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## Marching from Fort George to Queenston Heights . . . and back again

Reenactment soldiers trek to Queenston Heights, in recognition of those who marched Oct. 13, 1812, fought for their country and won, and at the end of the day, had to turn around and march back to Fort George. The march also acknowledges those who didn't return. For story see page 12. (Kim Wade)

## St. Davids pool, dust, other issues discussed at virtual meeting

Penny Coles  
The Local

When Mike Pearsall, president of the St. Davids Ratepayers Association, met virtually with Lord Mayor Betty Disero last week, there were a couple of "hot topics" to discuss, with the fate of a community swimming pool at the top of his list.

"The pool is exceptionally important to us. It's at the top of the list for the people of St. Davids," said Pearsall. "A lot of people count on it," he told Disero.

He said he and other villagers made the decision not to put a pool in their backyard, choosing to use the community pool instead.

But there wasn't one this year, and there is a question of what will happen in the future.

The Lions Park pool didn't open for the season, due to cost, and the plan was to re-

move it this fall and have a new, \$5 million pool ready for use next summer.

But the federal grant the Town was hoping to fund it was rejected, and staff have said they will try to open the existing pool next season, as long as there are no major mechanical issues with it.

Disero told Pearsall a fundraising committee will meet for the first time later this month — it's on the Town calendar for Oct. 28.

She spoke of the public meetings held to gather input and the design they agreed upon, that may have to be pared back.

Interim CAO Sheldon Randall, who also took part in the meeting, said the Town will look for other grants, but may also have to look at reducing

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## More public input next step for Glendale district

Penny Coles  
The Local

Future development in Glendale that could almost double the population of Niagara-on-the-Lake is ready to move forward to the next step, one that implements the policies that allow the vision for the area to become a reality.

The Glendale District Plan has been endorsed by the Town and the Region, with the next step in the process to amend the regional of-

ficial plan to include the land use policies, and then begin work to update the town's 10-year-old secondary plan for Glendale that will finalize the details.

The concept work has been completed, with more than two years of public input that has included Glendale resident Steve Hardaker, a member of the community focus group working with the Region.

He moved to the first phase of Niagara on the Green

10 years ago, and quickly became involved in the community, including serving on the Glendale Task Force, a town committee. It was formed to address issues such as parking and garbage, problems that arose when some streets attracted a large number of Niagara College students. In recent years, since the college began reaching out to both homeowners and students on how to be good neighbours, most of those problems have been resolved, says Hardaker,

or are at least greatly reduced. "We don't have a lot of the same issues that we had five or 10 years ago" he said. "That's really good to see."

There has been "minimal growth" in the area since he moved to the neighbourhood, he says, and although the plans are in place for that to change, it won't be happening soon.

As a member of the district plan community focus group for more than two years, Hardaker says it's ex-

citing to see the hard work of those years get to this point, but he cautions it will likely be another five years or more before he and his neighbours see shovels in the ground, and several decades until the 400 hectares of developable land are built out.

The next stage of development, although it might be a while in coming, he says, will eventually bring more of the amenities those living in the area would like to see — restaurants, doctors' offices

and a long-awaited grocery store.

"That's one of the main comments we hear. Getting some of those amenities is high on the list of desires for Glendale residents," he says.

But the mixed density housing, also part of the district plan, will have to come first, increasing the population of the area sufficiently to attract the kind of businesses that will serve residents, and

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# Heritage district, community safety zone on village wish list

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costs, including the possibility of making it smaller.

Residents “are ready to help out any way we can,” said Pearsall, telling Disero and Randall, “we don’t want to go to a smaller option.” They are hoping instead for an infrastructure grant to get shovels in the ground. Even without meetings of the fundraising committee, the community has already raised \$40,000, he reminded them.

As long as there are no further restrictions from the Province, or any major failures with the current pool, it will be operational for 2021, Randall said.

When Disero asked why it can’t be fixed, rather than replaced, Randall said “we’ve been doing that for 25 years. There are a lot of issues you don’t see.”

Pipes underneath the pool are brittle and crumbling, and if the building is renovated, it has to be brought up to current standards, including meeting accessibility requirements, he said.

“We want to make sure the pool stays as a feature in the community,” said Pearsall.

Following the meeting, he told The Local the pool is his main concern, and he was disappointed with the response he heard. “They haven’t come up with a good solution” he said.

The pool is the “one solid piece of infrastructure to benefit the residents of St. Davids,” and his biggest fear is that it will be demolished, with the expectation of a new pool, and if time goes by without funding, “that might never happen.

I worry about that,” he said. “The pool is very important to the community, and I’m not so sure the Town sees it that way.”

He’s still grateful to have had the chance to talk about it, and is hoping to see a fundraising committee meeting that could move the project forward, but it was the one issue that “didn’t give me any answers that satisfy me,” he said.

Representing 200 members of the St. Davids Ratepayers Association and the Friends of St. Davids, as well as residents who are not members but have the same issues, Pearsall had a list of questions for the lord mayor, hoping to make some progress with answers.

Another ongoing issue affects the quality of life for about 18 residents living on Hickory Avenue, and Pearsall was hoping to hear a resolution.

The issue of dust control on the private Dyck Lane, behind Hickory Avenue homes, has been one that has remained unresolved for more than a decade. Residents have been looking for a resolution to the extreme dust kicked up by traffic from the private laneway, especially on the dry, hot days of summer, since 2006, and have been talking to council and staff this summer, desperate for a solution that has eluded them for years.

This is the third council, and hopefully, after last week’s discussion, the last they will have to plead for a solution.

After meeting with council in closed session earlier this month, Disero told Pearsall staff have looked at “different solutions,” including finding an alternate traffic pattern that would minimize the use of Dyck Lane, a gravel road that provides access to three homes.

“This one has been a thorn in everybody’s side since 2015, for me anyway, and I’m sure even before that for residents,” said Disero.

This summer, with frustration levels rising, “a calcium fairy” dropped some calcium for a neighbour to spread on the lane to reduce the dust problem, she said.

After the recent closed session of council, Disero said, staff were directed to “finalize and complete negotiations with all interested parties,” and achieve an amenable agreement on the use of Dyck Lane. If a solution cannot be achieved by Dec. 1, the Town will impose “an alternate traffic pattern” to resolve the matter.

Pearsall said it was good news to hear the Town is taking a stand, and that the solution has to be fair to both sides, those on Hickory Avenue suffering from the dust problems, and the homeowners who use Dyck Lane to get to and from their properties.

Hickory Avenue resident Bill Krahn, who spoke to council about the issue this summer and has been bombarding councillors, along with his neighbours, with emails asking for a resolution, says he believes the Town has come up with a “100 per cent simple solution,” at little cost.

If the three residents of Dyck Lane agree, the chain between their gravel road and Hickory Avenue will be removed, and will become the main access for them and for delivery trucks who now speed down the laneway, leaving clouds of dust behind them, he told The Local. Dyck Lane then becomes only for emergency access. “I hope that is what will happen.”

The pool and dust issues were two of many Disero and Pearsall discussed in their hour and a half meeting, which came about, the lord mayor explained, after a conversation at one of her monthly coffee meetings, when a St. Davids resident asked, “what about us?”

“We need to start focusing on St. Davids,” she said. “It’s an important part of the community.”

Glendale has a “stunning” new park, Virgil has the skate park, and the Old Town has an expansion of tennis courts, she added. “Now it’s time to take a look in St. Davids and see what we can do there.”

Pearsall had a wish list of what the village would like to see, compiled from a survey of residents, that included dealing with the light and odour pollution from Tweed Farms, further investigation of a heritage conservation district, on-demand transit extending to St. Davids, a long-awaited trail to connect the Cannery Park subdivision to Lions Park, and the future of the fire-hall location.

The other “controversial issue” he wanted to discuss was the pollution from Canopy Growth’s Tweed Farms’ “ridiculously large” cannabis production family.

Some nights, he said, the sky over St. Davids is lit up as if there are search lights pointing into it. The strong skunk odour also continues to be a



Lord Mayor Betty Disero says if residents want more done at Cannery Park they have to let staff know. The green space looks much better than it did in the summer, but is still roped off. (Photos by Penny Coles)



Wyatt McGowan, 4, tries out the fire engine at the park behind the St. Davids Firehall, while a young family plays on the half-court in the distance. St. Davids Ratepayers Association president Mike Pearsall says the park is well-used and very much appreciated by residents.

problem, he added.

Disero said she experienced the smell herself when walking in St. Davids. “I know now the stench you have to live with.”

The best way to deal with it is to notify town staff when the light and odour occur, through the service requests and complaints section on the Town’s website home page.

The Town is also looking at a nuisance bylaw addressing odour and light, she said, “and hopefully we’ll be able to deal with it better.”

On the issue of the path connecting Lions Park with the Cannery Park subdivision, which was supposed to be completed two years ago, Randall said the “siting” of its location is finished, and the next step is thinning some brush and identifying what trees need to be removed, “if any.” Then it’s a matter of seeing what’s in the budget to fund it, he said.

On the “rumours” of the St. Davids firehall being relocated, Randall and Disero explained nothing has been decided, and it won’t happen without public consultation.

There have been discussions of consolidating the Queenston and St. Davids firehalls, and if that happens, the Town will be looking for an appropriate site, including possibly Lions Park.

“There have already been discussions with the St. Davids Lions Club,” Randall said, but Disero made it clear that wouldn’t be her choice. “I love Lions Park,” she said. “I wouldn’t want to see that happen.”

The tennis courts in the park will be improved, she told Pearsall.

Disero also promised to look into the status of hiring a consultant to report on heritage attributes in the village and the possibility of a heritage conservation district; she agreed to talk to the Region about a community safety zone on Four Mile Creek Road, similar to the one by the school, which has been so successful the Region has instituted 16 more this year, including Crossroads Public School on Niagara Stone Road; and that once on-demand transit is operating, the Town will look at extending it to St. Davids. She also said she would look into

the possibility of a recreational trail to connect St. Davids to the Niagara River Recreational Trail, and suggested secondary plan discussions for the village could begin in January.


Both Pearsall and Disero agreed their meeting was productive, and should happen on a regular basis.

“Hopefully someday soon we’ll be able to do it in person and see everybody face to face,” said Disero, closing with a request for everyone to follow provincial guidelines regarding the pandemic, and be safe. “Please look after yourselves and stay healthy,” she said.

Less than a week after the meeting, he told The Local, Disero had emailed him confirming some of the details on issues they had discussed, and he was grateful for the opportunity to get them on the table and hopefully move them forward.

The virtual meeting was Disero’s idea, he said, “and I was very impressed that she approached me about it. I was glad for the opportunity to get the dialogue going. At least we know our concerns are being heard.”

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# Micky home, adjusting to life on three legs

**Penny Coles**  
The Local

On Thanksgiving weekend, Niagara-on-the-Lake resident Janice White had reason to feel grateful.

"I do give thanks that I was able to rescue this sweet kitten, and hopefully he'll have a better life than he would have had," she said.

White rescued the kitten, whom she named Micky, after he was hit by a vehicle on Lakeshore Road.

He had his surgery last Monday, Oct. 5, to remove a badly damaged front leg, and was supposed to be confined to a cage last week.

"By day four," White says, "he was raring to do all things kitten, and keeping him quiet was very challenging, especially in the middle of the night."

She says he is adjusting very well to life on three legs.

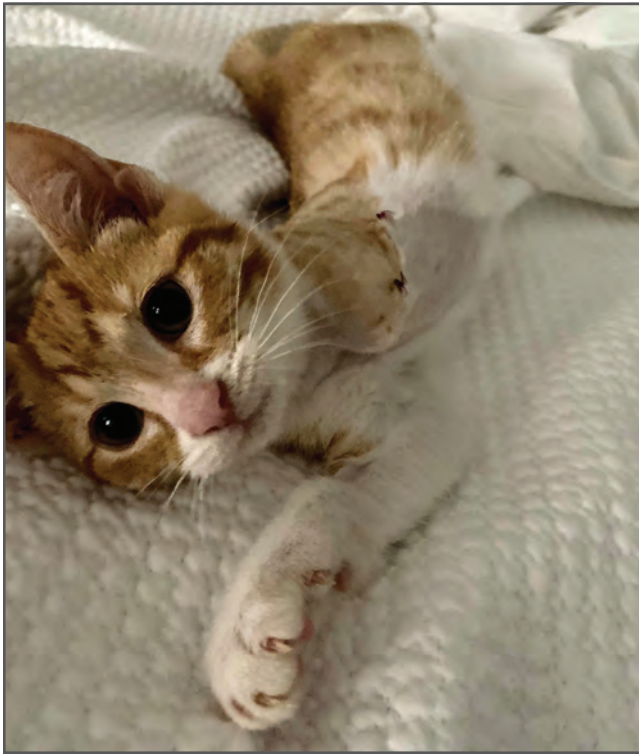
"We are working on his balance, and my neighbour built a ramp so he can get on the bed without jumping."

As of Sunday "the dreaded cone was to come off," giving him a bit more freedom.

White says she's also thankful for all the community support, adding, "just a reminder that there are many cats and kittens like Micky who desperately need a second chance too, so please support the local rescue organizations."



Micky's post-surgery cone came off this weekend, and he is learning to balance on three legs. (Photos by Janice White)



## Glendale development will bring more amenities for residents

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the jobs that will accompany them, Hardaker says.

The Region is projecting as many as 15,000 people, and 7,500 jobs by the time development is complete.

The regional official plan amendment, and an updated secondary plan, will ensure future development in Glendale is consistent with the vision as laid out in the district

plan, says Hardaker.

Then it's time for property owners and developers to submit their proposals, with the likelihood of "tweaking" some of the zoning to accommodate their plans, before any construction begins.

He's enjoyed being part of the process to date, and believes the success of the district plan has been the collaboration of all parties involved, and the inclusion of the resi-

dents throughout.

Future development in NOTL and across the region "should follow that model," says Hardaker.

"I hope that when the Town updates the Glendale secondary plan, they will do it in the same way. And you bet I'll be there. I'd like to be part of it."

On Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. the Region will hold a virtual public meeting to discuss the official plan amendment to incorporate the vision and direction of the Glendale District Plan.

More information on the Glendale District Plan can be found at: [niagararegion.ca/projects/glendale-niagara-district-plan/](https://niagararegion.ca/projects/glendale-niagara-district-plan/)

To provide input during the meeting, and receive information on how to do so, participants must re-register with the regional clerk at [clerk@niagararegion.ca](mailto:clerk@niagararegion.ca), before 9 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 6.

Written submissions can be emailed to the same address, or mailed to the Office of the Regional Clerk, Niagara Region, 1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Ontario, L2V 4T7.



Resident Steve Hardaker says the recently completed basketball court is well-used by local kids, as is the rest of the Glendale Park. (Penny Coles)



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Niagara Region



# Patio owners hoping for an extension

**Penny Coles**  
The Local

Restaurant owners in the heritage district are asking for permission to keep their pandemic patios for one more season.

Sales have been significantly down from previous years, and they'd like to keep them open longer, and know that they will be able to use them again next year, says a letter to council, signed by seven restaurant owners in the heritage district.

Pandemic restrictions may carry into next year, and even in "the best case scenario, we will still be recovering from the losses this year," says the letter. "We cannot emphasize how important the patios have been to the survival of our businesses. It is for these reasons we would like to start planning ahead for next year."

Coun. Allan Bisback, chair of the municipal heritage committee, says the request was on this week's agenda to consider, and council is expected to deal with it later this month.

If issues such as snow-plowing around the patios can be accommodated, perhaps with barriers, he'd be inclined to support their request, he says.

Restaurant owners are hoping for a commitment so they can plan ahead, possibly purchasing more or better furniture, planning and budgeting for the outdoor space, and finding storage space for what they've already purchased.

"We are all very open-minded and willing to work with the town, but cannot express how important the patios for restaurants and their necessity for the next summer season as well."

There are other restau-



Patrons enjoy a cool fall day outside on the Sunset Grill patio. (Penny Coles)

rants, not on Queen Street, who may face different hurdles if they want extensions, but they won't require approval from the heritage committee, just from the Town.

The response to patios "has been overwhelmingly positive, from visitors and locals alike," and patrons are still preferring to sit outdoors, in what is still considered the safest environment, but most of the Queen Street restaurants with patios still only reached 50 per cent of their sales, they say.

The Town permit for patios ends Oct. 31, although the provincial regulation allows for them to continue until Jan. 1, 2021.

The city of St. Catharines is allowing their patios, approved during the pandemic, to continue to operate un-

til the end of the year, while Hamilton has extended their patio permits until October, 2021.

Coun. Wendy Cheropita has given a notice of motion for the next council meeting to extend patio permits, but says staff will have to work through snow removal and safety issues first.

"COVID doesn't appear to be going away anytime soon so it might be in the restaurants' best interest to look for a further extension through 2021," she says.

The Ontario Restaurant Association is also lobbying the provincial Alcohol and Gaming Commission to extend licences for serving alcohol outdoors beyond this year, she says.

Maria Mavridis, whose family owns the Flame Fire-

hall and Cork's Wine Bar & Eatery on Queen Street, says the patio they built on the sidewalk outside Flame, spending \$15,000 to \$20,000 on it, would not pose any issues for snow removal. She's hoping the town council will support an extension for next year.

It was a large investment, and it's important for planning and budgeting purposes to know if they will be able to continue to use it.

"It saved our season. People are still not comfortable going inside. They're more open to sitting outside with a heater."

If the restaurant is allowed to keep the patio open, she says, they can look at investing in ways for making it more comfortable, such as adding plexiglass as a shield

to the weather.

While she understands the heritage committee might not want to commit to the patios as permanent fixtures, "we're hoping for next season for sure, and we'll see what happens after that."

Kim and Scott Gauld, owners of the Sunset Grill, have also invested heavily in an outdoor patio. They've survived, so far, but winter is coming, "and the unknown is scary," says Kim.

Support from locals has been great, she says, "but that makes us nervous too. It's a catch-22." They rely heavily on following all the guidelines and regulations to keep themselves and their customers safe, and the patio has helped in that regard.

"We're hopeful that council will approve them for an-

other season. Patios have been crucial to our recovery," says Gauld, "and will continue to be as we look at the possibility of returning to phase 2, or another shutdown."

It will take several years to recoup the losses of this year, she says. "We would love to know now if we will be able to have a patio for next season. It would alleviate some anxiety, and allow us to plan and prepare for next season. Anything like this is helpful, and hopeful in these uncharted times."

Restaurants Canada is saying up to 60 per cent of those that close their doors will not reopen, she says. "This is scary, but knowing that we could have another patio season gives some hope that we can make it through the pandemic."

# Travellers enjoy free overnight parking on Byron Street

**Penny Coles**  
The Local

Google free overnight parking in Niagara-on-the-Lake for RVs, and you might be surprised to find the address for St. Mark's Anglican Church pop up.

Coun. Gary Burroughs has been questioning why so many RVs are parking overnight on Byron Street, taking up free spaces used by the church and visitors to Simcoe Park.

Even on Tuesday morning, after the long weekend, there was one RV still parked on the street by the church.

It's not surprising, when 41 Byron Street, the address of St. Mark's Church, is mentioned on a popular RV site as a good, free parking spot.

It's behind a park in the historic district of Niagara-on-the-Lake, one comment

says, there are washrooms and picnic tables close by. Another said it's very quiet after sunset.

They also mentioned moving along the street because they weren't crazy about parking beside a cemetery.

On Sunday, when Burroughs went to church, there were four RVs parked on Byron Street, all from Quebec.

"Quebec has some strict limits (because of COVID)," says Burroughs.

"Yet here they are in Niagara-on-the-Lake."

There is also a comment on the same site from RV owners who enjoyed a nice stay on Firelane 1 in NOTL.

Burroughs has asked the Town's planning department about ticketing, but so far the only answer he's received is that there is no ban on parking overnight in unpaved, unmarked areas.



RVs have been a regular fixture on both sides of Byron Street this summer and fall. Coun. Gary Burroughs is hoping for signs banning overnight parking. (Photo supplied)

Twice Burroughs says he has politely asked RV owners to move down the road a bit, to free up the space in front of the entrance to St. Mark's Church, which he attends. One was for a wedding this summer, and the other for the first in-church service

Thanksgiving Sunday.

Both times, the response has also been polite, and the driver has pulled forward on the street, away from the church, he says.

Most, if not all, of the RVs he has seen, have Quebec licence plates.

With COVID rates even higher in Quebec than Ontario, especially in Montreal, "inter-regional travel" from what Quebec calls its "red zones," or hot spots of coronavirus, is not recommended, but is not prohibited.

Burroughs has asked for

signs on the street banning overnight parking on Byron Street, but he's been told there is no bylaw to back that up.

"If I was a hotel owner in town, I wouldn't be happy about free parking for RVs," he says.



# LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: TINA DIAS

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## Welcome Home – A Positive Spin to COVID

I have moved 27 times in pursuit of a feeling of comfort and home only to find it here, in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Born in France and raised by Portuguese parents, I had already lived in 6 different houses before I left home.

My first time living in the Niagara area was on move 13 when I came to Niagara-on-the-Lake from Montreal, to be on the Casino Niagara Opening Team and stayed five years. Initially settling in St. Catharines in 1996, I discovered Niagara-on-the-Lake six months into my stay and made my move to this most beautiful quaint town by the water, initially renting a home on Regent street then buying on The Promenade right next to our Lord Mayor. Living in this area filled my heart with joy. Not only did I have a great job and new friends, I hosted two students from Venezuela for a full school year and found this amazing place called

the Pumphouse where I spent time drawing with other liked minded artists.

For personal reasons, after 5 years here, I left Niagara and headed to Europe only to return a year after living in England to my home in Niagara-on-the-Lake for one more year, this time working for Niagara on the Lake Vintage Inns. I continued moving, back to Europe, then Montreal for an additional 3 moves until I returned to the Niagara area of Port Dalhousie to start my Coaching Business, leaving behind my Executive Corporate job. Not only was I back in Niagara, an area that has always stirred my heart, I was starting a new coaching and women's retreat business and returned to school to complete a Master of Leadership Degree as well. Less than two years later I was off again, needing to be closer to airports for new projects in Africa and Nunavik, South America, US and

Europe that would continue for 9 more years.

I moved an additional six more times before coming back to Niagara-on-the-Lake. When COVID hit, 90% of my work was

halted, and I came to the realization that life was short, and I needed to make a decision with respect to how I really wanted to live. I knew how to work but not so much how

to live. I had been traveling non-stop Facilitating Leadership and Coaching Programs and Coaching others across the globe, but not really living my own life.

With this pause in work, I decided it was time to finally write a book about my 26 moves only to realize as I was writing that my last place of residence, wasn't home. I needed to come home. Even though I was born in France and raised in Montreal, Niagara is home to me. I have never felt like I belonged anywhere

but here.

Move 27, in August was to Niagara-on-the-Lake to continue my one-on-one Human Exploration, Coaching Practice, helping people who are serious about life make the changes they need in their life. I can speak from experience that moving through change is how we grow, yet you don't need to physically move as I did to find your bliss. I am settling in with my garden and chickens, joined the Pumphouse and am looking forward to this new chapter in my life.



Tina Dias, MA, PCC, coaching since 2006.

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# EDITORIAL

## Doing what we're told might avoid further lockdowns

Niagara Region had just one new case of COVID-19 Tuesday, but 16 on Monday.

Ontario's numbers were very different — 746 Tuesday and 807 Monday.

In Niagara there are schools that have reported cases with either staff or students, although not a lot, and there have been outbreaks in long-term care homes recently, although none so far (by Tuesday) in NOTL homes. That could change in a heart beat.

As of Tuesday afternoon, there were five in other areas of Niagara reporting cases of COVID.

Niagara-on-the-Lake numbers are creeping up slowly, with the Region now reporting there have been 47 cases in town, with 2.1 active cases per 10,000 population.

So, while all of that is not great news, it could be worse. We're not Toronto,

Ottawa or Peel.

Restaurants are limited in those regions to pickup and takeout, and other venues such as theatres and gyms have been shut down.

And with 939 new cases in Ontario Friday, and more than 1,500 in Ontario Monday and Tuesday, hospitals are seeing increased admissions.

Across the province there were 72 new school-related cases Tuesday, for a total of 948.

In Niagara, we have been asked, along with the rest of the province, to keep to our own households, and to continue to do so until told otherwise.

For many, it was a quiet, even lonely, Thanksgiving weekend. Lots of Skype or Zoom calls. Fewer turkey dinners although hopefully some people enjoyed Thanksgiving meals offered by local restaurants, many of them still doing pickup and takeout orders.

Although we can still enjoy

a lifestyle that is a little easier than it was during the initial March shutdown, there is no guarantee that will continue. It could get worse.

We need our local businesses. We want them to survive, but as restaurant owners say, if they have to close down again, they may not reopen. That holds true for many businesses which have been devastated by the pandemic. We don't want to see that happen.

And we want to keep ourselves and our families safe.

The best way to ensure our region doesn't end up in the same situation as the three undergoing partial lockdowns, is to do what we're asked.

We need to wear masks, keep our physical distance, wash our hands, and use some common sense. We'd be best to avoid unnecessary activities that will put us in danger, especially when large groups of

people are involved.

We've been enjoying a little bit of new-found freedom, maybe some of us more than we should.

Let's do what we can to ensure it isn't snatched away from us, so we can continue to move forward toward a permanent recovery. Good behaviour brings

us rewards, bad behaviour is rewarded with more shutdowns.

Let's choose wisely.

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



## Auchterlonie on Astrology

**Bill Auchterlonie**  
**Special to The Local**

*The full week of Auchterlonie on Astrology can be found on the Facebook page for The NOTL Local, and on the website <https://www.auchterlonieonastrology.ca>. In Part II of my podcast, thanks to AstroButterfly, we get Mars Retrograde – The Hero's Journey.*

Friday, Oct. 16: The Sun and the Moon are together at 23 degrees of Libra. It's the new Moon. And while it is one of the most difficult new Moons of the year, it is also one of the most action packed. We need a bit of a

push to get our motor running. And it was Oct. 16, 1968 that African-Americans Tommie Smith and Juan Carlos raised their fists, a symbol of Black power, in the Mexico City Olympic Stadium, at the ceremony for winning gold and bronze in the 200-metre running contest. Australian Peter Norman, the silver medalist, stood with the two Americans.

Sunday, Oct. 18: Today, Venus at 18 degrees Virgo is opposite Neptune in Pisces. It's romantic, but also confusing as you search for better feelings, better paths that better reflect the per-

son you have become. It was Oct. 18, 1919 that Pierre Elliott Trudeau was born into a wealthy family. He was the centre of 'Trudeaumania' in the '60s, and was Prime Minister from 1968 to 1979 and again from 1980 to 1984. He invoked the War Measures Act to calm the Separatists in Quebec, and is perhaps most famous for two quotes: "Fuddle-duddle," and, when asked how far he would go to keep law and order, "Just watch me."

And that's Auchterlonie on Astrology for this week. Next week it's the first quarter Moon in Aquarius and more. Until then, shine on!

## LETTERS

### Where were town bylaw officers?

On Sunday, Oct. 11, the 'anti horses brigade' were out with more than 30 people.

May I remind you of the law set by our premier, Doug

Ford, that large gatherings are banned, yet these people were allowed to walk about, block the roads, etc. and not wear masks.

My question is, where was

the bylaw officer?

I had to personally call 911 and get the police down, as your council and town hall did nothing.

I asked some of the protesters why no mask? Their answer was, "don't be stupid, we are outside."

When questioned about large group gatherings, they said nothing but shoved a microphone in my face and shouted, "No more horse-drawn carriages."

I would very much like a reply today. Our shops are being affected in sales, children crying in fear. Police can't act without bylaw there, but they weren't around or were hiding, as I suddenly could not find any when people were out protesting.

**Simon Bental**  
**NOTL**



Few protesters were wearing masks or physical distancing over the weekend. Local merchant asks why Town bylaw officers won't respond. (Photo supplied)

### Pie fundraiser sells out



Offshore worker Baraka Allen helped the NOTL Lions sell Thanksgiving pies last week, including two for Kathy Wall. All 160 pies sold, at \$20 each, with the proceeds going to help local youth participate in sports, and the Lions thanking the community for supporting them in their fundraising endeavour. (Photo supplied)



### View from the couch

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

*My Octopus Teacher* is an engrossing film that closely chronicles a year of the interaction between Craig Foster and a curious

young octopus, who slowly came to trust him. This gentle examination of patience and acceptance will impact on the thinking of all viewers. I believe everyone must experience this sensitive film.

*Donald Combe is a retired English teacher who loves to go to movies. Until he resumes going to theatres, he has graciously agreed to share his opinions, through "short and sweet" exclusives, of Netflix series and movies for The Local.*

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# COMMENT

## Body scan now needed to enter Niagara Gorge



**Owen Bjorgan**  
Special to The Local

Out of pure curiosity and an itch for hiking, my girlfriend and I decided to visit the whirlpool of the Niagara Gorge. This is the long, but scenically-rewarding wooden staircase, which plods its way down to the depths of the gorge.

As remnants of summer vegetation still cover the forest floor, signs cover the entrance to the trail.

There is everything from body scans, to serious rescues, to COVID safety guidelines, to biodiversity issues swirling around down here. The scenario is equally as complex as the Niagara River itself.

Body scans? Yes, you read that correctly. Before we took our first step down the unending stairs, we saw a peculiar wooden post. This is 2020. On top of the post, you see a Wi-Fi or network sort of image. Initially, I was thinking this was a Wi-Fi hotspot for the public, available for all to use in case of an emergency.

I was mistaken. Consider this a public announcement from the woods, if you will.

I'm just the messenger. Your body is being scanned by an infrared detector when you walk into the gorge's whirlpool entrance.

The writing on the wooden post reads: "Inside this post is an infrared trail counter, which allows Niagara Parks to count the number of people who access our trails."

"This information helps improves trail planning and development initiatives and informs future trail management decisions."

It then reads, "Please note that this device is not a camera, and your image is not captured."

Where was the announcement, vote, or agreement on such a feature being installed at a public trailhead? And, where was the grammar with "helps improves"?

Although I have nothing to hide on or within my body, this

was alarming to me on a personal note, and as a local who loves the forests.

The walls of the Niagara Gorge are 420 million years old. The forests down there are said to be one of the top biodiversity hotspots of Canada. These trails have inspired locals and tourists from afar ever since humans called Niagara Falls a tourist destination, and to Aboriginals current and prior.

I arrived to hike the gorge on another recent date, only to find a blaring scenario.

I see rescue vehicles with flashing lights piled up around the whirlpool entrance. The parking lot there is full to the brim. I then also notice that I've run out of free parking as a local, as new signage, which encourages the use of a specific app to pay for parking, is steadfast in the ground.

The previously low-key parking lot across from the golf course is now a paid station, too. The metal staircase parking area is dangerously full as well. There are folks slowly lapping the parking lot, waiting to see if someone pulls out of their parking spot.

Upon arrival, the main trail map is covered with arrows to show which specific direction to walk on the trails. I've never seen this before, either. And I have hiked a lot of trails, locally and internationally.

There is something eerie going on regarding the triangle between the public, governing bodies, and nature. I can't help but focus on it, because the safety of our ecosystems, at this rate, ultimately depends on how our burgeoning human population treats it.

More rescues than any year in recent history. Paid parking becomes implemented for the entirety of the gorge. Arrows on the trails, and an infrared body scan before entering the whirlpool trailhead. Oh, and you might need an app for this hike.

Are people flocking to nature and our Niagara trails at a hyper-local scale? If that's the case, then I feel like the sheer number of people simply leads to more rescues, less social distancing, and sometimes, negative impacts on biodiversity.

When we continually remove the modest remaining green spaces in NOTL, we disrupt habitat corridors and areas

of rest for coyotes. So, when they are displaced and show up in NOTL's suburbs, they have become the villains. They are misbehaving in our territory as a result of consequences they can't control.

My theory is this: coyotes lost habitat, and humans lost social hobbies and constructs. So, we now take what is available, in a new and experimental sort of age. We try hiking and checking out the gorge on a weekend for the first time, and we are maximizing our travel opportunities within the area.

To continue my theory, we're now seen as the coyotes who show up in the backyard and can't behave themselves. Therefore, we apparently require paid parking, permits, a body scan and an app to best respect the 420 million-year-old gorge.

I don't have all the answers, but what I can say is that I believe several profound events can't happen to one area without per-

petual repercussions, often being referred to as "the new normal."

I suppose I just miss the simplicity of wanting to go for a fabulous world-class hike in Niagara.

At 27 years old, I find myself

saying, "we used to just pull up, walk down, climb some boulders, find a snake or two, maybe fish, and then head back home for dinner. And we did it without an infrared body scan or an app."

In my humble opinion, this makes nature that little bit less accessible. Our relationship with our natural heritage is at stake. What's your relationship with it all?



This stunning early fall visual of the Niagara Gorge is a biodiversity and public conversation at once, says Owen Bjorgan. (Owen Bjorgan)

## LETTERS

### When is a right just wrong

ner, interfering with others was considered vagrancy, subject to a fine. Shouting at the top of your lungs, particularly through a megaphone, would have been considered disturbing the peace and, after disbanding this activity by police, also subject to a fine. Defacing property, whether public or private, was considered a crime, also subject to arrest, or fine.

Peace officers, or police, were respected. When they told you to move along, you did. When they told you to stop, you did. There was no room for debate – it was clear. Have your opinion, but don't use it to threaten, impose, disturb or otherwise disrupt, peaceful co-existence. Otherwise you suffered the consequences of your behaviour, which included a wide range of options, none of which was negotiating which side's opinion mattered more. And, if I recall correctly, a permit was needed to protest. It was not a willy-nilly activity that could be done anywhere, anytime on anyone's whim. Some permits were even denied. Or, if granted and then the rules agreed upon were not followed once issued, one per-

mit was the single chance given. Imagine that!

Freedom of speech was defined by the notion that everyone had the right to an opinion, as long as they did not try to forcefully impose it on others. And everyone had the right to their own opinion, outside of hateful, belligerent opinions. But they did not have the right to constantly berate others with their opinion. My gosh! Is that the definition of a respectful society?

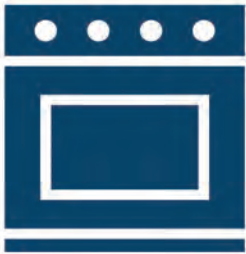
But now we live in a world where self-importance, self-absorption, entitlement and narcissistic bullies have become the cornerstones of society. All display the behaviour of people with nothing better to do but disturb others. This seems to have replaced the better definition of freedom of speech where one's right does not trump another's (no pun intended).

These days the definition of freedom of speech seems to be the absolute right to impose your own opinion on others, as loudly and forcefully as possible, in order to totally interfere with their lives (and livelihood), with complete and total disregard. Where

one's (read that "my") opinion, regardless of accuracy or truthfulness, is more important than any other opinion — absolutely! This is done on the sole premise that it is "my" opinion and therefore "my" right! A huge leap of logic. When did the rights of a few, usurp the rights of all others? It would seem such an attitude promotes a behaviour that is intended to crush everyone else's right to enjoy a peaceful, tranquil life in a town where they live and pay taxes. Seems odd – but that's just my opinion.

Oh, did I mention that on a recent trip to Krakow, Poland (before COVID), my wife and I watched the pleasure of individuals taking carriage rides selected from a line of about 25 beautifully dressed carriages, pulled by teams of well-cared for and groomed horses, without a single protester or megaphone in sight. People went about their lives, minding their own business, and everyone had smiles on their faces — I dare say, even the horses. It was blissful. What has happened to us here?

**R. Jorgensen**  
NOTL



Starting October 19, 2020

### DISCONTINUATION OF CURBSIDE APPLIANCES AND METAL COLLECTION

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# Virgil home a Princess Margaret lottery prize

**Mike Balsom**  
Special to The Local

An instant millionaire will be taking possession of a brand new house in Virgil in November.

Located on a corner lot in the new Vines of Niagara development off Concession 4, 18 Annmarie Drive will be awarded to one lucky winner in the annual Princess Margaret Home Lottery. Unless you've already purchased a ticket, though, you are out of luck. The lottery sold out prior to its early bird deadline.

This year's NOTL prize follows one that was awarded last year in Prince Edward County. Ramona Oss, vice-president of Lotteries with the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation, says offering a prize in Niagara-on-the-Lake is part of an ongoing effort to surprise and delight the foundation's supporters.

"We like to bring our supporters a diverse geographical offering," Oss says. "We couldn't think of a better place, or a better way to do that, than a show home in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The wineries, the bike trails, golf courses, and the Shaw Festival. It's perfect."

The prize home has been built by Woodcastle Homes, the developer behind the entire subdivision being constructed on Paradise Grove.

"You don't just get the home, it comes completely furnished and decorated," says Oss. "They really did a wonderful job of bringing in elements of wine country. He (Woodcastle project manager Bruce Cromie) has these beautiful wine barrel tops as wall decor. And there's a master retreat with a home office, which is perfect for these (COVID-19) times."

The 2,063 square foot home with two bedrooms and two bathrooms also features 16-foot cathedral ceilings in the kitchen, dining and family rooms. The finishings include engineered white oak hardwood floors throughout, a three-sided contemporary glass fireplace with a TV niche, gold accented plumbing fixtures, a frameless glass shower, wood and glass railings, and a beautiful composite deck in the backyard. The gas barbecue comes with the house, as does an extra \$35,000 in cash to take the total prize value up to the million dollar mark.

The grand prize in this year's Princess Margaret Home Lottery is valued at \$6 million, including a 7,500 square foot house in Oakville, a Porsche Taycan 4S to go in the garage, and \$1 million in cash. There is also a modern, 3,000 square



The new, fully-furnished home at 18 Annmarie Dr. in Virgil is part of a sold-out lottery prize that will make someone an instant millionaire. (Photos supplied)

foot house valued at \$2.7 million up for grabs, and a condo worth \$1 million, both in Toronto. More prizes, including cars and vacations, can be seen on [princessmargaretlotto.com](http://princessmargaretlotto.com).

The lottery is a major fundraiser for the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, located on University Avenue in Toronto. "Over 25 years," says Oss, "the program has raised over \$400 million. Our goal for this year is bigger than last year. For 2019, the lottery delivered over \$40 million. It's a really important program for our researchers. We wouldn't be able to call ourselves one of the top five cancer research centres in the world without our lottery program."

Oss adds that the funds from the Home Lottery are considered undesignated, meaning that they are not earmarked for one specific application. "The lottery fuels innovation," she says, "and it funds programs like immunotherapy and our clinical trials, which are key to discovering novel new therapies that change the outcomes not only for Ontarians but also for Canadians and cancer patients around the world. This year's proceeds will go to our top priorities."

The hospital sees about 18,000 new patients each year, and some of them are, of course, from the Niagara area. In fact, on the Princess Margaret website, you can read about a young mother from Pelham, Laura Montgomery, who credits her diagnosis of stage 4 metastatic breast cancer and her subsequent treatment at the cancer centre for keeping her alive today.

"The type of cancer



centre we are," says Oss, "we treat some of the most complicated cancers. The breadth and the scope of our work is borderless. Undoubtedly, there would be a number of people, unfortunately, from Niagara-on-the-Lake, who would

be referred to Princess Margaret every year."

Oss is not surprised the 550,000 tickets are already sold out. "Certainly this pandemic has shown all of us the importance of health care and research. I would say that people are

right now especially keen to support health care. Even though we are in the middle of a pandemic, they realize that cancer does not go away."

Due to the pandemic, she adds, none of the show homes at stake for the lot-

tery, including the one in NOTL, are open this fall for viewing. Grand prize and 50-50 winners will be announced live on CP24's Breakfast Show on Oct. 22. A full list of winners will be published on the lottery website a week later.



# Lions wrap up burger sales with \$20,000 to spend

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

The St. Davids Lions have wrapped up their Friday evening burger barbecue fundraiser, making \$20,000 to support community projects.

Lion Ed Pittman, with his wife Sue, took on the organization of the event to help make the service club a little money. The Lions had

to cancel their annual carnival and popular fish fries because of the pandemic, and Lion Joe Typer came up with the idea of a drive-through burger pick-up, which proved to be more successful than they could have imagined, says Pittman.

Their final barbecue of the season was “phenomenal,” he says. “A huge number of people showed up,

since it was the last night. We ran out of burgers, so we had to close up early.”

They had about 35 vehicles left in line when they closed, and once they ran out of beef for burgers, they offered peameal or hot dogs, and gave away extra fries to make up for the wait time.

“Everybody was absolutely fine about it, just taking what we had left. We’ve had such wonderful sup-

port from the community. They’ve been fabulous for all 11 weeks. It was a good turnout every week, we had good weather, the volunteers were great, and we got a system down that worked really well for us.”

Some of the money raised has already gone to help pay for a service dog, and also for a food program for kids, says Pittman.

The Leos wanted to pitch

in, and “were absolutely fantastic. We had five or six Leos every week, taking orders, delivering food to vehicles, and doing a lot of running. They would do whatever jobs came up,” he says. “It was good to have some young kids helping out.”

The next fundraiser for the club is a return to the fish fries in November, says Pittman. Club members are already working on how to

manage them safely, likely keeping the orders simple because they will have fewer volunteers in the kitchen.

The fish and chips will be delivered to vehicles in a drive-through, similar to the way the burgers were, he says.

“We’re in discussion now. We usually do them from November to April or May. As soon as we get it figured out, we’ll rock and roll.”



St. Davids Leo Zoe Abraham helps deliver food during one of the Lions burger barbecues. (Penny Coles)



LEO Jason Christie delivers an order to a barbecue guest. During the 11 weeks, Leos received more than \$900 in donations for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide program.



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# Simpson's offers drive-through flu shots, as available

**Penny Coles**  
The Local

Entering flu season in the midst of a pandemic is definitely motivating people to get their flu shot early, says pharmacist Sean Simpson.

"In past years there has always been some level of excitement, but it's usually later in October," he says.

This year, he started earlier, and is seeing more demand.

"The big concern is availability. I'm hoping that doesn't become an issue."

Simpson is offering a drive-through service to avoid crowding in the pharmacy, and it's turned out to be a popular option, but the number of appointments is dependent on the number of vaccines he receives.

He is using space in the rear parking lot, and has

"crafted a system that seems to work so far. It's been pretty smooth."

Weather has been mostly cooperative, and he's hoping for a stretch of continued nice weather, he says. "Howling winds and rain would make it difficult. We've been lucky so far, other than a bit of rain. We're looking at using a tent if we need to, doing things on the fly and preparing for pretty much anything."

The positive response has been very welcome, he said, making it easier for people to physical distance by staying in their vehicle for the waiting time necessary after they've received their shot.

Simpson recommends going online at <https://simpsonspharmacy.ca> to make an appointment for the drive-through behind the Niagara Medical Clinic, or inside at the King Street pharmacy.



Pharmacist Sean Simpson makes a drive-through visit to the vehicles of Lord Mayor Betty Disero and MPP Wayne Gates. (Photos supplied)



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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) No. 17 Glendale District Plan

Niagara Region will hold a Public Meeting pursuant to Section 17 of the *Planning Act R.S.O. 1990*, as amended, to discuss an amendment to the Regional Official Plan to add policy related to the vision and key directions of the Glendale District Plan.

### PROPOSED CHANGE

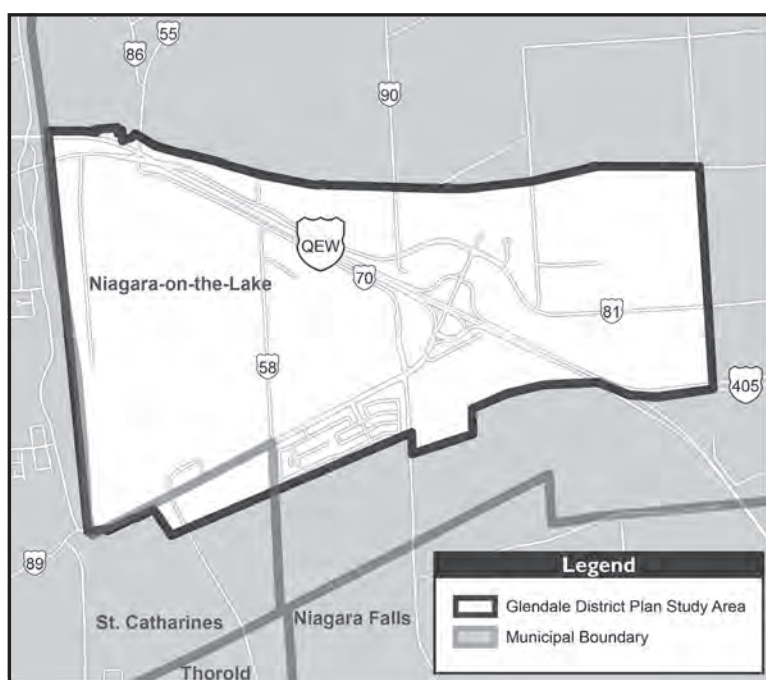
Niagara Region's Council recently endorsed the Glendale District Plan on Sept. 17, 2020. This endorsement confirms the vision and commitment to Glendale becoming a mixed use, vibrant and complete community. The next step to implementing the District Plan is a Regional Official Plan Amendment to incorporate the vision and direction into the Regional Official Plan.

The proposed amendment includes policy to implement the vision for Glendale, the nine key directions to achieve the vision and outlines the additional work required for success of the Plan. This amendment will also ensure that future decisions within the Glendale area are consistent with the vision and direction of the District Plan.

More information on the Glendale District Plan can be found at: [niagararegion.ca/projects/glendale-niagara-district-plan/](https://niagararegion.ca/projects/glendale-niagara-district-plan/)

### LOCATION

The Glendale study area located primarily with the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, with a small portion of the south west area falling within the City of St. Catharines. The study area is approximately 700 hectares generally bound by Queenston Road to the north, the Niagara Escarpment to the south, Concession 7 Road to the east, and the Welland Canal to the west. The QEW bisects the study area and includes the Glendale Ave interchange.



### PUBLIC MEETING

This Public Meeting is being held during Niagara Region's Planning and Economic Development Committee under the provisions of *Section 17 of the Planning Act*, as follows:

**DATE:** Monday, Nov. 9, 2020

**TIME:** 1 p.m.

**LOCATION:** This meeting will be held virtually

A copy of the proposed amendment, information and materials related to the amendment are available at [niagararegion.ca/ROPA17](https://niagararegion.ca/ROPA17).

Due to efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to protect all individuals, the Council Chamber at Regional Headquarters will not be open to the public to attend Committee meetings until further notice. To view a live-stream meeting proceedings, *without the ability to provide oral submissions*, please visit [niagararegion.ca/government/council](https://niagararegion.ca/government/council)

### HAVE YOUR SAY

Public input on ROPA 17 is welcomed and encouraged. During this time, written comments are the preferred method of receiving public input. Written comments may be sent by mail or email. You can also provide oral input by joining the electronic meeting.

**WRITTEN SUBMISSION:** To provide written input, please either mail your comments to the Office of the Regional Clerk, Niagara Region, 1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Ontario, L2V 4T7 or [clerk@niagararegion.ca](mailto:clerk@niagararegion.ca) by 9 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 6, 2020.

**ORAL SUBMISSION:** To provide input orally at the remote public meeting, please pre-register with the Regional Clerk [clerk@niagararegion.ca](mailto:clerk@niagararegion.ca) before 9 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 6, 2020. All registrants will be provided with instructions on how to use your computer, tablet or phone to participate in the remote electronic Public Meeting. Registrants will be notified of Council's Decision.

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, contact Kirsten McCauley, Senior Planner at 905-980-6000 ext. 3532 or [kirsten.mccauley@niagararegion.ca](mailto:kirsten.mccauley@niagararegion.ca).

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If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of Niagara Region on the proposed official plan amendment, you must make a written request to the Regional Clerk c/o Regional Clerk, Niagara Region, 1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, P.O. Box 1042, Thorold, Ontario L2V 4T7, or [clerk@niagararegion.ca](mailto:clerk@niagararegion.ca). Such requests must include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

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If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of Niagara Region to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Regional Clerk before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Niagara Region before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Notice issued October 15, 2020.



# Soldiers march from Fort George to Queenston Heights, and back again

**Kim Wade**  
Special to The Local

Back in 2012, Sgt. Ryan Clark, Quartermaster of the 49th British Grenadiers Reenactment Group, participated in the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Queenston Heights. Included in the commemoration was a march from Fort George to Queenston Heights, the same march British forces would have undertaken to reinforce Queenston after the American forces invaded the area.

Anticipating such an attack, Major General Sir Isaac Brock stationed British troops at strategic locations along the river. On Oct. 13, 1812, the news of the American invasion reached Fort George. Brock left on horseback to take command of the British forces at Queenston. The Americans captured the Redan Battery and Brock was killed leading a counterattack to regain this strategic location.

British Major General Roger Hale Sheaffe arrived with reinforcements from Fort George. These troops marched the 10-kilometre trek from the fort to Queenston to join the battle. As Clark explains, “upon their arrival, they climbed to the top of Queenston Heights and different British units (49th and 41st) along with Canadian units (2nd Regiment of York Volunteers) and Native Allies fought

against the invading U.S. forces.” Eventually, the American army collapsed and surrendered.

The historical texts end the battle there, with tallies of dead soldiers and American prisoners, but Clark believed that was not the end of the story for the soldiers. After participating in the anniversary march he felt more connected to the soldiers who had fought in the battle 200 years ago. Those troops that marched from Fort George to Queenston, fought a battle, won a victory, then marched back to the fort.

Clark, who has been involved in reenactments for more than 20 years, decided to do the march again solo in 2017. He recalls, “The first year was just me seeing if I could do it, and if it was a viable thing that others would do.” He had only planned to recreate the march from Fort George to Queenston as they had done in 2012, but being on his own, once he made it to the top, he then had to turn around and march back to Fort George.

Since then, Clark has been joined by other participants who have also made the annual trek from Fort George to Queenston Heights and back, wearing their full uniforms, complete with wool trousers, tunics and carrying their muskets. In past years, he was happy to welcome any and all participants to the event, but this year Clark

capped the number at 15 to observe pandemic precautions and physical distancing. “This might be the only event some reenactors do this year, so I wanted to make sure some could participate.”

For this year’s march, he was joined by members of different reenactment groups from across Ontario, including Samuel Challen, Harrison Burrill, Thomas Taplay, Rob McGuire, Abel Land, Jody Ethridge, Zane Scott, Jordan Kipp, James McFarlane, Joel Culliford, Craig Burney, and Susan Piper aided by two support vehicles driven by Virginia Hurley and Leigh Ann Culliford. There was also one lone American soldier, Thomas Walters, who, according to Clark, “paddled from the U.S. to the Canadian coastline but never touched land.”

The group left Fort George shortly after 9 a.m. on Saturday, took a short rest at McFarland House, then on to the Queenston World War memorial and a detour to the docks to set eyes on their American “foe” before ascending to Queenston Heights.

They arrived at their destination shortly before 1 p.m., where they enjoyed a rest and some lunch (tack) before making the 10-kilometre trek back to the fort.

During the break, reenactor and ex-military Jody Ethridge, described the physical and philosophical



Sgt. Ryan Clark (left), Quartermaster of the 49th British Grenadiers Reenactment Group, leads soldiers to Queenston Heights, where they take a break before making the return march. (Photos by Kim Wade)

meaning of the march for him. “It is one thing to read about it in a history book, but to actually put on the gear and march here and fight a full battle and march back — they were made of some pretty stern stuff.”

Clark added that the soldiers of 1812 did not have the luxury of a nice paved pathway, stairs, and support vehicles.

In the shadow of Brock’s monument, the troops turn in formation to begin the march back to Fort George. For Clark, it is this return trip

that holds the greater significance. Remembering when he first descended from Queenston Heights as a lone soldier in 2017, he becomes more reflective. “The march back came to symbolize those that did not make the march back; that made the ultimate sacrifice,” he laments. “I came to honour those that couldn’t return.”

He adds, “We do it for those that couldn’t.” One can imagine battle weary soldiers in heavy wool tunics burdened with the weight of their gear, the

weight of the souls of their lost comrades upon them.

“It is important to remember those that fought and died defending Canada,” says Clark. “We would not be Canadians now without those who defended Canada back in 1812. I hope to teach people along the way about what happened here over 200 years ago, and to be proud of being Canadian.”

Clark encourages anyone who is interested in this or other reenacting events to go to this website ([www.recruiting.crownforces.ca](http://www.recruiting.crownforces.ca)).



Jody Ethridge (left) is among a group of reenactors who make the trek from Fort George to Queenston Heights and back again, to recognize the soldiers who fought and won the Battle of Queenston Heights Oct. 13, 1812.



Reenactors begin the long return march along the Niagara River Parkway to Fort George, wearing full uniforms and carrying their gear.



# Churches offer services during pandemic

**Penny Coles**  
The Local

Niagara churches, shut down from in-person services in March, were permitted to re-open in mid-June.

In Niagara-on-the-Lake, many continued to hold only online services, which they had moved to out of necessity, others organized outdoor services, and some have invited their congregation to worship inside their churches once they felt they could do it safely.

Cornerstone Community Church, like most others, chose to continue online-only services while working out protocols to worship safely in person.

During the summer, the church moved to outdoor worship, using its Hunter Road property to allocate spaces for families to gather, remaining in their own circle while they enjoyed weekly Sunday morning services and the music that is so much a part of them.

But last Sunday morning, while a beautiful fall day, was a little too chilly, says lead pastor Kevin Bayne, and plans are being made to move safely inside for the first time this Sunday.

"We can't count on the weather any more," he says.

Families planning to attend are being asked to pre-register online, as they did for the outdoor services, and all protocols, from the Province and Region, will be followed.

Churches are permitted to fill their sanctuaries with up to 30 per cent of capacity, and Bayne says he believes they can do that at Cornerstone without turning people away.

Services continue to be livestreamed, and many parishioners are choosing to continue watching online, he says.

"We'll be at less than 30 per cent capacity with a cap of 150 people, and will meet or exceed every public health guideline."

Pre-COVID Sunday mornings would typically bring in 450 people, and up to 650 at Christmas and other special services, says Bayne, but he doesn't expect to get to those numbers.

"There are still people who are a little hesitant to gather inside. We'll keep our ear to the ground to see if that is changing."

If more people express interest in attending, he adds, "we can look at doing two services, with cleaning in between."

While some churches are choosing to eliminate singing, Cornerstone hasn't made that move — music is a big part of its service.

People leading the music are physically distancing, and indoors, will be on stage, he says.

Everyone else is in a "household group," distanced from other groups, and wearing masks.

"We may ask people to sing less forcefully," he says.

Cornerstone, like some other churches in the area, con-

tinues to broadcast to residents of Pleasant Manor, so they can watch their weekly church service on their television.

"A lot of Niagara-on-the-Lake churches are doing that," he says. "We have found most seniors are able to get it."

Most seniors have not been attending outdoor sessions, and instead participate in online services. "We've had a really good response from seniors," says Bayne.

"We've been livestreaming services for a couple of years now," he adds, and many seniors have family who have helped set them up with iPads so they can watch online.

When the pandemic closed churches, says Bayne, "online was seamless for us."

While parishioners are missing coffee time and socializing after church, he adds, he's noticed many families chatting after the service, keeping their distance and wearing masks. Socializing, however, "is certainly diminished."

Some small groups have continued gathering outside of church, he says.

Socializing is "part of the fabric of our faith community, and one of the things we're grieving as a loss. We're definitely looking forward to getting back to that."

However, he adds, out of necessity, "the pandemic has sparked a lot of creativity, and that is helping people through it."

The United Mennonite Church on Niagara Stone Road, or Red Brick Church as it's more often called, began holding indoor, in-person services since Sept. 13.

"We wanted to be cautious and develop a plan to get people in and out safely," says lead pastor Daniel Janzen.

Capacity of the church is "just shy of 300," he says, and right now they've capped their numbers at 50 "while we get our bearings. We haven't quite hit that number of 50. Many continue to watch it online."

Pre-COVID services would have attracted 80 to 90 people, says Janzen.

"We've had a mixed reaction from our seniors. Some of them are more comfortable with participating in events as a group, and have returned. Others are more cautious and continue to watch online."

The Red Brick Church is also streaming services to Pleasant Manor, he says.

"We are blessed to have Cogeco access to a time slot, so people can watch it on their regular Cogeco channel. And kids are helping their parents figure it out."

While most of their fellowship is outside, "it's getting a little more difficult as the days get cooler," he says.

"We're looking at different ways, such as through Zoom, to offer social time. In the meantime, we're thankful for looser restrictions that allow us to



At Cornerstone Community Church, outside services allowed musicians to self-distance, and families to stay in their circles. Their last outside service was Thanksgiving Sunday, and similar protocols will be followed when they move inside this Sunday. (Photos supplied)

gather. It's wonderful to be able to gather again, while being very conscious of keeping people safe."

The church alternates Sundays for German and English services, and some people go to both, he says. They are encouraged to pre-register, but if they don't, they won't be turned away, as long as they don't exceed the cap.

Coun. Gary Burroughs, a long-time member of St. Mark's Anglican Church, was able to sit in the sanctuary, surrounded by parishioners, for the first time this Sunday.

It felt very different than pre-COVID, "but really good to be back"

Burroughs is accustomed to attending church alone — his wife Sarah prefers the mid-week service — but he has a group of people he traditionally sits with. That wasn't happening Sunday. He had friends around him, but at a distance.

"Normally I'd always be in the same seat, sitting with the same gang. This time, there were people around me, but there were only two people to a pew, in every other pew."

A crew of organizers have done a good job of ensuring services can be held safely, including seating people at a distance. "Everybody is really appreciative of the job they've done," he says.

Sunday was a "soft opening," with a cap on 50 people, "and it was terrific."

Typically there would be maybe 80 at a regular service, but some members are still not comfortable attending and are watching on YouTube, he says, which will continue.

One change organizers will look at for next week, Burroughs says, is allowing for family groups to sit together, staying in their own bubble.

There are no hymn books in sight, and singing is not allowed, although the organist plays and the minister, Rev. Peter Wall, "who has a really great voice,"

sang some hymns. Everyone else hums, says Burroughs.

Despite the changes, Burroughs said, "being back in church is a great feeling. Everyone is happy to be back, and feeling safe."

Regional Coun. Gary Zalepa, one of the volunteers who helped organize a safe reopening, agrees.

The committee "did a lot of great work to make people feel safe," he says.

About the same number of those who returned Sunday chose to watch it live online, he says, with 40 people attending in person, and 38 participating remotely Sunday morning.

"We've heard lots of comments from people looking forward to coming to church," he says. "Many have the appetite for getting back to seeing people, and others are not comfortable with that yet."

What really surprised him, however, was seeing 160 people have watched the service since, indicating not only is the St. Mark's congregation adjusting well to the changes brought on by COVID, the online availability is increasing the number of people who choose to experience the church service.

Zalepa was also doing the camera work for the online recording of the service, but feels the quality of the recording is lacking.

"I'll have to improve on that," he says. "There is so much we all have to learn during COVID."

St. Davids-Queenston United Church continues to offer online services only. They are recorded on Wednesday, uploaded to the church's YouTube channel, then shared with the congregation for viewing "together while apart" on Sunday morning, says congregational and church board chair Steve Hardaker.

"We are averaging about 90 views a week."

The church has a committee working on the resumption



of in-person worship meeting regularly, working on a plan to reintroduce indoor services. "At present, a date has not been mentioned, as we want to ensure our church is equipped and volunteers trained."

Julie Hunter, of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, says Thanksgiving Sunday was their first in-person service since the start of the pandemic, with all the protocols in place to make the congregation as safe and comfortable as possible.

They had 30 people in the church, allowing people in their bubbles to share boxes, but with some boxes and pews closed off. People were asked to reserve a space, and fill out forms with the "usual questions" about symptoms, contact with others and travelling, and the morning went "nice and smoothly," she says. "The feedback was good."

There is a door to enter and a door to exit, and circle stickers on the new carpet to indicate distancing and flow of traffic, says Hunter.

The maximum they're allowing at the moment is 40 people, testing it with a small number for now to ensure everyone feels comfortable, Hunter says.

"We have a retirement congregation, and a lot of people don't feel comfortable. They can watch it on Facebook or YouTube."

To be there in person, she adds, "feels like a little bit of normality."

It was nice to see the faces of church members again, and for Rev. Virginia Head to have people in the church to preach to, says Hunter.

There is no singing, but there is a "praise team" of three at the front of the church, and the organist to accompany them.

"Music and singing is such a huge part of the service. That part might take a while to get used to," she says.

In the meantime, as long as nothing changes on the provincial or local level, "we'll keep doing what we're doing."



## LOCAL HAPPENINGS



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Canadian soprano Allison Cecilia Arends (left) solos in Music Niagara's *Last Night of the Proms*, recorded at Chateau des Charmes, with a 15-piece orchestra conducted by Sabatino Vacca, and featuring Atis Bankas. (Photo supplied)

## Music Niagara wraps up festival

**Mike Balsom**  
Special to The Local

With two final concerts broadcast this Thanksgiving weekend, Music Niagara Festival closed out its 2020 At Home Series with a mix of virtuoso musicianship and comedy.

Festival general manager Karen Lade is quick to point out, however, that more is to come over the next couple of months. The yearly Remembrance Day and Christmas celebrations are still being planned, and will, of course, move to an online format as well.

Though both she and artistic director Atis Bankas missed being able to host live events in person, they are happy with the new opportunities going virtual has offered. For one, for the first time, all of this season's concerts remain available to watch on Music Niagara's website and YouTube channel.

The At Home Series was made possible by a generous matching challenge of \$10,000 last March from Carol and David Appel, who have been long-time supporters of Music Niagara. Looking to next year, the Appels have offered another matching challenge of \$10,000 for the music festival. Donations, which will help fund its 22nd season, can be received under this challenge until Dec. 4.

Lade points as well to a successful partnership with Niagara College, whose broadcasting - radio, television and film department professionally recorded each of the 15 concerts this year.

Peter Vandenberg, coordinator of the broadcasting program, thanks former Niagara College board chair John Scott for connecting him with the festival. "The opportunity to work with Music Niagara and record

world class musicians has been incredible," enthuses Vandenberg. "This is experiential learning at its finest, and has provided our students another unique opportunity to be creative and apply the skills they've learned in our broadcast program. This At Home Series allowed us to focus on audio recording techniques and live multi-camera production."

Lade is also appreciative that for each program the venues, including Chateau des Charmes, Pondview Estate Winery, the McArthur Estate and Queen's Landing, were offered free of charge. It's a show of support from the community that was invaluable, she says.

As for the two concerts last weekend, British expats will feel right at home while watching Music Niagara's *Last Night of the Proms*, recorded on a beautiful, sunny afternoon at Chateau des Charmes Winery.

The BBC Proms, formerly the Henry Wood Promenade Concerts, are a British tradition dating back to 1895. The 'Last Night' part of the title refers to the finale of the eight-week summer season of daily orchestral concerts, most of which are held at the Royal Albert Hall and aired by the UK's national broadcaster.

For the Music Niagara event, the orchestra is conducted by Sabatino Vacca, and features Canadian soprano Allison Cecilia Arends as soloist. Adding a bit of British authenticity, Niagara Falls comedian David Green, an expat himself, hosts the event.

Arends kicks things off with a wonderful rendition of *God Save the Queen*, and later takes a run at *Poor Wand'ring One* from the musical *Pirates of Penzance*. And, if you're a Liverpool Soccer Club fan, you'll probably want to sing along with her ver-

sion of *You'll Never Walk Alone*, which has become the club's theme song.

Green, Niagara's king of the one-liner, ties things together throughout, with a bit of comedy and some background about the song selections. The Nottingham native hosts the event wearing his Union Jack sweater. "I don't get up there and just do puns," he tells The Local. "My job is to just keep the flow going in between, keep it light-hearted. I'll make observations in between and make jokes about things that have just happened."

Conductor Vacca is the founder, artistic director, and chorus master of the newly formed Southern Ontario Lyric Opera, as well as the music director of the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra and the Milton Philharmonic Orchestra. The 15-piece orchestra put together by Vacca and Atis Bankas includes some of Vacca's colleagues, members of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and local Niagara musicians affiliated with Music Niagara.

The program includes many of the usual, tried and true Proms staples, such as *Rule Britannia*, and Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance*. Bankas plays a beautiful solo on the R. Vaughan Williams classic, *The Lark Ascending*. It's a mix of the intimate and the regal for which the Proms has come to be known. You might want to prepare the tea and crumpets before sitting down to enjoy the show.

The final entry in the 2020 At Home Series is a tribute to perhaps the most important jazz album ever recorded. Released in 1959, the Miles Davis masterpiece, *Kind of Blue*, still stands today as one of the best albums ever made. Though it fell from number 12 to number 31 on

this month's update of Rolling Stone Magazine's best albums of all time (it is the first jazz album on the list), it remains a landmark recording that still defines the jazz genre today.

One of Canada's finest trumpet players, Steve McDade leads a talented band featuring Perry White on tenor saxophone, John Johnson on alto sax, Adrean Farrugia on piano, Scott Alexander on bass, and Brian Barlow on drums. The sextet rips through the well-known jazz classics *So What*, *Freddie Freeloader* and *Flamenco Sketches*, as well as other numbers from the jazz legend's repertoire.

As with *Last Night of the Proms*, comedy is also a part of this final show. To keep things light-hearted, popular NOTL comedian Joe Pillitteri makes his second appearance in the At Home Series as host of the event, recorded at the beautiful McArthur Estate on John Street.

Summing up the season, Lade says, "we have had to be inventive and rise to the occasion. From the beginning of the pandemic, we worked hard to connect and support everyone. That includes not only our dedicated audiences, but also our patrons and sponsors and of course, our musicians, and the brilliant students who take part in our annual Performance Academy."

She adds, "the At Home Series has reached a much larger audience than our live season, and we have engaged and employed over 80 artists during a time when many are out of work. It's been a huge success."

To see *Last Night of the Proms*, *Kind of Blue*, or any of the other Music Niagara Festival programs from this year, visit [musicniagara.org](http://musicniagara.org) or the Music Niagara YouTube page.

## LOCAL WORSHIP



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- Across:**

  - 1 Unorthodox religion
  - 5 Whip
  - 10 Fashion and lifestyle magazine
  - 14 "Houston, we've had a problem ..."
  - 15 To pray, to Ovid
  - 16 Israeli prime minister, 1969 - 1974
  - 17 Test or boob?
  - 18 Giver
  - 19 "Terrible" leader
  - 20 Chop Springsteen into pieces for many retailers
  - 23 Fly ball trajectories
  - 24 Hate
  - 25 --- Smith, Empress of the Blues
  - 28 Compel
  - 30 Boiling mad
  - 31 Harmless simpleton
  - 32 Janes, who could be anyone
  - 36 Comedian's date
  - 37 Spreads into a battle line
  - 40 Winter bug
  - 41 Suddenly lose it
  - 43 Filth
  - 44 "--- Body?" (Dorothy L. Sayers)
  - 46 Pass into disuse
  - 48 Topes
- Down:**

  - 1 Budgetary reductions
  - 2 "I refuse!"
  - 3 Gray wolf
  - 4 "--- is a foreign country ..." (L P Hartley, "The Go-Between")
  - 5 Dress top
  - 6 Smooths
  - 7 Summoned the servants
  - 8 Foam clog
  - 9 Tendency of like to beget like
  - 10 Gave off
  - 11 Pre-lunch reception
  - 12 All Cretans, according to
- Epimenides
  - 13 Physicist --- Mach
  - 21 Asked nosy questions
  - 22 Middle of wine vat is a dry area
  - 25 Major Leagues
  - 26 The Emerald Isle
  - 27 Narrative of heroic exploits
  - 28 Fellini's "La --- Vita"
  - 29 Castle
  - 31 PCs' "brains"
  - 33 Baum's Land ---
  - 34 Otherwise
  - 35 Goes to law
  - 38 Maximilian and Charlemagne
  - 39 Avowed
  - 42 Poster
  - 45 --- one: golfers' dreams
  - 47 Astern
  - 48 Circus center
  - 49 Strand
  - 50 Professor Henry's protégé
  - 51 Portable chair
  - 52 Star who wanted to be let alone
  - 54 Elliptical
  - 55 Reminder
  - 56 Fast-food option
  - 57 "The Heat ---" (Glenn Frey)
  - 58 Crux

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OBITUARY

**SUTHERLAND, DOUGLAS LEURAN**—Peacefully, at NHS-St. Catharines Site on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 79 years of age. Beloved husband of Sandra (nee McBane) for 57 years. Proud Dad of Lisa Mustard, the late Drew (2015) and Todd. Poppa to Matthew and Shannon. Dear brother of Evelyn Brown and the late Ruby Steed. Doug will be missed by his best friend, Doug, extended family members and neighbors. He was a clown, Toby, in the NOTL Santa Claus Parade for 10 years. He was always helping others by taking care of yard work whether it be cutting the grass, raking leaves or gathering twigs and such and taking them to the burn pile in his wheelbarrow. His concern for others ran deep; he helped many families in Cuba with used bicycles, clothing and tools. He enjoyed the hunt of searching for bottles to add to his collection along with being a "scraper" in the metal trade. In keeping with Doug's wishes, a private family service will be held. Cremation has taken place and we would like to thank Considerate Cremation & Burial Services. Arrangements entrusted to Considerate Cremation & Burial Services, 52 Scott Street West, St. Catharines (between Ontario Street & South Service Road), 289-362-1144. Online condolences may be made at CCBSCares.ca.



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2	6	1	5	3	9	7	4	8
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1	5	3	7	9	4	6	8	2
6	8	4	1	2	5	3	9	7
4	1	5	9	7	3	8	2	6
8	2	7	6	4	1	9	5	3
9	3	6	2	5	8	4	7	1

**Down:** 1 Cuts, 2 Uh-uh, 3 Loblo, 4 The past, 5 Bodice, 6 Irons, 7 Rang, 8 Croc, 9 Heredity, 10 Emited, 11 Levee, 12 Liar, 13 Ernst, 21 Pried, 22 Nev, 25 Bigs, 26 Erin, 27 Saga, 28 Dolce, 29 Book, 31 C P Us, 33 Of Oz, 34 Else, 35 Sues, 38 Emperors, 39 Sworn, 42 Placard, 45 Holes in, 47 Alt, 48 Big top, 49 Beach, 50 Eliza, 51 Sedan, 52 Garbo, 54 Oval, 55 Memo, 56 To go, 57 Is on, 58 Core.

**Across:** 1 Cult, 5 Birch, 10 Elle, 14 Uh-oh, 15 Orale, 16 Meir, 17 Tube, 18 Donor, 19 Ivan, 20 Shopping centers, 23 Arcs, 24 Dearest, 25 Bassie, 28 Drive, 30 Irate, 31 Cool, 32 Does, 36 Gig, 37 Deploys, 40 Flu, 41 Snap, 43 Muck, 44 Whose, 46 Lapse, 48 Boozes, 49 Be safe, 52 Girl, 53 Electromagnetic, 59 Aida, 60 Over, 61 So-so, 62 Czar, 63 Rambo, 64 Igor, 65 Hand, 66 Sloop, 67 None.

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