



Library is community hub | Page 13

## Minister urged to **keep promise** of new nurse practitioner for NOTL

Richard Hutton  
Local Journalism Initiative  
The Lake Report

Wayne Gates wants the Ford government to move faster on bringing a nurse practitioner to Niagara-on-

the-Lake – to fill a gap in health-care services that has left many residents without access to care.

The Niagara Falls MPP said that Sylvia Jones, the minister for health and long-term care, has shown

support in the past for bringing more services to NOTL, but that nothing has been done for more than a year.

Gates and Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa submitted a joint letter to Jones,

demanding that Premier Doug Ford's government take action to bring an additional nurse practitioner to the town.

"A high percentage of NOTL residents – close to 40 per cent – are not

registered with the Niagara North Family Health Team," Gates said, adding that of the town's senior population, 36 per cent are without a doctor.

Many residents without a doctor are over the age of

65, he added.

Data from Statistics Canada bears that out. As of 2021, 30.9 per cent of NOTL's population was over the age of 65,

*Continued on Page 9*

## Farmers welcome new programs to support **mental health**

Richard Hutton  
Local Journalism Initiative  
The Lake Report

For many farmers, the most relaxing part of the day is when they're out in the fields tending to their crops.

"It's going up and down the field on your tractor, actually doing the farming," said Phil Tregunno, owner of Tregunno Farms in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

New funding announced by the provincial and federal governments to help promote mental health initiatives for people in the agricultural sector is an important move, he said.

It's a recognition that more help is needed but Tregunno noted governments themselves often can be a source of stress for those who work the land.

"A lot of farmers are small businessmen. They get overburdened with things," he said.

"It's always been that

*Continued on Page 5*

## Glendale fights **big development**

### Resident starts petition to alter White Oaks' highrise condo plan



Lianne Gagnon is collecting signatures for a petition against a proposal from White Oaks to build four highrise condos in Glendale. EVAN LOREE

Evan Loree | Local Journalism Initiative | The Lake Report

A Glendale resident is collecting signatures from her neighbours to protest a plan to build four high-density condominiums along Taylor Road and Glendale Avenue.

The project, proposed by Ameer Wakil, the owner of White Oaks resort, will place four towers, the tallest of which is about 82 metres tall, on a vacant lot adjacent to the spa.

Resident Lianne Gagnon said

she first learned about the development after coming home to Niagara-on-the-Lake from vacation.

"I was alarmed, to be honest, and really quite astonished," Gagnon said.

She was one of two residents to speak at a public meeting on the project on the evening of Oct. 3, but four other registered speakers dropped out after the

*Continued on Page 3*

## As war rages, Jewish woman **seeks solace** in her community

Julia Sacco  
The Lake Report

When Alana Hurov moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake three years ago, she didn't think much about what the Jewish community

looked like in Niagara.

Now, with a four-year-old daughter, Hurov has begun the journey of forming a place for her to learn more about her heritage and faith.

"It made me realize that 'Oh, I need to create a com-

munity for her,'" Hurov said in an interview.

After doing some research, Hurov found two synagogues – one in Niagara Falls and another in St. Catharines – but said neither of them offers

classes or education for younger kids.

"I wanted to still have a spiritual community where we can celebrate traditions together," Hurov said.

So Hurov started a Facebook group – Jewish

in Niagara – and says she received a great communal response.

"I've actually discovered that there's about 150 people in town that are Jewish, but

*Continued on Page 4*



Alana Hurov



**Peninsula  
Flooring Ltd.**

13 Henegan Road | Virgil Business Park (905)-468-2135

Proudly Supplying and Installing

**ANTRIM**  
HAND-LOOMED CARPETS & RUGS

**HIBERNIA**  
WOOLEN MILLS

**Crescent**  
DISTINCTIVE CARPET | CUSTOM RUGS

**STANTON**  
CARPET • CUSTOM RUGS • RUNNERS

**Rosecore**  
LUXURIOUS CARPET • CUSTOM RUGS

Serving Niagara Since 1977  
**SIMPSON'S**  
 Pharmacy: 905.468.2121 | Apothecary: 905.468.8400  
 Shop from the comfort of home [www.simpsonspharmacy.ca](http://www.simpsonspharmacy.ca)  
 In-store | Curbside pick-up or | FREE local delivery | \* Orders over \$25

**FREE Regional Delivery\***

Join us for monthly Customer Appreciation Days:  
 Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month  
**Customers 60+:**  
 Every Last Thursday of the Month  
**ONLINE & IN-STORE**

**Curbside Pick-up Available**



# Read more online at [niagaranow.com](http://niagaranow.com)

Subscribe to our free daily newsletter. Just visit [www.niagaranow.com](http://www.niagaranow.com) and you'll be prompted to sign up.

## Mounting applications and growth challenges

### Public input, long meetings, planner shortage, strict provincial rules all part of the mix

Evan Loree  
Local Journalism Initiative  
The Lake Report

Some residents waited as long as four hours to chime in on new development proposals at a Niagara-on-the-Lake town planning meeting earlier this month.

Coun. Gary Burroughs thinks long meetings are becoming a trend for NOTL and he wants to see a solution that ensures residents get to have their say.

But Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa told The Lake Report NOTL has “the fortunate advantage that people want to invest here,” meaning there are lots of developers wanting to build in NOTL.

“The alternative is no investment,” he said.

He said there’s just a lot in the pipelines for NOTL, which means there’s more to discuss at planning meetings.

A long meeting, like the planning session on Oct. 3, is not out of the ordinary, Zalepa said. How long it runs depends on how engaged residents are in the projects under discussion, he said.

He also doesn’t think it’s a bad thing for a meeting to run overtime.

To him, a long meeting could just be a consequence of living in an engaged community.

The projects currently going through the public wringer are also more complicated, “have more moving parts and attract more attention,” he added.

Burroughs counters that the meetings are long because of new provincial legislation and that town planning staff are feeling the pinch of shorter processing deadlines.

New processing deadlines



Coun. Gary Burroughs has concerns about late-running meetings. EVAN LOREE

for residential development proposals came into effect July 1 after being introduced in Bill 109, the More Homes for Everyone Act.

**“We’re seeing an increased number of applications. And we’ve seen it year over year.”**

MARNIE CLUCKIE  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR

Deadlines vary depending on the application, but according to chief administrator Marnie Cluckie, the tightest of them gives the town just 60 days to make a decision once it receives a completed application.

If that doesn’t happen, the town must refund part of the developer’s application fees.

Cluckie told The Lake

Report the town wants to avoid refunding application fees because otherwise the cost could hit the taxpayer. According to Burroughs, staff are now “cranking out these development applications” in an effort to meet the deadlines and avoid financial penalties.

“They’re doing what they’re supposed to,” he said.

But the result, he said, is that planning meetings are running later into the evening and unfortunately not every resident can wait until 10:30 p.m. to speak on a project proposal.

But Zalepa said he sees no connection between the new legislative provisions and the late-running planning meetings.

He said there’s more on the agenda in NOTL at the moment.

“I’ve seen long public meetings in the past. Before

the changes. I think it’s just sometimes applications come forward and more people want to comment,” Zalepa said.

**“NOTL has ‘the fortunate advantage that people want to invest here.’”**

GARY ZALEPA  
LORD MAYOR

For Cluckie, it is a twofold issue.

“We’re seeing an increased number of applications. And we’ve seen it year over year,” she said.

But, she also said, the province is “encouraging people to move quickly” on housing applications in an effort to keep pace with the housing crisis.

Bill 109, the More Homes

for Everyone Act, is just one in a laundry list of provincial bills designed to speed up housing development.

Bill 23, the More Homes Built Fast Act, which passed in November 2022, was also designed to speed up the development process.

That bill will shift many planning responsibilities from the region to the town and has been a source of alarm for many small towns, which often lack the in-house expertise which the region has access to.

In addition to legislative pressures, Cluckie said the town is short two planners.

The town has seven planners on the payroll, one of whom, a new heritage planner, is in training.

Cluckie said NOTL was top three or four in the region for the number of development applications it processed in 2022.

“We process as many applications as the bigger municipalities, right, but we have a small-town staff.”

And unfortunately the demand for qualified urban planners is higher than the supply, Cluckie said.

Planners are difficult to attract and retain because there are more jobs on the market than there are planners to fill them.

The Ontario Professional Planning Institute identified a shortage of planners as one of 13 barriers to the province’s housing goals.

Coun. Wendy Cheropita told The Lake Report planning meetings may continue to run late with the town wrapping up its work on the Glendale secondary plan, which opens up new opportunities for developers.

Cluckie sees a few potential solutions to the issue.

“We could revise the speaker time allotment,” she said.

While the town currently gives residents 10 minutes to speak, staff could cut this back to five when there are more residents signed up to speak at council.

She also suggested the town could schedule another meeting.

Cheropita wasn’t hopping the bandwagon to another meeting, though.

“Human beings, they’ll fill the space that you have,” she said. “You add another meeting, you’ll fill that time.”

Zalepa noted, “When you have 20 or 30 speakers in an evening, you’re gonna get a common theme once in a while.”

For example several residents who spoke on developer Rainer Hummel’s new hotel proposal at the corner of Queen and Mississagua streets, cited issues like heights and traffic impacts.

“When there’s repetitive comments, the chair needs to speak up and say, ‘Sorry, but could you please bring up some new information?’”

Zalepa wondered if council needs to enforce that standard a little more often.

Cluckie pointed out the procedural bylaw discourages people from speaking on issues they have already submitted to council in writing.

“We have not enforced that here. Because we’ve always wanted to allow people to speak as well if they want to.”

Despite additional responsibilities piling up for the town’s planning department, Cluckie maintains confidence in her staff.

Both she and Zalepa noted a shared service agreement NOTL struck with the region that will help the town manage its new workload as changes from Bill 23 come into effect.



**HIRING KITCHEN STAFF!**

**Ginger**  
RESTAURANT

**Wed - Sun, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.**  
**Dine-in and take-out**

Tel: (905) 468-3871  
390 Mary Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Serving Fresh Asian-Fusion Cuisine In a Cozy Atmosphere

# Migrant worker hit, driver **charged with impaired**

Staff  
The Lake Report

A St. Catharines woman has been charged with impaired driving causing bodily harm after a migrant worker was hit by an SUV while cycling at Lakeshore and Townline roads in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Sunday night.

Niagara paramedics treated the 40-year-old NOTL worker for a serious injury at the scene, near Green Acre Automotive, and police said

the man was transported to an out-of-region hospital for further care.

Niagara Regional Police said the man, whom they did not say was a migrant worker, was in stable condition in hospital on Wednesday. Friends in the community identified him as a farm worker.

Investigators said when they arrived just before 7:30 p.m., the driver of the SUV had left the scene.

However, while officers were investigating the collision the driver returned to the

scene on foot, police said.

Officers concluded the driver had been drinking and arrested a woman.

Amanda Boyle, 50, faces a charge of impaired operation of a motor vehicle, causing bodily harm.

Investigators said a 1999 black Jeep was travelling on Townline Road when it collided with the cyclist, who was westbound along Lakeshore Road at the intersection.

The driver is alleged to have made a sudden erratic

movement just prior to the moment of the impact, police said.

The cyclist fell onto the road and the driver continued along Lakeshore Road, police said.

The driver returned to the scene and then left the area.

While officers were investigating the collision, the driver again returned to the scene, this time on foot, police said.

The driver was later released and her vehicle was impounded, police said.

# Highrise plan **upsets** nearby residents

Continued from Front Page

meeting ran past 10 p.m..

One of those who gave up his chance to speak was Mike Macdonald, also from Glendale.

"It certainly appeared like Glendale was shuffled to the back of the deck," he said.

The project was the last of four items on council's docket that night.

The concerns of Glendale residents were not well represented at the meeting, Gagnon said.

"I was adamant that I would just push through and stay until I got to speak," she said.

Gagnon lives in Niagara on the Green, a subdivision on the opposite corner of the intersection where the highrises are proposed.

As of Wednesday, she had collected 235 virtual signatures against the condo proposal since launching it last Thursday.

Residents interested in signing her Change.org petition can find it at <https://tinyurl.com/3suys4hr>.

Gagnon said she isn't against development and that her neighbours aren't either.

"Most of the residents in Niagara on the Green would love to see more development," she said.

Three to seven storeys of residential development would probably be fine at the proposed location, Macdonald said.

He expressed worries, however, that the existing infrastructure would



A rendering of the proposed four highrise condo towers in Glendale. The project, by White Oaks, has sparked a petition against it by neighbours. SUPPLIED

buckle under the new proposal's weight.

There are no grocery stores, recreational facilities or medical services to serve the future residents of the four towers, he said.

Some of these, including grocery stores, are planned for in the town's Glendale district plan.

"They're going to create a high-density community that has to drive everywhere. I'm not really sure that's what we're looking for," he said.

Gagnon imagines a world where, eventually, Niagara-on-the-Lake is one big community,

But she said she hopes it won't look like the Toronto skyline.

Before Niagara-on-the-Lake "ends up looking like one big city," Gagnon said, she wants to "retain the architectural features" that

make the town "special."

"I understand that there might be a tower or two, but let's try to stay away from the metropolitan look," she said.

People come to NOTL to get away from the city, Gagnon said.

Dave Wallace, who also lives in the nearby subdivision, said he moved to NOTL from St. Catharines to get away from city-style living.

He would prefer to see something more in keeping with the town's look and character, he said, citing the Garrison Village area near Old Town as an example of a compatible development.

Growth is inevitable, he said, "but I think we should still stay who we are."

Scott Maxwell, a Glendale resident and volunteer firefighter, said

he wondered if the town would need to switch to a full-time fire department to meet the needs of tall buildings like the ones proposed by White Oaks.

"Training for 20-storey highrises is different than training for a four-storey highrise," he said.

"I don't know of anyone that wants to have that density. I don't know what would be beneficial about it," he added.

Maxwell and Macdonald agreed that traffic congestion would worsen with the addition of 810 residential units.

Traffic is still bad in Glendale, even with the completion of the new diverging diamond interchange, Wallace said.

Gagnon said she hopes her petition will convince council to reject the application from White Oaks.

**SPIRIT IN NIAGARA**  
**SMALL BATCH DISTILLERS**  
**FABULOUS FOOD,**  
**AWARD WINNING FARM TO GLASS**  
**SPIRITS & COCKTAILS**

RESERVE WITH US EVERY  
**MONDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY**  
**NO COVER CHARGE**  
**SAX, BLUES, & PIANO TUNES**  
**FT. ED PIZZO**  
**DRAGAN ON SAXOPHONE**  
**WILBER JAMES BLUES BAND**



**OPEN 11AM - 8PM DAILY**  
**458 LAKESHORE ROAD, NOTL**  
**905 934 1300 | spiritinniagara.com**

**St. David's**  
 VETERINARY CLINIC stdavidsvetclinic.com



Is your pet protected?

House-calls available 📞 905.262.8777

**airway CPAP inc.** 

**NOW OPEN for all your CPAP and sleep apnea supplies.**

**Free delivery in NOTL and VIRGIL.**

**Curbside pick-up available at**  
**111A Garrison Village Dr., Suite 202, NOTL.**  
**For appointment call 289-868-9212.**

**HONoured TO BE YOUR VOICE IN OTTAWA**




**TONY BALDINELLI, M.P.**  
 NIAGARA FALLS

NIAGARA FALLS/NOTL OFFICE: 4056 Dorchester Road, Suite 107, Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6M9, Tel.: 905-353-9590  
 FORT ERIE OFFICE: 48 Jarvis Street, Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S4, Tel.: 905-871-9991  
 TONY.BALDINELLI@PARL.GC.CA, TONYBALDINELLI.M.P.CA

**St. Davids-Queenston United Church**

1453 York Rd. St Davids  
 905-262-5242  
[www.stdavids-queenstonuc.ca](http://www.stdavids-queenstonuc.ca)  
 Minister: Rev. YongSeok Baek

**Sunday Worship**  
 10:30 a.m.  
 Also online  
 Visit our website




Pauline Reimer Gibson is an Audiologist with over 20 years of experience who loves helping people of all ages in the community. Julia Dick is the Front Office Coordinator and a longtime resident of Virgil. Call Julia today to book a complimentary hearing test.

**Book a complimentary hearing test today at 905.468.9176**

504 Line 2 Road, Virgil ON

**A global leader in hearing healthcare.**



## Museum's Poppy Project returns Nov. 1

Staff  
The Lake Report

A project that began three years ago to honour soldiers who have fought on behalf of Canada around the world has now grown to amass over 6,000 poppies in a handmade collection of decorations.

The results of this endeavour, called the Poppy Project, will be on display in three locations around Niagara-on-the-Lake this November as part of Remembrance Day commemorations.

A team of more than 40 volunteers works together every year to knit, crochet and sew thousands of poppies together into multiple cascading nets of poppies each 14 feet long, and dozens of poppy wreaths.

The project is spearheaded by the NOTL Museum, where one of the nets will be on display this November – along with other displays at the old Court House on Queen Street and at the Royal Canadian Legion branch 124.



Janet Guy, Ann Lorenc and Hilary Bellis stitched poppies together Wednesday morning as part of the museum's poppy brigade. JULIA SACCO

This fall, the volunteer team – nicknamed the Poppy Brigade – worked together for eight weeks to complete the project and get ready for the installation.

“Our amazing volunteers created more than 2,000 poppies again this year,” said Barbara Worthy, the project's co-ordinator. This brings the total to 6,000 this year.

“And, the wreath ladies

once again braved poison ivy and rose thorns to harvest and dry even more grape vines for the dozens of wreaths,” she said in a news release.

The poppy nets will be hung on Tuesday, Nov. 1, weather permitting, starting at the Court House, then moving to the museum and then the Legion. The museum invites the public to come and watch.

The Poppy Project was created to complement the annual Legion poppy fundraising campaign.

“I have been a volunteer on this project since it began,” said Dee Steele.

“For me, this is how I can honour those men and women who fought for our freedom. This is my way of giving back. Their sacrifice should never be forgotten.”

## Legion's poppy campaign kicks off on Oct. 27

Staff  
The Lake Report

The Royal Canadian Legion branch 124 will be raising awareness for its annual poppy campaign on Friday in advance of Remembrance Day with a flag raising ceremony at town hall in Virgil.

The poppy campaign runs from Friday, Oct. 27 through to Remembrance Day on Nov. 11.

Poppy boxes will be available at more than 200 businesses throughout Niagara-on-the-Lake and members from the branch will be there to meet with members of the public.

All donations to the poppy campaign will go to supporting veterans and their families.

Other events leading up to Remembrance Day include a free dinner for veterans – veterans need not be members of branch 124 – on Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Legion, located at 410 King St. with cocktails at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at the branch and can be picked up at the bar or office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Veterans in need of assistance can bring their caregiver as well. Tickets are available for non-military personnel at a cost of \$20 each.

Remembrance Day services will be held at each of the three long-term care facilities in town on Nov. 9. Services are scheduled for Pleasant Manor (10:30 a.m.), Niagara Long Term Care (1 p.m.) and Upper Canada Lodge (3 p.m.)

Then, on Nov. 11, Remembrance Day services will take place starting at 10.50 a.m. at the cenotaph on Queen Street and at 1 p.m. at the Queenston cenotaph.

Groups that wish to participate in the parade are being encouraged to contact the legion office.

For those groups or individuals looking to lay a wreath during the ceremonies, they need to have their wreath order submitted by Tuesday, Nov. 7.

## After news of war, Hurov aims to unite Jewish community

Continued from Front Page

just don't necessarily have a synagogue or community here,” she said.

In the past week, the group that started as a means to help her daughter better understand Jewish traditions and culture, has become a strong support system for Hurov and other Jews in the region.

War is raging again in the Middle East after Hamas attacked Israel on Oct. 7. And in the days since, fighting and deaths have escalated on both sides.

As well, Israel has warned a major ground invasion of Gaza may be imminent.

After she posted on her personal Facebook page in support of Israel she said she received several hateful online messages.

“The past few days have been very difficult for everyone, I think,” Hurov said.

“Because of our multi-generational trauma, the



Alana Hurov hopes to host her Shabbat dinner around Remembrance Day. JULIA SACCO

Holocaust and annihilations of the Jewish community, knowing that there's not many of us left in the world, it's been heartbreaking and sad watching from afar,” she said.

Michelle Ribinski moved to Canada from Israel last year, spending time in Niagara before moving to Toronto to work as a public relations manager for the Jewish Russian

Community Centre.

In Israel, Ribinski was trained in the military and if she were still there, would be fighting in the war.

“I can't stop thinking about it. All of my family is there, all of my friends,” Ribinski told The Lake Report.

She said that news from there has inhibited her ability to focus on work and life.

Working with the Jewish Russian Community Centre, she said she has a strong support group to discuss their feelings. The group works with the Chabad Jewish Centre of Niagara for events.

“I wouldn't say it's big but there is a Jewish community in Niagara and a lot of tourists are also coming to visit the Jewish community there,” she said.

“Chabad Niagara) is very helpful to the Jewish community there. They usually do meals every Friday and welcome everybody when there are holidays with huge parties and events. It brings everybody together,” Ribinski added.

Hurov said at this time she wants to give a voice to the Jewish community and speak up against growing hate.

“I have family and friends in Israel and I have friends who live in Gaza, so I understand to some extent both sides of it,” she said.

“But as a Jewish woman, it's devastating to see that this could be happening, that this kind of hate could happen in this day and age. That this kind of hate is still alive.”

Hurov noted social media has been a breeding ground for hate toward the Jewish community.

“It's a scary time,” she

said, adding she hopes Jewish people in Niagara can wear symbols of their faith without fear of it being seen as a symbol of hate.

As a means of getting the community together, Hurov has planned a Shabbat dinner in November including both the conservative and Chabad synagogues in the region.

“The plan would be that we invite everyone to come, just to be part of a Shabbat dinner and bring our community together,” she said.

Since she started the Facebook group, Hurov said the community has been supportive, with non-Jewish friends sending messages of love.

“I think it's really important that if you have Jewish friends in your life or friends in the Middle East in your life to reach out,” said Hurov.

“Everyone's hurting and those messages make a world of difference.”



Lolita Hale  
Sales Representative  
905-380-6410

**Bald.**  
REAL ESTATE TEAM  
**SOLED**  
Royal LePage NRC Brokerage



John Bald  
Broker | Team Leader  
905-984-1110

## South Niagara Hospital construction enters new phase

Staff  
The Lake Report

Foundation work has begun on the new South Niagara Hospital.

Construction on the new 1.3-million-square-foot hospital at the corner of Montrose and Biggar roads in Niagara Falls began last spring when the City of Niagara Falls and Niagara Region undertook road work at the site.

Construction is expected to take approximately five



Work is underway at the site of the new South Niagara Hospital site in Niagara Falls. SUPPLIED/NIAGARA HEALTH

years, with the hospital – which will replace the aging Greater Niagara

General site of Niagara Health – coming on stream in 2028.

The foundation work, which is being completed by EllisDon Infrastructure Healthcare, involves driving steel piles into the bedrock at the site that will provide the structural support needed for the building foundation.

The work is expected to take approximately three months, to be completed at the end of January 2024.

More information about the South Niagara Hospital project is available at [niagarahealth.on.ca](http://niagarahealth.on.ca).

## Plenty of farming stress factors: Wiens

Continued from Front Page

way in agriculture,” he said, alluding to the work that needs to be done behind the scenes.

“The oversight, all of the regulations, there’s a lot of things we have to do. There’s so much paperwork.”

Tregunno was reacting to the announcement of \$8 million in joint funding from the provincial and federal governments to help farmers.

The money, coming via the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership and the provincial Roadmap to Wellness initiative, will fund an awareness campaign for a trio of programs: the Farmers’ Wellness Initiative, the Guardian Network and In the Know.

The programs are administered through the Canadian Mental Health Association’s Ontario branch and are “designed to meet the unique mental health needs of farmers and their families,” the province said in a news release.

The funding will be used for a new campaign called the Sowing the Seeds of Wellness Initiative, which will make promotional materials available to eligible farm and commodity organizations.

Agriculture Minister Lisa Thompson said the funding will “ensure the right resources are in place” to support the agricultural community.

“A life in agriculture is incredibly rewarding and



In the wake of new mental health funding for farmers, NOTL farmer Phil Tregunno says government regulations can be a source of stress to farmers. RICHARD HUTTON

fulfilling, but it also comes with unique stressors and challenges,” she said in the release.

Meanwhile, farmer and NOTL town councillor Erwin Wiens said the new money is welcome.

“It’s a great start and a great help,” he said. “It shows the government understands.”

Farmers and other stakeholders in the agricultural community face unending stress, from incurring and servicing massive debt loads to paying high costs to get their product into the hands of consumers, Wiens said.

“There’s a large amount of emotional pressure,” he said.

Furthermore, bad weather can wipe out crops and if that happens, any money put out by that point has gone for nothing.

While help such as crop insurance is available, it doesn’t take care of every-

thing, Wiens said.

“But the safety nets in place are just to keep you going.”

Debbie Zimmerman, CEO of the Grape Growers of Ontario, said the renewed push to raise awareness that mental health help is available to the agricultural sector comes at a good time for the industry.

“It has been a very challenging year, anyway. We’ve had too much rain and not enough sun,” she said.

It’s all part of a vicious cycle over which they have no control and means crops will be affected, which puts more pressure on growers.

“Imagine how stressful that is on a family,” Zimmerman said.

Funding will also be available over the next two years so organizations can produce customized materials, engage speakers or develop other activities that will provide farmers and their families with mental

health-related information.

The Guardian Network is made up of trained volunteers who are likely to be in contact with farmers through their work or volunteer activities.

Volunteers are trained by the Canadian Mental Health Association’s Ontario division, equipping them with strategies and tools needed to identify when someone is struggling with their mental health and direct them toward appropriate resources.

In the Know is a mental health literacy program consisting of a three-hour workshop that is designed for farmers, their families, and those who are involved in and/or support the agricultural sector.

The workshop covers a variety of topics including stress, depression, anxiety and substance abuse. Participants in the program learn how to start a conversation about mental well-being.

## NOTL Denture Clinic

Bring your smile back to life with permanent teeth in one day.

Visit our dental clinic and on-site lab for timely service.



Taren A. Trindade  
B.A., DD

J. Gus Koroneos  
Hons. B.Sc., DD

Offering complimentary consultations at  
1630 Niagara Stone Road,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake  
905-468-4444  
[www.niagaradentures.com](http://www.niagaradentures.com)

## Proud to support local news!



WAYNE GATES

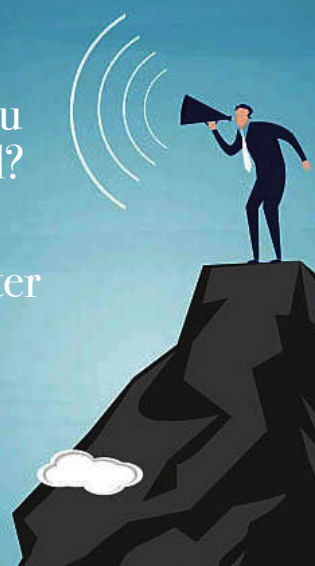
MPP Niagara Falls proudly representing Niagara-on-the-Lake  
905-357-0681

## A Little Off The Top

Specialty Pruning Service  
Fall pruning & Garden Clean-up  
Certified Horticulturalist 30 years  
Call Lorraine at 905-932-0308

Have an opinion you want heard?

Send a letter our way.



Advertising inquiries?  
Email [advertising@niagaranow.com](mailto:advertising@niagaranow.com)



## JUNK FOOD PAIRING

A SOPHISTICATED TAKE ON CLASSIC SNACK FOODS.

Visit [konzelmann.ca](http://konzelmann.ca) for details.

konzelmann  
estate winery



# NOTL Rotary Club raises over **\$22,000** to help end polio

Bill French  
Special to The Lake Report

As part of the final push of a nearly 45-year worldwide campaign to eradicate polio, the Rotary Club of Niagara-on-the-Lake raised \$22,263 in its annual Participate for Polio charity ride this fall.

NOTL Rotarian Cosmo Condina single-handedly brought in more than half that amount, raising over \$11,000.

A longtime Rotary member, Condina is active in the club's international projects and has been a dedicated supporter of the polio project.

This year's ride was the latest step along the road to ending polio.

On Sept. 29, 1979, Rotarians administered drops of oral polio vaccine to children in Guadalupe Viejo, Makati, Philippines.

That was the genesis of what is now Rotary International's mission to eradicate polio around the world.

Then, in 1988, Rotary International and the World Health Organization launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

At the time, there were an estimated 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries and polio paralyzed more than 1,000 children worldwide every day.



Cosmo Condina raised more than \$11,000 to help boost the NOTL Rotary Club's annual polio charity ride. SUPPLIED

While there remains no cure for polio, it is preventable with a vaccine.

In the years since then, more than 2.5 billion children have been immunized against polio, thanks to the co-operation of more than 200 countries and 20 million volunteers.

In the past 35 years, Rotary has raised more

than \$2.6 billion (U.S.) and members have volunteered countless hours in the effort to eradicate polio.

Together with its partners, Rotary helps immunize more than 400 million children every year. Since 1988, cases have been reduced by 99.9 per cent.

Polio mainly affects children under five. It spreads

from person to person and can infect the spinal cord, causing permanent paralysis and death.

Polio cases peaked in Canada in 1953 with nearly 9,000 cases and 500 deaths.

Most of us have long forgotten the devastating impact of the disease, as North America was declared polio-free in 1994.

Polio shots have been part of the routine, mandatory vaccine schedule in Canada for decades.

Worldwide, we are in the last mile of eradicating the disease forever, but that last mile will require a further \$2.5 billion (U.S.) investment and take another three to five years. Only two countries

remain endemic: Afghanistan, which has had six cases in 2023, and Pakistan, with two cases.

However, the job is not done until we are polio-free for three consecutive years, globally.

Unless we eradicate polio, within 10 years, as many as 200,000 new cases could occur annually around the world.

In 1980, the World Health Organization declared smallpox eradicated – the only infectious disease to achieve this distinction.

We're close to ending the second human disease in history.

Next Tuesday, Oct. 24, is World Polio Day and working together we can end polio, forever.

For more information or to donate, go to [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org).

• **Guest speaker:** Join the NOTL Rotary Club on Oct. 24 at noon at the community centre for lunch and to hear our guest speaker Dr. Mustafa Hirji, associate medical officer of health for Niagara Region. He will be speaking about infectious diseases and how we can mitigate them. Lunch is \$20. Register via email at [info@niagaraonthelakerotary.ca](mailto:info@niagaraonthelakerotary.ca) by Oct. 20.

*Bill French is a member of the Rotary Club of Niagara-on-the-Lake.*

## Museum offers historical setting for annual **wine tasting** party

Julia Sacco  
The Lake Report

This year's Dig Our Roots wine tasting offered a unique experience to ticket holders.

For the first time, the tasting was hosted in the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum.

Brianne Hawley, the marketing director for Wineries of Niagara-on-the-Lake, said the inspiration to host the wine tasting inside the museum was a chance to explore the industry's saga in this town.

"We thought it would be a really great synergy to talk about the heritage

of winemaking, because Niagara-on-the-Lake is the birthplace of Canadian winemaking," Hawley said.

She added that offering the museum as the night's venue would garner community support for the museum's campaign to fund the building's expansion.

"We're always happy to host various groups for rentals here at the museum. It offers a unique venue for Wineries of Niagara-on-the-Lake, I think it ties in nicely with the theme of the event," said Sarah Kaufman, the museum's managing director and curator.

"With our expansion that's going to happen, we'll have a lot more room for them to expand and bring in more wineries and offer attendees a very unique experience," Kaufman added.

After expanding the museum, the museum will be able to offer more community support with space rentals and even more exhibits, she said.

Dig Our Roots featured two time slots from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. with samplings from 21 different wineries and live music from Josh Edwards and Caitlin Miller.



Dig Our Roots provided guests with the opportunity to learn about Niagara's rich history in winemaking while tasting some for themselves. JULIA SACCO



### DENTURIST IN NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

All types of implant dentures, dentures, repairs and relines.  
Let us help find the best solution for your situation!

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY | CALL 905-932-2041 OR EMAIL [CORA@XPLORNET.COM](mailto:CORA@XPLORNET.COM)



Cora Long D.D.



It must be magic — Virgil residents Walter and Lydia Plett were surprised to see their green castor bean plant reach a height of 12 feet, about double what the plant normally achieves. RICHARD HUTTON

## Walter and Lydia Plett's **beanstalk** gives Jack some tough competition

Richard Hutton  
Local Journalism Initiative  
The Lake Report

There must have been some magic in those beans that gave rise to a Niagara-on-the-Lake couple's behemoth of a beanstalk.

There's no giant, no Jack and no chicken laying golden eggs, but for Walter and Lydia Plett, the heights to which a green castor bean plant has grown in the backyard of their Line 3 Road

home is nonetheless impressive to the avid gardeners.

"We've had good responses from friends when they come for barbecues. They say (it) looks so beautiful," Lydia said.

"They all want to know what it is and how did it get to be so big. And we have no answers for them."

Normally, green castor bean plants grow to about six feet high. The one in the Pletts' garden has doubled that and is 12 feet tall.

Lydia said the couple were looking for something for their garden that would be "big and showy" and it appears they got just what they asked for.

"We thought it would stop at six feet, like it normally does or maybe a little bit taller than seven feet but it just keeps going and going," Lydia said.

As well as being 12 feet tall, the stalk itself measures five inches in diameter.

Very little needed to be

done to help the young plant they purchased at a Pelham garden centre. It was about a foot tall when they acquired it, Walter said.

"It takes a lot of watering," he added.

However it was achieved, the Pletts are happy with the results of their work — their giant beanstalk included — to beautify their home.

"We love gardening and we are thrilled when the plants do well," Lydia said.

## Get spooky at youth group's **Halloween party**

Staff  
The Lake Report

With Halloween less than two weeks away, the time for tricks and treats is drawing near.

Over at the NOTL Youth Collective, the team will be hosting its first major session of the fall season: Fear Factor, an evening of Halloween activities for kids on Saturday, Oct. 21 at the Cornerstone Community Church town campus.

This is a free event open for youths in Grade 6 and over, however, young



The party is on Oct. 21 at Cornerstone church. MIDJOURNEY

people in Grade 5 and under are allowed to attend under the supervision of an adult.

The collective invites attendees to come have a

frightfully good time at Fear Factor from 6 to 8 p.m., with games like "Do You Dare?," BeanBoozled and a fear maze.

There will also be a Hal-

loween cookie decorating station and a dance playing spooky Halloween tunes.

Brenda Ferguson, the collective's programming lead, said they wanted to open the fall season with a "fun, casual social event" and hope to continue providing a safe and welcoming space for all young people in NOTL.

Pre-registration is required to attend: Visit [notlyouth.com](http://notlyouth.com) to access the registration link.

The Cornerstone Community Church town campus is located at 1570 Niagara Stone Rd.



**3 PUBS  
BEST COSTUME  
AFTER PARTY**

FIRST EVER  
**MRS. ROPER  
ROMP**  
PUB CRAWL  
NIAGARA ON THE LAKE

**SUNDAY OCTOBER  
22ND**  
COLLECTING DONATIONS ON SITE

FREE TO REGISTER  
REGISTER ONLINE   
[WWW.ANCHORNIAGARA.COM](http://WWW.ANCHORNIAGARA.COM)



## Sip & Savour Passports

We invite you to join us for Sip & Savour, a Vintage Hotels Signature Event. Come celebrate Niagara-on-the-Lake's best tastemakers with us at The Gardens at Pillar and Post.

Your passport for this exclusive 2-day event gives you the chance to 'sip & savour' your way through exquisitely paired gourmet bites and beverages from 15 local restaurants, wineries, breweries and distilleries.

\$85\*

6 Beverage +  
6 Food vouchers

November 3 & 4, 2023

CALL 1-888-669-5566 TODAY  
TO PURCHASE YOUR PASSPORTS.

\*Plus taxes, per person.



[vintage-hotels.com](http://vintage-hotels.com) | 1.888.669.5566 | Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON

### Did you know?

The Lake Report's printer sources 100 per cent of its paper fibre from industry-leading paper mills, which use quick-growth, sustainable, renewable plots of land, rather than clear-cutting forests.

The ink is also vegetable-based.



**Advertising inquiries?**  
Email [advertising@niagaranow.com](mailto:advertising@niagaranow.com)



**DR HOPKINS & ASSOCIATES  
OPTOMETRY**  
— Sight for Life —

# Happy Halloween!

**Dr. Hopkins & Associates Optometry**

**NOTL: 905-468-8002 | 358 Mary St. | [www.theeyedoc.ca](http://www.theeyedoc.ca)  
St. Catharines: 905-682-9119 | 8 Secord Dr.**





# In the Philippines, coffee has become a **pathway to peace**

Richard Hutton  
Local Journalism Initiative  
The Lake Report

Sometimes there's no better way to hash things out with someone you're not getting along with than talking over a cup of coffee.

That is the simple philosophy behind Coffee for Peace, an organization started in 2006 by Peacebuilders Community Inc., a Mennonite Church-supported mission in the Philippines.

Peacebuilders has facilitated informal conflict mediation between migrant and Bangsamoro farming communities.

The resulting partnership has blossomed after members of the community were trained in how to grow and process their own high-quality coffee.

Joji Pantoja, a Canadian on a mission in the Philippines with Peacebuilders, was inspired to take the concept of talking over coffee to new places.

She and fellow Peacebuilders members Tala Bautista and Boyet Ongkiko were in Niagara-on-the-Lake over the past week, speaking at the Niagara United Mennonite Church on Niagara Stone Road.

A meet-and-greet social event was also held for the group to meet with members of the community.

The income from the sales of the coffee helps the local population as well as



Members of Peacebuilders Community Inc., Tala Bautista, Joji Pantoja and Boyet Ongkiko, were in NOTL over the past week, hosted by Dorothea, left, and Rudy Enns, right. RICHARD HUTTON

Peacebuilders Community Inc.

This initiative could be a means of bringing peace to communities as well as become a commodity produced to benefit marginalized communities in the island country's south.

"It is something that brings the message of peace through coffee, because it encourages conversation, dialogue between two conflicting parties," Pantoja said.

Farmers were taught more than how to pick and roast beans, Pantoja said. They learned how to facilitate improved relationships with others.

"We introduce peace and reconciliation, conflict man-

agement, conflict resolution, integrated into coffee farming," Pantoja said.

And it has had an impact.

Bautista said the head of a company that had cut down trees on the land of an Indigenous tribe and was growing bananas sought an end to decades of conflict between the two parties.

Recognizing the company was doing business on what was traditionally tribal land, he presented the tribe with an idea – return the land to them, the company lease the land for their business or the two parties share in any profits.

That was 2011: now, the two sides are now working together, growing and processing coffee.

"And now the leaders of this enterprise are the younger people, the next generation and they're really into incorporating the indigenous values in the enterprise as they have," Bautista said.

Pantoja, meanwhile, said more work needs to be done.

"I'm 63 years old so I have two more years to work before my retirement. In preparation for that retirement, we are trying to put up a permanent place for peace builders, community and coffee for peace, where we can train more and multiply more workers that would advance the message of peace and the culture of peace," she said.

That is why she is working with Ongkiko, who will assume Pantoja's responsibilities when she calls it a day.

Ongkiko has been with the Peacebuilders since 2010 and was recently named to the group's leadership team.

He is undaunted about the tasks ahead of him.

"I was already (teaching) in my previous work so it's just a matter of doing the same thing, but now, doing it with so much passion. I can see how it will continue what Peacebuilders is doing, plus how transformation will really happen in the communities," he said.

In her mind, Pantoja feels the work has only just begun.

"We have thought of other countries that are in conflict and we are dreaming to bring this model to other countries because you cannot talk about peace and the people have empty stomachs," she said.

It won't be easy, though.

"It is hard to sell, because peace is a concept that you cannot grasp. It's just like looking for a black cat in a dark room."

Dorothea Enns, who along with husband, Rudy, were hosting the trio while they were in NOTL, said their guests made an impression on all they met, herself included.

She noted that Bautista being an Indigenous person in the Philippines made her stop and think about Canada's Indigenous population.

At the meet and greet, Bautista met the Enns' neighbour, who is Indigenous.

"(The neighbour) brought a picture and also a special jacket that her father had and she did the beadwork on. Tala showed her some of their traditional tribal clothing and the significance of that, and that was a really amazing moment," Enns said.

More information about Peacebuilders Community Inc. can be found at [peacebuilderscommunity.org](http://peacebuilderscommunity.org) while information on Coffee for Peace can be found at [coffeedforpeace.com](http://coffeedforpeace.com).

# Rain or shine, NOTL businesses **served the steins** for Oktoberfest

Julia Sacco  
The Lake Report

The weekend brought a taste of Germany to Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Celebrators of the annual Oktoberfest were at the Exchange Brewery on Saturday to enjoy a day filled with steins of beer, pretzels, sausages and more.

The brewery in Old Town hosts an Oktoberfest celebration every year.

Its special Oktoberfest brew, Dunkel Weiss, also hit shelves for the season, featuring notes of banana bread and clove.

If beer wasn't exactly your speed, Ironwood Cider House offered a different approach to the Oktoberfest, including live music and eats.

Though the rain put a damper on the planned cornhole tournament, the music moved indoors and guests could still enjoy the sounds of Feverish Lemons, Taylor Laslo and Caitlin Miller throughout the weekend.

The venue also launched the first of its yearly collectable steins, so guests are urged to return next Oktoberfest and grow their collection.



Left: Bruce Hernder enjoyed a cold beer with Ironwood's Oktoberfest festivities. Right: Josh and Matt came all the way from London, England, to share a flight of beer with their pup Patch during Oktoberfest at Exchange. JULIA SACCO



October 21, 2023

**DOORS OPEN**  
NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

VISIT SEVERAL SITES OF HISTORICAL, ARCHITECTURAL OR CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR FREE IN NOTL

Visit [doorsopenontario.on.ca](http://doorsopenontario.on.ca) for hours and information.





# Melville St. **condo approved** despite some pushback

Evan Loree  
Local Journalism Initiative  
The Lake Report



Jim Reynolds, his wife Pat Hartman and neighbour Bruce Howard say goodbye to the King George III Inn, which will be torn down to make room for condos. EVAN LOREE

Down by the docks, some residents are upset to see their feedback on a condo proposal went nowhere.

Resident Jim Reynolds was an early critic of developer Blythwood Homes' plan to build condos at the site of the old American Hotel on Melville Street.

Reynolds said he didn't bother to attend the committee of the whole's planning meeting on Oct. 3, during which the project was approved, after he saw all the other projects on the agenda.

The three-storey condo building was the "least hot of the potatoes" being juggled by council at that meeting, he said.

The development at 61 Melville St. was one of four projects on the consent agenda: prior to reviewing consent agenda items, public meetings were held for four development proposals.

"There's not a groundswell of huge opposition to this thing," Reynolds said.

He speculated that his neighbours are just happy the development plan is for condos and not a hotel.

One of his neighbours, Andrew Cardarelli, said he was happy it was shorter

than the original proposal from Blythwood Homes, which was almost twice as tall.

Still, Cardarelli said he would prefer to see the building set back a little farther from Lockhart and Delater streets.

A staff report said the proposed building would be farther back from Delater and Melville than the existing King George III Inn.

The report, by planning director Kirsten McCauley, said the proposed setbacks were similar to that of the hotel and condominium on either side of it.

Cardarelli said he did not speak at the public meeting on the project June 17.

"I guess I thought there was going to be open commentary at a later date," he said.

The resident, who is an architect, said he felt misled for thinking as much and would have spoken up if he knew it was his last chance to speak.

Both residents felt neighbourhood feedback was ignored.

"We had our opportunity to say what we thought," Reynolds said, referring to the public meeting.

The town, he said, had "essentially ignored any of our concerns," given nothing about the proposal changed since it first came forward.

The site plan presented during the open house and public meeting dates show a maximum building height of 12 metres – the same height in the approved site plan from Oct. 3.

In her report, McCauley

said the proposed height of the building would make it incompatible with the surrounding neighbourhood.

Resident Ron Simkus first shared his concerns regarding the development's design at a virtual open house meeting on May 17.

He said he is less concerned with the development and more concerned about the infrastructure that would be needed to support it.

A former mining engineer, Simkus said he is especially concerned with the flooding infrastructure in the dock area.

Since the docks are vulnerable to flooding from Lake Ontario, Simkus thinks developers need to take extra steps to keep their properties above water.

New proposals are also

taking up increasingly more space, Simkus said in an interview after the condo proposal was passed by council.

The development covers 67 per cent of the lot space at 61 Melville St..

Simkus recalled that when his home was built, it could not take up more than 33 per cent of the lot – and many of the developments being proposed today are bigger.

"If you're going to keep building bigger houses on smaller lots, you're just going to push the water out of your yard into somebody else's," he said.

Council approved the condominium, but not without discussion.

Councillors asked a couple questions about shadow studies and whether the units would be used as short-term rentals.

Coun. Wendy Cheropita said it would be "wonderful" to have an up-to-date short-term rental bylaw before proceeding with applications like the one for Melville Street.

The zoning change the developer requested would not permit future owners to use the structures for short-term rentals, McCauley said.

The town's short-term rental bylaw states: "Only buildings that have been oc-

cupied as a single detached dwelling for a minimum of four years shall be eligible for a licence."

Reynolds, however, was not satisfied by the town's rulebook.

"Rules are only as good as the enforcement that they put in," he said.

At the meeting, Couns. Gary Burroughs, Tim Balasiuk and Cheropita asked whether the developer had provided a shadow study on the property.

Shadow studies are done to demonstrate the impact a multi-storey development will have on the current location and surrounding properties, based on the shadow pattern it would cast.

McCauley said no study was provided, but that the surrounding buildings are similar in size and scale. Burroughs contested this statement.

"The building is substantially larger than the buildings around it, not the next condo building," he said.

Balasiuk asked if the project could be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal, which resolves land development disputes, if council refused.

McCauley confirmed that if the developer appealed it would be sent to the tribunal.

# Additional nurse practitioner would allow for **walk-in clinic** for all

*Continued from Front Page*

nearly double that of provincewide numbers of about 17 per cent.

"(Residents without a doctor) end up having to go to St. Catharines or Niagara Falls. They have to drive 20 to 30 minutes to see someone," Gates said.

The new nurse practitioner would not be a part of the health team, Gates said, but rather as a walk-in service.

He added that Jones "recognizes the need" in NOTL but that he'd continue to press the minister for action.

"All I can do is heighten awareness again," he said.

Zalepa, meanwhile,

is confident a nurse practitioner and walk-in clinic will be funded.

He isn't certain where the position will be based – at the family health team's offices in Virgil or at the new medical centre in Garrison Village.

"It has yet to be determined," Zalepa said. "We just want to get services."

Mary Keith, executive director for the NOTL Family Health Team, said the services are needed despite the town recently adding two new family physicians to its complement. The problem is that it takes time, she said.

"It's been an ongoing process. "I'm optimistic



Niagara Falls MPP Wayne Gates and Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa have written a letter to the province calling for funding for a new nurse practitioner in NOTL. FILE

it will happen, it's just a slow process," Keith said, adding that Coun. Sandra O'Connor and Bonnie

Bagnulo, executive director of the NOTL Community Palliative Care Service have been leading the charge for

the additional help.

Bagnulo said she became involved in the push for a new nurse

practitioner when she saw a need among her for patients in palliative care, experiencing things such as rashes and other issues that could be tended to by a family doctor or nurse practitioner.

"We didn't have a place for them to go," she said.

Like Zalepa, she feels optimistic that things will soon change even though the road has been long.

"We know the position is coming," she said.

Gates, meanwhile, said the team approach could be the best one to get help from the Ford government.

"I think it's important we have the two levels of government working together," he said.



**Korean-themed bakery & cafe**  
roll cakes | scones | pastries | buns  
coffee | tea | smoothies

358 Mary St. | 289-241-7789 | sokobakerycafe.square.site





## TLR

**Publisher:** Richard Harley**Editor-In-Chief:** Richard Harley**Managing Editor:** Kevin MacLean**Design & Layout:** Richard Harley**Advertising:** Megan Vanderlee**Contributors:** Dr. William Brown, Brittany Carter, Penny-Lynn Cookson, Linda Fritz, Patty Garriock, Steve Hardaker, Zahraa Hmood, Richard Hutton, Evan Loree, Brian Marshall, NOTL Museum, Ross Robinson, Julia Sacco, Kyra Simone, Tim Taylor, Jill Troyer, Dave Van de Laar, Janice White, Joanne Young and many more members of the NOTL community**Canada** The Local Journalism Initiative is funded by the Government of Canada.**News Media Canada**  
**Médias d'Info Canada**

Your Lake Report is the proud winner of 61 national and provincial awards for journalism and advertising excellence.

**POSITIVE  
POWER****Contributed by Patty Garriock**"I have just three things to teach: simplicity, patience, compassion. These are your greatest treasures."  
- Lao Tzu**HOW TO GET IN TOUCH****Email:**

Letters: editor@niagaranow.com

Story Ideas: editor@niagaranow.com

Advertising: advertising@niagaranow.com

**Phone**

Newsroom: 905-359-2270

Advertising Department: 905-932-5646

**Office Address**

496 Mississauga St., NOTL, Ontario, Canada.

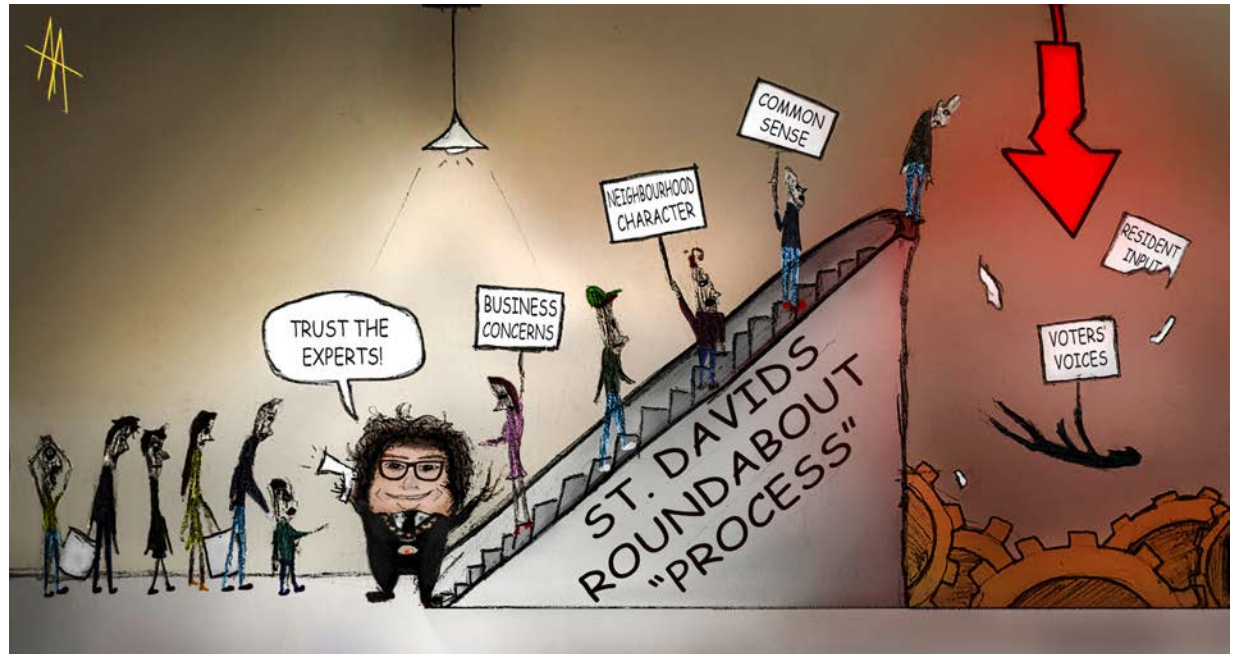
**Mailing Address**

PO Box 724, Niagara-on-the-Lake, L0S1J0

**Have a lead on a story?**

Call 905.359.2270 or send an email to editor@niagaranow.com

## 'Just follow the process'



Despite loud opposition from residents to a St. Davids roundabout at the historic four corners, Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa is and has been supporting the project, telling people to "trust the process." ALPEREN ALBAYRAK

**Editorial****Compensation for injured migrant workers**Kevin MacLean  
Managing Editor

Migrant farm workers are the backbone of Canada's – and Niagara's – agricultural sector.

Without the men and women who leave their families behind and travel from their home countries, the agricultural industry as we know it likely would cease to exist.

They come here to toil in our fields, to tend to our crops, to grow the fresh fruit and vegetables that are staples of our diet, to care for the vines that produce our region's award-winning wines.

While much has improved, in the past they sometimes have had to live in substandard conditions, ones that many of us would not or could not tolerate.

And they come here to do jobs that ordinary, able-bodied Canadians generally have no interest in doing.

It is hard work, back-breaking work, done in the heat and sun and rain and cold. It is work that is crucial to our economy and for that we owe our migrant workers a debt of gratitude.

For the most part, ordinary Canadians seem to grasp the important role these workers play here. Yes, there are and there have been problems of exploitation and poor treatment of some workers.

There is no excuse for such behaviour and it needs to be rooted out. Like the proverbial "bad apples."

**“Too often they are treated as a disposable commodity.”**

But there's another ongoing, high-profile, institutional form of discrimination that is happening in this sector – and it effectively is sanctioned and approved by arms of our provincial and federal governments.

We're talking about how migrant workers who come to Canada and have the misfortune to be seriously hurt in a job-related mishap. Too often they are treated as a disposable commodity: Ship them home, replace them with another.

As The Lake Report

documented in a story last week by Somer Slobodian, Ontario's Workplace Safety and Insurance Board routinely cuts off long-term benefits to injured workers after as little as 12 weeks.

Because these men and women are migrant workers, after they are hurt, for a variety of reasons they generally return home to Jamaica or Mexico.

But the WSIB treats them like they're still living in Ontario, not nearly 3,000 kilometres away.

And in some cases the WSIB tells them they should be able to take a job (such as a gas station attendant) here in Ontario. Even though they still might be seriously injured; even though they are nearly 3,000 kilometres away.

The ridiculousness of this situation was recognized by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal in the case of four workers – including one who worked in Niagara-on-the-Lake – and it ordered the WSIB to properly compensate those workers.

These four were injured in 2017, 2013, 2012 and 2006 respectively. These workers,

considered so invaluable when toiling in our fields, have waited years for compensation.

It remains unclear if this ruling will be implemented widely in numerous other cases of economic injustice dispensed by the WSIB. But it should be.

Cases like that of Jeleel Stewart, injured more than 15 years ago at Mori Nurseries in NOTL, need to be addressed. Stewart, now 51 and in hospital in Jamaica, unfortunately is not doing well.

Compensation for him and his family needs to be forthcoming immediately. But there are many others in similar circumstances, routinely rejected after they are no longer useful.

This sort of treatment of once-valued workers needs to end and past cases require immediate attention.

The behaviour of our provincial and federal institutions in these instances should be an embarrassment to all Canadians. We need to do right by our migrant workers, especially when they need it most.

editor@niagaranow.com

**Correction:** A Sept. 28 story about truth and reconciliation, "Indigenous people have mixed feelings about path to reconciliation," said the last residential school in Canada closed in 1966. In fact, the last one did not close until 1996.**Ruffino's**  
PASTA BAR & GRILL**takeout & delivery**  
289-819-0179 | daily 12pm - 8pm  
wood-fired italian | pasta | pizza | wine | beer



# White Oaks highrise plan **isn't reasonable** or necessary



Steve Hardaker  
Community Correspondent

Would you welcome a 25-storey highrise apartment building in your Niagara-on-the-Lake community?

Or better yet, would you welcome a cluster of apartments at 17, 18, 21 and 25 storeys on a two-hectare (five-acre) patch of land near where you live?

That is the question I have been asking residents on social media after news of the proposed White Oaks Resort and Spa residential development was first published in *The Lake Report*.

Mostly the question was directed to residents supporting the White Oaks development in Glendale, but only one response has been received so far. That person supports the proposal.

This plan was released without fanfare and local residents only learned about it a few hours before an open house on the development application.

The only visible signs in the community were several

small, yellow public notices on the lawn at White Oaks. They were only up briefly and were so small you would have to stop and go up to the sign to understand what it was about.

The following week during town council's planning meeting, the White Oaks development application was one of four items and the last of the four to be heard.

The proposal was not addressed until about the three-and-a-half-hour mark of the meeting.

There were six NOTL residents registered to speak, but because it took so long to get to the White Oaks item, only two residents remained. It was over four hours before a resident from the Niagara on the Green neighbourhood was invited to have their say.

White Oaks has proposed four residential and mixed-use towers of 17, 18, 21 and 25 storeys, all fronting at the street edge of Glendale Avenue and Taylor Road.

The tallest tower would be right at the corner of Glendale and Taylor. Setbacks on Taylor Road would be between three and 10 metres.

The approved Niagara Region Glendale Niagara District Plan stipulates the southern end of the White Oaks property as high-density, but it does not specify



Steve Hardaker says the proposed highrise condo towers at White Oaks don't meet the required height or setback limits and don't respect the Glendale secondary plan. SUPPLIED

building heights.

However, the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake's Glendale secondary plan, first approved in 2010 and now undergoing an update to bring it in line with the region's district plan, does prescribe building heights and setbacks for the White Oaks' property.

Section 3.3 deals with land use and site development while section 3.3.7 specifically deals with White Oaks.

The secondary plan states buildings along

Taylor Road will be three to five storeys and also says "notwithstanding the height limit of 16 storeys for buildings in the centre of the site, one building in this area may be permitted a maximum height of 20 storeys."

One reason building heights are limited is to not detract from views of the Niagara Escarpment. Federal rules also restrict heights due to the proximity of the Niagara District Airport.

Regarding setbacks, the

secondary plan states, "To provide an appropriate transition to lower buildings on surrounding properties, portions of buildings above eight storeys shall be set back a minimum of 30 metres from Taylor Road and a minimum of 60 metres from the southern-most point of the site."

White Oaks' proposal puts the highest buildings closest to the intersection, tiered backward to the lower buildings, which is contrary to the secondary plan.

This proposal does not

respect the policies in the Glendale secondary plan, even though during the public meeting White Oaks' planner cherry-picked several excerpts that suited the developer's arguments.

Residents in the area have started a petition urging town council to deny the proposal as presented.

The petition is being shared on local Facebook groups. There is also a paper copy circulating door-to-door in the Niagara on the Green neighbourhood. As of Wednesday of this week, it had garnered more than 275 signatures.

Residents are not opposed to development in Glendale. Reasonable development is welcomed as residents know that increased population in Glendale will eventually be followed with desired amenities.

However, given the town and regional plans for the area, the proposed White Oaks project is not a reasonable development, in my opinion.

And it is certainly not necessary for the region to achieve its population targets for Glendale of 19,000 residents and 8,500 jobs at full build-out.

*Steve Hardaker has lived in Glendale for over 13 years and is active in many community organizations.*

# New nurse practitioner **desperately** needed

*Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa and MPP Wayne Gates wrote to Health Minister Sylvia Jones last week urging her to make good on a promise to expand nurse practitioner services in Niagara-on-the-Lake. This is the text of the letter.*

We hope this letter finds you well. The purpose of this letter is to follow up on your ministry's previous authorization for a nurse practitioner position in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

This was confirmed over a year ago in a letter dated July 14, 2022, where it was noted that a nurse practitioner in Niagara-on-the-Lake was supported and there is funding provided to Niagara Health by Ontario Health West which could be transferred for this purpose.

As a municipality, Niagara-on-the-Lake has a much higher population of senior residents than average. Approximately 36.2 per cent of the town's

population in 2021 was 65 years and over (4.3 per cent of which were 85 years or over).

In comparison, for Ontario, the proportion of seniors was 18.5 per cent in 2021 (of which 2.4 per cent were 85 years or over).

As we know, seniors present with more complex health care needs than younger members of our communities; therefore, there is a unique health care pressure related to the age characteristics of the community.

It is also worth noting that the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake welcomes over two million visitors annually who may also seek access to the nurse practitioner services. The addition of a nurse practitioner would ensure our residents, as well as visiting tourists, have access to the health care they need.

The town has also struggled with access to front-line health care services in recent years.

Of a total population of approximately 19,000 residents, close to 8,000 – or approximately 40 per cent of residents – are not registered to receive health care services through the Niagara North Family Health Team.

While progress has been made due to efforts from the municipal and provincial governments, local health care providers, Niagara Health, and residents (including an expansion of the family health team to a new location earlier this year, and the recent groundbreaking of the new South Niagara Hospital), the lack of a nurse practitioner represents a glaring gap in services for residents.

It is also noteworthy that the Niagara-on-the-Lake hospital was closed in 2015, creating increased health care access pressures for Niagara-on-the-Lake residents.

With a significant primary care shortage and lack of access to emergency

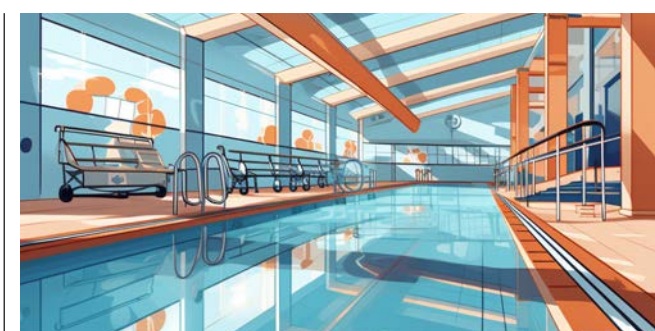
hospital services, Niagara-on-the-Lake needs to obtain nurse practitioner services as previously approved.

Unfortunately, there have been several recent instances of residents in need of urgent medical care, who were not rostered with the family health team, who then had to travel to upwards of 30 minutes to different municipalities to get the care they needed.

A nurse practitioner position, available to all residents as a walk-in service, is essential to assist these individuals in their time of need.

We invite you to meet with us to further discuss when the nurse practitioner will begin to practice in Niagara-on-the-Lake and we look forward to working collaboratively to get a service we so desperately need for the residents of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

**Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa**  
**Wayne Gates, MPP**



# Let residents **vote** on indoor pool idea

Dear editor:  
Your Oct. 12 editorial, "An indoor swimming pool for NOTL," was an excellent opinion piece.

It was well-articulated in a non-threatening way and I wholeheartedly concur with your observations.

As *The Lake Report* has cautioned us townspeople, our town is about to face five to 10 costly years, as we grow and repair our critical infrastructure.

Also, the growth of our town will soon require that we look at a permanent, full-time fire department, which could require a

\$1,000 annual assessment to each and every property in town.

An indoor pool is a wonderful idea, but the "must-have" components of our town budget have to be funded before those things that make our lives better.

Before an indoor pool is considered, I ask Niagara-on-the-Lake town council to put the idea before the property owners for a vote, after presenting the true cost involved in building and maintaining this truly wonderful idea.

**Tim Collet**  
**Virgil**

# Embracing Glendale through a **more inspired design**



Brian Marshall  
Columnist

Over the past few weeks I have been experiencing a fierce internal debate around the subject of the proposed Glendale development by White Oaks Tennis World Inc.

On one hand, this proposed development represents a potential addition of 810 housing units to the town's stock.

Further, in the application's architectural drawing package, the unit mix suggests that 15 per cent of units (119 in all), will be one-bedroom with an average size of 605 square feet.

Then, there are another 28 per cent of units, 223, in a one-bed-plus-den configuration averaging 710 square feet.

But, how do these units relate to the market and will they be affordable?

Let's do a little math:

Using a very conservative Greater Toronto Area average of \$1,100 per square foot as the pre-construction sale cost, the one-bedroom units will land at an average cost of \$665,000.

The one-bed-plus-den units will come in at an average of \$781,000 (note that purchasing a parking spot will be "in-addition-to").

Those prices would place the one-bedroom units firmly below Niagara-on-the-Lake's September housing price index – a compendium of statistics that measures housing costs – benchmark cost of \$1,061,900.

Still, this is more than 10 per cent above St. Catharines' benchmark (\$600,000) and roughly \$16,000 higher than the benchmark price in Niagara Falls (\$648,800).

Mind you, if we consider the price per square foot, Niagara-on-the-Lake's median for September was



The 79 & Park design is a human scaled complex that seamlessly merges urban and natural landscapes, says columnist Brian Marshall. He would like to see something similar built in Glendale at White Oaks. ARCHDAILY/LAURIAN GHINITOIU

\$524, while St. Catharines came in at \$432 and Niagara Falls homes yielded \$423 per square foot.

This, in all cases, is a far cry from \$1,100.

In any case, with \$65,000 down, the one-bedroom unit will carry a mortgage of \$600,000. At a current preferred interest rate (6 per cent) on a 25-year amortization, the monthly payments would equal \$3,838.84, which annualized, totals \$46,066.08.

If we follow the generally accepted rule that one's mortgage obligation should not exceed 28 per cent of the gross income, we find that a purchaser's household income would need to be about \$165,000 per year.

If your household happens to be in that income bracket, it would be affordable.

It's also of note that, according to the Niagara Region's demographics data, the average median household gross income across the region is about \$100,000 (\$72,105 net after taxes). And, even focusing just on Niagara-on-the-Lake, it only moves up to \$85,248 net, or roughly \$123,000 gross.

Still, 810 housing units would go a long way toward satisfying the province's thrust for more intensification – wouldn't it?

As we have seen over the past few years, that's a

moving target and it seems that the "much wants more" principle applies in the corridors of provincial (and regional) government.

Finally, there is the argument that Glendale is already slated for urban densification and focusing a high-density complex there will result in far less development pressure on Niagara-on-the-Lake's other settlement areas.

**“While White Oaks' proposed development is an excellent piece of urban design work in its place, that place is not the Glendale gateway into Niagara-on-the-Lake.”**

Which brings us to thoughts on the other hand: Is it morally or ethically justifiable to make Glendale Niagara-on-the-Lake's sacrificial lamb? Moreover, is this fair?

To allow this four-tower transplant from downtown Mississauga, rising 277 feet into the sky above the existing neighbourhoods and landscapes, will fundamentally and forever alter Glendale.

In my opinion, this development will irrevocably establish Glendale as an island of typical GTA urban suburbia isolated from the rest of the town by its completely different character and severed from the rural/natural landscape of Niagara-on-the-Lake by dint of the development's dominant, up-thrusting, inner-city design.

To be completely clear, I am not opposed to a condominium development in Glendale.

However, such a development should be designed in a fashion that supports the overall character of the town, integrates into and enhances the surrounding landscape – both built and natural – and perpetuates the opportunities for continuing to build community within the overall warp and weave of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

To provide some insight into how finely designed architecture can accomplish these things (and more), let's jump across the Atlantic and visit the 79 & Park development in Stockholm, Sweden.

In 2011, the CEO of developer Oscar Properties envisioned a building comprised of many "human-scaled" residences that would enhance the cityscape and respect the neighbouring national park (Gärdet), which the development site bordered on.

To accomplish this challenge, the developer turned to the architectural firm Bjarke Ingels Group and it responded with a brilliant design.

In Bjarke Ingels' words, "79 & Park is conceived as an inhabitable landscape of cascading residences that combine the splendours of a suburban home with the qualities of urban living: the homes have private outdoor gardens and penthouse views of the city and Gärdet. The communal intimacy of the central urban oasis offers peace and tranquility, while also giving the residents a feeling of belonging in the larger community of 79 & Park. Seen from a distance, 79 & Park appears like a manmade hillside in the centre of Stockholm."

In form, the building is vaguely shell-like: its leading edge low at seven metres, gradually rising on both sides to a height of 35 metres in the rear, the entire building porous – oriented to allow maximum year-round sunlight penetration into the interior communal courtyard and the apartments facing thereon.

Further, this form establishes a soft transition from the building to the surrounding Gärdet while providing the majority of residential apartments sightlines into the park.

To achieve human scaling – that is, the visually perceived proportions of all defined spaces relate directly to human dimensions – the architects chose to design the building using a multitude of prefabricated cubic 'pixel' units in several standardized sizes (something that significantly lowered construction costs) which were floated into place like children's Lego blocks.

This pixelation technique, combined with the building's escalating roofline, creates a dynamic "landscape" wherein the roof of each "pixel" consists of a terrace that may incorporate a garden or is completely given over to a living green roof.

Not only does this soften and harmonize the building itself, it reaches out into the surrounding landscape allowing the building to become a natural extension of the Gärdet.

Now, while there are endless possibilities to detail elements of, and wax poetic on, this brilliant design (just google 79 & Park images for additional insight), I will refrain from doing so within the confines of this column.

Instead, I will ask each of you to envision a creative architectural variant – following the design precepts of 79 & Park – for the Glendale property proposed for development.

Imagine a building that reflects the escarpment, that integrates Glendale into the general NOTL community, that reaches out into the natural and rural character of the landscape, and actually fulfills one of the principal pillars of Glendale's Secondary Plan: "Establish a preamble to Old Town that reinforces and enhances Niagara-on-the-Lake's image to visitors."

So, I guess in writing this column my internal debate has been settled: While White Oaks' proposed development is an excellent piece of urban design work in its place – that place is not the Glendale gateway into Niagara-on-the-Lake.

*Brian Marshall is a NOTL realtor, author and expert consultant on architectural design, restoration and heritage.*



**PREMIERE INDIAN CUISINE IN NOTL**

RESTAURANT & BAR OPEN FOR DINING AND TAKEOUT

CHECK OUT OUR NEW LUNCH MENU ON OUR WEBSITE

233 King St. | 905-468-7222 | Menu: [auraonthelake.ca](http://auraonthelake.ca)



**10% discount for Local Patrons**

# Libraries are **important social hubs**, new report finds

Richard Hutton  
Local Journalism Initiative  
The Lake Report

A new report on the future of libraries across Canada has detailed some of the biggest challenges they're up against today – and the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library, its staff and board members are echoing its findings.

The report, conducted by the Canadian Urban Institute and released in time for Ontario Public Library Week from Oct. 16 to 20, called for libraries to get relief from operational pressures, establish them as critical infrastructure to municipalities and develop sustainable sources of funding.

"Libraries find themselves picking up the slack for social services. They're becoming a hub where people can connect," said Cathy Simpson, the NOTL library's CEO and chief librarian.

The latter is important in a town such as NOTL, which has a large population of older adults where the library can be a social



NOTL Public Library chief librarian and CEO Cathy Simpson with Wayne Scott, vice-chair of the library's board of directors. The NOTL Library has been working hard on becoming more than just a place to read. It's now a community hub of activity. RICHARD HUTTON

outlet and combat loneliness, Simpson said.

It's not just seniors, though, as the library has also created programs for all ages: this is taking the library far beyond its original mission of being a place to borrow reading materi-

als, said the report, "Overdue: The Case for Canada's Public Libraries.

"Libraries are the one institution that provides a remarkably broad array of critical support to our communities, including for knowledge distribution, cul-

ture, health, reconciliation, belonging and our democracy," it said.

In NOTL, the library has become familiar with this evolving mandate, especially trying to provide an ever-expanding roster of services to the community

with provincial funding that has been frozen for the past three years.

Wayne Scott, vice-chair of the library board, said the library has been fortunate to have a solid relationship with the town.

"We approach it as a partnership ... rather than fighting for dollars," he said.

Simpson, meanwhile, noted that the report helps paint a picture of the importance of libraries to the community economically.

According to the report, every dollar invested creates a return on investment of \$6 in economic activity.

"It's nice that someone does this because it's hard for us to do that," she said.

That number doesn't even reflect the social impact of libraries, Simpson said.

"That's always very hard to measure, but it's so important."

Libraries in Niagara are taking matters into their own hands by taking steps to curb expenses, including the possibility of sharing services with other libraries in Niagara, such as banding together for bulk purchases.

Scott said the report dovetails nicely with the board's goals to increase engagement and awareness, ensuring all library services are available in all urban centres.

"That will happen over time in Glendale, but it's happening now in St. Davids," Scott said.

In St. Davids, growth includes families with children, while Glendale he expects to become a magnet for newcomers as the region drives to attract industry to the area.

The Canadian Urban Institute compiled the report after three years of consultations with libraries in urban centres across Canada in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Scott said he is confident in the library's future, despite the many difficulties ahead, but expressed a hint of caution.

"We have to earn that on an ongoing basis with the services we provide and equally importantly, with the way that we communicate with decision makers about those services and the value that they have."

Renovating **NOTL**  
one home at a time...

"The foundation of Ravenshead Homes lays in our integrity, our clients, our team, and our abilities. We are driven by innovation and execution and pour our hearts into every project we do!"  
- James Green, Owner




**Ravenshead Homes** INC.

- BATHROOMS
- BASEMENTS
- ADDITIONS

Get a **FREE ESTIMATE** on your dream remodel project.

**CONTACT US:**  
289.969.5991  
info@ravensheadhomes.com

**NOW OFFERING FINANCING!**

# Artist brings the **essence of the Arctic** to Pumphouse



Janet Read's latest exhibition at the Niagara Pumphouse captures the atmosphere of the Arctic, entirely from her own interpretation and memory. DAVE VAN DE LAAR

Julia Sacco  
The Lake Report

Janet Read was able to capture the unique and compelling atmosphere of the Arctic in her latest art exhibition – entirely from memory.

“High Arctic Light,” a new exhibition at the Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre, is a series of paintings by Janet Read based on her travels to the Arctic in 2018 and 2023.

During the exhibition's reception on Sunday afternoon, Read shared a bit about her inspiration and artistic process.

“I work from my memory, I didn't work on-site; there's not much time because you're outside all day,” Read told The Lake Report.

This is how Read usually operates in her art, she said: by thinking through the “filter of imagination.”

She said she has been working with oceans, clouds and water for years.

For this project though, she brought in a new element in order to properly capture the uniqueness of the Arctic.

“I started using a different material. It's called Dura-Lar and it's like a polyester film and it's sort of translucent,” Read said.

This material helped her depict the physical reality of the Arctic's environment.

“The Arctic is very misty and it's so vast and the distances are so great that there's always this sort of atmospheric light that's very different from other

places,” she said.

Read welcomed the community to the Pumphouse between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Sunday to showcase her 20 pieces and answer questions.

Beverly Swanson visited all the way from Manitoba and shared her awe at Read's ability to paint without a reference photo.

“By not working with a photograph, she's allowing herself more space and room to be more intimate with the memory of it, which just offers a sort of full expression,” Swanson told The Lake Report.

“High Arctic Light” will be on display at the Pumphouse until Oct. 29.

More information on Janet Read and her work can be found here at [janet-read.com](http://janet-read.com).

## Three more hydro boxes to be covered in **award-winning** artwork

Staff  
The Lake Report

There's still time to see the original artwork created by the latest winners of the Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre's annual hydro box beautification competition.

The designs will turn three ordinary green boxes in neighbourhoods around Niagara-on-the-Lake into canvases for the winners' works of art.

All the artworks submitted for this year's competition, including the winners, are on display until this Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Pumphouse at 247 Ricardo St.

Two winners were picked by a panel of jurors, who selected the recipients from among several works submitted this year.

Lynn Weiner, from Niagara-on-the-Lake, and Shelley Locke, from St. Catharines produced works focused on this year's theme of transportation: Weiner's work is titled “Lake Sailing” and Locke's is “Sunset Voyage.”

Additionally, Darrell McCalla, from NOTL, won a People's Choice award for his work “Transportation.” His work was chosen via in a vote by the community.

The annual competition is now in its fifth year and has



Darrell McCalla emerged as this year's people's choice winner for his artwork “Transportation,” which will be installed in the hydro box along the Niagara River Recreational Trail at the Field House. Shelly Locke, right, was a winner in the juried category for her piece “Sunset Voyage.” Each winner was awarded \$500 from NOTL Hydro. SUPPLIED

transformed 12 hydro boxes in town so far. This year's winners will bring that total to 15.

The designs will be installed on three hydro boxes across town by early November.

“Transportation” will appear on the Niagara River

Recreational Trail near the historic Field family house at 15284 Niagara River Parkway, “Sunset Voyage” will be installed at the Niagara District Airport and “Lake Sailing” by the marina at Ricardo and Melville streets.

Pumphouse director Rima



Boles noted public art plays “a vital role” in enhancing the cultural vibrancy of communities.

“Through this competition, we have witnessed the incredible talent of our local artists and the passion of our community members who participated in the People's

Choice vote. It's a testament to the enduring role of art in enriching our lives,” she said in a news release.

The winners were honoured at a special ceremony and each received a \$500 cheque from Tim Curtis, NOTL Hydro's president, in recognition of their work.

  
**LIDA KOWAL**  
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT  
1627 Niagara Stone Rd., Unit B2  
Virgil, ON L0S 1T0  
905-468-5300  
Monday to Friday  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
\*Accounting \*Taxation \*Business Services \*Estate Planning

**The Power of Water : Janet Home Cozens**  
  
Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre  
NOV. 1-26, 2023  
247 Ricardo St, Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Opening Reception  
NOV. 5, 2023  
2:00-4:00 PM  
[niagarapumphouse.ca/exhibitions](http://niagarapumphouse.ca/exhibitions)

**Warren**  
RENOVATIONS  
905.468.2127  
PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

**NIAGARA RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONTRACTORS**  
GENERAL CONTRACTOR, RENOVATIONS, CUSTOM DECKS/FENCES, FLOORING, PERGOLAS, PROJECT AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
289-690-0202  
NIAGARARCE@YAHOO.COM  
FOLLOW US  
LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED

  
**Scott Davidson, M.E.**  
RR3 750 East-West Line  
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON L0S 1J0  
Cell: 905-933-3974  
allspark.scott@gmail.com  
Residential, Commercial and Industrial Automation  
License No. 7010341

**CAUGHILL** AutoMotive  
**NAPA**  
BRAKE SERVICE  
\$49.95 (PARTS EXTRA)  
QUALITY SERVICE  
FAST EFFICIENT RELIABLE  
905-687-9456  
256 EAST & WEST LINE, NOTL



Carter Vahrmeyer shows Lauren Goettler the finer points of using a digital camera while Yellow Door artistic director Andorlie Hillstrom, left, and Vaughn Goettler look on. The Goettlers donated \$16K to support the arts organization. RICHARD HUTTON

## Yellow Door lauds Goettler family for supporting **new film school**

Richard Hutton  
Local Journalism Initiative  
The Lake Report

From supplying water to villages in Africa to creating a fish farm in Bolivia, Vaughn and Lauren Goettler have been quick to help others around the world.

Through the Goettler Family Foundation, the Niagara-on-the-Lake couple have pursued a life of philanthropy since their retirement, but the foundation hasn't only supported international projects.

Last November, the Goettlers donated \$1 million to help purchase the property at 407 King St., better known as The Wilderness.

More recently, the foundation has turned its sights to youth, giving a \$16,000 grant to Yellow Door Theatre Project to help establish a film academy at the theatre's home on Line 2 Road.

Last Friday, a small gathering was held at Yellow Door to thank the Goettlers for their help.

The idea for a film school blossomed after the couple had sponsored a film created during the COVID pandemic by Yellow Door students back in 2020.

The couple decided to sponsor the film after they learned that Yellow Door's artistic director, Andorlie Hillstrom, was struggling to keep the youth program going during the pandemic.

"The film idea came up and we thought let's sponsor it. Let's give those kids something to do because they weren't in school," Lauren said.

That project turned into the short film "Red Letter Day," which received a showing at the Film House in the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre in St. Catharines in April of last year.

Hillstrom, however, is

quick to give credit for the idea to NOTL actor and director Lezlie Wade.

"She said, 'Why don't we do a film? Because we can do that out of doors,'" Hillstrom said.

That got Hillstrom thinking that more could be done.

"I wanted to continue to be able to offer some kind of training in film and so this is what's happened," she said.

The film academy coincides with the school year, running over two terms from September to May.

Through the program, students conceive, storyboard, film and produce films. The idea is to have an event showcasing the students' work at the end of the year, Hillstrom said.

One of the program's instructors is Carter Vahrmeyer, a graduate of Niagara College's film program. Lori Ravensbourg, a professor with Niagara College's acting for film

and digital media program, recommended Hillstrom bring on Vahrmeyer for the program.

Vahrmeyer said the students – who are in grades 7 to 12 – have embraced the program.

"The kids love it. You can definitely see which areas some of the kids prefer over the others. It's fun, especially when they do group activities," he said.

Student Aoibhin Davidson, 14, heard about the program through friends and decided she wanted to get involved.

"I like how you can make stuff with just simple cameras. It's really nice," she said.

Working in a group has been rewarding, with many ideas being tossed around.

"There's been so many. It's kind of hard to pick one," she said.

More information is available at yellowdoortheatre.com.



This week's riddle is "Jeopardy!" style.  
Category: GIVE ME A BREAK SYNONYM

You do it to a book upon opening, a smile upon giving or a joke upon making.

Last issue:

Category: TV SHOW OPENING CREDITS

Clue: A drive down the scenic New Jersey Turnpike passes Satriale's & Pizzaland before ending at a suburban home.

Answer: What is the Sopranos?

Answered first by: Lynda Collet

Also answered correctly (in order) by: Bob Wheatley, Jane Morris, Claudia Grimwood, Catherine Clarke, Jim Dandy, Howard Jones, Margaret Garaughty, Debra Jacobs, Wade Durling, Katie Reimer, Mike Gander, Pam Dowling, Gordon Yanow, Marla Percy, Elaine Landray

\*REMEMBER TO PUT "WHAT IS" FOR JEOPARDY QUESTIONS!

Email answers to editor@niagaranow.com, with your name, for a chance to win a \$25 Irish Harp Pub gift card every week. (Subject line: Riddle me this)

Love games? Join us for fun events every week at the Irish Harp Pub.  
Details at [www.theirishharppub.com](http://www.theirishharppub.com)

**J&S Performance**

SALES & SERVICE

 HUSTLER


905-468-9735

901 East/West Line, NOTL



**RENT MY HUSBAND  
in Niagara-on-the-Lake**

See what he can do for you at:  
[www.rentmyhusband-notl.com](http://www.rentmyhusband-notl.com)  
Or call me, **Marion (905) 321-5776**

 Pilates & Yoga with Suzy NOTL

**Pilates Mat:**  
Tuesday 11:30am  
Thursday 10am

**Yin Yoga:**  
Tuesday 1pm

\$20

Call 416-432-9954 or visit [suzylebec.com](http://suzylebec.com)

BEST QUALITY  
SERVING NIAGARA SINCE 2013



tyler@oldtowncr.ca  
www.oldtowncr.ca  
(289) 686-7363

IF YOU DREAM IT, WE BUILD IT

THEATRE ROOMS & HOME GYMS ♦  
SECRET ROOMS & MAN CAVES ♦  
SUANAS & STEAM SHOWERS ♦  
RENTALS, B&B & AIRBNB ♦  
AND MORE! ♦

 @SUPERIORBASEMENTBUILDERS  
 SUPERIOR BASEMENT BUILDERS

 **GRACE UNITED  
CHURCH**

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, ONTARIO  
222 VICTORIA ST. 905-468-4044

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.  
[www.graceunitedchurch.com](http://www.graceunitedchurch.com)  
Our 200th anniversary | 1823-2023

Pauline Reimer Gibson is an Audiologist with over 20 years of experience who loves helping people of all ages in the community.



Pauline Reimer Gibson  
Audiologist

Book a complimentary hearing test today at  
905.468.9176

A global leader in hearing healthcare.

504 Line 2 Road, Virgil ON



 **J&S CONSTRUCTION**

**PUTTING NIAGARA  
RESIDENTS FIRST!**

Renovations • Additions  
Custom Homes • Kitchens  
Decks, Fences & much more!



289-697-5757 | [JS-CONSTRUCTION.CA](http://JS-CONSTRUCTION.CA)

SPONSORED STORY

# Online shopping **made easy** with Yoka Fashions

Submitted  
The Lake Report

Carla Kloosterhuis, owner of Yoka at 1627 Niagara Stone Rd., just celebrated 22 years in business.

While she only relocated the business to Niagara-on-the-Lake three years ago, the business has been going strong since 2001, with a location on Queen Street East in the Beaches for nearly two decades.

She is a second generation retailer and also has a sister location back home in The Netherlands.

The success of Yoka's LIVE shopping shows on Instagram, which have cultivated a fun loving online community, have inspired Carla to take livestream shopping to the next level.

New technology allows you to view and click on items for details of styles presented on a live show. It is fun to watch and see engagement among shoppers — and takes the risk out of online shopping.

While a retailer at heart,

Carla knows that an omni-channel business is best, and therefore also offers retail days in the Virgil location.

Yoka has new fall hours beginning next week. The store will be open Wednesday to Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with weekly new arrivals.

The storefront is multi-functional and operates as a retail store, a studio and a daily pack and ship centre.

Yoka will be open until the first week of January, then plans to take a break from retail over the winter and focus on new digital strategies and livestream selling.

Yoka carries brands from Montreal, LA, Australia, Holland, Switzerland, Spain, Italy and Turkey, in sizes ranging from XS-XL.

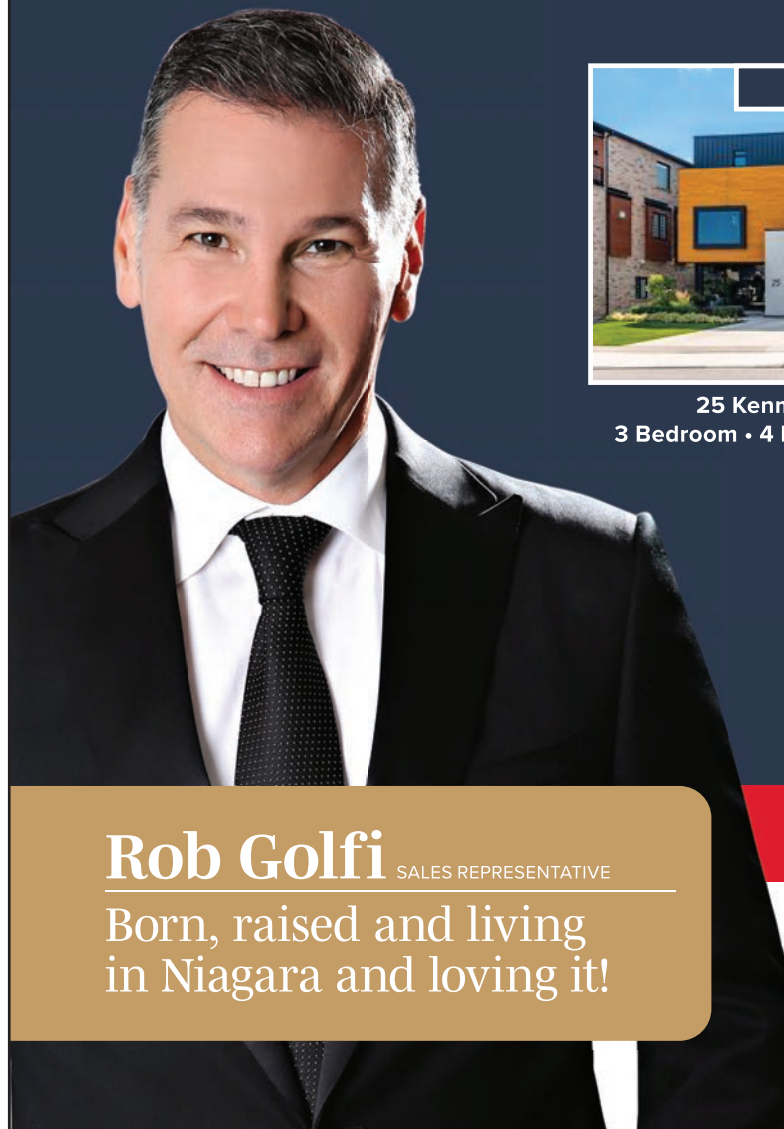
Go online at yokafashions.com to view the products and the livestream shopping addition, or shop in person while you can! Follow Yoka on social media for daily updates of what is new and exciting at Yoka.



Join Yoka's livestream shopping experiences by visiting yokafashions.com. SUPPLIED

## Call the brand that gets your home

# NOTICED!



**Rob Golfi** SALES REPRESENTATIVE

Born, raised and living in Niagara and loving it!



ST. DAVIDS

25 Kenmir Avenue  
3 Bedroom • 4 Bath • \$1,599,900



NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

404 Line 2 Road  
4 Bedroom • 2 Bath • \$1,374,900



NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

1882 Creek Road  
3 Bedroom • 4 Bath • \$1,399,000

#1 Real Estate Team\*\*

#1 on Google Trends\*\*\*

#1 in Client Service\*\*\*

#1 in Web Traffic\*\*\*

#1 RE/MAX Team Canada†

#2 RE/MAX Team Worldwide†

#2 on Toronto Real Estate Board\*\*

Million-dollar marketing system!

**FREE HOME EVALUATION!**



Call **905-641-0308**  
or visit **RobGolfi.com**

**GOLFI**  
TEAM

\*Rob Golfi, Sales Representative. \*\*Based on unit sales and \$ volume of closed transactions in RAHB Jan 1, 2020 - Dec 31, 2021. \*\*\* Source: Google Trends and Google Reviews †Source: RE/MAX LLC rankings for Large Team Residential, 2022. ††Source: REDATUM Agents by units - listing and selling combined performance in TRREB Jan 1 - June 30, 2022. RE/MAX Escarpment Golf Realty Inc., Brokerage. Independently owned and operated.



# Rotary Club's Holiday House Tour returns – a little bit greener

Julia Sacco  
The Lake Report

For its 24th year of spotlighting homes in Niagara-on-the-Lake with an abundance of Christmas cheer, the annual Holiday House Tour is coming back this December – with a few twists.

Tickets for the tour, organized by the Rotary Club of Niagara-on-the-Lake, are on sale now: it will showcase six houses, both historic and modern, decorated for the holidays – inside and out.

Organizers say ticketholders have lots to look forward to on Dec. 1 and 2.

For one, the committee for this year's tour has pledged to become more environmentally-friendly.

"We're trying to green the tour," Rose Campbell, co-chair of the tour, told The Lake Report.

The organization will be donating \$1 per ticket to Land Care Niagara, a not-for-profit organization,



This home at 328 Gate St. is one of six unique properties to be featured on this year's Holiday House Tour. Volunteer organizers Kevin Stokes and Rose Campbell said each property on the tour has a story. JULIA SACCO

to support its tree planting program.

"That's to offset the carbon footprint," Campbell said.

In addition to donations, she added, the tour has also eliminated all paper tickets, opting for e-tickets. They are also

reducing the number of booklets.

And, confirmed during Tuesday's committee meeting, the club will also be using stamps instead of bracelets for ticket holders.

"Most of the wristbands are Tyvek, which is plastic, and they aren't recyclable,"

Campbell said.

Stamps will reduce the amount of waste produced on the tour.

"We're trying to educate our public audience because we have a mostly older audience," Campbell said.

Alongside eco-friendly changes, Campbell's co-

chair, Kevin Stokes, said

that there will be some changes to the tour's evening slot, making for a more unique experience than in recent years.

"It's kind of a party atmosphere," added Campbell

The evening tour, which features an inside look at

McArther Estate, will allow guests to linger and mingle in smaller numbers.

"It's a little bit more intimate than previous years. People get to see sections of the house and get some samplings," said Stokes.

The evening tour will also feature live music, wine and whisky samplings and hors d'oeuvres along with the usual McArther holiday attractions.

As always, the day tour will feature six unique NOTL properties, each with something special to offer.

"They're all beautiful, they're all very beautiful. Most of them are historic," said Stokes.

"There's a lot of really interesting stories behind the houses this year," Campbell added.

Profits from ticket sales for the Holiday House Tour have already exceed \$85,000: organizers expect tickets to sell out fast.

If interested, get yours here [niagaraonthelakerotary.ca/page/holiday-house-tour](http://niagaraonthelakerotary.ca/page/holiday-house-tour).

## One Specialist, One Clinic All Your Dental Implant Needs



- Implants and teeth: All with Dr. Vigna
- No referral required

DR. LORENZO VIGNA  
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon

STCATHARINESORALSURGERY.COM  
75 Corporate Park Drive, Suite 106, St. Catharines  
905-704-1449

Nov 8  
8:30 pm



Ticketed  
Event

## Glow Series

A Musical Candlelight Experience



Featuring

## GREATEST HITS

From The 60's & 70's

By Grace Notes - A String Quartet

Admission: \$15 Per Person

Limited Space Available • Reservations Required

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

**THEIRISHHARPPUB.COM**

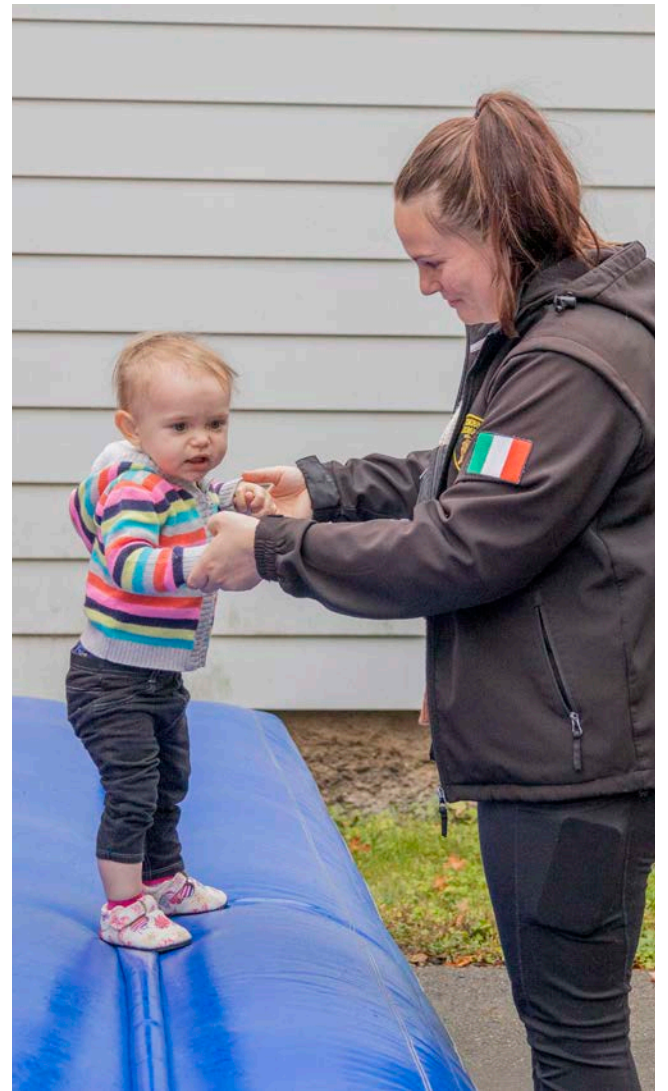
(905) 468-4443 • TAXES & GRATUITIES EXTRA

Credit Card Required To Reserve Your Spot • 72 Hour Cancellation Policy In Effect



## Fine Estates hosts fall fun fest

The Fine Estates Team welcomed in the fall season with an afternoon of fun. To escape Saturday's rainy conditions, NOTLers could head over to Fine Estates for snacks, pumpkin carving, games and exploring Niagara vendors. Kids could reserve a pumpkin each to carve and take home — all for free. "There's nothing for them to pay for, once they reserve their pumpkin," Gracie Wilson, the marketing representative for Fine Estates, told The Lake Report. Even with the wet weather conditions, the office was packed from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with families enjoying the fall fun. Left: NOTLers Jerry and Fran carved pumpkins with their grandchildren five-year-old Max and two-year-old Marleigh. Right: Cherise Powers and six month old Kinsley enjoyed a bounce in the castle at Fine Estate's Fall Fun Fest. JULIA SACCO



## NOTL opens its doors for free behind-the-scenes tours Saturday

Barbara Worthy  
Special to The Lake Report

The welcome mat is being laid out once again at many Niagara heritage sites and businesses as Doors Open returns to NOTL and across Ontario this Saturday.

Doors Open Ontario is led by the Ontario Heritage Trust and each year communities across the province open local sites of interest for free public tours.

The year, 24 communities, from Toronto to Kingston to Ottawa and Waterloo, are taking part.

The program was launched in 2002 to create access, awareness and excitement about the province's heritage and to provide unique opportunities to explore and enjoy some of the most interesting places in cities, towns and villages.

Twelve Niagara-on-the-Lake locations are participating and most will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is free and includes welcoming guides plus the chance to perhaps learn something new about Niagara-on-the-Lake's



"Hem-Roid Pile Treatment" on display at the Niagara Apothecary during Doors Open last year. The Apothecary will again open its doors to visitors Oct. 21. JULIA SACCO

living and built history – from art and architecture, to bikes, breweries and military barracks.

This year's dozen participants are:

**Butler's Barracks** national historic site joins Doors Open Niagara-on-the-Lake for the first time and features tours of the Men's Barracks, one of the few surviving 19th-century military structures. Plus, the NOTL Museum's Tiny

Museum will be on hand, featuring a family-friendly First World War exhibit on "Life Under Canvas."

**Clare's Harley-Davidson** of Niagara, with its re-claimed and repurposed architecture, and the fully restored, much-loved Diana Sweets restaurant.

The **Exchange Brewery**, housed in Niagara's original 1880 telephone exchange building, with its flagship brews, tasting room and

bottle shop.

**Grace United Church**, designed by William Thomas, and celebrating its 200th anniversary this year.

The **Niagara Apothecary**, where you can step through the doors to see how pharmacists practised their profession more than 100 years ago.

**Niagara's 1847 Court House**, with its history of saints and sinners while serving as the official coun-

ty seat of Niagara District until 1862.

**Niagara Masonic Lodge No. 2**, at 153 King St., rarely open to the public, and the oldest Masonic lodge in Ontario.

**Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre**, overlooking the Niagara River and offering a variety of arts programs, exhibitions and events, for all ages.

**Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery**, steeped in history, where visitors can enjoy award-winning wines and world-class farm-to-table cuisine.

**Queenston's RiverBrink Art Museum**, beautifully located and where visitors can participate in a fundraising event, Bowls for Hope, with all proceeds going to the Alzheimer Society of Niagara.

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**, originally built in 1795, burned during the War of 1812, destroyed by a cyclone in 1855, and now inviting visitors to take a pew and enjoy its beauty.

The **NOTL Museum** is co-ordinating Doors Open Niagara-on-the-

Lake and is also one of the participating sites.

Visitors to the museum can learn about the history of Niagara-on-the-Lake through its vast collection, community programs, education outreach and exhibitions.

The current exhibit "Bound and Determined" examines Niagara's Black History.

On Saturday, Niagara chef Pam Mundy will share heritage cooking tips, recipes and baking samples at the museum, including a background on the history of baking powder and its essential use for military baking.

Visitors will be able to enjoy Queen Victoria sponge cakes, 1770s war cakes, Mundy's classic shortbread, and cookies with rose water icing.

Visitors are encouraged to check opening and closing hours prior to visiting.

More details can be found at [www.doorsopenontario.on.ca](http://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca).

Doors Open Niagara-on-the-Lake is a rain or shine event. Whatever the weather, the doors will be wide open – and you can even keep your shoes on.



October 21, 2023  
**DOORS OPEN**  
NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

VISIT SEVERAL SITES OF HISTORICAL,  
ARCHITECTURAL OR CULTURAL  
SIGNIFICANCE FOR FREE IN NOTL

Visit [doorsopenontario.on.ca](http://doorsopenontario.on.ca)  
for hours and information.



DAVIDS &  
De LAAT

DAVIDSDELAAT.COM

Real Honest. Real Friendly. Real Estate

Homes are not just listed...

*They're SOLD!*

289-272-5329 | info@davidsdelaat.com



22 Melrose Drive, Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Four Bedrooms | Three Bathrooms  
\$4,199,900



5 Melrose Drive, Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Six Bedrooms | Five Bathrooms  
\$3,299,000



50 Melrose Drive, Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Four Bedrooms | Four Bathrooms  
\$2,225,000



7 Circle Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Three Bedrooms | Three Bathrooms  
\$2,199,999



106 Millpond Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Three Bedrooms | Four Bathrooms  
\$2,190,000



678 Rye Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Two Bedrooms | Three Bathrooms  
\$2,349,000

For a *FREE* home evaluation and market analysis don't hesitate to contact the Davids & de Laat Team, &

discover the Davids & de Laat difference!

289-272-5329 | info@davidsdelaat.com



**RE/MAX**  
**NIAGARA**  
— REALTY LTD., BROKERAGE —  
Independently Owned and Operated



# 'Terrible' effort leads to 5-3 Predators' home loss

Kevan Dowd  
The Lake Report

Sloppy play and a lack of effort may have led to the Jr. A Niagara Predators' 5-3 loss to the St. George Ravens last Friday night but the team's short bench may be part of the issue too.

With just 18 skaters, head coach Kevin Taylor cannot afford to lose any of them, making for zero consequences for his players' performance.

"It was terrible, it was godawful," Taylor said after Friday night's game.

"I just asked them to look at other rosters and if we had a full roster, with how you played tonight, would you be in the lineup on Monday?"

"The unfortunate part is I have no choice but to put those guys in so there's no repercussions for how poorly they played. You look at other teams that have 32 guys, 25 guys and



Niagara Predator Nicholas Nicoletti scores against St. George Raven Nikolay Ershov on a penalty shot. The game ended with a score of 5-3 for the Ravens. DAVE VAN DE LAAR

you can move them in and out of the lineup."

St. George started out hot with an unassisted goal by Aidan Waite two minutes in. Niagara's Thomas McGrath answered back four minutes later but the Predators could only hold the tie for 40 seconds.

A tally by Luca Fernandez at the 7:38 mark got the Predators back even.

The Ravens pulled ahead early in the second period thanks to two goals in the first four minutes but a

successful penalty shot by Predator Nicholas Nicoletti gave the home team some hope.

Unfortunately, they were unable to put anything between the pipes for the whole second half of the game, unlike the Ravens who managed their fifth and final goal early in the final frame.

Friday was not Niagara's first match-up against the Ravens, having beaten them 5-2 in the second game of their season, and Taylor

does not think they should be too much for his team to handle.

"I would say we are the better team but tonight they just played better than us. They brought it to us and we just didn't show up," he said.

Friday's performance also did not bode well for Niagara's next game, which had them take on the much more skilled Durham Roadrunners on the road Monday night. After Friday's performance, Taylor

was uncertain how his team would make out against the tougher competition.

"Knowing that Durham is a much better team than the one they played tonight, maybe they'll lift up their game. That's what we're hoping," he said. "They just have to be ready."

Monday's game would ultimately go in Durham's favour by a 3-1 margin.

Niagara's Ethan Culp scored the Predators' only goal seven minutes into the second period to tie the game but two more from Durham meant a week without wins. Even so, Taylor was much happier with the performance.

"Totally different team," he said later. "If we played against St. George or any team like we did against Durham, we are going to be competing."

"We have a talented group of guys, they just don't know how to win. Good teams find ways to win

when they're not playing well."

Even with the disappointing weekend and a 2-4 record on the season, Taylor is not about to give up on his team. He just feels there is still a lot of work to do.

"We're learning, we're only six games in, there's a lot of fresh guys on the team, young guys," he said Tuesday. "There was a lot of positives out of last night."

"It was a really good game. It was a disappointing loss but it's a good move forward for us."

An annual local tournament at the arenas in Virgil means no home games for Predators this week but they will be taking on the Tottenham Railers on the road this Saturday, Oct. 21.

The Predators are back in action at the Meridian Credit Union Arena next Friday, Oct. 27 when they play the Northumberland Stars for the first time this season.

## Royal Splendour

A Celebration of  
Royal Music in Words,  
Images & Song

Niagara-on-the-Lake,  
Toronto & Guelph

Our Niagara-on-the-Lake performance is sponsored by  
Kathy & Timothy Taylor



Sunday, October 29, at 4:00pm

St. Mark's Church, 41 Byron Street,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake

Saturday, November 4, at 4:00pm

The Church of St Peter & St Simon  
525 Bloor Street East, Toronto

Sunday, November 5, at 4:00pm

Basilica of our Lady Immaculate  
28 Norfolk Street, Guelph

edison  
singers

\$45.00 (includes H.S.T.)

Students 18 and under: \$25.00

226-384-9300

www.theedisonsingers.com

## NOTL pro drafted by team in National Pickleball League

Julia Sacco  
The Lake Report

Outdoor courts – and a bit of romance – drove Welland resident Reese George to travel 40 minutes to play pickleball.

George, 23, started playing pickleball in 2018 at the YMCA and fell in love with the sport.

"I haven't stopped playing since," she told The Lake Report.

She's now a pro and has been drafted to play in the Canadian National Pickleball League, a pro league that just began this year. It is the highest level of competitive pickleball in the country.

She's playing with the Oshawa-based Southwestern Ontario Brewers and credits her time with the Niagara-on-the-Lake Pickleball Club for her success.

"The board is run super well and they all love the game. It's very inclusive, it's like a social club as well," she said.

"They are really good at separating the level of play so that everyone gets the most out of their play sessions."

After starting at the YMCA, she landed in NOTL because she was looking for a club with a more competitive level of play.



Reese George says partner Adam Eatrock is a big reason her pickleball skills keep improving. The two found love after George began practising the game together. SUPPLIED

So, in 2019, George began practising in Niagara-on-the-Lake on what she thinks are the nicest courts in the area.

"I ended up joining for the outdoor courts originally," George said. Those courts have since been closed after a noise complaint.

Finding love at the NOTL club has played a part in George's improvements as well.

The club's head pro Adam Eatrock is her boyfriend and has helped George hone her pickleball skills.

"He taught me everything I know and basically got me to where I am now," she said.

She also is pleased that the NOTL club added her as a club pro.

The NOTL club was formed in 2017 and plays out of the community centre year-round and is adding six new courts at the Central Community Centre on York Road.

Membership offers people access to club play sessions, professional instruction, social events and tournaments across Canada.

# Men's league wraps up golf season with **prize giveaway**

Kevin MacLean  
The Lake Report

As autumn blows in, the golf season is winding down for another year.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club's popular Thursday men's league wrapped up its season last week with its annual dinner and prize giveaway.

The league, which attracted about 145 members this year, doled out prizes that included drivers, wedges, putters, golf bags, jackets and more.

And pro Keith Vant unveiled the winners of some individual competitive categories.

Patrick Craig was one of the big winners, earning the most gross skins (with seven) and also carding the lowest gross score for nine holes, shooting a remarkable 3-under 33.

Don Stewart scored seven net skins.

Zach Luis proved to be the most accurate long-ball



Left: Kurt Hamm and Stephen Warboys teamed up to capture the Goldup Pairs match play championship. Right: Keith Vant presents the Wettlaufer Cup to Jim Garrett. The prizes were part of the closing of the season for the men's golf league — until next year. OWEN HOWELLS

hitter as he won the prize in the weekly longest drive competition, with three top finishes.

Ricky Watson and Jim McMacken were honoured for having the most low gross scores. They each accomplished that an envi-

able five times apiece.

Stephen Levy and Harry Huizer scored the most Stableford points three times each.

The winners of the season-long match play competitions also were announced.

Club champion James Grigjanis-Meusel won the President's Cup, Jim Garrett took the Wettlaufer Cup, Peter Falconer was the Carmichael Cup champ and Watson won the Jim Brown Cup.

The duo of Stephen

Warboys and Kurt Hamm took top spot in the Goldup Pairs competition.

There also were five winners in the weekly putting contest in which players get one chance to make a long putt for prize money.

When a player misses, the distance the following week is one foot less.

The top putters – and cash prize winners – this season were: Glen Murray, Cal Cochrane, Ross Smith, Patrick Craig and Doug Hernder.

**Our Business is Power!**

Power you Control with the Security of Generac Automatic Standby Generator.

Share our years of **Experienced Quality Installations and Five Star Service.**



- Customer Support 24-7-365
- Essential Preventative Maintenance Packages
- All work completed by Qualified Electricians,
- Gas Technicians and Certified Generac Generator Mechanics
- EASY Financing (oac)
- FREE In-Home Quotations

Easy Finance – Deferred Payment 12 months (oac)

**GENERAC** | **POWER PRO PREMIER**

**Never be without power again.**

**MISGE**  
MISKOW GENERATORS AND ELECTRIC  
THE GENERATOR SPECIALISTS

**Sales • Service • Installation**  
miskowgenerators.com 905 • 994 • 1715

**Niagara-on-the-Lake**  
EST. 1781

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**INSTALLATION OF AN ALL-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CONCESSION 2 ROAD AND LINE 3 ROAD**



**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Council of the Corporation of the Town Niagara-on-the-Lake has amended By-Law 4308-09 to establish an **all-way stop** at the intersection of Concession 2 Road and Line 3 Road.

Currently, only east and west bound traffic on Line 3 Road is required to stop. Based on the amended By-Law, now drivers travelling north and south bound on Concession 2 Road are required to stop as well.

Drivers are urged to use extra caution at this intersection as traffic adjusts to the new stop signs.

New stop signs will be erected on October 17, 2023, and enforcement of the all-way stop will commence immediately upon installation.

Those with questions are encouraged to contact Marci Weston, Traffic Engineering Technologist for the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake by emailing [marci.weston@notl.com](mailto:marci.weston@notl.com) or calling (905) 468-3266.

*Have some fun*



- Across**
- 8. Part of a sentence (6)
  - 9. Newbie (8)
  - 10. Where Drake bowled (8)
  - 11. Put the phone down (4,2)
  - 12. "Late December, back in ---" (Four Seasons) (5-5)
  - 14. Some want to eat this and still have it (4)
  - 15. Mart cart? (8,7)
  - 18. Send (4)
  - 20. Upbeat (10)
  - 22. He had a talking donkey (8)
  - 23. Herb often found with with lamb (8)
  - 25. Relating to a law court (8)
  - 26. Burger topping (6)
- Down**
- 1. Puerile (8)
  - 2. Inner surface of the hand (4)
  - 3. Take off (6)
  - 4. Getting warm (2,3,5,5)
  - 5. Kind of ear implant (8)
  - 6. Mealtime annoyances (5,5)
  - 7. Walked out (6)
  - 13. Old-style audio accessory (4,6)
  - 16. "The Man in the ---" (Dumas novel) (4,4)
  - 17. German IT manager settles elsewhere (8)
  - 19. Kind of collision (4-2)
  - 21. Regimental animal (6)
  - 24. The high seas (4)

### Crossword Puzzle

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
8					9				
10						11			
12		13					14		
15				16					17
18	19				20			21	
22					23			24	
25						26			

Last issue's answers

1	S	2	T	3	C	4	M	5	K	6	D	7	H						
8	A	C	C	U	R	A	C	Y	9	I	C	E	B	O	X				
	A	R	R		S	E	W			C	O								
11	I	N	U	N	D	A	T	E		I		12	K	13	O	14	F	I	
	N											15	T		V		N		
16	S	17	I	E	N	A		18	O	F	F	C	A	M	E	R	A		
	T	X	U	V								19	U	R		N			
21	I	N	T	E	R	N	A	T	I	O	N	A	L	L	L	Y			
	N	R	O	R	E	E						24	S	E	P	I	A		
22	C	L	E	A	R	E	Y	E	D			25	A						
	T	M	A									26	A						
27	S	E	E	S				30	P		31	D	I	S	L	O	D	G	E
	A	A									33	L	E	E	K	L	L	E	
34	S	T	U	C	C	O					35	S	H	E	L	V	I	N	G
	S	K	T									T	D		E				

					1			
	5		4				3	
9	6		8					
3	4			7			9	
		9		1	2			
7				2			3	8
					1		4	6
1				3			5	
		5						





# FREE HOME EVALUATION

CALL OR TEXT GREG DIRECT

## 905.329.3484



**When you call Greg, you get Greg.**

# GREG SYKES real estate TEAM








STEPHANIE FARR

MARIO SOLDO\*

DEBI CHEWERDA\*

GREG SYKES\*

CAMERON JONES\*

SHANNON LEIGH BEATTIE\*

# The art of choosing **Nobel Prize** winners in science



**DR. BROWN**

Dr. William Brown  
Columnist

The process of choosing Nobel Prize-winning work and winners begins soon after the awards ceremony the previous year.

Invitations are sent out for nominations to hundreds of experts around the world, including previous prize winners.

The nominations are scrupulously reviewed and winnowed down to a final pool and the decision made.

The inner workings and results of votes of selection committees are never disclosed and rarely leaked. There are severe penalties for anyone who breaks the rules.

Sometimes the choice is driven by urgency, as it was in 2021 with climate change when the Nobel committee

made its own views plain for all to see: human-generated climate change posed a serious threat to the Earth's climate and life itself.

Other times rapidly evolving areas in science such as gene editing – barely a decade old – are rewarded, as happened in 2020.

Sometimes, Nobels are awarded for studies in the classical mould of medicine or physiology, for example work on the circadian rhythm, place, and grid cells, and most recently for truly elegant genetic and receptor protein studies of touch-pressure and temperature sensations.

If there's one central theme for Nobel Prizes in the sciences, it was surely captured by Richard Feynman, a theoretical quantum physicist, with an imaginative, picture-like grasp of the quantum world rivalled only by Einstein's grasp of the relationship between mass, space and time.

Feynman laid down the rules for science this way: "In general we look for a new law by the following process. First we guess it. Then we compute the con-



Alfred Nobel. WIKIPEDIA

sequences of the guess to see what would be implied if this law that we guessed, is right. Then we .... compare it directly with observation to see if it works."

"If it disagrees with experiment, it is wrong. In that simple statement is the key to science. It does not make

any difference how beautiful your guess is. It does not make any difference how smart you are, who made the guess, or what his or her name is – if it disagrees with experiment, it is wrong. That's all there is to it."

Like Einstein, Feynman was a genius in his work, and but unlike Einstein he was unrivalled by his talent for mesmerizing students, colleagues and the public with the way he visualized and explained physics.

Especially that without supportive experimental evidence, no amount of charm, cleverness, reputation or beauty can overcome what is wrong.

There's a strong sense of the latter for Nobel Prizes in the sciences, evident in a reluctance to award what are considered unproven hypotheses. Feynman and the Nobel committee both insist – "prove it."

It also explains why they waited so long to award a Nobel for black holes – until at least one was photographed in 2019, or why they were so reluctant to award a second Nobel to Einstein for his beautiful

theory for general relativity.

They finally capitulated indirectly when they awarded Roger Penrose in 2020 for his strong evidence that general relativity defined the shape of black holes.

And sometimes, the Nobel committee tries to settle old scores. That was the case last year when it rewarded three experimental physicists whose collective work finally put to rest whether Einstein's claim that the behaviour of entangled particles – particles whose properties, say spin – behaved as if they were locked together, which was impossible according to Einstein but possible according to quantum rules and experiment.

The latter was shown to be the case and doing so closed the door on Einstein's claim that quantum physics (including quantum uncertainty) was an incomplete theory, lacking causality.

For what it's worth, my view is that Einstein was and is right, but the case is passé for now: quantum physics works extremely well in the real world.

Isaac Newton's world also works today for space travel but only because the speeds involved are so slow relative to the speed of light and even so, corrections that incorporate general relativity have to be made for GPS signals to be accurate. So, Newton is right, just not for high speeds.

My predictions for Nobels in the sciences included one for RNA vaccines, AI for unravelling protein structure in the last few years and monoclonal antibodies for treating cancer, autoimmune diseases and Alzheimer's.

My batting average is no better than getting at least one science award right each year but there were years when I struck out entirely.

The Nobel series at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library begins in early November. Please sign up with Debbie Krause. It's a great program.

*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.*

## YOU'RE INVITED FOR THE HOLIDAYS AT THE SHAW!

BUY BOTH HOLIDAY SHOWS AND SAVE 20%

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

NOVEMBER 5 – DECEMBER 23

See the beloved Dickens classic on stage in Niagara-on-the-Lake, the perfect setting to experience a Victorian winter wonderland. Arrive feeling "Bah, humbug!" and leave full of warm, fuzzy Christmas spirit.



A Christmas Carol  
Production Sponsor

A Christmas Carol  
Supported by

Holiday Season  
Hotel Partner

**SHAW**  
GUILD

**HodgsonRuss**  
ATTORNEYS

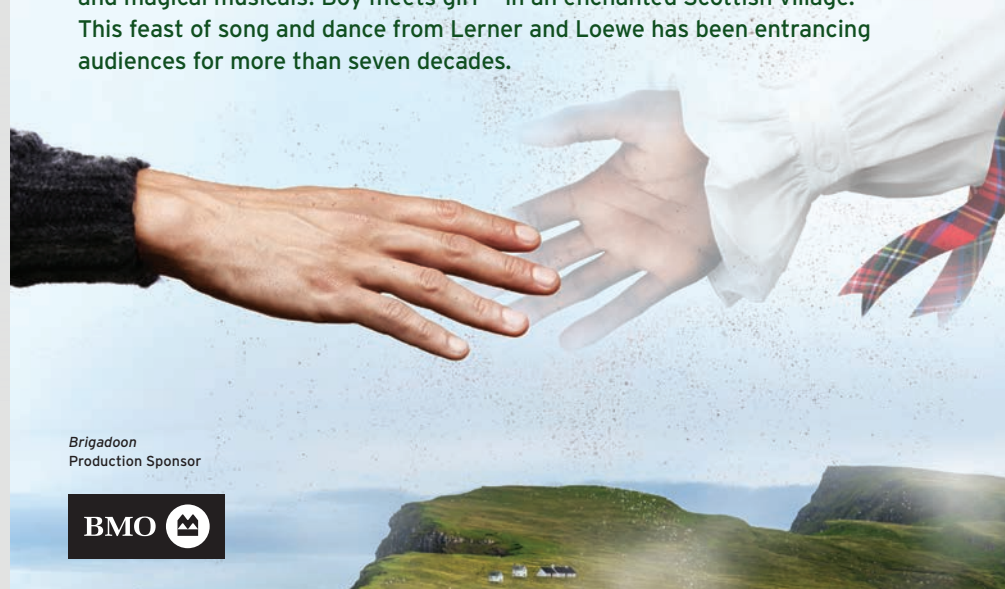
**Niagara**  
HOTELS

Photo by Cosmo Condina.

### LERNER AND LOEWE'S BRIGADOON

NOVEMBER 15 – DECEMBER 23

Celebrate the holiday season with the return of one of the most romantic and magical musicals! Boy meets girl – in an enchanted Scottish village. This feast of song and dance from Lerner and Loewe has been entrancing audiences for more than seven decades.



Brigadoon  
Production Sponsor

**BMO**

**SHAWFEST.COM | 1-800-511-SHAW**

**BOOK EARLY TO  
SECURE YOUR SEATS!**



## EXPLORING HISTORY WITH NOTL MUSEUM



### Queen's Royal Hotel, 1869-1927

This postcard features the former Queen's Royal Hotel, which was located along Front Street in Old Town. Today in this area, there are homes and a wonderful park, appropriately named Queen's Royal Park. This major hotel opened in 1869 as the Royal Niagara and was built with money received from the county after the relocation of the courthouse to St. Catharines. A first-class hotel, it became the destination of choice for those who wanted to escape the confines of the city and enjoy a peaceful time by the lake. One of the finest hotels in North America, it later changed its name to the Queen's Royal Hotel. However, in subsequent years, this wonderful hotel became the victim of a rollercoaster economy based on tourism. Advancements in roads and cars led to the demise of the Queen's Royal in 1927. The building was demolished in 1930. The museum has just mounted a new model of the building in our permanent exhibition, "Our Story." Come on over and check it out.

## We encourage people to visit, but now **where can they go?**



### Ross's Ramblings

Ross Robinson  
Columnist

As the seasons change here in our blessedly peaceful corner of the world, my hours spent downtown cause me to randomly ramble.

Our creative and aggressive tourism marketers use their expertise to attract visitors. When an admiring tourist asks who pays for our beautiful floral displays, I respond simply and honestly, "You do."

Yes, they come here, they spend taxable dollars here and eventually much of their money finds its way into municipal coffers.

The town then pays its excellent gardeners to maintain our reputation as an indescribably pretty town. Parks supervisor J.B. Hopkins and his co-workers enthusiastically execute

their annual horticultural magic and even the least green thumbed among us marvel.

It's hard work and the determination of the gardeners is rewarded by beautiful, ever-changing displays around town. Please thank them when you get an opportunity.

I have an annual gripe that hits each year around the middle of October. After a summer of watching our wading pool kept safe by two Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake lifeguards, it seems we cannot afford to keep the public washrooms open for use after Thanksgiving.

Our well-staffed tourism marketing staff plan a professional and creative strategy that draws visitors to our village. With all we have to offer, and some 110 million people living within a nine-hour drive, the summer months find busy accommodations, retail stores, restaurants and wineries.

Then, the real challenge arrives in October.

NOTL Tourism spends big dollars convincing visitors to come here. Unlike the lickers and clickers who fill our sidewalks during



Two female visitors from Australia are frustrated and inconvenienced by locked public washrooms on a magnificent autumn day in Simcoe Park. ROSS ROBINSON

the high season, a different sort of visitor arrives to spend much more money per capita.

Just last weekend, I met three women from Rochester who were enjoying themselves after power-shopping their way through Irish Design, Beau Chapeau, Just Christmas and a few other shops. Their lavender NEOB bags told a story.

This was a big weekend spree for these return visitors to Niagara. Lunch at the Angel and then home.

But, soon after Thanksgiving, the good people who come here find it challenging to go here.

Just this Monday morning, I empathetically offered my Free Walking Tour guests the opportunity to use the public toilets in Queen's Royal Park, with about 40 minutes left in our route to the "historic gazebo," the Swimmers Rock, and the Polish Cemetery.

We also walk through the St. Mark's Anglican Church cemetery, to give historian Donald Combe and Maj.-Gen.

Sir Isaac Brock their due.

Three of the walkers took up the offer and the rest of us waited at the gazebo. A few minutes later, these somewhat distressed tour participants caught up to us. A bit shyly, they informed me the public washroom doors were locked tight. What to do?

Thank goodness they were able to tough it out and 30 minutes later we made it to the public facilities in Simcoe Park. They also were locked up tight, with no signage. I sent them

across the street for an uncomfortable five-minute walk to the facilities behind the old Court House.

Thank goodness, those ones were open for business.

Like the Niagara Parks Commission, is it? The Parkway can be packed with tourists in late October or early May, but the Niagara Parks calendar tells them to make lives miserable.

A shout out for the good people at Walker's Market and the area's wineries. These smart business folks know if people use your facilities, they just might spend some money, too. And return.

I called the town office and was advised that the public washroom closing protocols were available on the town's website. Closed soon after Thanksgiving.

So: We spend time, talent and lots of money to attract people to our town in the "off-season," which is just plain good business. But shouldn't we make it easy for people to do their business conveniently?

Plan your pit stops carefully when out for some exercise or a walk.

Life is good, but let's pray for peace in our world.





# REVEL ON-THE-LAKE REAL ESTATE GROUP



**THANK YOU TO PHIL'S YOUR  
INDEPENDENT GROCER  
FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION TO  
THE FINE ESTATES TEAM'S FALL FUN DAY!  
OVER 80 PUMPKINS WERE CARVED BY OUR AMAZING  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED OUR 1ST ANNUAL FALL  
FUN DAY - THANK YOU!**



289.868.8869

REVELREALTY.CA

**\$4,395,000**  
LISTED BY: TEAM MAC  
JESSIE & EVAN MACDONALD

**366 SIMCOE STREET  
NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE**

**\$2,190,000**  
LISTED BY: CRYSTAL SIMONS &  
ANDREW PERRIE

**9 ANGELS DRIVE  
ST. DAVIDS**

**\$1,699,900**  
LISTED BY: ANDREA POIRIER

**287 TANBARK ROAD  
ST. DAVIDS**

**\$1,295,000**  
LISTED BY: ANDREW PERRIE

**45 MILLPOND ROAD  
ST. DAVIDS**

**\$1,425,000**  
LISTED BY: CRYSTAL SIMONS &  
ANDREW PERRIE

**OLD TOWN  
NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE**

**\$3,299,000**  
LISTED BY: TEAM MAC INC  
JESSIE & EVAN MACDONALD

**1135 BALFOUR ST  
FENWICK**

**16/18 QUEEN ST  
COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY**  
LISTED BY: ANDREW PERRIE

**\$3,750,000**

**\$1,299,900  
11.7 ACRES**  
LISTED BY: ANDREW PERRIE

**907 CONCESSION 5  
NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE**

**\$3,499,000**  
LISTED BY: TEAM MAC INC  
JESSIE & EVAN MACDONALD

**6 FIRELANE 11A  
NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE**

**\$969,900**  
LISTED BY: WOLFGANG GUEMBEL  
& SHANE WALL

**6461 O'NEIL ST  
NIAGARA FALLS**

**\$5,500,000**  
LISTED BY: TEAM MAC INC  
JESSIE & EVAN MACDONALD

**4 FIRELANE 4B  
NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE**

**\$3,499,900**  
LISTED BY: ANDREW PERRIE

**1559 YORK ROAD  
ST. DAVIDS**

**\$2,999,999**  
LISTED BY: TEAM MAC INC  
JESSIE & EVAN MACDONALD

**6 DAVID LOWREY CT  
ST. DAVIDS**

**\$1,139,000**  
LISTED BY: ALEKSANDRA ZDJELAR

**9349 MADISON CRES  
NIAGARA FALLS**

**\$2,499,000**  
LISTED BY: ANDREW PERRIE  
TURN KEY B&B

**527 MISSISSAGUA ST  
NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE**

**\$2,275,000**  
LISTED BY: ANDREW PERRIE

**2600 BAXTER AVE  
CHIPPAWA**

 **Your Local Birding & Nature Experts**  
**Buy 1 Get 1 Free\* On your next bag of WILD BIRD SEED**  
\* Free second bag is of equal or lesser value, up to \$25 retail price. Limit one per customer. Valid until Oct. 22, 2023  
 280 Geneva St. | 289-362-2892 | [www.UrbanNatureStore.ca](http://www.UrbanNatureStore.ca) 

# Get your lawn ready for spring



**GROWING TOGETHER** 

Joanne Young  
Columnist



Joanne Young says putting in a little effort for your lawn in the fall can pay off in the spring.

Now is the time to set up your lawn for success for next year's growing season.

There are certain fall chores you can be doing at this time that will help you get your lawn off to a great start come spring.

One chore we usually associate with a spring chore is aerating our lawn.

Many of us have properties with very heavy clay soil.

If you are one of those "lucky" individuals with clay soil, you will know how hard it is to even get a shovel into the ground.

That is because the clay particles are so small that they pack together tightly, forming large clumps.

This means that there is less porous space in the soil and therefore less oxygen. Oxygen in the soil is vital for healthy root growth to occur.

Aeration is a process in which small cores of soil are removed out of the lawn area allowing more oxygen to reach the roots.

Aeration is most beneficial if you have compacted, heavy clay soil.

Usually, this activity is done in the spring, but can be done in the fall especially if it has been a very dry summer.

By taking out cores of soil in the fall, it allows the fall rains and melting snow during the winter to penetrate the soil better.

Most lawn care companies can aerate your lawn

for you, or it is something that you can tackle yourself with the use of specialized tool or by renting an aerator.

Another activity that can be done in the fall is dethatching your lawn.

What is thatch? Thatch is the layer of slowly decomposing grass stems, dead roots and debris that accumulates above the soil and below the grass blades.

When does thatch become a problem? If it is thicker than one-quarter inch.

A thick layer of thatch will hang on to the moisture, stopping it from getting to the roots. It will also stop the nutrients from getting down to the roots.

Thatch is usually more of a problem in acidic soils, or where high-nitrogen fertilizers have been used too frequently.

Also, because of the amount of rain we received this summer, our lawn really didn't go through the usual dormant period in July and August.

So, with the extra amount of cutting we did, there is more decomposing grass blades that have been returned on to the lawn.

Dethatching should be

done just before vigorous growth either in the fall or spring.

Unless your thatch layer is more than one-quarter inch in thickness, you do not have to be dethatching on a regular basis.

Having no or very little thatch will result in the sun drying out the soil quicker, stressing your lawn.

To check to see if you have a thatch problem, cut out a one-inch-by-one-inch section of lawn, lift it by sliding a spade just under the roots and examine that corky, brown layer in between the roots and grass blades.

To dethatch your lawn yourself, you can purchase a dethatching rake, which has stiff, diamond-shaped teeth, or use a garden rake (not fan rake).

As you pull it through the lawn, it will pull out the brown, decomposing material.

It also serves as a very good workout. You can also hire a lawn care company to do this for you.

Now is also a great time to be reseeding your lawn.

Making your lawn as dense as possible is the best way to curb weed growth.

Wherever there is a bare

spot, nature will fill it in with a weed.

Grass seed germinates best when the air temperature is around 15 C.

Make sure you choose a type of grass seed that is right for your light conditions.

You will usually see grass seed sold as a mix of different types of grass.

For a sunny area, you want a higher percentage of Kentucky blue grass.

For a shadier location, you want to buy a mix with a higher percentage of fescue grass.

The first step in reseeding is to mow the lawn.

Next, topdress the lawn by spreading a thin layer of topsoil or triple mix over the area.

This will provide a loose medium for the seed to start rooting in to.

Sow the seed. Keep soil moist until the seed has begun to germinate, which usually takes 10 to 14 days.

Making a little effort on your lawn now will make a big difference come spring.

*Joanne Young is a Niagara-on-the-Lake garden expert and coach. See her website at [joanneyoung.ca](http://joanneyoung.ca).*

## Card of Thanks



On behalf of the Neumann and Worthy families, may we offer our heartfelt thanks to a community that has provided so much support, love, and understanding during these dark days, weeks and now months. As we grapple with the reality of the loss of our son Liam, that support cannot be overstated. Simply, it has meant everything. Thank you, to friends, colleagues, St. Mark's church, and to all who reached out in so many countless ways. Thank you.  
- Babs and Ron

## Obituary

### Marilyn Worrall



WORRALL, Marilyn Ruth - July 14, 1942 - October 19, 2023

Marilyn Worrall (nee Hiscott) passed into heaven peacefully surrounded by family on October 19, 2023, following a six-year battle with Alzheimers. Marilyn is survived by her husband, Keith, her eldest daughter, the late Laura Campbell (nee Worrall) (Duncan), her second daughter,

Christine Goard (nee Worrall) (Jason), her son, Stephen Worrall (Baihua) and lastly, her five grandchildren, Jorden, Adam, Taylor, Emilie, and Ryan. Our family decided home care was the desired way to care for Marilyn rather than a retirement home. With the help of numerous personal care workers, three women in particular, Ivy, Danielle, and Suneela, who were with Marilyn from the beginning- Marilyn received the loving care she needed. Marilyn was born in Vancouver to parents Richard and Ethel Hiscott, the eldest sister to Janice Galbraith (nee Hiscott) and Pam Hiscott. Marilyn spent her early years travelling with her family through the Rocky Mountains and it was here she developed her love for nature and the great outdoors. When Marilyn was 15, her family moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake, where she would attend Niagara District Secondary School. It was here she met many of her lifelong friends. Upon Graduation, Marilyn worked at Thompson Products for seven years, where she would meet her soon-to-be husband, Keith. Keith and Marilyn dated for two years and married in 1966. Together they started Parkway Farms and raised their three children in the community of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Marilyn's greatest passion was spending time with her extended family, especially her grandchildren, and when time allowed, travelling with her husband and family. She enjoyed having fun and was always looking for her next great adventure. She was a free spirit and was often seen hitting the open road in her "little green sports car" with her mom by her side, or any close friends and family willing to go for a ride. Marilyn will always be remembered for her infectious laugh, her selflessness, and her love for others. The family would like to thank everyone who cared for her so deeply. A special thank you to the caregivers at the Niagara Falls Hospital and Hospice Niagara who made her final days so comfortable. In lieu of flowers, donations in Marilyn's name can be sent to the Give in Memory / in Honour - Alzheimer Society Niagara Region. Friends and family are invited to call at Morgan Funeral Home, 415 Regent Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, on Thursday October 19, 2023, from 5 to 8 p.m. A private family service will take place with interment at St. Marks Anglican Church Cemetery. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at [www.morganfuneral.com](http://www.morganfuneral.com).



## Have an opinion you want heard? Send a letter our way

The Lake Report welcomes your letters to the editor. Please, write early and often. Letters ideally should be under 400 words long. Occasionally, longer letters may be published. All letters may be edited for conciseness, accuracy, libel and defamation. Please include your full name, street address and a daytime telephone number so that authorship can be authenticated. Only names and general addresses (eg. Virgil, St. Davids, NOTL) will be published. Send your letters to [editor@niagaranow.com](mailto:editor@niagaranow.com) or drop them by our office at 496 Mississauga St., NOTL.



**Top 25% 2022 & 2021!**  
When experience counts, count on Kevin.

**Kevin Stokes is  
Christan Bosley  
Recommended!**

"I wholeheartedly endorse Kevin Stokes  
as one of our **Top 25% Agents in Ontario.**"

**BOSLEY**  
**REAL ESTATE**  
BOSLEY REAL ESTATE LTD., BROKERAGE



**KEVIN STOKES**  
SALES REPRESENTATIVE

**FREE HOME EVALUATION**

**CHRISTAN BOSLEY**  
PRESIDENT & BROKER OF RECORD

**COMING SOON!**



**\$999,000 | 2-STOREY TOWNHOME WITH FINISHED BASEMENT** 7 WINDSOR CIRCLE, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE  
Great location. Open concept main floor. 3 bedrooms, large ensuite and walk-in closet. Laundry room on the second floor.

**NEW LISTING!**



**\$1,350,000 | PRIVATE BACKYARD OASIS** 134 VICTORIA ST, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE  
Beautiful 1830s cottage close to Lake Ontario and Queen St. Includes detached, self-contained, one-bedroom suite. Must be seen to be fully appreciated.

**BOSLEY**  
**REAL ESTATE**

BOSLEY REAL ESTATE LTD., BROKERAGE

**KEVIN STOKES**  
SALES REPRESENTATIVE  
kstokes@bosleyrealestate.com  
niagara-homes.ca  
#5 – 233 King Street  
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON  
O: 905.468.8600  
D: 905.988.3222

Innovating the Industry Since 1928.  
100% family-owned. 100% Canadian. Bosley Real Estate has been setting the standard for client care and exemplary results for close to a century. Kevin lives, works, and plays in Niagara-on-the-Lake, is a member of the local Rotary Club, and volunteers at Niagara PumpHouse. Call to discuss the market or just to say hello.

# Feature Listing

**OPEN HOUSE SUN 1-3PM**



1871 Lakeshore Road

Imagine waking up in the morning, slipping on your shoes and strolling out your front door. Within minutes, you'll be standing at the water's edge, taking in the calming sights and sounds of the lake. Just a few more steps and you'll find yourself surrounded by a plethora of delightful amenities, including cozy coffee shops, mouthwatering bakeries, thrilling evening theatre, a scenic golf course, and restaurants to suit every taste bud. And when the moon rises, enjoy a leisurely stroll with a scoop or two of ice cream. All of this is within your reach when you make 1871 Lakeshore your home. This spacious four bedroom family home offers all the comforts you need, while being perfectly situated in an ideal location with a beautifully landscaped private yard, and large attached garage.

For a Private Showing call Stefan Regier or Lisa Passero



36 Shakespeare Ave



796 East West Line



678 Line 2 Unit 208



480 Line 6 Road

**Stefan Regier**  
Sales Representative  
stefan@royalpage.ca  
Direct 2892576744



Office 9056884561

**Lisa Passero**  
Sales Representative  
lisapassero@royalpage.ca  
Direct 9053218987