



OPINION



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau visits Niagara. FILE PHOTO

## Our leaders have failed us too often in this pandemic

Dr. William Brown  
The Lake Report

Too little, too late and sometimes wrong: That about describes the state of the pandemic for most countries around the world. Thank goodness for success stories such as the aggressive vaccination programs in Israel and the U.K. and even in the United States – although the refusal of many Americans to accept vaccination threatens any chance of achieving herd immunity and speaks to the continuing political divide and misinformation

in that country. Others, such as Europe and Canada, fumbled badly by failing in the summer and fall of 2020 to secure sufficient vaccine to meet the needs of their populations. The tragic result is that both regions now face a serious wave of infections, hospitalizations and deaths related to the far more infectious U.K. variant without the protection that timelier comprehensive vaccination would have offered. Short of vaccine, Canadian health authorities made

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## Businesses struggle to adapt to **back-and-forth** lockdowns



Husband and wife Sharon and Darren Michlik, owners of Great Things on Queen Street, say despite government grants, lack of business during lockdown has been devastating to the store. SUPPLIED

Bernard Lansbergen  
The Lake Report

Joe Marchese of Virgil restaurant Twisted Vine wants to know: “How can we do the same things over and over again and expect different results?”

When Premier Doug Ford announced a new shutdown two weeks ago small businesses had to close their doors once again, leaving some owners frustrated as

they scramble to adapt.

When COVID-19 first hit last year, Twisted Vine had only been open for nine months.

“You’re trying to establish yourself as a new business, which is hard enough in this world,” said Marchese. “We’ll never make up the amount of business we’ve lost.”

Kevin Neufeld, owner of Old Town hat shop BeauChapeau, agrees, add-

ing, “The losses have been incredible.”

BeauChapeau has had an online presence since 1998, which made for a smoother transition to curbside pickup.

“To have a website that was already operating was really beneficial for us,” said Neufeld. It even allowed the business to grow as BeauChapeau has doubled its floor space in the last year, effectively

making it the biggest hat shop in Canada, he said.

For others the switch to an online model was a bigger adjustment.

“We did not have an online presence at all because we never needed it,” said Darren Michlik who, together with his wife Sharon owns the women’s clothing boutique Great Things in Old Town.

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## Enns Battery & Tire is a three-generation **family dynasty**



Dorothy and Rudy Enns stand behind their daughter Julieanne’s plan to take over the 50-year-old family battery and tire business on Creek Road in Virgil. TIM TAYLOR

Tim Taylor  
The Lake Report

For the past 50 years, three generations of the Enns family have been quietly building a business that almost everyone in Niagara-on-the-Lake knows.

In 1971, Jake Enns and his wife Anne Marie, opened Enns Battery & Tire, tucked in behind their small bungalow on Four Mile Creek Road, just off Lakeshore Road.

Entering its sixth decade of operation, the family-owned company sells and services

thousands of tires annually for area drivers and farmers.

By 1993, one of their sons, Rudy and his wife Dorothy, were ready to take over the business from his parents.

And now it’s Julieanne’s turn. At 28, she’s the youngest child of Rudy and Dorothy.

Each transition has been a little unexpected.

Jake was already working at Direct Winter Transport in St. Catharines as a carpenter when he married Anne Marie in 1954. They moved directly into their new house, just in front of what would

become their burgeoning tire business 15 years later.

They met at the Red Brick Church (Niagara United Mennonite Church) on Niagara Stone Road. Both sang in the choir and, according to Anne Marie, “lived on love for the first few years.”

Both are German Mennonites. Jake arrived in Canada in 1948 from the Ukraine. Anne Marie, two years later, from Poland.

In the late 1960s, Direct Winter moved its operation to Hamilton and after a few months avoiding the relocation, Jake decided he didn’t

want to move his young family from Virgil.

“He had a small side business repairing and rebuilding old batteries,” remembers Anne Marie, now 86, still living not far from their business on Creek Road. “He’d pick up scrap batteries, fill them with acid, balance them and sell them to farmers.”

But an acquaintance in the tire business gave him some good advice: “You know, Jake, cars have only one battery, but they need four tires.”

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# Town offers tourists **masks**, places staff at parks

Richard Harley  
The Lake Report

Niagara-on-the-Lake had fewer visitors last weekend with a province-wide shutdown and rainy weather, but still saw thousands of visitors coming, many of them for non-essential trips.

The Town of NOTL reported that Bell Mobility's monitoring of incoming cellphones showed about 21,000 devices entered NOTL with 15,300 of those devices travelling to Old Town specifically.

Of the people entering NOTL, 69 per cent were coming from the Niagara region, 13 per cent from the GTA and six per cent from Hamilton.

Among those entering Old Town, 72 per cent were from Niagara, 10 per cent were from the GTA and nine per cent were from Hamilton, said chief administrative officer Marnie Cluckie during a COVID-19 update at Monday's committee of the whole meeting.

On a sunny Saturday and a rainy Sunday, town traffic counters showed 6,882 vehicles drove into Old Town, about 60 per cent less than the previous weekend.

Cluckie said as a result of a steady stream of visitors, the town has increased its COVID-19 response, including more sanitiza-



Visitors are ignoring provincial orders and still coming to NOTL for non-essential trips. RICHARD HARLEY

tion of portable washrooms and offering disposable masks at public washroom entrances.

"With the nice weather that we've been experiencing, we've been focusing on keeping all of our outdoor amenities safe for public use for our residents," she said.

She said the town will now have staff present in Queen's Royal Park, Simcoe Park, Virgil Sports Park and Ryerson Park to assist bylaw enforcement

officers, "just by reminding the public about restrictions that are outlined in the regulations, again, like physical distancing, occupancy limits and mask use."

Staff have been trained to act as ambassadors, "so they're maintaining a very friendly and helpful approach, enhancing our customer service, but of course making sure that public health guidance is followed so people can stay safe."

She said the measures are expected to continue past April.

Lord Mayor Betty Disero said there is little else the town can do besides try to make things as safe as possible, since people are going to keep coming.

She said it's not a matter of accommodating tourists and that the town is doing what it can to keep vacationing down, including denying many requests for short-term rental ac-

commodations.

Short-term rentals are not allowed to operate during lockdown unless someone has a legitimate, urgent need for housing.

"So we're not making it easy for anybody that wants to come on a holiday here," she said. "But the fact of the matter is, unless you close the Queen E, people are gonna come."

It's a positive that most visitors are coming from the Niagara region, but it's

still frustrating to see so many people ignoring stay-at-home orders.

"I want to scream every time I see somebody walking around Queen Street without a mask and know that they're not from Niagara-on-the-Lake."

However, she said, it's really tough for bylaw officers to actually enforce any COVID-19 laws about gathering in large groups. Bylaw officers need to get someone's identification and if they won't give it to them, they have to call the police, who don't readily respond.

"(Police are) not as responsive as they could or should be," Disero said.

She said bylaw officers will issue fines to short-term rentals if there are licence plates from out of the province in the driveway that don't match the house.

With regards to people continuing to do activities like renting bikes in town, she said the town doesn't have the authority to ensure they're only being rented for essential reasons.

"So what the province said was that bicycle rentals are essential. And the town does not have the logistical or legal authority to say, 'You can rent to this person, but you can't rent to that person.' And that's our biggest problem."

## Prest House is named **'sexiest'** building in town in NOTL Museum contest

Bernard Lansbergen  
The Lake Report

After four months and 28 rounds of voting the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum has finally declared a winner. The Prest House, located at 1755 York Road, is the sexiest building in NOTL.

The museum, inspired by a similar initiative on Twitter for inns in the UK, launched the online poll in January. Each week it pitted two historic NOTL

buildings against one another for the title of the "sexiest".

The Prest House, also known as Davis-Croy house, faced off against buildings such as Willowbank and Riverbend Inn, to finally go head-to-head against the Grand Victorian.

The Prest House was built in 1819 from local Queenston Limestone and is known for its Georgian architecture. "In recent years the house has been

restored," says Shawna Butts, the museum's assistant curator and education programmer, "I think beyond it being visually appealing, (that) is why it won the competition."

Butts is really pleased with the response she has gotten from the community. "It was meant to be something that was fun and engaging during times of uncertainty. From talking with people who were participating in it, the program did just that."



The Prest House. RICHARD HARLEY



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# ICU cases 'well above' second wave

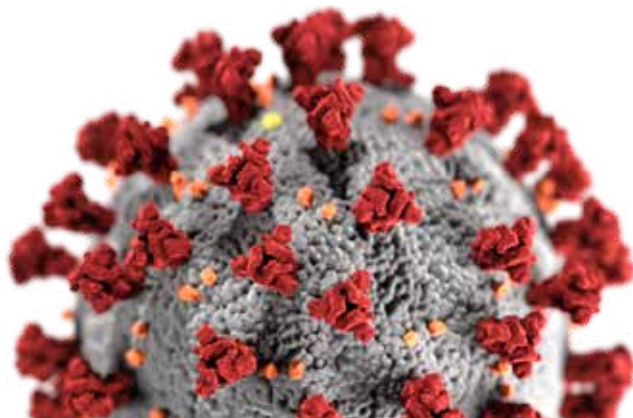
Richard Harley  
The Lake Report

As cases of COVID-19 continue to rise in Niagara and across the province, ICU and hospital admissions are passing totals from the peak of the second wave and far exceeding what they were during the first wave, says Niagara's chief medical officer.

This week there were more than 600 people in ICU with COVID-19 across Ontario and that number could reach 800 before the provincewide lockdown starts to bring cases back down.

Dr. Mustafa Hirji said, "There was some discussions by some ICU doctors this weekend saying that really the very maximum that the hospital system could probably absorb would be about 900 ICU admissions, if they close off all beds and start to reallocate them towards the ICUs. And so that means we don't have a lot of room for error here if things continue to go up. So it's definitely a bleak time in terms of our hospitals."

He said it will likely take about two weeks from the



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start of the lockdown on April 9 before cases and hospitalizations start to fall. It will take even longer to get them back to safe levels to reopen.

"I think what's also really notable here is that it was mid-February when we started to have the province move towards reopening and you can see that even in mid-February our ICU admissions were higher than they were at any point in the first wave," Hirji told reporters Monday.

Now, he says ICU admissions are "well above" where they were at the peak of the second wave.

With the previous reopening, "there was no longer the ability to continue to see hospitalizations

and ICU admissions come down. So as we go into this third wave, we're basically starting from a very high point of ICU admissions and hospital admissions, which is why we're entering such a danger zone now."

Locally, the Niagara Health hospital site in St. Catharines has seen hospital admissions rise from eight to 28 in a week, with many of the patients transferred from other hospitals within the GTA.

"Our hospitals are trying to help out the parts of Ontario that have been overwhelmed and don't have any more beds," Hirji said.

And with the high number of cases and hospitals filling up, there has been

a "real impact" on contact tracing.

"Our ability to follow up with cases has declined," he said, noting the province wants public health to check in with at least 90 per cent of cases within 24 hours.

"We've not been meeting that over the last couple of weeks," he said, adding they've not been able to follow up with contacts on a timely basis and that investigations are now " cursory" and much less in-depth.

"When we had a smaller numbers of cases, we would do detailed interviews to find out who the contacts were, follow up with the contacts, make sure they had all the supports needed so that they would actually isolate during a time when they could become sick — we're not really able to do that anymore."

As a result, contact tracing is now likely "much less effective," he said.

"I think that's really what we're seeing across the province. We really do need to see cases come down to a much more controlled level for us to have contact tracing be an effective way to follow up with cases."

# Marotta takes Rand Estate off the market

Richard Harley  
The Lake Report

Developer Benny Marotta has taken the Rand Estate off the market, after putting it up for sale for \$19 million in October of last year.

Marotta said his family decided to take the property off the market after no one came forward with a serious intent of purchasing it.

He claimed he listed it to give members of local activist group Save Our Rand Estate a chance to purchase the property.

However, the group didn't come forward with any offers.

He said he's unsure what he will end up doing with the property.

"Time will tell," he said.

SORE, in an email to subscribers on Wednesday, said it had "previously questioned whether the \$19M



The Rand Estate is no longer up for sale. FILE PHOTO

price tag would garner any interest and whether this was even a bona fide attempt to sell those properties."


"We await Mr. Marotta's next move."

SORE members did not immediately respond to inquiries from The Lake Report as to whether they had ever considered making an offer to purchase the

property when it was for sale.

The group has been actively trying to influence what happens with the property since 2017.

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## COVID Tracker

**NOTL active cases: 35**  
**Region active cases: 1,213**  
**Region deaths: 378**  
**Region total cases: 11,300**  
**Region resolved cases: 9,709**  
**Region variant cases: 992**

\*April 14 data per Niagara Region Public Health

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Contributed by Patty Garriock

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## Editorial

### We need science, not politics: Round 2

Richard Harley  
 Editor-In-Chief

If you went down to Niagara-on-the-Lake's downtown core on Saturday morning, you might have thought people were finally listening to the province's lockdown orders.

But if you went back at about 2 p.m., you would have noticed nothing seems to stop people from non-essential travel. Overall numbers were down (the weekend rain helped) but several thousand people still visited despite the province ordering everyone to stay home, despite Ontario's hospitals being overwhelmed, despite pleas from public health experts to just stay home.

Groups of more than five people picnicking in the parks, people renting green bikes from Zoom for non-essential ice cream licking, window shopping and potentially virus spreading — that was the scene Saturday afternoon of the first weekend in lockdown.

Lord Mayor Betty Disero said what she's been saying for weeks about the situation — rather than the town doing

something to prevent non-essential tourism, she recommends people just don't go onto their home streets while visitors are here.

But what about NOTLers?

She says the town's hands are tied and nothing can be done to stop people from coming down and we need to protect ourselves. Well, yes, that's the only option if the town won't help us, you're right.

And while it could be true the town's hands are tied — or maybe not. St. Catharines closed its beaches to non-locals last summer — Niagara's chief medical officer Dr. Mustafa Hirji has said for two weeks now that limits on intraprovincial travel should be considered by the government.

Still, it doesn't appear the town or region has any real plans to ask the province for help.

The mayor said the town's emergency control group would be "discussing the issues Monday."

But based on the COVID-19 update at Monday's committee of the whole meeting, there isn't much being done, aside from now

offering visitors free masks during a tight budget year.

Again Tuesday, we asked Disero why she wouldn't send a letter asking the province to help prevent people from coming to tourist hot spots.

Apparently, despite Hirji saying it would be helpful, there are no plans to request travel restrictions from the province.

NOTL's member of provincial parliament Wayne Gates said he has asked the province to restrict travel, but Ford hasn't listened.

Both Disero and Gates pointed out that closing the highways would restrict essential workers. But closing highways isn't the only option — and likely isn't the best option.

But how about instead of "education" we start enforcing COVID laws for a change?

We've been educating for a year and it hasn't worked. Either bylaw officers are poor teachers or some people just can't be educated. Perhaps it's both.

Meanwhile, our hospitals are filling up and COVID numbers are still rising —

with the help of variants.

Instead of education, we need provincial funding for bylaw officers to actually enforce COVID laws. Unless people know there is a consequence to their actions, they'll just keep repeating the same behaviour.

Our town shouldn't be catering to people who break the law with our tax dollars. We should be fining them.

At the very least, we should be taking good ideas from health experts to the province. Then we can truly pass the blame to the Ford government if nothing is done.

We understand the optics. Some people won't agree and it's never fun to be the responsible bad guy. But when it comes to matters of public health and safety, politics should be put aside.

And while we're at it, ask the province to re-examine its policies around businesses like bicycle rentals. They should only be allowed for legitimately essential purposes. Our guess is NOTL is an oversight, but the majority of people renting bikes here are not doing so for essential reasons.

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### Town was right to impose development freeze

Dear editor:

I would like to make one or two comments as a local resident concerning the Hummel Properties Inc. lawsuit against the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The Lake Report has reported on two sides of the issue in separate articles dated April 1 and April 8, 2021. Leaving aside the fine details of veracity of the statements made and the legal validity of the arguments, which eventually will be settled by the courts, I without hesitation support the town in its decision to implement the development freeze.

In my opinion, the deci-

sion was made in good faith and became necessary (due in part to the inactions and failure of previous town councils) because of the appearance of uncontrolled and unwanted development, and the urgent need to properly assess and address this issue in the interests of the local residents (as well as the developer) whom town council represents.

However, it is also well known by many residents that the interest of some developers (while not all) is one of self-interest only and is not in the interest of the resident taxpayer.

I believe that Hummel

is seen as one of these developers on the basis that this self-interest is clearly demonstrated by the complete disregard for local opinion in the case of his property located on Mississagua Street that has stood as an unfinished eyesore for years.

The action taken against the town appears in my opinion to be that of an opportunist who sees the chance of increasing personal wealth, not at the expense of town council but from the pockets of the resident taxpayer.

Reference is made to the proposed development opposite the Old Winery

with the claim that it was delayed as a result of the development freeze and that this could affect its viability.

This is somewhat difficult for many to see for the simple reason that since implementation, the overall value of the proposed development has no doubt risen substantially and even allowing for some cost increases as a result of the delay (which would be dependent on schedule) is probably now worth a lot more than when the freeze was implemented and then removed 10 months ago.

Derek Collins  
 NOTL

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## Vaccine still **much safer** than contracting COVID

Dear editor:

There has been a lot of information published about the possibility of blood clots in persons taking the AstraZeneca vaccine. As the science behind vaccine use is moving rapidly so is the guidance provided to health care providers.

The AstraZeneca (AZ) vaccine was studied in 34,500 patients on vaccine and over 20,000 patients in the placebo group. There was no increased risk of blood clots in the body in the population receiving the AZ vaccine compared to those on placebo. This was a sufficiently large enough trial size to discern a difference in blood clots in the body.

If, however, a blood clot which occurs in the brain at a rate of 1 in 125,000 to 1 in 1 million people, the trial would not pick up the difference. This is the reason why all modern health authorities such as Health Canada have instituted a post-marketing surveillance program to monitor potential side effects as they occur.

A recent study from Germany found an association between the AZ vaccine and blood clots in the brain: they

called this Vaccine Induced Prothrombotic Induced Thrombosis (VIPIT). This blood clot in the brain would occur four to 16 days after vaccine administration.

The person could develop many symptoms, such as persistent headache, blurred vision, seizures and also possibly chest pains with difficulty breathing or pain the legs or arms with swelling. These clots occurred predominantly in younger women under the age of 55. These clots resemble the clots seen in heparin-induced thrombocytopenia, which is a treatable condition.

This report is what led the Canadian National Advisory Committee on Immunizations (NACI) to advise the various public health units in Canada on March 29 to recommend with an abundance of caution to limit administration of the AZ vaccine to people over the age of 55. They outlined the information regarding VIPIT and the AZ vaccine.

On April 2, the Ontario COVID-19 science advisory table, which advises physicians on how to treat patients with COVID in Ontario, published a guidance for emergency room physicians on what to do in case

of suspected brain blood clots with the AZ vaccine. The guidance was specific for blood clots in the brain (VIPIT). There are four approved drugs that can be used to treat this condition.

There have been over 700,000 AZ vaccines doses administered in Canada and so far only one case of VIPIT has been reported. More importantly, physicians have been warned of this potential risk as well as how to treat it. No brain clots were seen in over 20 million doses of AZ vaccine in persons over 55 years old globally. We are now starting to inoculate the over 60s in Ontario and while VIPIT cases are rare, if they occur, ER physicians have now been advised on how to treat and manage them.

Most importantly the new virus variants are faster to infect and can result in more serious consequences. We are in a third wave in Ontario with a case increase of 30 per cent. The new variants are becoming the dominant virus. The AZ vaccine has been shown to be effective at preventing hospitalization with the B.1.1.7 or U.K. variant.

It is estimated that if you become infected with

COVID-19, the virus has a risk of blood clots of 1 in 100 in non-hospitalized patients and 1 in 20 in those in hospital. These blood clots can have devastating effects in the long term as well as potentially lead to the need to use blood thinners for prolonged periods of time after they have dissipated.

This is the reason why Health Canada, the NACI and the science table continue to advise that the benefits of the AZ vaccine still outweigh the risks. More importantly these scientific bodies are taking all the possible precautions to protect the population being vaccinated. You should find comfort in that and trust that they are acting in your best interest.

On Tuesday, April 13, Johnson & Johnson vaccine use was paused in the U.S. after it was reported that 1 in a million women in the 18 to 48 age group developed blood clots in the brain, six to 13 days after they received the vaccine. The mechanism seems to be the same as the clots with the AZ vaccine. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is not yet in use in Canada.

**Robin Jinchereau**  
NOTL

## Is **new sidewalk** essential or ‘nice to have’?

Dear editor:

Last week, I received a letter from the town informing me it will be building a sidewalk outside my house. Then a technician appeared and started to mark out the proposed sidewalk. I was a little surprised by the lack of forewarning.

Then I thought about the proposed project and realized that this stretch of sidewalk is not essential. It will go along Anne Street from Simcoe to Mississauga. Alternative sidewalks already exist for those people who either prefer to walk on sidewalks or have some other need to do so.

Essentially the new feature falls under the “nice to have” category and probably meets some idealized image of how suburbs should look, and hence it got approved.

What has prompted me to write this letter to the editor was the realization that

our town council is blindly following business as usual while the world at large is changing all around us. This was a disappointing conclusion. I had hoped the wider issues of these early 2000s might have penetrated the planning activities of our town and government bodies in general. Sadly, I was far too optimistic.

In today’s world, I had expected our leadership and town employees to look at all projects and expenditures and ask whether they are essential, as opposed to “nice to have.” This country, province and town are all spending huge sums to combat an epidemic. How long that may last, no one knows.

So purely as a precautionary tightening-of-the-belt activity, I would expect the town to rein in spending on “nice to have” projects. How many there are around our town I’m not sure but

I wouldn’t be surprised if there are a number. Money saved would help weather the financial burdens that we will all have to bear once we do rise above the pandemic.

Then I asked myself a simple question. Has the town done anything to assess the environmental impacts of its plans and projects? For instance, this short piece of non-essential sidewalk will pump about 10 tons of CO2 into our atmosphere.

That’s about what two cars would contribute to the atmosphere over an entire year. Some might say “so what,” but unless we all start to at least attempt to address unnecessary emissions we will never bring down our CO2 emissions. Then our children/grandchildren will have to struggle in a whole new world. Plus, I am sure this

is not the only unnecessary project that is scheduled in NOTL.

In addition, the sand used in the concrete for the sidewalk is rapidly becoming a scarcer resource with associated environmental damages due to its extraction. Should we be using it for sidewalks that are not essential?

Don’t misunderstand me. If the sidewalk was the access to a school or shops, etc., then I agree we should be building it. But apparently the actual need for the sidewalk appears not to have been carefully assessed prior to the approval of the project.

My hope is that the town will take a bit of time to consider its actions in a wider manner than just following some abstract rule book for municipal projects.

Respectfully,  
**Richard West**  
NOTL

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- James Treadwell



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Dear editor:  
As the Queen and her family mourn the passing of the much loved, admired and respected Prince Philip, I reflected on the time I met him in 1956 during his launch of The Duke of Edinburgh Award.

As I started out on my engineering career, I was honoured to be selected to attend a banquet during his visit to Short Bros. & Harlands Ltd. in Belfast, the first production aircraft manufacturer in the world. At the time, they had the pre-eminent apprentice training centre in the U.K.

Standing in the receiving line he stopped and asked “Does your tie have any political significance?” Years later reflecting on this comment my wife con-



Prince Philip. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

cluded that he was referring to my Clondeboy Golf Club tie from one of the championship golf courses situated on the estate of the 1st Marquess of Dufferin & Ava.

He would have recognized the family coat of arms of Lord Dufferin, who was the third governor-

general of Canada (1872-1876) and viceroy of India. Dufferin Avenue in Toronto is named after him. The golf club coat of arms mirrors the family or estate crest of Lord Dufferin, with one exception – it includes the Red Hand of Ulster, which is politically significant in Northern

Ireland.  
My late father, the course record holder and all Ireland amateur golf champion, and myself are both honorary members of Clondeboy Golf Club, as is David Ferherty of TV’s Golf Channel.

*Samuel Young  
NOTL*

## NOTL should keep old hospital building intact

Dear editor:  
I am writing regarding your story, “Town hires ‘fairness monitor’ to oversee potential sale of old Niagara-on-the-Lake hospital site,” (April 8).

I may be one of the few or possibly the only one

with the following opinion: It is my wish that whomever buys the old NOTL hospital site does so with the town’s stipulation that the hospital building exterior stays intact.

Certainly, some renos

may be needed to windows, doors, etc., as well as some major changes to the interior, but I believe the overall exterior should not change dramatically.

Many cities and towns keep former important buildings and repurpose

them into something else.

I would hope that years down the road future generations will know that this building the town wishes to sell was once a thriving hospital.

*Susan Pohorly  
NOTL*

## A different perspective on bird cannons

Dear editor:  
I have to admit I rolled my eyes when I read the comments in the letter, “Help farmers move from using bird cannons.”

I could go on about how precious someone sounds when describing the “torture” inflicted upon residents who have to listen to them.

At the very least I would suggest that people who buy houses in NOTL know that they will be living in or adjacent to wine country. (And they most likely will enjoy the plentiful wines produced.)

As residents who live near the intersection of Line 3 and Four Mile Creek, we are truly in the centre of NOTL’s wine-growing region.

We have always considered ourselves very fortunate to be able to live in such a beautiful and unique region and have always regarded the maintenance of vineyards with admiration and respect.

If this isn’t in your realm of personal strengths and you still have trouble



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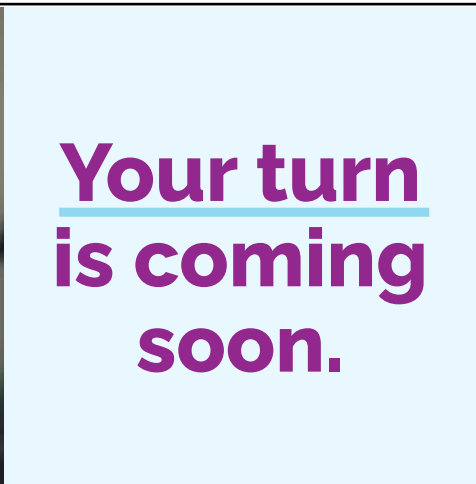
embracing the sights and sounds of such a unique environment, I can offer another perspective – one of historical significance.

Think of the bird cannons as an echo of the battles carried out here in 1812. Think of the soldiers and other residents who had to endure the torture of hearing actual cannons (among other horrors).

When you hear the bird cannons, take a moment to remember.

Remember people who fought to keep this precious land we so love, part of Canada. Remember their sacrifice.

*Stephanie Osborne  
NOTL*



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Lord Mayor Betty Disero was vaccinated against COVID-19 on Friday. RICHARD HARLEY

## I GOT THE SHOT

### Lord Mayor Betty Disero gets her jab at Simpson's Apothecary

Richard Harley  
The Lake Report

Lord Mayor Betty Disero got her COVID-19 vaccine last week.

She got a last-minute call Friday after a cancellation at Simpson's Apothecary in Old Town and rushed down to get her jab of the AstraZeneca vaccine.

"I did what I tell everybody to do: run, go get it," Disero said.

"It was great. I went in, I waited about, I don't know, five minutes. They were just finishing off with someone. I got there right on time. And they did the shot. I sat there for 15 minutes, and then they gave me some sheets of paper and a certificate for my vaccine

and I was home by before 11:30."

Having it is a big sense of relief, she said.

It's a "big weight off my shoulders that I've had the vaccine. It'll take a week or so before it actually kicks in, but I look at the alternative, getting sick, or the possibility of getting sick and that was what worried me more than anything else." She said she did feel a slight headache the night she got it, "but a couple Tylenol and I was feeling better."

"Other than that, there's nothing, there's no reaction. I'm fine."

She said she is encouraging everyone to get the vaccine, "so everyone is protected."

## Paying it forward, NOTL-style

Dear editor:

So, I was in line at the Starbucks drive-thru in Virgil on Tuesday afternoon.

Turns out the individual in the vehicle in front of me had paid for my coffees.

I have no idea who this mystery masked person is,

but I want to offer a hearty thank you!

We should all remember this and "pay it forward" when given the opportunity. I sure will.

It makes a great day in Niagara even better.

**Jim Kramer**  
NOTL

## Former Mori Gardens property could be a farmers' market soon, Marotta says

Richard Harley  
The Lake Report

The former Mori Gardens property could become a temporary farmers' market or something similar, says developer Benny Marotta, who purchased the 26-acre property in 2020 for \$5 million.

This week, most of the buildings on the commercial portion of the property were demolished to make way for new plans.

Marotta said the long-term plan isn't set, but that for now his companies are looking at a short-term use for the site. He intends to use the 50,000 square feet that Mori operated on for a "low-impact" retail-wholesale operation, he told The Lake Report.

Rino Mostacci, a spokesperson for Marotta, said it could be a produce market and might involve landscape-related sales.

"We might consider a farmers' market, a produce market, that kind of food-oriented retail wholesale operation," he said.

The idea is to do "some-



The former Mori Gardens property. RICHARD HARLEY

thing that's kind of related to what Mori did but also reflects the needs of the community."

"It was historically Mori's, and Mori's had a retail-wholesale landscaping operation with about 50,000 square feet," Mostacci said.

"In the short term, we're simply looking to repurpose that amount of building space into a land use that is kind of similar, somewhat of an extension of what Mori's used to do."

Marotta is keeping options open for the long-term.

The land is technically part of the greenbelt, but has

been used as a commercial property for many years.

"I wouldn't say that we're necessarily looking at a greenbelt amendment because we know that that's not something that's easily done. But we do want to work with the region and the town and other property owners along the corridor to see what the best sort of solution is in terms of a long-term strategy and vision for that corridor leading into the Old Town," Mostacci said, adding Mori Gardens had been able to operate as a non-conforming use.

"They pre-dated the cur-

rent bylaw, the current zoning regulations, so we are trying to maintain that status and utilize the existing building space and the uses that were there as a baseline for any additional uses that we want to introduce."

Marotta said he hopes the town and region will work with his companies to sever the historically commercial portion of the land for commercial use, so it "benefits the area."

For now, the focus is on beautifying the property, as it is a main corridor into Old Town, he said.

Mostacci said the property could be in use by summer.

"We left some buildings up that we can immediately reoccupy with suitable uses. So, you know, we could have somebody in there by summertime. By the fall for sure."

While there aren't any candidates yet for the property, he said they hope to work with people in town.

"Ideally we'd like to partner with folks in the community, in the agricultural community."

## Businesses challenged by COVID lockdowns

Continued from Front Page

While Michlik said he was able to apply for government funding to create a website, the web development process still took five months and all the while his business floundered.

"People's motivation during lockdown was extremely low," said Michlik. "There was nothing to get them into the mood of buying clothing because there was nowhere to go and wear it."

When things opened up again, it brought a moment of respite for a lot of small businesses, but the constant change in restrictions makes it hard to anticipate customer demand.

"People don't realize (that) every time you open and close a restaurant it can range from \$2,000 to \$10,000, when you have to buy supplies and food and your alcohol and everything.

It's not easy to open and close," said Marchese.

Michlik concurs and points out that his store has to order its clothing seven to eight months in advance, leaving the owners on the hook for future shipments. "If we don't get to open in April and May, how are we going to sell spring clothing?"

For some businesses, such as nail and hair salons, there is not even the possibility of switching to a curbside or takeout model, as their services are not allowed under the current restrictions.

Michlik, for his part, is already dreaming about the day he can open the doors of his store again:

"It makes people feel good coming into a shop and trying something on. That's what makes us feel good, helping people look their best and giving great old-fashioned service."



Joe Marchese, owner of Twisted Vine restaurant in Virgil. FILE/DARIYA BAIGUZHIEVA



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# Drinking **already illegal** in parks, town reminds bylaw naysayers

Evan Saunders  
Special to The Lake Report

Town councillors have come under pressure from residents over a new bylaw that says consuming alcohol in public parks is not allowed.

But councillors are baffled by the backlash because drinking in parks has always been illegal under provincial law, with some blaming mixed messaging from the premier as the cause of the public's consternation.

Residents seem to be interpreting the bylaw as creating a new condition that prevents alcohol consumption in municipal parks, but chief administrator Marnie Cluckie sought to set the record straight at Monday's committee of the whole planning meeting.

She noted Premier Doug Ford previously said the government would be changing that legislation, "but they always speak about how they are going to change it. It has not been changed."

What Cluckie is highlighting is the dissonance between the premier's



Town councillors met virtually on Monday, where they discussed the new parks bylaw.

claims and his legislative action, in this situation leading people to believe they can freely consume alcohol in public parks. While there has been lots of talk about making drinking legal in parks, it remains illegal.

"People make assumptions that it is allowed, but it's not," Coun. Norm Arsenault said during an interview Tuesday. "Are people doing it? Of course they are. But just because people are doing it doesn't make it legal."

"The premier has a tendency to go off a little

bit, and those kind of comments, where he's going to allow beer in the parks, I think he's going to have a hard time getting that through."

But it was not just the legality of the situation that had councillors shaking their heads at the request. It was a matter of safety and common sense.

Arsenault was specifically concerned with people driving to the park, having a few beers, and then driving home.

"We've gotta use common sense. Take that stuff home. Have a nice glass of wine

or a beer at home. If you're going to the park, bring some ginger ale," he said.

"I gotta tell you, I'm not a teetotaler by any means, but I can't imagine that we want to encourage people to start having wine or beer or liquor in our parks, and then get into their car and start driving. To me, that just doesn't make any sense."

Arsenault noted that in 2019 in Ontario there were 94 deaths related to drinking and driving and well over 250 accidents in which people were injured. "So, I think it would be such a ter-

rible message to send out. I don't think we want to go down that road whatsoever."

He also raised the issue of responsibility.

At licensed establishments where alcohol consumption is permitted, hosts are legally responsible to make sure steps are taken to ensure safe consumption. If a bar patron causes an accident driving home drunk, the bar's employees can be held responsible. If something bad happens after someone is drinking in a park, it could lead to serious litigation for the government.

"The drinking laws are totally abused," Arsenault added.

Councillors emphasized anyone who wants to see drinking allowed in public parks should complain to the provincial government, not the town.

"We don't have the authority to override provincial legislation," Arsenault said.

Lord Mayor Betty Disero said issues surrounding public consumption have not just been coming from individuals, but from wineries and breweries as well.

Those industries are a big part of NOTL's economy, so Disero wants to be sure they are made aware of any changes in legislation that affect their ability to operate responsibly.

Coun. Clare Cameron also noted the municipal bylaw does not constitute a total ban on alcohol consumption in public parks. Residents and visitors can do so if they acquire a special event permit from the town.

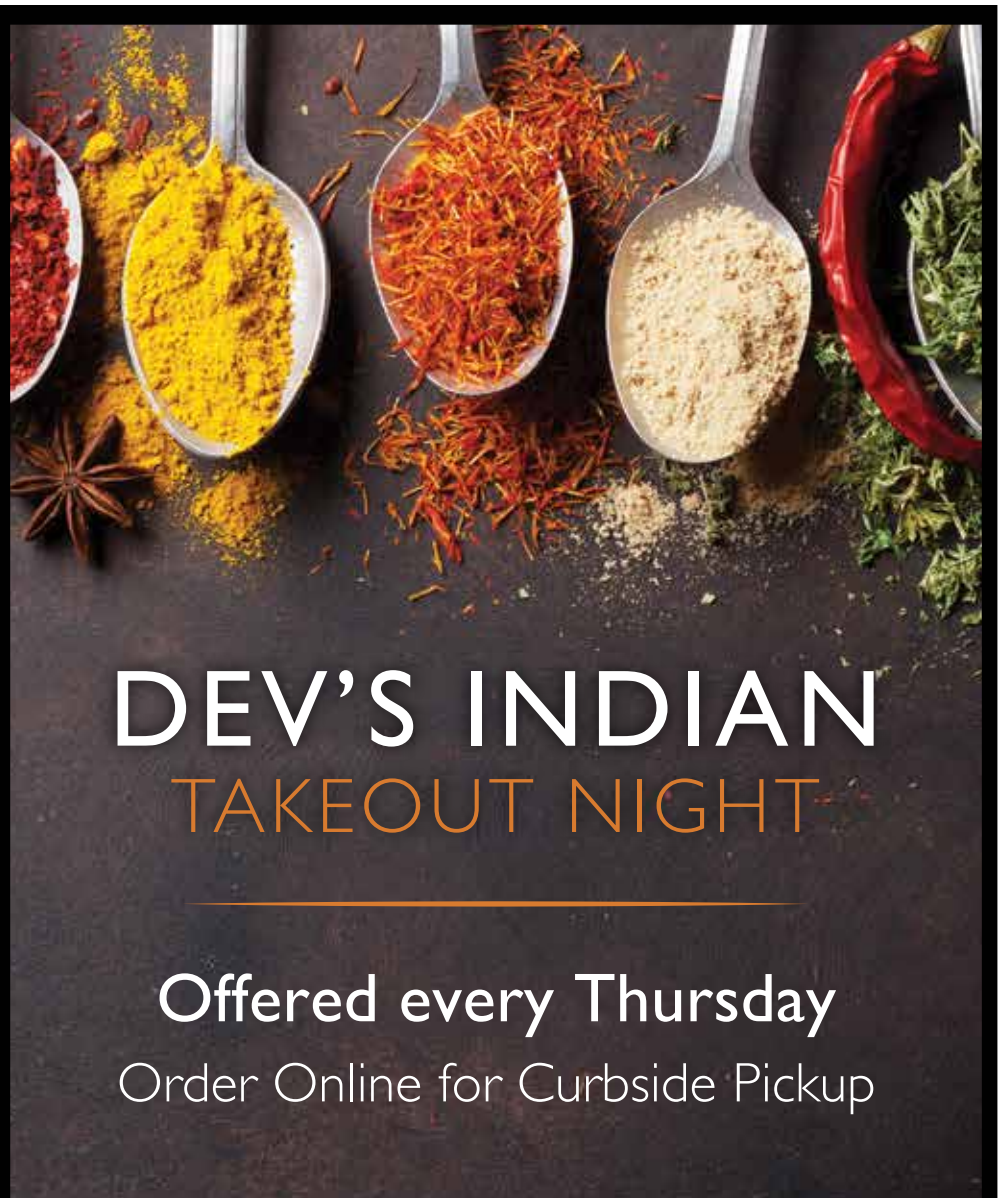
The new bylaw also restricts hours of operation and prohibits barbecuing in municipal parks.



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A bulldog in the window. SUPPLIED/RICHARD WEST

## On the lighter side: That's a bulldog

Richard West  
Special to The Lake Report

I enjoy a daily walk around NOTL, especially during the year of COVID.

A month or so ago, I was returning home up Gate Street and I noticed a bulldog looking out a window. It stared at me as I passed and kept watching me as I continued my walk.

Last weekend Sylvie and I were returning from our walk and we passed the house again and sure enough there was the bulldog watch-

ing the world go by.

Sylvie just had to go and say hello. We invaded the privacy of the driveway and approached the door, hoping we wouldn't upset the dog.

Well, we didn't upset it. Mainly because the bulldog is a hologram stuck to the inside of the glass. It is designed so that wherever you are as you walk by, you think it is watching you.

In these unusual times, it is wonderful to know there are people with a sense of humour.



A red-tail hawk soars above Niagara Shores Park. See more photos at niagaranow.com. FILE PHOTO/RICHARD HARLEY

## A hawk's eye view: A chat with Mitch Azaria, director of TVO's *Tripping the Niagara*

Richard Harley  
The Lake Report

Mitch Azaria had no idea Niagara-on-the-Lake was full of so much history until he started working on his latest TVO documentary.

The Toronto director, who has a long career in documentary filmmaking, said when he set out to document the Niagara River for "Tripping the Niagara," it naturally moved into a story about NOTL's rich ties to the foundation of the country.

The film looks at the Niagara River from the viewpoint of a red-tailed hawk, with no music or narrative, just natural sounds and text.

NOTL's rich history and beauty is partly what inspired the movie to be done from the viewpoint of a hawk, he said during a chat with The Lake Report.

"There were so many places that were sort of interesting that weren't necessarily on the river itself, that we wanted to come off the river and we thought, 'Well, that's what a bird would do naturally is come off the river,'" Azaria said.

He said he was surprised to learn about NOTL — a place he frequents.

"I've been to Niagara-on-the-Lake so many times, I didn't really understand the true Niagara-on-the-Lake, its history. I didn't understand that it was once the

capital of Upper Canada at such a critical point. I didn't realize its importance in the War of 1812, I didn't realize its architectural history," he said.

"I didn't even even understand its more recent history and the reason why it's such an important tourist destination. I didn't know any of that, and when I started learning about Niagara-on-the-Lake, I thought more people should know about this in a deeper way than they do."

When they did the scouting for the film last July during the pandemic, it was obvious Niagara-on-the-Lake would play a big role in the film, Azaria said. The documentary is three hours long, with most of it centred around NOTL.

As soon as they got to Front Street and headed up the Parkway by Fort George, "we started to think to ourselves like already, this is like a beautiful 20 minutes of the film right here and we haven't even got out of town."

"And then, of course, you know you get to Queenston Heights and you get to see the river and then you get the orchards, you get the vineyards and you just think, 'Well, there's more than enough here to fill our three-hour film,' but it was all anchored in Niagara-on-the-Lake."

It starts in Old Town and features bits of lo-

cal history, with features on Kurtz Orchards, the Fort George national historic site and Two Sisters Winery while travelling up the Niagara River Parkway.

He noted Niagara-on-the-Lake residents played a big role in helping to get the documentary done, particularly Sarah Kaufman, curator of the NOTL Museum, and Tony Chisholm, president of Friends of Fort George.

Kaufman "was an unbelievable resource. She vetted all of our facts for us and gave us ideas and sent us old sketches and photographs, and layouts of the town from its origin," he said.

Chisholm was also a big help.

"Tony ended up becoming like this great resource who brought in people to help us out because we had to block streets and stuff when we were filming. We just sort of needed human beings to help and all these local folks came out," Azaria said.

"They were just really happy to help us and they were really interested, and every one of them had some kind of story to tell about Niagara-on-the-Lake. And that kind of gave us more stories to tell."

"I think there's like a real pride if you live in Niagara-on-the-Lake. There's like this real pride that you have, more so than most people have of where they live."

He said the municipality was also very helpful in allowing them to film.

"I think they understood that it wasn't like we were a fictional movie crew that we were just using the town as a backdrop, we were actually going to tell the story of Niagara-on-the-Lake, so they were on board immediately."

Some of the trickier scenes in the film show animation of what NOTL might have looked like in the past, with seamless transitions that turn the streetscape back in time.

Azaria said those scenes took "months" to do, to the point where they wondered if it was worth it — he notes they could have just used a standard dissolve into a new scene — but he hopes at least some people see it and go "that is kind of cool."

"The animator animated so that you're not watching live action anymore you're actually watching animation, but you can't tell 'cause it's so seamless."

He said he doesn't have exact numbers of how many people have watched the film when it was broadcast, but said it was "more popular" than his previous TVO documentary on the Rideau Canal, which received about half a million views on its first airing. The Tripping the Niagara YouTube video also has more than 112,000 views so far.

## Kendall's Corner



The sun rises over Fort Niagara. GAIL KENDALL



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Jessica, age 10.



Spencer Lee, age 6.

# Maple Brown wins Easter contest



Maple Brown, 9, takes home a \$50 gift certificate to Maple Leaf Fudge after winning The Lake Report's Easter colouring contest. She didn't skip a beat hopping into the store to get some special treats. RICHARD HARLEY



Jordyn Salter, age 9.



Mason Vidal, age 4.

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Charli Enns, age 9.

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**Answer:** Plates, cutlery  
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Straight from Anne Marie Enn's Facebook page — four generations of the Enns family at Anne Marie's 80th birthday celebration. SUPPLIED

## Family *the key* to longtime local Enns business

*Continued from Front Page*

That single, unexpected sentence sparked the creation of Enns Battery & Tire. It began as a little backyard business with the tires stored in the basement of their house.

It was 1971. Son Rudy was 13, the second of four children — an older brother and two young sisters.

"I always thought Rudy would be a social worker," says Anne Marie. "In a way, I guess he is."

He attended Niagara District and helped at the tire shop when he could. Church was a big part of his life too, spending time singing as often as possible.

He was nearing his final year when he fell for Dorothy Wiens, a young almost-16-year-old acquaintance from church. Not surprisingly, Dorothy also sang in the choir.

"We were high school sweethearts," smiles Dorothy at the memory. "Corny story."

Rudy smiles, too. "I robbed the cradle." He was 18.

But Dorothy was also determined. "I had a lot of things to do." She attended the University of Toronto, achieved her chartered account designation and began working in Toronto.

Even when they were first married in 1984, they lived in Burlington. She commuted to Toronto. Rudy to Virgil, working for his father at Enns and his sideline business selling and installing first-generation car stereos and cellphones.

Fast-forward almost a decade. Jake and Anne Marie, who had done all the company's bookkeeping, were ready to retire. They were building a new house that Anne Marie still lives in today. Jake died in 2012.

Rudy and Dorothy didn't think they had the wherewithal to buy the business. "When we really took a look at it," says Dorothy, the self-avowed family 'Minister of Finance,' we discovered we could afford it."

Less than a month after the birth of their youngest child, Julieanne, in April 1993, they took over the business. Julieanne has two older siblings: Emily living locally and Jeremy, in Guelph.

The business has changed a lot in those almost 30 years.

"Let me tell you, selling a tire in 1993 is not like selling a tire now," Dorothy says. "Over time you don't notice the changes, but when you look back, whoa! This is craziness."

Firstly, the sheer number of brands and sizes. "In 1993 there were fewer brands and only smaller sizes," says Dorothy. "Today with multi-car families, seasonal tires, and more brands, we just can't hold our own inventory. So, one change is that our main suppliers deliver twice daily."

Rudy points to a less obvious change. In the early days, Niagara farmland was mostly in tenderfruit. Over the years, much of that acreage has transitioned to grapes.



The matriarch of the Enns family, Anne Marie gathers four generations of the clan for a family dinner every Monday. Her husband, Jake, founder of the five-decade-old family business, died in 2012. SUPPLIED

"Farmers have always been important customers for us," he says. "As a general rule, a hundred acres in peaches takes 100 tires. A hundred acres of grapes takes 20. That's a big change for us."

Dorothy makes it clear that education and safety have become much more important goals in recent years. "Look at free retorquing. That's when you come back to us, 50 to 100 kilometres after tire installation, to make sure the new tires are on good and tight. That's really important to us."

Like many small businesses in smaller communities, marketing is a challenge, particularly letting newcomers know the company exists.

A few years ago, they had an idea. Big city marketers would call it guerilla marketing — unusual events designed so customers remember the company in an unaccustomed way.

"Rudy and I were out

driving one day and were shocked by the amount of new residential building underway."

"How do we get to these people?" they wondered. "So, we made up a little card and we bought a whole bunch of little potted tulips. And we went door to door, to introduce ourselves, giving out 'Welcome to the community' tulips."

Like the generation before, at about the same age as their predecessors, Rudy and Dorothy are now ready to retire.

"We've had organic growth," says Rudy. "It's been good. It's time."

But he's concerned about the poor success rates of third-generation businesses.

They are hesitant to pass the company legacy on to Julieanne. But family meetings and some outside advice have convinced them the time is right.

Julieanne attended Colonel John Butler School, on East West Line, Eden College and then went off to Laurier University for a business degree.

Disillusioned, she left Laurier and came home for the summer of 2014, wondering what to do next.

"My mother said: 'Go and sit over there and get to work. Post invoices. Paperwork stuff.'"

According to Dorothy, Julieanne was incredibly shy, but exceptionally hardworking. "She started working at Abe Epps farm when she was 13."

"Lo and behold, my daughter, who was so shy, is now front line here, talking

to people. And people love her. She's sharp and organized. She has blossomed. Who knew?"

Julieanne seems a little surprised at how she has come to love the business.

"We would sometimes be here after school. There was a big, fenced area in the back that was full of tires. Towers of tires. The funnest playground. Not always the best idea — we got a couple of extra cuts — but it was so much fun."

When she unexpectedly began working in the office, Julieanne learned by absorbing everything that was going on. "I would just listen to everyone around me."

As she grew more confident, she was invited by major suppliers to attend product and sales conventions all over North America.

"That was pretty helpful. It was pretty cool." Her effervescence sounds more like Generation Y than tire-speak.

But she's quickly back to business.

She acknowledges there aren't many women in the tire business. "When I go to those supplier events, there are very few women. It is mostly male dominated. But I don't really mind. I can hold my own. It's another element of the challenge."

And she likes the business. "When I was younger, I didn't think I would. I didn't realize how much into cars I was. Starting here came very easily for me. There's a bit of pride in the family business. It's something my grandpa started. To be able to carry

on his legacy, that means a lot to me."

While the transition isn't complete, it's well underway.

"Julieanne has gradually assumed more and more leadership," says Dorothy. "We listen to her a lot and we defer a lot of the decisions to her."

In fact, there is already a handshake photo of the three hanging on Dorothy's office wall, celebrating the transition.

It's not surprising that Julieanne is mulling through ways to advance the company under her leadership.

"We're pretty maxed out now," she says, obviously not wanting to close any doors yet. "But we may not need to change. I think we're doing pretty well."

Enns employs 10 people. "Part of the transition challenge is that some of our people are nearing retirement. We'll need to deal with that."

"And I won't likely be able to do both the jobs my mother and father do. So, I'll have to deal with that."

But she'll have lots of help and support.

Every Monday Julieanne's grandmother, Anne Marie, as the family matriarch, prepares and serves a full meat-and-potatoes dinner for any of her four children's families (including eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren) who can make it to her home in Virgil. It's been going on for years.

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# Abandoned baby squirrels — what should I do?

Richard Harley  
The Lake Report

Over the weekend, my partner and I had the unfortunate experience of watching a mother squirrel be separated from her two babies after a piece of a roof was removed from our neighbour's home.

While the neighbours aren't to blame, as the squirrels were nesting essentially in their attic, when the piece was removed, the workers discovered the two baby squirrels — one grey, one black.

They tried to put them in a box, which the mother squirrel did initially find, but due to ongoing sounds of large machinery seemed to have left. The babies stayed in the box overnight and we hoped the mom would come back for them.

Unfortunately, the next morning the mother had not returned. To make matters worse, it had rained and the squirrels — about three weeks old, eyes not even opened yet — were wet and cold.

My partner having a giant



Selina and Pepe, baby squirrels found in Chautauqua, are being rehabilitated in Grimsby. RICHARD HARLEY

heart was distressed and immediately brought them inside to warm up. She picked the fleas off of them, sent me rushing out to buy some Pedialyte — she checked and found it is the best way to rehydrate baby squirrels — and we spent our day trying to save the squirrels and reunite them

with their mother.

Once we had the squirrels dried off and on a heating pad and on their way to being rehydrated, we decided to see if mama would come back. We waited outside, placed the box of babies near where the nest had been (albeit on the ground, much lower) and we waited.

We even played baby squirrel cries on our phones hoping the mum would hear it.

And while the mother did end up coming back to the spot on the neighbour's roof where the nest had been, she unfortunately didn't see the box with the babies. After hours of watching and waiting (we had to keep an eye out, in case neighbourhood cats or dogs got curious) and a phone call to the humane society, we decided the mother was unlikely to return.

Then it started raining again. Everything we could find on the situation told us we should bring them inside, as they can't produce their own heat.

Not wanting to bring the squirrels to the humane society — which didn't have the ability to rehab them — we started looking for places we might be able to bring them.

Should we keep them and try to rehab them until they can be released into the wild? While we very much liked the squirrels, we knew it wasn't the right thing to do. We have a cat, and the danger of being eaten at

home aside, squirrels need a natural fear of cats and people. If we'd raised them, it's likely they'd have been a bit too domesticated to survive in the wild.

And, of course, keeping native wild species as pets is illegal. So that was off the table.

It turned out my partner found a rehab centre in Grimsby called Grimsby Urban Wildlife Care, which raises hundreds of abandoned squirrels and re-introduces them into the environment where they were found when they're ready.

A perfect solution — the squirrels would be cared for by experts, and when they were old enough, they'd return to our street.

Overall, it was sad to see a mother and her babies separated. It was hard for my partner to shake that. But we feel we did the right thing for them.

So, what should you do if you find squirrels? First, leave them be. There's a chance the mother will come back for them. If they're still around for four hours or more (or in im-

mediate danger) then put them in a warm box and try to rehydrate them. Do not feed them before rehydrating them, as it could kill them.

After that, bring them to someone who is trained to rehab squirrels. There's a lot to it, from helping them relieve themselves, which they can't do themselves, to the right mix of formula to feed them. The experts know best.

And if you're really interested in helping animals in similar situations, consider making a donation to Grimsby Urban Wildlife Care. These shelters, though they are registered with the Ministry of Natural Resources, do not receive funding by the government and rely solely on donations and fundraising efforts to survive.

The centre spends hundreds of dollars every week in food alone and the woman who runs the shelter works a second job just to pay for it.

The organization can use your help. Donations can be made at [www.urbanwildlifecare.com/donate](http://www.urbanwildlifecare.com/donate).

Keeping it  
Green 

## Celebrate nature's essential services this Earth Day



Kyra Simone is a NOTL-born nature lover with a master's degree in biology. In her spare time, she advocates for sustainable change, picks up garbage, makes recycled jewelry, and transforms furniture bound for the landfill.

Kyra Simone  
Special to The Lake Report

Natural environments are truly essential services that support life, protect against extremes and provide resources. We can still celebrate these beautiful



Litter collected at Niagara Shores last week, including 89 bottle caps, 65 straws, and 2 sanitizer bottles. KYRA SIMONE

surroundings, even if our Earth Day efforts look a bit different this year.

**THE REALITY:** While I can't speak for everyone, I sometimes feel overwhelmed by circumstances outside of my control. Taking my own small environmental actions helps me feel more positive and productive during this very unsteady time.

Recently, I went for a walk without intending to

clean up litter, but grew increasingly frustrated with every bright piece of plastic I passed. I eventually gave in and resolved to only pick up Mylar balloons if I encountered them: I ended up collecting 15.

A few days later, I went out for a planned cleanup hike and it felt wonderful. I left the beach cleaner than I found it and enjoyed a lovely sunny afternoon with

my mom and the sounds of waves, wind and bird calls.

I even found a few soft pieces of beach glass to use in my jewelry.

**THE UGLY:** After cleaning up just 500 metres of beach at Niagara Shores Park, I ended up with quite a heap of litter. The majority was plastic, including another 11 balloons.

I tried not to focus too much on collecting every tiny fragment but the closer I looked, the more I noticed.

Escaped balloons are even more prevalent now that traditional birthday parties aren't possible with COVID-19. Drive-by celebrations can be fun, but shouldn't leave a lasting impression on nearby natural areas.

I also found 65 plastic straws. While indoor dining is closed, waste from takeout has also skyrocketed.

Along the shoreline, there were also some painted rocks

and "motivational graffiti." Unfortunately, acrylic paint is a plastic coating that eventually flakes off.

Leaving these stones goes against the ideal "leave-no-trace" way to interact with natural environments. Temporarily displaying them on a porch or walkway is better, but Ontario Parks advises against painting stones.

Even if you use environmental paints, others might be inspired to follow your lead with less responsible materials.

**THE HOPEFUL:** As part of the town's environmental advisory committee, I had been helping to organize a garbage cleanup event for Earth Day on April 22. With the stay-at-home order, this group gathering has been postponed.

I fondly remember the shared feelings of responsibility and accomplishment from past Earth Day clean-

ups. But small, individual efforts are also extremely rewarding.

While already out for fresh air or exercise with your household, remove a bit of litter along the way, kind of like a belated Easter egg hunt. When you look closely at these blemishes, nature's beauty and complexity also becomes more apparent.

During my cleanup last week, I marvelled at hundreds of bank swallow burrows in the sandy bluffs. These at-risk birds will return later in April from their winter in South America.

How will you show the Earth your appreciation on April 22? And what new discoveries will you make about these essential services?

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## Ross' Ramblings: A tough battle, but we must try to **smile and laugh**

Ross Robinson  
Special to The Lake Report

As we continue to wrassle with COVID-19, we must retain our ability to smile. As importantly, we must retain our desire to laugh.

On a recent Friday evening at Betty's Restaurant in Chippawa, before the latest lockdown, I joined four friends for two physically distanced hours of great food and Niagara wine, engaging banter, and some tearfully funny stories. We laughed and loved, in the face of the global pandemic. Someday, a new normal will release us into the fresh air and allow us to visit more often. Concerts at Jackson-Triggs.

We arrived for fish and pie after a lovely drive along the Niagara Parkway, enjoying the world-famous views of the Falls, determined to have fun. Fun can still be done, as so many of us know.

We read about new walking groups, we see more dogs walking their owners, and so many more cyclists on the streets and along the Niagara River Recreational



Trail. Online yoga and aerobics have taken off. These six young ladies from the GTA, Halifax and Zimbabwe enjoyed an elegant bachelorette luncheon in Ryerson Park last August. It would be totally within the various rules of the proposed NOTL parks bylaw. No fire, no loud noise, no booze and over by 10 p.m. What's not to love about this tableau? ROSS ROBINSON

Let's be tolerant and abide the good people who enjoy a macho drive on a motorcycle or in their vintage or souped-up cars. They pay taxes, work hard and are courteous, respectful visitors.

Could there be a better place to be battling a global pandemic than here in our magnificent Niagara region? Last week, an Expedia user survey named NOTL the third-most friendly town in Canada. It seems to me that in spite of ourselves, we have been described as being warm, hospitable and friendly to each other and to

visitors to our small town. This is where I get confused sometimes. And I hope we can somehow simultaneously pull and push in regards to tourism. As folks report how much they enjoy spending time here, our town council adopts a parks bylaw "as crowds begin to appear at parks." There is no easy answer to the current dilemma. I can almost hear my mom saying to me, "So, you want to have your cake and eat it too?" Our town facilities, amenities and parks, including those operated by Niagara Parks, are first class because of funding from

local taxpayers, Niagara regional contributions, and provincial and federal dollars. And, when tourists spend money here, a portion of the taxes are spent right here, locally. It seems to me, therefore, that our parks are everyone's parks. Just like when we travel and enjoy their parks. Logical?

We have all chosen to live here for different reasons. Culture, mild weather and short winters (for Canada), wineries and agricultural land, recreational amenities, and so little traffic congestion. Now, throw in the friendly and helpful locals, including you and me, lovely parks and beautiful landscaping displays. Seriously, what's not to like?

Wait patiently until our various festivals return, along with almost non-stop theatre, concerts and heritage events. Hats off to the determined and talented people who have been skilfully and enthusiastically providing Zoom lectures and online entertainment. Sure, it's not perfect, but it's so much better than nothing. Keep up the enthusiastic work, and know we appreciate your efforts.

Let's not be tiny minded. Different people enjoy different things. As we small-town folk enjoy an occasional visit to a big city, those big-city folk enjoy a visit to rural and small town Canada. Welcome them with a smile or wave, respect their space, and understand that some wild and crazy people enjoy enjoying a park after dark. Star gazing, the silence and bigness of a dark sky moon, the cool breeze off a lake or river. Maybe even a dip in the fresh water. Yikes, after 10 p.m.? What is more pure than seeing someone reading a book in one of our parks, as the sun comes up? Yikes, before 7 a.m.?

Allow people to cook their favourite foods on a hibachi. With only rare exceptions, they leave the area clean. And hey, we spend millions to grow our unique cool climate grapes and skilfully blend different wine varietals. Then our wineries spend big bucks and do their best to market and sell the products. Now you want to tell us we can't enjoy a pleasant Chardon-

nay or Merlot in our parks? Or, a craft-brewed Oast House Barnraiser? But I ramble on ...

Yes, we have a parking problem in a few areas of NOTL, for perhaps 300 or 400 hours a year. Think of the lucky people who live near Fenway Park or the Montreal Canadiens' home rink. What about the country folk who live within a few kilometres of Merrittville Speedway? Va-room, Va-room. Go to the stock car races this summer. Expand your minds. The fastest dirt track in Canada, on our doorsteps. A really fun Saturday summer evening. Trust me. Our professional town staff will solve the parking issue, and enforce any new rules. Let's share the love with our bylaw officers, as they ease into the new regulations. And let us all treat each other with kindness and friendliness, as we enjoy our Niagara and NOTL. The visitors are a-coming. Let's be thankful we live in such a popular and "quaint" town. We are so fortunate to live in Canada .. in 2021.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre #1 2021 Water and Wastewater Master Servicing Plan Update

Niagara is expected to gain 214,000 new residents and 81,000 new jobs by 2051. We need to plan now to make sure we have the water and wastewater infrastructure we need to support this growth, including water/wastewater pipes, pumping stations and water/wastewater treatment plants. The update will be coordinated with other Regional Plans including:

- Development Charges Background Study and By-law
- Transportation Master Plan Refresh
- Regional Official Plan - 2051 Population and Employment Forecasts

In 2016, Niagara Region completed a Water and Wastewater Master Servicing Plan that charted infrastructure needs to the year 2041, while maintaining levels of service. This 2021 update to the plan will incorporate recent knowledge and current priorities to ensure we can accommodate further growth expected by 2051 and beyond, as per the amended Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

The study follows the master planning process as established by the Municipal Engineer's Association Class Environmental Assessment

process for Master Plans, which is an approved Ontario Environmental Assessment process. The Master Servicing Plan Update will satisfy phases 1 and 2 of the Class Environmental Assessment process including developing and evaluating alternative servicing strategies for the Region's systems and facilities. Public and stakeholder input will be sought throughout the process and a Master Servicing Plan Update Report will be prepared and filed for public review.

Public feedback is important. Information about the project will be available on Niagara Region's website as part of Public Information Centre No. 1. You can learn about how this project will contribute to Niagara's overall growth plan, key servicing issues being considered and how you can have your voice heard.

A recorded video and information regarding this project will be made available for Public Information Centre No. 1 on the project website beginning **Wednesday, April 21, 2021**. This will be followed with a two-week period to submit Public Information Centre No. 1 related comments to the Project Team.

Access the project website at [niagararegion.ca/projects/www-master-servicing-plan](http://niagararegion.ca/projects/www-master-servicing-plan)

If you have any questions, comments, or wish to be added to the study mailing list, please contact:

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# Upper Canada Lodge



The staff at Upper Canada Lodge. SUPPLIED PHOTO

Multiple people have phoned or emailed The Lake Report to nominate Upper Canada Lodge and its staff members, residents and family of residents, as NOTL pandemic heroes. The long-term care facility was the only one in Niagara-on-the-Lake to avoid an outbreak of COVID-19 altogether. It was also one of few homes across Ontario to manage to avoid an outbreak.

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# GAMES



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**Across**

- 1. Pulled a face (8)
- 6. Deeply felt (6)
- 9. Business combination (6)
- 10. Rain gently (8)
- 11. Orts (9)
- 12. Hangs around (5)
- 14. Undiluted (6)
- 16. Units of sound intensity (8)
- 18. Weird things (8)
- 20. Charge with a crime (6)
- 21. Expect (5)
- 23. Stopped (6,3)
- 26. Fighting axe (8)
- 27. Scheduled (6)
- 28. Public address (6)
- 29. Rule out in advance (8)

**Down**

- 2. Returned to office (2-7)
- 3. Power (5)
- 4. Murderous painter of "The Supper at Emmaus" (10)
- 5. Craved (7)
- 6. Calvary inscription (1,1,1,1)
- 7. Retired (4,2,3)
- 8. Team race (5)
- 13. Providing grounds for a lawsuit (10)
- 15. Bring into being (9)
- 17. Midlands cathedral city (9)
- 19. Conceited and snobbish (5-2)
- 22. Shout with joy (5)
- 24. Whimsically funny (5)
- 25. Sprint (4)

## Crossword Puzzle

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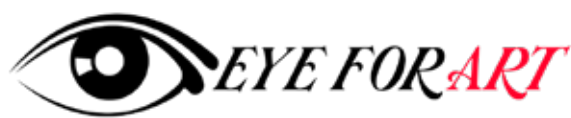
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## 'A Bar at the Folies-Bergère'

Penny-Lynn Cookson  
Special to The Lake Report

Oh, to be in Paris at the Folies-Bergère, home of opera, dance, comedy and acrobatics. Built in 1869, it was the most popular music hall of variety entertainment and social gathering for the Parisian middle and upper classes.

In 1892, Édouard Manet created his last major work, "A Bar at the Folies-Bergère," one of the most controversial, disparaged and admired paintings of all time. Why? Its composition doesn't make sense. Or does it?

A young barmaid stands at a balcony marble countertop gazing out at us, her face expressionless, otherworldly, detached. Before her are arranged bottles of gold-foil topped champagne, wine, English ale (German beer unpopular due to the 1870/71 Franco-Prussian War), and a single bottle of green absinthe, the "Green Fairy" known for its properties of liberation and altered perceptions.

Behind her a gold-framed

mirror takes up the entire width of the painting. We see, looking into the mirror, what she sees as she looks beyond us into the interior of the space.

Three large, gaslit crystal chandeliers and numerous new electric globe lights are mounted on columns before more reflecting mirrors. The balcony across the room is full of seated and standing patrons engaged in seeing and being seen. Hazy smoke rises from the lower level. At the top left dangle the legs and feet of a trapeze artist whom no one is watching. This is theatre life, the buzz of the crowd, the clink of glasses, the background music.

The young blond woman with her fringe, stands straight, wearing a dark velvet jacket with a lace collar and cuffs, a cameo locket, gold bangle and pearl earrings. To the right, we see her back reflected in the mirror as she leans slightly forward to a man in a top hat. He appears to look past her. Is she taking his request, or is he propositioning her for a liaison?



Edouard Manet, "A Bar at the Folies-Bergère," 1882, oil on canvas, Courtauld Gallery, London. SUPPLIED

Bar attendants at the Folies-Bergère were known to offer other services and Manet includes on the bar a bowl of oranges, his symbol for prostitution. It is the off-kilter position of the reflected pair that disturbs and has been criticized since the Paris Salon viewing of 1892. Other ambiguities include the bottles positioned inaccurately in the mirror.

Manet toys with repeat triangles: the large chandelier, the yellow-gloved arms of an onlooker, the hem of the young woman's jacket, her red corsage, the red triangles of the Bass ale logo, a corporate first in art history long before Andy Warhol's Brillo pads and Campbell Soup tins. In addition, Manet signs his name and the vintage date on the wine bottle label.

Was the criticism of the composition justified? No. Photography has proved the positioning works if the viewer/customer does not stand centre to the woman but far offside. The viewer might be the man almost out of the frame. The painting is a masterpiece of symbolic relationships and the dislocation between reality and illusion. Modern art begins with Manet.

*Penny-Lynn Cookson is an art historian who taught at the University of Toronto for 10 years. She also was head of extension services at the Art Gallery of Ontario. See her lecture series "Art and Revolution, From Cave Art to the Future" Thursdays on Zoom until April 29 at RiverBrink Art Museum in Queenston.*

## Dr. Brown: Too little, too late – and sometimes just plain wrong

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the decision to delay the second shot by an additional two to three months. There was no clinical trial evidence to support that decision, which means that it might make no difference, offer less protection or possibly offer longer-lasting protection.

But we won't know without a trial and so Canada stands as a poster child for a giant unplanned experiment, and worse, there's no attempt to learn from this experiment.

That's not the way of science. We understand the reason – get at least one jab into as many people as possible – but this experiment highlights poor planning, the results of which may not be known for many months to come. The federal failure to secure sufficient vaccine,



delayed lockdowns by the Ontario government before Christmas and again recently, and wilful behaviour by some are responsible for the present surges in cases and logjams in acute care.

There are other problems.

For example the pandemic has spread so far and wide in the world that we've long since lost any chance to corral the virus by public health measures and vaccination programs. That means this virus will be with us indefinitely and likely will continue to mutate.

So, we will face many more mutant variants, some of which may exist now but

for lack of genomic testing, we don't know about them. Several known variants are transmitted much more easily than the original virus and hence infect many more people and cause more deaths. And if that isn't enough trouble, some variants, such as the South African and Brazilian versions, may be more lethal.

Those variants, and others yet to come, mean vaccines will need to be modified on the fly and, most important, must be cheap to manufacture in existing lower-tech facilities, much the way the flu vaccine is, by using chick embryos to create components of the spike protein.

The latter could be updated and revised versions of the spike protein used to quickly create new vaccines. Like the flu vaccine, we probably will need annual

booster shots to keep COVID under control.

What's ominous and worrying about this pandemic have been the many mistakes made by so many governments and even scientists – and still, almost a year and half later, the response has been inadequate and made worse by misinformation.

There are two viruses in this pandemic, the coronavirus and the speed with which misinformation has gone viral. And the latter may be almost as dangerous as the former.

Most of us are tired and frustrated by on-again, off-again lockdowns. That's understandable. What's not so easy to understand is the apparent willingness by some to aid and abet the spread of the virus by refusing to wear masks, keep their distance from others

and compounding both, defiantly congregating in large groups.

Simple, proven health care measures have become politicized and, for some, declared infringements on their freedom.

And they are right. But freedom does not mean you can put others at risk and that's what happens when people wilfully congregate without masks and distancing. The cost in deaths and suffering is "invisible" because it takes place out of sight in long-term care facilities and intensive care units. Perhaps that very invisibility makes it easier to ignore health care measures. That's where leadership counts.

To confront misinformation, we need a Canadian version of the U.K.'s Boris Johnson. He has made his share of mistakes but at

least provides regular highly publicized updates to his country after which a well-informed media and experts grill him and his ministers.

After all, the first duty of government is to protect the people they govern and be seen doing so. When's the last time we saw our PM do a Boris or Biden? I can't remember – can you?

Lightly attended and viewed news conferences don't do the job. There should have been and should be regular, highly publicized presentations with the relevant ministers and health experts there to testify and clarify. That's the PM's job. At least Ontario's premier tries.

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**April ice jam of 1909**

Here's a photo of the Niagara River ice jam that occurred in April 1909. This photo was taken in Queenston looking south from the shoreline. On the right you see the destroyed Queenston wharf. In the early months of 1909, the water levels were low, which resulted in an ice jam just above the American falls. However, in April, the water levels rose and with a significant windstorm, the ice fields broke and quickly moved downstream, blocking the mouth of the Niagara River. Destruction followed along the shoreline on both sides of the river. It wasn't until 1964 that a "boom" was placed in the upper part of the river, near Lake Erie, to limit the flow of ice. In 2019, many may remember the ice walls that grew over the barriers in Fort Erie. This was probably fairly similar to what had happened in 1909 as well as other years when ice jams occurred.



**Reincarnation of old hospital**

Brian Marshall  
Columnist

It is a fact that well-constructed buildings will often outlive the purpose for which they were originally intended.

Churches without congregations, factories that cannot support modern production, warehouses with ceilings too low for racked storage, mills that cannot compete with offshore products, houses surrounded by commercial towers, and the list goes on.

These buildings, often vacant and abandoned, stand as a lonely testament to a country's history; a time when towns and cities thrived with the beat of local industry and shared community.



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Here in Canada, we have a tendency to look at these buildings as something that should be torn down and replaced with anything that serves the modern milieu. We are behind the global curve.

On the international stage, the past 20 years have seen the development of a significant trend in what has been called adaptive reuse. In short, architects and developers are repurposing existing structures for new uses, breathing life back into these historic buildings.

Aside from saving architecture that had a culturally important role in a community's history, there are some very practical reasons for this trend's

growing popularity.

First, the fact the structure is already built makes it a sustainable practice. All the emissions released in construction, energy consumed to create raw materials and move them to the site, the carbon released in making concrete, the trees felled for timber and so on are already embodied in these structures.

Secondly, it can be quite cost-effective. A May 2017 article in the publication "Trade, Industry & Development" (Due North Media) reported that "a complete building rehabilitation costs about 16 per cent less in construction costs and 18 per cent less in construction time than new construction." While experts report adaptive reuse projects come in at 19 to 30 per cent less per finished square foot than comparative new build construction.

These projects also limit urban sprawl (with associated infrastructure costs) and have resulted in some incredibly beauti-

ful architecture within the community including the Tamminy Hall Building in New York, the Bombay Sapphire Distillery and the Coal Drops Yard (both in England).

Which brings us to the old hospital in Niagara-on-the-Lake; this building has been a part of the cultural landscape in service to the community for 70 years. While many might view this building as a relic of uninspired post-war institutional design, I see a low, sleek "end-bracket" on the town's core that contrasts with and enhances the nearby St. Vincent de Paul church property. Further, I see in that building the potential for a stunning adaptive reuse project which would give it new life while maintaining its historic footprint.

I suggest that a call for RFPs on an adaptive reuse project should govern any sale. To see another vanilla housing development on those lands would be a lasting shame.

**Obituary & In memoriam**

**Stefanie L. Sherk**  
(1976-2019)



*In loving memory of a wonderful daughter, sister, wife and friend, missed so much and forever in our hearts.*

**John "Jack" Bates**



BATES, John "Jack" – Passed away peacefully at the Greater Niagara General Hospital on Thursday April 8, 2021 at the age of 88. Beloved husband of Dorothy for 65 years. Loving father of Cathy (Benny) Durant, Len (Caroline) Bates, Dan Bates and Anita Bates, Adored and admired grandfather of 11 and great-grandfather of five. Dear brother of William (Joan) Bates, Leonard (Colleen) Bates and the late Doug (the late Mary) Bates. Due to pandemic restrictions a private family service will take place. A public celebration of Jack's life will take place at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Morgan Funeral Home, 415 Regent Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make a donation to Heart Niagara. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at [www.morganfuneral.com](http://www.morganfuneral.com)



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