services, our priority is to maintain the safety of patients, staff and physicians. If you are awaiting surgery at RMH, your physician will contact you to arrange pre-operative COVID-19 testing, and ask you to self-isolate prior to your procedure.

Accessing COVID-19 Testing:

The COVID-19 Assessment Centre phone lines are open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and can be reached at 705-328-6217. Testing takes place at the Lindsay Exhibition, at 354 Angeline Street South, from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. daily. Community members are encouraged to call to book a same-day appointment. Individuals without appointments can be tested at the centre, but may experience wait times. You can also review current symptoms, take a self-assessment and view your lab results at ontario.ca/coronavirus.

Cloth masks:

If you're heading to the hospital for an appointment or to the Emergency Department and already have a cloth mask, please wear it throughout your visit. If you don't have a cloth mask, one will be provided to you, which is yours to keep.

As we resume some services, we'll need more cloth masks to provide to patients and essential visitors. If you are available to sew and donate cloth masks, please follow our [guidelines](https://foundation.rmh.org/foundation-news-releases/donating-homemade-masks), at <https://foundation.rmh.org/foundation-news-releases/donating-homemade-masks>.

Thank you to all those who have donated cloth masks so far. You are truly making a difference and helping to conserve Personal Protective Equipment for our front-line workers.

Two Kawartha Lakes libraries add pickup service



KAWARTHA LAKES: Kawartha Lakes libraries are adapting how they do business due to COVID-19.

The Lindsay and Fenelon Falls branch libraries have launched a pickup service, as of Wednesday, June 3rd.

"People will be able to pickup books that they have requested online or over the telephone. The service will be available at both branches Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.," a Kawartha Lakes library press release explained.

To place a hold on an item, people can either go online to www.kawarthalakeslibrary.ca/catalogue or by calling 705-324-9411 extension 1291.

"People can request anything as long as it is in either Lindsay or Fenelon Falls branches, including: books, DVDs, audiobooks and Cds," the press release stated.

Library staff will call people

when their items are ready to be picked up. The library will hold the items for seven days. People are asked to pickup their items at the branch front door.

CEO and Library Director Jamie Anderson said, in a statement, the library will monitor the potential success of this new service.

"We hope this new pickup service will help bring a little normalcy back to everyone's lives. We hope to expand this to other branches if all goes well."

Book returns at these two branches have also resumed.

"For everyone's health and safety, all returned material will be quarantined for 72 hours before it is checked in and processed," the Kawartha Lakes Public Library stated, in the press release.

For more information, visit www.kawarthalakeslibrary.ca.

Support our local Heroes

Thank you to all our frontline and essential service workers for your daily sacrifices and dedication to our safety and well-being. Let us all do our part by practicing social distancing.

Sweet Things Bakehouse supports Heroes at Heart appeal through cookie sales

KIM COULTER Communications Specialist, Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation

KAWARTHA LAKES: When Jenn Mason and her daughters, Myriah and Ella, came up with a project to keep busy during this pandemic, they had no idea that their plan would impact so many people so quickly.

“When Covid hit, back in March, we decided to make some DIY cookie kits and post them on Facebook, for the girls’ friends to purchase. [They then could] watch the girls’ live instructional video to learn how to decorate them. We thought [] this would be a fun activity to do, to help keep everyone busy while social distancing. They ended up being a hit. Even people we didn’t know were purchasing them. So, along came our little cookie baking business — Sweet Things Bakehouse!

We soon realized [] this would be a great way to give back to the community. Nurses Week was an excellent



opportunity to donate to the Heroes at Heart appeal. Dr. Jeremy Jones is someone [] we know well and felt [] he would only show his support towards a cause if he genuinely felt [] it was needed. We baked and decorated nurse cookie sets and offered them for purchase through Facebook. All the proceeds were donated to the Heroes at Heart appeal. We are so happy to be able to help out this important cause.”

“We’re so grateful to Jenn, Myriah and Ella and all of the people who bought their cookies, during Nurses Week, and helped them to raise \$558 for the Heroes at Heart appeal, supporting urgent COVID-related needs and ECGs at Ross Memorial,” said Erin Coons, RMH Foundation CEO. “Together, they’re making a difference in their community.”

Members choose Heroes at Heart appeal as current community cause



KIM COULTER Communications Specialist, Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation

KAWARTHA LAKES: The Ross Memorial Hospital (RMH) Foundation is honoured to be selected by members of 100 Men Kawartha Lakes to receive donations, following its virtual meeting on June 3rd.

The RMH Foundation was one of three local charities invited to speak to members and explain the needs for which they are fundraising. RMH Foundation CEO Erin Coons joined the Zoom meeting to discuss the Heroes at Heart appeal, which is raising funds for: urgent COVID-related needs and to replace the hospital’s fleet of ECGs.

“We had three very deserving charities present and we look forward to the other two returning to try again,” explained Bradley Campkin of the 100 Men Kawartha Lakes. “I think RMH Foundation’s presentation struck a

chord, as we are all so much more aware of the importance of the hospital but also the challenges it faces. We were educated regarding what government covers and more importantly what they don’t! Our group voted to help the foundation and to support its Heroes at Heart campaign collectively.”

“I want to thank the 100 Men Kawartha Lakes for their ongoing efforts to help those in need and for making our communities better places to live,” shared Erin Coons. “Everyone is familiar with the hospital, but there are a lot of things the average person doesn’t know about hospital funding. For example, many people don’t realize just how heavily the Ross Memorial Hospital relies on donations from the public to buy medical tools and technology. This gift from the 100 Men Kawartha Lakes will impact the diagnosis and treatment of patients young and old. What a wonderful match for a group committed to helping others.”

Know a local Hero? Tell us about them. Call The Standard office at 905-985-6985 or email us at office-standard@powergate.ca

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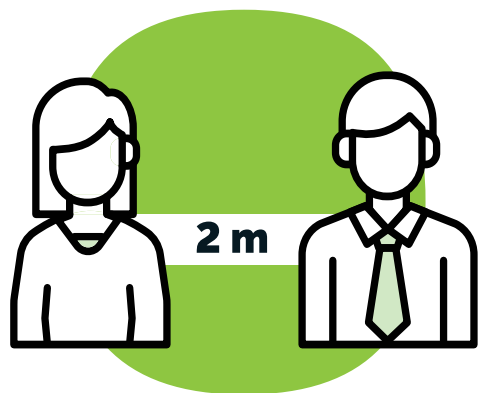
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