



JACK FROST HAS HIS EYES ON DURHAM

Jack Frost begins his annual visits to Durham. He may or may not be punctual – perhaps due to climate change – but Mr. Jack Frost last night reportedly began his annual visits to our Region of Durham. Environment Canada issued a ‘Frost Advisory’ for the townships of Scugog, Uxbridge and Brock in northern Durham Region. The Farmer’s Almanac predicts frost in the southern municipalities of Durham on October 10. The Township of Scugog yesterday issued an alert notifying residents that the township was under a ‘Frost Advisory’ was for the night of

October 8. “It is recommended to take preventative measures to protect frost-sensitive plants and trees.” Environment Canada too advised that frost may damage some crops in some areas. Temperatures were expected to drop to near zero degrees Celsius at night. The weather agency asked residents to cover up plants, especially those in frost-prone areas. Frost advisories are issued when temperatures are expected to reach the freezing mark during the growing season, leading to potential damage and destruction to plants and crops.

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Two Males Arrested for Fraud After Roofing Scam in Ajax

Two males are facing charges after a victim was defrauded for \$18,000 as part of a roofing scam. On Wednesday, October, 8, 2025, members of West Division responded to a fraud call in the area of Clements Road West and Monarch Avenue in Ajax. The victim contacted a roofing company she located online called ‘Toronto’s Choice Home Improvement.’ An appointment was scheduled for them to attend the victim’s address and repair the roof. The suspects attended the victim’s residence and advised that work needed to be completed on the roof at the cost of \$18,000, which the victim paid. The suspects then advised the roof required further repairs in the amount of \$50,000 and demanded the remaining balance claiming the work had been completed. The victim contacted a claims adjuster who performed an inspection and concluded the cost did not reflect the repairs that were made to the roof. Officers arrived and placed both males in custody without incident. Following an investigation, it was learned that ‘Toronto’s Choice Home Improvement’ is not a legitimate company. Investigators are concerned there may be other victims and are releasing photos of the suspects. The business operated a website: <https://www.torontoschoicehomeimprovements.com/> **Shane O’DRISCOLL**, age 24 from Ireland is charged with: Fraud Over \$5000. **James O’DRISCOLL**, age 28 from Great Britain is charged with: Fraud Over \$5000



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Statement from MPP Jennifer French on St. Michael’s Hospital/Bondfield verdict

TORONTO – In response to the news that former chief administrative officer of St. Michael’s Hospital, Vas Georgiou, and former Bondfield Construction Co. Ltd. President John Aquino have been found guilty of fraud, Ontario NDP Shadow Minister for Infrastructure Jennifer French has issued the following statement:

“This has been a very, very long journey to get real answers. As the Critic for Infrastructure, I went toe to toe with Infrastructure Ontario leadership at various committee meetings, and this guilty verdict feels vindicating. We were right to call for an OPP investigation and pursue justice. Ontarians deserve to be assured in the knowledge that Infrastructure Ontario and the provincial government are doing everything in their power to prevent and punish corruption, while ensuring that taxpayer dollars are used appropriately and responsibly.

“This was somehow allowed to happen under the nose of Infrastructure Ontario, despite numerous red flags and warning signs, and yielded an ongoing lawsuit that could leave the public on the hook for hundreds of millions of dollars. Doug Ford must restore integrity, transparency, and public accountability to the infrastructure procurement and delivery process, ensuring incidents like this cannot happen again where public funds and public trust are involved.”

Three Durham paramedics recognized on national level

Three Durham paramedics are now recipients of the Governor General’s Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal. The awards recognize paramedics who have served for at least 20 years and provided the highest quality of care. To qualify, at least ten of the years of service must have been on duty in the field. Nominees can be currently active, retired or deceased. The awards were handed out September 25 by the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs. “Paramedics in Ontario demonstrate every day the caring and compassion they have for their communities,” said OAPC President, Chief Greg Sage. “It’s an honour to recognize these exemplary members on behalf of Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, the Governor General of Canada. The OAPC is privileged to present the medal to so many dedicated paramedics in Ontario.” The medal was created in 1994 by late Governor General Romeo LeBlanc as a component of the Canadian Honours System. The recipients in Ontario came from 37 of the 57 paramedic services across the province.