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## Less than half the picture: Looking for a "Right-in" candidate?

By Richard  
Bercuson



This is exciting.

I can't tell you how excited I am, so I won't. Suffice to say - though no words will suffice - that being the nominee for Brooklin-Pickering is the honour of my life. It is overshadowed by only a few other significant lifetime events.

My own birth is one. My marriage is another. Then there are the births of my kids. And their kids. Come to think of it, our first dog, Toby, was pretty significant. There was also the time Frank Mahovich ran me over during a staff hockey game at a hockey school I worked at. Talk about your life changing events.

Let me share with you my first foray into politics. It was grade 6. The class needed a librarian and our teacher, Mr. Hart, who claimed to be apolitical, set up the campaign between us two students. My opponent ran on being faster when playing touch football. My campaign was about bribes of chocolate. Since kids will eat anything, I obviously won and library science has been better for it.

This illustrates I will stoop to anything to ensure the riding gets what it needs. As soon I determine what those needs are,

I will share them with you on my social media, which I also need to figure out.

As your "right-in" candidate, you need to know I am a strong community advocate. When I say strong, I mean I can still do pushups and planks. I'm also pretty assertive along the boards when I play hockey with other similarly aged guys. You probably already realize hockey is a microcosm for life in so many ways. I can send you an email with a list, if you like.

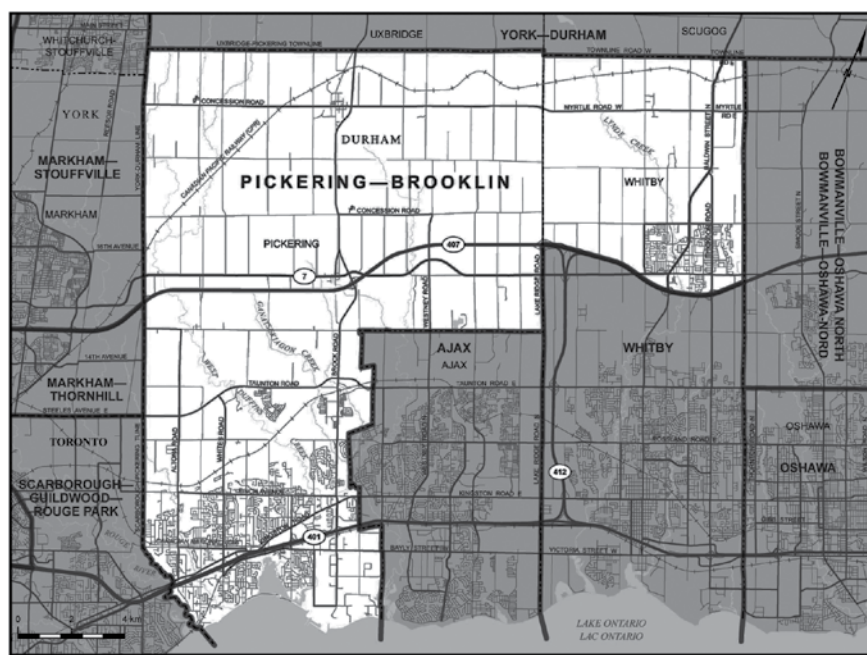
A former small business owner myself, I learned all too well about the struggles we faced. Oh those struggles. The business failed, not because of my leadership but rather because of tariffs. I can't recall right now which ones, however they were there.

I do live in one of the communities Elections Canada determined should be a new riding. This in itself is significant and novel. Frankly I don't much care about Pickering which is only a place I drive through to get anywhere west. However, I do care deeply about Brooklin and what I can promise to do for you. It will all be listed on my signage which is due to go up as soon as Staples restocks its fluorescent printer paper. For now, please accept my bland bromides.

I ask you to help me build a faster, higher, stronger - no, wait, that's the Olympics motto...A stronger, fairer, nicer, friendlier, sunnier Brooklin-Pickering. Or at the very least, Brooklin. We can be so happy together, sang The Turtles. How right they were.

Did I mention I'm excited?

## Federal Election Information



**Election Day:**  
Monday, April 28, 2025

**Number of electors on list:**  
95,227

**Advance Voting:**  
Friday, April 18, 2025  
Saturday, April 19, 2025  
Sunday, April 20, 2025  
Monday, April 21, 2025

**Confirmed Candidate from elections.ca**  
(The close of nominations for candidates is Monday, April 7, 2025. The list of confirmed candidates is incomplete. The complete list of confirmed candidates will be available Wednesday, April 9, 2025.)

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## The Hotel at Grass Park

By Jennifer Hudgins



In the mid-19th century, Brooklin was a small but lively community and its location near trade routes, coupled with the growth of agriculture, brought prosperity to the area.

As the village expanded and a new gravel road became the main highway, the demand for accommodations for travellers and businessmen became clear. It was within this environment in 1855 that Joseph Wilkinson purchased a 1500-square meter triangular plot of land at 41 Baldwin Street

that became the Globe Hotel.

Bordered by Baldwin Street to the west, Cassels Road (originally Mill Street) to the south, and Roebuck Street to the north (today's Grass Park), the large, wood-framed two-storey hotel featured spacious rooms, two water pumps, and extensive out buildings that included stables and driving sheds for buggies and wagons.

### Popular with travellers

It served as a hub for travellers making their way through the area. However, the hotel was not merely a place for weary travellers to rest. It was also a cornerstone of community life. Its large gathering rooms hosted everything from town meetings to local celebrations, while its bar became the centre of conversations that may have influenced decisions in the town

Clement Dawes managed the hotel until the property was sold to James Powell in 1866, the same year as the Fenian Raid. This raid, part of a series of incursions

by Irish-American Fenians into Ontario, aimed to pressure Britain into granting independence to Ireland. While Brooklin itself may not have seen direct combat, the village was part of a region on high alert during the raids. As a central meeting place, the Globe Hotel may have served as a gathering point for local militias or volunteers.

### Everyone went

During Brooklin's formative years, the hotel thrived amid the greatest industrial activity the village had ever known. It stood as a symbol of hospitality and progress, attracting both locals and outsiders alike.

Reflecting this success, a March 28, 1867, advertisement in the *Whitby Chronicle* highlighted the hotel's offerings. The ad noted, *'The well-known, established hotel premises have been prepared by the proprietor (Powell), where he will always be found on hand, ready to attend personally to the wants of his guests. The premises have been conveniently and comfortably fitted up; painted and papered, with cisterns of soft water for washing and every modern improvement to make the traveller feel at home during his stay, with the dining table well stocked and beautifully prepared at all times.'*

Like many other wood-frame buildings from that era, the hotel was destroyed in a fire on February 11, 1885, along with its stables, sheds, and a neighbouring shop owned by Van

The *Whitby Chronicle* October 15, 1857

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The Globe Hotel, Brooklin, is well-known and favorably resorted to. It is admitted to be the best stand for hotel business—outside the town of Whitby—in the county of Ontario.

Brooklin, is situated five miles from the town of Whitby, on the main road (a first-class gravel one) and has the advantages of all the extensive trade and travel to and from Port Perry, Beaverton, Brock, Uxbridge and the different villages and places throughout the county, passing through it.

The village of Brooklin is a thriving, flourishing, manufacturing as well as agricultural locality. There is a large business done at the bar.

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Joseph Wilkinson  
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Woodruff, taking with it an entire chapter of the community's history.

Later proprietors included Ben McQuay, Van Woodruff, and the final owner, Thomas Chinn, who sold the property to Charles Grass in 1907, operator of the Brooklin Flour Mill located further east on Cassels Road. Grass purchased the land to be used as a park for both residents and the travellers who had once enjoyed the hotel's hospitality.

Brooklin residents bought the property in 1951. When the Town of Whitby and Whitby Township amalgamated in 1968, it became the property of the Town.

## Brooklin Family Matters: by Leanne Brown

### To the Woman Who Raised Me



My relationship with my mother has always been complicated. I love her beyond words, but despite sharing a few genetic traits, we are very different people. However, I've learned so much from her, and the lessons she taught me have shaped me into the woman I am today.

Growing up, my mother often seemed like two different people. In my early years, she was fun and adventurous. I remember her playing soccer, racing down the field with a speed I thought was unmatched. I idolized her, begging her to play with me, but she was often too busy. There were camping trips where she explored caves and climbed banks to get a closer look at a lake. We caught tadpoles and grew them into frogs

in the laundry room sink. She was fearless. One day, when I saw what I thought was a tarantula in the shed, she grabbed a tent pole and knocked it into a bucket, washing it down the sewer. She was my hero.

When our cat, Tiger, was run over by a car, she helped me bury him in a field and held me as I cried that night. A few weeks later, she took me to pick out a new pet, helping me heal.

As I entered my teens, something changed. My mother became fearful of everything. Her fear crept in slowly, tightening the rules at home. Anything I wanted to do became inappropriate. The sports I played were too dangerous, the friends I had since age 10 were a bad influence. My self-worth plummeted. When I left for post-secondary studies, I didn't return often. Each visit seemed to reignite my self-doubt.

Eventually, I built a career, and it wasn't until I had my daughter that I reconnected with her. She adored her granddaughter, showering her with love and gifts. I was grateful to see that she was capable of the love I'd always longed for. But as my daughter grew older, I saw the same fear creep into their relationship. The super grandma, once full of life, began to withdraw. Over the last few years, as dementia took hold, she drifted even further away. Recently, my daughter sat with her, scrolling through photos on her phone: images of hockey championships, Christmas celebrations, and silly moments. She spoke of her sports, school plans, and hopes for getting her driver's license.

My mother smiled throughout. After my daughter left to take her cousins to the park, my mother asked, "Who is that young girl? She's got it all sorted out,

doesn't she?" She smiled and complimented her.

"That's your granddaughter," I said softly, taking her hand. "Oh, no... she's all grown up." Her eyes welled up with tears, and she whispered, "You did good with her."

In that moment, I realized she had always been proud of me.

That was our last conversation. My mother passed away this week. Despite the complexities of our relationship, I loved her deeply, and I know she loved me in her own way. My heart aches with the loss, but I am forever grateful for the moments we shared and the strength she instilled in me.

I miss you, Mom.

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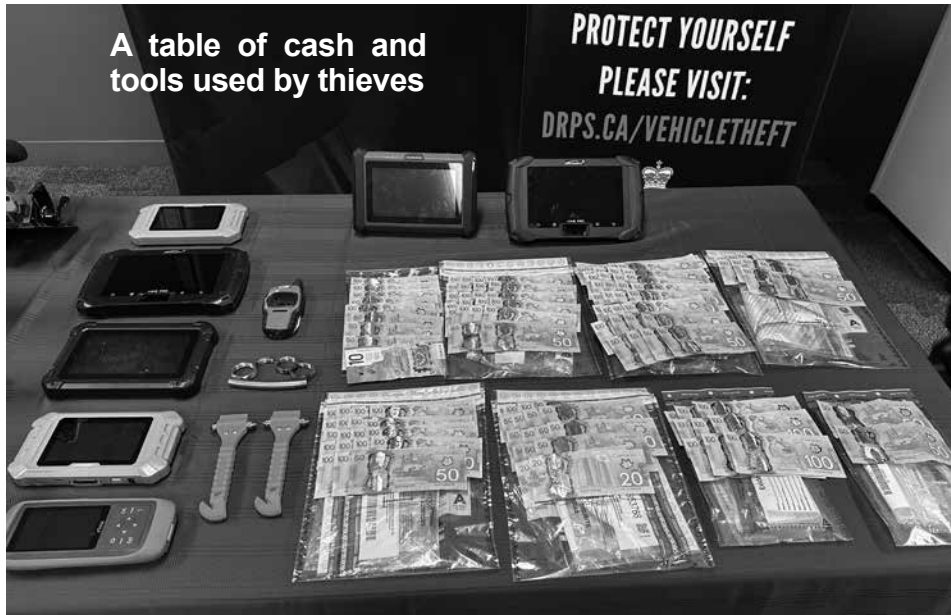
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## Project Carbon Leads to Auto Theft Arrests

### By Durham Regional Police Service

Several suspects have been charged, and others are wanted in connection with Project Carbon, an initiative targeting organized auto theft in Durham Region.

In January, 2025, members of Project Attire - the DRPS Auto Theft Unit (ATU) began an investigation into numerous thefts of motor vehicles throughout Durham Region. Investigators were able to identify a large group of suspects operating an organized auto theft network out of two addresses in Toronto.

On Thursday, March 13, 2025, the ATU, with the assistance of multiple units, executed two Criminal Code Search Warrants at the residences in Toronto. Eleven suspects were arrested without incident. Investigators seized equipment used to steal vehicles, Canadian currency, a quantity of cocaine and recovered two stolen vehicles.

All eleven suspects reside in Quebec and travelled to Durham Region where they stole vehicles and transported them to Quebec. So far, 20 vehicles have been recovered and 18 remain outstanding.

Eight suspects are facing charges of Fail to Comply. They were previously arrested and released on some form of release and have failed to adhere to the rules and restrictions that were placed on them.

All suspects were held for bail hearings.

Four suspects remain outstanding and warrants have been issued for their arrest.

A comprehensive list of the accused and charges can be viewed at [www.drps.ca](http://www.drps.ca).



DRPS Chief Peter Moreira

Project Attire is DRPS's response to Ontario's Preventing Auto Theft (PAT) Grant program, which is designed to support new and enhanced crime-fighting measures.

"Our government is taking action to crack down on organized auto theft, hold criminals accountable, and keep our streets safe," said Associate Minister Zee Hamid. "Since day one, we have supported law enforcement with the resources they need to take down dangerous criminals. Project Carbon is proof that our investments are working. Thanks to the Preventing Auto Theft Grant, officers successfully dismantled a major criminal operation, recovered stolen vehicles, and delivered justice."

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Det. Brown of Project Attire at **1-888-579-1520 ext. 7827**.

Anonymous information can be sent to Durham Regional Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-TIPS (8477)** or online at [www.durhamregionalcrimestoppers.ca](http://www.durhamregionalcrimestoppers.ca) and tipsters may be eligible for a \$2,000 cash reward.

## Garden Club Sets Its Goals

By Rahe Richards

With spring, the Brooklin-Whitby Garden Club has started plans for the growing year.

The membership drive on February 26 featured Jennifer Doubt, Botany Curator of the botanical collections at the National Herbarium of Canada at the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa

Jennifer, who studies moss and related cousins, gave an insightful presentation on conquering moss and other species.

The membership drive continued as we brought the first of the sponsored Town of Whitby speakers, Carson Arthur. Carson is Canada's go-to gardening expert and author who made a presentation on March 26 about "Dishing the Dirt on Dirt - Another way to see dirt." The presentation of different kinds of soils for

gardening was amazing.

The spring activities include the second Town of Whitby sponsored speaker, Jen Llywelyn, who will present on "Must-Know Facts to Keep Your Trees Beautiful!" on April 23.

Whitby invites residents to join the club on those days for free, giving people the opportunity to check things out and maybe join the Club. For \$20 a year, membership has lots of benefits.

It is also the first night of our Spring Flower show. There will be beautiful exhibits of narcissus and other flowering plants while members compete for awards. Keep an eye out for more of the happenings in the coming months. See us on Facebook as well.

*Rahe Richards is President of the Brooklin-Whitby Garden Club*

## DRPS: Crime Prevention at Home (reprinted)

### Deter Vehicle Thefts

- Always ensure your vehicle is locked and take the keys with you
- Always park in a well-lit area and/or locked garage
- Never leave an unattended vehicle running with keys inside
- Consider anti-theft devices, such as a steering wheel lock or collar
- Never hide a spare key inside your vehicle or outside your home
- When not in use, place your key fob inside a radio frequency shielding pouch (Faraday Bag) to block cell signals
- Never place/hang or leave keys directly inside the front door or near windows
- Consider placing keys on your bedside table, as long as it's not near a window The key fob can also be activated as an alert alarm, if you hear or see suspicious activity outside your home at night

### Deter Home Invasions

- Leave a motor vehicle in the driveway
- Use timers on lights inside the residence
- Post signage for alarm companies and/or pets
- Have a neighbour or other source remove any pamphlets, mail or flyers from the door handles or in front of the residence

- Don't announce your travel plans on social media platforms

### Deter Porch Pirates

- Send packages to a friend or relative who will be home
- Send packages to a post office or pick-up locker service or require signature upon delivery
- Request packages be placed out of sight or provide a lockable package bin on your doorstep
- Subscribe to delivery alerts and notifications when parcels have been delivered
- If a package arrives and you won't be home for some time, ask a trusted neighbour to retrieve
- Install clearly visible security cameras or video doorbells and clearly pointed at drop-off location
- Hang signs in your window or yard about your security system
- Always keep your doorstep clear of large debris or shrubs so thieves cannot conceal themselves
- Request non-descriptive packaging so as not to announce what the package contains
- Check on the seller and delivery company's policies regarding theft/fraud



# New Book Teaches Kids Financial Literacy

By Richard Bercuson

While the concept of a classroom economy, so to speak, is not unique, Brooklin resident and teacher Rob Coutts has taken it to an entirely new level. His classroom work has led to the creation of his new book *I'm a kid with a mortgage* which is designed to teach children ages 7-12 about financial literacy.



few financial literacy picture books for kids, but not many or there's not one classroom economy picture book."

Which begs the question: what is a classroom economy? "It sort of models what our current economy is," says Coutts. "Every child in the class is given a job, some menial, but they rotate them every few weeks.

With 15 years of teaching to draw from, Coutts, who teaches grade 6, has created an approach to teach children finance using everything from mortgages to jobs to purchases.

The jobs mean the kids are also given 'salaries.' It's through the salaries that they learn how to save, spend, invest, and budget."

"There are point systems and reward systems that many teachers have," he says. "So this is just sort of a little bit more complex of a version. But I noticed that every year what I want to teach the students about is what a classroom economy is."

"As soon as the day begins," he goes on, "every single person has a job, whether it's making sure the attendance is done, checking the backpacks, making sure shoes are all lined up. There's even a person who's a greeter and says, hello, how are you? Nice

to meet you. Everyone sort of has a job and they also keep each other accountable."

Students are 'paid' in tokens called Coutts coins. As far as spending goes, they can buy extra time for this and that, enrol in a raffle, etc. What is unique about his approach is the idea of each child having to 'pay' for a mortgage.

"In order to sit in the class in order to do anything, they have to pay into a mortgage. Which is the concept of the whole book. There are 20 school days typically in a month and 10 school months. So they have to pay off their mortgage, which is their desk, which is like 200 coins or 200 tokens. They have to basically work their way towards spending that and paying

the mortgage off. And a lot of them knowing that as soon as they pay off their mortgage, they now own their condominium property."

Coutts has done a few workshops in the TCDSB where he teaches at St. Edmund Campion, encouraging students and teachers to discover "the magic of financial literacy."

"*I'm a kid with a mortgage*" is in pre-order now from his site <https://couttscoinpublishing.com/> Email: [info@couttscoinpublishing.com](mailto:info@couttscoinpublishing.com)

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