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The Rotary Club of Brantford-Sunrise donated \$5,000 towards a new walk-in freezer for the Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise, which operates out of the Paris Presbyterian Church. The cost of the \$30,000 freezer was covered by the Rotary Foundation Grant and an anonymous donor. Pictured from left to right are Jason Cherry, Brantford Rotary Club President, Rebecca Sherbino, Co-director and Co-founder of the Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise and Glen Christensen, Global and District Grant Committee Chair for the Rotary Foundation. See the full story on pages 4-5.

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Visit brantlibrary.ca/calendar to register for introductory and Armchair Travel sessions!

SAVE THE DATE STORYBOOK BREAKFAST-

for the first time since the pandemic Kids Can Fly's most popular event returns on Saturday, February 4th at the Hellenic Community Centre with two seating times of 9 am and 11 am. Tickets on Sale Now on the Kids can Fly [website](#). This year's Storybook Breakfast theme is "Imagination," and will leave guests enjoying decorations from a variety of popular storybook themes and popular children's movies.

BIG CITY LIFE DRAWING – Hosted by Ruby Jones at Dog Eared Café on January 28 at 2 pm.

A costumed life drawing event for artists and creative people of all levels and all walks of life. No experience or arts education required, this is a space for trying, exploring and getting your creative juices flowing! Tickets are \$20 for this three-hour long event. You can purchase tickets [online](#). Visit the event's [Facebook page](#) for more

details! Everyone is welcome to attend!

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Brant Sports Complex
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YUK-YUK COMEDY TOUR RETURNS TO PARIS- **Saturday, February 18th** at the Paris Fairgrounds at 7 pm. Tickets are \$40 each and proceeds support the CORE Dance Project competitive dance team. Reserve your tickets by reaching out to [CORE Dance Project](#) today!

A Special Playful Fox Productions Presentation *

Dial M for Murder See story in next week's edition!
by Frederick Knott

February 3, 7:00 pm
February 4, 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Tickets: \$25.00

#for Paris Centre 164 Grand River St. N. Paris ON
www.pfpdialmurder.eventbrite.ca

* Proceeds from tickets sales, raffle and silent auction will go towards supporting a cast member's child recently diagnosed with cancer

SOLO ACOUSTIC SHOW – Thursday, January 19, 7 pm to 9 pm, featuring John Ladds. Join John for his 11th show at Wincey Mills Co! The food, atmosphere and service are all top notch! Then there's the beer!



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise grateful for \$30,000 walk-in freezer donation

Rotary Club of Brantford-Sunrise & anonymous donor step up to help

By Casandra Turnbull

The day-to-day operations of the Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise just became a little easier thanks to a major donation from the Rotary Club of Brantford-Sunrise and an anonymous donor.

On Tuesday, Jan. 10th, members of the Raw Carrot team, along with volunteers from the Brantford-Sunrise Rotary Club were at the Paris Presbyterian Church to cut the ribbon on the newly purchased and installed 10 by 12-foot walk in freezer. The Rotary Club contributed \$5,000 towards the \$30,000 freezer, through a Rotary Foundation grant, and the

remainder was footed by the anonymous donor. The new freezer will be a more economic and practical replacement for the 11 freezers they were using, spanning two floors on the church.

“The walk-in freezer was badly needed. The Paris Presbyterian Church has been very generous in allowing us to have more and more small chest and stand-up freezers over the past 9 years as the program has grown,” explained Rebecca Sherbino, co-director and co-founder of the Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise. To have adequate storage for ingredients and to house the finished product before it’s distributed, it took several freezers

to keep up with the soup’s growing brand.

“We couldn’t have done it (fundraised) otherwise. It’s a dream project that we had been hoping to do for about six years now,” said Sherbino.

The process started with an application to the Rotary Club of Brantford’s call for community proposals for the Annual District Project Grant, explained Glen Christensen, Global and District Grant Committee Chair for the Rotary Foundation. The club reviews and evaluates all applications before awarding the grant.

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Members of the Rotary Club of Brantford-Sunrise and the Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise officially cut the ribbon on a brand new 10 by 12 foot walk in freezer that was funded through a Rotary Foundation grant and an anonymous donor. This cooler was vital in keeping up with the Enterprise’s growing brand.

Photo by Cindy Whelan

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“Assisting community organizations like the Raw Carrot is one of the focuses of Rotary and the club felt this was a worthy cause,” said Christensen. “Raw Carrot was the recipient of this grant based on the obvious need for the walk-in freezer to enable them to continue to grow the Raw Carrot Enterprise.”

Growing doesn't seem to be a challenge for the organization. The Paris kitchen at the Presbyterian Church is just one of five kitchens across Southwestern Ontario. Founded in 2014 as an initiative to support individuals in the congregation who were struggling to meet their basic needs, the Raw Carrot now employs 32 individuals (12 locally) on the Ontario Disability Support Program, which helps increase their monthly income (on average) by 25%. Since 100% of the organization's proceeds go back into funding the program and paying its employees, a large donation of this kind is immeasurable.

“There is a huge gap in providing supportive employment in Ontario. Many people who live on social assistance are struggling to make ends meet each month, even though they want to work, they can't find suitable employment,” Sherbino pointed out. “Our staff struggle with various physical and developmental disabilities or mental illness. Many of them work through pain or have periods of time when they can't work for

various reasons. The Raw Carrot initiative was set up to accommodate these needs through a workplace with lots of volunteer support.”

Sherbino said everyone at the Raw Carrot was blown away by the news of the grant and very grateful to receive such a large donation that will help them continue to provide delicious, homemade soup.

ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRANTFORD-SUNRISE

The Rotary Club of Brantford - Sunrise was chartered in 1993. It was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Brantford to meet the membership growth of Rotary in Brantford as well as to offer an alternative meeting time throughout the week. Volunteers raise monies through events such as the Gala Auction Dinner, Fish Fry, Canada Day and Trip-of-the-Month Draw to support charities such as: Alzheimer Society of Brant, S.K.I.P. (Seniors and Kids Intergenerational Program), Kids Can Fly/Dolly Parton Library, Brantford Military Heritage Museum, Brantford General Hospital Foundation, St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre and the Adult Recreation Therapy Centre. During the pandemic, Brantford-Sunrise Club President Jason Cherry said members were amazing at pivoting to Zoom, with ease, to continue to do good work in the community. In fact, not only did they slide into fundraising virtually, they expanded and helped

charter a branch a satellite club in Paris.

When he moved to the area, Dale Hall, a past president of the Rotary Club of Niagara Sunrise, approached Cherry with the concept. Cherry was already looking for ways to expand beyond Brantford and into the county. “The vision for the club (Paris) was to attract millennial members by forgoing the weekly morning meetings. Instead, opting for monthly meetings and socials, with a focus on fundraising and service in the county,” explained Cherry. “Paris seemed like a great base as there has been an influx of new residents who might want to join such a service club to get to know the community better.”

The Paris club was officially chartered in August 2022 and they are hosting their first fundraiser later this month in partnership with the Tarren White Art Gallery. The Priceless Art Auction takes place January 27th. Read more about this event in [last week's issue](#). Meanwhile, down the road in Brantford, Sunrise members will continue to forge ahead while making a major impact in the community. Their online auction, another fundraiser founded during Covid, has raised a whopping \$80,000 for the paediatric centre at the Brantford General Hospital. To learn more about the Rotary Club of Brantford Sunrise visit them [online](#). You can also learn more about the Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise [online](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Museum's Speaker Series kicks off next weekend

Jaszmin Beddard examines Conservation of objects, how to do it and why it's important

By Casandra Turnbull

The Paris Museum & Historical Society is holding a three-part speaker series between now and May, focusing on conservation, the local history of gypsum mining and the repairing and preserving of household ware and art. The series opens next Sunday, Jan. 22 featuring speaker Jaszmin Beddard who will introduce you to a basic overview on the conservation of objects and archives. Beddard will examine why you should conserve and what're the benefits and risks.

“More specifically, I have been asked to address some of the most common problems of degradation that museums (and our community members) might face when determining preventive strategies and repairs for their material culture,” said Beddard. “Things such as the agents of deterioration for paper, photographs, metal, and wood and how to minimize the impacts of decay.”

Beddard brings a wealth of knowledge on the topic. She has a post-secondary education in Anthropology and History, more specifically ‘New World’ Archeology. She has a H.B.A.Sc. in Interdisciplinary Studies at LakeHead University, a M.A. (p/f) in Archaeology from Trent University, a C.H.C.M in Cultural Heritage and Conservation Management from Fleming College and a M.A.I.S in Interdisciplinary Studies from Royal Roads University.

“While archaeology and history are different disciplines they share many parallels, allowing for stories of the human experience to transcend time,” said Beddard on why she's enthralled with history. “I am fascinated by the tangible and intangible clues individuals leave in the historic and pre-historic records.

Tracing irreplaceable experiences, the aspects which make us all unique and the common threads which weave us all together.”

Beddard wants to share that enthusiasm with anyone who's willing to listen on Jan 22 from 2 to 4 pm at the Museum. It's a large topic to cover in two hours but she's enthusiastically ready for the challenge. She hopes participants leave feeling her presentation was interesting and thought-provoking, she said.

“Perhaps it causes personal pause and reflection on our interactions with, and care of, material culture, how it represents us, our stories and our values,” she shared.

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If that shared inspiration leads to more people supporting heritage institutions, then she's accomplished more than she set out to do.

Beddard's connection to the Paris Museum & Historical Society is less than a year old. Judy Moore, vice chair of the PMHS was volunteering at the Museum of Ontario Archaeology and struck up a conversation with Beddard, discussing a conservation project at the Paris Museum. Beddard recalls consulting on the project, which quickly led to more involvement before officially signing her membership in April 2022. She thoroughly enjoys sharing her experience and navigating many aspects of the cultural heritage sector. Her expertise is especially important in today's era when many museums are undergoing a 'collection crisis,' and are bursting at the seams with artifacts and archives, she said. Despite an increasingly digital, virtual society, now begs the question, 'what is deemed necessary to conserve and by whom.'

"Material culture is arguably irreplaceable, depending on its inherent value or the value placed upon it; its protection ensures safeguarding for future storytelling."

If you want to learn more from Beddard pop by the Museum on Elm Street in Paris from 2-4 pm on Jan 22. Admission is by donation. The donated funds are used to support safe storage and display of the many items safeguarded at the museum. The money also contributes to operational costs, such as office supplies computer maintenance, day-to-day expenses. It's not used to pay anyone. Everyone working at the museum, with the exception of a part-time student funded through Young Canada Works, is a volunteer.

The second part of the speaker series takes place March 19 where speaker Jean Farquharson reflects on 200 years of gypsum mining in Paris. The final workshop is May 28 and speaker James Christison will dive into the necessity, ingenuity, skill and beauty of repaired household wares.

This isn't the first speaker series for the local museum, but it is re-emerging following the

pandemic.

"It was something that volunteers and visitors enjoyed. Coming out of lockdowns, we were looking ahead to rebuilding with the community, as well as creating fun social experiences we would all enjoy," said Moore.

"We are very lucky to have Jazmin connected with the museum, as she brings a unique set of specific skills that we would be hard-pressed to find otherwise. I am planning to attend any workshops that she gives, because I am excited to learn about conservation, and think that I can use the skills at home and also at the museum," Moore added. Follow the Paris Museum & Historical Society [online](#) for more details.



Paris Museum and Historical Society Speaker Series 2023

January 22
**Conservation:
 Objects and Archives**
 An introduction to conservation, what, why and how
Speaker: Jazmin Beddard HBASC, M.A.
Certification in Cultural Heritage & Conservation Management



2 – 4 p.m. at the Museum
 Admission by donation, all welcome

March 19
Gypsum Mining
 Two hundred years of gypsum mining
 in Brant County
Speaker: Jean Farquharson
A Director of the Canadian Industrial Heritage Centre



2 – 4 p.m. at the Museum
 Admission by donation, all welcome

May 28
**Pottery Make-Dos:
 The Art of Repairs**
 The necessity, ingenuity, skill and beauty
 of repaired household wares
Speaker: James Christison
Curator, Waterford Heritage and Agricultural Museum



2 – 4 p.m. at the Museum
 Admission by donation, all welcome

Questions? Email info@theparismuseum.com

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Playful Fox Productions presents classic murder mystery with a twist: it's a fundraiser

By Casandra Turnbull

Playful Fox Productions is gearing up for a special show next month. One that is close to the director's heart for several reasons, but one that also hits a bit close to home for the cast and crew as well.

Proceeds from the February 4th production will be donated to a crew member's family as they navigate turbulent times with the recent cancer diagnosis of their 13-year-old son.

Last October, Meghan and Keith Chambers received the news no parents want to ever hear – their son was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. “Through everything, Ryan has remained rather positive. There are definitely moments where he feels frustrated and angry,” shared Meghan. “It's a lot for a child to take on. We have seen more maturity from him through this process and he's

taken on more responsibility for himself.”

The Chambers' journey started a few months prior when they noticed Ryan was complaining of pain in his ankles that wouldn't go away. His appetite started to decrease and he was losing weight. The pain was spreading to his feet, at times affecting his ability to walk. Doctors at the BGH initially thought he was suffering from a virus, but when the pain and symptoms worsened, their family doctor ran blood tests which ultimately led to the diagnosis.

Since then, life has changed for the Chambers. Both Meghan and Keith are still working, to keep up with finances, but it's quite a juggling act, one that wouldn't be possible without the constant support of family and friends offering to help pitch in with doctors' appointments and daily errands.

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by Frederick Knott

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“It was a very generous offer and quite the surprise. It’s very touching to know that we have this support through friends, family and the community.” – The Chambers Family

Ryan can be at the hospital anywhere from one to four days a week, depending on his appointments and medical needs.

So, when Playful Fox Productions approached Meghan with the idea of the fundraiser, she said she was bewildered at first, but very humbled by it.

“It was a very generous offer and quite the surprise. It’s very touching to know that we have this support through friends, family and the community.”

Meghan and her family are quite active in the theatrical community. Meghan and her mother April are often involved on stage and behind the scenes at most of Playful Fox Productions shows. In fact, it was Meghan’s mother April who helped Playful Fox Production co-owner Marissa Fox nurture her love for theatre.

“I met Meghan’s mother April Graham first when I was 12-13 years old. Back then I was a part of a special Gifted program at my elementary school, and they gathered a group of us musical theatre performers to put on a special concert. April was the voice coach. I’ve also known Meghan and her husband Keith for years through performing in

community theatre when I was a teenager, and eventually we became close friends,” explains Marissa.

As the Chambers’ news spread, Marissa and her husband Kai knew they had to help in the best way they know how: organize a fundraiser show.

“Our hearts immediately went out to the family. I can’t imagine the heartache of finding out that your child has cancer. Kai and I knew we needed to do something and came to the agreement that the best way to help was doing what we know, which is to put on a show.”

Dial M for Murder was not on the 2023 list of productions. They chose this show because they knew they needed to act fast to get immediate help to the family. This production is one that Kai’s directed before and would be easy to direct again.

In addition to donating some of the ticket sales to the Chambers family, Playful Fox Productions also plans to raffle off tickets to an upcoming 2023 performance and host a silent auction of items donated by Playful Fox cast members, including multiple Disney items that were gathered over the years. While any proceeds

will help the family navigate this new terrain full of appointments, tests and treatments, Meghan also hopes any extra donations can help fulfill Ryan’s wish to own a PS5 one day.

“Depending on the donations we might be able to make that wish of his come true for him,” said Meghan.

Dial M for Murder was written by Frederick Knott and is a classic murder mystery. Alfred Hitchcock directed a film version of this play, which started Grace Kelly and Ray Milan, who were famous stars of their time. It’s a story filled with romance, blackmail, suspicion, betrayal and more twists and turns that you can’t imagine, teased Marissa.

“There has been a huge trend towards old style murder mysteries with the popularity of the new Hercule Poirot films. If you like those types of stories, you will definitely love ‘Dial M for Murder.’”

The show will run February 3 at 7 pm and February 4 at 2 pm and 7 pm. Tickets are \$25 plus Eventbrite fees and taxes and are available [online](#).

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Whose line is it anyway? Improv show at the Paris Fairgrounds tonight

Pay-what-you-can event is a fundraiser for the Paris Performers Theatre as the group kick-starts their 30th anniversary season

By Bailey Zimmer

The Paris Performers Theatre is celebrating its 30th anniversary and they are kicking off the season with two special nights featuring both drag and improv!

The Drag Night event took stage last night in the special events building at the Paris Fairgrounds. It was hosted in conjunction with Big Cityyy Arts' Rubyyy Jones and Prinx Lydia, and featured both long and first time drag artists.

As one of the first drag shows around Paris, everyone was excited for new event as it debuted in town and provided a lively evening!

"This is a year of firsts for us ... this is stuff we've never done before. The response has been pretty good so far," said President and Stage Manager of the Paris Performers Theatre group, Terri Graham.

There was no set price for last night's show – and the same deal is offered for tonight's show – it's just pay what you can. The money raised from both events will go back toward the Paris Performers Theatre group for upcoming shows.

"Woweee! We've got almost 100 fantastic folks coming to Friday's Drag Night show at The Paris Fairgrounds to witness drag from newbies and baddies galore," said Rubyyy Jones in a Facebook post a few days prior to last night's performance.

Ruby held drag workshops for new performers in December and early January to teach makeup, how to lip-synch and act. The actors taking these workshops were featured in last night's event to show off their newly found skills.

There were 12 drag artists performing at different times throughout the lively evening. Eight of these actors participated in Ruby's workshop and were ready to perform their hearts out.

Graham expected to welcome many people from the LGBTQ community and she was happy to see more diversity come to Paris.

"Our (Paris Performers Theatre) community is very supportive regardless of race, colour, creed and sexuality and I think that is very appreciated," said Graham. "I think stuff happening like this more often is going to make people feel even more comfortable." Tonight, the local theatre company prepares to host improv night, an event new to Paris. There will be five performers acting out different skits with a range of different props, scenarios and actors. The possibilities for this night are endless.

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You can count on excitement when Rubyy Jones is involved! Rubyy hosted Drag Night last night as one of two fundraising evenings for the Paris Performers Theatre.

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Tickets can be purchased at the door, as long as they are not already sold out online. Seating in the venue is first come first serve, although every seat is a good one. All ages are welcome tonight.

Actors will hop in and out of different skits and rotate throughout the group, creating a different scene each time. Some scenes will have anywhere from one to five actors, but one thing's for sure, no one knows what they will say or do next and that's the beauty of improv.

Actors can also bring in their own props for the improve night, leaving the other actors in the scene completely in the dark.

"You never know what an actor is going to have at home," said Graham, laughing.

"It's definitely going to be an entertaining for sure

and I really hope people enjoy what they see."

Audience interaction is expected, as audience members can call out occupations, big news or different scenarios at the beginning of some scenes and see where the actors take them.

It is sure to bring laughs to the whole family and throughout the audience as the theatre group brings the house down.

"I just hope people really enjoy the experience and I hope they come out and have some fun," said Graham.

Get your tickets here.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../the-drag-night-tickets...>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/507660334727>

Library's winter reading challenge is underway – have you signed up?



The 2023 Winter Reading Challenge is here all you have to do is register at brantlibrary.ca/readingchallenges and read!

Take part in this family-friendly reading challenge that encourages reading books by Canadian authors and completing fun family activities to help pass the long winter months!

Log your reading and activities to earn online tickets. Use your tickets to enter to win one of two Family Prize Packs! There is a user-friendly tutorial online to show you how to use 'Beanstack' to track your family's progress.

This special reading challenge runs from January 1 to February 28, 2023. Happy reading, Friends!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Grand Erie School Board hosting virtual meeting to look at geographical boundaries for North Ward students

By Casandra Turnbull

If you have a child who goes to North Ward School, you might want to attend a virtual meeting next week that will shape future boundary lines for student enrollment.

On January 18 at 6:30 pm, the Grand Erie District School Board is hosting a virtual public consultation meeting regarding the school's boundaries, which are used to determine whether a student can attend the school or not.

The school's principal, Rhonda Garnier, is encouraging all parents to participate as input from the consultation process will impact the school and could ultimately impact where your child goes to school. The meeting will include a presentation on potential changes and parents and caregivers will be invited to provide feedback and ask questions. According to the Grand Erie District School Board website, boundary review processes are necessary when any of the following occurs: a new school opens, grades or programs change, too many students

are in a school or too few students are in a school. Paris' population is rapidly expanding in the north end. The Pinehurst subdivision is still under development, new development is commencing at the former golf course and future subdivisions are planned for the north end, including the newly proposed Cedar North Development on Watts Pond Road.

A Boundary Review is led by a Boundary Review Special Ad Hoc Committee (BRSAC). The BRSAC will advise and provide recommendations that will inform the final decision made by the Board of Trustees on school attendance area (boundary) changes within the review area. Any proposed changes would not take effect until the next school year.

If you'd like to join the meeting please click [here](#) on the meeting invite. If you can't make the meeting and have questions and feedback, you can email planning@granderie.ca



Starting January 1st, pharmacists will be able to offer prescriptions for:

- hay fever
- oral thrush
- pink eye
- dermatitis
- menstrual cramps
- acid reflux
- hemorrhoids
- cold sores
- impetigo
- insect bites and hives
- tick bites
- sprains and strains
- urinary tract infections



COMMUNITY NEWS

New community focus group hopes to build and strengthen connections within Paris

By Carolina Saenz

A new community group for citizens of Paris is here. The newly established Paris Ontario Residents for Community Harmony (P.O.R.C.H.) group, a new initiative through Belonging Brant, is welcoming new members. If you're interested in building connections within the community and want to collaborate with your neighbours, this might be a group you'll want to check out.

Paris. P.O.R.C.H. organizers Kevin Noseworthy and Rishia Burke, who is also Director of Community Development and Support for the Belonging Brant Team, share what you need to know about this exciting new group.

The beginnings of P.O.R.C.H. date back to the fall of 2022, when a small group of citizens reached out to Belonging Brant with an interest in using a community building approach to engage other residents. The first meeting was held on November 24th, 2022, at the Wilkin Board Room in the Cowan Community Health Hub. Approximately twenty people attended, and following this first encounter, the P.O.R.C.H. name was suggested for future gatherings.

"A group of Paris citizens were

interested in focusing on building on what is already wonderful in Paris, creating opportunities for even more connection. They recognized there are lots of new families and individuals and increasing diversity in Paris," explains Burke. "They thought it would be worth reaching out to others to see if anyone else wanted to have a conversation about how to create new opportunities for people to be connected," she said. One individual had a particular interest in "asset-based community development," which is a way of looking at community building focussing first on what's strong. Since this individual heard that Belonging Brant's projects use asset-based community development, they reached out for help to get started. Burke explains that as an Ontario Trillium Foundation funded initiative, Belonging Brant works through the formation of citizen-led social and community action groups made up of people with shared passions and interests. The initiative supports the development of opportunities where people can contribute, find connection and belonging. For more information, please visit www.belongingbrant.com or follow-on social media

[@belongingbrant](https://www.instagram.com/belongingbrant)

P.O.R.C.H. meetings are organized to be very interactive, offering a chance for all attendees to share their ideas, knowledge, opinions, feedback, and creative solutions. Many of the attendees at the first meeting were representatives for established community groups such as churches, service clubs, sports groups, library, and neighbourhood groups who are sharing information about P.O.R.C.H. with their stakeholders. By working in small groups and identifying community assets such as people and their gifts, local businesses, places that are important in Paris, and more, individuals discovered what makes Paris great as well as areas for potential action steps. The ideas that came up fall into the categories of increased collaboration amongst local groups and increased avenues for communicating all the amazing things that are already going on in Paris to increase involvement. Everyone is welcome to attend P.O.R.C.H. meetings.

"We are looking for a variety of voices and stories and we will listen to what peoples' passions, gifts, wants and needs are.

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We are beginning to highlight community assets and discover how we can mobilize to make things even better, addressing anything that gets identified as what is missing from our community,” writes Burke. The goal is to connect individuals to groups, clubs, resources, and projects. And it is anticipated that new initiatives, projects, clubs, and groups will also be created out of the P.O.R.C.H. meetings.

Some of the benefits for residents of Paris who attend P.O.R.C.H. meetings include meeting new residents of Paris, community

awareness of existing groups, discovering volunteer opportunities, learning about resources in the community, investing in our community, supporting local businesses, sharing of information, promoting Paris' green space and events and acquire details of youth, teen, adult and senior initiatives.

Right now, the plan is to hold meetings monthly, depending on where conversations lead. P.O.R.C.H. is currently looking for assistance to find a free meeting space and would be interested in discussing partnership opportunities with

groups, local agencies and/or businesses in Paris who can accommodate this.

So whether you are brand new to Paris or you're a multigenerational Parisian looking to connect with the growing community and share solutions and ideas, P.O.R.C.H. might be for you!

Join the discussion on the next meeting scheduled for January 19th from 7-9pm at the Brant Sports Complex (944 Powerline Rd. Paris, ON). RSVP by email to belongingbrant@gmail.com.

Paris teen has night to remember as reward for good deed



Everyone loves a good pay it forward moment. And that's what unfolded recently with this story centring around a Paris teen.

Local residents Chris Szarka and Michelle Nolden has a lot of reasons to be proud of his son, Alex. But the most recent one came about when Alex, a Grade 10 student at BCI, found a wallet full of gift cards during a high school volleyball game.

Doing the right thing, as he was taught, Alex handed the wallet to the BCI volleyball coach Mrs. Rombough, who with the help of another teacher, tracked down the owner and made sure the wallet was safely returned.

The owner of the wallet, Robert Parker of Millard's Accountants, was so grateful for Alex's actions, that he gifted the Paris teen with two tickets to the Maple Leafs

versus Nashville Predators hockey game this past Wednesday. That's quite a reward for a hockey fan, but what's even better is Nashville happens to be Alex's second favourite team and the game took place on his birthday! Already on cloud 9, imagine this teen's excitement when he was invited to the Leafs' alumni box and had a photo taken with Cujo (aka Curtis Joseph)! He even received a signed stick from Predator player Roman Josi. Of course it read: Alex, thanks for doing the right thing!

Just when you thought this story couldn't warm your heart anymore, Robert Parker inherited the season's tickets to Leafs' games from a gentleman who loved to give back to the youth in the community, so passing along game tickets to such an honourable young man was a fitting way to help carry on the original ticket holder's legacy.

Both teachers who helped Alex return the wallet to the rightful owner, also received tickets to the game. In an effort to pass along the good fortune, a donation was made to a local foodbank!

The story was also picked up by the Stu Jeffries segment on 97.3 this past week. Details were shared to the Paris Independent from father, Chris Szarka.

How's that for a Pay it Forward moment? Do you have a cool Pay it Forward moment you want to share? Email us at stories@theparisindpendent.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

2023 EmployerOne survey focuses on quality of work

PRESS RELEASE – A new community business survey will dive into the workforce needs and challenges of area employers.

The EmployerOne – Spotlight on Quality of Work survey has been launched by the Workforce Planning Board of Grand Erie and is supported by Ontario’s Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. The survey will also be promoted by many community organizations, including chambers of commerce and economic development departments.

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“This year’s focus ties in with research we did in the last couple of months talking to employees and job seekers about what they value in a workplace. It’s

now the turn of employers to give their perspective.” Hundreds of area employers have completed EmployerOne in the past, but the survey wasn’t carried out over the pandemic, Dalton said. “A lot has changed for businesses, to say the least.”

Survey [link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/E12023](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/E12023)

Traditional EmployerOne questions touch on hiring plans, hard-to-fill jobs, strategies for staff attraction and retention, and other topics.

New quality of work-related questions look at what practices and policies businesses have in place that may make them attractive to new and existing workers, such as: health benefits, on-the-job training, the chance for promotions, flexible work conditions and working from home.

The survey also asks employers what barriers they face in bringing in or enhancing quality of work practices. “Some employers may have things in place that other businesses can learn from,” Dalton said. This Employment Ontario project is funded in part by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

Lots of public input at Mile Hill Road open house



The public open house to discuss proposed changes to Mile Hill Road in Paris took place this past Wednesday at the Brant Sports Complex from 4 pm to 6 pm. It was very well attended with lots of community input. The Paris Independent will continue to follow this story closely as it will have a huge impact on our entire community. Some of the questions put forth by residents are: 1) Is making Mile Hill Road a one way street the best solution for public safety, or just the cheapest? 2) Has any thought been given to how this will effect traffic congestion in Paris? And 3) How will making Mile Hill Road one way affect emergency vehicle access? We will have a full report in next week’s newspaper (Jan. 21)

Photo credit Mayor David Bailey

LOCAL HISTORY

Let's Take a Trip down Paris Bowling Lanes



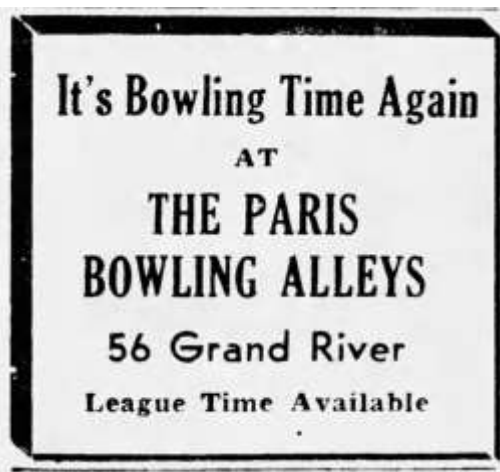
Paris Past

by
Chris Whelan

Thomas Ryan, the inventor of 5 Pin bowling, had originally opened the first Tenpin bowling centre in Canada on the corner of Yonge & Temperance Streets in downtown Toronto, featuring 10 lanes, palm trees, and a string orchestra. A private member club, the bowling centre catered to a white-collar crowd. Many of Thomas Ryan's customers, looking to bowl a game on their lunch break, were unsatisfied with the speed of Tenpin bowling. Not only that, the ball itself was seen as too heavy. In response, Mr. Ryan had his father whittle down some pins, introduced a hand-sized ball, created a scoring system, and 5 Pin bowling in its original form was born. The year was 1909. 5 Pin bowling grew rapidly from the start, with the first league being formed in 1910. What followed was an explosion of the game across the country, with a staggering amount of league bowlers; it is estimated that in Toronto alone, at any given time during the 1950's there were 120,000 league bowlers. The earliest record of bowling in Paris I could find so far was a list of members of the Penmans League from 1939. By 1962 there were 3 bowling alleys in Paris.



On March 22, 1962, The (PUC) Paris Utilities Commission staff erected three 315 KVA transformers to provide necessary lighting to the new Park Lanes fully automatic 12-lane bowling alleys on Highway 24A built by Broughdale Investment Ltd. of London and managed by Bill Elliot. The Park Lanes officially opened March 29, 1962, at 295 Grand River St. North (Hwy. 24A) today this is the location of "Park Lane Terrace Retirement Home".



This would become the 3rd Bowling facility in Paris at that time as there were already two others downtown. In 1968 Park Lanes was sold and the building was converted into a nursing home with accommodations for about 40 men and women. W.E. Freeman of Toronto had purchased the building from its current owner the Clarkson Company Ltd. of London.

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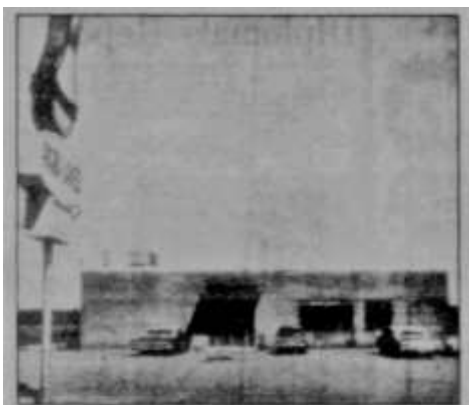
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From the 1940s Paris Bowling Lanes was located at 56 Grand River St. North above Jack Cameron's Pool Hall, today it is an apartment with an unusual hardwood floor above United Discount. It was still open in 1960s. Photo: Paris Star

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Park Lanes Bowling Alley, in Paris, has been sold and the building will be converted into a nursing home with accommodation for about 40 men and women. W.E. Freeman of Toronto purchased the building.



Broadway Bowling Lanes at 5 Broadway St. West. Was managed by Charlie Codlin in the 1960s in a former Ford dealership garage which is today part of the main parking lot downtown. Still operating in the 1990s by the Bailey's they sold the building to the town and it was razed to make room for parking.

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Lisa Dalpe Memorial draws hockey teams from across Ontario

By Casandra Turnbull

The sound of children playing filled the air as hockey sticks slapped the ice, parents cheered and the puck found the back of the net over and over again last weekend at the Brant Sport Complex. The Paris Minor Hockey Association hosted the annual Lisa Dalpe Memorial Hockey Tournament from January 6-8, sponsored by the Brant County Milk Producers.

Twenty-four teams from across Ontario travelled to Paris to compete in the Under 11 and Under 13 house league tournament, all in the name of a woman who gave endlessly to this community. Lisa would have been proud to hear the arena abuzz as players participated in a game she knew all too well.

Lisa owned and operated Just the Ticket and then Inksaters (downtown where the Piper & Oak is today) for many years with her father Gord. She was a respected member, co-chair and chairwoman of the Paris BIA, she was instrumental in organizing many memorable events that still take place today, including Paris Street Fest and Christmas in Paris and she was at the helm of fundraising for the Cobblestone Common Park (the location of the now famous Christmas tree). She was a former member of Beta Sigma Phi in Paris and a dedicated volunteer canvasser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Above all else, she was a proud mom – a HOCKEY MOM!

Lisa was a past executive member of PMHA, treasurer/manager of many Brantford AAA hockey teams and she spent hours at the arena watching her three boys play hockey.

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Members of the Dalpe family (above) were present for a ceremonial puck drop to open the Lisa Dalpe Memorial Hockey Tournament held last weekend in Paris. The tournament is named after a former resident, Lisa Dalpe (below), who dedicated a lot of time and commitment to Paris and Paris Minor Hockey.

Photos courtesy of Phil Dalpe



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She was incredibly proud of her sons Phil, Zac and Ben for their accomplishments on and off the ice.

“My brothers and I really appreciate the memorial tournament and it was great to see teams from all over Ontario compete in it,” said Phil, Lisa’s eldest son. He was in attendance for the ceremonial puck drop last weekend, alongside his wife Marianne, their two children Avery and Declan, and Phil’s father, Lisa’s husband of 30 years, Paul Dalpe.

“It honestly feels amazing. I see things everyday that she’s left (behind), stuff for us to maintain and I believe we do it in a ‘Lisa’ type manner,” said Phil.

Phil is actively involved with local hockey so he was more than thrilled to see two Paris teams in the finals of the tournament.

“It shows we have a strong (hockey) community here.” In the U11 division, both Paris teams bested all their opponents to compete in the championship game. The team sponsored by Brant Sports claimed gold and Nick’s No Frills claimed silver. In the U13 division Paris made it to the finals as well, facing off against Mt. Brydges. Paris lost a nailbiter in triple overtime.

PMHA President Mike Sinclair commented, “The tournament was a huge success for PMHA with many volunteers from our membership chipping in and there was LOTS of great local league hockey that was played.”



U13 Wolfpack put up hard-fought battle; win silver medals

The U13-2 Fifth Ground Entertainment Wolfpack had silver medals around their necks following a tournament on home ice at the Brant Sports Complex last weekend.

The Fifth Ground Entertainment team lost 2-1 in triple overtime to Mount Brydges Cougars during the championship game of the Lisa Dalpe Memorial Tournament. It was team accomplishment as Paris defeated team after team. The standout story of the weekend centres around the Wolfpack’s newest goalie, Ethan Sickle. Up until this season, Sickle has been a ringette goalie but through his natural ability and some good coaching, he is converting into somewhat of a hockey phenomenon. Sickle went seven straight periods without letting in a single goal,

recording three shutouts and only allowing four goals throughout the weekend.

In the semi final game against the Barrie Colts, a team which dominated every game until they faced Paris, Sickle stood strong between the pipes, allowing only one goal. PMHA Executive Chris Szarka said “The number one seed Barrie was very strong, consisting of several select players and a large contingent of skilled second year players. They crushed every team they played but unlike every goalie in the 12 team tournament, Sickle shut them down.” After the semis a Barrie coach told Szarka, “That was the hottest goalie we have ever faced.”

Congratulations team on a well played tournament.

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Paris versus Paris in Lisa Dalpe Memorial Final

The Paris U11-1 Brant Sports team successfully went 3-0 in the round robin portion of the tournament and carried that momentum into the elimination rounds. They then went on to defeat Oakville and Beverly in the quarter and semifinals respectively, setting up an epic championship game against Paris' own U11-2 Nick's No-Frills team. Both teams played exceptionally well, but in the end, U11-1 Brant Sports won the championship by a score of 2-0 in front of a packed crowd. The highlight for U11-1 Brant Sports team would be the



Both of Paris' U11 house league teams, pictured above, fought their way to the championship game of the Lisa Dalpe Memorial Tournament, sponsored by the Brant County Milk Producers. The kids were thrilled to play the gold medal game in front of a packed crowd!

Photo provided by Phil Dalpe

fact that all 17 players committed to the team strategy and gave everything they had all weekend. Forwards wasted no time attacking the puck, defence limited the other teams' opportunities, and the two goalies played exceptionally well, with both recording shutouts throughout the tournament.

A huge congrats should be given to the U11-

2 Nick's No-Frills team on a very successful tournament. In addition, the PMHA did an amazing job all weekend. "I had the pleasure to speak with multiple coaches from different city centres, and they all complemented PMHA's organization and hospitality," said Francis Fitzgerald, coach of the Brant Sports Team.

Nominations open for Brantford Sports Council's Annual Sports Awards

MEDIA RELEASE - The Brantford Sports Council is accepting nominations for the 17th Annual Sports Awards and Recognition Program to be held on Saturday March 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The awards recognize the outstanding achievements of local athletes, coaches, volunteers, teams, officials and sponsors who are actively involved in and support youth sports in the community.

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for

their achievements in sports?

Nominations for 2022 will be accepted until February 10, 2023 for the following awards:

- The Kevin Finney Memorial Award - Sportsmanship and Dedication
- The Phyllis Gretzky Memorial Award - Female Youth Leadership
- The Frank Bricker Memorial Award - Male Youth Leadership
- The Dave Levac Award - The Award of Excellence for Sports Officiating
- The John Macklin Memorial Award -

Coach of the Year

- The George Churchill Memorial Award - Sports Volunteer of the Year
- The Jack Calbeck Memorial Award - Lifetime Sports Sponsorship
- The George Jones Memorial Award - Lifetime Sports Volunteerism
- The Jimmy Wilkes Memorial Award - Team of the Year

Nomination forms and criteria for each award are available on the Brant Sports Council [website](#)

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Impressive finish for local marathoner at Walt Disney World's Dopey Challenge

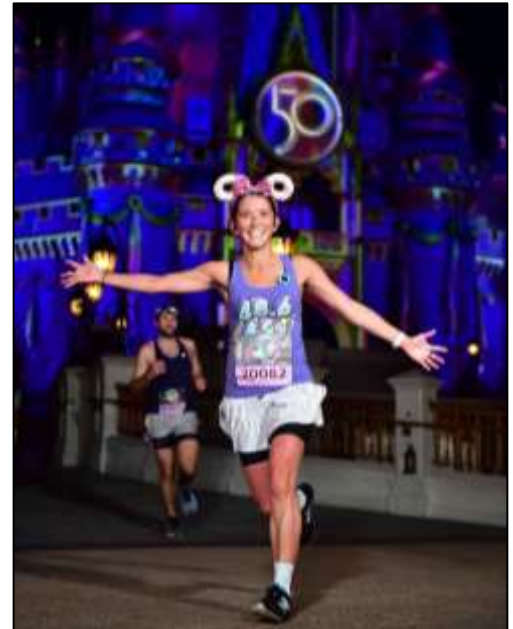
Sarah Kondo, a County of Brant resident and elite athlete, competed in the Dopey Challenge at Walt Disney World last weekend. The challenging event consisted of a 5k, 10k, half marathon and full marathon over the course of four consecutive days.

She competed the 5k in just 23 minutes and 37 seconds to kick start the event on Thursday. In Friday's 10k run, Kondo finished in 45:57, 103rd place out of 12,000 competitors. She was 16th out of all females and won her age group. On Saturday, she finished the half marathon in 1:47:04, an outstanding 323rd place out of 15,343 competitors. Sunday, she

completed the full marathon in 3:31:04, an amazing 162nd out of 12,690 athletes. She was the 28th female to cross the finish line and finished four in her age group. Kondo has trained with renowned Canadian marathoner and Brantford and area Sports Hall of Famer Rick Mannen for the past 9 years at the Running with Rick Club.

Since she started training with him, "she's not only an accomplished distance road runner, but she has evolved into a very proficient ultramarathon trail runner," said Mannen. Ultramarathons are distances greater than the marathon distance of 42.2 km.

Last weekend's accomplishment is further proof that Dreams Do Come True at the Magical Kingdom. Congratulations Sarah.



PARIS MINOR HOCKEY SCOREBOARD JANUARY 5 – JANUARY 12

***U11 Rep sponsored by Pelton Transportation** wins 6-0 over Tavistock Titans

***U11 Team 2 sponsored by Nick's No Frills** wins 4-3 over the Delhi Rockets (2)

***U13 Rep sponsored by The Optimist Club of Paris** wins 8-0 over Hagersville Hawks

***U13 Team 2 sponsored by Fifth Ground Entertainment** loses 5-4 over the Delhi Rockets (1)

***U18 Team 3 sponsored by Paris Legion Branch 29** wins 6-2 over **U18 Team 2 sponsored by Hoogs Installations**

***U15 Team 1 sponsored by Adkins Financial** loses 5-3 over Tillsonburg Tornado

***U15 Team 2 sponsored by Burford Foodland** wins 9-1 over Port Dover Pirates

***U13 Rep sponsored by the Optimist Club of Paris** ties 4-4 against Tillsonburg Tornado

***U13 Rep sponsored by the Optimist Club of Paris** wins 2-0 against Tavistock Titans

***U11 Team 1 sponsored by Brant Sports** wins 5-1 against **U11 Team 2 sponsored by Nick's No Frills**

***U18 Team 2 sponsored by Hoogs Installations** loses 4-2 to the Waterford Wildcats (1)

***U15 Team 1 sponsored by Adkins Financial** wins 2-0 over Simcoe Warriors (1)

***U11 Rep sponsored by Pelton Transportation** wins 6-2 over Hagersville Hawks

***U13 Team 1 sponsored by Arora Dental** wins 4-2 over Norwich Knighthawks

***U13 Rep sponsored by Pelton Transportation** wins 3-1 over Ingersoll Express

***U15 Team 1 sponsored by Adkins Financial** wins 5-2 against **U15 Team 3 sponsored by Paris Canadian Tire**

***U18 Team 3 sponsored by Paris Legion Branch 29** loses 5-2 to the Simcoe Warriors

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Curling Club recognizes Draw Winners in Senior Mixed League



The second five-week draw for the Thursday Morning Mixed Senior league wrapped up last week at the Paris Curling Club. Winners from the early draw pictured left were (left to right) Larry Speakman, skip; Dave Kerr, vice skip; Ron Moss, second; and Barb Nielsen, lead.

Photos submitted by the Paris Curling Club



Winners from the late draw pictured to the right were (left to right) Jim O'Neill, skip; Gen Lindsay, vice; Ben MacLay, second; and Terry Robinson, lead.

If you'd like to learn more about the Paris Curling Club or the game itself, visit the club this weekend as members host the Ayr Curling Club for the friendly Payris Cup challenge!



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SPORTS

Paris Mounties lose nailbiter game to division leaders

The Paris Mounties started off 2023 started with two road games. Friday's game was a trip to Wellesley to face the Applejacks. The Mounties were outscored 7-1, unable to take advantage of six power play opportunities.


The next night, the team missed their usual home game due to the Lisa Dalpe Memorial Hockey Tournament, so they travelled to New Hamburg for what turned out to be a special night for the Firebirds, as they were celebrating the team's 60th anniversary. Junior hockey alumni players, representing various decades, were present for the milestone.

The first period started off with no score and the Mounties play kept pace with the division leaders, even out shooting the home team. In the second period, New Hamburg scored two unanswered power play goals. It wasn't for lack of effort from the Mounties who once again outshot the opposition.

In the third period, Paris' Xavier Moura scored the team's only goal and with goalie Scott Rodrigue called to the bench in the last minute of play for an extra man on the ice. Despite the 2-1 loss, the Mounties kept pace with the division leaders.


The next home game is tonight at 7:30 pm, when the Mounties welcome the Woodstock Navy Vets.





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<p>U4 Co-ed (Born in 2019, 2020, 2021) - \$100 U6 Co-ed (Born in 2017, 2018) - \$110 Season starts in May 2023 Saturday mornings / Season ends in July 2023</p>	<p>U14 Boys / U14 Girls (Born 2009, 2010) \$160, season starts in May 2023 Boys - Wed. nights / Girls Monday nights Season ends in July 2023</p>
<p>U8 Co-ed (Born in 2015, 2016) - \$160 Season starts in May 2023 Monday nights Season ends in July 2023</p>	<p>U17 Boys / U17 Girls (Born 2006-2008) \$160, season starts in May 2023 Tuesday night games Season ends in July 2023</p>
<p>U10 Boys / U10 Girls (Born in 2013, 2014) \$160, season starts in May 2023 Boys - Wed. nights / Girls - Thurs. nights Season ends in July 2023</p>	<p>18+ Co-Ed (Born in 2004 -) \$50, Friday nights in Paris, May-Aug U21 Boys / U21 Girls (Born in 2002-2005) \$160, Thursday night games—Boys / Girls Soccer Momz - (Born in 2000 -) \$50, Sunday nights in Paris, May-Aug</p>
<p>U12 Boys / U12 Girls (Born 2011, 2012) \$160, season starts in May 2023 Boys - Thur. nights / Girls - Tuesday nights Season ends in July 2023</p>	<p>Volunteers needed for Field, Coach, Fundraising, Events and Executive: volunteer@parissoccer.ca</p>

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HEALTHCARE NEWS

BCHS President and CEO Dave McNeil announces June retirement

PRESS RELEASE— Brant Community Healthcare System (BCHS) President and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. David McNeil, announced this week he will be retiring from his position effective June 30, 2023.

“It has been an honour and privilege to serve the community over the past five years in my capacity of President and CEO,” said McNeil in the BCCHS issued press release. “All that has been accomplished over my tenure is a testament to the exceptional and dedicated teams we have at BCCHS – my colleagues on the management team, and the incredible staff, physicians and volunteers who are truly *Working Together to Build a Healthier Community*.”

Prior to becoming President and CEO at BCCHS in 2018, McNeil spent 21 years as part of the executive team at Health Sciences North where he was the Chief Nursing Executive and Senior Vice President, Patient Services and Digital Transformation. Early in his career, he worked as a staff nurse, including in the remote Indigenous community of Attawapiskat, Ontario.

BCCHS Board of Directors Chair, Mr. Peter Quinlan, thanked McNeil for his leadership and many achievements. “Under David’s leadership, BCCHS has developed and implemented its Strategic Plan, advanced the

quality and safety agenda, established a strong patient family advisory team, and strengthened partnerships locally and regionally.”

Mr. Quinlan also acknowledged the significant work that has been accomplished from a financial recovery and future redevelopment standpoint, “BCCHS is now operating in a stable financial position and has over the last several years advanced a number of capital projects, including: the Pediatric Acute Care Referral Service, Project 1 of the Emergency Department, the renewal of medical imaging

equipment, a second CT Scanner, and approval for and the initiation of planning for the redevelopment of the BCCHS.”

The BCCHS Board of Directors will be forming a CEO Search Committee, and the work of recruiting a new President and CEO of BCCHS will commence immediately.

“On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, we extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation to David for his outstanding contributions to BCCHS, and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.”



BCCHS President and CEO David McNeil, third from left, announced this week that he will retire effective June 2023. David is pictured above at the Willett Hospital’s 100th anniversary open house held last year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

100 People Who Care Brant give to Special Olympics

PRESS RELEASE - When Susan Ritchie, Shawna Brown Sharp and Donna Ireland founded 100 People Who Care Brant in early 2021, they recognized the dynamic potential of a Giving Circle, tailored to local demographics, in a generous community like Brant, Brantford & Six Nations.

The people of Brant, Brantford and Six Nations have been steadfast in their support, with over \$48,000 raised to support six local charities over the past two years. All charities receiving funding through 100 People Who Care Brant commit to using the funds for current and local needs, with none of the money going toward administrative costs.

The third giving cycle for 2022 just concluded with a \$7,125 donation to the Special Olympics Brantford. 100 People Who Care member Heidi Nelson put forth the nomination.

“Special Olympics is far more than just a program designed to improve health and fitness levels. It is through sports that Special Olympics is able to change the lives of over 200 local athletes and provide them with continued opportunities to develop physical fitness, express courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of successes, skills, and friendships,” said Nelson. “They discover the exhilaration of being on a team and of reaching personal goals.



100 People Who Care Brant complete another giving cycle, donating \$7,125 to the Special Olympics Brantford. This donation was one of three giving cycles in 2022.

Submitted photo

They regain lost self-esteem, and they no longer feel pushed aside and forgotten about. To be a part of Special Olympics is something truly special. I can not think of a more worthy recipient of our support.”

The members of 100 People Who Care Brant viewed video interviews with representatives from the three finalist nominees, including Arnold Anderson Sports Fund, Sensity Deafblind and Sensory Support Network of Canada, and Special Olympics Brantford, who gained the majority vote.

Christine Gallant, from the Special Olympics Brantford Council, advised that the generous donations from 100 People Who Care Brant would be directed to the Special Olympic athlete sport registration; and uniforms and equipment, including two portable soccer nets and two sets of shot puts/batons. In 2021, the registration program in the Brantford/Brant community amounted to over \$20,000 for 400 athletes.

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The Special Olympics Brantford Council is a group of volunteers dedicated to providing full-service support for Special Olympics Ontario Clubs and coaches to further Special Olympics goals, providing qualified athletes an opportunity to enhance their life and celebrate personal achievement through positive sport experiences.

For more information about Special Olympics Brantford, please visit their website at <https://brantford.specialolympicsontario.ca/> and you may make a donation at <https://brantford.specialolympicsontario.ca/ways-to-give>.

100 People Who Care Brant, serving Brant, Brantford & Six Nations, welcomes local residents who are interested in maximizing the impact of their annual commitment of \$75 to \$300 through group philanthropy, all from the comfort of home with no meetings to attend. As a registered member, in each of three giving cycles per year, you are invited to nominate local organization(s) that are close to your heart, learn about the work of three organizations through online video interviews and then cast your vote to determine which of the three will receive the members' collective donations for that cycle. If you would like to learn more, or join in the effort to support charities and not-for-profit organizations that serve our community, please send an email to 100WhoCareBrant@gmail.com.

“Our goal was to welcome a wide range of members of varying financial abilities, from both rural and urban areas, and to include those who had little time to attend in person meetings,” Ireland recalls. “The impacts of Covid on public gatherings solidified our determination to develop the first entirely virtual chapter under the umbrella of the 100 Who Care Alliance (<https://www.100whocarealliance.org/>), which has over 700 chapters across the world.”

Developing a user-friendly and dependable online system for registration of new members, nominations of charities, presentation of videos from 3 finalists per cycle and ultimately, for voting and making donations has been an ongoing challenge for the Steering Committee, which includes founding members Ritchie, Sharp and Ireland, and Kim Allardyce, who volunteered her services in mid 2021. Giving cycles run three times annually, with all communications to members posted in a private Facebook group, as well as emailed directly to members.

“We try to make the process run as smoothly as possible,” says Shawna Sharp, adding, “and we always welcome feedback. We do get suggestions, but even more emails expressing gratitude, and not just from the charities we support - our members are awesome and it is great to hear how much they appreciate belonging to this group.”



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What should I be focused on for year-end tax planning?



Your Money Team
with
Glenn Gaudet

With the end of the year fast approaching, Canadian taxpayers will want to consider all the tax planning opportunities available to them. Which year-end planning strategies apply to you will depend upon your specific circumstances and objectives. The IG Wealth Management Year-end Tax Planning Checklist can help you understand what opportunities are most suited to you.

While you can make an RRSP contribution in the first 60 days of 2023 that can be used as a deduction on your 2022 tax return, most tax-related strategies must be implemented by December 31, 2022. Overall, the key to effective planning is being well-prepared. In this article, we'll discuss key opportunities and strategies to consider:

Investment Planning Opportunities

Whether you have non-registered investments, registered investments or both, remember to review these accounts before the end of the year.



IG Wealth Management offers a year-end tax planning checklist that can help you understand what opportunities are most suited to you!

If you have *non-registered* the “**superficial loss rules.**” You *investments* with unrealized capital can find more information on the losses, you may want to consider a superficial loss rules and tax loss strategy referred to as “**tax loss selling**”. Realized capital losses selling here. Lastly, if you are must first be applied against net considering this approach, we also capital gains realized this year. If encourage you to speak with your those capital losses exceed the accountant to ensure any losses you current year recognized capital trigger can be claimed as intended. gains, they can be carried back to offset net capital gains realized in any of the three previous years (or forward indefinitely).

If tax loss selling is something you are considering, it's important to be aware of a complicated set of tax rules that can potentially deny those capital losses. These rules are called

If you are considering selling a non-registered investment that has an unrealized capital gain, you could delay the sale of the investment until the new year to defer the taxes on the capital gain one year. Although this may be beneficial from a tax perspective, you also need to consider your investment objectives in considering this option.

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You may alternatively be considering making a charitable donation before the end of the year to take advantage of the charitable donation tax credit for 2022. If you have non-registered marketable securities (including mutual funds) with unrealized capital gains, you should consider using those investments to make an in-kind donation to the charity. You will receive a charitable donation tax receipt equal to the market value of the investment and the capital gain triggered by the donation will be exempt from tax.

From a *registered account* perspective, the planning considerations will vary based on the type of account and your specific situation. Our Year-end Tax Planning Checklist highlights the issues that arise at the end of the year with each type of account. Examples include:

*If you are considering making a TFSA withdrawal, a withdrawal before the end of 2022 would create additional TFSA contribution room in 2023 while a TFSA withdrawal in 2023 would not create additional TFSA contribution room until 2024. If you are planning a TFSA withdrawal in early 2023, consider whether it could be withdrawn before the end of 2022 instead.

*Do you have a child that turned 15 years of age in 2022 and have not yet opened a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)? Making a RESP contribution of at least \$2,000 (but within the annual limit) before December 31, 2022 would not only allow you to receive the Canada Education Savings Grant for this year,

but also for an additional two years on contributions of up to \$5,000 per year.

* If you are considering purchasing a home in 2023 or 2024 and using the Home Buyers' Plan (HBP) to help fund the down-payment, you should delay the HBP withdrawal until 2023. This will extend the timeframe to purchase a qualifying home an additional year, compared to a withdrawal made before the end of 2022 (i.e. until October 1, 2024 rather than October 1, 2023). This will also delay the timeframe in which you must start to repay the HBP withdrawals by a full year.

Income Splitting Opportunities

Income splitting can be one of the most effective ways to save tax for your family, now and in the future. Some examples include:

*If you are saving for retirement, consider a spousal RRSP. While the pension income splitting rules allow a spouse who is 65 years of age or older to allocate up to 50% of their RRIF income to the other spouse, a spousal RRSP contribution will provide a tax deduction for you now and 100% of the future retirement income is taxed in the hands of your spouse (assuming the spousal RRSP attribution rules are not triggered), regardless of age.

*Certain income splitting strategies can be implemented with adult children and/or your spouse or common-law partner, such as gifting money to a spouse or adult child to make contributions to their TFSA account.

*Another consideration is loaning funds at the prescribed rate to your

spouse or adult child, directly or indirectly through a family trust, to invest in non-registered funds. While it began the year at 1%, the current prescribed rate is 3% with further increases possible in the new year.

Other Strategies

There are many other strategies that could be suitable for you. Here are a few other areas that you may want to explore further with your IG Wealth Management Consultant:

- *Charitable giving
- *Maximizing your tax credits and deductions
- *Planning for disabled individuals

Please ensure you report all issued tax receipts on your income tax

Depending on the activity within your account(s) this year, you may receive one or more tax receipts at year-end. These are not duplicate receipts and may look different from past receipts depending on the account for which they are issued. Please ensure you report all issued tax receipts on your income tax return.

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ASTROLOGY

Aries: March 21 - April 19 (Fire) – You're finally starting to find your voice. This will help you to express your wants and needs. You see the good and the bad in your love life and you are ready to have a serious conversation. You will be able to communicate very effectively this week, take advantage of this.

Taurus: April 20 - May 20 (Earth) – You will make bad choices this week when it comes to love. Make time to meditate and reconnect. You will see things very clearly by mid week. A path will open for you in your career. Take this opportunity to make the changes that will make you more financially secure.

Gemini: May 21 - June 20 (Air) – You are very capable of anything at this point. You feel sexy and confident. Use this gift to align yourself and enhance your love life. You will have to make huge decisions in your career this week. Make sure you have the right information before you make this choice.

Cancer: June 21 - July 22 (Water) – Stop giving people the benefit of the doubt, not everyone in your life has your best interests in mind. Secrets will come to light in your love life. You have needed clarity for a really long time. Drama aside, you need to focus on your personal health.

Leo: July 23 - August 22 (Fire) – You can get what you want, if you relax and be patient. But you won't. You can not stop yourself from pushing the people in your life. This could be self sabotaging behaviour. If you can stop this you will bring you all you have been seeking in love and career.

Virgo: August 23 - September 22 (Earth) – Put your energy into properly expressing yourself. This expression will bring some excitement into your life. Your kindness can send out mixed messages and result in unwanted attention from someone. This person will make themselves and their intentions known to you this week.

Libra: September 23 - October 22 (Air)– Things are beginning to happen in your love life. Buckle up things will get interesting really quick. Your whole week is full of ups and downs in love and career. You will have to just ride this out so you can come out with a sense of purpose by the end of the week.

Scorpio: October 23 - November 21 (Water) – You are shifting in a major way. You have been intentionally shut off for a while and you are now ready to come back and join the world. It would be great to ease back in. But your energy is so irresistible this week that a whole lot of attention is coming your way.

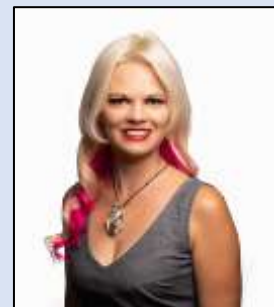
Sagittarius: November 22 - December 21 (Fire) – Your frustration has reached its boiling point. You will spend this week cleaning up the mess your anger has created for you. See things for what they really are and move on from the causes of this anger. Take control of this week now or it will follow you into next week also.

Capricorn: December 22 - January 19 (Earth) – Take your control back. Your love life and career is demanding and exhausting. You keep giving and giving and now you want to see a return on your investments. Do not demand these things, but make them known. People can not fix things if they do not know there's a problem.

Aquarius: January 20 - February 18 (Air) – You are one choice away from making your love life a mess. Take a serious time out and contemplate the consequences of your actions. You are also letting negative people have a say in your career path. They have their own agenda and it does not align with what is best for you.

Pisces: February 19 - March 20 (Water) – You will shy away from the public eye this week. You feel the need to just have some privacy and to be left alone. This is a defense mechanism. Why do you feel this way? Only you know the answer to that. But that answer will be what ends up setting you free of your hermit mode by the weekend, so figure it out quickly.

Horoscopes with Tina Graziano Energy Reader



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[Avatar: The Way of Water](#)

Standard 11:40a.m. 3:50p.m. 8:00p.m.

3D 1:40p.m. 6:00p.m. 9:00p.m.

[Puss in Boots: The Last Wish](#)

Standard 12:50p.m. 3:40p.m.

3D 6:20p.m. 10:00p.m.

[M3GAN](#)

Standard 11:50a.m. 4:30p.m. 7:10p.m. 9:50p.m.

[A Man Called Otto](#)

Standard 12:30p.m. 3:40p.m. 7:00p.m. 10:00p.m.

[Plane](#)

Standard 1:30p.m. 4:20p.m. 6:50p.m. 9:30p.m.

[Black Panther: Wakanda Forever](#)

Standard 2:30p.m. 6:10p.m. 9:20p.m.

[The Whale](#)

Standard 12:40p.m. 3:30p.m. 6:15p.m. 9:40p.m.

