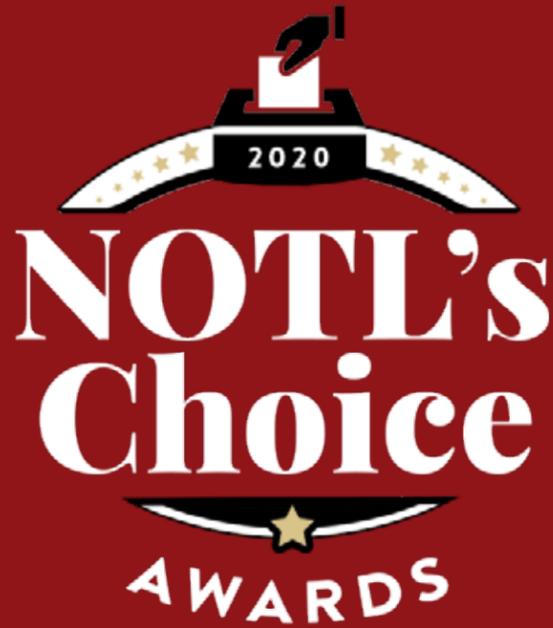


# The Lake Report



*3,000 Voters / 80 Categories*

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## Sandtrap scoops up five top awards

Richard Harley  
Editor-In-Chief

Niagara-on-the-Lake's Sandtrap Pub & Grill scooped four first-place platinum finishes and one runner-up prize in the 2020 NOTL's Choice Awards.

The Mary Street eatery won the most categories in The Lake Report's first residents' choice competition.

The restaurant won for best local bar/pub, best casual restaurant, best burger and best pizza.

Plus bartender Matt Gordon won a gold medal, bringing the restaurant's tally to five.

Sandtrap co-owner Matt Dietsch said he's honoured to have been chosen by the 3,000 residents who voted.

"For us to be nominated

for anything is an honour, and then, of course, to have people voting on it, and winning them is a bigger honour."

He said over the years of being the "town watering hole" he and his brother Paul, who co-owns the business, have got to know a lot of customers on a personal level.

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Matt Gordon and Matt Dietsch of the Sandtrap Pub & Grill. JESSICA MAXWELL

## Town boots carriage business to Byron Street for weekends

Richard Harley  
Editor-In-Chief

Niagara-on-the-Lake's carriage companies will now have to operate on Byron Street every weekend, the town says.

The companies, Sentineal Carriages and Queen's Royal Carriage, were told on Friday, Aug. 28, to move from the spot they normally use on the corner of King and Queen streets, beside the Prince of Wales hotel — an area with heavier

walk-up traffic.

The decision was made by council in a private session, Lord Mayor Betty Disero said.

Laura Sentineal, of Sentineal Carriages, said the first weekend was not a good one for the carriage business.

The move away from the main street "does not work for us on a lot of levels," she said.

She said the company already had reservations from the Prince of Wales spot

and customers had trouble finding them.

"I keep getting calls from people like, 'Where are you, we can't find you' — I've had that all weekend," Sentineal said.

Walk-up traffic was slower than usual, she said, and her husband Fred said business was down about 45 per cent. The new location is a block north of the main downtown intersection, on the far side of Simcoe Park, near St. Mark's Anglican Church.

Sentineal also said her staff, many of whom are teenagers, felt less safe as a result of being off the main street, especially at closing time when the area near Byron Street is dimly lit. As well, the new location doesn't have washroom facilities close by for drivers.

The companies have been allowed to use the Prince of Wales' washrooms when in



Lord Mayor Betty Disero talks with the Sentineal family on Sunday afternoon on Byron Street. RICHARD HARLEY

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# Shaw actor completes fundraising Ironman triathlon

## 'Koovy' McLachlan credits community for helping him reach finish line after 14 hour marathon

Jessica Maxwell  
The Lake Report

Body What started on Vancouver Island as a morning bike ride to a lake, followed by a swim, transformed over the past year into a gruelling 226-kilometre triathlon that raised more than \$4,000 for the MS Society of Canada.

Shaw Festival actor Kevin "Koovy" McLachlan, 24, decided to use the time during the pandemic shut-down to do something different: Train for an Ironman competition – an extreme form of triathlon.

On Sunday, Aug. 30, in Niagara-on-the-Lake and Welland, McLachlan completed the four-kilometre swim, 180-kilometre bicycle ride and 42-kilometre marathon run in 13 hours and 58 minutes.

This formative and informative experience has 100 per cent changed his life, he said.

"It's one thing that I could see how fast I could run for 10 minutes or see all these things, but this is truly a mental game and truly about seeing how far you can push your body," he said in an interview prior to his Ironman.

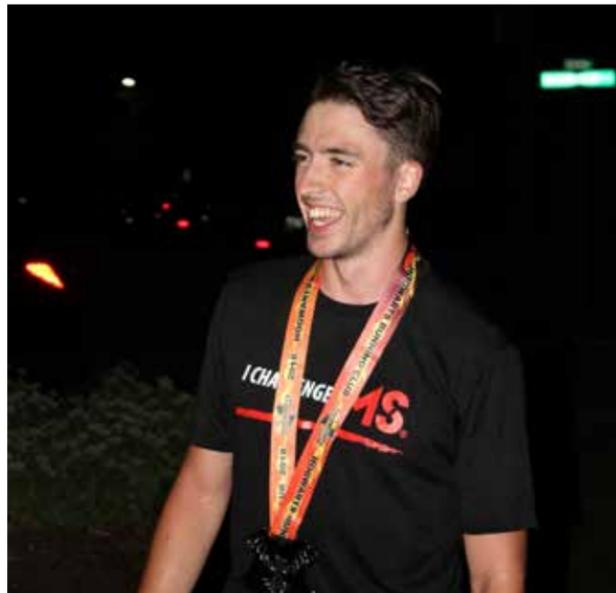
"I think we as humans owe a certain level of responsibility to ourselves to just see what we can do and that doesn't have to be some physical manifestation."

"We're so fortunate that we get to challenge ourselves in these kinds of ways and this for me has been a huge challenge."

Originally from Whitehorse, Yukon, he completed the musical theatre program at Sheridan College and started his career that has brought him across Canada.

Last summer, McLachlan was on Vancouver Island working at a small theatre and "as my regular morning routine, I would hop on this old junker bike that I bought off a guy and ride to this lake that's maybe a 15-minute bike ride," he said.

"Then I would just jump in this lake because it was this beautiful lake and beau-



Top: Jason Cadieux and Julien Ward bike with Kevin McLachlan (centre) to support him in completing his Ironman. Bottom left: McLachlan finishes his 4km swim portion of the triathlon. Bottom right: McLachlan finishes his Ironman in 13 hours and 58 minutes. PHOTOS BY HALEY LANG

tiful spot in the summer on Vancouver Island."

It was a way for him to get outside and stay active, but he didn't think of it much more than that.

"One morning I was out there jumping in and this woman said, 'Oh, you must be training for the triathlon this weekend!' and I responded, 'Yeah ... Sure!'"

McLachlan said he hadn't done much running since participating in mandatory five-kilometre Terry Fox runs in his high school days, so a triathlon wasn't really on his agenda.

But he went home that night and signed up for the triathlon organized by a local community group for the following week, and just thought, "Why not? Let's see how it goes," he said.

"Upon arrival I was so

clearly out of my element. Everyone else was in their wetsuits with their fancy road bikes and I was in a pair of old board shorts. The only guy not in a wetsuit by the water."

McLachlan participated in the sprint triathlon at that time, which he said is the shortest, most common for participants and involves a 750-metre swim, 20-kilometre bike ride and five-kilometre run.

"After that I was hooked. I just had the most fun," he said.

McLachlan thought, "One day I could do an Ironman. It would be kind of one of those bucket list things to eventually attempt."

"Then when the pandemic hit and we couldn't get to the gyms and our work was drastically shifting, of

course theatre is not something that thrives when you can't gather in large groups of people, I thought, 'Hey, maybe in a weird way this is presenting the time to let me actually train.'" he said.

At the beginning of the pandemic, no one really knew how long things would be closed, so McLachlan just started training, figuring, "in a couple months when things get back to normal, I can race in an official Ironman race in Canada or the United States."

Then as time passed and it was obvious that wasn't going to be an option, he thought, "Well, I'm not going to do all this training for nothing."

This is when McLachlan started to wonder if he could just organize his

own Ironman and make it happen.

Friends like Emily Lukasik, a Shaw co-worker and people in the community helped support his idea, he said.

As he followed a four-month training plan, McLachlan thought his triathlon would be his own send-off to the summer and his Shaw job, as well as a great challenge for himself.

The endeavour grew and he began to realize how much help he was going to need to pull it off. That's where friends and people in town came in.

He also decided another way to help would be to turn his Ironman into a fundraiser.

"Through the MS Society of Canada, you can start a challenge or donation page,"

he said. "My challenge page is called Koovy Does An Ironman, because my nickname Koovy has sort of become my colloquial nickname these days."

His goal was to raise \$2,260, reflecting the 226 kilometres he would travel. As of Sept. 2 at 2 p.m. the donation total was at \$4,505.

Exceeding his goal and helping the MS Society of Canada is awesome and shows how much community support he received, said McLachlan.

"The fundraiser extends beyond Niagara-on-the-Lake into my own life, but I'm just so grateful of the amount of people that supported it," said McLachlan, whose father has MS.

"I recognize that right now is not necessarily a financially lucrative time for people," he said. "That folks even took a little bit of time to donate helps make it that much more special."

The team of more than 20 people who rallied behind him also acted as a reminder not to be afraid to ask for help. He credits his team with helping him to reach the finish line.

"I was expecting two people at each station and there was at least four or five every time I rounded a corner," McLachlan said.

"My friend Jason (Cadieux), who was joining me today for parts of it said, 'You've got to enjoy this right now because if you ever do a sanctioned one, you won't have this sort of support crew with you.' So, I was very thankful for that," an exhausted McLachlan told The Lake Report Sunday night after completing the Ironman.

He has only been in NOTL since last October, so "all these new friendships within the community and the theatre makes it really special."

"I was expecting to do sections of it on my own and everyone was feeling so generous today that there wasn't a single part of the race that I didn't have at least one other person with me. So that was pretty special."



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# NOTL Community Centre opens **Sept. 14**

Richard Harley  
 The Lake Report



The NOTL Community Centre. FILE/DARIYA BAIGUZHIEVA

Niagara-on-the-Lake is reopening some public facilities closed for months due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The community centre – and the Sweets and Swirls Café – are set to open Sept. 14, following the opening of the Virgil arenas and Niagara Nursery School and Child Care Centre on Sept. 8.

The decision was made “under the guidance” of the town’s emergency control group, the town said in a news release.

The facilities were closed on March 13, in response to the pandemic.

“Staff is looking forward to reopening the town’s arenas and community centre

and helping to reinstate a sense of normalcy back into our community,” interim chief administrator Sheldon Randall said in the release.

“It’s been almost six months since the public has been able to use these facilities and we are happy to welcome them back while continuing to remain cau-

tious and vigilant in our efforts to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19.”

The community centre opening includes its customer service desk, track and fitness area, and the café. Community centre programming and room bookings will be available beginning Oct. 5.

Hours of operation will be Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For the arenas, groups interested in renting ice this season are being asked to complete an online survey identifying the dates and times of desired ice rentals.

# Sentineals say Byron is **no good** for business

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the traditional spot.

Carriage driver Brock Donald said the weekend was the first time he’s ever had to turn away someone who was using a wheelchair, because there wasn’t safe access to the carriages.

Normally they are able to get people up from the small sidewalk, he said.

One positive thing is the new weekend spot has shade for most of the day, he said.

On Tuesday, following several questions from The Lake Report, Disero issued a media statement that said the decision to move the carriages was made “to uphold public safety, de-escalate the situation, support local businesses surrounding the intersection of Queen and King streets, and protect the integrity and brand of the town’s downtown core.”

She said the decision was made by town council during a private session and that emergency delegated authority powers were not used.

In an interview later Tuesday, she said delegated authority, which allows the mayor and chief administrator to make decisions independent of council, has not been used since July 1.

The mayor said the decision was made privately because “council was given legal advice.”

“It’s normal for legal advice to be given in confidence and this practical need is provided for within the Municipal Act,” she said in the statement.

John Mascarin, considered one of the country’s leading experts on municipal law, said in an interview that the town is perfectly within its rights to hold a private session to discuss such confidential information and then is allowed to instruct town employees to implement any decision.

The town did not provide a record of the vote result when asked.

Disero told The Lake Report council is looking at ways to best manage the situation, but said she couldn’t provide specifics yet, other than that there would be a town bylaw officer stationed in the area on the weekend.

A reporter was there Sunday when Disero stopped by Byron Street to talk with the Sentineal family. She was heard telling them that town lawyers were “scouring” town bylaws to find ways to charge protesters.

But Disero said that was just one of many discussions.



A carriage on Queen Street. RICHARD HARLEY

“I have conversations with Laura every day to try and strategize, and we come up with all kinds of stuff that never sees the light of day.”

Disero’s statement said tensions are high about the carriage and protest issue, but urged people to be “respectful to one another.”

“We’re in a time when nerves are frayed. At the moment, a lot of people are angry with one another. We recognize there are differences of opinion in our community, that’s fine, it’s normal. What we need to do is work through them in a way that is kind,” she said.

“The messages we have been hearing lately are emotional. That’s understandable. We are talking about livelihoods and animal well-being. These are significant matters, which people are passionate about. However, we need to move forward

peacefully, respectfully and with decency. That’s what the town has been working toward.”

“In order to get there, my colleagues on council and I have been looking for ways to compromise as best as we can. Council wants to help dial back the escalation in the rallies and protests we have seen over the past several weeks. By asking the horse and carriage operators to move to Byron and King streets on Saturdays and Sundays only, we are doing our best to accommodate what we’ve heard and get to a place that makes sense for our community.”

The decision to move the carriages on weekends comes after tensions escalated between the carriage operators and animal rights activists who want to see the carriages banned.



## Niagara-on-the-Lake Reduces Speed on Concession 6 Road Between Niagara Stone Road and Line 2

At the August 24, 2020, Council Meeting, Council approved a speed limit reduction, from 80 km/hr. to 70 km/hr. on Concession 6 Road, between Niagara Stone Road and Line 2 Road.

A speed limit reduction ultimately helps to improve traffic safety and address resident concerns within the surrounding areas.

This change will come into effect this week, pending replacement of the speed limit signs, advising drivers of the reduced speed. The Niagara Regional Police will also be notified of this change to support future enforcement activities.

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## Editorial: The glass is at least **half full**

Kevin MacLean  
 Managing Editor



In an era when NOTL seems to be facing ever-more-polarizing times as animal rights activists and pro-carriage counterparts face off on the streets of town, we thought it might be time to sit back and take a glass half-full approach (VQA, of course).

So, in the spirit of positivity, let's take a break from the negative and have a look at some of the good things about life here in Niagara-on-the-Lake, all from the pages of your Lake Report today and over the past few weeks.

So, kudos to:  
 \* Our readers and area businesses for your overwhelming support of and participation in the NOTL's Choice Awards.  
 \* Shaw actor Kevin McLachlin and the com-

munity of helpers who enabled him to complete an amazing Ironman triathlon fundraiser in NOTL this past Sunday.

\* Joan King and those who organize the annual Terry Fox Run. On this 40th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope, they are again doing great work. Get out to Valu-mart in Virgil this Friday or Saturday and buy a commemorative T-shirt.

\* Ravine Vineyard and the Harber family for their stellar community sup-

port, this time of the NOTL Museum

\* And Palatine winery, too, for helping to fund the Upper Canada Heritage Trail.

\* Music Niagara for finding innovative ways to keep making music. And finding beautiful locations to film the At Home Series.

\* The Shaw Guild for spearheading the establishment of the NOTL ambassadors program.

\* Club 55 for its weekend motorcycle rally to help feed hungry schoolkids.

\* The Yellow Door Theatre Project for doing great work developing aspiring thespians.

\* The Shaw Festival for hanging in there and promising to entertain us soon, with some shows al fresco.

\* Town council for not killing the almost-completed Virgil skateboard park and for relenting on

allowing the Pedal Pub to continue operating – on a route that avoids residential areas.

\* Brett Ruck from the Town of NOTL, for helping to develop an online app that will aid our farmers with irrigation.

\* Lloyd Kelly, the Texas lawyer and owner of the long-abandoned historic Breakenridge house at 240 Centre St., for engaging NOTL architectural expert Brian Marshall and Brock Builders to restore this Regency home.

\* Our readers, again, for being such interested and engaged supporters of our wee newspaper. And for writing tons of letters on issues that concern them. And for letting us know about news in our community that you want to see in your paper.

Thank you all.  
 editor@niagaranow.com



## Two-year sentence in fatal hit-run is a **joke**

Dear editor:  
 The two-year prison sentence handed down by Justice Fergus O'Donnell in the fatal hit-and-run by Patrick McCabe, and his attempted cover-up, should elicit a public outcry.

This minimum sentence is a mere slap on the wrist and is an affront and insult to the family of the deceased Zenaida from Mexico. To set aside the second charge, dangerous driving causing death, is a

further embarrassment in this case.

Under Ontario law, the sentencing guidelines can be 14 years in prison. This judge could not have come up with a lesser sentence – shame on him.

McCabe is likely to serve half the time and be released for good behaviour. How can a sentence of two years, for causing the death of an innocent person, be a deterrent?

It's a joke.

There should be a law allowing for sentencing judges for gross incompetence.

This reminds me of an old adage: "A good lawyer knows the law – A great lawyer knows the judge."

If proven in a court of law, what sentence can we expect in the case of Aubrey Blake Clements, accused of being drug-impaired in the crash that killed NOTL resident Liz Hawley?

Samuel Young  
 NOTL



Patrick McCabe. SOURCED

## Discarded masks, other trash **littering** Old Town

Dear editor:  
 I have been a resident of old town NOTL for the last 14 years.

During this time, I have always been proud of the way our town has always been kept very clean, even considering the number of visitors we have during the year.

This town has been a model for others.

Since the reopening of the Old Town to the public this summer things have changed radically.

You now walk in garbage and used face masks all over the downtown area. The garbage and recycling bins have disappeared from Voices of Freedom Park, the Underground Railroad commemorative park at the

corner of Regent and Johnson streets.

Now you can see abandoned used coffee cups, face masks and other litter on the ground.

I know because I walk around there every day.

At first I thought it was a maintenance issue and that it would be soon corrected. But it has been more than a month now

and they have not returned.

I feel that during this dangerous times, more – not less – attention should be paid to these sources of disease.

I thought I should voice my concerns for the benefit of other residents of the area.

Francois Brunette  
 NOTL



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# OPINION

## Right to protest **doesn't** make it right

David Israelson  
Special to The Lake Report



A protester stands on Byron Street. RICHARD HARLEY

There are so many good things about living in Niagara-on-the-Lake that it seems almost churlish to draw attention to something not so good. But it's not easy to ignore one of NOTL's least-appealing aspects — the never-ending protests over horse-drawn carriage tours in Old Town.

Full disclosure: I take a wide berth around the protesters and I intend to keep it that way. But I have read their material and know what they stand for. I'm not interested in getting involved.

From what I can gather, though, the protesters are advocates of a doctrine that opposes what they call "speciesism." This is the idea that one species, in this case the human, has no moral right to boss around another.

Obviously there is room to disagree. And, as in most moral evaluations, there are extremes that should be avoided. Cruelty to animals and indifference to the suffering of any creature are reprehensible and ought to be condemned and sanctioned, always.

But I don't see how hav-

ing horses take tourists around the block falls into this category. And nothing I have read about this ongoing protest persuades me that this campaign against the carriage business is productive or helpful to anyone. Not people, not horses.

We live in a free society, and people have a right to make their views known and to go in the street and seek to share them with others. But the protests in NOTL don't seem to be altering anyone's opinion — and that doesn't appear to be their intent.

The protests strike me as harassment — a passive-aggressive form, to be fair. And again, to be fair, the protests don't seem to be really fair to

anyone in this town, including other species.

From my admittedly remote vantage point, it feels like protesters are taking advantage of people's tolerance and goodwill, and the strong desire of civic authorities who represent residents to defuse controversy and avoid confrontation.

Tactically, I guess that part is working — the protests have triggered rising anger. There have been counter-protests, other nearby businesses are getting nervous and let's face it, protests can put people on edge.

None of this is good. For one thing, it appears doubtful that these protests are changing anyone's mind. At some point, when you say something and others have

heard it and you don't really have anything new to say, it's time to move on.

Additionally, this is not exactly the greatest time for people to be gathering in public in groups for anything, protest or otherwise. In case some haven't noticed, there's still a pandemic going on.

Those who do feel a need to protest about anything right now might want to ask themselves: Has something happened recently that has changed the situation so much that it's necessary to gather in the streets?

In some cases, yes. For example, Black Lives Matter demonstrations are important right now, particularly in troubled places like certain U.S. cities. They support people who are victimized, hurt and, in some cases, killed simply because of their race or background — the situation is developing and now is the time for change.

But protesting carriage rides? Week after week? People do have a right to hold up signs about things that they don't like, but that doesn't make it right.

*David Israelson is a writer, journalist and communications consultant based in Niagara-on-the-Lake.*

## Keep **tradition** alive in Niagara-on-the-Lake

Dear editor:

I am 90 years old and have lived on Line 6 since 1953. A lot of things have changed through the years.

Our beautiful town of Niagara-on-the-Lake has become the domain of

loud and distracting demonstrators. Where are the police? Hiding behind some lame excuses! They need to bring some order and peace back to this town.

The Sentineal family has lived in this town for a centu-

ry. I started with them on the Upper Canada Trail on the former railway trail. Planted trees and kept it in good shape, until the four-wheelers and dirt bikes took over.

Our members still try to clean up the trail once a year.

I hope again it will become a non-motorized trail.

Thank you for standing up for the Sentineal Carriages. Let's at least keep one tradition in town.

*Inge Enns  
NOTL*

## **Disgusted** by unruly behaviour at NOTL protest

Dear editor:

I was never so disgusted to see such unruly behaviour from humans in the Old Town as was broadcast on Sunday night, Aug. 23, on the CHCH-TV evening news.

This ongoing protest was about the infamous horse carriage rides.

What an unbelievable scene watching these so-called humans wearing costumes and holding signs screaming and swearing at each other, with some ap-

parent assaults. You people are nuts!

The hard-working police had barely any chance to try to contain this idiotic behaviour. What a great moral example you set for your kids. I would be really embarrassed to tell somebody that I live in Old Town.

People must be getting bored of trying to figure out the global pandemic that has been looming over us, taking with it so many lives and making millions severely sick.

Come on people, get your priorities straight. Stay in your own damn "bubble" and let these people do their job.

These horses look very healthy and well taken care of. Go after the human monsters who really do abuse animals. Here are a few: puppy mills, breeders, animal poachers and wet zoos in China. These and many more need your help and voice.

Take care of your own families. My immedi-

ate family consists of one rescue black lab and three cats and many more before them. I love them to the moon. They make my heart warm and fuzzy. I get along better with animals than I do most people.

Why can't we all listen to John Lennon's moving ballad when he sang: "Give peace a chance."

This should be the anthem of the world. Just try it.

*Shirley Gyurko  
NOTL*

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# New boardwalk will help visitors connect to NOTL fort and lakefront

Kevin MacLean  
Managing Editor

People will soon be able to trek alongside Lake Ontario and then take a walk on the boardwalk to visit Fort Mississauga.

Parks Canada built a massive 600-metre break-wall and gravel roadway along the lakefront last year to combat erosion and stabilize the shoreline on the northern edge of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club.

Now, the final phase of the nearly \$5 million federally-funded project is under construction.

A raised cedar boardwalk will run from the end of the roadway, winding through a "historic dry ditch," up to the ramparts of Fort Mississauga and connecting to an existing trail across the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club, says Sarah Simpson, a spokesperson for Parks Canada.

New trees and shrubs are being planted on the



Workers construct part of the board walk that will stretch from the lakefront up to the entrance to Fort Mississauga, in background. KEVIN MACLEAN

embankment along the shoreline, but some trees had to be removed in the ditch area to make way for the boardwalk.

The boardwalk "will ensure a safe and enjoyable route for visitors" to reach the fort, Simpson said.

"Once open, the new

pathway along the shoreline will be accessible via the parking lot near the corner of Queen and Newark streets or from the gravel pathway from the corner of Front and Simcoe streets," she said.

The shoreline walkway "will offer stunning views

of Lake Ontario before connecting to a trail leading to the historic main gates of Fort Mississauga national historic site."

Since the spring of 2018, Parks Canada has spent \$4.9 million in federal infrastructure funding to combat shoreline erosion

along the north perimeter of the golf course and protect Fort Mississauga, Simpson said in response to questions from The Lake Report.

The federal agency owns the land on which the golf course sits.

"The breakwall will help to protect Fort Mississauga and the historic artifacts along the shorelines on the grounds of Fort Mississauga, while at the same time ensuring public safety," she said.

The work is expected to be finished this fall.

Parks Canada also completed work to stabilize and preserve the structures at the fort.

"Masonry work and waterproofing were performed on the powder magazines, sally port and main gate," she said.

Over the past year, Parks Canada also replaced the fort's leaking roof to allow the structure to dry out, did masonry repairs to the top and corners of the fort, repaired the exterior and in-

terior walls and added solar panels to power new lighting for the fort structure.

The improved access to the fort "will enable Parks Canada to continue to tell the story of Fort Mississauga's role in the building and protection of our nation, and to share the full scope of our shared history as it relates to the Indigenous peoples who have been present on this land since time immemorial," Simpson said.

The fort was built just after the War of 1812 and was used as a military site until after the Second World War, she noted.

"This unique site reflects 150 years of British and Canadian military activity. Once this project is complete, visitors can experience the serenity of a once-bustling fortification where soldiers trained before being sent overseas, and climb to the top of the earthen walls to connect with stunning historic vistas."

## TALK OF THE TOWN

### No water testing? "Why not?"

Kevin MacLean  
Managing Editor

It has been well-documented that no public agency – neither the town, the region nor the province – regularly tests water quality at Ryerson Park in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

By regional standards, the popular sunset-watching spot and swimming area, does not attract enough people to merit consideration as an "official" beach. It also lacks sufficient parking and has no washroom facilities.

And the region also is concerned that regular testing could attract even more visitors at a time when residents in the Chautauqua neighbourhood already are

feeling overrun with auto and tourist traffic.

The town put up "educational" signs last month warning people about the lack of testing and what water conditions can lead to high bacteria counts.

But none of this mattered to one anonymous visitor who added a sticky note about water testing to one of the town's signs this past week. A simple question: "Why not?"

It reflects concerns expressed by others in the community, but we're not sure there is the political will or desire to take on the task.

\* *Talk of the Town is an occasional feature about issues that NOTLers are talking about.*

## 2020 Terry Fox Run theme is One Day. Your Way

Joan King  
Special to The Lake Report

Forty years ago, Terry Fox asked us to come together as a nation to inspire each other for a greater good.

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This year's Terry Fox Run, the 40th anniversary, will be One Day. Your Way, a virtual event. You can run, bike, walk etc. in your neighbourhood or wherever you like, and do it at any time on Sunday, Sept. 20.

You can register now

at [www.terryfox.org/run](http://www.terryfox.org/run), where you can choose to donate, register or sponsor. A website for the NOTL virtual run will be available next week.

You can sponsor yourself or a team, as the website offers a safe and secure way to raise money.

Commemorative shirts are available and will be for sale on Friday, Sept. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon at Phil's Valumart in Virgil.

You can also email me at [joankemp10@yahoo.ca](mailto:joankemp10@yahoo.ca) or call me at 905-262-5898.

This year we are encouraging you to post a picture of you or just your running shoes at a NOTL landmark with the hashtags #Fox-footsteps #fortyyearsof-hope #TFRNOTL #Ontario #Canada.

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# NOTL's Choice AWARDS

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## Editorial

# Congratulations to 2020's winners!

Richard Harley  
Editor-In-Chief

We're so excited to announce the winners of Niagara-on-the-Lake's first NOTL's Choice Awards.

Earlier this year, we collected nominations from town residents in 80 categories and then 3,000 of our dedicated readers took the time to vote on the best that NOTL has to offer.

In such a small town, that's an amazing turnout, so we wanted to thank everyone who took the time out from their day to vote. Something that makes this additionally special is that residents chose the nominees and then they voted on them.

Kudos! This really makes the first awards competition a major success.

Of course, like everything else

on the planet, the awards were affected by the global COVID-19 pandemic.

While we had planned to release the winners late spring in time for what we expected would be a booming tourist season, the world threw a wrench in those plans and everything was shut down.

So we decided to wait until things opened back up to release the winners.

A hearty congratulations to every winner and to every business that was nominated.

It's no small feat to be chosen the best of the best and it was a close race in so many cases.

So many businesses have told us how honoured they are to have been chosen by residents, and in turn have taken ads in this special pull-out edition to say thanks to the community.

Without further ado, please read on and see who the inaugural winners are.

If you can, do stop by some of these places and give them an in-person congrats when you support the business.

Right now, it's more important than ever to support our local economy.

To any businesses that weren't nominated but would like readers to nominate you next year, please stay on top of things by following our Facebook page (@TheLakeReport) and subscribing to our weekly newsletters at NiagaraNow.com.

We'll do our best to make sure the word gets out.

And to anyone reading, if there are categories you'd like to see added to next year's competition, please send us an email.

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# NOTL's Choice Awards 2020

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## The Lake Report

### Thank you

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in the first ever  
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### Congratulations

to all of the winners!



### 2020 Winners

#### Accounting/Financial Services

Platinum: Bridgeman & Dursken  
Gold: Lida Kowal Professional Corporation

#### Aesthetics

Platinum: NK Nails & Spa  
Gold: In Touch Day Spa (Niki Claus)

#### Antique Dealer

Platinum: Lakeshore Antiques and Treasures  
Gold: Bartlett House of Antiques

#### Art Studio

Platinum: Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre  
Gold: Ilona's School of Dance

#### Automotive

Platinum: Enns Battery & Tire  
Gold: Gould Automotive

#### Bakery

Platinum: Willow Cakes & Pastries  
Gold: The Pie Plate

#### Bank

Platinum: Meridian Credit Union  
Gold: TD Canada Trust

#### Bed & Breakfast

Platinum: A Pillow and Toast  
Gold: Somerset

#### Best Burger

Platinum: Sandtrap Pub & Grill  
Gold: The Garrison House



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### Best Patio

Platinum: NOTL Golf Club  
Gold: Kitchen76 at Two Sisters

### Best Pizza

Platinum: Sandtrap Pub & Grill  
Gold: Bricks & Barley

### Bike/Wine Tours

Platinum: Grape Escape Wine Tours  
Gold: Vino Velo

### Breakfast Diner

Platinum: Silk's Country Kitchen  
Gold: Stage Coach Family Restaurant

### Brewery

Platinum: Niagara Oast House Brewers  
Gold: Silversmith Brewing Company

### Builder/Contractor

Platinum: J&S Construction  
Gold: SteveBuilt Inc.

### Candy Shop

Platinum: Olde Tyme Candy Shoppe  
Gold: Maple Leaf Fudge

### Casual Restaurant

Platinum: Sandtrap Pub & Grill  
Gold: Bricks and Barley

### Catering Service

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### Charitable/Non-profit Organization

Platinum: Red Roof Retreat  
Gold: Shaw Festival

### Chiropractor

Platinum: NOTL Health and Wellness  
Gold: Virgil Chiropractic and Wellness

### Chocolatier

Platinum: Rocky Mountain  
Gold: Chocolate F/X

### Church

Platinum: St. Vincent de Paul  
Roman Catholic Church  
Gold: St. Mark's Anglican Church

### Clothing Store

Platinum: Irish Design  
Gold: Beau Chapeau Hat Shop

### Coffee Shop

Platinum: Balzac's  
Gold: Starbucks, Niagara Stone Road

### Computer Services

Platinum: Niagara Computer Systems

### Concert/Theatre Venue

Platinum: Jackson-Triggs Ampitheatre  
Gold: Royal George Theatre (Shaw Festival)

### Convenience Store

Platinum: Avondale (Mary Street)  
Gold: Avondale (Niagara Stone Road)

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## 2020 Winners

### Cosmetics

Platinum: NEOB Lavender Boutique  
Gold: Body Shop (Outlet Collection at Niagara)

### Daycare

Platinum: Niagara Nursery School  
Gold: YMCA

### Dental Practice

Platinum: Niagara-on-the-Lake Dental  
Gold: Stone Road Dental

### Denturist

Platinum: Niagara-on-the-Lake Denture Clinic

### Dog Training/Kennel

Platinum: The Perfect Pack Dog Training Services  
Gold: The Mutt Hutt

### Dog Walking

Platinum: Happy Tails  
Gold: The Perfect Pack Dog Walking Services

### Dry Cleaning

Platinum: Modern Cleaners (Old Town)  
Gold: Modern Cleaners (Virgil)

### Electrical Services

Platinum: Parisi Electric  
Gold: T.J. Electric (Tim Jones)

### Elementary School

Platinum: Crossroads Public School  
Gold: St. Michael Catholic Elementary School

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<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
<p><b>Historic Walking Tours - 11 a.m.</b> - Queen's Royal Park</p> <p><b>Live Music by Groove Revue Ju - 5 p.m.</b> - Club 55</p>	<p><b>Community Wellness Committee - 6 a.m.</b> - Virtual: <a href="http://livestream.com/notl">livestream.com/notl</a></p>	<p><b>Outdoor Sketching - 9 a.m.</b> - Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre</p> <p><b>Outdoor Acrylic Painting - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.</b> - Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre</p> <p><b>Long Term Care Transitional Self Health - 1:30 p.m.</b> - Virtual: <a href="http://www.alzheimerniagara.ca/online">www.alzheimerniagara.ca/online</a></p>	<p><b>German Conversation a.m.</b> - Virtual: <a href="http://contact.aol.com">contact.aol.com</a></p> <p><b>Caregiver Wellness about Driving and a.m.</b> - Virtual: <a href="http://alzheimer.org">alzheimer.org</a></p>
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	<b>10</b> <b>Long Term Care Transitional Self Health</b> - 1:30 p.m. - Virtual: <a href="http://www.alzheimerniagara.ca/online">www.alzheimerniagara.ca/online</a>	<b>11</b> <b>Lion Burger Drive Thru Barbecue</b> - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. - St. Davids Lions Club	<b>12</b> <b>Historic Walking Tours</b> - 11 a.m. - Queen's Royal Park
<b>16</b> - Virtual: notl. <b>ion Group</b> - 10 t avocanotl@	<b>17</b> <b>Committee of Adjustment</b> - 6:30 p.m. - Virtual: <a href="http://livestream.com/notl">livestream.com/notl</a> <b>Lecture Series: All Along the Waterfront</b> - 7:30 p.m. - NOTL Museum <b>Two Part Lecture Series: Portraiture</b> - 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre <b>LearnMORE from Home: Fakes and Forgeries</b> - 10 a.m. - Contact: <a href="mailto:manager@riverbrink.org">manager@riverbrink.org</a>	<b>18</b> <b>Lion Burger Drive Thru Barbecue</b> - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. - St. Davids Lions Club <b>Two Part Lecture Series: Portraiture</b> - 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre <b>Scout Brigade of Fort George</b> - 7 p.m. - Virtual: <a href="https://sbfscouter.ca/">https://sbfscouter.ca/</a>	<b>19</b> <b>Scout Brigade of Fort George</b> - All day - Virtual: <a href="https://sbfscouter.ca/">https://sbfscouter.ca/</a> <b>Watercolour: Let's Get Better at it</b> - 9 a.m. - Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre <b>Historic Walking Tours</b> - 11 a.m. - Queen's Royal Park

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Platinum: Caroline Cellars  
Gold: NOTL Community Centre

### Festival

Platinum: Peach Festival (Chamber of Commerce)  
Gold: Shaw Festival

### Fine Dining

Platinum: Treadwell  
Gold: Oban Inn

### Fish and Chips

Platinum: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 124  
Gold: Irish Harp Pub

### Florist

Platinum: Van Noort Florist  
Gold: My Motif

### Fruit Stand

Platinum: Harvest Barn  
Gold: Quiet Acres

### Gas Station

Platinum: Petro-Canada  
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### Hearing Service

Platinum: Hear Better Niagara  
Gold: HearingLife

### Home Improvements

Platinum: J&S Construction  
Gold: Penner's Home Hardware

### Hotel

Platinum: Oban Inn Spa & Restaurant  
Gold: Harbour House

### Ice Cream/Gelato Shop

Platinum: Avondale Dairy Bar  
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Platinum: Hope & Harder  
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Gold: The Irish Harp

### Local Chef

Platinum: David Watt (Garrison House)  
Gold: Ryan Crawford (Ruffino's)

### Local Tourist Attraction

Platinum: Sentineal Carriages  
Gold: Niagara Jet Boat Tours

### Market/Artisan Food

Platinum: Harvest Barn  
Gold: The Farmers' Market @ The Village

### Massage Therapist

Platinum: NOTL Health and Wellness  
Gold: Jennifer MacDonald

### Mental Health/Wellness

Platinum: Dr. L. Ricciardi  
Gold: Aksana Kavaliova-Moussi

### Mortgage Services/Agent

Platinum: The Mortgage Couple

### Museum

Platinum: NOTL Museum  
Gold: Fort George National Historic Site

### Music Instructor

Platinum: Cynthia Konopka  
Gold: NOTL Ukesters




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*Betty Disera*

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Gold: Twisted Vine Kitchen & Market

### Optometrist/Optician

Platinum: Dr. Robertson-Woods & Associates

### Outdoor Excursions

Platinum: Sentineal Carriages  
Gold: Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours

### Personal Trainer

Platinum: Niagara Fit (Jaclyn Willms)  
Gold: F-45 Training NOTL

### Pet Grooming

Platinum: Head to Tail Dog Grooming  
Gold: The Mutt Hutt

### Pharmacy

Platinum: Simpson's Pharmasave  
Gold: Shoppers Drug Mart

### Politician

Platinum: MPP Wayne Gates  
Gold: Lord Mayor Betty Disero

### Real Estate Agency

Platinum: NOTL Realty  
Gold: Royal LePage/Carriage Trade

### Real Estate Agent

Platinum: Michelle Reynolds & Stefan Regier  
Gold: Cheryl Munce, Engel & Volkers




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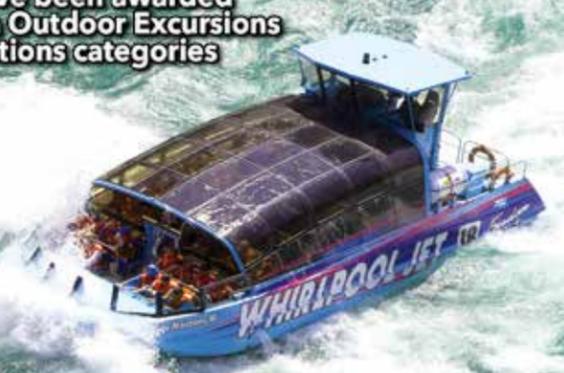
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Gold: Upper Canada Lodge

### Server/Bartender

Platinum: Lisa Cook (NOTL Golf Club)  
Gold: Matt Gordon (Sandtrap)

### Summer Camp

Platinum: Paddle Niagara - Sup Kids Camp  
Gold: NOTL Community Centre

### Travel Agency

Platinum: Upper Canada Travel

### Veterinary Clinic

Platinum: St. David's Veterinary Clinic  
Gold: Upper Canada Animal Hospital

### Wedding Venue

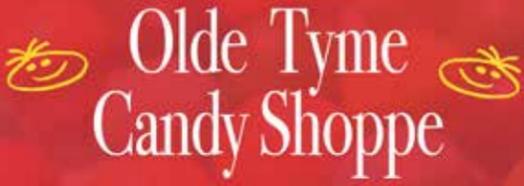
Platinum: Ravine Estate Winery  
Gold: Pillar & Post Inn and Spa

### Winery

Platinum: Caroline Cellars  
Gold: Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery

### Yoga/Wellness

Platinum: Wellness Escape  
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## Ravine picnic supports NOTL Museum

Richard Harley  
The Lake Report

Ravine Vineyard has a long history of giving back to the community and the winery did it again Monday, with a picnic lunch in support of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum.

For two sessions Monday, Ravine welcomed guests under its backyard tent in St. Davids, with all proceeds supporting the museum.

Museum curator Sarah Kaufman said it's great to have support from businesses in the community.

"As with everyone else, we're all suffering because of COVID, and it's really nice to have a fun outdoor fundraiser where people can social distance and still enjoy some amazing food and wine of course," she said during an interview at the event.



Rai Lauge and Jo Holden have a picnic lunch in support of the NOTL Museum. RICHARD HARLEY

While Monday's picnic was more about the food than it was about history, the museum has fundraisers planned for later in the year that will "bring in more of the historical fabric of it."

"But Ravine, it's a family-owned winery, it has a lot of heritage. They've owned this property for years and years and St. Davids has a lot of amazing history that contributes to Niagara-

on-the-Lake's history and it's nice for us to do an event out in the villages of Niagara ... to show the community how we support all the communities of Niagara."

Kaufman praised Paul Harbor of Ravine for being one of many businesses that help the museum.

"He's really quite a gem for Niagara-on-the-Lake because of how much he

promotes NOTL, promotes St. Davids, promotes all of the businesses and works on partnerships with various businesses."

She added the picnic was the museum's first "sit-down" fundraiser.

Ravine's sales director Jennifer Moir said holding the lunch is just another opportunity to "give back to the community."

"We have this great big tent here that we're not using Mondays and Tuesdays," she said. "It's a great opportunity for them to come in and have a space that keeps people safe and social distancing during these times and raise a little bit of money."

The food for the picnic (salmon or steak) was provided by Executive Catering Niagara, with drinks from Ravine.

## Palatine donates to heritage trail committee

The Lake Report

A donation of \$550 to help rebuild Niagara-on-the-Lake's heritage trail was made by Palatine Hills winery this week.

The winery teamed up with the Upper Canada Heritage Trail committee for a fundraiser which donated 25 per cent of wine purchases toward rehabilita-

tion of the trail.

In the morning on Sept. 2 the cheque was presented by Palatine Hills to Tony Chisholm, the trail committee's vice-chair.

"This is a great example of support from a local company to beautify and restore this valuable trail for everyone in Niagara-on-the-Lake," Chisholm said in a media release from the town.

"Thanks to Palatine Hills Estate Winery and Charles Neufeld for their outstanding contribution."

As efforts grew to rehabilitate and preserve the trail that follows the historic Erie and Ontario Railway line along Con. 1, the committee was formed in 2019 with a group of volunteers.

The railway was one of the first in Ontario and

was in use for more than a century.

Donations in support of the project are still being accepted and can be sent to: The Heritage Trail Committee c/o of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, P.O. Box 100, Virgil, ON, L0S 1T0.

Those interested in learning more about the project can visit [www.heritagetrail.ca](http://www.heritagetrail.ca).

## Bike fundraiser raises money to feed kids

Richard Harley  
The Lake Report

A band on the roof, a parking lot full of motorbikes, all for a good cause.

Club 55's "Ride to 55" motorcycle rally raised more than \$500 for No One Goes Hungry, a Niagara charity that supplies lunches to students in need across the community.

The Sunday event saw Niagara band Triple Crowns take the rooftop stage, playing for people on the patio and in the parking lot.

Carey Benvenuti, of No

One Goes Hungry, said the charity started about five years ago and supports the Salvation Army and a local high school.

"We've done well over 100,000 meals in the local Niagara community to date," she said.

The proceeds from the rally will help the charity with "enough startup to be able to prepare meals for back-to-school," she said.

Similar rallies will be taking place the next few Sundays but with automobiles, said Club 55 promoter Kendra Dyer.



Triple Crowns plays to the crowd on Sunday during Club 55's charity bike rally "Ride to 55." RICHARD HARLEY

"We want classic cars, we want awesome trucks, because we want to do this all year round as well."

Benvenuti said the rally also helps bring awareness about the charity to different bike clubs, so they can

help offer extra support.

"Speaking to the guys that are here from the different clubs, they're like, 'You should come and talk at the club and tell us what you're doing so we can help support you better.'"



### Fire Master Plan Survey

The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake is embarking on a review of the Town's Fire and Emergency Services, to determine areas of improvement and to help forecast the Department's immediate and long-term delivery needs and goals. This review will assist in ensuring the Town's citizens are receiving the most modern and efficient service delivery possible.

The Master Plan for the Town's Fire and Emergency Services will address current and anticipated community fire risks and needs over the next five, ten and twenty years. The objective of the Master Plan will be to examine, review and research all areas of the Department including operations, prevention and education efforts, apparatus and equipment, and human resources.

### We need your help!

Members of the public are invited to complete the Fire Master Plan Survey on the Town's Join the Conversation Platform. Survey deadline is September 30, 2020.

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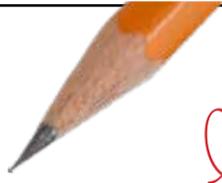
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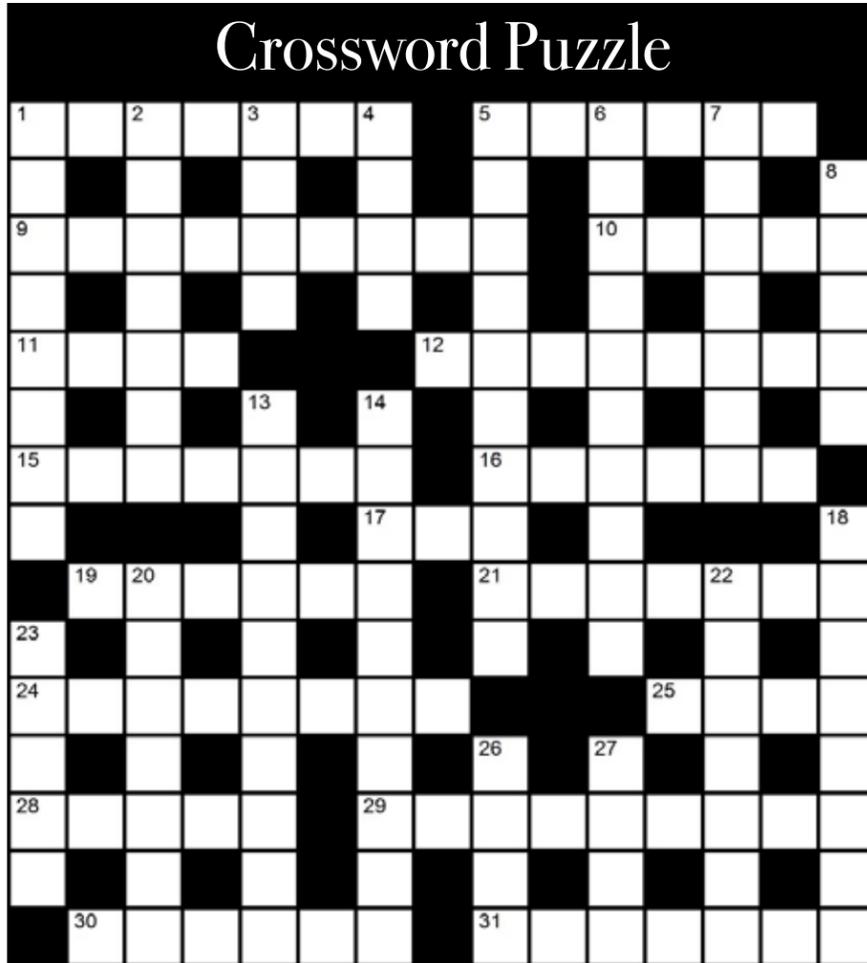
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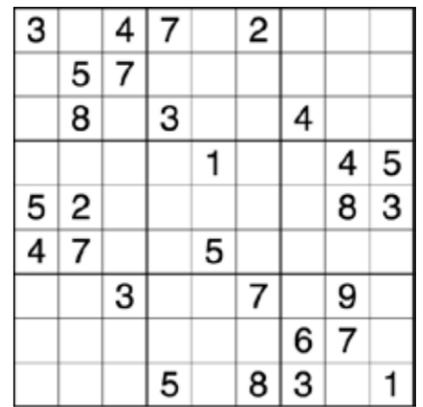
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- 9. Benefit (9)
- 10. Unwarranted (5)
- 11. Floor coverings (4)
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- 15. Seedless raisin (7)
- 16. East Mediterranean democracy (6)
- 17. Involuntary muscular contraction (3)
- 19. Dusky (6)
- 21. Least difficult (7)
- 24. Knockout punch (8)
- 25. Sicilian volcano (4)
- 28. Compel (5)
- 29. Dutch master (9)
- 30. Work over (4,2)
- 31. Soon (7)

**Down**

- 1. Scaremonger (8)
- 2. Crucial (7)
- 3. "Black Beauty" author --- Sewell (4)
- 4. Faculty head (4)
- 5. Biased (10)
- 6. Statue-maker (10)
- 7. Bygone (3-4)
- 8. Prevail (5)
- 13. Legislative assembly (10)
- 14. Rickety vehicle (10)
- 18. Furtive (8)
- 20. Edge of the road (7)
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The Solheim and Ryder Cup teams dine al fresco on the first tee while other golfers tee off in the background. KEVIN MACLEAN

## Women cruise to **big win** over men in team golf competition

Kevin MacLean  
Managing Editor

Clobbered. Routed. Thrashed. Beaten. Over-matched. Just not their day. Pick your description, but no matter how you measure it, a friendly annual competition between the men's Ryder Cup team and the women's Solheim squad of Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club was really no contest.

The women walked all over the men Friday in the 18-hole match play tourney, winning on points 35-13.

The format takes official golf handicaps into

consideration so both men and women were eligible for strokes to help their scoring.

Points were first accumulated in nine holes of alternative shot play as 16 players competed on each side.

In the first nine, teams of two that won more holes than their opponent earned two points each. A tie was worth one. As a result, the women built a comfortable, but not insurmountable 11-5 lead.

The final nine holes was a better ball format, in which the best score of each pair

counted. Teams also could earn up to two points for winning the overall match. Again, lower handicap male and female players had to give extra strokes to their counterparts.

The men were confident they could overcome their deficit, but it simply was not to be. The women dominated the back nine as well.

Even the guys' overall total of 13 points flattered them thanks to the last group of the day. Alan Robb and Don Cruikshank pulled off a final hole miracle with some excellent putting.

Robb, settled a 70-foot birdie putt a foot from the hole and Cruikshank made a tough par putt, to give their team a 5-1 win over the tough duo of Margot Richardson and Marie Ellison. The teams had tied on the first nine and kept it close till the final shots.

It was all in fun and the spirit of camaraderie, acknowledged men's captain Harry Huizer. However, the gents admitted they would have been much happier with a win. Or at least a closer finish.

In the eight times the event has been held, the

men have won four times, the women three and one year ended in a tie, Huizer said. The women have won twice in the past three years.

Huizer promises his team will be ready for next year's rematch.

Following the competition and trophy presentation, the teams dined al fresco and physically distanced on tables set up on the first tee.

**MEN'S LEAGUE:** Robert Patterson and John Wiens led the way with 21 points each in the modified Stableford scoring format

in Thursday's men's league competition.

Five other players were right on their heels with 20 points each: Ken Porter, Jim Sifton, Glenn Young, Lou Puglisi and Paul Shelestowski.

Young and Stephen Warboys shared low gross honours, shooting 1-over 37.

Net skins worth \$45 each went to John Wiens (#3), Warren Tutton (#5), Mark Edwards (#7) and Arthur Wozinski (#8).

Gross skins of \$55 were won by Warboys (#3), Wil Neufeld (#4) and John Sobil (#6).

## Sandtrap owners **feeling the love**

Continued from Front Page

"For us, our local support is really where it's at," he said.

He and Paul have been working overtime to try to get through the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's been so, so much work. Because we've got to cut things really as much as we possibly can. Paul and I have been really 'burning the candle' shall you say, just so we can sort of keep our head above water through all this time. Because once the weather starts to change, who knows where we're going to go from there."



Sandtrap owner Matt Dietsch and bartender Matt Gordon. JESSICA MAXWELL

But even through the pandemic, people have been kind in supporting the business, Dietsch said.

"The support through this summer has been overwhelming, in the sense of kind comments on the things

that Paul and I are trying to do. Because it's been a work in progress and things are changing so rapidly."

"The town's been very kind to us in supporting us during all these weird and crazy times."

He congratulated Gordon for winning a gold in the best bartender category.

"We're happy to have him and Glenn (Muir) having our backs. They're sort of a little extension of us, you know?"

## Chautauqua team **defends** its title

Kevin MacLean  
Managing Editor

They were missing their leader – 93-year-old NOTL golf legend Doug Garrett – but the team of Patrick Little, Ricky Watson and Ross Robinson again won the Hilda Costen Memorial Trophy last week.

With the annual Chautauqua Open cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Robinson organized an impromptu tourney Wednesday at the St. Davids Golf Club.

He called it the Chautauqua Swingers Golf Invitational and it attracted about

20 participants, including Niagara Falls riding MPP Wayne Gates.

Watson, associate pro at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club, carried his group to a 3-under par victory in the scramble format over nine holes, Robinson said.

Longtime Chautauqua resident Brian McNulty won the Oast House Barnraiser Growler for chipping closest to the growler on the eighth hole.

A celebratory dinner was held afterward at Garage Pizza on York Road.

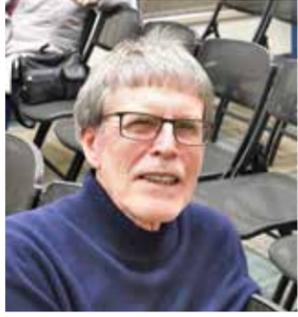
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# Dr. Brown: New science lecture series starts **Sept. 16**



*Dr. William Brown is a professor of neurology at McMaster University and co-founder of the Infohealth series held at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library.*

**Dr. William Brown  
Special to The Lake Report**

A new lecture series on science begins at the NOTL Public Library on Sept. 16.

All parts of the six-week program will be broadcast online via Zoom.

This series focuses on the most productive period in the history of science with the possible exception of Wallace's and Darwin's revolutionary work on evolution in the mid-1800s.

Our understanding of the universe dramatically changed in the three

decades following 1900. From a universe with but one galaxy – the Milky Way and an unchanging galaxy at that – by 1929 we learned the universe turned out to harbour at least 40 other galaxies.

New estimates suggest that there could be trillions more, some much larger than our own, to which findings, astronomers recently discovered several small satellite galaxies very close to the Milky Way and a large part of our own galaxy, hitherto hidden from view.

If that were not enough drama in the 1920s, Erwin Hubble found that most of the newly discovered galaxies were moving away from each other and the farther away they were from Earth, the faster they were moving.

This led to the obvious hypothesis that if the universe was expanding, there must have been a time in the past when the universe was much smaller and dense from which the universe sprang the Big Bang, a hypothesis for which there is now over-



Topics include the universe. PIXABAY

whelming evidence.

And so it was for the first revolution in our view of the universe. It was also a time when we learned that Earth wasn't at the centre of the Milky Way and in later years, learned that the Milky Way wasn't anywhere near the center of the universe. All very humbling.

At the opposite side of the size spectrum there was another revolution underway. As late as 1900, Max Planck a leading physicist of his day and by nature conservative, was reluctant as were many other physicists of his time, to embrace the whole concept of the

atom and the notion that energy might come in packets – later known as quanta.

However, late in 1900, Planck's studies of black-body radiation forced him to conclude that energy did indeed come in packets, although he soft-pedalled the whole notion with his colleagues.

It was left to Albert Einstein in 1905, this time with no reluctance, to show that atoms actually existed and light and, generalizing from light, energy, could be quantal in nature.

Planck and Einstein, widely different in backgrounds and styles, became close colleagues and friends, and together, the fathers of quantum physics. In the next three decades the structure of the atom was revealed – the nucleus by Rutherford and later his colleague Chadwick, and the orbiting electrons by Bohr, Heisenberg, de Broglie, Schrodinger, Born and Dirac.

In the midst of those revolutions, Einstein up-ended Isaac Newton's view of a universe in which time

was constant, to a universe where time was relative to speed.

Ten years later time and space were linked in four dimensions shaped by mass in Einstein's grand hypothesis, "General Relativity." From his equations came the notion that black holes might exist, some of which much later in the century turned out to be millions, billions and even trillions of times more massive than our sun.

The two discoveries, that the universe was very much larger and expanding and the revelation of an entirely different tiny atomic and subatomic universe, which played to the tune of different laws, didn't only change physics and astronomy. They also influenced art and how we see ourselves as a species in a far larger and mysterious landscape than anyone imagined in 1900.

The six-week series begins on Sept. 16 at 11a.m. on Zoom.

Week 1 starts with, "In the Beginning," an overall view of what happened

between 1900 and 1930. Week 2, highlights the theme, "The Expanding Universe," Week 3, "The Quantum with Planck and Einstein," Week 4, "The Atom with the Curies, Rutherford, Bohr and others," Week 5, "The Great Debate – Bohr and Einstein" and "Relativity," and finally Week 6, "Wrapping up: Art, Science, Religion and Everyday life."

You will need to register through the library's website, notpubliclibrary.org beginning Sept. 7, to access the Zoom programs. This program is followed by the six-week series on the 2020 Nobel prizes, to which David Elkins and Valmai Elkins make very important contributions.

For 2021, six-week programs include, "The Human Brain" and "Art and Science." The latter program will be co-led with Penny-Lynn Cookson, familiar to many through her art programs at the RiverBrink art museum and most recently the Pump-house.



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## Foghorn House

This is a riverside view of the Foghorn House on River Beach Road circa 1920. It was built by the Department of Marine and Fisheries in 1904 to operate as a warning signal for marine vessels during foggy weather. At this time, our port was a busy shipping centre and the municipality, along with the Niagara Navigation Company, lobbied the ministry to put something in place to reduce the number of accidents that occurred during poor weather. Two lighthouses were also erected nearby. The Foghorn operated until 1978 and is a wonderful example of adaptive reuse of heritage buildings. The Niagara Foundation rents the property out for visitors to enjoy each year!

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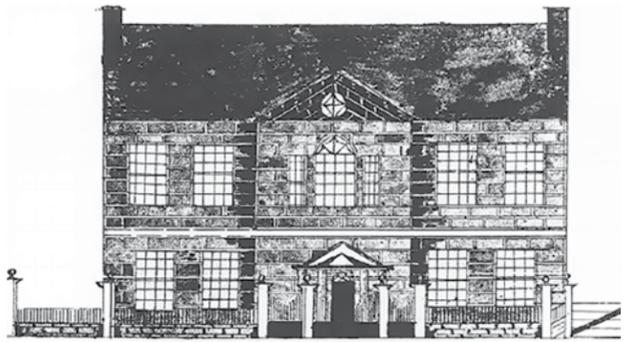
### NOTL before the war

Brian Marshall  
Columnist

Over the past few weeks, we have visited a number of homes here in Niagara-on-the-Lake that escaped the American torch in 1814.

In doing so, my mind has a tendency to consider what our town may have appeared like in those days before the invasion. So, couched in historical record, let's indulge in a little speculative re-creation.

Newark was a bustling town of around 1,000 people, with a prosperous economy anchored by Fort George and its advantageous trading position at the mouth of the Niagara River. Certainly there were those who had to work hard to get



A sketch of the William Dickson House from his War Losses Claim. SUPPLIED/BRIAN MARSHALL

by, but anecdotal writings from the time suggest most residents enjoyed a higher standard of living than that of other towns in Upper Canada.

Boasting somewhere between 75 and 100 dwellings, it would be expected that most were clad with clapboard, given the ready supply of timber. But make no mistake, this method of construction does not imply modest homes.

Consider the description of Robert Kerr's house from his 1815 War Losses Claim: "To a two-storey

wooden frame house, filled in with brick, 48 feet long by 24 feet wide, with two wings 24 feet long by 20 feet wide, each one of the wings furnished with black walnut, in all 96 feet front: with stables and other out-houses and etc."

Doing a rough calculation, and assuming that each "wing" is a single storey, we arrive at home of 3,264 square feet!

But, there were more than just frame homes in town. Some built with stone and, the well-heeled like William Dickson, with brick.

In 1793, Dickson constructed what is claimed to be the first brick house in Upper Canada. Shown here is a sketch submitted with Dickson's War Claim Losses.

Constructed of "near 120,000 bricks," it is a grand manor house built in the English Georgian tradition. Bracketed by parapet end walls, each with two chimneys, the centre bay is set within a strong frontispiece replete with Palladian window.

A grand stair, running the full width of the frontispiece, takes one up and under a gabled porch, to a front door that features a fanlight. This, I suggest, was a facade worthy of admiration.

I'm not suggesting that Newark did not have its share of smaller, more modest homes. It certainly did and, just like today, the town's streets would have presented a pleasing mix of large and small, grand and unpretentious. But, a simple "pioneer village" it was not.



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your loss just seemed so wrong.  
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Loved and missed forever,  
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# Music Niagara showcases clarinetist James Campbell



Atis Bankas on violin, James Campbell (clarinet), Elina Kelebeev (piano), soprano Leslie Fagan, guitarist-arranger Graham Campbell and Bob Mills on bass perform at Queen's Landing for Music Niagara's At Home Series. SUPPLIED

Richard Baker  
Special to The Lake Report

Music Niagara continues its unconventional choice of programming in its At Home Series on Sunday, Sept. 6, with a performance produced by James Campbell, the eminent Canadian clarinetist and wind soloist, who is also very well-known to our audiences.

His lifetime achievements have brought him wide recognition and acclaim in the spheres of orchestral and chamber music as well as in teaching and recording.

His instrument, the clarinet, has to be one of the most hauntingly lyrical and

expressive of the wind family, possessed of an amazing range of mood and feeling that not only playfully amuses but also reaches into and can lacerate the soul when given the chance. Understandably, it has been a favourite of classical, jazz and popular composers over the centuries.

Campbell's program is entitled "From Beethoven to Brazil: A Joyous Musical Journey." It was filmed at Queen's Landing here in NOTL with Lord Mayor Betty Disero among those in attendance.

The performance consists of a magnificently enjoyable range of music, a

journey that takes you from the Germany of Beethoven and Schubert, to the Spain of Manuel de Falla, lingering in the Brazil of Guinga, Pixinguinha, Bonfá and Jobim, returning melancholically to France and Belgium for Piaf and Brel, and finally to a cheerful conclusion in jazz America with Sid Robin and Charlie Shaver's "Undecided."

The "joyous" in the journey can be found in all the pieces, but it is a joy that comes from the exquisite beauty of mood and melody, so different in all of them.

One of the highlights of the program is what must

be one of Schubert's most achingly emotive songs, "Shepherd on the Rock D965," scored for piano, voice and clarinet, in which Campbell is joined by soprano Leslie Fagan and pianist Elina Kelebeev.

This song was written for a friend of Schubert, a singer, who had asked him for something that would let her express a wide range of feelings. Sadly for him, and like so much of that lonely bachelor's best music, it was published and first performed after his early death.

I was completely taken by the Brazilian segment with its enchanting melodies and

rhythms. Listening to Sete Estrelas and Cochichando, arranged for clarinet and guitar by Graham Campbell, followed by the popular Bossa Nova medley, performed by the complete ensemble that also includes Atis Bankas on violin, and Bob Mills on bass, I found myself drifting sentimentally back to my infancy in Rio de Janeiro, where, during the first two years of my life, I was cared for a stone's throw away from the beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema.

As you may gather, the entire experience was indeed a joy. You can see and hear it on Music Niagara's

website, [www.musicniagara.org](http://www.musicniagara.org), or on YouTube, this Sunday at 4 p.m.

**LABOUR DAY CONCERT:** On Monday, Sept. 7, the festival's At Home Series presents the debut of the Kiri Quartet, performing some of the most moving string quartets by Mozart and Brahms, shot live at the beautiful Chateau des Charmes in the heart of NOTL wine country. Watch the concert live at 4 p.m. or enjoy it later together with more from the series at [www.musicniagara.org](http://www.musicniagara.org).

*Richard Baker is chair of the board of directors of Music Niagara.*



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