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LOCAL NEWS · THE COUNTY OF BRANT COUNCIL

The County of Brant's new council held its first regular meeting last night



File photo, Nov. 16 inaugural. Photo: County of Brant

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The 2026–2030 council, sworn in Nov. 16, met Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers, Paris. On the agenda: a public hearing on 2027 fees; committee appointments; shorter delegations; the holiday schedule; and, on an addendum, snow-plowing contracts. Official minutes had not been posted as of press time. **p. 6** · **Agenda →** · **Watch the meeting →**

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Clancy Ind. | Davis CPC | Kissinger G





O'Donnell L | Tarrant PPC | Ward NDP

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By-election guides are in the mail; register by Dec. 1, 6 p.m.

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

Elections Canada says it has mailed a by-election guide to every household in the riding, which includes Onondaga and Burtch in the County of Brant. The guide covers the ways to vote and the accepted ID. Voters can register or update their details online at elections.ca, at the local Elections Canada office, or at their advance poll.

The registration deadline is **Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 6 p.m.** After that, voters can register at their polling station on election day. **Advance polls run Friday, Nov. 27, to Monday, Nov. 30, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.** Election day is **Monday, Dec. 7**. Elections Canada is also hiring paid election workers (elections.ca or 1-800-463-6868).

*Source: **Elections Canada news release, Nov. 24, 2026**. Candidates: **Elections Canada confirmed list**.*

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THE BY-ELECTION

Nine names on the ballot. One mock vote each. Here until Monday.

Our unscientific reader poll is still open, through **11:59 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30**. It is not an official ballot. One vote per device. The nine confirmed candidates, as listed by Elections Canada, are Leslie Bory (Independent), Dirk Byers (Christian Heritage), Dave Carrol (Independent), Mike Clancy (Independent), Kevin Davis (Conservative), Kathryn Kissinger (Green), Joy O’Donnell (Liberal), Anthony Tarrant (People’s Party) and Brad Ward (NDP).

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VOTE NOW

Each candidate was asked the same five questions. Their responses are on the Issue 34 by-election pages, linked from the front and from the names below.

Bory · **Byers** · **Carrol** · **Clancy** · **Davis** · **Kissinger** · **O'Donnell** · **Tarrant** · **Ward**

Candidate list: Elections Canada, Nov. 18. Photo credits for the candidate portraits appear on the Issue 34 by-election pages.

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Brant Votes puts Dirk Byers on the air this morning

The live podcast is at 11 a.m., two days before advance polls open. Election day is Monday, Dec. 7.

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This morning at 11, Dirk Byers, the Christian Heritage Party candidate in the Brantford–Brant South federal by-election, joins John Monkhouse live on BrantVotes: The Podcast. Brant Votes says the talk will stream on **YouTube**, **Facebook**, **TikTok** and **Instagram**, and that listeners can put a question in the comments.

Brad Ward, the NDP candidate, was on the same podcast Tuesday morning. Brant Votes also posted its fifth weekly campaign roundup and an unofficial talk-time scorecard of last night's first regular County of Brant council meeting. Official minutes have not been posted; the scorecard is Brant Votes' tally from the County's recording, not the County's.

Brant Votes is an independent, non-partisan election-news site, run by Monkhouse from St. George, at **brantvotes.ca**. It is not the County, and it is not Elections Canada.

Today on Brant Votes: the **Byers announcement**, **Tuesday's Ward interview**, the **Nov. 23 week in review**, the **council scorecard**, and **candidate profiles**.

How to vote, from Elections Canada

To vote in Brantford–Brant South you must be a Canadian citizen, at least 18 on election day, prove your identity and address, and live in the riding from Nov. 1 through election day.

When	What
Fri. Nov. 27–Mon. Nov. 30	Advance polls, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 7	Election day, 9:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m.
By Tue. Dec. 1, 6 p.m.	Vote early, or apply to vote by mail, at the local office

The local office is at 102 Wellington St., Brantford, until Dec. 1, 6 p.m.: weekdays 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Sunday noon–4 p.m. The same deadline applies to an online mail-in application.

Check or update your registration **online**, at the office, at an advance poll, or on election day. Your polling place is on Elections Canada's **riding page**. A by-election guide was mailed Tuesday, Elections Canada said.

Nine confirmed candidates, listed Nov. 18, are on the **Elections Canada candidates page**. Profiles: **brantvotes.ca/2026-by-election/**.

County council met last night in Paris. Official minutes have not been posted.

BY THE DAILY WARD STAFF

The County of Brant’s 2026–2030 council, sworn in Nov. 16, held its first regular meeting last night at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers, Paris.

How council voted is not yet official. Official minutes had not been posted as of press time, and a morning check of the County newsroom and the eScribe meeting page found no results release.

What can be reported is the posted agenda and addendum. The meeting was to open with a statutory public hearing on the 2027 fees and charges (RPT-0356-26). Staff recommended approving the new fees, passing By-law 132-26, effective Jan. 1, 2027. This is the County’s routine annual review of user fees, not a new tax.

Also on the posted agenda: committee appointments, OPP board citizen pay, shorter delegations, the holiday office schedule, and a review of October's election. An addendum, RPT-0295-26, recommended three-year snow-plowing contracts for Kerr and Kerr Landscaping, Mountview Services Inc. and F&M Landscaping and Maintenance. Those names are the staff recommendation on the addendum, not a confirmed vote.

Sources: ***County of Brant Council agenda, Nov. 24, 2026****; addendum item 10.6, Dave's notes; County newsroom, evening of Nov. 24. Full story:* ***thedailyward.com/issue41/local/***

THE COUNTY OF BRANT

Ward 4

Ward map

Burford · Scotland · Harley · Cathcart · Falkland

Councillors Robert Chambers · Ben Clement

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1. **Comments due Tue. Dec. 1:** planning@brant.ca, file ZBA17-OPA3-26-RC (291 and 297 Bishopsgate Road). Council decides Dec. 8.

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2. **Thu. Nov. 26, 6:30–8 p.m.:** Burford Book Club; Knit, Crochet & Connect, Burford library.

Community

Ward 1 Ward map

St. George · Glen Morris and area

Councillors John MacAlpine · Steve Schmitt

Ward 2 Ward map

Paris: Woodslee, fairgrounds area

Councillors James McCulloch · Steve Howes

1. **From**

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1. **Thu. Nov. 26, 1–3:30 p.m.:** euchre, $3, St. George Lawn Bowling Club.

   Community
2. **Sat. Nov. 28, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.:** Christmas market, St. George United Church.

   Community

1. **From today:** Governor's Road East, westbound-only east of Dundas St. E. **Detours**
2. **To Friday:** Watts Pond Road closed.

   Detours

CITY OF BRANTFORD

Ward 1 Ward map

West Brant · Tutela Heights

Councillors Darryl Casey · Bob Sproul

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1. **Today, 4 p.m.:** City community grants close (Brant Community Foundation). **Residents**
2. **Sat. Nov. 28, 6 p.m.:** 50th Santa Claus Parade. **Community**

Ward 2 Ward map

Holmedale · Terrace Hill · Fairview

Councillors Gino Caputo · Dave Malcolm

Ward 3 Ward map

North Park · Brier Park

Councillors Trevor J. Cherewka · Arron Jeavons

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1. **Tonight, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.:** Brant Avenue one southbound lane at Dalhousie Street.

   Detour
2. **Sat. Dec. 5, 10 a.m.:** Holmedale Neighbourhood Association breakfast.

   Beyond Brant

1. **Tonight, 6–7 p.m.:** Parade After Party virtual training (applications already closed Nov. 19). **City**
2. **Sat. Nov. 28, 6 p.m.:** Santa Claus Parade.

   Community

THE COUNTY OF BRANT

Ward 3 Ward map

Downtown Paris and area

Councillors John Bell · John Peirce

1. **Sat. Nov. 28, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.:** Kiwanis Breakfast with Santa, St. James Anglican hall.

Community

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2. **Sat. Nov. 28, 2–3:30 p.m.:** Brantford Symphony, “Orchestre Salon de Musique,” Paris Community Church, 164 Grand River St. N., $30.

Arts

Ward 5 Ward map

Cainsville · Onondaga · Mount Pleasant · Oakland · Langford

Councillors Ella Haley · Mike Gatopoulos

County-wide Contacts

every ward of the County of Brant

Mayor Jennifer Kyle

1. **Last**

1. **Sat. Nov. 28, 1 p.m.:** wreath-making, Onondaga Community Hall. *(reminder)*
2. **Sat. Nov. 28, 10 a.m.:** Langford Church Christmas Market, cash only. *(reminder)*

night: first regular council meeting; official minutes not yet posted.

Local

2. **This week:** last listed urban yard-waste week, Nov. 23–27.

Notices

CITY OF BRANTFORD

Ward 4 Ward map

Echo Place · Lynden Hills

Councillors Linda Hunt · Nicole Callander

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1. **This week:** police are investigating suspected hate-motivated vandalism in Echo Place. **Crime**

2. **Sat. Nov. 28, 9 a.m.–noon:** Brantland Neighbourhood Association breakfast with Santa (announced at Tuesday's council).

Beyond Brant

Ward 5 Ward map

Downtown · Eagle Place

Councillors Karleigh Csordas · Brian Van Tilborg

City-wide Contacts

every ward of Brantford

Mayor Richard Carpenter

1. **Sat. Nov. 28, 6 p.m.:** 50th Santa Claus Parade; after-party in Harmony Square. Bring a food-bank donation.

   Community
2. **Planning Committee:** council

1. **Last night:** council filled board seats and approved the Downtown BIA board.

   Beyond Brant
2. **Today, 4 p.m.:** community grants close.

   Residents

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voted 10-1 Tuesday to start those meetings at 6 p.m. instead of Thursday mornings.

Beyond Brant

CRIME & COURTS — Norfolk and Brantford • police and the courts

Multi-vehicle fatal collision on Highway 24 just outside Waterford; roads reopened

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OPP West Region said a multi-vehicle fatal collision closed Highway 24 between Concession 5 Townsend and Concession 7 Townsend, just outside Waterford, on Tuesday evening. Officers remained on scene. The roadway was expected to remain closed for several hours, the force said at 8:17 p.m. OPP did not say how many people were killed. OPP West Region said Highway 24 in Waterford (Norfolk) and Windham Road 5 reopened at 4:34 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25.

At 5:50 p.m. OPP had reported a serious two-vehicle collision on the same stretch; at 7:13 p.m. Windham Road 5 was also closed at Windham East Quarter Line Road.

Source: ***OPP West Region, 8:17 p.m. ET, Nov. 24, 2026****; earlier* ***5:50 p.m.*** *and* ***7:13 p.m.*** *updates; all-clear: OPP West Region, 4:34 a.m. ET, Nov. 25, 2026.*

Also today: a County of Brant intimate-partner-violence charge and a Crown appeal (**OPP West Region** and Susan Gamble, *Brantford Expositor*, both Nov. 24; no names listed; helpline 1-866-863-0511).

Police seek help identifying suspect(s) in suspected hate-motivated vandalism

Brantford police are asking for help identifying the suspect or suspects responsible for suspected hate-motivated vandalism reported between Nov. 23 and 24 in Echo Place (Rowanwood and Linden avenues, Colborne Street East and Glenwood Drive). The incidents are being investigated as suspected hate crimes. Tips: Det. Const. Jet Khagura, 519-756-7050 ext. 2919. Source: **Brantford Police Service, Nov. 24, 2026**.

C.E.R.T. warrant at a Queen Street residence

On Nov. 19, C.E.R.T. executed a search warrant at a Queen Street residence in a downtown Brantford drug investigation begun in the fall of 2026. Police say they seized fentanyl, crack cocaine, methamphetamine and weapons, and put the value of the drugs at $10,280. A 43-year-old Brantford man, a 49-year-old Brantford man and a 24-year-old Brantford woman, not named here, were charged and held for a bail hearing, including possession for the purpose of a Schedule I substance; the 49-year-old man also faces a probation-order count. Source:

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order count. Source: **Brantford Police Service, Nov. 24, 2026**.

WEATHER Brantford – the County of Brant • Environment Canada

A mixed bag this week: not terrible, not great, good enough to get out

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Observed at Brantford Municipal Airport at 8 p.m. Tuesday: −2.6°C, wind north 3 km/h, wind chill −4, pressure 103.7 kPa and rising.

- **Tonight:** partly cloudy, low −8, wind up to 15 km/h, wind chill −13 overnight.

- **Wednesday:** mainly sunny, high +5, east wind 20 km/h gusting to 40 in the morning, wind chill −9 in the morning, UV index 2 (low); clear Wednesday night, low −2.
- **Thursday:** cloudy, 40 per cent chance of rain, windy, high +5; rain Thursday night, low +2.
- **Friday:** 60 per cent chance of showers, high +5; 40 per cent chance of rain showers or flurries Friday night, low +1.

- **Saturday through Monday:** highs of 6, 7 and 6, with 40 to 60 per cent chances of showers or rain; Sunday night has a 60 per cent chance of rain.

November normals for Brantford: high 5, low −3. Sunrise Wednesday 7:24 a.m. EST, sunset 4:51 p.m. Wednesday is the best day to get out (sun, a normal high, a gusty morning and a sharp start). After that, a damp, mild stretch through the weekend, good enough to get out if you dress for it, with a small chance of a Friday-night flurry mix.

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*Source: **Environment Canada, Brantford forecast**, issued 3:30 p.m. EST Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2026; 8 p.m. observation as given in KELLY's draft.*

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A $2,000 Legion cheque for the Burford food bank

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Tim McGrattan and Kim Clark with the cheque, dated Nov. 23, 2026. Photo: Tim McGrattan / Facebook. Rights to be cleared before print.

Tim McGrattan met Kim Clark at the Fellowship Baptist Church Food Bank in Burford to hand over a $2,000 cheque from the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 90. The money came from the profits of the Mackenzie Creek Music Festival at the South Brant Legion in Oakland.

The food bank serves more than twenty families, or about 50 to 60 people, every week. Other festival donations, and the Paris Lions appreciation dinner, are in the online Good News section.

Paris Lions thank their volunteers and hand over $5,000, plus $6,000 with the Optimists

The Paris Lions Club held its fourth annual Friends of Lions Appreciation Dinner on Nov. 17 at the Paris Fairgrounds, the Paris Independent reports. Fifty-six Lions and guests were there. The paper says the club presented $2,000 each to the Salvation Army Food Bank and the Paris Christmas Food Hamper Fund, $1,000 to Friendship House in Brantford, and, jointly with the Paris Optimist Club, $6,000 to Campfire Circle, which supports camps for families of children living with cancer. The club, founded in 1931, also highlighted the Paris Christmas Food Hamper program, which the article says is expected to help 150 to

250 families. A student volunteer named in that article is not named here.

*Source: Diane Baltaz, **Paris Independent (Grant Haven Media), Nov. 24, 2026**. Single-source item, based on that reporting.*

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100 Women Who Care Norfolk gives $18,900 to Evergreen Heights

100 Women Who Care Norfolk has given $18,900 to Evergreen Heights Child Care Centre, the Simcoe Reformer reported Tuesday evening. That item is from beyond the County of Brant; the full write-up is online.

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THE STORY WITHIN THE STORY

County council met last night in Paris. What they decided is not yet official.

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The County of Brant's 2026–2030 council, sworn in Nov. 16, held its first regular meeting last night at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers, Paris. What council voted on remains unofficial. A check this morning of the County newsroom, the eScribe meeting page and for official minutes found no posted minutes and no results release. The newsroom still carried a "meeting tonight" notice.

The agenda opened with a statutory public hearing on the proposed 2027 fees and charges, item 5.1, under the Municipal Act, 2001 and Ontario Regulation 244/02. That hearing is the legal window for people to speak before council is asked, later on the same agenda (RPT-0356-26 and By-law 132-26), to approve those fees, to take effect Jan. 1, 2027, unless the by-law says otherwise. Staff recommended approving the new fees. This is the County's routine annual review of user fees, not a new tax.

After the agenda was posted, an addendum added item 10.6, staff report RPT-0295-26, recommending that a three-year winter-maintenance contract (RFT-COM-26-05: snow plowing, sanding and salting of parking lots, sidewalks, narrow roads and multi-use trails), with two one-year extension options and subject to final review, contract compliance and satisfactory performance, be awarded to:

- **Area 1, Paris:** Kerr and Kerr Landscaping
- **Area 2, Cainsville:** Mountview Services Inc.

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- **Area 3, Burford, Mt. Pleasant and Airport:** F&M Landscaping and Maintenance
- **Area 4, Oakland, Scotland and Onondaga:** Mountview Services Inc.
- **Area 5, South Dumfries:** Kerr and Kerr Landscaping

That is the staff recommendation on the posted addendum, not a confirmed vote. Source: **County of Brant Council addendum, Nov. 24, 2026**.

The posted agenda also listed committee and board appointments, the 2026–27 council and committee calendar and holiday office closures, O.P.P. Detachment Board citizen pay, proposed updates to the procedural by-law, and a review of the 2026 municipal election.

This paper reports unofficial news, labelled as such, until it becomes official.

Brantford City Council’s meeting, by contrast, was recorded; a staff report from that livestream is in Beyond Brant, with the gaps on the recording left as gaps.

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*Sources: **County of Brant Council agenda** and **addendum**, Nov. 24, 2026; County newsroom checked the morning of Nov. 25, 2026. Watch the meeting: **County of Brant YouTube, Nov. 24**.*

Your week: roads today, advance polls Friday, a busy Saturday

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Today	Hwy 24 in Waterford (Norfolk) and Windham Rd. 5 reopened at 4:34 a.m. Wednesday after a Tuesday-evening multi-vehicle fatal collision, OPP West Region said. Recheck 511on.ca. Hwy 403 eastbound (N-E) on-ramp, intermittent 7 a.m.–7 p.m. (also Thursday and Friday). Governor’s Road East westbound-only. Brant Avenue overnight, 8 p.m.–6 a.m. Community grants close 4 p.m. Bulldogs vs. Sudbury, 7 p.m.
Thu. 26	Euchre, 1–3:30 p.m., St. George Lawn Bowling Club, $3. Burford Book Club, 6:30–8 p.m. Christmas with Elvis, 7:30 p.m., Affinity Conference Centre, Brantford, $35, doors 6:30. *Dirty Dancing* opening night, 7:30 p.m., CAA Ed Mirvish Theatre, Toronto.

Fri. 27	Advance polls open, 9 a.m.–9 p.m., through Monday. Watts Pond Road still closed. Light Up the Night, Burford Village Square, 125 King St., 5–8 p.m., tree lighting 6:15; free chili supper at Burford United Church. Bulldogs vs. Owen Sound, 7 p.m.
Sat. 28	Kiwanis Breakfast with Santa, 9 and 11 a.m., Paris. Sensitive Santa, 9 a.m.–noon, Sensity, 50 Main St., Paris (registration required). St. George United Church Christmas Market and Queensview holiday market, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. BSO Orchestre Salon de Musique, Paris Community Church, 2–3:30 p.m., $30. Brantford’s 50th Santa Claus Parade, 6 p.m.; bring a food-bank donation.

Tue. Dec. 1	Register to vote by 6 p.m. MakerWorkshop large-format printing demo, 6:30–8 p.m., Paris library. Hawk Talk, 6:30–8:30 p.m., The Belmont, Brantford, free. Brantford Stamp Club, 7–9 p.m., Branlyn Community Centre. Holiday Book Bingo begins at the County of Brant Public Library.
Sat. Dec. 5	Santa Fly-In, 10 a.m., Brantford Municipal Airport, free: **flybfc.com/santa-fly-in**.

403 ramps close 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. today through Friday; Governor’s Road East goes westbound-only today

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Official County / MTO map of this week’s 403 ramp closures. Source: County of Brant.

The MTO’s updated schedule: intermittent closures of the **eastbound (N-E) on-ramp, Wednesday, Nov. 25, Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.** Maps: engagebrant.ca/403roundabout. Live status: 511on.ca.

From **Wednesday, Nov. 25**, Governor’s Road East is cut to one westbound lane for about 100 metres east of Dundas Street East; eastbound traffic is detoured along Paris Road, through late December. Businesses remain open. Updates: EngageBrant.ca/DundasEast.

*Sources: **County of Brant, Nov. 23**; **Dundas Street East, Nov. 21**.*

Beyond Brant: Brant Avenue overnight work tonight, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Brant Avenue drops to a single southbound lane at Dalhousie Street overnight, weather permitting. Two-way traffic returns from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. (**city detour notice**).

Watts Pond Road closed through Friday (reminder)

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Watts Pond Road remains closed between Grand River St. N./Pinehurst Rd. and Robbins Ridge, through Friday, Nov. 27, for a storm sewer main, weather permitting. Heavy trucks are directed via Paris Plains Church Road; passenger vehicles may use Robbins Ridge and Hartley Avenue.



Official County detour map. Source: County of Brant.

*Source: **County of Brant, Nov. 19, 2026**.*

Last listed urban yard-waste week, through Friday (pickup may run Saturday)

Nov. 23–27 is the last listed curbside yard-waste week for eligible urban households; pickup may run through Saturday, Nov. 28.

Source: County of Brant notice, via Glenn's Nov. 22 newsroom report, as filed by Paul.

PDHS senior boys volleyball takes CWOSSA silver and a berth at OFSAA

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Paris District High School's senior boys volleyball team won silver at the CWOSSA AA championship, Nov. 19–20 in Hanover and Walkerton, beating Norwell, John Diefenbaker and then North Park in the semifinals before losing the best-of-three final to St. Mary's of Owen Sound, the defending OFSAA champions. That result booked a trip to the AA OFSAA championships, **Nov. 26–28**, with official venues in Kingsville, Leamington and Essex. Coach Shelley Weaver said the coaches are proud of how the team has battled through adversity this season, and that a group of fifth-year seniors rose to the occasion. Weaver

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said it has been many years since a PDHS senior boys volleyball team last went to OFSAA. Students are not named here. The Paris Independent and the Brantford Expositor agree on the silver medal, the OFSAA berth and a Nov. 26, 9 a.m. opener against Twin Lakes at Leamington District Secondary School. OFSAA lists the championship as Nov. 26–28.

*Sources: Casandra Turnbull, **Paris Independent, Nov. 24, 2026**; Brian Smiley, **Brantford Expositor, Nov. 24**; championship dates and venues, **OFSAA Boys AA Volleyball, Nov. 26–28, 2026**. Based on those reports. The Independent's team photograph shows students and is not used.*

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Paris Wolfpack U18 win the Silver Stick regional qualifier in a shootout

The Paris Wolfpack U18 beat the Stoney Creek Warriors in a shootout to win the Silver Stick Regional Qualifier in Aylmer, Nov. 13–15, after a 6-1 opening win over Tillsonburg, a win over Aylmer, a 4-1 semifinal over the Belmont Rangers, and a late-tying and extra-time championship game. The team’s write-up says a Wolfpack skater scored in the shootout and the goaltender stopped every Stoney Creek shooter. Players are not named here. The Silver Stick Internationals are in January. This is a team/contributor write-up, not a recap by a reporter, and the final shootout score is not given as a numeric result.

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*Source: Paris Independent contributor (Coach MattyG, “In Honor of ’Scoop Stewart’”), **Nov. 24, 2026**.*

Beyond Brant: Bulldogs at home tonight vs. Sudbury, 7 p.m.

The Brantford Bulldogs (16-7-0-1, 33 points, first in the Eastern Conference) host the Sudbury Wolves (14-8-1-0, 29 points) at the TD Civic Centre tonight, **Wednesday, Nov. 25, 7 p.m.** They also play at home Friday, Nov. 27, 7 p.m., vs. Owen Sound, then Saturday, Nov. 28, 4 p.m., at Niagara. No games were scheduled Monday or Tuesday. Their last two results, already in Issues 39–40: 4-2 at Sudbury on Nov. 20 and 4-2 at Brampton on Nov. 22. The team lists free game parking at Market Centre Parkade, 59 Icomm Dr., and only designated accessible parking on site. Ticket availability was not independently confirmed.

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Tickets and game details · **Team parking map**.

*Source: **OHL daily report, Nov. 24, 2026** (generated 10:29 a.m.).*

Tuesday’s County minor-hockey and some junior results were still pending on Mike’s 6:46 p.m. cutoff, with a planned 9:30 and 11:30 p.m. recheck that had not been filed as of press time. Those games are not scored here.

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Paris Child Care opens a 65-space centre, but can’t find enough educators to fill it

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Paris Child Care has opened its third daycare, the 65-space Cobblestone Child Care Centre at 179 Grandville Circle, but staffing shortages mean it is welcoming children gradually, executive director Krysta Hajovic told the Paris Independent. She is trying to fill 15 positions, 10 of them for registered early childhood educators. She says Ontario's freeze of the RECE wage floor (now $25.86 an hour) will make hiring harder, and that Mayor Jennifer Kyle is so far the only elected official to reply to her. The full story is online.

Source: Lee Griffi, ***Paris Independent (Grant Haven Media), Nov. 25 issue****.*

Tuesday’s close: the Dow finishes above 50,000; the TSX slips

Tue. Nov. 24 close	Price	Change
S&P/TSX composite	33,962.25	−119.87 (−0.35%)
Dow Jones industrial average	50,018.70	+423.39 (+0.85%)
Gold (Comex, Dec.)	US$3,561.90/oz	−$89.50 (−2.45%)
WTI crude (Jan.)	US$82.05/bbl	+$1.88 (+2.35%)

S&P 500 7,201.09 (−0.50%); Nasdaq 23,733.54 (−1.48%); C$ 69.95¢ US. USTR had not published the tariff findings; Canada is not on the list. Full markets, the Kerr fund and Business 13 are online. Market figures: Dave’s verified table (Canadian Press, Reuters, Bank of Canada, CNBC).

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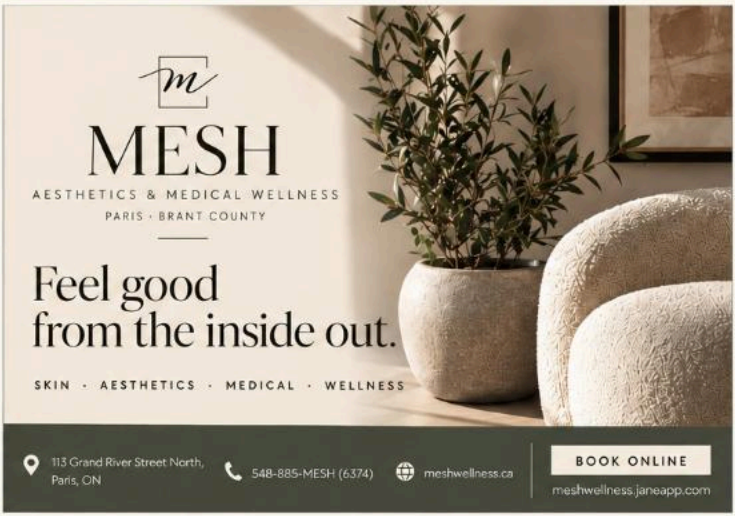

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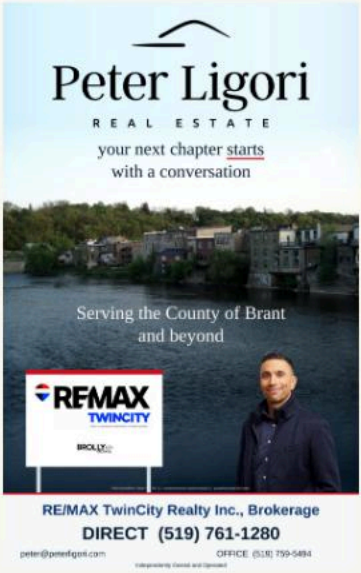

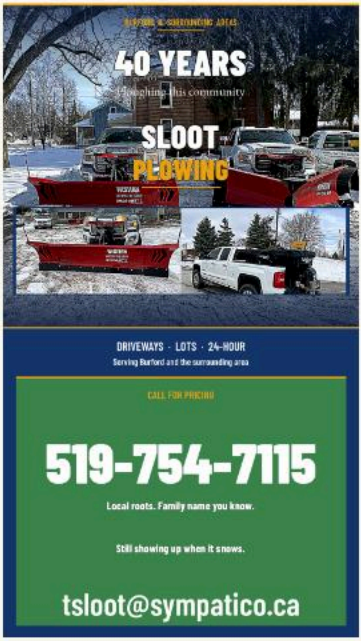

AGRO NEWS

Tuesday's cattle, grain and local cash bids

Brussels fed cattle sell $2 to $3 higher; Burford cash bids are in

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Choice fed steers and heifers brought $285 to $300.50 per hundredweight at Brussels Livestock on Tuesday (65 fed cattle), selling actively $2 to $3 higher, with a top of $349; cows sold stronger, with good beef cows at $140 to $225. At the Ontario Livestock Exchange, veal sold steady, with good beef veal at $365 to $402.50. At Keady (277 stockers, 67 cows and bulls), all stocker and feeder classes sold steady: steers 1,000 lb+ $297.50; 900–999 lb $395.00; 500–599 lb $590 to $650; heifers 900–999 lb $342.05–342.50; 700–799 lb $435.00; cows $133.00–177.50; bulls $215.00. BFO: stockers “sold steady,” cull cows “barely

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steady.”

Local cash bids, Tue. Nov. 24 (Cdn $/bu)	2026 crop	2027 crop
Burford, corn	$5.74	$5.95
Burford, soybeans	$16.54	$15.60
Brantford, soybeans	$16.39	$15.45

Futures, Tuesday close: Dec. corn US$4.34 (−¼¢); Jan. soybeans US$12.34 (+5¼¢); Dec. wheat US$5.69¾ (−7¼¢); Dec. live cattle US$225.90 (+$1.35). There is no Brantford corn or Burford/Brantford wheat row in the GFO report.

The Brantford Symphony plays Paris Saturday; *Dirty Dancing* opens Thursday in Toronto

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The Brantford Symphony Orchestra's "Orchestre Salon de Musique" is Saturday, Nov. 28, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Paris Community Church, 164 Grand River St. N., $30 (**tickets**; seats not independently confirmed), then at the Sanderson Centre on Dec. 12. Thursday in Brantford: "Christmas with Elvis," 7:30 p.m. (doors 6:30) at the Affinity Conference Centre, $35.

In Toronto, Mirvish's *Dirty Dancing* officially opens Thursday, Nov. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the CAA Ed Mirvish Theatre (previews started Tuesday; also 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday; runs to Jan. 10). Also this week: NEXT Magazine's roundup, including Tom Rooney's *Rogers v. Rogers* and Young People's Theatre's *Finding Nemo*; and Mahler's Symphony No. 8 at Roy Thomson Hall on Friday (start time TBC).

Closer to home, a Victorian *Christmas Carol* is at the Bell Homestead Dec. 5 and 6, and Scott Woods's Ho Ho Hoedown comes to the Paris Fairgrounds Dec. 11.

A busy Saturday in Paris and St. George, and Sensitive Santa at Sensity

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Sensitive Santa is Saturday, Nov. 28, 9 a.m. to noon, at Sensity, 50 Main St., Paris. Registration is required. The same Saturday: Kiwanis Breakfast with Santa at 9 and 11 a.m., St. James Anglican hall, Paris; the St. George United Church Christmas Market and the Queensview holiday market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and the Brantford Symphony's "Orchestre Salon de Musique" at Paris Community Church, 164 Grand River St. N., 2–3:30 p.m., $30

In Brantford, the Santa Claus Parade turns 50 on Saturday at 6 p.m. Organizers ask people to bring a food-bank donation. The Parade After Party follows in Harmony Square. A City web banner for the after-party is online; it is a City graphic, not a new 2026 photograph.

Coming up: Dec. 4 in Paris, a kids' Christmas party and an Optimist youth dance; the Paris Legion's elimination draw, final draw Dec. 5; Santa parades in Paris Dec. 5 and in Burford and St. George Dec. 12; and new County of Brant Public Library programs, including a photo-printing demo.

Library, Five Oaks and December dates

Holiday Book Bingo begins Dec. 1; Dec. 5 library programs and a Dec. 1 MakerWorkshop in Paris are listed, with Thursday Burford clubs at 6:30–8 p.m. Five Oaks' feast is Dec. 17; Santa photos in St. George Dec. 12.

Ontario lists $100,000 for first-responder mental health in Brant and Brantford

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Ontario’s Nov. 20 funding list shows four $25,000 allocations for first-responder mental health in Brant and Brantford: the County of Brant twice (emergency health and fire), the City of Brantford (fire), and the Brantford Police Service Board (police). The list does not say how each recipient will use the money or when any new local support will be available. Sources: **provincial funding list** · **existing support directory**.

Shoebox Project drop-offs through Dec. 15

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A decorated box with about $50 in gifts and daily essentials, plus a note, for women affected by homelessness. Drop-offs: Brantford Toyota, 5 Woodyatt Dr.; Gamerz Galaxy, 111 Sherwood Dr., Unit 26, Brantford; and Up Yoga + Wellness, 100 Dundas St. E., Paris. Hours and packing: **shoeboxproject.ca/chapters/hnb**.


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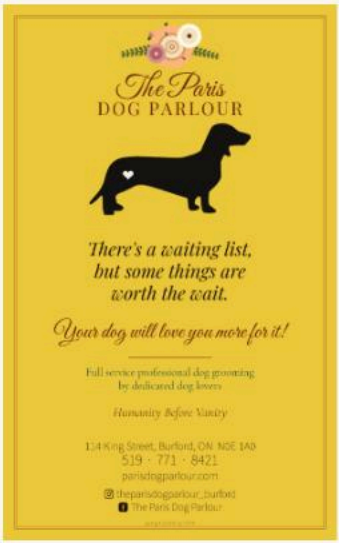

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Your say this week: comments still open, and a grant deadline today

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- **Today, 4 p.m.:** City of Brantford community grants close (Brant Community Foundation). This deadline was in earlier issues and is back because it falls today.

- **Tue. Dec. 1, and council Dec. 8:** written comments on the Contrans rezoning (291 and 297 Bishopsgate Road, file ZBA17-OPA3-26-RC) to planning@brant.ca by Dec. 1. Council decides Dec. 8.
- **Dec. 8, then January 2027:** the Bawcutt Centre zoning by-law amendment goes to County council for information on Dec. 8, with a decision in January 2027. The building stays County-owned. Heritage alteration permits are under way.

- **Model homes zoning change:** comments to policy@brant.ca. A staff decision comes no sooner than Dec. 17.
- **Woodslee Linear Park playground survey,** open to Dec. 11: EngageBrant.ca/WoodsleePark. **Scotland greenspace** draft plan and survey, open to Friday, Dec. 18: engagebrant.ca/scotlandgreenspace.
- **The County of Brant is hiring two Fitness Instructors** (Community Services); apply at brant.ca/jobs. Posted Nov. 24.

*Sources: County of Brant active applications and newsroom notices; City / Brant Community Foundation grants, via Paul's intake (Glenn's Nov. 20 report); Bawcutt Centre: **County notice, Nov. 18**, and the Paris Independent, Nov. 24.*

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Brantford council fills board seats and moves Planning Committee to 6 p.m.

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Brantford City Council on Tuesday appointed members to boards and committees for the 2026–30 term and unanimously approved the Downtown Brantford BIA board. Council voted 10-1 to start Planning Committee meetings at 6 p.m. instead of Thursday mornings. Coun. Linda Hunt moved that amendment, seconded by Coun. Brian Van Tilborg; Coun. Gino Caputo voted against. Item 5.1, as amended, carried 11-0.

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Appointments recorded on the livestream include Caputo and Coun. Karleigh Csordas to the Grand River Conservation Authority, Van Tilborg to the Brantford Police Services Board, and Hunt to the Chamber of Commerce seat. The mover of item 5.1, some seats, and Appendix A were not clear enough on the recording to confirm. In Norfolk, Mayor Adam Veri’s services-review notice had not been posted. Highway 24 fatal just outside Waterford: **Crime, p. 9**.

*Source: Mike, **Nov. 24 livestream**; Michelle Ruby, Simcoe Reformer, Nov. 23.*

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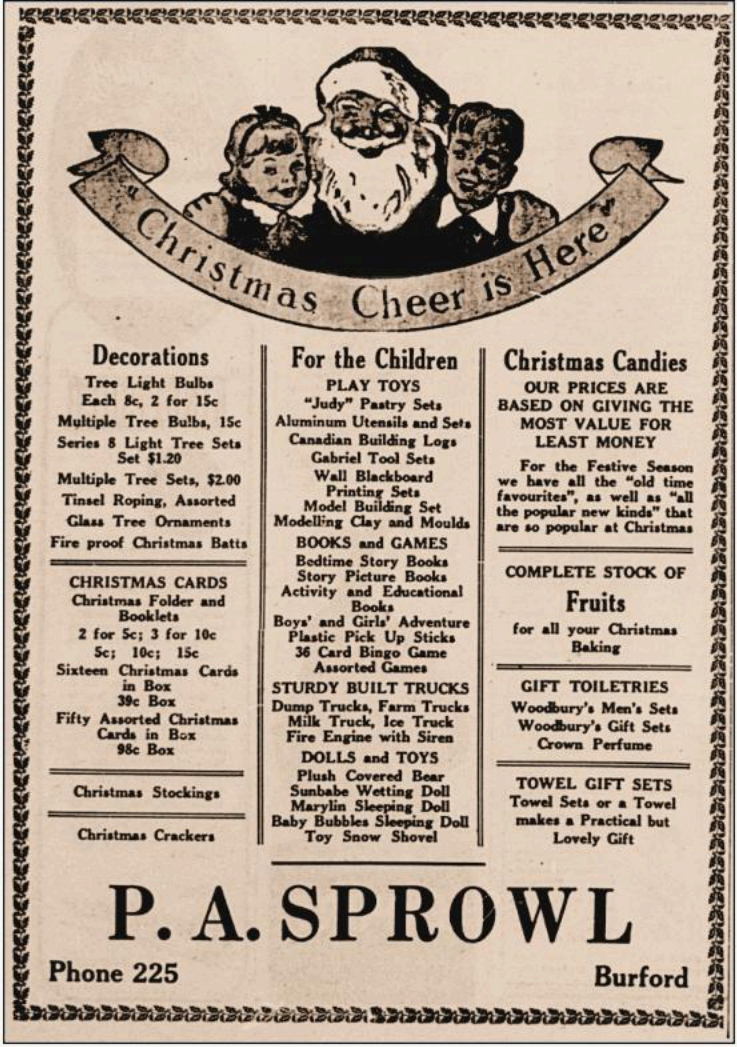

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FLASHBACK 77 – YEARS AGO: HATCHLEY – DEC. 1ST, 1949

FIRE CAUSE OF $10,000 LOSS ON A HATCHLEY FARM:

Fire, which destroyed the large wooden barn on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Ian Moore here, caused a loss estimated at $10,000. Partly covered by insurance.

The fire broke out at about one p.m. Wednesday and the barn and its contents, chiefly hay, were soon a roaring inferno. The building is located within about a hundred yards of the Hatchley sawmill and a number of houses. Fortunately, the wind blew the sky-reaching flames in the opposite direction…

Also in Clay's column today: Harley W.A. bazaar was successful • Burford H.S. annual graduation • Burford Women's Guild bazaar • Northfield news • a white Christmas seems probable • induction service for the Anglican rector in Burford

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Official job boards, starting with the County of Brant and Brantford:

- **County of Brant careers** — including two Fitness Instructor vacancies posted Nov. 24.
- **City of Brantford current opportunities**

- One listing still confirmed in Tuesday's paper and still dated open: City of Brantford Operational Services Technologist, job ID 2639, closing Thursday, Nov. 26, at 4:30 p.m. Apply on the city's board. Recheck the board before treating it as open.

Sources: County of Brant jobs board, Nov. 24 Fitness Instructor notice; City of Brantford current opportunities; Municipal World posting for job ID 2639, as listed in Issue 40 and still dated to close Nov. 26.

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