

JESUS WAS A TRADESPERSON

By Murray Strong

COMPULSORY CERTIFICATION IS THE ANSWER

Compulsory certification is the answer. I am trying to understand the position of the Ontario government concerning skilled trades. Is it discrimination? Is it racist? Is it a way to keep young people trapped in poverty? Is it an immigrant issue? Maybe the politicians do not care about the skilled trades people except at election time, or when their toilet overflows. Quebec is a province that cares about its people. Maybe it's a religious upbringing or they want the young French people to have a life career. Quebec government knows how important employing skilled trades means to the economy. **THEY MADE CARPENTRY A COMPULSORY TRADE!!**

My wish is Ontario treat apprentices with respect if you want young people to become the needed workforce to keep the province moving forward. When I researched how immigrants were brought into Canada under the foreign worker program, I was in shock. If a friend or family member lives in Ontario and has a small business the door is open. The friend (employer) spends \$10,000.00 per worker to cover the cost of airfare and other expenses which the government will refund. New employee becomes a slave. Never late for work. Do everything you are told or a call to the government that things are not working out sends you home. One paycheck entitles you to a Canada Pension for life good anywhere

in the world. Canada Health Act makes Ontario give new employee health care. Workers comp covers any accident. Government helps poor suffering employer with a wage subsidy. After a few months you apply to live in Canada. No need to pay some scam idiot in your country to get you in, just call yourself some kind of skilled worker. They are doing nothing wrong and it's perfectly legal. I think it's time someone minding the store has heard the unemployment level for young people .14 % is disgusting for a country. Shame on you. Employ Canadians and immigrants. Remember God is watching how you treat his family. Thank you. Denny Crane



Starting this weekend, #PickeringFire will be going door-to-door once again for its 'FireSafe Pickering' fire education campaign. This five-week campaign focuses on educating residents about fire safety and fire-related issues in the community. Select households will receive a visit from Pickering firefighters who will speak to you about the importance of having working smoke alarms on all levels of your home and be available to discuss the reality of fire in the community/answer fire-related questions.

Final Tax Bill for 2024 Due on September 24

Whitby, September 9, 2024 — Residents are reminded that the final instalment of the 2024 Final Tax Billing is due on Tuesday, September 24, 2024. This billing applies to all properties. The tax bills were mailed to property owners in May. If you did not receive a tax bill and you are responsible for payment.

Please note that payments not received by Tuesday, September 24, 2024 are subject to a penalty charge of 1.25 per cent on the first day of default and the first day of each calendar month so long as non-payment continues.

Payment can be made in the following ways:

By pre-authorized payment plan.

By internet or telephone banking: inquire at your financial institution. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure the correct information, including roll number, is used for these transactions. The Town is not responsible for correcting payment errors made by the taxpayer and there will be a fee to correct any payments made in error.

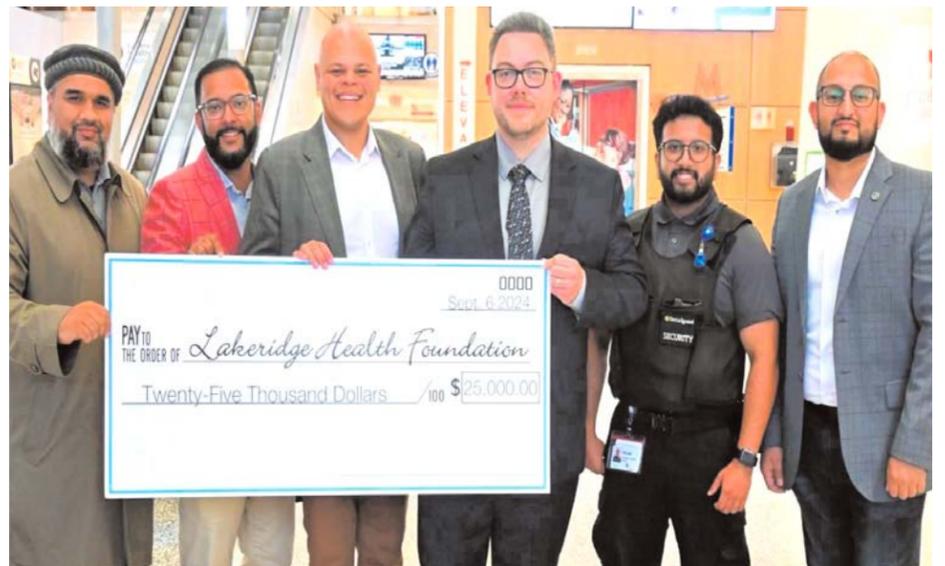
At participating financial institutions: a payment stub is required if paying at a financial institution. Please remember to allow sufficient time for processing between the bank and Town Hall to avoid any penalty.

By mail: address payment to the Town of Whitby, Tax Department. When mailing payment, the taxpayer assumes responsibility for late arrival of payment and any penalty/interest charges that may apply. Post-dated cheques are acceptable.

After hours 'outside' mail slot at the above address: Do not deposit cash. Post-dated cheques are acceptable.

If paying by cheque, please make cheque payable to the Town of Whitby and write the property tax roll number(s) on the front of the cheque. All cheques that are not honoured by a financial institution, for any reason, will be subject to an administration fee.

You can request a Property Tax Statement which shows the current assessed value of your property, the legal description, the current year's taxes billed to date, any balance due, and the total annual taxes for the prior year. Each Property Tax Statement requested online costs \$21.



Durham Region Is Growing And We Need More Healthcare Services, ASAP

Thank you to the community leaders stepping up to raise money for our hospitals, including the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association and Lakeridge Health Foundation. \$25,000 dollars will go a long way to attract doctors to the area.



5th Annual Durham Region Children's Business Fair!

Councillor Victoria Bozinovski at Grass Park - Brooklin. · Whitby · What an incredible afternoon at the 5th Annual Durham Region Children's Business Fair! It was so inspiring to see so many young entrepreneurs showcasing their talents and innovations. From unique crafts to innovative services, these kids truly brought their A-game! The energy and creativity in Grass Park, were infectious, and it was heartwarming to see the community come together to support our youth. Thank you to everyone who participated and attended – your encouragement means the world to these budding business owners! Special thanks to the organizers for putting together such a fantastic event. Can't wait for next year!

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