

Legal battle brews over Pepperlaw Fire Hall construction delays

By MIKE ANDERSON

It's hard to see how Pepperlaw's new fire hall can be completed before the snow flies this winter.

The \$4.5 million construction project was initially slated for completion by July 2019, but after repeated delays that date was pushed to this fall.

However, the building's apparatus bays still don't have a finished roof, windows or doors for that matter — leaving most of the structure exposed to the elements.

Now, the Town is considering legal action against BECC Construction Group Ltd., the project's general contractor, which threatens another significant delay.

While Town Council has held several closed sessions to review the project, details of those discussions have not been made public, allowing the rumour mill to run amok.

At the October 23rd council session, Karen Wolfe, a resident of Pepperlaw and former publisher of The Post, called for greater clarity from the Town.

At first, Mayor Margaret Quirk seemed reluctant to allow Ms. Wolfe to speak — citing procedural rules, as a report on the Pepperlaw Fire Hall was not before the council.

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Georgina at War: The story of 3 soldiers

By DEB ROBERT

On Remembrance Day we celebrate the heroism of our Canadian soldiers who have called Georgina home. It is our privilege to honour three generations of soldiers — Warrant Officer Robert John Wilson, Private Thomas Big Canoe and Captain Charles

Smith Rutherford — sent to fight in distant wars. We salute all brave soldiers who walk in our midst, all who have served, and all who have fallen. The Post is grateful to Mrs. Anne Wilson, Chief Donna Big Canoe, Ian & Rachel Big Canoe, Sutton Royal Canadian

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Opinion: 2020 draft budget too rich for my blood

By KAREN WOLFE

I'm thinking the 2020 draft budget brought down by the Town of Georgina on October 23rd is going to result in a whole lot of financial pain.

Within a few short years, we will owe a whopping \$100 million in loans to finance the MURC, the new Civic Centre, the West Park Redevelopment, the new Pefferlaw Fire Hall, Phase 2 and 3 of the Link, a new Sutton Community Park and further down the road, a new fire hall for south Keswick.

The budget suggests that with an interest rate of 2.7 per cent, we will pay close to \$5 million in annual repayments for 30 years to pay off all of these loans.

I think a couple of things need to happen to mitigate the pain. Residents moving up to Georgina from the city to take advantage of cheaper housing options need to understand that Georgina is not Toronto. In other words, the city amenities they are accustomed to, cannot possibly be available here because we don't have the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) tax base that the city has to pay for them. So, council needs to stop listening to demands for expensive city-type amenities until they put some serious money in a budget to attract a decent ICI sector that will help us pay for everything they want to build. In short, we need to get serious about attracting industry.

It isn't fair and it isn't sustainable that the residential tax base should have to carry the load here. In my opinion, a \$100 million debt load for this community is ridiculous. First of all, there is no guarantee that the 2.7 per cent interest rate the Town is using will not increase over the 30 year term of the loan.

Secondly, no one knows if the Canadian economy will suffer an economic downturn. Thirdly, the Town of Georgina has a backlog of repairs and maintenance relating to its current facilities of \$24 million. And that fact ISN'T even addressed in this budget's 10-year capital forecast.

Right now, without the \$100 million of debt, the draft budget is calculating a tax increase of something just shy of four per cent and that is already more than double the Canadian GDP growth rate. And, what about escalating project estimates and ever decreasing development growth — growth that is supposed to help pay for some of this stuff but has experienced a definite down-turn since most of these projects were first visualized. So far I've only heard two councillors bring up the subject of affordability — Rob Grossi and Mike Waddington.

But the one thing that really burns my buns, is the cavalier approach council took to the budget input responses they received from residents.

The word "cavalier" is probably generous because comments by residents were totally ignored.

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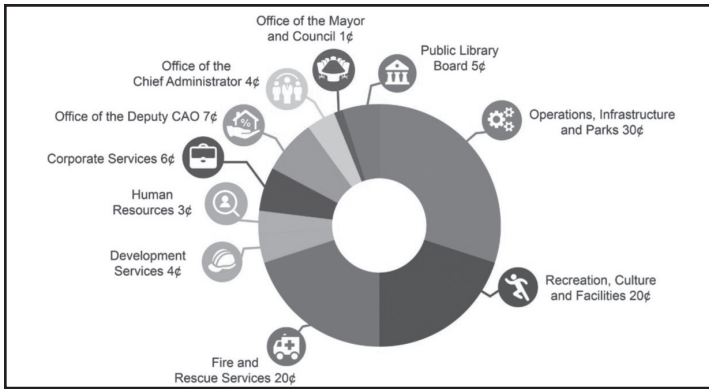
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2020 BUDGET: HOW YOUR TAX DOLLAR IS SPENT: TOWN OF GEORGINA

Resident feedback told the Town they DO NOT WANT the MURC or a new Civic Centre — yet both of those projects are going forward in this budget.

The public also told council they feel property taxes are already too high and they DO NOT WANT any increase in taxes — yet we will be faced with an increase of almost four per cent.

Residents also responded by saying they want to see more investment in our beaches and a greater emphasis put on attracting industry and job

growth. I couldn't find anything in this budget that specifically supports either of those suggestions.

My bottom line here is, if you are not going to listen to the input you asked for, then don't waste my time asking for it.

Council has always made a big production out of saying "public input is a vital component of the budgeting process". The 2020 budget tagline is "Your Budget, Your Say". In a pig's eye it is! It is "Their Budget and Their Say!" so stop trying to make us believe that consultation is a priority.

Letter to The Editor

This is with reference to John Woodward's "Letter to the Editor" (10/24/1019) stating that the Town has spent "thousands of dollars for Grossi's ROC, Quirk's MURC, The Link and ClearWater Farm." Just to clarify: ClearWater Farm through a long-term lease from the Town of Georgina is operated by the

educational charity, the Ontario Water Centre. Both its capital expenditure and operating support come from donations and grants with the help of many dedicated volunteers. See more about ClearWater Farm at our new website www.clearwaterfarm.ca

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However, as council had just received minutes from a previous session that mentioned the fire hall, Ms. Wolfe was able to convince Mayor Quirk to allow her to address council.

Ms. Wolfe said that many residents were frustrated with the lack of activity at the job site and that the Town owed them and the taxpayers of Georgina an explanation.

"I don't understand why council refuses to be transparent about the lack of progress regarding this project," she said.

"Not every report by the town solicitor is required to be conducted in closed session, and I submit that the discussion on this project should be handled in open session. If we are in a position to sue for non-performance or any other reasons with respect to this project, just tell us. We deserve to know the truth about what is going on."

Mayor Quirk directed Dave Reddon, the Town's Chief Administrative Officer, to respond to Ms. Wolfe's questions.

In an email response to Ms. Wolfe, and later to The Post, Mr. Reddon issued the following statement:

"Town Council and staff are

actively involved in the issues surrounding the delay in the construction of the Pefferlaw Fire Station, and are presently in the process of reviewing all available options, including possible legal action so as to bring about the completion of the project as quickly as possible with as few cost overruns as possible."

Mr. Reddon's statement was also posted on the Town's website on October 29th, as a project update.

While the Town tries to figure out its next steps, frustration with the project is growing in Pefferlaw, as residents are anxious for answers.

Ward 5 Councillor Dave Harding says he can't go anywhere in Pefferlaw without someone asking him about the status of the fire hall.

Although Mr. Harding acknowledges there have been unforeseen delays — including bad weather and foundation problems caused by a higher than expected water table — he's also frustrated with the slow pace of construction.

"If I were in charge of that project, things would not be going at the slow pace that they are operating now," he says.

But Mr. Harding won't discuss

the Town's plans to get BECC Construction to expedite the project, nor will he talk about any possible legal action.

Brampton-based BECC Construction, which has built numerous large-scale projects including a new fire hall in Vaughan, was awarded the contract in May 2018, after successfully outbidding five other companies with a bid of \$3,646,000.

While the company's owner Zulq Malik acknowledges that lawyers are now involved, he is confident BECC Construction will complete the job.

Mr. Malik says that 98 percent of construction projects in Ontario experience delays, and the fire hall is no different. "It's not common nowadays to finish a contract on schedule," he says.

However, Mr. Malik won't provide a revised completion date. "We don't have a completion date," he says. "There are a number of outstanding issues that need to be resolved on a design level. The project has been delayed for a number of factors, primarily changes to the scope of work. The biggest challenge we have is it's hard to schedule a job when there are changes that remain outstanding."

When pressed on the exact nature of the issues, Mr. Malik says: "I'll be very honest. With everyone holding their ground, it would be prudent if we refrained from pointing fingers at this point because everyone's got their lawyers in the middle of

this thing right now."

Despite the possible legal wrangling, Mr. Malik says he speaks with Mr. Reddon on a routine basis.

"We're very professional with each other," he says. "We're all kind of behind the eight ball. They have the same pressures we have. Local residents are on them. There are complications. But we're working through the complications. The project is continuing. The site has not been abandoned."

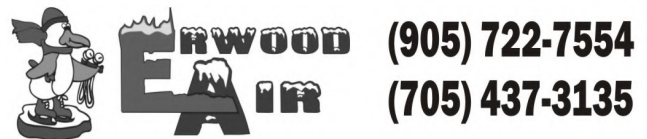
Although a construction bond protects the Town from financial loss if BECC Construction fails to complete the project — which is a legal requirement under the Municipal Act — any court proceeding would mean a significant delay. In part, because the Town would have to source another contractor to complete the work.

Meanwhile, Pepperlaw's current contingent of 16 volunteer fire-fighters is housed in a temporary location, the former home of Have Bus Will Travel, located at 536 Pepperlaw Rd.

The original rental agreement was from May 1st, 2018 to May 31st, 2019; however, it is being extended on a monthly basis until the new fire hall is ready, according to Fire Chief Ron Jenkins.

Thankfully, this temporary arrangement hasn't impeded their ability to respond to calls.

Last year, Pepperlaw's volunteer fire-fighters responded to 159 calls, and this year, as of October 29th, the total is 111 calls.



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Warrant Officer Robert John Wilson, The Royal Canadian Regiment (Afghanistan)

Raised in Keswick, Robert Wilson loved hearing his grandfather share stories about his 35 years in the Canadian military, sparking young Robert's vocation. "He grew up hearing about the camaraderie of the military," says his mother, Anne Wilson. "Rob liked the discipline. He wanted to be a leader, dedicated and professional." By age 12, eager to get started,

Robert joined the Queen's York Rangers Army Cadet Corps.

"He had 100 percent plus commitment. He was so proud of selling poppies and marching to the cenotaph in Keswick." At age 18, upon graduation from Sutton District High School, Robert headed straight to Toronto to enlist in the army. "His need to keep peace and help others was strong," says Anne. Robert completed basic training in Nova Scotia, followed by infantry training at Petawawa.

He was army all the way and knew he would be a career military man. In the first Gulf War, Robert was launched into active duty as part of the alliance to liberate Kuwait. "He helped protect the medical team," says Anne. "At first, you don't think about war, only about peacekeeping, but there were shots fired." During the early 1990s, Rob did tours of duty in Croatia, Bosnia and Serbia. "Sometimes he felt a lot of this had to be kept private, what should and shouldn't be said."

Years later, that would change as Rob prepared for his second tour of Afghanistan. "We had conversations before he left the second time," says Anne. He spoke about taking care of certain things: "Mom, if anything happens, it has to be Beechwood (cemetery). That's where my comrades are."

Deployed with the Canadian contingent of NATO forces, at age 37, Robert was a highly awarded Warrant Officer serving as a member of Task Force Kandahar's Operational Mentor and Liaison Team. Robert would tell his family that when serving in places of conflict, the mission is always "to protect what we have here at home. Let's try to bring peace for them, and hope they get insight."

On December 5th, 2008, during a joint patrol with Afghan National Army soldiers west of Kandahar City, Robert's

armoured vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb. He was killed along with fellow members of the 1st battalion, Cpl. Mark Robert McLaren and Pte. Demetrios Diplaros. Travelling in the motorcade along the Highway of Heroes after the repatriation ceremony for the three lost comrades, Anne found it "breathtaking to watch the number of people on a freezing cold day standing on bridges and along the roadside. I felt so much pride that so many people were there to honour them."

Anne is unrelenting in her support for the military. "I'm proud of everything Rob did. I'm proud of all our servicemen and women. Mine didn't come home. We can only help those who do come home and be there for them. We're so fortunate to have freedom here in Canada. Kudos to our army. It can bring us to tears, but it's a lot of pride that we have."

Private Thomas Big Canoe, Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (WW2)

In his letters home from "Somewhere in England," he talked about island life, walking the frozen lake. He shared how he listened to the hockey game on Sunday morning. "Boy, was I glad to hear old Foster again. He said there was four feet of snow in Toronto. That made me feel a little blue." He would sign off with "Chin up. Cheerio."

Soon, Pt. Thomas Big Canoe, son of Thomas Sr. and Hannah Big Canoe of Georgina Island, would leave England with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry as part of the Battle of the Rhineland. The mission: to help free the Dutch from Nazi occupation. Tom had fibbed about his age when he voluntarily joined the army at age 17.

Just weeks before the war ended, on March 8th, 1945, his company became separated

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in German-occupied Holland. Tom's group pitched camp and dug foxholes to establish a bridgehead for the next morning. The Germans were prepared for the assault. Thomas got caught up in a firefight so disastrous that only 26 of 200 men survived. Tom was among the dead, gone at age 19.

In the Netherlands, 7,600 Canadian souls were lost and to this day, the Dutch people fervently remember our nation's sacrifice. Tom is interned at Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, his gravestone etched with a large maple leaf. Tom is the great-great-uncle of Chief Donna Big Canoe of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, who shares that his descendants always bring "something from home" like cedar and tobacco from Georgina Island to lay at his gravesite.

In the 1990s, Bill and Elly Gertzen of Holland reached out

to the Big Canoe family to let them know they were tending Tom's gravesite. The two families have formed a tight bond with grandchildren now dedicated to the relationship. Donna and her mother Sandra were in Holland last April to visit with the Gertzens. "It's amazing how well they take care of those who passed away. They know the sacrifices they've made," says Donna. This November 10th, she will be among those to honour local veterans at the Georgina Island cenotaph.

Canada's Indigenous people heavily volunteered to join the war. "It was not mandatory. They did it to protect their families and their country," says Rachel Big Canoe. In May, she and husband Ian Big Canoe, who named their son Tom in tribute, will travel to Holland for 75th-year liberation ceremonies. All Canadian soldiers laid their life on the line during wartime, but



THOMAS BIG CANOE

upon their return, Indigenous veterans faced rampant injustice.

Rachel says, "They contributed to protecting Canada, but were not even given the same basic human rights when they came home." This included being denied veteran benefits and the right to vote. They were even barred from drinking in legion halls. The federal government issued a formal apology and granted compensation to Indigenous veterans in 2003, although not all cases have been

resolved. The Big Canoe family has donated items to the Georgina Military Museum, including Tom's letters. A renewed First Nations exhibit will debut next spring. Curator John Kaminsky says, "Hopefully, our efforts will begin a healthy conversation about our First Nations heroes and ultimately a step towards preserving and telling their stories with the dignity and honour they deserve."

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Jackson's Point lighthouse set to become an iconic landmark

By TANYA EDWARDS

Daryl Urquhart's vision of a lighthouse in the Jackson's Point harbour has become a reality with the 30-foot tall structure now established on the jetty overlooking the waters of Lake Simcoe. Technologically advanced and programmable, the solar-powered lighthouse's bright amber light will be visible for up to five nautical miles, while designed to reduce light pollution along the shoreline. The lighthouse will be a guide to safe harbour for night boaters, snowmobilers and ice fisherman alike.

When asked what the lighthouse represents, Mr. Urquhart explained that while the beacon is a symbol of hope, safety and guidance, it is also

honours the spirit and vision of the people who built the community through industry and tourism. He hopes that the beacon directs others to look ahead and be inspired to participate in the creativity and vision of a strong future for the wharf.

This quaint gild-edged community with its beautiful harbour and stately homes boasts a 200-year history of creative and industrious minds. The founders and industry leaders of Jackson's Point adapted to many changes over the years, from its start as a schooner wharf to a well-known ice and lumber exporter. Jackson's Point has always been a long-time contributor to the South Shore

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economy. The booming times of rail travel brought tourists by the thousands, creating business revenue for the area. Construction of dance halls, restaurants and hotels hosting public events such as the Free Annual Conservative Picnic, with 25,000 attending in 1933, resulted in Jackson's Point being named Ontario's first cottage country.

Times and needs have changed, but the lure of Jackson's Point remains full of possibility. Mr. Urquhart believes that the lighthouse is the first step in

resurrecting the spirit of the Jackson's Point harbour and hopes to see the community enhance the lake access with a working marina, launch pad, access to gas and water facilities, a restaurant and a museum that captures the rich history of the area.

"A private citizen can do advantageous things to build up a community," stated Mr. Urquhart. "Whether by creativity, inspiration, brains, brawn or bucks, no great town was ever built by the municipal council – the people built it."

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RABBI YOSSEI VOROVITCH

YRP charge Georgina man after Jewish Centre in Keswick vandalized

York Regional Police have charged a 35-year-old Georgina man with mischief after a religious structure at the Chabad Jewish Centre of Georgina, near Richmond Park Drive and The Queensway South, was vandalized.

Saeed Ahmad, 35, was arrested by YRP at his residence on October 29th and charged with mischief in relation to religious property.

The vandalism took place on October 19th, when a sukkah, a temporary hut used for the eight-day-long Jewish festival of Sukkot, was covered in ash.

A sign that included a picture of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, the spiritual leader of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, was also smeared with ash, according to Rabbi Yossi Vorovitch, who moved to Georgina two years ago from Brooklyn, New York to establish the centre for Jewish families residing in Georgina.

Rabbi Yossi says Mr. Ahmad continued his confrontational and inappropriate behaviour for more than a week after the vandalism occurred.

On October 26th, Mr. Ahmad attempted to enter the centre, which is also the Rabbi's private home, after services were over. Rabbi Yossi was able to get him to leave, only after threatening to call the police.

Mr. Ahmad also posted a picture of Hitler and India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi holding a sword on the centre's Google page.

"That was extremely concerning for us. Because we don't know what his motives were and what his plans were," Rabbi Yossi said. "So thankfully last night, he was apprehended and charged."

Despite Mr. Ahmad's conduct, Rabbi Yossi wants to emphasize the many phone calls and emails of support the centre and the local Jewish community have received from the wider community.

"This pattern of behaviour is unacceptable, and we obviously take it with much concern," he said. "But it's heartwarming how much support we've received. We believe Georgina is an extremely safe place to live and

a beautiful community.”

Rabbi Yossi says that both Scot Davidson, MP, and Caroline Mulroney, MPP, immediately reached out to him to offer their support. In a Facebook post, Mayor Margaret Quirk also wrote: “We are united against acts of hatred against people

for their beliefs, backgrounds or culture.

Hatred will not be tolerated in Georgina, and we as a council and a community will continue our stand supporting an environment of inclusion.”



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The exhibition, which reminds us of the delicate balance in the natural world, was born out of the close friendship and collaboration of two internationally acclaimed artists, Helen Lucas and Grazyna Tonkiel.

Lucas is a recipient of several national awards, including the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee award. Her paintings grace the wall of many famous galleries, including the War Museum in Ottawa.


Tonkiel's pastel drawings of butterflies reflect her passion for these mysterious and enchanting creatures. She not only paints their exquisite portraits but also, as an expert of their biology and history, she spreads awareness of their endangered existence.

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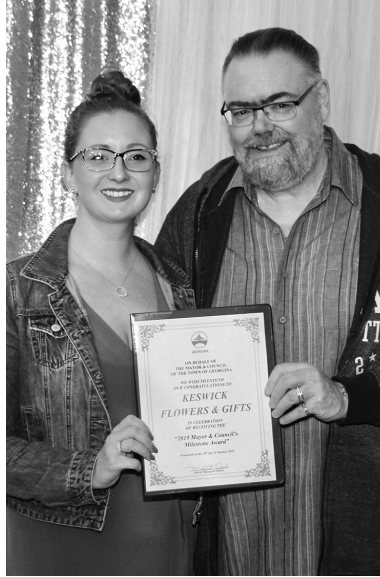
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Jericho Youth Services - Georgina Bingo, The Link, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1 - 3:30 p.m. Min. \$10/person. Jackpot \$1000. Tel: 905.722.5540 #GeorginaBingo

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Egypt Hall - Georgina Historical Society - Annual General Meeting, Thursday, Nov 14 Meet 'n' greet at 5 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. with Speaker Debi Johnson. History and stories about the Belhaven Area! Tickets \$25. Contact: Sandra. 905-476-4060. sedickinson@rogers.com

Kin Community Centre - Community Living Bingo, Thursday, Nov. 14, 12.30 - 3.30 p.m. 3 Fairpark Lane, Sutton (Behind Arena). Regular Books \$2/strip. Specials \$1/strip. Proceeds to assist individuals with disabilities living in Georgina. Tel: 905-722-8947

Virginia United Church hosts Chili supper, Friday, Nov. 15, 5 - 7 p.m. \$10 each, under 12, \$5 Tickets at the door.

Udora Hall Spaghetti Dinner, Friday Nov. 15, 5:30 p.m.

Pefferlaw Lions Comm. Centre - Pefferlaw Volunteer Firefighters Assoc. Dance, Sat. Nov. 16, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets available at the door.

Ski & Snowboard Swap, The ROC, Saturday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hosted by Canadian Ski Patrol. Sell Your Gear. Drop Off, Nov. 15, 1 to 2 p.m.

Keswick Santa Claus Parade, Saturday, Nov. 16, 1:30 p.m. start. New Route! Starts at Woodbine Ave. at Dovedale Dr., heads north and ends on Woodbine Ave. at Wexford.

Kinette Club of Sutton - Santa Claus Parade Food Drive, Saturday, Nov. 16, 1:30 p.m. The Sutton Kinettes will be collecting non-perishable items & cash donations for the Georgina Food Bank.

Jackson's Point Winter Market, Nov. 17 to March 17, every Sunday, 10 a.m - 2 p.m. 944 Lake Dr. East. Market includes both charity/non profit & paying vendors.

Old Fashioned Christmas, Saturday, Nov. 23, 5:30 - 8 p.m. **Georgina Pioneer Village**. Take a step back in time to enjoy a traditional 19th century Christmas. Georgina Historical Society gift shop & bake sale in the General Store. \$1 Admission. Festival of Lights at 5:15 p.m.

Cederdale Church, Pefferlaw - The Walk to Bethlehem, Friday, Nov. 22, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. & Sunday, Nov. 23, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

This is a free event: Step back in time to experience the sights and sounds from 2000 years ago on the night that Joseph and Mary arrived in Bethlehem.

The \$2 Sutton Kinette Clothing Sale - Kin Community Centre, Saturday, Nov. 23, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The money raised will go The Kinette Club of Sutton, who support various local initiatives in Georgina, through funding and service work. We are looking for all sizes of donations. Please email us to arrange pick up of clothing at kinetteclothingsale@outlook.com or contact us on our Facebook page: facebook.com/suttonkinettes

YRP & YRP Volunteers - Annual Hero's Toy Drive, Saturday, Nov. 23, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please join YRP & the YRP Volunteers at Canadian Tire, Keswick, for our Annual Holiday Hero's Toy Drive. All Toys & Cash Donated stays in Georgina for our Georgina Families.

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