Glendale volunteers pick up lots of garbage, some ticks

Penny Coles
The Local

A group of about 20 enthusiastic volunteers did a quick but thorough cleanup of the open spaces in the Niagara-on-the-Green area Saturday, agreeing it was a perfect day for the annual task.

“We’re a small but mighty group,” said resident Steve Hardaker to the crew gathered at the neighbourhood park. “I’m confident we’ll get this done.”

The idea of the cleanup was planted about six years ago when Lianne Gagnon, who was then the Niagara College director of student services, was a member of the former Glendale task force along with Hardaker.

The task force was established by the town to address issues such as noise, parking and garbage, problems that seemed to arise when the area attracted a large number of Niagara College students.

Since the task force involved the college, Gagnon worked with students and encouraged them to be good neighbours, including being part of the cleanup. Hardaker began working with Gagnon, who has since retired, and the cleanup has become a regular spring event.

Gagnon was at the meeting point in the park first, and decided to begin picking up garbage while she waited for the others. The first item she found was — no surprise — a plastic water bottle.

Once volunteers started to arrive at what has become a community event, Hardaker asked volunteers to pick up any street garbage on their way to their areas.

Linda Hardaker and Ellie Davidson, with Kaleb and Delilah Davidson, headed to a dry pond, surrounded by brush, to pick up garbage.

“What a good neighbourhood we live in,” Ellie said.

Volunteers plant a rain garden in the Balls Beach Parkette, as part of a larger stormwater management plan for the Dock Area. (Ron Simkus)

Penny Coles
The Local

A rain garden, approved by the town years ago, was finally planted in the Dock Area Monday by volunteers.

Also called a rain harvester, the garden is situated at a low point at the end of Ball Street, in the eastern end of the Dock Area parkette. It is considered the last component of the stormwater drainage initiative that has been ongoing in that neighbourhood since the flooding of 2017 and 2019.

It is intended to take the runoff from rain, and whatever washes over the groynes in the lake, explained Ron Simkus, who helped organize volunteers to do the planting.

The rain harvester is not only an aesthetic enhancement to the parkette, he said, but also acts as a natural filter for stormwater drainage to help reduce contaminants reaching Lake Ontario, and to filter out silts during heavy rain.

While the town prepared the bed ahead of time and provided the plants, Dock Area residents were told it could only be planted if they volunteered to help not only with the planting, but also the maintenance of the garden.

It was funded with $10,000 from a Niagara Community Foundation grant, which “is only available to communities that establish cooperative engagement from residents who will volunteer their own time to support the rain harvester in their immediate community.”

Continued on page 2

Continued on page 12

Rain gardens, approved by the town years ago, were finally planted in the Dock Area Monday by volunteers.

Also called a rain harvester, the garden is situated at a low point at the end of Ball Street, in the eastern end of the Dock Area parkette. It is considered the last component of the stormwater drainage initiative that has been ongoing in that neighbourhood since the flooding of 2017 and 2019.

It is intended to take the runoff from rain, and whatever washes over the groynes in the lake, explained Ron Simkus, who helped organize volunteers to do the planting.

The rain harvester is not only an aesthetic enhancement to the parkette, he said, but also acts as a natural filter for stormwater drainage to help reduce contaminants reaching Lake Ontario, and to filter out silts during heavy rain.

While the town prepared the bed ahead of time and provided the plants, Dock Area residents were told it could only be planted if they volunteered to help not only with the planting, but also the maintenance of the garden.

It was funded with $10,000 from a Niagara Community Foundation grant, which “is only available to communities that establish cooperative engagement from residents who will volunteer their own time to support the rain harvester in their immediate community.”

Continued on page 2

Continued on page 12
Rain garden plants are all native pollinators

Continued from page 1

The small group of neighbours who came carrying their trowels and gloves, made quick work of the planting. Parks and recreation manager Kevin Turcotte, on band to supervise the work, said he anticipated it would take about one and a half to two hours, but the planting was finished and the garden given a good soaking in about 40 minutes.

Ongoing support usually involves just annual mulching and weeding, and shouldn’t be an ‘onerous obligation,’ with the mulch keeping down the weeds, however, it will be monitored and adjusted as necessary, Turcotte explained.

In the coming days there will be further clearing of the area around the garden, which is now just dirt, Turcotte said, with eventual hydrosedding — the spraying of grass seed mixed with fertilizer — when the clean-up is completed.

The work is scheduled to be finished by June 8, with Simkus having high praise for the involvement of CAO Marnie Cluckie and Rome D’Angelo, the town’s new director of operations, for their support. Rain gardens are popular in Toronto, used as a landscape feature to collect stormwater that runs off grass, roofs and driveways. According to the Toronto Conservation Authority, they are planted in a shallow depression with loose, deep soil that absorbs and naturally filters the runoff, preventing it from entering the storm drain system and, eventually, city waterways.

The conservation authority tells homeowners that by planting a rain garden, they can help maintain the natural water cycle while protecting local rivers, lakes, fish and drinking water sources, and it encourages the use of pollinator plants.

The plants used in the Dock Area garden were chosen from a list provided by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, said Dave Voogt, town grounds specialist, and are all native and considered an important part of the plan.

The town has been trying to manage soil erosion and flooding since the high water levels and flooding of 2017 and 2019. After about 40 minutes, the long-awaited rain garden was planted and watered. (Penny Coles)

The plants used in the Dock Area garden were chosen from a list provided by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, said Dave Voogt, town grounds specialist, and are all native and considered pollinator plants. The varieties planted include some ornamental grasses, bush honeysuckle, blue flag iris, sneezeweed, turltweed, and black-eyed Susans. While Simkus and neighbours were happy to see the rain garden installed, it has been a long time coming.

Simkus referred to a 2004 report signed by former parks and recreation director Clive Buist and then-CAO Lew Holloway, which proposed a design for the area that included landscaping and shoreline protection “to eliminate any further erosion.” But nothing was done until after the high water levels and flooding of 2017 and 2019.

The town has been trying to manage soil erosion and flooding since then, as the budget allowed, and a rain harvester was considered part of the plan.

The town put emergency measures into place at the time to alleviate damage, including pumps and sand bags to stop flooding into the storm system. Water from the sailing club waterfront flooded across Melville Street, recalls Simkus, and into the low area of the parkette, where the rain garden has now been installed.

The erosion plan was implemented in the intervening years, creating the greenery that is there now. Since the flooding, Simkus has kept tabs on water levels, sending out a blast email to about 100 residents. On Monday, he said Lake Ontario had reached its high water mark by the culvert, at the record-setting elevation of 2019, the highest since then. Fortunately, the water has crested, and the elevation is expected to continue falling, but will still be 11 inches above average by the second week of June.

Simkus said he believes there is still work to be done to prevent another situation of water cresting over the sailing club property: flooding across Melville Street and again reaching the parkette, but he doesn’t expect that to be undertaken by the town any time soon.

“The idea for the parkette was designed 19 years ago, in 2004,” said Simkus. “It hasn’t changed substantially since then.”

That took 10 years to be approved, he said, and even longer to be implemented, with the rain garden nearly completing the picture — all that’s needed now is the grass, and it will again become a parkette residents can enjoy.

After about 40 minutes, the long-awaited rain garden was planted and watered. (Penny Coles)
Local palliative care service has new digs, new programs

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Palliative Care Service now has four offices in the Niagara Medical Centre on Niagara Stone Road, beside Simpson Pharmacies, sharing space with doctors of the Niagara North Family Health Team. Executive director Bonnie Bagnulo says since their services were relocated recently from the former hospital building, she has been delighted with the amount of space they have, made available when some of the family health team moved to the new Village Medical Centre.

She also loves the central location and its accessibility, as it can be, conveniently bringing them closer to a growing number of Virgil, St. Davids and Glendale clients. It alleviates parking issues, and provides a welcoming environment for those looking for information about services. Although there were doctors’ offices nearby when the former hospital was their home, she says, “clients were less likely to wander down the hall to find us. Anyone who sits in the waiting room here will see our office as perfect and can be conveniently sectioned off from doctors, and next to the waiting room and check-in desk. “That helps with raising awareness for us.”

It also helps with the growth in programming, as does the proximity to the doctors themselves, who are the chief source of patient referrals.

“We held a lunch and learned with the whole team,” she said, which was very well received.

“Doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses and reception staff found there were so many services we provide that they were unaware of. It is a huge boost of awareness, and for referrals.”

The offices provide space for administrative staff, a volunteer coordinator and a bereavement coordinator, who is coming on board thanks to a federal grant, and will be able to “cram bereavement services,” says Bagnulo.

The palliative care service also has a contract psychosocial consultant, she says.

“He brings the next level of professionalism to our support services, helping those in bereavement. For our team to provide that support to our clients who require that level of service it’s really important for us — there is no normal grief process. It is so individual for everyone.”

People who need more end-of-life, existential discussions, with questions such as “what was I here for” and other conversations before death, can benefit from those extra layers of support, she says.

However, for the first time since the service was formed in 1986, she adds, “we’re paying rent.”

A small portion of that is paid through ministry funding — while they receive some grant money, about 70 per cent of the costs of the services they provide is funded through donations, fundraisers and memorial gifts.

Their new space also provides storage for the equipment they lend out, says Bagnulo, praising Sean Simpson for being so accommodating. They’ve been given space in the basement, and they can use the pharmacy conveyor belt to take equipment up to the back door and back down again when it’s returned. “It makes life so much easier for us,” she says.

“They offer wheelchairs, walkers, canes, shower seats, transfer benches, cushions and comfort items — almost everything anyone during an illness might need, other than lifts and recliners. “Also room monitors for caregivers so they can get a good night’s sleep are very helpful,” Bagnulo adds.

“The mission from the time 1 started is to reach people,” she says. “Many people have struggled — we want to put some of those fires out and help them navigate what is an unfortun- ate journey to be on alone.”

The palliative care service has some events coming up, including the really well-received butterfly release from last year that will be held June 17, with butterflies reserved by May 20.

Bagnulo says they will try to accommodate people who reach out by May 31, the absolute deadline, but she can’t guarantee butterflies will still be available.

This event is intended as a tribute to all loved ones, says Bagnulo, from partners to pets, who passed in 2022. There will be a memorial scroll that will be read out by Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa with the names of those who died in 2022, but not the names of those from earlier years, she says — they learned their lesson last year, when the reading just took too long for those waiting to release the butterflies, and for the butterflies themselves.

This is the second year for the event, the butterflies will again be painted ladies from Alberta, and are $25 each.

There will be room for displays again inside the community centre, and time for people to chat with each other, says Bagnulo, but once everyone moves outside, the release will be quick, with fewer speeches, for the sake of the butterflies.

“It’s an open venue, not a formal service. And we learned a lot from last year.”

Bagnulo says she is also pleased to be able to offer the Shred-it event on Aug. 19.

It will once again be held in the parking lot of Simpson Pharmacies, she says, advising those who have personal papers stored to save the date for the event, which supports palliative care programs.

And there are new programs, she says, including a Recharge Caregivers Group,

Offering a safe space for caregivers to express their experiences and struggles with others on a similar journey. It includes mindfulness practices, relaxation techniques, and provides resources for burnout and caregiver fatigue.

“The group is open to anyone who cares for another. We understand all the support they can receive while walk- ing through a progressive life-limiting illness. However, their crew, the people taking care and responsibility for their loved one, can oftentimes find themselves overwhelmed, facing caregiver burnout, and under great duress. We decided to offer a Recharge once a week,” says Bagnulo. This group meets at the community centre with a different facilitator every week, she says. “Sometimes it’s instructional; such as aromatherapy, reflexology, or creating a vision board, and sometimes a registered professional therapist who facilitates the group offers discussions about self-care and coping strategies.”

There are also bereave- ment walking groups, she says, and art groups, including one for children experiencing bereavement. Trained volunteers will fa- cilitate creative work, with art a medium to “reframe the narrative of illness and death.”

In addition there are art and pet loss workshops, with local artists to help create a unique and personalized project that memorializes a beloved family pet.

Anyone looking for more information can call 905-468 4433, visit notlpc@bellnet.ca.

Or, says Bagnulo, knock on the door of her office in the Niagara Medical Clinic, a home she describes as fi- nally feeling permanent, “at least for now — you never know what the future might bring. But this feels like the best move palliative care has ever made.”
Jimmy Lai was interviewed by CBC in 2020. He has been in jail since the December of that year. (Screenshot)

The Guardian said Lai’s supporters have criticized the U.K. government for not doing enough to advocate for Lai’s release, and that Sebastian said publicly recently that the U.K. government was “incredibly weak” for failing to call for the release of his father. Lepp says the family is really hoping the British government will step up and come to his aid.

Jimmy Lai, the founder of Apple Daily, a Hong Kong media outlet openly critical of the Chinese Communist Party, was out on bail for a short time after being arrested in August 2020 on national security charges. His bail was evoked and he has been imprisoned since December of that year.

The media tycoon is also the owner of Vintage Hotels. He took over the Pillar and Post in 1974, and then the Pillar and Post Hotel, which was sold to Lai by the Wiens family.

After 28 years the original babies are having babies of their own!!

Also, a big thank you to all the locals that support us like a family. We appreciate it!

Happy 28th Anniversary Silks

Country Kitchen

We want to thank Jen and Joel for making us feel like a family. We appreciate it!

Also, a big thank you to all the locals that support us and have become a part of the Silks family.

After 28 years the original babies are having babies of their own!!

Love all your staff!!

Media, family reach out to help free Jimmy Lai

Penny Coles
The Local

April 28th is the birthday of Jimmy Lai. He was born on this date in 1944. He founded the newspaper Apple Daily, which is currently run by his twin sister Si Wai Lai. The company is known for its critical stance on the Chinese government and has been targeted by the authorities.

WWW.NOTLLOCAL.COM

International news outlets are reporting that more than 100 journalists and editors have signed an open letter calling for the immediate release of Jimmy Lai, who at the age of 75 is still detained in a Hong Kong prison.

They are asking for charges against him and other journalists to be dropped.

Lai, the founder of Apple Daily, a Hong Kong media outlet openly critical of the Chinese Communist Party, was out on bail for a short time after being arrested in August 2020 on national security charges. His bail was evoked and he has been imprisoned since December of that year.

The media tycoon is also the owner of Vintage Hotels. He took over the Pillar and Post in 1974, and then the Pillar and Post Hotel, which was sold to Lai by the Wiens family.

Later came the Queen's Landing Inn and then the Obst Inn, which is still run by his twin sister Si Wai Lai. She is also the owner of the Landing Inn, and then the Pillar and Post.

Jimmy Lai has had several times over the years, and says “the best way to describe him, and I don’t think this would be surprising, would be that he is a very inspirational man. He’s also very principled, and I’ve always enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with him.”

As owner of Vintage Hotels, Lai’s imprisonment does not affect the operation of the business at all, said Jackson.

“We’re independent, and we have a board of directors. We’ve been able to function normally regardless of what’s been happening with Mt. Lai.”

Jackson adds that he appreciates “the International community shining a light on the situation. We can only hope they will continue to shine a light on this.”

NOTL resident Erica Lepp is Lai’s niece, and daughter of Si Wai Lai. She said her cousin Sebastian, one of Jimmy Lai’s four children, was in Niagara-on-the-Lake recently.

Her uncle has visited his family in Niagara-on-the-Lake many times in the past, and she has described him as a kind man, a calm person, and passionate about his beliefs, although she has been cautious of talking about his activities.

The Guardian said Lai’s supporters have criticized the U.K. government for not doing enough to advocate for Lai’s release, and that Sebastian said publicly recently that the U.K. government was “incredibly weak” for failing to call for the release of his father.

Lepp says the family is really hoping the British government will step up and come to his aid.

Lai was imprisoned on charges of allegedly violating the national security law, of suspicion of collusion with foreign forces and endangering national security.

Lai had recently re-sighted as chairman and executive director of Next Digital, which runs his Apple Daily newspaper, “to spend more time dealing with these personal affairs,” the Associated Press reported then.

The Guardian and other international news outlets say the signatories to the letter, organized by Reporters Without Borders, said: “We, as publishers and editors of news media organizations from around the world, are united in support of Apple Daily founder and publisher Jimmy Lai, and his fight for media pluralism and press freedom in Hong Kong.

“Jimmy Lai has stood for these values his entire life. In a tremendous act of courage, he chose to stay in Hong Kong and continued to publish as long as he could, despite the severe crackdown taking place around him.”

Bob Jackson, CEO of Vintage Hotels, said Lai “is always in our hearts and prayers. And I’m always happy to see others speak out on behalf of press freedom, in his case specifical-

ly, and of course we’re extremely supportive of the cause.”

Jackson has met Lai several times over the years, and says “he was the best way to describe him, and I don’t think this would be surprising, would be that he is a very inspirational man. He’s also very principled, and I’ve always enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with him.”

As owner of Vintage Hotels, Lai’s imprisonment does not affect the operation of the business at all, said Jackson.

“We’re independent, and we have a board of directors. We’ve been able to function normally regardless of what’s been happening with Mt. Lai.”

Jackson adds that he appreciates “the International community shining a light on the situation. We can only hope they will continue to shine a light on this.”

NOTL resident Erica Lepp is Lai’s niece, and daughter of Si Wai Lai. She said her cousin Sebastian, one of Jimmy Lai’s four children, was in Niagara-on-the-Lake recently.

Her uncle has visited his family in Niagara-on-the-Lake many times in the past, and she has described him as a kind man, a calm person, and passionate about his beliefs, although she has been cautious of talking about his activities.

But she is outspoken of her support for the current attempts to have him freed, as is Sebastian, who has “been going around the world talking to all the press outlets. He’s been to Washington D.C., London and New York City, trying to get the message out.”

“It’s difficult to know how he’s being treated in prison — family members get few chances to visit — but he’s 75, he’s diabetic, and he’s in prison. It’s hard to know how he’s doing, but we’re always worried about him,” she says.

She encourages people to watch a documentary on YouTube by the Acton Institute called The Hong Konger: Jimmy Lai’s Extraordinary Struggle for Freedom, which in the past three weeks it has been online has received more than two million views — it can be seen at youtube.com/watch?v=bRkuvFOV7k.

“It is literally his history. It explains his story in the best way, and is supported by my uncle’s people and by the family. We’ve been doing a lot of sharing.”

Lepp says his freedom could be in the hands of the U.K. government — that’s his only citizenship, she adds.

The Guardian said Lai’s supporters have criticized the U.K. government for not doing enough to advocate for Lai’s release, and that Sebastian said publicly recently that the U.K. government was “incredibly weak” for failing to call for the release of his father.

Lepp says the family is really hoping the British government will step up and come to his aid.

Lai was chosen one of Time Magazine’s top 100 influential people in 2015.

In December 2020, he was given a Freedom of Press Award by Reporters Without Borders for his role in founding Apple Daily.

Earlier this year, a group of leading U.S. lawmakers nominated Lai and five other Hong Kong democracy advocates for the Nobel Peace Prize. Nobel Prize winners are announced in October.

The Hong Kong government was “incredibly weak” for failing to call for the release of his father.

Lepp says the family is really hoping the British government will step up and come to his aid.

Lai was chosen one of Time Magazine’s top 100 influential people in 2015.

In December 2020, he was given a Freedom of Press Award by Reporters Without Borders for his role in founding Apple Daily.

Earlier this year, a group of leading U.S. lawmakers nominated Lai and five other Hong Kong democracy advocates for the Nobel Peace Prize. Nobel Prize winners are announced in October.
Parliament Oak proposal takes ‘wrecking ball’ to Official Plan

Carrie Gleason
The Local

Niagara-on-the-Lake residents who spoke out against Official Plan and zoning bylaw amendments for 325 King Street at a public open house on Tuesday, say the proposed land use does not benefit the neighbourhood or the community and, in the words of Marilyn Bartlett of Centre Street, “takes a wrecking ball to the Offi-
cial Plan.”

The former Parliament Oak School property, which is owned by Two Sisters Resort, is currently designated for open space and community facilities, and zoned for institutional use. The developer has submitted a proposed amendment for commer-
cial use of the property, which would see a 19-
metre-tall, 129-room hotel with underground park-
ing, a restaurant and patio, a spa, banquet/conference facilities and retail shops built there.

Having a hotel in the middle of a residential area is not unusual in NOTL, Two Sisters representa-
tives said, pointing to others in town, including the Prince of Wales Hotel and the Ohan Inn, and with a design not intended to mimic nearby houses, but to be suitable to the area, recognizing and integrat-
ing with the location of the downtown area and placed seemingly in the neigh-
bourhood.

While the property will be valuable to councilors, they told, there will be an en-
trance to the grounds that will make it accessible to the public.

Bartlett, who also called the amendments an “assault on the quiet character and privacy of the surrounding neigh-
bourhood,” would like to see the Mary Louise Hedges as inconsiderate and inappropriate, a sen-
timent echoed by more than a dozen residents, some of whom cited the need for a traffic study and a planning impact analy-
sis. Regent Street resident Alan Gordon quoted the Official Plan in his objec-
tion, which prevents “the intrusion of commercial uses into residential areas.”

Many residents at the open house objected to the height of the proposed hotel, saying that although the planners have called it a six-storey building, in reality its height would be closer to that of a six-storey building. While the plan-
ners have suggested that the “generous setbacks” of the building from the street would “mitigate” its height, NOTL resident Connie Tintinalli said that “the height is the height.”

Lyle Hall, a former ho-
tel operator and current president of the Niagara Foundation, said that the ele-
citutos hotel is “incompatible with residential land uses,” and that the proposed hotel goes far beyond space to accom-
modate overnight guests by allowing seating for 100 in its combined restaurant and banquet facilities – five times the seating needed for hotel guests. This, Hall explained, means that the proposed underground parking will be insufficient for the number of patrons.

He requested the town ask the property devel-
opers to demonstrate a business need for another new hotel in NOTL, giv-
en that three hotels have already been approved, which together will pro-
vide 190 additional rooms. By refusing the amend-
ment applications, he says, “council (could) use this high-profile opportunity to signal its intention to enforce the Official Plan across NOTL.”

In addition to park-
ing, residents expressed concern about the safety of children on streets sur-
rounding the property, given that there would be an increase in traffic once it was built, and many streets in the neighbourhood do not have sidewalks.

When asked by coun-
 cil what they would prefer to see happen on the site, residents overwhelmingly agreed it should remain zoned institutional, with suggestions for its use in-
cluding a community cen-
tre, a medical facility, or a child care centre.

Nancy Bongard, who has lived in NOTL for 42 years and uses a walker, said that “Someday, I will obviously need an assist-
ed living facility when I move from my home, just as many other seniors who have settled in Niagara-
on-the-Lake. We desper-
ately need an assisted liv-
ing facility, much more so than another hotel. The applicant has said he wants to improve our town. I suggest he now has the op-
portunity to do so, to step up and fulfill this enor-
meous need in our town. This property has been zoned institutional, and to not build anything other than an institution for the bene-
fit of Niagara-on-the-Lake would simply be wrong.”

NOTL local businesses contact:
Joy at 416•871•0920 or email joy@notllocal.com
Julia at 905•934•1040 or email julia@notllocal.com

Ontario Energy Board Notice to Customers of Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. has applied to raise its electricity distribution rates and other charges.

Learn more. Have your say.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to raise its electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2024. If the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer and a typical commercial customer of Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. would see the following increase:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Service Classification</th>
<th>New Rate</th>
<th>Increase</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Residential</td>
<td>750 kWh</td>
<td>$1.80 per month</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>General Service less than 50kW (2,000 kWh)</td>
<td>$4.85 per month</td>
<td>$0.17 per month</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Other customers, including businesses, may also be affected by these changes.

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro’s application. During this hearing, which could be an oral or written hearing, we will question Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro on its case for a rate increase. We will also hear questions and arguments from individuals that have registered to participate (called intervenor) in the OEB’s hearing. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide what, if any, rate increase will be allowed.

Distributors such as Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro typically apply for a full review of their rates every five years. Any rate changes for the years in between are made by applying an OEB-approved formula which is tied to inflation and other factors intended to promote efficiency. You may not get notice of future rate changes made by applying the formula.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

• You can review Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro’s application on the OEB’s website now
• You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
• You can become an intervenor. As an intervenor, you can ask questions about Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro’s application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro’s request. Apply by May 29, 2023 or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
• At the end of the process, you can review the OEB’s decision and its reasons on our website.

The Ontario Energy Board will hold a public hearing to consider Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro’s application.

To participate, please select the file number 2023-0041 from the list on the OEB’s website: www.oeb.ca/notice. You can also phone our Public Information Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro has applied for a written hearing. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by May 29, 2023.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This rate hearing will be held under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.

Ontario Energy Board
Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario
Don’t miss the Virgil Stamperede this weekend

Fire, one of our closest and oldest friends

Owen Bjorgan Special to The Local

I’ve been working with students from the school board in our Survival Skills program where students Grades 4 to 12 are put into education and training in a natural setting to teach them some tricks of the trade. The literature is up to date, and the tools to keep making this a community effort ever better.

And let’s not forget the Virgil Business Association, the small group of people behind the huge undertaking that is the Virgil Stamperede.

This is not your typical group of business owners who meet to network — the VBA was created to give back to the community, and that continues to be its goal.

Virgil Stamperede is an open horse show and barrel racing, with competitors coming from around the province.

The event soon became two days, then three, and expanded to include carnival rides, games and all kinds of activities for all ages. As other horse shows around the province drew our competitors away, the VBA found other ways to draw families to the Virgil Stamperede.

In its early days, it was the Virgil Businessmen’s Association, eventually becoming the Virgil Business Association, a group like all others that is struggling to find volunteers to put on its annual event. It has always relied on the families of friends, to supply effort, and if you belong to the VBA, it’s pretty difficult to go away the May long weekend.

Pretty well any child or family living in NOTL, has benefited from something the VBA has helped fund — the sports park, the library, community centre, both arenas, the swimming pools, sports groups, the Christmas Parade, Red Roof Retreat, and more.

With all the hard work that goes into the event, weather is the biggest variable, although this year there is a saying that Mary Snider won’t let it rain on stampede days, and most years, it hasn’t.

If you have kids who love the rides, don’t forget Phil’s Independent sells bracelets until 9 p.m. coming out to a really fun family event is just another way for all of us to support this great volunteer group.

And please, since The Local is a proud member of the VBA — Karen Sketch and I have been volunteering for 30 years — organizing the nickel sale for many of those years, please stop by the Mary Snider Nickel store to spend some of your stampede money there, with a chance to win some great prizes.

And wrap up your long weekend with what is truly a spectacular fireworks display Monday at dusk.

For more info about hours and parking, visit virgilstampede.ca.

Penny Coles

Publisher:

P. O. Box 430, 1596 Four Mile Creek Road, Virgil, L0S 1T0

Advertising Sales:

Joy Sanguedolce - NOTL

Joy@notllocal.com

905-934-1040

Graphic Design: Rosie Gowsewell

composing@notllocal.com

News Tips: news@notllocal.com

Where’s Ben?

Eiden student Ben Foster continues to discover new locations in NOTL, wondering how familiar others may be with them. If you know where this photo was taken, email penny@notllocal.com. This week we received several correct answers. The first response was from Ted Wiens. Ben was behind the firetruck during the NOTL Golf Course. Or as was seen behind him, by the cairn marking the Battlefields of Fort George.

Owen Bjorgan

Special to The Local

Friends have always enjoyed a good fire, and will continue to use fire itself — but not only for this. Fire was a tool of power, of course, every week does that. It’s not Volunteer Week — it’s Volunteer Week every week.

Don’t miss the Virgil Stamperede this weekend

The Niagara-on-the-Lake

The Trusted Voice of Our Community

Editor:

Penny Coles

penny@notllocal.com

905-246-8670

Publisher:

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Local

Village Media Regional Publisher (online sales)

John Hammill

Reader: The Niagara-on-the-Lake

P.O. Box 430, 1596 Four Mile Creek Road, Virgil, L0S 1T0

Telephone: 905-889-5999 ext 1157

Eiden student Ben Foster continues to discover new locations in NOTL, wondering how familiar others may be with them. If you know where this photo was taken, email penny@notllocal.com. This week we received several correct answers. The first response was from Ted Wiens. Ben was behind the firetruck during the NOTL Golf Course. Or as was seen behind him, by the cairn marking the Battlefields of Fort George.
My name is Ilene Reynolds and I live at 120 Delatre St. in the Dock Area. I moved to NOTL 42 years ago when I married Pat Hartman, who was a teacher at the public school in NOTL.

Back then the school was the heart of the community. In those days, every child knew every other child at play. Classes were filled with busy students engaged in learning, in sports, in music, in productions and in community events. Pat’s chores sang on special occasions throughout the town. Little did anyone suspect that this vital and basking place faced an imminent future.

The town had been granted the property on King Street for the purpose of building a school. The old one at Platoff and Davy was simply too small for all the baby boomers coming along. And when the local school boards were amalgamated under Lincoln County and then the District School Board of Niagara, the school property became an asset of the school board by administrative fiat.

When the time came to close the school, however, there was never any question: they would sell this valuable property to the highest bidder rather than returning it to its rightful owners, the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The town attempted to buy back the land which had been sold, and submitted a competitive bid, but there was not the slightest chance that it would be successful. A board trustee, a former police chief of mine, told me straight to my face that they would never sell the property to the town because “they would put a school in there!” The DSBN wanted no competition for students for their new school in Virgil.

No one has said whether the successful bidder from Montreal knew precisely how much he had to offer in order to obtain the property. But when his unacceptable resident missteps followed, he sold the land to Benny Marotta for a fine profit and we now face the prospect of our town being evicted from the land and replaced by a huge commercial edifice at its centre.

The caddoos lay its egg in another nest and with the invasion of the uninvited host, we will have to make this nest and render it of its nestlings. This vast crowds out the smaller birds and bullies its way to the front of the nest, demanding food and space and dominance. Property developers often buy land zoned for barren or passive purposes and then lay their naked, money-making, exploitative, and unscrupulous hands on it in order to reap the benefits of the neighbours to acquire, perhaps even to be grateful for the intrusion. They treat the natural environment and the innumerable uses to be changed to suit their business model and their bottom line. They selfishly invoke the law in order to avoid in their own interests, not outward to the effect they are having on those who share the same streets, the same air and the same sky.

Parliament School was taken away from the town by bureaucrats and trustees from Fort Erie, Welland, St. Catharines and Grimsby who had no stake in the future of this community. They sold it to developers who knew what the zoning constraints were but whose profit was to maximize the return on their investment.

But we must remember that property ownership and control of its use are not inextricably linked: a person may own a property but the elected representatives of the town can control what can be done with it. I own my own house but I may not tear it down and build a car wash. The same goes for it. This applicant wishes to change the institutional zoning of the school property to commercial so that he may build his hotel.

But why not a garden station, a strip mall, a go-kart track or a casino? Why not ask for a change to agricultural zoning for a cannabis grow-op? Why not a change to industrial for a brewery, a cement plant or a foundry? The answer is obvious. While all of these uses are physically possible and may even create jobs, they are completely inappropriate to this location. They would destroy the property values and the peaceful lives of all who live close by. We would do irreparable harm to this historic town.

The arbitrary change to the zoning requested here would sound the death knell for our community as a place for permanent residents and be a stake in the ground for others who await the necessary precedent for their own greedy schemes. Zoning bylaws, when properly enforced, provide predictability, harmony and stability within a municipality. Land use planning and permission are the most important powers a municipal government has. To cede it in a pressure from developers with deep pockets and armies of lawyers and to arbitrate change established zoning would be to abandon the slip and allow it to drift onto the rocks. There is no possible justification for building a large and intrusive business in the middle of this quiet residential area. This kind of flagrant aberration is the very thing that zoning bylaws are meant to prevent. That we must go through the motions of examining this proposal at all is a massive waste of time and resources. We must ask ourselves a simple question. When does a demand from a developer become too preposterous to merit consideration? I would suggest that we have reached that point.

I believe that local planning decisions should be made by the community, the Mayor and council and not bureaucrats from a provincial government. Their selfish approach looks expedient for the given moment but devalues the health of our environment.

At a recent fundraising pasta dinner for Red Roof Retreat, the Enns family donated $5,000. The gift was in honour of Dorothea Enns’s cousin in Germany, Klaus-Dieter Janzen, who has special needs. Red Roof Retreat, represented by Moe Bjorgan (right) says thank you to Dorothea, Julieanne, and Rudy Enns. (Supplied)
Mark Klassen, more than just a caretaker, is retiring

Mike Balsom
The Local

Come September, for the first time in 50 years Mark Klassen’s schedule will not revolve around the school calendar.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake-born Klassen is retiring at the end of June from his position as head caretaker at Crossroads Public School after a 36-year career with the District School Board of Niagara and its predecessor, the Lincoln County Board of Education.

“I’m going to have to get used to a year beginning in January, instead of September,” he laughs, speaking to The Local in his office at Crossroads.

The graduate of St. Davids School, Laura Secord Elementary and Parliament Oak, Klassen is retiring at the end of June from his position as head caretaker at Crossroads Public School after a 36-year career with the District School Board of Niagara and its predecessor, the Lincoln County Board of Education.

The board soon shifted the girls; I coached the boys, ” Klassen says, “and there were four different schools in four different school boards, only two caretakers offered to coach teams. Klassen was definitely an outlier.

“Ken Riediger coached the girls, I coached the boys,” he says. “One year we went to OFSAA (the provincial championships) and there was a coaches’ meeting. Everyone was introducing themselves, and someone asked me what I taught. When I told them I was a head caretaker, they all killed themselves laughing. They thought I was joking, until Ken told them I was serious.”

And Riediger, who became his best friend, also coached the NDSS golf team together. In 1997, Brad Neudorf was part of the team that won OFSAA twice when the tournament shifted from spring to fall that same year.

“I remember one day she came into the school so excited because Brock University had just bought some of her artwork.” Klassen says, tearing up.

Continued on page 14
Hort society cancels garden tour for this year

It will return, better than ever

Penny Coles
The Local

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Horticultural Society Garden Tour is on hold for this year, with volunteers already planning to ensure it returns better than ever in 2024.

Originally scheduled for July 8, the event was cancelled "after careful consideration" by the horticultural society board, members and the garden tour committee, says Cindy Grant, president of the organization.

"Last year, she says, "we had 25 beautiful gardens, and a really successful garden tour. But when it was done, we all needed a break. We decided to take some time to rest and regroup."

However, in the new year, with no gardens chosen for the tour and nobody volunteering to coordinate it, the board and members agreed to cancel it for this season.

It's been a successful event for more than 30 years, Grant says, showcasing NOTL gardens and the talent of local gardeners.

"There is now a new garden tour committee in place which, along with board members, is already planning and committed to organizing a great event for July 2024," says Grant. "The good news is we have two fabulous people who will co-chair the committee, and they will ensure we have a knock-out, great tour next year."

In the meantime, horticultural society members are putting their energy into other projects, such as the recent successful plant sale held outside the Virgil arenas.

"We don't have the final tally, but there were lots of people there, spending lots of money — I think we did really well."

Next up is a pollinator garden at the Newark Park Community Garden. Grant says horticultural society members have been partnering with Julian Trachsel, whose efforts resulted in 32 plots for locals to plant last season.

He has been working with the town to create another section of garden plots for this spring, says Grant, with the pollinator garden as part of it.

A group of horticultural society members is also focusing on the William Nassau Park, says Grant.

"We've adopted the park and we have a team going there every week to really spruce it up."

Members "are still active and busy," she says, and early this summer will begin hunting down gardens for next year's tour.
Great news — work has begun for the preparation of the pollinator gardens that will be installed this month.

A group of volunteers has come together in November 2022 to promote pollinator awareness in the community. They rely on these species to pollinate the majority of our flowers and food crops, making them key to the survival of humans. Because there is a mass decline in bees, moths, and butterflies, populations of pollinator-friendly trees and shrubs and wild flowers are needed to replace these declines.

Since the inception of this group, we have managed to produce 10 articles under the title The Buzz on Pollinators, informing locals about the key aspects of creating pollinator habitats. The town has approved our group to install pollinator plants along the Heritage Trail with the generous donation from the Goettler family Foundation. Because of their contribution, you will soon see many new pollinator plants growing along the trail.

This year’s installations will take place along the first section of the Heritage Trail, starting at John Street and ending at Paffard. The entrance to the trail will have a keystone tree dedicated to the Goettler family and two Eastern Redbud trees to welcome you. Just past the fence, we plan to create an instructional pollinator garden where you can learn to create one of your own. Along the path you will see several groves of native shrubs and wild flowers as well as a large installation of pollinator-friendly trees. These pollinator patches are intended to create an entire ecosystem to serve native species with everything they need to complete their life cycle.

Our group engaged the consulting services of Niagara Beeway to guide us through the bed preparation, plant selection and species integration for long-term habitat restoration. Niagara Beeway has over 30 years’ experience in habitat restoration for bees, pollinators and other endangered species such as birds, turtles, reptiles and native plants. Our goal is to attract species such as native bees, swallowtail butterflies, monarchs, hummingbirds and many other interdependent creatures looking for food and habitat.

The work has just begun with the clearing of underbrush, weeds and vines — it’s only the first step and will be an ongoing struggle. There are many invasive plants overtaking the trail either naturally or from having been planted by well-meaning people not aware of the damage these plants are causing.

In the meantime, we will keep you regularly updated about the progress. Please keep an eye open on your walks along the trail as our project evolves.

If you would like to volunteer to help with our upcoming projects, please contact Klara at wklara-myc@gmail.com.

Tip of the week: Be patient with us, great things take time to manifest!
"What’s really neat about the particular show is that it was adapted for the stage by Damien Atkins," says Atkinson. "And, because the book is so huge, he really narrowed down exactly the story that he wanted to tell from the book. It’s really about Lucy, the youngest child, and her connection to Narnia, and the natural world as a whole.”

That means that avid Lewis readers may notice many plot points and situations from the book missing from the stage adaptation. But playwright Atkins has put together a cohesive script that any Lewis aficionado, as well as neophytes to the story, can thoroughly enjoy.

Another adjustment that Narnia fans are asked to make with the Shaw production is the presence of four adult actors in the central roles of the Pevensie children. It’s not at all a difficult adjustment. Kyle Blair (Peter), Andrew Lawrie (Edmund), Marla McLean (Susan) and Kiana Woo (Lucy) fill the roles admirably, embodying the children without actually pretending to be children themselves.

"As the director, I didn’t feel the need for them to pretend to be kids," Atkinson explains. "There’s so many wonderful complex emotions, thoughts and feelings about all these huge life lessons in this play. It would have been too much of a caricature to do that.”

Woo in particular does an excellent job of capturing Lucy’s wide-eyed wonder and excitement as the children return to a world that just a year earlier they had ruled as kings and queens, only to discover that more than 1,000 years has passed in Narnia. Michael Man personifies the title role of the prince, and Lawrie, as the always-hungry Edmund, is a delightful comic relief.

Atkinson and her creative team have made every effort to make Prince Caspian as spectacular as possible. Actors explode on and off the stage, some portraying multiple characters between off-stage costume changes. Axes, daggers and swords clank and clang. At one point the centaur Glenstorm, played by the multi-talented Khan, raises his rear hooves to knock away an evil foe, much to the delight of the audience.

"John Stead, who did the fight work, is probably the best fight director out there,” Atkinson says. "He was incredible to work with. My job as a director is to come up with my thoughts and ideas and to get the best people and let them do their jobs to make it all happen.”

And from the audience’s perspective, it was clear at the matinee that each of the actors on stage was having a really great time playing these characters and telling the story.

As well, the many families in attendance for the matinee seemed to be having a great time. Most likely a large number of the parents in the audience had read the Narnia books themselves, and perhaps spent many evenings reading the stories to the children who were there with them. And those audience members with the leaves pinned to their shirts? They enthusiastically provided their assigned sounds as beech, silver birch and giant oak trees on cue. One gentleman sitting next to this reporter was especially engrossed in his role.

Prince Caspian continues at the Royal George Theatre until Oct. 6. For tickets, dates and times, visit shawfest.com.
Volunteers feel good about cleanup, but not about ticks

Lianne Gagnon begins a cleanup of the Niagara-on-the-Green park, finding the first water bottle of the day, but far from the last. Linda Hardaker picks up garbage around one of the dry ponds intended for runoff stormwater. Kaleb Davidson cleans up his Glendale neighbourhood with his mother, Ellie, who got right into the bushes. Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa hands out town pins to Niagara-on-the-Green volunteers heading out for a Saturday morning cleanup of open spaces. (Photos by Penny Coles)

Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa hands out town pins to Niagara-on-the-Green volunteers heading out for a Saturday morning cleanup of open spaces. (Photos by Penny Coles)

YongSeok Baek, with his daughters Soul and Dana and dog Coco, are ready to set off for the cleanup of one of the dry pond areas.

Linda Hardaker picks up garbage around one of the dry ponds intended for runoff stormwater.

Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa and volunteer Margaret McMahon wait for more bags before making their way around the stormwater management pond.

Kaleb Davidson cleans up his Glendale neighbourhood with his mother, Ellie, who got right into the bushes.

said, “with everyone taking care of it.” Delilah was earning her high school volunteer hours, and although Kaleb had to be convinced to join the cleanup, “once they’re out in the fresh air and nature they enjoy it,” said Ellie. Plus, she added, it’s a “teaching moment,” an opportunity for kids to learn about giving back to their community.

Some said they felt there was less garbage than other years, but three volunteers quickly filled their first garbage bags around the stormwater management pond that runs parallel to Glendale Avenue, and had no trouble filling a second in less than an hour.

Garbage gets caught in the brush around the pond, said Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa as he made his way around it with volunteers Margaret McMahon and Christine Ballone. Some of the rubbish they were picking up had blown away from overloaded recycling bins on “windy Wednesdays,” the neighbourhood garbage day.

Hardaker estimates over all it was about the same number of bags filled as last year.

Although all kinds of garbage was retrieved, from large pieces of cardboard, sheets of metal, and even a large red polka-dotted children’s ball, the items most often picked up were plastic water bottles, volunteers agreed.

With the lord mayor in attendance, residents’ talk both before and after the cleanup turned to some of the issues that still plague them in their neighbourhood.

Parking has been an ongoing problem for many years, with the town trying to find solutions. But it has failed to be resolved, with tickets being handed out to residents who don’t have enough room in their driveways.

Speeding on residential streets is also still an issue, said Gagnon, with others quickly agreeing.

The task force has been disbanded, but those problems that still need to be addressed, Gagnon said, suggesting there is still a need for the town committee.

She has called the police about speeding — she reported an incident on Friday night, she said, but even though she has licence numbers, she didn’t receive a response from police.

“People speed through these streets at 80 kilometres an hour. I worry about kids and cyclists, as well as pets,” she says.

Future development in Glendale is moving forward, and that might be the time to reinstate the task force, said Hardaker.

Zalepa listened to the concerns of neighbours, which include an increasing number of drivers not stopping at red lights and stop signs.

“Those are problems we have consistently elsewhere,” he said. “There is a lack of compliance with rules, and I believe we need some harsher penalties.”

Road engineers are looking into the problem to see what can be done about speeding, he added, saying there is a pilot project in Niagara that uses “something like bollards, only nicer,” that he thinks are a better idea than traditional speed bumps. He asked residents to keep him up to date.

“Drop us an email when there are issues in the neighbourhood,” he said. “Keep us informed.”

While volunteers were wrapping up the event, feeling they had accomplished something worthwhile, they were also discovering the problem with ticks had been a side-effect of their work.

Hardaker agrees “the ticks were bad,” with five volunteers reporting having found them on their bodies.

“I hope the town cuts the grass in the common areas soon.”
Mike Balsom
The Local

The next few months will be busy ones for Niagara-on-the-Lake’s Yellow Door Theatre Project.

Auditions for the non-profit youth theatre company’s fall production of Newsies, the 1992 Disney film that became the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, will take place at their Line 2 location in Virgil on Sunday, June 4.

Newsies was inspired by the real-life newsboys’ strike of 1899 in New York City. It’s the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and lead singer of a band of teenaged newsies, his rake New York City. It’s the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and lead singer of a band of teenaged newsies. When the titans of publishing get together and decide to raise distribution prices at the newsboys’ expense, Jack rally newies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what’s right.

“I saw Newsies when it was on Broadway, and it kind of stuck with me,” says YDTP founder and artistic director Andorlie Hillstrom. “For a lot of people it was something that motivated them to try musical theatre. I’m actually surprised at how many young people actually know the songs.”

As Yellow Door has recently presented new, original works for their fall program, presenting an existing production is a bit of a departure for them. “We love doing that,” Hillstrom says of the original production. “But this year we wanted something that is more familiar, more well-known. It will also give us all a bit of a break from the immense work that goes into writing, rehearsing and performing an original production.”

Yellow Door is looking for 28 talented musical theatre performers between the ages of 10 and 18 to fill the roles in the play, which will be performed from Dec. 6 to 9 at Robert- son Hall in the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre in St. Catharines.

And for two weeks this summer, the PAC is where Hillstrom, her staff, and her students will be focused, as the company’s summer program, which will culminate in two performances of Mary Poppins Jr., is moving into that facility for the first time.

“It’s a new partnership with them,” explains Hillstrom. “For years, they have wanted to have their own summer program for youth there. They brought it up in a meeting with us several months ago. We suggested that we move our summer program there!”

With the transition into the PAC, Yellow Door will have access to the professional sound and lighting as well as the technicians who operate it. And they will have the opportunity to rehearse on site and use the larger stages.

“This has really elevated our summer program,” she adds enthusiastically. “In the past we’ve presented our final summer performances all at our own facility. That works well enough. But being at the PAC means we can really give it that little bump to move it to the next level.”

Hillstrom credits the administration at the PAC for getting behind the partnership 100 per cent. And she adds that there has already been a significant amount of interest in the program, leaving only a few spots remaining.

“The summer program offers two full weeks of music, dance and stage training for young performers between the ages of eight to 18. From Monday to Friday, July 3 to July 15. It will culminate in two performances of Mary Poppins Jr., a family friendly adaptation of the movie and Broadway musical featuring such well-known songs as Spoonful of Sugar, Chim-Chim-Cheree, and Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious.

“The summer program isn’t one that children have to audition for; either,” Hillstrom adds. “Anyone can participate, they just have to have an interest. It allows us to meet that many more young people in the region. And because there are two shows, we’ll be double-casting. Two completely different casts, both performing in the large theatre there.”

The performances will take place on July 15 at 2 p.m. and July 17.

Visit yellowdoortheatre.org for more information about auditions for Newsies, to register for the summer program or to purchase tickets for the summer performances.

Yellow Door preparing for Performing Arts Centre shows

Yellow Door is preparing for their Line 2 location in Virgil on Sunday, June 4.
Continued from page 8

Birthday meet and greet planned

Mike Balsom
The Local

Birthday meet and greet planned for Tzo Wen N Xin Jin.

A caricature created by NDSS art teacher Karen Black.

Around the house she’s known affectionately as 8-Ball. But when things get serious, at dog shows around North America, she’s known as Sherry the Winning Shot with Tan Wei X In Jin.

The almost-six-year-old (8-Ball’s birthday is May 27) is the most decorated, award-winning Chinese Shar-Pei in Canada, says Rhonda Holloway, who moved to Virgil with 8-Ball, her husband John Kolodziej, and eight other Chinese Shar-Pei last year. The couple breeds them via their kennel, Periwrinkles Chinese Shar-Pei.

“She was the top Shar-Pei in Canada for 2018 through 2021, and as well,” says Holloway.

And the awards keep coming for 8-Ball. Just last week, she was named Best of Opposite Sex, the top female after the male Shar-Pei Good Fortune Good And Ready was named Best of Breed at the world-famous Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

Rhonda Holloway and 8-Ball in the Virgil Sports Park.

Mike Balsom

Holloway raised Shar-Peis back in the late 1980s and 1990s, but gave it up for a number of years. She got back into it again in 2016.

“I absolutely love this breed,” she says. “Back when I started they weren’t recognized by the Canadian Kennel Club, but that changed in 1990. I never showed them back then, but since we started up again I’ve been showing them almost every weekend for the last six years.”

“All nine of Holloway’s Shar-Peis are show dogs, but none as successful as 8-Ball, a name given to the dog by her breeder.

She explains that judges look for dogs to match the standard for the breed. For the Shar-Peis, that includes a square-like body, a top half that rises, a tail that is up and straight over the back, an up-tilted rear end, moderate rear angulation, shoulders that are set back, smaller ears that don’t perk up and a muzzle that is equidistant from the forehead to the stop.

“Her movement is absolutely perfect,” Holloway adds. “She knows like no other Shar-Pei I have ever seen. When she moves around the ring she is just amazing. And she loves it. I don’t have any dogs that love it like she does.”

Though Holloway travels with her dogs to shows such as Westminster, 8-Ball usually competes alongside professional handlers, including Hairay Carusi who was in the ring with her last week. Between shows, 8-Ball attends handling classes, and Holloway makes every effort to socialize her.

“Most Shar-Peis are known to be a little bit more aloof,” she adds. “She is very friendly and outgoing. That is a little different than most in the breed.”

During a short meeting at the Virgil Sports Park, 8-Ball is full of personality and energy. When Holloway releases her, she runs to this reporter and accepts the affection on offer. Well-behaved, when Holloway calls her back 8-Ball enthusiastically returns to her side.

There’s no sign during her time at the park that 8-Ball is aware of her lofty status amongst the Shar-Peis of the world, and that’s just fine for Holloway, who will be showing her at the American Nationals near Chicago in September.

“She’s won the top-25 there twice,” she says. “You have to be very competitive, and she’s been invited five times in her six years.”

And 8-Ball isn’t the only winning Shar-Pei in the household. She’s been setting the standard for others in the Periwrinkles stable.

Juice has won multiple awards in the U.S. and Canada, while Cello has also captured titles in both countries, her first coming when she was just seven months old.
Local hockey player paraded for Junior B win

Mike Balsom
The Local

Glendale resident Owen Holmes received a send-off fit for a champion in the form of a parade from the town of Leamington on Saturday.

He was joined, of course, by his teammates on the Leamington Flyers. That made perfect sense, since just a week earlier the Flyers had brought home the Greater Ontario Junior B Hockey League’s Sutherland Cup.

“It was a blast,” Holmes says of the team’s recognition, really the first time the people here love this team. The turnout was amazing. The people of Leamington are all class.”

After cruising through the first two rounds of the playoffs, taking down both the Sarnia Legionnaires and the LaSalle Vipers in four games straight, the Flyers beat the St. Mary’s Lincolns in five games to qualify for the Sutherland Cup. They then went on to beat the Hamilton Kilty B’s and the Stratford Warriors.

“We were dialed in those first two rounds,” Holmes says. “We’re a pretty special team. We were all playing for one another. There was no selfishness.

Going into the round robin, really, all we wanted to do was get to the finals. We did put ourselves into a pickle, a win-or-go-home situation against Hamilton, but we scored five goals in the last 10 minutes to win 5-2.

Leamington went 2-2 in that round, losing a game against both teams. That was good enough, though, for them to earn the opportunity to take on the 3-1 Warriors for the title.

The Flyers won the first two games of the best-of-seven series, both by 4-1 scores, before Stratford took a 6-2-1 in the third. Leamington went up three games to one in game four, but the Warriors won two in a row to force a game seven back in Stratford.

“We shut them out 4-0 in their barn,” says Holmes of the final game, in which his linemates scored all four goals. “There was so much confidence on this team. When we want to play, there’s no stopping us.”

Holmes was a big contributor to the Flyers’ playoff run, contributing 14 goals and six assists over the 24-game stretch while playing left wing alongside the team’s two leading scorers, Connor and Ryan McPherson.

That’s exactly what general manager Justin Solcz was hoping for when he acquired Holmes from the Ontario Junior A Hockey League’s Brantford 99ers in December, with roughly half of the regular season remaining on the team’s schedule.

“We were looking for a left winger to play with the twins,” says Solcz. “I got a tip on him, and Brantford wasn’t going to make the playoffs. I felt that he would be the perfect guy to play with the McPhersons because he responds so quickly. He’s super skilled and he gets to the front of the net. Darren (DeDobelaer, who also owns the Niagara Ice Dogs) let me talk to him.”

Solcz says he also reached out to the Ontario Hockey League’s Flint Firebirds, who selected Holmes in the 11th round of the 2018 draft and for whom Owen’s older brother Hunter played for three-plus seasons.

“They helped us out, and we gave Owen our pitch,” Solcz says. “We told him that coming here to win a championship playing with those two would be best for his development, especially for his last season. He really delivered.”

Solcz adds that the McPhersons, who are on the NHL’s central scouting list (Connor at number 128, Ryan at 211), are a rare feat for Junior B players, but they would not have had the success they did without Holmes’ presence on the line.

A humble Holmes, who also had 11 goals and 10 assists in 20 regular season games, reciprocates Solcz’ comment, saying the McPhersons were largely responsible for his success on the ice.

“They’re two of the best hockey players I’ll ever play with in my life,” says Holmes. “We had great chemistry. I think I complemented them well. I just came in and helped them develop their game. I think I helped them hone their defensive game a bit, if anything.”

“Owen definitely kicked it up another gear come the playoffs,” adds Solcz. “He’s an older guy (Holmes turned 21 in April) who has been around. He really wanted to win, and he became a leader in the room. And he spent a ton of time at the rink, taking all the extra skates he could.”

The A.N. Myer Secondary School graduate readily takes that complement, labelling himself both a locker room guy and a playoff guy.

“Once I settled in after Christmas,” he says, “I slowly got more comfortable in my role in the room. We only had four 20-year-old players on the team. They kind of wanted me there to help the young guys along in stressful situations, like the playoffs. I have never seen a more calm room than ours heading into game seven.”

Holmes admits he remains a little disappointed that he wasn’t able to follow his older brother to the U.S., and with his junior career already cut short, he really focused on that second year. He was 16 when he went into that camp, and really confident. But they couldn’t find a spot for me. That’s just the way it worked out.

Instead, Holmes played two Junior B seasons with the Niagara Falls Canucks and followed that with one with the Tholdor Blackhaws. He made the jump to the provincial junior league’s Georgetown Raiders for the 2021-2022 season. Midway through this season, though, the Raiders moved him to Brantford, where he amassed 13 points in 17 games.

Meanwhile, he has taken some courses in kinesiology both from Brock University and the online Athabasca University, with the goal of one day becoming a physiotherapist. He is still eligible to play for National Collegiate Athletic Association teams in the U.S., and with his junior success, would certainly be welcome to play for a Canadian university team, as Hunter is in Windsor.

Owen is back home in Niagara-on-the-Lake this week, ready to get his summer business started up again. He sells and delivers peppers from St. Davids Hydroponics and asparagus from Thwaites Farms to local businesses, making sales calls and filling orders as a middleman. And he’ll spend a bit of time on the golf course and working out, getting prepared for wherever his next destination might be.

As he says goodbye to junior hockey, he says he’s grateful he got to do it with a championship win for Leamington, in front of his parents Chuck and Maryellen and a handful of friends.

“You go to a Leamington hockey game on a Thursday night and they have almost 2,000 people there,” Holmes says. “They treat us like superstars. There’s so much history with this team. I am so happy I got to end my junior years here.”

Owen Holmes skates with the Sutherland Cup, representing a win for the Greater Ontario Junior B Hockey League. (Photos supplied)
When the Lincoln Hockey League, which was run out of the Thorold Arena, folded in 1973, 29-year-old Niagara-on-the-Lake residents Ted Wiens and his friend Bud Andres were left without a place to play their favourite sport.

“We didn’t have a local league to play in,” Ted tells The Local. “There were so many graduates from the town’s minor hockey program like us that we thought it would be neat to give them some place to play. There was ice time available (at Virgil’s Centennial Arena, the only one in town at the time), so we put our heads together to come up with something.”

So Wiens and Andres, along with Ted’s 27-year-old brother Art, decided to start a league of their own. Fifty years later, the Niagara Hockey League, affectionately abbreviated as the NHL, complete with its own three-foot-tall version of a championship Stanley Cup, celebrates a big milestone. Current league administrators are planning a big party, a reunion of sorts, at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre on June 24.

Back in that first year, Andres took on the role of treasurer for the fledgling organization. They enlisted four interested players to serve as captains, then put out the call for others to register. The new league held a draft to assemble four teams, and the rest is history.

“It’s always remained a four-team league,” says Wiens. “It’s basically the product of Niagara-on-the-Lake minor hockey graduates. There have always been a few players from out of town, but even those usually have had some connection to Niagara-on-the-Lake. It’s always been a local league for local players.”

The Wiens brothers and Andres continued to play in and run the organization through the years, until they felt it was time to graduate to something specifically for old-timers. True to form, they were the ones behind the start of NOTL’s Hot Tub League, for players 50 and older.

They never envisioned the original men’s league would still be running 50 years later.

“We had always hoped it would continue,” says Ted. “We knew we wouldn’t be there forever. We turned it over to a group of interest-
ed people who wanted to keep it going. I know a lot of the guys who are playing in it. It’s great to see that it’s still running, and it contin-
ues to be in good hands.”

The 50th anniversary party is being organized by the league’s current administrators, including Doug McClure and Jay Haulbrook, the current president.

“It’s one of the longest running men’s hockey leagues in Canada,” says the 53-year-old McClure. “Usually the players are all in their mid-20s to mid-30s, with a few exceptions, like me. I’ve been playing for 33 years.”

“My father (Manfred) ‘Muff’ played in the league, and I’ve been playing for at least 12 years now,” adds Haulbrook.

“It’s great to see generation after generation play in the league,” says McClure. “Some fathers even played with their sons. Carl and Ben Glauser played on the same team, and so did Moe and Owen Bjorgran. Those two actually joined the league the same year.”

He adds that it’s a pret-
ty competitive league, even though it is strictly non-contact.

“There’s a lot of what we call rubbing out,” laughs McClure, who works for Olds Towne Building Company. “You’re not al-
lowed to do that anymore, but it happens. It doesn’t get rough, though, because we all have jobs we have to go to in the morning.”

Following the origi-
nal plan, four captains are chosen at the end of each season and a draft is held to assign the 56 players to one of four teams. The games are held on Tuesday evenings from 8 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. for 26 weeks.

McClure and Haulbrook have been busy get-
ting the word out about the June 24 event. With 50 years of play, they expect a large number of current and former players to at-
tend.

“It’s open to anyone who wants to attend,” says McClure. “We hope to see a lot of alumni there.”

Wiens, a retired ele-
mentary school principal, is planning to be at the party.

“I’m looking forward to it,” he says. “I hope some of the people who have left town make a special ef-
fort to come back. The one thing I’ve found from growing up in a small town is that you develop lifelong friendships. Even if someone moves out of town, those friend-
ships remain. Local events like this draw them back home to touch base with their friends from years back.”

Tickets for the celebra-
tion, which runs 7 p.m. to midnight, are $25. There will be food, a disc jockey, door prizes and a raffle ta-le.

Joe Pillitteri will be the party’s emcee, and pro-
ceeds from the event will be going to the NOTL Wolves Minor Hockey Club and Red Roof Retreat.

Contact Doug McClure at 289-241-6186.
Mike Balsom
The Local

Though his Under-19 Rangers girls basketball team came home from Kingston after winning provincial bronze last weekend, coach Shawn Pylypiw laments a late game collapse that kept them from competing for a different coloured medal.

After knocking off the Toronto Lords and the Grimsby Grizzlies, the Rangers fought hard in game three of pool play against the Huntsville Grizzlies, the Rangers fought hard in game three of pool play against the Huntsville Grizzlies, the Rangers fought hard in game three of pool play against the Huntsville Grizzlies, the Rangers fought hard in game three of pool play against the Huntsville Grizzlies. But the Hurricanes pulled away in the fourth en route to a 67-36 victory at the Queen’s University gymnasium.

“We hung in with them for most of the game,” Pylypiw tells The Local about the Saturday afternoon game. “We were only down by five when we entered the fourth quarter, but then the wheels fell off. They were a really well-coached, skilled team, and we kind of imploded at the end.”

The Rangers kicked off the Ontario Basketball Association (OBA) Division Four tournament Friday night with a hard fought 55-40 win over the Toronto Lords Friday night. Ava Froese led the way with 17 points, while Kyla Pylypiw added eight for the winning squad.

“Kyla was fighting through a bad cold,” says Pylypiw of his daughter. “She was a force on both ends of the court, too. She dominated the glass with her rebounding and shot-blocking the entire game. And her leadership both on the court and from on the bench was a big factor.”

Pylypiw also credits the defensive efforts and play-making skills of Mikayla Wallace and Tiana Hicks as crucial to the strong start in their weekend quest to better the team’s second-place finish in 2022 as an Under-17 team. Melia Kotsanis also contributed with her vocal presence on the floor.

The strong start continued Saturday morning against Grimsby, a familiar opponent from just a few kilometres away on the QEW. The back and forth game saw many lead changes, but the Rangers came out on top 53-45.

Again, Froese led the way with 16 points, while Amy Venneri stepped up with some defensive hustle, making some key stops and adding 10 points of her own.

“Our girls battled through some poor execution and some bad calls that went the other way,” says Pylypiw. “But they found their stride when they needed to, and began to pull away in the fourth quarter. It was like they found the next gear. Melia was a force again. She really stepped up her game and shut down Grimsby on defence.”

After Saturday afternoon’s disappointing game three loss to Huntsville, who finished pool play 3-0 and went on to win OBA gold against Brantford, the Rangers had to regroup for the bronze medal game scheduled for Sunday at noon against Ancaster.

It was another back and forth contest that saw Ancaster take a seven point lead in the fourth quarter. But Wallace drained back-to-back three point shots to keep the Rangers in the mix.

“Tiana was fighting through a cold and depression,” says Pylypiw of his daughter. “We went from 10 down to even to 10 points ahead in that quarter.”

That gave the rest of the team added confidence on the way to capturing the bronze with a thrilling 44-42 win.

“We made some adjustments in the fourth quarter,” Pylypiw explains. “We transitioned from a zone to a man defence and that helped a lot. In the last six minutes they all dug deep and worked really hard on both ends. And they ignored the taunting from Ancaster to focus on their own game.”

The Rangers went up by four points with just over a minute remaining in the game. Ancaster then shifted to a full court press and closed the gap to two, but the Rangers answered quickly with two points of their own. After another bucket by Ancaster, Niagara regained the ball with 17 seconds remaining.

“I just told them to hold the ball and play keepaway,” Pylypiw says. “They did a great job of that, they didn’t look to score, they just killed the clock to close it out for the win.”

Froese once again led the way with 14 points and continued her dominance under the boards. Wallace added 13 points and Kotsanis chipped in with six. Pylypiw adds that Kotsanis forced a number of turnovers in the defensive zone and was instrumental in moving the ball up the court in the transition to offence, and Venneri added some strong play on defence.

“I’m so proud of the way these girls played,” Pylypiw says. “It was such a good feeling to win bronze, actually a better feeling than last year, because you have to win to get bronze, whereas to get the silver, you have to lose your last game. It may be a lesser medal, but it feels better to be victorious in that game.”

That feeling is especially important for at least three of the Rangers who played their final game with the club Sunday. Wallace, Venneri and Emilia Ciocca have all aged out of the Rangers system and will be ineligible to play next year. Point guard Wallace has earned a spot on the Niagara College Knights women’s basketball team for 2023-2024.

“I have a close connection with Mikayla,” Pylypiw says. “I’ve been coaching her for a while now. It’s hard to see her go but I’m happy she’ll be playing at the next level. I look forward to going to watch her play whenever I can.”

Pylypiw is counting on a strong core of players to be back next year for another run at OBA gold at the U19 age group. Key Rangers such as Kyla and Froese will return, while Morgan Lambert, Karlyn Coveney and Mikhaila Marshall will earn more floor time. And he’s counting on Hicks, Kotsanis and Jailah Gabbidon to fill in for the loss of Wallace at the all-important point guard position.

“We were lucky to have four higher-end point guards that we could turn to,” he says. “They were very interchangeable, we could give Mikayla a rest any time and not give up ground. That was a definite asset to our team.”

All the same, Pylypiw admits there will be some holes to fill, and is hoping to pick up a few players before things get going next December. And he is also hoping the team can move out of Port Weller Public School and back into the Crossroads School gym for their practices next year.

The Rangers knocked off the Grimsby Grizzlies on their way to earning a bronze medal. (Photos supplied)

The Rangers team photo, with their medals: (back) Shawn Pylypiw (coach), Karlyn Coveney, Kyla Pylypiw, Ava Froese, Morgan Lambert, Amy Venneri, Emilia Ciocca; (front) Sydney Chavez, Jailah Gabbidon, Mikayla Wallace, Tiana Hicks, and Melia Kotsanis. Absent from the photo: Julia Diemer, Mikhaila Marshall.

The Rangers went up by four points with just over a minute remaining in the game. Ancaster then shifted to a full court press and closed the gap to two, but the Rangers answered quickly with two points of their own. After another bucket by Ancaster, Niagara regained the ball with 17 seconds remaining.

“I just told them to hold the ball and play keepaway,” Pylypiw says. “They did a great job of that, they didn’t look to score, they just killed the clock to close it out for the win.”

Froese once again led the way with 14 points and continued her dominance under the boards. Wallace added 13 points and Kotsanis chipped in with six. Pylypiw adds that Kotsanis forced a number of turnovers in the defensive zone and was instrumental in moving the ball up the court in the transition to offence, and Venneri added some strong play on defence.

“I’m so proud of the way these girls played,” Pylypiw says. “It was such a good feeling to win bronze, actually a better feeling than last year, because you have to win to get bronze, whereas to get the silver, you have to lose your last game. It may be a lesser medal, but it feels better to be victorious in that game.”

That feeling is especially important for at least three of the Rangers who played their final game with the club Sunday. Wallace, Venneri and Emilia Ciocca have all aged out of the Rangers system and will be ineligible to play next year. Point guard Wallace has earned a spot on the Niagara College Knights women’s basketball team for 2023-2024.

“I have a close connection with Mikayla,” Pylypiw says. “I’ve been coaching her for a while now. It’s hard to see her go but I’m happy she’ll be playing at the next level. I look forward to going to watch her play whenever I can.”

Pylypiw is counting on a strong core of players to be back next year for another run at OBA gold at the U19 age group. Key Rangers such as Kyla and Froese will return, while Morgan Lambert, Karlyn Coveney and Mikhaila Marshall will earn more floor time. And he’s counting on Hicks, Kotsanis and Jailah Gabbidon to fill in for the loss of Wallace at the all-important point guard position.

“We were lucky to have four higher-end point guards that we could turn to,” he says. “They were very interchangeable, we could give Mikayla a rest any time and not give up ground. That was a definite asset to our team.”

All the same, Pylypiw admits there will be some holes to fill, and is hoping to pick up a few players before things get going next December. And he is also hoping the team can move out of Port Weller Public School and back into the Crossroads School gym for their practic-es next year.

The Rangers knocked off the Grimsby Grizzlies on their way to earning a bronze medal. (Photos supplied)

Tiana Hicks drives past an Ancaster player for a layup while Melia Kotsanis looks on.

Ranger Amy Venneri takes a shot while Tiana Hicks gets ready for a rebound.

Mikayla Wallace drives in for a layup.
It was a different vibe in council chambers at Tuesday’s committee of the whole meeting as the Niagara-on-the-Lake Wolves Under-11 rep team players gave their trademark wolf howl followed by a rousing team cheer. The young hockey players, sporting green jerseys and OMHA championship medals draped round their necks, were honoured with standing applause from town councillors in a room filled with proud parents and grandparents, and presented certificates to mark their silver-medal win at the provincial championships in April.

Their success came hot on the heels of another win just weeks before at the Niagara District Hockey League championships, where they defeated the Thorold Blackhawks in a triple overtime shoot-out to take first place. “We’re thrilled to have them with us,” said Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa, congratulating the players, coaches, and the volunteers who made the season a success.

“The team also won the championship in their division at the Harvest Classic Tournament here in town, with Zalepa showing off the trophies for big wins.

He praised the team for their incredible season, saying, “Niagara-on-the-Lake is really proud to have Ontario finalists, U11 team here in town . . . Thank you so much, keep up the hard work, and we’re looking forward to next year.”

Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa and councillors pose for pictures with the young hockey players.

The Under-11 rep team Wolves file into the council chamber, being recognized for their silver medal at the OMHA championships. (Photos by Mike Balsom)
OBITUARY

WIKSTON, BRIAN GEORGE — It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Brian George Wikston, in his 76th year, surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday May 10, 2023. Brian is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Linda Wikston, son Bradley (Melanie) Wikston, and daughter Stephanie (Trevor) Falk. Proud grandfather of Abbleigh, Shaeleigh, Liam, Brandon, Nicole and Rachel. Brian will also be dearly missed by his many relatives and friends.

After retiring, Brian loved spending many nights playing euchre with his family, attending his grandchildren’s sporting events, travelling, and soaking up the sun.

Please join us as we celebrate Brian’s life at 1:00 pm on Saturday May 27, 2023 at 1039 Lakeshore Rd., Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Canadian Liver Foundation at www.liver.ca would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Online Guest Book: www.georgedartefuneralhome.com

EMRANSON, GEORGE — Passed away peacefully at home with his loving family by his side on Tuesday May 9, 2023, at the age of 74. Beloved husband of Florence for 49 years. Loving father of Craig Ermanson (Leslie Panucci) and Lisa (Eric) Cook. Caring grandfather of Parker Cook. Dear brother of Dee Adams, Larry, Robert, Susan Ermanson and John (Louise) Ermanson. He will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews and friends. George worked for Niagara Fruit and Vegetable for over 50 years. In his spare time, he enjoyed gardening, spending time up north with family and spending time with his grandson Parker. George loved to be social with his neighbors and friends. He also was a long-time Legion Member in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements entrusted to MORGAN FUNERAL HOME, 415 King Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, on Sunday June 4, 2023 from 2 to 5pm.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish to make a memorial donation to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund.

Please join us as we celebrate Brian’s life at 1:00 pm on Saturday May 27, 2023 at 1039 Lakeshore Rd., Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Canadian Liver Foundation at www.liver.ca would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Online Guest Book: www.georgedartefuneralhome.com

PUZZLE ANSWERS
$1,749,000 Waterviews - 41 Ricardo St, Niagara-on-the-Lake

$1,375,000 Double Lot in Prime Location - 390 Simcoe St, Niagara-on-the-Lake

$989,450 or Lease $3200/Month - 31 Windsor Cir, Niagara-on-the-Lake

$915,000 Coming Soon - 42 Thomas Burns Cmn, St. Catharines

$2,575,000 Coming Soon - 93 William St, Niagara-on-the-Lake

$950,000 Happy Buyer - 26 Loretta Dr, Niagara-on-the-Lake

$1,049,900 Happy Buyer - 22 Partition St, Queenston

JUNE 22, 2023 | 12 PM
ROYAL NIAGARA GOLF COURSE
NIAGARAONTHELAKE.COM/GOLFTOURNAMENT

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF TOURNAMENT
LEAD SPONSOR

McGILLIVRAY™ Trusted

Angelika Zammit is proud to have been recognized as the exclusive McGillivray Trusted Agent in the Niagara-on-the-Lake market.

T. 905.468.8777 C. 289.214.4394
www.angelikazammit.com
496 Mississauga Street
Local Office: Niagara-on-the-Lake

#1 BROKERAGE in the GTA.
The largest independent real estate brokerage in Canada - 6,000 Agents across 10 branches in Ontario.

HGTV Celebrity, Scott McGillivray