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Town says it acted **legally** in development freeze

Richard Harley
The Lake Report

In an ongoing legal battle between Hummel Properties Ltd. and the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, the municipality says it acted legally when it implemented a

bylaw to freeze all development in Old Town.

Hummel, a prominent Niagara developer, is suing to quash the bylaw for illegality under Ontario's municipal and planning acts.

He alleges that in planning the bylaw — which

involved a special council meeting just days after new councillors were sworn-in in December 2018 — Lord Mayor Betty Disero and “at least one” other councillor-elect acted in bad faith to target one developer and conspired to plan the by-

law before councillors had taken their oaths.

Among a long list of allegations, Hummel claims Disero and now-resigned councillor Stuart McCormack started work on the bylaw Nov. 22, 2018, almost two weeks before council

was sworn in, with all of council being guided to approve it on Dec. 5.

Hummel is also suing for damages associated with the development freeze.

In response to a factum filed in court by Hummel's lawyers, the town says coun-

cil had every right to call the special meeting and pass the bylaw, and that no rules were broken by the mayor or council-elect in planning the statute before councillors had taken their oaths.

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Matt Wilson plays a new Gretsch guitar he got a month before being killed by a driver on Lakeshore Road. SUPPLIED

Man killed in **hit-and-run** was a lifelong NOTLer

Richard Harley
The Lake Report

A 40-year-old man who was killed in a hit-and-run on Lakeshore Road Sunday night was a lifelong NOTL resident with a passion for sports.

Niagara Regional Police said they have identified the

driver of a Ford F-150 pickup truck who was eastbound on Lakeshore near McNab Road when Matthew Wilson was struck. No charges had been announced as of Wednesday.

Wilson grew up in Niagara-on-the-Lake,

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NOTL pharmacy delivers vaccines, province invokes **#StayHome** order



Nancy Rose, 69, gets her COVID-19 vaccine at Simpson's Pharmacy on Tuesday. RICHARD HARLEY

Kevin MacLean
The Lake Report

A Niagara-on-the-Lake pharmacy began distributing 400 doses of the Astra-Zeneca vaccine this week to some of the estimated 4,000

people on its waiting list.

But at this point it is unclear when the first shipment will be replenished so more patients can get the jab, says pharmacist Sean Simpson.

His two pharmacy loca-

tions, in Virgil and on King Street in Old Town, each were allotted 200 doses of vaccine after Ontario last week expanded the number of pharmacies permitted to dispense the shots. He is confident the new

stay-at-home orders issued Wednesday will not interrupt the vaccine rollout.

Simpson's Pharmacy was the only NOTL drugstore included on the list.

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Hirji urges Ontario to consider regional **travel restrictions**

Richard Harley
The Lake Report

Niagara-on-the-Lake is continuing to see thousands of visitors entering town on weekends, despite pleas from public health officials across Ontario for people to stay home and not travel out of their region.

The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake recorded 9,163 vehicles entering town

during the Easter weekend, and again, Old Town was flooded with visitors.

On Sunday, The Lake Report observed people renting bikes, many walking maskless and gathering in large groups. It didn't look much like we are in the third wave of a pandemic.

Niagara's chief medical officer of health, Dr. Mustafa Hirji, said restricting travel to Niagara from other part of

Ontario is beyond the scope of regional public health.

“We don't have the ability to do that, I think if we were going to have Ontario provincial travel restrictions, that would have to be something the province would do.”

Provincial restrictions on travel are “definitely worth looking at,” he said.

The region's mobile data even “a month or so ago”

showed a lot of people from outside Niagara coming to the region's open tourist and shopping areas, Hirji said.

“That's the kind of thing that I'm hoping we don't see” in the coming weeks.

It's no surprise that when cases rise in other regions, Niagara follows suit, he told reporters Tuesday.

“We see cases go up in places like the GTA, we see cases go up in Hamilton,

and then they start to go up here in Niagara later and that's probably because cases go up in other regions, people travel here, and the infection starts to spread,” Hirji said.

“So I do think looking at some kind of intraprovincial travel restrictions might make a lot of sense for us here in Niagara, but it would have to be a decision made by the province.”

Lord Mayor Betty Disero said the town doesn't have many options to protect residents from visitors who may be bringing the virus into town, and continues to urge people to take their health into their own hands by avoiding town when it's busy.

“The town is limited in terms of what they can do

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Town hires 'fairness monitor' to oversee potential sale of former Niagara-on-the-Lake hospital building

Evan Saunders
Special to The Lake Report

The town is examining options that could lead to the sale of the old Niagara-on-the-Lake hospital site, a piece of prime real estate in downtown NOTL.

To ensure the integrity of the process, council is spending \$25,000 in reserve funds to hire a "fairness adviser."

While some councillors felt using reserve funds was unadvisable, they unanimously approved hiring the fairness adviser to oversee what is viewed as an important undertaking.

"This is a very important piece of property. It's centered right close to the historic district, across from the Shaw Festival, and right near Fort George. So, it's a very important piece of property," Coun. Allan Bisback said in an interview Tuesday.

"I think that it's very important that we have a professional, non-biased, procurement-focused individual who looks at the process and makes sure that



The former hospital in Old Town could be up for sale. SUPPLIED

everything is fair."

Coun. Gary Burroughs insisted that a fairness monitor is necessary when dealing with a large property, telling councillors, "There's many areas that become political only because so many people have great ideas for what's going to happen. That's why we need a fairness commissioner."

The town purchased the hospital for \$3.5 million in 2017. With real estate prices escalating since then, the

land will be worth considerably more now.

Since the property was a large financial investment for the town, and will be a large source of financial gain should it be sold, Bisback stressed that the monitor should be someone from outside the municipality because the town needs to make sure residents are comfortable with the process.

Coun. Sandra O'Connor noted the town recently approved the hiring of a

procurement adviser, whose job will be to help with projects like repurposing of the hospital site and asked town clerk Peter Todd why the town should hire a fairness monitor as well.

Todd said a fairness monitor "is typically a third party that removes itself from the process. (They are) there to simply monitor and make sure the process is fair."

Chief administrator Mar- nie Cluckie noted the importance of transpar-

ency and stressed the town needs to ensure there is "no perception that there could be people being swayed" behind the scenes during the process.

Town treasurer Kyle Freeborn assured council that, should the property be sold, the proceeds will be used to pay back the money used to finance the original purchase and any excess could be put in the capital reserve fund, or used as councillors see fit.

The town is still in the early stages of the procurement process. The first step will be the issuing of a request for expressions of interest, through which the town will start accepting basic proposals for future use of the site.

Bisback told The Lake Report, if the land is sold, the whole process won't be complete anytime soon.

"I don't see anything changing on that site for, I would suggest, a year or two years. We have tenants there right now."

Due to the strategic location of the former hospital

in Old Town, Todd's presentation to council on the topic stressed that proposals need to be aligned with the town's strategic goals.

Chief among those is a commitment to maintaining the heritage of NOTL, according to the town's strategic plan.

But "the exciting thing about putting out a request for expression of interest is that hopefully we get some creativity," Bisback said.

Cluckie told councillors all proposals, whether from non-profits, businesses or community organizations, will be considered.

"We (will) put the expression of interest out to get as many ideas as possible and not limit or give first right to any particular group. That in turn will help to establish the vision that council members have for that site," Cluckie said.

A shortlist of the expressions of interest will be compiled and the town will issue a formal request for proposals. In the final stage of the process, council will decide what proposal, if any, wins approval.

Wind, water seriously damage stone groyne on waterfront

Kevin MacLean
The Lake Report

The water level in Lake Ontario has been falling steadily for most of the last several months, easing fears about springtime flooding, but the lower level has taken a huge toll on the stone groyne the town built in the dock area.

The \$300,000 groyne, designed to protect the shoreline around Ball's Beach, consists of massive stones carefully placed into the lake last fall by contractors hired by the town.

However, with the water level now more than two feet lower than it was a year ago, powerful waves this spring have eroded the groyne and some of the large anchor stones have broken away.

Ron Simkus, a retired engineer who lives nearby



These two images by Ron Simkus show some of the damage the massive stone groyne has sustained. SUPPLIED

and issues a weekly newsletter that tracks lake water levels, says one of the large anchor stones was dislodged overnight on April 1 to 2.

"Strong winds and resulting waves coming from the northeast last night took a further toll on the damaged dock area groyne and the pounding at low lake elevation will continue through the weekend and into next

week," he said in his April 2 message.

"The toll on the massive anchor stones is taking place on three sides and it's hard to say how far this will continue," he said.

By this past Monday, he noted, "the damage to the groyne has stopped during the calm winds we're experiencing (but) the breakaway stone did move farther away from the

groyne."

"With continued low lake levels all summer, any major storm will probably do more undermining and maybe even take another piece off," Simkus told The Lake Report.

Lake levels rose three inches last week, the first sizable jump in months, according to data from Simkus.

However, the water was

27 inches lower than the same week a year ago and 18 inches below the level on March 31, 2019, he said.

The U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers is forecasting a six-inch rise in Lake Ontario through the end of April, Simkus said.

Lord Mayor Betty Disero says the town is working on a solution.

"Staff have been meeting with everyone involved,

contractors, engineers etc., to sort out what happened and what steps to take," she told The Lake Report.

The stone groyne formed a sort of "boulder beach" to protect the area from erosion. "It was a beautiful thing," Disero said.

Last fall as work on the project was underway, Brett Ruck, the town's environmental services supervisor, said the rock groyne was designed so people could walk out onto it.

"We've actually placed rocks in there so they're more like stepping stones," Ruck said then, adding that the town has filled up some of the voids with clear stone, so people don't slip in between the rocks and get hurt.

Now there is temporary fencing up to discourage people from walking on the rocks.

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Brynn's Branches: In teaching about giving, stolen pussywillows offer another lesson

Richard Harley
The Lake Report

Virgil father Jeff McGuffin was teaching his one-year-old daughter Brynn about the spirit of giving when he found a few more lessons to impart along the way.

After putting pussywillows out near the curb for sale to raise money for Wellspring Niagara, the family was shocked to find someone stole them all and the pots that held them.

But that didn't stop McGuffin from finding the positive and another lesson to be learned and taught.

"Our daughter is too young to really understand but we want to get those pictures and we want to get the kind of groundwork going for her being civic-minded," said McGuffin.

He said one lesson is that "as much as an individual can do what's best for the greater good, there's always going to be negative in the world," but not to let that stop good deeds — or any life plans.



Brynn McGuffin, 1, is being taught about being civic-minded by her parents. SUPPLIED

"It's a life lesson. You can put in all the planning for it doesn't matter what you're doing. If it is charitable or not, it could be even your life plans

and your life goals, there's always going to be road blocks," McGuffin said.

He's encouraging anybody who wants to help raise money for Wellspring

Niagara and cancer research to contribute.

Donations can be made at wellspringniagara.akaraisin.com/ui/marchon-niagara.

Pharmacy unsure when next batch will arrive

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With 10 people inoculated Monday, another 40 done on Tuesday and 42 scheduled for Wednesday, Simpson expects to be able order another shipment on Thursday.

He is permitted to put in a request for more vials once 120 doses have been given out.

But this phase of the vaccination program is so new, "We don't even know how to reorder," Simpson said Tuesday.

"All we know is that we're eligible to reorder but they haven't even told us how to do that. We're hoping that they'll tell us soon but there's a possibility that means we could reorder on Thursday and expect more on Friday. Or we could reorder on Thursday and get it a week later, or not get any at all."

So far, the rollout at his pharmacy has gone smooth-



Martina Schubert, lead vaccine pharmacist, administers doses of AstraZeneca on Tuesday. RICHARD HARLEY

ly, though he said it's frustrating not knowing and not having any guarantees.

"But we can only deal with the circumstances we're in at any given time. You kind of have to roll with the punches and deal with what's in front of you at the time and figure out how to proceed from there."

The pharmacy is whittling away at its long wait list now and people are "very happy" about being able to get a booking, he said.

Most patients are contacted electronically based on

their position on the waiting list. When they come in they are automatically booked for their second shot 16 weeks down the road, Simpson said.

No-shows have been a problem at some clinics, but everyone showed up for their appointments the first two days and he hopes that trend continues.

As of Tuesday, he said he expected to not have enough vaccine to do shots on the weekend at the Virgil location, though he hoped to be able to do some inoculations

at the Old Town store.

The vaccines are allotted to each site and can't be transferred between locations without permission from the government, he said.

Each AstraZeneca vial contains about 10 doses, though Simpson said they have been able to squeeze an extra shot out of some vials.

Most of the people his pharmacies are seeing are "very, very excited" to be vaccinated.

"But then there's people that are a little more reserved and perhaps hesitant. And there's everything in between."


His advice? Get the shot. "The best vaccine is the vaccine that you can get today. By waiting around you're just putting yourself more at risk."

"For most people their number one priority right now should be to get vaccinated," he said.

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NOTL active cases: 24
Region active cases: 817
Region deaths: 376
Region total cases: 10,382
Region resolved cases: 9,189
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Contributed by Patty Garriock
 "Small steps in the 'right direction' can turn out to be the biggest steps in your life."
 - Patty Garriock

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Editorial

Time to #StayHome, again

Kevin MacLean
 Managing Editor



Finally, Premier Doug Ford can indeed honestly say he listened to the scientific and medical experts. Let's hope he was not too late in coming to that epiphany.

In announcing on Wednesday that he is turning back the clock to January and enacting stay-at-home orders across the province, Ford is doing what a multitude of experts have been urging for weeks.

The half-baked stutter steps instituted last week (and previously) – an "emergency brake" allowing all retailers to remain open but telling people only to go out for essentials – did not work.

Malls were packed as thousands of people took advantage of the opportunity to pick up some essentials. And other "stuff."

We saw it first-hand here in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Queen Street didn't quite look as busy as it does on a sunny July weekend, but it was packed with visitors.

Easter Sunday brought hordes of visitors who, as Lord Mayor Betty Disero notes, seem to be tired, fed up and had enough of the on-again, off-again lockdowns that have been Ontario's haphazard strategy for trying to balance economics with public health.

But before we all go off angry at the "damn visitors from Toronto" coming to town, that is not always the case. On the previous weekend, the Bell Mobility data available to the municipality shows 75 per cent of visitors were from within Niagara Region. So they stayed within their region, technically.

Bell data for this past Saturday and Sunday was not available, but the

town counted 9,163 vehicles entering Old Town, a lot, but nowhere near the 22,500 that visited one weekend last May.

As well, we should consider our own collective contribution to the influx of people. We have no data to support it, but anecdotally, we do know that many NOTLers – also tired and fed up with lockdowns, and not seeing family members or grandchildren – hosted friends or relatives over the holiday weekend.

Perhaps they were all from Niagara Region.

So, here we are. It's January in April and we are all supposed to stay home while the vaccine rollout continues unabated, thankfully, and the public health system tries to flatten the

curve of escalating COVID cases, especially the nasty variants that are now dominating.

We implore everyone to heed the science, to #StayHome, only go out for essentials, get vaccinated as soon as possible – and be kind and tolerant of one another.

This stay-at-home medicine is tough on our economy – especially small businesses that rely on area residents for their livelihood. So, take every opportunity to keep obtaining your essentials from local operators. Please continue to support our struggling small businesses.

We have weathered more than 12 months of this pandemic. It's been difficult on many levels and we have repeatedly seen the consequences of reopening too soon. Or shutting down too late.

Surely, in the interests of the greater good, we can withstand a few more weeks of tough love..

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Hoarding eyesores a blight on 'prettiest town'

Dear editor:

Niagara-on-the-Lake, widely referred to as the prettiest town in Canada, is blessed with many assets as well as outstanding beauty.

Take, for example, the beautiful Niagara River and winding Parkway, the open spaces of the Commons (enjoyed by so many residents and their best friends) as well as the natural wooded areas providing home to a variety of wildlife.

We are a town culturally enriched by the Shaw Festival, the third-most important repertory theatre in North America, together with its many related activities.

And we are surrounded by many first-class, award-winning wineries and restaurants, numerous golf

courses, including the oldest in North America, and blessed with important historical sites some of which date back to the war of 1812 and older.

While these uncommon assets are widely appreciated by visitors and local residents alike, this is sadly not the case with some developers who also claim to be local residents.

Some developer-owned properties have been allowed to become eyesores and a blight on the town:

a) The faded construction hoarding fronting two sites on Queen Street, in place now for several years and causing consternation among town councillors as well many local residents.

b) The residential prop-

erty at Queen and Mississauga streets that has been left unfinished for several years and is a visible disgrace.

c) The iconic Randwood property on John Street opposite the Commons, (federal government land) showing run-down construction entrances and broken trees leaning on the ostensibly heritage-protected perimeter wall.

These are hardly examples of proper respect for the town, its residents and its heritage assets. Rather, they indicate an apparent disregard by some developers, which has in turn led to a negative image of them on the part of many local residents.

There can be little doubt that a bylaw needs to be

created by town council, or enforced if one exists, that addresses the issue of long-term construction hoarding as well as minimum standards of property upkeep.

There should also be an obligation on owners of designated heritage properties to maintain those heritage assets in order that the owners do not allow "demolition by neglect." The bylaw should be backed by strong penalties to encourage compliance and discourage abuse.

There is, however, encouragement in the fact that, according to a story in The Lake Report, town council is aware of this urgent need and is currently in the process of a full review.

Derek Collins
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Developer's lawsuit is what's 'insidious'

Dear editor:

I take exception to your reporting on the Hummel Properties Inc. lawsuit against the Town of NOTL headlined as an alleged "insidious scheme" by the mayor and council on the front page of The Lake Report on April 1.

Did you not stop for a second and ask yourself "why are we publishing this tripe?" Do you not think that perhaps the "insidious scheme" in this instance is being perpetrated by the developer in question upon the citizenry of Niagara-on-the-Lake?

Rather than look at this lawsuit as yet another spurious attempt by another powerful, wealthy developer to intimidate our duly elected mayor and council because this administration won't allow developers free rein to push through their agendas, you choose to write a two-page article about the supposed malfeasance and scheming of our mayor and council.

Not unlike the coverage you gave Benny Marotta in your Feb. 21, 2019, issue with your huge banner headline "Town will pay 'a fortune' in legal fees," this smacks of muckraking reportage and possibly an "insidious scheme" on the part of wealthy developers to use your newspaper to undermine the confidence of our mayor and council to make appropriate decisions and the loyalty of the citizenry to support those decisions.

Thankfully, we have a mayor and council who are unafraid to stand up for what is right and just for Niagara-on-the-Lake and thus far the legal system has backed them up. As you reported last month, the Superior Court denied Mr. Marotta's spurious claim against the town's heritage designation of Randwood and ordered the Town and SORE a combined award of \$170,000 in costs.

Other than regurgitating precisely what Mr. Hummel's lawyers fed you by way of their factum claim to the court did you question any of the motives of Mr. Hummel or his lawyers in providing you with this documentation? Did you investigate and ask questions of former CAO Holly Dowd or planning director Craig Larmour? Mr. Larmour's statement, "Council did not seek his position on the appropriateness of interim control" begs the obvious question: Being the expert staff dealing with a new council, did you not think it incumbent for you to offer an opinion or make suggestions to council, if you believed it to be inappropriate?

I would have thought their simple admission reported at the end of your article would have raised a question or two: "The lawsuit acknowledges the Planning Act does not require the public be given advance notice of a proposed interim control bylaw and there is

no right to public participation in the process."

Is that not largely the basis of this claim? And actually when you stop and think about it for a moment maybe that is why the Planning Act is written in this way – so that councils don't have to telegraph to developers that they want to put an interim control bylaw in place to pause all action until maybe a new official plan can be put in place?

I would also like to point out the context of November and December 2018. Perhaps you don't remember that this mayor and council were elected on their promises to finally deal with our 24-year-old Official Plan, enactment of a tree bylaw and to listen to and heed resident concerns with rampant development. And then within days of the election Mr. Marotta began his clear-cutting of the tree canopy on Randwood (Nov. 15, 2018, issue of The Lake Report) to pre-empt the upcoming tree bylaw before the swearing-in of the new mayor and council.

It's bad enough that we have a provincial government firmly entrenched in the deep pockets of developers steamrolling through developments with ministerial zoning orders (MZOs) in direct contradiction to the Planning and Heritage Conservation acts, pushing through a needless Highway 413, paving over valuable farmland and provincially designated wetlands and

now expecting municipalities in the midst of the pandemic to update their official plans to free up more developable lands for 2051.

I could go on with the way in which some local developers, having received approval for development, do nothing for years and leave an unsightly, uninstalled pool for years on the front lawn of a very visible key property at the entrance to the "prettiest town in Canada," or worn ugly hoardings on Queen Street, or on how many other articles The Lake Report has published unquestioningly taking the side of developers trying to bully our elected officials.

I will simply end with a big, big thank you to Lord Mayor Disero and our town councillors who have had the backbone to stand up to intimidation and inuendo and are not in the pockets of the developers, but rather simply represent the best interests of the citizens of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Bob Bader
NOTL

Editor's note: We appreciate the writer's opinion on this issue but note that we have since obtained the town lawyer's response to Hummel's allegations and reported on it this week. All our reportage is based on the documents filed in court. As for journalists questioning witnesses, when covering an ongoing legal matter, all reporting is restricted to what happens in court.



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First COVID vaccine dose was a breeze

Dear editor:

My first dose of the Pfizer vaccine was April 1 at our community centre (no April Fool's after all) and I, among the other 80-plus aged in our area, were treated

with efficiency, courtesy, dignity and respect.

I can only commend all those who planned, set up and are running the vaccinations. It went like clockwork, so even seniors with disabilities

of various kinds moved through the process with ease and in the time I was there I saw nobody incommoded.

I think this NOTL model for the vaccination process, tied in by computer

to the provincial health system, is superlative, and can only hope that other communities handle their vaccinations as well as NOTL is doing.

Kaspar Pold
NOTL

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Help farmers move from using **bird cannons**

Dear editor:
Bird cannon explosions will start again in a couple of months. These are a source of major stress for all residents living near vineyards.

These cannons blast from sunrise to beyond sunset, every few minutes. They are so loud, when eating a nice, quiet lunch on our patios the background noise is constant gunshot-type sounds. We cannot read outside or take a nap on our balcony.

Coupled with COVID-19, and being forced to stay home, this sound is constantly around us even when we are inside with windows closed. Eventually, most of us will begin to suffer from depression due to this constant presence. Although we have limited control over COVID-19 there is a possibility to control the use of bird cannons.

First, let's define the terminology. These are not "bangers," these are cannons. To be exact they are sold as propane-fired cannons.

I am wondering how long it will take to convince the decision-makers of the obvious fact that the usage of bird cannons should be stopped.

There are many reasons for not using bird cannons.

Among them:

* They are primitive and inefficient means to deter birds. In recent years, less intrusive alternatives have become available.

* The frequent loud noise they generate tortures the non-grower residents living in the vicinity of vineyards. To escape from these explosions many families avoid using their outdoor space. Alas, this is a futile effort. Even inside their houses they cannot escape these infernal explosions.

This has been and will continue impacting the mental health of many individuals who have already been suffering from the restrictions of COVID-19.

In the past, the use of these intrusive tools probably went unnoticed, as these cannons were located far away from residential areas. Now, we should face the reality that in recent years, the demography of St. Davids, Queenston and Niagara-on-the-Lake has changed and vineyards are very near residential properties whose owners are taxpaying citizens and entitled to peace and quiet.

Sooner or later we will have to find a solution that will satisfy both the growers and

non-grower residents. The bright side is many modern vineyard owners already have recognized the ineffectiveness and intrusiveness of these cannons and are not using them. The others should be incentivized and/or educated on the downside of these outdated tools.

It is important to remind that the growers are using bird cannons with the sanction of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. According to "Citizen's Guide to the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board" the usage of bird cannons is considered a normal farm practice, however with many caveats and recommendations to minimize their adverse impact on neighbours.

So far, the growers are ignoring the ministry's stipulations and using this acceptance as a carte blanche. They are choosing to ignore their neighbours' legitimate complaints.

According to the citizen's guide, the use of bird cannons is not considered normal if there are many residences nearby, however, the ministry is not properly equipped to reinforce its recommendations. Therefore, non-growers

are looking for an alternative governing body to enforce these guidelines.

In addition, to aid the growers who rely on cannons for bird predation some money should be allocated during the transition from bird cannons to other tools that do not generate noise and yet are effective. Disallowing bird cannons alone, without satisfying the need of growers, will not be effective. Problem-solving, always requires the stakeholders to first recognize the problem and then find a solution that will satisfy all stakeholders' needs.

Currently, although almost 200 non-growers signed the petition against the use of bird cannons, the problem is still not recognized as it is. Hence, the non-grower residents are not satisfied.

My question is: how long should we wait for leadership from NOTL (our mayor and councillors) and/or the ministry to solve this issue? Ignoring the problem is not acceptable by all non-grower taxpayers. Let's not forget, the town collects an important part of its revenue from non-growers.

Dr. Yüksel Ören
NOTL

Perhaps U.K. visitor should **reconsider** plans

Dear editor:

How could Expedia and Lord Mayor Betty Disero get it so wrong? Reviewers on the travel website voted NOTL the third friendliest town in Canada. Pleased by the recognition, the lord mayor praised the locals as "some of the most kind, generous and community-minded individuals I've ever known."

How could that be when, in the same issue of The Lake Report, we read that it is with trepidation and hesitation that Diana Westwood of Stourbridge, West Midlands, England, contemplates another vacation in NOTL.

In a letter to the editor, she referred to a pervasive and increasing scourge of unbearable, outrageous and deplorable bird cannons. They stun her, she said, make her heart skip and her ears ring, stop speech and thought, and repeatedly subject her to a state of panic/danger.

"As visitors, surely we are entitled to expect a safe and peaceful time." Instead the situation has become



prohibitive, she wrote.

One has to wonder, though, why Ms. Westwood and her son would vacation year after year in a location that makes them miserable: "It's difficult to say I had a lovely time." If they still choose NOTL, short-term rental accommodations are widely available well out of earshot of bangers.

They also could substitute a winter vacation, although living beside a vineyard I would not recommend it. The bangers will be silent but she may not get a wink of sleep from the roar of the windmills. My wife, however, says the steady thrum helps her nod off, so therein may lie the solution.

Something must be done, lest the next Expedia survey declare NOTL "the town most hazardous to a visitor's health."

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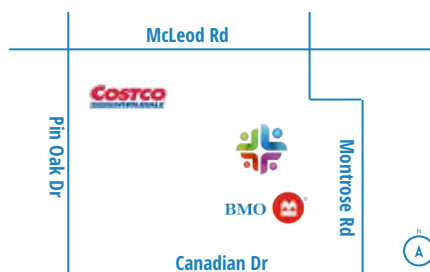
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Saying 'I do'

NOTL wedding industry fighting to stay afloat

Bernard Lansbergen
Special to The Lake Report

Spring is here, which means so is the traditional start of wedding season, but COVID-19 has had a devastating effect on the NOTL wedding industry over the past year.

And the interruption caused by the current province-wide lockdown is just the latest in a long list of hiccups.

"Before COVID we were possibly looking at the best season we had ever seen," says Paul Harber, proprietor of Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery.

"And then it all came crashing down."

The Vintage Hotels group, which encompasses historic NOTL properties like the Prince of Wales and the Pillar and Post, saw 300 of its local weddings postponed.

"It was very dramatic," says CEO Bob Jackson. "Most of the weddings moved to 2021" and some even to 2022.

When restrictions eased after the first lockdown and more was possible again, some weddings moved forward, but it was difficult to keep ahead of the ever-changing provincial health



Paul Harber outside Ravine's new facility. SUPPLIED

advisories.

"I was on the phone with the health department every week last year," says Kristin Davies, owner and chef of NOTL wedding and event catering enterprise Events by Kristin's, adding that among her wedding bookings for 2020, all but 10 per cent were postponed.

Amanda Cowley, a Virgil-based wedding planner, says most of her 2020 nuptials were postponed as well. Those weddings she did execute or co-ordinate were often complicated because of the constant change in restrictions.

"Plan A or B was always rain or shine. Now it is Plan

A, B, C, D, E, plus plan A, B, C, D, E, rain or shine."

For a lot of wedding businesses, staying afloat meant changing their business model.

"We had to do a huge pivot," says Davies, "because everything had to be self-contained and covered," so her business started to

offer food boxes for wedding guests to take home or enjoy at a safe social distance, in lieu of a big communal feast.

Over at Ravine Vineyard Estate, Harber turned the winery's newly built event facility into a retail store and came up with a few programs to do smaller, intimate or elopement weddings where they would do multiple events in one day.

Now that vaccinations are underway there is hope that wedding events could be in full swing again sometime in the near future, but right now people are not committing.

"There's not a lot of new bookings this year," says Davies, "because people are too afraid to lay out deposits only to have them cancelled."

"Everybody is holding off," Harber agrees. Although some that moved from last year to this year said "they're getting married hell or high water," even if that means throwing a bigger party at a later date.

Jackson is more optimistic. "2021 is still somewhat unknown" but it's an improvement over last year "and we're expecting bigger numbers as we move

through the year into the next."

But, once this latest lockdown ends, even under eased pandemic restrictions it remains tough to make a couple's dream wedding come true.

As a wedding planner, Cowley now has to anticipate various guest lists of different sizes for the same wedding, accommodating whatever gathering restrictions will be in place on the couple's special day.

"It's a lot of communication with guests," says Cowley, "setting up websites and getting email threads going, keeping them looped in and informed so they can easily adjust as they go."

"We're at the mercy of gathering sizes," adds Davies. "So until we can get those increased we are really constrained as to what we can do."

Hopeful romantics who want their big day without any restrictions will likely have to wait until things are completely back to normal.

"If the day of getting married was emotional in a good year," says Harber, "it's now something else completely."

Most couples postponed nuptials, but a few went ahead with plans

COVID-19 wasn't just a shock to Niagara-on-the-Lake's wedding industry, it caused major headaches for hopeful couples planning their nuptials.

NOTL's Danielle Gaio, who had been organizing her September 2020 wedding since the fall of 2018, initially didn't think COVID would interfere with her special day.

"When it first happened and they said, 'It is going to be just two weeks,' we weren't too worried. But then it was April and things were getting worse," so she decided to postpone to September this year.

"Emotionally, it was really hard," says Gaio, "because it had already been

two years that we had been engaged, and we wanted to start our life together, being married, so it kind of felt like it was just postponing our life."

Gaio wasn't the only one who had to change her wedding plans.

Bianca Oakes and Vince Iuliano, a couple from Florida, have rescheduled their NOTL wedding three times since the pandemic hit.

Oakes grew up in Niagara and has a lot of family here, but most of the couple's guests are flying in from all over the world for their wedding at Kurtz Orchards, making it impossible to go ahead with the wedding while international travel is limited.

"Initially it was disappointing, but we've turned it around and made it a positive," Oakes says.

"We've had more time to go into detail," she says, noting she has been able to redesign her wedding logo, as well as make different choices when it comes to entertainment and the overall experience of the wedding.

But not all couples decided to postpone.

When Thomas Turner and Ashley Da Silva got engaged in December 2018, they knew immediately that they wanted to get married in 2020, on the day of their four-year anniversary.

When COVID-19 took over and everything was

locked down, they were not deterred and followed through with their plans to turn that special day into their wedding day.

"We knew we wanted to marry regardless, we knew we wanted to stick to the timeline," says Turner. And they decided, "worst-case-scenario let's at least get married. We can have a party later."

On May 27, 2020, the couple were wed in an outdoor ceremony at their family farm on East and West Line with just two witnesses and an officiant.

"We got the important part done, which is really nice," says Turner. "We'll have a party with friends, but honestly, now that we're



Ashley and Thomas Turner tied the knot last May. SUPPLIED

a year removed, I feel like if it doesn't happen I'm kind of OK with it."

Oakes and Iuliano's wedding, on the other hand, has taken on a whole new dimension, as it has become their light at the end of the tunnel.

They look forward to a big party with all their friends, "hugging them, kissing them, dancing and laughing with them," says Oakes. "Now we feel even more (that) we want to celebrate – because of what we've all been through."



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'Why didn't you stop?' mother asks of driver who killed son

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attending Virgil Public School and Niagara District Secondary.

His mother Colleen Franz said Wilson, who was walking home to Virgil from St. Catharines when he was hit, will be remembered fondly for his eagerness to help his family, his love of animals and his many talents.

Growing up, Wilson was all about sports. Like many NOTL kids, he played hockey for the Wolves and then made his way onto the travel teams.

"He played soccer, he played street hockey, ice hockey, he played lacrosse, he was very sports-oriented," she said.

He also had a fondness for the arts, playing and writing music, doing graphic design and photography.

He studied computer science at Brock University and photography at Niagara College.

Growing up was tough on Wilson, his mom remembers.

"Matthew kind of walked a different path than other



A young Matt Wilson plays NOTL hockey. SUPPLIED

people. He was kind of like the one that didn't fit in, but tried so hard to fit in," she said.

"He wasn't perfect, he had made a lot of mistakes in his life, but he made sure he corrected them."

She said he had a "soft spot for the underdogs" because of his experiences.

"He never had much money (but) he would stop and buy a Hot-N-Ready pizza and take it to the homeless down in the St. Paul Street-Queenston area" of St. Catharines.

She said despite his troubles, he was smart, talented and cared deeply for his family.

He took care of his 99- and 101-year-old aunts, driving them to appointments, cooking and doing yard work for them, Franz said.

"He has a niece and nephew that think the world of him, because he could go down to the younger level, you know, and talk and play and he could be very silly at times and very fun-loving," she said.

Wilson was close with his mother, who said she chose his biblical name because he was her "gift from God."

She said she had three surgeries and took fertility pills to be able to have him.

Her son taught her a lot, she said.

"Honestly, I'm the mother, and I'm supposed to be the teacher. He's taught me more than anybody could ever teach me," she said.

"He was very interesting, he knew a little bit about everything, he was so interesting to talk to. I considered myself pretty intelligent, smart until I met my son Matthew. He was very, very intelligent."

She said he was always there to help when she needed it.

"Anywhere you needed help, he was there."

"He was non-judgmental, he was kind, he was giving, he was caring. Of course, every mother's gonna say this about her son," she said.

Since he died, she said she's received messages and calls from people, many of whom she doesn't know, who are sharing stories about him.

"They've all said that Matthew made a difference in their lives. One girl especially said Matthew saved her life because he took the time to care and to talk to her and to help her."

Wilson had recently moved back in with his mom on Homestead Drive in Virgil after COVID-19 closures cost him his job at Dragonfly Nightclub in Niagara Falls.

Franz said police suspect he was struck around 11 p.m. His body wasn't found until around 7:15 the next morning. He was face down in a ditch.

Franz said the family hasn't come to terms with their loss yet.

"We are totally in shock. I feel broken, devastated. I

can't believe that he's gone."

She said she can't understand why whoever hit him didn't stop and call 911.

"He never checked to see if Matthew was still alive. He could have been alive and saved. And that's really bothering me," she said.

She said police have the Ford F-150 truck that hit him and are trying to match pieces of the truck found on the road where the collision occurred.

"So if there's pieces on the road, they hit him pretty hard. (The driver) must have felt the impact. He knew he hit someone."

She said she'd like to ask the driver one question: "Why didn't you stop?"

Meanwhile, Franz said she's been receiving a lot of support from people in the community.

"People I don't even know in the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake are sending condolences. They're sending hugs and love and flowers," she said.

"Our little town is getting a lot bigger, but I think the heart and soul of the people in Niagara-on-the-Lake are fabulous."



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Town argues rushed development freeze was legal

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The town claims it is “an integral component of good and efficient government that informal discussions and collaboration occur between councillors regarding constituent issues and proposed solutions.”

It is asking the court to dismiss the application in its entirety and award the municipality “substantial” costs, town lawyer Terrence Hill says in the document.

The town’s response, filed March 10, says despite the timing of the meetings, council acted in good faith and “denies any non-compliance with procedural or statutory requirements.”

The town disputes Hummel’s arguments one by one and says protecting NOTL’s heritage resources has been a “longstanding objective” and that it needed to implement the development freeze while it addressed “deficiencies” in the town’s 1994 official plan — which hadn’t been updated since 2005.

Prior to instituting the development freeze, “events had occurred in the town which had sparked a renewed public call for strengthened policies to protect heritage resources and to put a freeze on development in the Old Town until new policies could be studied, reviewed and adopted,” the town says.

While the town’s response did not identify those events, it later acknowledges it was “widely known that the town’s constituents had expressed concerns surrounding the Randwood development.”

Hummel alleges the town targeted the companies of Benny Marotta, another prominent developer, who planned to build a hotel and subdivision on the Rand Estate properties — land that had already been zoned for Marotta’s intended use. However, a vocal backlash from a resident group called Save Our Rand Estate made the contentious development a major issue during the 2018 election period.

The town’s response did not address Hummel’s allegations of its failure to include the interim control bylaw on the meeting’s



Former CAO Holly Dowd, Lord Mayor Betty Disero and town clerk Peter Todd during a special meeting of council held on Dec. 5, 2018. SUPPLIED

agenda, but said the town is not required to give public notice of an interim control bylaw.

In response to Hummel’s claim that the town didn’t undertake a study in relation to the development freeze — a requirement under the Planning Act — the town says there is no stipulation that the study needs to be directly related to the interim control bylaw, only that a study be undertaken.

“The Planning Act prescribes only one statutory condition for the enactment of interim control bylaws: the requirement that the municipality direct that a review or study be undertaken,” the response says.

The town argues its review of the official plan constitutes a study, as council was trying to address land use policies.

On Nov. 11, 2019, council extended the development freeze for a second year. Hummel also claims the extension of the bylaw, which council later repealed in June 2020, was not justified by any study.

The town argues its review of the official plan continued through 2019 and that it extended the freeze in case of an appeal to the amendment of the town’s official plan — which had been amended, but was subject to an appeal period of 20 days.

“Accordingly, there was

concern by council that should the (bylaw) be repealed and the (amendment) be appealed, the town would be left without the compatibility policy amendment required to protect development of Old Town.”

“Subsequently, council’s concerns materialized, and the official plan amendment was appealed, preventing the lifting of the (bylaw),” the town says.

Regarding accusations of illegality under procedural bylaws, the town says there are “different standards of review” depending on the “extent to which the illegality in question involves a question of law and the extent to which it affects the democratic legitimacy of its decision.”

In response to bad faith allegations that councillors held meetings in secret before being sworn in, the town argues the Municipal Act defines a “meeting” as any meeting of council in which “a quorum of members is present and members discuss or otherwise deal with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee.”

The town’s position is that councillors didn’t have meetings, but rather informal “discussions” between individual councillors and therefore it wasn’t in contravention of any laws.

Hummel argues those discussions did materially advance the town’s decision-making, in that Disero requested council to prepare the draft bylaw Nov. 22, and that McCormack had emailed planning director Craig Larmour about the draft bylaw prior to being sworn in. He alleges the efforts were co-ordinated in advance by the council-elect at the time.

In response to Hummel’s argument that the town did not live up to its own procedural laws by only giving one day’s notice before calling the meeting to implement the bylaw, the town claims it technically didn’t need to give notice of the special meeting in advance.

The town says its own procedural bylaw was “ambiguous regarding the procedure in calling special or emergency meetings.”

The procedural bylaw says a special meeting must be announced “no later than the Thursday prior to the meeting except in the case of an emergency.”

The procedural bylaw doesn’t “define or place limitations on what constitutes an emergency” and the town says the mayor and council can decide if circumstances warrant an emergency meeting.

Hummel alleges when the town did file notice on Dec. 4 the agenda was purposely

cryptic and meant to hide council’s intention to pass the development freeze bylaw.

The town argues that, again, “there’s no legislative provision” that requires it to describe agenda items in any “specific manner.”

And, even if Hummel’s accusations of breaching procedural bylaw are found to be true, the town says the court doesn’t need to quash the bylaw, since it is not ultra vires, or beyond the authority of the town.

“While the town denies Hummel’s allegations that a breach of a procedural requirement occurred ... the court’s power to quash a bylaw that is not ultra vires is entirely discretionary.”

The town argues the court’s consideration should not be based on whether it broke the law, but rather “the spirit and with the object of ascertaining whether there has been a substantial compliance with all other requirements of the statute, and not of finding some slight or trivial departure on which to hinge a decision adverse to the validity of the bylaw.”

The town also says no advance notice or hearing is required before passing an interim control bylaw.

“Accordingly, a reasonable inference can be made that the spirit and object of the legislation supports a finding that a departure from a procedure bylaw amounts to a mere technical breach and is not sufficient grounds to quash the bylaw.”

Hummel claims the town’s justification of an official plan review — which he said was to do with the Rand Estate and a problem with the height of the proposed hotel, not the zoning — did not constitute a land use study.

The town argues “land use” is not defined in the Planning Act and that a “broad and purposive approach” should be used to interpret the meaning of land use.

The town didn’t mention McCormack in its filing, but said Larmour and former manager of planning Eric Withers prepared the draft bylaw for council to approve.

Hummel’s argument cites a case against the City of St. Catharines, in which it was found not to have legitimate planning grounds for an interim control bylaw, but was a “political measure intended to appease certain ratepayers.”

The town argues the situation is not the same in NOTL and that the people opposed to the St. Catharines development were more concerned about the “category of people” the housing would attract.

In response to claims of bad faith in targeting Marotta, the town says “it was widely known that the town’s constituents had expressed concerns surrounding the Randwood development.”

It argues, however, that council members are “not prohibited from considering the views of their constituents in enacting policy decisions.”

The town relies on another judgment which found that “a court should not be quick to find bad faith because members of a municipal council, influenced by their constituents, express strong views against a project.”

It also cites the case of a “teen disco” project in Ottawa where the city passed an interim control bylaw to review its zoning.

“(The judge) accepted that the teen disco project was the catalyst behind the enactment of the interim control bylaw but found that while council had the intention of stopping the project — in response to public reaction — they did so in order that the study might develop a zoning policy that would be in the public interest of that area, which was unobjectionable.”

The town says “constituents’ expressed concerns of rapid development occurring in Old Town, regardless of a specific catalyst, reflects a good faith exercise of democratic governance.”

Unless the court upholds the bad faith claim against the town, the town argues Hummel is not able to sue for any damages associated with the bylaw.



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Niagara College 'bunker' expands cannabis research

Brittney Cutler
Special to The Lake Report

Niagara College has installed a new cannabis facility it's calling the "CanResearchBunker."

The sterile bunker, comprised of two large retrofitted sea containers, will be used to conduct research on cannabis plants at the Niagara-on-the-Lake campus.

Kimberly Cathline, a research project manager at the college, said the new bunker allows the school to undertake safe and secure research projects on the plants.

The legalization of cannabis motivated the college to build a facility strictly for applied research of the plant. The college's commercial cannabis produc-



Niagara College's new commercial cannabis production facilities are repurposed shipping containers. SUPPLIED



tion program – the first of its kind in Canada – was launched in 2018.

"There is a lack of research surrounding most aspects of growing the crop, which is a disadvantage for growers. The cannabis industry requires research support to allow the industry to grow high-quality,

reliable and safe cultivars using the most suitable cultural practices and tools," said Cathline.

"The new space will enable the testing and utilization of sensors, unique lighting arrays, integrated pest management strategies and other innovative concepts that require ap-

plied research work prior to use in licensed producers' spaces and commercial adoption," she said.

Cathline said students and staff are excited to begin working with their team of research experts starting this fall.

Alan Unwin, dean of environmental and horti-

cultural studies, said the college has a licence that permits it to grow up to 400 plants, all of which have to be destroyed once they are finished growing.

There are three main growing rooms, each about 40 feet long and eight feet wide, he said.

"It's not huge by any

stretch, but enough that we have, I think, eight students that study in that space at any given time. Certainly COVID has provided us a bit of a challenge so we've had to kind of space them out more, but it's working quite well in that regard," said Unwin.

"It's primarily used in the curriculum for the commercial cannabis program, so the students get hands-on experience, cultivating the plants, maintaining it, ensuring it's growing to the standards that Health Canada requires. They certainly learn a lot in that regard," said Unwin.

The facility was funded by a \$149,918 grant through the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada.

Crystal Simons leaves St. Davids Avondale for new adventures

Gail Kendall
Special The Lake Report

Crystal Simons is a longtime resident of Niagara-on-the-Lake and St. Davids in particular.

Having managed the Avondale at the corner of York and Four Mile Creek roads for 13 years, she is now following her passion and delving full-time into the world of real estate.

The store opened August 2007 and Simons started working there February 2008, taking over as manager about a year and a half later.

She is now in her fifth year as a realtor and has been juggling both jobs all that time, but feels now is the time to move on.

Feeling she grew as far

as she could at the store, she knew that if she truly wanted to succeed, she had to let go and focus full-time on real estate.

Simons says she didn't realize the impact she has had on people who frequent the store.

"This has been an emotional few weeks as I head into my last few days," she says as she prepared to leave last week.

"To say I've made friends is an understatement. Anyone who frequents the store often knows they are family. I've been through marriages, divorces, births and deaths."

Simons struggles to explain the satisfaction she gets from connecting people with their dream

home, thriving on the friendships she has made and the support she has received.

She has connected people she knew as kids who are now adults purchasing their first home. Some of her older customers have chosen to downsize and she's helped move them out of their homes into senior facilities.

Not only will she be available to buy and sell homes, she is also going to be a mentor at the agency.

She describes herself as stubborn and someone who will fight for her clients.

Simon's early morning coffee group surprised her with a socially distanced farewell with champagne

and a gift of a beautiful charcuterie board.

She began working out of the Revel Realty office in Virgil on April 1 and, when restrictions allow, she invites friends to drop by for a coffee. (They even have a wine bar and rooftop patio.)

Rob Cole is taking over the reins as manager at the Avondale. Cole is a familiar face who knows the basics of the store and, while he has large shoes to fill in Simon's departure, he is definitely up for the challenge.

Simons may be leaving Avondale, but she still will be a familiar presence in St. Davids and can often be seen walking with her two boxers, Winston and Willow.



Rob Cole is ready to take on the role of manager of the York Road Avondale after Crystal Simons. GAIL KENDALL

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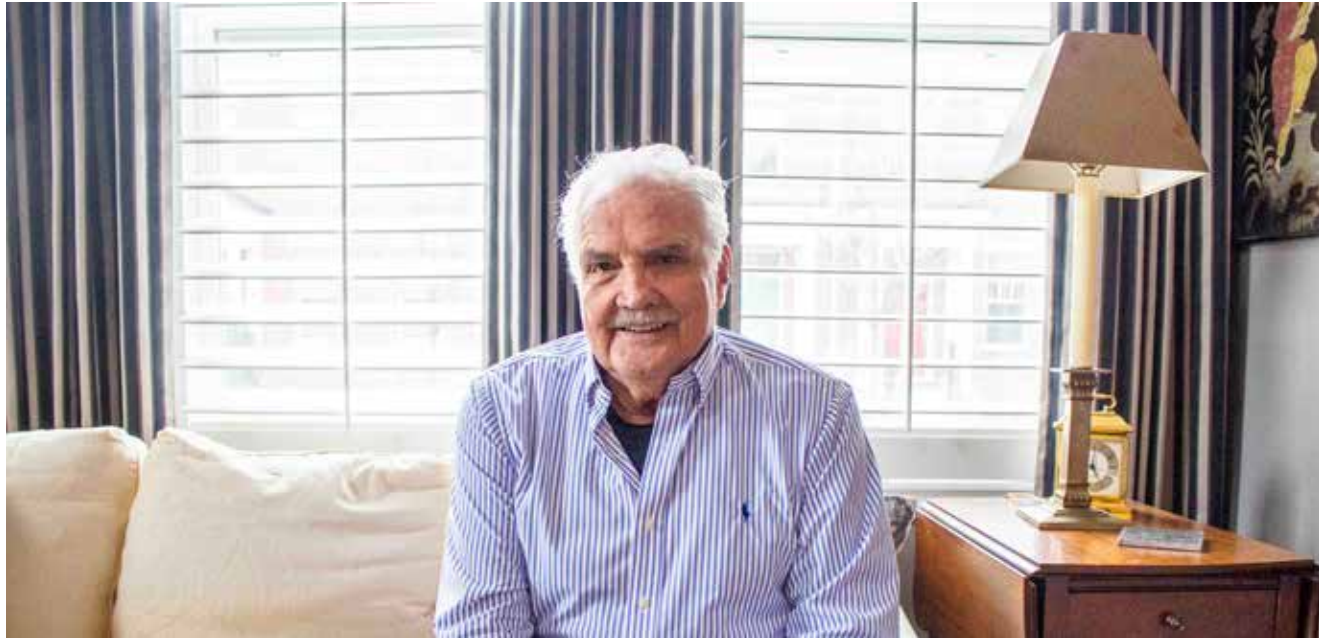
Richard Harley
The Lake Report

Ralph Dangelmaier was feeling left out, unable to get a vaccine when he tried to book one.

The American citizen, a former navy fighter pilot, is over 80 and was desperately looking for a vaccine. But despite living in Niagara-on-the-Lake with his Canadian wife Donna, he couldn't get anything booked.

So, he turned to The Lake Report in the form of a letter to express his disappointment.

Thanks to that letter, and the response from Lord Mayor Betty Disero and public health officials, he was able to receive his vaccine March 29 at the Seymour-Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre in St. Catharines.



Ralph Dangelmaier at his home in The Village. SUPPLIED

Dangelmaier said he's feeling extremely grateful that it all worked out. "(The Lake Report) started this whole thing, which made it successful to get the PR that I really needed to

get this thing accomplished. So, I thank you so much for that," Dangelmaier said in an interview.

The vaccination process "was very, very perfect. Everything was very efficient.

There were a lot of old people that are like me and I showed up with my walker," he said.

He is grateful to have his first dose of the Pfizer vaccine and feels a sense of

relief that he's now at least partly protected against COVID-19.

"The doctor who administered it, she was just wonderful," he said. "The whole (process) was just

really well done."

Now, he said he feels safer about travelling back to Florida, where he says he has seven doctor's appointments to catch up on.

He and Donna typically spend their winters in Florida and summers in NOTL.

Dangelmaier said he wanted to thank everyone involved, including Michelle Johnston, community safety project manager for Niagara Region, Coun. Wendy Cheropita, pharmacist Sean Simpson, Niagara's top doctor Mustafa Hirji and Disero.

"I have to give them points," he said.

He also thanked the paper and another letter writer who sympathized with his struggle.

"The fact that you even published it was the whole reason for coming about," he said.

Travel between regions can lead to spread of virus: Hirji

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because the rules are set by the province and the region," Disero said.

A year ago, the town exhausted its options by closing washrooms and parking, but it ended up creating additional problems.

"We followed the provincial rules, we closed the washrooms, we tried to get people not to stop in Niagara-on-the-Lake, so we removed the parking. And by following the provincial regulations, by closing the washrooms, we then had a different public health issue," Disero told The Lake Report.

"So, we had to say to the province, 'Look, fine us if you like, but we're opening up,' and thank goodness Dr. Hirji thought our position was reasonable and so we opened up the washrooms. And then what we found was every other municipality in the region started opening theirs as well."

The town's data last week from Bell Mobility showed about 75 per cent of people coming to town were coming from within the Niagara region, she said.

"People are encouraged to stay within their own region. So we are a part of Niagara region."

"I think people are so tired and anxiety has set in so much on feeling trapped, isolated, depressed, that they don't care any more about the rules, they just want out," Disero said.

"They just want to get out and get some fresh air and if that means getting in their car, going for a drive and stopping at a place where the views are breathtaking and magnificent, then that's what they're going to do," she said.

People have had it with being "locked up and not locked up and then locked up again" over the past year and many people are saying, "I can't live like this," And they're coming," Disero said.

So, the mayor's message remains: "People are going to come, so we need to know to protect ourselves."

While she said the province should have kept people locked down longer to bring cases down instead of opening and shutting down again, it's easier to come to that conclusion in hindsight.



People gathering in the park, not paying much attention to distancing and masking. RICHARD HARLEY PHOTOS



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'I got the Shot': Disappointed it wasn't sooner, but happy to have vaccine

Jill Troyer
The Lake Report

About 100,000 daffodils are about to bloom in nine different gardens around Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The bulbs were planted in support of people touched by cancer and the force of energy behind the gardens was Sheila Hirsch-Kalm.

More recently though, Hirsch-Kalm has been engaged in a different quest, this one to get her COVID-19 vaccine as early as possible.

Hirsch-Kalm is 84, and she has some significant medical conditions, including a compromised immune system and cancer. Visiting nurses provide care to her at home, but they also visit more than a dozen other patients, making her nervous about their exposure to others and potential exposure to the virus.

For those reasons, Hirsch-Kalm was confident she'd be able to get the vaccine as part of any early delivery.

"I called various offices but they were no help. My call to a local public health line was not fruitful, either," she recounts.

"I kept hearing of others who had received a phone call directing them to a



Sheila Hirsch-Kalm. SUPPLIED

location where they would get their vaccine ahead of the other over-80s. But it seems I did not make it to that list!"

Though disappointed at the wait time, Hirsch-Kalm booked her appointment online when it opened up to all people over 80 and got her appointment for April 1 at the NOTL Community Centre. Her husband,

Michael, 80, got an appointment right after hers.

The experience was "a pleasure from the minute we arrived," says Hirsch-Kalm, adding, "everyone at the clinic did an excellent job."

After all the waiting, Hirsch-Kalm was happy to get the vaccine at last.

"It gives me a sense of having a safety net, even

though we don't know exactly how safe it will be," she said. "I'll still wear a mask and keep a safe distance from others."

The vaccine may be somewhat less effective for people with compromised immune systems, although there's no research yet to measure that.

Neither Hirsch-Kalm nor her husband felt any adverse reaction to the shot initially. In fact, the morning after, Hirsch-Kalm said she'd forgotten about it, until she saw the bandage on the floor after it had fallen off her arm.

Both she and her husband did experience some ill effects a few days later, nausea and shivers, but they cleared up quickly.

With the vaccine and the frustrations of getting it scheduled behind her, Hirsch-Kalm's energy and attention are now focused on her garden – and the next task at hand which she likens to a military manoeuvre.

With help from three others, more than 60 containers of bulbs and other plants will be moved out of storage and planted, to continue their growth in the spring sunshine, warming temperatures and April showers.

Popular Shaw garden tour moved to Sept. 11

Gail Kendall
Special to The Lake Report

The Shaw Guild Garden Tour has been drawing locals and tourists alike to Niagara-on-the-Lake for almost 15 years now and this year will be moving to the fall.

COVID forced cancellation of the tour last year but the team has come together under the guidance of Jane Catcher, the new garden tour convenor, who is extremely passionate and positive about the tour resuming in 2021.

Plans are underway to hold the tour on Saturday, Sept. 11.

Originally scheduled for June 12, there was some apprehension among vol-



Spring flowers.
GAIL KENDALL

unteers as well as the homeowners whose gardens will be featured. Would we be back in lockdown? How could they implement

proper COVID protocols? Would vaccines be available to all involved?

Due to the uncertainty, Catcher proposed an option to her team garden tour team: Why not change the date to the fall?

Such a change would mean more time to plan, more vaccinated volunteers available and a chance for the public to see some beautiful fall gardens.

Her proposal was met with a resounding yes by her team and was then presented to the Shaw Guild executive committee, which voted in favour of the change.

In addition, the garden owners were delighted with the new date as their gardens are known to be just as

beautiful in the fall as in the spring and summer.

With eight gardens on the tour and over 20 sponsors, it's now full speed ahead with planning. New to the tour this year will be some fun and unique activities taking place in each of the featured gardens, as well as extended hours.

Catcher also ensures that all COVID protocols will be in place to protect visitors, volunteers and homeowners. Her motto is "Let's all work together as a cohesive team to make this year's tour the best we can make it."

Tickets, at \$20 each, for the Shaw Guild 15th annual garden tour go on sale on May 21 online at shawguild.ca.



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Ross' Ramblings: Felt like I had red carpet treatment for COVID-19 vaccination

Ross Robinson
Special to The Lake Report



Ross Robinson gets his vaccine. SUPPLIED

I am not going to discuss the many yeas and nays of the all-important and increasingly emotional "vaccine or no vaccine" debate.

Atypically, symptomatically or asymptotically, I put my life totally in the hands of scientists and health care professionals.

Yes, yes. Vaccine supply shortages. Rollout confusion. Ever-changing messaging. Political posturing. Even the best people don't always get it right the first time. As Franklin Delano Roosevelt said in 1933, as he outlined his plan to fight the Great Depression, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

I had the vaccine jab last Saturday. Now, I hope to respectfully encourage readers to seize the opportunity to experience a truly wonderful moment in time, an example of something being executed perfectly.

Over the past 12 months, we have heard it all, listening to the experts giving their opinions. The decid-

ing statement for me was last week when a doctor on TV said, "Getting the shot won't 100 per cent stop you from getting sick, but it will guarantee you won't die from COVID-19." Good enough for me, eh?

C'mon folks, show love for your family, neighbours, co-workers and fellow ValuMart shoppers by getting the jab. The good people at Stone Road Pharmacy were able to get me an appointment at the old Copsps Coliseum in Hamilton and I was relieved. My son and daughter were very relieved.

I didn't have the brass to

ask for a closer location, or even to ask, "Pfizer, Moderna or AstraZeneca." (Although, Pfizer also makes Viagra.)

Early Saturday morning, I drove to downtown Hamilton and the First Ontario Centre. There was no red carpet on the York Boulevard sidewalk, but there was red carpet treatment inside. Signage was clear and well-placed. It was all so, so organized.

I interacted with about 10 vaccine clinic workers, many of them deployed from the local public health unit. Each and every one was competent, enthusiastic,

professionally uniformed, gentle, empathetic, eager to help and focused on the task at hand.

The process was comforting, fast and there seemed to be a red carpet on the way to my job desk, #9.

Temporarily deployed, Dr. Monica DeBenedetti from Stoney Creek arrived. I told her the images on TV of the needles being inserted at a 90-degree angle made me nervous. Would it be going right through the bone? She explained it was intramuscular, chuckled at the black "L" I had Sharpied on my left shoulder to help out, then soon said, "That's it. You are good to go."

I had felt nothing. Nada. Happily underwhelmed, I got up and walked along the imaginary red carpet to the exit.

Driving home along the QEW, I kept thinking, "That was awesome. Did that just happen?"

Side effects? No nausea, no phlegmatism, just a stiff shoulder for a couple of days.

We are so fortunate to live in Canada ... in 2021.

Kendall's Corner



Akashdeep and Caitlyn of Welland exchange vows beneath a glistening chandelier, overlooking the lake at Ryerson Park on Tuesday. GAIL KENDALL

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- 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.

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NOTL's essential food workers



Some of the staff at Hendriks Valu-mart in Old Town. The cashiers were busy taking care of customers at the time of the photo. RICHARD HARLEY

During the global COVID-19 pandemic, front-line workers at Niagara-on-the-Lake's grocery stores have gone above and beyond to create a safe, friendly environment for locals to shop.

Harvest Barn, and both Phil's and Hendriks

Valu-marts, have been nominated by residents as pandemic heroes.

Tony Hendriks, owner of the Valu-mart in Old Town, said it's really all about the staff, who continue to work hard daily to help the community.

"Every day they come in, they put aside their fears and concerns and they show up to work to serve our community," Hendriks said.

He said he's extremely grateful to work alongside his team, who have

adapted and rolled with the many punches the pandemic has thrown at them, including distancing measures, mask wearing, plexiglas, sanitizing and the risks of catching COVID-19.

"They have been so

steadfast and reliable, and I can't run the show without them," he said.

"Having good people, great people that are dedicated, hard-working, especially in a pandemic and all these challenging situations we've had, we're

even more thankful for that."

He said it's important to acknowledge all of the food essential workers in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"Big or small, we all are in this kind of essential core business together."

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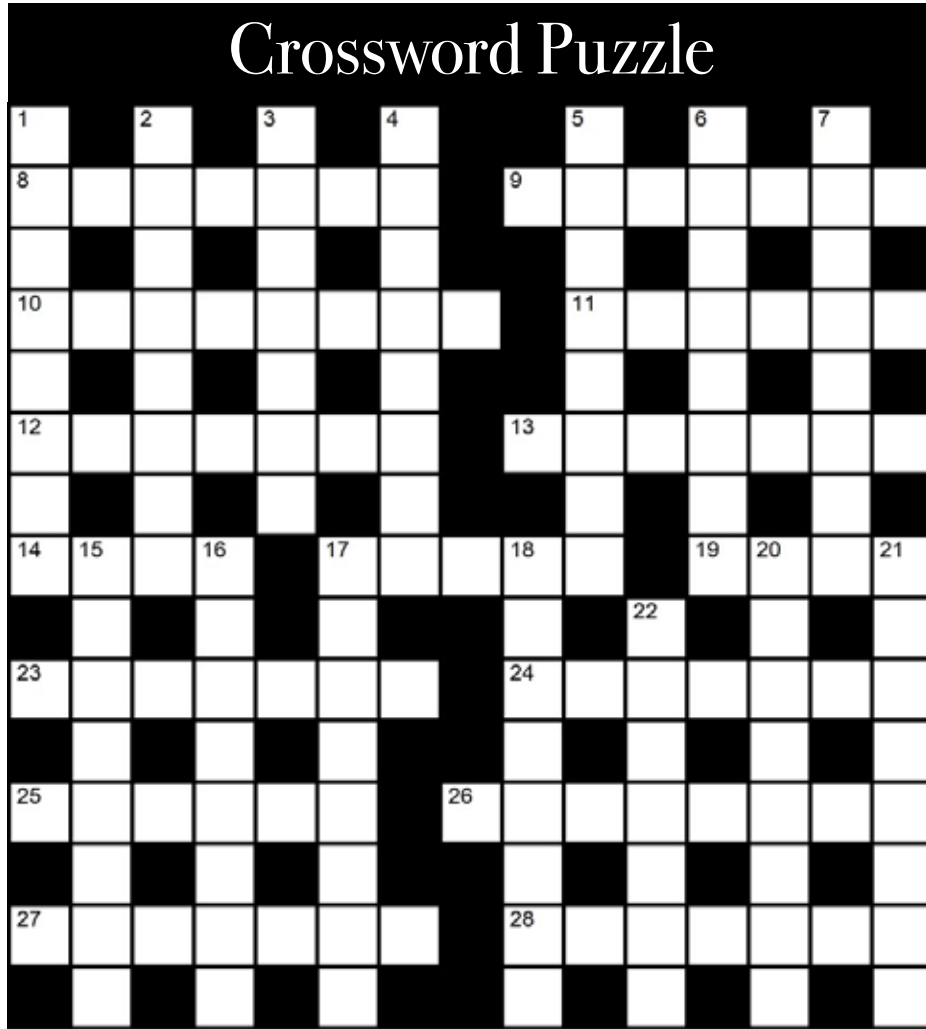
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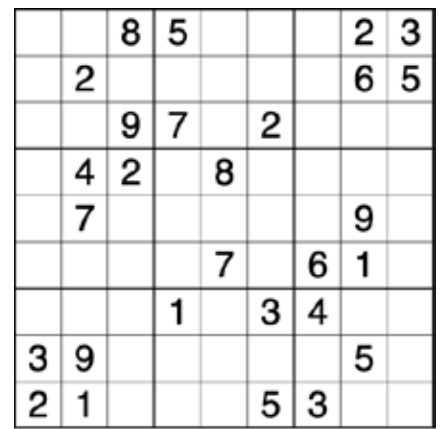
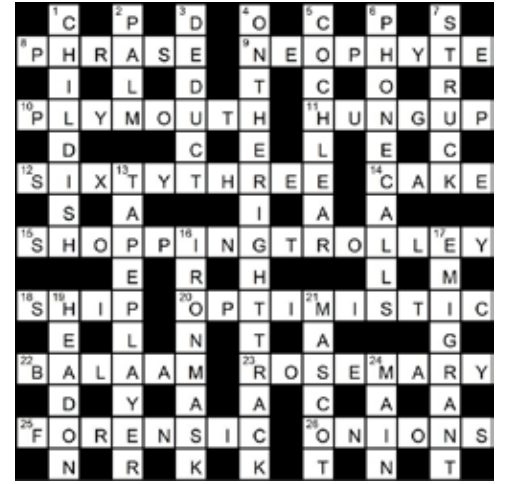
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'Oath of the Horatii'

Penny-Lynn Cookson
Special to The Lake Report

In the tumultuous days before the French Revolution of 1789, Jean Jacques David, the pre-eminent Neoclassical artist of the 18th and 19th centuries, created masterpieces of historical art that related to contemporary events. His "Oath of the Horatii," one of the great paintings of art history, exemplifies the noble, moral value of selflessness and unflinching patriotic duty to the state over family and personal desires.

Although "Oath of the Horatii" was a commission intended to extol the virtues of reverence and loyalty to King Louis XVI, the fast-changing political situation

in France resulted in a work far different from expected, one that would have strong republican implications and revolutionary appeal.

On receiving the commission, he declared, "Only in Rome can I paint Romans" and his subject would be a 7th-century BC Roman legend, recounted by the historian Livy, when Rome was in a territorial dispute with its neighbour Alba Longa. To avoid war, the civic authorities of both states decided that three sons from each side would engage in combat to settle the matter.

In David's austere classical painting, three sons of the noble Roman Horatii family will fight three Curatii sons of Alba Longa. The Horatii stand tall, one behind the other, united in fraternity



Jean Jacques David, 'Oath of the Horatii,' 1784, Oil on canvas, Musee du Louvre, Paris. SUPPLIED

and heroic sacrifice, strong legs firmly planted, exuding testosterone, muscled arms raised to the hand of their father who holds their swords aloft while they repeat the oath of allegiance to Rome vowing "to conquer or die."

The weeping women to the right know the outcome will bring death to their loved ones. One young woman in white, is a Horatii sister betrothed to a Curatii son. The other robed woman is the Curatii wife of one of the

Horatii sons. In the background, the mother of the Horatii shields two small children with her robe. The young child turns away but the boy remains observant. The composition is powerfully minimalist, the surface

polished, the brushstrokes smooth. David keeps the palette subtle except for the red garments of the father and the sole survivor of the battle to come, a Horatii. He will return home to the anguish of his sister who condemns Rome for her loss, for which he will slay her.

David chose not to show this. He does, however, illustrate historic gender differences and the symbolic use of the number three in the three swords and the three men united in a position of classical relief sculpture before solid Doric columns.

Three curved arches relate to the rounded, soft figures of the three women, their slumping bodies draped in sorrow. The father's back is to the women. One will die for her outspokenness. The state is supreme.

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.

Dr. Brown: The great transition – when humans became fully human

Dr. William Brown is a professor of neurology at McMaster University and co-founder of the Infohealth series at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library.



Dr. William Brown
Special to The Lake Report

The story of human origins is very much a work in progress, mostly for want of fossils and artifacts to fill in remaining gaps in the record.

But as matters stand, the story began between five and seven million years ago with apes, which were bipedal at least part of the time.

Then after a gap in the record of one to two million years, there appeared a flurry of small-brained bipedal apes whose reign lasted three million years. Toward the end, they overlapped with a few transitional species and the appearance of homo erectus, the first of a family of fully upright, bigger-brained, more dextrous species – which ultimately led to modern humans and our cousins, the neanderthals and denisovans.

Throughout erectus's term of almost two million

years, the brain doubled in volume to eventually reach the lower limit for modern humans in specimens from Java and China. Despite the larger brain there's little evidence that erectus refined his principle tool, the hafted ax, nor did erectus leave any evidence of what we would recognize as cultural objects.

On the plus side, erectus managed to control fire and thus provide a steady brain-friendly diet of cooked meat rich in vitamins, minerals, carbohydrates, fats and protein – just what was needed to support energy-hungry big brains.

But human evolution wasn't all about acquiring a suite of fully modern musculoskeletal traits – a globular cranium with a prominent forehead, flatter face, smaller jaw and teeth and lighter framed and less muscular bodies compared to our cousin species, the neanderthals.

For none of those modern traits would have forecast the explosive behavioural revolution of humans about 100,000 years ago or perhaps as early as 200,000 years ago, about the time when the earliest anatomically modern humans walked the Earth.

What transformed modern humans had much more to do with the acquisition of a suite of behavioural traits, each compounding the effects of the others. And what were those changes?

Modern humans and possibly neanderthals, possessed a brain capable of nuanced symbolic thinking and language. The latter offered a quantum leap forward in their capacity to share thoughts, feelings, intentions, understandings, memories and speculations about the future with others on a scale far surpassing that of any predecessor species and other highly intelligent animals, such as chimpanzees, whales and elephants.

Symbolic thinking and language coupled with a vivid imagination undoubtedly led to storytelling and, especially, creation stories.

Based on the stories of

the few hunter-gatherer societies that survived into the 19th and 20th centuries, those stories would have included accounts of the group's origins and ancestors. There also would be tales of triumphs and disasters, relationships with the primal forces of nature, the animals, predators and game alike with which they were so familiar. And taking it a step further – creating hybrid creatures – half-human and half-animal statues such as lion man and a lively animated spirit world as vivid and as real to them as the actual world they inhabited.

Those stories, perhaps recounted by a respected elder or shaman, would have provided common bonds and social rules for a community and a framework for making sense of what was often a frightening and dangerous world-scape. Those stories and the minds behind them, no doubt played a major part in the creation of so much of the magnificent cave art throughout Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas.

Most paleolithic societies, whether in Africa, Eurasia or Australia, were

small – with perhaps 50 to 150 members of extended families – who, as Australian studies reveal, met annually with other like groups who shared their common language and beliefs, to exchange goods, knowledge, skills and mates and strengthen alliances.

The last two must have been very important as sources of protection and food in a world where small groups were especially vulnerable to the vagaries of weather, food supply and threats from roving hostile bands. Altogether over many thousands of years, there must have been as many creation stories as groups, only the tiniest fraction of which have survived into the modern era.

Symbolic language, oral to begin with, and in the last 5,000 to 6,000 years, written language, conferred the ability to ratchet knowledge forward by locking in what's been learned and vetted in the past and adding to the common body of knowledge with each successive generation.

That was the great information multiplier for our species and like no other achievement by any other

species. And the multiplier effect only grew, especially in the last century with the advent of the digital computer and soon, the quantum computer.

These days information that was in the past locked up in the archives of private or university libraries is now often but a click away. The information revolution was and is a human cultural revolution, not a biological revolution, although the opportunistic nature of the evolution of information is surely adaptive in nature.

The information revolution and the enabling symbolic language are why we are the "lone survivors" as Chris Stringer so likened us in his 2012 book by the same title (a favourite of mine). Thus enabled, modern humans outwitted and outlasted all other hominin species.

But as powerful as information can be for good, it has the potential to be destructive as when what's true and trustworthy becomes overwhelmed by misleading and false information – as recent history reminds us.

Something to think about.

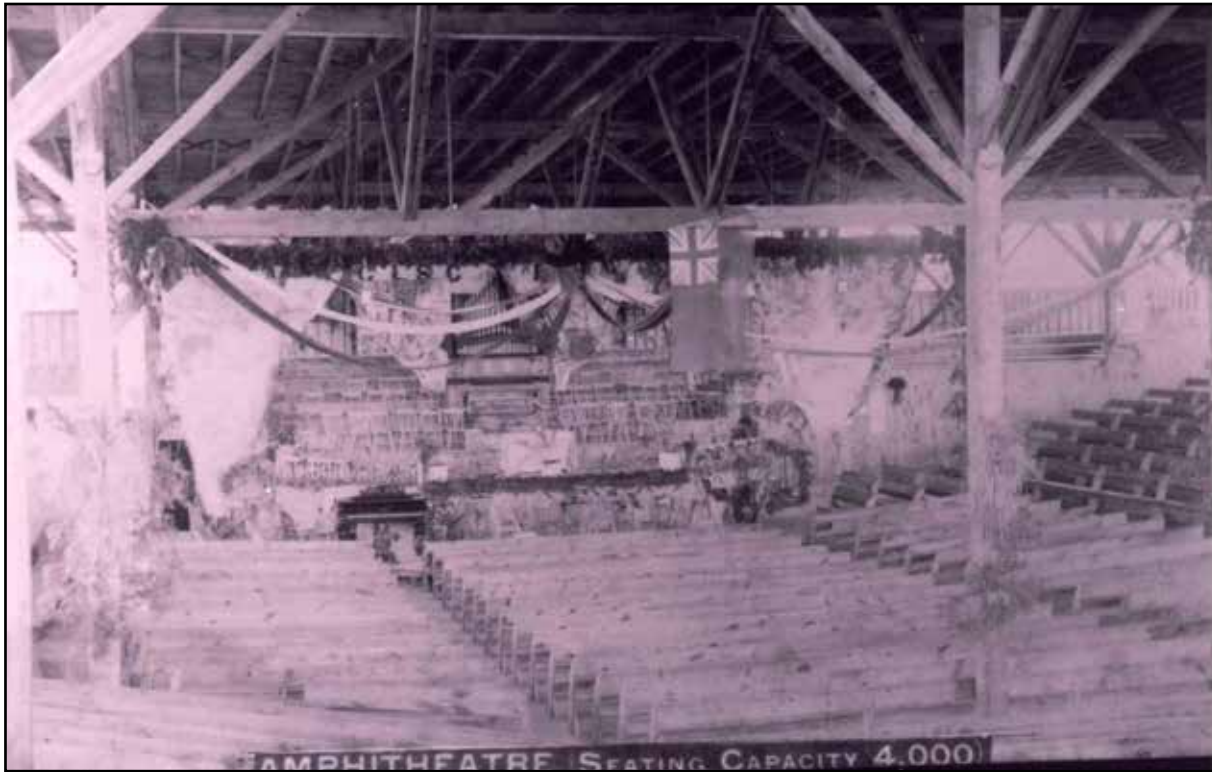


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Chautauqua amphitheatre

This is the only known photograph of the interior of the former amphitheatre that was part of the Chautauqua grounds in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The Chautauqua movement was a semi-religious social and cultural phenomenon that swept through North America in the late 1800s. This amphitheatre was built to seat over 3,000 people and was where guests could enjoy religious and educational courses as well as music concerts. It was located within the boundary of Circle Street in the current Chautauqua community.



Sympathetic design

Brian Marshall
Columnist

During a recent conversation concerning the design details of the new entry stairway being constructed at 240 Centre St., the masonry folks questioned why the brick bond (pattern) specified was not an exact match to that on the house. Would it not look better, they asked, if the brick fields flowed consistently from one to the other?

I replied that while that may be the case, there was a requirement in our heritage permit to use a different bond such that the new stairway could be recognized as “new” and not an original part of the heritage structure.



Sympathetic design. SUPPLIED

Further, I went on to suggest that this was a positive stipulation provided that the new design was “sympathetic” to the original building in style, form, scale and presentation; distinct from but seamlessly integrated within the overall context in a fashion that focuses attention on the historic building rather than the new construct.

Now, I freely admit that my definition of “sympathetic” is restrictive and may not sit well with everyone in the design community. Many would

argue that any attempt to design a new addition to a heritage house within the parameters of the original (or directly related) style will almost certainly result in a diminishment of the historical structure by blurring the lines between new and old. They seemingly appear to prefer to risk a disjointed composition or battle for dominance in the finished presentation between new and old.

Fact is, the argument over style is one of personal preference whereas form, scale and context that results in an addition that is subordinate to the historical structure is the real crux of the matter. Any design that does not result in the heritage building being the “star of the show” or is incongruous with the established streetscape is a failure.

So how does one establish design subordination?

The two simplest solutions are location and/or size. By preference, an

addition should be located behind and be smaller than (height/width) the heritage building. Where the lot precludes rear placement, the addition should be stepped back from the line of the original facade, creating a secondary placement.

On the very rare occasion when neither of these options are possible, the addition must have a footprint distinctly smaller than, and an elevation (height) definitely below that of the historic building while not obscuring its facade.

More complex, but equally important, are the elements and openings of the new addition. Openings (windows/doors) should never be larger and preferably slightly smaller than those of the original structure. Design elements should direct the eyes to the heritage building (typically through horizontal planes).

And these are just a few design considerations of a successful addition.



A practical joke to lighten spirits. SUPPLIED

Mystery of the missing ‘Mist’

Richard West
Special to The Lake Report

The pandemic has most of us doing things we do not normally do.

In my case it was to put a chair in my front garden to enjoy the morning spring sunshine. This allowed me to see the people walking past my house while catching some rays of not only sun, but hope as well.

It then occurred to me that I can’t sit there all day but people pass-by most of the day. I thought

I’d give the passersby something to smile at.

I placed some books by the chair accompanied by a half-full bottle of Islay Mist scotch and a half-full tumbler.

I’m unsure if people had a smile at this or just thought I was mad, but the set up stayed there for just over a week.

Then I noticed something was wrong. Someone had helped themselves to my bottle of Islay Mist. Was I very upset? No. I just hope they enjoyed the cold tea from the bottle.

Taking in the view



A couple enjoys the calm, tranquil lake. GAIL KENDALL



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