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# Boom breaks

Lake Erie ice boom travels over falls and washes up on NOTL beach

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Niagara-on-the-Lake residents Donald O'Connor and his wife Martha stumbled upon this broken ice boom during a walk with dog Ace in Niagara Shores Park. SUPPLIED PHOTO/DONALD O'CONNOR



Shipmate George Williams for the Canadian and Allied Armed Forces casting carnations into the water. Williams was joined by shipmate Nigel Purvis for the Canadian and Allied Merchant Mariners. DARIYA BAIGUZHIEVA

## Battle of Atlantic remembered

Dariya Baiguzhiyeva  
The Lake Report

Muriel Clegg fights back tears as she remembers her late husband, Leonard Clegg, who served as a signalman in the Royal Navy during the Second World

War. "It brings back lots of memories. Good memories but still make me cry," she said.

Fred Martin, one of the Second World War navy veterans and Clegg's friend,

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Tires, metals and plastics were pulled out of Lake Ontario Sunday during a volunteer cleanup. DARIYA BAIGUZHIEVA

## Residents concerned about \$10M sale of Coyote's Run to Canopy Growth Corp.

Dariya Baiguzhiyeva  
The Lake Report

Most Niagara-on-the-Lake residents were shocked by the sale and closing of Coyote's Run Estate Winery last week and many of them remain deeply concerned about what cannabis conglomerate Canopy Growth Corp. plans

to do on the property.

Thomas Eltoft, a NOTL realtor who has been active in community affairs, was among those upset by the move and questioned whether this means more valuable, prime agricultural land is going to be used to grow cannabis.

"I would hate to see this

become a trend that we start to lose good farm property in greenbelt areas," he said in an interview. "We just want to, maybe, control where we end up before we say all agricultural lands can be covered in greenhousing."

Canopy has said little about its plans but Jordan Sinclair, Canopy's vice-president, this

week confirmed the Coyote's Run property isn't going to be used for wine production.

Canopy bought two parcels of land from Coyote's Run for just under \$10 million. The larger one involves a 58.89-acre land at 485 Concession 5 Rd. and was sold for \$9.1

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## Getting the bad out of Lake Ontario

Dariya Baiguzhiyeva  
The Lake Report

The fourth annual Lake Ontario beach cleanup kicked off at Queen's Royal Park in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Sunday.

Love Your Lake is a program run by A Greener Future, a non-profit organi-

zation. The annual cleanup starts in NOTL and ends in Kingston, making 100 stops to pick up litter along the way.

This year, 60 volunteers helped pick up 4,221 pieces of litter in less than two hours, said Rochelle Byrne,

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# Tougher clean yard bylaw needed, town told

Dariya Baiguzhiyeva  
The Lake Report

Niagara-on-the-Lake is considering changes to its clean yard bylaw and that doesn't sit well with one town resident.

Darren Harle, who owns a one-acre parcel of land on Line 6, says some of the amendments will make the bylaw less restrictive and that means people won't have to maintain their yards to the same degree as is required now.

"The proposed amendment to the clean yard bylaw is not a solution," he told councillors at a committee of the whole meeting on Monday night.

"It only lessens responsibility to large area landowners and alleviates enforcement efforts by employees."

The town sometimes receives complaints from rural residential property owners about long grass and weeds on the neigh-



Darren Harle spoke against the proposed changes to the Clean Yard bylaw at NOTL's committee of the whole meeting Monday. DARIYA BAIGUZHIEVA

bouring agricultural lands, a staff report said.

The current bylaw applies to both rural and urban areas of NOTL and it requires grass, weeds and undergrowth to be maintained at a maximum height of 20 centimetres or eight inches.

In order to "allow farmers to carry on normal farm practices and to allow residents an opportunity to enjoy the use of their property," town staff suggested a 10-metre buffer zone between agricultural land and abutting residential properties.

The bylaw also requires every owner, lessee or occupant of land to keep their backyards clean from "grass or weeds over 20 centimetres in height, brush, undergrowth and noxious weeds as defined by Weed Control Act."

Harle said the new pro-

posal would exclude grass and non-noxious weeds, forcing owners to only control "overgrown brush, undergrowth and noxious weeds." That isn't beneficial to residents, he said.

At Coun. Clare Cameron's suggestion, council voted to send Harle's comments, along with the proposed changes, to the town's agricultural committee for consideration before coming back to council.

Harle, who attended the meeting with his wife Kendra, said a 30-acre property next to theirs hasn't been maintained and is overgrown with weeds.

"Because of the adjacent land being unmaintained, we have spent considerable amounts of money on maintenance, weed control, and tick and rodent deterrence," he told councillors.

He also questioned why maintaining a whole parcel of land isn't considered reasonable by owners of the agricultural land.

"If you own a car, you have an obligation to keep it in safe operating condition. If you own a commercial motor vehicle such as a tractor-trailer, one is not exempt from keeping it safe just because it's larger," said Harle. "With ownership comes responsibility."

Harle also mentioned safety and health concerns as the family has been dealing with coughing, sneezing and sleeplessness due to allergies. The unmaintained yard also attracts ticks and coyotes, he said, adding that dry weeds can also pose a fire hazard.

He suggested a buffer zone of 30 to 50 metres would be more effective and reasonable considering his situation.

Coun. Gary Burroughs initially motioned to change the width of the buffer between agricultural and abutting residential properties to 15 metres from 10 metres. He later withdrew the motion.

## Lake Erie ice boom travels over falls and washes up in NOTL

Kevin MacLean  
Managing Editor

And suddenly, there it was. Boom.

When Donald O'Connor and his wife Martha were out walking their dog Ace in Niagara Shores Park on Sunday, they stumbled upon an odd item washed up on shore.

A two-tonne, 10-metre long, rusty, cylindrical object was beached alongside the usual logs and other lake detritus.

Further investigation showed it carried a message welded into one of the end caps: "NYPA - 2017 05 9" and a U.S. phone number "716-285-3211."

That's the New York Power Authority and the object is an ice boom pontoon, apparently part of a 22-section ice boom

that keeps ice on Lake Erie from flowing down the Niagara River and causing damage to shoreline properties and the power plant intakes.

The Buffalo News reported on Feb. 27 that seven sections of the ice boom broke loose and were seen floating in the river.

Around the same time, videos were posted on social media showing a massive wall of ice surging onto shore in Fort Erie.

When O'Connor saw the big boom, he says he knew exactly what it was. He'd seen it - or one similar - before. He was showing friends from Vancouver around Niagara Falls in March and spotted an ice boom embedded in the ice at the base of the falls near the Maid of the Mist dock.

"The ice boom was in plain view. It was lying on top of the ice with lots of other debris. There were plastic barrels and garbage and lumber. So, I guess, finally it floated down the river and made its way to Lake Ontario," he said in an interview.

The boom washed up about three kilometres west of where the Niagara River empties into Lake Ontario, not far from the new NOTL sewage treatment plant.

O'Connor said he has spoken to the New York Power Authority twice this week. "They don't seem all that worried about it," he said.

One official told him, "Now, we have to figure out how to get it back."

Canadian Coast Guard officials said they were working with the New

York Power Authority to recover the pontoon and return it to the United States. While it was beached when O'Connor found it, that could change if water levels increase or a storm hits the area.

If the pontoon floats back into Lake Ontario, it could pose a hazard for ships and small watercraft, the Coast Guard said.

It's not the first time an ice boom pontoon has crossed the border this year.

The Niagara Parks Police Service posted pictures Tuesday of a heavy-duty tow truck in Niagara Falls hoisting another ice boom to get it ready for the return journey. That pontoon was pushed up onto the bank on the Canadian side above Horse-shoe Falls.

## Stampede returns



The hugely popular Virgil Stampede will return to the Virgil Sports Park on May 18 to 20.

The Stampede has grown since its humble beginnings as a neighbourhood fireworks display. In 1965, the open horse show was added, and it grew to include amusement rides in 1968.

Horse shows have been removed from the roster in recent years, but pony rides, food vendors and attractions continue to mark the beginning of summer.

Admission is \$5 per person Saturday and Monday. Admission is free for children under 10 all weekend, and Sunday offers free admission for everyone all day.

Gates will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday.

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# Winery sale has residents concerned

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million, according to land registry records.

The second transaction for 5.02 acres at 503 Concession 5 Rd. was sold for \$980,000. Both sales closed on Friday, April 26.

Canopy Growth, a publicly traded cannabis company based in Smith Falls, Ont., also runs Tweed Farms, a 1-million-square-foot greenhouse located next to Coyote's Run.

In regard to the smaller property bought from Coyote's Run, Canopy is planning to partner with a grape grower to produce wine on the land, Sinclair said.

The purchase wasn't part of an extension of the existing Tweed Farms' facility, Sinclair said in an emailed response to questions from The Lake Report.

At this time, Canopy isn't planning to build more greenhouses on the properties but will instead use existing infrastructure for "sustainable cultivation of grapes and production of wine."

When asked why the company decided to buy more land in NOTL, Sinclair said, "owning the property adjacent to Tweed Farms felt like it was a good long-term decision."

Lisa Jeffrey, who was an owner of the Community Transport Group providing wine tours, also was caught off-guard when Canopy's purchase of Coyote's Run was announced.

"It's sad to see the little ones disappearing," said Jeffrey. Born and raised in NOTL, she said she always tries to support small local businesses.

Jeffrey said she liked to take tourists to smaller wineries, like Frogpond Farm Organic Winery, Coyote's Run or Cattail Creek Estate Winery. The latter also closed its retail boutique in September 2018.

"Those were the three that I liked to recommend, the lesser-known ones. They were like little jewels in the town," Jeffrey said in a phone interview.

Gil Hicks, a musician from Niagara Falls who used to perform at Coyote's Run,



John Boydell, who lives on Line 9 Road, complained about the noise and a mild smell coming from the Canopy's outdoor turbines. DARIYA BAIGUZHIEVA

sympathized with the winery's staff.

"It's a lesser deal for me than it is for the people who actually work there. Some people had jobs there," he said in a phone interview.

For John Boydell, who lives on Line 9 Road with his partner Frank Francisco, the concern is the smell and noise coming from Canopy's existing greenhouse operation nearby.

When Boydell and Francisco moved to NOTL last August, the smell of cannabis itself wasn't an issue for them.

But when Canopy installed about a dozen outdoor fans, along the shared property line, to tackle cannabis odour at the end of last year, it became a problem, said Boydell. The scent coming from the southwest of their property smells like a fabric softener or a room freshener.

"The smell was once in a while but overpowering," he told The Lake Report. "Now the smell isn't as bad but the noise is all the time."

The outdoor fans are working 24/7, said Boydell. He also questioned why they are facing his property.

"The noise grows on you in a bad way," he said, adding the reason he moved to NOTL was to seek peace and quiet, which isn't possible due to a constant hum emanating from the turbines.

"This chemical they're shooting out at our property provides no benefit whatsoever to their plants. It doesn't increase their value. It doesn't protect them from wildlife," he said. "It was better smelling cannabis and it was only intermittent."



An outdoor turbine used by Canopy Growth to mitigate cannabis odour. DARIYA BAIGUZHIEVA

According to a Public Health Canada evidence brief on odours from cannabis operations, marijuana production facilities are recommended to use proper ventilation and filtration systems to mitigate cannabis odour. The report was done in April 2018.

"In general, cannabis production facilities can implement and maintain appropriate ventilation and filtration systems to satisfy applicable local odour nuisance standards," the report says. "A formal system for residents to document and report nuisance odours can facilitate the enforcement of these standards or municipal bylaws."

Boydell said he approached the town last week but because his issue is very specific, there are no bylaws regulating the use of turbines aimed at a neighbouring property. Warwick Perrin, town's supervisor of enforcement, however, talked to Canopy, which said the turbines have been approved by Health Canada.

"But the thing is, is that approved to use 24 hours a

day?" said Francisco, a family doctor who is planning to retire soon. "Is it safe to expose children and babies? And I'm sure that will affect their respiratory system."

"We moved from Toronto to have peace and quiet and it seems like we're becoming a prisoner in our home because we can't even go out to enjoy the yard," Francisco told The Lake Report. "We're sacrificing our peace and quiet for the profit of their making."

Both said they have nothing against the production of cannabis but not at the convenience of neighbours.

Canopy is using both oscillating outdoor vapour cannons as well as indoor carbon filters, said Sinclair.

"The wind turbines in use at Tweed Farms are designed and installed specifically to minimize undesired odours which may emanate from our facility," he wrote. "These devices rotate, following the direction of the wind. This ensures maximum odour mitigation, allowing natural wind patterns to carry odours away quickly and effectively."

Last August, the previous town council passed an interim control bylaw on cannabis production in both rural and industrial facilities in the town.

Lord Mayor Betty Disero said Wednesday that Canopy also has told her it won't be continuing wine production on the Coyote's Run property.

"I have heard that Coyote's Run was having difficulties for a while now and I don't want to get into whatever their financial capabilities were or their experience," she said in a phone interview. "Each and every winery is different."

"I'm hopeful that this isn't a trend in the area," Disero said. "And that it would just simply be one vineyard closing."

Coun. Erwin Wiens said fellow councillors Wendy Cheropita and Stuart McCormack are working with the town's agricultural committee and the industry on a cannabis bylaw that could be introduced this August. Wiens also said the winery's closure came as a shock to him.



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# Editorial: Decorum, please. Let's play nice

Richard Harley  
Editor-in-Chief

It's been over a year since a public meeting was held at the NOTL Community Centre regarding plans for the Randwood Estate — and we're about to do it all over again today, May 9.

Last year we published an editorial response critical of some in the crowd at the meeting.

The crowd was impatient, rude and berated a woman who had gotten up to defend bees by rush-clapping her off the podium and in general acting like children who "want their dessert now!"

So this week, and in future, when the masses inevitably gather to fight a battle they were pulled into during the lead up to last year's election, we remind people that public meetings should have decorum.

No matter what side you are on, you should

not sigh, groan, clap, applaud, boo — or anything of that nature — while attending an open meeting of council. Or LPAT or any other official body.

We heard from many who agreed with our stance last year — which was that NOTL needs to act friendly to stay friendly.

One way to act friendly is by, at the very least, not attacking folks who standing up for what they believe in simply because you'd like to get home in time to see the Leafs lose. (That was last year. They're already out this season.)

If you don't have self-control to respect the proper etiquette during a public meeting, you should stay home. If you want to speak at a public meeting, do it through the proper channels. That's your right — and hopefully nobody rushes you off.

*editor@niagaranow.com*



A beaver (or perhaps a muskrat) swims in Lake Ontario Tuesday. RICHARD HARLEY



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Who wants to live beside a party house?

Dear editor:

This letter is in response to Jason Clements' May 2 letter. (Short-term visitors are vital to NOTL's economy).

Unfortunately, many of the licensed cottage rentals are actually villas and owners are renting the homes to up to 10 unsupervised guests at a time. If you add a pool and hot tub to the mix, you have a "party house."

Had the rentals, with absentee landlords, blended into the residential communities of NOTL seamlessly, then we wouldn't be having this conversation now. The

noise from guests keeps neighbours up for most of the night, every weekend, during high season. Would anyone want to live next to that?

There have been many other issues as well. Because the town adopted a bylaw that totally ignored the needs of local residents, and because rental owners were so focused on the money and not the rights of residents, the premise of short-term rentals in residential communities has become quite distasteful.

The town and the owners of short-term rentals have themselves to blame. Since

experiencing two problematic short-term rental properties nearby, it is my opinion that only owner-occupied (or on-site manager) two-bedroom homes (with a limit of five occupants), without pools and hot tubs, should be permitted in the residential communities of NOTL.

These should also be spaced no less than one kilometre apart so residents do not find themselves living within a cluster of rentals with no real neighbours.

In the case of B&Bs, they, too, should be owner-occupied in residential communities. Any other model of

short-term rental should be located in tourist-zoned or commercial- or industrial-zoned areas where renters won't disturb anyone.

I don't buy into "more is better" and that a tighter bylaw will affect the tourist industry here. Lowering the occupancy and disallowing pools and hot tubs, and having an on-site owner or manager, will provide for quality tourists; not party-time tourists.

The only thing that would be reduced is the income potential of absentee owner, short-term rentals.

*Deborah Symington  
NOTL*

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### What an amazing town we live in

Dear editor:

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When Betty Disero asked me to join the Voices of Freedom Park committee I had no idea what to expect.

Then John Hawley asked me to fundraise in a town where we were newcomers.

I am totally blown away by the warm response I received from the people I met on this adventure.

Over 100 donors welcomed the opportunity to support the park, including many local residents and businesses with their cash and in-kind donations, and

each of them has been sent a certificate thanking them for their donation.

As well, 27 major donors stepped forward, along with the couple who gave up their weekly fish fry dinner, to give to the park.

The town, the region and the province all chipped in and then our federal government matched a majority of the individual donations to make the park a reality.

What a wonderful Town we live in and what a great group of people we have to make things happen in NOTL.

Thank you all.

*Paul Hancock*  
NOTL

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### Wetlands could bring Lyme disease, mosquitoes and other pests

Dear editor:

A final word on the Parks Canada lands dispute.

By chance, this past week my wife and I met a woman who has been fighting the incredibly debilitating effects of Lyme disease since she was bitten by a deer tick five years ago. Shortly thereafter, we heard the story of the similar struggle of well-known Canadian musician Avril Lavigne, whose tick exposure occurred in her home territory, Napanee, Ont.

There are two lessons here:

1. Lyme disease is horrible, capable of causing fatigue, pain, confusion, fever, facial paralysis, arthritis and even death.

2. The ticks that carry the virus have moved into Ontario in recent years. Public Health Ontario's Lyme disease map shows the Niagara region is one of Ontario's deer tick hotspots.



These ticks, which can be as small as a sesame seed, are known to prefer damp, cool settings with long grass, from which they can launch themselves onto passing animals and humans. Wetlands and their borders are listed as one of their most popular habitats.

Wetlands are also known to be home to a variety of other insects, particularly mosquitoes, which in recent years have been shown to

carry increasingly vicious viruses, such as West Nile and equine encephalitis.

With all this knowledge before us, do any of us want to see wetlands created right beside long-established urban areas? Do we want to see young families or school groups wading through them? I am certain that thoughtful persons will summarily reject such ideas. Instead, let's create a park beside Lake Ontario with

mown lawns and paved walkways, and keep the dangerous little critters as far away as possible.

If you are concerned, phone your town councilors and mayor, and contact Parks Canada. We're talking health and happiness here – especially for our children. We must not fail them.

*James Tupman*  
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# OPINION: The challenge of library changes



Michael Fox  
Opinion

The budget cuts by the Ford provincial government in Ontario hit many things that I care about – library services, tree planting, flood mapping, legal aid, health care services, Indigenous affairs – the list goes on. Having said that, I also want governments to stop spending more than they bring in.

Ontario has a debt burden that costs more than \$1 billion a year just in interest payments.

One certainty is that there will be more budget cuts over the next four years. Ontario slammed the brakes on the speed of government spending in April, but it didn't end up reducing spending in 2019-20 overall. To get to the point where the deficit is actually reduced will take either more money flowing in or further cuts in future years.

And I'm beginning to think that concern about deficits is not about whether you self-describe as liberal or conservative. Instead, it may be generational. Younger people don't want to get stuck with the tab for reckless spending by boomers. If

that's the case, then voters will favour politicians who deliver on promises to control spending.

The 50 per cent provincial cut in funding to the Southern Ontario Library Services (SOLS) forced SOLS to suspend its interlibrary loans delivery service. This immediately limited the ability of the NOTL Public Library – and about 200 public libraries across Ontario – to borrow books from or lend books to other libraries.

The library cuts became one of the first lightning rods to light up locally in the thunder and wind of the post-budget storms. People are signing petitions to protest the cuts. Some rant on social media about the all-too-easy caricature of a “beer over books” Ford

government.

Meanwhile, I'm encouraged that the NOTL library board is quickly responding by taking a hard look at how to try to continue to provide the ability to share books between library systems. Sure, the board would like the province to change its mind about the cuts. But being realistic, with the government slashing programs in many areas, don't expect anyone to say they might have made a mistake in the haste to find waste.

The board and staff are trying to determine what can be done – at least within Niagara Region – to facilitate the transfer of books with the money available. The book transfers of the Libraries in Niagara Co-operative, nicknamed LiNC, is suspended until

at least the end of May because it had piggybacked on the SOLS infrastructure. One estimate is that as many as 8 per cent of the 100,000 items borrowed in NOTL in 2018 were sourced from other Niagara libraries through LiNC.

In business, as a general rule, if the method of doing something isn't reviewed every three to five years, it probably is not as efficient as it could be. I hope there are ways for us to enjoy the benefits of interlibrary book lending by changing how the books get shipped – perhaps using courier services rather than dedicated vans and drivers.

Going forward, all levels of government need to take a hard look at the effectiveness and efficiency of programs. A goal or inten-

tion might be noble, but the method of implementation could be outdated and more costly than necessary. The councils, boards, committees and other governing bodies need to ensure that they focus on what's best for the users, not the vested interests.

For instance, the new town council that took office in December spent two months trying to find ways to keep the NOTL budget increase as low as possible so that the hit to taxpayers was less than initially projected.

We should all thank them for that leadership and example.

*Michael Fox is a journalist and writer who lives in Old Town. He originally wrote about library cuts at niagaraobserver.ca.*

# OPINION: New tree bylaw encourages us to chop down young trees

The following is an edited version of a letter to NOTL council. A copy was submitted to *The Lake Report* for publication:

My takeaway from the town's private tree protection bylaw open house is that we now have a law to punish private property owners who allow trees to get bigger than five inches in diameter.

If an owner allows a tree to become greater than five inches, the control of that tree shifts to the town with the additional burden to the property owner of permit fees, inspections, arborist reports and a minimum of \$500 should the owner wish to remove the tree. Take away: if you don't want government interference in your yard, cut down all trees approaching five inches in diameter.

No consideration is taken for the numbers or density of trees on the owner's property. Should the tree be healthy, no consideration is given should the tree become too big for the property or negatively impact the property or a neighbor's property. (Other

than dead or diseased trees, the main exemptions under the bylaw are 13 weed or nuisance trees, such as the black alder, cottonwood or Siberian elm.)

There are no incentives to allow a tree to grow, only disincentives.

As a tree grows larger, the penalty for removing the tree continues to increase, starting at \$500 and going to \$3,000 per tree. So, if an owner has any thought that a tree will need to be removed, do it sooner than later.

To implement this bylaw the town will have to hire a full-time arborist: every privately owned tree in our urban areas over five inches will need an arborist inspection and report should you want to move or cut down the tree. Impact on staff time is unknown, but if we estimate there are 5,000 single-family homes in our urban areas and each property has only two trees, then the number of trees the town must supervise is a minimum of 10,000. And many, if not a majority, of the properties have far more than two trees each.

Will this bylaw save big trees? Big trees impact sizable areas of land. The value of land in NOTL that a tree impacts is far greater than the maximum penalty of \$3,000 to cut down a really big tree. Developers will just pay the penalty and pass the cost along to our already overpriced market.

Private owners wanting an addition to their house or even a backyard patio won't be happy but they too will pay the penalty and make sure no further trees will grow over five inches. Of course, the town can raise the penalty to even greater levels, but that will only reinforce the incentive to cut trees down sooner than later.

The introduction of the bylaw cites its authority to create this bylaw as “trees within the municipality are valued (for many good reasons)...” But this bylaw exempts over 90 per cent of the town's geographical area. Rural areas where trees have space to grow are exempt, and of course town land is exempt. Only our “urban areas” are affected – areas which, of course,

have smaller lots and where large trees can become a nuisance.

Having a nice tree canopy is a good thing and for the most part the town has a great one because town council and our public works department have done a wonderful job of maintaining and replanting trees in our street boulevards and parks. Just as important, we have a populace that cares for the esthetic of the town and have planted and maintained numerous trees on their private property.

Besides the fact that this bylaw is counterproductive, I am saddened that this new town council has seen fit to take the control of citizens' personal property and penalize them for the concern and care that they have given to their trees.

I urge you to repeal this bylaw. If the above logic does not convince you, let me relate the bylaw's impact on my 40-by-200-foot property (ie. very small property) in Old Town:

I have several large trees on my property. In my back corner is a 100-foot high tree that lost a 45-



foot branch in a wind storm several years ago. The branch took out two fences and fell 15 feet into a neighbour's yard. Another neighbour demanded that I take down the tree because he thought it was likely to fall and take out his entire house. My wife had cancer at the time and I couldn't deal with the problem, resulting in the neighbour calling me many names and no longer speaking to me.

Around that 100-foot tree I have several smaller trees, which I have been nursing for the past 20 years, to fill in the area when the big tree goes. Those trees are 15- to 30-foot tall and about four inches in diameter – I will be cutting them all down.

The estimate for removing the 100-foot tree (just the tree, no stump) is \$4,000, which I was prepared to do. However, the bylaw will

penalize me an additional \$3,000. So what I will do is spend \$50 to have the town arborist come and proclaim that the tree is healthy and that I should not be allowed to remove it without penalty. I will inform my neighbour and when the tree falls down, he can sue the town rather than me.

And I have several more trees.

If you feel that our local government must tell private property owners what to do about their trees, I suggest that you create incentives to keep and grow trees. A simple starting point is to implement a minimum number trees or canopy per lot (or square metres) for developed properties, existing trees will then become an asset rather than a liability.

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## Health clinic for migrant workers returns

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The Lake Report

Cornerstone Community Church has partnered with the Quest Community Health Centre in St. Catharines to provide primary health care services to seasonal workers in the Niagara Region.

The church provided the space for the clinic when the collaboration first started in 2011. That location was used for three years until the clinic moved to St. Catharines. Now it's back in NOTL.

Jeff Martens, an outreach pastor, said his congregation's members want to connect with the workers, contribute more to the clinic and be more personally invested in the work.

"Reaching out to our neighbours, that's an exciting component for us, as a church," said Martens. "Just to serve and get to know people through this effort."

The church holds Sunday gatherings and worship services at its Orchard Campus on Hunter Road while the Niagara Stone Road's location is also used for church offices, day camp, youth programming, women's



Kylee Hunter, Quest's community health worker, and Jeff Martens, Cornerstone Community Church's outreach pastor, at one of the examination rooms at the clinic.  
DARIYA BAIGUZHIEVA

program and fundraisers.

Kylee Hunter, a community health worker with Quest, said the majority of migrant workers in the Niagara Region work in NOTL and Vineland.

"I think it's really important that the clinic is in Virgil," Hunter said in a phone interview. "We wanted to make sure it was in the space that was accessible for them."

"There have been workers that come here for 30 years, so Niagara-on-the-Lake is really their home. It's where they work, it's where they live," said Despina Tzemis,

registration greeters, some nurse practitioners and nursing students from McMaster University while the core staff, medical equipment and beds are provided by Quest.

The clinic has a registration room, waiting area, a couple of examination rooms with medical beds and equipment, and a room for physiotherapists and dietitians.

Quest Centre also provides health services for migrant workers in Vineland, Beamsville, St. Catharines and via farm or home visits.

Martens said because NOTL's clinic was primarily based on Vineland's model, there haven't been too many challenges running it, although a number of different approaches had to be applied to Virgil's location. The majority of clients in NOTL are Spanish-speaking while Vineland has more English-speaking migrant workers, so Quest had to provide some volunteers interpreters as well, said Martens.

The upcoming clinic dates are May 26; June 9 and 23; July 14 and 28; Aug. 18 and 25; Sept. 8 and 22; and Oct. 6, from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Quest's manager of the Migrant Agricultural Worker Program.

"So, to have services accessible to them and a place where they work and live, I think is really meaningful," Tzemis told The Lake Report.

The clinic, running twice a month, is free and confidential. No registration or health card is needed, and services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Between 25 and 30 doctors, nurses and nurse practitioners volunteer their time for the clinic. Cornerstone provides volunteer drivers,



Above: Diane Pewer, co-ordinator of the event, said she was happy with turnout. Below: Jane Skubel, a member of the Lioness Club, was responsible for the bake sale.  
DARIYA BAIGUZHIEVA



## St. Davids Lioness market springs into action

Dariya Baiguzhiyeva  
The Lake Report

The third annual spring bazaar returned to the St. Davids Lions Club last Saturday.

Organized by the St. Davids and District Lioness Club, the event featured a dozen vendors from across Niagara Region.

Diane Pewer, the co-ordinator of the bazaar, said she enjoys seeing people come in "with a smile on their face."

"It's colourful, it's exciting," she said.

The market runs twice a year, in spring and fall. All money raised goes back

into the community and helps organizations that don't get enough funding, said Pewer.

Last year, the club supported dog guides, Project SHARE, Newark Neighbours, camps for children with cancer and more.

"Everything is being cut back, so this is an important fundraiser," Pewer said. "You want to help the community. And it's a way of getting something and also your money is going back into the organizations that really need the funding."

About 15 members of the Lioness Club helped to pull the event together.

For those getting a

little hungry after browsing, the club provided food and drinks. There was also a "nickel table" with raffle prizes donated by members of the community and various organizations.

"There are so many different things that we're able to help out with," Pewer told The Lake Report. "I just think it's a great way to bring the community together and we're getting people coming in from the Falls, from Niagara-on-the-Lake, but also St. Catharines, Thorold and Welland, which is fabulous."

Teresa Cole came to the market with her nine-month-old daughter Cherrie. It was

Cole's first time at this event.

"It's pretty nice, small and quaint. Lots of different things," she said.

Joanne Dykstra, who was selling Miche handbags, said it was nice to see different items available.

"You wouldn't see these things if you didn't come to a bazaar," she said. "There's something different, something unique, something you can't buy in stores."

Dinie Muste, a member of the Lioness Club, said the spring market gives the club a chance to give back to the community. Her favourite part of the day? "The flavour, the hum, the buzz" of the bazaar.

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# Wonder Duck helps send children with skin disease to U.S. camp

## NOTL family raising money for Canadian kids to attend Camp Wonder

Brittany Carter  
The Lake Report

One NOTL family is dedicated to bringing awareness to and raising money for children with skin diseases – sending Canadian children to camp.

Together with her daughters, Niagara-on-the-Lake resident and business owner, Anna D'Amore, is giving back to the Children's Skin Disease Foundation.

D'Amore says it was time to do something for others after being in business for 27 years. Now, through the sale of the Wonder Duck at her studio, Truvi Beauty Bar in Niagara Falls, she is raising money for Canadian kids to attend Camp Wonder in California, all expenses paid.

After building her brand and business in the skin care industry, she says she can now extend her reach, helping kids who really need it.

The beauty business focuses on people's vanity and desire to look good. For children with skin diseases, life is very different.

"Some of these kids, they think, 'Hey, I'm not heavily peeling today,' or 'I'm still alive.' It really puts things in perspective."

The Children's Skin Disease Foundation was started on June 3, 2000, after Francesca Tenconi, from California, who was diagnosed with a rare skin disease called pemphigus foliaceus at

11, made a wish on her 16th birthday to create an organization for children facing similar challenges.

She wanted to create a community for other children with skin diseases after experiencing the isolation of living with her condition. The foundation operates Camp Wonder for eligible children between six and 16 years old who are living with skin disease. The Wonder Duck is the official Camp Wonder mascot, sold to raise money to fund the cost of the week-long getaway.

The camp, run by a team of medically trained staff, is a place for kids with skin disease to "just be kids for a week," D'Amore says. It provides a safe space for kids who deal with judgement and insecurities about their conditions throughout the year.

D'Amore says she met the Tenconi family through the skin-care industry and has been a friend of the family for years. In 2016, she officially became a retailer of the "plush pal with a purpose," selling 60 ducks to date.

"Her (Francesca's) situation really hit home. The foundation was formed because of her request for her 16th birthday. I mean, how does that not hit you. This is something she wants to share with all of these other kids."

By helping Wonder Duck "migrate:" to new homes, D'Amore says the sale of



Anna D'Amore, owner of Truvi Beauty and Wonder Duck retailer. BRITTANY CARTER

each duck goes directly to funding the about \$3,000 (U.S.) needed to send each Canadian child to Camp Wonder.

D'Amore's daughters haven't fallen too far from the giving tree. Inspired by their mother's desire to raise money for the foundation, her girls, Bianca, 16, and Briana, 11, created their own line of clean handcrafted soap called B&B Beauty. They donate a portion of the proceeds to the non-profit organization.

"My two children sat with my husband, Tony, and I and said that they wanted to do

something, too, to help the foundation, aside from talking about the ducks."

Following their mother's lead in skin care, the girls asked to learn to make their own line of clean soap.

"Something that's clean and people who have eczema or something would be able to use. So, it's olive oil and coconut oil and essential oils, nothing with nuts or anything that's going to make anyone sensitive."

"They are working on making a few dollars on their first batch to make enough money to purchase

makeup totes with goodies also for the boys to send to the camp this year. The camp has a prom for the teens at the end of June."

D'Amore says the family and business will continue to support the foundation. She is actively looking for more ways to get involved and she says she wants to expand the sale of the duck as much as possible.

Besides raising money, D'Amore wants to raise awareness.

Through the plush ducks, she says she's hoping she can spread the story further

to create an environment for anyone with skin diseases to feel comfortable and accepted.

"People spread the message by buying the ducks, and then sharing it. And then when you gift the duck, or the duck is at home and people see it, you tell the story because you get all the information that goes with it. That's how it spreads. I'm glad to be a part of it."

D'Amore says she has almost raised enough money to send one Canadian child. This year, Camp Wonder will take place from June 16 to 22.

## TIDBITS:

### More news that happened this week:

#### Virgil Starbucks opens

- The new Virgil Starbucks opened on Niagara Stone Road Friday, making it the third franchise of the coffee empire to open in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

It is the only NOTL Starbucks store offering the nitro cold brew coffee in store.

Store manager Ryan Dawson said the first few days of operation have been a bit slow, but he expects business to pick up as more people start to realize it's open.

Dawson said the drive-thru lines started to pick up Wednesday now that they have markings installed.

"I live in Virgil and the community is super excited about the store being open. It's been a really positive reception from the community," Dawson said.

#### Snowbirds returning

- The Canadian Forces Snowbirds will fly back to town this fall for a NOTL museum expansion fundraiser.

The Niagara Historical Society and Museum event soars into the skies over Niagara District Airport on Sept. 11.

The performance will be one of many fundraising events put on by the museum for an upcoming expansion.

Earlybird VIP tickets are on sale from now till the end of August for \$90.

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# Revealed: **Underwear** and what lurks below

## NOTL museum lecture examines our cultural fascination with undergarments

Brittany Carter  
The Lake Report

The practical, whimsical and seductive aspects of history's unmentionables will be showcased during Exposed – A Brief History of Underwear.

Rita Brown is exposing culture through fashion and revealing the history of underwear during a lecture at the Niagara Historical Museum and Society on May 16.

Brown says undergarments have played a crucial role mirroring culture and the societal norms of the age.

Her career in costume design earned her experience working with and studying these often forgotten clothing items. She spent her career as a cutter for costume design and as the head of wardrobe at the Shaw Festival. While she says she wouldn't call herself a fashion expert, she will admit to being more knowledgeable about fashion than most given her lifetime in the field of costume design.

When she was asked by Amy Klassen, acting managing curator of the museum, to put together a talk about whatever she wanted for the museum's arts and fashion lecture series, Brown says she thought it would be interesting to showcase "what happens underneath."

"As Christian Dior famously said, 'Without foundation, there can be no fashion.' He was a designer in the 1940s and 1950s. Right after the war he decided to bring back femininity with a bang," she says.

With a focus on the feminine side of underwear and its evolution over the years, she will touch on the difference between functional and ornamental designs during her talk.

She says the seductive side is also prevalent.

"What the culture of the time dictated, and how close a man could come to a woman. It became almost subversive like underwear peeking underneath clothes, and that was great allure for men – 'What are those women wearing and how do we get to the bottom of it?' That kind of thing."

She says underwear played an important role in our culture throughout history. People need something next to their skin and, over and above the hygienic reasons, underwear has become almost a second skin – "to have a garment between you and your outer garment."

"I just thought it would be interesting to show people what has been worn under clothing for centuries. I went back to the Egyptians and the Greeks and the Romans, but just in a way to show how it has evolved."

During the war, fashion centered around utility and necessity, Brown says. Function and minimal material outweighed the desire for creativity with clothing design at the time. Styles of undergarments followed the same concept.

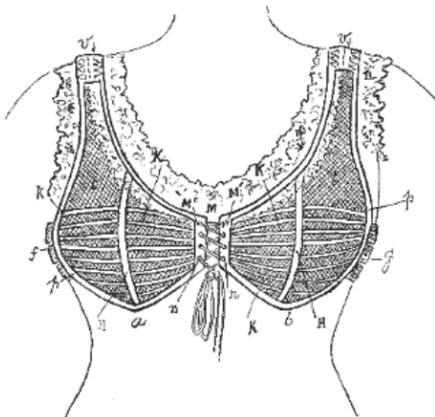
"So, when the war was over, (Dior) decided that he was going to do something very grand. They were wearing bras and girdles in the 1940s, but he went back to understructure. Almost like a built-in corset, to push up the bosom and to really emphasize the body."

Underwear adapted and changed over the years, but it has been prevalent throughout most of history, and Brown is looking to shine a light on its evolution over the years.

The May 16 lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for the public and free for museum members. Reservations are required as seating is limited.



Rita Brown will be giving a talk called Exposed - A Brief History of Underwear on May 16 at the Niagara Historical Society and Museum. BRITTANY CARTER



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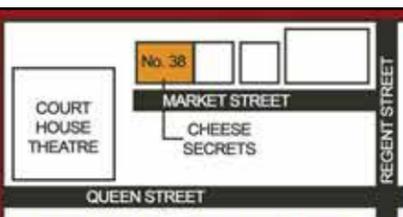
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# Battle of Atlantic commemorated

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shared the same sentiment. "It brings back sad memories. It brings back fond memories," he told The Lake Report.

"We are all navy people. We remember our friends. A few of those left now, but we get together and enjoy ourselves," he said.

On Sunday, they were on hand at Navy Hall in Niagara-on-the-Lake to commemorate the Battle of the Atlantic, the longest continuous fighting of the Second World War. April 29 to May 5 was Navy Week in Niagara Region.

Martin was born in Niagara Falls and joined the navy at age 17, one year before the war ended. Martin spent about five or six months at sea, he said.

"Now that I've reached the age of 93, life is good," he said.

Ninety-four-year-old Clint



Shipmate George Williams for the Canadian and Allied Armed Forces casts carnations into the water. Williams was joined by shipmate Nigel Purvis for the Canadian and Allied Merchant Mariners and cadets Matthew Powers and Kayla Lavoie. DARIYA BAIGUZHIEVA

Page, another Second World War merchant navy veteran, was also at the event.

"What a magnificent improvement they made to everything here," he said. "Look at the crowd we got. This is above average for

me."

Canada played a vital role in the Battle of Atlantic. More than 70,000 allied seamen, merchant mariners and airmen lost their lives, according to the Canadian Encyclopedia. A total of

5,151 allied ships sank from 1939 to 1945.

In the past, the Battle of Atlantic ceremony was held in Port Dalhousie and moved back to NOTL two years ago. Bringing the ceremony back to Navy

Hall was important, said Chuck Johnston, president for the Royal Canadian Naval Association in the Niagara Region.

"This hall, this land is an important part of Niagara-on-the-Lake history. It is appropriate to come back here."

"A lot of people think we're glorifying war, but we are not," said Johnston, who used to be a cook on land bases. "We try to teach remembrance so the war doesn't happen again."

"A lot of guys gave up their lives for Canada to give us the freedoms that we enjoy," he said. "We enjoy a lot of freedoms don't have. You got to be thankful for what you have."

On Saturday, a public levee was held at Navy Hall for members of the Naval Association and regional and town officials.

As next year will mark the 75th anniversary of

the end of the Battle of the Atlantic, Johnston said this year was a "practice year" to see what can be added to the ceremony next time.

Organized in a collaboration with the Royal Canadian Naval Association-Niagara, Parks Canada and Friends of Fort George, the levee featured speeches from retiring Conservative MP Rob Nicholson and Coun. Norm Arsenault.

Ron Dale, Parks Canada's historian, also gave a talk on the significance of Navy Hall, Fort George and the Provincial Marine Department. Shipmate Jim Doherty then read a piece from Battle of Atlantic by Robert Johnston.

Nicholson said his father joined the Navy after he wasn't admitted to air forces and he was very proud of Canada's role in the war.

"These (events) are very, very moving for me because

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Cam Scott, past-president of the Royal Canadian Naval Association for Niagara Region, and Clint Page, a Second World War navy veteran. DARIYA BAIGUZHIEVA

# Vets recall bitter battle

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it underlines the wonderful history this country has had for standing up for what's right," Nicholson told The Lake Report.

Shipmate George Williams of the Canadian and Allied Armed Forces, who joined the navy in 1959 at the age of 18, cast carnations on the water for lost ships during the war. He was joined by shipmate Nigel Purvis for the Canadian and Allied Merchant Marines, and two cadets, Matthew Powers and Kayla Lavoie.

On Sunday, a ceremony featured a parade by Royal Canadian Sea Cadets 103 Niagara, Navy League Cadets 138 Drummond,

Welland Canal Sea Cadets 358 RCSCC Sir Isaac Brock, and 613 Lincoln and Welland Regiment Army Cadets Corps.

St. Catharines MPP Jennifer Stevens, the association's shipmate Mike Britton, Rev. Bruce Lacillade, Lord Mayor Betty Disero and a number of town councillors also were in attendance.

Commander Leanne Crowe, who has served with NATO as a strategic planner in Belgium and was director of diving safety, was invited back as a keynote speaker this year.

The Niagara Falls Concert Band, Niagara Regional Police band piper, and the Welland Bellerophon Bugle Corps also performed throughout the event.



Niagara Sea cadets and Royal Canadian Army Cadets took part in the parade led by Master at Arms Robert Coles. DARIYA BAIGUZHIEVA



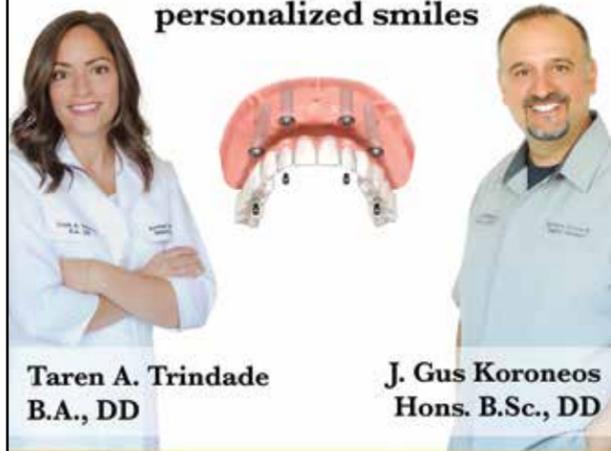
Buglers of the Welland Bellerophon Bugle Corps performing Reveille. DARIYA BAIGUZHIEVA



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<b>15</b> <b>Pharmacy</b> - 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. <b>Own Mug</b> - 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. <b>Exchange Brewery</b> (Week 8) - 6:30 p.m.	<b>16</b> <b>Minecraft Club</b> - 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. - NOTL Public Library <b>Art &amp; Fashion Lecture Series: "Exposed" A Brief History of Underwear with Rita Brown</b> - 7:30 p.m. - Niagara Historical Society	<b>17</b> <b>P.A. Day</b> <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. - NOTL Community Centre <b>Mahjong Game Drop In</b> - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. - NOTL Community Centre <b>Family Movie: Spider-Man Into the Spider-Verse</b> - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. - NOTL Public Library	<b>18</b> <b>Virgil Stampede</b> - 1567 Niagara Stone Road <b>The War of 1812 Officers Day</b> <b>Mori Gardens Seminar Series: Noteworthy Trees &amp; Shrubs</b> - 10 a.m. - Mori Gardens
<b>22</b> <b>Open House</b> - 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	<b>23</b> <b>Seniors Fitness: Healthy Safe &amp; Strong</b> - 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. / 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - NOTL Community Centre <b>Minecraft Club</b> - 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. - NOTL Public Library <b>Tinker Thinker Thursdays</b> - 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. - NOTL Public Library	<b>24</b> <b>Spanish Conversation Group</b> - 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - NOTL Community Centre <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. - NOTL Community Centre <b>Mahjong Game Drop In</b> - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. - NOTL Community Centre <b>Fort George Murder Mystery</b> - 6:30 p.m. - 1567 Niagara Stone Road	<b>25</b> <b>The Village Community Garage Sale (Multiple Homes)</b> - 8 a.m. to noon - Niagara Stone Road & Garrison Village Drive <b>Artillery Day at Fort George</b> - 10 a.m. - 1567 Niagara Stone Road <b>Bravo Niagara! Presents Piano Six (6th Annual Spring into Music Series)</b> - 7:30 p.m. - St. Mark's Anglican Church <b>Spring Into Gardening: A Floral Workshop</b> - 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Niagara Regional Native Centre <b>Mori Gardens Seminar Series: Perennials New &amp; Trending</b> - 10 a.m. - Mori Gardens

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# Fifty shades of green

Tuesday's soggy weather did not deter the members of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club's 9 and 18 hole ladies leagues from kicking off their season in style. The golf was rained out, but the women enjoyed a luncheon and prize giveaway. Theme for the day was, of course, Fifty Shades of Green. KEVIN MACLEAN

## Lord Mayor to help launch new NOTL lawn bowling season

Kevin MacLean  
Managing Editor

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Lawn Bowling Club will officially open its 2019 season this Saturday.

The club kicks off the season at 1:30 p.m. on the green behind the NOTL Community Centre.

The event goes "rain or shine, but we are keeping our fingers crossed that the cold damp days of April are gone," said Paul McHoull, past-president of the club.

A piper will lead the parade of members and Lord Mayor Betty Disero will deliver the "first bowl" of the season.

There will also be a tea after the first game in the Mori Nurseries Room in the community centre. Spectators and prospective new members are most welcome, Houll said.



Lawn bowling at the community centre, July 3, 2018.  
FILE PHOTO/RICHARD HARLEY

## Golf smackdown: McMacken scores Men's Night trifecta

The Lake Report

Jim McMacken was the big winner at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club's first Men's Night competition of the season last week.

The steady lefty took home one of the \$25 gross skins prizes (with a birdie on #7), had the seniors longest drive and had the best low-gross score of the day, shooting a 1-over 37.

Other winners were: gross skins – Jeff Jacques and Dragan Racic; closest to the pin – Mark Derbyshire (#1), Bill Jenkins (#4), Jeff Jacques (#6) and David Gagne (#9). John Wiens

won the "junior" longest drive.

In the team points competition, using the Stabelford scoring system, Peter Falconer took the "A" flight with 22 points, while Bill Baitinger, Gerry Shelly, Bill Garriock and David Gagne shared "B" flight honours with 21 points.

The popular 50/50 draw's record \$205 prize was won by Rai Lauge.

On Tuesday, the men's WOOFs league shotgun kickoff was rained out. League play will resume next Tuesday, so long as the weather co-operates, said convener Bill Katrynuk.



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### Blushing bride

Erica Van de Laar and Philip Blythe got married on May 4 and had their reception at Prince of Wales Hotel. Erica is also a daughter of a local grapegrower Chris Van de Laar, who was named the Grape King in 2018.  
DARIYA BAIGUZHIEVA

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## Helicopters to spray **gypsy moth caterpillars**

Dariya Baiguzhiyeva  
The Lake Report

Niagara Parks will be conducting an aerial spray program to combat gypsy moths and protect tree canopy.

The gypsy moth caterpillars, a non-native invasive species, can “feast pretty aggressively” on the leaves, defoliating and causing damage to trees, said Steve Barnhart, senior director of parks, environment and nature.

The spray program will take place in two areas that have the highest concentration of gypsy moth caterpillars. The first location is Paradise Grove, at John Street and Niagara Parkway in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Another targeted location is Upper Whirlpool Woods, a wooded area around the Whirlpool Golf Course.

The first aerial spray application is scheduled for May 19 to 22. The second one is planned May 26 to June 2.



Paradise Grove, on the corner of John Street and Niagara Parkway, is one of the two locations where the gypsy moth insecticide will be sprayed. DARIYA BAIGUZHIEVA

The spray will be applied by a low-flying helicopter between 5 and 7 a.m.

A biological insecticide used for spraying is made of a naturally occurring soil bacteria, *Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki*. Although it's not chemically created, residents are advised to stay inside while spraying is occurring. The spray may also leave some residue on outdoor furniture.

The dates and times can

also change depending on some factors, such as weather or leaf cover.

Barnhart said the program is nothing new for southern Ontario as the gypsy moth tends to grow in concentrations every seven to 12 years.

The last time the aerial spray program was conducted was in 2008, he said.

“We suspect that we will have to revisit the survey this fall and we might have

to do something again next year, but it's too early to tell,” Barnhart told The Lake Report.

Niagara Parks has collaborated with Trees Unlimited and Zimmer Air Services Inc. for this program.

Residents are invited to attend Niagara Parks' public information centre on May 9, at Legends on the Niagara, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. to learn more about the topic.

## Our town explored



The first of a series highlighting the historic plaques and sites around Niagara-on-the-Lake.



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# Volunteers show lake a little love with litter cleanup

*Continued from Front Page*

the founder of A Greener Future.

Last year, 3,456 pieces of litter were collected in NOTL with 47 people helping tidy up the park's waterfront.

Byrne said it was amazing to see how many people in a small community, like NOTL, were willing to come out.

"Because even some of our bigger cleanups, like in Toronto, we don't see this many people," she told The Lake Report. "I think it's a strong community and it has a big impact on the cleanup because people care about this area and they want to see it clean."

Again this year, Paddle Niagara teamed up with A Greener Future to pull the event together. Tim Balasiuk, owner of Paddle Niagara, said a boat was used to fish out some litter from the lake.

He said he was glad how the event turned out despite the increased amount of trash picked up this year.

"I'm guessing we probably pulled out somewhere around 600 pounds of trash including spare tires, chunks of steel, massive pieces of Styrofoam, lots of plastic bottles," he said.

Byrne said the amount of garbage isn't always because of people littering on purpose, but can be due to trash being washed up from different areas or being blown out from bins on a windy day.

David Postman, one of

the participants, agreed.

Out of two other cleanup events he participated in – one in Canmore, Alta., and another in Invermere, B.C. – NOTL's had the best turnout.

"I feel that the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and its residents share strong values towards their environment and you can see that with the turnout of 50-plus people" he said.

"I think in this day and age, we're all about convenience and convenience sometimes leads to more waste... Even if you don't come out to these events, anyone around the community can do their part," Postman said.

Greg Kanters came to the cleanup with his two children, 10-year-old Noah and Lily, 9.

"Do not pollute," said Noah when asked what the kids learned from the event while Lily added there was a lot of garbage, particularly plastic straws and Styrofoam.

"(We came) to help the environment," said Noah.

"We're done with (using plastic straws), I think," added Kanters.

Coun. Norm Arsenault was also in attendance.

"People don't realize what this stuff is doing. This stuff isn't going away," he told The Lake Report. "This plastic garbage is here for life."

The next Love Your Lake cleanup is at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, at Sunset Beach in St. Catharines.



Ariel Archibald and Rochelle Byrne count how much litter was picked up at the cleanup. DARIYA BAIGUZHIEVA

## Councillor wants town to go plastic-free

The idea to introduce a ban on plastic in Niagara-on-the-Lake came to Coun. Norm Arsenault after a number of local students held a strike in March to draw attention to the issue of climate change.

Arsenault started researching the issue and came up with a three-part motion which he will propose at the next council meeting on May 13. He said he hopes the town staff will do more research and come back to council with a timeline and recommendations on how to best implement such a bylaw.

"I just want to get the ball rolling," Arsenault said.



Plastic bottles, caps and foam were the most picked up items, said Ariel Byrne. DARIYA BAIGUZHIEVA



Tim Balasiuk of Paddle Niagara carries an oil drum picked up at the cleanup. DARIYA BAIGUZHIEVA



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Jordan Alves runs around with her stick at St. Davids Lions Park. EUNICE TANG

## eSkoot honoured for supporting Fort George

Dariya Baiguzhiyeva  
The Lake Report

Friends of Fort George thanked another of their supporters on Monday morning.

Tony Chisholm, the president of Friends of Fort George, presented a plaque to Colin Telfer and Jennifer Elliott, co-owners of eSkoot Niagara, for their generous support of the non-profit organization.

eSkoot Niagara, located on Mississauga Street near Petro-Canada, provides rental scooters to tourists.

Last year, eSkoot launched a one-day fundraiser when all revenue from their business went to Friends of Fort George.

There were about 50 riders and over \$1,000 was raised,

said Telfer.

"It's such a big part of our renters' experience," he said. "We thought if we're going to pick somebody to share the wealth with, it would be (Friends of Fort George)."

Elliott said they were happy to receive the plaque.

"It's not a lot that we do for them but we hope that every little bit helps," she told The Lake Report. "All Niagara-on-the-Lake is so lucky to have Fort George here."

"We're proud to be associated with them," she said.

"It's really beneficial for us," Chisholm added. "It's been really satisfactory and they're going to do it again this year, which is great."

This year, the one-day fundraiser is on Sunday,



From left, Ioannis Sourmelidis, Colin Telfer, Jennifer Elliott and Tony Chisholm with a thank-you plaque presented to eSkoot Niagara. DARIYA BAIGUZHIEVA

May 26.

Parks Canada also works with eSkoot Niagara to provide historical tours around town, accompanied by a Parks Canada historian. The tours make stops at Fort Mississauga, Butler's Barracks, the Niagara Common, Navy Hall and Fort George.

Lisa Curtis of Parks Canada approached eSkoot with the idea for guided scooter tours about three years ago, and it "worked out great," said Telfer.

The tour is offered on Saturdays in May and September, and on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in June, July and August.

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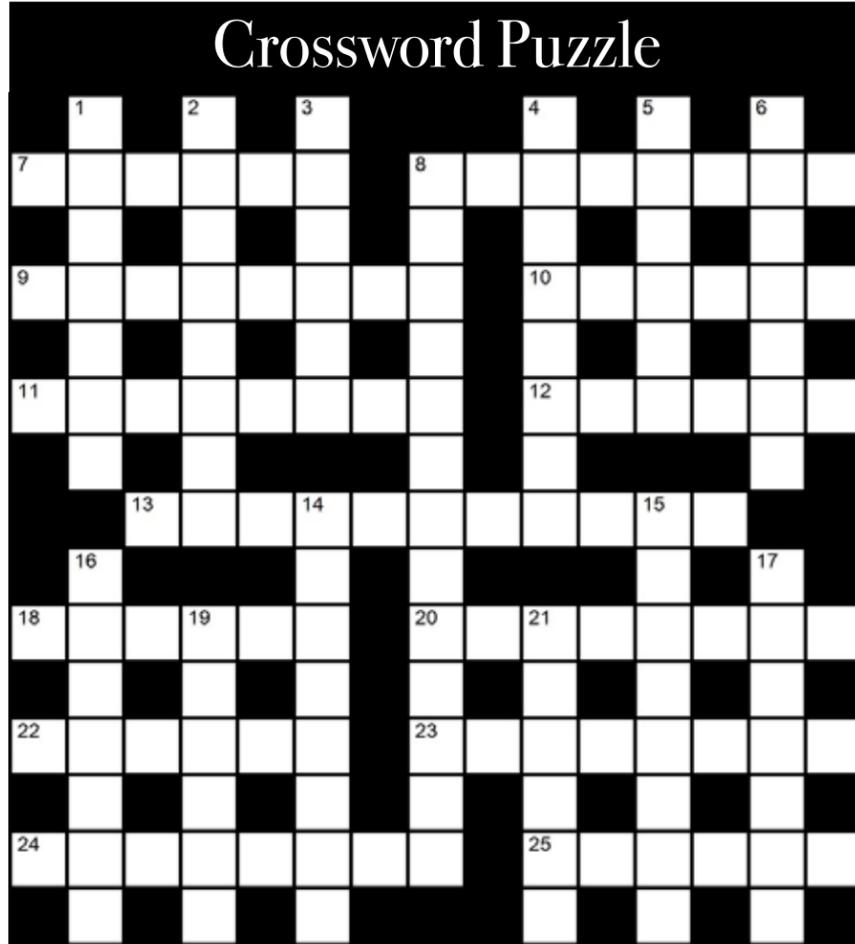
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  - 8 Enormous (8)
  - 9 Type of lights (8)
  - 10 Shrink back (6)
  - 11 Saviour (8)
  - 12 Man (6)
  - 13 Moving to and fro (11)
  - 18 Austrian composer (6)
  - 20 Inspector (8)
  - 22 Light-hearted TV show (6)
  - 23 Person practising deception under an assumed name (8)
  - 24 Forced high notes (8)
  - 25 Tooth covering (6)
- Down**
- 1 Belly (7)
  - 2 Uneasy (8)
  - 3 Flowing water (6)
  - 4 Yes (3,5)
  - 5 Tapered frozen mass (6)
  - 6 Circumscribed (7)
  - 8 Supreme commander (13)
  - 14 Cosy (8)
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# Cuban musical duo sell out Bravo! Niagara show at Stratus

Brittany Carter  
The Lake Report

Bravo! Niagara is bringing the world of classical music to Niagara-on-the-Lake this weekend.

In an intimate setting at Stratus Vineyards on Saturday, Alfredo Rodriguez and Pedrito Martinez will take the audience on a journey through their critically acclaimed music.

Saturday's sold-out performance features Rodriguez, a classically trained musician and the protégé of Quincy Jones, the famed producer, composer, musician and winner of 28 Grammy awards.

Rodriguez and Martinez have a new album out that was produced by Quincy Jones.

Chris Mori, Bravo! Niagara's artistic director, said the company is

eager to share the story of the performers' personal history.

"They are both from Cuba. Alfredo came to the U.S., with literally just his suitcase. Quincy Jones took him under his wing. Pedrito's story is he played on the streets of Cuba."

She said the contrast between how the two musicians came to their artistic excellence is a part of what makes the show unique. Mori said that, while Alfredo was more classically trained in the conservatories in Havana, Pedrito was performing on the streets and is now regarded as one of the top Latin performers in the world.

Sunday will bring Jamie Parker to the same venue, backed by up-and-coming artists, Brian Mangrum on the horn and Boson Mo on the violin.

"At Bravo! Niagara, we not only present world-leading classical and jazz artists, but we're also dedicated to supporting the stars of tomorrow, the next generation of leading artists," said Alexis Spieldenner, executive director and co-founder.

"We brought in Jamie's brother before. The Parker family is a big Canadian musical family," she said.

The Griffon Trio, of which Parker is a member, has played in the area. Spieldenner said she wanted to do a different project that includes Parker.

"When I heard about this New Gen project, I thought it was really perfect for what we support. We bring in some of the world's greatest musicians, but we also support the next generation that's coming up."

Presenting 11 shows in

intimate venues around Niagara last year, Mori and Spieldenner, the mother-daughter team behind Bravo! Niagara, said they want to bring something different to the stage.

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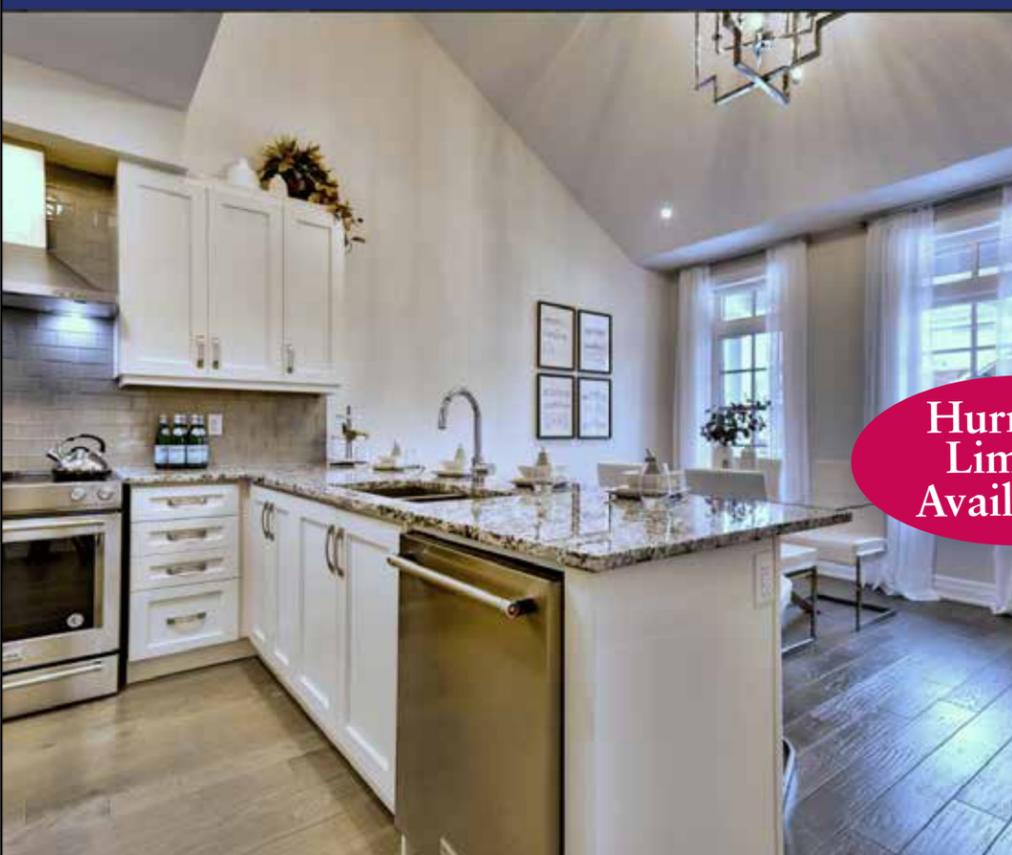


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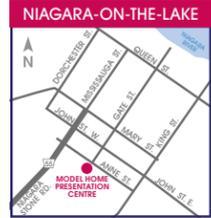
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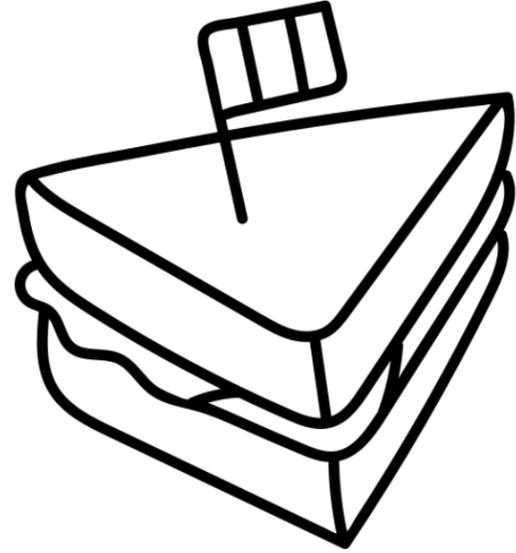
# Corporal West's Adventures

By: Richard West

Corporal Dick West served in the British Army, Royal Artillery during the Second World War, while his wife Winnifred (Winn) struggled with the war in London, England. They were my parents. These short stories are derived from them telling me what it was like in those times. All the characters except for Corporal West and his wife Winn, are fictitious.

Dick was first called up in 1938 during the Munich crisis. He returned to civilian life in 1939 only to be called up again in late summer as the Second World War broke out. He was finally demobbed early in 1946. These stories are in chronological order.

*Editor's note: This story will be published as a series of 10 short stories. This is part nine and 10. These are the final chapters of the series.*



## SANDWICHES

Dick walked into the tent and looked over his platoon. They looked up from their dinner and stared back at him.

"Hello, Corporal. We didn't expect you until late tonight."

"Yeah. We thought you would have a few pints at the King's Head after your leave. Before coming back here that is."

"So you think I'm a piss artist, do you? I'll remember that next time I'm considering placing you on a charge, Sandy," Dick laughed good naturedly.

"We all thought the same, Corp."

"So you all want to be on a charge?" the banter continued.

"No, Corp."

"Did you save any dinner for me?"

"Sorry, Corp."

"Good thing I had fish and chips before I got on the train in London."

"How was the 'Smoke', Corp?"

"Full of smashed buildings and piles of bricks from the bombing. But everyone is bright enough. Now the worst of the Blitz is over, people are hoping these night raids will slowly tail off."

"How is the place your missus got to live in?"

"Don't ask. It's a wreck. Windows all blown out and boarded up. Plaster cracked to hell. Roof leaks. Years of work to put the mess right."

"At least she has a roof over her head."

"A bloody land mine fell a few weeks back. Blew the house, two doors down the road, completely away."

"Sorry to hear that."

"Mind you lads, there is a big pub at the end of the road."

"What's it called?"

"The Swiss Cottage."

"I think I've seen it. A big white building."

"That's it."

"Suppose you paid it a visit, Corp?"

"My sisters and their husbands came over and we visited the pub."

"Sounds like a good shindig, Corp?"

"It was a family get-together. That's all lads."

"OK, Corp."

"When we got home I was really touched. Winn remembered I love banana sandwiches and she gave me a round. She must really miss me."

"You sure they were bananas, Corp?"

"Of course they were."

"OK"

Dick looked over the eight men. He saw eight innocent looks.

What am I missing?

"Sandy. Why are you all looking like butter wouldn't melt in your mouths? What's up?"

Sandy looked at his fellow Privates and then back to Corporal West."

"Sorry, Corp. But there ain't been any bananas in Britain since early in 1940. Not sure what was in your sandwiches."

Dick looked at his "lads" and frowned.

"You sure?"

"Yes, Corp."

"So what could it have been?"

Private Jones stepped in, "Well, Corp. If I was going to do that, I would boil some turnip, mash it up fine and then lace it with banana essence."

Dick looked at his lads again.

"Well, I did enjoy the sandwiches. I also enjoyed the beer at the pub."

"So it was a good leave, Corp?"

"You bet it was."

"That's good, Corp, because it'll be the last for a long time."

"Why's that, Sandy?"

"We were told this afternoon that all leave is cancelled and we are confined to barracks."

"We aren't in a barracks."

"OK, Corp. We're confined to camp until further notice."

Dick looked at his lads.

"Sounds like we are going over to France lads. I hope we all get to remember the summer of 1944."

"Yes, Corp."

## AT SEA

The ships wake glinted in the moonlight. Dick took a draw on his cigarette and smiled. No one was happy to be here. Not his lads or any of the other soldiers on board.

Three weeks ago we were transferred from Germany to the UK. Everyone thought we were going to be demobbed. Germany was defeated and so there was no need for anti-aircraft guns.

What happens? We get two weeks leave and orders to report to a barracks outside of Southampton. Once we reassembled, we were issued a tropical kit. Then, the bombshell. We were posted to Japanese waters. Not sure where. No one said.

Boy, were the lads pissed.

If Winn had known, she would have tried to stop me from coming back. Being AWL after nearly seven years in the army, would be a bad way to end my military service.

"What 'cher doing, Corp?"

"Having a smoke."

"Yeah. But you are staring at the sea behind the ship, as if it were a beautiful woman."

"Am I?"

"Yes, Corp."

"What makes you such an expert on my thoughts, Sandy?"

"Well, Corp. We've been through a lot during this war and I think I can guess how you feel."

"Is that right?"

He looked at Sandy and smiled.

It's true. He probably can figure out what I am feeling.

"OK. What's going on in my noggin then."

Sandy thought for a little while and took a deep breath.

"You're sad to be leaving Winn but thrilled to be on a long sea voyage.

Something you have always wanted to

do."

"Sandy. You know me too well. It's time we moved on with our lives."

"That's what all the lads want, Corp."

"It won't be long. In a few more months, I think the Japanese will be defeated."

"We'd rather be back in Blighty now, Corp."

"Can't help that, Sandy. Forgive me for enjoying this voyage while it lasts."

"Yes, Corp."

They both smoked another cigarette and gazed at the sea. Half an hour later, Dick noticed the ship change course.

He looked at the wake, was steadily curving to the right.

"What's going on?"

"Dunno," Sandy replied.

The ship kept up its steady turn until it faced the opposite direction.

Then heard cheering from below decks.

"Hello, Corporal," Private Jones said as he made his way aft, to join them.

"Jonesy?"

"We are heading home."

"Why?"

"The Americans have dropped what they call an Atomic Bomb. The Brass think that the war will be over in a few days."

"What's an Atomic Bomb?" Sandy asked.

"Don't really know."

"It's a new type of bomb more powerful than a thousand big bombs," Corporal West added.

"Oh."

"Glad no one had those when we were in Europe," Jonesy added, "especially the Nazi's."

"Too right," Sandy said.

"So we'll go home. We'll be demobilized once we hit Southampton."

"Yes, Corp. I think the war is over."



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# Exploring Photos: with Jim Smith

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## THE THISTLE SHAMROCK



The Buttery restaurant, which once hosted the King Henry VIII Night, is now called Corks. In the 1950s and '60s, it was a popular restaurant name The Thistle Shamrock, as seen in the photograph. The building was originally built by pharmacist Arthur Coyne in 1939. He operated his dispensary there.

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### ARCHITEXT

## Another option ...

Brian Marshall  
Featured

Occasionally, the luckiest amongst us have the opportunity to take possession of a property that breathes history.

From among that small group, there are a few individuals who understand they are merely the custodians of this heritage and are moved to designate the property. While these folks (and those intrepid volunteers who support them) should be celebrated, they are in the minority.

Far too many Canadian houses of historical and/or architectural distinction languish in a state of neglect or are subject to



Benign neglect. SUPPLIED PHOTO/BRIAN MARSHALL

the vagaries of an owner's "taste-of-the-day" renovations.

The English system we looked at last week engages the entire community in the protection process, whereas our American neighbours in the "land of the free" have generally adopted rigidly enforced architectural controls which apply to a district, community or an entire city.

Essentially, any build, addition or renovation must pass an architectural review to ensure that all elements conform to their

architectural theme and standards.

These controls can be both broadly prescriptive and extremely detailed. Consider Meridian Beach, Calif., where it's nearly impossible to receive approval for any new residence in a style other than Arts & Crafts (the local theme). And in the Historic District of Bedford, Mass., the guidelines detail all acceptable exterior paint colours, and the proposed paint scheme (surface, trim and accents) must be submitted for individu-

al approval.

Now, while the architectural guidelines instituted by more than 500 U.S. cities do not provide individual protection to heritage properties, these standards establish frameworks resulting in protection of homes within 2,300 historical districts across the country.

These districts, formed by state or local legislation, typically have laws and/or bylaws in place that restrict demolition/alteration of a home and occasionally enforce maintenance requirements.

Incidentally, the value of houses within these districts typically appreciates 4 per cent to 12 per cent faster than the local average, a pretty good ROI.

Neither England nor the United States may have "the" solution for NOTL, but, in my opinion, either is a significant improvement over where we sit now.

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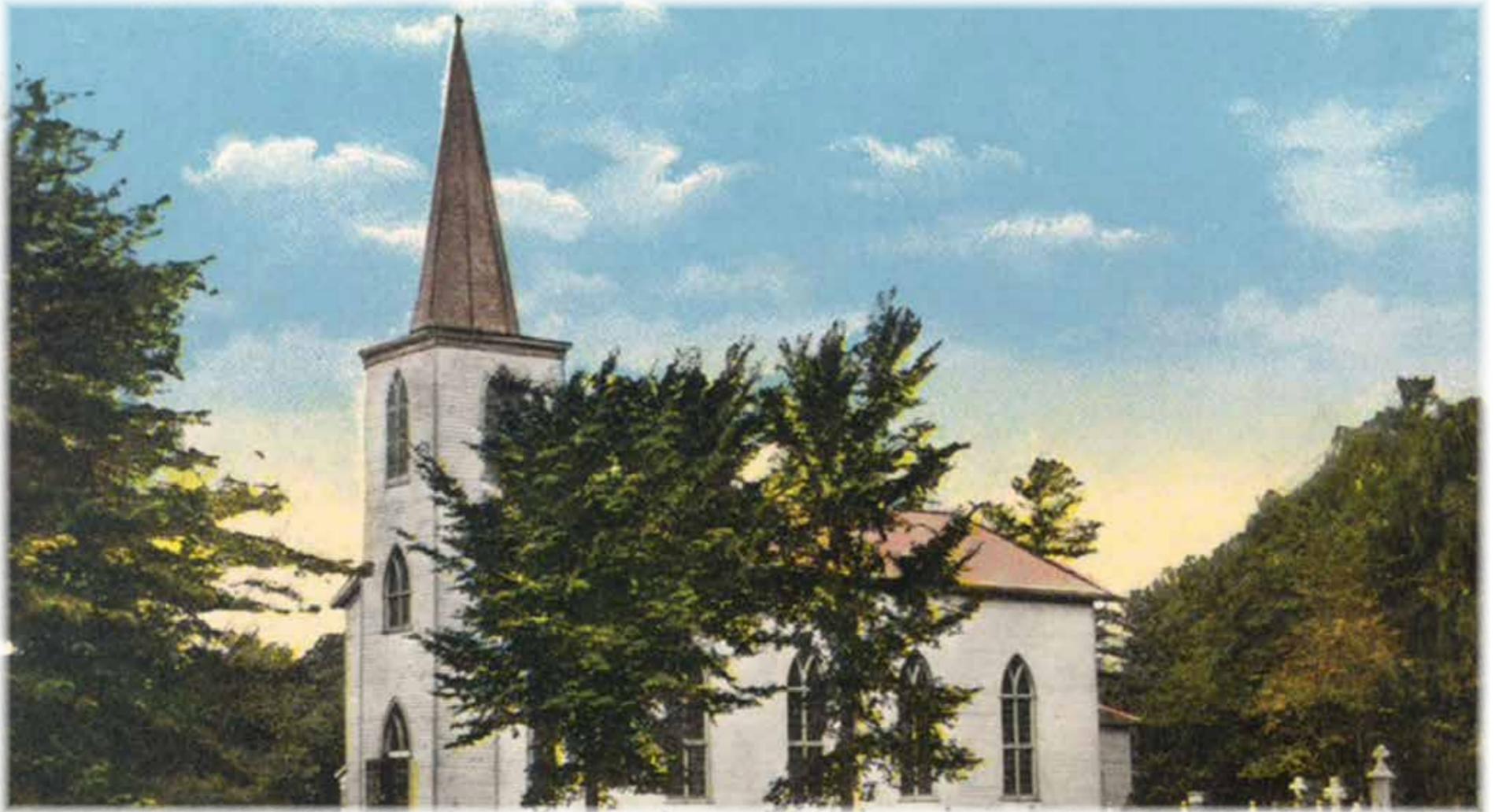
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# St. Vincent de Paul Church: Part 2



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. SUPPLIED PHOTO

Denise Ascenzo  
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In 1900, a prosperous and wealthy area businessman named Hugh Chisholm commissioned the construction of an impressive mausoleum for his deceased parents at St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church. It was one of the most impressive mausoleums in NOTL.

Alexander and Mary Chisholm were disinterred and laid to rest in the mausoleum with their original head stone being placed against an interior wall. As time passed, six other Chisholm family members were also laid to rest in the mausoleum. Hugh Chisholm died on July 1, 1912, at the age of 65 and is buried in New York City.

At the corner of Wellington and Byron streets is a large section of the graveyard that one might think is unused. There are no visible markers, there are

no records of any building or parish hall on this site, nor are there records of any burials.

According to stories passed down through parishioners and custodians, this was the paupers graveyard where people too poor to pay for a proper burial would place a body just outside of the fencing, knowing the priest would say a few prayers and the deceased would be buried.

The term "buried beyond the pale" was often used to describe these burials. "Pale" is a series of pointed sticks creating a fence that would encircle an area. Around the church graveyard there would be a pale to keep cattle from tramping over graves. So, beyond the pale meant a body would be placed outside of the fenced area of the graveyard.

There are no accurate records of how many burials there might have been in this section, however,

there is an accounting for two criminals who were executed and buried there.

James Moreau was a commander with the rebels under William Lyon Mackenzie during the rebellion of 1837. Moreau was found guilty of treason and was sentenced to death. On July 30, 1838, he professed his faith in God, was received into the Catholic Church, baptized. The next day he was executed. He is buried in an unmarked grave in the paupers section.

The other criminal was Thomas Brennan, who immigrated to Upper Canada. He was found guilty of murdering Mary O'Connor of Queenston on May 4, 1848. Brennan was executed in October 1848 and also buried in an unmarked grave.

On the edge of the paupers grave site, facing onto Byron Street, there is one lone grave stone. There lies Patrick Lawless, the night watchman on the

Niagara Wharf in NOTL. On a night in August 1863, the steamer Zimmerman caught fire. Lawless sounded the alarm and all hands were tasked to extinguish the fire, but the steamer could not be saved.

The fire was deemed an accident with no blame assigned to any person on board. Lawless' body was found steps away from the pump he had been manning on the steamer. He was the only casualty of the fire. Everyone else on board had been saved.

St. Vincent de Paul's graveyard has one grave of a runaway slave, William Primus, who was one of the early free black settlers in NOTL. When his wife Margaret, a poor Irish immigrant, died in 1850, he put up a magnificent monument in her memory. The verse attests to his love and respect for her. How could a runaway slave and a poor Irish girl have possibly been able to afford this

beautiful monument?

Census records at that time tell a successful story of William Primus. He was a teamster who ran his own business, while buying and selling properties throughout the town. Upon his death in 1857 he left all of his estate to his two daughters, Agnes Primus and Eliza Mills. Upon Agnes' death, she left her portion of the estate to St. Vincent de Paul.

A scandal erupted over Agnes' last will and testament when certain properties in her name were contested. Eliza Mills' husband John disputed the ownership of them and took the matter to court. The church was awarded the properties in question.

The largest gravesite in the graveyard is the Polish Memorial. An iron fence surrounds the graves of 24 young men who died of the Spanish influenza that swept through the Niagara Camp in 1918-19, where

they were in training in NOTL. A review of the dates will show how one after the other the soldiers succumbed to the flu.

These young men died in Canada while in training to liberate their home country of Poland. It was only fitting then that these young men could rest forever in their motherland. After the First World War, Canada ceded this land to Poland.

The graveyard of St. Vincent de Paul is a special place. Take a stroll through there, pause for a moment and remember some of the people who helped to build Niagara-on-the-Lake.

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## Artifact of the Week: Angel Gabriel Weathervane



**Answer:** This week's artifact is the weathervane of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. During the War of 1812, the church and the Town of Niagara were burned by retreating Americans in 1813. After its reconstruction in 1831, the church was crowned with this weathervane representing the Archangel Gabriel, where it remained for the next 24 years. On April 18, 1855, a hurricane struck the town, damaging the church's roof and blowing the weathervane from its position in the process. It was found in a farmer's field and was left in a barn for forty years before being donated to the museum. Made of sheet metal and coated in gold paint, it measures 7 feet 5 inches.

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## JOHN GLEDDIE: Elite coach, NASCAR adviser, medical innovator and neighbour

Featured local story

Tim Taylor  
The Lake Report

It was a curious twist of fate that brought John Gleddie and his family to Niagara-on-the-Lake 25 years ago.

They had moved to town temporarily, awaiting his green card, on his way to Arlington, Texas, to become a part of the medical team for the Texas Rangers baseball club.

But that was 1994, the year of the great Major League Baseball strike/lockout.

So, no team, no contract, no move.

“Getting released galvanized my decision to stay in Niagara,” says the 65-year-old Gleddie, a chiropractor with a practice in St. Catharines, a house in Chautauqua, and a wife and two daughters, all working in Niagara.

“If there was a silver lining in the baseball strike of 1994, it was that I got to move to Niagara-on the Lake.”

Gleddie admits his career story hasn’t been straightforward or ordinary. And certainly not a straight line.

His first career thread started at the University of Toronto where he studied science, finally earning a doctor of chiropractic degree in 1976. It’s a profession he has steadfastly maintained throughout his eclectic working life.

Just a few months ago, Gleddie moved his practice, doubling its size and adding professional capacity. A Niagara doctor-rating app gives Gleddie’s

practice five stars, one of Niagara’s top five chiropractic offices.

His second career thread began during university, when he rowed for both the University of Toronto and the Argonaut Rowing Club, going on to become the Argo club’s head coach and a coach for the fledgling Upper Canada College crews at the new Hanlon Rowing Club.

Gleddie caught the attention of Rowing Canada and became an assistant coach of the Canadian women’s Olympic rowing team for the ill-fated 1980 Moscow Olympics (boycotted by many Olympic teams, including Canada’s).

Later in 1980, Gleddie came to St. Catharines to start his chiropractic practice, in his spare time taking on rowing coaching

duties at Brock University and acting as the school’s part-time rowing co-ordinator from 1981 to 1987.

“Now, the role is a full-time job. Back then, I got paid \$3,000 a year for 40 hours a week, every weekend, really my whole life.”

It was then that Gleddie began

developing an innovative training regimen that would revolutionize the development of elite athletes engaged in long-term physically demanding sports.

Now, it’s called load management. Thirty-five years ago, Gleddie called it a response to cumulative seasonal fatigue.

This is where Gleddie’s third career stream begins.

He took his idea to a Coaches Association of



John Gleddie with baseball Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan, above, and at left in his neighbourhood park. Gleddie’s innovative approach to health, eating and hydration changed the way elite athletes prepare for and recover from their sports. SUPPLIED PHOTO, TOP. TIM TAYLOR PHOTO, LEFT.

Canada meeting in Vancouver. Coaches from all over North America were in attendance.

A Major League Baseball executive was in the crowd listening to Gleddie’s thesis. He thought the new training regimen might just work for high-performing major league pitchers. It wasn’t long before Gleddie was working with the likes of Nolan Ryan and Randy Johnson.

“I worked with the Texas

Rangers during the baseball season, returning to my practice in the winter,” says Gleddie.

In 2002, Gleddie turned his attention to NASCAR racing drivers, particularly those in the gruelling 24-hour races. To his load management theories, he added proper hydration practices for drivers in the endurance events.

“I was a sort of weekend warrior,” Gleddie states proudly. “Chiropractor

Many of his neighbours call him the Mayor of Chautauqua.

The residents association, in its various forms, has been fostering local spirit for almost 70 years. “It’s not really an advocacy group. It’s neighbours looking out for neighbours,” Gleddie says. “And we have great social events, too.”

“Last year, we donated \$2,500 towards new trees to help rebuild the secondary tree canopy.”

Gleddie’s wife, Martha, works at Morgan’s Funeral Home. Their two daughters attended Parliament Oak and Niagara District High School. One daughter has gone on to a career in the local real estate business, the other with the Niagara Regional Police.

Gleddie continues to nurture all three of his career streams: chiropractic, rowing and elite sport training.

A year ago, Gleddie was given the honour of having a St. Catharines Rowing Club rowing shell named after him, for his continued financial, coaching and leadership contributions to the club.

He’s not decided yet if he will retire from coaching this coming season.

“I really don’t know what’s next for me,” Gleddie claims. “Just being a mild-mannered chiropractor, I guess.”

But he’s not finished his work on athlete load management and hydration practices.

“I’d still like to pursue my research into the ties between cumulative seasonal fatigue and hydration.”

Even if it’s sometimes hard to follow his medical sports-speak, you know his passion will get important things done. And he’s still having fun.

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