

## Chippewas: Pot Shop May Open Without Provincial Authorization

By MIKE ANDERSON

The Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation (CGIFN) did not participate in Ontario's recent cannabis lottery that awarded licenses to eight Ontario First Nations, says Chief Donna Big Canoe in an email to The Post.

Instead, the Band will consider opening a pot shop at its Island View Business Centre without provincial authorization, citing a recent resolution passed by the Chiefs of Ontario, which encourages First Nations to assert their jurisdiction over cannabis operations on reserve lands.

"CGFIN is currently considering entering into the Cannabis industry as an economic development venture to support and benefit its members," reads a press release from the Chief and Band Council.

"Consistent with the June 14, 2019 Chiefs of Ontario resolution that would see Ontario's 133 First Nations assert jurisdiction to govern all cannabis-related operations within their territories, and in keeping with the traditional practice of nation-to-nation trade and commerce, it is currently reviewing next-steps in consultation with its membership."

The Chiefs of Ontario resolution, passed during the 45th Annual All Ontario Chiefs Conference, argues that because the federal government did not consult First



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## 39 Years Later: Terry Fox Still Inspires Us

By DEB ROBERT

A young man traverses the highway, striding with an unwieldy double step and hop. His right leg, crippled by cancer and now a mere stump, is attached to a prosthesis fitted with a battered Adidas shoe.

It was 1980 when Terry Fox shook a nation awake. With his sweeping Marathon of Hope to end cancer, Terry ran an astonishing 143

consecutive days in a heartfelt crusade which quickly became every Canadian's journey.

Mile by mile, Terry held steadfast until his cancer spread and, in Thunder Bay, his journey came to an end. Overlooking Lake Superior stands a towering memorial, vividly capturing Terry in running stance, brimming with his essence

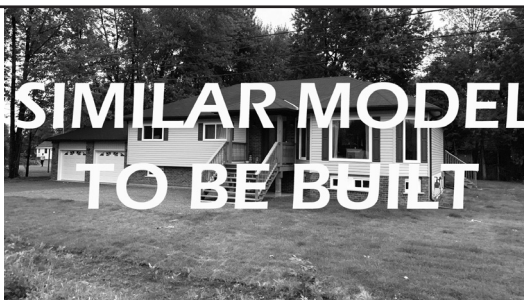
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Nations before the legalization of cannabis, they have the right to assert jurisdiction over their cannabis operations.

"First Nations must have their autonomy and authority recognized as rights holders at the table as governments when asserting their interests in the cannabis sector," the resolution states.

On August 15, CGFIN took a significant step towards that goal by enacting a cannabis control by-law to regulate the "retail sales of cannabis and cannabis accessories, including authorization of retail cannabis operations" within its lands.

While CGFIN could decide to open a pot shop without provincial authorization, it would be breaking the law, according to Ontario's Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG).

"Selling outside of Ontario's authorized retail system is illegal under federal and provincial law," says Brian Gray, a MAG spokesperson.

Under the Cannabis Control Act, individuals who sell or

distribute illegal cannabis face fines up to \$250,000 and up to two years in prison. The penalty for corporations is a maximum fine of \$1 million.

However, enforcing those penalties is the responsibility of local police services, including First Nations police services, and those agencies operate independently from the Crown, according to Mr. Gray.

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## Editorial: Death & Taxes On Georgina Island

You've probably heard that old saw "Nothing is certain but death and taxes" – it's both a cliché and a truism.

For decades, island cottagers have enjoyed what GIFN calls a "tax-free" holiday. While they pay an annual lease and a \$750 fee for services, their last property tax was in early 1970s – when the municipality stopped collecting island property taxes.

That changed last year when GIFN hired MPAC to conduct property assessments; initiating a property tax scheme that mirrors what we mainlanders endure till death do we part.

While most cottage leaseholders say they should pay their fair share for services, they argue their properties should be assessed against similar properties on the island, and not against "off-reserve" properties on the mainland.

GIFN and MPAC argue the opposite: there is no difference between a cottage on Georgina Island, and, for example, a cottage in Willow Beach.

According to GIFN and MPAC, both properties are "fee simple" – therefore there should be no difference in their assessed value. This means a "substantial" tax increase for cottage leaseholders, once the \$750 service fee is converted into a property tax – in some cases, as much as 700 per cent.

While this may pass a legal test, it certainly doesn't pass a sniff test.

How can a seasonal property with a fixed-term lease on an island with limited access, limited services, and limited property rights – leaseholders cannot obtain a mortgage or sublet – be considered the same as a cottage on the mainland?

At the GIFN Assessment Review Board, where the Georgina Island Cottage Association (GICA)'s legal counsel presented their arguments to appeal the MPAC assessments, it was clear that the 39 cottagers who formed GICA were fighting a David vs Goliath-style battle with little chance of succeeding.

As David, GICA faces the combined resources of GIFN, MPAC, and the First Nations Tax Commission (FNTC). Like David, the odds are long.

Meanwhile, as we await the results of the appeal, the GIFN's plan to impose a property tax on its cottage leaseholders on Georgina, Snake and Fox Islands is on temporary hold. But like death, it's impossible to forestall the inevitable; a property tax will be paid. The question is, how much?

## Letter To The Editor

I like the punchier attitude the Georgina Post is taking. Not that Karen Wolfe was a wimp. By no means. But I never saw a line like, "...that hippy-dippy weed-loving organization we all know as the Ontario Chamber of Commerce." That caused me concern 'cause though I'm a hippy-dippy weed-loving individual I ain't never heard tell of the OCC.

The article repeated from an earlier source that 70% of the people polled in Georgina voted for pot shops in the community and Council voted the bill down. Isn't there a law somewhere that at least prohibits a government from continuing when it acts against 70 per cent of the people's wishes?

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– humble, hopeful, relentless, forever pushing forward.

To this day, we hold Terry's memory tight to our hearts. On September 15, his formidable quest carries on with The Georgina Terry Fox Run. Organizer Laurie Pangman-Carriere has put out a call for volunteers and registrants for the North Gwillimbury Park event. The goal is to fill the park and ensure the ideals of Terry Fox live on.

Participants of all ages can trek 1K, 5K or 10K courses – saunter, dash, or cross the course by bike, wheelchair, skateboard, or stroller. Laurie, part of the local organizing family with husband Mike and daughter Crystal, is immensely proud of volunteers, sponsors and marathon participants. "We get tremendous support and are truly thankful beyond words."

Leading off the run are crowd favourites Bruce Etherington on bagpipes and Sutton Legion Color Flag Party.

Festivities include games, music, selfie station, and Ken Hackenbrook's history boards depicting Georgina's enduring commitment to the run. Keswick Quick Pizza, Cakes by Jez, and Homestead Orchards are among devoted supporters. "We have incredible local businesses that I can't do without," says Laurie. "They are the Terry Fox run. I just organize it."

As a child, Laurie was deeply impacted by Terry Fox. "I remember when we heard about this amazing kid that had one leg who was going to run across Canada and raise tons of money to save everyone with cancer, including my Dad. I couldn't wait until he started," recalls Laurie. Her Dad passed just before Terry's run, but the courage of both men is a constant inspiration.

Laurie acknowledges some people are desensitized to the cancer cause. "I know we don't have a cure for all cancers yet, but we've made tremendous



CRYSTAL, MIKE & LAURIE

strides. It's mind-boggling to compare my father's treatments in the 1970s, which were almost barbaric in comparison to today. If he had cancer now, chances are he'd live longer and survive."

Laurie's faith in Georgina's Terry Fox Run never wavers. "I do believe wholeheartedly that there is a cure. For

now, this is the only way that we can outrun cancer."

Imagine what we can do together, in his footsteps.

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## Georgina Island Cottagers Appeal Chippewa Property Tax

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In 2018, GIFN hired the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to conduct property inspections and assessments on the island's 188 seasonal cottages, a precursor to introducing its first-ever property tax on its leaseholders.

GIFN argues that it can longer subsidize the cost of services, including emergency, garbage and roads, for island cottagers and needs the revenue from a property tax scheme.

Since 1972, island cottagers who either leased the land directly from the band or a band member, haven't paid

a property tax. Instead, they pay an annual lease, plus a fee for services. Currently, that service fee is \$750 per lease.

Now, GIFN wants to convert that service fee into a property tax, based on MPAC assessments, and phase it in over four years.

For example, an island cottage assessed by MPAC in 2018 for \$566,00 would pay a property tax of \$2,780 in 2019. But that tax would climb to \$6,056 in 2022. That represents a 700 per cent increase over the original service fee.

According to Rick May, president of the Georgina Island Cottage Association (GICA), while most leaseholders are willing to pay a property tax, the proposed tax is too high.

“It's not that we don't want to pay taxes,” says Mr. May. “We do want to pay taxes, but



RICK MAY AT GIFN ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD

we want them to be fair taxes.”

Mr. May also argues that the new tax is “undemocratic” because leaseholders don't have a say in how their tax dollars will be spent.

While he says the Band Council has shared its annual budget for review, leaseholders were told band expenditures could not be changed.

Mr. May would also like to see greater transparency surrounding the federal grants the Band Council receives for services, like the Aazhaawe ferry.

“We believe in democracy. We don't believe in taxation without representation. We don't believe in those concepts,” he adds.

While some cottagers want more input in the Band Council's budget process, others are more worried that high property taxes will force them to sell.

“I loved having a cottage there until this property tax issue came along last summer. It's dramatically increased the cost of the cottage to the point where we're not sure if we can even keep it anymore,” says one island cottager, who prefers to remain anonymous.

“My husband and I are retired, so it makes it almost impossible to afford,” she adds.

While cottagers could opt to sell their cottages, rather than pay the new property tax,

they might be facing a softer market for their properties.

Mr. May, who's also a real estate agent, says that the added stigma of a new property tax is impacting demand for island cottages.

Mr. May says for one recent listing he sent out more than a hundred information kits to potential buyers. However, not a single showing was booked.

Caught between a rock and a hard place, GICA launched an appeal with the GIFN Assessment Review Board (ARB) on August 28.

During the appeal, legal counsel representing the cottage association argued that MPAC assessments should be reduced because MPAC incorrectly assessed island cottages against “off-reserve” properties on the mainland, rather than against similar properties on the island.

The MPAC lawyer argued that GIFN's assessment law, FN's taxation practices, and legal precedents, allow the current MPAC assessments to stand, and the cottage association's appeal had no legal merit.

An GIFN ARB ruling is expected by late fall. However, Mr. May says that his members are prepared to appeal their case to the Ontario District Court if the Board rules against their appeal.

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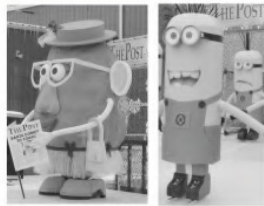
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## GFCC Pilot Project: A Feral Cat's Best Friend

By TINA NOVOTNY

Feral and stray cats used to be a significant problem in Georgina, but over the last few years, a group of volunteers have worked hard to improve their lives.

Eva McDowell started the Georgina Feral Cat Committee (GFCC) in the fall of 2015 and proudly says that one of the first colonies she and her volunteers targeted for "Trap, Neuter, Return" had no kittens born this past spring.

"It's a very tough life for feral cats, it can be heartbreaking," she says. "And abandoned pets really don't do well."

Ms McDowell works with 30 volunteers, including foster homes, to rescue and rehabilitate around 200 cats per year.

"About half are adopted, and half are returned to colonies or located to a barn home,"

which Ms McDowell says make ideal homes for treated ferals. "With people coming and going they get tamed and sometimes people who board horses take them home."

The GFCC is engaged in a two-year pilot project with an endorsement from Mayor Quirk and Town Council to tackle the feral cat overpopulation "from Udora to Keswick and everywhere in-between."

They've been working so hard, and successfully that the Town of Georgina recognized the group with the Volunteer Award of Merit bestowed on November 2018.

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The 99th GFCC cat for 2019 has just found a home. The group offers workshops on caring for feral cats and on September 14th will hold a fundraising barbecue at the Zehr's on Woodbine Avenue in Keswick.

The GFCC spent \$40,000 in vet bills last year, and because of the cold, damp spring causing poor conditions for feral cats, McDowell is expecting a bigger total this year.

Dr. Patel of the Aurora North Pet Clinic offers reduced rates to the GFCC, and they also get

veterinary help from the OSPCA and the Toronto Humane Society.

"All of our cats are spayed or neutered so we can be certain that none of them can ever contribute to the feral population," says Ms. McDowell.

The GFCC doesn't pinpoint the locations of the colonies to protect both the cats and the volunteers. "We know there are people who trap cats and release them in the countryside, and they're not for the safety of the caregivers either."

Good thing there are so many more people who support the work of the GFCC. You can donate on their website at [www.georginaferals.ca](http://www.georginaferals.ca) and through Value Village's clothing and household donation drive coming later in the fall.

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## Georgina Civic Centre: Not Giving Up The Ghost Yet!

By TANYA EDWARDS

Take four people with the same spooky hobby, and what do you get? COPI, Central Ontario Paranormal Investigations.

Glenn and Wendy Laycock along with Paul and Tina Jackson formed COPI over a cup of coffee and their passion for the paranormal in 2017. They haven't stopped investigating the spiritual world since.

Recently Mayor Margaret Quirk invited COPI to investigate if anyone is still wandering around the dark corners of the soon to be defunct Georgina Civic Centre.

The building was originally a monastery, home to several religious orders, so the chances of someone hanging around were pretty high, and COPI jumped at the chance.

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Mayor Quirk and a few staff members dotted all the i's and crossed the t's making sure protocol and security measures were followed then COPI set up their command center.

Using infrared cameras, video and audio recording devices and other high-tech tools to detect possible spirits, the investigation began.

The first team consisting of Tina Jackson and Mayor Quirk headed downstairs where they were disappointed when nothing happened, but things soon changed. Returning upstairs, Ms. Jackson asks again: "Is anyone here?" A female voice answers, "I am."

COPI reports that the findings were numerous. First, a male voice identifies himself as "Fred." Then, when Mr. Jackson

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asks, "Is anyone here?" A female voice answers, "I'm here!" Later, a voice commands "Get out!" when the women enter the former monks quarters. And, a recording of what was thought to be gibberish was later found to be voices speaking Latin.

COPi does not charge for their service; they want to investigate and help solve your strange happenings, that is their passion.

COPi Central Ontario Paranormal Investigations are not doing this for fame or fortune; they investigate for free, inviting the homeowners to participate. All four team members have regular jobs and live in normal houses, sort of, the Laycock house is said to have several unearthly tenants including visits from a spirit named Lucy.

When I contacted Mr. Laycock about the investigation with Mayor Quirk, he and his team were more than willing to share the story and the groups' passion for what they do. Sitting at the Laycocks' dining room

table with the 4 COPi members and a cup of tea, I listened to their story and experienced a few strange happenings.

The guys, Glenn and Paul, love their high tech tools and had set up a few while we chatted. An energy monitor showed high readings when we talked about Lucy, and somehow, my freshly charged cell went from 100% to zero after a few odd noises and a small vibration, weird.

I also 'lost' my car keys and after checking, several times, the usual places one drops their keys, purse, pockets, countertops, I found mine tucked in my waistband, again, weird. I kept expecting someone to enter the room from the back hallway; I really thought someone was standing just out of sight -- Lucy perhaps?

Later at the Georgina Civic Centre where Georgina Post publisher, Mike Anderson had set up to take pictures, his camera wouldn't work.

His comment was, "that's never happened before,



COPi: PAUL, TINA, GLENN & WENDY

weird." The rest of us laughed, wondering if it might be Fred.

On a final note, after COPi packed up at the civic center, and the Mayor's team went through to secure the building, a disembodied voice asked a staff member, "Are you done yet?" COPi is far from done.

You can learn more about COPi, watch video coverage of the Georgina Civic Centre

investigation, check out their upcoming appearance at the Toronto Fall Home Show, and Ghost Walk with them in support of Habitat for Humanity by checking out the group's Facebook page: COPi Central Ontario Paranormal Investigations.



## Your Budget Your Say

*It's budget time!*



GEORGINA

The Town of Georgina is inviting residents to get involved in the 2020 budget process and is providing a variety of ways to be informed and provide feedback. These include:

Visit [georgina.ca/budget](http://georgina.ca/budget) to take the online survey. It is also available in hard copy at Town facilities including all three branches of Georgina Public Library, the Civic Centre and the Link.

### Attend a Budget Chat with Treasurer Rob Wheeler:

- Sept. 14 – 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. – Pefferlaw Library, 76 Pete's Lane, Pefferlaw
- Sept. 15 – 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. – Keswick Library, 90 Wexford Dr., Keswick
- Sept. 22 – 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. – Sutton Library, 5279 Black River Rd., Sutton

Provide feedback via email to [budget@georgina.ca](mailto:budget@georgina.ca)

The deadline for the survey is Sept. 23. The results will be included as part of the draft budget presented to Council on Oct. 23. For more information and to stay up to date on the budget, visit [georgina.ca/budget](http://georgina.ca/budget).

Official source for Town news, events and information  
[georgina.ca](http://georgina.ca)



## LOCAL BUSINESS PROFILE

# Buchner Manufacturing Celebrates 40 Years

By TINA NOVOTNY

What began as a home installation business has grown into one of Georgina's leading manufacturers and a major employer during busy construction months.

Gerry Buchner started off installing eavestroughs, shingles and metal siding. But finding a lack of quality, affordable materials he began making his own building products, incorporating his company as Buchner Manufacturing (BMI) in 1979.

After immigrating from Germany and successfully building and selling a business in Toronto, Gerry moved to Pefferlaw to start BMI with his wife Rose, and soon his sons John and Andy were working in the family business.

Now John's sons Johnny and Jeremy, daughter Ashley and Andy's son Gerhard are expanding products and markets, with Gerry and John still active in day-to-day operations. John's daughter Anna is pursuing a marketing career, with Andy's daughters Kristen and Kendra also following academic paths.

Buchner Manufacturing has extensive building-sector inventory, but their main product lines are in aluminum products such as "rainwear" (eavestroughs, downpipes and hangers), and siding, with metal roofing an important growth area.

Though the company ships as far away as Israel, Hungary and the Dominican Republic, Canada and the United States make up



ASHLEY, JEREMY, JOHNNY & JOHN


BMI's primary customer base.

Manufacturing takes place in Pefferlaw and Newmarket, with other locations expanding the business' distribution side.

BMI runs year-round, and seasonal work sees the workforce expand to around 120 employees. "I can't think of a single year where we haven't seen growth," says Jeremy Buchner, whose focus is sales.

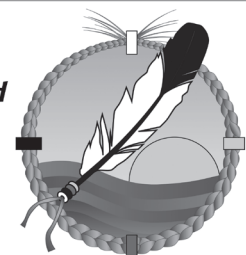
"We're constantly reinvesting in the company and being self-financed and self-owned, we can weather any storm."

The aluminum market, for instance, was a source of concern. Jeremy described 2018 as "chaotic" when tariffs were imposed on both sides of the border. "Trump tweets and aluminum reacts," he says. "Thankfully we're back to more



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TEAM BUCHNER AT PEPPERLAW FACILITY

stable ground and can put all that behind us.”

Mr. Buchner agrees that manufacturing in Ontario has seen dramatic decreases over the years but says BMI will continue to grow. The company is also harnessing new technology, including 3D printing for casting new stamping dies.

“Automation is impacting our marketplace,” says Buchner, “but we believe in having a human operator present – automation can take over a few steps in

the manufacturing process. But there won’t be job elimination.”

Buchner is excited that future generations are entering the family business, with Gerhard a soon to be the father of three, and Jeremy about to get married.

He acknowledges the “blood, sweat and tears” expended by his grandfather, father and uncle, but says the family is poised to take BMI to further heights. “It’s always onward and upward!”

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### NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

RELEASE DATE: AUGUST 15, 2019  
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

#### Managing our water for the next generation

The Regional Municipality of York is updating its Water and Wastewater Master Plan to ensure drinking water and wastewater services meet community needs now and into the future. The Master Plan Update will help the Region support healthy communities by identifying long-term strategies, initiatives and infrastructure to meet water and wastewater servicing needs to 2041 and beyond.

#### The process

Through the Master Plan Update the Region will identify and evaluate options for future water and wastewater programs and infrastructure projects.

The study will:

- Follow the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment master planning process
- Fulfill the requirements for select Schedule B projects
- Become the basis for select future Schedule C projects

#### Get involved

Stakeholder and public engagement, and consultation are key parts of this process. Public engagement opportunities will be promoted in local newspapers, on the Region’s social media channels and [york.ca/waterplan](http://york.ca/waterplan)

#### Share your feedback for a chance to win a \$100 gift card!

As a first step, we want to better understand what you think about your water and wastewater services and where you see opportunities for improvement.

Take the survey online at [york.ca/waterplan](http://york.ca/waterplan)

Submit questions or comments, receive accommodation or an accessible version of this notice, or join the Master Plan Update mailing list by contacting:

#### CURTIS CHING, MANAGER, INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET PLANNING & MANAGEMENT

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RECYCLED ART

## From Blue Box To Art

By EWA CHWOJKO-SRAWLEY

Think twice before you put out your recyclables in the blue box. You might be able to create an artwork with it and win a prize! Yes, art and recycling go hand in hand. All over the world, galleries big and small are opening their doors for such innovation and creativity, and Jackie Diasio, a volunteer at the Georgina art gallery, decided that it is time for our gallery to join the ranks!

Our community embraced the challenge. For our first TRASH TO TREASURE competition, adult participants submitted over thirty works, and children created over twenty fantastic art pieces. You can see them all at the Georgina Arts Centre & Gallery and the Sutton Library. You will be amazed to see what can be designed out of plastic bottles, scraps of metal, cardboard and the likes, by an ingenious mind.

Turning trash to art grabbed the attention of many local organizations and businesses. They generously sponsored three awards. The representatives of Lake Simcoe Gardeners voted for the most creative art piece to grace your backyard; the Georgina Historical Society deliberated which work made out of antique parts was the most imaginative; Team Peroff Real Estate had a hard time choosing the best-of-show. You can pick your favourite, too! Just contact the Georgina gallery for details.

Recycled art is a challenge – and it's fun! You can express your emotions and, at the same time, show concern for the environment. So, rummage through your shed, garage, basement and start creating. We hope next year the TRASH TO TREASURE competition will bring even more participants.

All artworks are displayed at the Georgina gallery, and will also be exhibited at the Harvest Festival on September 14. Winners will be announced on September 29 at 1 pm at the Georgina Arts Centre & Gallery. Come to the GAC and vote for your favourite piece! Contact the GAC for details at (905) 722-9587.



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## A Friendly Conversation Goes A Long Way

Beth is dedicated to making the world a brighter place, one conversation at a time. She stumbled upon Routes Connecting Communities in a brochure when she was looking for something to do to fill her time and wanted to find a way to give back to her community. At 74-years-old, Beth is a confident driver and liked that Routes helps those who don't drive and need assistance getting around. She gave Routes a call, got set-up as a volunteer, and 10 years later still has the same amount of enthusiasm as she did on day one.

Beth is dedicated to staying active and relies on her vehicle to be able to make it to playing bridge, golf, curling, and Thai Chi. She understands how isolating it can be for others, especially seniors, who don't have a vehicle to get around,

"I know the pitfalls of living in the country without a vehicle and access to public transit," says Beth. "Some of the Routes riders can't get to the bus stop.

Up here, it can take almost the entire day to take the bus somewhere because the buses don't run often."

She recalls that in over a decade of volunteering with Routes, the most common destinations have been to the most necessary services; the bank, grocery store, pharmacy, library, and to see a friend.

Beth enjoys connecting with all her riders but is especially keen to drive seniors because of the insight, great stories and history of the community that they offer. It is truly the conversation along the way, that has kept Beth volunteering year after year.

"A lot of the riders have very limited contact with others because they don't have transportation or know where to look for senior groups," says Beth.

"I like to make sure that the people I look after have a good experience. I talk to them and as they start to open up and tell me about themselves, the conversation just brightens up both of our days."

Beth's schedule has allowed her to help a client with up to three doctors appointments each week. The client counts on Beth to be able to make it to every appointment and get relief from her chronic illness. She's also extremely scent-sensitive, which makes going out in public very hard and potentially life threatening. Beth knows this and makes sure she uses scent-free detergent and no perfumes when she's driving – often preparing days in advance for her rides. Her dedication to driving this Routes client is special, as they've formed a close and caring bond over their time driving together.

"We always have good conversations and lots of laughs," says Beth. "I always keep the conversation light and enjoyable, because I want her to enjoy her time and take her mind off of things. I make time for her every week, so that she can have the same driver and I've been driving her for a year and a half."

For Beth, Routes has always been an easy way to give back to others who need her. From helping seniors get to their doctors' appointment, to young mothers on their way to a baby nutrition group – Beth incorporates volunteer driving into her schedule every week. She's actively trying to recruit her friends to drive for Routes too!

"It's so easy to drive for Routes. If you're busy you just say no, and you can make parameters," says Beth. "I don't drive any further than Newmarket, because I don't like driving in the city. It's never an obligation for me. I get paid for my mileage, everything always runs smoothly and there's nothing to worry about. I wish more people would give it a try."

According to Beth, the day she is unable to volunteer with Routes will be the same day she is calling them to send her a volunteer driver.

To learn more about becoming a Routes volunteer, or acquiring a ride, visit [www.routescc.org](http://www.routescc.org).



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## Girl Guides of Canada Comes To Pefferlaw

By TANYA EDWARDS

With a new motto "Everything she wants to be," and a new mission "To be a catalyst for girls empowering girls," Girl Guides of Canada hopes to inspire thousands of girls to become future leaders and doers in their communities.

Now, thanks to the efforts of Ricci-Lynn McDermott, Pefferlaw is about to get its first Girl Guides unit: 1st Pefferlaw Sparks/Brownies/Guides will be an official unit on September 16, 2019.

Ms. McDermott, a business owner and busy mother of three, had been travelling to Sunderland where her daughter April attended Guides, and she volunteered as a leader.

Ms. McDermott wanted her children more connected to their own community, so she

applied and was granted the first-ever unit in Pefferlaw.

With help from local moms like Jen Jackson-Mercer, the three groups quickly filled and more volunteer leaders are needed to allow more girls to join.

Both women were former members of Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders, and they recall having a sense community, building lifelong friendships and a sense of accomplishment growing up in these programs.

They want their daughters and other girls in Pefferlaw to have a chance to do the same.

Ms. McDermott explained, "It's a whole new program called "Girl's First" with a focus on awareness of self, community, culture and global issues. The uniforms are new, the award system is



RICCI-LYNN, JEN & 1ST PEFFERLAW GIRL GUIDES UNIT

new, and the thinking is new." programs and activities like

The 1st Pefferlaw Sparks/Brownies/Guides unit will be based at Morning Glory Public School, and their first event will be the popular door-to-door cookie sales scheduled for the end of September. Cookie sales help fund

camping and attending events.

If you miss your chocolate mint fix, you can find them on October 18/19, at Circle K & Coffee Time in Virginia, on HWY 48: Girl Guides, October 18 from 6 pm to 8 pm, Brownies and Sparks, October 19 from 11 am to 5 pm.

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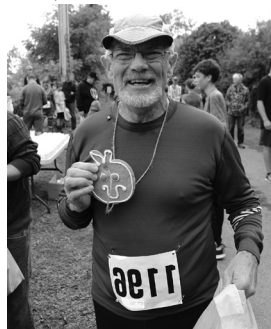
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## COMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Spaghetti Dinner - Udora Lions Club, Sept. 13

Join us at the Udora Community Centre (24 Victoria Rd, Udora) for a delicious Italian meal, starting at 5.30 p.m.

### Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Music Night, Sept. 13

The Kinette Club of Sutton presents the 2nd annual CF Music Night, featuring The Mud Men, at Sutton Kin Hall (3 Fairbank Lane, Sutton), doors open at 7 p.m. Admission \$30, includes silent auction, entertainment, late-night buffet, and free shuttle bus 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. within Georgina. All proceeds to Cystic Fibrosis Canada.

### Harvest Day: Georgina Pioneer Village, Sept. 14

This is an annual event organized by the Georgina Historical Society to open up the Village to the public. Buildings will be open from 10 am - 4 pm with guides and historical interpreters. There will also be displays and demonstrations going on all day, along with vendors and musical entertainment, just a fun family outing. The admission is pay what you can. Food and refreshments will be available on site, bring cash as there are no ABM's on site.

### Uptown Keswick Harvest Fest, Sept 14.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., this is a fun day for the whole family! Lots of things to do! Vendors, Farmers Market, Face painting, bouncy castles, horse-drawn wagon rides and more! Hosted by Uptown Keswick BIA. Check out the Facebook page for more details.

### 4th Annual Georgina Mayor's Charity Motorcycle Ride & Poker Run, Sept. 14

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., join us for the 4th Annual Georgina Mayor's Charity Motorcycle Ride and Poker Run! All of the proceeds raised at this event are in support of the Sutton Legion. Registration at the Town of Georgina Civic Centre at 9 a.m. with "kickstands up" at 10:30 a.m., and will then proceed on a 4-hour scenic tour, followed by a BBQ, prizes and silent auction at the Sutton Legion. There will also be door prizes and a prize for the most pledges raised!

### Keswick Second Reunion, Sept. 14

Invitation to all present or past residents of Keswick, or people involved in the community e.g.: sports, music, school etc., who are at least 65 years of age or older. From 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Potluck meal from 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Location is Keswick United Church (177 Church St.). Event is non-denominational. Memorabilia is welcomed. Contact: Peggy 905-476-4460 or peg1939@msn.com

### Pop-up Cat Café - GPL, Pepperlaw Branch, Sept. 15

Free, Drop-in, 2:30-4:00 p.m. Meet some of the adorable cats and kittens available for adoption from the Georgina Feral Cat Committee! Read your favourite furry friend a story while you sip a hot drink, and chat with the volunteers about this community organization and the work they do. All ages welcome, children 10 and under must be supervised by an adult.

### 39th Georgina Terry Fox Run, Sept. 15

Have you registered online for the Georgina Terry Fox run? It starts from North Gwillimbury Park at 775 Lake Dr. N., Roches Point. Register at 8:30 a.m. Start at 10 a.m. Run/Walk/Bike: 1K, 5K, 10K. It's more than just an inspiring run, its fun and for all ages!

### Diabetes Management - GPL, Peter Gzowski (Sutton) Branch, Sept. 18

Free, Drop-In. 5 - 6 p.m. Have you been diagnosed with Diabetes? Do you have high blood sugar? Come and learn about the latest self-management techniques from a Registered Dietitian, including practical tips on how to modify your diet and lifestyle, to keep blood sugar levels in check. Presented by staff from Vaughan Community Health Centre.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

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