

COVID claims 16 Lambton residents in just 18 days

Heather Wright
The Independent

In the first 18 days of 2022, 16 people in Lambton have died of COVID-19. It's the one concrete statistic during a time where public health is no longer keeping track of all cases of the virus which has gripped the world since March of 2020. On Dec. 30, the province announced only health care workers, those living and working in long term care, retirement homes and congregate care homes and the medically vulnerable would receive PCR tests to confirm they have COVID. The rest of the province was told to either to a rapid test or assume once they had cold-like symptoms they had contracted Omicron.

Even with limited testing, the number of confirmed positive cases in Lambton has skyrocketed. In that same 18 day period, there have been 2,353 confirmed COVID-19 cases. That's 30 per cent of the cases since the pandemic began and as many cases confirmed from March 2020 to Jan. 2021.

There are also 16 outbreaks right now, read more on that story on page 2.

Now opening Fall 2022

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The new East Lambton Community Centre won't be ready for use until the fall. That comes from Warwick Administrator Amanda Gubbels who says the main problem is with labour shortages in the building trades.

"Unfortunately, the trades that are impacted are the trades that need to kind of go first before other work can be done," she says.

The arena portion of the \$11.5 million project is substantially complete, however the community centre and gym, which were scheduled to first open in the spring, and then the summer, will now be ready, Gubbels says, in the fall without "unfore-

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HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Sirens rang out through Petrolia as members of the Petrolia/North Enniskillen Fire Department, Brooke Fire Rescue and residents gathered around the Central Lambton Family Health Team and the Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital Tuesday. They were saluting the workers who are now dealing with the fifth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Workers stood and waved as fire trucks drove by and residents – like Bob Newman - held signs thanking the workers for the dedication.

No charges 'at this time' as inspectors visit packed, open restaurants

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The Independent

Tom Stoukas was angry and blunt when inspectors from Lambton Public Health, the Ministry of Labour and at least one OPP officer walked into his Petrolia restaurant.

Video posted on social media moments after it happened Friday shows the owner of Athena's met the group at the door saying "I'm not doing the vax pass."

Premier Doug Ford passed a law in October which requires restaurants to check to make sure diners are double vaccinated. It was originally supposed to be repealed Jan. 17, but then Omicron hit.

The inspectors were not there to deal with the vax pass; they were concerned Athena's

was open at a time when the Reopening Act prohibits any in person dining. They wanted him to shutdown the restaurant.

"I'm not gonna listen to you guys... this country is destroyed and ... you guys are taking part in it... So do whatever you have to do," said Stoukas.

The inspectors can be seen leaving the restaurant.

Inspectors also visited The Leaky Tank on the Aamjiwnaang First Nation Friday. Owner Sherry Lee Stewart told investigators: "You're on sovereign land killing off First Nations people, you've broken us up with the babies, you take them away and haul them off to the graves and nobody is accountable and now you're trying to take put me into starvation."

One of the investigators told Stewart they were there to inform them they were breaking the lockdown rules. And again, the group left, this time to catcalls from the customers.

Mike Gorgey at Lambton Public Health, in a written statement told *The Independent*: "At this time, no additional actions have been taken with respect to these operators. A joint agency enforcement group continues to work together with area municipalities to bring these operators into compliance with provincial legislation."

By Tuesday night, the video of the inspectors at The Leaky Tank has garnered 1.3 million views on social media. The video from Athena's in Petrolia has been viewed of 18,900 times.

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COVID cases grow in LTC homes

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The Independent

At least 184 people who live and work in long term care and retirement homes in Lambton County are ill with COVID-19.

That’s according to Jan. 18 statistics from Lambton Public Health which showed seven of the 16 outbreaks in the community are in homes for the aged, including one at Fiddicks in Petrolia where 13 residents and 18 staff have been ill during the outbreak. The biggest outbreak in long term care is at Trillium Villa where 35 residents and 30 staff have tested positive. At Sumac Lodge 33 residents and 27 staff have been ill.

The situation is the same across the province. Public Health Ontario says 6,774 residents and staff in long term care are ill with COVID-19. In the last week, at least 52 residents have died.

That’s setting off alarm bells for families, health care advocates and the unions which represent the health care workers. The Ontario Health Coalition says the conditions in long term care is “deteriorating to a point that is terrifying.”

The coalition gathered advocates including unions such as the Ontario Nurses Association and CUPE, families with loved ones in long term care and workers Friday to talk about impact of the Omicron wave of COVID-19.

“To call situation a crisis is not an overstatement,” says Natalie Mehra of the coalition noting there are 350 long term care homes and over 270 retirement homes in outbreak. There are also about 200 outbreaks in Ontario’s hospitals including two at Bluewater Health.

“In a number of facilities, we’re seeing the lowest staffing levels we’ve ever seen,” says Mehra. “We’re not on the cusp of a health care crisis, we’re in a health care crisis.”

Cheri Sorenson, a personal support worker in long term care, says residents in some homes aren’t being

bathed or having their teeth brushed because the workers don’t have time. “It’s just incredible how they’re not being taken care of.

“We know at the end of the day were not doing the work were supposed to be doing,” says Sorenson.

Sandra Coleta lost her mother in a previous wave of COVID-19 and is now an advocate for long term care home reform. “We’re sitting here two years later and we’re seeing the same mistakes happen,” Coleta says adding family members want to help but in some cases are being shut out. “We know families can come in safely, we know staff needs our backup.

“All the lives that were lost in long term care were lost in vain.”

Mehra calls the current crisis “a total failure of leadership” and the coalition wants to “get some actual action that would actually improve things and saves people’s lives.”

The situation is also tough in hospitals where the vice president of the Ontario Nurses Association says nurses have to triage their tasks because there isn’t enough staff.

“They’re going to work crying because they know they can’t give the care they need,” says Angela Precanin.

The health coalition is calling on the province to urgently address the problems including calling in the military to help provide care, set up rapid response teams and a voluntary human resource deployment system to get people into long term care homes and hospitals to help.

Mehra adds all health care workers and essential care givers N95 masks and remove the barriers for internationally educated nurses and health care workers to allow them to start working immediately.

Mehra is looking for action from the province this week and warns health care professionals will continue pushing the issue with Premier Doug Ford. “We’re not letting you off the hook. You don’t get to do PR announcements and do nothing to address the actual health care crisis.”

Man with a weapon threatens hospital staff

The Independent

While health care workers were hailed with parades in Petrolia and Sarnia, some workers faced a few scary moments at Bluewater Health Sarnia.

A man, very upset, walked into the ER Jan. 17 and began arguing with staff. He fled and security and some staff followed him. He turned and ap-

peared to be holding a gun. He pointed at the guard and lunged forward. The staff ran inside, taking cover. The man went into the ER and caused further panic in the waiting room.

Police later found the man on Durand St. with a replica BB gun and 37 grams of crystal meth. He’s facing 28 charges including four counts of assault with a weapon.

United Way had \$103k less to help in 2022

Heather Wright
The Independent

The United Way in Sarnia Lambton had to make some tough choices this year.

The 2021 campaign officially wrapped up raising \$1,647,000 of the \$1,750,000 goal.

Community volunteers reviewed 39 programs with \$2,171,320 in funding requests

“There was just not enough money to fund every program and service, the volunteers went through each application while reviewing past successes of the previously funded

programs,” said Gerry Whitcombe, Volunteer Community Investment Chair.

In all, 28 programs received funding, five existing programs did not. The United Way focuses on programs which help kids and seniors and helps lift people out of poverty.

The money this year will be used for everything from the Big Brothers and Sisters Matching program, Meals on Wheels, school nutrition programs, counselling, the Distress Line and the Tel Check program, suicide prevention, income tax clinics, rent and utility assistance, dental, medical and prescription assistance.

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School safe as kids head to class: directors

The Independent

While teachers voiced concern on line, administrators of the publicly funded school boards in Lambton were confident schools were safer than they were two weeks ago as kids headed back to class.

Students had been learning online for two weeks as the provincial government said it was making schools safer during the Omicron wave the pandemic. The COVID-19 is highly contagious and many teachers voiced concern about the safety of their classrooms. But the province said with the N95 masks provided for teachers, two rapid antigen tests per elementary school student, a new screening app and more HEPA air filters, there would be less risk in going to school than continuing online.

The director of the St. Clair District Catholic Board, Scott Johnson, agreed. “Do I think it’s a safer position than it was two weeks ago? I absolutely do,” said Johnson. “Each time we’ve come back, we’ve come back safer than we were the previous time and each time we’ve come back, we

had fewer cases in schools than we had originally feared.” John Howitt of the Lambton-Kent District School Board also said the return to school was safe adding he’s spent the week reminding people about the measures being taken. Howitt also tweeted out a picture Friday of the board’s rapid tests arriving. Staff had to put together packets of two tests and instructions for each students to be ready for back to class Monday. Critics say worried parents will have no way of gauging whether it is safe to send their kids to school, since the boards have been told not to keep count of the number of positive rapid tests results.

Instead, boards will keep track of attendance and when 30 per cent of the student body is absent - whether for illness or anything else - they’ll report that to public health.

Students who want to learn from home can stay with their class, however they won’t be able to hear the classes live. They’ll be assigned homework and can meet with the teachers remotely.

Corrections officers want N95 masks

Heather Wright
The Independent

The head of the union at the Sarnia Jail says his members should have access to N95 masks during an COVID-19 outbreak.

On Jan. 8, Lambton Public Health declared an outbreak at the jail. By Jan. 18, 32 inmates and fewer than five guards had tested positive. Joel Bissonette, the head of Local 128 of the Ontario Public Service Employees’ Union, first began to see signs of COVID in the jail before Christmas with staff members testing positive at that time. He estimates at least 10 jail staff have now tested positive.

The story is the same as it was in the first waves of the pandemic. The Sarnia Jail is a crowded place and there are no walls to isolate people who might be ill. “The union is actively trying to get us approval for N95 masks when we’re dealing with either con-

firmed positive or suspected positives cases and to date we have not we have not been able to get that agreement.”

Bissonette says ironically the N95s are in the building and used for other health and safety concerns such as when they suspect they’ve found fentanyl.

“The employer is saying the surgical masks are good enough and we’re questioning that...with the new variants.”

Bissonette says a Sarnia corrections officer did file an appeal to try to get the proper protection, however it was turned down.

And the union says while the Ministry of Correction reduced the number of people at the Sarnia Jail during outbreak, that’s not happening now because there are so many other jails with COVID, there is no place for the people to go.

He says 99 bed facility is “almost 100 per cent full if not over capacity.”

Opioid epidemic impacting all of Lambton

Heather Wright
The Independent

Lambton OPP Insp. Chris Avery believes the opioid epidemic in Walpole Island is having an effect on all of Lambton County.

Avery recently spoke with Petrolia town councillors about the detachment’s work in the community. And while he touched on some of the mischief, vandalism and other offenses they deal with on a regular basis in town, Avery says he sees the strain of the COVID-19 pandemic and how some are turning to drugs to ease their mental health issues.

“On the Mental Health Act (cases) where there is an attempt or a threat of suicide ...those calls are up incredibly,” he told

councillors adding he believes it is linked to the regions opioid crisis.

The OPP has been helping the Walpole Island First Nation Police deal with the crisis in that community for several months.

“We’ve seen that there is an organized crime presence that is, I think, in the county - that is linked to the trafficking issues.

“And I think that organized crime has the ability to have a foothold in the community of Lambton County and I think it affects all the municipalities contained within that.”

One of the areas Avery says the OPP are watching is the illegal cannabis shops. Avery believes they may be moving opioids through the black market shops, although they have not had “success” catching the practice.

Over \$1M in recreation grants in Central Lambton

Three Central Lambton municipalities are getting grants to help improve recreation facilities from the province.

Lambton-Kent-Middlesex MPP Monte McNaughton and Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey joined the minister of recreation for the virtual announcement Thursday.

In all \$5.6 million will be spread out over southern Ontario.

In Central Lambton, St. Clair Township receives \$500,000. It will go to repair

the chiller unit at the Mooretown Sports Complex.

Enniskillen is receiving \$218,800 to build washrooms at the ball diamond in Marthaville.

And Dawn-Euphemia is receiving \$43,000 to repair outdoor bleachers at the Florence Community which are falling apart.

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority is also receiving \$246,500 for projects in the region.

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Editorial

It’s not mild

Enough with the idea of that the Omicron variant of COVID-19 is mild.

Yes, if you get it and you are healthy, it may only seem like a cold - mild you might say comparing it to the awful deaths with people gasping for their last breaths on their own which we have heard about throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

But the affects of the highly transmissible virus are not mild.

Surgeries of all kinds across the province have been put on hold because there are now nearly 5,000 in hospital with this “mild” COVID. Statistically, because so many more people have this variant, more people eventually end up in the hospital.

So, people waiting for that knee replacement or even cancer surgeries wait even longer. What was stage two cancer becomes stage four and there is little that can be done when the surgery rooms do swing into gear again.

Even those in hospital for COVID treatment may not get the care they need because up to 30 per cent of health care workers will be off work, also sick from this ‘mild’ COVID or staying home because they’ve been exposed.

In schools, kids will get this “mild” virus. So will their teachers. So many of them will get it, the kids left in the classrooms might have a parent “teaching” and they may have new classmates as two classrooms are combined to deal with the lack of staff.

Phones will ring off the hooks at businesses, missing much needed orders because staff is off work, sick or isolating because someone in their family is sick.

Drive thru windows are closed because even the big chain restaurants don’t have enough staff.

And in long term care, thousands of people are again kept away from families, isolated for their medical protection while their mental health plummets.

These are just some of the medical, economic and social affects of this “mild” COVID. But perhaps the worst is this; in the first 18 days of 2022, 16 people in Lambton County lost their lives to this ‘mild’ COVID-19. That’s 16 families and scores of friends who will never be the same again.

Ask them if they think Omicron is mild.

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Opinion

Paramedic’s battle with PTSD was ‘an everyday struggle’

EDITOR:

I was finally able to gather a copy of the article you wrote about my brother’s terrible and tragic passing on Dec. 21, 2021.

I wondered why no one had contacted the family to inquire about Neil and how he was truly being treated by his employer and how PTSD was truly affecting him.

Surely his family would know more details about his struggles than his EMT supervisor. We as a family have taken time to digest the contents of the article and take issue with the fact that it appears Mr. Brooks takes the position that Neil’s PTSD acquired from his time spent as a first responder has been treated. That couldn’t be more from the truth. To the family it appears as nothing more than the powers that be washing their hands of the issues created with first response occupations.

Neil was loved by everyone but Neil had his demons as well. To say that he was treat for PTSD is anything

but accurate. The better thing to say would be that Neil was being treated for PTSD. He was in the fight, the fight wasn’t finished. He had not won, ultimately he lost. His addictions had multiple triggers but the main one was his PTSD.

He knew this and expressed it to us daily. He had insight and he was working through it.

He had sought the benefit of the folks at #IGOTYOURBACK911 and they had purchased him a service dog named Nash who was at Neil’s side constantly. He loved that dog. That dog was in his life because he was being treated for PTSD. The dog would serve no purpose if he was already finished with the harm that running into tragedy when all others are running away causes on one’s mental health.

There is no doubt that the stigma around mental health has lessened but the message is one of continued hope in the fact that there is more to do, the hope that more will be done. The

message from Mr. Brooks was that Harv had PTSD, we treated it, but oh yeah he was also an addict and it was the drugs that killed him. Not the case exactly. Sure the drugs killed him.

He died alone and cold in a parking lot. No one could have changed that. The addiction won.

The addiction was a direct result of the mental health challenges that Neil was facing and those were a direct result of his employment.

He tried rehab, he was in counseling, he was fighting. He was a fighter, for himself, for his son and for his family.

We fought for him and will continue to do as long as there are articles like this in place that allude to the fact that he had successfully battled PTSD. To accept that response is an acceptance based in ignorance.

One is never free from addiction. It is an everyday struggle. The same can be said for PTSD. The struggle is real everyday.

**Nick Cake
Sarnia, ON**

Petrolia woman tired of dog owners giving her lawn ‘the business’

EDITOR:

I live on Grove Street in Petrolia, a very short, quiet street in town.

We have a dog living here and my daughter keeps him on a leash when she takes him out. When he does his “business,” my daughter picks it up right away and dispenses of it in the garbage.

Many people walk their dogs on our street I have no problem with that. What annoys me is finding other dogs “business” on my front lawn.

Some of it is from larger dogs, and some from smaller dogs.

I would appreciate it if the people that leave their pets “business” on my lawn would pick it up.

If you don’t have a bag, then you can knock on my door and ask for one, I will provide you with one.

I believe there is a bylaw about picking up after your dog.

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**Glenda Paolucci
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New tanker for Dawn-Euphemia fire

Heather Wright
The Independent

Dawn-Euphemia could have a new fire truck by the end of February.

Fire Chief Don Ewing says the tanker truck will be replacing a unit which has been in service since 1990. A committee was set up for the purchase and sent out specifications to 11 different manufacturers. Just one replied says Ewing.

The Freightliner Tanker is one of two available for sale from the dealer. The add ons the department needs, including a front monitor nozzle which helps with fires in farm fields, are already in stock.

Capt. John Sanderson, one of the members of the committee, recently told council that will come in handy..

“If we’re really short manpower this allows us to position the truck in a space that would let us use the front monitor to protect an exposure or keep a fire from spreading until we got more help on scene,” he says.

Sanderson says the tanker will also have a portable pump which will be able to feed

water to a pumper that is low on water; a feature he says will be particularly good when the fire department is on the scene where there is a long driveway.

The department originally wanted to buy a different brand but it was quite high. And Sanderson says Freightliner had a truck available immediately - unusual in a time of supply chain problems.

“With most manufacturers, there is a lack of inventory,” says Sanderson noting Oil Springs is waiting more than a year to source a new truck.

The Dawn-Euphemia department is expecting delivery of the new pumper by the end of February or early March, says Ewing.

The original budget approved in 2020 for the new vehicle was \$350,000. Because of the shortage in vehicles now, the department requested \$400,000 to purchase a new tanker. Instead, they’ll pay \$329,894. Ewing is asking some of the money saved be put into reserves for replacements of other trucks in the future.

The current tanker will be used by the public works department.

More than smoke setting off alarms: Boyes

Heather Brouwer
Local Journalism Initiative

Some newer smoke alarms are detecting more than just smoke.

“They’re somewhat sensitive to dust,” explains Richard Boyes, Director of Emergency Services for St. Clair Township.

“And the alarms react as if it’s smoke.”

The issue was addressed briefly at a recent council meeting, when a councillor noted the increasing number of alarm calls the department had received.

Boyes explains that a large portion of those calls were to newer homes in Corunna’s Paddock Green subdivision. Here, in the new builds, photoelectric smoke alarms are hardwired into the homes and activate when light is reflected onto their sensors. However, they can also be triggered by dust, debris, dirt, bugs, spiderwebs, humidity, HVAC vents, and direct sunlight.

This has been happening somewhat regularly, he says — at least once a month — to unsuspecting residents, who don’t realize the manufacturer recommends cleaning the units weekly.

“It’s a surprise to most homeowners,” adds Deputy Fire Chief Andrew McMillan.

It even happened to Boyes when he moved into the area.

“I’m a firefighter and I’m not immune,” he says.

Boyes recommends checking your alarm’s manual for best practices in maintaining your unit, as some, like First Alert, require

weekly cleaning with compressed air and a soft brush.

One concern around nuisance alarms — besides inconvenience to homeowners and cost to taxpayers — is that people will respond by removing them.

“In most fatal fires, investigations find that the smoke alarm was either not working or removed,” says McMillan, who focuses on fire prevention and fire safety education.

“It is so important that people have working smoke alarms. Early detection and warning of a fire is crucial to anyone’s chance of survival.”

In addition to having working smoke alarms, he says, developing and practicing a home fire escape plan gives everyone the best chance of surviving a fire in the home.

The fine for removing or failing to install a smoke alarm is \$360.

An additional concern is that homeowners might ignore nuisance alarms.

“It brings a sense of complacency,” says Boyes.

“But every time it activates, we need to go into ‘get out of here’ mode.”

He stresses that homeowners must regularly maintain and test their smoke alarms and replace photoelectric units that are nearing the end of their lifetime (seven to 10 years).

“It’s a pretty cheap insurance policy and peace of mind that lets you get out of the house.”

- THE INDEPENDENT

Bressette remembered as ‘pioneering spirit’

Heather Wright
The Independent

The man who was the chief of the Kettle and Stony Point during the Ipperwash crisis and who later signed a deal with the federal government to return the former military camp to the community has died.

Tom Bressette, who had been Chief of the nation for about 30 years over the course of his life, passed away Jan. 14.

Bressette was first elected as a councillor to the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point in 1986 and was elected chief in 1990.

In 1993, some members of the First Nation began to occupy the property and in September 1995, Dudley George was shot

and killed by an OPP officer after a group of about 30 protesters occupied nearby Ipperwash Provincial Park – a sacred burial ground. An inquiry into the crisis concluded the province, the feds and the OPP bore responsibility for George’s death.

In April 2016, Bressette signed an agreement on behalf of the First Nation which returned the land to the Kettle and Stony Point people and provided a \$95 million settlement.

The present Kettle and Stony Point council said in a letter that Bressette “served in many other capacities that enabled our First Nation to advance forward and will certainly be remembered for his pioneering spirit”.

LAMBTON GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD RECRUITMENT



LAMBTON GROUP
POLICE SERVICES
BOARD

Position: Community Member-At-Large
Closing Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022
Closing Time: 12:00 Noon

The Lambton Group Police Services Board currently consists of four (4) members appointed from the province (2) and partner municipality councils (2), one (1) community member-at-large along with representatives of the Lambton OPP.

The LGPSB oversee how policing is provided through contract with the Ontario Provincial Police in the communities of Brooke-Alvinston, Dawn-Euphemia, Enniskillen, Lambton Shores, Oil Springs, Petrolia, Plympton-Wyoming, St.Clair and Warwick. Members contribute to their community’s safety and well-being and appropriate policing needs.

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) police services boards are responsible for:

- determining objectives and priorities for police services, in consultation with the OPP detachment commander
- advising the OPP detachment commander assigned to the municipal area on police services and supports required in the area
- establishing local policies on police services
- participating in the selection of the detachment commander
- receiving regular reports from the detachment commander
- monitoring the performance of the detachment commander

This is a remunerated position.
The LGPSB meet in February, April, June, August, October and December.

All interested, qualified parties are invited to submit application for the position <i>no later than February 23, 2022.</i> Please include with application information on your background and reasons that you are interested in serving on the Lambton Group Police Services Board.	LGPSB c/o Mandi Pearson, Secretary Box 3000, Wyoming, ON N0N 1T0 OR Email: lgpsb.secretary@gmail.com
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We appreciate the interest of all those who respond, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Information obtained through this posting is collected for candidate selection only and is protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information Act. The LGPSB is an equal opportunity board committed to inclusive, barrier-free recruitment and selection processes. We will accommodate the needs of applicants under the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) throughout all stages of the recruitment and selection process. Please advise the Board Secretary to ensure your accessibility needs are accommodated throughout this process.



Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference Twin Creeks Environmental Centre Landfill Optimization Project Environmental Assessment

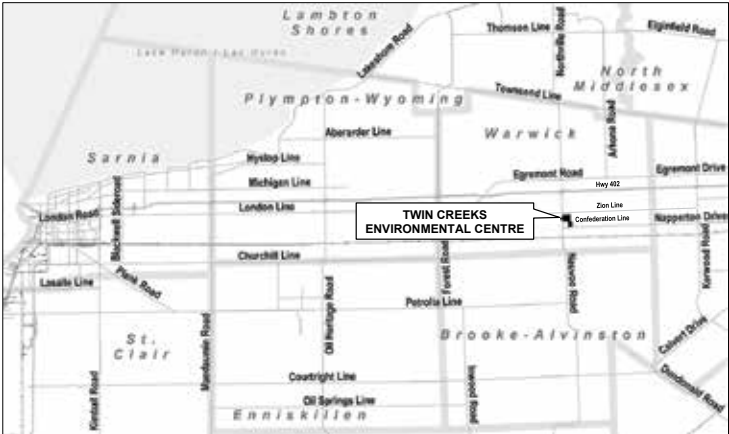
As part of the planning process for the Waste Management of Canada Corporation (WM) Twin Creeks Environmental Centre (TCEC) Landfill Optimization Project, a Terms of Reference (ToR) was submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review as required under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. If approved, the ToR will serve as a framework for the preparation and review of the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed increase in landfill airspace capacity at the TCEC.

WM, the owner and operator of the TCEC in Watford, Ontario, has initiated an EA seeking approval to focus the EA on the assessment of alternative methods for increasing the landfill airspace capacity at the TCEC. The TCEC has approximately 13.2M m³ of remaining approved landfill airspace, which corresponds to about 10 years of operating life (2021 to 2031). This optimization project could provide additional airspace capacity of up to approximately 14M m³, which could extend the site life by about 12 years (from 2031 to 2043). There would be no change to the current 301 ha site area, the approved service area, or the annual fill rate.

There is a need for the continued development of the TCEC as it is a significant component of the provincial waste management network and infrastructure, which is lacking in sufficient and secure long-term disposal capacity. Optimizing the future development of the TCEC allows for on-going sustainable business operations and continued provision of essential financial support for community services and programs.

The TCEC is located in the Township of Warwick near the Village of Watford, at the corner of Nauvoo Road and Zion Line (see Location Map below). The purpose of the EA is to assess the potential effects of the proposed landfill optimization on the environment.

LOCATION MAP



The ToR will be available for public review from **January 7, 2022** through **February 6, 2022** on the TCEC project website www.wm.com/ca/en/twin-creeks-landfill/landfill-optimization-project and at the following locations during normal business hours:

Township of Warwick Municipal Office 6332 Nauvoo Road, Watford, ON N0M 2S0 Watford Library 5317 Nauvoo Road, Watford, ON N0M 2S0

Members of the public, agencies, Indigenous communities, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in reviewing and providing comments on the ToR. Written comments on the ToR must be received by **February 6, 2022** and should be submitted to the MECP Project Officer:

Cindy Batista, Special Project Officer
Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Ave. West, Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5
Telephone: 437-248-0058
Email: cindy.batista@ontario.ca

A copy of all comments will be forwarded to WM for consideration.

If you have difficulty obtaining a copy of the ToR from the project website, or have project-related questions, please contact:

Wayne Jenken
Area Landfill Manager, Eastern Canada Area
Waste Management of Canada Corporation
5768 Nauvoo Road, Watford, ON N0M 2S0
Phone: 519.849.5810
E-mail: wjenken@wm.com

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Published January 7, 2022

160 years ago John Shaw’s gusher shook Oil Springs



The three poled derrick in the foreground is the exact spot John Shaw’s gusher blew 160 years ago Jan. 16.

Pat McGee
Special to The Independent

Canada’s first oil gusher exploded with a roar in Oil Springs exactly 160 years ago today. It was January 16, 1862 when John Shaw chiselled 52 metres into the rock formation – much deeper than anyone thought sane – and struck oil.

The John Shaw well, in the foreground, is preserved on the Fairbank Oil property in Oil Springs.



John Shaw

With the force of a firehose, enormous amounts of oil spewed high over treetops. The continuing roar could be heard for miles. Oil flowed down the frozen Black Creek to the Sydenham River then on to Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie. It gushed 2,000 to 3,000 barrels of almost pure oil every 24 hours. It couldn’t be controlled for days.

Finally, Americans who had seen gushers in Pennsylvania, brought the roar under control using a four-metre leather bag filled with flax seed. The seed, engorged with oil, plugged the cavity around the pipe that rose seven metres into the air. It quelled the flow, and four 120-gallon tanks collected the oil. Once controlled, huge amounts of oil continued to flow for four months.

The news travelled fast, far and wide, even reaching the pages of The New York Times. In a frenzy, hundreds of men flocked to Oil Springs from all directions. This oil rush soared beyond the first rush when James Miller Williams struck oil in Oil Springs in 1858, a year ahead of Pennsylvania’s first well. And it was far more than the 1860 rush when Leonard Baldwin Vaughn struck the first “flowing well” in Oil Springs. Flowing wells gush a great deal of oil with no pump. Shaw’s gusher was

viewed as a terrible “waste”, not as an environmental disaster, as it would be today.

PETROLIA OIL DEVELOPMENT PIVOT TO OIL SPRINGS

In a strange twist of fate, Shaw’s gusher delayed the development of Petrolia’s very early budding of oil. In 1861, John Shaw was working wells with two other oil partners on the flats of Bear Creek in Petrolia when the main street was just “a streak in the bush.” Shaw was reportedly a difficult man and to get rid of him, the partners gave him an acre of land in Oil Springs.

“The news soon spread and a tremendous rush took place to Oil Springs, while Petrolia (original spelling) dropped back to its ancient solitude,” reported the Petrolia Topic on January 29, 1902. Historian Victor Lauriston retold the story in his book Lambton County’s 100 Years 1849-1949. “Fate laughed.”

THE MAN WHO HIT OIL SPRINGS’ FIRST GUSHER

John Shaw was a travelling photographer, believed to be American, who drifted north, became broke and would exhaust his credit in Oil Springs. For six months, he laboured at his well with a spring pole chiselling into the bedrock along with partners Hugh Smiley and J. Coryell. Discouraged, he very nearly gave up before he struck the gusher.

This was all happening five years before Confederation, when Canada was called British North America and Ontario was called both Canada West or Upper Canada

Oil was a “new” source of energy



for producing kerosene for lamps, a relief for areas without coal, like Canada West. Whale oil grew too expensive and distilling solid coal to make coal oil for lamps was difficult and costly. Lubrication would swiftly be another key use for petroleum. The combustion engine, which would find many more uses for oil, was still decades away.

The allure of oil made 1862 a stunning year in Oil Springs. Before the year ended, an incredible 32 more flowing wells were struck, heightening the oil frenzy. The most amazing was the Black and Mathieson well which was producing 7,500 barrels each day for several days. These flowing wells produced incredibly high amounts of oil for weeks or a few months, then a pump was added and it continued to produce. At the end of 1862, Oil Springs had 1,000 wells producing 12,000 barrels daily and 10 refineries.

With such a glut of oil, the price of barrel of oil plummeted from \$4 a barrel to a mere 10 cents.

Transporting oil to the Great Western Railroad in Wyomington in 1862 became impossibly slow. The 18 km road between the two spots was so deplorable, it was nicknamed “the canal.” Horses waded up to their bellies in the clay, which was said to be “the most adhesive mud to be found anywhere in Canada.”

Stone-boats, which were like sleighs, were used and one team of horses could carry no more than two barrels at a time. By May 1862, a plank road of squared off timbers was laid which improved the road ...somewhat.

AFTER THE GUSHERS

As men flocked to Oil Springs, the population ballooned to over 4,000.

By 1866, Oil Springs boasted 1,500 wells, 12 general stores, nine hotels, 27 refineries and a daily newspaper. But there were signs in 1865 the boom was ending.

A booming downtown sprung up as the number of oil wells grew in



FROM THE DAVE BURWELL POSTCARD COLLECTION

Oxford House, one of nine hotels built in Oil Springs to serve the oil men who came to strike it rich.

Oil Springs.

In May, the American Civil War had ended so many Americans left. Oil Springs had no more flowing wells after 1862 and oil men noticed more salt flowing into their diminishing wells.

People also feared a war between the US and British North America. Heavily armed Fenians, who wanted Ireland to be free of English rule, started invading Canada, thinking if they seized land here, the British would give Ireland independence.

On June 1, 1866 more than 1,000 Fenians crossed the Niagara River at Buffalo and the Battle of Ridgeway ensued, killing nine Canadians and wounding far more. The Fenians did not prevail.

1866, Oil Springs was abandoned, almost overnight, and many fled to Petrolia hoping it would become the next boom town.

JOHN VS HUGH NIXON

In the early 1860s, there were two men named Shaw who were pursuing oil in Oil Springs.

John Shaw was one, the other was the highly respected Hugh Nixon Shaw who helped layout the village.

Though they were two distinctly different men, their stories were blended into one Hugh Nixon Shaw. From the 1940s right

through to 2010, the prevailing story was that Hugh Nixon Shaw struck Canada’s first gusher and later was asphyxiated in his own well.

In 2010, Dana Thorne researched a vast number of newspaper reports and books to conclude the gusher was indeed struck by John Shaw.

At the time, she was on a Robert Cochrane Fellowship in Oil Springs and she now heads the Heritage Museum in Grand Bend.

AND WHAT BECAME OF JOHN SHAW?

It appears John Shaw’s boastfulness and unpleasantness made him universally disliked. He soon lost his wealth to bad business deals and swindlers, drifted down to Pennsylvania and died broke in 1871 at the age of 42, possibly in Petrolia.

Today, the Shaw Well and the site of many other flowing wells are on Fairbank Oil Fields.

Owner Charlie Fairbank erected a three-pole derrick at the Shaw Well, visible east of the barn on the flats of Black Creek.

Fairbank Oil Fields and the Oil Museum of Canada (on the site of Williams 1858 well) together form one National Historic Site.

PAT MCGEE IS THE AUTHOR OF THE STORY OF FAIRBANK OIL

Sports

Senior playoffs scheduled for next month

Barry Wright
The Independent

If the Petrolia Squires and the rest of its senior league are given the green light to resume play after the current provincial restrictions are lifted, the league has decided to move directly to its playoff season. Tentatively, the second season is scheduled to begin on the first weekend in February.

Using winning percentage to determine regular season placing, the Squires finished ninth in the 13-team league with a record of 4-8-2.

The top eight teams will play for the “AA” trophy while the other five, including the Squires, will vie for the “A” hardware. Petrolia will receive a first-round bye and will play either Creemore or Milverton in the semi-finals. The latter teams will play a best-of-three series to determine who will face the Squires.



Petrolia connection leads Eagles to victory

The Independent

A Petrolia minor hockey product had two goals and an assist including the game-winning goal at 1:51 of overtime to lift the Northern Colorado Eagles to a 5-4 win over Ogden In USPHL action Sunday. Bayly Fryfogle is tied for the scoring lead among defencemen for the Eagles with eight goals and 20 points in 28 games this season. Petrolia’s Evan Wammes also has 20 points from the backend with

Northern Colorado with four goals and 16 assists. Fryfogle’s younger brother, Brayden, who also played minor hockey in Petrolia, leads the team in scoring with 14 goals and 31 points in 30 games. Brayden Fryfogle and Wammes both registered assists in the weekend victory.

Meantime, Lambton Jr. Sting grad Beau Depencier of Dresden is having a strong rookie season with Atlanta of the same league. The 17 year-old has nine goals and 23 points in 32 games.



Bayly Fryfogle

Power registers points in first two games in Manitoba

Former Lambton Jr. Sting Zach Power has begun his career with the Steinbach Pistons of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League with points in his first two games.

The Glencoe native had two assists in his first game, a shootout loss last Friday and he added an assist in a loss Saturday. He was also

unsuccessful in a shootout attempt in the opener. The Pistons lead the MJHL with a record of 24-7-2.

Prior to be sent out west, Power was leading the GOJHL with 17 goals and 54 points in 22 games with the London Nationals.

Sting remain perfect against Hunter, Knights

Barry Wright
The Independent

Over the past several seasons, the Sarnia Sting have seldom had bragging rights over Oil Springs’ Dale Hunter and his London Knights.

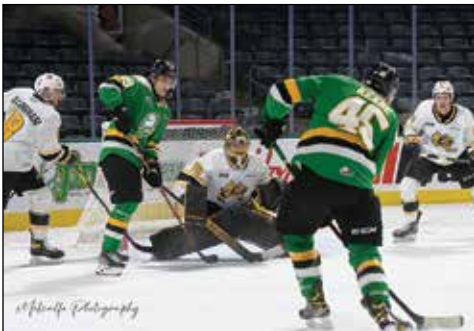
But this year is an exception, at least to this point, with the Sting prevailing in all four games between the two rivals to date this season.

Sunday, Ben Gaudreau made 49 saves to backstop the Sarnia to a 4-2 win over the Knights in the Forest City.

Nolan Dann led the Sting with a Gordie Howe hat trick. He scored in the first period, added an assist in the third and fought Landon Sim late in the contest after the London rookie made contact with Gaudreau.

Sarnia has won three of four games since the extended holiday break and have climbed back to the .500 mark in the standings with a record of 13-13-3.

London is second in the Western Conference with a record of 19-9-1. They are five points behind conference-leading



METCALFE PHOTOGRAPHY

Ben Gaudreau had 49 saves in the Sting win over the Knights.

Sault Ste. Marie with five games in hand.

Sarnia is scheduled to play a home-and-home series this weekend with the Owen Sound Attack with the first game in Sarnia on Friday night before the teams return to the Bayshore for a Sunday afternoon contest.

London is scheduled to host Erie Friday, travel to Guelph Saturday and entertain the Storm Sunday afternoon.

Future of LKSSAA sports likely clearer this week

The governor of the Lambton Kent Secondary School Athletic Association (LKSSAA) hopes that a potential resumption of the winter high school season can take place soon.

As of press time Tuesday, James Clarke said more clarity could be available this week.

The league is currently on its regular hiatus over the exam period. The original schedule had the winter season resuming the week of Feb. 7 with girls’ and boys’ hockey and curling, girls’ volleyball and boys’ basketball.

STAYING Active

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Diabetes affects approximately 2.5 million Canadians, with over 200,000 cases being diagnosed every year. Researchers around the globe have all found that regular exercise, along with dietary changes, can help manage diabetes.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LAMBTON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

The Annual Meeting of the Policyholders of LAMBTON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY will be held by way of a virtual meeting on

Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

TO:

1. Receive, consider and approve the Annual Statements and Auditors’ Report for the year ended December 31, 2021.
2. Elect two directors for a three-year term in accordance with Company By-laws.
3. Appoint auditors.
4. Transact such further business as may rightly come before the meeting.

Please email watford@lambtonmutual.com if you wish to attend and request your link to the virtual meeting.

NOTE: The Annual Statements for the Company for the year ending December 31, 2021 may be viewed on the Company’s website at www.lambtonmutual.com. A Member may obtain a copy of the Annual Statements by sending a written notice to the Company’s head office at least 14 days before the Meeting.

Classified Deadline:
Monday @ 12 noon

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Mike Cumming, Road Superintendent
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Notice

Township of Enniskillen
Notice of Passing of an Interim Control By-Law

Take Notice that the Council of the Township of Enniskillen has passed By-law 8 of 2021 on the 10th day of January, 2022, under Section 38 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

The Purpose and Effect of the By-law is to conduct a study of the current policies and regulations applicable to the growing, production and processing of cannabis, including the production and manufacturing of cannabis-based items within the Township of Enniskillen. The study is expected to make recommendations regarding the need for amendments to the Township's Official Plan and/or Zoning By-law


The By-law will remain in effect for one year.

No Key Map has been provided as the By-law applies to all lands within the Township of Enniskillen.

For more information about this matter, please contact the Municipal Offices at 4465 Rokeby Line, R.R. 1, Petrolia, ON during regular office hours.

Dated at the Township of Enniskillen this 11th Day of January, 2022.

Duncan McTavish
Administration-Clerk
Township of Enniskillen
4465 Rokeby Line R.R.1
Petrolia, ON N0N 1R0
Telephone: (519) 882-2490
Fax: (519) 882-3335




Coming Events

The Sarnia Lambton Alliance against Hate along with the Women's Interval home, Lambton Literacy, The Book Keeper, Sarnia-Lambton Children's Aid, Diversity Ed, YMCA, Sarnia Lambton Local Immigration Partnership, and Lambton County Library have partnered together to create a **CHILDREN'S STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN 0-10 YEARS OLD**. Each month, two books will be selected based on a new aspect of diversity and will be read by local community members. The series starts on **January 17, 2022** and can be watched by streaming on the Sarnia Lambton Alliance against Hate Facebook page.

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Rev. Michelle Collins-Wongkee
Church Office 519-882-1430
christchurchpetrolia@gmail.com

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Rev Carol Ferguson
Church Office: 519-882-1390
www.stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net

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Pastor: Alex Craig
Church Office 519-882-2480
email: fbcpetrolia@gmail.com
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Hijlke Ralph Pool

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We would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your thoughtfulness shown to our family in the recent passing of our beloved husband, father and grandfather, Hijlke Ralph Pool. Your kindness shown by way of flowers, food, cards, prayers and phone calls have greatly supported us. Thank you to the staff at bluewater health Sarnia and Needham-Jay Funeral Home.

Willy Pool, Tammy, Lisa, Amanda, Christopher and families.

Death Notices

January 9 - 17, 2022

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

RUNDLE, Joan (Vanita)

Age 75, of Petrolia
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

BRAIN, Catharine May

(n Burgess)
Age 94, of Point Edward
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

DENNIE, Armine Yola

(n Sfredo)
Age 85
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

FLEGEL, Joan Anne

(n Carragher)
Age 87
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

HAVLIK, Tom

Age 57, of Petrolia
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

BRUNTON, Mary Astrid
Charlene (n Cormier)

Age 78
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

FORD, Grace May

Age 79
Denning's of Forest

RAVENHORST, John

Age 93, of Petrolia
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

SCHALKWYK, Geraldine
Elizabeth (n McFarland)

Age 72
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

BERMINGHAM, Shannon
Eileen (n Allen)

Age 51, of Sarnia
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

MCRAE, John Franklin

Age 62
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

BABCOCK, Jacqueline

Age 80
Smith Funeral Home

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

BRESSETTE, Thomas
Michael

Age 66, of Kettle & Stony Point
Gilpin Funeral Chapel - Forest

BRESSETTE-KJONO,
Leonore Michelle

Age 63
Denning's of Forest

BRULL, Petronella
Huberdina "Nellie"

(n Janssen)
Age 89
Denning's of Watford

SHANNON, Tracy Lynn

(n Priddle)
Age 45
Smith Funeral Home

STEWART, Ruth Angela

(n Reynolds)
Age 94
Steadman Brothers Funeral Home

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

CRAIG, Caroline Catherine

(n Kohut)
Age 72
McCormack Funeral Home

ROOT, Kenneth E

Age 78, of Town
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

SANDERS, Cor

Age 89
Smith Funeral Home

SMITH, Ross

Age 96, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

UPTON, Stella "Marie"

Age 94
Smith Funeral Home

WALLER, Douglas Reginald

Age 82, of Sarnia
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

COTÉ, Doris Elsie

(n Kershaw)
Age 67, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

NOWAK, John Joseph

Age 80
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

WASSINK, Gerrit Dirk

Age 90
Smith Funeral Home

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

KOHUT, Yaris "Chunky"

Age 87
Smith Funeral Home

NICKELS, Mark "Varmit"

Age 69, of Sarnia
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

PARKER, Mary "Vivian"

(n Archer)
Age 93
Steadman Brothers Funeral Home

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Carolyn Napper

To all our family and friends:

We can't express enough how much your outpouring of love and support after the loss of our beloved wife, mother, and sister, Carolyn, has meant to us. Each and every one of your cards, messages, e-mails, phone calls, gifts of food, flowers, and donations to her memorial, has been a light in a time of darkness.

Thank you, too, for sharing your memories and stories of Carolyn. It's been wonderful to hear how she was loved, about the lives she touched, and that she will be remembered.

Special thanks to the staff of Meadowview Villa, Carolyn's home for the last nine years, for their outstanding care. Thanks to Lambton Elderly Outreach, Carolyn's favourite travel agency, for making years of home visits possible. Thank you to the March of Dimes and their staff of hard-working PSWs for all of their help they provided us over the last 20 years. Thank-you to the staff C.E.E. Hospital for the years of excellent care, and to the staff of the palliative care unit for their compassion during Carolyn's final days. Thanks once again to Dr. Taylor, Dr. Daniel, and Dr. Hijazi for their dedicated and kind medical care.

Thank you to Dan Helps for leading the memorial service with kindness, eloquence, and grace. Thank-you to the staff of Needham-Jay funeral home for arranging the beautiful memorial, and for your guidance during this time. Deepest thanks to our cherished family, the McMurrays, for expressing their love and memories of Carolyn with their beautiful eulogies during the memorial. And special thank-yous to Carolyn Tripp, Daryl Thompson, and Todd and Kathy Case, for all of the extra support you've lent our family during this time.

We are deeply touched and overwhelmed by all of your love and kindness. Thank you for supporting us during this difficult time.

With love and gratitude,
Lonny, Vicki, Mike, Ginny and Don



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