DEVELOPMENTS

Hawley will take ‘second look’ at plans for hotel in the Village

As far as public meetings for developments go, an August open house about a proposed hotel at The Village was tame. Developer John Hawley had the crowd of about 200 people — mostly concerned Village residents — resting a little easier by the end of the two-hour conference, receiving rounds of applause and compliments for taking residents’ concerns seriously.

During the presentation Hawley gave a thorough overview of his current development plans; past plans; how and why things have changed; and predicted resident concerns. Currently, he has proposed an 80-room “boutique” hotel to be built on Niven Road, near the corner of Niagara Stone. Originally there had been other ideas for the space, such as a retirement home or an apartment building, Hawley said, but after a deal with retirement home management company Chartwell fell through ...

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Richard Harley
Editor

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...and after coming to the realization that his company doesn’t know much about retirement homes — it was a risk he wasn’t willing to take. The other option, he said, was dreamed up about two years ago, based on advice from an experienced neighbour-planner Andres Duany. In a video played for the crowd, Duany — who has been a consultant on similar communal living environments for two decades, working with Duany, Plattner-Zyberk — said he thought the hotel would add to the diversity of a village centre by bringing in a “metropolitan” feel and creating a diversity in the neighbourhood by allowing new people to come in and mingle with residents.

Residents have expressed a number of concerns about the hotel, which Hawley also tackled head on during the meeting.

Some concerns included that a tall 80-room hotel would not fit the original plan for the town centre and contrast the aesthetics of the Village and Old Town; that it would only attract transient traffic and people who wouldn’t invest in the Village; that it would create traffic and parking problems; that it will decrease the values of Village homes; and that it doesn’t offer as much for the residents who invested into the neighbourhood, who would prefer some boutique shops instead.

Hawley said he doesn’t believe property values will decrease, noting he has been developing his vision for the Village for 22 years, and isn’t about to sabotage it now.

He said he thinks property values could actually increase as a result. Another point Hawley made is with the reasoning for the hotel, he would also be able to consider putting in a grocery store — something he is currently unable to do based on an appeal by Loblaws of the original development.

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Residents present petition to council

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Residents of the Village — 164 of them — have signed a petition to town council, outlining that they are against a recent proposal for an 80-room hotel and short-term rental units to be built on the vacant lot beside Shopper’s Drug Mart.

Village resident Doug Gibson, who addressed the petition to councillors at a Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, said he and the residents when he presented the petition do not believe the proposal — currently for a hotel and series of short-term rental units, will suit resident needs, and that home owners were led to believe during negotia-

tions to buy that the village centre would be something for residents to use, like some smaller boutique shops.

A hotel, he said, would also disturb the character of the Village and drive into Niagara-on-the-Lake. “It’s not what residents bought into, he said.

“The Village Community commercial area was sold to us as a community/residents hub,” Gibson said. “It wouldn’t contain a hotel and conference centre. We were told the Village was not to be higher than the CIBC, surrounding town homes and existing commercial buildings, which are 36 feet.”

He said the developer also spoke of live/work homes lining Perez Street, and “the types of business

The view from Niagara Stone of where a hotel and 400 parking spaces are proposed.

Richard Harley

artists that would be attracted to these homes.”

Nowhere was it suggested there would be a hotel, short-term rentals or changes to the heights of the buildings.

“Residents have the right, and with the concept, for addressing the concerns," he said.

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Hawley said residents do not support the change, as it would “negatively affect the vibrancy” of the street.

Residents would prefer to see the converted into regular housing units with parking located behind them, he said.

Gibson finished asking councillors not to approve Hawley’s rezoning application.

Diane Fullam, a seven-year resident of the Village, said the Hawley’s should “feel very proud” they’ve gathered such a like-minded neighbourhood that “strongly agrees with the many aspects of new urbanism.”

She said in a Village newsletter residents were told there would be a survey for them to finalize their comments, which never happened.

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Council approves heritage committee recommendations for Randwood Estate

By: Richard Harley

Many Niagara-on-the-Lake residents have asked Niagara Now and The Lake Report to investigate council attendance records. While those records are available in the minutes of each meeting, which can be found at www.notl.org, the Lake Report went through the minutes for each meeting of council and compiled a spreadsheet to make it easier to view. We also calculated the percentages. Here are the results.

NOTE: If a councillor was late, it was still marked as attended for percentage calculation. A detailed list of late arrivals can be found in a public spreadsheet made available at niagaranow.com/council-attendance-records. Unfortunately, there is no written record of if councillors left meetings early.

Town council approved recommendations from the Municipal Heritage Committee to designate structures on all four properties of the Randwood Estate.

Sarah Sawchuk
Special

Members of SORÉ (Save Our Randwood Estate) clapped in thunderous applause following councillors’ decision to accept and move forward with recommendations brought forward by the Municipal Heritage Committee regarding the controversial redevelopment of the Randwood Estate in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

At a special council meeting Monday, councillors received a report from the MHC recommending a bylaw to give notice of intention to designate the four properties that make up the Randwood Estate under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Ging against town staff’s advice, the MHC also recommended that all buildings and structures on those properties be preserved until they have undergone a detailed interior analysis.

After this analysis has occurred, the developer, Two Sisters Resorts, will have an opportunity to submit a revised Heritage Impact Assessment at the time of development to contemplate demolition and its impacts on the properties in question.

Letourneau Heritage Consulting, a firm hired by the town, recommended the demolition of some buildings and structures because they didn’t have identified heritage attributes.

Due to the difference of opinion between town staff and the MHC about which structures should be saved, the report brought forward this week advises that council may choose which buildings and structures should be permitted to be demolished.

David Bell, a member of SORÉ, and Michael McClelland, an architect with ERA Architects, who was hired on behalf of the group of concerned residents dedicated to preserving the history of Randwood, argued council to support the MHC’s recommendations to protect the potential loss of heritage building in the community.

Bell pointed to the historical significance of the guest house at 200 John Street, which once belonged to Calvin Rand, co-founder of the Shaw Festival.

"Of the five structures on Charlotte Street, only one was deemed by your consultant Letourneau to have any significance, being the outbuilding while others recommended for removal,” he said, adding, “Of the two structures at John Street, only one was deemed to have significance being the garage. The other structure was deemed for removal.”

Rogato argued that accepting the MHC’s recommendations, which go against the advice of town staff, would be “an abuse of power.”

Following Rogato’s remarks, councillors passed the MHC’s recommendations with little discussion.

Council attendance records

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The Lake Report is doubling production due to popular demand. We will now be printing 10,000 copies, with around 8,000 being delivered through Canada Post.

We’ve heard time and time again from readers that they are thrilled to have a local paper that’s just for them. Many tell us they read cover-to-cover, and we couldn’t be more thrilled to hear it. We thank all of our readers for their overwhelming support. It’s because of you that we’re able to expand our reach so quickly. Our next goal is to get to weekly production. While there is no set time on that goal, we hope to get there as soon as possible.

As well, the Lake Report is moving from printing on the 1st and 15th of each month to printing on the first and third Thursday of each month. So if you wish to find a copy in your mailbox on Friday, we’ll call it all goes well at Canada Post.

The paper has heard from some who haven’t received a copy in the mail who have asked whether they will be getting one.

There was some initial confusion surrounding the delivery at Canada Post, and some even reported receiving a copy on the 1st day of the month. We’re thrilled that the confused the few times. We’ve been told the issue has been resolved, so all residential mailboxes in NOTL should receive a copy.

If you aren’t receiving yours in the mail, please give us a call and let us know. As well, you’ll be able to find copies at all three local Avondale stores, the community centre, and many local businesses.

To give our readers a sense of just how widely read the paper has become in a short time, we’ve heard back from Canada Post that more than 95 per cent of papers delivered are being taken home. It’s been a lot of work, and we’re a small staff so we can’t make it to everything yet, but it’s been quite incredible and a lot of fun.

While we may be small, and we might not be able to cover everything we’d like until we expand a bit further, we are dedicated to bringing you the best and only 100 per cent local news for Niagara-on-the-Lake.

We plan to be here, covering all of the issues that affect this town and its residents for a long time to come.

Thank you for your continued support and for allowing us to keep a print paper going in this town, which deserves it for historic reasons alone, let alone its diverse and enthusiastic readers.

Richard Harley
Editor

The Lake Report on the press. (Richard Harley)

Don’t give protesters the attention

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
David Antscherl

First congratulations on starting a quality local paper. The phoenix rising from the ashes of the Town Crier is golden indeed. The quality of reporting so far is excellent. Keep it up!

I actually want to write about the demonstrations being held downtown. I believe that we and you are playing right into the hands of these demonstrators. Lovely colour portraits and repeated naming of the organizers. Wonderful! Lots of column inches of coverage. Great! It’s just what these folk want — free publicity, and they are getting it in spades. I’ve seen similar types in the community I used to live in. We have been playing right into their hands. Let’s cease encouraging them. Were we to totally ignore them, the rabble-rousers will go away to seek their publicity else-where. It’s time to turn them backs on them and move on. Soon they will do likewise.

Illustration by Cary Frank.

"Yours, well fed and content"

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
Bill Cochrane Snr.

I read with interest about the protests against the use of herd horses to pull carriages of tourists around Old Town. Clearly the same would apply to Her Majesty the Queen and all of the Royal Family as they are paraded through Windsor, London and throughout their realm.

Camels, and donkeys similarly must have been abused trekking to Bethlehem all those years ago.

On a similar tangent, how are we to have our Budweiser delivered?

Following the arguments put forward by the protesters, it seems that we should cease and desist The Peach Festival as surely we have abused the busses, return home.

The festival has its quest for accuracy and desirability. Surely it must have been abused again. Leave.

You’ll have been exposed for, I suspect — having seen the pictures of you on parade — eating, drinking and making merry, defying your own beliefs. In short, it’s quite proper to be punished.

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Correction and apology from TLR

It was erroneously reported in our last issue that an Italian restaurant in Virgil will be named the Tangled Vine. In fact, the restaurant will be called “The Twisted Vine.” The Lake Report apologizes for any inconvenience caused to the owners of the business, and to our readers.

The Lake Report continues its quest for accuracy and vows to correct errors made, as part of our pledge to meet the highest standards in our journalism.

Any observed factual errors can be reported to editor@niagararivernow.com.
Willowbank renovated and open

Lauren O’Malley

The Drystone Wall building. (Lauren O’Malley)

Laurent O’Malley, executive director of Willowbank, calls the Hamilton-Bright Estate, or the “House on the Hill,” a “classical temple in the wilderness.”

The house is now home to Willowbank academy, which teaches classic restoration techniques and art forms.

“Is that a gracious property, she said.

Now she feels one of the school’s main challenges is to tell the many stories that come with it.

Frankly I think the Niagara story is fascinating — topography as well as history. There’s a lot to tell about relations between many different peoples.”

The rich history of Willowbank students study archaeology as part of their curriculum, and often uncover ancient hearths and flints leftover from the many Indigenous peoples who used the property for centuries — they have discovered one site that is over nine thousand years old, said Barlow.

Alexander Hamilton built the house in the 1830s. “Intermarriage with Indigenous people was quite common at the time — some of that history has been... mislaid, shall we say,” said Barlow.

The school has long welcomed Indigenous collaboration, and has given some of its land for a traditional herb and vegetable garden.

“We collaborate with the Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board (CAB),” I’ve simply said to the Indigenous folk, it’s your land, you can use it any time you like.”

There’s the Hamilton cemetery, peeking through the woods on the northeast edge of the property. “When the Brook Monument was bombed by Benjamin Lett, Brock’s body was moved to this cemetery.” The Hamilton family still buries their kin there, but the sides of the promontory are eroding, and the cemetery is not legally registered.

“Is there even the story of the terror of mortar. “Every year we put Queenston limestone in a kiln and create a mortar for each batch is completely unique, and, like wine, it improves with age.” Barlow is eager to share the school, its knowledge, and its property. “Willowbank is a gateway property in more ways than one.” It was literally an entrance to a portage trail established by Indigenous people. And it’s now an enticing way to learn more about Niagara’s rich history. Of course it’s also an active school, which is another entrance — to learning, and to careers. “Our students are passionate and enthusiastic. They come from all over Canada and from all walks of life. We currently have a student who is a retired public school teacher from Newfoundland.”

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Supporters, not protesters

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Inge Eass

I would like to make something clear about newspapers and our mayor of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The carriage supporters at the event on July 28 were not there to protest, stand behind fellow Town citizens, Fred and Laura Sentenial; their families; and employees who are fighting to make a living.

We did not shout slogans and had no placards. We stood quietly, handing out pamphlets and answering questions.

We were all residents of the Niagara Region, not from other parts of Ontario. We paid for our parking and were given no special treatment by our own Town; in other parts of Ontario. We were given no special treat — paid for our parking and other parts of Ontario. We were given no special treat — paid for our parking and other parts of Ontario. We were given no special treat — paid for our parking and other parts of Ontario. We were given no special treat — paid for our parking and other parts of Ontario. We were given no special treat — paid for our parking and other parts of Ontario. We were given no special treat — paid for our parking and other parts of Ontario. We were given no special treat — paid for our parking and other parts of Ontario.

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There has been a lot of mud slung lately regarding the property status of non-natives. None of this is beneficial to those who’s (sic) views differ from our own, or the town as a whole. For the investment in five electric carriages, this can all be ended quickly and quietly.

There is no one that has any right to destroy the livelihood of a fellow Canadian? There is no one that has any right to destroy the livelihood of a fellow Canadian? There is no one that has any right to destroy the livelihood of a fellow Canadian? There is no one that has any right to destroy the livelihood of a fellow Canadian? There is no one that has any right to destroy the livelihood of a fellow Canadian?

The cost of a decent, aesthetic, laughably pleasant electric carriage? Less than $6,000.

From my knowledge, that’s less than the cost of feeding one horse for one year.

Is the entire reputation of NOTL worth this small investment? Times are changing — the world is rejecting animal use more and more every day. This movement isn’t going away, it’s the fastest growing movement on earth right now.

Retire the horses to pasture, maintain the “old world charm” of NOTL, but move into the 21st century — these horse carriages belong in a museum, not on the streets.

Adam Stirr

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RESIDENT CORNER

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The $43.2 million wastewater treatment plant on Lakeshore Road in Niagara-on-the-Lake will not be operated by August, as announced last spring, but it’s looking good for fall.

NOTL’s regional councillor Gary Burroughs said work is moving along quickly.

“The tanks are now being filled with clean water — the first part of the process of different tests to ensure all equipment, which is fully automated, is working as it should,” he said.

He said if all goes according to plan the wastewater treatment plant on Lakeshore Road won’t be open until November. (Supplied)

Burroughs said the plant will replace the existing Lakeshore Road facility 800 metres west of it, which has been operating at capacity for years, with overflowing causing dozens of problems for neighbours.

A regional report said the new plant is expected to increase treatment capacity by 40 per cent.

The cost, shared by the federal, provincial and regional governments, includes upgrades to three pumping stations, and that part of it has been completed, said Burroughs.

Once the first round of tests are satisfactorily completed it will take a few days to divert the sewage from the three pumping stations, followed by a couple of weeks of testing the effluent (clean, treated sewage) to be sure it’s being cleaned properly. At that point, the region will divert some of the output from the new treatment plant to the two lagoons at the current facility, so they remain full and working until they are removed, which will keep the plants down for neighbours, he said.

There is also the ability to divert more effluent to the lagoons if necessary — if it isn’t treating provincial standards, he said, “but we’re not expecting any problems.”

“So far everything’s been coming along well, and the looks in the tanks have been corrected. There are some small issues, such as nitrifying the outside, that can be dealt with later.”

He’s talked recently to one of the Regional managers on-site, who feels very confident they’ve fixed all the major problems, he said.

“We’re at a turning point now, filling the main tanks. Everything’s moving along. By the end of November we should be making sure the effluent is clear and the plant is working well, looking to design and meeting provincial standards.

“The flag-waving,” he said, referring to an official opening, “will be as advanced as the province says so. And that will be the region.”

The region is still working on a plan for decommissioning the two lagoons, and after several reports and meetings on preferred alternatives has “almost” come to a decision about one that will fit with Parks Canada, which owns the land, and NOTL residents.

But we’re going to charge somebody $500 to take that tree down because it’s not on the list?”

He described the draft bylaw as “brutally difficult” and “unnecessary” and would hit residents hard.

Councillors debated whether to make amendments to improve the draft bylaw before it returned to council for final ratification before the end of their term in office, which is fast approaching.

Coun. Terry Flynn said the council should support the report in principle to get the ball rolling on the bylaw and give staff some feedback in the coming days to make improvements before it returns before them at the September council meeting.

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Local man giving away free trees to help save canopy

Richard Harley

It happens the same way frequently for Roland Adams — he finds a sapling tree growing in the yard, and he doesn’t have the heart to kill it.

So the tree, be it a maple, oak or young ash, ends up surviving another day in his yard.

It’s sort of a symbiotic relationship — Adams gets to feel good about himself, and the trees, though silent, would likely express thanks for being spared the Weed Eater if they could.

All was peaches and cream, until he amassed around 100 trees, and his (w)ife decided it might be time to figure out something to do with them.

That’s when the two got the idea to give them to people looking to plant trees around town. It’s a way to combat the loss of trees in Niagara-on-the-Lake, especially as trees across town due to the invasive borer insect.

“With all the ashes dying — that’s a national crisis — I thought it would be good to plant them around town,” said Adams.

A self-confessed tree-lover, Adams thinks it’s important to keep a lush tree canopy in NOTL and hopes some of the trees he’s saved will end up living long healthy lives in yards across town.

On August 25, Adams is inviting people to come collect a tree from his residence at 488 Gage Street.

The trees he’s giving away, he notes, are all Carolinian and native to the area.

He encourages residents to plant them in their yards and maintain them to help replace the lost ash trees.

He also said he hopes the next town council will implement a firm tree protection bylaw, not only for the town’s character, but in the long-term to prevent flooding through natural drainage.

Adams had some help potting all the trees from his daughter Olivia, some of her friends from the local Royal Oak Community School.

So far he estimates they’ve potted around 100 trees.

Adams said he was inspired partly by other local efforts, such as Chautauqua’s $30,000 tree reforestation project.

“It’s such a wonderful initiative,” Adams said.

“Basically for me, it’s life. It’s a very precious thing. You can’t replace it. It’s important we keep it. And isn’t nature wonderful?”

He encourages residents who want a tree to plant to come out on the event day, where he will also be accepting donations to go towards Royal Oak.

He notes the principal at Royal Oak doesn’t even take a paycheque, so he feels he wants to do whatever he can to help out.
Mazza: traffic study should be available to public

Sarah Sawchuk
Special

Last fall, family doctors from the Niagara North Family Health Team announced they had chosen property beside Crossroads Public School for a two-storey medical centre. The site backs on to Niagara Stone Road, but its entrance is expected to be from Line 2. Included in the application are plans for a pharmacy, laboratory, optometrist, physiotherapist, medical clinic, imaging office, medical offices and professional offices. During a public meeting on the application on Monday night, Henry Street resident Margaret Louter asked the council not to support the application until the traffic study is added at the corner of Niagara Stone Road and Line 2 Road. She said she had looked down Andres and Henry Street and making left or right-hand turns at the already busy intersection of Line 2 and Niagara Stone Road would “make traffic worse” and “add to the problems already existing.” Mayor Gary特殊情况Special added a number of steps to the project, including the corner of Line 2 Road at Niagara Stone Road, which is to be a “once-in-a-lifetime opportunity” for NOTL. He said the only way he could support the rezoning was “having the traffic study in place,” and added that the study would have to “answer questions” such as where the corner might go, and what could be done to ensure safety such as adding side-walks or a pedestrian safety feature before he called on the council to support the rezoning “now for the community and for future generations.” Before they discussed the application, Baucoue asked fellow councilors to leave emo- tion out of the discussion. “We know about this application, there are some emotions here, and that’s okay.” Baucoue noted that “people are already trickling in to the meeting,” and that “we’ve had emails from people with their emotional reactions.” “It’s an emotional topic.” Mayor Curren turn offered a council perspective, our role is “to look at it in terms of an overall plan amendment and zoning and that’s it.” She noted that the plan map forward, which is expected to be completed before council makes a decision on the application. The plan includes a number of traffic rules, including sidewalks along the south side of Line 2 road, providing bicycle parking and removing sight-obstruct- ing vegetation at Line 2 Road. Members of the District School Board of Niagara were reached for comment but no response had been received. Property owner Lloyd Re- ddeck also spoke to council, calling the proposed medical centre a “once-in-a-lifetime opportunity” for NOTL. He echoed Whyte’s com- ments about the traffic study and added a number of steps for a crosswalk, or a light at Niagara Stone Road and Line 2 Road isn’t a reason to hold up an application for rezoning. Jim Collard spoke with Disero that “holding up applications longer would be inappropriate.” She asked the council about the upcoming applications such as the medical centre, “working together on a traffic light.” Mazza, who said he didn’t buy the fact that the traffic study didn’t find any issues, asked that the traffic study be made available on the town’s website for the public to see. He argued that Niagara Stone Road is very busy, adding “it’s a medical centre in the area ‘is not going to complement it’ but rather ‘make it worse.’” Mazza said that they needed to “listen to this thing keeping getting worse and worse at that intersection.” He said they need to “look at the pro- tovements to the intersection, we don’t need a crossing there, that intersection, I am sorry, I am struggling,” he said. Mazza added that he was not going to be there, “The only person I didn’t support the school going there and I am not going to approve this application.” She also asked the resident “What about the traffic study on Monday night, Henry Street? He noted that the project was recommended by Town staff for approval. He noted that the application hasn’t received objections from surrounding agencies or the Regional, Niagara Peninsula, and Niagara Region, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and Canada Post. Whyte said traffic is an issue that has been addressed.

Developers don’t want to “control the corner”

While a local Niagara-on- the-Lake couple has a right to build their home on a wooded lot on William Street, a resident has seen more than 50 years old. That’s what one resident, who lives near on-Set Drive, told councillors dur- ing a meeting held at Town Hall on Monday night. The wooded property on the corner of William Street and Chautauqua Amphitheatre is owned by local John Street residents Robert and Jan Macinnes, who wish to build the house on it. The application is for a residential site with site- specific provisions for lot frontage and depth to allow for the possible construction of up to six single attached homes. The site is currently zoned agricultural and the density residen- tial use in the town’s Official Plan. The site-specific zoning would allow for minimum lot frontages of 60 feet, which although slightly below the current zoning would allow for homes comparable in size with the other homes in the area. Robert O’Kinnis told coun- cillors he and his wife intend to build a single detached house on one lot, creating a second lot for a second single detached house. In the future, a maximum of four more additional lots could be severed from the William Street frontage. Macinnes said he has no intentions of “controlling the corner” if the residents here are asking for the entire 3.56 acres Lots 5 and 6 (the lots immediately to the north) to be rezoned for the possibility of future development. He said another development would add both lots to property but it’s not something he is “inter- ested in seeing.” Rezoning the property now would force any future devel- opers to go through the entire rezoning process. It is reasonable to assume development will occur. Macinnes also pointed out that the requirements that the rezoning proposal would include an official plan amendment and zoning and that is “a very busy street.” As the site plan map forward, which is expected to be completed before council makes a decision on the application. The plan includes a number of traffic rules, including sidewalks along the south side of Line 2 road, providing bicycle parking and removing sight-obstruct- ing vegetation at Line 2 Road. Members of the District School Board of Niagara were reached for comment but no response had been received. Property owner Lloyd Reddeck also spoke to council, calling the proposed medical centre a “once-in-a-lifetime opportunity” for NOTL. He echoed Whyte’s comments about the traffic study and added a number of steps for a crosswalk, or a light at Niagara Stone Road and Line 2 Road isn’t a reason to hold up an application for rezoning. Jim Collard spoke with Disero that “holding up applications longer would be inappropriate.” She asked the council about the upcoming applications such as the medical centre, “working together on a traffic light.” Mazza, who said he didn’t buy the fact that the traffic study didn’t find any issues, asked that the traffic study be made available on the town’s website for the public to see. He argued that Niagara Stone Road is very busy, adding “it’s a medical centre in the area ‘is not going to complement it’ but rather ‘make it worse.’” Mazza said that they needed to “listen to this thing keeping getting worse and worse at that intersection.” He said they need to “look at the pro- tovements to the intersection, we don’t need a crossing there, that intersection, I am sorry, I am struggling,” he said. Mazza added that he was not going to be there, “The only person I didn’t support the school going there and I am not going to approve this application.” She also asked the resident “What about the traffic study on Monday night, Henry Street? He noted that the application hasn’t received objections from surrounding agencies or the Regional, Niagara Peninsula, and Niagara Region, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and Canada Post. Whyte said traffic is an issue that has been addressed.

A rendering of the proposed medical centre on Niagara Stone Road across from Crossroads Public School is via a traffic study ordered by the developer, and conducted by Retired Star Transportation Solutions Ltd. in May of this year. He added the study was peer-reviewed by an independent consultant hired by the town in July. Whyte said the peer review of the traffic study deter- mined the severest conditions are forecasted to occur with “generally acceptable” levels of development. “We’re having incremental changes in terms of traffic,” he said, and added that these are at a level that is needed at this time. The study could make recommendations to improve the site’s layout and to improve pedestrian traffic including sidewalks along the south side of Line 2 road, providing bicycle parking and removing sight-obstruct- ing vegetation at Line 2 Road. Members of the District School Board of Niagara were reached for comment but no response had been received. Property owner Lloyd Reddeck also spoke to council, calling the proposed medical centre a “once-in-a-lifetime opportunity” for NOTL. He echoed Whyte’s comments about the traffic study and added a number of steps for a crosswalk, or a light at Niagara Stone Road and Line 2 Road isn’t a reason to hold up an application for rezoning. Jim Collard spoke with Disero that “holding up applications longer would be inappropriate.” She asked the council about the upcoming applications such as the medical centre, “working together on a traffic light.” Mazza, who said he didn’t buy the fact that the traffic study didn’t find any issues, asked that the traffic study be made available on the town’s website for the public to see. He argued that Niagara Stone Road is very busy, adding “it’s a medical centre in the area ‘is not going to complement it’ but rather ‘make it worse.’” Mazza said that they needed to “listen to this thing keeping getting worse and worse at that intersection.” He said they need to “look at the pro- tovements to the intersection, we don’t need a crossing there, that intersection, I am sorry, I am struggling,” he said. Mazza added that he was not going to be there, “The only person I didn’t support the school going there and I am not going to approve this application.” She also asked the resident “What about the traffic study on Monday night, Henry Street? He noted that the application hasn’t received objections from surrounding agencies or the Regional, Niagara Peninsula, and Niagara Region, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and Canada Post. Whyte said traffic is an issue that has been addressed.

Wine and Words offers unique pairings

Lauren O’Malley
Staff

Wine and Words makes excellent pairings — of books and blends, authors and appetitons. The Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library coordinates the very popular series, featuring Canadian authors at local wineries. Typically the writer will discuss their book, read some excerpts, and answer questions from the audience. This month the series begins with a glass of wine and a food pairing.

The series begins on Sep- tember 12 with Karma Brown at Chateau des Charmes Winery. Brown’s books — in- cluding Come Away With Me and The Ex-Girlfriend — have made it onto the Globe & Mail Best-seller list. She is also an award-win- ning journalist. Brown will be discussing her most recent work, The Life Lucy Knew, it which turns out is more about what Lucy doesn’t know. This psy- chological thriller set in 1920’s-30’s Chicago follows the protagonist as she discovers everything she believed about her past. “Karma Brown was en- thusiastically recommended to us by Michele Bosc from Chateau des Charmes,” said Debby Cuker, community engagement coordinator at the library. “People are devouring her books now that we’ve brought them in.”

Shred-It event to support NOTL Palliative Care

Richard Harley
Editor

Got a stack of old docu- ments laying around? Box up the boxes and head down to Shred-It on Saturday, August 18. The community event, sponsored by Meridian Credit Union and organized by Niagara-on-the-Lake Com- munity Services, will provide residents with a convenient and economical way to dispose of confidential documents, while at the same time raising funds to support Palliative care in NOTL. For more than 30 years Shred-It will drive to your location with special trucks, remove paper clips or staples and provide a certificate that your documents have been destroyed. Tickets can be purchased through the library’s website, or at the door. The cost is $5 for a banker’s box or three boxes for $15.

Contact info: Margaret Walker, NOTL Community Palliative Care Services, 905-468-5297, mwntol@ roadrunner.com, Bonnie Bugnalo, NOTL Community Palliative Care Services, 905-468-4433, notlpalliative.care@ bell.toll.ca

Meridian Credit Union, 1657 Niagara Stone Road, Virgil, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 18, or until the trucks are full. All material dropped off will be confidentially shred- ded, said NOTL Palliative Care in a news release. It is not necessary to remove paper clips or staples from the documents. Howev- er, ring binders, alligator clips or staples must be removed for shredding. Fees are $5 for a banker’s box or three boxes for $15.
Pillitteri aiming to raise $60K for Terry Fox

Lauren O'Malley

For the third year in a row, Newark Neighbours presented Red Roof Retreat with the shop's income from the annual Bazaar. “It's a great thing, charities helping charities,” said Susan Paton, executive director of Red Roof, a retreat for individuals with special needs.

“The story of Red Roof’s beginning is intriguing,” she said. “This growth is a compelling one, and a demonstration of what our local community can accomplish when they put their minds...and their hearts to it,” said New-
ark Neighbours treasurer Julian Trachel.

Cousins Mike and Joe Pillitteri and Joan King. (Supplied)

Newark Neighbours donates July income to Red Roof Retreat

Penelope Coles

One minute Joe Pillitteri is throwing out one-liners, sound- ing like he's inventing a new routine for his next act — the next he's deadly serious, as the telephone rings on the payline he works so hard on raising money for the town’s annual Terry Fox Run.

The run continues on de-
cades after Canada’s national hero has hung up the stop-at-home-to-tunnel run he created to complete when he found his cancer had returned. “I'm not going to give up,” Pillitteri said. “If I don't, the Marathon of Hope better continue.”

For more than a decade Joan King has volun-
teed her time to ensure the annual Terry Fox Run goes off without a hitch. When it comes to promoting the Terry Fox Foundation, she knows best — how to make it fun, but also how to stir up emotion when it comes to promoting the run.

“Terry just asked for a dollar from every Canadian, and this is what we’ve done — in Niagara-on-the-Lake,” said King.

“This is what Joe has helped to accomplish. He makes it fun, but he also takes it very seriously. He always gets emotional when he talks about Terry Fox.”

This year, the cousins are in it together as Team Pillippy, with a goal of $60,000. Joe plans to host another comedy night, Mike, more comfortable singning with a bass guitar in his hands than cracking jokes, will make an appearance with his band, the Bluehawks, a collection of locals — chef Ross Midgley from Paddle Niagara Vineyards on guitar and vocals, guitarist Shawn Sprewik, Nick Serbi-
nick on lead guitar and vocals, and drummer Tim Bala-
ski from Paddle Niagara Vineyards. Mike describes the band as “multigenre,” but with class-
ic rock as its staple. They play at wineries and events around NOTL, perform at the Brewery for the Terry Fox run last year, and are most importantly, fanatics at the Wednesday night supper market at The Village. This year’s show will be held at Jackson Triggs, Thursday, Sept. 6. Those who purchase tickets at the Vil-
lage supper market can attend a pre-party, said Joe.

He expects if he “kills it on stage, with people who have never laughed so much in their lives,” in return he should be invited to sing at least one song at the Terry Fox Run. “There will also be a car wash and street touch-a- truck event at Cornerstone Church on Niagara Stone Road Aug. 25, run by student volunteers, and a lemonade stand run by Mike’s two sons, Lucas and Len on, at Riverview Cellars September 1, 1 to 4 p.m., with all proceeds going towards Team Pillippy’s goal.”

“Our minds are racing every day thinking of ways to get to $60,000,” said Joe, “who promises to come up with more new ideas before the September run. “There will be no stone left unturned. We’ll even offer to race to di-
ageries down Queen Street,” he jokes.

The two men are challenging others to step up and form a team, “to admit defeat and join our team, in any ac-
pacity,” said Joe. “We’re all in this, we’re all in it together.”

The Pillitteri cousins both consider the run a family affair, involving their kids in fundraising events, having them participate or volunteer, but most importantly, encour-
ging them to understand why Terry Fox was a national hero.

They see the run as an op-
portunity to get kids involved and pass on the right message. 

That seems especially impor-
tant this year, Joe says, “in light of all the world events right now. There are many dark clouds out there, it helps to think about what Terry accomplished from the mo-
ment he began his run to the day he passed away, and what continues today. That gives me hope for sure.”

Joe often finishes one of his comedy routines with a plea for a cause, because usually the event he is hosting is to raise money for something important to him. Often, he ends with a Terry Fox quote as he repeats them so many times, he knows most by heart.

One of his favourites, he says, is a reminder to be passionate about something that is worthwhile: “If I died, I would die happy because I was doing what I wanted to do. How many people could say they went out and did 15 push-
ups in the road and took off? I want to set an example that will never be forgotten.”

Joan King and the Pillitteri cousins are passionate about continuing Terry’s fight, and they too are setting an exam-
ple for others to follow.

“We don’t do this for name recognition or for ourselves,” said Joe. “We have the same outlook on life, and the same goal — let’s make this bigger than we ever thought it could be, for Terry Fox, and for all the right reasons.”

This year’s run is Sun-
day, Sept. 16, beginning as always at Simcoe Park, registration at 9:30 a.m. at 10 a.m. There is no charge for registration, and no minimum pledge. To donate or register for the run go to terrymarathon.ca. Compression T-shirts for $20.

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This year’s show will be held at Jackson Triggs, on Saturday, Aug. 11 during the peak celebration of Tequila Saturdays for $20.

A travel agency has been confirmed for the new commercial plaza in Virgil. (Richard Harley)

Richard Harley

A travel agency has been confirmed for the new LCBO and Tim Horton’s plaza in Virgil. Greg Chew, sales rep-
resentative for Colliers International, said the agency will be a Befriend-
fly travel centre, and another building has been confirmed for “profes-
sional office use” but that currently he isn’t able to say who the client is. He said he has one 1,200 square-foot unit left, which will still be available.

The travel agency, office space and unleased unit are in a sectioned unit to the right, while the Tim Horton’s will go at the back of the plaza and the LCBO to the right. The plaza is expected to open sometime before the winter season.
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William Kirby of NOTL and The Golden Dog

Colin Brezicki
Writer’s Circle

William Kirby. (Supplied photo)

On the sidewalk. She wasn’t impressed. When we got home, I de-
cided to research Kirby and his famous book, and was surprised at his many accomplishments.

Kirby was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1817, and emigrated to America after the 1837 Rebellions, fearing that the United States was going to invade Canada and try to invade and defend the defence of the Provinces. He supported Sir John A. Macdonald and the Conservative party and became a magistrate, reeve, and Collector of Customs at Niagara. He was a staunch supporter of the British Empire and remained loyal to the crown in the War of 1812. He supported Sir John A. Macdonald and the Conservative party and became a magistrate, reeve, and Collector of Customs at Niagara. He was a staunch supporter of the British Empire and remained loyal to the crown in the War of 1812.

Historic Sites Board outside of the Kirby house. I invited you to join me, as each week we try to dissect stories whose lives had been entwined with it. My great-grandfather immediately (and very wisely) had his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child) move from the barn, but that his mother (pregnant with her 11th child)
Bikes for Farm Workers creating BFF's

Lauren O'Malley

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A grant from the Niagara Community Foundation allows them to set up four repair repair bikes with stands, tools and parts for each. We've had people from the community start getting involved. People have been sending in parts, and this year we've actually got some local businesses donating parts as well. We've received a lot of donations, and we're going to have a bike sale at the end of the year. We're going to have a bike sale at the end of the year. People can come in and buy a bike and get it fixed up, and we're going to have a raffle where people can win a new bike. We're also going to have a BBQ, and we're going to have a kids' zone where kids can come and see the bikes and get a chance to ride them.

The Native Centre will offer a little something for the kids in August. They will have a bike-themed day with activities and games. The centre will also have a food bank and a community kitchen where people can get a hot meal. They will have a date night with a movie nights and a dinner. The centre will have a community garden where people can come and learn about growing their own food. The centre will also have a music night with local bands performing. The centre will have a family day with games, crafts, and a picnic. The centre will have a wellness day with workshops on stress management and mindfulness. The centre will have a yoga night with a yoga class. The centre will have a community theatre night with a play and discussion.
A peachy weekend

Richard Harley
Editor

Niagara-on-the-Lake gets a little bit sweeter every August, when the annual peach harvest celebrations take over the town, offering a little taste of the local stone fruit for all.

This year wasn't much different — Queen Street shut down Saturday for local stores to bring out their best peach-themed products, and as has become local tradition, St. Vincent De Paul church hosted its always well-attended Peach Festival, offering something for community members and tourists alike.

Those looking for something peachy could find just about anything they wanted; peach jams from Greaves, peach gelato from Il Gelato de Carlotta, baked peach treats from Fournos, hotdogs with peach chili from Old Town Goodies, corn on the cob with butter and salt, and of course peach pies and fresh peaches by the bushel.

Hungry yet?

And that’s not even close to all of the options.

As well, entertainment was aplenty, with musical acts including steel drum and jazz bands, and performances by local bagpipers, who played a few tunes during Saturday’s celebration — a video of the bagpipers can be viewed through our augmented reality app.

Try it out for yourself — instructions on Page 5.

20th annual Kinsmen Show and Shine

Richard Harley
Editor

The 20th annual Kinsmen Show and Shine was a hit as usual, with no shortage of classic cars and good vibes August 12.

The town was busy during the weekend, with the Peach Festival, a tennis tournament and the Peach Pickers’ Picnic, but it didn’t stop Kinsmen and car lovers from coming out to show off their rides and take a gander at what others drove over.

The range of cars was wide, with some old, some new, some polished to the brims and some more rustic.

Some of the cars even had some local history.

Longtime NOTL resident Ken Bartel brought out his 1948 Dodge Business Coupe, once owned by former lord mayor Wilbur Dick.

The Lions Club also raffled off a classic car, with proceeds going to support various community efforts by the Lions.

As usual, Ramco was on the scene with their portable silk press making up the annual Show and Shine shirts, which are a big hit each year.

Ramco has been doing a different shirt for 11 years now, said owners Scott and Carly, husband and wife.

Some locals who are regulars to the event have a shirt from each year.

As well, the Kinsmen held their traditional barbecue, selling burgers, hot dogs and cold drinks.

The show, which takes over the Commons in Old Town for a Sunday each summer, also raises money for Kinsmen initiatives.

The event finished up around 3 p.m., unleashing the classic cars around town.

If you saw one driving by, it’s likely that’s where it was coming from.

Scott and Carly, owners of Ramco.

Ken Bartel with his 1948 Dodge Business Coupe.

Erwin and Dorothy Wiens enjoy the classic cars.

Clare, Jack and Lukas help make sure the event cleanup goes smoothly. (Photos by Richard Harley)
Tennis club hosts ‘world premiere’ one-serve tennis tournament

Richard Harley Editor

According to Ross Robinson, Niagara-on-the-Lake — and the world — saw some big sports news this weekend; the ‘world premiere’ of one-serve tennis.

Robinson even had a “news van” out to the event — complete with microphones and antennas (upside down beach umbrellas) and the logo (printed out) of a national news company on the side.

It’s a rather jovial beginning to what Robinson claims is the world premiere one-serve tennis tournament.

It’s all in good fun, admits Robinson, the goal being for all who’ve entered — mainly tennis club members — to play an afternoon of tennis, in a style that isn’t too overwhelming for players and doesn’t take as much time.

It’s like the evolution of cricket, he said — once upon a time it was a week-long event, eventually shortened to one day, and then to fewer hours for practical reasons, for both players and spectators.

In NOTL, there are no contracts on cash prizes, though the bounty may in a literal sense be much sweeter — every player who entered received a fresh peach pie, baked by Erin Lockard of Sweets and Swirls Cafe in our Community Centre.

“Yum, yum, yum,” Robinson said.

A “coveted” commemorative badge was also given to each player.

While losing one of their own hasn’t been easy, Grimwood said the tragic incident has brought the community’s firefighters closer together.

“The one thing we have noticed is that it has resulted in our station coming together as a team,” he said, adding, “Over the past two weeks watching our firefighters support each other through this has shown their tremendous dedication to each other and their town.”

Robinson, a longtime local who enjoys planning events and encouraging community spirit, stopped at no ends to make the tournament a little something special for members of the NOTL tennis club, having sandwiches delivered, also courtesy of Sweet and Swirls, and having a sign printed out to commemorate the tournament, noting the 32 years the tennis club has been operating out of Memorial Park.

He gave a speech thanking everybody for coming out, followed by some words from Ralph Melaney, former executive producer of Hockey Night in Canada.

Melaney, who moved to St. Davids a few years ago, told some stories of some ground-breaking contributions he’s made to sports and the influence he had on the way it’s viewed today, including being the first to actually get a helicopter up in the air to film a sporting event.

The tournament, Robinson said, is really about locals in the community coming together and having a good time with each other — though Robinson is still crossing his fingers for some national attention next year.

Coping with the loss of Laura Robertson has united firefighters more than ever

Sarah Sawchuk Special

Laura Robertson was a volunteer member of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Fire and Emergency Services for just a short time. But that time, her Fire Chief says she brought great enthusiasm and dedication to her team.

Robinson became a volunteer firefighter in January and recently completed the recruit training program serving at Fire Station 1.

“To lose an active firefigher is unprecedented for this department, especially one at the start of her fire service career; at such a young age and under such tragic circumstances,” Fire Chief Robert Grimwood said Monday.

Robinson, along with her parents Anita and Joe Robertson, were killed in a car crash on Monday, July 30 in Maine. She was 24 years old.

“Fires at Brock University on Aug. 10, wearing the fire department’s T-shirts that evening. ‘The shirts that you wear are a variety that are made up of all our fire stations, but the one thing we’re quite proud of is our five separate stations are all part of one team’,” Robertson, graduated from Ridley College in St. Catharines in 2011 and later moved to British Columbia where she earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Kinesiology from the University of British Columbia in 2017.

She recently returned to NOTL and started work as a Facilities Coordinator in Brock University’s Kinesiology department. She had a love of horses and volunteered at Red Roof Retreat, a non-for-profit organization that provides respite care for families with children and young adults with special needs.

A celebration of lives was held for the Robertsons at Brock University on Aug. 10.

PHOTO: The red sun setting
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Want the answers early? Scan the puzzles using HP Reveal. (Must be following Niagara Now's channel.)

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“Let’s get together and feel all right.”
—Lauren O’Malley, Staff

Niagara-on-the-Lake felt truly tropical — there was jerk chicken, curried goat, burritos, sunshine and generally high spirits as migrant workers and full-time residents mingled under and around the tent of the Market at the Village.

Local Jane Andres said that connection is exactly what she’s working for. “Connection changes everything,” she said, noting this year saw a lot more community engagement, with vendors serving “well over 500 meals.”

Andres also holds the event as a form of recognition and gratitude for the people who maintain and harvest our local bounty. Coun. Betty Disero spoke at the event, saying, “Niagara-on-the-Lake is unique because of its soil, its climate and its hard workers. I want to thank you all for coming up every season and contributing to our community. Jane you are amazing. We are truly blessed.”

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His father John donates the tent and property for the event. The queue for traditional island food started at 5:30 p.m. and kept the employees of Caribbean Eatery going until the end of the show. Michael Andrade, the restaurant’s owner, used to work on the farms himself. “I came out here in 1986 to work for Falk Family Farms. It means a lot to see these guys out relaxing and having fun.”

Local Carol Miller said, “It’s amazing to see all of the workers out together. We have Jamaican support groups, and Mexican support groups, but we don’t usually get everyone together. It’s so great to see.”

Live music played throughout the night, from Latin dance to traditional Mexican folk songs, Michael Jackson’s Billie Jean (with a 10-year-old on drums), and of course, reggae.

The last two songs of the night summed up the event perfectly: Bob Marley’s One Love, followed by Pharrell Williams’ Happy.

Lauren O’Malley
Staff

Let’s get together and feel all right — that was the vibe of the annual Peach Pickers’ Picnic, as hundreds of residents and migrant workers came out for a taste of Jamaican and Mexican culture.

“Every year there’s a party to get excited about. If my mother were alive this would be her birthday,” said Barrington Williams, a Jamaican employee at George Lepp Farms.

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Andres also holds the event as a form of recognition and gratitude for the people who maintain and harvest our local bounty. Coun. Betty Disero spoke at the event, saying, “Niagara-on-the-Lake is unique because of its soil, its climate and its hard workers. I want to thank you all for coming up every season and contributing to our community. Jane you are amazing. We are truly blessed.”

“I’ve been back and forth all night. I had a chance to enjoy some good food and the opportunity to connect with some of the guys I haven’t seen in a while.”

His father John donates the tent and property for the event. The queue for traditional island food started at 5:30 p.m. and kept the employees of Caribbean Eatery going until the end of the show. Michael Andrade, the restaurant’s owner, used to work on the farms himself. “I came out here in 1986 to work for Falk Family Farms. It means a lot to see these guys out relaxing and having fun.”

Local Carol Miller said, “It’s amazing to see all of the workers out together. We have Jamaican support groups, and Mexican support groups, but we don’t usually get everyone together. It’s so great to see.”

Live music played throughout the night, from Latin dance to traditional Mexican folk songs, Michael Jackson’s Billie Jean (with a 10-year-old on drums), and of course, reggae.

The last two songs of the night summed up the event perfectly: Bob Marley’s One Love, followed by Pharrell Williams’ Happy.
Nature's Lens: NOTL and the climate

Owen Bjorgan

Niagara-on-the-Lake is a top tier town, not only in Canada, but on a global scale. If I were to present the term “climate change” in front of you to start this article off, it may ring some bells. Your eyes may roll, or you might want to have a listen. Do folks living in peaceful, beautiful NOTL need to worry about climate change? It has become a politically charged concept that is supported by scientific trends observed across the globe. The trends show that the Earth’s climate is changing at a rate never seen before — and this concerning rate is fuelled by one species (us) versus a more natural shift in conditions. From the perspective of Earth’s measurable time, it’s a pretty serious event. The predicted increasingly long summers and shorter winters in NOTL have potential to slowly open doors for new species to the area. Insects, the most biodiverse group of organisms on the planet, come in all shapes and sizes. Time and time again around the world, insects have shown up in new realms where they find themselves dominating an unprepared ecosystem. We had to wait to happen with a species of beetle that wiped out certain populations of trees? Life becomes easy for the destructive new beetle in town because winters are becoming shorter and less harsh. If not a beetle, perhaps a bee or wasp that is dangerous to humans could find itself at home in a warmer southern Ontario eventually. Of all insects, it is the mosquito that is the most unavoidable, even on a perfect summer night in downtown NOTL. You’re in your backyard sipping a bold VQA red, and then you spill the wine as you reach for that mosquito. What a shame. It would be even more of a shame if that mosquito carried West Nile Virus or Dengue fever. I’ve had the latter — picture the worst hangover you’ve ever had, times ten, for two weeks — this happened in Ecuador though. The warmer more humid summers invite the mosquitoes capable of carrying these viruses to survive a little bit more northward as the trend continues. These hot summer months have been whipping up a pattern of more severe precipitation events. The “once in a century” storm, named based on the probability of such an incredible event, is going to need a name change in the city of Toronto. Burlington was hit with freak storms that made national headlines just last year, also causing uncontrolled flooding. We wouldn’t want the beautiful town of our name to be changed to “Niagara On The Lake.”

In seriousness, both Canada and the USA sides of the border flush citizens’ sewage and other untreated water into the Niagara River and Lake Ontario. These massive storms dump unprecedented amounts of water over the area. The old infrastructure can’t handle the volume of water, and then the untreated nastiness rich in E. Coli enters our river system. It has happened half a dozen times (and that’s just knowing) over the past year or so. That spells and smells disaster for the swimming areas and the biodiversity of the river. Climate change doesn’t discriminate, and it may not be of concern until in its own backyard. We are fortunate to live in an area of the world with a relatively stable and comfortable climate, but it doesn’t appear it will remain as such forever. That doesn’t mean that our beloved town isn’t immune to nature’s course. For the record, I’m not trying to be an alarmist. This is how nature works and science speaks. Also, I encourage you to ask your local elected officials and conservation authority what they are actively doing about climate change in Niagara.

The bank at Niagara Shores Park. (Owen Bjorgan)

A life of gathering stories

Catherine Skinner

On August 9, members of the community gathered in the oasis at Mon Gardens to celebrate the retirement of Terry Mactaggart. For 30 years Mactaggart has helped local residents as the Volunteer Coordinator for the Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Palliative Care Service. “Palliative care makes Niagara-on-the-Lake a very good place to live, and to die,” says retired Volunteer Coordinator, Loewen. “Terry has a lot to do with that.” The retired Loewen, long-time board member with NOTL CPC, and Mactaggart’s mentor.

The Community Palliative Care Service is a tremendous resource for the seriously ill and their caregivers and families, though it can be a challenge for people to take advantage of what the service has to offer. Why are people so reluctant to even have the conversation about end-of-life care? “Because our society doesn’t want to talk about death. We are a death-denying society,” said Loewen. The NOTL CPC has grown over the last thirty years, thanks to Mactaggart, who moved from a career in teaching to palliative care. In 1986 she began to serve her own community. After about a year, she was asked to take over the hospital’s visiting volunteer program. In 1986 she began to serve her own community. After about a year, she was asked to take over the program half time, and she made the transition to working for the organization, while still spending the balance donating her time for 22 years.

The experience of palliative and hospice care is a stark contrast from the clinical, antiseptic hospital environment many people fear when they hear these terms. It is warm, and human and this is what Terry will miss the most. She thanks her hospice team, “Show your emotions. People want to know that you’re feeling, and that you care.” Volunteers are the backbone of the CPC service. They not only offer comfort and companionship to clients but also offer support to caregivers and families by lending an ear, or offering a much-needed break. “If I take a call, a compassionate person,” says volunteer Nellie Visser. “But if this is something that appeals to you, you’ll be okay if bringing your own unique skills to each visit.”

Mactaggart and her team are unanimous about what makes their experience most rewarding — collecting stories, sharing personal histories, charting the map of a life lived with love, and heartbreak, and triumph.

It’s not about dying. Palliative care is about living out the rest of one’s days to the fullest.
Junior Commissariat Officers’ Quarters

In the British Army, the commissariat was a uniform civilian service unit in 1869. The main duties of the officers were to secure and transport provisions for the troops. The supply of weaponry and ammunition was not part of the duties of the commissariat office. These civilian officers were transferred into the regular army as commissary officers under the command of the Control Department, later named the Army Service Corps.

The Junior Commissariat Officers’ Quarters building is a wood/timber frame structure with brick infill (bricks which fill in the spaces between the wood frames) set on a stone foundation. The siding is wood clapboard and the roof is covered in wood shingle. You will be surprised to note that the low-pitched gable roof actually hides the fact that there is second story to this house. The main floor was designed with a central hallway plan however over the years the central hallway was lost when interior walls were removed. There had been four rooms on this floor each of which had its own fireplace. Two rooms existed upstairs with access by a drop ladder system. A set of cellar stairs is evident in the area of the front hall.

The back part of the building is a solid brick kitchen wing, similar in design to the front section but built perpendicular to it. This addition is also a one-and-a-half-storey building with a low-pitched gable wood shingle roof.

The walls in this addition are classified as solid three wythe brick walls. A wythe is the thickness of a continuous brick wall. A single wythe (one brick thick) would be classified as a vane but a multiple number of bricks used, such as three a wythe, would be for structural purposes. We can be thankful that three wythe brick walls were used in the construction of the kitchen as we can still enjoy this structure over two hundred years later.

The JCOQ was actively used into the late 1820s. However with the completion of the Welland Canal in 1829, a decline in the need for a military presence in NOTL was felt. By December of 1837 the base was abandoned and the JCOQ was vacated, however the military still owned all of the properties and buildings on the Commons. However with the completion of the Welland Canal in 1829, a decline in the need for a military presence in NOTL was felt. By December of 1837 the base was abandoned and the JCOQ was vacated, however the military still owned all of the properties and buildings on the Commons.

It was after the Mackenzie Rebellion (1837) that the British military decided to re-establish a military presence in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The King’s Dragoons Guards were installed in Butler’s Barracks until 1841. During this time, plans were made to start repairs on the barrack, the palisade and the Junior Commissariats Officers’ Quarters. After the King’s Dragoons left (1841) the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment was installed in Butler’s Barracks. During the 1840-50s the required improvements were made to all the buildings. The JCOQ was then designated the Commander’s Quarters. The building was entirely fenced off and separated from the rest of the military complex. By 1857 the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment (RCRR) was moved to Toronto, the base was once again abandoned and the land was transferred to the provincial authorities. There were two factors that soon saw the RCRR reinstated (1861-1866) into Butler’s Barracks. The American Civil War (1861-65) caused tensions between England and the United States. As well the Fenian Brotherhood – Irish Republicans based in the United States – had hoped to force Britain out of Ireland by raiding British army forts and custom posts in Canada in 1866. The raids did not reach NOTL.

The by end of 1866, the need for a military presence was not needed in the region and the RCRR was once again moved from NOTL to Toronto. From 1866 to 1871, renowned Canadian author William Kirby occupied the JCOQ as the designated caretaker of Butler’s Barracks. Kirby is best known for his books “The Golden Dog” (1877) and his “Annals of Niagara” (1896).

In 1954, with high hopes that the land would never see training of soldiers for another war, the JCOQ and ten acres of land were sold for the construction of a golf course. The building and land were used for various youth organizations and for a short time in the 1960s the JCOQ was rented out as a private residence.

It was in 1983 that the Crown repurchased back the ten acres of land including the JCOQ from NOTL and put it under the control of Parks Canada. The JCOQ was restored to its 1852 appearance on the outside. The inside was gutted and has not been restored.

Today the Junior Commissariats Officers’ Quarters stands amongst the sports fields, tennis courts and foot paths in the Commons, to be brought back to its former glory.

To learn more about the topic of this story you can visit the Niagara Historical Society & Museum website at www.niagarahistorical.museum, or visit the museum for yourself.

The Niagara Historical Museum is located at 43 Castlecrag St. in Old Town, in Memorial Hall.

Visit, or give them a call at 905-468-3912.

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Museum has big plans for future

Amy Klassen
Historical Society Submitted

Since 2009, the Niagara Historical Society & Museum has been working behind the scenes planning the museum’s future.

From acquiring a section of adjacent property to completing stakeholder sessions and a feasibility study, to hiring architects to design plans for an addition, they are getting closer to seeing their long-range plans come to fruition.

On Tuesday, August 21 at 7 p.m. they invite residents to attend a community engagement session at the museum to find out more about the project.

“The museum has been steadily growing for several years”, said managing director and curator Sarah Kaufman. “We’ve grown in our membership, attendance, programs and, of course, our collection is always increasing. Yet, we know that there are some challenges with our increasing growth. We average about 78 programs per year, a lot for a museum of our size. From our perspective, this would normally be done in a designated programming space which we don’t have. We currently have to use our exhibition galleries which can be very limiting when planning events, educational programs and exhibitions.”

In addition to space constraints for the public, as the museum’s collection grows, their storage space is filling fast and is near capacity. In order to continue preserving the material culture of Niagara-on-the-Lake, they must ensure that they have the proper storage facilities to accommodate thousands of artifacts and archives. Finally, and most importantly for Kaufman, the museum needs to address the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) requirements by 2025. They will have to become fully accessible with an elevator. “It will be wonderful to open up accessibility to our history and collection for all Canadians,” said Kaufman.

Keeping up with the Monarch Queen

Charlotte Letkemann
Submitted

Here are three photos taken last week.

I have taken five chrysalises to Chartwell Nursing Home so the residents can watch the magic of a butterfly being born.

I chose those that had pupated on different days so each should be ready to emerge on a different day — that way if they missed it one day, they might see it the next.

Friends have received others — it seems almost every day when I went out to get fresh milkweed leaves, I would find more eggs.

To date this year, I’ve raised at least 20 to maturity.

The photo of the three chrysalises shows the middle one ready to “hatch” that morning.

The one on the rose was the first one born here last week.

I had carried it to the rose bush to take some pictures, bent down into my garden to do a few things and when I looked up, the butterfly was gone!

SEND YOUR PHOTOS IN FOR A CHANCE TO BE FEATURED IN OUR SCENE OF THE WEEK.

 Bett & Jane: Plunger Patrol Inspecting NOTL’s bathrooms: Old Winery Restaurant

We really enjoyed the Old Winery Restaurant bathrooms. After our wood oven pizza we were ready to do some reviewing. Staff were informative and shared their rigorous bathroom cleaning schedule. Most impressive was the piped in audio — whatever background music is playing in the dining room is not what you will hear in the bathrooms. Instead, enjoy a lesson in Italian. The Old Winery met our Gold Plunger Award Standards, so if you wish a gold plunger experience or wish to brush up on your Italian, we recommend a visit.

4/5 Golden Plungers

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In another chapter of our “Farm-her” series, we’ll meet Rose Bartel, the dominant half of the team at Bartel Organics. She and her husband Ken run the three-acre farm, selling a mix of edible produce and floral arrangements.

As Rose puts it, she really runs it, and Ken does what she told.

Rose has a no-nonsense way of speaking, a quick and genuine smile and a strong vision for the farm — a combination which may have been what helped the business reach a point of smooth sailing.

That and a talent for arranging floral bouquets, which generally sell out every Saturday at the Niagara-on-the-Lake farmers’ market. Bartel stands at the back of their booth, cutting and arranging flowers from 7:30 a.m. to about 10:30 a.m., while Ken greets customers.

“She’s been selling at markets ever since, and was one of the first producers I saw. I loved the flowers.”

One of five sisters, Rose jokes she always said they were a handful, holding up her open palm and pointing out the five fingers.

Rose and her sisters all worked at Reimer Nurseries in NOTL when they finished elementary school, Rose staying for 11 summers. It was there she gained a real appreciation for farming, soaking up much information as she could.

“I always loved how nice it was to have fresh produce when you finished weeding a row,” Rose added. “She must still love that, as the rows throughout her three-acre farm are quite tidily tended.

The path to starting up the farm has been a rather organic one, generally having to do with Bartel’s hands getting their way with a seed.

After her years at the nursery, she studied horticulture at Niagara College, working at various greenhouses and florists, and continued a nearly lifelong tradition of growing crops in the family garden.

Her family, then with three young sons, moved to Perth to Ken could pursue his dream of studying heritage carpentry.

“We just packed up and went — it was one of the best things we ever did, because it disrupted our lives in a good way,” said Rose.

She tells the story of their launch into the world of farmers markets from there.

“We’d been backyard growers all along, and now we took it up a notch. We had about two acres on good soil — I got a booth at the Perth farmer’s market selling cut flowers, dried flower arrangements, and some of our vegetables — tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, beans. I made $50 on my first day at the market.”

She’s been selling ever since, and was one of the seminal vendors in the first year of the Farmers Market at the Village, where her brightly-coloured and lushly-laden tables now anchor the entrance each week.

“It’s a lot of work, preparing everything for market days,” Bartel said.

“All we do Friday is prepare for going to the market on Saturday. Market prep is a huge part of any farmer’s work. On Tuesday and Wednesday we prepare for the CSA boxes; Monday and Thursday is weeding, picking planting.”

“When I come home from the market on Saturday afternoon, I sleep. I’m pooped.”

And often, markets aren’t enough to keep things going.

For small farms in Ontario, including the one to their current farm, have been chosen based on soil quality.

“It was too cold for too long in Perth, so we moved back to Niagara-on-the-Lake for a longer growing season,” she said.

“We moved to a house where we had previously been tenants. We knew the property had good soil, and we wanted to farm it.”

Vision and logic have led the way to success — Bartel said.

“You can believe it? We make this much profit from our tiny farm!”

In our next issue read about Kim McQuhae, a farm-her who got into it raising live-stock largely on a whim.