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### **Powwow promotes awareness of Indigenous culture**

The eighth Traditional Powwow organized by the Niagara Regional Native Centre and held at the Meridian Centre Saturday featured Intertribal Dancers in their colourful ceremonial regalia. For more about the powwow see page 20. (Penny Coles)

### **Candidates face off** at Chamber debate

### Penny Coles The Local

If there was a theme among candidates at the Niagaraon-the-Lake Chamber of Commerce debate held Wednesday, it was one of collaboration.

With 13 council candidates and three mayoral hopefuls for the upcoming Oct. 24 municipal election, balancing the needs of the local tourism industry with what works for residents was the focus of several questions, and collaboration of all stakeholders, including residents, was considered key in the answers.

President Minerva Ward voice of businesses in NOTL and the official destination marketing organization for the municipality. "We believe in responsible, sustainable tourism," and market to drive high-end tourists to the town's bed and breakfasts, wineries, hotels, national parks, restaurants, attractions and retailers, while at the same time being respectful

of the physical and and psychological "carrying capacities" of NOTL.

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Tourism businesses and residents "do enjoy a synergistic relationship and can and should exist harmoniously," she said. "Scientifically-measured residents' sentiments show that 85 per cent of residents understand NOTL can both attract a lot of visitors, and be a great place to live. We need to find solutions to issues, and not demonize an industry that contributes immensely to our tax and economic base and that provides amenities right here at our doorsteps."

The debate was held at the explained the chamber is the Royal George Theatre, with each candidate having an opportunity to introduce themselves, and answer one question picked at random and read to them by board president Andrew Niven, who offered an opportunity for candidates to give a rebuttal to one question, and then a short wrap-up.

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## Youth campus has a location, kids' input needed

### **Penny Coles The Local**

Caroline Polgrabia is so close to seeing her goal of opening a youth hub realized, with just a few details to work out, that she wants about what activities they would like at a drop-in cen-

pus, and they're almost ready to go with a space kids can call their own, and choose activities and programs they would like to see offered.

Polgrabia has been looking for a space that is central to apply to for non-profit stalocal teens to begin thinking for quite a while, and was tus. They can operate under pointed in the direction of the umbrella of the church in look like. It is not going to have everything we need to want. We're looking at a Cornerstone, which now op- that and other ways. erates all church services and programs out if its Hunter looking after public engage- nity-minded, and all about is easy to access, she says, al-

week, and is making the job easier by providing many benefits that allow the group to focus on the kids, rather than administrative details.

For a start, they don't have

provide a NOTL Youth Cam- youth program two nights a the group had directed me up a separate bank account to him. She had asked him for donations to the youth about a drop-in centre for campus, and allowing its youth during COVID, and volunteers to use the church he was able to do it. We talked system of getting the safety to him about our youth proj- checks necessary for those ect, and we've been working who work with vulnerable sibilities. We want a drop-in with him since April, trying sectors, she says. "They're to figure out what it would helping us to make sure we to ask the youth what they

ganize dances for local kids at Virgil Public School, and that is one of the activities they are thinking of offering at the youth campus.

"We're looking at all posafter school, and we're going be a Christian-based project. provide a safe, secure space lounge, and a space just for

tre in Virgil.

A committee of parents is Community Church on Niagara Stone Road in Virgil to ready has a Christian-based

Jeff Martens, the pastor The church is very commu- for kids." a huge help, says Polgrabia. "One of the moms in

They have also had help partnering with Cornerstone Road location. Cornerstone ment at the church, has been supporting youth. They've from Dorothy and Erwin been unbelievably generous." Wiens and the Niagara Li-The church is setting ons. Dorothy used to help or-

older teens they can design."

There could be a time when parents of younger

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Glendale development, litigation with developers, traffic and parking, tourism growth, noise from tourism events, housing shortages, short-term rentals and taxes were all hot topics.

### Development

Council candidate Tim Balasiuk introduced himself as a life-long resident of NOTL interested in community planning, business and agricultural preservation, and the creation of a recreational plan and a tourism strategy. Asked about the unprecedented growth and significant development in Glendale, he said he thinks of that community "as our front door."

A number of residents agree with the district plan in place, "which is huge," he said, and the planned development "is not going to be a small com-



Tim Balasiuk



Allan Bisback

munity. It's slated for another 15,000 residents, double what we have now."

space, parks, a main street and housing for people coming to the area, and will also provide an opportunity to create "a really great space" for people coming to Niagara.

#### Parking

Incumbent Allan Bisback, faced by this term of council, with plummeting revenue during the pandemic, and the number of issues council faced "that may have caused a lot of angst, but were in the best interest of all residents and communities for us to do so."

He spoke of priorities in the next term, including heritage protection, investing in infrastructure in Glendale and through Virgil, and said that "despite the rumours, the town finances are in relatively good

condition."

He was asked about whether he would be willing to consider working with Parks Canada on a parking area for 500 cars, with a shuttle service to downtown. He said he would, and would include other organizations in the discussion, such as the NOTL Chamber of Commerce and Tourism NOTL. The issue would be a parcel of land that would handle that volume of cars, he said, and added that The plan includes green some Parks Canada land is protected, so would have to take into consideration "a solution for parking not only there, but at other locations." There is also a role for the province to play, and other factors to consider, including the use of shuttles.

Council candidate John about parking.

He introduced himself as coming from Ottawa with his wife, having three adult chil-



John McCallum

dren, and having worked for a large best-in-class global companies, in process and management issues, finding innovation solutions that are practical and be financially responsible.

"In the town operations I see examples where these disciplines are not being practised," he said, including the transportation master plan and the efforts to find a future use for the hospital property.

Asked about supporting parking outside the heritage area with a shuttle, he spoke of a parking study in 2010 which identified an over-capacity situation on weekends, and which predicted then parking searches would take place in residential areas. "We have had 12 years to find a park and ride and spoke of the many challenges McCallum was also asked I'm very much in favour." The municipal tax could fund it. He suggested starting small, with trolleys from the community centre, and parking at wineries and other businesses which might be happy to participate so people in town "could be ferried around to various places."

Residents could also use a hop-on hop-off service to get to the grocery store, he said. and if elected, he will be pressing fortunate" to plan a parking council to get this done.

Sandra O'Connor, known



Sandra O'Connor

for her passion on environmental issues — although by no means a single-issue councillor, she mentioned - agreed parking outside the heritage area and a hop-on hop-off system could be the answer. She suggested looking at it on a larger scale, connecting to Niagara Falls through WeGo, and the rest of the region with the internal transit system. With hovercrafts coming to Port Weller accommodation and electrical vehicles from there to NOTL, and visitors going to different locations in town, including the outlet mall, "it's not one issue or one vehicle." A lot of thought and action will be required to balance tourism as an economic driver, while also supporting residents, she said.

> Balasiuk stepped up with a caution that it would be "unstation to accommodate people travelling by hovercraft, "when

we don't know whether or not this Hoverlink is going to happen." He suggested holding off on building parking lots and taking over green space. "We could wait on that and see what other options are coming down the pipe."

#### **Balancing needs of** tourism and residents, affordable housing

Gary Burroughs, who has been a lord mayor, regional council chair and a town councillor, is hoping for another term at the council table. He spoke of the town changing, and as a long-time resident and former business owner in the hospitality industry, said he wants to ensure it changes for the better.

Asked about balancing the needs of residents and tourism in relation to special events, such as concerts and fireworks

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Gary Burroughs



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# NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE VOT October 24, 2022

# 'Everything about life in NOTL is about balance'

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displays, Burroughs said the issue is about noise, and also the number of such events. The town is trying to limit the number by location, he said. "We need to work together to tighten the noise bylaw," which needs to be updated."

Although it does not allow for amplified music at events, "I seem to hear amplified music every night," and the solution will mean working together. "We all live with it, we all enjoy going to some of these events, but we have to get a handle on it. Our bylaw officers don't work at night and they don't work at night without a police escort. And we all know noise happens at night. We have to do better than that."

Council candidates Erwin Wiens and Richard Mell offered rebuttals. Business owners are "excellent corporate citizens



Erwin Wiens



#### Richard Mell

and continue to work well with us," said Wiens. "These are excellent corporate citizens who live in our community."

"Everything we have in NOTL is about balance," said Mell. He spoke about events completely disappearing during COVID, and how much he enjoyed sitting at a friend's house recently and hearing music from the Jackson-Triggs Amphitheatre, picturing everyone smiling and enjoying the music. "I think we do have to have some kind of restrictions when we consider this within our community," with so many residents living close to event venues, but added "we need to appreciate why we moved here, all the things we want to enjoy, and what NOTL has to offer."

Council candidate Nick Ruller, a former fire chief of NOTL who with his wife is raising four children in Virgil, also addressed that balance when

questioned about it specifically in regard to the wine industry, so it sustains a viable agricultural base and expands the town visitation experience.

He spoke of the need for a tourism strategy that would include the agricultural industry, and engaging residents "in identifying what is appropriate and what is complementary to the existing neighbourhoods." It's no secret there have been no complaints about music and fireworks, he said. "We need to approach it with an empathic perspective," and ensure improvements that contribute "to the overall quality of life."

Mayoral candidate Vaughn Goettler also weighed in, cautioning complaining about a winery if it's following the noise bylaws, and suggesting if the winery and its concerts were there first, "we have to be careful where we pick to live."

Adriana Cater-Vizzari in-



Nick Ruller



Vaughn Goettler

troduced herself as "the rookie the availability of long-term candidate," with a strong desire to contribute to the leadership to the community. She spoke of growth in NOTL, including St. Davids, where she lives with her husband and four children. Her village "has more than tripled in size in the last decade. While this growth is exciting, it must be carefully managed," with a growth strategy that is "strong, sustainable and balanced that takes into account all of NOTL."

Her question addressed affordable housing "in a timely manner," especially for those working in the service industry.

She agreed with the importance of growing affordable housing, and suggested the town must look to upper levels of government for funding, for guidance on what the numbers should be like, and how they will support the town - the solution has to go beyond municipal policies.

Ruller added to Cater-Vizzari's comments, saying "what we really need is a mixture of housing," that will include longterm rentals for service industry staff. "There are implications and unintended consequences of not having a good mixture of available rental housing, and we've seen that before."

Short-term rentals impact

rentals, he said. "There's definitely an opportunity to look at those as they are intertwined. There are direct relationships between the two and if we don't get a handle on long-term rental housing availability we're affecting the sustainability of the various industries we're trying to support here."

Incumbent Wendy Cheropita, who introduced herself as someone with solid business skills, and experience in marketing and branding, also spoke to the issue of afford-



Adriana Cater-Vizzari

AT I



Wendy Cheropita

able housing, saying long-term rentals are being turned into short-term accommodations. Asked what she would do about short-term rentals, she said they can be a blessing, when great B&B families are involved or local companies are managing them, and they offer "a variety of options for visitors when they're traveling here." On the other hand, there are a small number of "really bad actors" running them, or trying to get away without licensing them. Council has instituted a program called Granicus that goes after those that are unlicensed, which had numbered more than 100, and "now we're down to just a couple."

She also spoke of a new bylaw, not yet passed, that will address issues that have been annoying people, such as those with pools and hot tubs, and

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# NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE VOTES October 24, 2022 Short-term rentals supported, with cautions

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owners who don't live in NOTL.

Bisback, who with his wife ran a B&B in town for 10 years, offered his perspective — that hosted B&Bs improve the experience in NOTL, with owner-operators actually acting as a concierge for NOTL," and offering "a much-improved, some of the hotels provide."

Burroughs, who sat on the short-term rental committee, which came up with 33 recommendations for a new bylaw in a July 2021 report, said "it's time we did something about it," including making the important distinction between hosted and unhosted rentals, as described in the new bylaw.

Mell, with a wine tour coma bed and breakfast, was also asked about short-term rentals, and how to work with them to ensure dialogue and consultation.

There is an issue of "demonizing the problem rather than trying to seek a viable solution," he said. Short-term rentals are a "key part of our culture. Not everybody that comes to NOTL wants to stay in a hotel or a B&B. We have a lot of families that want to visit, that want to dents, and dealing with issues



#### Betty Disero

different experience than some stay for a whole week." NOTL also wants a diverse group of visitors, he added. He understands the fear of hollowing out neighbourhoods, "but I do feel we can tackle this in a more sustainable way," suggesting a limit to licences in some areas. "I think we can make sure that the balance of short-term rentals and residents can be addressed fairly."

Betty Disero, hoping for pany and a family member with a second term, talked about the important balance of businesses, tourism and residents, including support of arts and culture. "We need more upscale tourism to make sure it works for tourists and residents," she said.

> Asked about protecting tourism into the future, she spoke of the tourism strategy and a collaborative effort with all stakeholders, businesses, tourism operators and resi-

such as parking, traffic and accountable accommodations that take care of their properties and don't let people have big parties, as opposed to one person renting it and inviting 20 of their friends.

With respect to traffic and parking, she said, "I'm thrilled to have worked with Chris Morgan on the Hoverlink project," with an electric shuttle coming into NOTL bringing people who will be renting bicycles, taking walks and tours, and getting a massive amount of traffic off local highways and streets.

She also spoke of an educational hub to keep high school students in NOTL, and assisted living for seniors. "So taking all of that into account should help our tourism industry and residents live compatibly."

Katherine Reid, a council candidate from Queenston, introduced herself as a university



Katherine Reid

graduate with a degree in geography and statistics.

One of her solutions for balancing tourism is to take it further afield by supporting agribusinesses, including wineries, craft breweries and farm markets. They need more recognition and to be easier to locate, she said, and putting those small businesses on the map where they won't be such a bother to residents.

and bred in NOTL and married to my wife Dorothy for 31 years we've been a team through this whole journey," he said by way of introduction. He was also asked about tourism: is it an asset or detriment to the taxpayer?

can see it by the flowers we have ings beyond what we deserve. downtown, you can see it by the orchards and the vineyards, you can see it by the Niagara Parkway that you drive down, you can see it in the Old Town, you ery person matters." can see it everywhere."

the prettiest, as a direct result of tourism. "We don't exist without tourism. Grapes don't exist if we don't have wineries. There's nothing else we can do



Gary Zalepa

would take tourists to locations with them. The flowers downtown are paid for by tourism. Taxes are expensive based on Erwin Wiens, hoping for a the mill rate, but relative to second term on council, is "born what's happening and what you get for it."

Tourism "made us prosperous and it made us strong, and we made a beautiful place for families," he said. "We should be welcoming people to share what we have. We should be looking at it as something that is It's an asset, he said. "You vibrant and exciting, with bless-

> "And that's what we have to keep looking at, not as one industry taking something away. We're all contributing, and ev-

Mayoral candidate Gary Compared to any other Zalepa, entrepreneur and busitown in North America, it's nessperson now with an executive role for a national real estate company that's given him leadership experience, was asked about developing stricter bylaws rather than hiring addi-

tional bylaw officers for stricter enforcement.

"It's the definition of insanity, to do something over an over again," he said. "Government writes some rules, and they go, well, that didn't work, so we're just going to write some more rules, and then when that doesn't work we're looking at writing some more rules. I have a big problem with that. If you really want something to be enforced and you're writing a rule for a reason, you have to actually put the resources in to stand behind it."

When the community says a particular item is worthy of a bylaw, "then I think they want it enforced. And it's incumbent upon us as a council to ensure we resource staff adequately, and we provide them with the training and the resources necessary to properly navigate that with the offender."

Cater-Vizzari added that increasing bylaws shows stakeholders feel unrepresented, because they feel that's the only way they can have a voice, and be heard. A well-rounded council can make a difference, and make residents feel they can turn to council members to

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## **Goeal BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:** Ironwood Cider Bringing diversity to Lakeshore Oktoberfest at Ironwood Cider House

Always keen to break new grounds, Ironwood Cider will be hosting its first Oktoberfest event featuring local eats and drinks on October 15th and 16th. Joining Ironwood are local wine producer Palatine Hills and St. Catharines-based Dragan Brewing, where there will be Oktoberfest themed libation available at the event unique one-off German-inspired cider and beer.

On the food front, the event will feature traditional German dishes prepared by Chef Hos at District Tapas Bar, and with the focus of bringing diverse flavours, Ironwood is excited to have





well-known food truck operators Jamaican Patty Shack and The Runaway Greek joining. In addition to food and drinks, there will also be live music and games running through the day.

Formerly known as Sunnybrook Farm, Ironwood Cider House was launched earlier this year with the vision in West Chelsea, Ironwood of bringing more diversity into the region. A long-time cidermaker in the region, large floor to ceiling win-Ironwood is committed to dows and a loft that also acts

making contemporary-style cider that explores flavours from all forms of cultures. It hopes that its Lakeshore Oktoberfest would act as a catalyst in bringing more diversity and showcasing its offering to visitors.

Inspired by modern industrial architecture found Cider House is a contemporary industrial space with as an arts gallery featuring exhibits from local artists. It currently features art exhibit Finding Camelot by local Niagara-on-the-Lake artist Filomena Pisano.

Finally, Ironwood Cider House would not be complete without its food partner, The District Tapas Bar. Located on St. Paul St. in St. Catharines, the restaurant is known for its internationally inspired small-plate menu. Proprietor Chef Hos comes from a family of rich culinary background and moved back home a few years back to pursue his passion of creating international flavours. Prior to founding The District, he was the regional chef of Scaddabush, overseeing the food operation of the entire chain.

The menu features crowd favorites from caramelized onion and rosemary hummus to sesame terivaki brussels sprouts. Achieving authenticity in a contemporary offering is no easy task, however, it's a challenge that Chef Hos craves, as it allows him to put a different spin on classic dishes. The kitchen is opened from 11 AM to 6 PM everyday of the week and delivers an international experience that is a rare find in the region.



### October 5, 2022 THE NOTL Gocal EDITORIAL notllocal.com **Municipal elections have most direct impact**

interested in federal and provincial elections than elections that decide who will make decisions closest to home.

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Although issues dealt with by upper levels of government pickleball in a sports park. they certainly have an impact didates have talked about in lines, with windows that either on more voters - municipal, and in our case, regional deci-

**Donald Combe** 

**Special to The Local** 

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about the marriage and its

breakdown of the Duke and

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It's always been a puzzle sions can literally affect what zoning bylaws and contextuthat many people are more happens in our backyards, and al planning might put you to can very directly impact our sleep — until a house on your quality of life. Pools. Fences. Building a bigger deck — or your neighbour building a bigger deck. Whether you can play down, to be replaced with a

matter to you. For example, your backyard.

less sympathetically.

View from the couch

Donald Combe is a re- The Local.

Scotland and London. The tired English teacher who

Duchess is a tragically ma- loves to go to movies. Until

ligned figure manipulated by he resumes going to theatres,

the Duke, the law and a society he has graciously agreed to

that supports men and their share his opinions, through

foibles while treating women "short and sweet" exclusives,

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The Local will print letters about the election

in the Oct. 12 edition, but not the week of Oct. 19,

the edition before the election.

attacking those involved. The deadline is Monday at noon.

street, even beside you, in your quaint little neighbourhood of bungalows or cottages, is torn three-storey home that stretch-Think of all the issues can- es as close as possible to lot recent weeks, and whether they look into yours or down on

of Netflix series and movies for

been discussed, if you think about them, might not seem important to you now, but the next four years.

Your neighbours next door to the table. might decide to downsize, their house is sold and turned into a short-term rental with a hot tub or pool, and an absentee landlord allows it to be rented out for a bachelor or bachelorette party. You wouldn't be the first person in town to find yourself in that predicament.

Other issues such as transit, recreational facilities and garbage collection can impact our lives significantly.

So while it might be hard to distinguish who to vote for, and reading about such issues and how the candidates prioritize them seems a sure-fire way to enjoy a long nap, if you don't pay attention, you could run look at candidates. Are they into problems when it's too late willing to listen, to residents to do anything about them.

While this isn't a plug for any specific candidate, one promise, but that's not a bad councillor said something recently that seems a good way to look at voting. Expect our in regards to voting was from candidates to be ambitious. Nick Ruller. This is paraphras-

Those are obvious exam- Raise expectations. Look for ing what he said at the Royal ples. Other issues that have good listeners, wiling to collaborate to get things done. Council members don't need to be experts on everything, nor do could one day — even within they have to agree — they may each bring something different

And as we make decisions sometimes that aren't perfect, we choose the best option available for the best results, and in the case of councillors, for the most amount of people.

Collaboration was mentioned often at the recent candidates' meeting, likely because there hasn't been enough of it in this last term of council. Look at candidates you respect as people, and trust to work collaboratively for the best results. "Going to the table with preconceived solutions without assessing options is not a recipe for success."

That was from Allan Bisback, and it's a good way to and others at the council table? Collaboration may mean comway to solve problems.

Another good point made

George, that rather than voting for someone because they are "from here," remember those not "from here" can be just as passionate about the community. Look for candidates who value what Niagara-on-the-Lake was, the quality of life it offers, and are committed to protecting what makes it so special, Ruller suggested.

That probably describes every candidate, but the point is, learn about each of them, make your choices, and vote. It may be as simple as deciding who seems most likely to follow through on their promises.

Advance polls are Saturday, Oct. 8 at St. Davids Public School on York Road; Wednesday, Oct 12 at the municipal office on Four Mile Creek Road in Virgil; Saturday, Oct 15 at the community centre; and Wednesday, Oct. 19 at the municipal office.

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# *Letters* Tourism strategy is an election issue

to promise that the town's tourism strategy will be strongly focused on residents, a brand making NOTL first a great place to live and second a nice place to visit. That means measuring success by the benefits that a smart tourism strategy can bring to the residents, while reducing the nuisance of high of our lives. These counvolume tourism.

focused strategy that stops measures. wasting their marketing uneconomical and disruptive crowds. The greedy industry should share are our goal of not turning Niagara-on-the-Lake into a mini Niagara Falls Clifton Hill amusement/party space or an over-crowded Toronto. All councillors should want to please as many constituents as pos-very small compared to

residents want candidates by loud boisterous local tion it causes. There are and nonlocal special in- many unfilled jobs and the terests.

has convinced some town councillors that are up for reelection such as Gary Burroughs, Wendy Cheropita and Erwin Wiens to increase tourism for questionable economic benefit and damage to the quality cillors obstructed and de-The for-profit tourism layed the implementation with ads in this newspaindustry should want a of the MAT and other

dollars attracting large, of tourism to the town forever. have been overinflated. The town receives absolutely no share of HST, income tax, corporate tax or other taxes from tourism. The majority of property the people. taxes come from residents. The share of property taxes that the town receives directly from tourism is

Niagara-on-the-Lake sible and not be distracted the expense and disrupindustry fails to pay living Instead the industry wages to people that have to commute long distances to work here. Why should NOTL taxpayers subsidize more greenhouse gases?

> Like the opioid industry that funded studies to show they caused no harm, some members of the tourism industry have funded a study they tout per claiming high-volume tourism is not a problem The economic benefits and can continue to grow

> > It is time to end the charade and that is why residents for Sustainable Tourism supports candidates that will represent

Bruce Gitelman **Spokesperson Residents for Sustainable** Tourism

# Candidates meeting showed clear distinctions

Royal George proved that there is a distinct contrast between the two incumbents, Betty Disero and Gary Zalepa, versus Vaughn Goettler. A vote for Toronto veteran politician Disero means more litigation and less trans-Zalepa is not parency. real since his priority rests with his real estate business, and he was quite clear about that. Goettler raised probably the most important issue that deals ero will be a vote for amal- able, and respectful civil with increasing provincial authority over local will be part of the City of to remind Disero that she matters. If one listened Niagara Falls and lose its is a civil servant first and closely, Goettler indicated status as an independent that this town is not a prithat the province frowns town. upon the Disero style of governance and will show asleep at the wheel and also no patience for the still by litigious management of yet-to-be approved Official the town over the last four

takeover of the town is on pa have set the stage for a the horizon.

of NOTL a warning, but it the plan to save NOTL likely was overshadowed from the train wreck leadby Disero's angry demea- ership that has gotten us nour with her knee jerk here. I don't think that loreaction to the criticism of cal citizens have the appeher wanting to manage the tite for ongoing litigation town's business through and a divisive council, litigation, same as her em- and there is no place for barrassing dispute with her bullies or anger at the counneighbour; all at the cost of cil table either. People are taxpaying locals.

The debate at the Plan, meaning a provincial years, Disero and Zaletakeover by the province. Goettler gave the people Goettler appears to have too smart for that. People Warning; a vote for Dis- need transparent, accountgamation, where NOTL servants. Somebody needs

### Mothers can be politicians too

have encountered the absurd reflect the collective of conpresumption that candidates stituents who live within who are mothers of young that community. Niagachildren would be unable to ra-on-the-Lake is no excepadequately commit them- tion. We are no longer just selves to the demands of a retirement community. town council. This precon- Young families, like my own, tally sexist and I am disheart- on-the-Lake their home. ened that it remains a live Projections would suggest issue in 2022.

The purpose of munic- do the same. ipal council is to represent

In the context of the up- its residents. In order to do based on motherhood is not coming municipal election, I so effectively, council must ceived notion is fundamen- have proudly made Niagarathat many more will surely

only unjust, but a disservice to our town. Young families are essential to the fabric of Niagara-on-the-Lake and represent its future. Families, and their perspectives, need to be adequately represented.

Who better to advocate for our future and the interests of our children than mothers themselves?

> Judith Atwood NOTL

To dismiss a candidate

# Answer to Mary Duddy and Grace United Church

I am pleased to report that should cover both names.

several of our congregation members at Grace United Church read with interest James Russell's letter to the editor (The Local, Sept.28) regarding Mary Duddy's grave. If Mr. Russell had written to the church directly rather than in a public platform, he would have learned that although Mary Duddy was a member of the Grace congregation at one time, there is no record at the church of her being buried in our cemetery. However, there is a memorial plaque in the church inscribed, 'In Memory of Molly Duddy & Hope Wick's bequest from Sister Matilda Jane Duddy Miller, so one can assume that she was an active member of the aware that in all cemeteries congregation.

was known as 'Molly' by several of her friends. We suggest bers, are the responsibility of Mr. Russell's future searches the members of the deceased's

A long-time member of the congregation recalls well that Mary reportedly had two sisters, one of whom lived in Buffalo. The other one reportedly nursed in Toronto, and later moved back to Niagara-on-the-Lake. The long-time parishioner recalls that Molly, as they knew her, was never buried in the Grace cemetery and would have been buried somewhere else. To confirm this, some years ago the archival records of Grace United were sent to the United Church Archives in Toronto, convenient for Mr. Russell, who lives in Toronto if he wants to do a detailed search.

Mr. Russell should be the upkeep and repair of the We understand that Mary headstones, which are purchased by the family mem-

own family. To use Mr. Russell's own words, we are all "shocked and saddened' by the lack of interest which members of some families have in keeping intact their tributes to their departed. We note that this situation is not unique to Grace but is widespread in Ontario cemeteries, and is indeed very sad.

And if Mr. Russell had done research on Mary Duddy's tenure at our local library he would have learned, from the library's own website, that the late Gerda Molson's term exceeded that of Mary Duddy's by a considerable number of years. However, a fine photograph of Mary Duddy is also displayed on that website.

We are pleased that we have been able to enlighten Mr. Russell and wish him well in his quest.

John G. Sayers **Trustee, Grace United Church** 

### **Poles provide obstacles** for emergency vehicles

I felt I needed to put traffic going through the think it's time we vote in a in my opinion in regards town if someone is turning mayor and town council to the poles put in through left. What if an emergency that can use their com-St Davids. vehicle where to be behind mon sense and not waist

Collectively, by falling for Goettler.

As I was driving through a row of vehicles and could taxpayer money on illvate business. Time to vote St Davids, I had a thought not get by because there is conceived fixes to a nonand am wondering if those no where to pull off the road who approved these idiot- to let them go through? Ev-Peter Rusin ic posts did as well. These ery second counts in an St. Davids barriers not only hold up emergency, does it not? I

existent problem.

Jeanette Etherington NOTL



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### NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE VOTES October 24, 2022 Lawsuits, development guidelines, taxes debated

#### **Continued from page 4**

represent them if they have an issue, rather than requiring new bylaws.

#### Lawsuits

Mayoral candidate Vaughn Goettler talked about people - seniors who need long-term care, youth who need jobs, business owners who need staff, and staff who can't afford to live in town. He spoke of the need for housing and transportation for them, and a strategy to attract upscale tourism.

Asked whether the money the town spends on litigation with developers "is a loss to the town or a necessary evil," Goettler said, "I see it as both. Winding up in litigation is a failure of communication, and usually comes from "an unclear set of guidelines and enforcement of those guidelines," he said. "We have to fight for things that we believe in. But we need to make sure everybody has the rules clear at the beginning." If the rules are clearly enforced, and supported by an official plan, "people know the rules of the game." Developers are members of our community, have families here, and people who work for them work here, he said. "They donate to causes just like all the

we can't have a community our town." development program that's collaborative with our developers, and embraces them as part of our social fabric. If we don't we're going to fight. It's up to us, and I'll make sure we have clear terim control bylaw passed at rules."

Disero disagreed with his stance, saying some lawsuits are "slip and fall," normal for municipalities. But "the one everybody talks about" is a result of council deciding to designate part of the Randwood Estate as heritage, and "immediately the developer came forward, took us to court, took us to the Conservation Review Board, took us to LPAT (the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal). Our council has been responding and trying to protect those heritage areas from over-development. It's not that we want to fight, and it's not that we can negotiate it. What are we going to say? Okay, take half of the heritage and leave the other half? We had to defend our town, our heritage and the culture of our town."

About a second big lawsuit, she said, "if a member of our council hadn't sent a letter or an email to (developer) Rainer Hummel, he would not have a case to sue. Again, I'm not giv-

rest of us do. So I don't see why ing him money to blackmail plans in place to successfully

She told The Local after the meeting — some in the audience were confused about what she was referring to — that her comment referred to the ina special council meeting held just days after the 2018 election, and the email " damaged the town." Hummel told The Local the email was sent months after the lawsuit was filed, and would not have affected his decision to sue.

the question about litigation, saying the town "has abdicated the responsibility to set really clear growth policies, and my colleague candidate got it right in the fact that when the council and government of the day says to you, 'I'm going to do my best to fight and protect for you,' but they haven't done the work to get the policies and the



A.J. Harlond

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protect you then they're actually just feeding you a line, and they're spending your money just to make you feel better." They know they're not going to win, he added, "so you have to get up in front of it, get the policies done well. We need to work together as a community to identify what those policies can be, and be very clear with the development community what this town wants."

Taxes and tax rebates

Alistair (AJ) Harlond Zalepa also responded to charmed the audience in his introduction, saying he had performed on the Royal George stage as a thespian working with the Shaw Festival for two vears.

> town, and when he went next door to Taylor's for lunch he met and fell in love with his future wife, a fourth generation farmer. They live in Virgil and have raised two children in the community. "This is our forever home," he said.

As the owner of an automotive shop, he talks to a lot of people, and sees the town to the question, saying the largbecoming more polarized on er portion of taxes in NOTL issues. "I feel that does give me a unique advantage to be a great voice, and accountability to our council."



Maria Mavridas

A question about taxes, with 22 per cent coming from the general levy on commercial taxes, the highest percentage of any municipality in Niagara, while the residential general taxation levy was the lowest proportional percentage of any municipality in Niagara, stumped him.

"I feel I probably don't have He fell in love with the all the information I need to give you a credible answer," he said, admitting to being very green. "But what we need to do is work collaboratively with our unique skill sets to offer solutions. By building a team in my business we get great answers. I hope you stay with me on this venture."

McCallum rose to respond goes to the region, based on assessment. "We need to press the region. We are the third largest taxpayer to the region and we

need to get more services for what we pay."

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Council candidate Maria Mavridis introduced herself as a long-time resident with family businesses in town. She has a daughter at Crossroads Public School, and said she would like to see more balanced recreational activities planned for both young and older residents.

"Our youth are the future of this town, and while we preserve the past, we need to also ensure that we set a future of the next generation."

In response to a question about Heritage District home and commercial property owners receiving grants from the heritage tax rebate, she said she supports them. She has worked with a few local business owners in the Heritage District, and although the program is in place, "there's a lot more that needs to be done to firm it up."

It would allow business owners to fix and restore their buildings "with money that would come back to us. There are a lot of buildings on Queen Street that do need a little bit of maintenance, and we would all benefit from it, not just visitors, but residents as well."

"I'm in support of any credit the government wants to give," she added.





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Major-General James B.Dennis- British (1817-1912)THE BATTLE OF QUEENSTON HEIGHTS c.1815 oil on canvas Courtesy of RiverBrinkArt Museum, Qu

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#### **Tim Balasiuk Council Candidate**

Having the privilege of growing up in the hospitality and tourism industry, I have had the fortunate opportunity of being raised in a community that has

in all sectors, agriculture to factory to a hotel. hospitality.

a number of local hotels and is something that is in my wineries, including the Pillar blood. My grandfather had & Post, which was found- a passion for doing things ed by my grandfather in the right, and because of this I 1970s — he had a vision to am interested in running for

Seeing the value of future Having worked myself at tourism in our community

seen tremendous growth convert the former canning council. Not only do I feel of 15 years, also a lifelong tourists alike. to my community.

If I have the opportunity to have a say in the future of Niagara-on-the-Lake I feel obligated to play a part in it.

#### like I owe it to my family, but resident. My wife and I are both entrepreneurs, owner and operators of Paddle Niagara, which we founded 10 years ago. Seasonally our company hosts summer I currently reside in kids camps, teaching kids town with my wife Michelle about water safety on the Niagara River and Lake Ontario, while providing access to the water for locals and

I love this town, and strongly feel a responsibility for preserving it, both in recognition of my family's role in its history but also my desire to make it the best it can be for future generations.

My name is Tim Balasiuk and I seek your support Oct. 24.

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### Transportation, tourism, recreation need clear plans

#### **Allan Bisback Council Candidate**

My name is Allan Bisback, and I am currently serving on your council.

Raised in southern Ontario, moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake I was responsible for deploying over 15 years ago, I retired from

and Canada Post Corporation. For nearly 10 years, my wife

Lori of 44 years and I operated a very successful bed and breakfast in Old Town.

During my working career, significant change throughout

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Allan Bisback

a career in the retail business the organizations. That included thoroughly understanding the challenges, collaborating with all the interested parties, and ensuring action was taken.

> I have used those same skills on behalf of our residents this past four years.

I want to help change the way our town makes decisions for our future. It's important to have a clear plan on transportation, tourism, and recreation so we can decide what we want to look like in 10 to 15 years.

I have chaired the Audit and Finance Committee, which I believe has strengthened the town's financial position.

I participated in the strategic plan, represented the town on the library and museum boards, served as member of Municipal Heritage Committee, Heritage Trail Committee, and many others.

We need a town council who listens and collaborates to achieve the best outcome for the most people. One that makes well-informed decisions, and that works with our residents, no matter where they live in Niagara-on-the-Lake. While we don't need to agree, council members need to read their briefs, attend, and debate.

My track record the past four years demonstrates I take the role seriously. I make decisions based on facts, not emotion.

I would like to be a champion for all the residents of NOTL and help move our community in the right direction. I am seeking your support as town councillor.

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Tim Balasiuk



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# NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE VOTES October 24, 2022

### Threats of progress, change, never greater for NOTL

### Gary Burroughs **Council Candidate**

For more than 50 years, I have lived, worked and raised my family in Niagara-on-the-Lake. During that time I owned and operated the Oban Inn, where we enjoyed serving many members of the community and their families. I was drawn into politics as lord mayor (2000-2010), regional councillor (2010-2018), and as town councillor (2018-2022). Throughout the past 22 years of service, I have developed a deep

our strengths and challenges. At this point we are at a critical stage. We must immediately address: the Official Plan, including revisions to the zon-

ing bylaw with streetscape; the transportation plan to address by ensuring our visitors stay at parking and traffic; the tourism our lodgings, eat at our restaustrategy to navigate this changing industry; and clarification on the new municipal accommodation tax (MAT).

managed so developers are short term rentals. clear on what the town expects and requires. Significant ies, vineyards and wineries, conchanges to proposed plans tinue to thrive in our rural areas. and valuable understanding of cannot continue to be adjusted We must support them on issues

The town must address development issues at Randwood, Parliament Oak School, as well as the old hospital site.

We must support tourism rants, enjoy our wineries and visit our historic sites, including the Shaw Festival Theatre. We must also manage the Growth must be better impact of tourism, including

World-class farms, nurser-

once plans have been approved. including viability, threats (such as phragmites), the protection of water sources and the enforcement of land fill regulations.

Over the years we have managed to navigate NOTL through pressures of progress and immense change. Today, however, these threats have never been greater. I have the context with which to meet these challenges and I will dedicate myself to working together to lead this town into the future. Please vote for me on Oct. 24. 905-658-8717

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Gary Burroughs

### Rely on me for good governance, collaboration and civility



Adriana Cater-Vizzari, with Gigi, Antonia, Loretta, Matthew, and her husband Cory.

### Adriana Cater-Vizzari **Council Candidate**

Many people have asked time for this.) why I want to be part of our town council, and why now. Community building is who I am; and connecting with and being in service of people, especially when it comes to the betterment of our community, is what I do best. I love this town and I am deeply committed to its well-being both today and in the future.

four children. (Yes, I am a – is essential. St. Davids mom of four and yes, I have has more than tripled in

see exponential growth. to change. While this growth is exlv

size in the last decade, yet Niagara-on-the-Lake currently lacks representahas seen and continues to tion on council. This needs

What can you rely on me answer. citing, it must be careful- for? You can rely on me to managed. Managing prioritize good governance growth while preserving on council, this includes colthe heritage that makes our laboration and civility both town so special, is a critical on council and with town task. A formal growth strat- staff. You can also rely on egy — one that is strong, me to raise awareness, listen, sustainable and balanced, and advocate; to ensure an I live in St. Davids with and that takes into account equitable process where all

my husband Cory and our all of Niagara-on-the-Lake interests are accounted for and all information has been gathered when it comes to the issues that matter to you and our town. You can rely on me to respond when you reach out, and to get you an

I am community driven and action oriented. I have the interest, energy and skill-set to act on your behalf and it would be a privilege to do so.

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is to determine who we want to be and how we want to get there.

### **My Three Key Priorities**

- Save NOTL from amalgamation and becoming a suburb of Niagara Falls.
- Tourism Strategy addressing traffic, parking and related issues; promoting Agriculture and safe bicycle tourism.
- Community development including amenities for Seniors and Youth, housing and local school solutions.

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# NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE VOT October 24, 2022 **Committed to preserving heritage, farmland, culture**

### Wendy Cheropita **Council Candidate**

I was born and raised in Niagara, and earned a business degree, with post-graduate studies in strategic planning and finance.

I spent 20 years in leadership roles with top global wine companies, including roles in education, national accounts, management and brand strategy. The experience helped me build valuable business skills and shaped my per-



sonal integrity.

I then spent six years leading the branding and marketing strategy for the Ontario wine industry, delivering growth and over \$5 million from the province

For seven years I have been a small business strategic planning consultant.

I am committed to preserving our heritage, neighbourhood character, farmland, and cultural resources that make Niagara-on-the-Lake a great place to live, raise a family, and retire.

I have learned so much in the past four years, and want to put the experience to good use.

I am proud to highlight four accomplishments. I took a tough stand to create a bylaw to stop cannabis from growing here to protect valuable farmland and residential communities. I proposed the successful Town Ambassador Program, rather than hire more bylaw officers. As co-chair of the strategic planning committee I took a leadership role to ensure that customer service and preservation of heritage became a priority, and I collaborated with residents throughout the community leading to improved road safety.

pion for creating a community vision to define what we want built and where we want to build it. Our community needs seniors' residences, rental in annual marketing funding apartments for retirees, services and schools for families.

You have told me that you want to see the big issues prior-

policies to preserve our neighbourhood character. We can vids. The Glendale develop-Community Permit Planning System, expanding the heritage district, and returning to contextual zoning.

a voice in the decision-making and the tourism strategy, to ad-

the current situation in St.Da- of life. do that by implementing the ment will impact all of us. Let's ensure it is something we can there for major infrastructure all be proud of.

Council needs to complete outstanding projects like wisely. Residents and council need the short-term rental bylaw,

If elected I will be a cham- itized, like fixing the planning process at the region to tackle dress issues and protect quality

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I want to keep tax increases low, and ensure funding is projects.

I will use my experience

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### Harlond promises an honest voice for everyone

### Alistair (AJ) Harlond **Council Candidate**

I grew up in a small town in England called Shifnal, and left there in my late teens to come to Canada. I discovered Niagara-on-the-Lake when I landed an acting role at the Shaw Festival and instantly fell in love with this quaint town. The small-town feel and amazing history drew me in, and I knew right then, this place was something special.

Little did I know I'd still be living here 25 years later, married to Irene, a born and raised local farm girl, and raising two children, Evan and Brooke, who are now in their teens.

Throughout my time here,

owned and operated an automotive repair shop for the past 40 years on the same property. I have helped manage and grow the business for the past 18 years.

Most of our customers are whom I have built some great relationships with. I'm involved in the fire department at the Glendale Station and have proudly served over eight years as a firefighter in our community.

My vision is to foster a community that is personally invested and engaged in the

I've seen firsthand how the preservation and enhancegrape growing industry oper- ment of the unique heritage ates, as my wife's family were of NOTL, while meeting the grape growers for over 60 years needs of a well-planned and right here in NOTL. They have executed growth strategy that is consistent with the character of NOTL and the desires of its residents.

As a member of council, I am confident that I will bring an energetic, pragmatic perspective and approach so we NOTL residents and farmers can strike the necessary balance of the interests of the communities and various stakeholders, and so we can achieve healthy growth, balanced with the preservation of our great history.

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### **Priorities: balanced tourism,** families, culture, heritage

#### Maria Mavridis **Council Candidate**

I moved to Niagaraon-the-Lake 30 years ago. My family has owned and operated businesses on Queen Street for just as long. After graduating from Niagara District Secondary School, I studied business marketing. I have lived in Old Town, Glendale and presently in Virgil where my daughter Hope attends Crossroads School.

I have volunteered in the community through Niagara Nursery the School board, the NOTL Museum fundraising committee, and as an advisor on the Lord Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee, and continue to raise funds for Niagara charities with Anchor Niagara.

I believe that we are one community, and all decisions at council should be made collaboratively with input from residents, business owners and tourism partners.

My priorities for this town are a balanced tourism sector, young families, and preserving our culture and heritage, which

includes our agricultural residents. community.

recreational ation. balanced activities plan for

Our youth are the fu-I am very excited and ture of this town and while supportive of the new we preserve the past, we NOTL Youth Hub and need to ensure that we set had a nomadic accounting would like to see a more a future for the next gener-

www.mariamavridis.com both young and older info@mariamavridis.com



Maria Mavridis

#### John McCallum **Council Candidate**

I was born in Ottawa and career working in New Zealand, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, and London. This came to an and communicate a clear abrupt end on a ski vacation in Austria where I met a redhaired Irish businesswomlater, back in Ottawa, I accepted a position as senior internal auditor with McKinsey & Co, the world's leading man-

agement consulting firm. To be successful McKinsey had to do three things consistently for every client: solve problems with innovative but practical ideas; be financially responsible by building a budget and sticking to it; make tough decisions. That's what I did every day for 12 years.

I want to do the same here. I have three top priorities: to develop guidelines that protect our neighbourhood character while facilitating growth; to complete a transportation plan which reduces vehicular use; and to create more supported living environments for the elderly.

To implement these priorities, we need input from the

rules related to development. This includes contextual zoning, heritage designation, set-backs, height restrictions etc. Then we need to create set of rules that everyone must follow.

**Innovation**, financial

responsibility, tough decisions

We need to bring visitors, an who stole my heart while not cars, into our town. I want learning to ski. Three children to build a plan that includes links to mass transit and remote parking with shuttles, which can also be used by local residents for getting about town. Our region depends

town and the development on the health of our environcommunity, to establish clear ment and transportation is irrevocably linked to climate change.

> We are all getting older, and we must plan for it. The town has assets it can use to promote aging in place as well as creating modern healthcare facilities. We need to use innovative thinking around ownership and cost-sharing to create a plan and execute it.

> A quote I live by: If you see a problem, fix it, or tell someone who can.

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John McCallum

### Mell offers rational voice, common sense, consistency

#### **Richard Mell Council Candidate**

I am so thankful to have lived and worked in Niagara-on-the-Lake for the past 12 years, and would be grateful for the opportunity to represent Junior. all of the residents and our community.

and heritage, whilst planning for our future generations with sustainable growth.

I currently live on York Road in St Davids with my partner Karl, and our Newfoundland dog

I was driven to run small businesses within for town council by my passion for our entire As co-owner of Grape community. This is not Escape Wine Tours, and about what I want to do also a real estate broker as a town councillor, it is with Sotheby's Interna- about you! I want to be tional Realty Canada, I the very best representawill be a strong advocate tive for the community for preserving the com- that I can be. My role as munities' unique history town councillor will be to



amplify your voices, and ensure that they are heard for our residents. and addressed in the most possible.

listen to your concerns, weaknesses that appear to cause so many concerns

We live in a very speefficient and effective way cial part of the world, and we need people I would like to add who are willing to repa rational voice, guid- resent its residents and ed by common sense businesses that are as and consistency, that is passionate about the also capable of seeing Niagara-on-the-Lake as things through multi- I am. I would sincerely ple lenses to reach the appreciate your supbest outcome. My focus port on Oct. 24. Please and strategy would be to reach out anytime with

**Richard Mell** 

move away from the reac- any questions you may tive approach that we of- have.

ten see, and be proactive and address some of the systematic failures and gmail.com

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# NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE VOT October 24, 2022

### Priorities: healthcare, sustainable communities, tourism

### Sandra O'Connor **Council Candidate**

It has been a privilege to serve you on council for twoplus years. I was raised in the Niagara region and completed my bachelor's degree in geography and urban planning at Brock University. Over my career, I acquired experience in management and consultancy for multiple scientific organizations in the government, private sector, professional associations, and academia. In particular, running my own geomatics consulting company gave me experience in developing, growing and main-

taining a successful business.

I have always been at the neighbourhood community association president, member of professional organizations, to various municipal committees. I believe in giving back and supporting people.

My family is very supportive: daughter Kelly, son-in-law Christian, stepdaughter Claire and stepson Neil.

My priorities: sustainable community by balancing growth needs with environmental health and heritage; finalize the Official Plan; complete secondary plans and zoning by-laws, including

contextual zoning and variable tending the heritage district and opment and green infrastrucdensity; ensure that all plans are designations; protect agricultural service of my community, from complementary; explore ex- land; consider low impact devel-



Sandra O'Connor

ture; increase our tree canopy and ensure adequate green spaces in the urban environment; implement the NOTL Climate Change Adaptation Plan; and ensure new infrastructure projects use engineering standards for increased climate parameters create environmental policy based on evidence.

In healthcare: finalize transition plan for nurse practitioner and walk-in clinic and dvocate for future infrastructure needs for our Town to thrive.

Sustainable tourism: a balance of socio-cultural, economic and environmental elements;

complete the NOTL Tourism Strategy document, addressing the needs of residents, visitors, industry, and environment; fully implement the MAT; explore hop-on hop-off shuttle for tourists with parking outside of Old Town; implement traffic-calming features to increase safety; strengthen bylaw enforcement; and examine short-term rental density, increasing enforcement.

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Vote for Sandra; vote for NOTL's future while respecting the past.

sandraoconnor.ca Facebook: sandraoconnornotl sandra.oconnor.notl@gmail.com 289-868-9310

### Preserving heritage, supporting agri-tourism are priorities

### Katherine Reid **Council Candidate**

I enjoy helping others and making the community a better place to live. While in school, I developed a passion for keeping agricultural land viable and maintaining a safe environment. I studied geography and statistics at McMaster University.

I feel I can have a good understanding for the town's planning department. Spending most of my spare time volunteering, I comprehend

the needs of the community. agri-tourism, especially with work. I have worked with I have taken a step back from the smaller producers. I want some of my Lions activities to to see Niagara-on-the-Lake concentrate on the town and want to help the community I live in.

I was on the town's agriculture and safety committees 1981. I received the 2015 town and I enjoy my time learning more at each meeting. I have been to many of the open houses and respect the views and desires of the residents.

I am a person concerned about preserving the cultural and historical heritage of the town. I want to support international award for this

stay one of Canada's prettiest towns.

I am a winemaker, and have worked in NOTL since volunteer award for working with youth, as I have been involved in many projects with Lions. They include effective speaking and being the provincial LEO chair, and I ran several successful conferences across Ontario. I received the

youth, seniors and small businesses and would like to continue to help them and their needs. I have lived in Old Town on William Street and now live in Queenston.

I may be moving slowly while I wait for my new hip, so I understand the delays in the health system personally.

My name is Katherine Reid and I would appreciate your vote on Oct. 24. 905-401-1689

winemakerkathy@gmail.com message Facebook page



Katherine Reid



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#### **Nick Ruller Council Candidate**

I am excited to be afforded the opportunity to continue to serve the community that I have lived in for most of my life and the place my family considers home.

A lifelong learner, I have



Nick Ruller

leadership through the University of Guelph, a graduate certificate from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill in speaking with members of the community preparedness and disaster management, and am a graduate of Ryerson University's politics and public administration program. Recently, I completed a certificate program in diversity and inclusion through Cornell University.

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with our lord mayor, councillors, community stakeholders, and our committed team of staff and volunteers. Strong municipal leadership is a by-product of elected officials with attributes, characteristics, values, and

the short-term and long-term well-being of their community.

While out canvassing and community, I am hearing many speak to the need for candidates that are "from here." While I can appreciate this sentiment, I think a better description of what is desired is candidates that value what Niagara-on-the-Lake was, have an appreciation for the I am also the recipient of the unique quality of life that it offers, and are committed to protecting the very elements that have made it so special to all of us. That be-I look forward to working ing said, many who are not "from here" also share this very same appreciation for our community.

My experience leading complex organizations and my strong understanding of municipal operations, my track record of success, and my longstanding

vital to our future success. Furthermore, I have demonstrat-

completed a Master of Arts in qualities that will contribute to roots in our community will be provement through citizen-centric service delivery.

> ed throughout my life strong as part of the senior managecharacter and moral conviction. ment team for the Town, I I am committed to building demonstrated that I am comhigh-performing teams and munity-minded, outcome-fohave proven myself as a fierce cused, strategic, analytical, and a consensus builder.

On Oct. 24, don't vote for me because I am "from here," Lastly, throughout my time vote for me because I exhibit the characteristics, attributes, values, and qualities that are critical for effective municipal leadership. www.nickruller.com nick.ruller@gmail.com

416-712-0580

### Advocate for agriculture, sustainable budget, collaboration

### **Erwin Wiens Council Candidate**

advocate of continuous im-

Born and raised in Niagaraon-the-Lake, I attended elementary and high school in town before going to Carleton University, where I met Dorothy. We have four daughters and



When Niagara-on-the-Lake residents were asked to identify tourism's impact on town life, the positive connections were crystal clear:

just last year welcomed a son-inlaw into the family.

I grew up in a farming family and now farm 90 acres of grapes. In 2020 I retired from the Hamilton Police Service with 31 years service, including five years at Peel. I have been a board member of the Grape Growers of Ontario since 2015 and also serving on the board of the Grape and Wine Festival until 2021. Dorothy and I are members of the Niagara Lions Club where I serve as the president, and we are members of Cornerstone Community Church.

Currently I chair the regional irrigation committee and the GGO sustainability committee. I sit on the Town agriculture and irrigation committees and am on the craft winery sustainability committee.

As a town councillor for the past four years, I have striven to represent the entire town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. My knowledge in law enforcement, farming and as a current councillor will continue to be an asset with my unique skill set. I am a strong advocate for farming and will continue to champion the Greenbelt and a sustainable irri-

gation system.

I will continue the dialogue on a holistic tourism industry that listens to all voices and acts for a healthy and vibrant town for residents, businesses and tourists. Furthermore, I have 22 years background in fiscally responsible budgets. The town requires a sustainable budget that represents the responsible and prudent use of the taxpayer purse.

I also have many years of experience collaborating with municipal, regional, provincial and federal representatives. These relationships will benefit town strategies moving into the future. www.erwinwiensfornotl.ca



**Erwin Wiens** 



90% said tourism helps create a sustainable future for our town 89% said tourism creates jobs and is good for the economy 89% said tourism creates things to do in our town 84% said tourism contributes to the quality of our town's infrastructure

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# Teens will have 'blank space' to create their area

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children want to offer programs for their age groups, Grade 7 to 12.

The committee members are thinking about groups such as Mindful Mondays, when they could invite someone from Pathstone town, attending Parliament to talk about mental health, a Tech Tuesday that could offer robotics or tech classes, Wednesdays could be a day to invite people from the Shaw Festival, Yellow Door Theatre Project or Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre to offer classes, and Thoughtful Thursdays could be focused on life skills for kids who want their Smart Serve, first aid, basic cooking lessons, simple car mechanics, or anything else they are interested in learning.

They are considering offering some medical and mental health services, but won't rush into that, fearing they might scare kids away.

They are also planning a cafe, to offer a quiet space should some kids want to goals to the lord mayor and do homework, and possibly councillors in June, and says bringing in a couple of tutors she knows she has their supto provide help.

people, there were all sorts of will go to them to talk about being invited to listen, says interesting ideas, but if the kids transportation — another Polgrabia.

just want a place to hang out, with parental guidance, that's okay. Youth are leading this."

The goal for their first full she says, but for now the semester, which will likely drop-in centre is for kids in start in the new year, is for 200 unique kids' visits. "And once the kids start to see the space, they'll be able to give us lots of ideas."

> Polgrabia grew up in Oak and Niagara District Secondary School. She was living in Toronto and working for the province when she decided to come home and raise her children in NOTL, envisioning them following her footsteps through the halls of the two schools she attended.

Instead, those schools closed, and she has spent several years trying to find a way to offer an education hub in town for high school stu-that is still a long-term goal, need that will have to be adbut in the short term she's ex- dressed. cited to be able to offer kids a safe environment to hang out derway, the committee is in with their friends.

port. Once the youth cam-"Once we started talking to pus is up and running, she and election candidates are



Caroline Polgrabia shows off the Great Room, where church services were held. It's filled with about a dozen comfortable couches and cushy chairs creating seating areas, and will be used as a lounge for kids to hang out in, with some activities such as games tables, and a large screen TV. (Penny Coles)

To get the project unhosting an open house at Polgrabia outlined her Cornerstone's Town Campus, 570 Niagara Stone Rd, Wednesday, Oct. 19, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Families are welcome,



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### Some final thoughts to consider:

Every area in Niagara-on-the-Lake has a unique and rich history.

1. Our Agricultural Areas have become our largest economy. It is our identity. We continue to work hard to maintain the integrity of the greenbelt and provide resources to the farming community and resolve issues like watershed mapping. This term we also approved our Irrigation Master Plan. TO DO next term: obtain upper tier grants to maintain and expand our irrigation system.

2. In Queenston, one of the most relevant historical events is the Laura Ingersoll Secord walk warning the British at Beaverdams. Council approved and built the Queenston Common, a beautiful central park that residents use and bring their families to. TO DO next term: continue to work with residents to preserve the integrity of the Secondary Plan and stop overdevelopment.

3. Did you know in 1813, Four Mile Creek Road in the Heart of Virgil was the boundary separating the Americans and the British? It was pushed back to the River by 1814. It has always been the hub for farming and is becoming the commercial centre of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Hwy 55 will be re-constructed in 2023 for better traffic flow and a more pedestrian village feel including buried hydro lines, wider sidewalks, trees and parkettes. TO DO next term: We are also looking at a more expanded parks and trails network for Virgil and ways to celebrate its history.

4. Glendale is the home of the UNESCO Biosphere - a significant natural area. The Glendale District Plan preserves the areas of Natural Heritage and spaces for parks and public amenities first. TO DO next term: complete the Glendale Secondary Plan, to include a main street with cafes, shops and bike paths. We will collaborate with the Region to ensure it is not over developed.

5. In St. Davids, long before the War of 1812, Indigenous people lived throughout the village. The intersection was a dirt path used as a crossroads. This term, Council listed multiple heritage properties in the village and created the link between the Cannery Development and York Road through Lions Park. TO DO next term: work on a gathering place, pool and other amenities for the residents of St. Davids. The main village intersection must be user-friendly and safe, with additional community spaces and shops. Look at alternatives that will reduce vehicle and truck traffic through the village.

6. Old Town is the home of Fort George, The Commons, Fort Mississauga and many other historical firsts. This Council has fought hard to protect the natural and built form heritage from overdevelopment. TO DO next term: The village centre - Queen Street needs a refresher. One that maintains parking and two-way traffic, but gets the patios off the road. Assist our cultural community to grow.

Together we are on a good path. Continue on this journey with me. I am asking for your support on October 24th. I will continue to be your full-time Lord Mayor!

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# Popular tractor procession returns this year

#### **Penny Coles** The Local

Following the wildly popular and quickly organized tractor parade put together by Dorothy Soo Wiens and Erwin Wiens, last year, the farming couple said they would do it again and it would be bigger and better.

That's a promise they are keeping. Based on the success of last year's Christmas Tractor Processional, they are organizing the second annual event, to plan this again." to be held Thursday, Dec. 15, beginning at 6 p.m.

about 30 tractors entered into the parade," says Dorothy. Pleasant Manor.

"Our agricultural farmers who are excited and already planning on h,ow to decorate their to be able to watch the procestractors."

If there is anyone in the community who has a tractor and wants to participate. Dorothy asks that they email erwinanddorothywiens@ gmail.com to let them know.

The Niagara Lions have the processional." again stepped up to sponsor the event, she says.

They were thrilled to re-"At this point we have from people last year, especial-

### **Christmas Parade** returns to Old Town

### Local Staff

The Christmas Parade is back to the format we all love, as is the traditional route through Old Town closed, and parking spacstreets.

The parade will be held ahead. Saturday, Dec. 10, beginand Centre Streets, and will travel down Castlereagh to Wellington, along 75th anniversary.

Byron/Prideaux to Sim-Clock Tower.

Parking is limited on parade day. Streets are what they were going do, they es fill up quickly, so plan friends and received immedi-

This year's Honourary Grape Growers of Ontario who are celebrating their

"We know many people and it really brought them joy sional from their balconies. It was nice for them to be able to just step out from where they live to enjoy this. We also heard from many friends whose parents live at Pleasant Manor how much they loved

After it was underway, Dorothy says she and Erwin "Erwin and I are so excited watch the tractors as they came back into the arena parking lot, where it had startceive such positive feedback ed, "and we loved hearing the squeals of delight from the ly those who watched it from children of families lining the streets. Well, I should say the adults were really enjoying the tractors as well."

> There was so much joy and happiness that evening, she says, "it really made our hearts so full,"

Last year's tractor procession, was organized in a matter coe and then along Queen of two weeks, and might just Street, finishing at the have been the hit of the Christmas season.

Once the couple decided reached out to their farming ate support.

However, they were ning at 11:00 a.m. at King Parade Marshal is the amazed at the vehicles that pulled into the Virgil arena parking lot, all decked out in their Christmas glitz.

es, says Dorothy, and one of said he felt there had to be more than 1,000 people lining both sides of the streets of night," Dorothy said last year. the route through Virgil to watch.

Balconies at Pleasant Manor were full of people, residents and families, who had some of the best views of the out in decorated riding lawn parade, which will follow the mowers." same route this year.

have committed to the parade who live at Pleasant Manor of various shapes and siz- vehicles, and were receiving traffic at each street as the traccalls all evening congratulatthe farmers in the parade ing them on organizing such a successful event.

"We had so much fun that rear of the parade.

"I had one person telling me he wants to buy a tractor parade. so he can be in the parade next year," she laughs, "and a few people ask if they can come

Dorothy and Erwin stayed officer was on-hand to help, for it."

There were 19 tractors at the arena to marshal the leading the way and stopping tors moved along the route.

A NOTL fire department ladder truck brought up the

Virgil, she says, was the perfect place for a tractor

"It's the heart of the farming community, the hub, where farmers come to buy all their supplies. It's where farmers meet and shop. A Niagara Regional Police There couldn't be a better place

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Last year's parade of tractors was a great success, but this year's procession will be bigger and better than ever. (File photo)

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## 3 tips to make your golden years more fun

(NC) In a world that may seem designed for the young, getting older can bit cliché, making a list ities, or are you looking feel like you're becoming invisible. But, of course, you don't simply stop having fun as you age. Here are some tips to help keep you on your toes to take advantage of the best years of your life.

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of things you want to ac- forward to slowing down complish in the remainder and relaxing? Maybe a of your life can be a great bit of both? Recognizing exercise to understand these broad goals can help your priorities, and your you realize what will bring desired retirement style. you the most fun and en-Even if you don't draft a joyment as you're making detailed list, give it some plans.

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### **2. Find fun fitness**

Physical activity is crucial to your overall health and wellness, and it is never too late to get started. In fact, in retirement you may be able to devote more time to activity than you ever did in the past. Whether you walk just half the golf course, dance in the kitchen or join a traditional fitness class, the key is to try out different activities to find one you enjoy. Don't be afraid to make modifications for ability if you're worried about injuries.

#### **3. Get connected online** take the time to brush up

comfortable on the internet, you're not alone. But get older adults assuming from a relative in need, it can be a great resource they are more vulnerable. to enrich your social life So, prove them wrong, and help maintain your and watch out for red flags independence. Try getting like strange or threatening your grandkids to teach requests. Don't give out you their favourite online personal information like something sensitive, block video games; join social media and participate in ance number or mother's groups and forums and reconnect with family and send money to someone at GetCyberSafe.ca. friends you normally call you've only met online.



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### Social media etiquette: What's rude online?

(NC) Participating in social media networks like Facebook, Instagram or even TikTok later in life can be great fun – a rewarding way to re- reconnect with far-flung • family and old friends maybe your friends are even bugging you to take part.

However, navigating • the social niceties can be a bit perplexing for some of us who came of age without the internet. To help give you a leg up, here are a few handy dos and don'ts for interacting with others online.

#### **Do: Use punctuation** and emojis

- Without facial expressions or tone of voice, punctuation like an exclamation point or emoji smiley face can • help express a positive attitude.
- Conversely, a one word reply with a period may indicate displeasure.

clamation points is polite online: overkill so keep it light.

#### **Do: Ignore a message or** request from a stranger •

- It may feel impolite, but ignoring a stranger's message online is a normal and safe choice.
- Unsolicited messages or requests from strangers often turn out to be scams. The person may threaten you or solicit you for money or personal in- • formation. So, it's best not to engage.

### **Do: Check your facts**

- With lots of misinfor- mation circulating on the web, take information you see with a grain of salt.
- It's nothing personal to go to the source of a friend's post or investigate it further on reputable sites.

Here's what you should Several emojis or ex- avoid doing to be safe and

#### Do not: Post something you wouldn't say in public

- Being kind should be a no-brainer, but it can be easy to forget yourself over on the internet.
- As a rule, don't say something online you wouldn't say to the person's face in public.

#### Do not: Sign your name on direct messages

- It's not necessary or expected. The person will know who you are based on your profile or account.
- If it's the first time ever you're messaging the person, then you should certainly say who you are at the start, but not as a sign off.

#### Do not: Overshare

A few pics of your pets may be a nice diversion, but no one wants to know

#### every detail. In fact, sharing too

much online can be a security risk. Many cyber criminals are on the lookout for use to personalize scams so you're more likely to fall for them.

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### **Powwow spreads awareness of Indigenous culture**

#### **Penny Coles** The Local

Saturday's eighth annual Traditional Powwow was colourful, powerful, and very emotional.

Hosted by the Niagara Regional Native Centre, the Intertribal Dancers provided the colour with their ceremonial regalia. The orange T-shirts throughout the crowd added to the colour, and the emotion, proclaiming Every Child Matters, and honouring Phyllis first day at the Mission school. Webstad, whose Orange Shirt Story led to the creation of Orange Shirt Day across Canada.

She was present at the powwow at the Meridian Centre, sharing her story — but not in an orange T-shirt. It can sometimes be too hard for her, she says.

Her story began when she was just six years old, living with I was worth nothing. All of us lither grandmother, who, even though money was tight, bought her a shiny orange shirt for her

"It was so bright and exciting — just like I felt to be going to school," she says in her story.

When she got to school, she was stripped, her clothes taken away, and never given back to her. The colour orange has always been a reminder of "how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared, and how I felt like tle children were crying, and no one cared."

Because of Webstad's story,

the Orange Shirt Day Society have been created to spread awareness of the harm the residential school system did to chilwell being, and as an affirmation that everyone matters.

Karl Docksteader, executive director of the native centre and one of the powwow organizers, was pleased with the turnout. Previous powwows outdoors at the native centre on Airport Road have

on Saturday, dancers, vendors, volunteers and staff numbered at least 300, and there must have been between 2,000 and dren's sense of self-esteem and 3,000 people at the Meridian Centre, he said. "This is the most number of people we've ever had."

> Webstad was certainly a huge draw, he added. She was in Ontario for two weeks, attending a Blue Jays game in Toronto, visiting the Fort Erie Native Centre, and sharing her story

Orange Shirt Day, Sept. 30, and drawn about 300 people, but at an event in Niagara Falls attended by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau — wearing an orange T-shirt. She was wrapping up her trip with her attendance at the powwow, where she again shared the story of her orange shirt.

> On Sunday, Docksteader said he was "still processing everything that happened," and like other organizers, was taking it easy. "I hope everyone involved is getting a lot of rest, with smiles on their faces."



Intertribal Dancers of all ages, in their ceremonial regalia, turned the Meridian Centre into a colourful sight reflecting Indigenous culture. (Penny Coles)









William Kagesheongai was the fire keeper of the ceremonial fire burning behind the Meridian Centre during the eighth Traditional Powwow



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# **Town recognizes Truth** and Reconciliation Day

#### **Penny Coles** The Local

Truth & Reconciliation Day flag-raising ceremony at the town hall for members of council, staff and the public, those attending were encouraged to take a reflective walk around the track at the Virgil Sports Park.

After the flag-raising, three tion, she says. members of the large group of women who make up the Strong Water Singers, Shyann Jenkins, Emely Velazquez and

The Healing Song.

On Friday, after hosting a hard that day can be for her, demons. After the graves of a day that is supposed to be about healing. Although it brings awareness to the plight of Indigenous families who They've been found." lost their children to residential schools and honours survivors, ciates that land acknowledgeit has to be combined with ac- ments are included in events

Her father was a residen-

Sabrina Shawana, performed early years affecting the lives of his children. As a result, she Shawana spoke of how has struggled with her own children were discovered at residential schools, she says, "their spirits have been set free.

> Shawana says she appresuch as the flag-raising.

"It is good to hear the actial school survivor, and his knowledgement that this land life after that experience was we are standing on is our land, very difficult, the impact of his and that people recognize that."



Emely Velazquez, Shyann Jenkins and Sabrina Shawana of the Strong Water Singers performed The Healing Song at the town hall in Virgil Friday, after the flag had been raised to recognize National Truth and Reconciliation Day. (Penny Coles)



### PUBLIC NOTICES

Resident parking permits and dog licenses are now available for purchase/pick up from the Town Municipal Offices at 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, Virgil. Please fill out the appropriate application form from our website www.notl.com and drop off the completed form with your payment at 1593 Four Mile Creek Road in one of our drop boxes.

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Election Day: Monday, October 24, 2022

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One (1) to be elected at large

Betty DISERO Vaughn GOETTLER Gary ZALEPA

### **Town Councilor**

Eight (8) to be elected at large

Tim BALASIUK Allan BISBACK Gary BURROUGHS Adriana CATER (VIZZARI) Wendy CHEROPITA Alistair (AJ) HARLOND Maria MAVRIDIS John William MCCALLUM **Richard MELL** Sandra O'CONNOR Katherine REID Nick RULLER **Erwin WIENS** 

### **Conseil Scolaire** Catholique MonAvenir Trustee

Melinda CHARTRAND (ACCLAIMED)

### Voting Methods

### Proxy Voting & Voting by Mail

If you are unable to vote during Advance Polls or Election Day, alternative options are available for qualified electors. For more information about how to vote by proxy or by mail, please visit www.notl.com/councilgovernment/elections

### Where & When to Vote

**Election Day** 

### **DSBN School Board** Trustee

Four (4) to be elected at large

Kate BAGGOTT Alex BRADNAM Mike BROUSSEAU Lora CAMPBELL Jonathan FAST Rhona LINDO-KELLY Donald MACDOUGALL Kris VRCEK

### **Regional Councillor**

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### NCDSB School **Board Trustee**

Two (2) to be elected at large

Natalia BENOIT Larry HUIBERS Jolanta PAWLAK

### Voter Notification Cards

Voter Notification Cards were mailed out in late September. All voters are required to present valid identification at the Advance Polls and on Election Day.

- Victoria Steele, Town Clerk

Advance Polls (10 a.m. - 8 p.m.)

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Permits issued are valid from January 1 to December 31 of any given year. Residents must therefore renew the permit each year.

The current resident parking permit fee is \$21.00, this fee is subject to change effective January 1, 2023.

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The current annual licensing fees are \$23.00 for an altered dog or \$33.00 for an unaltered dog, these fees are subject to change effective January 1, 2023.

Please note Town offices will be closed for the holiday season as of Friday, December 23, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. and will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

### (10 a.m. - 8 p.m.)

Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre (14 Anderson Lane)

Laura Secord Homestead (29 Queenston Street)

Crossroads Public School (1350 Niagara Stone Road)

St. Davids Public School (1344 York Street)

Holiday Inn Express (524 York Road)

#### Saturday, October 8

St. Davids Public School (1344 York Road)

Wednesday, October 12

Municipal Offices (1593 Four Mile Creek Road)

Saturday, October 15

Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre (14 Anderson Lane)

Wednesday, October 19

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## **Recognizing Indigenous contributions to War of 1812**









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Grade 7/8 students led the tour through the memorial, sharing their in-depth knowledge they've gained studying history in Canada from 1800-1850, with a lens to Indigenous perspectives and contributions. Students, Sienna Rey, Preston Bowslaugh, Mia Philips, Marlo Higgins and Ilias Dritsacos, touch and smell sweet grass from the Memory Circle.







St. Davids Public School students Ariana, Emma and Addison (front to back) are adding hand-made leaves to the school's Every Child Matters Tree. (Photos supplied)



St. Davids Public School's Every Child Matters Tree stands tall in the foyer. The leaves are hands traced and cut out by all students in Kindergarten to Grade 6, and the bark was illustrated by Grade 7s and 8s, who used images, words and phrases that represent their learning on the impact the residential school system had, and still has, on Indigenous children and families. Students Mina, Cameron, Grade 7 teacher Ms. Arnold and Faith helped decorate the tree.



A close-up of St. Davids Public School Every Child Matters tree, features hands and 'bark' created by all students in the school from Kindergarten to Grade 8





Mrs. Inglis' Grade 1/2 class created a Water is Life banner as part of a series of lessons created by the DSBN Indigenous Education Department and the book Nibi's Water Song, by Sunshine Tedasco.



what matters to them. (Photos supplied)

Ms. Kent's Grade 1 class at Crossroads Public School traced their own handprints and created an orange heart to recognize that Every Child Matters.





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# Live Not-So-Late Shows offer comedy, music

#### **Mike Balsom** The Local

After a successful run of three on-line performances in 2021, Music Niagara Festival's Not-So-Late Show returns Wednesday, October 12, this time in front of a live audience.

The variety show will once again be hosted by Niagaraon-the-Lake comedian Joe Pilliterri, with musical sidekicks Colin Maier and Quartetto Gelato as the house band. The guests for the first of two 2022 shows will be jazz and rhythm-and-blues duo Louise and Mark Camilleri, or LCM for short.

Maier, who directed last year's productions, says getting the three episodes in the can in 2021 makes the team more than ready to take on doing the show for a live audience for the first time.

"What really made it hard work," says the oboist and band leader, "is we had never done it before. The first episode we filmed, we discovered what we needed to do to make it flow. It got easier with each episode. Now that we know the format, the style and the comfort level we each have, this live show should be really fun."

The Not-So-Late Show will begin with a performance by Quartetto Gelato - Maier on oboe, vocal and musical saw, violinist and vocalist Konstantine in Stirling, Ontario. Popović, Matti Pulkki on accordion and cellist Kirk Starkey.

that could encompass any of the quartet's repertoire of tangos, gypsy and klezmer songs and classical music, Pillitteri will take the stage for an opening monologue a la Jimmy Fallon or David Letterman. Then the Camilleris will sit down with the host to talk about their life in music.

After intermission, Louise and Mark will perform with St. Catharines drummer Mark Inneo and Ross McIntyre, a Niagara-on-the-Lake resident, on bass. And Quartetto Gelato will join them during this part of the evening.

Quartetto Gelato had performed at a fundraiser in Toronto that also included a set by the Camilleris. He was impressed with the upbeat, jazzy style that they bring to familiar tunes, so he booked them for the program to bring something a little different than what Music Niagara audiences may have heard before.

Toronto residents Louise and Mark Camilleri bring a fascinating and varied musical background to the performance at Club Roma. Louise is an actor, singer and dancer with extensive experience in musical theatre, including a run on Broadway in Showboat and three different productions of the Abba musical Mamma Mia. She and Mark met during her audition for Suds - The Musical

Her pianist husband also has a long list of theatre credits,





Louise and Mark Camilleri offer an 'upbeat, jazzy' style of music. (Photos supplied)

or been musical director for the likes of Paul Anka, Andrea Bocelli, Celine Dion, David Foster, Il Divo, The Priests and the Tenors. As well, he runs Imagine Sound Studios, a popular recording facility in Toronto.

The pair have become a mainstay on the Toronto theatre scene, performing with just about every theatre company in that city. They have also released a CD called Mark Camilleri and the CT Project, featuring two original compositions and covers of songs by Michael Jackson, Astor Piazzola and Duke Ellington. It also includes a jazzy version of Won't You Be My *Neighbour*, the Mr. Rogers Show theme song.

Their collective experience and musical chops make for a After three or four tunes and has played with, conducted lively and entertaining reper-

toire that can run the gamut from showtunes and Motown classics to jazz standards and disco-era hits. "We're like the Toronto ver-

sion of (American jazz duo) Tuck and Patti," says Mark, who promises a 45-minute high-energy set during that second half of the Not-So-Late Show.

"We do a mix of everything," adds Louise. "One of the tunes will be an original musical theatre number that we switch up and turn into a reggae tune. We give it the Camilleri twist, we kind of take songs we like and put our own spin on it, from jazz to Latin. We love to go across the Late Show's house band. board and make it our own."

The duo is no stranger to the talk show format, having done a few virtual performances during COVID where they would play some music and also sit for an interview. Besides stories about juggling their creative pursuits with raising two boys, Louise might touch on her other love, promoting a healthy, natural lifestyle through her books, courses, seminars and a natural product line.

For his part, Maier is really looking forward to the chance to stretch out with the full R&B band. "We've played with orchestras, choirs, string ensembles," Maier says, "but one thing we've never done is play with an R&B or jazz band. We do play some jazzy songs. But we've never had a real bass or real drums. When you bring that, it's going to be so much fun. Maybe we'll walk away feeling that we need to do it more often."



Colin Maier will perform with Quartetto Gelato as the Not-So-

Maier came on board with Music Niagara in 2021, helping to produce that year's season of shows, but he officially took on the role of production manager this past July, when the non-profit organization received an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant. It's been a boon to the lifelong musician who grew up in Calgary.

"It's been amazing," he says. "It's so fun. I love getting to do this kind of work. My whole career I've kind of fallen into roles like this. I'm used to doing all those things, making decisions. Being involved on this level with Music Niagara, with their active board of directors, and Atis (Bankas, artistic director) and Karen (Lade, general manager), it's been really great to collaborate with them."

The second and final episode of the Not-So-Late Show

is still being planned, though there are some particulars that Maier can share.

Scheduled for Nov. 29 as another show in front of a live audience, it will feature a holiday theme, and at least one guest is already booked.

"We'll have multiple guests for that one," Maier explains. "It looks like the original founder of Quartetto Gelato, Peter de Sotto, will be one of them. He's well-loved and well-known by the Niagara community. We're working on a couple more guests, too. There will be a lot of variety on that show."

Tickets for the Oct. 12 episode of the Not-So-Late Show are \$40 plus HST, and include hors doeuvres. A cash bar will be available. It starts at 7:30 p.m. in an intimate cabaret setting at Club Roma in St. Catharines. Visit musicniagara.org for information.





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# Speed dating takes courage, worth the effort

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talk to The Local, and those

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You can walk away afterwards

you have nothing to lose.

She would choose it over

trying to find a match online,

she says. "You have five min-

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#### **Penny Coles** The Local

After two successful events designed to help people develop friendships or possibly even find a partner, the Niagara-on-the-Lake Pulic Library is continuing its quest to encourage social connections.

Although the library's speed-dating events are advertised as a way to "find love among the stacks," public engagement co-ordinator Debbie Krause says they have been designed to fulfill one of necessarily about finding romance — they can just be a fun way to meet new people.

The most recent session invited those aged 60 to 75, and went really well, she says, and the "positive vibe" encouraged library staff to organize two new sessions, although for different age groups.

Krause says she sensed it took a lot of courage for people to come to the recent event — three men who registered didn't show up — but



NOTL Public Library staff do everything they can to turn it into a welcoming, relaxing environment for making social connections. (Photos supplied)



the library's goals of building she also saw a real sense of and the participants were told some fun. new connections, and are not accomplishment and pride amongst those who attended, and "stepped out of their box."

A few of the women admitted to being nervous as well, and considered bailing, but didn't, Krause added.

Some had matches, some didn't, and others really enjoyed the evening but said they didn't see moving forward.

"The women especially said they enjoyed chatting, and joked that they would go out together," she says. "They felt they had made friends and even if they weren't matched with anybody, they had a nice evening. I think we all felt good about it, that it is a good way to make social connections. It exceeded our expectations."

With people calling and asking for more, two new events have been planned. The next one is Nov. 26, for those 45 to 60 years old, and then on Dec. 10, for those 60plus.

The problem is always getting enough men to sign up, says Krause. "Men seem more likely to feel rejection, to worry about 'what if nobody chooses me.' If you've been out of it for a while, it can take a lot to put yourself out there."

Library staff have come up with a layout to make the event comfortable for those who attend, with square card tables placed throughout the library — by the fireplace, by the doors to the garden, and among the stacks, all locations offering some privacy.

With more women than men signed up for the older age group, and the number capped at 10, the men who attended the last session were given a table to sit at, and the women rotated, with five minutes to chat with each man, and a brief pause in between. The extra women had a bit of time to talk to each other while they waited for their turn.

Wine was served to help make it as relaxing as possible, portunities for senior singles says Krause.

After the event, those who

"I've been on my own for Then it was left up to them to a long time, and I've done online dating. I just thought of this as a chance to meet some In addition to being more interesting people."

> Linda says she has many friends, but those who are in couples don't usually include her in their social plans they have dinner with other couples, travel with other couples, and don't seem to think she might like to be included.

> As someone who likes to listen, she enjoyed trying to make the men feel comfortable. "It seemed like they dreaded being there, and they talked a lot about how uncomfortable they were."

She finds the idea of speed dating — and the name of the event - intimidating, especially for those in the senior age group, who might not be as in tune with the potential of meeting new people, she says.

When she began asking questions to discover what the men were interested in, the conversation turned out to be delightful, she said.

"One man mentioned You're chatting with men and his dog, and when we talked women who are basically in about having a dog, he immediately relaxed. A couple of them were actually hilarious, very entertaining. I didn't want the evening to end. It was a chance to chat with so much. And it was a nice someone else about their life and laugh with them. There Although she didn't want wasn't anybody I talked to to reveal whether there was that I wasn't interested in what any follow-up, she says, "I'm they had to say."

She is recommending the library find another name Agreeing to first names for their event, especially for seniors, and maybe consider a format that would allow for more chatting as a group, which would be less intimidat-"This was a really unique and ing.

> Lauren, who had never participated in speed dating, says her experience was very positive.

"Everyone I met was real-Linda says she decided to ly nice. I was struck by how sign up hoping to meet new comfortable it was chatting with people in that setting. I would like to be able to do it again. It was definitely a new says, especially not for meet- I guess."

personal step forward. I had at first been nervous, but once I got there I realized how confident I was, and it was a really enjoyable evening. It was about getting getting out and having an opportunity to meet new people."

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The men were a little more reluctant and reserved, she agrees, but she praised the library for doing everything possible to provide a relaxed setting, including offering sandwiches, fruit and champagne. "The library did a wonderful job of organizing it," she says. "I think that was the key to having it be such a successful event."

Albert was the lone man willing to talk to The Local about the event. He was very nervous about going, and after a sleepless night before, almost changed his mind. He's glad he didn't.

"On that day, some people dropped out. I can fully understand how they felt. I really take my hat off to those with the courage to try something new. And a little wine helped," he laughs.

"It was nerve-wracking, but once I got there and settled down, it was quite fun."

He'd been encouraged by friends to give it a try, and did a lot of "soul-searching" before signing up. He had done some online dating, but discovered meeting somebody in person is better, "although five minutes was not really long enough. It just peaks your interest," he says.

"Everyone was very nice, the event was well-run, and it went well."

He explains that as a senior, "there is a different approach to dating than when we were in our 20s."

Albert has been a widower for eight years, and considered the event an opportunity to find companionship. "I was really amazed at how the ladies were putting themselves out there too. It takes courage for all of us. It was fun, and I'm glad I tried it."

He was matched with and the feedback was good, in Niagara-on-the-Lake," she experience, like an adventure, someone who was willing to meet with him. After talking Lauren lost her partner over coffee, he was hoping to meet again, and to continue to be friends. "It can get lonely. I have lots of friends, but they're all couples, married or with partners. I'm looking for single friends, and they can be difficult to find," he says. "It was a good experience. We have to step outside our comfort zone, but I'm glad I did it." Library membership is not required, and it's open to everyone - it's not limited to NOTL residents. The cost is \$30. All participants must register and show identification at the door. To register for the two upcoming events, go to notlpubliclibrary.org, and click on the calendar date for the event you want to attend.

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## Austin Kirkby: family and farming were her passions

#### **Mike Balsom** The Local

Former Niagara-on-the-Lake councillor Austin Kirkby is being remembered as a tenacious fighter for every cause she felt was right. Since she lost her battle with cancer early this week, tributes have been pouring in from both current and former councillors about the determination, 79-year-old's thoroughness and meticulousness, as well as her ability to build teams during her 15 years in the council chambers.

to the end. But as hard as she worked for the town, and for the local farming community, her three daughters stress that she worked a thousand times harder for her family.

Kirkby first faced cancer in the mid-1990s, during her first term as an elected official in a town she had already been serving since the 1950s, when her parents James Richardson and Dorothy Dobbie moved to Niagara.

"The Dobbie family had a florist shop in Toronto," explains Kirkby's daughter Katie Overstrom. "So Dorothy ran Richardson Florists on Gage Street and also on Queen Street in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Mom was the helper, while her sister Jean was the creative person. Mom would do the deliveries, and when she married my dad he helped with the deliveries on weekends."

Austin first caught John Kirkby's eye while he was in Grade 10 at Niagara District Secondary School. He mustered up the courage to ask her out when they both attended a teen dance the following year at the old Harmony Hall in the Chautauqua area of town.

They were married in 1963, and moved to John's family farm, which had been in the Kirkby family for three generations. Austin immediately earned the respect of her in-laws with her work ethic and willingness to take on any job to keep the tender fruit operation running like clockwork.

As well, John was a volunteer firefighter in town, during a time before cell phones, pagers and other modern forms of technol-

When the couple's first of three daughters was born, she applied the same kind of devothe town to raising her family.

to respond to local emergencies.

"We were the beneficiaries of that passion," Katie says. "Us, and her six grandchildren, and I'm sure her three grand-children, too. She's always known a family business. She instilled her dedication in us. We were always told when we were working in the barn that every peach we pack has our name on it."

"And we don't go home at Kirkby was a fighter right 5 p.m. like the workers do," the eldest daughter, Susan Janzen, adds, with a chuckle.

> All three girls, and John as well, agree their parents were true equals on the farm and in their marriage from day one, setting an example they continue to live by to this day.

> times for the farming community in the 1970s, and the aftermath of a 1986 hailstorm that wreaked havoc on NOTL farms, got his wife fighting for the farming community, and eventually considering a run for council.

"I started to speak out," John remembers. "But I'm not a good writer. Behind the scenes, she would write all of my speeches. Eventually she got to the place where she realized that she felt she could make a change. She got elected, and was never the top vote-getter. The farming community, though, realized that she was really someone they could trust."

Fellow grape-grower Jamie Slingerland, who was on council with Austin when she was first elected in 1992, says the agricultural community still owes her a debt to this day.

"She was a well-known voice at the Niagara Escarpment Commission, and at the region," Slingerland says. "If there was an agricultural issue, Austin was right on top of it. She was fully involved. When she decided she was going to do something, she did it with dogged determination. She served the agricultural community and the municipality very well."

Wiens, also a farmer, tells The was going to be too much. They ogy. Austin was one of the fire- Local she "had a mind like a steel made the very bold decision to

what it was all about," he says. "She was an inspiration to me. She truly worked so hard for agtion and passion that she had for riculture. It's hard for anybody to hold a candle to what she did."

> Wiens goes on to add that Austin was a pioneer for water rights long before the current concern for global warming, and that rural NOTL would not have an irrigation system if it wasn't for her advocacy.

"I've been working on the irrigation now for about eight years, all the way up to the feds," Wiens says. "I don't do anything on that without the work that she did first. None of this would be going on now if she didn't do what she did back then. And she balanced all of that with her commitment to the entire community, and being a mom and raising three wonderful daughters."

Youngest daughter Becky John says it was the difficult Kirkby-Arnold remembers her mom being so meticulous in her preparation for council meetings that other councillors would turn to her on Mondays to get up to speed or seek clarification on agenda matters.

> Her commitment to her job amazed her husband, who says she put in full-time hours while also driving the tractor on the farm and putting in full-time sweat equity hours performing challenging physical labour. When she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1994, she arranged to have her chemotherapy treatments on Tuesdays so she wouldn't miss any Monday council meetings.

Though she was the only woman on council, it wasn't long before she had earned the respect of her male counterparts, just like she had amongst the farming community, who took a while to warm up to the idea of having a woman lead the charge.

Austin beat the first bout with cancer, but a broken clavicle in June, 2019 led to the discovery of the disease's return.

"They discovered bladder cancer," Katie says, "and it had metastasized. She was already a cancer survivor, she had that mentality. She was going to do everything she could to fight it, Current councillor Erwin but our parents knew the farm

"I went to see her to find out birthday party for their mom, and were shocked at the number of people who turned up to pay tribute.

> And, like the fighter she always was, Austin then discovered that the immunotherapy had done its job, and the cancer had shrunk, giving her more time.

> She continued to throw herself into family life, attending her grandchildren's hockey, lacrosse and track and field competitions right up until her last week. She had the chance to meet her newest great-granddaughter, and was able to know before she passed that another was on the way.

> Her daughters suspect their mom was ready to go after she finally completed her last task

> about three weeks ago. "She had to get the bookwork done for the farm," says Katie. "She handed off the bookwork for the last seven years, so that we would understand it all."

> "I am a controller for a company," adds Susan, " and I told her she didn't have to do all the work for the accountant, but she insisted."

> "And she made sure my dad knew how to cook and clean," adds Katie.

John and all three daughters were there with Austin when she passed away, and they agree that she had a tremendous amount of peace in her life that her work here was done.



John and Austin Kirkby were high school sweethearts, and built a life together on John's family farm on Concession 2. (Photos supplied)



Austin Kirkby and her girls, Katie, Becky and Susan.

The family will hold a private the Upper Canada Hall at the Centre.

interment ceremony later this Pillar and Post for Oct.16. Donaweek. A celebration of Austin tions in her name can be made Kirkby's life is being planned for to the Walker Family Cancer



word out to those who needed

fighters' wives who volunteered trap." Before he ran for his seat to work the phone chain to get on council he turned to her for advice.



Austin Kirkby, the only woman on council when she served, was tenacious when she believed in something, and passionate in her support of agriculture.

sell the farm and they moved to Vineland."

The three girls all agree their mother's last three years were surely difficult, but in a way the move to Vineland allowed her to concentrate more on her family, and worry less about the NOTL community that both she and John worked so hard for throughout their lives.

"She didn't get involved in politics at all there," John laughs. "In fact, I'm not sure either of us could name anyone on council in Vineland."

She started on another round of chemotherapy, and when that didn't seem to be working she moved on to immunotherapy. In April, 2020, Austin was told she had only a couple of months to live. That month, Susan, Katie and Becky organized a drive-by

### **Niagara College opens Saundra Patterson Memorial Garden**

#### **Mike Balsom** The Local

Niagara College president emeritus Dan Patterson couldn't resist visiting the Niagara-on-the-Lake campus named for him last Friday afternoon.

He was supposed to wait until the Monday afternoon dedication ceremony for the new Saundra Patterson Memorial Garden in the upper courtyard facing the Niagara Escarpment.

"I was so embarrassed," he told The Local Monday. "I came over like a little kid. I had to see what was going on. My jaw dropped because they had planted all these mums with their rich colours all wrapped around ular."

Carrie Zimmerman, Niagara's landscape program coordinator who oversaw the student-designed and -built project, wasn't surprised to see the beloved president, who served in that role for 25 years, show up early.

"He was involved throughout the process," she explained. "There was this one moment this summer where there were piles of gravel and bricks all over the place, he said 'Carrie, I don't know', and I reminded him he had to wait for it to all come together. For him to show up last week to see all the details pulled together, there were a few tears. His expression was overwhelming."

The First Lady of Niagara College, Saundra Patterson was often seen on campus alongside her husband, attending many events every year and almost every single convocation during his dards, and was incredibly tenure as president.

Saundra had a special affinity for the landscape and horticultural departments at the college, both ing people together. Those

housed at the NOTL cam- traits are truly reflected in joked that each year when of love." they were preparing for their annual plant sale in worked alongside staff the campus greenhouse, throughout the past year, she only knew they were involving over three seready to open their doors mesters of study. Zimmeronce Saundra had toured man says it was planned and given her nod of ap- to accommodate different proval.

Catharines home features their curriculum. She adds a beautiful backyard garden overlooking a ravine. Saundra meticulously tended to the space where their daughter Christine got sign", Zimmerman said, "as married this past summer.

college in late 2019, and Saundra lost a battle with one who had a good idea cancer in January, 2021.

the garden. It was spectac- college announced plans to honour Saundra's memory through the creation of a key student who captured dedicated memorial garden, led by Niagara's School the garden." of Environment and Horticulture along with staff thing that I know Saundra from the teaching greenhouse.

raised, \$50,000 of which went toward the new garsupport students through day of seeing students takthe Saundra Patterson Horticultural Bursary Fund. Monday's unveiling was also a chance to thank those who donated to the project.

Current college president Sean Kennedy spoke of Saundra's importance to the Niagara College family over the years.

"We each had a connec-Known informally as tion with her in different ways," Kennedy told the gathering. "I have so many fond memories of being in her presence as she talked to students on campus. Saundra had high stancaring and compassionate. She and Dan had an incredible commitment to building community and bring-

pus. In fact, Zimmerman this garden that is a labour

More than 150 students departments at different The couple's central St. stages to correlate with that the design of the project came from a student as well, Alice Lee.

"We chose Alice's dewe wanted to choose some-Dan retired from the one who had a real passion for design, as well as somethat this was not to be just In March that year, the a place for our students, but also a reflection of who Saundra was. She was that both of those elements of

"The end result is somewould be so pleased by," Kennedy continued. "It Since then, a total of maintains the highest stan-\$89,000 in donations was dards. It's an act truly of caring and compassion. And it brings people together. I den, the rest earmarked to have had the pleasure every



Dan Patterson, president emeritus of Niagara College, praised the garden dedicated to his wife Saundra as "a living legacy." (Photos by Mike Balsom)

ing a moment to reflect and en project, built out of the 1939 film Goodbye Mr. decompress here. It truly love, has created a living continues Saundra's legacy."

that the beautiful volumi- ture as a testament to the nous chrysanthemums currently lining all corners of and enrich lives. Saundra den is completed. the memorial garden will would be so proud to know eventually be replaced with that her spirit and work will and tend to the garden here bulbs. They will blossom be always remembered in as tulips and daffodils next this incredible world-class spring. Future students at teaching garden. I know she to visit mostly on the weekthe college will experience is shouting 'Bravo!' from ends, so as not to interrupt the space as a practical way above." to apply the skills learned in their courses.

"This

legacy," Patterson said. "It Zimmerman explained will grow far into the fupower of nature to teach

> Though Patterson says student-driv- like the lead character in

Chips, he admits that Kennedy and maybe some of the students may see a little bit more of him around campus now that the gar-

"I will constantly visit at the college," he laughed. "I will make sure, though, the flow of learning. To be able to come here and to he will definitely not be reflect is so special and inspiring to me."



The design for the garden was by student Alice Lee, who understood it was to be a reflection of who Saundra Patterson was







More than 150 students worked alongside staff throughout the past year to create the memorial garden.

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# Nature provides us with primal sound therapy

#### **Owen Bjorgan Special to The Local**

Like a song that makes your hair stand on end, there is music all around us in the natural world. Surprisingly, the feelings you experience in the presence of a babbling brook, a crackling fire, or the call of a loon are buried deep inside our DNA blueprint.

A recent sunset canoe ride in the Martindale Pond in St. Catharines reminded me how an innocent sound can present such an influential and instinctively enjoyable moment.

Why do such audible experiences generally make us feel good and grounded?

I've written about how natural landscapes can inspire musical ideas for the human mind, and that this will always be the case. Another fascinating concept is how particular sounds make us feel in our bones and our brains.

You know what I mean. You don't have to be outdoorsy to sit by a waterfall or trickling creek and feel relaxed. Running water, fire, and a sunset are some of the few remaining subjects in life that can captivate humans in a state devoid of phones or their surroundings, and beckon us to dive comfortably inward.

The sound of moving water triggers a human response of safety and security, as it psychologically commands our presence to the most important life-sustaining feature we know. We drink it, we fish it, we bathe in it, while some cultures baptize or cast away their dead into the double hydrogen and oxygen combo.

Wind, created by pressurized difference in air masses that can be hundreds of thousands of square kilometres, rustles the leaves of trees and transports pollen and nutrients around the world. Wind can be jarring and tiring, or it can be a welcome relief of heat and humid stubbornness. Our ancestors understood the winds of change, and could read the room on what type of mood the weather was

in a circle, the most effective was recently taken on a sunand primal communication arrangement our species has ever known. The crackling of burning carbon bonds keep us looking, listening, and thinking. From cavemen to politicians, we find ourselves sitting in various forms of circles and arches around a central point of energy and focus. Such energy once cooked our food, kept us warm, and scared off predatory threats while we sustained our livelihoods. It is no wonder we love a good backyard fire in a

modern world. Now that we have covered the classics of wind, earth, tured world. water, and fire, I will share the moment which led me to this lowing ourselves the pleasure point.

set paddle atop the glassy waters of Martindale Pond. The woman I was canoeing with froze in appreciation for a moment, and remarked at the sounds of the weeds gently dragging against the haul of the aluminum canoe.

There was a gentle fizzle and hiss as the plant matter grazed the canoe bottom, yet it was the loudest sound you could hear across the stillness of the water. It made us both stop and discuss how that sound spoke to us, and how humans deserve to take the time to escape our manufac-

We would all benefit by alof getting back to the basics My canoe, Old Baldy, of benevolent, effortless, and





Niagara Escarpment and its various watercourses offer incredibly peaceful sound escapes for adventurous hikers. (Photos by Owen Bjorgan)

about to bestow in advance. A fire causes humans to sit

which has been featured in easily accessible primal sound past articles for The Local, therapies that exist in nature.



Wind fuels swelling cumulonimbus clouds over Lake Erie, a simple sound fuelling so much natural power.



# Preds rack up two more wins this weekend

#### Mike Balsom The Local

With two wins this past weekend for the Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League's (GMHL) Niagara Predators, there's lots for head coach Kevin Taylor to be happy about. But that doesn't mean that there's nothing to work on after winning three of their first four games to start the team's second season playing in Virgil.

On Friday night, the Preds almost let a 6-1 second period lead slip away, giving up four goals in the third before shutting the visiting Windsor Aces down for the victory. And Taylor says Sunday's 4-1 road win should have instead been a 5-0 decision in Niagara favour.

"It was a good game," Taylor said about Sunday's win over the St. George Ravens. "I was a little disappointed we didn't get the shutout. We haven't found our killer instinct yet. Friday night's game, a couple more goals, that would have been the game. And Sunday we had them 4-0, we got a little sloppy, and we gave them their goal."

Taylor added that system-wise, the Predators played their best and smartest game thus far in St. George.

"When we dumped the puck in, and they got possession," explained Taylor, "we only sent one guy in to forecheck. The other two (forwards) stayed high up in the blue line area. And when we got the puck back because we clogged up the middle, we went right back at them again. But again, two more goals would have been nice."

Tyler Gearing started the scoring for the Predators Sunday with his third



Grimsby native Warren Krogman has joined the Preds. (Photos by Mike Balsom)

minutes into the first peri- they play differently over Preds all night long. Senft giving Niagara a 6-1 marpuck in front of the Raven's dition to our team." net for an unassisted power play marker five minutes ni stopped 36 of the Ravens later.

Reese Bisci scored the first star of the game. Preds third goal late in the second period, and newcomer Jaroslav (Jarry) Dohnal, playing in his first Meridian Credit Union game in Predators black Arena. The Predators pepand yellow, added the team's pered Windsor goaltenfourth with 40 seconds remaining in the period.

er," Taylor said of the Czech Manco opening the scor-Republic native. "When ing twelve minutes in with he gets going skating, he a shot high over Adams' can really play. He has nice glove. hands. We played him with Leo. They had great chem- a faceoff in Niagara's defenistry, and I think it's because sive end resulted in a goal of (their experience play- for Windsor's Samuel Senft, goal of the weekend ten ing) the European game, who caused trouble for the ond goals of the evening,

od. Leo Savin notched his there. They were making second of the season when cross-ice passes to each he capitalized on a loose other. He's an excellent ad-

Goaltender Ryan Santi-37 shots and was named

Santini also got the start for Niagara Friday night when the Aces visited the der Brennan Adams with 17 shots in the first peri-"He's a big-bodied play- od, with defenceman Guy

A lapse of discipline off

picked up the loose puck gin heading into the final right after the faceoff and period. slid it past an out-of-position Santini into the wideond of the night early in open top shelf on his block- that period, then another side. er lack of discipline by

Tyler Gearing respond- the Predators allowed the ed quickly for the Preds, Aces to claw back into the Windsor blue line and beat- minute boarding penaling Adams on the breakaway. Waise Ayubi added a holding call on Windanother just 28 seconds sor's Rolan Ponechal. With later.

With the 3-1 lead, Tayon-four hockey, Windsor's lor pulled Santini to start Noah Smejkal and Ryan the second period, giving 19-year-old back-up Cam-Predators net. eron Huff some ice time. Windsor shots on goal in on the right track, but when that frame, as Anthony Tro-Windsor was back at full pea scored on the power strength, Senft completed Manco recorded their sec- play.

but he's a big guy, he has to be more controlled," said Taylor about Ellis. "I didn't see the boarding call, but I heard it. When it's a 6-1 game, you have to expect those kinds of penalties to be called. They don't want it to get out of hand."

With just under ten minutes left in the period, the Predators shook off the rust and controlled the puck for the most part through to the final buzzer, escaping with the 6-5 home-ice victory. They were outshot 17-11 in the final frame.

Taylor feels the fact that they were able to regroup after giving up four goals in the third Friday served them well for Sunday's contest in St. George.

"We finished strong Friday, controlling the game for the last eight minutes," Taylor reflected. "There was no worry about losing that game. We carried that momentum into Sunday's game."

The Predators are back on home ice this Friday night against last year's South Division champs the Durham Bulls. It's a game that Taylor says will be a huge test for the team, and also holds some personal

"They have a dangerous power play," he told The Local. "They've blown out stealing the puck at the game. Riley Ellis took a five a couple of teams, too. We need to clog the middle and stay out of the penalty box. If we do that we can beat them. This is my old team, too. I was a part owner of this team. It's a huge game for me. I really want to win Smerling both found the this one."

Game time Friday is Taylor called a time out 7:30 p.m. at the Meridian Huff kicked away all 13 to try to get the team back Credit Union Arena. The Predators are beginning a food drive that night to support Newark Neighbours play and both Gearing and his hat trick on the power and encourage fans to bring some non-perishable food products to the game.

importance to him.



Senft scored his sec-

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"He was playing hard,

Defenceman Guy Manco opened the scoring 12 minutes in.

Riley Ellis took a five minute boarding penalty.

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