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Augusta dedication to environment lauded at fall harvest event



Sustainable commitment: Augusta Township residents were invited to a celebration of World Energy Day held at Brophy Farm on October 22. Guests and speakers included from left Cathy Wurth and Ron Grootjens of Bee Too Honey, Katherine Forster of Canadian Wildlife Federation and Amy Fogo a floriculture farmer. Fogo and her husband Ryan Brophy operate V6 Agronomy, the fertilizer farm on Branch Road where the celebration was held.

BUSINESS NEWS PHOTO/BURCHELL

By Veronica Burchell

NORTH AUGUSTA - Augusta Township's vision for agricultural sustainability was called "incredible" at a celebration of World Energy Day. The township's council, staff and guest speakers gathered together at V6 Agronomy (Brophy Farm) on Branch Road to celebrate agriculture, community, economic development and the en-

vironment.

Coordinator Myron Belej, Augusta's Planner and Economic Development Manager, brought all the participants to the farm in celebration of World Energy Day. Guest speakers were a mix of local and long-distance specialists in farming and the environment, including the Canadian Wildlife Federation and Bee City Canada.

"This township's pas-

sion for sustainability is incredible," said John Espadero, a local beekeeper and owner of Bayanihan Honeybee Company. "They have the bigger picture in mind and the analogy between bees and this township is obvious: like bees the township and their staff have a mission and each is outstanding at his or her job in achieving that mission."

Mayor Doug Malanka

spoke briefly to welcome those in attendance and expressed pride in his council and the township's residents.

"Our main priority is economic development, and this council and staff have shown dedication and commitment to that aim, while understanding that Augusta is a rural township and that agriculture and the environment are our most important and sustainable resources," said the mayor. "The staff's commitment to identifying several objectives shows a huge interest, but they have never lost sight of our rural connection which is definitely a large part of economic development."

Katherine Forster, Habitat Program Manager of Canadian Wildlife Federation, came from Ottawa to congratulate the township on the projects they have put in place to foster sustainability and protection of wildlife, including honeybees and monarch butterflies. She made special mention of the way the township has encouraged people to get involved in

beekeeping and have even set up hives on township properties.

Shelly Candel, Director of Bee City Canada, also spoke, calling Augusta a township committed to protecting pollinators.

"They have an action plan consisting of planting, creating food and resting sites, and education," Candel said while addressing the crowd. "A 'Bee City' designation is awarded to a community who excels at doing all these things and Augusta Township is the fortieth area in the country to become a bee city. There are currently only 43 other areas with this designation."

Candel, who is from Toronto, said creating bee cities is now a huge move-

ment across the country, but Augusta Township is the only area near here to achieve the honour. She congratulated the township's Public Works and Roads Manager Brad Thake on his pollinator-protection mowing plan.

Thake, who has worked for 25 years in public works, said he didn't know much about bees and butterflies until this past year when he met with specialists on the subject and began altering his roadside mowing program. He said when and where he can, he and his staff have created a "strategic mowing practice" and tries to mow with pollinators in mind, avoiding milkweed.

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NEWS FROM The Farm



Ontario supporting farmers through research investments

Ontario is investing \$6.52 million into more than 40 agri-food research projects that will support the production of safe, high-quality food, stimulate economic growth, and contribute to even more environmentally friendly agriculture practices.

Through the Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance, a collaboration between the Ontario government and the University of Guelph, funded research projects underway include:

- Enhancing integrated pest management for leaf diseases in onions

- Using breeding and genomic approaches to develop disease-resistant soybeans for Ontario's changing environment

- Identifying market conditions for small scale on-farm anaerobic diges-

tion to produce biogas or nutrient-rich fertilizer

- Improving outcomes for Ontario apple producers through precision agriculture and labour efficiency strategies

- Digital mapping of soil carbon and nutrients in the Great Clay Belt to better understand effects of land conversion on agricultural practices

- Establishing a baseline for provincial soil properties that will support better soil health assessments

- Assessing herbicidal tolerance of cover crops during years with adverse weather

- Improving food rescue and recovery in the province's industrial, commercial and institutional sectors

- Investigating noise impacts of grain dryers on

neighbouring land uses

- Examining the current state of drainage infrastructure in Ontario.

"The research we're investing in is vital to helping Ontario's hardworking farmers and food businesses remain competitive and profitable," said Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. "Now, more than ever, we need to sup-

port innovative solutions that improve production practices, protect our environment and stimulate growth in our agri-food sector."

All research projects are supported by strategies to ensure Ontario's agri-food sector can benefit from the new knowledge, technologies and solutions developed through provincially funded research.

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Major expansion planned for Johnstown's Greenfield plant

By Andrew Boardman

JOHNSTOWN - Greenfield Global Inc. in Johnstown, which is Canada's largest producer of fuel ethanol, and a global leader in the production of high-purity specialty alcohols and solvents, is beginning a major construction project this month to expand its production capabilities of high-grade alcohol, including USP grade, to 114 million litres annually.

These alcohols can be used in hand sanitizers and surface disinfectants, for which the demand has skyrocketed as people across the globe are still struggling to contain the COVID-19 outbreaks. The expansion project is expected to take 12 months and \$75 million to complete and should be completed before the end of 2021. This will not only help to meet the growing demands of those alcohols needed for sanitization products, but will also cre-

ate many new jobs, including construction and plant operations.

Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes MPP Steve Clark released a statement on October 16, 2020 to make the announcement of his government's support of Greenfield's expansion by investing \$2.5 million through the Ontario Together Fund to help with the expansion.

"...we need companies like Greenfield, who can bring their expertise to bear on the challenges that we are facing during the pandemic, and to ensure Ontario's emergency preparedness," said Clark about the need for made-in-Ontario solutions in response to the pandemic. He was very excited to announce that the 114 million litres of specialty grade alcohol will be one of the highest standards in our country, and would be enough to produce 150 million one-litre bottles of hand sanitizer if all of the

output was used for that.

Federal member of Parliament Michael Barrett emphasized the need to lessen our reliability on foreign products, as in 2020 they had been disrupted, as other countries put their domestic interests first.

"It's very important new way of thinking that we have here in Ontario, with Steve and with his colleagues in the provincial legislature, and that's about strengthening Ontario communities. That's about having a more robust domestic supply chain and really a robust local supply chain," said Barrett, who was also very excited about the partnership between the government and Greenfield.

Edwardsburgh Cardinal Mayor Patrick Sayeau was also very enthusiastic about the new developments at Greenfield.

"This is great news for the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal and for the United Counties of



Creating a safer Canada:

Among the officials at the event were: left to right; MPP Steve Clark, Mayor Patrick Sayeau, Greenfield President and CEO Howard Field, and MP Michael Barrett.

BUSINESS NEWS PHOTO/BOARDMAN

Leeds and Grenville. But most of all, it's great news for Canada, whether it be hand sanitizer from the Greenfield Global plant in Johnstown or an N-95 face mask from 3M Brockville, the province of Ontario is leading the country in harnessing our local industries to ensure that never again will our country be at the mercy of international markets for critical PPE supplies."

Greenfield President and CEO Howard Field was very thankful for the

\$2.5 million grant Greenfield was given, and for everything else that has been done to support his company.

"I can say that from the perspective of our company and why we're spending \$75 million, it's because it will be the highest purity alcohol that you can make," says Field. "It will be known that around the world and that's who Greenfield is, and that's what we want to do here. So not only for hand sanitizer, this product can also

be used for medical alcohol. For the hospitals and Laboratories and pharmaceutical companies for human use, which is a major factor in what we're doing."

This expansion is a great stride forward in making sure Canada will be able to weather out the rest of this pandemic without relying on outside sources, and will also ensure that the country will be much better prepared for any other emergencies that may arise in the future, while bringing lots of jobs to the area.

Skilled trades training coming to Kemptville campus

KEMPTVILLE — Secondary school students will soon be receiving training for careers in high-demand skilled trades on the Kemptville Campus.

On behalf of Labour, Training and Skills Development Minister Monte McNaughton, Clark announced the Kemptville Campus Education and Community Centre has been given approval to provide training to secondary school students in the trades of:

- Truck and Coach Technician
- Heavy Duty Technician
- Agricultural Technician

The province is providing funding to allow the Campus to offer up to 20 seats to help meet local demand for training in these important trades, said Clark, who was joined at the announcement by North Grenville Mayor Nancy Peckford and representatives from the region's four school boards.

"Today is another big step forward in the revitalization of the Kemptville Campus. I'm so pleased that our government has recognized the need to give students from Eastern Ontario the opportunity to train for a career in the trades close to home – as they have done here for generations," said Clark.

"I want to thank Mayor Peckford and the Municipality of North Grenville for their advocacy to deliver these important pro-

grams and Minister McNaughton for his support. This is not only great news for secondary school students looking to chart a path in a rewarding career, but for local employers desperate for skilled workers."

"This announcement represents a significant evolution in the role that Kemptville Campus will play in the education and economic development sectors in our region," said Campus Board Chair and Mayor Nancy Peck-

ford. "We've been working closely with Minister Clark's office and would like to recognize the province's commitment to advancing this goal. Deputy Mayor Jim McManaman and I want to also sincerely thank all four school boards for their collaboration and enthusiasm to work together on this initiative. With strong relationships – and the support of industry partners – we will once again be able to deliver much needed skills training to our youth

from Eastern Ontario right here in at Kemptville Campus," added Peckford.

"These programs give students a chance to train for good jobs and careers and get practical, hands-on experience," said Minister McNaughton.

The programs are scheduled to begin in September 2021 under the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and will be offered in both official languages, noted Clark.

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Milkweed is a food source and habitat of the Monarch Butterfly which is considered endangered. Pollinators, including Monarchs, require a di-

versity of flowering plants as well as milkweed and nectar-producing wildflowers. Candel and Forster say there are several ways a homeowner or a

township mowing team can mow to increase and improve their habitat, such as slowing down and reducing frequency of mowing.

"The decline of Monarch Butterflies and other pollinators is receiving increasing attention, leading many landowners to wonder how they can

help," says the CWF. "Re-thinking mowing is one way you can make a difference."

Other speakers included Ron Grootjens of Bee

Too Honey and Nicole Walker, Augusta's Manager of Recreation and Development, who brought a new and thriving farmer's market to the township.

Business CALENDAR



Friday, November 13, 2020

- Online Event - AC Entrepreneurship: Intellectual Property 101 - How intellectual property (IP) can help protect your business and what you should be aware of. Tickets available on Facebook.

Friday, November 27, 2020

Online Event - AC Entrepreneurship: Shopify 2.0 - Take your Shopify Store to the next level in this intensive workshop with the team at Algonquin College Entrepreneurship. Tickets available on Facebook.

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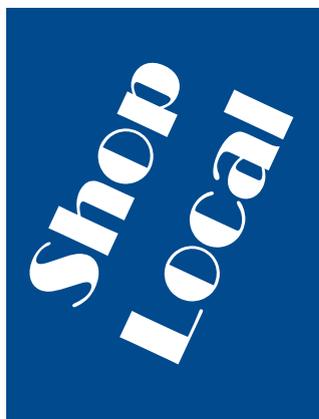
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Brockville Women in Business contest gives back to local charities

By CONAN DE VRIES

Members of Brockville Women in Business have always supported their community, but this year they had to do it a bit differently.

The regular monthly meetings of Brockville Women in Business (BWB) always featured a 50/50 draw, which allowed the group to raise some money that would then be donated to the Leeds and Grenville Interval House and Girls Inc., the two charities the BWB has supported from the group's inception in 2009.

Since the pandemic, however, the local businesswomen have been holding their meetings online, and there have been no 50/50 draws, but the BWB membership still wanted to support the two charities. They came up with another idea.

Over the summer, Brockville Women in Business ran a contest

in which participating businesses could donate a portion of their profits to the fund for the two local charities. They could either donate a portion of the sales from a particular item or a percentage of their total sales, and the businesses that raised the most money by the end of the contest would be acknowledged and awarded a prize.

"It was three-pronged effort," says Jeanette Johnston, president of Brockville Women in Business.

The contest was intended to help out local small businesses, to promote the benefits of shopping locally and, of course, to support the two female-focused non-profit organizations. Seven businesses took part in the contest and at the end of the summer, when combined with the money raised from a small paint party fundraiser, the initiative had raised \$2,060, which means the Inter-

val House and Girls Inc. will each receive \$1,280.

"It went really, really well," says Johnston. "We were very, very pleased."

The top three fundraisers in the inaugural contest were Laurie Sponagle Art and Garden Decor, Beauty Inside Day Spa and Sweet Life Cafe, with honourable mentions to Brenda Van Dusen of Scentsy and Culinary Creation by Mark Beacock.

All the money raised by these businesses, and the others that took part in the contest, has already been handed over to Interval House and Girls Inc. and though the BWB has been supporting these two charities since its founding, the organization's membership recently decided to begin distributing its charitable funds to different groups. Of course, this decision is no reflection on the value and importance to the community of either Interval House or Girls Inc., and

they may be the focus of the BWB's fundraising efforts again at some point, but applications from other interested groups and community organizations were invited over the summer, and the BWB executive has already chosen the two new charities for which the organization will be raising money. They will be announced at the next regular BWB meeting, and Johnston expects the charities will be rotated on an annual basis.

Johnston, who is also the business development coordinator with the Leeds Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre, was also pleased to see that some of the contest participants were doing quite well despite the pandemic.

"The community is really trying to support small businesses," she says. "I think we make an extra special effort to do that here in a small, mostly rural commun-

ity."

Organizers weren't entirely sure how the contest would work, but are so pleased with the results that Johnston anticipates running it again, perhaps with a few tweaks, on an annual basis. Particularly encouraging is that two of the top three fundraisers were not even members of BWB, as it was hoped the contest might also raise awareness in the local business community of Brockville Women in Business and perhaps attract some more members.

The BWB was founded over a decade ago and started out small, meeting in the back room at the Brockberry Cafe before moving to CJ's Banquet Hall and then to their current home at the Brockville Country Club. There are now about 90 members, and the membership is made up entirely of women from the local business community. The organization pro-

vides its members education and resources and invaluable networking opportunities.

The Leeds Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre is also busy helping local businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs. Johnston says they have been doing a great number of consults, all either by phone or teleconference, and have fielded a great many calls from people interested in their expertise.

"People are thinking of starting their own businesses," says Johnston. "I think they want to be in control of what they're doing."

The LGSBEC is also planning the annual Bridges to Better Business conference, which is always a big draw for businesspeople from all over the region, though this year's edition will be held online. The event will take place this month and will be streamed live from The Aquatarium.

Classic cars a feature of new Cardinal auto centre

By VERONICA BURCHELL

CARDINAL – If owning a 1966 Mustang is on your bucket list, you really should visit ELC Automotive Sales, a car dealership which opened in Cardinal recently.

Located on Highway 2 just west of the village, Herb Gooding's new lot pays homage to the classics while also offering reliable late-model used cars. His large showroom is reserved for gleaming classics like the Mustang, a 1970 Camaro and a now-high-performance, original Volkswagen Beetle.

"I've driven everything on the lot," says

Gooding, a semi-retired car salesman who moved here from Ottawa eight years ago. "I love playing detective and finding the old cars – after I retired, I knew that I missed the car business and realized this truly is my passion."

It took Gooding almost a year and a half to open the dealership. After buying the land, he had several hurdles to jump when it came to building and opening. Edwardsburgh Cardinal Mayor Pat Sayeau praised his perseverance during Friday's grand opening.

"ELC is a welcome addition and we are

glad you kept going after facing more challenges than we could have imagined; it's a testimony that you persevered, and Edwardsburgh Cardinal is glad to welcome you to our business community," said Sayeau. Those challenges involved building codes and bylaw issues imposed by the township's former building inspector.

MPP Steve Clark was also on hand to congratulate Gooding and the minister presided at the official ribbon cutting. Clark was also quick to praise the dealer for "hanging in there" while admiring the shining vehicles in



Classics: Herb Gooding, left, the owner of ELC Automotive Sales opened his Cardinal showroom and lot with Edwardsburgh Cardinal Mayor Pat Sayeau, centre, and MPP Steve Clark in attendance. He carries several makes and models but specializes in classic cars. BUSINESS NEWS PHOTO/BURCHELL

the showroom.

"These are just beautifully kept," said Clark as he and the

other councillors reminisced about past cars and trucks they had owned.

Gooding says he is glad to be open in Cardinal and says he loves the area.

BUSINESS NEWS EDITORIAL

Life marches on...meet Lindsay

I met John Tutecky when I was a teenager. A few years later, I found myself twisting wrenches with him for a living inside the shop in his backyard on Cedar Grove Road. I say working "with" him because that is the way it was. You didn't work "for" J.T.; you worked "with" him. John made a note of stressing that point from the onset.

John Tutecky was one of the most intelligent and caring individuals I have ever met. His combination of ability and humility, and the way he managed to keep both in check, influenced my life long after those days of safety checks, engine swaps and drinking away the occasional afternoon down at Sherry's Restaurant.

John Tutecky influenced my life and my understanding of people. I walked away a better human being from having known him.

Fast-forward 40 years.

Last week I spent a few hours on the road with our new sales representative. As I wind down my career in the labour force, the plan is to pull away from the sales department and revert back to being a part-time journalist and enjoy the ride as I travel down the road to retirement. Handing the day-to-day sales visits and email responses to the new girl is part of the process.

Her name is Lindsay McLaughlin.

Her grandfather's name was John Tutecky.

Life is pretty damned cool sometimes.

I encourage Lanark, Leeds and Grenville to take the time to meet Lindsay. While traces of her grandfather's intelligence, charm and devotion to people are clearly part of the genetic makeup, Lindsay is very much her own individual. She has a confident and casual manner that somehow morphs itself into a level of professionalism that defies conventional definition. Frankly, she was making me look bad by the end of her first day.

Lindsay is a great fit to our team.

I am sure the community will enjoy working with her.

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Thank you, Conan

It was 2014, and I was a wet-behind-the-ears reporter (as opposed to the wet-behind-the-ears columnist you now read before you) covering an annual event in a local church basement. I was seated at a table allotted for media and misfits and found myself a bit overwhelmed and out of my element.

I was used to structured sit-down meetings or casual over-the-phone interviews for upcoming stories; covering a live event, and capturing the photos to go with it, seemed a task made for someone with a far greater repertoire of skills as a journalist than I. Seated next to me at the table, and perhaps sensing some of my uncertainty (the constant notebook flipping and camera adjusting may have clued him in), was Conan.

Conan de Vries worked for a rival publication to the then-Prescott Journal. His name had been hard to miss attached to local news, and I recognized him from events I had attended in the community. Conan was always sure to be seen at any local event, camera at the ready, notebook in hand. Before I had the opportunity to meet him personally, I admired his writing. Meeting him formally in that church basement, I immediately admired him as a person.

Though we were 'competitors', as far as competition goes in the local news community, Conan spent time explaining to me the 'who's who' of the organization hosting the event, gave me some photo tips, and even insisted I take my

photograph first (after he got everyone posed!). I left that event very grateful for his presence, and the confidence boost his help had given me.

A short time later, as the universe would have it, Conan came to work for the Journal, and we worked as part of the reporting team together for years. When, in January of 2020, it was announced that the Prescott Journal would be closing and the South Grenville Journal would take its place, with myself and Michael as owners, there was no one else I wanted writing our introductory article.

Whether you have come to know him through his coverage of Prescott town council happenings, his in-depth pieces on local organizations and charities, or through his fascinating sports and entertainment features, Conan has been "the voice behind the voice" of South Grenville for many years. His professionalism and skill speak for themselves, but it is the compassion with which he wrote about his subjects, and which he felt towards his readers, that better encompasses Conan de Vries.

Conan has moved on to the next stage of his voyage, but we are excited to continue featuring fantastic pieces from our regular columnists and reporter Veronica Burchell. We are also thrilled to introduce our newest reporter, Andrew Boardman, who starts his adventure with the Journal.

Wherever your journey takes you Conan, thanks for being an important part of ours.

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Kate
Martelle



Friends will be friends

I've led something of a nomadic existence both geographically and emotionally. Up until 17, I lived in one house - the one my parents have lived in for all of their married life (some 50 years plus and counting).

Since then, I would struggle to count the cities, towns and houses that I have called home.

Obviously the biggest change came when I moved to Canada, leaving friends and family literally thousands of miles behind.

Another move from Toronto to Spencerville left another slew of friends behind. I'm not good at staying in touch, as my family will readily testify. Recently though, I have started to appreciate the people I've met along my life's journey a little more. I have a small number of 'close' friends and thanks to social media I've been able to get a window into their lives on a semi-regular basis.

Maybe it's old age creeping up on me, but I've made a conscious effort to have more contact and conversations with people I've kind of left behind a little bit.

I don't agree with many of my friends' political views, their taste in music or their choice of soccer team, but in every case, there is so much

more to our friendship than the things we disagree on. It's those things that bring us together - a love of movies, a passion for music or a lively political discussion that hopefully leads to us both exploring our views and beliefs.

I'm also extremely fortunate to live with my best friend, coming from wildly different backgrounds we have grown together as our knowledge of each other grows, as all good friendships do. Sometimes we disagree; Kate thinks hockey is the greatest sport of all time when it's clear that accolade belongs to cricket. But those disagreements allow us to understand each other a little better each time and, just as importantly, to understand ourselves a little more.

Whatever we disagree on, we accept the other person's point of view and focus on what brings us together. One day Kate will understand the wonder that is a five-day cricket game, but until that day comes, I will be patient and try and guide her as best I can.

No one is perfect, but friends will be friends right till the end.

Friends will be friends - Queen



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The October Crisis brought fear and terror

I was only six years old at the time, but it was the first year that I had a sense of awareness of what was happening in the world.

Perhaps it was because part of my morning routine was to ride my bike to the newspaper box on Merwin Lane with a dime and bring home the morning paper for my dad. I always looked at the front page and read the headlines. I would ask my father what was going on. I think he, being a newspaper man and a news junkie, saw this as a way to connect with me.

But I remember one day in particular. A chilly October wind slapped my face as I sped on my CCM Supercycle. I kept glancing at the headline from 50 years ago. Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau had invoked the War Measures Act. The 72-point headline scared me, and I didn't know what it meant. And who are these FLQ people causing all of this trouble.

I remember that for the first time, I was afraid of what was going on in the world.

It was 1970 and even though things have changed a lot in 50 years,

FROM THE OTHER SIDE

Jeffrey Morris



there was a stark feeling of change that is parallel to what we are going through today. The Beatles broke up that year. Jimi Hendrix and Janice Joplin both died. There were massive Vietnam protests on the news. The Kent State riots happened. Muhammad Ali won his famous comeback fight against Jerry Quarry after serving three years in prison for refusing to be inducted into the U.S. armed forces. We also watched anxiously as the Apollo 13 crew averted disaster and arrived safely back from their trip to the moon.

But all of this seemed to have taken place under a dark cloud cast by what was going on in Quebec.

The October Crisis was 50 years ago. For those of you who lived through it and remember it, it won't seem like 50 years have gone by. For those born since then, it will seem like ancient Canadian history.

The FLQ was the Front de libération du Qué-

bec. They were talked about a lot at home, primarily because we had anglophone friends and family in Montreal. We also spent a lot of time with those people in the village of Val David, just south of Ste. Agathe in the Laurentians. The FLQ had detonated close to 1,000 bombs in Montreal, with targets ranging from mailboxes to City Hall to the Montreal Stock Exchange to Eaton's Department Store.

They were terrorists. As a six-year-old, I was terrified.

On Oct. 5, 1970, British diplomat James Cross was kidnapped from his home in Montreal by the FLQ's Liberation Cell. In exchange for Cross, the FLQ demanded the release of convicted or detained FLQ members, and they also wanted the CBC to broadcast the FLQ manifest. All English and French media outlets broadcast the manifest on Oct. 8.

On Oct. 10, Quebec Deputy Premier Pierre Laporte was tossing a football with his nephew on his front lawn when members of the FLQ Chenier Cell pulled up in a blue-green Chevrolet Biscayne. They kid-

napped Laporte in broad daylight and drove off. Laporte's nephew wrote down the license plate number.

The day after his kidnapping, Laporte had a letter of captivity to Premier Robert Bourassa read and broadcast by the CBC. By this time, the 22nd Regiment of the Canadian Military – the Van Doos – were already in Montreal to protect federal property. Negotiations between the FLQ and the Quebec Government began but broke down after a few days. By the end of the week, Prime Minister Trudeau invoked the War Measures Act. It was a move widely supported across Canada.

It was during this week that Trudeau was asked by a CBC reporter how far he would go to

stand up to the FLQ.

"Just watch me," he said. It was perhaps Trudeau's second most famous quote behind only "Fuddle Duddle."

On Oct. 17, the FLQ informed the Quebec government that Laporte had been executed. Laporte wore a religious medallion around his neck, and police believe that the chain from that medallion was used to strangle him. Police found the Chevrolet in the brush near the St. Hubert Airport near Longueuil.

It would later be argued that Laporte's murder was unintentional. In a 2010 Radio-Canada documentary, journalist Jean Guy Gendron says Laporte was strangled in a moment of panic.

Bernard Lortie was the

first member of the Chenier Cell arrested. Paul Rose, who owned the car, along with Jacques Rose and Francis Simard, were all arrested in late December, 1970.

James Cross, meanwhile, was released Dec. 4, 1970. The five known kidnapers, Marc Carbonneau, Yves Langlois, Jacques Lanctôt, Jacques Cossette-Trudel and his wife, Louise Lanctôt, were granted safe passage to Cuba by the government of Canada after approval by Fidel Castro.

James Cross is 99 years old and lives in Ireland.

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New career has RE/MAX agent in the driver's seat

By VERONICA BURCHELL

BROCKVILLE – Embarking on a new career during a pandemic might mean a scary, depressing start to a new life for some people, but Sarah Roode of RE/MAX Hometown Realty is taking it all in stride.

"I really don't know any other market," says the effervescent Roode, who has only been a licensed agent for the past five months. "The other agents say it's a 'crazy time' in real estate, but this is what I started out with."

She admits there are some challenges to overcome – masks all the time and socially distanced showings – but that isn't getting her down. She may be new to the realm of real estate, but has firmly decided that this is what she wants to do.

"I wanted a career which

combined office work with meeting people, and this is perfect," she says. "I love the feeling of helping people who choose to buy or sell. A home is the biggest purchase you will make, and it's important to find exactly the right one for you."

RE/MAX Hometown Realty Inc is a brokerage at 26 Victoria Avenue in Brockville, which has been providing real estate services to area residents for more than 20 years. They work with people who are buying or selling homes, investment properties, farms, or acreage, and handle commercial properties as well. Their RE/MAX logo – the familiar hot-air balloon – is seen throughout Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Counties.

Roode admits she didn't expect to become a real estate agent. After attending

college for business studies, she took a job managing a pet store. It was during a maternity leave from that job that she began doing some administrative work for Sue Steele, also of RE/MAX, and found she loved the world of real estate.

"Working with Sue opened up a whole new world to me," she says. "I found the perfect combination of career and lifestyle – and with a fiancé and a three-year-old daughter, it's great for me. I can often work from home, but I am out on the road a lot too and I really enjoy that," she says.

Earning your real estate license isn't what it used to be either. Roode started her course in person at Algonquin College in Ottawa, but with the arrival of COVID-19 all classes were shifted to the internet. The online course is designed

to let you work at your own pace and it took her eight months to qualify, but she graduated in June and has been busy ever since.

"I've had four listings already and done several showings. That's quite a bit in a short amount of time but I am really loving the pace," she says with enthusiasm.

Of course, everyone is speculating when or if the currently hot real estate market will slow down, but Roode isn't concerned about that. She understands from senior agents that some periods of the year are traditionally slower than others – but right now, for her, it's still full-speed ahead.

When asked about the current market, she shows a lot of wisdom for a newly-minted agent and explains that it is not COVID driven, but a trend which had

started before the pandemic hit. Of course, there are also elements of COVID which are affecting the market, she explains.

"People from larger cities have always wanted to move to the country, but we are seeing more of them right now," she says. "There is a limited inventory of houses so that creates a hot market for sellers; we are seeing closings in as little as two weeks."

The other phenomenon currently happening in this area is multiple offers. While doing this interview, Roode was on her way to Cardinal to put out her signs on a property which was being offered for sale. She explained that the house would be officially on the market, but the owners would not be accepting offers for the first six days. Then, at a pre-determined time, all offers

would be considered. This is a way of handling the multiple offers expected in an organized fashion.

Sarah Roode fully expects to sell that home and many more as her career gets underway. She isn't worried about winter coming, even though that is a traditionally slower time for sellers. She sees the current market lasting for awhile yet.

Even if it doesn't, she is hopeful and filled with energy.

"I was actually worried about COVID and its effect starting out, but I am lucky to have been born here and have lots of connections. And the people I work with have really accepted me and are great mentors," she says. "This is my career and I can see myself learning and growing and doing this to the very best of my ability for a lifetime."

Customization is a breeze with local professionals

By VERONICA BURCHELL

BROCKVILLE – If your carpet, hardwood or window treatments are looking tired and need a lift, you can have a whole new look by visiting Custom Decor Carpet One Floor and Home.

Next year will mark the fortieth anniversary of Brockville's premier Benjamin Moore paint store, which can supply you with everything you need to re-decorate. Flooring choices number in the hundreds with the latest materials and colours in warm, cozy carpeting or stunning hardwoods or laminates. Paint colours to suit every room are abundant and now Hunter-Douglas window blinds are available to pull the whole look together.

"This is a co-op, independently-owned store and we can offer you the resources of 1,000 loca-

tions," says store owner Matt Vanderbaaren. His parents first opened the store in 1981 and it has been at its present location – 3011 County Road 29 – since 1996.

"My parents started out with a humble beginning, but now we offer a full portfolio for both residential homes and industrial settings."

Custom Decor added Carpet One Floor and Home in 1997, opening up even more selection. "We are aligned with the best buying group in North America so we can offer fantastic pricing and servicing in all flooring types," adds Matt. "Our latest venture is kitchen and bath design services."

He says another thing which sets this store apart from competitors is the strong team of knowledgeable, committed salespeople he employs. They also offer free measure-

ments and estimates, and they love helping people with their needs for either a new home or a renovation project.

"No job is too big or too small," says Matt. "We can help no matter what size or scope the project falls within. We deal with both homeowners and contractors and we have thousands of choices when it comes to decorating. We have Brockville's, if not Eastern Ontario's, largest selection of area rugs alone."

Matt and his team aren't just about selling – they sponsor a number of community teams and events and believe in being a good neighbour. He says one project which is "near and dear to our hearts" is the Brockville Winter Classic, a fundraiser for Memorial Park.

With free estimates, free delivery and a dedication to their community, Custom Decor Carpet One Floor and Home appears to be an excellent choice for

you decorating needs. Even the recent pandemic didn't slow them down and Matt soon hopes to have direct, online services to add even more ease when it comes to decorating. His plan is to host an ecommerce site where you can purchase paint and all the equipment which goes with it, making shopping locally easier than ever.

When you do come to the store, be prepared to be impressed by the size of the

showroom. Every choice in floor covering, paint colours, and now taps and other fixtures are there for you to see and touch, making it easier to imagine how it will look in your home. The friendly, professional team can help with any advice you need and that makes the whole experience of shopping here a personalized treat. Custom Decor takes your home and budget as seriously as you do.



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Your best vision: Rosemary Coleman of Rosemary's Optical in Brockville's Town Centre Plaza can help make sure you don't miss a thing when it comes to taking care of your eyes. She has hundreds of choices in frames, most from Canadian designers and is sure she can help you find your perfect pair. BUSINESS NEWS PHOTO/BURCHELL

The 'eyes' definitely have it at Rosemary's Optical

By Veronica Burchell

BROCKVILLE – When choosing an optician, nothing should be higher on your checklist than skill and dedication to this essential craft. That's why Rosemary Coleman is on the top of everyone's list when it comes to choosing eyewear – she can make you love wearing glasses.

Besides being devoted to making quality glasses for your personal prescription, Coleman offers the latest in style and comfort. Her shop in Brockville's Town Centre Plaza carries several

Canadian designers, and she offers everything from the most modern to the classics in frames. She also fits and sells contact lenses and brand-names sunglasses like Oakley, Adidas and Rayban.

"I like being able to offer frames by Canadian suppliers that you won't see anywhere else," says Coleman. "People want to be unique; glasses are like jewelry for your face and you don't want to see the same jewelry on everyone you meet."

One of those suppliers is Mira Flex, who specializes in eyeglass

frames for young children. Gone are the days when parents had little choice when it came to outfitting a toddler or youngster and buying frame after frame because of breakage. Mira Flex frames are a special, softly-rubberized material which bends and flexes without breaking. They also come in a rainbow of colors and are affordable as well as durable.

Coleman says something just intrigued her about eyesight and she studied in two different provinces and the United States before becoming

licensed in 1986. She worked in other areas and opened her own store downtown in 2010, moving to the plaza just three years ago. Her shop quickly became a favourite with people who wanted quality in both their lenses and their frames.

To say she is a stickler for exactness would be an understatement. If a prescription isn't correct to the most minute detail, she sends it back before having the client come in for a fitting.

"It has to be absolutely right – everyone's sight is important and different

– I won't sell you something you won't be happy with," she says. She is the only optician around who offers a two-year warranty and that marks her as unique. She also deals with a high-quality Canadian lab based in Ottawa to grind prescriptions for her customers.

"They stand behind their work too, and they are experts at high-prescription lenses," she adds.

Coleman is so dedicated that she was one of only a few businesses in the area which did not close during the COVID-19 pandemic.

She quickly reworked her office layout to meet safe health regulations and was there if someone had to have their glasses immediately. She has her own small lab, and in an emergency, she can repair or actually create some lenses in just an hour. She cares about her clients as much as she cares about quality.

With a passion for giving you your best sight in stylish, long-lasting frames, Rosemary Coleman really does top the list. When it's time for your next pair, pay her a visit. After all, seeing is believing.

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Province launching COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream

TORONTO — The Ontario government is providing up to \$1.05 billion in combined federal-provincial funding through the new COVID-19 Resilience infrastructure stream to build or renovate health and safety related projects in long-term care, education and municipalities. The funding is part of the federal government's Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program and reinforces the commitment of both the federal and provincial governments to protect the health and well-being of individuals and families during the pandemic.

Details were provided

by Premier Doug Ford, Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care.

“Getting shovels in the ground on new infrastructure projects across the province will be a critical component of our path to long-term economic recovery,” said Premier Ford. “Not only will this investment help communities build the necessary infrastructure to keep Ontarians safe and healthy, but these projects will create hundreds of local construction jobs and support

local businesses and suppliers. It's a win-win for the home team.”

Eligible projects under the COVID-19 Resilience stream will fall under four main categories:

- Community, recreation, health and education renovations (e.g. retrofits, repairs or upgrades to long-term care homes, publicly funded schools and co-located childcare centre facilities, recreation centres or shelters);

- COVID-19 response infrastructure (e.g. heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, new builds or renovations to enable physical distancing);

- Active transportation (e.g. parks, trails); and

- Disaster mitigation, adaptation, or remediation (e.g. flood mitigation).

“Ontario recognizes the flexibility the new COVID-19 Resilience stream will provide to communities and organizations,” said Minister Scott. “We're making it possible for communities to get shovel-ready projects underway sooner so they can kick-start their local economies.”

The COVID-19 Resilience stream will deliver:

- Up to \$700 million for education-related projects to be nominated and administered by the Ministry of Education;

- An allocation-based program that will de-

liver \$250 million to municipalities to address critical local infrastructure needs, including \$6.5 million that will be directed toward Indigenous and on-reserve education, through the Ministry of Infrastructure in collaboration with the Ministries of Education and Indigenous Affairs; and

- Up to \$100 million for long-term care projects to be identified and administered by the Ministry of Long-Term Care.

“Our government has been working closely with our municipal partners to provide them with the tools and resources they need to help

keep our communities safe and functioning. The \$250 million investment to municipalities under the COVID-19 Resilience stream will help ensure that our communities have strong, reliable infrastructure that meets local needs and helps them adapt to the new environment,” said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Eligible projects must begin by September 30, 2021 and be completed by December 31, 2021. Additional details about the COVID-19 Resilience stream and intake opening dates will be available in the days and weeks ahead.

Innovation and job creation in the life sciences sector

TORONTO — The Ontario government welcomes the decision by Roche to invest \$500 million over five years to establish a Global Pharma Technical Operations site to oversee its global supply chain in Mississauga. This investment is expected to create 500 jobs 200 by the end of 2020 and up to 300 more by the end of 2023. It will enhance Ontario's competitiveness and leadership in the life sciences sector.

The announcement was made by Premier Doug Ford, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, and Ronnie Miller, President and CEO of Roche Pharmaceuticals, Canada.

“This investment is further proof that Ontario has the best environment for jobs and opportunity, and that we are leaders in the creation of life-saving medicines, treatments, and medical equip-

ment,” said Premier Ford. “Roche's new operation hub in Mississauga will further anchor Ontario's position as a titan in life sciences, creating good-paying jobs in the community, and ensuring Ontario's best and brightest minds advance the important work Roche does to transform health care here in our province and beyond.”

The Global Pharma Technical Operations site will be responsible for supporting Hoffmann-La Roche Limited's global manufacturing and supply chain operations, including monitoring safety, quality and distribution of pharmaceutical products shipped around the world. In 2012, Roche Canada established Mississauga as a Product Development Site, overseeing clinical trials both in Canada and globally. The success of this site, along with Ontario's highly skilled science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) workforce, world-class

colleges and universities and competitive business environment, saw the province win out over 12 international locations and Roche sites to secure this new investment, while positioning the province for future opportunities.

“Ontario is home to leading-edge research institutions, we have a top tier STEM workforce, and our life science and innovation sectors are amongst the best in the world,” said Minister Fedeli. “We are proud that Roche has expressed confidence in our province and selected Ontario as the home for their new site. This will mean 500 new well-paying jobs and will further bolster Ontario's competitiveness in the life sciences sector.”

The human health life sciences sector plays a critical role in the province's economy, providing 66,000 skilled, high-paying jobs and generating more than \$53.2 billion annually in revenue. The govern-

ment is working with life sciences partners to further unlock the potential of the sector through the development of a Life Sciences Strategy to harness initiatives and commitments, including health care procurement reform and data modernization.

Through the Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, the government is further reducing regulatory burdens and encouraging investment in the life sciences sector by allowing businesses to write off in-year capital costs on new equipment and delivering on the government's commitment to cut corporate income taxes through the \$3.8 billion Ontario Job Creation Investment Incentive.

“This significant investment in Ontario by Roche will help build and strengthen our province as a whole,” said Minister Elliott. “This announcement is good news for Ontarians as we work towards economic re-

covery and demonstrates opportunities to work together and find innovative ways to strengthen our health care system.”

In order to position Ontario as a top tier destination for job-creating investment, the government has established Invest Ontario, a new investment agency that will be a “one stop shop” for targeting investors, with an initial focus on advanced manufacturing, life sciences, and technology. Invest Ontario will bring a private-sector approach to business development and build on the many benefits of Ontario, including: a high quality of life, world-class education and research institutions, a highly skilled workforce, a strong and growing innovation sector, and being a jurisdiction that is squarely focused on reducing red tape and lowering the cost of doing business.

“Ontario was selected for this investment based on a strong competi-

tive business environment, exceptional talent pool, and a government committed to fostering growth in the sector,” said Ronnie Miller. “We applaud the hard work done by the Government of Ontario and the Premier's Office to foster a business environment that can compete internationally to attract investment opportunities, and Roche's commitment to add up to 500 specialized positions is a direct result of these positive changes.”

Roche is the world's largest biotech company and a world leader in oncology, immunology, infectious diseases, ophthalmology and diseases of the central nervous system. Founded in 1931, Roche Canada employs more than 1,800 people across the country through its Pharmaceuticals division in Mississauga, Ontario, and Diagnostics as well as Diabetes Care divisions in Laval, Quebec.

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Transforming Ontario into global electric vehicle manufacturing hub

The Ontario government is matching a \$295 million investment with the federal government to retool Ford of Canada's Oakville Assembly Complex into a global hub for battery electric vehicle production. This \$1.8 billion investment represents one of the most significant investments in the province's auto sector in a generation.

The announcement was made by Premier Doug Ford, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Navdeep Bains, Federal Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, Dean Stoneley, President and CEO, Ford of Canada and Jerry Dias, National President, Unifor.

"By making this investment in Ford Canada, we are ensuring our province continues to lead North

America and the world in automotive manufacturing and innovation, while boosting our competitiveness in this key sector," said Premier Ford. "We are also securing thousands of good-paying jobs, not just at the facility in Oakville, but across the province. This project will help support our auto parts sector and other suppliers and service providers."

"This announcement is a testament to Canada's attractiveness as a destination for clean technology, talent, and infrastructure in the automotive industry," said Prime Minister Trudeau. "Companies like Ford are helping accelerate our transition to a low-carbon, clean-growth economy, which will help protect our environment, drive innovation, and create many good middle-class jobs."

Ford's Oakville plant directly employs over

3,000 people and will be modernized with a flexible manufacturing system able to accommodate multiple battery electric vehicle (BEV) models. It will also include the installation of a battery-pack assembly line. The Oakville Assembly Complex will become one of Ford's highest volume BEV plants in North America, with the first electric vehicles expected to roll off the production line in 2025.

"Any region seeking a long-term future in auto manufacturing must be adding value at every stage of the supply chain, particularly in the two technologies shaping the next generation of vehicles: zero-emissions and connected and autonomous," said Minister Fedeli. "Bolstered by strategic government partnerships, Ontario is now at the leading edge. This

ongoing collaboration between industry, government and labour will be essential as we face the immense economic challenges of COVID-19 and build for the future."

"With the support of the federal and provincial government, Ford of Canada is investing in the future of its Ontario-based operations, solidifying its commitment to providing thousands of well-paying jobs in Ontario and becoming the first auto-

maker in the country to build full battery-electric vehicles while delivering operational improvements that will maximize production flexibility to ensure we remain operationally competitive," said Dean Stoneley,

President and CEO, Ford Motor Company of Canada, Ltd.

Building electric vehicles here in Ontario is a critical component in securing future investments across the electric

vehicle value chain. This includes opportunities for the province's mining industry, because electric vehicle batteries require various minerals found in Ontario's North. In addition to securing the future of the Oakville Assembly Complex, this investment is a major win for the auto parts industry in Ontario and its 63,000 workers who help build parts and components for vehicles assembled in the province and abroad.

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\$500 million in funding allocations for municipalities

The Ontario government is providing municipalities with \$500 million through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF). The province is maintaining the overall structure of the fund, keeping a commitment made at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario annual conference in August 2020. Municipal-

ities are being informed of their specific 2021 funding allocations today, which will provide much needed stability and support.

The OMPF is the Province's main general assistance grant, used to support the local priorities and specific needs of 389 municipalities, with a special emphasis on northern and rural communities.

"Our government recognizes the importance of certainty and stability for municipalities, particularly in these challenging times. That's why we are announcing the allocations for the 2021 OMPF today — consistent with our commitment last year to provide our partners with the information they need, when they need it

to plan their budgets," said Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance. "Our government will continue to work together with municipal governments to build a strong foundation for Ontario's long-term economic recovery, and improve the quality of life for the people across the province."

The 2021 OMPF is

also providing a \$5 million enhancement to further support northern and rural municipalities. This includes a \$3 million increase to the Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant to provide additional support to those dealing with fiscal challenges and a \$2 million increase to the Rural Communities Grant to

further support rural municipalities with the highest levels of farmland.

Maintaining the existing funding envelope and structure of the OMPF program for 2021 fulfills a commitment made by Premier Doug Ford during the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's annual conference in August 2020.

Investment will help promote creative and safe programs

Ontario is investing \$9 million through the new Reconnect Festival and Event Program to support municipalities and event organizers during COVID-19. This funding will be used to maintain public safety requirements and allow people to reconnect with their communities through online, drive-through and other innovative experiences. Organizers will be developing creative programs such as virtual Remembrance Day events, reverse holiday parades with drive-by static floats, drive-in music concerts and movies, holiday tree lightings and New Year's Eve displays that light-up iconic buildings.

Details were provided today by Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries at Ontario Place.

"COVID-19 has had an unprecedented and devastating impact on our local festivals and

events," said Minister MacLeod. "This important investment through the new Reconnect Festival and Event Program will continue to support Ontarians as they reconnect and experience all their local communities have to offer."

Funding may be used for eligible expenses such as programming and production, promotion, mobile applications and website development, and implementation of health and safety measures.

"In a truly difficult year, the Santa Claus Parade has been more focused than ever on bringing holiday experiences to families. Programs like this funding could help us adapt and reimagine ourselves, until we can be back on the street in front of millions again in the future. In the meantime, the support of our sponsors, partners and government would ensure that Santa will still come to town," said Clay

Charters, President & CEO, The Original Santa Claus Parade.

The application period for the Reconnect Festival and Event Program runs from October 8 to December 1, 2020.

Quick Facts:

- The Reconnect Festival and Event Program is open to organizers with a minimum \$50,000 operating budget and the capacity to safely reconnect Ontarians

with their communities.

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Main street businesses to receive \$60M in funding through PPE grant

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The plan includes:

- A one-time grant of up to \$1,000 for eligible main street small businesses — in retail, food and accommodations, and other service sectors — with two to nine employees to help offset the unexpected costs of personal protective equipment (PPE);
- Ontario's Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Network, which links 47 Small Business Enterprise Centres across the province as places where small businesses can access tailored advice and information on local, provincial and federal programs;
- Digital Main Street Squads to help small businesses grow online;
- Mental health supports for families, front-line workers, young people, children, and Indigenous communities;
- Ontario's Small

Business Recovery Webpage to provide single window access to small business supports.

"Small businesses are the backbone of Ontario's economy, and our government will always be in their corner. Through more than 100 virtual roundtables and discussions with small business owners, their employees, local leaders and economists from all over Ontario, I've heard directly about the extraordinary sacrifices small businesses have made to keep their employees safe, their customers confident, and their communities strong," said Minister Sarkaria. "Our government is standing with main street businesses, and we remain committed to their recovery and renewed success. We are determined to support

them through this pandemic and beyond."

The plan's regulatory and legislative changes, if passed, will:

- Commit to exploring options to permanently allow licensed restaurants and bars to include alcohol with food as part of a takeout or delivery order before the existing regulation expires;
- Permanently allow 24/7 deliveries to businesses that include retail stores, restaurants, and distribution facilities;
- Support the distribution of local food and food products by increasing the range of products sold at the Ontario Food Terminal;
- Enable Community Net Metering demonstration projects to help support local communities to develop innovative community projects

like net-zero or community micro-grids;

- Modernize the Assistive Devices Program;
- Support Ontario's Taxi and Limousine Industry by increasing fines for illegal operators.

"Small business owners and entrepreneurs have overcome significant challenges and made extraordinary sacrifices to continue contributing to our communities through these unprecedented times," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, President of the Treasury Board and Minister Responsible for Digital and Data Transformation. "Providing new, easy-to-use and innovative tools, like our Small Business Recovery Webpage, will give them the information they need to reopen safely and rebuild better in one central location.

It's another way we're building a smarter government."

"Ontario's small businesses were hit hard by COVID-19, but they were the among the first to step up and demonstrate the best of the Ontario Spirit by bringing forward their innovative ideas and solutions in our time of need," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "Building on the steps we took at the outset of the pandemic to provide urgent economic relief to struggling small businesses, Ontario's Main Street Recovery Plan will help get more and more small businesses back on their feet as we continue down the path to economic recovery together."

Province invests in initiative to tackle plastic pollution

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Making Ontario better for people and smarter for business

TORONTO — The Ontario government continues to deliver on its commitment to remove regulatory roadblocks, cut red tape and support job creation with the introduction of the Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2020. The legislation is part of the province's made-in-Ontario plan for growth, renewal and economic recovery.

The bill was introduced in the Legislature by Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction.

If passed, the act will strengthen Ontario's eco-

nomical recovery, support businesses on the ground, and help government deliver clear and effective rules that promote public health and safeguard the environment without sacrificing innovation, growth and opportunity.

The proposed changes in the act, along with other measures, include:

- Requiring gas and electric utilities to adopt the Green Button Connect My Data and Download My Data standard to help Ontarians understand their energy use and reduce costs;

- Supporting renewable

and alternative fuels and emissions reduction technology;

- Allowing single traffic studies for an entire specified highway corridor or area to reduce duplication and enable developers to get shovels in the ground faster;

- Protecting the environment and the health and safety of Ontarians by improving hazardous waste tracking;

- Consulting on amendments to clarify when pre-start reviews are required in factories in order to make it easier for businesses to comply;

- Making it easier for property developers to get the environmental information they need by moving from a manual paper-based process to a much faster separate alternative digital delivery platform;

- Requiring water bottling companies to receive support from the host municipality prior to applying for a new or increased permit to take ground water;

- Helping intercommunity bus carriers fill service gaps and meet local community transit needs.

"The pandemic reinforces the urgency of our

work to modernize regulations, take processes online and tackle obstacles to growth and success," said Minister Sarkaria. "Regulations that are easier to understand will allow people and businesses to spend time and resources on what really matters: regaining stability, creating good jobs and preparing for future opportunities that will help bring us out of this crisis stronger than ever before."

The proposed Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2020 is the latest in a series of red tape reduction and regulatory

modernization efforts to make Ontario more competitive, attract investment and create jobs.

"This broad-based package will help reduce unnecessary red tape and make Ontario more competitive," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.

"Modernizing regulations and streamlining processes will stimulate productivity and economic growth and go a long way towards improving government so that it works better for people and smarter for business."

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I was injured during an activity but signed a waiver beforehand? Can I still sue?

Anybody who has participated in an inherently dangerous activity like skydiving, zip-lining, go-karting, etc. will be familiar with the concept and signing a waiver to release the organizer from liability from any damages you suffer as a result of being injured during the activity.

However, a number of cases have found a waiver to be unenforceable.

The courts have made a distinction between waivers which absolve a defendant from injury suffered through the normal course of the event as opposed to injury brought about by negligence on behalf of the organizer.

If an organizer intends to absolve itself from liability for its own negligence it must be explained to the participant in the clearest possible terms.

If you have been injured during a risky activity do not automatically assume that you cannot sue just because you signed a waiver.

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BGH celebrates move into Donald B. Green Tower at Charles Street site

By Veronica Burchell

BROCKVILLE – Thirty-nine patients were moved into Brockville General Hospital's new addition on October 24. The transfer from the Charles Street site began right after breakfast and was completed just three hours later in time for lunch.

"After a timed, 3.5-minute drive, each patient was settled into their new, modern, room in the Donald B. Green Tower," says Nick Vlacholias President and CEO. "We share our deep gratitude to the 39 individuals – our patients – who participated in the move. Patients are the heart of this project and our hospital. We dedicate this historical day to each of them."

Vlacholias was on hand for the move as

were Jim Cooper, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Dr. Michael Fuoco, Acting Chief of Staff. They shared other comments in an open letter to local media.

"Opening the Donald B. Green Tower has not been an easy task," writes Cooper. "To get us to this milestone of the first patients under its roof, there have been years of planning and an incredible amount of effort by many people. BGH's staff have navigated a variety of challenges over the past few years, including the COVID-19 pandemic, and yet they continue to provide the excellent care our community has grown to trust."

In the letter they thanked their closest neighbours for putting up with the noise and inconvenience of con-

struction, calling themselves a "noisy neighbour". They singled out Commonwealth Public School, Kampus Kids and Barclay Funeral Home among those who put up with bedrock blasting and the arrival of large machinery. They also thanked Brockville Collegiate Institute and Canadian Milk Manufacturing for sharing their parking lots with hospital staff.

In a separate interview, Abby McIntyre, Marketing and Communications Specialist for the hospital, explained that levels two and three of the new addition now house the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit, the Integrated Stroke Unit, Complex Medical Management, and the Palliative Care Unit. The second and third floors also offer

outdoor terraces for the patients.

"Private bedrooms and a family lounge with kitchenette provide increased comfort to the patients and families using our palliative care services," she said.

As well, the ground floor will be the home of inpatient mental health services and addiction services, says McIntyre. That move has yet to be completed and is slated for some time in early to mid-November as there is still work to be done on that unit.

"Mental health services are currently on the third floor of the hospital and in order to keep those patients safe the move to Level One of the Tower will take place when everything is complete," she said Tuesday.

The Garden Street site, formerly St. Vincent



A patient enjoys the view from the new Donald B. Green Tower at the Charles Street site of the Brockville General Hospital. Submitted photo

De Paul Hospital is the property of the Sisters of Providence and the hospital had a rental agreement in place with them. That agreement will be dissolved on December 1 and the Sisters have not yet made an official announcement of their future plans for the site.

"It has taken a community to meet this incredible milestone," says Vlacholias. "As friends, family and neighbours, we know that it doesn't stop here – we will continue to strengthen the health and wellbeing of our community, together."

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