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YOUR NEW COUNCILS

Two councils sworn in: new terms start in the County of Brant and Brantford

Mayor Jennifer Kyle and ten councillors took the oath in Cainsville on Nov. 16; Mayor Richard Carpenter and ten councillors in Brantford on Nov. 17.



The 2026–2030 County of Brant Council after taking office at the TF Warren Group Cainsville Community Centre on Nov. 16, 2026. From left: Ben Clement (Ward 4), John Bell (Ward 3), Mike Gatopoulos (Ward 5), Ella Haley (Ward 5), Steve Howes (Ward 2), Mayor Jennifer Kyle, John Peirce (Ward 3), James McCulloch (Ward 2), Robert Chambers (Ward 4), John MacAlpine (Ward 1) and Steve Schmitt (Ward 1).

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WEATHER • THE COUNTY OF BRANT AND BRANTFORD

Sunny and 15 on Saturday, 16 on Sunday, then a cold turn Monday

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
15°	16°	7°
Sunny.	Sunny.	A mix of sun and cloud with 30 percent chance of rain showers or flurries.

Environment Canada expects fog patches to clear late Saturday morning, then sunshine both days of the weekend, with highs of 15 and 16, about nine degrees above normal. Showers are possible Sunday night. Monday turns windy with a chance of rain showers or flurries, and highs drop to about 3 by Tuesday and Wednesday.

Friday night: Clear. Fog patches developing this evening. Low zero.

Saturday: Sunny. Fog patches dissipating late in the morning. High 15. UV index 2 or low. **Night:** Clear. Low plus 5.

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Sunday: Sunny. High 16.

Night: Cloudy periods with 40 percent chance of showers. Low plus 5.

Monday: A mix of sun and cloud with 30 percent chance of rain showers or flurries. Windy. High 7.

Night: Cloudy with 40 percent chance of flurries or rain showers. Low minus 2.

Tuesday: A mix of sun and cloud with 30 percent chance of flurries. High plus 3.

Wednesday: A mix of sun and cloud. High plus 3.

Thursday: Cloudy with 40 percent chance of flurries. High plus 5.

Alerts: none in effect for Brantford when the forecast was read.

*Source: **Environment Canada, Brantford forecast**, issued 3:30 p.m. EST Friday, Nov. 20. Normals: Low minus 2. High 6.*

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Readers have spoken: 90% say no to Contrans

The people have spoken. Protect our farmland.



The Contrans terminal and the farmland at 291–297 Bishopsgate Road, County of Brant. Aerial: County of Brant, "Map 3: Aerial Imagery 2026," file ZBA17-OPA3-26-RC, 291-297 Bishopsgate Road.

The poll asked: "Should a Goliath, TFI/Contrans, be backed by the new county council and mayor in rezoning valuable farmland taken from the hardworking people of this community who are already struggling to hold onto it?"

The final result was 90% no, protect farmland, and 10% yes. It was an unscientific Daily Ward reader poll.

Have your say: **planning@brant.ca** by Dec. 1.

*From Issue 36, Friday, Nov. 20, 2026. The poll page is **thedailyward.com/poll/contrans/**. The complete column, "Wait your turn, Contrans," by Glenn Hughes, is on the next page, and online at **thedailyward.com/issue36/background/Wait-your-turn-Contrans-FULL.html**.*

Wait your turn, Contrans

BY GLENN HUGHES

We do not need any more truck traffic where we live.

That’s the heart of it for me. Contrans wants to push Burford’s settlement boundary and rezone a piece of the farm at 291 Bishopsgate Road, right next to its terminal at 297, so it can grow that truck operation. People here need to make sure this doesn’t happen. Council should vote no. Residents should tell their councillors to vote no. In my view, the people of this community don’t want this development, and they don’t deserve it.

BrantBeacon has reported that Contrans "has purchased" the 45.9-hectare property next door. The county’s notices still name Ed Chwastyk as the owner, and the sale price has not been made public. Industrial land around Paris sells for roughly half a million to a million dollars an acre, depending on the site. Farmland doesn’t come close. When council rezones farmland to industrial, its value can jump overnight. That’s how the system works, and I don’t fault any business for knowing it. But in my view, this is not a business decision. It’s a greed decision. A rezoning like this should be decided on what’s good for the County of Brant, not on what it’s worth to the people who stand to gain from it.

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Here’s what the plan actually is, as county staff and the applicant described it. Contrans already runs its terminal on 5.3 hectares at 297. BrantBeacon reported that Contrans has purchased the 45.9-hectare farm next door — about 113 acres. Today’s application covers only about 13 of those acres. A future consent would sever about 5.4 hectares, roughly 13 acres, to be added to the terminal and rezoned to a site-specific Heavy Industrial (M3-X) zone. That would leave nearly 100 acres, about 40 hectares, of farmland right behind it. That is still good, working farmland being pulled into the urban settlement area for more trucks. And once you open the door on those 13 acres, the rest of that farm sits right there. Give up these acres now and we’re likely giving up more later. As I see it: "We give up 13, it just means we’re giving up more. It shouldn’t be right. It shouldn’t happen." Around here, that kind of change should happen when a community grows into it, not just because a large trucking company would like it today. That’s probably 10 to 15 years away. Not today.

We keep hearing about 250 jobs, and about 32,400 square feet of office and employee space. That’s the number Sinclair gave council, as BrantBeacon reported. Read that carefully. Those jobs are being brought here, not created here.

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Contrans is not a local family business fighting to survive. It is part of TFI International, which has owned it since 2014, and it already has a facility in Woodstock. That can be a good deal for the owners who sell. It isn't automatically a good deal for the County of Brant.

This corner of the county has always been about food and agriculture. That's who this community is, and it's who it has always served.

Let me be clear. I don't mind a company wanting to grow. That's business. The question is who pays for it, and who lives with the trucks. Sinclair told council in September that the traffic study found the existing roads can handle the extra truck trips with no infrastructure improvements. That's the applicant's claim, from the applicant's study. I haven't seen that study posted for the public. She also said that if a later report finds work is needed because of this development, the developer would pay. That's a maybe, not a signed deal. Council should get it in writing before anyone votes.

Then there's the road. Bishopsgate wasn't built for this kind of truck traffic, and it runs right through the small residential town of Scotland. The people who live on Bishopsgate and in Scotland didn't choose to live beside a truck route. Right now, Maple Grove Road is the only turnaround point for trucks, and trucks already

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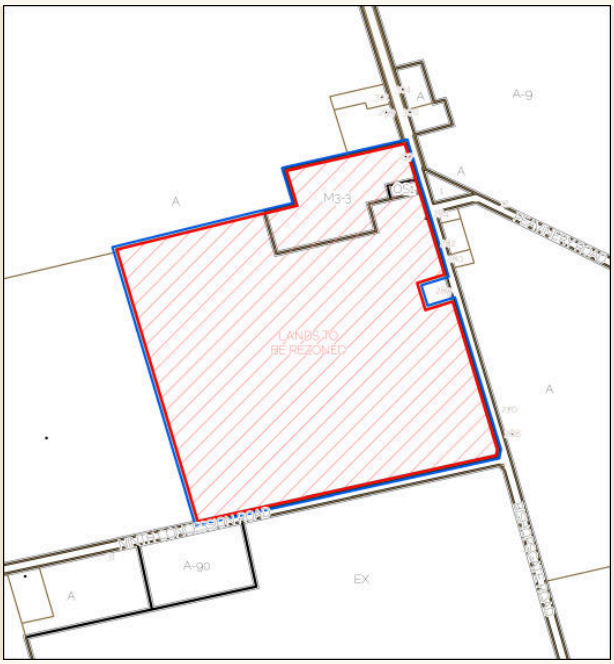

County of Brant, Schedule “A” zoning map, “Lands to be rezoned,” file ZBA17-OPA3-26-RC, date printed June 25, 2026, in the County’s Planning Act notices for 291–297 Bishopsgate Road.

Jennifer Kyle is about to be sworn in as mayor. The new council takes office on Nov. 15, with its first meeting tentatively set for Monday, Nov. 16. I think she’s going to be a great one. She campaigned on protecting prime farmland. This is the first big chance to show what that means for the County of Brant. Council should vote no. When a date is posted, every councillor should already know where Ward 4 stands.

Here’s what a company that really wanted this community behind it would do. Start a driver training program for local people. Train them, help them get their truck

If you want to be heard, you don't have to wait for a rumour about a vote date. Tell your councillors to vote no. Write the county planner on the file, Ryan Cummins, at **ryan.cummins@brant.ca**, or call 519-442-6324, ext. 3002, and quote file ZBA17-OPA3-26-RC. To speak at the council meeting once a date is set, register as a delegate with the clerk at **clerks@brant.ca**. Watch the county's active applications page at **brant.ca** for the new date.

People here have been patient. Tell your councillors to vote no. Council should vote no. Wait your turn, Contrans. As proposed, this isn't worth it for the County of Brant.

Glenn Hughes is the publisher of The Daily Ward. The views here are his own.

In her words: Jennifer Kyle on farmland

Mayor-elect Jennifer Kyle has not commented publicly on file ZBA17-OPA3-26-RC. Here is what she said about farmland during the 2026 campaign.

- "Where agriculture remains a major part of our economy, and we protect the farmland that makes it possible." — Chamber of Commerce forum, Paris, Oct. 7, 2026, as reported by **BrantBeacon, Oct. 12, 2026**.
- "We also need to understand what growth costs, protect agricultural land and recognize that what makes sense in Paris may not make sense in Burford, St. George or our other rural communities." — **Paris Independent mayoral Q&A, Sept. 8, 2026**.

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In her words: Jennifer Kyle on farmland

- "…protecting the communities, farmland and quality of life people love about the County." — **BrantBeacon candidate questionnaire, Oct. 5, 2026**.
- "Protect prime farmland and natural spaces." "Agriculture is not just part of our history, it is a key part of our future." — **jenniferkyle.ca, The Plan (archived Nov. 1, 2026)**.
- "We need to build on our rural and agricultural heritage…" — **BrantBeacon, May 2026** (mayoral race entry story).
- The province is "encouraging protection of farmland" and "we're trying to keep it from being… segmented up." — **Brant Votes livestream, Oct. 25, 2026**, on farm-lot severances (YouTube auto-captions).

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BURFORD – Years Ago

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Burford in November 1923 and 1955: a businessman’s prayer, an A.Y.P.A. debate, a narrow escape on the stone road, and the Burford Bakery’s Christmas fruit cake.

Printed in full on page 31.

Burford Agricultural Society: 168 years of fair, and a quarter auction on Dec. 3

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

The Burford Agricultural Society was founded in 1858. Its fairgrounds at 6 Park Ave. in Burford host the Burford Fall Fair, competitions and educational workshops, and are rented out for community events through the year, according to the society's website.

Coming up: The society's home page spotlights a **Quarter Auction on Dec. 3**. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the auction starts at 7 p.m.

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Paddles are $5; bring your own quarters. (The page does not give the year; it was read on Nov. 20, 2026.)

On the calendar: The society's own Burford Cornhole fall league runs Wednesdays to Dec. 9, at $80 a team per league; register at burfordcornhole@gmail.com. Amanda's Personal Chef & Catering lists a Kids Cooking Club class on Dec. 10 and Thanksgiving Dinner program classes on Nov. 25, Dec. 2 and Dec. 16 at the fairgrounds (contact 519-280-2012).

Next fair: The Burford Fall Fair is listed for **Oct. 2–3, 2027**, "annually the weekend before Thanksgiving." The 2027 prize book is not out yet; the site offers an email alert.

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Downtown Burford: the Canada Post office on King Street. File photo (2005). Not the fairgrounds.

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*Source: Burford Agricultural Society, **burfordfair.com**, **events**, **fall fair**, **the society**, **contact**, read Nov. 20, 2026.*

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County's new council gets its first full agenda: fees, rules and committee seats

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

The County of Brant's 2026–2030 council holds its first regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 6 p.m. in council chambers, 7 Broadway St. W., Paris.

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The agenda is now posted.

The meeting opens with the statutory public hearing on the County's 2027 fees and charges. Council will then vote on the Nominating Committee's committee and board appointments, a rewrite of its own meeting rules, pay for citizen members of the County's O.P.P. Detachment Board, and the 2027 meeting calendar. Staff will also present a review of October's election, and council will vote on five by-laws, including the 2027 fees by-law (132-26) and the by-law appointing councillors to committees and boards (131-26).

Also on the agenda: correspondence on the **Grand River Conservation Authority's 2027 municipal apportionment and budget**, a provincial briefing on Bill 140 and municipal landfill approval authority, and proclamation requests from the Canadian Covid Society, the Equity & Advocacy Social Justice Foundation and the Paris Optimist Club.

*With files from the County of Brant: **County of Brant Council agenda, Nov. 24, 2026** (eSCRIBE).*

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Peirce chairs nominating committee as County seats are handed out

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

The County's Nominating Committee has made its picks. Its report, from the Nov. 18 meeting, names Councillor John Peirce as committee chair, and its recommendations go to council for a vote on Nov. 24.

Mayor Jennifer Kyle and all ten councillors would sit on both standing committees, Administration & Operations and Policy Development. Mayor Kyle would also join the Brant Municipal Enterprises board, the O.P.P. Detachment Board, the Paramedic Services Committee, the Social Services Committee / Brant and Brantford Local Housing board, the South Central Ontario Region Economic Development Corporation board and Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT). She would be an ex-officio member of every County advisory committee.

Other picks include:

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With files from the County of Brant: ***Nominating Committee Report, Nov. 18, 2026*** *(Nov. 24 council agenda, item 9.1). Related:* ***Nominating Committee meeting page and video, Nov. 18****.*

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Dundas Street East work: Consolidated Drive closes Monday, Governor's Road East narrows Wednesday

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

The County of Brant says two more traffic changes are coming on the Dundas Street East reconstruction in Paris, which runs through late December. Starting Monday, Nov. 23, Consolidated Drive will be closed at Dundas Street East, with access by Green Lane and Iarocci Boulevard. From Wednesday, Nov. 25, Governor's Road East will be one lane, westbound only, from Dundas Street East for about 100 metres, with eastbound traffic detoured along Paris Road. Green Lane is now open at Dundas Street East and Paris Road, and the County stresses that "businesses remain open during construction."

With files from the ***County of Brant construction update***

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Turnout jumped to 35 per cent in the County's online election

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

Turnout in October's municipal election was 35.4 per cent, according to a staff review going to council Nov. 24. In all, 12,963 of 36,662 eligible electors voted, up from 27.41 per cent in 2022. The County had about 5,878 more eligible electors than four years ago.

Voting was by internet and telephone only, with no paper ballots. About 86 per cent of votes came in online, 7.5 per cent at in-person kiosks and 6.5 per cent by phone. Turnout was highest among voters aged 65 to 74 (49.6 per cent) and lowest among 18- to 24-year-olds (20.6 per cent).

Mayor Jennifer Kyle won with 7,544 votes, or 61.2 per cent. Among the complaints staff list are voter information letters that never arrived and not knowing much about the candidates.

With files from the County of Brant: ***RPT-0369-26, A Review of the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election*** *(Nov. 24 council agenda, item 10.5). Official results:* ***brant.ca/election****.*

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Citizen members of the County police board would earn $4,750 a year

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

Citizen appointees to the County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board would be paid $4,750 a year, and the chair would get another $1,000, under a staff recommendation going to council Nov. 24.

Citizen members now get $3,602.48 a year, and the staff report says that is below what the City of Brantford, Norfolk County and Haldimand County pay. The new pay would be quarterly, in arrears, and would cover all duties.

Members could also claim mileage and one conference a year. Staff estimate the change adds about $4,442 to the board's budget, plus about $1,500 for conferences. The board's next meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 9 a.m. Mayor Kyle and Councillor Peirce are the nominees for its council seats.

With files from the County of Brant: ***Nov. 24 council agenda, item 10.3, RPT-0349-26 Local Board Remuneration – O.P.P. Detachment Board*** *(report:* ***RPT-0349-26****).*

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Mayor Kyle to table the County's 2027 budget Jan. 26

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

The proposed County calendar going to council Nov. 24 sets out the 2027 budget dates:

- **Thursday, Dec. 17:** Finance 101 and the first look at the long-term financial plan.
- **Thursday, Jan. 14:** decisions on the long-term financial plan.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 26:** Mayor Kyle presents her proposed 2027 budget.
- **Monday, Feb. 8:** council adjustments and input on the mayor's budget.

Staff note the Jan. 26 date overlaps the Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference (Jan. 24–26), so council may move it later that week. The calendar also keeps an August recess.

If the calendar is approved, County administration offices would close at noon on Thursday, Dec. 24, and reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 4.

With files from the County of Brant: ***RPT-0359-26, 2026 December and 2027 Council and Standing Committee Meeting Schedule*** *(Nov. 24 council agenda, item 10.2).*

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County fees: staff cite 3.1% inflation; water rates stay on four-year plan

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

The County's proposed 2027 fees and charges are up for approval Tuesday, right after the statutory public hearing. Treasurer Heather Mifflin's report says inflation is still pushing fees up: the consumer price index rose 3.1 per cent year over year in September, and the non-residential construction price index for London averaged 6.1 per cent in the second quarter. Departments applied their own inflation factors.

No new changes to residential or commercial water and wastewater rates are proposed. Those rates stay on the four-year plan council approved in May 2025, which runs to June 30, 2029. Development charges were already indexed up 6.1 per cent on Nov. 1. A consultant's review of building, planning and development engineering fees is due to council in 2027.

Most new fees take effect Jan. 1. Recreation facility and hall rates change April 1.

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With files from the County of Brant: ***RPT-0356-26, Proposed 2027 Fees & Charges*** *and the* ***2027 proposed fees with 2026 comparators*** *(Nov. 24 council agenda, items 5.1 and 10.1).*

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Paris: Watts Pond Road closed Monday to Friday

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

Watts Pond Road in Paris closes from Monday, Nov. 23, to Friday, Nov. 27, between Grand River Street North/Pinehurst Road and Robbins Ridge. Crews will be installing a new storm sewer main for the Grand River Street North reconstruction (storm sewer and roundabout, north).

Heavy trucks will be detoured to Paris Plains Church Road. Cars can use Robbins Ridge and Hartley Avenue. The County says the dates are tentative and depend on the weather.

With files from the County of Brant: ***Road Closure Notice – Watts Pond Road, Paris*** *(Nov. 19). Project updates:* ***EngageBrant.ca/GrandRiverStreet****.*

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Highway 403 ramps at Rest Acres Road close on and off Monday to Wednesday

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

The Ministry of Transportation expects intermittent ramp closures at Highway 403 and Rest Acres Road (Highway 24) between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. next week, the County of Brant says. The westbound (S-W) and eastbound (N-E) ramps are affected on Monday, Nov. 23, and Tuesday, Nov. 24; only the eastbound (N-E) ramp is listed for Wednesday, Nov. 25. These are ramp closures only; Highway 403 itself stays open. Check **511on.ca** for updates.

Source: ***County of Brant notice and map****, Nov. 20.*

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Scotland greenspace: draft plan and survey open to Dec. 18

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

The County of Brant has posted a draft concept plan for a reimagined greenspace in Scotland and wants residents' feedback. The survey takes five to seven minutes and closes Friday, Dec. 18. No construction date or budget has been published.

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*Source: **EngageBrant, Scotland Greenspace** and **survey**.*

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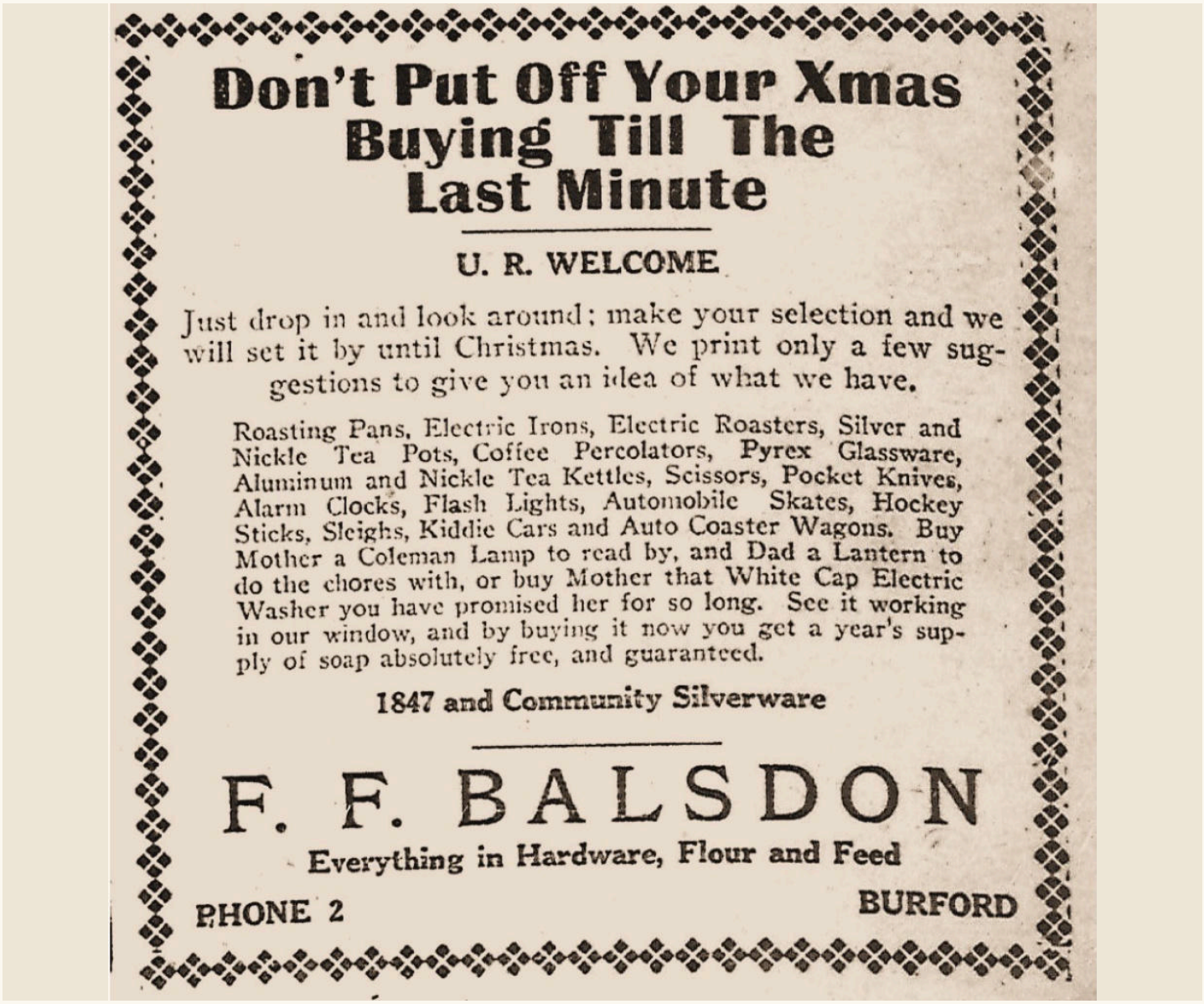

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BURFORD - NOV. 29TH, 1923

A BUSINESS MAN'S PRAYER:

The New York members of the Salesmen's Association of the Paper Industry adopted a prayer which they recommend to the entire association for adoption. Here it is, under the title of "A Business Man's Prayer."

Teach me that sixty minutes makes one hour: sixteen ounces one pound, and one hundred cents one dollar.

Help me to live so that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow and unhaunted by the faces of those to whom I have brought pain. Grant that I may earn my meal ticket on the square, and that, in earning it, I may not stick the gaff in where it does not belong.

Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money and to the rustle of unholy skirts. Blind me to the faults of the other fellows, but reveal to me my own. Guide me so that each night when I look across the dinner table at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I shall have nothing to conceal. Keep me young enough to laugh with my children.

And when come the smell of flowers. the tread of soft steps and the crunching of wheels out front, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple.

A DEBATE:

The next meeting of the A.Y.P.A. (Anglican Young Peoples Association) will be held on Tuesday, December 4th. A debate will take place, "Resolved that the indulgence to our present generation is lowering the standard set by those of generations." Admission 10 cents.

NARROW ESCAPE:

Mr. Orm Holt and daughter, while driving on the stone road a few evenings ago, were run into by an automobilist and thrown violently into the ditch, but fortunately escaped without serious personal injury, but the buggy was badly demolished.

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The full listings, including Nova Vita on Nov. 25, are on page 65.

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THE BURFORD ADVANCE

NOVEMBER 24TH, 1955

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Note: when larger communities had too many phones they started a phone number system that allowed many digits. Seven-digit dialing is the telephone dialing system here in the North American Numbering Plan, for dialing telephone numbers in the local calling areas.

It is also sometimes known as local format or network format.

Originally, telephone exchanges consisted of manual boards operated by switchboard operators. Numbers were typically four digits or fewer for local calls within an exchange due to practical limitations (if each line had a jack on the switchboard, four digits or 10000 possible numbers filled a 100 x 100 board).

As the number of subscribers grew, multiple exchanges served individual neighborhoods of large cities. A city telephone number consisted of an exchange name and four digits, such as "Pennsylvania 5000". A rural telephone number, often party line, was often up to four digits plus a letter or letter and digits to indicate which of the multiple parties on the line was desired.

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In seven-digit dialing only the central office code and the station number is dialed, indicating that the call destination is within the local area code. This was the standard in most of North America from the 1950s onward. In some small villages with only one local exchange, it may have been permissible to dial only the four-digit station number. (Wikipedia)

For instance, Burford was “Hickory” (44) 9 then 4-digit number, Brantford was sometimes “Plaza” and the numbers. However, out in the rural areas some 2 to 4-digit phone numbers were still in use in 1955.With Hickory etc., he first two letters were sometimes both capitalized.

REFERENCE: The above compilation is made up of clippings from newspaper clippings from the Burford Advance.

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BRANTFORD NEWS

City of Brantford community grants: applications close Wednesday at 4 p.m.

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

Applications for the City of Brantford Community Grant Program, run with the Brant Community Foundation, close at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25. Projects must benefit the Brantford community, align with the City's Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan, and at least 75 per cent of the people served must be Brantford residents. Questions: asterkenburg@brantcf.ca or 519-756-2499 ext. 202.

*Source: **Brant Community Foundation, City of Brantford Community Grant Program**.*

Downtown work: overnight shift at Brant and Dalhousie on Wednesday; Colborne reopening aimed for early December

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

The City of Brantford has scheduled overnight work at the Brant Avenue and Dalhousie Street intersection from 8 p.m.

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Wednesday, Nov. 25, to 6 a.m., weather permitting, with Brant Avenue cut to one southbound lane and Colborne Street temporarily reopened to a single eastbound lane during the work. The City says Colborne Street is tentatively set to reopen, and Dalhousie Street to close, in early December, with the work expected to finish in late December.

*With files from the City of Brantford — **"Downtown Revitalization Project weekly update: November 23 to 27, 2026"**, published Friday, Nov. 20, 2026 • Brantford Expositor (staff) — **"Overnight work to return as part of Brantford's downtown revitalization project"**, Nov. 20, 2026, 10:39 a.m.*

Brantford council's first business meeting: committee seats and a new BIA board

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

Brantford's new council holds its first regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 24, from 6 to 10 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall, 58 Dalhousie St. The agenda is short. It covers council appointments to committees, boards, advisory committees and task forces for the 2026–2030 term, approval of the new Downtown Brantford BIA board (see Business), and four by-laws.

BRANTFORD NEWS • CONTINUED

All members of council will sit on Committee of the Whole – Operations, Committee of the Whole – Planning and Administration, the Appointments Committee and the Estimates Committee. Mayor Richard Carpenter is listed for the Social Services and Finance committees. In the appointments list posted Friday, the councillors' seats on those committees were still blank. Seats on the Social Services and Finance committees are one-year terms, running to Nov. 24, 2027.

One by-law confirms Tracey Rodrigues as deputy clerk, effective Sept. 14, 2026.

The meeting is hybrid. It will be livestreamed on the **City of Brantford YouTube channel**, and residents can listen by phone at 1-647-374-4685 (meeting ID 993 8335 6219).

With files from the City of Brantford: ***City Council agenda, Nov. 24, 2026*** *(eSCRIBE);* ***Appendix A, Councillor Appointments (revised)****;* ***By-law 108-2026****. Related:* ***Brantford's new Council sworn in at inaugural meeting*** *(Brant Beacon, Nov. 19);* ***Long-time councillor sworn in as Brantford's 51st mayor*** *(Brantford Expositor, Nov. 17);* ***Brantford City Council****.*

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Councillor Van Tilborg first up as Brantford's acting mayor

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

Each of Brantford's ten councillors will take a monthly turn as acting mayor this term, under a by-law on Tuesday's agenda. The acting mayor chairs council when the mayor is absent.

While acting, they can also sign agreements, by-laws and other documents to carry out council decisions.

The rotation begins in December with Councillor Van Tilborg.

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In 2027 it runs Councillors Hunt (January), Cherewka (February), Malcolm (March), Sproul (April), Csordas (May), Callander (June), Jeavons (July), Caputo (August) and Casey (September), then starts over in October.

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The by-law replaces the previous term's rotation by-law, 163-2022.

With files from the City of Brantford: ***By-law 110-2026, Acting Mayor appointment and Schedule A*** *(Nov. 24 City Council agenda). Related:* ***Brantford City Council****.*

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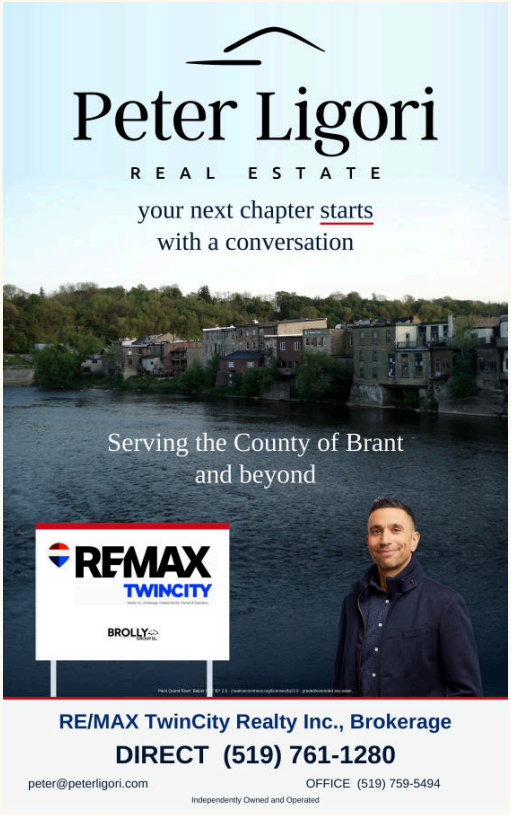



WHAT RESIDENTS ARE SAYING

Christmas in Paris turns 35

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

Kindred Spirits hosted its 35th annual Christmas in Paris at the Paris Fairgrounds, a three-day handmade market with 38 artisans, from Nov. 13 to 15. Co-chair Debra Vincze said more than 900 people came on the Friday, and she expected more than 4,000 by the end of the show. The $2 admission helps fund bursaries for graduating high school students in Brantford and The County of Brant. “We are a group of artisans that come together,” Vincze said. “We do one show a year, so every booth made every item themselves. So, a lot of love goes into them.” Don and Valerie Pearcey came from Kitchener to take part; Rita Guiducci was among the artisans showing homemade work.

BrantBeacon, Daksh Siwas, published Nov. 16, quoting Debra Vincze. ***Read the story****.*

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A first for The County of Brant

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

Jennifer Kyle was sworn in as mayor of The County of Brant on Nov. 16 at the TF Warren Group Cainsville Community Centre, with ten councillors taking the oath beside her. In her inaugural address, Kyle said it felt "pretty incredible" to stand there, and that she is the first woman to hold the office. She hoped people would remember what the new council accomplished together, not only that milestone. "Leadership isn't about being the loudest person in the room," she said. "It's about recognizing the strengths of the people around you, making room for different perspectives, and bringing people together." Former mayor David Bailey, introducing her, said residents "got it right with Mayor Kyle."

BrantBeacon, Kimberly de Jong, published Nov. 19, quoting Jennifer Kyle and David Bailey. ***Read the story****. County of Brant news release, Nov. 18.* ***County release****.*

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Several hundred at the Paris cenotaph

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

Several hundred people gathered at the Paris Cenotaph on Nov. 11 for the annual Remembrance Day service, a County ceremony that was not in Friday's paper. Piper Glen Howie of the Paris Port Dover Pipe Band and a drummer from the Ayr-Paris Band led the Colour Party from Broadway Street to the cenotaph, with police, first responders, local representatives and cadets in the procession. Bugler Geoff Adeney of the Ayr-Paris Band played the Last Post and the Rouse. After the wreaths were laid and the parade moved off, many people walked up to the cenotaph to leave poppies.

BrantBeacon, Kimberly de Jong, published Nov. 11. ***Read the story****.*

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CRIME & COURTS

Everyone charged is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court. Charges come from police releases.

Arrest made in October stabbing outside a Market Street bar

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

Brantford Police say detectives arrested a 25-year-old Brantford man on Thursday, Nov. 19, at about 4:15 p.m., in connection with the Oct. 25 stabbing outside a Market Street bar. Police said at the time that two men were taken to hospital with serious injuries after a 911 call at about 2 a.m. that Sunday. Police announced two counts of aggravated assault and one count of possession of weapons for a dangerous purpose. The man was held for a bail hearing. The charges are allegations and have not been tested in court. This is an arrest in an older case, not a new incident.

*With files from **Brantford Police Service**, Nov. 20, 2026; **CHCH News**, Nov. 20; **The Brantford Expositor**.*

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Stunt-driving charge after a stop on Brant Road North

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

Brant County OPP charged a 22-year-old driver after officers saw a vehicle travelling at a significantly high rate of speed on Brant Road North. The charges are stunt driving, speeding and driving while under suspension. The licence was suspended for 30 days and the vehicle impounded for 14 days. Police ask people to report aggressive driving at 1-888-310-1122.

*With files from OPP West Region on X, Nov. 20, 2026, **x.com/OPP_WR**.*

Seven-day suspension after a speeding stop on Highway 403

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

Brant County OPP stopped a vehicle for excessive speeding on Highway 403 in the County of Brant. Officers detected alcohol on the driver's breath, and a roadside screening device registered an alert. The driver received a seven-day licence suspension and the vehicle was towed at the driver's expense.

*With files from OPP West Region on X, Nov. 20, 2026, **x.com/OPP_WR**.*

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BUSINESS

Ten days left in United Way's Ultimate Burger Battle, with two Paris entries

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

United Way Golden Horseshoe's Ultimate Burger Battle runs through Nov. 30, and at least $2 from every participating burger sold goes to local programs for people facing food insecurity, housing instability, mental health concerns and financial hardship. The County of Brant entries are Paris Brewing Co. (31 Mechanic St.) and The Cobblestone Public House (111 Grand River St. N.). In Brantford, the entries are Brandi's Kitchen & Bar, Crazy Canuck's Smokehouse, The Duke on Park, Spool Takeout, Hudson Public and Zander's Fire Grill & Brew Lounge, which won in 2025. Diners scan a QR code to rate their burger out of 10 and can collect stamps in a Burger Battle Passport.

With files from ***United Way Golden Horseshoe***

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Downtown Brantford BIA's new 11-member board heads to council

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

Downtown Brantford's business improvement area has a new board for the 2026–2030 term. City council is set to approve it Tuesday.

Members elected the board at the BIA's annual general meeting on Nov. 9. Twelve people applied for 11 seats. The successful candidates were Robert Harland, Jonathan Hunt, Burhanuddin Lokhandwala, Sean McAllister, Elle Mesconse, Sandra Micucci, Nikhil Parmar, Ashish Patel, Joel Swanson, Tharani Wannipurage and Lawrence Xurieb.

With files from the City of Brantford: ***Nov. 24 City Council agenda, item 5.2*** *and the* ***Downtown Brantford BIA's election letter, Nov. 11****.* *Related:* ***Downtown Brantford BIA*** *·* ***BIA Board of Management****.*

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Downtown dig: overnight work Nov. 25; Colborne Street to reopen in early December

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

Crews on Brantford's Downtown Revitalization Project will work overnight on Wednesday, Nov. 25, from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., at the corner of Brant Avenue and Dalhousie Street, weather permitting.

Brant Avenue will be cut to a single southbound lane, and Colborne Street will temporarily reopen to one eastbound lane. Two-way traffic on Brant Avenue returns from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

BEYOND BRANT

The bigger change is coming next month. The City says Colborne Street is tentatively set to reopen, and Dalhousie Street to close, in early December. A single lane on Colborne may stay closed while watermain work is finished. The City says the current work is tentatively scheduled to wrap up in late December, weather permitting.

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Lane reductions continue on Dalhousie Street and Brant Avenue, and the Lorne Bridge remains one lane eastbound. The City says downtown businesses remain open, including those on Colborne Street east of Brant Avenue.

With files from the City of Brantford: ***Downtown Revitalization Project weekly update: November 23 to 27, 2026*** *(Nov. 20). Related:* ***Overnight work to return as part of Brantford's downtown revitalization project*** *(Brantford Expositor, Nov. 20) ·* ***Downtown Revitalization Project page*** *·* ***Road closures map****.*

Markets: Friday's close

A seventh straight losing day for Toronto. The Canadian Press says the TSX is down 8.8% since Nov. 11 and more than 10% below its late-August record high. In New York, everything moved lower the day after Anthropic's market debut. Investcom says gold hit a 14-month low on bets that the U.S. Federal Reserve will raise rates in December, and silver fell about 8% in late-afternoon trading.

Market	Close	Change
S&P/TSX Composite	**33,189.85**	-838.88 (-2.47%)

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Market	Close	Change
Dow Jones Industrial	**48,147.33**	-949.73 (-1.93%)
S&P 500	**6,910.39**	-265.44 (-3.70%)
Nasdaq Composite	**22,617.73**	-1,261.47 (-5.28%)
S&P/TSX Venture	**687.07**	-29.02 (-4.05%)
Canadian dollar	**69.81¢ US**	vs 69.85¢ Thursday
USD/CAD	**1.4356** (late afternoon, not a settlement)	+0.12%
Crude oil (Jan WTI)	**US$83.41/bbl**	**+US$0.97**

Market	Close	Change
Gold (Dec)	**US$3,515.40/oz**	-US$170.10

Oil: CP printed the January contract at US$83.41 and described it as "down 97 cents." That direction does not match CP's own Thursday close of US$82.44 for the same contract. Settlement reports from **Newsquawk** and the January 2027 contract listing on **FXEmpire**, plus the **Financial Times** Friday close of 83.41, all put the change at **+US$0.97** (+1.18%).

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That figure is used here. **Baystreet**'s close note gave a different oil quote, US$84.09, up 88 cents, which was not treated as the January settlement.

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FARM REPORT

Agricorp: fall-seeded premiums due Nov. 22; Monday counts

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

Agricorp lists Sunday, Nov. 22, as the premium deadline for winter wheat, organic winter wheat, organic winter spelt and rye, and for summer- or fall-seeded new forage. Because the deadline falls on a weekend, Agricorp says payment is on time if it is received on the next open business day, Monday, Nov. 23.

*Sources: **Agricorp fall-seeded grains rates and dates (PDF)**; **Agricorp new forage seeding deadlines**.*

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Agricorp fall-seeded grains: 2027 rates and dates

Premiums are 60% paid by the federal and provincial governments and 40% by farmers. Premium figures are the customer share, before any discount or surcharge.

Fixed claim prices for soft white winter wheat $6.90/bu, soft red $6.40/bu, hard red $6.65/bu and hard white $7.10/bu (a floating-price option is also offered for those wheats). Organic winter wheat $12.95/bu (fixed). Organic winter spelt $0.55/kg (fixed). Rye: floating claim price only.

Premium at 80% coverage: $3.55–$19.64/acre (customer portion).

Winter barley and canola rates are set with spring grains in March 2027.

Apply, change coverage and report acres: closed Nov. 8, 2026. Pay premium: Nov. 22, 2026 for winter wheat, organic winter wheat, organic winter spelt and rye; July 10, 2027 for winter barley and canola. Yields due Sept. 1, 2027 for wheat, spelt and rye (Oct. 31, 2027 for barley and canola).

Winterkill coverage for winter canola is still automatic in Hastings, Lennox & Addington, Frontenac, Lanark, Leeds & Grenville, Ottawa, Prescott-Russell and Stormont-Dundas & Glengarry.

*Agricorp, "Fall-Seeded Grains and Oilseeds, 2027 Rates, Dates, and Updates," Sept. 24, 2026. Agricorp: 1-888-247-4999, **agricorp.com**.*

Ag Row: Thursday's cattle and futures

The cattle market closes Thursday, so the weekend issue carries Thursday's numbers. Most of Thursday's auction results were not ready when Friday's issue went to press.

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File photo: a wheat harvest on the Palouse (not a local field). Photo: USDA Agricultural Research Service / Wikimedia Commons, public domain. ***Photo: USDA Agricultural Research Service / Wikimedia Commons, public domain. Source.***

They come from Beef Farmers of Ontario's Friday report, which publishes Thursday's sales, and they are new here.

Ontario auction sales, Thursday, Nov. 19 (weighted prices, $/cwt Cdn, via BFO)

Class	Head	Range	Average	Top
Fed steers, large/medium frame, 1,250 lb+	131	$269.00–287.50	**$276.51**	$311.00
Fed heifers, large/medium frame, 1,000 lb+	47	$260.00–298.00	**$278.11**	$347.50

FARM REPORT • CONTINUED

Class	Head	Range	Average	Top
Fed steers, dairy and dairy-cross, 1,250 lb+	36	$210.00–270.00	**$245.93**	$276.00
Fed heifers, dairy and dairy-cross, 1,000 lb+	11	$220.00–259.00	**$246.50**	$259.00
Cows	483	$100.47–158.13	**$138.86**	$275.00
Bulls under 1,600 lb	6	$155.83–205.83	$165.83	$235.00
Bulls over 1,600 lb	22	$175.73–196.84	$187.81	$232.00
Veal calves over 600 lb	34	$300.00–387.35	$344.90	$400.00

Direct-to-packer (BFO, Thursday): A-grade steers $480.00/cwt and heifers $479.00/cwt delivered, for delivery the week of Dec. 7.

Stocker sales, Thursday, Nov. 19 (averages, $/cwt Cdn, via BFO)

Weight	OLEX (Waterloo), 587 head	Ontario Stockyards (Cookstown), 916 head
Steers 500–599 lb	$557.63 (top $700.00)	$623.29 (top $695.00)
Steers 600–699 lb	$519.39 (top $595.00)	$542.68 (top $607.50)

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Weight	OLEX (Waterloo), 587 head	Ontario Stockyards (Cookstown), 916 head
Steers 700–799 lb	$447.93 (top $560.00)	$503.67 (top $560.00)
Steers 800–899 lb	$340.56 (top $430.00)	$414.78 (top $470.00)
Heifers 500–599 lb	$473.91 (top $650.00)	$555.55 (top $620.00)
Heifers 600–699 lb	$447.71 (top $500.00)	$490.59 (top $567.50)

OLEX says stockers "sold selectively with real good calves selling steady." Ontario Stockyards says vaccinated stockers "sold actively at steady prices," while non-vaccinated and medium cattle sold easier. *(Brussels' Thursday veal and calf prices ran in Friday's issue: good Holstein veal $380–400, good crossbred calves $1,800–2,435 a head.)*

Futures, Thursday close (CME, via BFO): Dec live cattle 222.85 (+3.07); Feb live cattle 227.20 (+3.30); Jan feeders 335.55 (+4.55); Mar feeders 332.07 (+5.15).

Dec corn US$4.390/bu (+3.4¢); Jan soybeans US$12.064 (-9.2¢); Dec SRW wheat US$5.782 (+8.2¢). CAD spot 69.74¢ US.

FARM REPORT • CONTINUED

Ontario cash grain, Thursday close (CKNX, $/bu Cdn): Wanstead Farmers Co-operative: corn $5.74 (+3¢), soybeans $16.03 (-9¢), soft white and soft red winter wheat $7.13 (+8¢). Great Lakes Grain, Mitchell: corn $5.64 (+3¢), soybeans $16.07 (-9¢), SRW wheat $7.13 (+8¢). New crop 2027 at Wanstead: corn $6.64, soybeans $15.29.

Hogs, Thursday (CKNX): CME US$56.56 (-0.05); Ontario 100% formula price $146.14/100 kg (+0.23).

After Thursday (for reference only, not Thursday's close): BFO says the USDA's Nov. 1 Cattle on Feed report, released Friday afternoon, put U.S. cattle on feed at 11.6 million head, down 1% from a year ago, with placements down 7% and marketings down 5%. Friday's Brussels stocker sale (925 head) saw calves sell on "a strong active trade at steady prices."

Sales ahead (BFO calendar): Sat.

Nov. 21, 11 a.m., Denfield bred cow and cow/calf pair sale; Sat. Nov. 21, noon, Ontario Stockyards bred cow sale; Sat.

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Nov. 21, 1 p.m., Maple Hill bred heifer and cow sale. Wed. Nov. 25, noon, Aylmer fall stocker sale; 1 p.m., Vankleek Hill stocker sale; 7 p.m., Kawartha Lakes bred cow sale. Fri. Nov. 27, 11 a.m., Hoard's Station Quinte Cattlemen's 100% all-vaccinated sale; 5 p.m., Keady special bred heifer sale. Sat. Nov. 28, 11 a.m., Denfield vaccinated calf and yearling sale.

*With files from the **Beef Farmers of Ontario daily report, Nov. 19** · CKNX, **Closing Markets for Thursday, November 19***

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LIFESTYLE & ARTS

Wreckless Harbour plays the Coach House at Glenhyrst on Saturday

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

Coach House Concerts lists Wreckless Harbour, a Hamilton indie-folk band, on Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Coach House, Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant, 20 Ava Rd. Doors 7:30 p.m.; music 8 p.m. Tickets are $30, at the Glenhyrst event page. Gallery hours are Tuesday–Friday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and Saturday–Sunday 11 a.m.–4 p.m.; admission is free, with donations appreciated. The homepage also lists Friday and Saturday daytime hours of 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

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*With files from Glenhyrst, **Wreckless Harbour** and **glenhyrst.ca** · **Discover Brantford***

Vibrant Palette opens Sunday at Glenhyrst; Lights and the Merry Little Market follow in December

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

The Vibrant Palette Student Exhibition runs Sunday, Nov. 22, through Sunday, Dec. 20, at Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant.

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The opening reception is Friday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m., together with the switch-on for Brantford Lights at Glenhyrst, which marks 15 years. Lights then run nightly, 6 to 9 p.m., through Jan. 1, 2027. Admission is free; donations are welcome, with collection bins for the Salvation Army and the Brantford Food Bank. The Merry Little Market returns inside the gallery on Fridays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. The Guitar Society of Brantford plays a free Coach House concert on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 5 to 6 p.m. The Brantford Potter's Guild display remains in the lower gallery during regular hours.

BEYOND BRANT

With files from ***Glenhyrst***, ***Brantford Lights events***, ***what to expect*** *and* ***Merry Little Market*** · ***Brantford Expositor, Nov. 16***

Brantford Symphony's prelude concert, "Orchestra Salon de Musique," comes to Paris Nov. 28

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

The Brantford Symphony Orchestra brings a chamber-style preview of its Dec. 12 Sanderson Centre concert to Paris Community Church / #ForParis Centre, 164 Grand River St. N., on Saturday, Nov. 28, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

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Artistic director and conductor Dr. Francois Koh leads, with Sarah Yunji Moon on piccolo, in pieces by Vivaldi, Lehár and Piaf. Tickets are $30.

*With files from the **Brantford Symphony Orchestra** · **#ForParis Centre event page** · Brant Beacon listing (submitted by the BSO), **BSO Prelude Concert***

Jingle by the Grand holiday market is Saturday, end time TBC (Beyond Brant — Six Nations)

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

The Gathering Place by the Grand, 2593 Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken, lists Jingle by the Grand on Saturday, Nov. 21, with doors at 11 a.m. and free admission. The official events page still gives no closing time, so the end remains **time TBC**.

BEYOND BRANT

*With files from the Gathering Place by the Grand, **upcoming events***

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COMMUNITY & EVENTS

Highway 403 ramps at Rest Acres Road close on and off Monday to Wednesday

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

The Ministry of Transportation expects intermittent ramp closures at Highway 403 and Rest Acres Road (Highway 24) between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. next week, the County of Brant says. The westbound (S-W) and eastbound (N-E) ramps are affected on Monday, Nov. 23, and Tuesday, Nov. 24; only the eastbound (N-E) ramp is listed for Wednesday, Nov. 25. These are ramp closures only; Highway 403 itself stays open. Check **511on.ca** for updates.

*Source: **County of Brant notice and map**, Nov. 20.*

Ask about the County's energy plan at Hello, Brant! in St. George on Sunday

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

County of Brant staff will answer questions about the Community Energy Plan at Hello, Brant! on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Gaukel Memorial Community Centre, 7 Gaukel Drive, St. George.

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There is a free skate from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., plus face painting, prizes, popcorn and hot chocolate. It is an information session; the County says it will invite residents to share experiences, priorities and ideas starting in February 2027.

*Source: **County of Brant**, Nov. 18; **EngageBrant.ca/CEP**.*

Scotland greenspace: draft plan and survey open to Dec. 18

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

The County of Brant has posted a draft concept plan for a reimagined greenspace in Scotland and wants residents' feedback. The survey takes five to seven minutes and closes Friday, Dec. 18. No construction date or budget has been published.

*Source: **EngageBrant, Scotland Greenspace** and **survey**.*

Burford Agricultural Society — community group listing

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

The Burford Agricultural Society, founded in 1858, is based at the fairgrounds at 6 Park Avenue (mailing address 6 Park Ave., P.O. Box 133, Burford ON N0E 1A0). Official site: **burfordfair.com**.

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Contact: **info@burfordfair.com**, 519-449-5694.

The society describes a year-round calendar that includes the Burford Fair, competitions and educational workshops, and says the fairgrounds are used for facility rentals and community activities.

The next Burford Fall Fair is listed for Oct. 2–3, 2027, the weekend before Thanksgiving; the 2026 fair has already been held.

A Quarter Auction is listed on the official home page for Dec. 3, with doors at 6 p.m., the auction at 7 p.m., a $5 paddle, and a note to bring your own quarters.

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The official events calendar also lists a Thanksgiving Dinner cooking program for 11-to-13-year-olds on Wednesday, Nov. 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. (later dates Dec. 2 and 16), hosted by Amanda's Personal Chef & Catering, $350 for the complete six-week program, at 519-280-2012 or amandascatering@outlook.com; Kids Cooking Club (ages 8–12) next meets Thursday, Dec. 10, from 4 to 7 p.m., $280 for all four classes or $80 drop-in if space is available; and Burford Cornhole, hosted by the society, with the fall league running most Wednesdays through Dec. 9, $80 a team, at burfordcornhole@gmail.com.

The County's holiday-events page lists the Burford Santa Claus Parade for Saturday, Dec. 12, at 5 p.m., organized by the Burford Agricultural Society and the Burford Lions Club.

*With files from the **Burford Agricultural Society**, **the society page**, **events**, **contact** and **fall fair** · County of Brant, **holiday events and Christmas parades***

COMMUNITY & EVENTS • CONTINUED

This Week: Saturday, Nov. 21, to Friday, Nov. 27

A short list from This Week, with the County of Brant first. The complete table is online.

When	What	Where
Sun. Nov. 22, 12:30-3:30 p.m.	Hello, Brant! with a Community Energy Plan table and a free skate 1:30-2:30	Gaukel Memorial Community Centre, St. George (Local)
Mon. Nov. 23 to Fri. Nov. 27	Watts Pond Road closed between Grand River Street North/Pinehurst Road and Robbins Ridge	Paris (Local)
Mon. Nov. 23	Consolidated Drive closed at Dundas Street East; Governor's Road East narrows Wednesday	Paris (Local)
Mon. Nov. 23 to Wed. Nov. 25, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.	Intermittent Highway 403 ramp closures at Rest Acres Road	Paris (Local)
Wed. Nov. 25, 1 p.m.	Nova Vita Wrapped in Courage flag raising with the County of Brant	Council Chambers, 7 Broadway St. W., Paris (Local)
Wed. Nov. 25, 5-8 p.m.	Thanksgiving Dinner cooking program, Burford Agricultural Society	Burford fairgrounds, 6 Park Ave. (Local)
Thu. Nov. 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m. (tree at 7)	St. George Community Tree Lighting	Snowball Park, 10 Beverly St. W. (Local)

COMMUNITY & EVENTS • CONTINUED

When	What	Where
Fri. Nov. 27, 5-8 p.m. (tree 6:15 p.m.)	Burford Christmas Shopping Spree and Light up the Night	Burford Village Square and Burford United Church (Local)
Wed. Nov. 25, 10-10:30 a.m.	Nova Vita Wrapped in Courage flag raising with the City of Brantford	Harmony Square, Brantford (Beyond Brant)
Wed. Nov. 25, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.	Overnight work on Brant Avenue, one southbound lane	Brantford (Beyond Brant)

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FRIDAY'S SCORES

League	Result
OHL	**Brantford Bulldogs 4, Sudbury Wolves 2** (final, at Sudbury; official OHL feed, game 29223). Brantford is 15-7-0-1.
PJHL	**Norwich Merchants 7, Paris Mounties 4** (final, at Norwich)
Minor	Delhi-Norwich 59ers 5, Brant U15B 1 · PMHA U15 Wolfpack 2, Tillsonburg 0 · South Huron Sabres 6, Brant U18A 1 · Port Dover Pirates 5, Burford U18 4 · Ice Cats U11 HL 4, Flamborough Teal 2
Pending	PMHA U13 Select vs. Glanbrook (exhibition); BMHA U14 AA at Southtowns (exhibition); Ice Cats U9 B at Stoney Creek; Ice Cats Senior C at Six Nations; Assumption at CWOSSA (tournament runs Nov. 20–21)

*With files from the Ontario Hockey League — **official game feed / gamecentre** · GameSheet (Mounties) · official association schedules. Full write-ups and every Friday minor and Tournament of Friends result are in the online sports section.*

Norwich beats Mounties 7–4; Hespeler at Paris tonight

The Paris Mounties, last in the PJHL Doherty Division with 12 points, played the fourth-place Norwich Merchants (20 points) at Nor-Del Arena on Friday at 8 p.m. They come home Saturday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m. to face the Hespeler Shamrocks at the Brant Sports Complex, 944 Powerline Rd. in Paris.

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- Paris Mounties at Norwich Merchants, 8 p.m., Nor-Del Arena — Norwich Merchants won 7–4 (**GameSheet box score**)
- **Saturday:** Hespeler Shamrocks at Paris Mounties, 7:30 p.m., Brant Sports Complex.

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*With files from Marcie Culbert, 104.7 Heart FM — **"PJHL Preview - Nov 20th to Nov 22nd"**, Friday, Nov. 20, 2026, 9:51 a.m. • Brant Events — **"Paris Mounties Junior Hockey Home Games"**. Related: **Provincial Junior Hockey League** • **Norwich Merchants schedule** • **Elite Prospects head-to-head**.*

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The Sphere and the Las Vegas Strip Circuit during the 2024 Las Vegas Grand Prix. File photo, Nov. 23, 2024.

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LAS VEGAS STARTING GRID

Antonelli was fastest in qualifying (1:33.893) but drops to P6 on a five-place power-unit penalty, so Verstappen inherits pole. The top six: **1. Verstappen**, **2. Russell**, **3. Norris**, **4. Hadjar**, **5. Lindblad**, **6. Antonelli**. The race is Saturday, Nov. 21, at 11 p.m. ET.

*With files from Formula 1 — **qualifying report** · **official qualifying results**.*

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No NHL games Friday; the Leafs host Columbus Saturday at 7 p.m.

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

The NHL scheduled no games on Friday, Nov. 20. Saturday's slate opens with Columbus at Toronto, 7 p.m. ET, at Scotiabank Arena. The full 14-game list is online.

*With files from the National Hockey League — **Saturday schedule** · **Toronto Maple Leafs**.*

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The Contrans terminal and the farmland at 291–297 Bishopsgate Road, County of Brant. Aerial: County of Brant, "Map 3: Aerial Imagery 2026," file ZBA17-OPA3-26-RC, 291-297 Bishopsgate Road.

County of Brant, Schedule “A” zoning map, “Lands to be rezoned,” file ZBA17-OPA3-26-RC, date printed June 25, 2026, in the County’s Planning Act notices for 291–297 Bishopsgate Road.

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Map: Watts Pond Road closure and detours, Nov. 23–27, 2026 (passenger vehicles and heavy trucks). Map: County of Brant. **https://www.brant.ca/news-and-notices/posts/road-closure-notice-watts-pond-road-paris/**

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Map: downtown revitalization work for the week of Nov. 23–27, 2026, posted Nov. 20. Map: City of Brantford. **https://www.brantford.ca/news/posts/downtown-revitalization-project-weekly-update-november-23-to-27-2026/**

Rendering: Colborne Street in front of Harmony Square, looking east, as planned when the revitalization is finished. Conceptual rendering, not a current photograph. Rendering: City of Brantford. **https://www.brantford.ca/your-government/city-plans-and-projects/corporate-projects-and-initiatives/downtown-revitalization-project/**

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