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This photo of the fall display outside The Charles Inn, overlooking the NOTL Golf Course, was taken on a beautiful day of a view from Queen Street familiar to locals. (David Gilchrist)

# **Council candidates** debate top issues

### **Mike Balsom** The Local

hosted FocusNOTL the first of three meet and greet sessions between mayoral meet and greet, candidates for town councillor last Wednesday, Oct. 5 at the Royal Canadian Legion hall on King Street.

Colin Patey moderated the evening that featured incumbent Gary Burroughs along with new-Richard Mell and Nick Ruller.

With 13 total candidates for the eight seats on council, the grassroots organization felt gathering them together for one event would not provide candidates time to discuss issues fairly and equally. Breaking them down into smaller groups gives each a total of 25 minutes of floor time.

As well, to keep things fair from session to ses-

sion, Patey explained that each grouping would face a different set of questions each night.

As with the previous the municipal accommodation tax (MAT) on tourists, development, taxes, a potential move to a ward system, and tourism in general dominated the discussion.

Once their 10-minute comers Maria Mavridis, opening statements were completed, Patey moved to the question and answer portion of the evening, using four submissions from the public and one from the media.

The candidates were asked first to outline what they feel the top three issues facing the town are going to be in the next four years.

Mavridis said it is the need for a tourism

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# Proceedings over tree removal on Solmar property halted

### **Penny Coles** The Local

Benny Marotta has not won in court based on the merits of the case initiated by the town against the trees on the Randwood Estate — he has had the charges stayed so they will is appealing that decision not be heard in court.

by a Justice of the Peace campaign, she has the dele- which those accused need to

to be tried within a reasonable time, said town CAO continue or withdraw the Marnie Cluckie.

"This decision means that the case will not be heard on its merits, and the ie, "therefore, if we were to developer for clear-cutting trial will not proceed as ini- wait for the next council to tially scheduled."

Cluckie said the town opportunity to appeal."

decide whether they wish to trials.

place" to appeal, says Cluck-

— because of the timing Canada set out a framework courts were effectively to trial, but there were four Estate in November 2018, The decision announced coinciding with an election for establishing deadlines by closed during this time."

related to the Charter right will have the opportunity to months for Superior Court implications for the Charter advanced by Two Sisters and

In this circumstance, there were several factors "There are time limits in contributing to the time delay, Cluckie said in an email to The Local. The social media of the town COVID-19 pandemic was losing to Marotta on four decide, we would lose the "an exceptional circum- counts. Cluckie explained stance that significantly the JOP ruled only on the charges regarding the re-The Supreme Court of impacted the timing. The charge of the delay in going moval of trees on the Rand

Court closures necessilast Wednesday to stay the gated authority to make the be tried: 18 months for pro- tated by COVID resulted in charges laid by the town is call — and the new council vincial court trials and 30 extensive trial delays, with

right to be tried within a reasonable time. "The JOP for an attempt "to exclude certhis matter also cited delays related to the prosecution."

properties involved, one just after the last municipal charge for each, thus the four charges.

The second argument

Solmar, said Cluckie, was tain evidence from the trial. However, the court did not There has been talk on make a decision on that argument, because the charges were stayed."

The town had filed election, but before the new

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# Tourism strategy tops list of council priorities

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strategy, a master transportation plan, and development that are most important. For Mell, it is planning and development, a tourism strategy, and an improvement to the town's licensing and permitting processes to make things easier for enemy," which he suggestbusinesses and residents ed could be the region, to planning and incorpo-

both Burroughs and Rulneeded to get a handle on development by getplace. He also posited that town isn't overrun with the five distinct villages of absentee NOTL need "a common renting their properties as and should not be deter-

A tourism strategy also mining what we want in organizations in town. made the top three list for our community. ler. The current councillor of the recommendations added that council also from the short-term rental (STR) committee needs to ting its zoning bylaws in to be taken to ensure the

be done, and action needs homeowners Airbnbs. He also pointed rating contextual zoning as something that needs community. to be completed in the

then asked whether or not the town should continue giving municipal grants to organizations such as the NOTL Chamber of Guild.

next term.

assess them (the grants)," Mell said, "and see if they're where they should be, or see if there are other funding methods that can replace some of the discretionary tax. The two organizations you mentioned are tourism-relat-(MAT) comes in."

"The town stopped doing discretionary grants this term," Burroughs said. "We have lots of volunteer

This is not huge money Ruller added a review that these groups are getting. They are worth it. They are part of the fabric of our town. We had matching grants in the past, between us and the region. I'm in favour of having another strong look at supporting our culture."

Similarly, Ruller said these groups contribute into the town's bylaws greatly to the broader

"That is important," Ruller opined. "That be-The candidates were ing said, there is an opportunity to review the municipal grants and to look at processes based on thresholds. We need to ensure municipal grants Commerce and the Shaw are contributing across the community, where "I think we need to the benefit is received by a wide range of community members."

and charities in NOTL are that not everybody is savdeserving of our support," said Mavridis. "We need that it's important to talk to look broadly at those directly with residents that do apply and maybe without forcing them to more response on decirestructure our format. use the website first. ed. I think that's where the I don't agree with giving discretionary funds to line surveys don't work for festivals and events as has everybody, and compared been done in the past. The the questions on some of funds that come out of these to bumpers guiding residents' taxes should go the ball down a bowling to residential associations. alley. He suggested timely, All others will be able to general communication pull from the MAT."

> then asked to propose two roads are closed, and varstrategies they would ap- ious mechanisms need to ply to increase community be used to get word out. engagement.

> Burroughs that many of the surveys Queen Street at Missisposted on the town's web-

Gary Burroughs

site are not professionally "Many not-for-profits done. He also pointed out vy on the computer, and

Ruller agreed that onwith the public is needed The candidates were to avoid frustration when

> Mavridis sagua Street, the one that used to outline upcoming

events. She also called for improvements to Join the Conversation, on the town website, and the town website itself.

Mell said the town gets sions it makes after tools such as Join the Conversation close, defeating the purpose. He would like to see a weekly list of town information in local news-

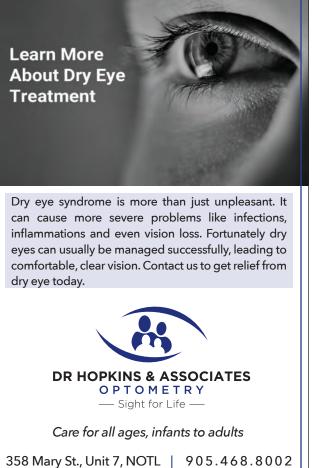
A proposed noise bylaw capping sound at 50 to 55 decibels that was rejected by council in 2020 was the next topic up for discussion.

"Creation of a new bylamented law won't solve anything warned the loss of the sign on unless we address enforcement," Ruller said. "We need to be proactive and not reactive. When we put a residential development beside a hotel or winery, there are implications. We have to get it right the first time, from a planning perspective."

> "The problem is much deeper than simply noise,"

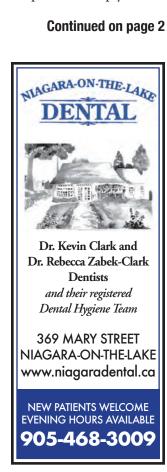


Nick Ruller



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# Short-term rentals, noise issues also debated

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not a new issue. Right now there is a lot of work going on with the environmental committee on noise. Currently, enforcement people won't go out at night without a police escort, and police will not respond to a noise citizens. complaint."

audience, "what would it have done to, never mind the wineries, but the bike tours? A sneeze is 90 dB. having right now is 60 dB. I'm glad it wasn't passed, but it needs to be revisited as part of the tourism ford to stay at one of the strategy."

"Whenever I think of noise bylaws, pickleball comes to mind," said Mell, eliciting a chuckle from the audience. "A bylaw should not just restrict certain things we don't density cap. like in town. Let's not look at a bylaw that engrosses the whole town just to address certain issues that can quite reasonably come rid of unhosted rentals, themselves, then faced five to the discussion to help be informed of their status to an understanding with the stakeholders."

The final question dealt with the existence of turned up at the Legion ment, transparency, tourshort-term rentals as com-

mercial operations within residentially zoned areas.

Ruller said he is con-Burroughs said. "This is cerned that when houses are used as STRs the town ends up not having people contributing to the fabric of the town, and called for strong action to manage STRs effectively so they are not operated on the backs of the town's

Mavridis insisted that "Had council passed zoning for STRs needs to that bylaw at 50 to 55 deci-remain residential, and bels," Mavridis asked the the town has to begin collecting the MAT from homeowners who operate Airbnbs. She also argued for an increase in licens-This conversation we're ing fees and a cap on the number of STRs in town.

> Mell said not everybody wants to or can af-Vintage Hotels. Bylaw officers need to be working afternoon or evening second of three council shifts, he added, and he's in favour of a limit hosted by the political acto the number of licences and a neighbourhood

> "unhosted" aspect of STRs bents Sandra O'Connor is something of great concern. He would like to get grandfathering in those questions posed by modthat currently exist.

About 40 residents



Maria Mavridis

tion group FocusNOTL.

Challengers John Mc-Callum and Katherine Burroughs said the Reid along with incumand Erwin Weins were given a chance to introduce erator John Thompson.

Planning, develop-Tuesday evening for the ism, the environment and the town's agricultural contingent took much of the focus over an hour and that point. a half of debate.

was the first to respond.

"We're a small comelected for their specific talents and knowledge," he said. "I'm a farmer, and I sit on the irrigation and I have a vested interest, agricultural relationship to the table. winery. Some might say that's cially the farmers."

"Pecuniary whatever the issue is," other councillors decide, as STRs. you should. It's not always ance."

McCallum agreed on

"I would expect when The candidates were council forms, that the leasked under what cir- gal department would talk cumstances they felt it to all the councillors and was appropriate to recuse identify what constitutes themselves from voting a conflict of interest," he on issues that arise on the said. "It's an opportunity council agenda. Wiens for people like myself who have never been a councillor to ask questions and munity, and people get find out. I think there are relatively few situations where there is a conflict of interest."

Reid said when she sat agricultural committees. as a citizen on the town's but I also bring a special during a previous term knowledge and a special she was working at a local

"I asked if I was ala conflict, but I've been lowed to vote and I was elected to represent the told I could," she said. "If people around me, espe- councillors are going to gain from it, then it would

be a conflict of interest. the evening, bylaw officers But every councillor has need to be working during to decide for themselves."

The short-term rental during this session. Candidates were asked for their position and how they would address the need to revisit, revise and rethink the rules that govern them.

recommendations the town's STR committee coming to council for discussion soon. opined that the town needs more bylaw enforcement officers on the ground to enforce the rules, and called for a hike in the fees for STRs, not a and contextual developchange in zoning.

McCallum said he is not a fan of STRs, adding needs and the unique that residents want to live character of NOTL's interest next to people, not incandidate meet and greets means you are getting vestments. He said counmoney directly from cil must talk to the town's to complete the official legal department about said O'Connor, outlining how to enforce regulaspecific examples. "To me tions, and charge property that is a straightforward owners for visits to their conflict. But if you are in rentals. As well, the acthe industry and can bring countant said the Canada value-added information Revenue Agency needs to

> Reid suggested that straightforward, but they since most complaints can always go to the ethics regarding STRs involve commissioner for guid- noise and come during

those hours.

Wiens promised that (STR) issue also came up the 33 recommendations made by the STR committee in July, 2021, will make everybody happy. He looked back at the growing pains during the rise of bed and breakfast operations, and pointed to O'Connor said she is how these operations are looking forward to the now part of the charm of NOTL. Compliance and education, not conviction, is the way to go, he said, as the vast majority of tourists behave in a respectful manner.

Next, candidates were asked how they would work toward sustainable ment that is responsible to climate change, in-fill neighbourhoods.

"The starting point is plan," said McCallum. "Out of that needs to come details around contextual zoning, and whether the heritage area needs to be expanded. Height and setbacks need to be looked at. The tools should work the same way in the five settlement areas. Coun-

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John McCallum



Richard Mell

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# Zoning, environment, bike safety addressed

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cil needs to move on this very quickly."

"I'm concerned about contextual zoning as well," said Reid. "I'm on the Queenston Residents Association, and I'm amazed at how many times zoning issues go against what's in the secondary plan. We have to follow the rules that are in the plan."

textual zoning," said. "I contacted our cussion. planners, a regional planner, and a private planner. We hire professionals. True collaboration is trying to understand where we land, where the province lands, where the region lands. We need to review our zoning bylaws with an understanding of what all are talking about."

O'Connor was the only candidate who directly addressed the environmental part of the query.

"The region's official plan did a major overhaul on their environment sec-

tion," she told the audience. "Our climate change adaptation plan has been developed with Brock University. We have to implement these ideas, and many of them deal with development and climate change. Low impact development, natural stormwater management, permeable pavers and keeping our trees will all help with the environment."

Bike safety on both "I'm not a fan of con- rural and urban roads Wiens was the next topic of dis-

Reid, a past member of the town's safety committee, said education is key, and pointed to the successes of that committee in working with seasonal farm employees via bike rodeos and other educational sessions.

Wiens warned that those planners at each level rural roads are not being kept up, especially at the shoulders. Besides education, he called for better upkeep and funding to ensure shoulders are in tiptop shape and that water is not allowed to freeze, causing the pavement to



Sandra O'Connor

break up during the thaw.

O'Connor pointed to the reconstruction of Line 3, and asked why bike lanes were not installed. She suggested she would push for a policy to ensure that all future road reconstruction would include clear about why some isan allowance for bike lanes. She also said the region should have considfaced Lakeshore Road.

council needs to bring that others. list to the region.

parency, Wiens insisted one of her major concerns. that he has always been She added that in previous transparent during the years, when she applied to current term, and that he sit on town committees, has repeatedly spoken his there was a clear process. mind and been vocal, and During the current term, promised to continue to however, she received do so.

O'Connor also insisted that she has been transparent as a councillor. She added that some closed sessions are necessary to deal with certain items, such as staffing decisions, but said council has to be sues have to be dealt with in-camera.

McCallum interpreted ered this when they resur- transparency as simply a matter of speaking clear-McCallum also asked ly and sticking to what a for regional involvement councillor thinks is right. on this issue, saying the He suggested that all canstretch of Concession 6 didates for council want to to York Road is particu- make NOTL a better place, larly scary and dangerous. and to that end, meetings He urged the next coun- have to be collaborative, cil to compile a list of all civil and polite, giving all roads, both municipal councillors an opportuniand regional, that need ty to state their views and bike lanes, and added that listen to the opinions of

Reid said the number On the subject of trans- of in-camera sessions is nothing other than a re-

en no further information and greet session, feaas to why her applications turing councillor candiwere turned down, making it hard for her to trust Bisback, Wendy Cheropithe current sitting council.

Candidates mingled with the attendees following the question period, Wednesday, Oct. 12 at addressing their concerns 7 p.m. Coverage of that one-on-one.

At press time, the NOTL Local.

jection letter, and was giv- third FocusNOTL meet dates Tim Balasiuk, Allan ta, Adriana Cater Vizzari and Alastair (AJ) Harlond was scheduled for event will be in next week's

### **VOTER CARDS HAVE ARRIVED**

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The season opens on October 23 with a rare Canadian appearance by Miloš Karadaglić, simply known as MILOŠ, named by BBC Music Magazine as one of the six greatest classical guitarists of the last century alongside guitar legend Andrés Segovia. Born in Montenegro, MILOŠ is one of the world's most celebrated classical guitarists. His career began its meteoric rise in 2011, with the release of his international best-selling Deutsche Grammophon debut album Mediterraneo. He has appeared as a soloist with some of the world's great orchestras, and his sold-out solo Royal Albert Hall was lauded by the critics and caused a worldwide sensation.

On November 5, interna-



MILOŠ, one of the world's most celebrated classical guitarists, makes a rare Canadian appearance on October 23.

On the *Graceland* album, it's

Measha Brueggergosman-Lee will present an evening Kumalo's bass run we hear of classical and jazz, including music from her newest album Measha JAZZ featuring repertoire from the Black songstresses of the mid-20th century such as Nina Simone and Sarah Vaughan. Measha has presented innovative programs at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York, Washington's Kennedy Center, London's Wigmore Hall, and other great halls around the world. Her classical recordings have earned her a Juno Award win and a Grammy Award nomination.

Legendary 5-time Gramrecital in the round of the my Award-winning South African bassist, composer, and vocalist, Bakithi Kumon "You Can Call me Al"! He ford on December 18. The man-Lee will perform, and has also played with Herbie Count Basie Orchestra, to- Partridge Hall, where The Hancock, Josh Groban, Glo- day directed by Scotty Barn- Legendary Count Basie Orria Estefan, and many more. hart, has won every respected For the Canadian debut of his "Graceland Experience" concert on November 19, Kumalo and his band will Royalty, appeared in several perform music from the movies, and at every major iconic Graceland album.

Sure to be one of the high- in the world. lights of the 2022 holiday seaguest vocalist Carmen Brad- and Measha Brueggergos-

jazz poll in the world at least once, performed for Kings, Queens, and other world jazz festival and concert hall

Bravo Niagara!'s upcomson, The Legendary Count ing concerts will take place Basie Orchestra, winner of at the FirstOntario Perform-19 Grammy Awards, per- ing Arts Centre in St. Cathationally acclaimed soprano Paul Simon for over 30 years. forms "A Very Swingin' Basie rines, including the intimate Christmas" with special Recital Hall, where MILOŠ tickets are at wwww.bravo

chestra will appear. New this year, Bravo Niagara! will present Bakithi Kumalo's Graceland Experience concert at the Mandeville Theatre, recently updated with a state-of-the-art sound system, at Ridley College in St. Catharines.

Stay tuned for Bravo Niagara!'s spring 2023 concerts to be announced later this year.

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alo is world-renowned for Celebrate the holiday season with The Legendary Count Basie Orchestra, winner of 19 Grammy Awards, performing "A Very his fretless bass playing with Swingin' Basie Christmas" on December 18.



# -EDITORIAL-

# Let's give thanks to our firefighters

Week. The theme is Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape.

Fire prevention Week highlights the importance of being prepared to prevent and survive a fire in your home or er than ever. We know from lives to save ours are volunteers workplace.

During Fire Prevention Week, we are all encouraged to complete a fire safety inspec-

help us react correctly if a fire we should all heed. strikes.

minutes or less to escape a fire munity.

This year is the 100th antion in our homes and with our once our smoke alarms alert niversary of Fire Prevention families, looking at potential us — those alarms and advance dangers, and developing and planning with family members practising a fire escape plan to can save lives. That's a message

> In Niagara-on-the-Lake, Today's homes burn fast- the firefighters who risk their watching the news how dev- — well-trained, certainly, but astating the results can be. doing a very challenging job as We may have as little as two a way to give back to their com-

their families and from their work, with calls that can come in at any time of day, any day of the year. And it's not just about if you see a car with a flashing fighting fires. Those who are green light, that's a signal a volnew to the community may not know our volunteer firefighters are also first responders to medical emergencies and vehicle collisions, sometimes tragic, and sometimes discovering

It takes time away from they've been summoned to try leave the warmth and safety of to save the lives of a friend or neighbour.

> To make their job easier, unteer firefighter is on the way to an emergency. Pull over if you can do so safely.

> This town is very fortunate indeed to have such a dedicated group of volunteers, willing to

Learning fire prevention at a young age

their homes and their families, to save taxpayers the expense of a professional department.

So let's take this opportunity to say thank you to them for being willing to put themselves in harm's way, for all of us and for the good of their community.

> **Penny Coles** The Local

## *Local*Letters-

### Race seems between Disero and Zalepa

seen the election for mayor begin to heat up with signs out up around the town for the incumbent Betty Disero and what seems to be her most prominent rival, current Regional Coun. Gary Zalepa.

Although this does not mean that Vaughn Goettler does not have a chance, as when talking to some people, I have heard their support for him too. Nevertheless, on a sign count, it seems that it is between Zalepa and Disero.

The past four years have been hard for Betty Disero as she has had many problems. Her history as a politician in Toronto may have helped her deal with many of the logistics of the federal and provincial laws coming forward. She did not grow up in Niagara-on-the-Lake and has only been here for approximately 10 years. This worries me as it could have hurt her when understanding the town's history and a lot of the rural laws surrounding and supporting farmers and wineries. The building of new subdivisions under her knowledge of the town helps

and made our town look more like any other city in the Greater Toronto Area.

Additionally, she has continued to isolate herself on counshe started to recommend only certain people on the council for re-election. This meant that she did not want others reelected. Gary Burroughs, long-time councillor and former mayor, was not one of the others she endorsed. Burroughs has been a member of the town for so long and has helped us pass keep the town's integrity. This brought me to think if the mayor should be endorsing anyone at all. Endorsing only certain members of the town only hurts her and isolates her more.

Zalepa has been on NOTL town council and a regional councillor. He has only been involved in local politics, unlike Disero, who has been in politics outside Niagara for much of her career. He did a strong job when he was a regional councillor. His

In the past weeks, we have control has also concerned me him when he speaks about it during the debate. His answers showed he has good knowledge about the importance of the town's history.

> When he talked in the decil. It disappointed me when bate, I found it was easy to get a transparent answer from him, not running away from the original question. Additionally, he has promised to bring together the council as he wants to get things passed quicker. He has explained this on his Facebook page. Zalepa is more of a NOTL politician.

> The major disappointment many bylaws that have helped in the Chamber of Commerce debate for me was the size of it. I wished the mayors had their own debate making it easy to get their platform forward. Instead, the debate was stuck with 16 candidates attempting to debate their platform.

> > Overall the race has heated up and has had me thinking a lot about the town's future. Change sometimes is necessary, and I want to remember that when voting.

> > > **Nicolas Frendo**

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# *—— Local* Letters –

### Just an opinion, and solutions to consider

complain. On the other hand, I hope an opinion is acceptable.

I find it rather intriguing that should I accidentally read one of the local papers from three years ago instead of one from yesterday, nothing much has changed . . . same problems: Developers being sued, parking and traffic problems, B&Bs and all their problems, projects being rejected, the old hospital site and lack of decisions, the Parliament Oak School site, Rainbow crosswalk on and off (I think that finally stopped) and on and on. Nothing much has been resolved, and

life goes on in its merry old way. in Switzerland. Switzerland is who love Gstaad might have to places like NOTL, with similar problems, that somehow have well. Just as important, the building been resolved. Let me talk about codes do not allow anything being four places I am familiar with.

Stein am Rhein: A beautiful very old place on the Rhine River, absolutely no cars allowed along the riverfront, nothing but great outdoor restaurants, perfect to people-watch and enjoy. Ample parking for buses and cars a few hundred metres from the Riverwalk. No one has died yet walking a few steps.

Ascona: A beautiful old fishing village on the shores of Lago Maggiore, where I worked for a while. Absolutely no traffic along the lakefront, the street blocked with retractable pillars that can build a six-storey hotel where be operated by remote for commercial traffic access. Tons of folks continuously rejected evunderground and above-ground erything, worrying about not

only a bit over three years, I know town. You and your suitcase I have not yet earned the right to have no choice but to walk to the lakefront hotels. No one has died yet as far as I know.

> Apart from that, nothing but people-watching and enjoying an afternoon drink.

> Zermatt: Don't even think about getting there by car. You park in the village below, and take the train to Zermatt. That includes your skis and your suitcase. As far as I know, Zermatt in not lacking from tourists.

> > Gstaad: in the Bernese moun-

tains, where I did my three years hotel apprenticeship. There is ample underground parking under the tennis courts, right at the entrance to the village. The street Canada has been my home is blocked with retractable pillars, walk a few feet to their hotel, including their skis and suitcases as built that does not look like a Swiss chalet, built in beautiful carved wood. The one and only street, just like our Queen Street, is lined with the world's most famous stores, but the old bakeries and cheese shops from 60 years ago are also still there. Yes, there are solutions.

where we lived for quite a while: A rich and very successful developer, who everyone hated, sued, charged with whatever possible, and who did not care. He wanted to redevelop Palm Canyon, the main shopping street, and also only four were allowed. The old

Having lived in Old Town for parking right in the middle of seeing the mountains any longer (there are tons of them), and soon, nothing remained except some tacky T-shirt and souvenir shops, and some restaurants. Eventually, even the old folks had to accept reality. Palm Canyon got fixed, great stores moved in, and the hotel was built. Palm Springs is booming like never before, and yes, even young people are visiting and having a good time again.

> I am not a town planner, just a person who has travelled the world. There are solutions to our problems, but we need people who make decisions without trying to please everyone. It will never happen. Half the people will like them, the other half will get used to them.

> As for our parking problem, what about the old hospital site? If anyone tells me that this is a beautiful historic building, please have another look. It could provide more than ample parking, underground and above, produce revenue, and solve a big problem. Could we route some visitor traffic along East and West Line, up the Niagara River Parkway, and then park and walk a few metres to the very pretty Queen street?

As an "outsider" I find it Palm Springs, California, commendable that our Lord Mayor is present at every peach and strawberry festival, and every little village event, but I think there are more important ways to spend her time.

A final note: Should anyone care to reply to this letter, please don't tell me to go back to where I came from. It is the wrong answer.

### View from the couch

### **Donald Combe Special to The Local**

Still Open All Hours is a British sitcom of 41 episodes. Grenville is a witty and miserly, but charming shopkeeper town, who is assisted by his loveable.

son in the operation of a late charm, lie in the outrageous he resumes going to theatres, behaviour of Grenville, who he has graciously agreed to for over 50 years, my forma- and yes, even some of the world's is an endlessly devious sales- share his opinions, through tive years up to 21 having been richest and most famous people man. The characters are all "short and sweet" exclusives, in an English working-class beyond odd, but completely of Netflix series and movies for a country with many beautiful

Donald Combe is a reuncle's grocery shop. The tired English teacher who entertainment, and indeed loves to go to movies. Until



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**André Freiheit** 

# -*Local*Letters-

### Let's work together for community

{Tourism Strategy is an election issue, The Local, Oct. 5).

Only the title do we agree with. Our tourism strategy is an election issue. A tourism strategy would bring residents and the tourism industry to the same table to plan a path ahead for tourism and to address issues like traffic congestion and lack of parking. Currently visitors come organically – there is no plan. You get what you get when you have no plan.

We dispute and take issue with the content and tone of the article as a whole.

In his letter Bruce Gitelman personally and unfairly attacks three town councillors - most notably the very three councillors who alone have been pushing for a tourism strategy for over two years. The lone champions are Erwin Wiens, Gary Burroughs, and Wendy Cheropita. If you go back and check the recordings you will see that Gitelman's statements are simply untrue. This fact is being spun into the accusation that Couns. Wiens, Burroughs, and Cheropita want more tourists. That is simply not true – its partisan politics in its ugly form.

We need to reject divisive behaviour that singles out and undermines the positive efforts of councillors because someone

We are responding to a letter does not support then, and recelection time and every one of ognize the work they did that is positive, and is an election issue.

> We are all entitled to an opinion and to have our favourites. What I feel the need to point out in this letter is that there is a small fringe group that appears to be intent on spreading false information in order to attack and undermine these three councillors. We must reject false information (dare I say the fake news) and deal with true facts so that cast an informed vote.

> > Interesting facts:

-The tourism industry is made up of hundreds of small family businesses, that collectively provide a service for visitors and residents as well as much needed funds and jobs that contribute to our local economy. Aren't we fortunate to have outstanding restaurants, world class wineries, retail shops, the Shaw Festival, amazing art galleries and artists, cultural activities, hiking trails, and farmers markets? As far as we are concerned, we live in one of the best places in the world.

-Couns. Wiens, Burroughs, and Cheropita during many council meetings over the past two years were the only ones asking their colleagues to make the tourism strategy a priority. Unfortunately for all of us, they were not successful but now it's

the individuals that rejected the idea of a tourism strategy being a priority are running on a platform to make the tourism strategy a priority. That's disingenuous. The facts are the facts.

-Couns. Wiens, Burroughs, Cheropita, and Cameron were accused of voting against the Municipal Accommodations Tax. These four responsible councillors voted against the process given that there was no tourism strategy to help guide spending priorities or determine how much was needed to raise through the MAT; no governance; and no consultation with the accommodations industry. These facts are still unclear four months after the implementation of the MAT.

Although we do agree with the letter's final statement, "it's time to end the charade," we ask residents of NOTL to resist and rise above this type of vitriol, false news U.S. partisan politics. Instead let's work together, deny those trying to divide us for their own purposes, and let's create the community we all want to live in. In our opinion, Couns. Wiens, Burroughs, and Cheropita, as they have demonstrated, are part of the solution, not the problem.

Sonja Schindeler



### **Letters! We want letters!**

The Local has printed letters about the election in our Oct. 12 edition, but will not in the Oct 19th edition before the election.

If you have a letter to the editor you'd like to see published, please send it to penny@notllocal.com. Please try to keep it to about 350 words. Sorry, but we won't publish anonymous letters. And please stick to the issue at hand, rather than attacking those involved. The deadline is Monday at noon.

# -*Local*Letters-

### More concern about bollards

Regarding the temporary bollards on Four Mile Creek Road to offer bike lanes safety.

Creek Road in the area of the bollards when there in front of me was an adult riding a bicycle, inside the bollards on the

side of the lane.

Obviously both of us could not fit in the lane, so I gave him Last week I was driving on a little toot of my horn and he moved through the bollards into the bike lane. Makes one wonder how well this is going.

Additionally, it is quite

tight squeezing around the corner inside the bollards and I would hate to have an ambulance coming either way. What would we do then.

> **Lorraine McDonald NOTL**

### Don't know what ya got 'til it's gone

weeks of the municipal election campaign, and we think it is important to reflect on the significant influence of our Lord Mayor Betty Disero. Our experience with Betty Disero for the last seven years that we have lived here in NOTL, including her four-year term as Lord Mayor and previous four years as a councillor, is that whenever we raised a concern with her, she responded to us if not that same day, then always within 24 hours. And it was not a pat answer, like I will look into it and get back to you, it was an 'I've taken concrete action' answer. That's what you get by re-electing Betty. I cannot see this degree of dedication, experience,

We are headed into the last sincere interest and just pure opment. She has shown no fear accessibility being possible with any of the other candidates for lord mayor, either because they would be a part-time mayor as they already have a full-time job supporting a development industry, or they have no previous municipal government experience, or they have winter homes outside of Canada. A lord mayor of a uniquely historic, small town like Niagara-on-the Lake takes a special mixture of dedication, knowledge, experience and most of all heart, and we feel Betty has demonstrated that over the last eight years. Betty has always been the first line of defence in protecting our natural beauty and heritage assets against Brampton-style devel-

in going up against these devel-

In addition, NOTL is so very fortunate to have someone with the extraordinary wealth of political and government experience that she has brought to our town from having earned her stripes in similar situations in Toronto. She has proven through her service that she has the residents' interest at heart but still makes decisions that benefit all sections of our local

We all win by re-electing Betty Disero for our lord mayor.

> Anna Protheroe and Robert Hagan NOTL

### Where is the sportsmanship?

weekend as Major League Baseball (MLB) began its annual march to the World Series by staging four mini-series for the Wild Card qualifiers.

In each series, the final game produced the same reactions — the winning team dancing around in celebration, throwing on their winning T-shirts and hats, while the losers sat in their dugout, watching forlornly in despair for several minutes before turning and trooping into their dressing rooms to drown

leagues in North America, baseball is the only one where there is never an exchange of congratulations when all is said and done.

In the National Football

It happened again this past League (NFL), after pummelling each other into the gridiron for a solid 60 minutes, players congratulate/console one another post game by shaking hands, and often embracing their opponents.

In the National Basketball Association (NBA), after going toe-to-toe for 48 minutes, elbowing one another and throwing their weight around, the players always congratulate/ console one another post game by shaking hands and also often embracing the opposition.

Even the National Hock off season, after a series of punlight and correct this gross lack ishing body checks, high sticks of good sportsmanship? and sometimes fisticuffs, always form lines and congratulate/ console one another by wishing

the winners best of success in the next round.

Why can MLB not follow suit? Amateur ballplayers, from the Tim-Bits level to super seniors slo-pitch teams always form a handshake line after each game, often exchanging high fives with their opposition. Why can't the professionals, who are watched and admired by millions of fans from youngsters to old-timers, not set a good example by doing likewise?

This strikes me as so sad, so pathetic, so disappointing and so disgusting. When will the

# Impressed with lord mayor and council

us through challenging times, taking every step possible to make sure we have been pro- cency and commitment of our

My husband and I arrived During this demanding time merous community events, by in NOTL seven years ago and they have also been confront- her humility and her genuine have found the town so wel- ed by major developmental coming. Part of this welcome and economic hurdles and At this time of Thanksgiving, I is, I believe, modelled by Lord have avoided making rash would like to express gratitude Of the four major sports League (NHL), during the play- MLB top brass finally see the Mayer Betty Disero and the decisions, choosing to involve to her and the council for leadcouncillors. They have steered the community in the decision ership we can trust in these making.

> I am impressed by the detected through the pandemic. Lord Mayor as she attends nu-

concern for family well-being. uncertain times.

> **Valmai Howe Elkins** NOTL





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# Molson tasked with bringing Queen St. library 'into modern age'

**Cathy Simpson Chief Librarian & CEO NOTL Public Library** 

October is Canadian Library Month and no one has done more for libraries Niagara-on-the-Lake than Gerda Molson, chief librarian at the NOTL Public Library for 35 years, from 1969 until her retirement in 2004.

Gerda passed away this year on Aug. 26 at the age of 83. She led the library through many changes and challenges including its move from the downtown courthouse to our current location and always worked hard to provide high-quality library service to the community.

Gerda's many contributions to library and community are preserved in our heritage portal, specifically in the Gerda Molson Collection; vitacollections. ca/notlheritage. A few years ago, she donated her collection of newspaper and magazine articles about the library and we scanned and uploaded them to the heritage portal to make them available to

These clippings paint a vivid picture of the library's history during her tenure.

family when she was 13.

After marrying in 1961,

years rising through the house jail cells, indoor rifle Fowley, director of the late 1990s, it was apparent modern age." At that time, or meet accessibility stanhad been expanded and without strong opposition, moved around since 1855. was opened at 10 Ander-It was only open 10 hours son Lane, along with the budget of \$3,600. The collection was out of date, featuring how-to books from for a challenge. In addition the 1940s and travel books to her work as chief librarfrom the early 1900s.

2004, the St. Catharines of titles," she said in the ar-Standard published an article. Many of the weeded ticle with some interesting books were sold to a Todetails about Gerda's life ronto old-and-rare-books and work. She was born dealer. "Well, it sure was in Washington state and interesting," she continued emigrated to B.C. with her with a laugh. "It presented an enormous challenge."

Under Gerda's leadershe moved with her hus- ship, community use of band Hugh to Niagara. the library increased, and Hugh eventually became by the early 1970s, more the chief librarian at the room for members, the Pelham Public Library collection and programs, while Gerda worked at the was needed. In 1973, Ger-St. Catharines Public Li- da worked with designer Paul Johns to expand the In 1969, after seven library into the courtranks in St. Catharines, range and former water-Gerda was asked by Les works department. By the Niagara Regional Library the Court House location System, to "pull the NOTL could not continue to serve Public Library into the the growing community the library was located in dards. A new library, after the Court House where it much discussion and not per week, had no phone new Fire Hall in November and operated on an annual 2000, during the library's bicentennial year.

Gerda was always up ian in NOTL, she was also "Our first step into president of the Ontario

love a challenge." She also changing." loved her work, and said as much in the 2004 Stan- Gerda's memory and putdard article: "I have al- ting together a commuways felt that I was amazed nity memory book. She

Upon her retirement in absolute massive weeding In a 1986 Niagara Advance people paid me to do this. touched many lives during article she reflected on her I've loved doing what I do her 35 years at the library election to the OLA pres- and it has continued to be ident's position saying, "I always challenging and

We're planting a tree in

and we would love to include your memories and photos in the book. Please contact me at csimpson@ notlpl.org to share your memories.

Happy Library Month!



technology was getting a Library Association (OLA) Gerda Molson, photographed in her office the last day the library was open at the Court House, telephone. Then we did an during the 1986-87 term. Oct. 17, 2000. (Photo supplied)

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

# Notice of Passing of Regional-Wide Development Charges By-Law

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Niagara Region passed municipal-wide development charges By-law No. 2022-94 on the 29th day of September, 2022 under section 2 (1) of the Development Charges Act, 1997, S.O., 1997 c. 27, as amended;

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or organization may appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal under section

14 of the Act, in respect of the development charges by-law, by filing with the Regional Clerk on or before the 8th day of November, 2022 a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons supporting the objection.

The schedule of development charges imposed by the by-law, which comes into effect on January 1, 2023, is as follows:

### SCHEDULE C Bv-law No. 2022-94

Service/ Class of Service	Single and Semi-Detached Dwelling	Other Multiples	Apartments 2+ Bedrooms	Apartments 1 Bedroom	Special Care/ Special Dwelling Units & Dwelling Rooms	Commercial (per sq.ft.)	Industrial (per sq.ft.)	Institutional (per sq.ft.)	Wind Turbines
Transit Services	585	418	398	243	220	0.59	0.19	0.36	0

No key map has been provided as By-law No. 2022-94 applies to all lands located within the Niagara Region.

A copy of the complete by-law is available at niagararegion. ca/business/property/background-study.aspx. A copy of the complete By-law is available for examination at Niagara Region Headquarters, 1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON, L2V 4T7 during regular business hours (weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) excluding statutory holidays.

DATED at Niagara Region offices in Thorold, Ontario, this 30th day of September, 2022.

Ann-Marie Norio Regional Clerk

# Town appealing, hoping case will be heard on merits

### **Continued from page 1**

council was sworn in.

The JOP gave an oral decision in provincial court — the written decision will be obtained as part of the appeal, Cluckie said.

SORE, a community group with a mission to support reasonable development on the Randwood Estate property, was not a party to these proceedings, although it has been for several other legal cases over Randwood between the town and Solmar/Two Sisters, including an appeal

by the Marotta group on 2024.

tree-cutting comes just before the trial on the merits of the charges was set to begin — there were four days set aside for the hearing, beginning Oct. 17.

based on the delay of the hearing, was heard, and the decision to stay the charges was released last week.

its proposed Rand Estate appointed that the Marotta subdivision, which is not group continues to take evaexpected to be heard until sive legal action by bringing a stay application based on Lyle Hall, spokesperson delay, rather than having the for SORE, says the decision charges dealt with on their to stay the charges on the merits. The decision is from a Justice of the Peace and can be appealed to a judge. Justice of the Peace decisions are not infrequently reversed by judges," Hall says. "The Marotta group should But on Sept. 12 the Ma- not be allowed to dodge rotta group's challenge, their day of reckoning in the

> If an appeal of the stay is unsuccessful then "this case is not based on whether he and Two Sister's constitu-

"Naturally, we are dis- (Marotta) did or didn't do tional rights to be tried with- tute the prosecution and the right thing, and nobody in a reasonable time." wins," says Hall, calling it an "unacceptable outcome for anyone who cares about the maintained that we did not Rand Estate."

> Giuseppe Paolicelli, general manager of Solmar De- al project in 2018," says the avoided an unnecessary and velopment Corp., said in a press release issued Tuesday that Solmar and Two Sisters "are very happy with the court's decision to no longer continue the case of the charges brought by the town under the Ontario Heritage Act on the basis that the delay in bringing the matter to throughout the process that trial is a breach of Solmar's the town "had no reasonable

Solmar and Two Sis-"have consistently breach the Ontario Heritage Act through the tree removpress release.

"On any objective review of the facts of this case it is clear that there was no breach of the act, and the tree felling had no effect on any of the property's heritage attributes."

Solmar has maintained or probable ground to insti-

that the prosecution was politically motivated and undertaken without merit," says Paolicelli,

"The court's decision to end the prosecution has costly trial and has saved us and the town and its taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in unnecessary expenses.

"We look forward to working cooperatively with the town in moving the Rand subdivision application at 200 John Street east and 588 Charlotte Street forward. "

### **Newark Neighbours helps out at Thanksgiving**





Newark Neighbours provided holiday meals to 56 clients and their families – everyone was grateful and very pleased, says manager Cindy Grant, who was sorting food in the days leading up to the delivery with volunteer Genevieve Lawrence. Newark Neighbours needs more space, as is obvious in the photographs — if anyone has a location (parcel of land or existing building) that may be suitable for their needs, email Newarkneighbours1@gmail.com or call 905-468-3519. (Ben Foster)



# The Highest Total Volume of Local Sales for the Past Decade

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# Chamber explains plan to balance tourism, needs of residents

### **Penny Coles** The Local

With the focus on balancing tourism and the needs of residents one of the top issues of the upcoming municipal election, Minerva Ward decided it was time to address where the Niagaraon-the-Lake Chamber of high-yield visitors, those Commerce stands on attracting visitors to town.

doubling tourism, says the president and CEO of the chamber — that is not or anyone's agenda.

The chamber and NOTL, the destination marketing arm, are dedicated to attracting "highyield tourism," the visitors who will come to stay for several days and spend money across all sectors, including accommodations, restaurants, wineries, shopping, the Shaw Festival, Fort George, and other attractions.

Ward says the chamber is working on mar-Toast, an agency that helps with branding and

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data-driven advertising that well," she says, "driv- come, the bus loads will enough.

and help decide "exactly how we attract those but have less of an impact And it is not about on town infrastructure," says Ward.

get MCIT tourism on the chamber's agenda, business meetings and on the street." conferences, as well as incentive travel — attract- see Shaw Festival plays its subsidiary, Tourism ing corporate business are also high-yield, staypeople and those who ing four to five days and are rewarded for high- buying on average 10 performance sales.

per cent of Vintage Ho- as do restaurants. tel bookings come from those types of visitors, enjoy the wineries in beand the rest from leisure tween plays, and do some on romantic holidays here. or honeymoons, while White Oaks Conference, Spa and Resort gets the "millennial, high-in-90 per cent of its book- come" multi-day visitors keting with Cinnamon ings from the corporate who come to town for ro-

"White Oaks is doing

campaigns, to develop a ing revenue to all of our come and spend a little five-year plan for Tour- businesses mid-week and off-peak. Those visitors With the municipal also tend to travel with accommodation tax in their spouse or partner, place, the 50 per cent the who spend more time on chamber receives will leisure activities, such as is looking for "a balance on. If you want to enjoy for by partners in the fund the marketing plan shopping. And there is less of a parking and congestion issue."

The wedding market staying at bed and breakfasts rather than hotels. The chamber will tar- "They're not people who

Visitors who come to tickets per household. Currently, about 40 Hotels and B&Bs benefit,

Shaw patrons tend to

Another market the chamber is pursuing is mantic getaways.

not the market we're purthat market will come."

between carrying capacity and economic value," to bring high-spendsays Ward.

who are higher spending is another one to pursue, explains, can be physical restaurants, our wineries, with guests most often or psychological. It re- and not just those from measure residents' senfers to how many people Old Town but from all ara space can hold without eas of town." seeming congested. Physare creating congestion ically, "we definitely hav- that decisions about mar- firm in Ottawa used by with the number of U.S. both the voices of the and Asian tourists not re- business community and turning to pre-pandemic residents, says Ward. levels.

be there when residents will have an opportunity and businesses look at for input through a sur- loudest voices are not Queen Street and say it's site. too much."

travel, such as couples shopping while they're to keep the businesses to have them be advoresidents also enjoy, says One way of doing that is

> when residents were en- just finished its second couraged to support local businesses, it became

> > folklore, culture and talent.

time in town, but that's idents in NOTL, and the Niagara-on-the-Lake can businesses are important be both a place that atsuing. If we did nothing, to them too, but that is tracts tourism and a great not sufficient to keep our Instead, the chamber doors open and lights these amenities we need ing tourists to town. We Carrying capacity, she know residents enjoy our

en't been there this year," keting should involve

"Psychologically, we'll plan is created, residents and the CEO of Abacus. the number of people on vey on the chamber web-

"It's Tourists are necessary have residents involved, and amenities open that cates for our community. through our Ambassa-During the pandemic, dor's Program," which season.

Ward mentions a sur-"The day trippers will obvious that was not vey taken in the spring

that showed 85 per cent "There are 19,000 res- of respondents believe place to live.

The survey was paid tourism industry — Arterra Wines, the Shaw Festival, Vintage Hotels and Peller Estates — at the request of council, to timents about tourism. Abacus Data, a highly re-The chamber believes spected market research corporations, advocacy groups and politicians, handled the survey, led by Dr. David Coletta, one As their marketing of the founding partners

"We often hear the the majority," says Ward. "Based on the loudest important to voices, we were surprised by how strongly positive that survey was. It seems the silent majority does understand and enjoy the benefits of tourism."

> The reality, she adds, "is those who live the closest (to Queen Street)

remember the album, note for note,

cut for cut!

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Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund.

# Marketing plan, tourism strategy both need residents' input

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are impacted the most. So parking and traffic."

nesses better to have un-

that could be, but it won't walking distance."

be developed by the town the business communihas also been much discussed as a priority for the development of both. the next term of council, Residents and the busi-"and it is the opportunity to find solutions to the should co-exist, and in a problems and issues we respectful way." have, including parking," she says.

While Tourism NOTL will receive 50 per cent of the municipal accommo- Minerva Ward says the dation tax for marketing chamber and the town, tourism, the town can use residents and the busiits portion to fund solu- ness community all have tions, Ward says, adding a role to play in balancing "tourism businesses are the needs of residents and also ratepayers. Tourism the business community. funds tourism."

Serena Ryder

High residents' engagement in the tourism strategy is important. "Residents and the busilet's look at those issues ness community will dethat impact them, such as cide the kind of tourism and the size of tourism Ward is not in favour that is desired, and it's also of parking outside the how we will find solutions heritage district and re- to our problems. We need lying on shuttles — it the funding to implement would serve local busi- those solutions, and one source of revenue will derground parking close be the MAT. The tourism strategy will decide "I'm not sure where how to spend the town's portion of the MAT, and work if it's not within our marketing plan will decide how we spend our A tourism strategy to portion. Residents and ty have to be involved in ness community can and

(Photo supplied)



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## **The Robert Cray Band**

Nightingales and more.

Blues Hall of Famer Robert Cray has Serena Ryder is a platinum-selling Canadian artist and six-time JUNO created a sound that rises from Award winning vocal powerhouse American roots, blues, soul and R&B. adored by fans, peers and critics "Funky, cool and bad," is how Cray alike, in part due to her raw and describes his latest album *That's* earnest song writing, and beautifully What I Heard which celebrates the electric live performances. music of Curtis Mayfield, Bobby "Blue" Bland, The Sensational

# **William Prince**

William Prince approaches the big questions with humility and curiosity, and his songwriting is a masterclass in skilful simplicity. Since his JUNO Award win in 2017, Prince has become one of the country's most respected and celebrated songwriters and continues to receive international acclaim.



THE NOTL Gocal 12 October 12, 2022

# **Battle of Queenston Heights commemorated this weekend**

### **Local Staff**

The Friends of Fort George, Parks Canada, and the Niagara Parks Commission have planned a special commemorate the 210th anniversary of the Battle of Queenston Heights.

The battle was the first major engagement of the War of 1812, and was the first time that British soldiers, Cana-

The British victory gave war against the U.S. re-enactment weekend to hope to the inhabitants of resolve to defend their land. However, during the initial Brock, who was commander Landscape of Nations. of the British forces and pres-

dian militiamen including tion of the province, lost his chased in advance at https:// Friends of Fort George 905-Runchey's Coloured Corps, life. He was immediately imand First Nations warriors mortalized as the 'Saviour of stood shoulder to shoulder to Upper Canada' for the actions defend the province of Upper he took in preparing both Upper and Lower Canada for

On Thursday, Oct. 13, Upper Canada, and a new costumed interpreters will be offering commemorative tours of the battle site at 10

Tickets for the commem-

site/special-event-tickets

NOTL Museum will join the a time. Friends, Parks Canada, and the NPC to host a special educational day, with tours of the battle site and Landscape of Nations Memorial. Brock's on-site.

friendsoffortgeorge.square. 468-6621 or email admin@ friendsoffortgeorge.ca

there will be activities taking place at Queenston Heights and Brock's Monument. Re-enactors will be making Monument will be open, and the historic march from Fort phase of the battle, Maj.-Gen. a.m., followed by a tour of the the Tiny Museum will be George to Queenston Heights along the Niagara Parkway The cost is \$4 for students in the morning, and will be ident of the civil administra- orative tours can be pur- and \$5 for adults. Call the recreating the Battle of the tion. Queenston Heights in the afternoon. Brock's Monument will be open for visiting the Historic Site where the death museum and climbing the stairs. Heritage interpreters be commemorated. will also have an exterior display set up, and guided tours Oct. 16: will be available.

> Tickets for climbing the opens to the public tower and for the tours must be booked in advance at of the funeral procession of https://friendsoffortgeorge as Brock and Macdonell at Fort space is limited.

Oct. 15:

10 a.m. - Brock's Monument open to the public

10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. – Guided tours of the battle site and Landscape of Nations

2 p.m. – Battle of Queenston Heights re-enactment

5 p.m. - Brock's Monument closes

Sunday marks the 210th anniversary of the funeral procession of Brock and his friendsoffortgeorge.ca

aide-de-campe, Lt.-Col. John Macdonnel.

In 1812, more than 5,000 Friday, Oct. 14, the more information or to book military personnel and inhabitants travelled to Niagara On Saturday, Oct. 15, to witness what was considered the grandest funeral ever seen. The streets were lined with mourners, as the caskets of Brock and Macdonell travelled from Government House to Fort George, where they were laid to rest in what is now known as Brock's Bas-

> On Sunday, the focus will shift to Fort George National of Brock and Macdonell will

Schedule for Sunday,

10 a.m. - Fort George

11 a.m. - Re-enactment George and commemorative Schedule for Saturday, service at Brock's Bastion inside Fort George.

2 p.m. - Battle re-enact-

5 p.m. – Fort George closes to the public

These times are tentative, and any changes will be reflected on the Friends' website at www.friendsoffortgeorge.ca.

For more information call the Friends of Fort George, 905-468-6621, email admin@ friendsoffortgeorge.ca; www.



Re-enactors will be at Queenston Heights from Thursday to Sunday with tours and special events commemorating the Battle of Queenston Heights. (Photo supplied)

# Alex Bradnam for Public School Board Trustee Re-Elect **Active - Accessible - Authentic**

- Dedicated to serving and representing the Niagara-on-the-Lake and St. Catharines communities
- **Current DSBN Vice-Chair**
- Current Policy and Student Discipline Chair
- Former Teacher and Principal in DSBN for 33 years
- Trusted leadership and proven results
- Not afraid to ask the tough questions
- Member of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee



For more information, or to request a lawn sign, please visit: www.facebook.com/AlexBradnamDSBN

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# Royal Wood to launch fall series at Ravine

### Mike Balsom The Local

Toronto-based singer-songwriter Royal Wood kicks off a series of five concerts at Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery next Wednesday, Oct. 19. The series includes perfor-Swimmers, Rose Cousins, Tom Wilson and Chantal Kreviazuk and Raine Maida.

Royal Wood's St. Davids show is one of 10 on his fall run that will culminate in concerts at Ottawa's National Arts Centre and the prestigious Massey Hall in Toronto at the end of the month.

Wood (his full name is John Royal Wood Nicholson, the middle names coming from his grandfather) is a 20-year veteran of the Canadian music scene. Since his first EP Milkweed, a collection of five folk-pop songs he honed in the jazz clubs in Montreal while sporadically attending classes at McGill University, he has released nine albums, the most recent a 2021 live collection recorded in 2018 at that same venerable Toronto institution.

Wood hasn't set foot in Massey Hall since it underwent a major renovation, so the Oct. 30 gig there will be a highlight for him.

"I feel pretty special to be part of a generation that released records that actually went into record stores, and that I got to be a part of the legacy of the old Massey," he tells The Local. "They even sent me a gallery seat as a present and a thank you, that I put in my studio. To be invited again is pretty cool. To be in the alumni of the Massey artists, it's a big life checklist."

Over the past 20 years Wood himself has become a Canadian institution, earning multiple Juno and Canadian Folk Music record his first EP. When Jamie Scott (Ed Shearan, Awards nominations. In he signed on to be the Justin Bieber). 2010, iTunes named him opening act for Burling- "She's superhuman," he their songwriter of the ton-born musician Sarah says of Perry. "She's very year, and he's shared the Harmer, he realized he had quick, animated and distage with the likes of Bonnie Raitt and Irish folkster David Gray. He has definitely earned his place amongst the same Canadian artists whom he lists as his influences.

'When I was starting out in Montreal, I really started getting into Leonard Cohen," he says, "and Hawksley Workman, Ron Sexsmith and Rufus Wainwright, the Canadian artists at the time that were on the indie scene. Those were the ones I was really into."

Wood says his father was a "huge music nut" who kept a guitar, banjo, violin, piano and a harmonica in the house, even

if he didn't know how to play them all.

"He just wanted his kids to be surrounded by it," Wood remembers. "It was inevitable as a three or four year old who saw that piano, to want to play it. I just loved it."

His father enjoyed mances by Great Lake country and big band music, while his mother loved classical music. When an uncle passed away, his vinyl and reel-to-reel collection made it to the family's Lakefield, Ont. farmhouse (which Wood now owns). He and his brothers combed through the Bob Dylan, Cat Stevens, Joni Mitchell and Billy Joel records, with the future songwriter naturally absorbing their influences.

In high school, he had a rock band, and he and his brother Luke would perform at coffee houses, McGill that he was able to ditch the cover songs and take the bold step of showcasing his own work to au- Well (2014) and Ever After diences.

"I had a scholarship to study business there," he says, "but I went to a few classes and realized it wasn't for me. I started taking electives, and imfriends were art students. I and headed to Toronto."

When the multi-into Toronto, he got a job in a record store called Chapters store. He credits his co-worker back then, him on to much of the music he would grow to love.

him a job with a foreign production help his music full time.

artists, there is something out. I'm grateful to have truly Canadian in Royal Wood's sound. He admits that it's hard to put a finger on whatever it is about the real deal. It's a coup for Blue Rodeo, the Tragically Hip and himself that gives the music its special qual-

proud of," he says. "I think Henry and George (both it's in the water, it's in under three years old), it our DNA. We're Canadian, proudly. I hope that's new album would be cosomething that people loured by those experiencwould think and hear."

such as We Were Born to of his career, with the pan-



but it wasn't until he got to Royal Wood will appear at Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery next Wednesday in a duo performance, on guitar, piano and ukulele, accompanied by bass player Steve Zsirai. (Jag Gundu)

Bright (2014), I Wish You time to perfect them. the Farewell (2018) built him a reputation as a confessional songwriter, one who often wore his heart on his musical sleeve.

"It's not as much that it's biographical all the mersed myself in the mu-time," he explains. "It's sic and art scene. All my more about channeling an emotional truth. From that dropped out after two years truth, as an artist, you get to expand upon it. It starts from something real, but strumentalist first moved really goes somewhere else. There are ways to expand it, to do it in a way that al-Hear Music, located in the lows you to be genuine but basement of a Bloor Street express yourself as an artist who casts a wide net."

His 10th album, What Michael Johnston, pianist Tomorrow Brings, will be with Toronto band the introduced to the world in Skydiggers, with turning late November. His recent EP, One of You, showcases three of the songs from Ironically, his exposure that upcoming collection, to business at McGill got featuring co-writes and exchange company, earn- songwriters Linda Perry ing him enough money to (Adele, Alicia Keys) and

to quit the job to work on rect. It's like lightning in a bottle, she just channels Like many Canadian something and it comes worked with her, and with Jamie Scott. He is so brave. Unabashedly brave. He's me to work with them."

With the recent loss of his father, a fairly new marriage to Allison and "It's something to be the birth of their two boys was inevitable that this es. He says the songs are Royal Wood albums the most carefully crafted Glory (2012), The Burning demic giving him ample

"It was a staggered, stop-and-start sequence," he tells The Local. "The record was ready, but I had time to reexamine and re-listen. I went back, rewrote lyrics, started some a duo performance, with songs over, redid production, and started some new songs. It morphed into a

than it would have been. It was enjoyable, artistically."

Though he'll have a full band for the Ottawa and Toronto stops, the Ravine show next Wednesday is Royal on guitar, piano and ukulele, accompanied by his bass player Steve Zsirai.

far more refined statement They are sure to play a few of the new songs as well as many of his classics.

> Tickets for the show are \$55.20 (including HST and fees), and a season pass for all five Ravine shows can be purchased for \$269.50. They are available at ravinevineyard.com/Events/ Concert-Series.



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



# **Baggott: Not comfortable supporting status quo**

### Kate Baggott **DSBN Trustee Candidate**

My name is Kate Baggott and I'm one of four DSBN trustees currently representing the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and the city of St. Catharines.

My great-grandfather A.J. Coyne was one of the pharmacists who practised in what is now the Apothecary Museum on Queen Street in NOTL. He dents in Niagara-on-the-Lake man Rights Code. was the beloved son of a privileged family. It's been a great privilege of my life to see the opportunities for education he

more people.

It's been an honour serving the people of Niagara-onthe-Lake.

only trustee to vote against pretoral boundaries.

"We have parents of stuwho attend high school in Niagara Falls, and that has ofdon't get to select their repre- 20) to play fair, work hard and

We can and should open edu- meeting. "I'm not sure procation's opportunities to even tecting the status quo is very comfortable."

My first concern is always students. I advocate for complete compliance with the Safe In March 2022 I was the Schools Act to work against sexual violence in schools and serving the status quo in elec- I support those who have experienced it. I uphold, promote and defend the Ontario Hu-

First and foremost, I am a passionate parent who has ten raised the issue that they raised her children (now 16 and

had, become more accessible. sentation," I said at the board think critically. I believe their generation, and their younger counterparts, are fundamentally excellent people because they respect others and let them be themselves. In a country where adults have failed to correct profound threats to our young people's environment, to their food system, and their very futures, educational policies that respect and encourage fairness, equality and safety are the very least we can provide for them.

> Public education is a right. Trustees must protect it.

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Kate Baggott

# Bradnam: Duty of DSBN to provide safe, caring environment

### **Alex Bradnam DSBN Trustee Candidate**

During my last 40-plus years in education, I have been involved in all aspects of the education field as a teacher, principal, federation president, health and safety representative, and presently as the public school trustee for Niagaraon-the-Lake and St. Catha-

rines. I am DSBN vice-chair, been a community represen- schools to assist in learning realso chair of the policy, and tative for the parents' involvestudent discipline commit- ment committee. tees. I've spent countless hours equity and inclusion, and stra-

I see three top issues in this advocating for students with campaign. The first is providspecial needs and workplace ing learning recovery supports health and safety issues, and to catch up our students from am a member of the diversity, COVID learning losses. Trustees have provided added fundtegic planning committees. I ing, with provincial aid, to hire have taken part in writing cur- 40 elementary renewal support riculum, published letters and teachers in our elementary

in our secondary schools. We have also provided funding succeed.

vided to add six permanent the supports necessary inside social workers and enhanced programming to help students thrive. with mental health issues and support those who have felt tough questions, but in an isolated and/or are exhibiting negative feelings about returning to their schools after being vice-chair Alex Bradnam. away for so long.

Thirdly, it is the duty of the covery and 10 renewal teachers DSBN to provide all students and staff with a safe and caring environment so that they know to access classroom tutors in that they are protected and all grades to help our students respected, regardless of race, creed, gender and orientation. Secondly, funding was pro- All students and staff will get and outside the classroom to

> I'm not afraid to ask the atmosphere of respect and appreciation. Re-elect DSBN

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Alex Bradnam

### NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE VOTES The municipal election will be held October 24

For details on voting see https://www.notl.com/council-government/elections

### FocusNOTL meetings

are at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall on King Street, all from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.:

Wednesday, Oct. 12 - Third in a series **COUNCIL CANDIDATES** 

Tim Balasiuk, Allan Bisback, Wendy Cheropita, Adriana Cater (Vizzari) and Alistair Harlond.

Tuesday, Oct. 18 -**REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES** 

Pat Darte, Andrea Kaiser, Paolo Miele and William Roberts

The St. Davids Ratepayers Association Tuesday, Oct. 18, **MAYORAL AND NOTL COUNCIL CANDIDATES** 

meeting at the St. Davis Lions Club Hall, 1462 York Rd. at 7 p.m.

# **Brousseau: Youth deserve** energetic, enthusiastic board

Mike Brousseau **DSBN Trustee Candidate** 

My name is Mike Brousseau and I'm running to represent the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and the City

I was born and raised in the Niagara Region and have been accessibility, equity, and digital an educator at Brock University privacy. Our young people defor nearly two decades.

During my time in educaof St. Catharines as a public tion, I've been building, imple-

school board trustee at the Dis- menting, and teaching about trict School Board of Niagara. innovative classroom practices, educational technologies, serve a school board that is as energetic and enthusiastic as they are and I'm confident I can deliver.

Together, the town and the city elect four trustees to represent them at the DSBN and I'd be honoured to be elected to one of these four positions.

While I commend the work our existing board has done over the past several difficult years, I strongly believe there is more to do.

The five big priorities for my campaign are as follows: Fighting hate and keeping students safe; increasing funding for science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM); increasing transparency between the school board and the community; working together to build equitable and inclusive communities; and championing 21st century skills for students.

I'd welcome you to explore more about me and my campaign on my website at: https://michaelbrousseau.ca/ vote/, or to send me an email at vote@mikebrousseau.ca, or give me a call at 905-401-9825.









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



# Campbell: 30 years experience with evolving education

**Lora Campbell DSBN Trustee Candidate** 

It has been an honour and privilege to serve as a trustee for over 30 years. I am a par-

ent, and a grandparent of fustrong curriculum in which all students and staff of Niagara schools can be proud.

ture DSBN graduates. I work evolving. Our students rent on legislative changes, hard in the development of a continue to face many challenges in our changing world (i.e. technology, new government policies). I will

Education is always continue to remain cur- building strong students a specific economic sector encourage innovative approaches to education, and ing spaces and playground support staff and students to achieve success.

supervised alternative learning committee, finance committee and trustee adhoc governance committee.

I support Summer HEAT, a program committed to enhancing student achievement by providing engaging, science-based activities that build literacy and numeracy skills, opportunities for meaningful parent engagement, and focusing on healthy lifestyle choices.

I support mentoring of student trustees, providing students with a voice and an important connection between board policies and student life.

Key issues in the next term include collective agreement bargaining for staff and teachers and declining enrolment and school closures.

I support funding projects that include physical education equipment for synthetic turf fields, because

goes beyond the classroom; at the same time (sports, funding for outdoor learnequipment, because active bodies equals active minds; I sit as a member on the Specialist High Skills Majors, which allow students bell for St. Catharines and to gain credits toward their Niagara-on-the-Lake pub-Ontario Secondary Diploma and focus learning on

health and wellness, construction, culinary, automotive etc.); and teacher professional development.

Re-elect Lora Camplic school board trustee.

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Lora Campbell

# **Lindo-Kelly: Passion is youth** education and development

**Rhona Lindo-Kelly DSBN Trustee Candidate** 

My name is Rhona Lindo-Kelly. I am a Jamaican-Canadian, who has more than 20 years serving in GTA communities. Currently I'm working as a children's program coordinator for Roots Community Services in Brampton.

I recently moved to the Niagara Region from Peel Region. I was interested in giving back to the community, and having a passion for children and youth learning and development, what better way to serve than running for school board trustee.

My message is simple. If elected I will do the

work of a school board and to hear the truth. I will

trustee to the best of my conduct myself with grace

abilities. I will have the and love. rhona.lindokel-

courage to speak the truth ly@gmail.com

Rhona Lindo-Kelly

# WE LOVE NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE IT'S WORTH PROTECTING

Doubling tourism in NOTL means higher taxes for costly infrastructure, road repairs and mitigating traffic congestion.

Niagara-on-the-Lake would need more traffic circles. Emergency response times would be reduced. Parking will be difficult to find. Good neighbours will move away because of crowds and hollowed out neighbourhoods. Large, noisy, littering crowds will make NOTL famous as the town overtourism killed.

Niagara-on-the-Lake needs a tourism strategy that puts residents ahead of greed. Niagara-on-the-Lake should first be great place to live and second a great place to visit. NOTL should be a gem worth visiting, not a overcrowded tourist trap noted as a quick stop on the way to Niagara Falls because of its many its tax payer funded public toilets.

Defund tourism marketing that goes beyond pre-pandemic levels. Vote for town councillors who put residents first before special interests.

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# MacDoughall: Change needed in negative culture at DSBN

Don MacDougall **DSBN Trustee Candidate** 

My name is Don MacDougall and I am a candidate for the position of trustee for the District School Board of Niagara. I am a life-long resident of NOTL and was employed by three different school boards to teach history at Niagara District Secondary School.

I also coached extensively

I have calculated that over the course of 30 years I have taught and coached over 3,000 stuthan any other candidate run- entire Niagara Peninsula. ning for trustee in the DSBN.

ees who may have experienced

at Niagara District. I coached When the province forced the school in the worst possible lobasketball, golf and slo-pitch. Lincoln Board and Niagara cation in our town. South Board together they basically guaranteed that the four St. Catharines trustees had the dents. I know this town and power to make the final decithe people who live here better sions for students across the

At the elementary level If I am elected I intend to schools have been closed that reach out to the other five trust- were in locations of historical significance to residents of flawed decisions by the DSBN. NOTL and replaced by a mega

census results show that over dents can enjoy all the benefits the past three decades NOTL of a local school. If I am elected has been an area of population I intend to try to change this growth and will continue to be negative culture of the DSBN we will have over 1,000 by the been no indication whatsoever deserve. that the DSBN cares.

The DSBN continues to feel it's okay for NOTL students to At the secondary level, the ride buses so St. Catharines stuso. We have over 850 teenagers towards NOTL. The DSBN today and projections indicate must treat all students and taxpayers of outplaying comnext census. And yet there has munities with the respect they

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Don MacDougall

# Vrcek: Will represent all voices, particularly disadvantaged



Kris Vrcek

Kris Vrcek **DSBN Trustee Candidate** 

With my leadership, I'll ensure equity across our school board so that every student, regardless of ethnicity, identity, or personal circumstance has the opportunity to succeed.

taged groups.

I'll play an important

My responsibility as a board. I'll assist with cre- of the board. I will balance dress the issues raised by school board trustee is to ating a well-written policy the needs of the communirepresent all voices, partic- that explains what par- ty with the responsibilities ularly those of disadvan- ents, the public, and board of the Ministry of Educaworkers can expect.

With me on the board role in defining policies, of trustees, I will maintain rules, the board must conwhat should happen, and that the director of edu-sult with parents, students, how services should be cation is responsible for and supporters over its provided inside the school carrying out the policies multi-year plan and ad-

In accordance with any

these groups.

I'll accept the challenges, exercise committed leadership, be willing to look for innovative solutions, and have the courage to implement such solutions into practice.

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# Benoit: Wants to ensure Catholic teachings upheld

**Natalia Benoit NDCSB Trustee Candidate** 

Firstly I am a Catholic, a beloved child of God and I am a mother and a wife. I love Jesus Christ and His Mother Mary and I love the Holy Catholic Apostolic Church.

marks of the church which Apostle. The bishops of the and I know Mine, and Mine Shepherd." is that it's holy, which means church are the successors know Me, even as the Fawe live out what Christ's of the Apostles. They teach ther knows Me and I know my motivation in running, church teaches on how to what the Apostles taught. It the Father; and I lay down to ensure these teachings be holy. It is Catholic, which is church which Jesus called My life for My sheep. And are upheld and that God means universal, that it is a His Church "one sheep- other sheep I have that are Who is Love itself is Loved. church spread all over the fold." Christ established the not of this fold. Them also nataliathetrustee@gmail.

I hope to make sure our ery ethnicity. It is Apostolic He said in John 10:14-16 hear My voice, and there world for all people of ev- Catholic Church Himself. I must bring, and they shall com

schools live out these four which comes from the word "I am the Good Shepherd, shall be one fold and one

Here is where I base



Natalia Benoit

# Huibers: Quarterbacked strategic planning activities



Larry Huibers

**Larry Huibers NDCSB Trustee Candidate** 

for Catholic trustee. During for board paved the way forward for the successes currealigned the policy respon- provincial. sibilities of the trustees and

nior administration to focus ports to the board. on the work based on clear I am seeking re-election direction from the board. We initiated live streaming my last term many actions of board meetings, thereby increasing transparency and accountability of the rently being realized by the board and staff. We dealt system, specifically the stu- with COVID 19 using the dents. As chair of the polipillars of what was best for cy committee, we initiated students and staff based on reduce class sizes. a review of policies versus the science of the public operational procedures and health units, both local and

As a trustee I have ad-

strategic planning activities today and in the future. which resulted in the adopmunity, school, and legisla- available. An example of measures and is a working support for the next term. information.

direction of the NCDSB. com Looking at class sizes, it A key component of the is not just the system average plan is how to be respectof class size but the cohorts ful through inclusion while of class size and the number remaining aligned with of classes with 25 students Catholic values. Supportand above. Then we have ing students is a cornerstone the data to make informed of how the NCDSB will go backed the comprehensive them and our community students.

tive needs. This allowed se- this was greater details in re- document that guides the larryhuiberstrustee@gmail.

Each trustee candidate was asked to submit 300 words telling readers a bit about themselves, their priorities and their message to voters, at no charge.

Jonathan Fast, DSBN actions that meet students' forward, giving its student trustee candidate, declined (and staff) best needs and and staff the very best in a to participate, saying he is Christ-centred academic putting his efforts into creat-As board chair, I quarter- environment that will serve ing a great environment for

*The Local was not able to* I am proud of what has reach Jolanta Pawlak, a candirection setting activities of vocated for better measures tion for the new strategic been accomplished in the didate for NDCSB trustee, as the board to align with com- of success using the metrics plan. This plan has clear past term, and ask for your she doesn't list any contact

Committed to preserving heritage, agricultural land, charming streetscapes and rich cultural resources. A champion for better planning policies to protect our neighbourhoods, keeping taxes low and improving traffic congestion and road safety.

# Re-Elect ENDY CHEROPIT

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From the Lord Mayor, Members of Council and Town Staff

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# Honowing VOLUNTEER Honowing FIREFICETIERS

# A Message from the Deputy Chiefs

Fire Prevention Week this year is from October 9th to the 15th. This year's theme is Fire Won't Wait, Plan Your Escape. The concept of planning your escape and knowing two ways out is a message fire departments broadcast often, and is important. With newer construction methods, open concept layouts, and interior furnishing continually being made with more synthetic materials, a small fire in a house can reach a level known as flashover, which is not survivable by humans, in roughly 3 minutes. The NOTL Fire & Emergency Services encourages everyone to have a plan. When minutes count, coming up with a strategy on the spot wastes valuable seconds.

The NOTL Local has been a great partner in ensuring that our community's citizens are aware of Fire Prevention Week and its critical messages. Additionally, their continued support for ensuring the community is aware of who their local firefighters are, and the vital work they do, is appreciated. Many of our newest community members are

moving here to enjoy the best years of their life after working hard in larger municipalities. Once established here, our members hear over and over again how the Town's newest citizens are shocked to learn that our firefighters are volunteers. Preserving the volunteer model is and will always be the goal for the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. But

maintaining this cost-effective approach to fire and emergency services can not be done alone. The Fire Department needs help from all community members.

Test and maintain your smoke alarms; this includes reading the instructions. This simple task can help you understand what your alarm sounds like, so when the batchirp, you will know what it means. Receiving an emergency call for assistance that turns out to be a homeowner not knowing the sounds of an alarm is a common incident type volunteer firefighters respond to. Do not leave candles unattended. Charge electrical devices on hard surfaces. Ensure electrical cords are

when you drive a car, engraindaily lives ensures we all refor a responding green light. These flashing green lights volunteer firefighters are re-

teries expire, and it begins to not frayed or damaged. Like sponding. Please slow down ensuring your seatbelt is on and move over, providing these vehicles with the couring these easy concepts in our tesy of going around you. It could be a neighbour, friend, main fire safe. Keep an eye out or family member needing assistance. Lastly, talk with your family and know what to do in the front windshield of a in an emergency. As previousvehicle signify that someone ly mentioned, when minutes has called 911, and the Town's matter, seconds count. Plan your escape, as fire won't wait.



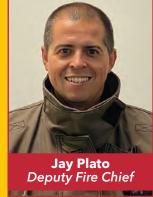
Plan your escape at fpw.org.



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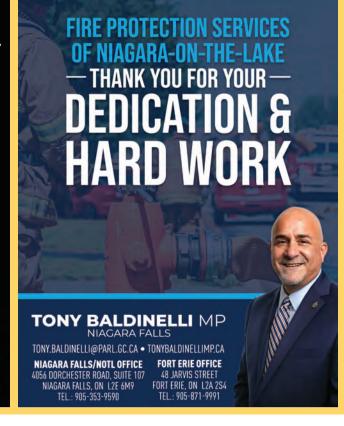


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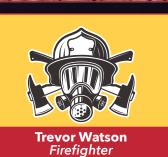












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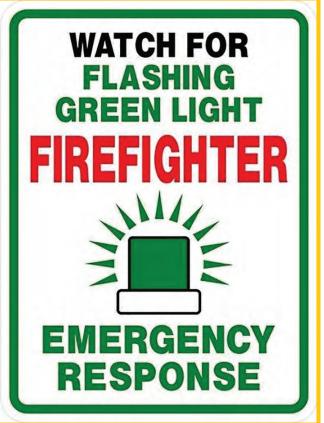
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**Eric Trostenko** Lieutenant



Firefighter



**Henry Boese** Firefighter



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**Stan Lament** Firefighter



**Steve Lebrasseur** Firefighter



**Rick Legros** Firefighter



Firefighter



**Arthur Martin** Firefighter



**Keith Morley Firefighter** 



**Mark Newman** Firefighter



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Lieutenant



Aaron Cherney



Jason Disher Firefighter



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**Dean Filipetti** Firefighter



**Nick Graf** Firefighter



**Hendrik Heikoop** Firefighter



**Rob Konkle** Firefighter



**Jason Meleskie** Firefighter



**Derek Merza** Firefighter



Jason Plut Firefighter



**Jason Reynolds** Firefighter



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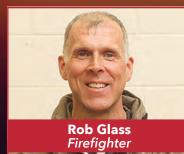


























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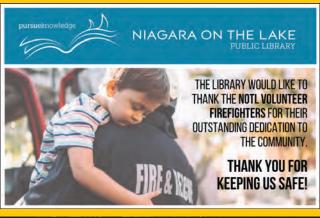




















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# Honouring

# Father-son duo find satisfaction in giving back to community

### **Penny Coles** The Local

When Robert Glass moved Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1995, he knew nothing about volunteer fire departments.

He remembers running into former Queenston district chief John Daley one day when he was out walking, and asked what he did at the Queenston firehall.

"He told me to 'come out one Monday night and see what

they say, is history."

New in town at the time, Glass wanted to meet people, and find a way to be involved in the community.

fighter fit the bill, and 26 years COVID. later he is still a member of the Queenston station.

He felt welcome right away, he says, and liked the camaraderie at the station. He also liked feeling he was doing something

you think, and I did. The rest, as good, not only by responding to do truck checks, just hang out at emergencies, but also with the events and fundraisers the volunteer association does for the community, such as last Friday night's popular spaghetti din-Becoming a volunteer fire- ner, an annual tradition until

> After two years, there was a good crowd — someone had to run out to buy more pasta. it was a welcome opportunity for friends and neighbours to get together again, says Glass, and for newcomers to meet other people and learn something about the volunteer department.

Beside him making spaghetti was his son Spencer.

These days when a fire call comes in to the Glass household, the two of them head off together. Spencer, 22, joined the department three years ago.

His reasons for wanting to be a volunteer firefighter are pretty much the same as his dad's. The difference is he began learning the job when he was very young.

Robert and his wife Pamela have three sons, and as soon as they were old enough, he would the station."

"It was basically living every boy's dream, hanging around the fire trucks and all the equipment," says Spencer.

were always close, and Spencer adds that he definitely looked up to his father. When a fire call came in, "I knew he was doing something good for the community. I don't think I worried about him — I always felt he would come home. When I got older I knew my mom would worry. She'd be watching the time, saying 'he's not home yet."

Robert says as his boys got older, when a call came in, he'd think "where are my kids? That's always in the back of your mind."

And now, when he knows where Spencer is and what he's doing, in his head, he's thinking "be safe."

He's confident that he and Spencer are well-trained for the job they are doing. "Training has come a long way — the training we're given is excellent."

The manager of facilities at Brock University, Robert says he

working with people who become family, and doing something for his community was enough.

Spencer, with a job in commercial and industrial HVAC, is Robert says he and the boys happy with his job, and growing up seeing his dad as a volunteer firefighter, is happy doing the

> If someday he has a son or daughter, he adds — "I'd probably bring them around the station and show them the trucks and equipment the same way my dad did, and if they decided they wanted to be a firefighter, I think I'd encourage them to give it a try."

> Robert said he never pushed any of his sons toward the fire service, although they were always involved in some way. "It had to be their decision."

Spencer, the youngest of the three brothers, was the only one who wanted to follow in his father's footsteps. And for each to understand what the other is going through helps them both.

"What we come across isn't always pleasant," says Robert, talking about the fact that volunteer firefighters are called to vehicle collisions and medical

the camaraderie at the station, emergencies - sometimes involving people they know – as well as to fires. "It helps to talk about it. I know for myself it

> "It definitely does help," says Spencer. "My mom has been hearing about it for 26 years. It's nothing new to her."

Going through training, working alongside his father, being able to have conversations about what they do, "definitely brought us closer," says Spencer.

They also have their fellow firefighters to talk to after a call, and there are support services in place when needed, says Robert. "There is always someone to

Robert says he deals with some of the calls by telling himself he's grateful he is able to help in those difficult situations.

Spencer adds, "somebody's got to do it. If I don't, someone else will have to."

Would he recommend the job to a friend? Absolutely.

"The training was tough, but it was 100 per cent worth it. I enjoy every moment spent at the hall. At the end of the day, it's all about helping people. And if I can help someone, I will."

### Spencer Glass and his father Robert Glass, both volunteer firefighters, take them to the fire station. never thought of of being a promake spaghetti at Queenston's annual fundraiser. (Photo supplied) "They would come and help me fessional firefighter — enjoying Firefighting paramedic discovers training mutually beneficial

### **Penny Coles** The Local

Deralyn MacKenzie has been called a trailblazer, but she doesn't see herself that way.

Thirty-six years ago she was the first female to join the Niagara-on-the-Lake fire department, but throughout the decades, she says, she has just thought of herself as a firefighter, with a job to do.

The road to becoming a volunteer firefighter began in 1986 with a remark from a cousin who was a captain in a professional fire department in Toronto, MacKenzie relates. He felt the role of firefighters was being opened up to include women, and he urged her to apply. "If there was ever a woman who would be great at it, it would be you," he said, and course at Niagara College to beslapped me on the back."

She applied, went through a process that narrowed 3,000 applicants down to 200 who continued through agility and fitness testing and an interview process, and discovered she had been number 104 — she didn't get the job, she discovered, because of the fitness testing. She was very fit at the time, felt there had been mistakes made in the testing, but decided to move on. "I was proud of myself. Coming 104th out of 3,000 people isn't bad. That gave me confidence to move forward."

She also applied to two fire departments in Niagara, but realized "they weren't ready for female firefighters. I felt it would be 10 to 15 years before they got for both of them."

capacities, such as dispatch, but the training came from other not to train as firefighters, she says. sources.

MacKenzie instead took the come a paramedic, and also decided to look at being a volunteer firefighter in her community.

She was successful in both, and joined the Queenston station, which at that time was led by district chief John Daley, who was very welcoming, she says.

She discovered early on her training and skills as a paramedic were useful as a volunteer firefighter, who didn't receive the level of medical training then that they do now.

She recalls going to medical emergencies where she could step in and put her training to good use. "I felt like the guys believed in me," and she was able to offer some CPR instruction to the other volunteers. "I thoroughly enjoyed doing there, and it was 10 to 15 years that," she says, but as the years went on there was a "changing They hired women in other of the guard" of fire chiefs, and

> When asked if she was accepted as a female in a station of all men, MacKenzie says, "I didn't think of myself as a female firefighter. I just thought of myself as a firefighter."

People get along — or don't

get along — based on their pertend to stay on as a firefighter as if you're strong, athletic, able to sonalities, not whether they are male or female, she adds, and some accepted her, some didn't.

She thought herself very fortunate to have Daley as her first district chief. "I really looked up to him. He was always very supportive of me, and that made a difference when I started. I couldn't have asked for a better leader. He gave me the opportunity to use my medical training as a firefighter, and I really appreciated that."

She has run into many situations where her training as a paramedic has helped her in her volunteer role, and even some when her firefighting experience, which has taught her to "think outside the box and find solutions to unusual problems," has helped in circumstances she encountered as a paramedic.

At the age of 59, MacKenzie is thinking of retiring from out of Grimsby, "but I fully inlong as I can, as long as my mind and body keep working. I enjoy it. I still like the idea of being able to help others."

Would she advise other women to apply?

"Absolutely, male or female

work well under pressure, if you like helping people, I would encourage you to check it out."

She would say the same about being a paramedic, she added. "Both are very fulfilling ways to support your community."



Niagara EMS, where she works Deralyn MacKenzie was the first female to join the department, but always thought of herself as "just a firefigher."



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# Beauty and creativity: Splendour in Niagara

### Maria Klassen **Special to The Local**

vineyards in Niagara, is an art gallery owned and operated by 13th Street ates in his studio in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Boaks works with his sculptures. many different materials and doesn't hesitate to hibit until Oct. 22 at 13th combine several art forms Street Winery. on the same canvas. From metal pieces used in his sculptures, both acrylic and oil paintings, prints, Duo LXII 2022: A still life phocollages and still life photography — all showcase oil painting on rice paper. For Boaks' creativity.

Boaks has an understanding for dualities: light set against dark, confinement versus expansion,

rich colours and monochromatic ones, above and below, vitality versus Nestled among the inertia. This has been featured in many of his recent works of art.

The current exhib-Winery. Currently fea- it at the winery includes tured in the art gallery are works from 1985 onward, the works of artist Ronald in which Boaks uses his Boaks, who lives and cre- highly inventive painting processes. Included in this showing are a number of

The display is on ex-

tograph is combined with an Boaks this is a symbiotic relationship enhanced by a split background. (Photos by Maria Klassen, of artwork on display at the 13 Gallery)





Duo LIV (Nympheas) 2022: A balance of black, white and grey in the top half is in contrast to similar shapes in the bottom half, finding a commonality with what appears to be opposites.









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# Aquanisma: The Wonder of Water opens Saturday

## Artist Ron Clavier's show at Niagara Artists Centre

### Mike Balsom The Local

Niagara-on-the-Lake visual artist Ron Clavier's work is returning to the Niagara Artists Center (NAC) in downtown St. Catharines this weekend.

Aquanisma: The Wonder of Water takes over the Dennis Tourbin Members Gallery at 324 St Paul Street beginning with an opening ceremony Saturday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. It's a collection of 18 originals and seven reproductions, all focusing on the power and mystery of water.

"Water is the essential thing for our life," Clavier says. "People have told stories about water forever. Some of my paintings are looking through water from a surface to the bed, whether it be a river, a creek or an ocean. The human eye is not able to focus on the surface and the bottom simultaneously."

The Montreal-born Clavier, who holds a doctorate in physiological and experimental psychology, has taught medical students in Chicago and at the University of British Columbia and run a psychology clinic since 1982. Art, however, has been a part of his life since he first took classes as a six-year-old at the Montreal Museum of Fine Art.

His work has been on dis-

play in the past at the Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, the National Steinbeck Centre in Salinas California, the Niagara Artists' Centre, the Carrier Gallery in Toronto and, closer to home, the Niagara Pumphouse Visual Art Centre.

Canadian art appraiser Roger Bywater of Bywater Brothers in Toronto once said of Clavier's paintings of water that they "show a level of competency and complexity that can easily hold its own with anything that is currently exhibited within any top-level private gallery across Canada."

Clavier uses his art to tell stories, and the 25 pieces of Aquanisma continue that practice. He tells The Local that in Greek mythology, water is seen as a female element, where land or earth is seen as male.

"Water flows over earth," he explains. "Earth, being rock and mud, will try to divert the flow of the water, or even prevent it through dams. But water always prevails. In doing so, it smooths out the earth below, giving us these smooth, flat pebbles."

He continues, "It's an allegorical story about men and women. Men try to prevent women from going where they want. They try to have power and control. In the end, women tend to prevail, to go where they turn into bits of broken



Ron Clavier shows off some of his paintings in the display at The Niagara Artists Centre. (Photos supplied)

they want. In so doing, they soften us men."

The former advisory board member of the Steinbeck Society has also taken that legendary author's short novel, The Pearl, as an inspiration for this exhibit.

The novella follows the journey of Kino, a poor California fisherman who finds an enormous pearl, only to be beset by thieves who covet its value, and envied by his neighbours who resent his luck. While driving away the thieves, tragedy strikes Kino's family, and the fisherman throws the pearl back into the ocean rather than suffer any further troubles.

"The paintings in this show that reflect this message are a little different," Clavier says. "When we wade through shallow water, we see wonderful, shiny jewels that look like diamonds, sapphires, rubies and emeralds. If we reach down and pull them out, though,

sea shells and Coca-Cola bot- Lake Interior draw the viewand become dull."

message, Clavier explains, that we should admire the beauty of nature but leave it where it is.

"If we try to possess it," he warns, "It loses its value were chosen for an animation immediately."

in full, one is struck by the Klimmt's works that have taken complexity of Clavier's brush strokes. Low Tide Sechelt and A Pleasant Little Stream are two of the works that show the juxtaposition of the water with those hidden gems. Other pieces, such as Murano, Crow's Lake Diptych, and Lake Surface 3, focus on the ripples on the surface, using bright shades of blues and whites to create the reflections.

Sun Salutations and Sunset, Moonrise set a serene, dockside scene, while abstract works like the title piece and

tles, and they very quickly dry er in with their chaotic swirls and suggestions of motion. For These works deliver the clarification, these 25 works are paintings of water, not watercolour paintings.

In addition, seven of Clavier's creations in the exhibit in the style of the Immersive Viewing the collection exhibits of Van Gogh's and on a life of their own in public spaces these days.

"It uses the very same technology," says Clavier, "though they can't project it on the walls at the NAC. It will be on a big screen instead, and play as a seven-minute loop. The works are animated from blank canvas to finished paintings, so they look like a stream of water flowing over the screen and laying itself down as paint on the canvas."

Clavier says he tends to be

didactic in his art. Unlike many artists, he wants people to know the meaning behind his work. He reminisces of talks he had with his friend Eduardo Lafforgue, the former president of the NOTL Chamber of Commerce.

"I hate it when people leave a gallery wondering what the exhibit was all about," says Clavier. "Eduardro talked about cultural accessibility. He said it's like an elevator in a building where people with handicaps can't access the top floor. People will go to a gallery and there's no elevator for them to access the meaning of the exhibit."

Giving access to the meaning is important to this artist.

"What they do with it is up to them," Clavier says. "Of course, I want them to like it. But if they don't, that's their right. But at least they will know something about it."



Low Tide Sechelt, by Ron Clavier, at the Niagara Artists Centre. (Photos supplied)





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# Disc golf course well-received by locals

### **Penny Coles** The Local

There is no doubt disc golf is a quickly-growing, some say exploding, sport.

In Niagara-on-the-Lake, the response to the new course at the community centre has been "overwhelming."

well-received," says Andrea ilies. Michaud, who admits to besport. She plays the NOTL Rotary Club Disc Golf course often, and says she's never been there when there haven't been others playing, including after dark, with glow discs.

She loves disc golf, has been playing for years, and wants others to love it as much as she does, to the point where she is offering free introductory instruction at the community centre course to anyone who is interested.

Michaud, a co-founder of the St. Catharines Women's Disc Golf Club, was called on by Paul Lalonde of the NOTL Rotary Club to get involved and help out, once the town was ready to go ahead with the course. She has set up a Facebook page — NOTL Rotary Disc Golf Club — to attract those interested in playing, with lots of photos, tips, and an offer to help.

Although lessons are not if they wanted an introduc-

necessary, and instructions can be found online, "five minutes with a disc in your hand and somebody showing you how it's done is worth 1,000 words," she says.

And experienced players, she adds, "love helping people." So far, Michaud has held 11 introductory sessions in "It's been amazingly NOTL, for couples and fam-

There is a skill to "tipping ing "healthily addicted" to the disc" in the right direction, and someone watching can offer advice that will help get it going the way the player wants it to go, she explains.

In addition to certain throws that are used in different situations, there are also different weights of discs. The community centre has a variety to lend out, but all you need is a driver, one that's mid-range, and a putter, Michaud says.

"There are 1,000s of discs to choose from. One of the nice things at the community centre is you can look at the disc and see what it's called." That gives novice players a chance to test out discs and become accustomed to them demic, but during COVID, before investing in what they became even more popular, think they might need.

When the course in NOTL opened, Michaud papered posters on businesses in town



David Cox was at The Niagara-on-the-Lake Rotary Disc Golf Club with friends, including Greg Wardle, and found it an easy course for newbies, which they are. Their group of six took just under an hour to play. "Lots of fun, great to be outside and active," says Julia Buxton Cox, thanking the Rotary Club. Julia and Dave had one introductory lesson from their son, and found it very helpful. Like golf, there is etiquette to follow, and that's as important as learning how to play, she says. (Photos supplied)

tory lesson for their staff, as a to get out, spend time with or singles, best shot or worst team building exercise. I did that in St. Catharines, and staff would then come out and bring their clients."

Disc golf was already catching on before the panshe says. It was safe to play outdoors in public parks, with players keeping a distance between each other, wearing advertising it, and offering a mask, and sanitizing their help. "I'd ask business owners discs. People who had never played before started as a way

friends, make new friends, get some exercise and have fun.

boxes, rules and pars similar to golf, and players aiming discs that look like a Frisbee youngster in Peterborough at the baskets.

"there is no water, no forest, is sponsored by one of the no obstacles nearby, no place to lose your disc — that's key for beginners." And the distances between the nine baskets are relatively short, making it a good course to Thanksgiving Day, Michaud learn on, and one that can be was playing disc golf on a played fairly quickly, even for course in Kawartha Lakes, a novice.

St. Catharines club to NOTL, enjoying the day. because it's so accessible."

shot, and with all ages. "If you can throw a tennis ball, you For the uninitiated, the can throw a disc," says Misport involves a course of nine chaud. "We have one member or 18 baskets with chains, tee in St. Catharines who's 81 and she almost out-drives me."

She tells the story of a who now plays in tourna-In NOTL, she explains, ments, wins championships, largest disc golf companies in the world — and is just nine years old. He started playing when he was two.

Reached by phone on one founded by her fami-She took her 70-year-old ly. The leaves have changed, father out for the first time, the temperature was warmand it took him about 40 min- er than usual for this time of utes — once around the nine year and she'd been on the holes would take her half that. course for more than four "I bring beginners from the hours with a group of friends,

She plays year round, she It can be played in doubles explains, including at Christ-

mas, in the snow, and at night. Coloured or glow ribbons are attached to the discs so they're visible in the snow or after dark, and the baskets can be lit up, or have glow paint or tape on them to be easily seen.

Michaud is working on holding an evening Halloween event in NOTL that would include a scavenger hunt and treat bags for kids, but hasn't yet received the permit she needs from the town — she didn't realize it could take 30 days to get it.

She has high praise for the town and the Rotary Club "for choosing a great sport" for the community centre property.

And in NOTL, "it's 100 per cent free. You can borrow the discs for free, play the course for free, and even get lessons for free. It's good for mental and physical health, and it's a great opportunity for making social contacts. What more could you ask for?"





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Andrea Michaud takes her step-daughter Claire Chainey to try out the NOTL Rotary Disc Golf Club at the community centre.

### **Big winners at the NOTL Tennis Club**





At a recent tournament at the tennis club, the mens A final runner-up Sebastian Miele, with club President Hugh Dow, congratulates winner Mark Waler. The womens A final winner was Milla Matsko, pictured with her greatest fan, her daughter Maggie Pukhkalo, and runner-up Ann Davies. (Photos by Sonja Schindeler)

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# **Yocal**SPORTS

# Preds outplayed by two tough teams

### Mike Balsom The Local

After rolling out three wins in a row after a loss in their Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League (GMHL) opener, the Niagara Predators had a turkey of a weekend this Thanksgiving, dropping two decisions.

Facing their toughest opponent yet in the Durham Roadrunners Friday, they came out flat and were seriously outplayed by the 2021-2022 North Division champs over two periods in Virgil.

From the moment the Zamboni door closed and the black-clad Durham squad beat the home team onto the ice, things went the Roadrunners way. Just 1:10 after the anthem, Durham's Matthew Balke beat Niagara goalie Ryan Santini to open the scoring.

Then the Roadrunners got busy throwing their much bigger bodies into Niagara skaters, knocking them into the boards and off their game. Each hit was punctuated by the raucous cheers of seven Durham players sitting in the stands. They were scratched from Friday's line-up but made the trip to provide moral support. Did they ever.

The Predators were able to mount a couple of attacks in that period, with forward Wais Ayubi missing a sure chance on an empty side of the net. Reese Bisci finally solved goalie Gian-Marco Peyer when he scored on a breakaway to tie it up.

But the hits kept coming, and Trevor Urquhart put Durham back up 2-1 before the end of the period.

It truly fell apart in the second for the Preds. The body checks from the Roadrunners continued, and Durham repeatedly beat Niagara to the puck in the Predators' own end, leaving Santini a sitting duck between the pipes.



Anthony Tropea (59) and Cole Ellis (23) attempt to put the puck past Durham goaltender Gian-Marco Peyer in Friday night's 6-1 loss. (Ben Foster)



Preds' Jaroslav Dohnal Another put the Predators on the scoreboard against the Ravens Sunday, but they lost a game they should have won. (Mike Balsom)

four more to take a 6-1 lead.

The Predators finally stopped the Durham attack in the third period, holding the Roadrunners off the scoreboard, but they could not find a way to beat Peyer, and their ineffective power play couldn't capitalize on two opportunities with a five-on-three advantage. The 6-1 score held, When the proverbial smoke despite Durham holding a

only 46-45 for the game.

Taylor admitted he was bothered by what he called "the total disrespect of what was happening up in the stands." But he also admitted that the Roadrunners played a great game.

"They play a great system," Taylor said after Friday's game. "Their coaches have had them since they've been atoms. That's what a championship team is built on at

cleared, Durham had scored shots-on-goal advantage of have that swagger with them. travelled to St. George to take They are the cream of the on the rival Ravens. crop in our division."

we just kind of laid back in the second. We needed to clog up that very well. In the third period we played a lot better, and should have had two or three goals. It's a good learning experience for our guys."

any level. We only have four period momentum going two ceoff in the St. George end, returnees this year. They went days later when, for the third Dohnal grabbed the puck

Another slow start result-We played well the first ed in a 2-0 lead for the Ravens period, Taylor continued. "but by the end of the first period. Jaroslav Dohnal finally put the Predators on the scorethe middle, but we didn't do board in the second when he tipped a shot by Nolan Wyers past Ravens goalie Matthew Czyzewski.

A power play opportunity early in the third period Taylor was hoping his resulted in Niagara tying the at home, and a Monday ream could keep Friday's third game up. Wyers won the fato the finals last year, they Sunday in four weeks they for a shot on Czyzewski, and

Anthony Tropea tucked the rebound into the far side of the net.

Wyers put the Preds up 3-2 two minutes later when Czyzewski stopped another Dohnal shot and the 16-yearold centre followed up to score on the rebound.

But the Ravens stormed back with three unanswered goals to finish off the Preds. The winning marker came when Benjamin Cunningham's shot on the Niagara goal went wide of the net, bounced off the back wall and landed right on the stick of Derek Bush, who capitalized on an out-of-position Santini. Reece Furtado added an empty net insurance goal with 16 seconds remaining in the game.

'We had the lead," Taylor said Monday. "Their fourth goal was really a lucky goal. They dumped it in and it bounced the right way for them. It was a good, entertaining game. We outplayed them, and we should have won. They got the bounces, and they worked a little harder."

That was the theme for both games last weekend, their opponents working a bit harder than the Predators. Taylor said it's been tough to solidify systematic play with a young team that is still coming together with all the pieces. There are other challenges

"I've had players late for practice, or showing up late for games," Taylor lamented. "It's a bit of a disruption. As much as I'm coaching hockey, I'm coaching kids to become decent human beings. Showing up for a 3 p.m. game at 2:45 p.m., there's no excuse for that. And a couple of guys missed all of last week's practices."

With a .500 record six games into the season, Taylor isn't pushing the panic button. But their next two games are against the undefeated North York Renegades Friday match with the Roadrunners in Durham. The Renegades handed the Roadrunners their only loss so far this season, 4-1 this past Saturday.

"North York will be a tough game," admitted Taylor. "They handled them pretty good. For the Durham game, it will be interesting to see how the boys respond to how they acted Friday night at our arena. We'll focus on North York first, and then I'll bring that back up. It should be a little bit of fuel for the fire for them."

Friday's game is a 7:30 p.m. start at the Meridian Credit Union Arena. The Predators' food drive for Newark Neighbours continues, so fans are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to the arena.



or email: classified@notllocal.com

### CORNERSTONE To advertise your Sunday, October 16th 9:45 a.m. Kids Ministry Sign In (Nursery - Kindergarten) 10:00 a.m. in this section, please contact: Worship Gathering Online & In-Person Message: Kevin Bayne karen@notllocal.com The Welcome Home Project The Widow's Gift Mark 12:38-44 www.ccchurch.ca

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### Across:

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- 10 "Four and twenty blackbirds baked in ---"
- 14 On the ocean
- 15 Publish
- 16 Route 17 Via
- 18 Serviced
- 20 Cotton Club setting
- 22 Jamboree
- 23 Up
- 25 Intelligence agency
- 26 Not traded on a stock exchange
- 28 Top guns
- 30 Ethnic 35 In favor
- 36 Adeptness
- 38 State animal of Maine
- 39 The Sultan of Swat 41 Talent seeker
- 43 Shuttle operator
- 44 Behaved
- 46 Wished
- 48 Beat
- 49 Accidental dive
- 51 Feeble
- 52 Some foreign Government heads

**Sudoku solution from** 

**October 5, 2022** 

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- 53 Except
- 55 Comic --- Martin
- 57 Light metal
- 62 Knuckleheads
- 65 Suspension 67 Duration
- 68 First to die in the Bible
- 69 Untrue
- 70 Egyptian dancing girl
- 71 Dabbling duck
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- 73 Drip slowly

### Down:

- 1 Tub
- Workplace regulation
- Unglazed brownish-red earthenware
- 4 Pulls
- 5 Ingenious sales devices
- 6 World's largest economy
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- 21 Touchdown forecasts
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  - 29 Single-masted sailboat
  - 31 Electrically charged particle
  - 32 Maritime refugees
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  - constellation 40 "He'd make a lovely corpse" (Dickens: "Martin
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  - 54 Like Mayberry 56 Travel stamps
  - 57 "I --- my wit's end"
  - 58 Projecting part of the brain 59 Common fertilizer
  - ingredient 60 Shopping center
  - 61 Height of Denver

  - 63 Dull
  - 64 Sudden 66 Employ

### **PUZZLE ANSWERS**

Tame, 64 Snap, 66 Use. 56 Visas, 57 Am at, 58 Lobe, 59 Urea, 60 Mall, 61 Mile, 63 40 He'd, 42 Ten times, 45 Debit, 47 Dyed, 50 Ran off, 54 Rural, Sloop, 31 Ion, 32 Boat people, 33 Assam, 34 Leans, 37 Lupus, 13 Eddy, 19 Alarm, 21 ETAs, 24 Reich, 26 Oprah, 27 Truce, 29 A 3 A 1 St , bnog 11, binA 01, 19 Detest, 10 Arid, 11 Pond, 12 I A E A, Down: 1 Bath, 2 O S H A, 3 Terracotta, 4 Hauls, 5 Gimmicks, 6

71 Teal, 72 Flees, 73 Seep.

62 Idiots, 65 Moratorium, 67 Span, 68 Abel, 69 False, 70 Alma, 49 Header, 51 Puny, 52 P Ms, 53 Bar, 55 Steve, 57 Aluminum, 39 Ruth, 41 Scout, 43 N A S A, 44 Acted, 46 Hoped, 48 Tan, S A, 26 O T C, 28 Aces, 30 Tribal, 35 Pro, 36 Skill, 38 Moose, 17 Thru, 18 Maintained, 20 Harlem, 22 Field day, 23 Astir, 25 M Across: 1 Both, 5 Guard, 10 A pie, 14 Asea, 15 Issue, 16 Road,

### **OBITUARIES**

### KIRKBY, AUSTIN ANN (RICHARDSON) April 13, 1943 – October 3, 2022

On the morning of October 3, 2022, Austin Kirkby passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family.

Beloved wife and life-long partner to John for 59 years. Much loved mother to Susan (Allen) Janzen, Katie (Kevin) Overstrom, Becky (Tim) Arnold. Wonderfully proud

grandmother to Kaila (Alasdair) Daw, Dean (Katie) Janzen, Chelsea and Cooper Overstrom, and Declan and Avryl Arnold. Loving GG to Zoe Daw, and Madison and Emily Janzen. Dear sister of Jeanne Thomson and her family.

Austin was born in 1943 in Toronto to James and Dorothea Richardson. The family moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake in the 1950's. Austin worked alongside the creative team of her mother and sister at the family floral shop, Dorothy Richardson Florists, on the main street in NOTL. In 1963, she married her high school sweetheart, John. They moved to his family farm and settled into the large family home that was shared by two generations of John's family. Austin and John ran Arrowhead Farms together for over 40 years.

In 1991, Austin began a 15-year tenure as Councillor for the Town of Niagara-onthe-Lake. During this time, she served on over 20 advisory committees. Austin helped to establish the new Library, Community Centre, and funding for the new Virgil arena. She was a tireless advocate for both the Niagara community and the agricultural industry. Following her years on council, Austin continued to Chair the Agricultural Irrigation Committee and the Agricultural Advisory Committee. In 2018, she was humbled to receive Citizen of the Year for Niagara-on-the-Lake for all her years of hard work and volunteerism.

In 2019, following a difficult cancer diagnosis, John and Austin retired to Vineland to be closest to their youngest grandchildren. During these 3 years, Austin faced her illness with the utmost courage, strength, and her well known tenacious spirit.

Words cannot truly express the gratitude that we feel for the Walker Family Cancer Clinic. A debt of gratitude to Dr. Wasserman, Dr. Tatzel, and Dr. Ishkanian. A special thanks to Dr. Woodland of Beamsville, and Julie and Kate at Stone Road Pharmacy. Those who wish may make a memorial contribution to The Walker Family Cancer Centre.

Please join us for A Celebration of Austin's Life. Sunday, October 16, 2022. Tribute to begin at 1:30 pm. Reception to follow 2:00 – 4:30 PM. The Pillar and Post, Upper Canada Hall. Niagara-on-the-Lake



**TOMKIEWICZ**, **NATALIE**—It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Natalie Tomkiewicz, peacefully in her sleep on Thursday October 6, 2022, in her 98th year. Predeceased by her loving husband Felix of 28 years. She welcomed death as an old friend and left this world for the next reuniting with all those she'd loved and lost over her many years.

Natalie and Felix landed on the shores of Canada in 1949, with dreams of a better life after enduring the hardships of WWII. Natalie was an avid churchgoer, and an active participant in the Polish community. Natalie enjoyed the simple pleasures in life, her small tender fruit farm, gardening, collecting walnuts in the crisp autumn air and chamomile on warm summer mornings. Her love for the outdoors called to her until the very end. Natalie's skill as an artist was surpassed only by her skill to sew and to knit slippers. She took loving care of Mickey, the cat she insisted she hated for over 19 years.

Natalie is survived by her three children, Walter (Ursula), Edith Baker (Doug) and Raymond (Katie). Her eight grandchildren Mark, Leana, Christopher, Michael, Kristian, Jason, Elisha, and Laura. Her 13 great-grandchildren Aleesha, Alina, Trinity, Jasmine, Hope, Zoey, Felix, Reeve, Nahla, Marcus, Atticus, Thorsten, and Rudy-Rae. The kindness and love she imprinted upon her family will never be forgotten. Natalie will forever be remembered as safe harbour during the storm; for so many who took shelter beneath her roof through the years. She welcomed all with open arms, and the selflessness she displayed sowed the seeds of happiness for all those that called her mother and Babcia.

The family will receive friends at George Darte Funeral Home, 585 Carlton Street, St.Catharines, Tuesday, October 11th from 2-4 pm and 6-8 p.m. Funeral Liturgy for Natalie will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church, 73 Picton Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Wednesday, October 12th, at 11 a.m. with Interment at Niagara Lakeshore Cemetery. If so desired, donations made

to the Canadian Cancer Society in Natalie's memory would be appreciated by the family. Online guestbook: georgedartefuneralhome.com



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# OUR HERITAGE IS AN ELECTION ISSUE

From Old Town to St. Davids and Virgil, from Queenston to Glendale and everywhere in between, the heritage of Niagara-on-the-Lake is at risk.

The Niagara Foundation posed several questions to the candidates for Lord Mayor, Town Councillor and Regional Councillor to get their views on heritage, planning and development matters. Here's how the mayoral candidates responded to one of the Foundation's questions:

Many residents are angry and frustrated over the type of building that has been going on recently. How do you view the issue of contextual architecture, and do you think the Town should adopt and enforce policies around it?

### **BETTY DISERO**

"I know this is an issue that is very important to the town. I support contextual zoning. It was in place until 2009 and then removed. Since then, we have seen homes being built that are out of context with our heritage environment. It is starting to escalate and we must return to contextual zoning."

### VAUGHN GOETTLER

"I absolutely support contextual architecture, respect for sufficient lot size, protection of our urban forest and wildlife corridors, with cautious and wise development programs moving forward. I totally share our residents' anger with inappropriate architectural designs and over building."

### **GARY ZALEPA**

"In principle contextual architecture and related policies appear to be a good process for managing the concerns mentioned. Having seen the use of such policies not be effective in the past causes me to wish to investigate how the previous issues can be resolved so that a contextual framework can be successful."



In the upcoming election, be informed. Find all the candidates' answers to other questions we asked on our website: theniagarafoundation.com

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