

HEADING UP FIELD



Hunter Duncan takes a handoff from LCCVI Quarterback Nolan Patchett and heads up the field in the Lambton-Kent Football final Friday. Great Lakes defeated the Lancers 7-1 to move on to the SWOSSAA final. See more page 13.

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Cannim has licence to grow pot; Enniskillen officials knew plans in August

Blake Ellis & Heather Wright  
Local Journalism Initiative & The Independent

The Australian cannabis producer Cannim now has a licence to cultivate pot plants and seeds in Ontario. And it appears local municipal leaders and emergency responders knew the company had plans to apply for a licence for the Enniskillen facility as early as August.

As *The Independent* reported Nov. 16, Cannim has taken up residence at 4376 Lasalle Line with mail being delivered to Cannim Canada at the site. The Lasalle Line greenhouse right now is not eligible to grow cannabis under local planning rules. Renovations have been underway since October.

The owner of the greenhouse, Christine Greydanus, sent an email to *The Independent* hours after the story first appeared in print saying Enniskillen Pepper changed its name to Enniskillen Produce Nov. 10 and plans to grow mini-cucumbers in the greenhouse with the first crop produced in 2024.

But emails asking how Cannim Canada fits into Enniskillen Produce’s plans remained unanswered at press time.

The option to grow cannabis at the Lasalle Line is in dispute.

Enniskillen passed new zoning regulations in January designed to stop cannabis production within 300 meters of homes. That came after a long battle between neighbours Kathy and Trevor Brand and the last cannabis producer on the site - Tilray - which operated High Park Farm until 2021.

**SEE CANNABIS PG 2**

‘There was no appeal, no objections; it is done’

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Petrolia Mayor Brad Loosley says there will be no changing the minds at Scotiabank to keep the Petrolia branch open.

In October, Scotiabank District Vice President Mandy Furtado told employees at the 112 year-old Petrolia Line branch the building would be closed and current clients would be served from the Bright’s Grove location. It was part of a Canada-wide restructuring where 2,700 people were laid off and buildings sold to save

\$310 million by 2025. The quarter prior to the announcement Scotiabank made \$2.2 billion.

Loosley and Deputy Mayor Joel Field spoke to Furtado on a video conference call Nov. 8. Loosley says the call was ‘positive’ but “she didn’t make it clear that this was a decision made in Toronto. There was no appeal, no objections; it is done.”

Loosley, who has been a customer since he was a child, is disheartened by the move.

“My point was, you’re making all this money and yet, you’re saying that ‘oh we have to downsize’ and here it is; to the

end of July, it’s \$6.6 billion and that’s my disappointment.”

He’s also concerned about the message the move may send to other large companies which don’t know about Petrolia’s business climate. “That’s a big concern, especially bank - that’s a pretty strong institution ... especially for a bank that’s been there for over 100 years.”

Loosley is hopeful Scotiabank will put an ATM in the community for its customers and he’s suggested to Furtado the town is interested in the building, should the bank wish to donate it back to the community.



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# Cannim granted cannabis licence in Ontario; letter of intent sent out in Aug.

## CON'T FROM PG 1

The mother and son fought for the company to control the smell coming from the greenhouses for years, going as far as taking the issue to the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board before Tilray merged with Aphria Inc. and moved its Lambton County operation to Leamington.

After the new Enniskillen zoning rules passed early in 2023, Lambton County planning staff came back to Enniskillen council with a proposed exemption for the greenhouse. The Greydanus’ said their options for the property, which was up for sale at the time, would be limited without the opportunity to continue growing cannabis.

But the exemption didn’t come to pass after a tied vote at council, the greenhouse is still subject to the new zoning rules. At least for now.

The Greydanus’ have launched an appeal of the new rules to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

In the meantime, *The Independent* has learned Cannim Canada Ltd. was granted a license to cultivate cannabis plants and seeds to sell to authorized distributors and retailers and to registered patients using cannabis in Ontario Oct. 27.

The Cannabis Act links the licence to a specific location since licence holders have to meet many standards for building security among other things. But when *The Independent* contacted Health Canada to confirm Cannim’s licence is for the Enniskillen location, officials stated location is “considered confidential business information.”

According to the act, the licence holder also has to alert local police, fire and municipal officials of the intention to seek a cannabis licence before it is approved. Sources tell *The Independent* that a letter of intent to file for a licence for cannabis cultivation on Lasalle Line was delivered in August to the authorities. At press time, Enniskillen officials had not responded to emailed questions on whether that notice was received and if it was, why it was kept in confidence.

Both Enniskillen Mayor Kevin Marriott and Councillor Mary Lynne McCallum told *The Independent* last week they had no knowledge of who Cannim was and what their intentions at the Enniskillen greenhouse.

McCallum was blunt in her criticism, saying “It doesn’t belong there. It’s never belonged there with residential so close.

“It’s been an issue since the day it opened and I do not want to see it back there.”

McCallum wondered at the time how any construction was taking place at the site, since the zoning is being contested. “Everything is stalled, like building permits and everything is stalled until it goes to the OLT. So, I don’t know how they’re getting... around that to be honest.”

Trevor Brand had the same questions. Just before the conclusion of Monday’s council meeting, Brand stuck his hand up and began firing questions at the municipal politicians.

Brand questioned whether mini-cucumbers would be grown at the greenhouse owned by Jack and Christine Greydanus, something that he read in the Nov. 16 edition of *The Independent*. Marriott clarified this was a rumour he had heard.

When asked whether Enniskillen Pepper Company (now Enniskillen Produce) had a building permit, Marriott said a building permit couldn’t be issued, because Enniskillen Pepper Company was currently appealing the zoning. “I wish they would ask for a building permit,” said McCallum. Brand said there have been “dumpsters”



FILE PHOTO

An aerial shot of the Enniskillen Produce greenhouse on Lasalle Line. The company plans to grow cucumbers but a cannabis company is also on site.

of materials taken out of the greenhouse including plumbing materials left at the road for people to take.

“There has been no discussion with the greenhouse operator,” said Enniskillen Administrator-Clerk Duncan McTavish. The municipality can have that discussion though, he said.

When asked whether the owners would need a demolition permit to do this type of work, McTavish said that would be a question to pose to the County of Lambton’s building department, something he said he would look into.

Brand went on to ask why Enniskillen Pepper is doing this work and what exactly are they doing? “We don’t know that for sure,” said Marriott.

“How much more proof do you want?” an exasperated Brand asked adding Enniskillen Pepper is “up to something” before the discussion ended.

When Brand asked when he can follow up to get an answers to his questions, Marriott didn’t know the answer to this question.

“Watch the paper, that is how we know about it,” Marriott said.

*The Independent* contacted Lambton’s Chief Building Official, Corrine Nauta, and McTavish about the building permits. McTavish confirmed none were issued. In an email, Nauta says, “We are in discussion with the property owner regarding the scope of work/project to determine if permits are required under the Ontario Building Code.”

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs says on its website that “a building permit is often required before a farming operation can construct, expand or renovate a farm building. It is important to contact the municipality early to determine the requirements to obtain the building permit for the work being proposed. Not securing a building permit and other approvals can result in delays in construction and unexpected costs.”

While farm buildings can fall under the National Farm Building Code of Canada, cannabis operations have specific regulations under the building code and the Cannabis Act including for ventilation.

Repeated calls and emails to Cannim Canada Ltd since early November about its plans for the property have yet to be returned.

Cannim is not a stranger to southwestern Ontario. In Dec. 2021, it announced a merger with Chatham-Kent based Medisun in a \$12 million deal. The company produced 1,000 kg of medicinal quality cannabis a week from its five acre greenhouse in Grande Point.

A news release at the time said “significant orders” had been secured from the company and were expected to be delivered in the first quarter of 2022.

But the relationship soured and Medisun closed the greenhouse. Sources say Cannim “was not good at paying” for their products.

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# TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK PUBLIC NOTICE 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION

**TAKE NOTICE** that a presentation of the 2024 budget will be presented to Council on **Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.** The meeting will take place in person in Council Chambers at the Township of Warwick Municipal Office located at 5280 Nauvoo Road Watford and will also be livestreamed to the Warwick Township YouTube channel:

**<https://www.youtube.com/channel.>**

To be added as a delegation at the meeting, please contact the Township office at 226-848-3926  
**by noon on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

The agenda for the meeting will be available on the Township’s website at  
**[www.warwicktownship.ca](http://www.warwicktownship.ca).**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION,**  
contact the Township Office at 226-848-3926 or  
**[info@warwicktownship.ca](mailto:info@warwicktownship.ca)**



# 3,500 MRIs, CT scans, mammograms cancelled

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Bluewater Health says 3,500 patients’ appointments have been cancelled so far in the wake of a cyber attack which impacted southwestern Ontario hospitals.

Five hospitals were affected by the Oct. 23 ransomware by Daixin which crippled Bluewater Health’s computer system.

The hospitals and its IT service provider, TransForm Services, did not pay the ransom demanded.

And in the first news conference since the attack, hospital administrators called for the federal government’s to outlaw the practice of paying ransom during cyber attacks.

Data from over 269,000 patient visits and 20,000 social insurance numbers – mainly from Workplace Safety Insurance Board claims it was revealed Nov. 16 – were stolen and now are circulating on the dark web.

Bluewater Health CEO Paula Reaume Zimmer told reporters during a carefully scripted virtual news conference by Nov. 19, nearly 3,500 patient appointments had to be cancelled over the last four weeks and “heavily impacted areas like diagnostics have had to prioritize urgent and emergent care.”

That includes 707 CT Scans, 873 MRIs, 866 ultrasounds, and 850 mammograms according to officials “causing a significant and growing backlog.”

Hospital officials add “Our labs in Sarnia and Petrolia are deferring non-

urgent walk-in appointments.”

Keith Marnoch, BWH Chief communications officer, said “We are re-assessing on a weekly basis to increase our schedules in the various areas to take on any appointment that we can tolerate during this time.

“Our operating rooms and clinics are running at full capacity. In some cases, where physicians don’t have access to important patient information, the physician may have chosen to reschedule a procedure, however no urgent or emergent cases have been cancelled.”

Reaume-Zimmer called the cyber attack “sickening” adding the hospitals in Sarnia and Petrolia have prioritized “safe, quality care” as TransForm Services works to rebuild the computer systems.

“We are all eager to return to full operations,” she said.

TransForm has previously stated it will take until mid-December to fully restore the computer systems.

Reaume-Zimmer didn’t give a firm answer on what impact the cancellation of 3,500 appointments and procedures would have on wait times for services, but said the hospital had a very good track record of reducing wait lists caused by the pandemic and she expects the same after the cyber attack.

All the hospital CEOs from Lambton, Chatham-Kent and Windsor-Essex emphasized how difficult the cyberattack had been on staff. “They’ve all shown remarkable teamwork, innovation, strength and dedication.

“The fact that this attack targeted a healthcare facility on the heels of a hard-fought pandemic is sickening,” said Reaume-Zimmer.

David Musyj of Windsor Regional Hospital emphasized this was a criminal act. “You’re not dealing with your petty theft type of criminals, but a sophisticated gang of individuals who have an ultimate goal of hurting people or money.”

Cyber security experts such as Brett Callow of Emsisoft point out “Ransomware attacks are preventable and many succeed only because of fairly basic security failings.”

What the failings are in this case are not clear.

Bluewater Health officials couldn’t say how much money it spends on cyber security each year, however hospital financial statements show BWH’s share of the IT services for 2022 was \$1.58 million which includes everything from management fees to property leasing costs.

TransForm Services also trains employees on “acceptable computer use and procedures.”

Meantime, Bluewater Health has set up a dedicated phone service for patients who may have had their SIN numbers compromised as a result of the data breach.

Patients who have visited the hospital since November 1999 for a work-related injury, such as a WSIB claim, are asked to phone (519) 346-4604 seven days a week from 9am to 5pm. Patients will be provided with details on how to access third party identity theft protection.



## TOWN OF PETROLIA

### Development Charges Study and By-law

## Notice of Public Meeting

The Town of Petrolia is holding a public meeting to discuss implementing a Development Charges By-law. Development charges are fees on new developments that fund growth-related costs to the Township, as governed by the Development Charges Act, 1997. This By-law will set out the new development charge rates. A virtual public meeting will be held via Zoom on:

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 6:30 PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89227651902?pwd=U1R6djFFVTNlenM1SWJlVSTdCY0JTdz09>

**Meeting ID: 892 2765 1902**

**Passcode: 422990**

Those interested in attending are encouraged to pre-register by emailing [lcourtney@bmross.net](mailto:lcourtney@bmross.net). The Draft Background Report is available for review at <https://town.petrolia.on.ca>. Copies of the proposed By-law will be available 2 weeks ahead of the meeting. Representatives of B. M. Ross and Associates Limited will be at the meeting to present details of the Draft Background Report and answer questions.

**This Notice issued November 16, 2023**

Mandi Pearson, Clerk, Town of Petrolia

## Administrator calls for nepotism to be eliminated

Blake Ellis  
Local Journalism Initiative

Gary Girardi says the Lambton-Kent District School Board has to ‘eliminate’ nepotism and favouritism in its hiring practices.

This after a consultant found it was pervasive at the public school board.

Girardi, the superintendent of education for human resources, presented the report to the board Nov. 14.

“I think the report is in line of where we have been and where we want to go,” said Girardi. “We think there are real benefits to have an audit done,” said Girardi. “An equity audit is not mandated by the province,” he said.

LKDSB had previously completed both a student and a staff census to gather demographic information about both groups in 2022. Girardi said the staff census showed the workforce at LKDSB is not a reflection of the demographic of the community with only two percent identified as Indigenous, while three percent identified as racialized, three percent were 2SLGBTQ+ and seven percent of staff were living with a disability.

But the equity report went further. The Turner Consulting Group found nepotism and favouritism is embedded in the hiring practices of the board. The stated goal of the report is to “increase diversity, develop equitable policies and practices and create a truly inclusive organization.”

Employees interviewed by the consultant said it was not uncommon to work beside the child of a senior administrator and they felt the board was only going through the motions to appear to be equitable and

inclusive.

Employees also believe “nepotism and favouritism impact hiring and advancement at the LKDSB and that they are in fact pervasive in the organization’s culture.

“In addition, many shared their perception that the hiring process is unfair, difficult to navigate, and creates barriers to the hiring of candidates from Indigenous communities and the equity-seeking groups.

“Some felt the nepotism and favouritism was so embedded within the culture of the board that these employees believe ‘that’s what the board is known for.’”

Some employees also feel the current equity efforts by senior leadership have made little real change.

As he presented the report to the board, Girardi said the organization has to make sure it uses merit based hiring practices and eliminate nepotism and favouritism.

The four priorities in the report are to diversify the workforce, create more equitable policies and procedures, create a more inclusive and welcoming work environment and strengthening equity infrastructure.

Girardi said the organization can’t tackle all 83 recommendations now, but the consultant gave a path for the LKDSB to move forward and created an action plan. In the end, LKDSB wants to improve student success, strengthen employee relations and “show ourselves as an employer of choice” within the community, said Girardi.

Trustee Jane Bryce suggested there be a professional development session for trustees to look at policy changes through an equity lens.

A workshop for trustees is being set up in January with a human rights lawyer.



## TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK

### NOTICE OF PASSING OF AN OFFICIAL PLAN & ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Township of Warwick has passed By-law 105 of 2023 & By-law 106 of 2023 on the 30th day of October 2023, under Sections 22 & 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

**THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT** amends Warwick’s Official Plan (consolidated 2021) and Warwick’s Zoning By-law 121 of 2012 to implement changes to enable Additional Dwelling Units within Single Detached, Semi-detached, Rowhouse and Townhouse dwellings on lots serviced by municipal water and sewage. It would also enable dwelling units in an accessory building (garage). These amendments are to conform to changes made to the Planning Act through Bill 23.

**THE PROPOSED BY-LAW** affects all lands within the Township of Warwick that are on municipal services (sewer and water).

**NO OTHER APPLICATIONS** are being considered at this time.

**APPEALS** to the Ontario Land Tribunal in respect of the By-law may be made by filing with the CAO/Clerk of the Township of Warwick a written notice of appeal, not later than the 4th day of December, 2023, setting out the reasons for the appeal and accompanied by the Ontario Land Tribunal fee made payable to the Minister of Finance.

**IF A PERSON** or public body did not make oral or written submissions to the Township of Warwick before the by-law was passed; the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the By-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal. **ONLY INDIVIDUALS**, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. **NO PERSON** or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to Warwick Council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

**NO KEY MAP** has been provided as this amendment affects all lands zoned Agriculture in the Township.

**A COMPLETE COPY** of each By-law is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipal Offices at 5280 Nauvoo Road, Watford.

**DATED at the TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK this 14th DAY of, November, 2023**

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# OPINION

## Column: True change comes with actions

Trustees of Lambton Kent District School Board missed an opportunity to further its truth and reconciliation to Indigenous people while also strengthening its efforts for a more inclusive and diverse school environment.

It was interesting this was missed right after the trustees were presented with the equity audit, which did not put the organization in the best of light pointing out the board is rife with nepotism and favouritism making it hard for racialized people to move ahead at the board.

The public school board is building a new school in Forest. Three elementary schools and a high school will be brought under one roof. The school needed a name. Trustees formed a committee of over 30 individuals with representatives from the seven area schools and from the school board itself. Trustees Jane Bryce and Jack Fletcher sat on this committee. The committee had 176 names submitted to it, but after deliberating, came down to the eventual choice, Lambton Shores Community School.

Trustee Roberta Northmore, who represents the four First Nations within Lambton Kent, disagreed with the committee’s choice, especially when it came to include Lambton in the name.

John George Lambton, the first Earl of Lambton, was a British politician who was made the governor general of British North America in 1838, a year after the two rebellions in Upper

and Lower Canada. He would resign from this position before the end of 1838, and would pass away two years later in 1840. Nine years later, Lambton County would be named in his honour.

“It is old colonial thinking,” said Northmore, of naming the school after the community named for John Lambton - which is very true. You look at a map of southern Ontario and names of counties and cities are usually named after places in Great Britain, British politicians or colonial officials. From Essex, Kent, Middlesex, London, Windsor, Chatham, the list is extensive of all of the names which can be attributed to our colonial past and the link to Great Britain.

We now recognize the destruction which colonialism had on the First Nations people of this country.

It is no wonder, Northmore objected to the school’s new name, which is another reminder of the area’s colonial past.

Given that the school board is wanting to portray itself as a place where inclusiveness and diversity is encouraged, you would think



Blake Ellis

the school board would have taken pause and looked into Northmore’s concerns more before making the final decision. Or even commented about her concerns. After all, with 11 trustees, Northmore is the only one of who is Indigenous or racialized, and represents the four First Nations within the Lambton-Kent boundaries.

Instead the trustees plowed ahead and put their stamp of approval on the new name.

We are on the traditional territory of Indigenous people after all, given the land acknowledgement read out before every meeting. Do trustees understand the weight of these words?

A land acknowledgement, flying the Every Child Matters flag or acknowledging National Day for Truth and Reconciliation means nothing if the ideals these things represent are not also considered when important decisions are made around the school board table.

As the equity audit so plainly proclaimed, the school board needs to be better, otherwise its inclusive and diversity efforts are just words.

True change comes with actions and those at the Lambton Kent District School Board need to find the courage to take the actions. So far, they haven’t.

I hope this changes for the good of everyone.

• BLAKE ELLIS COVERS EDUCATION FOR THE INDEPENDENT THROUGH THE LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PROGRAM

## Citizens ‘no longer see a way’ to save Campbell House

Heather Wright  
The Independent

A group hoping to save the home of the man who donated the land for Alvinston’s AW Campbell Conservation area “no longer see a way forward” to save the historic home.

That from the group Friends of Campbell Park.

In October 2021, staff at the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority came to the board of directors saying the farm house which Archie Campbell was born in - and had once been a museum reflecting rural life - was structurally unsound according to an engineer’s report and needed to be torn down.

But the plan was put on hold when Brooke-Alvinston council and people in the community objected. The group Friends of Campbell Park was formed hoping to save the heritage building. It initially secured the property and repaired the roof to stop any further damage.

But as time ticked on, the conservation authority grew impatient and the issue returned to the board table in September where the board agreed to seek a demolition permit for the property. At the time, staff warned council it could be liable for the cost of repairing and insuring the old building.

The demolition permit was denied by Brooke-Alvinston council. The SCRCA board then decided to appeal

council’s decision.

In a social media post, Friends President Dawn McNally said some members of the organization met with members of Brooke-Alvinston Council and the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority recently “in an effort to put an end to misinformation and adversarial rhetoric and find a constructive path toward securing the building and undertaking critical structural repairs to prevent the loss of this rich cultural heritage asset.”

But, McNally said, it didn’t go well. “The concern about insurance and liability costs, both by the SCRCA and the municipality, has eclipsed any consideration of the cultural heritage value of the house and of Archie Campbell’s legacy.”

Kathryn Shailer of the friends group says the conservation authority hasn’t taken the steps set out in the Heritage Act to secure a building permit. Shailer contends the application should include a site map, photographs and a Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment conducted by a heritage professional.

Shailer says by dealing with the SCRCA’s request, without asking for the materials “this has opened the door to SCRCA to appeal the decision without providing the cited materials.

“We are distressed that major decisions regarding Campbell House have been made, both by SCRCA and the municipality with incomplete information.” Shailer writes in a letter

to council.

“Yes, we are all aware that the building needs attention as soon as possible...however, an inspection and assessment by a heritage professional has still not been conducted and would constitute crucial intelligence ...without such a specialized assessment, statements about the safety, structural viability, and restoration costs are at best guesswork, at worst fearmongering.”

Conservation authority officials plan to ask the board of directors to move forward with an appeal on Dec. 7.

“We are now moving inexorably toward the demolition of Campbell House. It should not have come to this. AW Campbell House, located on the hill overlooking the conservation area, symbolizes the legacy of Archie Campbell’s contribution to conservation, agriculture, and the preservation of natural heritage in southwest Ontario. More than any other remaining building in Brooke-Alvinston, it represents the cultural history of our municipality,” she writes.

Brooke-Alvinston council is expected to talk about the issue Thursday.

Shailer, in her letter to council, says at the very least, if the municipality allows the demolition to move ahead, it should require the authority to provide some signage about Campbell to mark his legacy. But she adds “a plaque is not enough.”

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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION  
OF NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Concerning Proposed  
Official Plan Amendment #57, AND  
Zoning By-law Amendment 121 of 2023**

**TAKE NOTICE** that a Statutory Public Meeting for the above noted item will **NOT** be held on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, despite a previous notice to that effect that appeared in the November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 edition of this newspaper. The meeting will be proceeding at a future date that has yet to be determined. Notice will be circulated via newspaper, and the Town’s website and Facebook page once a date has been confirmed.

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# School property owner ordered to clean up

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

The owner of the former Florence Continuation School has until mid-January to clean up the mess left after the building was demolished.

And it comes as Lambton County Building post notices warning residents the area may contain asbestos.

The first schoolhouse was built on the Florence Road site in 1913. In 1937, it was demolished and a new building was erected to house both the elementary school and the continuation school. In 1953, high school students moved to the new high school in Dresden. The building served as an elementary school until Euphemia Central school was opened on Bentpath Road in 1965.

In early November, walkers noticed large patches of brick had collapsed from the middle of the wall. They called the Dawn-Euphemia Township, which called in the building officials, who issued an emergency order to tear the building down.

The south wall was taken down in the night out of fear it might collapse on a nearby house, the

rest came down the next day.

On Nov. 6, the building official inspected the demolished building and issued a new order to clean up the rubble.

Under Dawn-Euphemia’s bylaws, property owners may not have “dilapidated or collapsed structures” on their property and “in the event the building or accessory structure is beyond repair or not repaired, the land shall be cleared of all remains and left in a graded, level, and tidy condition.”

Dawn-Euphemia Councillor Paul Leboeuf voiced concerns about what was left of the building. He said he had heard asbestos signs had been posted on the fence surrounding the property and the county had “sprayed for any concerns with asbestos”

Clerk-Administrator Donna Clermont confirmed the county had been back to the property and issued an order to clean things up. Officials will return Jan. 11 to make sure the work has been completed.

“The owner can appeal for more time,” Clermont told council adding if the owner doesn’t complete the clean up, the county has contractors who



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

A sign warning of the potential for asbestos was erected at the ruins of the former Florence Continuation School.

would do the work in his place. The cost of the clean up would then be sent to the owner. If it is not paid, the full amount of the bill would be recovered on the tax bill.

Clermont told council she had been in contact with the owner and suggested he arrange the clean up himself, since he could likely arrange a contractor for less than the county.

# Enniskillen fire costs jump 20 per cent

**Blake Ellis**  
Local Journalism Initiative

Enniskillen Township is looking at a 20 percent increase for the 2024 operating budget of the Petrolia-North Enniskillen Fire Department.

The fire management committee reviewed the draft budget on Nov. 7, and Enniskillen Township Council saw the proposed numbers at its Nov. 20 meeting.

Enniskillen pays 40 per cent of the department’s budget each year; Petrolia pays the rest.

The proposed 2024 budget share is \$225,633 - just shy of \$40,000 more than last year.

Enniskillen Administrator-Clerk Duncan McTavish gave highlights of the discussion by the fire management committee. Included was the funding of the rental of a second set of bunker gear for each firefighter. This is if the first gear is being washed and hung up to dry after a fire call and then another call comes in. That second set is available for firefighters.

Councillor Wally Van Dun, who sits on the fire management committee, said renting the second set of bunker gear is less money than buying it outright. The bunker gear rental is \$20,000.

McTavish said Petrolia had

previously allotted only a portion of the cost of the fire office administration staff to the department, but this year it is included all of the cost in the fire budget.

In 2023, there was \$12,500 included in the budget, but in 2024, the full \$33,000 is included.

There is also a three percent increase to the firefighters salaries to reflect the Town of Petrolia’s collective agreement.

The capital budget has also increased with Enniskillen’s portion going from \$70,800 in 2023 to \$82,800 in 2024, an increase of almost 17 percent. Petrolia’s portion of the capital budget is \$124,200 for a total budget of \$207,000.

The capital budget includes \$100,000 to be placed in reserve for updating the washrooms and showers in the fire hall. Enniskillen’s share would be about \$40,000.

The washroom renovations were included in last year’s budget but the cost was well over what was allotted and the project was deferred.

The washroom and shower renovation will be completed when there is enough in the reserve to complete the project.

There was no discussion at the Nov. 7 meeting about the purchase of a new tanker truck, said McTavish. Enniskillen council voted against the purchase of

\$1.47 million pumper/tanker truck in August. Enniskillen council was concerned about the cost of purchasing a dual use vehicle, instead of buying what is traditionally a lower cost tanker truck.

Despite this not being discussed or included in the capital budget, McTavish reminded council the replacement of the tanker truck will need to take place in the near future.

Mayor Kevin Marriott commented this was “a big increase” over one year.

Meantime, Enniskillen and Petrolia are still discussing just how much the township should be paying for the department.

Deputy Mayor Judy Krall said the 60-40 cost sharing arrangement remains the same at least for the 2024 budget.

Krall has argued Enniskillen’s share is too high and needs to be reduced given the number of fire calls in Enniskillen compared to Petrolia. Krall’s calculations show over the past eight years, Enniskillen generates between 23 and 32 per cent of the fire calls yet pays about 40 per cent of the total costs. Petrolia has 68 per cent of the population.

Enniskillen is in preliminary talks with the Town of Petrolia and is hopeful the cost sharing arrangement can change in 2025.

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## QUILT OF VALOUR



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Wally Cavan - a veteran of the Korean war, was presented with a Quilt of Valour by Laverne Phills. Quilts of Valour are handcrafted quilts made by individuals all across Canada and presented to Canadian Armed Forces members, both veterans and serving members, who have served in combat or peacekeeping missions or have become injured as a result of their service to Canada, at home or abroad. The quilt is to recognize an individual's service and sacrifice to Canada. The Petrolia veteran was recognized Nov. 16.

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## Child care advocates to lobby Lambton

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Petrolia’s Child Care Advocacy Group says the lack of daycare in Lambton is everybody’s problem.

So Jenna Simpson - who was one of the people behind the push for Petrolia to build a municipal day care - is heading to Lambton County Council to talk about the issue.

There are about 340 daycare-aged children in Petrolia and 85 spaces available. Many parents get on waiting lists for child care as soon as they know they’re expecting and still don’t have a spot by the time the baby is born and parents return to work.

A federal/provincial plan will create 541 spaces in the region with 67 slated for Petrolia but the County of Lambton, which is responsible for child care, is working with private operators to provide the service.

Simpson says it is an economic issue politicians need to address even though they’re already dealing with big issues like the growing need for long term care for seniors and the housing crisis. The lack of daycare will make those issues even worse.

“We can’t staff long term care without child care and how do we pay for homelessness if people can’t work?”

“People want to work. I know so many people who want to work and this crisis has a stranglehold on the economy.”

Simpson plans to tell county councilors Nov. 29, the county should start running its own child care programs.

Lambton did run its own child care programs until about eight to 10 years ago when two operations in Sarnia were closed. It also contracts out services with Generations Child Care and works with organiza-

tions such as Lambton Rural Child Care to provide licensed home child care.

But the advocacy group says home child care isn’t stable.

“Home licensed daycare is a house of cards,” says Simpson who notes she’s had three child care providers over the years.

“If someone in the household gets sick, if they sell their house and move like, it is so unstable. It is not the kind of foundation that you build a society on.”

Simpson says it is within the county’s mandate to provide services and some communities, such as the Township of Russell, recently decided a municipally-run child care centre is a better option.

“They have the option to either contract third parties, like Generations Day Care or a non-for-profit or even a private company, but they also have the opportunity to run it themselves. That happens all over the province.

“We’re not really that concerned about where it’s located exactly. However, Petrolia is a good candidate because it has such a low access rate.”

But Simpson is aware it make take a very long time to convince decision makers to make government run child care a priority.

“We feel like we’ve got 20 years to put towards advocacy on the issue honestly,” she says. “I think it’s just going to take time and it’s going to take persistence. It is a pillar for social and economic well being and there’s no way around it.”

Simpson adds the county is not the only body which will solve the problem. She expects to lobby at Queen’s Park for funding as well.

“It’s everybody’s problem and it’s everybody’s problem to solve.”

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### Notice of Completion

#### Town of Petrolia

#### Bright's Grove WTP Intake Replacement

**What is this study all about?**

The Town of Petrolia has completed a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study to address current operational concerns associated with the existing Bright's Grove Water Treatment Plant (WTP) raw water intake. The Bright's Grove WTP is located in the City of Sarnia, approximately 20 km from the Town of Petrolia, and supplies potable water to the Town of Petrolia and other service area municipalities including the Townships of Enniskillen and Dawn-Euphemia, and the Village of Oil Springs. The existing intake for the WTP was constructed in 1944 and is approaching the end of its useful service life. A plan is required to rehabilitate or replace the existing intake structure to ensure a safe, secure, and reliable long-term source of raw water to the plant.

**How is this study being done?**

The Class EA study was conducted according to the requirements of a Schedule 'B' project under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Planning Process (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015). The study identified and evaluated replacement intake alternatives. The preferred solution was selected to minimize technical, community, natural environmental and economic impacts.

The Municipal Class EA Project File Report is available for review on the Town's web site, and at the following location: <https://town.petrolia.on.ca/planning-development/brights-grove-wtp/>

Town of Petrolia Municipal Office  
Operations Department  
411 Greenfield Street  
Petrolia, Ontario, N0N 1R0  
Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
P: (519) 882-2350

Interested persons should provide written comment to the municipality on the proposed Class EA Project File Report within 30 calendar days from the date of this Notice. Comment should be directed to the Director of Operations at the Town.

If concerns arise regarding this Class EA which cannot be resolved in discussion with the municipality, a person or party may request that the Minister of the Environment make an order for the project to comply with Section 16 of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Section 16 Order), which addresses individual EAs. Requests must be received by the Minister at the address below within 30 calendar days of this Notice. A copy of the request must also be sent to the Town Director of Operations. If there is no request received by December 23, 2023, the identified projects will proceed to design, and construction as presented in the planning documentation.

Minister of the Environment  
135 St. Clair Avenue, 10th Floor,  
Toronto, Ont. M4V 1P5

**This Notice was issued November 23, 2023.**

Mandi Pearson, Clerk





# Walking for Johnny



## Over 70 join veterans' mental health walk

Blake Ellis  
Local Journalism Initiative

“Thank you for helping to erase the stigma,” said Sharon Little, as she held back tears standing just feet away from her son’s grave.

The mother of Sgt. John R. Little addressed the 74 people in the inaugural ruck walk to raise awareness for soldiers suffering from post traumatic stress disorder.

The group began its 24 kilometre trek Saturday at the Sarnia Armouries, travelling down Confederation Line to Wyoming and ending at the cemetery. Many of the walkers had 25 to 45 pound backpacks, which they carried throughout the day as soldiers do in training.

Sgt. John Little died by suicide Nov. 22, 2021, after struggling with post traumatic stress. Little had served two tours in Afghanistan, had gone through a divorce and trying to be a long-distance father of four boys. Things were looking up for Little and his family never thought he might die

by suicide.

A military investigation into his death ruled he died due to post traumatic stress disorder. It also found, Little’s long-time therapist went on leave shortly before his death and he wasn’t assigned a new one. The investigation led to a change in practice in this regard, assigning two therapists to a member of the armed forces, to avoid a loss of service.

Little’s family formed Operation Talk to Me Johnny, an organization which talks about mental health and supports organizations which support military members and first responders.

Little’s sister, Lisa Mason, was ecstatic and a little bit tired, as she stood in the Wyoming cemetery at the conclusion of the event. She said this will be an annual event with the next being held in Edmonton where Little spent much of his military career.

There was \$15,000 raised and given to two organizations supporting military veterans and first responders.



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTOS

The Ruck Walk moves along Confederation Line Saturday in support of military veterans and first responders suffering from post traumatic stress disorder. The family of Sgt. John R. Little of Wyoming organized the event. His parents, Sharon and John, center left, spoke at his graveside after walking 24 kilometers from the Sarnia Armoury, where their son began his military career, to the cemetery in Wyoming where he is now buried.







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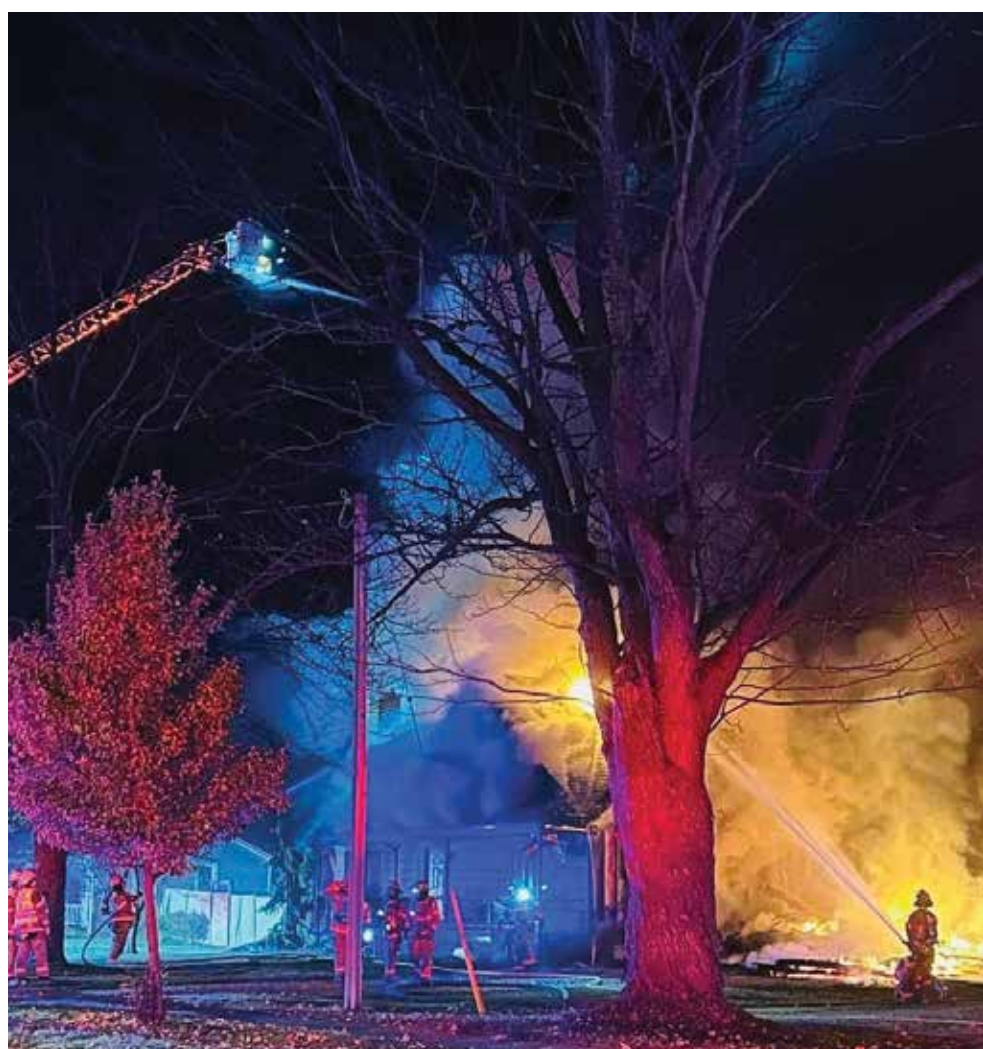


PHOTO BY PETROLIA/NORTH ENNISKILLEN FIRE

## Wyoming steps up to help fire victims

A couple lives at the home and that night, one was at work when the fire started. One person and two dogs left the home in the

"It's the time of the year, too," she says of people's need to give. "People are feeling generous and are wanting to do something."

## Edward St. likely to be 2024 home of soccer

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# Notice of Public Information Session 2

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## Twin Creeks Environmental Centre Landfill Optimization Project Environmental Assessment

November 29 & December 5, 2023 | 4 - 8 PM

Twin Creeks Environmental Centre  
5768 Nauvoo Road, Watford, ON N0M 2S0

WM Canada (WM), the owner and operator of the Twin Creeks Environmental Centre (TCEC) in Watford, Ontario, will be hosting **Public Information Session 2** for the TCEC Landfill Optimization Project Environmental Assessment (EA).

There are approximately 8 years of approved landfill airspace capacity remaining at the TCEC (i.e., capacity will be reached in approximately 2031). The Project would provide additional airspace of approximately 14 million cubic metres, which could extend the site life by approximately 12 years (from 2031 to 2043), and may be achieved through alternative landfill configurations or alternative methods within the existing 301 ha TCEC site area. No changes are proposed to the size of the TCEC site area, approved service area, or annual fill rate.

The purpose of the EA is to assess the potential effects of the Project on the environment.

For additional information on the project, please visit the project website:

[www.wm.ca/en/twin-creeks-landfill/landfill-optimization-project](http://www.wm.ca/en/twin-creeks-landfill/landfill-optimization-project)

**Public Information Session 2** is being held to:

- Provide an update on the EA
- Present a screening of Alternative Methods
- Provide a summary of Existing Conditions
- Present next steps in the EA Process
- Obtain your input

We value your engagement and look forward to discussing the project with you. You are welcome any time from 4 - 8 PM on November 29 and December 5.

If you have questions, please contact:

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HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Jeannette Douglas takes a look through the new Sarnia-Lambton Mobile Care Clinic at a stop in Alvinston.

# Mobile Clinic on the road

Heather Wright  
The Independent

When the doors to the “clinic on wheels” first opened, there was no one to greet the health care providers ready to help the people of Alvinston. And, it happened again the next time the Mobile Clinic rolled in to Alvinston.

But now, Nicole Polak of Canadian Mental Health Association Lambton-Kent says, when they open the doors, people are waiting for them. Last week, six people were waiting. “So that is wonderful. Obviously the word starting to get out,” she says.

It’s been a long road to get the concept approved, the RV purchased and tricked out to become a full medical clinic with a counselling room. The Sarnia-Lambton Mobile Clinic had been in the works long before the pandemic hit. It just recently started to roll down the roads three days a week making stops in Watford, Alvinston, Kettle and Stony Point, Thedford and Sarnia to help those without housing.

The goal is to provide physical care to people who don’t have family physicians and might head to the emergency room for help. It will also provide mental health and addictions care, withdrawal services and even help guide people to find the housing services they may need.

Polak says Alvinston and Watford were chosen after studying emergency room data to see where people were from and what issues they were dealing with. They targeted communities where it seemed people didn’t have access to family physicians and also may not have transportation to go see someone in another centre.

Then, they found the staff to man the bus three days a week. “We have a rotation of about 15 people with Bluewater Health withdrawal management that rotates through. With our CMHA staff, we have them scheduled,

so every Tuesday you’re on the bus, every Wednesday you’re on the bus. So when you come to Alvinston on Wednesdays, you know it’s always going have the same CMHA people and you’re almost always going to have the same nurse practitioner,” says Polak.

That’s especially important when helping those with mental health issues. “We need to be able to build relationships and trust with the people that we’re serving. You don’t want to retell your story over and over again. We all know how challenging that can be to say it the first time,” says Polak.

Friday, the Mobile Clinic was set up outside the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Centre so people could come for a tour and learn what services are available. The health care providers showed off the examining room, complete with a small gurney and much of the equipment you would find when being assessed at the hospital.

Polack says after a few bumps in the road - including the first day in Alvinston when people knew the Mobile Clinic was coming but didn’t know where it would be - the clinics are seeing more residents.

Over the next six months, the CMHA and its partners will evaluate how they’re doing and determine whether they should be expanding services or moving to four or five days a week.

All that will depend on money. The CMHA secured about \$700,000 government funding to build two clinics - one in Lambton the other in Chatham-Kent but the health care organizations involved are footing the bill for the operation of the clinics.

Officials aren’t sure if the provincial government will provide operating funding for the Mobile Care Clinics in Lambton and Chatham-Kent or if they organizations will have to look for donations to expand - should they need to.

Those decisions are still a ways down the road.

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HAYTER THANKS



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO CREDIT

Pat Hayter, whose parents are the namesake of the Hayter Memorial Tournament, shakes the hand of one of the members of the colour guard at the opening ceremonies Friday night. The Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood arena is a busy place this weekend for the Hayter Memorial Tournament. Fire departments from across Ontario are in the community for a weekend tournament which raises money for Camp Bucko – a children’s camp for burn victims. Over the last four years, the tournament has raised over \$68,000 for the camp.

Water fees rising \$150 in 2024 in DE

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Dawn-Euphemia would need between \$33 and \$47.5 million to replace all of its water lines and it is not going to be possible with water rates where they sit now. That was the word from John Collison, the man responsible for the township’s water system. He brought his annual report to council and laid out the difficult details. Right now, Dawn-Euphemia’s 400 water users pay a flat fee of \$25 every two months and water usage rates of \$3.25 per cubic meter. At that rate, Collison told council, the municipality only has enough money to repair about two or three kilometers of pipes. Collison added the construction costs have increased by about \$105 per meter. Last year, the same amount of capital would build 11 km of line.

Collision proposed raising the flat rate to \$50 every two months and increasing water rates to \$3.80 per cubic meter. The water rates are supposed to cover operating costs however in the past there have been operating deficits. Councilors all seemed to see the need to increase water rates - agreeing \$3.92 per cubic meter would cover costs - but Councillor Mark McGuire was particularly concerned about increasing the flat rate fee. “I have a hard time doubling that fee in one year.” Mayor Al Broad agreed it is hard to ask people to pay more right now, but “we can’t allow the system to fall apart either...It is something we gotta do.” Councillors agreed to raise both the flat rate and the water rate. It will be discussed again at a council meeting, likely in December, where all municipal fees are presented and approved in a fee bylaw.

Odour complaints from WM ‘greatest number on record’

The Independent

Warwick Township’s environmental lawyer says if Waste Management gets approval to double the size of the Twin Creeks site, there will be more issues. Peter Pickfield made the comment as township council reviewed the company’s plans as it works on an Environmental Assessment of the project which will see the company pile more waste on the existing footprint of the landfill. Pickfield says Waste Management generally does a good job operating the landfill and now brings in 1.4 million cubic meters of waste each year, making it the highest fill rate in Ontario.

That has impacts, he says. “The impacts generally are on the community around it. This community will take the brunt of those impacts. And as we’ve heard today on the odour issue, it’s almost impossible to avoid those impacts.” Pickfield says if the landfill expands “They’re more likely to be more noticeable impacts not just visual but odour and noise and other impacts.” 2023 had the “greatest number of odour complaints on record.” Pickfield was given approval to work with WM to have it submit its report on the possibility of a full-time Ministry of Environment inspector at the site as it works towards approval for the proposed expansion.

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The Alvinston Optimist Club is looking for your used and unused lights. Donations will be used for people who wish to have a display or to light River Street during the Dec. 2nd Christmas event downtown. Pick up can be arranged within 20 minutes of Alvinston or drop off at 3323 River St. Alvinston anytime day or night. Call or text (519) 490-5393. We appreciate your support in putting unused Christmas Lights to good use!

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**TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK**  
**NOTICE OF INTENTION**  
**SITE PLAN CONTROL BY-LAW AMENDMENT**  
**- MUNICIPAL PROJECTS EXEMPTION**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Warwick will consider a proposed Site Plan Control By-law Amendment to exempt projects undertaken by the Township from Site Plan Control. The amendment is being considered under Section 41(2) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended. The meeting will take place on **December 11, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.** in Council Chambers at the Township Office at 5280 Nauvoo Road in Watford and will be livestreamed to the Warwick Township YouTube channel.

**THE PROPOSED SITE PLAN CONTROL BY-LAW AMENDMENT** would exempt projects undertaken by the Township from Site Plan Control. As a result of Bill 109, this exemption allows the town not to undertake a Site Plan Agreement within “itself”. This does not exempt the Township from any other applicable Provincial or Federal regulation, including the Building Code. As this amendment affects all properties within the Township, **no key map has been provided as this amendment is Township wide. NO OTHER APPLICATIONS** have been received at this time.

**ANY PERSON** may attend the council meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed Site Plan Control By-law Amendment. **If you wish to participate or speak to the proposed Site Plan Control By-law Amendment electronically or in person, you must register with the Township Office by Friday, December 8, at 12 noon to receive the login information for the meeting.** You may also register by calling 226-848-3926 or emailing info@warwick-township.ca.

**WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS** in respect of the proposed Site Plan Control By-law Amendment can be made to the Deputy Clerk or Clerk of the Township of Warwick. Submissions can be provided in person at the Township Office, by mail or by e-mail to info@warwicktownship.ca.

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**www.warwicktownship.ca**



# SPORTS

## Flyers down Trojans for third straight

The Independent

Dylan Campbell’s second goal of the game midway through the third period was the game-winner as the Petrolia Flyers beat Thamesford.

The Flyers topped the Trojans 4-2 in PJHL action Nov. 16 at Greenwood Arena.

Noel Sanderson iced the game with an empty net goal late in the final frame. Daniel Gibson had the other Petrolia goal.

Cam Davidson added three assists to

extend his point streak to three games.

Ethan Everaert was full marks for the goaltending win with 34 stops as the Trojans outshot the Flyers, 36-16.

Petrolia has now won three straight games and is 6-10-1 on the campaign.

With the win, the Flyers also evened their home ice record this season to 4-4-1.

They are now off until a rare weekend home game against the Aylmer Spitfires this Saturday night at 7:30.

## Mooretown loses twice over the weekend

The Independent

Jace Dupuis scored twice and John Chartrand made 34 stops for the Mooretown Flags in a 4-2 loss to the Blades.

The home team scored the winning goal with just under seven minutes left in regulation time and iced the game with a late empty net tally in PJHL action Nov. 19 in Blenheim.

Alvinston’s Joey Hayter had a goal and an assist for the Blades and now has seven points in his last seven games.

Saturday in Mooretown, Dylan Dupuis registered the hat trick and brother Jace had the other in a 6-4 loss to Wheatley.

Dracen Campbell had a season-high four assists for the Flags.

Mooretown, now 5-9-3 on the campaign, has only one win in its past six games.

They play the Sharks and Canadiens on the road in Wheatley and Lakeshore on Wednesday and Friday this week.

The Flags next home game is against the Sharks on Saturday, Dec. 2

## Bluebirds fall to Petrolia Squires in WOSHL

The Independent

Goals by Kraig Wright, Jack Hackett and Steve Farlow in the opening five-and-half minutes Friday led the Petrolia Squires to a 4-3 win over Tilbury Bluebirds in Western Ontario Super Hockey League action.

The Squires took a 3-1 advantage into the first intermission and that score held through 40 minutes of play.

After, TJ Harris increased Petrolia’s lead early in the third frame, Tilbury drew to

within one with just over four minutes remaining but could not get the equalizer.

Ryan Trotter added two assists for the winners to increase his team leading total to 18 points.

Sean Parker improved to 3-0 on the season for the Squires making 28 saves in the Petrolia cage.

The Squires, now 7-2 on the season and tied with Tillsonburg for the league lead, host Dunville at Greenwood on Friday. Puck drop is 8:30.

## Legionnaires go two for three in GOJHL play

The Independent

The Sarnia Legionnaires scored twice in each of the first two periods on its way to a 4-2 GOJHL win over LaSalle at the Pat Stapleton Arena.

Cam Graham led the winners Nov. 16 with a goal and two assists and Jimmy Monks added a goal and a helper.

Watford’s Ty Moffatt and Ty Therrien had the other goals for Sarnia.

Wallaceburg’s Jack Martin made 36 saves for the goaltending victory.

Martin has now won three of his past four decisions and is 5-5 on the season.

Meantime, Plympton-Wyoming’s Ryan Richardson had a goal and two assists to lead the Legionnaires to a 6-3 win over the Kings Nov. 18 in Komoka.

Wyoming’s Austin Harper, Graham and Jimmy Monks all added a goal and an assist. Lucas Durham and Moffatt also scored for Sarnia and Martin made 37 saves.

On Sunday, the hometown Maroons beat Sarnia, 9-2.

Owen Brown and Wyoming’s Jace McGrail scored for the Legionnaires.

Sarnia, now 9-10-1 on the campaign, is at home to St. Marys Thursday. They make a return trip to Komoka Saturday.

## OILERS TOPS IN ST THOMAS



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Petrolia Oilers are the U18 B division champions at the 2023 Boston Pizza Cup in St. Thomas. After going 3-0-1 in the preliminary round, the Oilers blanked Lucan, in the semi-finals and downed East Lambton, 3-1 in the championship contest. Petrolia scored the winning goal early in the third and iced the game with an empty net tally.

## LANCERS STOPPED IN LK FINAL



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO CREDIT

It was a defensive battle, as the LCCVI Lancers fell 7-1 to the Great Lake Wolfpack in the Lambton-Kent Varsity football final Thursday. The Lancers led 1-0 after the first half. The Wolfpack scored early in the second half which proved to be the winner. The Lancers were within striking distance less than two minutes left in the game, but turned over the ball.



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## Death Notices

Nov. 14 - Nov. 21, 2023

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

**McKENNA, John "Jack"**

Age: 92, of Corunna  
Knight Funeral Home

**FERLATTE, Ernest Joseph**

Age: 94  
McKenzie-Blundy Funeral Home

**DUDMAN, William "Jack"**

Age: 88, of Forest  
Denning's Funeral Home

**BROWN, Keith Borden**

Age: 85, of Tupperville  
Badder Funeral Home

**HAWKE, Daniel Corey**

Age: 47  
Smith Funeral Home

**DIGNAM, Adam Jeffery**

Age: 40  
Smith Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

**BEAUCHAMP, John**

Age: 61, of Courtright  
Knight Funeral Home

**McFAYDEN, John Anthony**

Age: 77, of London  
Gilpin Funeral Chapel

**MARSHALL, Nellie Anastasia**

Age: 105  
Smith Funeral Home

This information is provided as a community service. For detailed information, please refer to the funeral home website listing.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

**HUGHES, Caroline Helene**

(nee Beaulieu)  
Age: 90  
Smith Funeral Home

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

**HOHLHEIMER, Mathias**

"Martin"  
Age: 90  
McKenzie-Blundy Funeral Home

**SERCOMBE, Marjorie Phyllis**

Age: 97, of Forest/Arkona  
Denning's Funeral Home

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

**BARNES, Joyce**

Age: 78, of Sarnia/Oil Springs  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

**DAVIS, Cara Lynn (McCully)**

Age: 58, of Sarnia  
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

**MAKUCH, Mary**

Age: 82  
McKenzie-Blundy Funeral Home

**SAUNDERS, Glen Thomas**

Age: 71  
Smith Funeral Home

### In Memoriam

#### - IN MEMORY OF - **TJ Minten**

Mar. 6, 2018 - Nov. 28, 2020

Remembering you is easy,  
I do it everyday,  
but missing you is a heartache  
that never goes away.

Love and miss you always.

Love Daddy, Mommy  
& Siblings:

Ted, Vanessa, Max,  
Iris & Peyton Minten,

Pa & Baba:

Dusko & Margaret  
Bojkovic,

Opa & Oma:

Ted & Mary Lou Minten



#### IN LOVING MEMORY OF **Brian Carl Annett**

Jan. 12 – Nov. 22, 2022

We hold you close within our hearts, And there you  
shall remain, To walk with us through out our lives,  
Until we meet again. So rest in peace Dear loved one  
And thanks for all you've done, We pray that God  
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– Dad, Mom & Family

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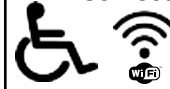
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### Obituary



#### BROAD

Marguerite Ila

Peacefully at Lambton Meadowview Villa on Monday, November 13, 2023, Marguerite Ila Broad passed away at the age of 94. She was the beloved wife of James "Jim" Broad for 69 years. Marguerite leaves behind her children Catherine Broad, Donna (Brian) Denham and Scott Broad. She was the proud grandma to Julie Poirier, Jennifer Dolbear, Jessica Raaymakers, Kyle Boylan,

Darren Boylan, Shane Boylan, Eli Denham, Ian Denham, Emily Denham Weed, Katelyn Broad, Liam Broad, Sarah Broad. Also Taylor, Kalie, Carter, Clay, Kelsey, Mason, Parker, Tinsleigh, Alex, James, Evan, Rowan, Grayson, Nell, Levi, Cayson, Alayna, Isla and Juniper. She is survived by her sister Norma Piggott. She will be fondly remembered by her numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Marguerite is predeceased by her parents Charles and Catherine (Campbell) Worts, and her sister Isabel (the late Glen) Racher. Marguerite was very proud of her nursing. Training in Detroit for 3 years in the 1940's, she gained her status as a Registered Nurse and worked for many years at C.E.E. Hospital in Petrolia. Cremation has taken place. Marguerite will be laid to rest beside her husband in Hillsdale Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.NeedhamJay.com

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– Ruby & Fred Robinson

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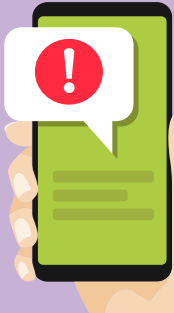
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*of events*

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DAY	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
Mon	7p	Watford	Darts @ Watford Legion	519-876-2360
Tues	7p	Watford	Euchre @ Watford Legion	519-876-2660
Tues	7p	Petrolia	Petrolia Toastmasters @ St. Andrew's Church	519-381-4910
2nd Wed	7p	Petrolia	Bingo @ Petrolia Lion's Hall	519-882-8728
3rd Wed	7p	Sarnia	Monthly Meeting @ Horticultural Society	519-332-5837
3rd Wed	1p	Petrolia	Music Jam, lunch at noon @ Petrolia Legion	519-882-1557
3rd Thurs	7p	Oil Springs	Optimist Meat Bingo @ Youth Centre	519-834-2152
Thurs	7p	Brigden	Pool Night @ Brigden Legion	
Fri	7p	Brigden	Pool Night @ Brigden Legion	519-864-1395
Fri		Watford	Meat Raffle, 50-50, CTA @ Watford Legion	519-876-2360
Sat	12p	Petrolia	Lunch 12-3 or until sold out @ Petrolia Legion	519-882-1557
Sat	2p	Petrolia	Meat Raffle @ Petrolia Legion	519-882-1557
Sat	3:30p	Forest	Meat Raffle @ Forest Legion	519-786-5357
Sat	6p	Alvinston	Catch The Ace @ Alvinston Legion	519-898-2100
Sat	4:30p	Brigden	Meat Raffle @ Brigden Legion. Nov. 4th, Nov. 18th, Dec. 2nd and Dec. 16	
		Brigden	NEW LEGION HOURS: Thurs 6-9p; Fri 6-9p; Raffle Saturdays 4-8p; Non-Raffle Saturdays 6-9p	

### UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT/ CONTACT INFO
Oct 6 - Mar 16	Gallery Hours	Sarnia	<b>A FAMILY PALETTE: FRANCES-ANNE JOHNSTON, FRANZ JOHNSTON &amp; FRANKLIN ARBUCKLE</b> Acting as a purposeful feminist recovery project, the exhibition focuses more deeply on Frances-anne. For more info, please visit: <a href="http://www.jnaag.ca">www.jnaag.ca</a> .
Nov 3 - Jan 12	Gallery Hours	Sarnia	<b>RE VIEW - EXHIBITION 4:</b> A series of exhibitions over the next year and a half titled Re View. For more info on the Re View exhibition series, please visit our 10 Year Anniversary page.
Nov 4 - Dec 16	Gallery Hours	Bright's Grove	<b>GALLERY IN THE GROVE'S ANNUAL GIFTS OF THE SEASON</b> Showcasing 15 local artists with a wide range of beautifully handmade pieces for sale. Gallery hours Mon-Thurs 2pm-5pm and Fri & Sat 11am-2pm. For more info visit <a href="http://www.galleryinthegrove.com">www.galleryinthegrove.com</a> or call 519-869-4643.
Nov 23	6-8pm	Sarnia	<b>PASTELS &amp; POSIES: STILL LIFE DRAWING WORKSHOP</b> @ JNAAG Lead by instructor Emily Lardner, learn how to create still life drawings using oil pastels. Supplies are included with registration fee. \$50 plus tax. Discounts available for JNAAG members. For more info or to register, visit: <a href="http://www.jnaag.ca">www.jnaag.ca</a> .
Nov 25	10am-3pm	Petrolia	<b>CHRISTMASFEST CRAFT &amp; GIFT SHOW</b> @ St. Paul's United Petrolia. Handcrafted, homemade, home baked one of a kind treasures made by local talent. Some gift vendors as well. Free Admission & Door Prizes. Entry off Parking lot with a Chair Lift Available. The Kitchen will be open with food, beverage and sweets for Sale.
Nov 27	2pm-3:30pm	Online	<b>LAMBTON COUNTY BRANCH, ONTARIO ANCESTORS: DROP-IN &amp; CHAT - ZOOM WEBINAR</b> For a link to the meeting visit <a href="http://lambton.ogs.on.ca">lambton.ogs.on.ca</a> or email <a href="mailto:lambton@ogs.on.ca">lambton@ogs.on.ca</a>
Dec 2	1:30pm	Sarnia	<b>THE SARNIA BLUEWATER CHORDSMEN: ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT</b> @ New Horizons Church. Free Will donations - all proceeds going to the Youth Wellness Hub of Sarnia. Call David @ 226-402-3060 for more information.
Dec 2	7-10pm	Wyoming	<b>COUNTRY DANCE</b> Music by Joan Spalding & Doug. Wyoming Legion. \$10.00 per person. Net proceeds going to St. Joseph's Hospice Sarnia Lambton. Come out to hear live country music and dance the night away!!



# SPORTS



Dustin Jeffrey

SARNIA STING PHOTO

## Courtright’s Jeffrey joins Sting

The Sarnia Sting didn’t take long to name a new assistant coach.

Dustin Jeffrey was named to the coaching staff last Friday. “Having grown up in Sarnia, I know how much the Sting means to the community and I’m excited to join the organization,” said Jeffrey who recently concluded a 15-year pro career in both North America and Europe. “I look forward to helping the team out for the rest of this season!”

Jeffrey replaces Brent Sullivan who resigned earlier in the week citing family reasons.

The Courtright native played five seasons in the OHL with Mississauga and the Soo from 2004-08. He also suited up for 131 NHL games with Pittsburgh, Dallas and Arizona.

“Dustin will be a welcomed addition to our coaching staff,” said Sting GM Dylan Seca. “He’s a professional through and through.

We believe his attention to detail and the love for the game will be great for our group.”

On the ice, the 35-year-old won an AHL championship with the Texas Stars and two Spengler Cup championships with Team Canada.

## Killer Bees rest with 4-3 record

It’s another off week for the Alvinston Killer Bees. They are tied for sixth place in the 11-team Western Ontario Super Hockey League with a record of 4-3. The Bees will next see action against Woodstock on Dec. 1 at the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Complex.

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The Sarnia Sting will try to snap a five-game losing skid when they visit the Spirit in Saginaw Saturday. The Sting host Guelph Sunday afternoon at 2 pm. Sarnia was on the wrong end of decisions against Brantford, Owen Sound and Flint last week.

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The Lambton Shores Predators went four-for-four at the Beaverloch Farms tournament in Thorold on the weekend. The Preds won the U11, U13, U15 and U18 banners. Lambton Shores blanked the Petrolia Oilers, 3-0 in the U15 title game.

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Brothers Jack and Emmett Stephenson of Oil Springs both won gold medals over the weekend with Team Ontario at the Turkey Toss field lacrosse event in North Carolina. Jack was a member of the provincial U15 squad and Emmett was on the U13 roster. Both Team Ontario entries were undefeated.

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North Lambton is the SWOSSA junior girls’ A champions. They won the banner with a 52-23 win over Windsor-Lajeunesse Nov. 15. Meantime, St. Pat’s and Great Lakes won SWOSSA AAA and AA girls’ basketball titles last week. The Irish will represent the area at the OFSAA event this week in Hamilton and the Wolfpack will be part of the provincial AA championship in Guelph.

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The Point Edward Pacers of the Ontario Junior B lacrosse league is in search of a new head coach. Matt Vince stepped down after two seasons at the helm. Interested coaches can email [stephen-baker@sympatico.ca](mailto:stephen-baker@sympatico.ca) or call or text 519-331-2713. The deadline for submissions is this Friday, Nov. 24.

## GOALIE REGRETS



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

Alvinston’s goalie looks to the sky as Warwick scores at the Hayter Memorial Tournament in Brooke-Alvinston Saturday. The tournament features teams from fire departments across Ontario and raises money for Camp Bucko - a summer camp for burn victims. Alvinston lost 8-1 to Warwick, which claimed the championship cup.



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