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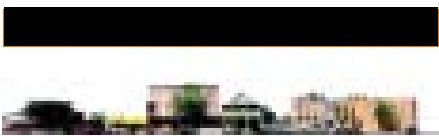
"Just another wall of towers that tourists will pass by!"



Carlos Garcia and David Bergen, representing PROUD, receive contribution from Bob Rennie to support community opposition to the Tower development. " I'm for progress, not towers", Bob added.

The fight to ensure appropriate development in Port Dalhousie from inappropriate development was given a big boost by the contribution from Bob Rennie, older brother of James Rennie for whom the parkland, which includes the Dalhousie House (former Muir Drydocks offices), was named. Jim Rennie was a strong community leader (Port Dalhousie Quorum) who fought for appropriate development in the 1970's. PROUD believes that, if Council votes not to uphold its Planning Regulations, the only avenue to ensure a more appropriate development is at the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). To that end, PROUD has retained prestigious Land Use lawyer Jane Pepino to address concerns regarding the PDVC development application for the Heritage District of Port Dalhousie, an application that PROUD believes would contravene Provincial Regulations as well as the City's own Official Plan, Zoning By-Law and Heritage Guidelines. " We strongly support appropriate development in the Commercial Core of Port Dalhousie and these regulations are in place to ensure good planning." stated volunteer Ted Gould. Ms. Pepino will provide strategic advice and coordinate a team of professionals that will be closely scrutinizing the Planning staff report and any peer reviews that are released. "The costs for an OMB objection are high but retaining one of the three top OMB lawyers strengthens our case to achieve better development" said Mr. Gould. PROUD is confident that the residents of the City of St. Catharines do not want to see a key heritage area ruined by poor development and to see their lakefront 'walled off' by the inevitable sea of towers that will ensue should this development proceed. Proud has started a fundraising campaign to fund legal and other professional costs for the City Council meetings in June, and a potential OMB hearing in the future.

For information on OMB Fundraising Campaign, please phone Lorraine at 905-646-1264 or visit www.saveport.ca



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OPINIONS & ANALYSIS

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March 23, 2006

**Letter to the St.Catharines Planning Services Department, Mayor Rigby & Council
Re Port Dalhousie Vitalization Corporation (PDVC) Development Proposal**

As an individual deeply concerned for the heritage of the City of St. Catharines, with a doctorate in the speciality of Canadian urban history, I am writing to request the rejection of the PDVC development proposal. My comments are mainly in response to the comments on the proposal made by PDVC architect, Michael Kirkland at the March 21st public information session.

1.Proposal is Incompatible with Meaningful Application of Guidelines for Heritage Districts.

The core of my opposition to the PDVC proposal is my strong belief that the integrity of the development guidelines for heritage conservation districts must be respected. In this case, the guidelines, which are supported by the existing zoning, state that buildings not exceed three stories in height.

The establishment of heritage districts is quite different than the designation of individual buildings. It is intended to ensure that entire districts, not just individual buildings, reflect the architectural heritage of a certain historical era. This is why the three story height guideline, which reflects the existing architectural heritage here, should be enforced.

At the public meeting Michael Kirkland stated that the heritage guidelines made sense for the residential area of Port Dalhousie, but not for the commercial area., where the buildings were run down. This is quite an inappropriate argument since it would mean that it would be contrary to the interests of the proponent PDVC, to make any desirable repairs to the structure.

Within the constraints of the existing zoning and heritage guidelines, the Port Dalhousie commercial core is actually a success. Many of the arguments used against the proposal- large crowds of bar patrons for instance - are signs of thriving commercial activity. If PDVC desires a more “upscale” development in order to have older less rowdy patrons on its properties, it has ample scope to do so through redevelopment that respects the heritage guidelines.

For a successful example of a thriving “upscale” commercial and low rise area consider the Beaches district of Toronto. Walk in this district on any warm weather weekend and you will be stunned by the great number of shoppers. There are usually people six feet deep on the sidewalks- like St. Paul Street during a very successful Grape Festival parade. Niagara-on-the- Lake likewise has a thriving theatre entertainment district- without a high rise tower, and indeed with three storey heritage guidelines in a district designation which in many ways became the model later applied to Port Dalhousie.

If St. Catharines were to approve, and the OMB ultimately uphold, development greatly exceeding in height the standards developed through heritage guidelines, it would be a very negative precedent for our city, the Niagara Region and throughout the province. Areas of vacant land, or land that became vacant as a result of an accident such as a fire, or demolition after the limited 90 day appeal period imposed by the Heritage Act, could become the site of a massive high rise tower in violation of existing heritage guidelines. Imagine such a tower as the one being proposed by PDVC, in the other heritage conservation districts of Niagara, which I believe, are limited to our St. Catharines districts on Queen and Yates Streets, part of the Old Town of Niagara - on - the - Lake, and Tennessee Avenue in Port Colborne.

If tower- style development were to be allowed under the current Ontario Heritage Act, there would be enormous pressure placed on the province by architectural heritage conservationists to amend it in favour of stronger powers which could, like those of the Niagara Escarpment Commission and the Green Belt Protection Act, simply strip zoning powers from municipalities over heritage districts. **Approval of the proposed tower by the St. Catharines City Council could very well be the last zoning decision it would make in any of its current heritage districts before an uproar across Ontario resulted in a response from the provincial parliament.**

It should be stressed that the current heritage designation in Port Dalhousie was the result of a long, arduous and highly transparent process, subject to ultimate arbitration by the OMB. The PDVC owners had every opportunity to object to the three storey guidelines in the commercial district and chose not to.

2. PDVC Proposal Displays Profound Ignorance of Significance of Port Dalhousie Heritage and Encourages Ecologically Unsound Development

In his presentation, Architect Kirkland displayed a profound ignorance of the history of the district he is proposing to alter through the PDVC proposal. He spoke of how the PDVC development was part of a wave of schemes around the world to transform grimy industrial waterfront areas. This is a notion that may accurately describe the subject area in the 1880s, but it was soon negated in the Edwardian era, by the development of Lakeside Park as a recreational area by the Canadian Northern Railway under its NS&T street car system.

The creation of Lakeside Park brought about the type of renaissance on the waterfront that Kirkland indicated is happening in such formerly derelict industrial ports as Hamburg, Germany. Swimming here became a major tourist attraction which St. Catharines has not been able to duplicate since. The Lakeside Park’s decline came about in the 1950s as water pollution problems forced St. Catharines to create its current network of municipal pools. The city has spent millions of dollars to rectify this situation and some success has been achieved - this summer was the most successful in recorded history. It should be recognized however, that there remains much more work to be done. This task includes efforts to naturalize and ecologically restore

much of Martindale Pond which is threatened by some of the “improvements” that PDVC requests the city to make here.

One of the most objectionable aspects of the proposed development is the long list of “improvements” which the developer is urging the City to make out of future assessment revenues, which are projected to flow from the condominium tower. **This restricts the discretion of future City Councils to use these funds in ways that they may deem more appropriate- for instance in tackling the serious pollution problems of the Twelve Mile Creek, or providing needed park improvements in other parts of St. Catharines**

Some of the suggested “improvements” that the developer is requesting the city undertake would, if proceeded with, encourage the further ecological degradation of Martindale Pond. **For instance, the proposed re-connection of the abandoned walls of the Third Welland Canal across Martindale Pond would pave over fish habitat, disrupt electrical power production and encourage more environmentally disruptive boating on the pond.**

In his presentation Kirkland unfairly disparaged the management of Lakeside Park by St. Catharines City Council. This is especially inappropriate after Council achieved, through considerable effort, the revival of music in the Carousal. Its purchase by City Council and successful long term maintenance has been one of the great achievements of our local government.

Lakeside Park has complex bio-engineering to discourage erosion in its planning and is a major success of our city. St. Catharines has also well preserved the picnic pavilions which were the focal point of the remarkable Emancipation Day picnics which were the greatest gatherings of Blacks from Ontario and western New York State in the first half of the 20th century.

The PDVC proposals to “improve” Lakeside Park are inappropriate. The park’s inspiring history is valuable in itself- not as Kirkland suggests through his proposed scheme- but as the beginning of the First Welland Canal. His scheme smacks of the very “Disneyfication” that Kirkland has tossed at his opponents.

Modest expenditures in interpretative signs- similar to the excellent displays the city has placed in Montebello Park- would be better than the elaborate investments outlined by Kirkland in his presentation at the information session.

Bitter experience in Niagara Falls has shown how high rise towers can have negative effects on the local microclimate. Such impacts, coupled with shadowing, are a more serious threat to Lakeside Park than the proposed benefits, paid for essentially through restrictions on the spending of City Council, proposed by PDVC.

3. St. Catharines Should Respect Its Achievements and Plan According to the Principles of Heritage Conservation.

In considering the PDVC proposal, City Council should realize that the negative situations described by the developer can be addressed through redevelopment that respects the intent of heritage guidelines. Development can become more upscale, without being higher. This is witnessed by the great success of the thriving tourist industry of Niagara -on- the- Lake and the Beaches district of Toronto.

St. Catharines City Council should not accept the insulting way the PDVC has disparaged its management of Lakeside Park. The park will become even more successful moreover, as it continues its methodical, if slow, process of pollution abatement- progress which is paradoxically threatened by the ecologically unsound project PDVC is proposing for Martindale Pond.

I urge Council to turn this historically and ecologically damaging proposal down.

John Bacher, (PhD)

WHAT'S UP?

ST. CATHARINES

St. Catharines Museum at Welland Canal Centre Lock 3 - April 15 - June 11th, 2006 "The Noble Experiment: Temperance and Prohibition" traveling exhibit from the Peterborough Centennial Museum & Archives. To drink or not to drink? It was a debate that affected Canadians on every level - from within their own homes to the national and international stages. This exhibit tells the story of this fascinating and often under-appreciated piece of Canadian history. It is a story of crime and smuggling, of action and danger, of humour and of morality. For more information contact the St. Catharines Museum, hours are weekdays 9am-5pm, weekends 10am-5pm. For more information contact 905-984-8880 or visit www.stcatharineslock3museum.ca

Niagara Folk Arts Festival

Friday, May 12th ~ Sunday, May 28th

In 2006, Canada's oldest cultural festival celebrates 38 years of cultural diversity in St. Catharines. The festival has grown from its first colourful affair in 1969 to a 15-day cultural extravaganza. Ethnic dances, music, pageants, food and customs are plentiful at individual club open houses throughout the City, culminating with a weekend showcase of Canadian talent in Montebello Park. Don't miss: Stephen Ruf Memorial Golf Tournament May 7, Ambassadors Dinner/Dance May 12, Open Houses May 13 to 28 and Folk Arts in the Park May 26 to 28, free admission. Celebrate being Canadian with top-notch artists, international foods and family programs. Call us at 905-685-6589 ext 236. Email: festival@folk-arts.ca or visit: www.folk-arts.ca

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Wednesday, May 24th ~ Wednesday, May 24th

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Tickets for this event are \$50.00 per person, advance tickets / reservations are required. Tickets will be available March 29th at the St Catharines Downtown Association offices at 12 Ontario Street, or by phone 905-685-8424-cash payments only.

Mother's Day High School Invitational Regatta, May 14, 2006

For more information go to www.rowontario.ca and click on "Regattas link"

NIAGARA FOUNDATION HOUSE TOUR

Event Date(s): 06-03-2006

House Tour Tickets

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Venue: Roselawn Centre

Address: 296 Fielden Avenue

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Sunday, May 28, 2006 - Pig Roast and Barbecue Fundraiser for: Ontario Special Olympics Athletes from the Niagara Region

Where: Club Richelieu, 565 River Rd.

Time: 1:00pm - 8:00pm

Admission: \$10.00 per adult or \$25.00 per family (2 adults and 2 children)

tickets go on sale May 1, 2006 (TBA) Admission price includes food - roast pork, hotdogs, hamburgs, salads -- all you can eat. Entertainment - live music, games, raffles, etc. Lots of fun for the whole family.

May 2006

12 Battle of the Bands - Market Square 905-735-9009 or 905-735-1700 ext. 2316

13 - 29 Niagara Folk Arts Festival
905-685-6589 ext. 229
www.folk-arts.ca

20 & 21 South Niagara Rowing High School Invitational
visit website www.southniagararowingclub.com
email: snrc@iaw.com

22 Victoria Day - Fireworks Celebration at Welland Sports Complex 905-735-1700 ext.2316

25 Multicultural Open House Heritage Council 905-732-5337

27 Welland Heritage Council 10th Annual Golf Tournament 905-732-5337

June 2006

3 Rose Festival Lobsterfest

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4 Rose Festival Kids Fishing Derby

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5 - 6 Canadian Jr. Team speed Orders

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8 Rose Festival Coronation Ball

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Gardentour tickets \$20

Please click here to order tickets on-line. Tickets are also available in person at the Chamber of Commerce or by

calling 905-468-1950 and at the Shaw Box Office by calling 1-800-511-7429.

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3 tickets for \$5.00

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PORT PROFILES



Starting with this month's edition, we will be profiling people active in community life in Port, the City of St. Catharines and the Region of Niagara.

We are pleased to start off this series with Eleanor Lancaster who is known to many in our area. Eleanor, a farm girl from Alberta, moved to Ontario in 1949 and began her university education at McMaster with a pre-med BA and moved on to complete a BHSC and a Masters Degree in Nutrition from the University of Toronto. She then taught Home Economics at Ryerson for 5 years. She moved to St. Catharines in 1959 and became involved in community work and wrote articles for the Standard on consumer issues and participated in call-in radio programs on CKTB AND CHSC.

Along the way, she found time to raise 4 children-2 boys and 2 girls, three of whom are still living in the St. Catharines area (one of her sons lives in Port). Her 'late' husband, Bud, a respected lawyer in this area, served on the Ontario Municipal Board for 21 years and became its Vice Chair.

While raising her children, she maintained an active involvement with her community. Listing all of her activities would take more space than is available for this issue but a partial list includes:

- served on the Board of Niagara College for 6 years and became its first female chair
- Ontario Environmental Assessment Board-6 years (continued on page 7)



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Taxation Update

On May 2, 2006, Jim Flaherty presented his first Budget as the federal Minister of Finance. The Budget introduced a number of measures which will impact individual Canadians and corporations.



Anne Braithwaite, BBA

Federal Budget Edition

Sales Tax Measures Reducing the GST to 6%

The current Goods and Services Tax (GST) rate is 7% (This is the 7% federal component of the 15% Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) applicable in New Brunswick, Newfoundland & Labrador and in Nova Scotia).

Effective July 1, 2006, the Budget proposes to reduce the GST tax rate to 6%. TheGST

refundable tax credit that is available to low and moderate income families will remain at current levels.

As part of the transition to the lower GST rate, the Budget announced various general transitional rules with respect to transactions that straddle the July 1, 2006 implementation date. There are also specific provisions with respect to sales of real property, new housing, imported goods, and taxable benefits.

In order to offset the impact of the reduction in GST, the Budget proposes to increase the excise duties on cigarettes, cigars, tobacco, and alcohol (affecting spirits, wine and beer), effective July 1, 2006.

Individual Tax Measures Personal Income Tax Rates

The previous Liberal government had proposed to reduce the lowest personal tax rate from 16% to 15% effective January 1, 2005. The Budget proposes to make the rate of 15% effective for the 2005 taxation year and to have it remain in effect until July 1, 2006, at which time the rate will increase to 15.5% for the remainder of 2006 and subsequent years. This mid-year increase will result in an average rate of 15.25% for 2006. The 15.25% average rate for 2006 and the 15.5% rate for 2007 and future years are the rates that will be used to calculate non-refundable tax credits. The lowest tax bracket rate will apply to income up to \$36,378 for the 2006 taxation year.

Increase to the Basic Personal and Spouse Amounts

The basic personal exemption for 2006 is proposed to be \$8,839 for an individual and \$7,505 for a wholly (continued on page 10)

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PROUD PORT DALHOUSIE PAGE

Dear Marlene (Bergsma),

Re: Port Plan Finds Favour, May 2, 2006

HERITAGE GUIDELINES CLEARLY DO NOT ALLOW A TOWER IN PORT DALHOUSIE

Regarding ERA Architects' Peer Review of the proposed tower development in Port Dalhousie, the subject article states: "McClelland concludes the project fits into Port Dalhousie's commercial core because the existing heritage guidelines don't provide enough 'clear vision' for appropriate heights or maintaining character in the core..."

We beg to differ. Section 3.2 of the Guidelines (Conservation Priorities) states: "Physical change and development are to be managed in a way that the component buildings, streets, beach and open spaces are either protected or enhanced." Priorities then include: "encouraging the current vitality of the commercial area by promoting its unique architecture and contemporary commercial adaptive reuse as well as continuing to protect its distinctive heritage fabric;" Clearly, introducing a tower the height of a 20-storey building, a 4-storey block along Lock St. and a 7-8 storey wing along Main St. does not protect or enhance open spaces nor protect the heritage fabric of a 2-3 storey heritage district.

Section 5.7 of the Guidelines (Design Considerations for New Non-Residential Construction) states: "General factors governing design consideration for new commercial, institutional or commercial construction, either as additions or freestanding buildings, are similar to those for residences." For residences (section 5.6), one of the key considerations is: " Height- The majority of buildings are two storeys or less. Accordingly, to maintain this profile, new buildings should be no higher than two storeys..." Then, under General Guidance for new non-residential construction, the guidelines state: "In multistorey buildings, contrasts between street level and upper second and third floor level facades should be emphasized..." Thus, the guidelines are quite clear that the height of new buildings (residential or commercial) should not exceed the height of current buildings. Furthermore, only second and third storeys are contemplated in the commercial core.

Finally, it is important to note that neither Mr. Kirkland nor Mr. McClelland have consulted with or approached the Port Dalhousie Heritage District Advisory Committee of Council that administers the heritage guidelines. The committee is always available to them should they wish to discuss their rationales regarding the current tower project and, conversely, why the committee strongly rejected both tower proposals as inappropriate.

N. Carlos Garcia, Volunteer Chair and Peter Connolly, Volunteer Vice-Chair
Port Dalhousie Heritage District Advisory Committee

RE: HOGAN'S ALLEY

I have a survey map of Port Dalhousie dated August 1864 (with what appears to be some marked on add ons done latter and an 1872 statement as to correctness) and there is no Hogan's Alley or lane whatsoever. It shows Lock One of the First Canal and the edge of the canal along the lot line of lots 11 through 14 that make up the area between Main and Lakeport Road and from Lock to the First Canal.

I checked the 1881, 1901 and 1911 census records and did not find any HOGAN listed in Port Dalhousie.

At a recent Historical Society lecture on street names, a gentleman stood up and said that it was named after a Mr. Hogan that had an antique store on the alley. I make no judgement on this idea.

In any case, there was a laneway created and there were at one time other lanes directly behind the Lakeside building, which you may recall took a few years of effort to have closed up and transferred to the owner at that time.

This afternoon, I asked 2 elderly long time residents and neither recall ever hearing the alley called Hoagan's Alley in their youth and could not recall the name application timing they used to tobaggan down the hill and it was know as "The Hill" to them ... again I make no judgement as to this accuracy either.

I wonder if a question was placed in the Reporter if anyone would respond.

Bill



An philosophy professor gave a one-question final exam after a semester dealing with a broad array of topics.

The class was already seated and ready to begin when the professor picked up his chair, plopped it on his desk and wrote on the board: "Using everything we have learned this semester, prove that this chair does not exist."

Fingers flew, erasers erased, notebooks were filled in furious fashion. Some students wrote over 30 pages in one hour, attempting to refute the existence of the chair.

One member of the class however, was up and finished in less than a minute. Weeks later when the grades were posted, the rest of the group wondered how he could have gotten an "A," when he had barely written anything at all.

His answer consisted of two words: "What chair?"

Industry Leaders Question PDVC PR Claims

The PDVC PR campaign which centered on what they claimed to be a legitimate poll has been criticized by independent industry leaders. PDVC has claimed that 63% of respondents supported their development in Port Dalhousie but they still refuse to release the results tables, methodology and key information required for Public polling standards. PDVC did not want to release the questions of their study, and only did so under significant and sustained pressure by PROUD, the Market Research industry and the media.

It was no wonder that they wanted to keep them hidden as the questions lead respondents to believe utopian conclusions about the proposal with misleading statements about parking, beach access, heritage preservation, number of jobs created and taxes revenues the city would receive.

Grant Dobson, the PDVC Public Relations Consultant defends the poll as he claims that they have followed Marketing Research and Intelligence Association (MRIA) standards. In his statements to Niagara This Week (April 21, 2006), Barry Wycks, the president of MRIA said a poll for public consumption would have to adhere to standards which the PDVC study did not.

Barry Watson of Environics whose company was named in connection to the poll was also concerned according to Niagara This Week. "Our name should not be associated with the study in any way," Watson said. "We use the same supplier but we did not do the study at all." Yet statements made by PDVC lead the Toronto Star to print that Environics had done the survey. Many people in the public still believe that the study was done by this reputable company.

The survey was prepared by SR Custom Information president Paul Ryan who splits his time with two other businesses; one as a TV advertising consultant and the other recording music. He is not a member of the MRIA and is not bound to the professional code of conduct. It is very misleading to include the name of national company in statements about the survey when really it was a small company that does not even do Market Research full time that designed and analyzed the survey.

The PDVC PR campaign has been successful in that they have misled the public into believing a number of mistruths. Fundamentally, their numbers are wholly unsubstantiated.

People who conduct surveys expect some public scrutiny, but to have impartial industry leaders, whose sole motivation is the public's best interest to come out and question the conduct of the PDVC means that this survey cannot be trusted.

PROUD's poll on the previous proposal remains fully available for both sides to scrutinize. The poll respondents were asked a single and clear question which contained only undisputed facts. The entire methodology, results tables and the proposal remain available on PROUD's website (www.saveport.ca).

We must be extra diligent in scrutinizing the "experts" the PDVC puts forth. Even the Toronto Star drew the wrong conclusions based on the PDVC's claims. We must remain vigilant in exposing the truth.

The truth is the PDVC Poll is both leading and misleading, did not adhere to industry standards and remains unsubstantiated to this day.

Jeff Loucks
Staff Writer/Researcher

His Worship Mayor Tim Rigby and Council
City of St. Catharines

Statement issued by the Heritage Canada Foundation March 17, 2006

Re: Port Dalhousie Heritage District

The Port Dalhousie Vitalization Corp. is asking the City of St. Catharines once again for permission to build a tower in the middle of the Port Dalhousie Heritage District. The latest proposal is a slightly lower version from the one-hundred metre highrise originally planned for the site. Still, the developer envisions a totally new look for the district, claiming that the tower and surrounding redevelopment will create "a signature landmark" for Port Dalhousie, now a heritage district duly protected by the City of St. Catharines under the Ontario Heritage Act.

The Heritage Canada Foundation has reviewed the developer's Application to Amend the City of St. Catharines Official Plan and Zoning By-Law, and agrees with PROUD that the project would threaten the integrity of the Port Dalhousie Heritage District. The Executive Director of Heritage Canada, Ms. Natalie Bull, observed that, "The City of St. Catharines is to be commended for protecting the heritage fabric of Port Dalhousie, and for challenging those who would change it to demonstrate total respect for the buildings and setting." She added, "The current proposal would change the character of Port Dalhousie forever, and undo all of the careful work, (continued on page 8)

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Begonia Care

Are you growing begonias? They're a great garden plant, and the genus Begonia has actually hundreds of species, varieties and sub-varieties. Horticulturally, Begonias are divided into four groups.

Fibrous Group: The Fibrous group includes the Begonias often used for bedding purposes, Begonia semperflorens, in single and double types, also B. corallina "Lucerna" and the many hybrids of B. coccinea (rubra). Now some of the fibrous types are of a dwarf habit, while others in favorable locations grow to a height of ten feet or more.

Tuberous Group: This group will include all Begonias which make a true tuber and are dormant in winter, and a few semi-tuberous ones, such as B. dregei, that stay green through the winter.

Rhizomatous Group: This group is characterized by a creeping root stalk from which the leaves and flowers spring. The well-known Beefsteak, or Begonia "Feasti," belongs to this group.

Rex Group: This group is different, as the plants are grown for their beauty and coloring of the foliage. Now Rexes have been crossed with other Begonias, such as the tuberous ones and have given many fine hybrids. The Rexes grow best in moisture and warmth, whereas other Begonias may do well in cool, dry air.

The range of cultivated Begonias is very large as most grow in their native habitat under various climatic conditions and also altitudes. When they are grown under the right conditions of climate, moisture, light and correct soil, Begonias respond with luxuriant growth.

You will need to find out from experience which plants will grow well in a given location, or check to see how existing conditions can be adapted to the plants.

Begonias require an acid soil, one that has a low pH value: for example in California, oak leaf mold is used as a mulch especially for Rex Begonias. Now some other growers have had very good success with other soil mixtures, some with a heavy soil mixed with peat moss, old cow manure and sharp sand makes a good potting soil. Some people prefer a lighter-textured soil, such as a light garden soil mixed with leaf mold with or without manure. Make sure any light garden soil you prepare is friable and porous. Comparing and experimenting is the best way to solve the problem of the correct soil for the best growing conditions in your area and also remember different Begonias require different soil, such as the "Paul Bruant" is one that requires a slightly heavier soil than some of the other fibrous and rhizomatous Begonias.

When planting, be sure to plant carefully and firmly, but not deeper than the division line

between stem and root. They send their roots out sideways to the surface. Remember for maximum growth the shallow root system must never dry out so carefully water and mulch. As for feeding, Begonias need some feeding, but it should be done sparingly. Read the labels on the commercial fertilizers and decide if you want to use them as is or do you want to use the liquid fertilizers, this is a personal decision. As a rule, I have found that weak solutions applied at weekly intervals are more effective than heavy applications at long intervals. Be sure during the active growing season to add plenty of water, and make sure also that they have good drainage.

If the plants are allowed to stand in water they will sour or foul and the root system will deteriorate so rapidly that the plants will be lost before anything can be done to change them.

Now as to light, most Begonias grow best in slightly shaded positions. If they get to the point that they are leggy and spindly, this means they need more sunlight. Species with thin leaves may be subject to sunburn. Don't forget in really strong light the plants will need more water than if they are grown in dense shade. Experience will determine the correct light, water and also soil and fertilizer for your area.

Begonias thrive best in about 55 degrees at night to 70 degrees (Fahrenheit) in the daytime.

Most fibrous Begonias are propagated by stem cuttings, preferably tip cuttings, which are planted in wet sand. Rex and many of the rhizomatous Begonias are propagated by leaf cuttings, which root in sand or leaf mold. They may also be propagated by division, or rhizome cuttings.

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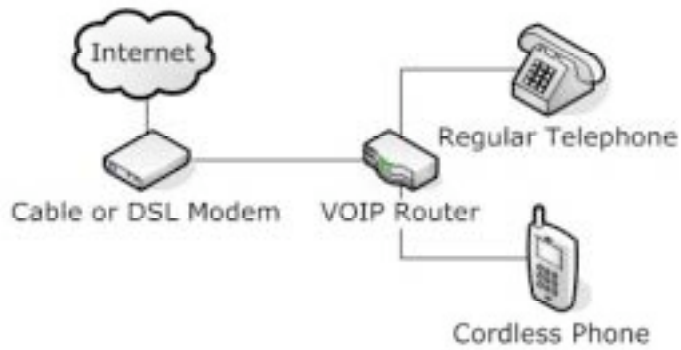
VOIP - Voice Over Internet Protocol

By Jeff Loucks

Now well into my second year on VOIP and I have to report there are numerous advantages.

VOIP is the ability to receive and place telephone calls over broadband internet like you would with a normal phone. You plug your regular phone into the regular phone jack on the VOIP Router. The internet connects

with a larger network cable between the broadband modem and the VOIP Router. Once you plug in the power, the VOIP modem does some magic and configures itself. Within 15 seconds you can start sending and receiving calls.



Marketed by companies like Primus, Vonage and soon Cogeco, VOIP promises reduced phone bills with unlimited North American calling for \$30/month which includes your local line. For people who run businesses, rates are 3.5¢/minute for regular long distance calls and 4.5¢/minute if someone calls you using your toll free number.

People are often surprised that you do not need a computer to run VOIP as it runs independently requiring only that you have broadband internet access. This exposes a problem with DSL service which assumes and requires that you have a regular telephone line in order for it to work.

Since you are replacing your telephone line when you go to VOIP why would you want to pay for a telephone line in order to maintain your internet access. Cable internet does not have this limitation and is easier to configure. I use cable internet.

VOIP allows you to take the phone with you. Last year I brought the phone with me while touring Canada with Microsoft talking to IT Professionals. I was able to make and receive calls from the hotel room in the same way as if I were in the office.

Now some people will say that a cell phone is more convenient but cell phone bills are more expensive especially if you are traveling abroad. This is also great for people who want to receive calls at the cottage. In fact if you have ever thought about moving to the south and maintaining your number while you are away VOIP is for you.

With all the features of a regular phone and more for less, VOIP also gives you interesting features like the ability to manage your phone over the internet, receive voicemail in your email and save a list of the last one hundred calls to Excel.

One of the drawbacks of VOIP is that if your internet is down so is your phone line. Your voice mail will pick up or you can configure the service to route all calls to another number. If VOIP is your only way to call tech support you may be in a catch 22 situation. So in the end, VOIP takes a little getting used to but after almost two years of having it, I would never go back.

PORT PROFILES: Eleanor Lancaster (continued from page 3)

- elected to Regional Council for 9 years (1981-1991)
- served on the District Health Council
- served 6 years on the Board of Brock University
- active in the Louth Women's Institute prior to its demise
- founded and chaired the Teen Moms Program serving students from both school boards
- served 21 years on the Board of Hotel Dieu

So what does this grandmother of nine do to keep active aside from her love of gardening and cooking? Never one to slow down, Eleanor is the chair of Goodwill Industries Niagara and, in an effort to get back to her 'roots' (home economics), she qualified as a certified community food advisor under the Public Health Department, speaking to groups about such things as smart shopping, good cooking, etc.

When asked what her thoughts were regarding events in Port, she expressed deep concern about the proposed tower development and lamented the lack of economic feasibility studies, prior to committing to such a venture, to show that a hotel/condo/theatre development was viable. "It seems that the condo is for the people of the GTA, not St. Catharines who will likely continue to shop in that area and the theatre is highly questionable as transportation issues won't support such a development". She wondered about the wisdom of adding another 400 seat theatre in the area when other theatres were struggling.

I had the opportunity to explore her designated historic home and her property and the time flew by too quickly. I left thinking that life in our area is much richer thanks to Eleanor's dedication to her community.

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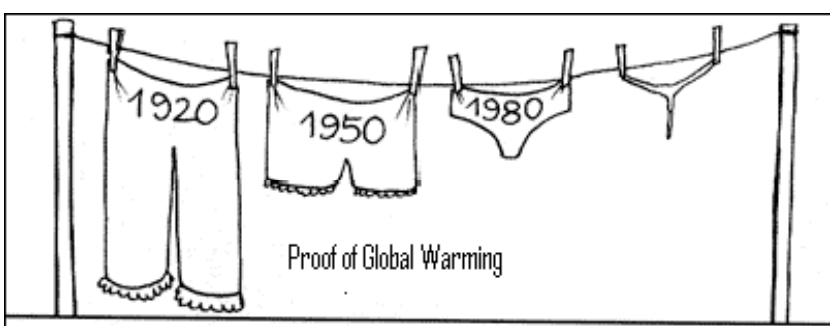
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SPORTS QUIZ–BASEBALL

(answers on page 10)

PITCHING

- Q1:** What pitcher has the most World Series victories?
- Q2:** What pitcher holds the lifetime record for average number of strikeouts per game? An active player who won pitching's Triple Crown in 2002 leading the league in strikeouts, wins, ERA.
- Q3:** Who were the only two brothers to win the Cy Young Award?
- Q4:** Which two brothers have the most wins?
- Q5:** Who is the only pitcher with over 3,000 strikeouts and fewer than 1,000 walks? He won 20 or more games for six straight years with the Cubs.
- Q6:** Which pitcher has the most wins without ever appearing in a World Series? He played 24 seasons, mostly with the Braves.
- Q7:** Name the six AL pitchers who have won the Cy Young Award and MVP in the same season. All won in the late 1960's through the early '90's.
- Q8:** Who is the only pitcher to save three consecutive All Star games? An MVP and Cy Young winner
- Q9:** Who are the only two pitchers to strike out 300 batters three years in a row? One is still active--and he did it five years.
- Q10:** Who is the only pitcher to win the Rookie of the Year, Cy Young and MVP?
- Q11:** Who had his number retired on three different teams?
- Q12:** Who is the only pitcher to win the MVP two years in a row? A Tiger during the war years.
- Q13:** Who is the only pitcher to win six Cy Young Awards? Recently retired.maybe!
- Q14:** Name the four players who have won pitching's "triple crown" (leading the league in ERA, wins and strikeouts) in two consecutive years?

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Re: Port Dalhousie Heritage District (continued from page 5)

supported by the community, to manage this historic place. **There might be a location for towers in St. Catharines; it should not be in the middle of a heritage district."**

The Heritage Canada Foundation strongly endorses the work of PROUD and others in the City of St. Catharines who want to protect historic Port Dalhousie.



Sunday, June 25th will mark the last Sunday of Rev. Minarcik's full time ministry of 38 years and his ministry at St. Andrews United Church, inPort Dalhousie for the past 8 1/2 years. Reception in lower hall will be held following service. Come and visit with Alan on this farewell occasion. All welcome..



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MOVIE QUIZ

(answers on page 10)

1. In 'Dirty Dancing' what was Baby's real name?
2. In the 1984 movie "Splash", the pretty blonde mermaid chooses which street name to be her own?
3. What is the name of Marty's band that tries out for the dance in Back To The Future.
4. What is the name of the airline that operates the ill-fated flight from LA to Chicago in the movie Airplane!?
5. In The Empire Strikes Back when the ghost of Obi-Wan Kenobi said that Luke was their last hope against the Empire, who was Yoda referring to when he said:No, there is another.
6. What was the title of Kevin's byline story in St. Elmo's Fire?
- 7.1) In "Say Anything," what did John Cusack say he did not want to do for a living? 2) And what did he think he might do for a career?
- 8.What is Indiana Jone's main weapon?
- 9.In Beverly Hills Cop, how does Axel Foley escape the police car that is sent to follow him?
- 10.What famous director makes a cameo appearance in the Blues Brothers?
- 11.In the 1983 movie "National Lampoon's Vacation," where were the Griswolds headed on their cross country trip?
- 12.Who played the best friend of Sarah Jessica Parker in "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun"?
- 13.In the movie "Stand By Me", what did Gordy, Chris, Vern and Teddy set out to find?
- 14.In the movie "Rainman", what was the only airline that Raymond said had never crashed?
- 15.What Cheers actor was in "The Empire Strikes Back?"(Answers-page 10)

BIOLOGY MID-TERM:

Students in an advanced Biology class were taking a mid term. The last question was, "Name 7 advantages of Mothers Milk," worth 70 points or none at all. One student who had partied the night before, was hard put to think of 7 advantages.

He wrote:

1. It is perfect formula for the child.
2. It provides immunity against several diseases.
3. It is always at the right temperature.
4. It is inexpensive.
5. It bonds the child to mother, & vice versa.
6. It is always available as needed.

And then, the student was stuck. Finally, just before the bell rang indicating the end of the test, he wrote...

7. It comes in such cute containers.

He got an "A

It was mealtime during our trip on a small airline in the Northwest. "Would you like dinner?" the flight attendant asked the man seated in front of me. "What are my choices?" he asked. "Yes or no," she replied.

SENIOR THINKING

A senior citizen in Ontario bought a brand new Corvette convertible. He took off down QEW, speeding at 85 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left on his head. "This is great," he thought, as he roared down the highway. He pushed the pedal to the metal even more. Then he looked in his rear view mirror, and discovered a OPP officer right behind him, red / blue lights flashing, and siren blaring. "I can get away from him with no problem" thought the man.

He pushed the gas pedal all the way to the floor, and flew down the highway at 100 mph, then 110, 120, 130 and 140. Then he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this kind of thing." So he pulled over to the side of the road, and waited for the officer to catch up with him.

The officer pulled in behind the Corvette, and calmly walked up to the driver's door. "Sir," he said, looking at his watch. "My shift ends in 20 minutes. You certainly seem to have a good ability for driving fast without having an accident. If you can explain why you were speeding away from me, with an excuse that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."

The man looked at the officer and said,

"Ten years ago, my wife ran off with a OPP Officer, and I thought you were bringing her back."

"Have a good day, Sir," said the officer.

An honest seven-year-old admitted calmly to her parents that Billy Brown had kissed her after class. "How did that happen?," gasped her mother. "It wasn't easy," admitted the young lady, "but 3 girls helped me catch him."

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JANE JACOBS (May 4, 1916 – April 25, 2006)

This article celebrates the contribution of Jane Jacobs toward urban living in North America and is proudly sponsored by Ruth and Hank Beekhuis.



Jane Jacobs, North America's (and one of the world's) leading authority on Urban Planning passed away last week. Jane will be missed by many and we will particularly miss her because of the sage advice she had provided as we struggled against the first proposal by PDVC. For your information and enlightenment, we have included a portion of the letter she wrote to one of our volunteers in 2005. Her words reinforce our commitment to continue our efforts to ensure appropriate development in Port. Since very little has changed with the new proposal, we believe these words are just as applicable now.

David Bergen and Carlos Garcia
PROUD Port Dalhousie
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January 24, 2005

Dear Kenneth Mackenzie,

I can't say that I was happy to get your letter; I think the proposed vandalism of Port Dalhousie is heartbreaking news, but as long as it is in the wind, I'm glad to know about it.

As you surmised from reading my work, this approach to mixing uses is a travesty, it will do no good functionally because of the outrageous violations of Port Dalhousie's scale and the lack of fine-grained support among the uses. Apparently the proposal is so insensitive to what makes for business sense too, that it does not take into account that the very things that make Port Dalhousie attractive as a residential community – its intimate human scale and its unique legacies from the past – will be lost to the built environment.....

.....However, I can offer a few words of advice from experience that might be useful to you and PROUD. These battles aren't won by invoking experts from away. They can be won by unrelenting local opposition. But you must be tough and determined. There must be a story behind the story of the province caving in on its suddenly worthless heritage designation. Find out what it is: as in a murder mystery, Who benefits? Seek allies throughout St. Catherine's. They may be smart enough to see that what is threatening Port Dalhousie is a forecast of what will happen to them – as it surely will be if you lose this community battle.

.....I realize my prescription takes a lot of effort and time, and possibly money too if you need to enlist legal help, which seems possible. But don't give up and do be high-hearted and have as good a time as you can doing battle in your good cause. Good luck, and remember, you make your own luck, and you win on the mistakes of your opponents. Don't let them get away with a thing!

Sincerely, Jane Jacobs

Jane Jacobs, (May 4, 1916 – April 25, 2006) was an American-born Canadian writer and activist. She is best known for *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* (1961), a powerful critique of the urban renewal policies of the 1950s in the United States. The book has been credited with reaching beyond planning issues to influence the spirit of the times. "Jacobs came down firmly on the side of spontaneous inventiveness of individuals, as against abstract plans imposed by governments and corporations," wrote Canadian critic Robert Fulford. "She was an unlikely intellectual warrior, a theorist who opposed most theories, a teacher with no teaching job and no university degree, a writer who wrote well but infrequently."

Jane Butzner was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, to a Jewish family in that overwhelmingly ethnic Catholic city, the daughter of a doctor and a former school teacher and nurse. After graduating from high school, she took an unpaid position as the assistant to the women's page editor at the Scranton Tribune. A year later, in the middle of the Great Depression, she left Scranton for New York City.

During her first several years in the city she held a variety of jobs, working mainly as a stenographer and freelance writer, often writing about working districts in the city. These experiences, she claims, "...gave me more of a notion of what was going on in the city and what business was like, what work was like." While working for the Office of War Information she met her husband, architect Robert Jacobs... with whom she subsequently had two sons and a daughter.

On March 25, 1952, Jacobs responded to Conrad E. Snow, chairman of the Loyalty Security Board at the United States Department of State. In her foreword to her answer she stated:

... The other threat to the security of our tradition, I believe, lies at home. It is the current fear of radical ideas and of people who propound them. I do not agree with the extremists of either the left or the right, but I think they should be allowed to speak and to publish, both because they themselves have, and ought to have, rights, and once their rights are gone, the rights of the rest of us are hardly safe...

... A common theme of her work has been to question whether we are building cities for people or for cars.

Opposing expressways and supporting neighborhoods were common themes in her life. In 1962, she was chairman of the Joint Committee to Stop the Lower Manhattan Expressway, when the downtown expressway plan was killed.

In 1969, she moved to Toronto, where she lived until her death.....She quickly became a leading figure in her new city and was involved in stopping the Spadina Expressway.....She also had considerable influence on the regeneration of the St. Lawrence neighbourhood, a housing project that is regarded as a great success.

....She became a Canadian citizen in 1974.....She was made an officer of the Order of Canada in 1996 for her seminal writings and thought-provoking commentaries on urban development. The Community and Urban Sociology section of the American Sociological Association awarded her its Outstanding Lifetime Contribution award in 2002.

..... Upon her death her family's statement noted: "What's important is not that she died but that she lived, and that her life's work has greatly influenced the way we think. Please remember her by reading her books and implementing her ideas."

Jane Jacobs spent her life studying cities. Her books include:

- * *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* (1961) New York: Random House. ISBN 0679600477
- * *The Economy of Cities* (1969) ISBN 039470584X
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- * *The Nature of Economies* (2000) New York: Random House, The Modern Library. ISBN 0679603409

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Kudos and Congratulations to Mark Basciano and Mountainview Homes

on the announcement of their new luxury condominium development in south St.Catharines next door to the other high rise complexes. I am 100% in support of good development and this appears to be it. Mountainview's latest proposal is a good example of appropriate infilling within the guidelines of Smart Growth, Official Plan, zoning and by laws for the City of St.Catharines. This differs significantly from the current PDVC proposal to place the tallest structure in St. Catharines right in the middle of Port's commercial core, a designated heritage district. The PDVC proposal violates every level of zoning and planning. It is refreshing to see a major construction proposal, the one proposed by Mountainview, that is endeavouring to work within the existing guidelines, and is being proposed for an appropriate location. As a citizen of St. Catharines, and as a member of PROUD, I say to the City of St. Catharines and Mountainview Homes: "Build It!!!"

James Vanderburgh, Realtor, Dalhousie Ave., St. Catharines

It's the developer who is wasting our tax dollars

Re; *Anti-tower forces are wasting our dollars*, The Standard, April 25.

The writer who accuses PROUD of wasting our tax dollars should get the facts straight before writing.

The Port tower proposal violates our city's Official Plan, zoning bylaw, and heritage guidelines. These documents were approved by city council to ensure good planning, but now the developer wants to change them all. That is the reason these meetings, research and consultants are required.

It's a falsehood to say "along came a small group of local residents (PROUD), not interested in anything but negativity. "PROUD has a long history and did not "come along" to fight this development. Its members are average citizens from all over St. Catharines, deeply concerned about development that violates the rules. They have no financial interest in this development and donate their time because they care. They also strongly support appropriate development that meets the rules and will benefit everyone.

By the way, I read that a developer is proposing a project called the Anchorage in Niagara-on-the-Lake that is in keeping with height and other restrictions and will have a design consistent with their *heritage*. I'm curious: Why can other developers live by the rules, blend in with their surroundings and make money but the one in Port can't?

Barbara Chambers
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TAXATION IMPLICATIONS: FEDERAL BUDGET (continued from page 4)

dependent spouse or other relative. The Budget proposes to increase these amounts each year so that the basic personal exemption and wholly dependent spouse exemption will the reach \$10,000 and \$8,500 respectively by taxation year 2009.

The spouse and wholly dependent relative credits are reduced to the extent the spouse or dependent’s income exceeds a certain threshold. This threshold will be increased accordingly to reflect the above adjustments.

New Canada Employment Credit

In recognition of work related expenses incurred by employees, the Budget proposes to introduce a non-refundable tax credit for individuals earning employment income. For the 2006 taxation year, the first \$250 of employment income will be eligible for this credit. The maximum amount will increase to \$1,000 for 2007 and will be indexed in future years. The tax credit will be calculated by using the lowest personal tax rate for the year.

Universal Child Care Benefit

Effective July 1, 2006, the Budget introduces a new Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB) that will provide all families with \$100 per month (up to \$1,200 per year) for each child less than 6 years of age. The amount will be taxed in the hands of the lower-income spouse or common-law partner, but amounts received under the UCCB will not be taken into account for the purposes of calculating income-tested benefits delivered through the income tax system. In addition, the UCCB will not reduce Old Age Security or Employment Insurance benefits, and will not reduce the amount of expenses that can be claimed under the child care expense deduction.

Amendments will, however, be made to the Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB) to reflect the introduction of the UCCB. The CCTB base benefit is currently enhanced for children under the age of 7. The Budget proposes to eliminate this enhancement effective July 2007. On the other hand, the Budget also proposes to increase the maximum Child Disability Benefit portion of the CCTB payments from \$2,044 to \$2,300 effective July 2006 and to reduce the clawback rate of this benefit as family income rises.

Increase in the Pension Income Credit

At present, there is a federal non-refundable tax credit in respect of the first \$1,000 of eligible pension income received each year. Generally speaking, this credit applies to periodic income from a registered pension plan paid to a person of any age. RRIF income is also “eligible pension income” once the person has attained age 65.

For the 2006 and subsequent taxation years, the Budget proposes to increase the maximum amount of eligible pension income for which the pension income credit may be claimed from \$1000 to \$2000.

Charitable Donations

• Donations of Publicly Traded Securities

Publicly traded securities (including shares, bonds, mutual funds and segregated funds) that are donated on an “in-kind” basis to registered charities are currently subject to a capital gains inclusion rate of 25%, which is one-half of the normal inclusion rate. The Budget proposes that donations of publicly traded securities made on or after May 2, 2006 to charitable organizations and public foundations will be subject to a capital gains inclusion rate of 0%, effectively eliminating the tax on capital gains resulting from such gifts. Charitable donation credits will continue to be claimed based on the market value of the donated security at the time of the gift. An individual who makes a qualifying charitable donation of publicly traded securities that were acquired with employee stock options has also been eligible for a special deduction that has the effect of taxing the associated employment benefit at the reduced capital gains inclusion rate. Budget 2006 also proposes to reduce the effective inclusion rate for such donations made after May 2, 2006 to zero per cent.

NEXT MONTH: I will be reporting on:

- Donations of Ecologically-Sensitive Land
- Dividends Paid From High Rate Corporate Income
- New Tradespeople’s Tool Expense Deduction
- New Children’s Fitness Tax Credit
- New Public Transit Credit
- Tax on Scholarships and Bursaries Eliminated
- Refundable Medical Expense Supplement and
- Provisions Affecting Businesses

PORT DALHOUSIE COMMUNITY POLICING

Announces the release of our COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY.

Inserted in this May edition of the Port Reporter (for residents of Port) is a bright yellow **Community Policing Survey for Port Dalhousie**.

By completing the survey YOU can help our volunteer committee help to identify the needs and problems within our community BEFORE the summer starts. Representing the Public, we will work together with the Police to create solutions

Completed surveys should be dropped off BEFORE June 1st at one of three locations:

1. Avondale store 359 Main Street

2. Avondale store 152 Lakeport Rd

3. Harbour Gift Shop 17 Lock St
- Additional copies of the survey will be available at these 3 locations should you not receive one.)

The community and its committees are the eyes and ears of the Police Service.

SUMMER TOURIST SEASON IS ONLY WEEKS AWAY!! NOISE, VANDALISM, PARKING,..... WHAT ARE YOUR CONCERNS? TAKE THE TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY!! YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT. WE NEED TO HEAR IT!!

NEXT Community Policing Meeting Topic/Presentation: PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS NOISE ISSUES ORIGINATING IN PORT DALHOUSIE
Date: Tuesday May 30th/06 7:00 Lion's Centre Main Street.



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Thursday: 1-4 pm Bingo

Saturday

(1st Saturday of each month)
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.... Euchre

Note: Foot clinic every 6th Thursday - - \$10.00
Call for dates and time (646-8000)

ANSWERS–SPORTS QUIZ: PAGE 8

- Q1: Whitey Ford with ten.He started 22 World Series games.
Q2: Randy Johnson, 11.2 (thru 2002)
Q3: Jim Perry with the Twins in 1970 andGaylord Perry with the Indians in 1972
Q4: Phil and Joe Niekro with 539.Ten more than the Perrys.
Q5: Ferguson Jenkins
Q6: Phil Niekro with 318 wins.Next is Gaylord Perry with 314 wins.
Q7: Denny McLain (Tigers, 1968), Vida Blue (Oakland, 1971)Rollie Fingers (Milwaukee, 1981), Willie Hernandez (Tigers, 1984)Roger Clemens (Red Sox, 1986), Dennis Eckersley (Oakland, 1992)
Q8: Dennis Eckersley, 1989–91
Q9: Nolan Ryan, 1972–74Randy Johnson, 1998–2002 (5 years)
Q10: Don Newcombe of the Dodgers
Q11: Nolan Ryan on the Angels, Astros and Rangers
Q12: Hal Newhouser of the Tigers in 1944–45.In '44 he was 29–9 with a 2.22 ERA and 187 strikeouts.In '45 he went 25–9 with a 1.81 ERA and 212 strikeouts.
Q13: Roger Clemens.Steve Carlton and Greg Maddux have four each.
Q14: Roger Clemens, Sandy Koufax, Lefty Grove and Grover Alexander

Don't tell your age; you probably would tell a falsehood anyway - but the Hershey Man will know!

YOUR AGE BY CHOCOLATE MATH

1. First of all, pick the number of times a week that you would like to have chocolate (more than once but less than 10)
2. Multiply this number by 2 (just to be bold)
3. Add 5
4. Multiply it by 50 -- I'll wait while you get the calculator
5. If you have already had your birthday this year add 1756If you haven't, add 1755.
6. Now subtract the four digit year that you were born.

You should have a three digit number

The first digit of this was your original number (i.e., how many times you want to have chocolate each week).

The next two numbers are .

YOUR AGE! (Oh YES, it is!!!!!!)

This Is The Only Year (2006) It Will Ever Work, So Spread It Around While It Lasts.

How to Gain from Capital Gains *and* Losses

Parents have to be terrific jugglers. You juggle time to complete all the tasks and chores that fill every day. You juggle responsibilities with your spouse to ensure your children have the best possible childhood and prospects for the future. Juggling your finances while raising a family may be the toughest act of them all. And finding extra dollars to invest for a comfortable financial future, and for your retirement, can be even more difficult.

If you're the parent of younger children, you are probably facing this question right now: Is it better to first save for retirement through Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs), or to save for my children's education through Registered Education Savings Plans (RESPs)?

Fret no more because here's how you can do both: Make your RRSP contribution before February 28, 2007 and use the resulting tax refund to make an RESP contribution. That's the ultimate double-dip because your child's RESP can take advantage of free cash from the federal government in the form of a Canada Education Savings Grant* at the same time.

Here's why the ultimate double-dip works so well:

- When you make your maximum allowable RRSP contribution by the 2007 deadline, you will enjoy an immediate tax-savings on your total contribution that you can apply to your children's RESPs.
- In 1998, the federal government introduced the Canada Education Savings Grant (CES Grant) program that provides each eligible child with an additional 20% in free grant money on the first \$2,000 of an annual RESP contribution to a maximum of \$400 per year. Even if you were unable to make enough of an RESP contribution to access the CES Grant money in previous years, you can make up for it this year (or in future years) and get the grant money your child would have received in those earlier years.
- More recently, the government made an Additional CES Grant available (on RESP contributions made after January 1, 2005) that could add up to another \$100 a year in free grant money. You can access the additional CES Grant* if your household income is under \$72,000 but if you don't apply, the grant "room" does not carry forward.
- And the Canadian Learning Bond* of up to \$2,000 per child is available to Canadians who receive the National Child Benefit Supplement.

The 2007 RRSP contribution deadline might seem like a long way off – but with all the daily juggling going on in your life, it has a way of sneaking up on you. So why not start now to set aside as much as you can each month – that way you'll have the cash on hand when you need it to make your maximum RRSP contribution. Plus your child's RESP will have that extra money compounding away on a tax-deferred basis for faster and stronger growth over the long term. It's a win-win situation that will allow you to also capitalize on the ultimate double-dip. That makes it a win-win-win situation!

Your financial advisor can help you juggle less and feel more confident about your future – plus make sure you take full advantage of all the tax-saving, income-building opportunities available to you.

* Canada Education Savings Grant and Canada Learning Bond are sponsored by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

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PRE-SCHOOL TEST

Pre-school children were asked the following question: "In which direction is the bus pictured below traveling?" Look carefully at the picture.

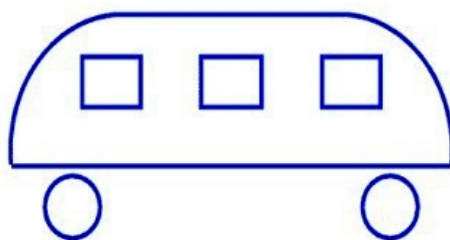
Do you know the answer?

The only possible answers are "left!" and "right."

Think about it .

Still don't know?

ANSWER ON PAGE 12



SCOTT STREET DEVELOPMENT - AN OMEN FOR PROPOSED PORT DALHOUSIE DEVELOPMENT

Residents surrounding the 446 Scott Street development have experienced firsthand the inability of the City to enforce development requirements. The owners of the plaza on Scott Street near Niagara Street (Beer Store), in order to get approvals for changes in their plaza which included an off-track betting parlour , agreed to buy land behind the plaza from Butler Funeral Home which abutted t(continued on page 12)

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR 1965

1965 IN CANADA National Flag of Canada.

- February 15 - Marked by ceremonies across the Dominion, the Maple Leaf becomes the National Flag.
- March 2 - Lucien Rivard escapes from a Montreal area jail
- March 7 - Canadian Roman Catholic churches celebrate mass in the vernacular for the first time due to the reforms of Vatican II
- March 11 - The NHL admits six new teams and doubles in size.
- April 2 - Lester Pearson gives a speech at Temple University in the United States that calls for a stop to the bombing of North Vietnam, infuriating President Lyndon Johnson
- July 9 - The Hope Slide, the largest landslide ever recorded in Canada, kills four
- November 9 - A failure at an Ontario power station causes the 1965 Blackout that stretches from Florida to Chicago and all of southern Ontario.
- Eligibility age for pensions is lowered from 70 to 65
- The new Toronto City Hall is opened

Births

- March 1 - Stewart Elliott, Canadian jockey
- March 23 - Daren Puppa, hockey goalie
- April 21 - Ed Belfour, hockey goaltender
- May 9 - Steve Yzerman, ice hockey player
- May 10 - Linda Evangelista, model
- August 11 - Marc Bergevin, hockey player
- August 28 - Shania Twain, singer and songwriter
- October 5 - Mario Lemieux, ice hockey player
- October 5 - Patrick Roy, ice hockey player

1965 WORLD EVENTS

- January 24 - Winston Churchill dies at the age of 90 as the result of a stroke
- January 26 - Hindi becomes the official language of India.
- February 7 - US begins regular bombing of North Vietnamese towns and villages

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1965 WORLD EVENTS (continued)

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- February 9 - Vietnam War: The first United States combat troops are sent to South Vietnam
- February 20 - Ranger 8 crashes into the Moon after a successful mission of photographing possible landing sites for the Apollo program astronauts.
- February 21 - Malcolm X is assassinated on the first day of National Brotherhood Week at the Audubon Ballroom in New York City by Black Muslims
- March 7 - Bloody Sunday in Selma, Alabama
- March 8 - Vietnam War: 3,500 United States Marines arrive in South Vietnam becoming the first American combat troops in Vietnam
- March 9 - Second march from Selma to Montgomery under the leadership of Martin Luther King, Jr. stops at the bridge that was the site of Bloody Sunday to hold a prayer service and return to Selma in obedience to a court restraining order.
- March 11 - White Unitarian Universalist minister James J. Reeb, beaten by White supremacists in Selma, Alabama on March 9 following the second march from Selma, dies in a hospital in Birmingham, Alabama.
- March 17 - In response to the events of March 7 and March 9 in Selma, Alabama, President Johnson sends a bill to Congress that forms the basis for the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and signed into law by President Johnson Aug. 6.
- March 18 - Cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov, leaving his spacecraft Voskhod 2 for 12 minutes, becomes the first person to walk in space
- March 21 - Civil rights activists led by Martin Luther King, Jr. begin march from Selma to the capitol in Montgomery
- March 23 - NASA launches Gemini III with the United States' first two-person crew into earth orbit (Gus Grissom and John Young).
- March 25 - Civil rights activists led by Martin Luther King, Jr. successfully end march from Selma, arriving at the capitol in Montgomery. Four Klansmen shoot and kill Detroit homemaker Viola Liuzzo as she drives marchers back to Selma at night after the march.
- April 11 - The Palm Sunday Tornado Outbreak: An estimated fifty-one tornadoes (forty-seven confirmed) hit in six Midwestern states killing anywhere from 256 to 271 people and injuring some 1,500 more.
- June 3 - US astronaut Edward White makes first US space walk during Gemini IV.
- July 14 - US spacecraft Mariner 4 flies by Mars, becoming the first spacecraft to return images from the red planet
- July 25 - Bob Dylan elicits controversy among folk purists by "going electric" at the Newport Folk Festival.
- July 28 - Vietnam War: US President Lyndon B. Johnson announces his order to increase the number of United States troops in South Vietnam from 75,000 to 125,000
- July 30 - War on Poverty: US President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Social Security Act of 1965 into law, establishing Medicare and Medicaid
- August 1 - Cigarette advertising banned in British television
- August 6 - US President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act of 1965 into United States law
- August 11 - Watts Riots begin in Los Angeles, California
- August 19 - At the Auschwitz trial in Frankfurt, 66 ex-SS personnel receive life sentences, 15 others smaller ones
- September 18 - China claims that US troops have used poison gas in South Vietnam
- September 21 - Commander of US troops in Vietnam, general William Westmoreland, pleads Washington to cancel the ban to use mustard gas
- September 28 - Fidel Castro announces that everybody who wants can immigrate to USA
- October 3 - Fidel Castro announces that Che Guevara has resigned and left the country
- October 15 - Vietnam War: The anti-war student-run National Coordinating Committee to end the War in Vietnam stages the first public burning of a draft card in the United States
- October 28 - Pope Paul VI announces that ecumenical council has decided that Jews are not collectively responsible for the killing of Christ
- November 2 - Republican John V. Lindsay elected mayor of New York City
- November 6 - Freedom Flights begin: Cuba and the United States formally agree to start an airlift for Cubans who want to go to the United States (by 1971 250,000 Cubans take advantage of this program).
- November 9 - Northeast Blackout of 1965: Several U.S. states and parts of Canada are hit by a series of blackouts lasting up to 13 1/2 hours.
- November 27 - Vietnam War: The Pentagon tells US President Lyndon B. Johnson that if planned major sweep operations needed to neutralize Viet Cong forces during the next year were to succeed, the number of American troops in Vietnam has to be increased from 120,000 to 400,000
- November 29 - Canadian satellite Alouette 2 is launched.
- December 15 - Gemini 6 and Gemini 7 perform the first controlled rendezvous in Earth orbit
- December 30 - Canadian AutoCAD specialist Matthew Ireland is born

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SCOTT STREET DEVELOPMENT (cont'd from p.11)

the property. The Ontario Municipal Board in 2002 approved the severance of the land but attached requirements for extensive landscaping improvements. The owners never followed through with the required improvements (Off-Track Betting closed in late 2002 and no longer required the parking lot expansion). Residents complained to the City that the trees required for buffering are dead, that the drainage issues remain and there appeared to be insufficient parking for the Beer Store according to nearby resident, Marianne Murray as reported in the St. Catharines Standard. They are also asking that the City respond as to the legality of the Bar that took the place of the off-track betting establishment.

In 2003 Council, ordered improvements, attaching a three-month deadline. In November 2005, the residents appeared before Council asking why the City hadn't acted on that deadline, almost 2 years after it ordered the changes. The owners of the plaza have not acted upon both the OMB and the City's requirements.

Marianne Murray and other residents believe now that the only way to correct the situation is the pursue redress legally.

Who are these owners? They are Dan Raseta and Ralph Terrio, two of the three partners in Port Dalhousie Vitalization Corp., a company that is requesting significant exemptions from the City to build a 200'+ tower in an established heritage district. The City seemingly cannot enforce its own land use requirements and communities are being left to live with the consequences of bad development. The poor track record of failing to meet the OMB-directed requirements on the part of 2 of the 3 major partners in PDVC does not bode well for Port Dalhousie. If developers are allowed to walk away from imposed requirements by the City (due to changing market conditions), then Port again will likely end up with more bars and parking chaos but on a much larger scale than today.



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