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## Proposed Town budget raises property taxes by 4.99 per cent in 2025



ROB WHEATER PRESENTS BUDGET

By MIKE ANDERSON

Deputy CAO and Treasurer Rob Wheeler presented the Mayor's proposed budget to council on November 6. The budget calls for a 4.99 per cent property tax hike in 2025. This follows a 5.5 per cent property tax increase in 2024, and a 6.99 per cent increase in 2023.

According to the staff report, the 4.99 per cent translates into a \$135 property tax increase for an average single-family detached dwelling with a Current Value Assessment (CVA) of \$452,000.

If the budget is approved, residents must also pay higher water and wastewater rates. On a typical bill

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(165m3/year), they'll increase by 9.1 percent.

The water consumption (variable) rate is proposed to increase by 12.5 per cent, while the wastewater rate will increase by 4.5 per cent.

Fixed charges will increase by 17 per cent, and 15 per cent respectively.

The staff report cites significant increases in the cost of capital infrastructure (water and wastewater) for the increases, as well as the need to pay York Region waste and wastewater rates – the payments to the Region make up 56 per cent of the Town's water and wastewater budget.

The new stormwater rate, introduced in 2024, will also increase by 2 per cent.

According to the staff report, \$1.2 million was removed from the Town's operating budget for stormwater, and will now be funded by a separate stormwater rate paid by residents.

However, the staff report says this amount is only sufficient to fund 40 per cent of the Town's stormwater budget (\$3.3 million). The report says a stormwater rate increase is necessary to help close the gap.

The 4.99 per cent property tax hike includes a 2.99 per cent increase for the Town's operating budget, which is \$106.4 million, and a 2 per cent capital levy to support a capital budget of \$36.3

million.

The total operating and capital budget, which includes tax levy, water and wastewater and stormwater rate-supported budgets, is \$142.7 million.

According to the staff report, the 2.99 percent operating budget increase will ensure service levels are maintained as the Town faces "inflation, municipal contract escalations and contractual salary pressures."

Wheater singles out inflation as having the most significant pressure on the Town's budget.

Although the inflation rate (CPI) is expected to drop in 2025 to 2.10 per cent, from a high of 6.8 per cent in 2022, Wheeler says the Town is still impacted from previous higher rates of inflation, as multi-year collective agreements and operational contracts begin to renew, which translates into a 6.13 per cent inflationary hit on the Town's budget.

"Anticipated increases for collective agreements, IT subscription licence renewals, benefit usage increases post-pandemic, insurance premium increases and contracted services increases are driving the 6 per cent inflationary pressures in 2025," the staff report reads.

The budget also requests that council approve nine new permanent staff positions, including an Arborist, Stormwater Technologist, and



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Building Inspector, and four seasonal part-time contract positions. If the new permanent positions are approved by council, the Town will have a total of 301 permanent full-time staff, up from 258 in 2021 - a 16.6 per cent increase.

New operating initiatives in 2025 will total \$302,000, and include an improved streetlight maintenance program (\$32,000), a tree planting program (\$40,000), and annual funding (\$25,000) for the Georgina Food Pantry.

Wheater says the 2 per cent capital levy, which is forecast to continue until 2034, will help pay for \$22 million in new capital projects, which include \$8.4 million for road repairs and the repair and reconstruction of the Old Shiloh bridge, \$4 million for water meter replacements and \$3.8 million for Sutton's High Street streetscape and

infrastructure, with construction slated to begin in 2026, and \$2.4 million for parks and facilities repairs.

According to Wheeler, staff collected feedback from 696 residents who participated in the online budget survey and reviewed hard copies.

The majority of resident feedback (ranging from 44 % to 75%) requested that the Town maintain, rather than enhance, service levels for parks, roads, recreation, stormwater, water and wastewater services. However, most residents (nearly 50%) said they wanted more spending on economic growth, local job creation and tourism.

Council's budget deliberations will be held on December 3 and December 4 (if required). The draft budget is online at [www.georgina.ca/budget](http://www.georgina.ca/budget), and a hard copy is available at public libraries.

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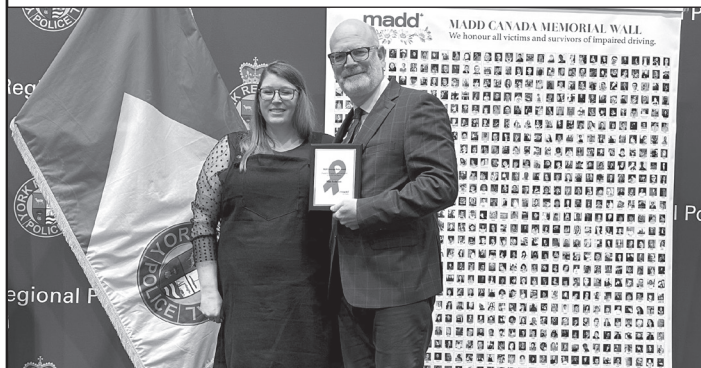
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**Keswick Cenotaph** - Sun, Nov 10, 1:30 to 2:45 p.m., and Mon, Nov 11, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (130 Gwendolyn Blvd)

**Pefferlaw Lions Hall** - Sun, Nov 10, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (38 Pete's Lane)



Mayor Margaret Quirk, her husband Joe Quirk (right) and planing committee member Steve Jacobson, present Sutton Legion Branch 356 President Joan Anderson with a \$5,000 cheque for funds raised at this year's Mayor's Charity Motorcycle Ride and Poker Run held on September 14.



Georgina Post Publisher Mike Anderson accepts a 2023 media coverage award from MADD York Region Chapter President Rebecca Blight, at the chapter's annual awards ceremony held at York Regional Police Headquarters in Aurora on October 24. The award was for a story the Post published about MADD's 2023 Safe Boating campaign.



CATHY MASON

## Inn From The Cold – a new refuge at The Link

By ANGIE SULLIVAN

There's a new drop-by program at The Link in Sutton, where those experiencing homelessness can warm up, get help, and meet new friends.

Meeting Room 3 is available Monday to Friday, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. The room is well stocked with entertainment, bins of food, donated items, and warm clothing for anyone who visits.

Inn From The Cold began almost 20 years ago in Newmarket, and the latest drop-by program at 20849 Dalton Road opened on Monday, October 21.

According to the Inn from the Cold website, there are 400 homeless people in our region, and more than 17,000 people are on the waitlist for affordable housing.

Their mission is to “meet the needs of people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. We work with the community and collaborate with our partners in supporting those with basic to complex needs in York Region.”

Sam Rickford, Inn from the Cold coordinator, was engaged in a lively game of Dungeons and Dragons with visitor Jesse Berg when this reporter visited on their third open day. The smell of hot coffee infused the room, and a television flickered in the corner. Cathy Mason, Inn from the Cold Coordinator, said,

“We hope to provide a place where people can come in for both physical and mental health. You can get some grub in your belly and make friends.”

Mason explained that if the weather dips below  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$ , beds can be accessed overnight through a collaboration with the Salvation Army. They are also providing laundry and showers. All donations will be accepted, such as blankets, winter jackets, boots, toiletries, and non-perishable food.

As the days get colder, Inn From The Cold in Sutton is hoping to extend their hours and be open 7.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.

Mayor Margaret Quirk said, “Having programs like Inn from the Cold is so important in every community. Drop-in programs provide vital services and supports in a safe and welcoming environment for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Whether it is a meal, obtaining primary care and mental health services or housing assistance, this program gives people access to things they likely don't have otherwise.”

Individuals wishing to donate can visit The Link in-person or learn more at <https://allinn.ca/#ways-to-fundraise>.

For more information on programs and services call Access York at 1-877-464-9675 or visit [york.ca/EmergencyHousing](http://york.ca/EmergencyHousing).



VOLUNTEERS SORT TOYS

## Optimist Club's toy drive returns for 10th year

By MICHELLE POIRIER

The Optimist Club of Keswick is kicking off their 10th annual toy drive this November, with the number of applicants expected to be higher than last year.

Jennifer Carter, Vice President of the Optimist Club of Keswick, said as of October 24 they have 460 children registered.

"Last year we served 703 children and we're expecting the number to be even higher this year," she said.

The Optimist Club is currently accepting applications for families to receive gifts, families can apply for their children aged 16 and below, they will then be allocated a date and time to come in and choose their gifts.

Carter said the pickup dates will be from Monday, December 9 to Friday, December 13.

"Our goal is the same every year, for every child in Georgina to have gifts under the tree on Christmas morning," she said.

Along with the toy drive, the Optimist Club also runs a program called "Adopt a Family."

"Members of the community or businesses let us know how many children they would like to adopt and we match them with a local family," she said.

"We provide a wish list from the family and they go out and

purchase the gifts. The gifts are then provided to us and we distribute them to the families the week of December 8."

For those wanting to donate, only new toys will be accepted for the toy drive, and the drop off locations will begin accepting gifts in November.

"Residents can drop off donations at any of the fire stations in Georgina, York Regional Police station, as well as at participating local businesses," Carter said.

They are still looking for local businesses who would like to collect donations, and as new drop off locations are chosen, they will be posted on the Optimist Club of Keswick's social media pages.

They are also accepting financial donations, you can e-transfer your donation to: [keswickoptimist@gmail.com](mailto:keswickoptimist@gmail.com).


"We are appreciative for all the amazing support from our community. Through their donations we were able to help over 700 children last year," Carter said.

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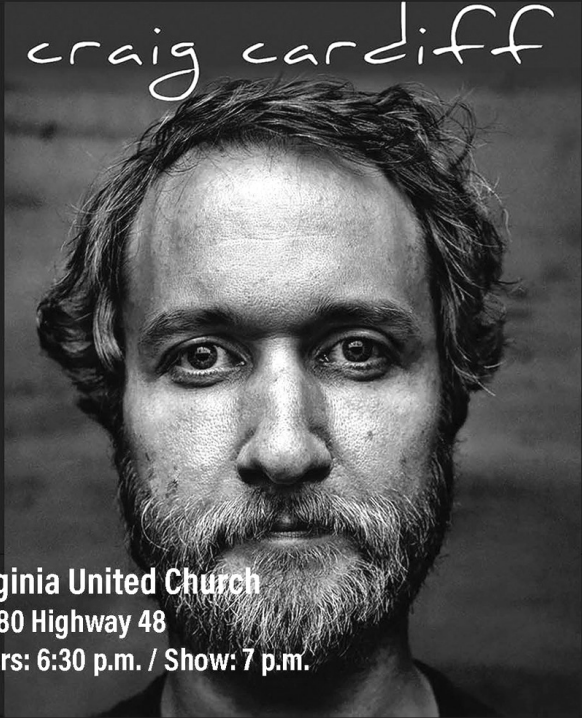
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4. Turkey - p/u week of Dec 16th at Queensway Market, Team Peroff - Keller Williams Realty - \$80.00
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6. Kids Snowmobile Helmet & Gloves, Quinn's Marine - \$170.00
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7. \$100 Gift Card Taps N Tracks Eatery, Taps n Tracks Eatery - \$100.00
8. Face & Skin Product Basket, Shopper's Drug Mart – Keswick - \$180.00
9. Mastercraft Toolbox (plus Wera & Klein tools), Pedestal Solutions - \$250

## Block 6 – 12:50-1:00pm

1. Professional Teeth Whitening + Elpida Gift Card, Dental Hygiene On Demand - \$275.00
2. \$50 Gift Card Gary's Service + \$25 Swiss Chalet Gift Card, Gary's Service + Swiss Chalet - \$75.00
3. Foursome - Upper Unionville Golf Club (including carts), Friends of Georgina Cares - \$450.00
4. \$100 Gift Card Corner House, Trevor Comeau - \$100.00
5. Wooden Fox Carving (by Northern Rhodes Artistry), Sutton Agricultural Society - \$300.00
6. Purse, Scarf + \$50 Sweet Pea Gift Card, Sweet Pea Accessories - \$130.00
7. \$150 Gift Card Canadian Tire, Inland Iron - \$150.00
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4. Quilt - Our Gang - 58"x64" Lap Quilt, Fabrics by Northcott, Hand Bound, The Quilting Gnome - \$450.00
5. \$150 Gift Certificate Georgina Garden Centre, Georgina Garden Centre - \$150.00
6. Tire Change-Over (on rims), The Tire X-Change - \$60.00
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8. Classic Karaoke Machine with Wireless Speaker, Sutton Home Hardware - \$130.00

## Block 8 – 1:15-1:25pm

1. (1) "Do Re Mi" Intro Class Voucher Saturdays, Connor's Music - \$90.00
2. 4 tickets - Tues. Dec 3 – Elton John/Ed Sheeran – This Christmas Tribute, Forrest Jones Entertainment - \$220.00
3. Doodle to Go Kit (2 Mugs, Paints and Brushes), Crock A Doodle - \$75.00
4. \$100 Gift Card The Keg, Friends of Georgina Cares - \$100.00

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| <p>5. 24" Box Braid with Extensions of any Colour, Kendra Yoga - \$150.00</p> <p>6. \$50 Gift Card Sweet Pea Accessories, Ken &amp; Lorraine Hackenbrook - \$50.00</p> <p>7. Perch Fishing for 2 (with Rocky Madsen-Inventor of Fish Crisp) - All supplies included, Rocky Madsen - Renowned Fisherman - \$400.00</p> <p>8. \$100 Gift Card Alfredo's Restaurant, Team Metherall - Real Estate - RE/MAX - \$100.00</p> <p>9. Carved Bear, Tim Garrard - Portable Toilet Rental</p> | <p>2. Full Synthetic Oil Change, Jiffy Lube - \$140.00</p> <p>3. GMBA 2025 Registration Fee, GMBA - \$225.00</p> <p>4. \$100 Gift Card - Todd's Kitchen, Todd's Kitchen - \$100.00</p> <p>5. MAXUS 1 1/4" Brad Nailer - 18-gauge, Mike and Anna Mendonca (Stretch) - \$60.00</p> <p>6. \$50 Gift Card Freshco, Freshco - \$50.00</p> <p>7. 10k White/Yellow Gold Ring with (1) Round Cut 4 Claw Purple Centre Stone (Amethyst) &amp; 12 Cut Claw Shoulder Stones (Diamonds), Prestige Jewelry - \$440.00</p> <p>8. Gift Basket - Kids Frozen Theme, SM"ART"Y Paints - Face Painting &amp; More - \$125.00</p> | <p>3. Stihl SEA 20 Battery Hand Vacuum, York Region Equipment Rental - \$175.00</p> <p>4. Sunglasses - Unisex Oakley Prizm Deep Water Polo, iFashion Optical - \$325.00</p> <p>5. Gift Card Life's Pics Photography Services, Life's Pics Photography - \$145.00</p> <p>6. Henry's Tripod Velbon HT 100 (with Bag), Friends of Georgina Cares - \$100.00</p> <p>7. \$50 Gift Card Zehr's President's Choice + Kids Pack! (Tye-Dye a Tumbler, Gem Poster Craft, Letter Stencils &amp; Collage Board ), Zehr's Keswick + Friends of Georgina Cares - \$50.00</p> <p>8. \$50 Gift Card Sweet Pea Accessories + 2 x \$15 off at Nonna's Lakeside, I Do! Weddings - Amanda Stewart - \$80.00</p> |
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**Block 9 – 1:25-1:35pm**

1. \$100 Gift Card Michelle's Framing, Michelle's Framing - \$100.00
2. Mommy Bag in Teddy fabric, Auntie M's Closet - \$200.00
3. 2 Ticket Exhibition Pack, CNE - \$60.00
4. 4 Person- Ice Fishing for the Day (Mon - Thurs only), Snake Island Fish Huts - \$260.00
5. 2 Skids of Sod - Delivered within Georgina, Ideal Sod Supply - \$515.00
6. Foursome - 18 Holes - Lakeview Houe Golf Course + 100th Anniversary Sweatshirt, Lakeview House Golf Course - \$165.00
7. Castrol Synthetic Oil change (valid until July 1/25) includes Lube, oil, filter (up to 5L of oil), Fluid top up, Canadian Tire- \$100.00
8. Large Stuffed Monkey (Body Pillow) + \$25 off at Nonna's Lakeside, Giant Tiger + Nonna's Lakeside - \$65.00
9. TINECO iFloor 5 - Complete Wet/Dry Vacuum, Natalia Zammitti - EXP Realty - \$400.00

**Block 10 – 1:35-1:45pm**

1. 18.5 Christmas Bear Figurine with a \$100 Gift Card to Twig Gardens & Co, Hanna Gillis - Royal LePage - \$180.00
2. 2 x Raptors Tickets (vs. Hawks) - Sun Dec 29, Sec 101, Row 12, Seat 11 & 12, Friends of Georgina Cares - \$320.00
3. Sea-Doo Men's 3XL Life Jacket, Quinn's Marine - \$70.00
4. 10 Class Pass to HIIT & SPIN classes, Anchor - \$260.00
5. \$100 towards Canadian Tire Labour, Canadian Tire - \$100.00
6. (2) Yeti Wine Tumblers, Keswick Home Hardware - \$70.00
7. Jlab - JBudsAir - Wireless earbuds + Champion Waist-pack, No Frills - Sutton + Friends of Georgina Cares - \$65.00
8. \$50 Gift Card Master Mechanic + \$25 Swiss Chalet Gift Card, Master Mechanic + Swiss Chalet - \$75.00

**Block 11 – 1:50-2:00pm**

1. Local Inspired Gift Basket (Locally crafted items), Twig & Garden Co - \$225.00

**Block 12 – 2:00-2:10pm**

1. Regular Pedicure – Keswick Nails + \$25 Swiss Chalet Gift Card, Keswick Nails + Swiss Chalet - \$60.00
2. Bestway - Voyageur 300 Inflatable Raft, Friends of Georgina Cares - \$165.00

**Block 13 – 2:10-2:20pm**

1. Gift Basket - Beard & Moustache products, T-shirt, (1) Men's Cut & (1) Kids Cut, Ralph's Barber Shop - \$170.00

**All-Day Items (Intro at 11:30)**

1. **Chance to Co-host Morning Show with Dan Pollard**, KX 93.7 Radio - \$1,500.00
2. **1-Year Family Membership**, Fitness Force - \$1,090.00
3. **Gift basket - Products & Services**, Colour Central Salon - \$840.00
4. **4 Passes to Eagles Nest** (including cart), Friends of Georgina Cares - \$1,060.00
5. **Toto Toilet - UltraMax II**, The Good Plumber - \$900.00
6. **Bouquets for a Year!** (1 bouquet every month for a year) + Auction Day Vase, Keswick Flowers - \$600.00
7. **2 x Toronto Maple Leaf Tickets** (vs NY Islanders), Dec. 31 at 1pm - Sect 117, Row 8, Seat 9 + 10, Friends of Georgina Cares - \$1,000.00
8. **6 Months Tuition Math & Reading** Tutoring, Keswick Kumon - \$780.00
9. **4 x Toronto Maple Leafs Tickets** (vs Dallas Stars) Jan 14/2025 - Sec 104, Row 5, Seat 3,4,7, Row 6 Seat 3, Friends of Georgina Cares - \$1,800.00
10. **Bowflex Max Trainer**, Canadian Tire - \$1,190.00
11. **10k Gold Twisted Singapore Link Chain** measuring 16' with Stamped 10k White/Yellow Gold Heart (20 round cut claw set Diamonds stones), Prestige Jewelry - \$680.00
12. **2 x Toronto Maple Leafs Tickets** (vs NY Islanders) Dec 31 @1pm, Sect 108, Row 21, Seat 19 & 20, Friends of Georgina Cares - \$1,000.00
13. **2-Night Ski & Stay for 4 - Horseshoe Resort** - Room & Lift tickets for three days, Horseshoe Resort - \$1,250.00
14. **6' x 6' Medium Classic Shed by North Sheds**, RS Construction Group - \$2,620.00
15. **Basic Mirror Image Family Will package** (Wills for a Couple), Donnell Group - \$850.00
16. **3-month Unlimited Membership**, Crossfit N6 - \$675.00
17. **4 Passes to Eagles Nest** (including cart), Friends of Georgina Cares - \$1,060.00
18. **2 x Toronto Maple Leafs Tickets** (vs. NY Islanders), Tues Dec 31 @1pm - Sect 120, Row 24, Seat 15 + 16, Friends of Georgina Cares - \$1,000.00
19. **Legal Fees for (1) Basic Residential Real Estate** sale, purchase or refinance transaction, Hobson Morris Law - \$1,450.00
20. **55" RCA Smart TV**, Ernestina Migliozi, Royal LePage - \$500.00
21. **Getaway to JW Marriott Resort & Spa -Muskoka** (includes a 1-night stay in a Studio room with breakfast included for 2 people), JW Marriott Muskoka - \$650.00
22. **Toronto Maple Leafs Tickets** (vs. Washington) Dec 6, Sect 107 Row 22 Seat 1 & 2, Friends of Georgina Cares - \$1,000.00
23. **10k White/Yellow Gold Ring** (69 Round cut claw set white Diamond stones), Prestige Jewelry - \$1,300.00
24. **Makita 18V LXT Lithium-Ion 4-Piece Combo Kit** (DLX4055S) - Drill, Driver, Fastener and Cutter, MKW Services - \$600.00

2. \$100 Gift Card Michelle's Framing, Michelle's Framing - \$100.00
3. \$50 Gift Card Chicken Station, The Chicken Station - \$50.00
4. Turkey - p/u week of Dec 16th at Queensway Market, Team Peroff - Keller Williams Realty - \$80.00
5. \$200 Gift Card Sterling Tire, Sterling Tire - \$200.00
6. Bush Cord of Firewood - Delivered within Georgina, Foster's Firewood - \$475.00
7. \$300 Gift Card The Flooring Centre (for supply or supply and installation of flooring), The Flooring Centre - \$300.00
8. Round Lounge Chair, Keswick Home Hardware - \$350.00
9. Bear Quilt - 32" x 50" (100% cotton flannel), Donna Murray - \$150.00

**Block 14 – 2:20-2:30pm**

1. 1 x "Youth Intro to Guitar" - Saturdays 11am, Connor's Music - \$90.00
2. \$200 Gift Card We Print T-Shirts, We Print T-Shirts - \$200.00
3. \$100 Gift Card The Keg, Friends of Georgina Cares - \$100.00
4. 90-min Holistic Trio Session - Massage, Reflexology, Reiki, Balanced Health Solutions - \$150.00
5. Coffee Gift Basket, McDonald's - \$200.00
6. Fire Bundle (Residential Fire Extinguisher, Fire Blanket, Carbon/Smoke Alarm), International Safety - \$225.00
7. Castrol Synthetic Oil change includes Lube, oil, filter (up to 5L of oil), Fluid top up, Canadian Tire - \$100.00
8. 3 Children's Books (Halloween, Christmas and Summer themes) - All signed by Author, Jeremy John - \$60.00

**Block 15 – 2:35-2:45pm**

1. (4) 9-hole Golf Passes + 12 Titleist Tru-feel Golf Balls, Orchard Beach Golf Club - \$160.00
2. JQM Wireless Headphones + \$25 Swiss Chalet Gift Card, No Frills - Sutton + Swiss Chalet - \$65.00
3. \$50 Tray of Holiday Cookies - Yummy Mummy Desserts, KW Realty - Melissa Taylor Team - \$50.00
4. 2 x \$50 Best Buy Gift Cards, Friends of Georgina Cares - \$100.00
5. Quilt - Picnic Quilt - 45x72 - Design exclusive to The Quilting Gnome, The Quilting Gnome - \$375.00
6. \$50 Gift Card Woody's Volkswagen, Woody's Volkswagen - \$50.00
7. Convection Toaster Oven with Pizza Drawer - Grey 1400W, Sutton Home Hardware - \$150.00
8. 40-min Reiki or Reflexology Healing session, Jacinta Healing Arts - \$175.00

**Block 16 – 2:45-2:55pm**

1. Full Synthetic Oil Change, Jiffy Lube - \$140.00

2. Weekend Car Rental, Affordable Car Rental - \$290.00
3. Clarity XLC3.4 - Amplified cordless phone, Keswick Hearing Life - \$275.00
4. Shoes - Toe Warmers - Carissa - Size 10WW – Brown, Friends of Georgina Cares - \$100.00
5. Gift basket – Reheadco Hoodies, Headbands, Scrunchies, hair clips, plus!, Redheadco Scrunchies & accessories - \$350.00
6. Opalescence Go Tooth Whitening Kit, Cook's Bay Dental - \$89.00
7. Dinner & Movie for Two! - Baileys Homestead & Imagine Cinemas, Mckenzie Frosch - \$100.00
8. Terry Fox Run Pack! (Stickers, Vintage Button, Shoelaces & Ryan Reynolds 2023 Terry Fox Run T-shirt), Georgina Terry Fox Run- Event Organizer Laurie Pangman-Carriere & Family - \$80.00

**Block 17 – 2:55-3:05pm**

1. 2 x Toronto Maple Leafs Tickets (vs. Islanders) - Dec. 31, Friends of Georgina Cares - \$900.00
2. Handmade Custom Memory Pillow, Sew Good for the Soul - \$200.00
3. Cloverhills Basket - Bath Collection, Gift Certificate, Candle, Christmas Decoration, Lavender + Seedlings for the Spring, Mayor Margaret Quirk - \$100.00
4. \$100 Gift Card Corner House, Christine Burton - Royal LePage - \$100.00
5. Milwaukee - Heated Jacket, Shell Lumber - \$240.00
6. \$50 Gift Card towards any service at Gary's Service - Gary's Service - \$50.00
7. \$200 Gift Card - All Reasons Party Rental, All Reason's Party Rental - \$200.00
8. 2025 Registration Fee, Lake Simcoe Minor Softball Association - \$160.00

**Block 18 – 3:05-3:15pm**

1. Computer Tower, Keyboard + Mouse, Toryn Tek - \$280.00
2. Foursome - Watson's Glen Golf Club (including carts), Friends of Georgina Cares - \$430.00
3. Combination Family Bag + a 'MomLife' Toiletry Bag in off-white, Auntie M's Closet - \$145.00
4. Turkey - p/u week of Dec 16th at Queensway Market, Team Peroff - Keller Williams Realty - \$80.00
5. \$200 Gift Card Sterling Tire, Sterling Tire - \$200.00
6. 1 Box Large Garbage Bags, Great North Supplies - \$50.00
7. Dinner for 2 Ramada Restaurant, Ramada - Jackson's Point - \$120.00
8. Auto Detailing - Interior/Exterior - Georgina Motors, Georgina Insurance - David Marchese - \$150.00
9. Mastercraft Toolbox (plus some Wera & Klein tools), Pedestal Solutions - \$250

**Block 19 – 3:20-3:30pm**

1. \$100 Gift Card Michelle's Framing, Michelle's Framing - \$100.00
2. \$50 Gift Card Master Mechanic, Master Mechanic - \$50.00
3. 2 x Toronto Maple Leafs Tickets (vs. Anaheim) - Dec 12, 2024 - Sect 308, Row 3, Seat 3 & 4, Friends of Georgina Cares - \$500.00
4. 24" Box Braid with extensions of any colour, Kendra Yoga - \$150.00
5. Large Custom Ice Cream Cake, CutiePies Baking Co - \$50.00
6. DeWalt Wet/Dry Vacuum, Ernestina Migliozi - Royal LePage - \$200.00
7. Car Cleaning Kit! (Adam's Interior kit, Simonz 10" Tri-Pad Polisher, 8 Pc. Chemical Guys bucket (exterior cleaning)), Part Source - \$325.00

**Block 20 – 3:30-3:40pm**

1. 4 x Tickets - Wed. Dec. 11 – Elvis Christmas Tribute, Forrest Jones Entertainment - \$220.00
2. Holiday Floral Arrangement, Petal Pushers - \$100.00
3. Wetlands - Flex Form Pond Kit (pre-formed pond components) - 163 gallons, Friends of Georgina Cares - \$150.00
4. 2 Skids of Sod - Delivered within Georgina, Ideal Sod Supply - \$515.00
5. \$50 Gift Card Zehr's President's Choice + Home Décor Pack! (Floral Wall Canvas, "Friends" Panel Wall hanging, Ace Touch Sensor Lamp), Zehr's Keswick + Friends of Georgina Cares - \$90.00
6. Holiday Wreath & \$100 Gift Card to Twig Gardens & Co, Hanna Gillis - Royal LePage - \$170.00
7. Castrol Synthetic Oil change includes Lube, oil, filter (up to 5L of oil), Fluid top up, Canadian Tire - \$100.00
8. (4) Canada Throw Pillows + \$15 off at Nonna's Lakeside, Giant Tiger + Nonna's Lakeside - \$75.00

**Block 21 – 3:40-3:50pm**

1. 1 x "Adult Intro to Guitar" - Monday 7pm, Connor's Music - \$90.00
2. Professional Teeth Whitening + Elpida Gift Card, Dental Hygiene On Demand - \$275.00
3. \$50 Gift Card Chicken Station, The Chicken Station - \$50.00
4. \$100 Gift Card The Corner House, Trevor Comeau - \$100.00
5. Sunglasses - Women's Prada - Brown Gradient, iFashion Optical - \$500.00
6. Tire Change Over (on rims), The Tire X-Changers - \$60.00
7. King Size Blanket & Sheet set – Pink, Big Canoe Indigenous Market - \$170.00
8. \$50 Gift Card Sweet Pea Accessories, I Do! Weddings - Amanda Stewart - \$50.00

**Block 22 – 3:50-4:00pm**

1. Full Synthetic Oil Change, Jiffy Lube - \$140.00
2. GMBA 2025 Registration Fee, GMBA - \$225.00
3. Turkey - p/u week of Dec 16th at Queensway Market, Team Peroff - Keller Williams Realty - \$80.00
4. \$100 Gift Card Lucy's Diner, Lucy's Diner - \$100.00
5. 10k White/Yellow Gold Ring with 11 Round Cut Claw set Stones (Diamonds), Prestige Jewelry - \$585.00
6. Ice Fishing for 1 (with Rocky Madsen - inventor of Fish Crisp), Rocky Madsen - Renowned Fisherman - \$400.00
7. \$150 Gift Card Georgina Garden Centre, Georgina Garden Centre - \$150.00
8. (2) Yeti Beer Tumblers, Keswick Home Hardware - \$60.00

**Block 23 – 4:05-4:15pm**

1. Jlab - JBudsAir - Wireless earbuds + \$25 Swiss Chalet Gift Card, No Frills - Sutton + Swiss Chalet - \$65.00
2. 4 Tickets - Exhibition pack, CNE - \$120.00
3. \$150 Gift Card Mason Place, Mason Place - \$150.00
4. \$100 Gift Card The Keg, Friends of Georgina Cares - \$100.00
5. \$200 Gift Card Sterling Tire, Sterling Tire - \$200.00
6. 1 Skid of Sod (delivered within Georgina), Brouwer Sod Farm Ltd - \$500.00
7. Georgina Swag Pack - Georgina Hoodie, Georgina "Shop Local" T, Georgina Tote Bag, Georgina Chamber of Commerce - \$90.00
8. 40-min Reiki or Reflexology Healing session, Jacinta Healing Arts - \$175.00

**Block 24 – 4:15-4:25pm**

1. 4 x Tickets Celine Dion Tribute, Forrest Jones Entertainment - \$220.00
2. (2) Passes to Niagara Parks Attractions & Historic Sites, Niagara Parks - \$460.00
3. \$100 Gift Card Todd's Kitchen, Todd's Kitchen - \$100.00
4. Shoes - Toe Warmers - Carissa - Size 10WW - Grey, Friends of Georgina Cares - \$100.00
5. Paint & Supplies for 1 Room - Wall Paint, Ceiling Paint, Tray, Liner and Rollers!, Klein Paint - \$265.00
6. Amazon Fire TV Stick 4K, Wireless 4 U - \$80.00
7. 18V Cordless Reciprocating Saw (with battery, charger & storage case), Sutton Home Hardware - \$325.00
8. Gift Pack - Kids Frozen Theme, Showcase Costume Rentals & More! - \$125.00

**Block 25 - 4:25-4:35pm**

1. Regular Manicure, Keswick Nails - \$20.00
2. \$100 Gift Card Boondocks, Boondocks - \$100.00
3. \$50 Gift Card Master Mechanic, Master Mechanic - \$50.00
4. Quilt "High Rise", Cottage/Boat Quilt - Quilting design - Breath of Gods, Candin Pattern from Bella Moon, The Quilting Gnome - \$450.00
5. \$75 Gift Certificate for Meat Products, Rae's Family Farm - \$75.00
6. \$100 Gift Card Elpida, Kitchen's Renewed - \$100.00
7. Ideal Supply Car Cleaning Kit, Napa Auto Parts - \$40.00
8. \$100 Gift Card Sweet Pea Accessories, Team Metherall - Real Estate - RE/MAX - \$100.00

**Block 26 – 4:35-4:45pm**

1. 1 x One Month Lesson Registration, Connor's Music - \$130.00
2. Gift Card towards any service at Gary's Service, Gary's Service - \$50.00
3. \$50 Gift Card Chicken Station, The Chicken Station - \$50.00
4. Food Ninja XL Pro Oven, Mike and Anna Mendonca (Stretch) - \$300.00
5. Outfit Combo - Vest (L), Sweater (L/XL), Hat, Sweet Pea Accessories - \$100.00
6. \$100 Gift Card Food Basics, Food Basics - \$100.00
7. Gift Basket - Mugs, Electric Toothbrush + Home Whitening kit, Riveredge Dental - \$500.00
8. \$30 Gift Card King's Tavern + \$100 towards Canadian Tire Labour, King's Tavern + Canadian Tire - \$130.00

**Block 27 – 4:50-5:00pm**

1. \$200 Gift Card We print T-Shirts, We Print T-Shirts - \$200.00
2. \$50 Tray of Holiday Cookies - Yummy Mummy Desserts, KW Realty - Melissa Taylor Team - \$50.00
3. 4 Passes to Bloomington Downs Golf Club (including cart), Friends of Georgina Cares - \$400.00
4. \$350 Gift Card towards purchase of products (topsoil, triple mix, driveway gravel, mulches, river rock, mini bin waste containers, etc.), Larue's Haulage - \$350.00
5. Homemade Afghan with Cat detail, Betty Banks - \$90.00
6. Fisherman's Gift Basket, DC Marine - \$100.00
7. Recycled Ceramic Non-stick Cookware - 10 Piece set, Sutton Home Hardware - \$250.00
8. Sea-Doo Men's 2XL Life Jacket, Quinn's Marine - \$50.00

**Block 28 – 5:00-5:10pm**

1. President's Choice Low Smoke, Wood-Burning Firepit, No Frills - Sutton - \$350.00
2. \$100 Gift Card Michelle's Framing, Michelle's Framing - \$100.00
3. Turkey - p/u week of Dec 16th at Queensway Market, Team Peroff - Keller Williams Realty - \$80.00
4. 1 month All access Membership to HIIT & SPIN classes + Inbody Scan + Consult with a Coach, Anchor - \$250.00
5. \$150 Gift Card ADR Pet Store Keswick, ADR Pet Stores - Keswick - \$150.00
6. Castrol Synthetic Oil change includes Lube, oil, filter (up to 5L of oil), Fluid top up, Canadian Tire - \$100.00
7. \$100 Gift Card Taps N Tracks Eatery, Taps n Tracks Eatery - \$100.00
8. Penguin Quilt - 32" x 50" (100% cotton), Donna Murray - \$150.00

**Block 29 – 5:10-5:20pm**

1. 4 x Tickets Meatloaf, Forrest Jones Entertainment - \$220.00
2. Auto Detailing - Interior/Exterior - Georgina Motors, Georgina Insurance - David Marchese - \$150.00
3. \$50 Freshco Gift Card, Freshco - \$50.00
4. Shoes - Toe Warmers - Carissa - Size 10WW - Red, Friends of Georgina Cares - \$100.00
5. Memory Blanket & Pillow, Sister's Seven Creations - \$225.00
6. \$50 towards any service, Georgina Rent-All - \$50.00
7. 1 pkg - Reptilia Family Passes, Laurie & Mike Carriere Family - \$100.00
8. \$100 towards Canadian Tire Labour, Canadian Tire - \$100.00

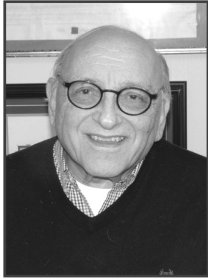
**Block 30 – 5:20-5:30pm**

1. \$200 Gift Card Sterling Tire, Sterling Tire - \$200.00
2. Bag of Merch + 3 Month Membership, Cavalo - \$625.00
3. Quilt 60 x 60, Pin & Needles - \$500.00
4. 14 - 30min Personal Training Sessions, ABC Fitness - \$600.00
5. 2 x Tickets Raptors vs Nets, Wed Jan 1, 2025 @7:30pm - Sec 120, Row 24, Seat 15 + 16, Friends of Georgina Cares - \$500.00
6. Nike Air Jordan 3 Retro (GS) "Georgetown" (GOAT authenticated, with 2 sets of laces), Denis Beaulieu - \$200.00
7. Yeti Soft Cooler, Keswick Home Hardware - \$250.00
8. 2 x Tickets Blue Jays - TD Club Section - Sect 223, Row 6, Seat 107 & 108 - 2025 Season, Friends of Georgina Cares - \$600.00

**\*All-Day Items – 5:35-5:55pm**

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## Join the cheer (If You Dare!) – the Grinch's challenge

By EWA CHWOJKO-SRAWLEY

The grumpiest, the most irritable grouch in town dares you to show up at the festivities on High Street on November 23. Bring your cheer if you think you can handle it!

For one magical afternoon, High Street will transform into Whoville, thanks to Debbie Macina-Balinas, owner of Sweet Peas Boutique, who three years ago had the idea for this festival and shared it with other local business owners. Now, this year's preparations are in full swing!

Elaine Coates, owner of Black River Coffee, shares, "It's going to be even better than last year. We'll have fewer vendors but more events, more attractions for kids—and for the young at heart. It's truly a time and place for the community to come together and have some fun."

Debbie Macina-Balinas adds, "There will be lots of freebies! The main attraction is the Whoville Passport: 25 businesses will be open, each with a hidden Grinch for you to find and a small gift to collect. Once you fill your passport with stamps, you'll also be entered into a basket draw!"

This year, there will be a walk-



ELAINE, DEBBIE & CYNTHIA

through of giant inflatables—including one sponsored by Georgina Post—plus a gingerbread character on stilts. LED-lit angels will mingle with the crowd, and of course, the Grinch himself will be ready for all the selfies you can handle.

The holiday cheer won't stop there! You can get cozy with a classic movie, popcorn in hand, sip on hot chocolate, and enjoy a tree lighting extravaganza. And just when you think it couldn't get merrier, a DJ and live music will keep the festive vibes going strong.

Last year, the festival brought in nearly 5,000 visitors! While most were locals, some traveled from as far as Bowmanville and Guelph. This event has put Georgina on the map as a place filled with festive spirit. When it comes to celebrating, our community knows how to have a good time!

If you're ready to experience the taste of Whoville, swing by High Street in Sutton on Saturday, November 23, from 5pm to 9 pm. The event is free, but please bring a donation for the Georgina Food Pantry.

Don't forget to bring your holiday cheer—if you think you can handle it!

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## Veterans get free taxi rides to Remembrance services

By MIKE ANDERSON

Tony Romans, owner of Keswick Taxi, believes Canada doesn't do enough to support its veterans. So, on Monday, November 11, he's offering free taxi rides to any veteran who wants to attend Remembrance Day services in Sutton or Keswick.

"We should give back to the veterans. If it weren't for them, we wouldn't be here today. What do we give them? Very little. They don't get much of a pension. Some of them barely get to see their families. So, it's not a loss that we do this one day out of the year."

The free rides will be available for 24 hours, from 7 a.m. on November 11 to 7 a.m. on November 12. "We can pick you up in Sutton or Keswick. You call, and we'll come out," he said. "We might be delayed a couple of minutes, but we will be there to pick you guys up and take you where you need to go."

Romans adds that he will have one car parked at the Sutton Legion, which will be available for rides home after the service. "After the ceremony, we can put more than one in the vehicle, and we can drop them off at their destinations," Romans said. "It will be almost like a bus to drop them off at their door."

Romans received unanimous approval from Georgina Town Council on October 30 for an amendment to the Town's taxi bylaw allowing him to provide

free rides.

Romans admits the gesture is an experiment, and if it works out, he will do it again next year, possibly expanding the service to Pefferlaw and to services held on November 10 and 11.

He hopes people will not take advantage of the free rides, as drivers will not ask riders for proof they served. "I can't prove they're a veteran or not. We have to try it out and see how it goes. We know they're going to be older as vets. But I'm hoping that people can be honest. But it is what it is, and we'll still ride them. If they're over 65, we won't say no," he said.

Romans has allocated two taxis to shuttle veterans to the Sutton and Keswick cenotaphs. So, he encourages veterans or their caregivers to call early to book rides.

While Romans says he is not providing mobility taxis equipped with a lift, one taxi is an SUV that can store a wheelchair. Keswick Taxi will also provide a key in hand or designated driver service on Remembrance Day. "If you go to the Legion, have a few drinks, and need your vehicle brought back home, just let us know. I'll have two drivers there. One driver will drive your vehicle back home, and we will bring you back home in our taxi," Romans said.

For more information or to reserve a ride, call Keswick Taxi Service at (437) 477-8294.

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COMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sutton Legion - Friday Night Dinner** (5 to 6:30 p.m.)  
Nov 15, Roast Beef; Nov 22, Haddock Fish & Chips. (\$15)  
(21 East Street, Sutton)

**The Good Food Collective - Community Lunch**, Weds, 12 to 1:30 p.m. Nov 13, Sausage Bake & Veg; Nov 20, Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese. Takeout \$8 with reservation. Tel: 905-722-4616. (The Link, 20849 Dalton Rd, Sutton).

**Fight Night**, Nov 15, Doors Open 5 p.m. Tickets \$5. Feature Event: Green vs. Watpool (3rd Fight). Main Event: Tyson vs. Paul. (Pefferlaw Lions Hall, 38 Petes Lane)

**Keswick Santa Claus Parade**, Sat, Nov 16, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Woodbine Ave from Dovedale Ave to Wexford Dr. Take in the holiday magic, check out the entertainment & parade floats, and catch a glimpse of Santa!

**Sutton by the Lake Christmas Bazaar**, Sat, Nov 16, 9 to 1 p.m. 15 Vendors, Christmas Baskets, Jewelry Craft and Christmas ornaments. (112 Roxanna

Drive, Sutton West)

**Lake Simcoe Gardeners AGM**, Nov. 18, 7 p.m. Keswick United Church (177 Church St.)

**Whoville**, Saturday, Nov 23, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. A free family outing, featuring a DJ, scavenger hunt, vendor market, and multiple attractions for kids and the young-at-heart! (Sutton, High Street)

**Pefferlaw Area Residents (PAR) AGM**, Tues, Nov 26, 7:30 p.m. (Pefferlaw Lions Hall)

**Optimist Club of Keswick's Annual Toy Drive**, Nov 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Look for YRPA's Holiday Heroes Program at Canadian Tire. Bring a new unwrapped toy. (24270 Woodbine Ave, Keswick)

**Georgina Historical Society (GHS) AGM**, Thurs, Nov 21, welcome 5:30 p.m.; dinner 6 p.m. \$30. All are welcome!

**Georgina Cares TV Auction**, Sun, Nov. 24, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch live on Rogers tv. Hundreds of items for sale! Proceeds to support children and families in need.



## Georgina Chess Academy's successful gambit!

By ANGIE SULLIVAN

The Georgina Chess Academy tried its very first chess Tournament on Saturday, November 2, and some great strategy was on display. Nineteen tacticians, aged seven to thirteen, battled it out at the Salvation Army Church in Jackson's Point.

Alice Burrows, one of the organizers of the club, said, "We did it! The tournament went very well...and especially as it was our very first, so some of it we were feeling our way around."

The players were separated into two divisions, with ten in the junior group and nine in the senior group. Congratulations to Willem Unger Alexander, aged nine, for winning the juniors and Daniel Iordanov, aged 12, who took the seniors! One of the mothers, Ashley Mutch, said, "Such a fun and fascinating event. It's incredible watching their minds work. More exciting than some sports!"

Sandra Haba said, "A great chess club for kids! Teaching the game of chess, loving watching them apply their skills at a young age is pretty neat. Congrats to the staff and volunteers for hosting this awesome club!" Routes helped this program come to life with a \$1000 contribution through the Quick Action Grant program and York Region helped

with a \$4000 grant.

"We are very grateful to Routes Georgina and York Region for their grants, which makes this all possible. And it's so much fun!"

Burrows said, "We are very pleased with how today went. Some kids are already asking when is the next tournament, which is nice to hear. We have tremendous support from our student and adult volunteers and of course, from the parents who bring their kids out every week."

There is a waitlist to join these free chess classes, which are offered to youth, aged seven to 16, on Wednesdays from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. at The Salvation Army Church at 1816 Metro Road. email: georginachessacademy@gmail.com to learn more or check out their Facebook Page.



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with Dylan Henderson



**Q: I am looking to determine whether the electronic monitoring policy of my workplace meets statutory guidelines, and proper procedures are implemented for the electronic monitoring. Should I consult an employment lawyer to ensure statutory and common law compliance?**

Privacy rights for employees are a growing concern where employers must balance the incorporation of permanent remote work and hybrid work models with monitoring employee productivity.

While electronic monitoring is not defined in legislation, the Ministry of Labour has offered guidance in describing measures as all forms of employee and assignment employee monitoring that is done electronically. This is irrespective as to whether the monitoring occurs on equipment issued by the employer or where the monitoring occurs.

Employers have to ensure that electronic monitoring is done in a proper manner, and that the employees are appropriately apprised of the policy surrounding such measures. More particularly, in all workplaces with 25 or more employees, there must be a written policy in place disclosing:

- A description of how and in what circumstances the employer may electronically monitor employees;
- The purposes for which the information obtained through electronic monitoring may be used by the employer;
- The date the policy was prepared; and
- The date any changes are made to the policy.

Regardless of the number of employees, any failure on an employer's part to implement a proper policy and/or carry out electronic monitoring in appropriate fashion may result in complaints made to the Ministry of Labour.

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