

SHELBURNE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Quarterly E-Newsletter for Everything Economic Development

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lp Stage Productions – Entertainment Jr.
Lp Stage Productions – A Christmas Story The Musical
Shelburne Christmas Market
BIA Santa Claus Parade
Troupe-Adore Christmas Chorale in the Park
Shelburne Christmas Hamper

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Sharpe Farm Supplies Limited
Feed Manager Assistant - Jordan Minor

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Dufferin Blooms
Dufferin Public House
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WHAT'S UP SHELBURNE

Current EDC News

Meet Shelburne's Newest Councillor Steve Anderson

Mr. Steve Anderson was elected to council on Oct. 16th, to fill the vacant seat left by the death of long-time Council member Tom Egan.

Steve, ran for council when he saw an opportunity to serve the community he has lived in for 3 years and he made a conscious decision to become engaged. Steve, like many newcomers, was initially drawn to Shelburne because of the affordability of the Town. He is quick to point out, that although affordability brought him to Shelburne, it is the people, character and opportunities within Shelburne that have kept him here. He sees an enormous opportunity to bridge the communities together, through active listening and engagement. As a litigation Lawyer with the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), Steve has a strong background in Transit, a fact that has already been called into play by MPP Sylvia Jones, who has approached Mr. Anderson to discuss the possibilities of securing transit in Dufferin County.

The Father of two university students, has strong family values and is a mentor for youths in the community. Steve believes his accomplishments are meant to inspire and bring hope to those who desire to achieve, regardless of their background or life's circumstances. If you wish to meet Councilor Steve Anderson, he will be hosting a Meet and Greet at the Shelburne Public Library on Sunday, December 10, 2017 between 12-4 pm.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Sharpe Farm Supplies

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Sharpe Farm Supplies Limited was founded over 30 years ago, it is a family owned and operated by Bill & Marion Sharpe, and their three sons, Michael, Paul, and John. The company began from humble beginnings in Guelph Ontario in the 1980's, when they built a grain elevator to service the local farmers and began selling seed grain, fertilizer, and crop protection products. In 1996 they purchased their first feed location in Moffat Ontario and have continued to grow their business by acquiring several locations throughout Southern Ontario. In 2016, Sharpe Farm Supplies Ltd. purchased Shelburne's Sawyers Feed Mill from Jim and Marion Sawyer, their 6th location. The Sawyer's Feed Mill has a long history of serving Dufferin County. Jim Sawyer's grandfather bought the water powered Boyne Mill on Airport road near Mansfield in 1920 and in 1955 he purchased the Shelburne Mill at 130 Adeline St. from the White Bros and re-opened the business in 1956, the mill was owned by the Sawyer family until its sale to the Sharpe's in 2016. Feed manager assistant Jordan Minor, is quick to pay homage to the Sawyers, and feels it is an honor to continue their legacy.

Sharpe Farm Supplies move to Shelburne was precipitated by opportunities that Shelburne presented because of its rapid population growth and proximity to the large equine market, which is the bread and butter of their retail businesses. Sharpe Farm Supplies, has recently opened a second retail location at 732 Steeles St., they plan to keep both locations open. The Adelaide St. Mill will continue to act as a feed production facility, distributing feed products throughout Northern Ontario, Sharpe Farm Supplies Ltd. is one of the largest feed suppliers in Ontario. The Shelburne locations employ 10 people and is their most northern location. In addition to equine supplies the retail location offers pet food, bird seed and feeders, lawn and garden supplies and farm supplies etc.

HOT TOPICS

Minimum Wage Increase?

Lila Kotwas, Jelly Craft Bakery



The increased minimum wage will affect business owners, on many fronts. Directly, because of the wage increase and indirectly from suppliers, who will pass their increased costs down the supply chain. It is going to cost more to do business and the costs will eventually be passed onto the customer. I believe in a fair wage, but the government isn't talking about raising the income for seniors who are on fixed pensions, how are they going to manage with increased prices? It would be better if they phased in a higher minimum wage, slowly over time, maybe starting with a \$1/hr. The planned increase will start right away, regardless of the amount of time an employee has worked, this is not fair to employees who already earn \$14/hr. and have worked hard for many years to make this wage, and to now be paid the same as someone who just starts the same job...it doesn't seem fair.

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Business Resources

November 23 | 5:30 pm
Dufferin Young Professionals – Creative Networking

Join the Dufferin Young Professionals at Soulyve for a hands-on session with successful young entrepreneur, Jamie-Lee Higginson, owner of Prim Pickins! Attendees will have the opportunity to learn to create a rustic craft to take home in a session led by Jamie-Lee.

December 8 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Ontario Agriculture Roadshow 2017

BDO professionals work and live in farm communities throughout Ontario. We understand that things are constantly changing for farms and agribusiness, from uncertain trade agreements, to tax policy changes, to climate change and even the growing use of social media. That's why for this year's Roadshow we have secured great speakers to discuss these topics and provide you with important information that could have an impact on your business.

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Lp Stage Productions – Entertainment Jr.
See website for show times
Nov 16 - 19

Shelburne Christmas Market
Mel Lloyd Centre
Nov 18 | 10 AM - 3 PM

Lp Stage Productions – A Christmas Story
See website for show times
Dec 1 - 10

BIA Santa Claus Parade
Dec. 2 | 2 PM - 6 PM

Shelburne Christmas Hamper
Visit website for details
Nov 7 - Dec 15

Christmas Chorale in the Park
Dec 16 | 5 PM - 7 PM



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