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## Public health declares outbreak at Cedarvale Lodge

By MIKE ANDERSON

Cedarvale Lodge in Keswick is in lockdown after an outbreak was declared by York Region Public Health on October 8.

The outbreak, which requires only one positive case, was declared after a staff member at the LTC home tested positive for COVID-19.

The staff member, who last worked on October 3, is currently at home in isolation, according to a spokesperson from Sienna Senior Living, the home's owner.

Following a request from Public Health, all Cedarvale Lodge residents and staff were tested by Cedarvale's nursing staff on October 9. While all results have been negative so far, according to public health, results for most of the tests are still pending.

"There are 44 staff with results pending and two new residents who have been tested due to symptoms. There are 55 residents swabbed and results are pending. The current turnaround time for labs can be up to five days," said Patrick Casey, director of communications for York Region, in an email to The Post on October 11.

"Results will be communicated to residents and families once they are received," said Natalie Gokchenian, director of communications for Sienna Senior Living.

"All residents will remain in their rooms



EAST GWILLIMBURY MAYOR VIRGINIA HACKSON, YRP SERVICES BOARD CHAIR, CUTS RIBBON

## Marine unit opens in Jackson's Point

By MIKE ANDERSON

York Regional Police (YRP) officially opened its new marine unit headquarters in Jackson's Point on October 5.

The 8,600 sq. ft. facility, located on the former site of Bonnie Boats Marina,

provides office space for nine full-time officers, a training/meeting room, storage space, and three boat slips for police vessels, which include the 38-foot Naawij, the 34-foot Waawaatesi, and a new 24-foot rigid

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and receive tray service for meals. All staff are donning full PPE for droplet and contact precautions. In addition, we are suspending general family visits and any non-essential resident outings at this time for all residents.”

Ms. Gokchenian wants family members to know that staff are implementing public health protocols to contain any possible spread of the virus.

“The team at Cedarvale is doing a tremendous job in managing the situation. They are highly skilled in infection control practices and are working closely with public health to ensure all proper precautions and directives are in place.”

Cedarvale Lodge Retirement and Care Community, located at 121 Morton Avenue in Keswick, is a 60-bed, for-profit, long-term care home.

The licensee is registered as The Royale Development LP, which is a wholly-owned limited partnership, controlled by Sienna Senior Living.

While the LTC home, unlike River Glen Haven in Sutton, managed to avoid a COVID-19 outbreak in the spring, it has been the subject of multiple inspections by the Ministry of Long-Term Care.

In 2019, ministry inspectors

conducted eight inspections, including four critical incident inspections and three complaint inspections.

However, this year there has been only one follow-up inspection.



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## Letters to the Editor

I keep hearing from countless residents here in York-Simcoe who have real worries and concerns for the future. Too many Canadians are losing hope, and Justin Trudeau is continuing to offer no real plan to deal with the pandemic. He's ignoring the urgent health care in Ontario and other provinces. He has no plan to address the lack of jobs or difficulties facing our economy.

I'm proud to be part of a strong Conservative team led by Erin O'Toole that is standing up for every single Canadian that has been left behind by the Trudeau government.

For example, Canadians deserve better and faster access to COVID testing options. Six months ago, Justin Trudeau promised this would be his top priority, but he has failed to deliver.

There is also a desperate need to provide practical help for small businesses -- particularly family-owned businesses. Many are barely holding on by their fingernails, and there must be more direct support for them.

Conservatives believe Canada must be more resilient and self-reliant for the future. The pandemic taught us we can only count on ourselves in a crisis. We need to be more community-focused and support each other while protecting the vulnerable. We know we can overcome

adversity together and emerge from the COVID era stronger and more united as a country than ever before.

As Canada's Official Opposition, Conservatives are working to restore hope for all Canadians and get our country back on track.

*Scot Davidson, Member of Parliament for York-Simcoe*

Is it my imagination or are there no frogs and toads this year. During the promise of spring I couldn't hear them loud and clear. But by summer, when the frogs and toads should have been jumping, nothing. Could it be that the eggs that were laid in the spring ended up dying on the shore when the LSRCA dropped the water level of river. Did they wipe out a whole generation of frogs and toads simply because no one wants to take on the responsibility of the dam. Really!

I think it is about time that the powers that be start thinking before they arbitrarily make decisions based on the almighty dollar and not what the repercussions may be of their decision. The dam is required here in Pefferlaw, as much as the Ice Palace is required in Keswick.

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YRP MARINE UNIT IN JACKSON'S POINT

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hull inflatable Zodiac, which can reach speeds of over 40 knots in shallow water.

The facility also operates in winter, with snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles and a 24-foot custom airboat responding to emergency calls on the ice.

According to YRP, the marine unit's new location will improve efficiency and significantly reduce emergency response times in its patrol area, which includes 350 square kilometers of Lake Simcoe, as well as regional waterways.

Since 2001, the YRP marine unit has moored its vessels at Krates Marina in Keswick, while its officers were based at #3 District Headquarters at 3527 Baseline Rd in Sutton -- this meant that officers frequently had to drive 11 km to their vessels to respond to calls.

"Having officers in a building with a floating boathouse allows a rapid response to anyone that needs help on Lake Simcoe," said Staff Sgt. Aaron Busby, the marine unit's commander, whose team responds to hundreds of calls each year, and so far has saved eight lives on Lake Simcoe this season.

According to Staff Sgt. Busby, the new facility will allow for increased patrols on the lake and shave as much as 10 to 15 minutes off emergency calls.

Const. Zach Goldman, who has served six years with the marine unit, mostly on Lake

Simcoe, agrees the new location may help save lives.

"When we were based at Krates's Marina, and we got a call that was further east on the lake, a lot of times, based on the water level, we might have to go all the way around Georgina Island to get to the Pefferlaw River. Now at least our starting point is midway. So our response time is much improved."

CGIFN Band Councillor and artist Lauri Hoeg, whose paintings are featured prominently on the new building, also believes the new location will improve boater safety, particularly around Georgina Island.

"We've found in recent years when there are people in peril that it's been our people, either our police, ferry boat operators or just local guys who hop in a boat, that have gotten there first, before the police, to rescue people off the water. So I think this will be beneficial for sure."

"Minutes can be the difference between life and death when you're involved in a situation on the water, particularly in the case of hypothermia," added YRP Chief Jim MacSween, who said YRP had spent more than a decade looking for a suitable location for its marine unit before the region purchased the land in Jackson's Point from MSR Holdings Inc in 2017.

Chief MacSween also sees the new facility helping YRP with

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community outreach and water safety education, and hopes to host an open house for the community once the pandemic is over.

"Sir Robert Peel said the police are the community and the community are the police," Chief MacSween said. "It's one of our hallmarks that we're embedded within the community and that we invite the community into our facilities. That's just the way we operate."

But, while many residents are happy to see the new marine unit up and running, some are upset that YRP continues to oppose the construction of a public boat launch in the main channel.

Although the chief stated that this is still the YRP's position, he indicated that the door is not entirely closed on the matter.

"Right now, we're sticking to what was initially planned, but we're always open to working

with the community, having further conversations," he said.

This is welcome news to Mayor Margaret Quirk.

"We've been asking that from the marine unit since day one," said Mayor Quirk.

"If they're willing to sit down and talk about it, we're certainly willing to do that. If we can come to some agreement, that would be wonderful."



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K COUNTRY MORNING HOST COLETON MACDONALD

## New country music station set to launch this month

By MIKE ANDERSON

Country music lovers won't have to wait much longer, as K Country 93.7 FM is set to launch the week of October 26.

The station was initially scheduled to launch over the labour-day weekend, but the pandemic delayed installing the station's 40,000-watt transmitter, which had to be imported from Italy.

Now, with the transmitter up and running on Glenwoods Ave, Ed Torres, President and CEO of Torres Media, says the station is good to go, and he's confident that Georgina will embrace its New Country music format.

"We did an extensive amount of market research after the license was granted. Country and rock were the two favourites. But country was a good 20 per cent above rock. And it's also the hottest growing format in Canada right now," said Mr. Torres, whose company owns three other radio stations, including Rebel 101.7 FM in Ottawa and 105.5 Hits FM in Uxbridge.

"There's also no country station to service the area. So country is the perfect fit from a market point of view. The station is going to be very contemporary. We're going to play Blake Shelton, Gabby Barrett, Luke Bryan, those kinds

of current charting artists."

But, according to Torres, K Country won't just play Top 40 country songs. He also sees the station nurturing aspiring local artists.

"If you have anything that's playing on the radio, we will play it. We'll also interview artists on-air," said Torres.

"Leah Daniels is a good example, she's from Uxbridge, and she's cracked country radio in Canada. So, we'll be playing any local artists, as long as they've got good quality content.

Torres also says the station will sponsor local music festivals, after the pandemic is over, which is one of its CRTC license requirements.

"We believe that building local roots is very important. With our rock station in Ottawa, we do a band contest with prizes. We also support local artists through music festivals. So some of those ideas we'll be bringing to Georgina."

Coleton MacDonald, K Country's morning show host, also sees the station becoming a big part of the community.

"We're going to be very involved with the community, and I think it's going to be a lot





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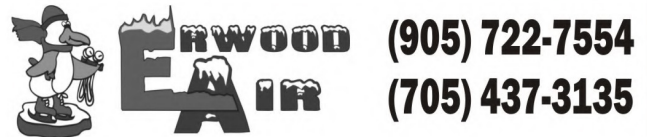
of fun. The morning show is going to be upbeat. And there's going to be a lot of interaction with listeners. So it's going to be a good time."

While both Torres and MacDonald admit launching a radio station during a pandemic hasn't been easy, they're hopeful the station will provide listeners with a welcome distraction from

all the bad news.

"Covid is nothing to take lightly. It's definitely a tough time for everybody," said MacDonald.

"But it's nice to have something in the community that's going to put a smile on people's faces every morning. Hopefully, it will give them a little better start to their day. That's what we're looking forward to doing."



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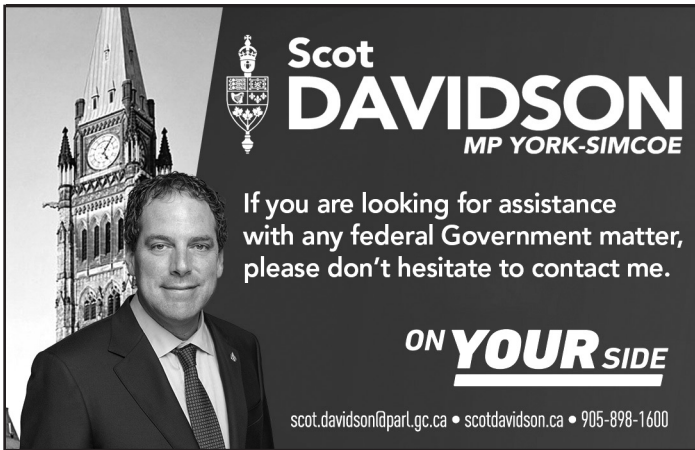
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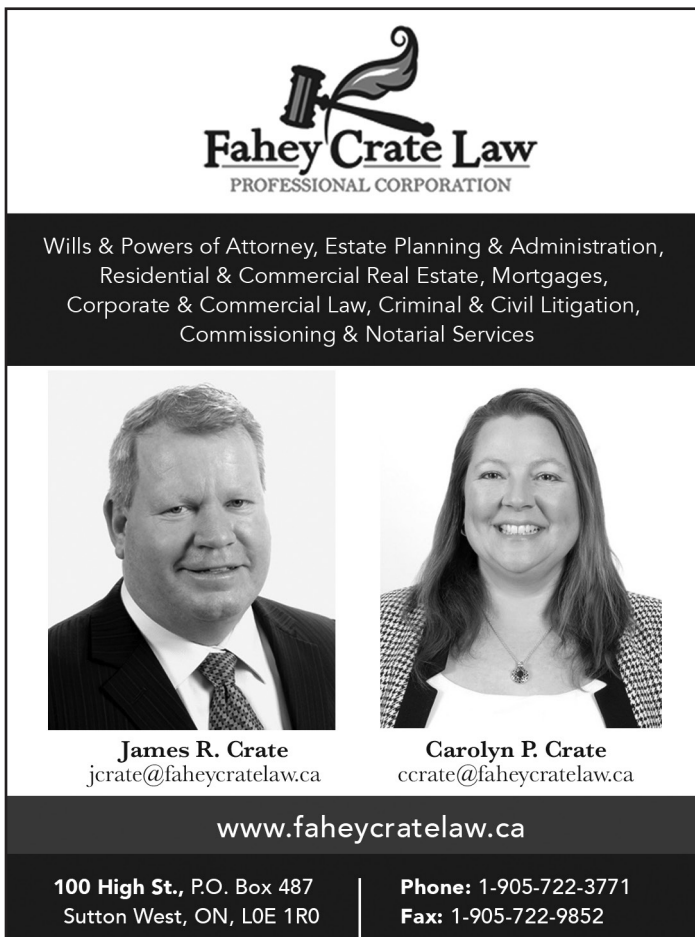
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## SCC renovations complete, but the season is postponed

By MICHELLE POIRIER

The Sutton Curling Club (SCC) underwent significant renovations this summer after receiving a \$150,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. However, with the recent rise of COVID-19 cases, the start of the season has been pushed back.

"The impact of this Ontario Trillium Foundation grant is significant. The grant allowed necessary renovations to be completed. We now have a curling arena in our community that is energy efficient and updated to current standards and can better serve our current membership as well as attracting new members of all ages," Tom Jones, President of the Sutton Curling Club, announced earlier this fall.

But John Phillips, who does advertising and marketing for SCC, said the club decided that the first half of the season, which runs from October to January, will be cancelled. They will check back in December to see if reopening in January 2021 is feasible.

This is sad news for members

of the club, especially after the reopening event in mid-September, when Caroline Mulroney, MPP York-Simcoe, presented the SCC with a plaque to mark the completion of the renovations.

"Through this investment of \$150,000 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, this initiative is helping infrastructure for unstructured and structured physical activities and has a great impact on the lives of the people in our community," Ms. Mulroney said in a media release prior to the event.

This year the club had 35 new members and the 85 returning members ready to start the season this month.

"No curling could make a long winter for the curlers," Mr. Phillips said.

But he added curlers have a lot to look forward to with the upgraded facility when the season will hopefully start in January.

To keep up with the SCC, check their website: [www.suttoncurlingclub.ca](http://www.suttoncurlingclub.ca).





STEVE JACOBSON

## SOSGeorgina, a community initiative, comes to an end

By MICHELLE POIRIER

SOSGeorgina, a charitable venture started by Steve Jacobson, chair of Health Georgina, has ended after six months of helping those in need during the pandemic.

"Since March we have produced and distributed thousands of mask and gowns for frontline workers in Georgina and surrounding areas, including long term care facilities, group homes, youth homes, women's shelters and more," Mr. Jacobson said in the closing announcement on the SOSGeorgina Facebook page.

He said the decision to end SOSGeorgina was due to a combination of things, including the drop in demand for masks after many others started sewing and selling their own masks and they become more widely available in stores.

"SOSGeorgina was all for charity, and through that, we raised about \$6000 for a

couple of charities up here. I am donating whatever fabric is left to a number of people who are making masks up here and Jericho Youth Services is going to take over making and selling the masks that I was doing for them, so in a way it is continuing, it just won't be under the same banner head," he said.

SOSGeorgina not only donated personal protective equipment to those in need in Georgina, but also donated to DeafBlind Ontario Services in Newmarket, and with help from the Church of Nazarene in Pefferlaw, donated food to Sandgate Woman's Shelter and others in need.

"I want to thank Steve Jacobson and his dedicated team for stepping up in the early days of the pandemic. PPE and masks were in short supply and Steve pulled together local people to sew masks for many of the long term care and institutions here

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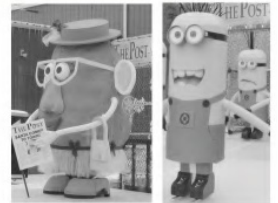
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APPLE DAY 2019

## Scouts raise money through online coffee sales

By MICHELLE POIRIER

This year has been very different for Scouts Canada. Many of its fundraising events have been cancelled, including its annual Apple Day, which has been replaced with an innovative virtual fundraiser that will appeal to coffee lovers.

"Normally, 1st Sutton West would be out on the third Saturday of October to show their appreciation by distributing apples. However, the safety of our youth is first and foremost within Scouting, so we will not be out this year, due to the on-going pandemic. Instead we will be participating in a new fundraiser called Scouts Coffee," said Ruth Milligan, Group Commissioner for 1st Sutton West Scouting Group.

Scouts Coffee will run from October 12 to November 15; it is in partnership with Equator Coffee Roasters, who will provide fair trade and organic coffee that is roasted in Canada. Scouting groups will receive a 35 per cent profit on every order and 5 per cent of all sales will support Scouts Canada No One Left Behind Fund, according to the Scouts Canada website.

From March Break until August 31, Scouts Canada were unable to have any in-person meetings and had several camps and outings cancelled. In May, 1st Sutton West started some virtual meetings to try and keep the children engaged.

"We are starting up our group again with both virtual and outdoor activities, on alternating

weeks. Indoor meetings are not allowed at this time," Ms. Milligan said.

All activities planned will follow Provincial and Scouts Canada's protocols, she said. Members of 1st Sutton West are excited to start up activities again.

"Scouting is a fun way to get together with friends, learn new things and go camping," David, 15, Venturer Scout, said.

Tyler, 7, a Beaver Scout, agrees.

"I enjoy meeting new friends, taking care of nature, doing crafts and games and I love camping," he said.

1st Sutton West do not have a set goal for money raised, as any amount helps.

"Our equipment is aging and we are slowly replacing it. And as the group grows, when we are allowed back to camping, due to current restrictions of one per tent, we need to add to our camping equipment inventory," Ms. Milligan said.

She said they also need money to help train volunteers, offset costs of running programs and making badges.

For more information on how you can volunteer, sign up or donate you can go to [www.scouts.ca](http://www.scouts.ca) or [www.facebook.com/1stSuttonWest/](http://www.facebook.com/1stSuttonWest/).

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## Ask The Expert

with Morgan D. Lipchitz



### CLEARING UP SOME COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT IMPAIRED DRIVING:

#### 1. It is not an offence to drive while impaired if I am on private property.

Part VIII.1, sections 320.11 to 320.4 of the Criminal Code state the law for impaired driving in Canada. The Criminal Code applies to all of Canada, whether on public or private property. Just as it is a crime to commit an assault or mischief on private property, it is also an offence to drive while impaired in any place in Canada including your own driveway or a parking lot.

#### 2. I was "sleeping it off" and not driving, therefore I am not guilty of an offence.

It is illegal in Canada to both "operate" or have "care and control" of a motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol or drug or a combination thereof (section 320.11 and 320.14 of the Code). If you are found in the driver's seat, you are presumed to be in care and control of the vehicle.

In criminal court, this presumption is rebuttable if you convince a judge you did not operate the driver's seat for the purpose of setting the vehicle in motion. However, even if you are able to overcome this hurdle, a Judge must still find you guilty if you present a "realistic risk of danger" to the public - which often includes: sleeping it off because you could change your mind and drive home at any time.

#### 3. I was not driving a car, and therefore I am not guilty.

The Criminal Code provides that it is an offence to operate a "conveyance" while impaired, which is defined as a motor vehicle, a vessel, an aircraft, or rail equipment. The court have found that this definition includes a: car, boat, canoe, kayak, paddleboat, and even a golf cart.

#### 4. I blew under the legal limit, 80 mg of alcohol / 100 mL of blood, why am I charged with impaired?

It is an offence in Canada to operate a motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol or drug. The courts have found "any degree of impairment from slight to great" sufficient to constitute the offence.

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in Georgina,” Mayor Margaret Quirk said.

Lynda Quirino, resident of Georgina, volunteered her time and effort to SOSGeorgina since the beginning of the pandemic to sew masks.

She said Mr. Jacobson delivered fabric and elastics that had been donated by people in the community to her, and that she was sewing every day to keep up with the need and to give her something to focus on during uncertain times.

“I sewed for SOSGeorgina for six months, and it was bittersweet when I sewed the last mask. I lost count after I made it to 2000 masks, so I do not know how many I actually made for both SOSGeorgina and for various nurse friends, but it was a whole lot. It was a pleasure to sew for my community,” she said.

Ms. Quirino said she was happy to sew for the frontline workers and she is grateful for what they

do to keep the community safe.

Mayor Quirk said she spoke to Ms. Quirino about her work making masks and was told she wore out a couple of sewing machines with the amount she made.

“Thank you to everyone for your efforts. It’s groups and individuals like these that make Georgina such a special place to live,” Mayor Quirk said.

Mr. Jacobson said he has no new charitable ventures planned, instead he will be focusing on his work with Health Georgina, but he is always willing to jump in and help when it is needed.

“SOSGeorgina would like to thank all of our sponsors, donors and especially sewers. Without you none of this would have been possible. Each and every one of you have made a huge difference to this community,” he said.

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