

Petrolia plans for growth

Heather Wright
The Independent

A new planning document says Petrolia should allow granny suites and set a target for new affordable homes in the community.

Those are just two of a raft of suggestions from NPG - a consulting group reviewing the town's official plan. That plan lays out rules for homes, businesses and industries in the community.

NPG officials told Petrolia councillors Monday over the next 25 years, the town could see the population grow as much as 1,350 people from its current population of 6,013 to 7,372 people.

That will require a lot more housing.

The plan says the Petrolia needs a "mix of housing options" and should try to encourage homes to be built in vacant lots in established neighbourhoods - a process called infilling.

The report says Petrolia has mostly single family homes, and that could change. "Residential intensification could occur via redevelopment, the addition of units in existing dwellings or accessory buildings, infilling or repurposing of non-residential buildings."

That would mean could mean the addition of granny suites in some areas. It could also mean more apartments in single family homes - something the province has been encouraging in the Build Homes Faster Act.

EYE ON THE BALL



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Tessa Jackson was in a battle for the ball during the LCCVI Sr. Girls game against Great Lakes Monday in Sarnia. The Lancers and Wolfpack tied at one.

No dedicated fire boat for Stag

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The Independent

St. Clair Township firefighters will rely on commercial ferries to get to Fawn and Stag Island if there is a fire.

That may leave people on Stag Island in the lurch in the short term.

After a New Years Day fire in 2022, Fire Chief Richard Boyes started looking at the response to the two St. Clair River islands where there are about 180 cottages. Boyes found the department could

not use a private boat to get the firefighters across the St. Clair as it had at New Years. Transport Canada rules say only a commercial vessel can be used for rescue operations.

In June 2022, Boyes said the most effective way to cross the St. Clair in case of emergency would be to purchase a couple of boats exclusively for the department's use. The department suggested that would cost about \$300,000 per boat and the department would have to find a place to dock.

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Natural gas inching toward Warwick, one pipeline at a time

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The Independent

The Village of Warwick is inching closer to getting natural gas, one pipeline project at a time.

That's according to Brian Lennie, Senior Advisor, Municipal and Stakeholder Engagement from Enbridge, who told Warwick

Township councillors a relatively new program is enabling the company to complete smaller natural gas pipelines around the village.

Normally, if you want natural gas at your home, farm or business, Enbridge assesses how much it will cost and demands an upfront payment. That fee can be tens of

thousands of dollars.

The provincial and municipal government have recognized that in some areas, Enbridge isn't likely to work on projects because they're not profitable. Warwick has been trying for years to get natural gas to the village and in 2019, many thought it was imminent when

then Minister of Infrastructure, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex MPP Monte McNaughton, hosted a news conference at a farm on the outskirts of Warwick Village announcing a provincial plan to help expand natural gas pipelines to rural areas by supporting project which wouldn't be economically viable.

But the Warwick Village project didn't get funding in the first phase.

It was also left out when the province handed out the next round of projects. In all, about \$373 million of provincial cash has been spent supporting projects in rural and remote areas.

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Federal minister to listen to CN payment woes

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Warwick Township’s mayor is hoping the federal transportation minister may help solve a financial standoff with CN Rail.

Todd Case and his counterpart in Plympton-Wyoming, Gary Atkinson, have been pushing CN Rail to settle up outstanding charges under the Drainage Act.

The Drainage Act is one of the oldest pieces of legislation in Ontario, passed in 1859. It prescribes a formula to assign costs to those who receive the most benefit from the new

infrastructure.

Until 2021, CN Rail had paid any costs assessed under the act. But in 2022, CN Rail – which is now owned by multiple US investors – refused to pay any charges saying it is a federally regulated business and not subject to the provincial legislation.

That’s left both Warwick and Plympton-Wyoming in the hole. Warwick is owed \$160,000 and Plympton-Wyoming has billed CN \$80,000 which is still outstanding.

They’re not alone.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario says the company owes about \$1.5 million for new drain construction

and maintenance across the province. AMO added about \$2.7 million worth of drainage projects are in limbo because of CN’s refusal to pay.

Case and Atkinson have met with CN Rail officials, but the company refused to bend even though both the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs and AMO have backed the call for CN to pay up.

Case says he’s secured a meeting with the federal Transportation Minister, Omar Alghabra, to talk about the problem. He told Warwick council Monday a date has not been set yet for the meeting.

Oil Springs taxpayers face a five percent tax hike

Blake Ellis
The Independent

The preliminary numbers of the Village of Oil Springs budget show a five percent increase to property taxes.

A \$1,048,000 draft budget was presented to the Oil Springs council at its May 2 meeting.

“I don’t think it is that bad,” said Mayor Ian Veen. “Wages are up, fuel is up and everything you buy is way up.”

But Councillor Larry Wagner is worried about what residents might think about the proposed property tax increase. Usually the council is looking at an increase of two or three percent, Wagner said. People don’t realize how much it costs to provide services to residents.

Some of the large expenditures include \$100,000 for policing, and \$98,000 for payments for loans.

One of the projects the municipality wants to undertake is the resurfacing of Oil Springs Line.

The council also wants to replace the ball booth washrooms. It was suggested the an application to a Trillium Grant could be made . The village may also partner with the Oil Spring Optimist Club for the project. The skateboard park also needs some work. This can also be accomplished with a grant or having a sponsor to help fix it.

Council agreed to have Ray Dobbin of R. Dobbin Engineering compile an asset management plan. Veen said it is something the village has to do, as

it is the first thing the province asks to see when a municipality asks for money for a capital project. It has been 10 years since Oil Springs compiled its last asset management plan, with Dobbin also taking on that project. Oil Springs Clerk Martha Gawley said the asset management plan will have to be continually updated moving forward.

The municipality is also having trouble finding pea stone or mulch for its three parks. There was \$3,500 set aside for each park for safer product for the playgrounds.

Council will be meeting further on the budget next month before the final budget is determined and passed.

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The ferries at Stag Island sit at the dock across from Corunna. So far, the cottage association has not obtained a commercial vessel license for the boats which means St. Clair fire cannot use them for fire response.

Islands ferries need to be licensed

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Council said the council elected in October 2022 would have to deal with the issue.

In the meantime, the township and department have encouraged both Fawn and Stag Island Cottage Associations to have the ferries which serve the islands licensed as commercial operators.

Boyes told council May 1 Fawn Island has obtained the license but Stag Island has yet to make a decision whether to license its private ferry. Last year, the fire department had a deal with Point Edward Fire, the OPP and Coast Guard to get a ride if necessary. But that too was a limited response.

“If these agencies are unavailable, the fire department cannot respond to an emergency on Stag Island.”

Boyes tells The Independent it is simply not safe to send volunteer firefighters on a boat which isn’t a commercial vessel.

So, on May 1, council passed on the idea of a dedicated fire boat instead passing a motion saying Stag Island must obtain a commercial operators watercraft license to allow the department to use the ferry to get to the island for emergencies.

But even with the ferries licensed and able to transport firefighters, the cottages could still be vulnerable, according to Boyes’ report. “St. Clair Fire Department can only respond to the island if the approved boat is available. The fire department will not respond to the island if the approved boat is unavailable or out of service for the season. This is usually late fall, winter, and early spring.”

Boyes says there are not that many fires on Stag or Fawn Island. Since the New Years’ Day fire which prompted the investigation into fire response, there has not been another fire on Stag.

And he says there are points in the year where there is simply no way to access the two islands because of ice in the St. Clair River.

While members of the cottage associations on the two islands were not available for comment, in the past, they’d asked the municipality to purchase boats for the fire department. They had also voiced concern “about not being notified of the change in response protocols,” said Boyes in his report.

Inwood

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Brooke Telcom Co-operative Inc., formerly a small company, has evolved over the past ten decades to provide reliable telecommunication service to the rural Inwood community. Pictured here, is Geoff Greening, the general manager since 2016 of Brooke Telecom based in Inwood. He describes the business as abuzz with duty. Years back, the Brooke Municipal Telephone Co. was commonly referred to as the “Chapman Phone Company” since 3 generations of Chapmans, spanning over 70 years, served on the board of directors. The home Chapman residence once stood in today's Brooke Telecom parking lot.

Dedication to the community is Brooke Telecom's number one mission. Their services compare competitively to those provided in larger urban centers. Gone, are the days when a lone switchboard operator manually connected person to person calls in a time- consuming process. Here, is the age of cellular telecommunication operated by wireless networks. Popular, are smartphones which provide extensive data service so features such as alarm clocks, calendars, cameras, flashlights and internet can be accessed at the touch of a finger. Through these rapidly changing times of telecommunication, Brooke Telecom has remained committed to providing up to date and quality services to the community.

Geoff is optimistic that population in the Inwood area will grow since fibre-optic



Geoff Greening

internet, expansion possibilities, library programs, restaurant, grocery and ball park facilities already substantiate the Inwood community. Socially, the community prospers in neighbourliness. Visiting on front porches or while hanging laundry, sharing garden vegetables and volunteering to search for missing pets are commonplace happenings. The spacious ball park plays host to many recreational events including Brooke Telecom's Customer Appreciation Days where the community congregates in the outdoors. Geoff suggests a town wide Facebook page would benefit the well-being of community connection.

Geoff is enthused about sharing memorabilia from the archives of Brooke Telecom that will be displayed at the milestone birthday celebration of Inwood in June. 150 years . . . bringing community together and history to life!

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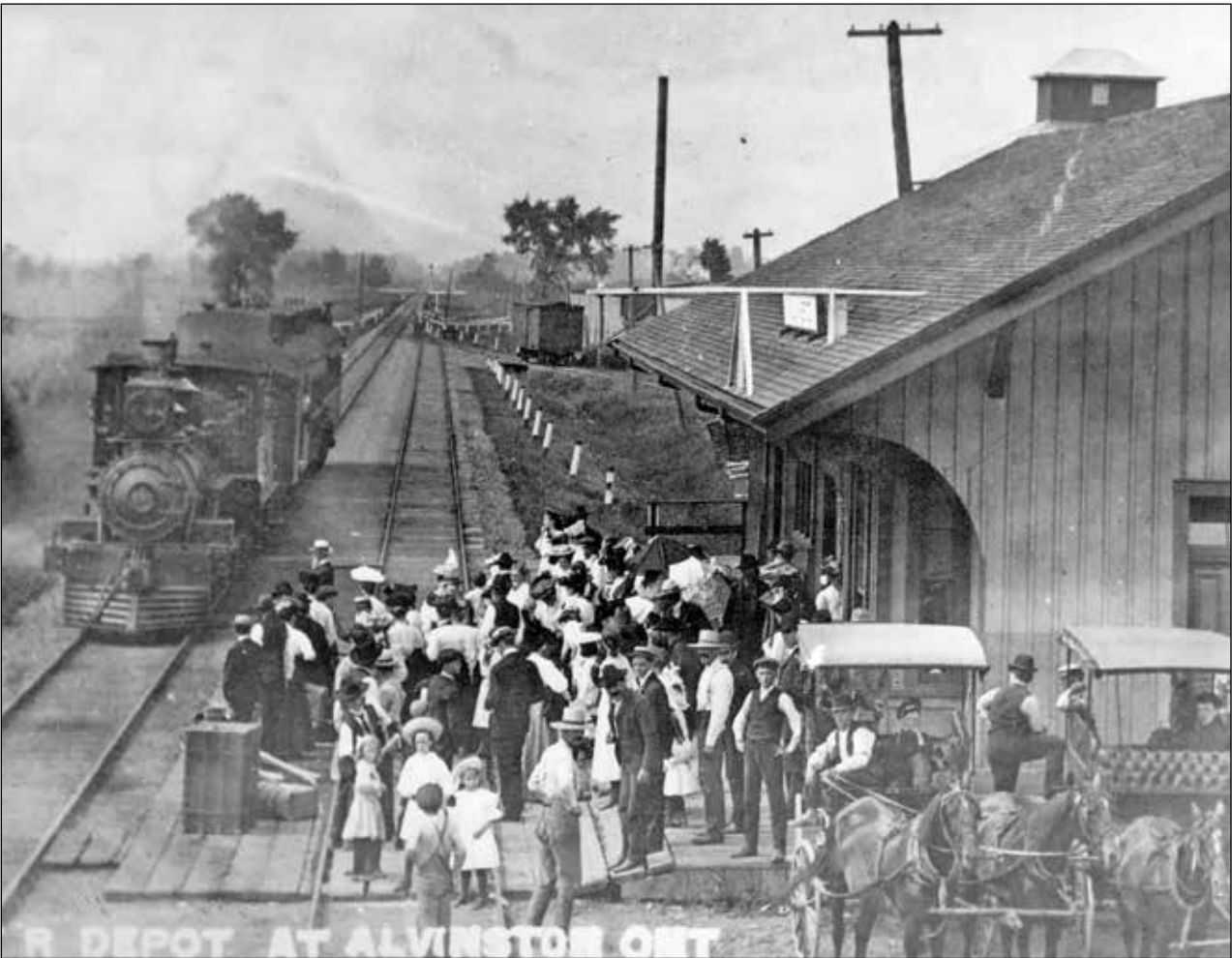
Confusion and delays as regulations change

Most people’s eyes glaze over when municipal leaders start using words like Official Plan and Zoning. And really, who can blame them. Planning, as important as it is, can be mind-numbing at times. That’s not the case right now, however as the provincial government keeps changing the rules of the game in the name of to try to encourage housing development. Planners across the province are still trying to figure out the ramifications of the Build More Homes Faster Act. In it, the province changed five pieces of legislation doing everything from removing the right for people to appeal planning decisions, to making massive changes to the way conservation authorities do business, all with the goal of streamlining the rules to build 1.5 million homes in 10 years. But it seems the changes aren’t speeding home building up. At a recent planning meeting in Petrolia, the county’s manager of planning shared that the planners he knows, particularly in the GTA, say there has been so much change, the planning system has ground to a halt as people try to figure out how the changes affect them. Particularly concerning in Lambton County is the province’s new rules which don’t allow the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority to have a say on local planning matters anymore. Municipal planners will have to find consultants to do some of those duties. That’s likely to slow a few projects in Lambton County down as well. The idea behind the legislation was to make it easier for developers to build homes without excessive regulation - according to the province. Because the province has changed so much of the system, the actual result is confusion and delay not to mention some of the long term environmental and planning issues some of the changes will cause. It’s made the world of planning an interesting place to work if you can take the stress. But for those trying to actually build a home, it may make things more difficult than it needs to be.

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Our Story



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This is the second train station built in Alvinston. Construction started on the St. Clair branch of the Canada Southern Railroad in 1871 which brought train service to Alvinston in 1872 with two trains per week. There was no station house so passengers boarded the train from a short platform at the foot of a steep stairway beside the bridge on River Street. The first station was built in the late 1870s and was initially used as a freight station. In 1879 the ticket office was moved into the freight station and passengers were required to board the train there. A new station house, the one in this photo, was constructed in 1883 when the Canadian Southern Railroad was leased by Michigan Central. In 1892, the Grand Trunk Railway built their line from Glencoe to Kingcourt (a small hamlet in Warwick Township) and took over serving Alvinston.

Slightly disappointed hockey season ends at our house

Hockey has always been a part of my life - although I never played. My Dad was a huge hockey fan - the Montreal Canadians were his team. Sometimes he’d watch the Habs on French CBC and the Maple Leafs on English CBC, particularly when the playoffs were on. We’d sit with him on Saturday night, taking in the game snuggled up next to him. After I left the house, we still talked hockey.

So, I’ve been able to keep up as the two Sarnia Sting fans in the house talk about the good, the bad and the ugly of the OHL season. Their hockey talk seeped into most conversations by the time the Sting made it to the Conference final. And, I have to admit, I made sure I snuggled into the couch to see exactly what happened, so I would know what the conversation was all about. After months of covering

hockey here and talking hockey at home, I was only slightly disappointed when the Sting bowed out Sunday. Even though it was exciting to see the franchise do so well this year, I really have had enough of hockey for a few months. I know there is still hockey being played somewhere and that Leaf fans are hoping against hope they can win just one more time, but I won’t be front of the TV cheering them on. I’ll be outside on my bike.



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‘Where can we find a space for them?’ McRoberts

Concerns for chronically homeless

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Lambton County has an extra \$2 million to help those who are homeless, but even that may not be able to help some chronically homeless people with mental health and addiction issues.

That from Lambton County officials after a passionate plea for action from Sarnia City/County Councillor Chrissy McRoberts.

McRoberts raised questions about people sleeping on the streets of Sarnia. She told county councillors May 3 that business owners were having a hard time getting into their businesses some days after finding people sleeping in their doors.

“We have built this group of individuals that I can only guess are 50 plus, where do they go?” McRoberts asked. “They are protecting themselves in front of doorsteps into businesses, which is aggravating (to) the businesses because their clients don’t feel safe. They’re losing business. ... We need a space where these individuals can go, because they don’t want to stay in - or cannot for mental health issues - stay in somewhere like the Good Shepherd Lodge... Where do we find a space for them? Where they can be looked after, where their social workers can find them, medical help can come in, because these are the folks that don’t go to the hospital. But we now have this aggression that is

building and building and what do we do, wait until someone truly gets hurt or do we try to help right now?”

“They need somewhere to go where they know when they leave to go to The Inn of the Good Shepard to get their one meal a day, when they come back to their home, their items are there and we can start to give them a little less pressure.”

Valerie Colasanti, the general manager of social services for the county, says it is a difficult problem groups across Canada are trying to solve.

Colasanti says the province recently increased homelessness funding in Lambton from \$3.6 million to \$5.6 million. Staff is planning a new drop-in centre with some of the cash as early as this spring.

“We are looking at opening more of a drop in that will be low barrier. However, there still may be individuals bringing in weapons in or things like that we’re not going to be able to have them in, we will have our own staff there... they just can’t tolerate weapons.”

McRoberts pressed further. “Where can we help these (people) because we’re supposed to help the whole community...Everybody wants to complain about them existing. They need somewhere to be, they work with each other, and they just need to be outdoors and have a space.”

Colasanti says the county has a homeless outreach team which is building relationships with the 50 people the county knows to be sleeping rough. “It takes time to build

those relationships, it takes time to build trust, it takes time to build trust with anyone let alone someone who’s had mental health issues or poor experiences with the regular systems of our society. So, we’ll continue to do that work.”

She added improving the quality of life of those facing mental health and addictions on the streets is complex and Colasanti says it will only be solved with an increase in social assistance rates so people can afford housing and more affordable housing in the community.

BY THE NUMBERS

\$5,615,600 – the amount of money the province provides for homelessness initiatives

\$2,045,100 – the increase Lambton received in 2023

\$701,750 – what Lambton spends on transitional housing, food security and supporting tenants at risk of homelessness

\$380,500 – what Lambton spends supporting The Good Shepard’s Lodge, The Haven youth shelter and Out of the Cold overflow shelter

\$2,246,986 – spent on rent supplements, utility bills, and rent supplements to keep people in their homes for and last month’s rents to help get people out of temporary shelters.

\$2,005,584 – cash for domiciliary hostels for meals for 30 people, housing people in retirement homes, funding for community agencies providing supports to people with mental health issues, and rent supplements.

Average Lambton home sold for over \$590K in April

Homes sales in Lambton are picking up as the warm weather arrives.

The Sarnia-Lambton Real Estate Board says 147 homes were sold in April – nine per cent more than the same time last year – and they were

not staying on the market very long. It’s taking an average of about 20 days for most homes to sell.

Single family homes sold for an average of just over \$590,000 in April. The median price for 2023 is about

\$470,000.

Ninety-nine per cent of the homes sold at list price and there were 300 homes on the market in April.

The total real estate sales over April topped \$84.4 million.

KITTY CONCERNS



Jane Hardy holds her cat, Cece as it gets a shot during the free rabies clinic offered by Lambton County held at the Oil Springs and South Enniskillen Fire Hall on Saturday May 16. There was a line up of people and their pets when the clinic opened.

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Former Oil Springs fire chief remembered

The Independent

A long-time chief of the Enniskillen/Oil Springs Fire department has died.

Ken McIntyre, who volunteered with the department for 48 years and was the chief for 25 years, passed away Thursday.

In his obituary, family said McIntyre served the department proudly.

McIntyre was also active in Scouting and was the steward of the Oil Springs United Church.

There will be visitation Tuesday at Steadman Brothers' Funeral home and the funeral will be Wednesday at 11 am at the funeral home. McIntyre was 76.



Ken McIntyre

MacDonald to be honoured

The Independent

A Brooke-Alvinston woman is one of five being honoured as Women of Excellence by the Sarnia Community Foundation.

Terry MacDonald is being hailed as a person who freely gives her time and ideas to make things better for the people living in Brooke-Alvinston.

MacDonald, who has been a fixture at the Alvinston Legion, responds individually to people who need her to help, as well as being heavily involved in several groups that not only impact her community but can also make a difference nationwide. MacDonald is a fundraiser, secretary and organizer creating a monthly calendar of events for the community. She's also been involved in the recently created Alvinston Feral Cat Program.



Terry MacDonald

MacDonald will be honoured with Madhu Baker, an advocate for mental health, trauma and addiction, Kathy Bresett – a live long advocate for people facing barriers and is the executive director of the North Lambton Community Health Centre, Michelle Holbrook, the executive director of Rebound who has been active with children's charities for years, and Deanna Sandrin, who is active in traditionally male-dominated industries and is hailed as a "role model for the new generation of women entering the workforce, especially in the Sarnia-Lambton community where skilled trades are in high demand."

"Sarnia-Lambton truly has amazing leaders who help shape this community. This year's recipients come from all parts of the county; embarking on those key principles of making your community better, assisting with a cause, or collaborating help with a community project," says Sarnia Community Foundation Chair Bill Woods.

The women will be honoured June 8. For tickets, you can go to the foundation's website www.sarniacommunityfoundation.ca

OPP issue alert for lethal packages

The OPP wants you to be on the lookout for packages of what could be a lethal substance.

Police are asking you to watch for packages with the names Imtime Cuisine, AmbuCA, Academic/ACademic, Escape Mode/escMode or ICemac. They contain sodium nitrate and were being sold on line and distributed by mail to more than a dozen communities across the province.

Sodium nitrate is a white, crystalline substance used as a food additive and found in processed meats. Consumption of excessive amounts of this substance can result in death. The OPP is calling on everyone to be vigilant of the online transactions and activity of family members and the arrival of any unexpected packages in the mail.

How to on home daycare business to be provided

The Independent

Lambton County is trying to encourage people to open their own home daycare business.

A new federal/provincial program will create 541 new day care spaces in Lambton – 67 are slated for Petrolia and Wyoming. County officials are focused on licensing home day care providers.

On May 16, Lambton Rural Childcare and Wee Watch – the two organizations tasked with monitoring home day cares – will be holding an

open house at LCCVI starting at 5:30 pm to talk about what it takes to start and run a business.

"If there are people out there who love children and want to grow a successful business but haven't taken the leap yet, we are here to encourage and support them to realize their dream," says Lori Veroude, Executive Director for Lambton Rural Child Care. Veroude says it can provide a good living to those who are interested.

While Lambton tries to gear up its home child care options, the

Petrolia Childcare Advocacy Group is appealing to the town to start a municipally run daycare saying only a dedicated day care is a completely safe option for parents.

Petrolia has already waived some of the fees to set up home day cares to encourage more people to help meet the community's need.

And a recently released survey done for Petrolia's official plan review shows at least 30 per cent of the 160 people surveyed listed day care for children as one of the most important aspects of living in Petrolia.

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Brooke-Alvinston looking at farm lots, severances and cannabis in plan

Heather Wright
The Independent

Brooke-Alvinston Councillor Craig Sanders wants the minimum farm lot size to be more flexible. Lambton County officials say that’s not likely to happen. Sanders also wants to talk about severing homes from farmland, which right now can only happen when there is a farm consolidation. That, planners say, may be possible soon. Brooke-Alvinston council is in the middle of reviewing its official plan. Recently Aaron Butler and Mary Lou Tanner of NPG Planning Solutions came to council with a preliminary report at some of the things which may be up-

dated in the document. Tanner says the housing policies proposed “support broader housing choices within the community... there are also housing initiatives to support rural population growth.” Tanner also suggested Brooke-Alvinston should change the way it decides on farm severances by first deciding the agricultural property remains zoned agricultural and then giving approval for the home and lot to be severed from it. That led Sanders to ask about the practice and question why homes couldn’t be severed from farmland without the consolidation of farms. Butler interjected and said the provincial government is actually considering that now in its proposed provincial policy statement.

“One of the policies that the province is proposing right now is the severance of up to three lots are in prime agricultural areas where the principal use of that property is a farm today. So it’s a different policy than the surplus farm dwelling consent policy. But, I will just note that I don’t think we should spend too much time discussing that because it’s a draft,” says Butler. As for the rules requiring a 100 acre farm plot, Ken Melanson, manager of planning for Lambton County, says that is unlikely to change. The county recently tried to get the province to allow 50 acre plots, but was denied. “As it stands now, it’s not flex-

ible,” he says. He added some municipalities, including Dawn-Euphemia are talking about lobbying the province to change the rule. Councillor Don McCabe doesn’t like the standard. “Hectares is not a realistic number and it has currently established economic viability can occur on an eighth of an acre depending on what you have growing on it,” he says. Councillors were also interested in the planners views on regulating cannabis operations. Tanner says indoor operations should be in industrial areas. Outdoor growing, she says, would require an official plan amendment where the community would have

an opportunity to comment. Janet Denkers, the municipality’s administrator, questioned whether the outdoor operation currently under construction in Brooke-Alvinston would need an official plan amendment if council went that route. Tanner wasn’t sure and offered to investigate. McCabe also wanted to make sure the issue of greenhouse grown cannabis would be addressed – particularly light and smell. “Whether it’s cannabis or not, if you get a greenhouse, there is an immediate impact to the neighborhood of that kind of an issue of light pollution.” The planners will take all the councillors comments back and prepare the final report for public meetings this spring.

Pitel looks for county cash for guide

Heather Wright
The Independent

A mental health advocate is asking Lambton County council for \$60,000 to continue to print a resource guide for mental health support. In 2019, Debb Pitel complied No One Stands Alone and raised the money to distribute the booklets in 46 different businesses, municipal offices, fire departments, EMS stations and libraries in Lambton County. It costs about \$20,000 a year to produce the booklet. She is now asking Lambton County to fund the booklets being placed in locations owned by the County of Lambton for three years at a cost of \$60,000. Pitel says if the county

would pay for the booklets in its building, the program could be expanded to local gyms and be made available during local events. Pitel, who is also a Petrolia councillor, told Lambton county councillors recently, the booklets are necessary since searching for local information online is not easy especially if the person is in a crisis. “When time does not leave room for second guessing or second and third chances, we need to be right,” says Pitel. “The inability to connect to local updated information and the right agency quickly ... while googling can be difficult... That would be asking people at their worst struggling and even desperate are to google for help only.

“I’m not suggesting that I have the only solution. What I’m sharing today is that at least for the last three years, my booklet has provided an



Debb Pitel

alternative, a human contact and ability to find and share with others.” Andrew Taylor, general manager of public health services in Lambton, says public health does work on mental health and it would see how it might be able to help with the resource guide.

Warwick building deposit ‘huge’ issue

Heather Wright
The Independent

A Warwick couple says the township’s requirements for security deposits on new buildings is having a big impact on their budget. Colin and Jen Van Kessel started planning for their new business, 79 Auto Shine, two years ago. When they came to the final stages of the planning with the township, they learned they would have to pay a deposit worth 50 per cent of the project’s cost before building could begin. For the Van Kessels, that was over \$107,000. At the time, the couple was able to convince council to reduce the fee to around \$53,000. Monday, the business owners came to council asking for the money back so they could complete the asphaltting and landscaping after hearing the owner of Watford Home Hardware had his building deposit reduced in April after voicing frustration about a deposit fee of about \$150,000.

“I don’t feel we need to go back to the bank to get capital for the money you guys are holding,” Colin Van Kessel told council Monday. Jen Van Kessel says not only is the large deposit needed to complete the work, it was a surprise since the information online said builders were required to submit a \$10,000 deposit. “I had budgeted for \$10,000 and then it was \$100,000 or \$107,000. That’s huge. That’s a huge difference for small investors...it’s really upsetting.” She added last she checked Warwick Township’s website still said deposits were \$10,000. “If I was going to start another project it is very misleading.” Council agreed to return the couple’s deposit so they can finish their work without going back to the bank. However, they will have to provide a deposit cheque for \$10,000. Mayor Todd Case told the business owners council is revisiting the deposit requirements which were approved by council in 2021.



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Celebrating Nurses' Week

May 8 – 14 is Nurses' Week. This year's theme is "Our Nurses. Our Future" – and was designed to showcase the many roles nurses play in a patient's healthcare journey. The pandemic brought to light the courage and commitment that nurses work under every day and showed the integral role that nurses play in the community.

In Petrolia, the hospital plays a central role in the community. And the nurses who provide care there, are like family. Emily (pictured here) has been a nurse at CEEH of Bluewater Health for the last 17 years. "I love the small town feel of the hospital," says Emily. "Everyone knows everyone. It's a really special atmosphere".

Emily grew up going to the hospital often. Her grandmother lived on the continuing care unit for the last years of her life and she was often there visiting. "I loved going, I loved the environment – which is what made me want to enter health care. Ever since I was a young girl that was my dream, to be in health care."

Emily loves her job. She loves being able to make a difference in someone's life, even it is just something small.



Emily, RPN, at CEEH of Bluewater Health for the last 17 years.

To Emily, and all of the highly skilled, kind and compassionate nurses that work at Bluewater Health in Sarnia and Petrolia – thank you for all you do – not just this week, but every day.

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Petrolia council back online in a few weeks

Heather Wright
The Independent

You'll likely be able to watch the Petrolia council meetings from the comfort of the couch again by the summer.

During the pandemic, Petrolia – like all other municipal councils – went online to do business via Zoom with each councillor in their own home.

But when the pandemic restrictions eased and meetings returned to council chambers, the town tried to continue

the online offering. But they found the equipment they had just wasn't doing the job. The sound was poor as microphones cut out.

So, staff suggested setting aside \$60,000 for a new streaming system during the budget. Councillors balked at the idea and suggested the plan be scaled back.

Monday, council approved the purchase of a new streaming service in the council chamber even though only one company bid to install the equipment, according to Laurissa

Ellsworth, director of marketing, arts and communications.

"This is largely due to the specific nature of the required equipment, and the limited companies that provide these solutions."

Ellsworth looked at another option, but it would have to be operated by staff not involved in the meeting.

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Student tutors fan out over Lambton County

Blake Ellis
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Genevieve Devost is considering making a change to her career path after tutoring at her former elementary school.

Devost, a second year social work student at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, is one of 29 post-secondary students who will serve as tutors with St. Clair Catholic School District until the end of the school year. Devost is serving at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Corunna

"It has been a special experience," said Devost.

Her experience has been such a good one, she might have changed her mind on the career path she wants to pursue, as she is now considering teaching.

She helped 12 students last year and she is expecting the same this year. All of the 29 tutors are spread out among 17 schools.



Genevieve Devost

The university students turned tutors underwent a two-day orientation on May 1 and 2, providing them with strategies to best help students in one on one supports in literacy and math.

"The tutors also serve as another positive young adult role model for our young students, who enjoy spending time with them to practice and further develop their skills in literacy and numeracy," said Superintendent of Education Laura Callaghan.

Devost said the teachers, principals and students have been so welcoming to her and she looks forward again to the time in the school with the students.



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Tourist to find help in Lambton libraries, museums

The Independent

Tourists to Lambton County will be able to find information about local events and attractions by going to the library.

Lambton County is working with Tourism Sarnia-Lambton to set up interactive touchscreen kiosks promoting programs, exhibitions, and events in libraries and cultural sites across Lambton. TSL received a Tourism Relief Fund grant for the

work.

The kiosks are preloaded with Tourism Sarnia-Lambton's Tour Ontario's Blue Coast app. Using the kiosk, patrons will be able to find information about events, beaches, dining, arts, outdoor adventures, safe travels or gain some trip inspiration.

There is also a poster rack and brochure holder featuring information about the Lambton County Library, Judith & Norman Alix Art Gallery, the Oil Museum of Canada, the

Lambton Heritage Museum, Lambton County Archives and Tourism Sarnia-Lambton.

While the kiosks will likely be used by tourists, Andrew Meyer, general manager of Lambton's cultural services, says Lambton residents can also use it. "We can sometimes overlook the great experiences available in our own backyards, and visitors to one cultural site can be encouraged to visit other sites throughout the county," he says.



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Gordon Henderson of St. Paul's United Church hands out one of 140 chicken dinners as part of its drive thru fundraiser Saturday. The church is raising money to replace the roof on the historic downtown Petrolia church.

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Ontario 

Sports

Knights begin OHL championship series Thursday

Barry Wright
The Independent

The London Knights will take to the ice at Budwiser Gardens in the OHL final Thursday.

The curtain came down on a historic season for the Sarnia Sting Sunday before another sell-out crowd at the Progressive Auto Sales Arena. The Knights, led by Oil Springs’ Dale and Mark Hunter, beat the Sting, 5-1 to capture the OHL Western Conference championship in six games.

Making their first ever appearance in the conference finals, the Sting lost the first two games in London before rebounding for 5-3 and 6-3 victories on

home ice. London took the series’ lead Friday and closed things out Sunday.

Sting Coach Alan Letang said he was extremely proud of his players and said, despite being disappointed, they too should be “over the moon” with pride in reaching the league’s final four for the time since the franchise relocated from Newmarket nearly three decades ago.

London begins the OHL final on Thursday at home against the Peterborough Petes.

The Petes advanced with a 3-2 win in game seven against the Battalion in game seven of the Eastern Conference final on Monday in North Bay.

It’s the first trip to the league final for



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The Sting salute the crowd after game six of the conference finals.

the Knights since 2016 when they won both the OHL title and Memorial Cup. London’s coaching staff also includes Rick Steadman of Oil Springs.

Lancers win eight in LK track tune up

The Independent

Charlie Shaw, James Grant and Hunter Mitchell each won two events at the Lancer Relays in Windsor.

Shaw captured the Senior Boys’ 1500 metre race and the Open Boys’ 3000 metre events, Grant crossed the finish line first in the Novice Boys’ 400 and 1500 metre races, and Mitchell broke the tape first in the Novice

Boys’ 100 and 300 metre hurdles.

Elsewhere, Ella Wellington captured the Novice Girls’ 1500 metre race and Abbey Wallace was first in the Senior Girls’ high jump.

Several other Lancer athletes had top five finishes.

The weekend Lancer Relays were a tune up for the LKSSAA track and field championships which will be held next week in Chatham.

Lambton alum at NHL draft

Two of Central Lambton’s most prominent hockey families were front and centre at the NHL draft lottery Monday.

The Chicago Blackhawks, with Oil Springs’ Meghan Hunter as its assistant general manager, won the coveted first pick and the right to choose teen phenom and Team Canada junior star Connor Bedard with the initial selection at the NHL draft in late June in Nashville.

Anaheim, with Plympton-Wyoming’s Pat Verbeek at its general manager, won the second overall selection. They are likely to choose Team Canada alumni and University of Michigan star Adam Fantilli. The Hawks’ NHL roster includes former Sting defenceman Connor Murphy while its prospect pool includes one of Bedard’s Canadian junior teammates Ethan Del Mastro acquired by the Sting from Mississauga at the trade deadline in early January.

Flags’ Dupuis gets invitation from Knights for tryout

Corunna’s Jace Dupuis has been invited to the London Knights spring training camp as a free agent.

The Lambton Jr. Sting grad led all 16-year-olds in scoring in the PJHL this season with 26 goals and 40 points in 40 games with the Mooretown Flags. He added a goal and six assists

in 12 playoff contests. Dupuis was also named the Stobbs Division rookie of the year.

Meantime, a pair of Watford products spent time at camps last weekend. Evan Van Gorp attended the OHL Kingston Frontenacs orientation camp and Blake Verberne was at camp for

the OJHL champion Collingwood Blues. Van Gorp played this season with the Elgin-Middlesex U18 Canucks and Verberne was part of the goaltending tandem with the Lambton U16 Jr. Sting.

Irwin named to head up Sarnia Legionnaires for 2023-2024 season

The GOJHL’s Sarnia Legionnaires has a new head coach.

Brian Irwin has been promoted to the top job replacing Derek Di Muzio who resigned following the 2022-23 campaign.

Irwin was an assistant coach last

season after joining the Legionnaires from the Lambton Jr. Sting U18 AAA organization following the 2021-22 campaign.

“With 20 plus years of coaching experience, Brian is a passionate leader with superior communication skills

who has a history of developing strong relationships with his players in order to get their full buy in to the hockey systems he chooses to implement based on his team’s roster,” said the Legionnaires in a statement Thursday.

Jackson named an all-star

Core Jackson has been named to the second team all-conference squad in the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference. The LCCVI grad, from Wyoming, batted .323 with 62 hits and 45 runs in 51 games this season with the Phoenix-based South Mountain Community College. He tied for the team lead with 16 doubles and added three triples, four home runs, 32 RBIs and nine stolen bases.

Jackson and his Cougar teammates lost two 5-4 games to Tucson’s Pima Community College late last week and were eliminated from the junior college regional playoffs.



Core Jackson

Lucier now Hall of Famer

Mike Lucier is now a member of the OCAA Hall of Fame.

He was inducted last week during a ceremony in Windsor.

The Forest product averaged 16.8 points and 10.7 rebounds per game over his five-year career with the Lambton College men’s basketball squad. The North Lambton grad was named an OCAA all-star on multiple occasions, he was chosen as part of the all-rookie team in 2011-12 and was named defensive player of the year in 2015-16.

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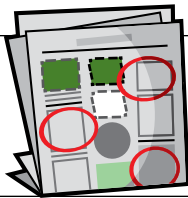

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

KAMEKA, Xavier James
Age: 87
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WEBER, Gerhard Johannes "Gerry"
Age: 90, of Newbury
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THURSDAY, MAY 4

McINTYRE, Ken
Age: 76, of Oil Springs
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JOOSTEN, Jan Paul Henry
Age: 56
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HOOPER, Rose Linda
Age: 75, of Dresden
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BAGLEY, Kathleen Mary (nee Grady)
Age: 89
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FRIDAY, MAY 5

LAM, Janna "Anna" Martina (nee Mostert)
Age: 84
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SATURDAY, MAY 6

STEADMAN, Larry Ross
Age: 83, of Sombra
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GIBBS, Kathryn Joan (nee Carr)
Age: 70, of Glendale Crossing
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LEA, Marilyn Ann (nee Hardy)
Age: 90
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SUNDAY, MAY 7

SPANO, Anthony Joseph
Age: 79
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VILLENEUVE, Brenda
Age: 70, of Dresden
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COOPER, Gary Douglas
Age: 66
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MONDAY, MAY 8

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Denning's of Forest Funeral Home

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UPCOMING EVENTS				
DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
May12	7:30p	Sarnia	Sarnia Concert Association presents BUZZ BRASS - 519-344-7469	
May13	9am-4pm	Petrolia	SPRING CRAFT & GIFT SHOW @ Greenwood Arena - For more info 519-330-1802 or email: d_kohoutek@hotmail.com	
May13	11am-3pm	Petrolia	IG WEALTH MANAGEMENT - WALK FOR ALZHEIMER'S @ Black Gold Brewery - Find details online: www.alzheimer.ca	
May16	1pm	Wyoming	EUCHRE @ Wyoming Fair Building - 519-312-0578	
May 19-22	6pm	Watford	PERENNIAL PLANT SALE @ Watford Warwick Horticultural Society - Corner of Confederation St. & Centennial Ave. For info or to donate call: 'Lucy' 519-636-1161 - or - 'Peg' 519-384-5636	
May20	11am-3pm	Wyoming	PICNIC IN THE PARK @ McKay Park. For info search 'Plympton-Wyoming Special Events Committee' on facebook	
May27	10am-3pm	Sarnia	"INSPIRE" FUNDRAISING EVENT @ SASCSL - Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite	
May29	2-3:30pm	Online	ONTARIO ANCESTORS DROP-IN & CHAT - Zoom Webinar - For a link visit: lambton.ogs.on.ca or email lambton@ogs.on.ca	
May30	1pm	Wyoming	EUCHRE @ Wyoming Fair Building - 519-312-0578	
June 3	11am-3pm	Camlachie	PICNIC IN THE PARK @ Lakeshore Park. For info search 'Plympton-Wyoming Special Events Committee' on facebook	
June 3	8am-12pm	Camlachie	GARAGE/PLANT/BAKE SALE @ Camlachie United Church - 6784 Camlachie Rd. - For info visit: www.camlachieunited.ca	
June 3	12pm-7pm	Petrolia	10TH ANNUAL PETROLIA PIZZAFEST @ Victoria Park	
June 9	9am-1pm	Blenheim	BLENHEIM SENIOR FAIR @ Blenheim Arena - 199 King St. - For more info visit: www.blenheimseniorscentre.ca - Call: 519-676-3894 or email: Blenheim55@gmail.com	
June 10	9:30am-3:30pm	Petrolia	"THE SECRETS AMONG US" Exploring Domestic Abuse in Our Community @ First Baptist Church - Pre-Registration encouraged; 519-882-2480 or email: fbcpetrolia@gmail.com	

****Deadline for submitting free events is Friday @ 12 noon****

To have your event included in the above Calendar of Events the following information is required:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Town: _____

Event Title: _____

Phone # / website: _____

You can drop this off at our office or email the info to us at office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca

Repair it and they will come?

Enniskillen questions need for Krall Park washroom upgrades

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

Enniskillen Township Council is wondering whether the planned upgrades at Krall Park are warranted .

Doug Krall, who does the scheduling of events at the park, said there are two women’s teams using the diamond for games. A tournament is also planned at the end of July. He said in recent years, some players have decided to play ball in larger centres. Lambton College now also has a women’s softball team.

Council gave the green light Feb. 21 to go ahead with final design work and tendering process for new washrooms among other improvements. Once this is complete, council will decide whether to go ahead with construction.

The municipality received an Ontario Community Improvement Program grant in February 2021 with the total cost of the project being \$303,875. The federal government is to contribute \$121,550, while the provincial government is kicking in \$101,281 and the township covering the remainder. The municipality has plans to take \$35,000 out of its park reserve to meet its contribution.

Krall said the existing washrooms are about 50 years old and they have to be accessible. The washrooms are barely accessible by any group right now, he

added.

Mayor Kevin Marriott remembers a time when there was so much activity at the park, people had trouble booking the diamond. Krall said the men players now go to Alvinston to play softball. There has also been increased interest in baseball, soccer and slow-pitch. Also a lot of kids are now playing hockey year round.

“We have built a nice facility,” said Krall. There have been many who have commented over the years, the diamond at Krall Park is just as good as any in the city. New lighting was installed in 2015 with other improvements being made through the years from a new sprinkler system and fencing. Krall said when people see the diamond lights on, he is sure people will come to the diamond and enjoy watching a game.

Deputy Mayor Judy Krall doesn’t want to say no to the project and then, in two or three years, see the usage increase adding the new washrooms might attract more activity.

Councillor Wally Van Dun suggested a smaller building for the washrooms be constructed, possibly with a unisex washroom. It was even suggested to reuse the plans for the washrooms that were just built in the Marthaville Park.

The municipality will check on the grant and see what its options are on changing the scope of the project. Plans were to replace the washroom pavilion while putting in walkways from the parking lot, cement pads in the dugouts for the ball diamond and netting around the backstops.

PETROLIA PICKLEBALLERS



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It is the fastest growing sport in the world and it has quite a following in Petrolia as well. Ten teams vied for the championship as the Petrolia Y held its second annual pickleball tournament recently. Centre Manager Wade Babula said it was hoped a dozen pairs would compete in this year’s tournament, but were having fun and being physically active. In the end Leanne Havers and Frank Bartelen were the winners and claimed bragging rights for this year. The popularity of pickleball, a combination of tennis, ping-pong and badminton has exploded in the last two year. Pickleball Canada estimates there are 900,000 households in Canada playing pickleball, up from an estimated 350,000 in 2020. Mike Smith and Shelley Aubie were just two of the 10 pairs competing in the pickleball tournament at the Petrolia YMCA April 29.

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