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Province gives ATK Care funding to build new LTC home

By MIKE ANDERSON

ATK Care Group, the owner of River Glen Haven Nursing Home in Sutton, has received provincial funding to build a new three-storey long-term care home on Dalton Rd.

According to Jordan Kannampuzha, ATK Care's Chief Operations Officer, the funding, which is a construction funding subsidy, will allow the for-profit LTC operator to replace its current 119-bed home with a new facility that will add 25 beds for a total of 144 beds.

"I'm tremendously excited. This has been a project we've been trying to achieve for close to seven years," said Mr. Kannampuzha.

"Being able to move to a new facility and increasing our bed capacity will allow people in our community to age in place as they get older. People want to be able to age in a community that they've known all their lives, that they've grown up in, and that is close to their families."

Mr. Kannampuzha said that ATK Care still needs to get final approval from the Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC), but that process is underway.

"Getting this approval is still just a first step, but it's a huge step forward right now," he said.

"There will be ongoing talks with the Ministry because no LTC home can be built



MAYOR MARGARET QUIRK

5,000 + people vaccinated at Ice Palace

By MIKE ANDERSON

When the Georgina Ice Palace vaccination clinic opened ahead of schedule in early March, no one was happier than Mayor Margaret Quirk.

After all, York Region Public Health

initially said the clinic wouldn't open until April, a whole month after the other mass vaccination clinics.

But that didn't sit well with Mayor Quirk. And she pushed behind the scenes to get the

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without getting approval on the layout or the development of the building.”

“But the Ministry will want to get these buildings up and developed as soon as possible.”

ATK Care is also waiting for final approvals from the Town of Georgina to proceed with construction.

And the Town has to provide an additional sewage allocation to allow the new facility, which was approved for 128 beds, to add another 16 beds to reach the 144 total.

“We’re very hopeful that we will eventually get that allocation from the Town. So, we can have that additional 16 beds,” said Mr. Kannampuzha.

While Mr. Kannampuzha can’t provide a start date, he is confident that shovels will be in the ground before ATK Care’s license is up for renewal with the Ministry in 2025.

The funding was announced on March 18 by MPP Caroline Mulroney and is part of the province’s plan to spend \$933 million to create more beds in LTC and upgrade facilities.

Southlake Regional Health Centre will also receive funding to build 320 new spaces in Newmarket, bringing 464 new and upgraded spaces to York-Simcoe residents.

“We’re increasing and upgrading long-term care spaces in our community to keep up with the growing demand in York Region, which is expected to rise over the next decade,” said Caroline Mulroney, MPP for York-Simcoe, in a media release.

“Our government is taking action to help ensure we have safe, modern spaces ready for our aging population.”

River Glen Haven’s new LTC home is one of 80 projects approved by the Ford government that will help create 7,510 new beds in LTC, upgrade 4,197 existing spaces, and reduce

waitlists across the province.

One of the funding’s key objectives is to eliminate three- and four-bed ward rooms, which contributed to the rapid spread of the virus during LTC outbreaks.

“These new and upgraded spaces, built to modern design standards, will help prevent and contain the transmission of infectious diseases and ensure residents have access to the care they need in a safe and secure environment,” said Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care, in the release.


Mr. Kannampuzha confirmed that the new LTC home won’t include any three and four-bed ward rooms.

“There’s ample evidence that the three and four-bedroom ward rooms do not help mitigate the spread, just because of the number of individuals in these rooms,” he said.

“The new facility will have significantly more space, and with only two residents in rooms, should greatly improve not just infection prevention and control (IPAC), but our ability to fight off or mitigate any future pandemics.”


Mr. Kannampuzha is hopeful that the new funding signals the province is ready to tackle the significant issues facing long-term care, including a severe staffing shortage.

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Letters to the Editor

When talking about municipal assets, what's a liability? Could it be a facility that requires \$850,000 from the property tax levy every year to break even? Could it be a refurbished building that will require millions in maintenance and repair in the next 10 years? Georgina has all those things.

The word liability is something I hear regularly at Council and with residents when describing an asset in a part of the community that doesn't necessarily suit their needs. Fact of the matter is, all municipal assets are liabilities. When we label projects and issues this way when it suits not supporting something, communities get left behind. Pepperlaw is one of those communities.

While the town plans a new Multi-Use Recreational Centre (MURC) in south Keswick, Pepperlaw and Ward 5 residents have to drive out of Georgina to neighbouring communities for access to amenities. As residents ask for what this part of the community needs, we are constantly reminded of a fire hall being constructed in the heart of Pepperlaw that seemingly no resident asked for. This fire hall was built incorporating a church. It was donated to the Town to be used for a recreation/community space. That did not happen.

We have one tax levy, one Council and one way forward. That to me is not leaving any part of the community behind. In a Town with a footprint of 285 square km's, sometimes it's hard to imagine all that you have right next door may not be accessible for those on the other end of Georgina. Pepperlaw will never look like Keswick and that's just fine to its residents. All we need is what so many others take for granted.

Lee Dale

Many of you who read this local newspaper know that I founded the Georgina Post and the Pepperlaw Post in 2005 and published it for 15 years before I sold it to Mike Anderson. You also know that I could not have brought you the community news you came to rely on every two weeks without the advertising support of Georgina's business community.

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clinic opened earlier.

"They were saying we needed to be ready. We needed to go fast. So I sent them a picture of the clinic because a picture is worth a thousand words. And I said this is the set-up, and we're ready to go. That certainly helped. And, of course, getting additional vaccines was also key," Mayor Quirk said.

"I'm so proud to have this vaccination clinic as part of the rollout. It makes me feel very proud of Georgina, the staff, public health; everybody is working together as a team."

Mayor Quirk also said that the response she's received from residents has been overwhelmingly positive.

"I've gotten a lot of positive emails, text messages, phone calls, Facebook posts, saying the staff are friendly and helpful and the needle didn't even hurt," she said.

"And they're just happy to know that they're part of ending the pandemic, and we're all getting through this together."

Despite some early hiccups, the pace of the vaccine rollout in Georgina has picked up steam.

According to public health, a total of 5,308 residents have been vaccinated at the Ice Palace as of March 23, which represents roughly 12 per cent of Georgina's population of 45,418 (2016 Census).

The busiest day was March 3, when 698 people were immunized in one day.

This is remarkable given the clinic's capacity, according to public health, is 500 appointments per day.

So far, the number of vaccinations in Georgina is outpacing York Region as a percentage of the population.

To date, 110,669 vaccines have been administered in York Region, representing 10 per cent of the region's population of 1.11 million (2016 Census).

On March 23, York Region opened vaccination bookings to residents age 70 and older (born 1951 or earlier).

"On March 23, York.ca saw its highest daily user demand thus far with the site remaining stable and experiencing no downtime," Patrick Casey, York Region's Director of Corporate Communications, said in an email to The Post.

"More than 14,000 COVID-19 vaccination appointments have been booked by residents today."

"This is great news for our residents, as York Region continues to make significant progress in vaccinating priority populations."

Although the province launched its booking portal on March 15, six of the seven current vaccination clinics in York Region, including the Georgina Ice Palace, continue to use the existing booking systems; you can book an appointment at any of the six clinics by visiting york.ca/COVID19Vaccine.

While mass vaccination sites, like the Ice Palace, are one way to get many people vaccinated quickly, Mayor Quirk said York Region plans to roll out other options, including a drive-thru clinic set to open at Canada's Wonderland on March 29.

"There'll be other ways that people will be able to get the vaccine," she said.

"There are plans being put in place to vaccinate people that can't travel or that are far away from a particular clinic. There'll be mobile clinics, pop-up clinics, and at-home visits for those seniors and people that are housebound."

York Region started vaccinations of homebound individuals this week.

"The list of homebound residents is actively being compiled, and our mobile team will reach out to residents to schedule in-home vaccinations,"



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Mr. Casey said. "If you receive home care through the Central Local Health Integrated Network (LHIN), hospital or a home care agency, you are already on the list."

"There are more than 3,000 homebound residents in York Region, and it will take some time to reach all of them."

Another option for people aged 60 and older is to get a shot at a pharmacy.

The provincial pharmacy pilot

project, which administers the AstraZeneca vaccine, is currently underway in select regions, including Toronto and Windsor.

But it is not yet available in York Region. The nearest participating pharmacy, Shoppers Drug Mart, is located at 5671 Steeles Ave East, approximately 54 km away.

To book a pharmacy appointment, visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/vaccine-locations>.

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When selling the home of a person who has passed away, there are a few important issues that need to be considered. A few things that need to be checked are: if your mother was on title to her property, if the property was held in joint tenancy with someone, and if all registered owners of the property have passed away. If all registered owners have passed away, and the house is worth more than \$50,000.00 then probate will be needed to sell the house. Probate is an application made to the government which will give the applicant the legal authority to deal with the estate, including selling the home.

Next is to confirm whether the person handling your mother's estate has been granted a Certificate of Appointment of Estate Trustee. On the death of the sole owner of the property, the power to sell or transfer the property passes to the Estate Trustee; the certificate is granted when an application for probate is applied for.

If your mother did not leave a will, the estate trustees must be appointed through probate before the estate can agree to sell the property. Until then, no one will have the legal authority to contract on behalf of the deceased person.

If your mother did leave a will, most likely the estate trustees are specifically named. Although the estate trustees named in the will may have the authority to enter into an agreement of purchase and sale to sell the property, they will not be able to complete the sale until they have obtained a Certificate of Appointment of Estate Trustee. If your mother did leave a will, but a Certificate of Appointment of Estate Trustee has not yet been issued, **the agreement of purchase and sale must be made conditional upon the estate trustee being officially appointed, or include a condition having a right to extend the closing date until the Certificate of Appointment of Estate Trustee can be obtained.**

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SUZANNE HOWES HOLDS SWEATSHIRT

Chippewas help Sutton Legion

By MIKE ANDERSON

It may seem like a simple, grey cotton sweatshirt. But look closely, and you'll see it conveys an important message: honour our veterans and try to be worthy of their sacrifice.

Designed and sold by the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation (CGIFN), the sweatshirts will help raise funds for the Sutton Legion, which has been closed for a year due to COVID-19.

"I heard they needed money to start back up, and they didn't do the ice fishing derby this year. And, there's no golf tournament. So I knew they lacked funds. And I was racking my brain how to do a fundraiser with COVID," said Suzanne Howes, CGIFN's Project Coordinator, who came up with the unique fundraising idea.

"This is the best way because there's no contact. You can just sell sweatshirts. So CGIFN and Island View Business Centre got together and donated the funds to make this happen because we appreciate our veterans immensely."

Ms. Howes designed the sweatshirt herself and used a quote she found online for the back: "If you want to thank a soldier, be the kind of Canadian

worth fighting for."

"I wanted to do something to make them more interesting. So I went online and saw this design. I changed it a little bit and put it on the sweatshirt. I just wanted to show the veterans that we really support them," she said.

The sweatshirts cost \$30, with all proceeds going to the Sutton Legion. There are more than 200 available, with sizes from small to XXXL. You can purchase them now at Virginia Beach Marina, Sutton Legion or Elaine's Black River Coffee in Sutton.

Ms. Howes said that both her grandfather and grandmother served, and her uncle Graydon, who her son is named after, was also a veteran. So the Legion has always played a role in her family's past.

"My grandfather, my uncles, all went here. And, you know that mental health is key, and this is a place where they can swap stories, share their memories, their troubles. The veterans need to have a place to come. And they're always helping the community, with Easter parades and Christmas brunches, and they're always giving back. So we need to give back to them."

Councillor Bill McCue also

agrees that it's important to support the Legion.

"Our First Nation had over 90 per cent of the able-bodied men, and some women, join the army during the Second World War," said Mr. McCue, whose own father served overseas in the army for five years.

"I think every family on the Island has someone that was in the army. And I know that the Legion supported our members throughout this time. So, we need to show that we support them as well."

First Nations have a long and proud tradition of military service in Canada. During the Second World War, more than 3,000 First Nation members enlisted in the army. Over 200 were killed, and at least 17 decorations for bravery in action were awarded.

One of those casualties was Pt. Thomas Big Canoe, from Georgina Island, who died

liberating Holland on March 8, 1945, just two months before the war ended.

But, while Indigenous soldiers were considered equals on the battlefield, many encountered discrimination when they returned home.

Indigenous veterans did not receive the same benefits as non-Indigenous veterans, mainly due to restrictions in the Indian Act.

And it was not until 1995 that Indigenous veterans were allowed to lay Remembrance Day wreaths at the National War Memorial to honour their fallen comrades.

The Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) and its members have tried to redress past wrongs by honouring First Nation veterans and telling their stories.

"They have a Cenotaph on the Island. When you look at it, you realize that an entire generation was impacted by the Second World War. We have a close

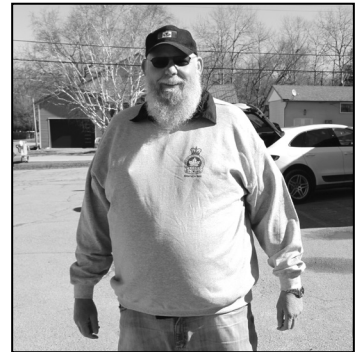
relationship; we honour First Nation's veterans on our wall, and we speak to the kids at the Island school. It's a relationship we cherish, and we'd like to keep going," said Stephen Wiebe, Sutton Legion Branch 356 President, who's grateful for the CGIFN's fundraising efforts.

"They have always been right beside us the whole way, no matter what. There's always representation on Remembrance Day. They come here, they talk to us, and it's just been a great relationship between us."

"The wording on the sweatshirt pretty well explains it," Mr. McCue said.

"If you enjoy your freedom, you need to support our veterans and the Legion. It's not just for those who fought in the World Wars, but for those who have chosen a career in the Canadian Armed Forces. And especially those that have paid the ultimate

sacrifice. We've got to honour the accomplishments and contributions that our soldiers make to our country."



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THE BRIARS RESORT

The Briars is set to reopen before Easter

By MICHELLE POIRIER

The Briars Resort & Spa in Jackson's Point is ready to reopen on April 2, after closing mid-November due to the pandemic.

"We are excited to reopen and to serve our guests and the community again," Kim Zhang, Vice General Manager at The Briars, said.

"It has been tough for everyone during the pandemic. We closed before the government's lockdown because we knew how serious the virus is, and we were cautious. The decision to close was hard, but it was the correct decision to protect all our staff and guests."

Despite revenue losses from postponed events, lower guest counts, and the resort being closed for months, Mr. Zhang remains optimistic.

Federal and provincial support programs have helped. In particular, he credits the federal wage subsidy with lowering labour costs during the pandemic, the resort's most significant expense.

"We will bounce back," he said. "We just need to be patient, be prepared and try our best to provide our guests with a worry-

free environment when they are visiting The Briars."

Mr. Zhang said there are a lot of plans in the works to keep guests entertained this year, including reopening the renovated indoor pool, waterfront activities, and a newly renovated patio area, which he hopes will make The Briars the number one destination for outdoor dining in Georgina.

Bob Law, Resort Manager at The Briars, said he hopes things will begin to get back to normal as the vaccine rollout moves along.

In the meantime, the resort has introduced enhanced health and safety measures for all staff and guests.

High-touch areas are sanitized frequently. Mask-wearing is enforced. Temperature checks are conducted when guests check-in and when staff arrive for their shift. And all staff and guests will be using a contactless screening application when they arrive.

"Everything takes longer because of these measures," Mr. Law said.

"I want to remind everyone that our servers have to stop and

wash their hands between picking up dishes at one table before they can approach another. Keep that in mind when dining out, and be patient with us. The safety of our guests and our fellow staff is top of mind."

As of March 20, The Briars can increase its indoor dining capacity to 50 per cent, with a maximum of 50 guests.

But physical distancing measures remain in place, and only members of the same household can sit together at a table, both indoors and outdoors. Reservations will also be required.

While many had to postpone their wedding, family and corporate events last year, The Briars, according to Mr. Law, did manage to hold a few smaller weddings and events in 2020 while adhering to all provincial and local health regulations.

As the 2021 wedding season is

about to kick-off, Mr. Law said The Briars would keep within the Ontario COVID-19 response framework to ensure that all regulations are adhered to during the pandemic.

This may prove challenging as the current Red Zone restrictions are somewhat confusing. While an outdoor wedding ceremony can have up to 100 people, an indoor wedding reception is limited to 30 per cent capacity.

Mr. Law is also hopeful the Purple Turtle Art Festival, which features artists and artisans from Georgina and beyond, will return this July, after being cancelled last year. However, it would be subject to gathering limits under the framework.

To book a stay at The Briars or make a dining room reservation, you can call (905) 722-0001.





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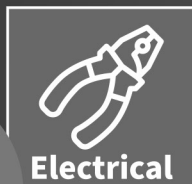
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Water soldiers pose a threat to native plants

By SARAH GRISHPUL

During the upcoming warmer months, Ontarians residing near lakes and rivers are encouraged to be on the lookout for water soldiers, an invasive species prone to disrupting biodiversity and hindering recreational activities on the water.

Water soldiers are aquatic, perennial plants native to Europe and northwest Asia.

Francine Macdonald, an invasive species biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR), describes the plant as bearing a close resemblance to “the top of a pineapple or an Aloe vera plant,” and that the leaves are long and bright green with sharp, serrated edges.

Water soldiers threaten the natural environment by crowding out native aquatic vegetation.

Residents who live near infested waters are also severely affected, as the thick vegetation impedes recreational activities such as boating, swimming, and angling. “It grows extremely aggressively,” said MacDonal, “it could get so dense and grow so widely that you wouldn’t even be able to get your boat out of the docking area.”

The Invasive Species Act, 2015, declares water soldiers a prohibited species in Ontario, making it illegal for the plant to be bought, sold, and transported within the province.

The Ontario government has developed a prevention and response plan to control the spread of water soldier plants. MacDonald said that early detection allows for the species to be eradicated much quicker.

In 2015 it was due to rapid reporting and the province’s response plan that the water soldier population in the Black River near Sutton was removed.

Residents living near water bodies are urged to safely remove and dispose of water soldiers caught on their boats or water equipment, avoid infested areas, and learn how to identify and report the plants.

Any water soldier sightings should be reported to the Invasive Species Hotline at 1-877-847-7667 or www.eddmaps.org/ Ontario.

Province funds housing project for homeless youth in Sutton

By MICHELLE POIRIER

Eight transitional housing units will be built in Sutton, and another 16 in East Gwillimbury, after the Ontario government pledged \$7.3 million for the Housing York Inc. project.

The eight units will be located behind The Salvation Army Youth Shelter at 20898 Dalton Rd.

The housing is geared toward young people experiencing homelessness, and the Salvation Army will provide on-site supports, the Ontario Government news release says.

“Our government recognizes the importance of providing life-changing projects to ensure vulnerable people in York Region, including youth, get access to safe housing during COVID-19 and beyond,” said Caroline Mulroney, MPP for York-Simcoe, in the release.

“These units will provide a home for those who need it most along with access to critical services to help people work through their challenges with the support of compassionate professionals.”

The units in Sutton “are designed to house and support youth age 16 to 26 at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The combination of one and two-bedroom units will provide flexibility for youth, allowing them to live independently on their own, with a partner, a family member or with a roommate,” Debbie Thompson, York Region’s Director of Homelessness Community Programs, said.

“Transitional housing provides a safe, secure and supportive environment in the community with individualized supports to help people stay housed. Supports are designed to increase a person’s skills to prepare them

to live independently.”

Ms. Thompson said the tenants, youths aged 16-26, would be referred from York Region’s By-Name List, a list of people currently experiencing homelessness, managed by York Region’s Collaborative Table, comprised of service providers in York Region.

The cost of rent for the units will be geared to household income, Ms. Thompson said.

The region will allow youth to reside for up to one year in their unit while accessing the programs and supports available to them at Sutton Youth Services; this will help increase their life skills and gain greater independence, Ms. Thompson said.

At the end of their stay, due to the shortage of affordable housing in York Region, tenants will also be provided support to access shared private market rental housing.

According to a presentation from Housing York Inc., the building project will utilize modular construction elements, which are pre-engineered and brought to the site for assembly. This process has been used for several affordable housing projects in Canada.

Though building material costs have increased during the pandemic, the \$7.3 million project budget is intended to fully fund the project with a contingency built-in for unknown variables, Josh Scholten, York Region’s Director of Housing Development and Asset Strategy, said.

According to the media release, York Region will be launching community consultations on the project and construction is expected to begin in late May and be completed by December 2021.

Ask The Expert

with Nick Rogic



Q: What is a Trust? (Legal Ownership vs. Beneficial Ownership)

A: There is an important concept in the law of Property in Canada, known as Trusts. A “Trust” is a concept whereby one person or entity holds onto property for the sole benefit of another person or entity, the true or beneficial owner. “Beneficial Ownership” can be contrasted with “Legal Ownership”. As an example, person X might agree to hold Real Estate Property in trust for Y, the beneficial owner. X is on title to the Real Estate Property and is thus the “Legal Owner”. For most assets, Legal and Beneficial Ownership are merged. The law of trusts is one situation where they depart.

Trusts come in many different forms and with many different attributes. One form of Trust that many people are aware of is an Estate Trust. This is where an Estate Trustee, or, an Executor, has been duly named by the Court as holding a deceased’s person’s assets pursuant to their obligation to distribute it to the deceased’s beneficiaries. Other forms of trusts include agreements whereby one party agrees to hold Real Estate in their legal name despite not contributing toward any of the cost of the property, to the full benefit of a person who paid for the property.

It is often beneficial to enter into a trust agreement as they provide benefits in estate planning, asset protection and taxes. One example is of course, trusts constituted for the benefit of minor aged children. The duties of trustees are entrenched in statute and are taken very seriously by the Court. A trustee has a serious obligation to avoid “self-dealing”, or, using the trust to benefit his or herself.

No matter what type of trust you may decide to enter into or administer, what is of paramount importance is that you write down every term and stipulation of the Trust in a cohesive and properly drafted trust agreement. In the event of a dispute in the future, trying to convince a Court of the existence of unwritten terms can be a costly and difficult task.

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PEFFERLAW POSTINGS

By Karen Wolfe

With winter finally loosening its frosty grip on us and giving way to nicer weather, Pepperlaw residents need to be cautious of black bears when taking advantage of the trails in two York Region forestry tracts that surround this town: The Pepperlaw Tract and the Cronsberry Tract.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) is encouraging residents to call the Bear Wise reporting line at 1 (866) 514-2327 to report any bear sightings. The line operates 24 hours a day from April 1 to November 30. But for emergencies call 911.

MNR suggests hikers should be prepared in the event they encounter a bear on the trails. They should carry a whistle or air horn; learn how to use bear pepper

spray and carry it somewhere that's easy to access; and consider carrying a long-handled axe, if in remote areas or deep in the forest.

Bear sightings in the area are on an upward trend and it isn't unusual for residents in Pepperlaw to see them in residential areas or even strolling along local streets.

Bear sightings reported to the MNR Aurora District in 2018 were 219; 206 sightings were recorded in 2019 and 142 reports in 2020. To learn more about how to protect yourself and your property from bears this spring, visit the BearWise program website at: <https://bearwise.org>

The group tasked with revitalizing the Pepperlaw Association of Ratepayers

(PAR) is hosting a virtual **Easter Scavenger Hunt** from March 27 to April 10. Approx. 14 locations throughout Pepperlaw have been chosen to feature an Easter-related character along with a clue to find another location with a featured character. Contest participants are encouraged to take a photo of each of the characters they find and post them to either Instagram, Twitter or Facebook and tag PAR. (Each post represents one entry.) Several prizes are available and will be awarded based on a random draw of participants entering the contest.

Pepperlaw resident Shannon Hardman is organizing the scavenger hunt and says it is important to find ways to safely celebrate the holidays despite the restrictions imposed by COVID. "So many of the events the children would normally be attending have been cancelled and we thought it was important to show them that they can be safe and still have fun," she said.

OBITUARY



Stork, Pennyjane Rowena Donnell

Peacefully at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket, on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at the age of 83 years. Pennyjane Stork, beloved daughter of the late Rowena and Russell Stork. Dear sister of Iain (Sandra) and Colin (Jenny) Donnell. Special aunt of Shawn, Ashley, Andrew and Liam. A family service was held in the Forrest and Taylor Funeral Home, Sutton, Saturday, March 13, 2021. A Celebration of Pennyjane's life will be held at a later date. Interment, Queensville Cemetery, Queensville. Memorial donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Memorial condolences may be made at www.forrestandtaylor.com

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