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Less than half the picture: Le Plateau de Brooklin

By Richard Bercuson

Brooklin ain't Montreal. Not in looks, food, smell, les Habs, Lafontaine Park, Mount Royal, traffic (think Decarie) or bagels. (We were close with Kettleman's till it shut down. Still...)

While Montreal is awash in revitalization and construction, Brooklin has merely the latter.

But in one way, it could easily be. A recent sojourn to hometown Montreal shocked me. People now stop at stop signs which at one time seemed like a suggestion. Drivers are respectful of pedestrians and don't seem to care what language they speak.

And everywhere - everywhere! - there are cyclists. A cousin says the city is quickly transforming into a sort of Amsterdam, so prevalent are the bikers and bike lanes.

She lives in the area east of Mount Royal known as Le Plateau which has transformed into one of the most charming Montreal neighbourhoods. All over the city, you can rent bikes, standard or electric, from the Bixi company stands which dot the map. Rent from one stand, check for another near your destination, return it there.

But most surprising to me was the ease in which the city has made it possible to go just about anywhere by bike. Dedicated bike lanes are painted and properly marked. Drivers just do not venture into those lanes which are on every street.

We rented bikes across from her place and, while she headed to an appointment, I continued to downtown - on a one way street! Against

traffic! Why? Because the bike lane allowed me to do so. At intersections, I toodled off as per the signals, arriving just a block from my destination where I returned the Bixi with a satisfying bike stand click.

I felt completely safe, a refreshing new experience since cycling in this area isn't. Mine was a commute, albeit a touristy one. The Montreal locals bike because it's safe efficient.

It got me thinking, always a dangerous mode. Let's say we wanted people to be healthier, enjoy the outdoors and get to and from, say, downtown. Let's go further and suggest our children would benefit from being able to bike across Brooklin to schools, parks and friends' houses. I know. Radical thoughts.

What if - here I go! - most of Brooklin's streets had such dedicated, green or blue painted bike lanes. What if parking was limited to just one side to allow for such lanes.

Part of the Winchester Road revitalization includes a bike lane along the south side. This will be all well and good, till you exit Winchester and try to negotiate any side street as just another cog in the traffic flow.

Oshawa, for instance, has scooter rentals though there's no such thing as scooter lanes. So people, usually students, travel the sidewalks. Have you ever faced or heard an electric scooter sneaking up on you? But if there were bike lanes...?

Is it time for the creation of a Brooklin Road Club to lobby Whitby to just steal Montreal's idea? We can investigate bagels afterward.

Community Care Durham Celebrates Support Month

Community Care Durham is excited to celebrate Community Support Month this October with an Open House on October 23, 2024, from 4 to 7 p.m. at our Pickering-Ajax Hub located at 1420 Bayly Street, Unit 6, Pickering.

The event will showcase CCD's wide range of essential services that support the well-being of individuals across Durham Region. Guests attending the Open House will have the opportunity to sample delicious offerings from our Meals on Wheels program, including new Halal menu items. In addition, displays will highlight a variety of services CCD provides, such as:

- COPE Mental Health,
- ALS and Respite Care,
- Exercise and Falls Prevention,
- Adult Day Program,
- Foot Care,
- Community Food Box,
- Transportation services, and much more!

Community Care Durham plays a vital role in helping clients live independently in their own homes for as long as possible, reducing the burden on family caregivers and the healthcare system. With Ontario's aging population, the demand for community support services is growing rapidly. Last year alone, Community Care Durham provided care to 9,732 registered clients, helping them stay connected and supported within their communities.

CCD's impact last year included:

- 83,042 hours of Adult Day Programming across 13,844 attendance days,
- More than 15,042 attendees for COPE Mental Health sessions,
- Delivery of 108,263 meals through Meals on Wheels

and Community Food Box programs,

- A combined 59,461 hours of care through Assisted Living and Supportive Housing services.

During Community Support Month in October, CCD will recognize the incredible efforts of its personal support workers, nurses, staff, and volunteers who provide essential services and foster vital social connections. We are proud to acknowledge their contributions on the following special days and weeks:

October 7-11:
Meals on Wheels Week

October 9:
Congregate Dining Day

October 11:
Supportive Housing/
Assisted Living Day

October 14-18:
Community Care Worker Week

October 15:
Friendly Visiting/Telephone Reassurance Day

October 16:
Respite Services Day

October 17:
Exercise and Falls Prevention Day

October 21-25:
Adult Day Program Week

October 28:
Transportation Services Day

October 29:
Attendant Services Day

On October 23, join us in celebrating the work CCD does to support our community. The Open House is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about how our programs and services help residents of Durham Region live healthy, independent lives

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Deadline: Friday, October 18, 2024

Mayor Roy: Whitby hospice construction begins

Posted Sept. 27, 2024 - Today marks a significant milestone for Whitby with the announcement that construction is set to start on a project close to my heart and vital for our community - a much-needed hospice.



Hospice Whitby project for many years and I am profoundly grateful to the many residents, businesses, corporations, and community organizations that have stepped up to support the capital campaign.

Hospice Whitby - Roger Anderson House will allow those in our community with a palliative diagnosis to die with comfort, care, compassion, dignity, and privacy.

I also want to acknowledge the Hospice Whitby board of directors, VON Durham Region Community Corporation as the owner and builder of the hospice, the Town of Whitby, which donated the land for the hospice, and the group of 16 developers that donated \$2 million towards the capital campaign.

Our region currently has one 10-bed hospice located in north Durham, while data shows 37 hospice beds are needed to support the needs of our growing community.

Hospice Whitby represents the power of community and our collective desire to ensure everyone has access to compassionate end-of-life care.

As someone who worked in healthcare for more than 30 years, I believe deeply in the importance of end-of-life care. I have been involved with the

Durham York Energy Centre Hosting Family Events

Durham Region residents are invited to bring their children to the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) for a free public event on Friday, October 25 and Friday, November 15 and learn how we are transforming household waste into valuable resources.

- Activity books and colouring pages.
- Stickers, temporary tattoos, photo opportunities, and button making.
- Meet the staff and have your questions answered by our team.
- Informational displays.

When: Friday, October 25 and Friday, November 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Note: The two event dates correspond with scheduled Professional Learning Activity (PA) Days for local schools. No pre-registration is required. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Accessible parking and access will be available.

Where: Durham York Energy Centre at 1835 Energy Drive in Courtice.

- Why:** Activities include:
- Guided tours to our control room to view the waste pit and see the "claw".
 - Interactive waste sorting games.

For more information, please visit durham.ca/WasteEvents.



Whitby Youth Awards Accepting Applications

Nominations are being accepted for the Town of Whitby's 19th annual Celebrating Youth Awards. These awards recognize outstanding young leaders in Whitby who make positive contributions to the community. The annual awards recognize Whitby youth aged 12 to 18, who are committed to making Whitby a better place through volunteerism.

ages 12-18 for their selfless contributions and acts of goodwill that make the Town of Whitby a better place to live, work and play. Nominations are now being accepted until October 21 at 4:00p.m.

Nominations are due Monday, October 21, 2024, at 4 p.m. and can be submitted online at whitby.ca/youthevents.

Nomination Criteria: Nominated Youth must be Whitby residents between the ages of 12 and 18 who have made the Town of Whitby a better place. Such acts can include: building community ties, involvement in civic issues and activities, or helping to create a safe and healthy community.

Nominees and award winners will be recognized at an awards ceremony on Thursday, November 28, 2024. This year's awards ceremony is proudly sponsored by **Fieldgate Developments**.

Nominations must include a description of why you are nominating this youth and details of what they have done to help make the Town of Whitby a better place.

The Celebrating Youth Awards recognizes Whitby youth

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Thanksgiving In Whitby

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Do you know a young community leader who works hard to help make Whitby the best it can be? Nominate them for the 2024 Celebrating Youth Awards! Nominations are open now through Monday, October 21. whitby.ca/YouthEvents



October: Holiday Waste Collection Schedule

There is no waste collection service on Monday, October 14. For the week of October 14 - 18 collection will be bumped one day after your regular pick-up day. Download the Whitby Waste Buddy app for the latest information. whitby.ca/Waste

Blue Collection - Areas 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	14	15	16	17	18
	21	22	23	24	25
					26

Yellow Collection - Areas 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	14	15	16	17	18
	21	22	23	24	25
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→ Indicates Holiday Collection change

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To find out how you can help with food drives, volunteering or to donate one time or regularly visit feedtheneedinurham.ca

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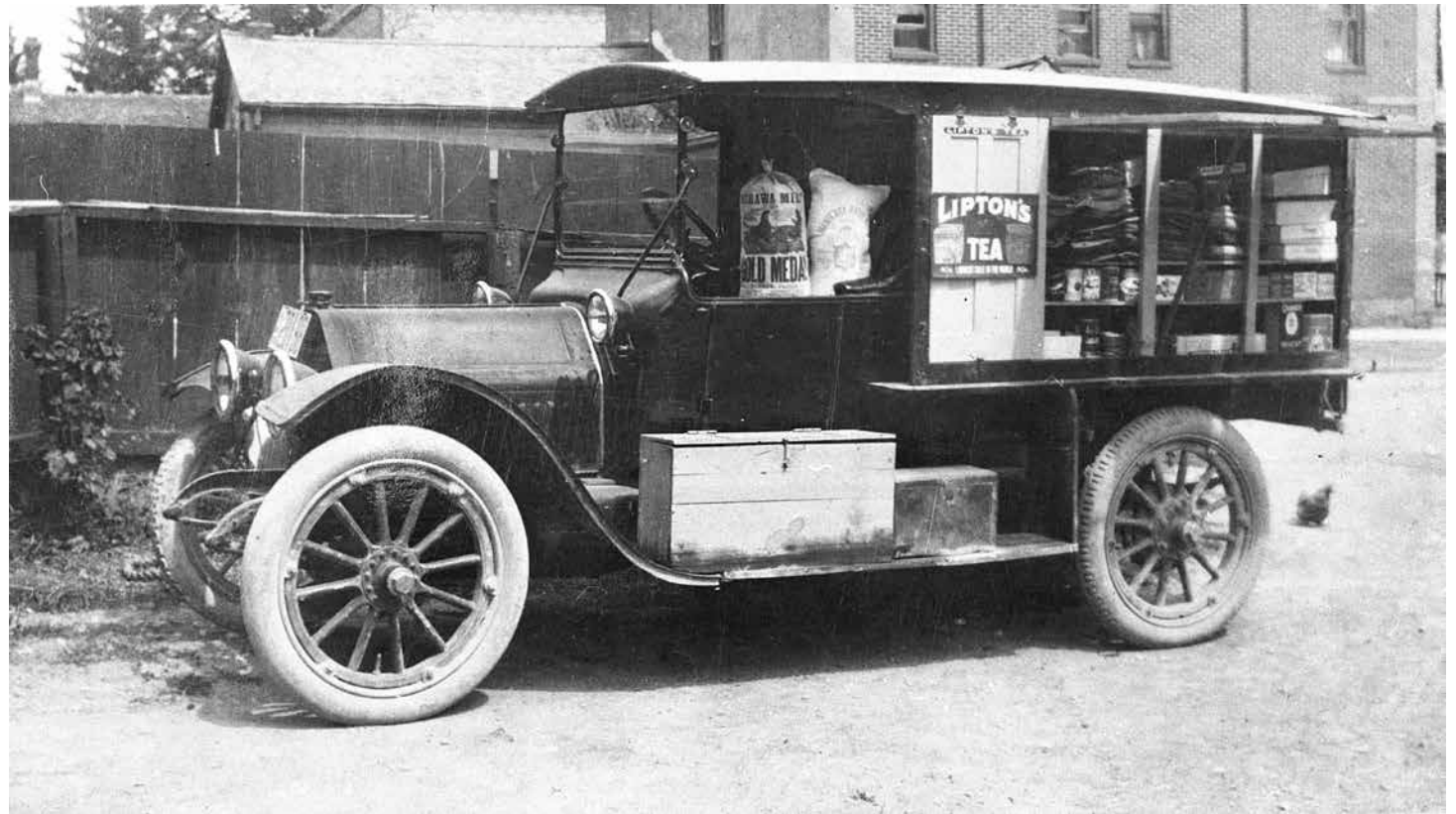


The 19th and early 20th centuries marked the golden age of the general store which sold a wide variety of goods packed into one room. These included everything from horse harnesses to cheddar cheese and flannel work shirts to chewing tobacco. Essentially, almost anything not produced on the farm could be found in a general store where merchandise was arranged on sawdust-strewn floors and timbered walls as well as hung from the ceilings on hooks.

One of Brooklin's earliest general stores was on the southwest corner of Campbell and Baldwin streets, where the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce stands today.

New building

In 1888, Henry Daniels, a harness maker and shop owner, constructed a brick store in which to relocate his business from a log cabin situated across from the brick mill on Mill Street (Cassels Road East). Upon moving, Daniels distributed a handbill announcing, "We have moved out of our old, dark, dingy store into a splendid new brick store." He managed



it for a few years before selling it to businessman John Warren, who operated a drug store on the premises until 1895, when he sold the property to merchant Alfred Charles Elliott.

When Elliott first moved to Brooklin in 1889, he started a harness business in a building that was once situated on the lot between

the Temperance House (currently the Legion) and Piatti's grocery store (Luna Dance Company). Later, this building was moved south to 46 Baldwin Street (now Skyview Electronics).

After purchasing 50 Baldwin Street, he established the store which became central to the everyday lives of local residents

by providing essential goods and services. In addition, he played an important social role in Brooklin as his store became a gathering place for residents and local farmers to exchange news and discuss local events. Elliott added to the property in 1903 by building a house alongside the store.

Water issue

In 1907, the village experienced a water shortage, likely caused by a long, hot, dry summer. To help, Elliott purchased and operated a water wagon, delivering much-needed drinking water to residents since local wells had dried up. The always forward-thinking Elliott expanded his business in 1915 by adding a delivery service. He invested in a truck outfitted to carry a variety of goods, allowing him to load groceries and travel to surrounding rural areas, offering his products directly to farm women as a convenient service to his more remote customers.

Upon retirement, Elliott's son Charles Wesley, took over the family store which he operated successfully for over half a century. He died in 1984 at the age of 94. The store and house were demolished in 1967 to make way for the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

However, as urbanization spread and department stores and mail order catalogues became popular, the general store gradually faded away. Today, only a few still exist in places like Enniskillen, Haliburton, Fenelon Falls and Port Hope.



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