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Christmas in Paris, three Burford sales and a dozen markets today

The 35th Christmas in Paris artisan show runs today 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Paris Fairgrounds, 139 Silver St. Admission is $2.

In Burford today: the Legion Branch 543 Christmas bake and craft sale and the Christmas bazaar for the Burford Food Bank at the Brant Rod and Gun Club, both 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the Holly Jolly Christmas Craft Sale at Blessed Sacrament School, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with Santa.

In Brantford: St. Joe's Lifecare Holiday Bazaar (9 a.m.–2 p.m.), the Hungarian Hall Christmas Market (10 a.m.–3 p.m.) and the Indigenous Holiday Market at the Woodland Cultural Centre (10 a.m.–4 p.m.). **Sunday:** Hello, Brant! at the Burford Community Centre, noon to 3 p.m., with a free skate.

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Last year's Christmas in Paris show, Paris Fairgrounds, 2025. Image: Kindred Spirits Artisans of Paris (christmasinparis.ca).

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SPORTS • PAGE 21

Storm beat the Bulldogs 5–2 in Guelph

The Bulldogs host Oshawa tonight at 7 p.m. at the TD Civic Centre. The Leafs, losers of five straight, host McDavid and the Oilers at 7 p.m.

Assumption won two AABHN titles Thursday, St. John's and North Park one each. Canada beat Czechia 3–2 and meets Finland in Sunday's world semifinal.

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New council meets Monday. The County of Brant's inaugural council meeting is Monday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m. at the Cainsville Community Centre.

Stelco recalls 175. The Hamilton steelmaker is calling back the workers it laid off this fall.

U.S. flights grounded. The FAA stopped all U.S. flights Friday afternoon after an air traffic control outage; status as reported early Friday evening. Check with your airline.

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Today in Brantford: Cloudy. High 6.

Sunday: high 4. Environment Canada, issued 6:37 p.m. EST Friday, Nov. 13.

CRIME & COURTS • PAGE 14

Modern DNA testing gives names to cold case victims. John Springer on how a Long Island task force used modern DNA techniques to name women found decades ago, including the victim known for nearly 50 years as "Heckscher Jane."

☑ Have your say **POLL**

READER POLL • OPEN THROUGH THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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?

Yes (support rezoning) | No (protect farmland) | Not sure

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Vote at thedailyward.com/poll/contrans

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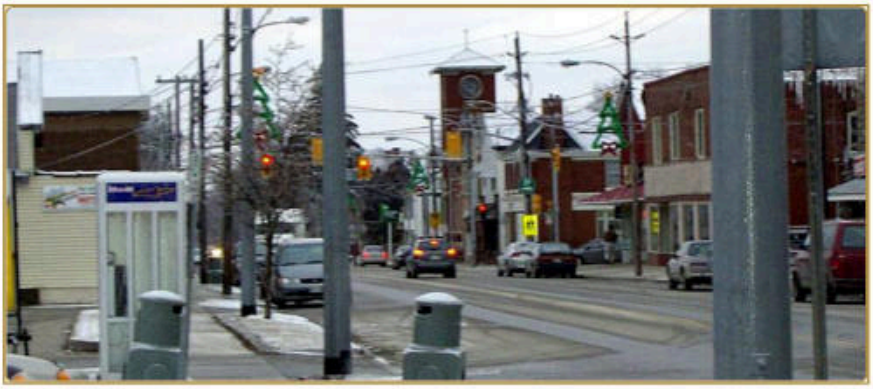
WARD 4 • BURFORD • SCOTLAND • OAKLAND • CATHCART • HARLEY

Three Christmas sales in Burford today

The Legion, the Food Bank bazaar and Blessed Sacrament School all open their doors this morning. Bring a donation for the Burford Food Bank.



Downtown Burford. File photo. Photo: Mikerussell / Wikimedia Commons, CC BY-SA 3.0.

Today's sales

Sale	Where	Time
Christmas bake and craft sale	Royal Canadian Legion Branch 543, Burford	8 a.m.–2 p.m.
Christmas bazaar for the Burford Food Bank (entry by a donation of food or money)	Brant Rod and Gun Club	8 a.m.–2 p.m.
Holly Jolly Christmas Craft Sale, with Santa and a letters-to-Santa table	Blessed Sacrament School, Burford	9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Brant Events, markets listings

Playground stays closed until spring

The large playground at the Burford Community Centre will stay closed until spring 2027. New rubber surfacing was due to go in this fall, but the County says the weather pushed the work back. Updates are at brant.ca/parkprojects.

County of Brant, Nov. 13

SCOTLAND • OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY

Have a say on a new outdoor space in Scotland

The County is drawing up plans for a refreshed outdoor recreation space in Scotland. The draft includes an accessible walking trail, possible biking and recreation features, and better landscaping. Residents can see the draft at a public open house on **Thursday, Nov. 19, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**, at the Scotland Community Centre, 85 Simcoe St. A short presentation starts at 6:45 p.m.

Can't make it? The draft and a short survey will be online until Dec. 18 at EngageBrant.ca/ScotlandGreenspace.

County of Brant, Nov. 11

Coming up in Ward 4

Sunday, Nov. 15, noon–3 p.m.: Hello, Brant! at the Burford Community Centre, with free skating, face painting, popcorn and a prize draw.

Thursday, Nov. 19, 7–9 p.m.: Literature and Writing Café at the Burford library branch, with readings, interviews and questions with Canadian authors. Free.

Saturday, Nov. 21, 5–7 p.m.: Brant For Nature's Owl Prowl, an evening walk with local bird experts in Burford's Lions Park. Free.

Friday, Nov. 27, 5–8 p.m.: Burford Christmas Shopping Spree and Light Up the Night, Burford Village Square.

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BURFORD – Years Ago

Written by Clayton Barker

[For the Nov. 14th 2026 issue]

Burford Post Office Building is Now 100 Years Old:

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Note: I wrote this article back around 2002 for the Burford Times, when there were murmurings around the village that someone was thinking about removing the Post Office from Burford, then in February 2021 it was published in the Burford Advance:

…The present Post Office building in Burford is one of the finest landmarks we have left and though it bears the date "A.D. 1914" (west-facing side of the tower) the construction of this Neoclassic-influenced Public Works Vernacular, brick and stone building, commenced in April 1915 and wasn't opened until 1916 (Completed December 1915). Some may refer to it as an "Edwardian" period building even though the Edwardian period is 1901-1910. Originally, there had been a Cooper shop on the present Post Office site, operated by Daniel Dunn. In order to make way for the new Post Office building, Dunn's Cooper shop building was moved across the street (building eventually became the Miller's Barber shop / Burford Bakery).

The first sod was turned on Monday April 12th, 1915 and two teams of horses and eight men were used to excavate the hole with slush-scrapers. The contract for the project was awarded to Secord & Son of Brantford and the superintendent overseeing the project was E. L. Miller of Brantford. A Mr. Hall of Brantford appears to have been the Architect on behalf of Public Works who inspected the project.

By the end of April 1915, the footings were poured

- by the end of May the stone foundation laid

- July the brickwork (50,000 bricks)

- the building enclosed and roof by August and the interior plastering and mosaic flooring completed by November.

In December 1915 the trim on the building was painted green, property fences were completed with a brown painted board fence at the back and Iron picket fencing on the east and west property lines painted black. Though there were many similar Post Office buildings in Ontario built about the same period (e.g. Norwich and Milton) Burford is fortunate to have held onto this rare structure. Many of these buildings have been demolished or burned, as in the case of Norwich, where only the tower remains.

In the original design, the main floor layout was divided so that the public couldn't go into the main sorting area from the public lobby. The main floor consisted of a public lobby, a general sorting area, storage, Post Master's Office, vault, two rectangular wickets and an enclosed wicket called a "screen-line". During the 1950's the interior was renovated and it made the sorting area almost completely visible to the public and the screen-line was removed and a new counter and steel boxes installed in west tower.

The old original screen-line wickets had a brass mesh cover or grill right to the ceiling. The public could pass their letters through a slot or pass-thru opening at the bottom, and make transactions such as purchasing stamps.

Beside the two regular wickets was a Dutch-door …Parcels were handed through this opening. At the Far East end of the main floor was a small caged-in room enclosed with steel mesh (cage went right to the ceiling). This room was a strong-room used to hold considerable amounts of cash. The man inside could lock himself in while he issued money orders and did some banking transactions.

Upstairs on the second floor of the Post office was the care taker's quarters and a customs office. There was never a need for a customs Office in the Burford Post Office so this area became a storage space and later the Burford Public Library used this space. Above the second floor is the clock tower with the clock works mechanism that runs the clock. The bell is triggered by a wire running from the clock tower to the bell in the belfry behind the clock tower. A lot of people assume that the bell is in the clock tower, but it is in a separate smaller belfry behind the big tower.

Many other changes, including the wheel chair ramp etc., have occurred since the 1950 renovation.

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BURFORD – Years Ago

Written by Clayton Barker

Note: In 2010 and 2011, I was asked by the Federal authorities, to provide built heritage advice and historical research for the new paint job and the replacement of the two entrance stairs, in keeping with the original 1915 design.



c1924 view of the Burford Post Office. Photo Clayton Barker Personal Collection

REFERENCE: the above excerpts are from Brantford Expositor clippings.

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WARDS 1, 2, 3 AND 5 • ST. GEORGE • PARIS • CAINSVILLE • ONONDAGA

Christmas in Paris runs today and Sunday

The 35th artisan show is at the Paris Fairgrounds, 139 Silver St., today 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $2, and parking is free.

WARDS 2 AND 3 • PARIS

Help design the new Woodslee playground

The County is adding about 1,140 square metres of green space to Woodslee Linear Park, near Hartley Avenue, including a new playground. Residents are asked what the playground should look like, from play equipment to seating, shade and landscaping. The survey is open until **Friday, Dec. 11** at EngageBrant.ca/WoodsleePark. A design concept comes back to the community in early 2027, before construction.

County of Brant, Nov. 13

Paris roads: paving next week, a detour coming

Mick Jones Way, between Willow and William streets in the East Flats, closes for paving starting the week of Nov. 16, weather permitting, for about five business days. Parking will be allowed on both sides of Walnut Street.

Dundas Street East, Paris Road and Oak Park Road: Paris Road is open to two-way traffic, and base paving is done on Dundas Street East. Next, Governors Road will drop to one-way westbound for about four weeks for sewer work, with eastbound traffic detoured. The County will announce the start date. Final paving is planned for spring 2027.

County of Brant, paving notice, Nov. 12 · County of Brant, construction update, Nov. 13

Today in Paris

Thrift for Charity at St. Paul's United Church, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., for the Sexual Assault Centre of Brant. Sacred Heart Christmas tea and bazaar, Sacred Heart Parish Centre, noon–3 p.m. The Paris Mounties host New Hamburg at 7:30 p.m. at the Brant Sports Complex.

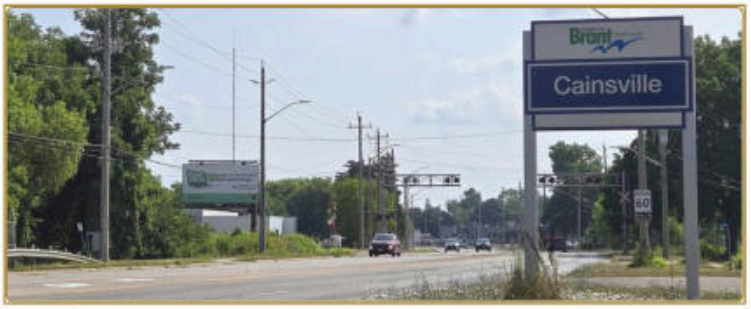
Brant Events, Christmas in Paris listing · Christmas in Paris · Brant Events, markets

WARD 5 • CAINSVILLE • MONDAY

New County council meets Monday in Cainsville

The inaugural meeting of the new County of Brant council is set for **Monday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m.** at the TF Warren Group Cainsville Community Centre. The meeting will be livestreamed at brant.ca/Live and posted afterward. The agenda is at brant.ca/CouncilCalendar.

County of Brant, Nov. 13



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Ward 1 • St. George

The St. George Ravens (GMHL) host Orangeville on Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Gaukel Memorial Community Centre. Hello, Brant! comes to the Gaukel centre on Sunday, Nov. 22, 12:30–3:30 p.m., and the St. George Community Tree Lighting is Thursday, Nov. 26, 6:30 p.m., in Snowball Park, with a toy drive, a bonfire and Santa.

Brant Events, family listings · Brant Events, seasonal

Ward 5 • Onondaga

Onondaga-on-the-Grand's sixth Christmas Craft Sale is Saturday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., at the Onondaga Community Hall. Admission is free.

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LOCAL NEWS • HOLIDAY EVENTS • THIS WEEKEND

Your Christmas weekend: bazaars, markets and a parade

More than 20 sales, markets and family events across Brant and Brantford today and Sunday. Times are as posted by organizers. Please check before you go.

Saturday, Nov. 14

Time	Event	Where
8 a.m.–2 p.m.	**Christmas bake and craft sale**	Legion Branch 543, Burford
8 a.m.–2 p.m.	**Christmas bazaar for the Burford Food Bank** — entry by donation	Brant Rod and Gun Club
8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.	**Smokey Hollow Estates craft and bake sale** — café, plants and books; cash only	Smokey Hollow Estates
9 a.m.–2 p.m.	**St. Joe's Lifecare Holiday Bazaar** — free admission and parking	St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre, Brantford
9 a.m.–3 p.m.	**Holly Jolly Christmas Craft Sale** — with Santa	Blessed Sacrament School, Burford
9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.	**Christmas in Paris Artisan Show and Sale** — $2	Paris Fairgrounds, 139 Silver St.
10 a.m.–2 p.m.	**Holiday Market at Braemar House School**	Braemar House School, Brantford
10 a.m.–2 p.m.	**Merriest of Markets**	Brant's Landing, Lynden Road, Brantford
10 a.m.–3 p.m.	**Hungarian Hall Christmas Market** — with a hot Hungarian lunch	104 Albion St., Brantford
10 a.m.–3 p.m.	**Thrift for Charity** — for the Sexual Assault Centre of Brant	St. Paul's United Church, Paris
10 a.m.–4 p.m.	**Geeky Gifts Holiday Market** — Brantford Comic Con; $8.79–$11.98	Branlyn Community Centre, Brantford
10 a.m.–4 p.m.	**Indigenous Holiday Market** — as listed by Discover Brantford	Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford
10 a.m.–4 p.m.	**Brant FanFest: 30 Years of Pokémon** — free	Paris library branch
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	**Carols and Crowns: A Princess Christmas** — $25 plus fees	Browndale Farm, Paris
Noon–3 p.m.	**Sacred Heart Christmas tea and bazaar**	Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Paris
2 p.m.	**Hamilton Santa Claus Parade (Beyond Brant)**	Hamilton Mountain

Brant Events, markets · Brant Events, family · Discover Brantford, holiday markets · CBC Hamilton, parades, Nov. 12



Kindred Spirits Artisans at last year's Christmas in Paris show, Paris Fairgrounds, 2025. Image: Kindred Spirits Artisans of Paris (christmasinparis.ca).

Sunday, Nov. 15

Time	Event	Where
10 a.m.–4 p.m.	**Project Warm Dog Christmas Market** — for dog houses in remote northern communities	The Rope Factory, 111 Sherwood Dr., Brantford
11 a.m.–4 p.m.	**Christmas in Paris, last day**	Paris Fairgrounds
Noon–3 p.m.	**Hello, Brant!** — free skate	Burford Community Centre
6–10 p.m.	**Women in Business Night Market** — free	Smash N Axes Emporium, Brantford

Brant Events, Project Warm Dog · Brant Events, community

TONIGHT • ON STAGE AND ON ICE

The Bulldogs host Oshawa at 7 p.m. at the TD Civic Centre (Sports, page 21). Concerts and shows for the weekend and the week ahead are in Arts & Entertainment, page 20.

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LOCAL NEWS • HOLIDAY EVENTS • THE WEEK AHEAD

Paris lights up Friday; Brantford's 50th parade is Nov. 28

Jingle Bell Night and the Lions Park lights open the season in Paris on Nov. 20. Next Saturday brings seven more markets.

Through Friday, Nov. 20

Tue. Nov. 17, 6–9 p.m.: Sassy's Christmas Vendor Sip & Shop, Sassy Britches Brewing Co., Brantford. Free.

Fri. Nov. 20 and Sat. Nov. 21: Rotary Sunrise Holiday House Tour, a self-guided tour of decorated Brantford homes, from 185 King George Rd. About $44 on Eventbrite, for Rotary Brantford-Sunrise.

Fri. Nov. 20, 5–6 p.m.: Holiday Lights in Paris Lions Park kickoff, 60 Laurel St., with hot chocolate from the Lions Club of Paris while it lasts. The lights stay on every night in December.

Fri. Nov. 20, 5–10 p.m.: Jingle Bell Night in downtown Paris, Grand River Street North: the tree lighting in Cobblestone Commons, music, hot chocolate and cider, store deals and the Firefighters Toy Drive. Free. Downtown Paris BIA.

Brant Events, Jingle Bell Night · Brant Events, Rotary house tour · County of Brant, holiday events · Brant Events, seasonal

Saturday, Nov. 21: seven markets

Time	Market	Where
9 a.m.–noon	**Christmas Market** — pies, baking, raffle	Harmony United Church
9 a.m.–2 p.m.	**Onondaga Christmas Craft Sale** — free	Onondaga Community Hall
10 a.m.–2 p.m.	**ARTC Christmas Bazaar** — free	Adult Recreation Therapy Centre
10 a.m.–3 p.m.	**Trendy Vendor and Christmas Market**	Woodman Park Community Centre
10 a.m.–4 p.m.	**Paris Sip n Shop Holiday Market (also Sun. 11–3)** — $5 both days; 12 and under free	Paris Fairgrounds
10 a.m.–4 p.m.	**Magic of Giving Holiday Market** — $3, for Lansdowne Children's Centre	Best Western Brantford, 19 Holiday Dr.
11 a.m.–3 p.m.	**Jingle by the Grand** — free	Gathering Place by the Grand, Ohsweken

Brant Events, markets · Brant Events, Paris Sip n Shop · Brant Events, Magic of Giving

BRANTFORD • SATURDAY, NOV. 28

The 50th Santa Claus Parade

Brantford's 50th annual Santa Claus Parade starts at 6 p.m. downtown on Saturday, Nov. 28, followed by a free Parade After Party with photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, treats and live music.

CBC Hamilton, Nov. 12

Sun. Nov. 22, 1–4 p.m.: Pet Pics with Santa, Sassy Britches Brewing, for a donation to the Brant County SPCA.

Thu. Nov. 26, 6:30 p.m.: St. George Community Tree Lighting, Snowball Park. **Fri. Nov. 27, 5–8 p.m.:** Burford Light Up the Night, Burford Village Square.

Brant Events, community

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LOCAL NEWS • BRANTFORD AND THE COUNTY

Five months after his car burned, a Brantford father still has no answer

Irfan Walji's 2023 Hyundai Kona N caught fire in his driveway in June. The fire spread to a second car and the garage. Transport Canada says it is still assessing the case.

Walji told CBC Hamilton a neighbour called in the middle of the night on June 15 to say his car was on fire and the family had to get out. They did not lose the house, but the family is still renovating, and his five-year-old daughter has not slept alone since.

He bought the car new at a Brantford dealership, had it serviced only there, and knew of no recalls. Its knock sensor had been replaced on June 1. Brantford Fire said it does not normally investigate car fires, and Brantford Police said the fire "was deemed to not be suspicious."

Walji reported the fire to Transport Canada in June. A spokesperson said its assessment continues and the owner will get a report when it is done, adding that fire can destroy the evidence of a cause. Hyundai Auto Canada told CBC it is aware of the case but does not have enough information to determine a cause.

CBC Hamilton, Justin Chandler, Nov. 13

Chickenpox exposure at Brantford General

Grand Erie Public Health says people in Brantford General Hospital's emergency waiting room from 10:23 to 10:36 a.m., or the zone 7 waiting room from 10:36 a.m. to 12:26 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 6, may have been exposed to chickenpox. Watch for symptoms until Nov. 27. Infants, pregnant people who are not immune, and people with weakened immune systems should see their doctor or a walk-in clinic as soon as possible. Without a family doctor, call the Primary Care Access Clinic at 226-388-4725.

BrantBeacon, Michael Stamou, Nov. 12



Brantford Fire at a townhouse fire at 273 Elgin St., Thursday, Nov. 12. Photo: Brian Thompson / Brantford Expositor / Postmedia Network.

One to hospital after Elgin Street fire

One person was taken to hospital after a fire in a townhouse at 273 Elgin St. at 3:40 a.m. Thursday. Deputy Chief Wayne Robinson told The Expositor that crews found the person inside, conscious, and handed them to paramedics. He believed they were being treated for smoke inhalation. The fire started in the basement. The cause has not been determined.

Brantford Expositor, Brian Thompson, Nov. 13

Leaf and yard waste: out by 7 a.m.

The County says some Thursday and Friday leaf and yard waste pickups were not finished. Crews will finish by the end of today. If yours was not picked up, leave it at the curb or put it back out by 7 a.m.

County of Brant, Nov. 13

"Holy crap!" — $82,782 on Lotto 6/49

Selvin M. of Brantford won a second prize of $82,782.50 in the Sept. 19 Lotto 6/49 draw. He has played for more than 25 years. "When I saw this big figure, I said, 'Holy crap!'" he told OLG. He plans to invest it.

BrantBeacon, Michael Stamou, Nov. 12

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LOCAL NEWS • TRANSIT • POLICE • BRANT VOTES

Students want a GO train to Hamilton and Waterloo

The Tamil Association of Brantford-Brant has joined the calls for better GO Transit, saying students leave the city, or pay to live away, because they can't commute.

"The absence of reliable Go Train service often forces students to either relocate or take on expensive and time-consuming arrangements," the association's director, Chandrasekar Venkatesan, told The Expositor.

Bhumi Shah, a third-year kinesiology student at the University of Waterloo and a member of the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves, said a GO train from Brantford to Waterloo and Hamilton would help many students, and would get him to his training unit in Hamilton. Yuvan Anandan, a third-year medical sciences student at Western University, said students who leave face added costs for housing and travel home.

Brantford Expositor, Nov. 13

SIU clears Brantford officers in July arrest

The Special Investigations Unit has cleared Brantford police officers in the July 10 arrest of a 45-year-old man who broke his left knee. A neighbour had reported a man swinging an axe near Erie Avenue and Veterans Memorial Parkway. Police were also looking for him on warrants. Officers found three knives on him after the arrest. SIU Director Joseph Martino said a kick and the force used to take him down were reasonable because officers had cause to believe he had an edged weapon.

Brantford Expositor, Nov. 13

Haldimand OPP seek hit-and-run video (Beyond Brant)

A pedestrian was hurt, not life-threatening, when a motorcyclist hit them and left on Indian Line Road in Hagersville, between Concession 14 Walpole and New Credit Road, at about 7:50 p.m. on Nov. 8. Anyone with dash-camera or security video is asked to call Haldimand OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Brantford Expositor, Nov. 13

BRANT VOTES • FEDERAL BY-ELECTION, DEC. 7

Nominations close Monday at 2 p.m.

Elections Canada is expected to publish the full list of confirmed candidates on Wednesday, Nov. 18. Advance polls run Friday, Nov. 27, to Monday, Nov. 30, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at 6 p.m. is the last chance to vote at the local Elections Canada office or apply for a mail-in ballot. Election day is Monday, Dec. 7, 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Check your registration at ereg.elections.ca.

BrantVotes, key dates, Nov. 9 · CBC Hamilton, how to vote, Nov. 10

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Should the new council back the TFI/Contrans rezoning at Bishopsgate Road? The Daily Ward reader poll is open through Thursday, Nov. 19. Vote at thedailyward.com/poll/contrans/.

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LOCAL NEWS • BEYOND BRANT • PORT DOVER • FRIDAY THE 13TH

Chilly temperatures, "good crowd" for Port Dover's last Friday the 13th of 2026



Main Street in Port Dover stayed open to traffic as a smaller crowd marked Friday the 13th in single-digit temperatures. Photo by Brian Thompson / Brantford Expositor.

PORT DOVER — Single-digit temperatures didn't keep bikers and motorcycle enthusiasts away from Port Dover on Friday, Nov. 13, for the town's third and final Friday the 13th gathering of 2026.

No official attendance figure had been published as of Friday evening. Before the event, Coffee Shop owner Kathy Mercey told CBC News, "We anticipate 1,000 or 1,500 people this Friday [but] a warm, sunny day could easily bring more". That was a projection, not a count.

On the day, Port Dover Board of Trade manager Jan Overend said "it's surprisingly busy" given the time of year and the forecast. "There's a good crowd in Port Dover, so I think everybody is reasonably happy," she told the Brantford Expositor.

With a smaller turnout, Main Street stayed open to traffic. Norfolk County had said beforehand that no road closures were planned. "Friday the 13th dates outside the spring and summer months have historically attracted smaller crowds," county communications supervisor Jarah Stefek told the Port Dover Maple Leaf.

Riders bundled up for the trip. "I ride all year-round," said 75-year-old Dave Bate of Simcoe, who rode a 1600 Vulcan with a trike kit. Tammie Bate wore a heated T-shirt under her leather jacket. Ian McLean of Toronto drew a stream of photographers to Charlie, his five-year-old Morkie, who wore a leather jacket, helmet and goggles.

Norfolk OPP kept a visible presence in town. "While off-season events typically attract smaller crowds than those held during the summer months, favourable weather conditions may encourage additional motorcyclists and visitors," Const. Andrew Gamble said in a news release.

The Kinsmen Club of Port Dover sold event shirts and toques at the Elmer Lewis parking lot. This edition's shirt has a Remembrance Day theme with the words "Freedom Rides Forever". The club is already planning for Aug. 13, 2027, "where we will have a full-blown event with camping, vendors, beer tents and more," said Amie Ferris.

Summer Friday the 13ths can draw 150,000 people or more to the town of about 7,500, Mercey said.

Brantford Expositor / The Paris Star, Brian Thompson, Nov. 13 · CBC News, Paul Forsyth, Nov. 12 · Port Dover Maple Leaf, Jacob Fehr, Nov. 11 · Simcoe Reformer, Kinsmen PD13 design



Ian McLean of Toronto holds Charlie, his five-year-old Morkie, in a leather jacket, helmet and goggles. Photo by Brian Thompson / Brantford Expositor.



Dave and Tammie Bate of Simcoe with their 1600 Vulcan trike on Main Street. Photo by Brian Thompson / Brantford Expositor.



Ed Danson of Hamilton with his Suzuki Boulevard S83 on Main Street. Photo by Brian Thompson / Brantford Expositor.



A line for Friday the 13th souvenir T-shirts outside a Main Street shop. Photo by Brian Thompson / Brantford Expositor.

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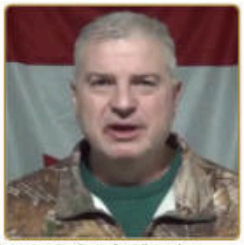
BRANTFORD–BRANT SOUTH • NOV. 14, 2026

Brantford–Brant South by-election: The Daily Ward's questions for every candidate

The Daily Ward sent these questions to the candidates' campaigns Friday night, Nov. 13, asking for responses within 72 hours, by about Monday night, Nov. 16; the response period is still open, and responses received will be published in later coverage.



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Leslie Bory
INDEPENDENT

The published reasons in R. v. Bory, 2026 ONCA 542 record convictions for advocating genocide, wilful promotion of hatred and two counts of uttering threats. That decision distinguishes those convictions from acquittals on other charges and describes pending appeals concerning an acquittal and sentencing.

1. In light of the convictions recorded by the court, what responsibility do you personally accept for the harm caused by your statements?
2. The court describes calls for violence against Jewish people. Do you unequivocally repudiate those calls today?
3. What concrete actions have you taken to demonstrate that Jewish residents could safely approach you for help and receive equal representation?
4. What limits do you believe public figures must observe when speaking about people they oppose?
5. What evidence of changed conduct can you offer voters who question whether they can trust your judgment?



Photo not available

Dirk Byers
CHRISTIAN HERITAGE PARTY

I have confirmed the party affiliation in provisional election listings, but have not established enough of your individual public record to attribute past actions or policy positions to you.

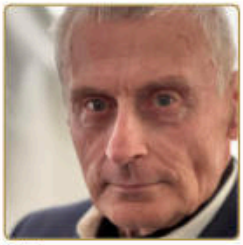
1. What have you personally done for this community that best demonstrates why residents should trust you with public office?
2. Tell voters about a time you defended the fair treatment of someone whose beliefs differed sharply from your own.
3. Which political belief have you changed after hearing evidence or listening to someone affected by it?
4. What would you do if your party's position conflicted with your judgment about the rights and needs of a constituent?
5. What mistake in your working or community life best shows how you accept responsibility and make things right?



Photo: davecarrol.ca

Dave Carrol
INDEPENDENT

1. You sought the Conservative nomination before running as an independent. What conviction would have made you stand against the Conservative Party even if you had received its nomination?
2. Your public identity includes "Captain Kindness" and decades of community service. Tell voters about a time kindness required you to confront someone powerful rather than keep the peace.
3. As a pastor seeking to represent people of every faith and no faith, when have you defended someone's freedom to make a choice you personally disagreed with?
4. You have served on advisory bodies dealing with policing, homelessness, addictions and mental health. What did someone directly affected by those issues teach you that changed your own position?
5. Your platform promises independent representation and better communication. What public accountability commitment would you accept that allows residents to judge whether you are keeping that promise?



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Mike Clancy
INDEPENDENT

1. Your previous provincial platform described a health and housing emergency. What personal experience made that issue a defining cause for you?
2. You describe advocacy work helping people obtain benefits and fair treatment. Without exposing anyone's private information, what case best demonstrates how you act when the system tells someone "no"?
3. Your published advocacy makes strong accusations about political parties and corporate influence. What standard of evidence do you use before accusing someone of deliberately harming people?
4. Your earlier platform supported recall and other democratic reforms. What accountability rule would you willingly apply to yourself as an MP?
5. Several causes you have championed involve provincial responsibilities. How will you distinguish what you can actually deliver as a federal MP from what you can only advocate for?



Photo: Brantford—Brant South Conservative EDA

Kevin Davis
CONSERVATIVE

1. In your 2026 mayoral address, you described progress on housing alongside continuing affordability pressures. Which housing decision from your time as mayor would you make differently today, and why?
2. The airport boundary-adjustment process was paused because there was insufficient time to finalize the agreement and provide adequate public review. What responsibility do you personally take for how that process reached that point?
3. Having represented Brantford as mayor, what would you do if the city wanted something that County of Brant residents strongly opposed?
4. Your mayoral address highlighted the Sports and Entertainment Centre while acknowledging infrastructure backlogs and financial pressures. What principle guides you when choosing between a major new project and maintaining services people already depend on?
5. What is the strongest fair criticism of your leadership as mayor, and what have you changed because of it?



Photo: Submitted / The Paris Star

Kathryn Kissinger
GREEN PARTY

1. Your background includes human resources and labour relations. Without identifying anyone, describe a time you challenged an employer's decision because you believed it treated a worker unfairly.
2. You have worked with businesses and nonprofit organizations. What experience changed your understanding of the pressures faced by people who employ others?
3. Your biography emphasizes listening and collaboration. Tell voters about a disagreement you could not resolve by finding common ground, and how you made the final decision.
4. What would you do if a Green Party policy imposed a serious immediate burden on local workers or families, even though you supported its long-term purpose?
5. Through your community board and volunteer work, what problem did you initially misunderstand, and whose experience helped you see it differently?



Photo: Liberal Party of Canada

Joy O'Donnell
LIBERAL

1. Your background is in financial planning. What experience taught you the difference between someone making poor financial choices and someone simply not having enough money to survive?
2. As the Liberal candidate, which current Liberal policy do you believe needs correcting, and would you publicly press your own government to change it?
3. You have served in community leadership, including as a Rotary president. Describe a difficult decision where serving the community meant disappointing people you knew personally.
4. What lesson from your previous federal campaign changed how you listen to people who will probably never vote for you?
5. If a government announcement sounded impressive but delivered little locally, what evidence would persuade you to say publicly that your own party had fallen short?



Photo: Submitted / Brantford Expositor

Brad Ward
NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

1. You have served as a city councillor and an MPP. Which decision from your time in elected office do you most regret, and what would you do differently now?
2. Your campaign points to work securing a location for a women's shelter. What did that experience teach you about listening to people whose safety depends on decisions made by politicians?
3. You also highlight your work establishing the Labour Centre. Tell voters about a time you disagreed with an ally in the labour movement and how you handled it.
4. Your campaign criticizes attacks on the right to strike. Would you defend that right when a strike seriously inconveniences your own supporters, and where would you draw the line?
5. After your years in politics and community coaching, what belief have you changed because a younger person challenged you?

Questions: The Daily Ward editorial, Glenn Hughes · Leslie Bory photo, screengrab, Brantford Expositor, April 3, 2025 · Dave Carrol photo, davecarrol.ca · Mike Clancy photo, None of the Above Party candidate page, nota.ca · Kevin Davis photo, Brantford—Brant South Conservative EDA · Kathryn Kissinger photo, submitted, The Paris Star, Nov. 11, 2026 · Joy O'Donnell photo, Liberal Party of Canada · Brad Ward photo, submitted, Brantford Expositor · Dirk Byers: no verifiable campaign, party, Elections Canada or news portrait found; photo plate used

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CRIME & COURTS • COLD CASES

Modern DNA testing gives names to cold case victims

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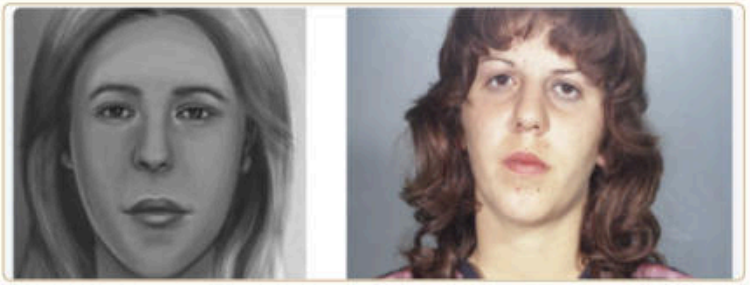
Accompanied by his dog, a man scanning East Beach in Long Island's Heckscher State Park with a metal detector made an unexpected find on a bright Sunday afternoon in April of 1978. The dog started scratching at a hole in the sand about 150 feet from the shore of the Great South Bay.

But instead of finding buried treasure, the detectorist and his dog discovered a complete human skeleton buried more than two feet down with the remnants of a belt wrapped around the neck.

For nearly a half century, the murdered woman was identified only as "Heckscher Jane" in the New York media, which quickly forgot about her. That changed recently when a joint Suffolk County police and district attorney's office task force used modern DNA techniques to give names to her and five other "Does" found between 1976 and 1999.

"Every person deserves to be known by their name, and every victim deserves answers and justice. Five decades have passed since the first of these individuals was found deceased, but our commitment to identifying them and pursuing justice has never wavered," Suffolk District Attorney Raymond A. Tierney said in a press release. "Restoring their identities is about more than solving a cold case. It's the first step in determining what happened to them and giving their families long-awaited answers that they deserve."

Heckscher Jane's real name was Antoinette Rugg, 26, the mother of a 10-year-old boy. Authorities believe she was strangled at that beach within three years of the discovery. Her DNA was submitted to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) database previously, but it was only after a second search with modern genetic sequencing techniques that investigators made a match.



A forensic sketch of "Heckscher Jane" (left) alongside a photo of Antoinette Rugg, whose remains were found in Heckscher State Park in 1978. (Courtesy of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office)

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Two other of the six "Does" identified by the task force were also homicide victims.

From the press release:

Raymond Doe (1976)

On November 27, 1976, three individuals were hunting for rabbits in Deer Park. At approximately 10:30 a.m., they discovered a male victim, lying face up, who had been severely burned. The group immediately notified law enforcement.

The subsequent investigation revealed that the victim had suffered a gunshot wound to his lower right abdomen, which ultimately caused his death. In light of the tattoo "Raymond" on the victim's left upper arm, this unidentified individual has only been referred to as "Raymond Doe" for nearly fifty years.

Today, the victim can finally be referred to by his name: RAMON PEREZ Y RIVERA, a native of Arecibo, Puerto Rico, born in October 1935. Mr. Rivera's last documented proof of life was on April 17, 1950, where he was recorded in the United States Census as "Raymond." At the time, Mr. Rivera lived in South Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Mr. Rivera would have been approximately 41 years old at the time of his death.

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John Springer, johnspringer.com, Nov. 13, 2026

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Modern DNA testing gives names to cold case victims, continued

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Montauk Mary (1978)

On March 22, 1978, at approximately 12:30 p.m., a United States Airman was seated in his vehicle while on lunch break at the East Overlook Park on Montauk Highway. At that time, he observed the body of an elderly white female approximately 15 feet from the parking lot.

The Medical Examiner's Office determined that the victim suffered four gunshot wounds and had likely been deceased for mere hours before being found.

For the last 48 years, the victim could only be referred to as "Montauk Mary." Today, the victim can finally be referred to by her name: SOFIA MARGHERITA MARRONE of Pleasantville, NJ, born on January 18, 1905. Ms. Marrone was last seen just days before her death, on March 16, 1978, as she left Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point, NJ. At the time of her death, the victim was 73 years old.

The three additional individuals who were publicly identified this week are:

Riverhead Jane Doe (1990)

On March 12, 1990, at approximately 12:40 p.m., a Riverhead Town employee was operating a street sweeper near a wooded area off Osborne Avenue, south of Horton Road, in Riverhead. At that time, the employee saw what he believed to be a mannequin just off the side of the road. Upon closer inspection, he observed the body of a deceased Asian female.

The woman's cause of death remains under investigation. While the victim had previously been identified by law enforcement, her identity was never made public. Today, the Cold Case Task Force released the identity of "Riverhead Jane Doe" as: KYONG-OK KIM of South Korea, born on November 30, 1957.

The investigation established that in 1978, Ms. Kim married, moved to the United States and settled in Michigan. Later that year, Ms. Kim gave birth to a son. Around 1985, Ms. Kim became estranged from her family and moved to New York where she worked, for a time, at a grocery store in Manhattan and resided in Woodside, Queens. At the time of her death, Ms. Kim was 32 years old.

John Doe (1990)

On November 4, 1990, an unidentified male was found deceased and floating in the Atlantic Ocean by the United States Coast Guard, approximately nine miles south of Fire Island. Due to the circumstances in which the victim was found, the victim's cause of death is believed to be drowning.

For almost 36 years, this individual remained nameless. Today, as a result of advancements in fingerprint analysis, his identity is restored as: OMELIOS STEWARD, born on June 23, 1962. Mr. Steward was 28 years old at the time of his death.

John Doe (1999)

On December 24, 1999, a partially decomposed body was found alongside the high tide mark east of Ditch Plains in Montauk. For almost 27 years, this individual could only be referred to as "John Doe."

Recently, through partnerships with Interpol, the New Jersey State Police, the Suffolk County Crime Laboratory, East Hampton Town Police, and German Authorities, this individual has been identified as: ANDREAS KUPKE, born on September 23, 1972. He was a German citizen who was 27 years old at the time of his death.

Mr. Kupke was scheduled to visit the United States between November 24 and December 4, 1999. He arrived at Newark International Airport on November 24, 1999, but never boarded his return flight on December 4, 1999. Subsequently, Mr. Kupke's parents reported their son missing to German authorities. Nearly twenty-seven years later, his parents were finally notified of the circumstances of their son's death.

The Investigations Continue

"For far too long, these victims remained unidentified, but they were never forgotten," said Suffolk County Police Commissioner Kevin Catalina. "Advances in forensic science and the persistence of the District Attorney's Cold Case Unit, which includes Suffolk County Police detectives, have finally given us their names. Our work is not done and we remain committed to uncovering the circumstances of their deaths."

Anyone with information about these or any other unresolved cases is encouraged to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-220-TIPS or by visiting their website: https://suffolkpd.org.

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BEYOND BRANT • ONTARIO AND THE REGION

Stelco calls back 175 laid-off Hamilton steelworkers

The workers will be back by Dec. 1 with back pay for the layoff, the company says. The union called it "a pretty good victory."

Stelco said Friday it will recall the 175 workers laid off this fall at its Hamilton plant and pay them retroactively for the time they were off. Its U.S. parent, Cleveland-Cliffs, had said in September it could lay off as many as 500 people as it idled some production, citing U.S. tariffs, weak demand and imported steel.

Ottawa said the layoffs broke binding commitments Cleveland-Cliffs made when it bought Stelco in 2024, including keeping unionized staff at 2024 levels through 2029. Industry Minister Mélanie Joly had said she would seek a court order to force a sale of the plant if she did not hear from the company by the end of Friday. After the announcement she called the recall "a huge win." Ron Wells, president of United Steelworkers Local 1005, told CBC the company was "forced to live up to their commitments."

CBC News, Nov. 13

An "aggressive package" to keep Stellantis in Brampton

Ottawa and Ontario say they have offered Stellantis an "aggressive package" to stop the sale of its Brampton plant. Joly said she, Unifor and Ontario's Vic Fedeli will pitch Stellantis CEO Antonio Filosa on survival "scenarios" drawn up by the union. Fedeli said any support would come from the $2.5 billion for autos in October's $8.7-billion federal-provincial package. Three industry sources told CBC they were surprised to hear a package was on the table.

CBC News, Nov. 13

Jury convicts "woodland rapist" after three decades

A Brampton jury on Friday found Richard Neil, 67, of Toronto guilty of 17 offences, including kidnapping and sexual assault, in attacks on three children in parks in Kitchener, Brampton and Oakville in 1992, 1994 and 1995. Advances in forensic technology led to his arrest in 2024. He will be sentenced later.

CBC News, Thomas Daigle, Nov. 13

Hamilton Sheraton kitchen closed in food-poisoning probe

Hamilton Public Health is investigating a possible food-poisoning outbreak after two groups who ate at banquets at the Sheraton Hamilton, 116 King St. W., between Nov. 5 and 7 reported illness. No one was hospitalized. The kitchen has been closed since Nov. 10 and may not reopen until public health approves. No food item or source has been confirmed. Anyone who ate there Nov. 5 to 10 and is sick should seek care if symptoms are severe, or call Health811.

CBC Hamilton, Paul Forsyth, Nov. 13

A five-star hotel in a Niagara power plant

The Toronto Power Generating Station above the Horseshoe Falls, shut for more than 50 years, is to become a $350-million boutique hotel with restaurants, event space, free public viewing areas and a rooftop deck. Pearle Hospitality, behind the Elora Mill, leads the project with Society Developments. Ground was broken Thursday. Construction should be substantially done by 2029.

CBC Hamilton, Paul Forsyth, Nov. 13

Fewer people, more visits at Waterloo food bank

The Food Bank of Waterloo Region's annual report shows 66,945 people in 24,984 households got food help from July 2025 to June 2026, down 8 per cent. But more than 7,600 households used a hamper program more than eight times, and partners gave out a record 10.5 million pounds of food. CEO Kim Wilhelm said it shows food insecurity "is becoming more persistent."

CBC Kitchener-Waterloo, Kate Bueckert, Nov. 13

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BEYOND BRANT • CANADA AND THE WORLD

U.S. grounds every flight after air traffic control outage

The FAA ordered a nationwide ground stop shortly before 4 p.m. ET Friday. Pearson had no U.S. flights scheduled to arrive or leave. Canadian air traffic control was not affected.

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration said a communications outage affecting "all air route traffic control centres" forced it to stop all commercial flights across the country, citing "extraordinary circumstances." FlightAware showed nearly 7,000 U.S. flights delayed or cancelled, CBC reported.

U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin said the outage was not a security incident. "This isn't another 9/11," he said. He saw no reason to link it to this week's global Microsoft outage, but said no technical cause had been ruled out.

Toronto Pearson said there were "no scheduled U.S.-bound departures or arrivals" and told travellers to check with their airline before leaving home. Montreal, Vancouver and Calgary airports gave similar warnings. Nav Canada said Canadian systems were running normally. Transport Minister Steven McKinnon said Ottawa was monitoring the situation.

A full U.S. stoppage has happened only twice in the past 25 years, CBC noted: on Jan. 11, 2023, and on Sept. 11, 2001. *Status as reported early Friday evening. Check with your airline before you travel.*

CBC News live updates, Nov. 13 · CBC Toronto, Pearson, Nov. 13

Microsoft: no timeline for a full fix

Microsoft says it is "deeply sorry" for the multi-day outage that has disrupted email and work tools for businesses and governments worldwide. Services saw "broad recovery" by midday Friday, but the company said it has no estimate for a full recovery while it clears queued messages. Toronto hospitals said email was returning to normal.

CBC News live updates, Nov. 13

Tanker hits a river cruise boat in New Orleans

A tanker struck the American Heritage, a paddlewheel boat with 129 passengers aboard, on the Mississippi River in New Orleans on Friday, partly submerging it. Video showed people in the water in life-jackets being pulled out. Officials had not said whether anyone was hurt or killed when this report was filed.

CBC News, Nov. 13

Three dead in Squamish River boat crash

Three people died after a boat hit an unknown object on the flooded Squamish River in B.C. on Thursday, throwing passengers into the water, the RCMP said. About eight people were aboard; the others were rescued.

CBC British Columbia, Nov. 13

Alberta cuts oilsands royalties for new projects

Alberta's new Oil Sands Growth Program sets a 2 per cent royalty for the first five years of approved new or expanding projects, rising one point a year to 6 per cent in years nine and ten. It is part of the province's plan to double oilsands production by 2035.

CBC Edmonton, Nov. 13

UN watchdog "increasingly concerned" about Iran plant

The International Atomic Energy Agency says it still has not been allowed to inspect a uranium-enrichment plant at Isfahan that Iran declared in June 2025, and does not know its exact location or whether it holds nuclear material, according to a confidential report seen by Reuters and The Associated Press.

CBC News, Nov. 13

CANADA • AVIATION

Same PAL plane loses a wheel twice in two weeks

PAL Airlines flight 411 lost a wheel shortly after taking off from Happy Valley-Goose Bay on Thursday and diverted to St. John's, where it landed safely. The same plane had a wheel fall off on landing in Wabush on Oct. 30. The Transportation Safety Board says it is gathering information but has not deployed investigators, and that it is too early to say whether the second incident will be investigated. Transport Canada says it is working directly with the airline.

CBC Newfoundland and Labrador, Abby Cole, Nov. 13

CANADA • MUSIC

At 100, still teaching opera

Hundreds gathered at the University of Toronto this week for the 100th birthday of Mary Morrison, adjunct professor of voice, who has taught at the faculty of music since 1979 and sang from the Canadian Opera Company to the San Francisco Symphony. The week of concerts ended at Walter Hall with former student Elizabeth Polese singing a new piece, *Where does the singing start?*, by Iman Habibi. "My first memory of music was going to concerts with my parents," Morrison said.

CBC Toronto, Nathan Abraha, Nov. 13

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WEATHER • BRANTFORD AND THE COUNTY OF BRANT

Cloudy for the bazaars, high 6, gusts to 40

Environment Canada's Saturday forecast: Cloudy. 30 percent chance of showers or drizzle in the afternoon. Wind northwest 20 km/h gusting to 40. High 6. UV index 1 or low.

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
6°	4°	6°	9°	10°
Low 0°	Low 1°	Low 2°	Low 2°	Low 3°
Cloudy.	A mix of sun and cloud with 30 percent chance of showers.	Sunny.	Sunny.	Sunny.

The official forecast

Tonight: Cloudy. 30 percent chance of rain showers or flurries changing to 30 percent chance of flurries this evening. Wind up to 15 km/h. Low minus 2. Wind chill minus 6 overnight.

Saturday: Cloudy. 30 percent chance of showers or drizzle in the afternoon. Wind northwest 20 km/h gusting to 40. High 6. UV index 1 or low.

Saturday night: Cloudy. 30 percent chance of flurries or rain showers in the evening. Wind northwest 20 km/h becoming light late in the evening. Low zero.

Sunday: A mix of sun and cloud with 30 percent chance of showers. High plus 4.

Sunday night: Cloudy periods. Low plus 1.

Monday: Sunny. High 6.

Monday night: Clear. Low plus 2.

Environment and Climate Change Canada, Brantford forecast issued 6:37 p.m. EST Friday, Nov. 13

HEADING OUT TODAY?

Most of today's sales are indoors, but parking lots and fairgrounds will be cold with a northwest wind. Dress in layers and bring a bag for your purchases. Saturday night brings a 30 per cent chance of flurries or rain showers in the evening.



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BUSINESS • MARKETS • FRIDAY, NOV. 13 CLOSE

TSX ends the week slightly lower; the Dow edges up

Toronto slipped 31.30 points to 36,105.90 on Friday. In New York the Dow rose while the Nasdaq fell 229.82 points. Here are the closing numbers.

Friday close	Level	Change from Thursday
S&P/TSX composite	36,105.90	−31.30 (−0.09%)
S&P 500	7,561.67	−30.73 (−0.40%)
Nasdaq composite	25,136.27	−229.82 (−0.91%)
Dow Jones industrials	52,347.55	+50.46 (+0.10%)
WTI crude, front month (US$/bbl)	88.92	+0.18 (+0.20%)
Brent crude, front month (US$/bbl)	96.08	+0.26 (+0.27%)
Gold, front month COMEX (US$/oz)	3,887.6	+2.3 (+0.06%)
Canadian dollar (Bank of Canada daily rate)	70.14¢ US	US$1 = C$1.4257

Closing levels: Yahoo Finance chart data for each symbol, read Friday evening. Futures prices are front-month settlements as listed by Yahoo Finance and can be revised. Bank of Canada daily exchange rate for Nov. 13.

Yahoo Finance, S&P/TSX composite · Yahoo Finance, S&P 500 · Yahoo Finance, TFI International · Bank of Canada, daily exchange rates

The week on Bay Street

The TSX closed the week at 36,105.90, down from 36,446.30 at Monday's close. Thursday's drop of 274.53 points came as gold fell to a one-year low. Gold was little changed Friday. TFI International, the parent of Contrans, closed at C$136.93, down 0.35.

The Bank of Canada's rate was 1.4257 Canadian dollars per U.S. dollar, about 70.14 U.S. cents, almost unchanged from Thursday's 1.4255.

Coming up: October's consumer price index is due Monday, Nov. 16.

Reuters TSX wrap, Nov. 12, via MarketScreener · Yahoo Finance, five-day history · Statistics Canada, release schedule

COUNTY BUSINESS • BRANT EATS THURSDAY

Tickets are still listed for the County of Brant Chamber of Commerce's Brant Eats food and drink expo, Thursday, Nov. 19, 5 to 8:30 p.m., at the Paris Fairgrounds. One $50 ticket covers unlimited samples from local restaurants, breweries and wineries.

Brant Events, Brant Eats 2026

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT • THIS WEEKEND AND THE WEEK AHEAD

Supertramp tonight, Cinderella Tuesday, Dear Evan Hansen on Nov. 20

A short guide to the full Arts & Entertainment section. Open it for the complete listings and stories.

Read the full Arts & Entertainment section
Two pages: On stage this week, and Local stage.

TONIGHT • SANDERSON CENTRE

Dreamer: The Supertramp Experience

Crime of the Century, plus Give a Little Bit and The Logical Song, at 8 p.m. Tickets $59.

SUNDAY • SANDERSON CENTRE

O Christmas Tea

James and Jamesy's panto-style holiday comedy, 3 p.m.

MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY

Country stars, a ballet and Celine

The Great Canadian Roadtrip Monday, United European Ballet's Cinderella Tuesday, Celebrating Celine Wednesday.

NOV. 20 AND 21 • BCI

Students stage Dear Evan Hansen

20 Performing Arts Academy's most mature show yet, with a live band. Tickets $25.

SATURDAY, NOV. 21

Jim Cuddy and Wreckless Harbour

The Jim Cuddy Band at the Sanderson; Wreckless Harbour in Glenhyrst's Coach House.

FREE THIS WEEK

A mural, a Human Library, films

The Laurier mural plaque Tuesday, a Human Library Wednesday, and Thursday films and readings.

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SPORTS • COUNTY FIRST • BULLDOGS

Storm beat the Bulldogs 5–2 in Guelph

Final: Brantford 2, Guelph 5, Friday at the Sleeman Centre. The Bulldogs host the Oshawa Generals tonight at 7 p.m. at the TD Civic Centre.

Full sports coverage
Local, Bulldogs, NHL, NFL and NBA in one place.

BRANTFORD BULLDOGS • OHL

Friday: first in the East at first overall

Guelph came in at 16-3-0-0, first in the league on a seven-game winning streak. Brantford came in first in the Eastern Conference at 13-5-0-1.

Scoring: 1st 3:47 GUE: Timo Kazda; 2nd 8:16 GUE: Timo Kazda; 2nd 12:25 GUE: Jaakko Wycisk; 2nd 18:48 BFD: Brayden Lappalainen (PP); 3rd 1:02 GUE: Tyler Hopkins; 3rd 15:51 BFD: Adam Nemec; 3rd 19:22 GUE: Owen Griffin (EN). Shots: Brantford 22, Guelph 32.

Tonight: Oshawa (6-8-4-1, 17 points) visits at 7 p.m. The Bulldogs won 5–2 in Oshawa last Sunday.

OHL scores and schedule (HockeyTech feed) · OHL standings



The Bulldogs host Oshawa at the Brantford Civic Centre, Nov. 22, 2024. File photo. Photo: JFVoll / Wikimedia Commons, CC BY-SA 4.0.

OHL East	GP	W-L-OTL-SOL	Pts
Sudbury Wolves	20	14-5-1-0	**29**
Brantford Bulldogs	20	13-6-0-1	**27**
Kingston Frontenacs	21	13-8-0-0	**26**
Ottawa 67's	19	10-7-2-0	**22**
Peterborough Petes	20	10-10-0-0	**20**
North Bay Battalion	20	8-11-1-0	**17**

Standings as of 9:56 p.m. Friday, from the OHL's HockeyTech statistics feed.

County junior and senior hockey

Team	Latest	Next
St. George Ravens (GMHL, 9-7-0-0)	Beat Richmond Hill 7–0 and Durham 6–1 last week. Friday vs North York (7:30 p.m.): not confirmed at press time	Sun. vs Orangeville, 3 p.m.
Brantford Titans (GOHL, 3-16-2)	Lost 10–4 to Elmira at home Thursday. Friday vs Stoney Creek (7 p.m.): not confirmed at press time	Thu. Nov. 19 at Ayr, 7 p.m.
Paris Mounties (PJHL, 4-11-3-0)	Lost to New Hamburg 6–2, Tavistock 3–2 and Wellesley 6–1 last week, picking up a point in an overtime loss	Tonight vs New Hamburg, Mon. vs Wellesley, both 7:30 p.m., Brant Sports Complex
Caledonia Corvairs (GOHL)	Keeping pace with Cambridge for first place in the GOHL Eastern Conference	Tonight at Fort Erie, 7 p.m.
Hagersville Hawks (PJHL, 6-10-2-0)	Lost 10–2 to Dundas, 5–4 at Grimsby	Tonight vs Grimsby, 7:30 p.m.
Brant County Riverhawks (senior, 2-3)	Beat the Woodstock Lakers 5–3	Tonight at Tilbury, 7:30 p.m.
Port Dover Sailors (PJHL, 4-14-1-0)	Lost 10–2 to Grimsby, 6–2 to Glanbrook	Sun. vs Dunnville, 2 p.m.

Brantford Expositor, Brian Smiley, local hockey roundup, Nov. 9 · Elite Prospects, Brantford Titans 2026-27 games

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SPORTS • LOCAL • HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Four AABHN titles decided Thursday

Assumption won two, St. John's and North Park one each, in Thursday's Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk finals.

Full sports coverage
Local, Bulldogs, NHL, NFL and NBA in one place.



Assumption College, AABHN senior girls basketball champions. Photo: Brian Smiley / Brantford Expositor / Postmedia Network.



The North Park Trojans, AABHN senior boys volleyball champions for the second straight year. Photo: Jacob Robinson / Brantford Expositor / Postmedia Network.

Senior girls basketball: Assumption 46, St. John's 27. Mereina Petrella scored nine unanswered second-quarter points as the Lions (14-0) won a fourth straight title. "It's my senior year," she told The Expositor. "Finishing high school with the win is amazing." Assumption plays at the CWOSSA championship Nov. 20 and 21 at Bluevale Collegiate in Kitchener.

Junior girls basketball: St. John's 67, Assumption 39, the Green Eagles' fourth straight junior title. SJC finished the AABHN season 12-0.

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Senior boys volleyball: North Park swept Paris District High School 25–17, 25–17, 25–21 at home for a second straight title, its third since 2023. Nolan Recker led the attack. Paris led 15–11 in the third set before the Trojans (13-1) closed it out.

Junior boys volleyball: Assumption, which won exactly as many sets as it lost in the regular season, upset previously unbeaten St. John's 17–25, 25–17, 25–21, 18–25, 15–12 at North Park. Libero Vaughn Santos kept the final rally alive with a lunging save and another dig.

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SIX NATIONS • GOALTENDING

Chris Sandy brings elite goalie coaching home

Six Nations' Chris Sandy was one of 20 coaches chosen from about 80 applicants for Hockey Canada's National Certification Program, with training at the Olympic Training Centre in Calgary. "As an Indigenous person, I am the only Hockey Canada Level 3-trained goalie coach in Ontario, and one of only three in all of Canada," he told BrantBeacon's Brian Trota. Sandy runs his own school, Active Crease Management, with Sunday sessions at the Wayne Gretzky Centre and the Six Nations Arena for Brantford 99ers teams. His message to young players: "Make the right choices."

BrantBeacon, Brian Trota, Nov. 12

WOMEN'S WORLDS • DENMARK

Canada 3, Czechia 2 in Friday's quarterfinal in Herning. Captain Renata Fast scored the winner in the second period; Sarah Fillier and Rebecca Leslie also scored and Eve Gascon made 14 saves. Canada plays Finland in Sunday's semifinal.

CBC Sports, Nov. 13

TODAY • BEYOND BRANT

U Sports cross-country championships at Christie Lake, Dundas. McMaster, which won both OUA team titles, is chasing the school's first men's and women's national team gold on home soil. **Hockey Fights Cancer** fills the Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre with 25 games, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; the online auction closes at 8 p.m. at brantfordminorhockey.com.

CBC Sports, Nov. 13 · Brantford Expositor (Paris Star), Brian Smiley

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SPORTS • NHL

Slumping Leafs host McDavid and the Oilers tonight

Toronto (8-11-2) has lost five straight after Thursday's 5–2 loss to Minnesota. Edmonton (14-3-3) arrives with the NHL's top two scorers. Puck drop 7 p.m.

Full sports coverage
Local, Bulldogs, NHL, NFL and NBA in one place.

Thursday's NHL finals

Away		Home		
CAR	4	SEA	1	Final
MTL	5	BOS	2	Final
MIN	5	TOR	2	Final
COL	3	OTT	4	Final (OT)
WSH	2	NJD	5	Final
TBL	3	CBJ	1	Final
DET	4	FLA	5	Final
BUF	2	CHI	3	Final (OT)
WPG	8	DAL	3	Final
STL	1	UTA	0	Final (SO)
NYI	5	LAK	2	Final

Wild 5, Leafs 2: Matt Boldy scored three times and Kirill Kaprizov had three assists. Auston Matthews (12th) and Zach MacEwen scored 2:54 apart early in the second to put Toronto up 2–1. **Senators 4, Avalanche 3 (OT):** Shane Pinto scored twice, the winner 2:08 into overtime, after Colorado erased a 2–0 lead. **Canadiens 5, Bruins 2:** five Montreal goals by the middle of the second, including Cole Caufield's 12th. **Jets 8, Stars 3:** Mark Scheifele and Dylan Mercer scored twice each.

Friday night

Away	Home	Status (9:56 p.m. ET Friday)
NYR	VAN	In progress at press time; not final
NSH	VGK	10 p.m. ET; not started at press time

NHL.com scores · NHL API scoreboard, Nov. 12–13

Tonight's schedule (ET)

SEA at CAR	1 p.m.
WPG at CHI	3:30 p.m.
MIN at BOS	7 p.m.
EDM at TOR	7 p.m.
COL at MTL	7 p.m.
DET at TBL	7 p.m.
OTT at PIT	7 p.m.
NJD at WSH	7 p.m.
PHI at CBJ	7 p.m.
FLA at STL	7 p.m.
BUF at DAL	8 p.m.
SJS at UTA	9 p.m.
NYI at ANA	10 p.m.
CGY at LAK	10 p.m.

Hockey Night in Canada: check local listings.

Atlantic Division

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	Pts	Strk
Tampa Bay Lightning	19	13	4	2	**28**	W2
Montréal Canadiens	19	12	3	4	**28**	W1
Boston Bruins	19	13	5	1	**27**	L1
Ottawa Senators	20	12	6	2	**26**	W1
Florida Panthers	20	11	7	2	**24**	W2
Buffalo Sabres	19	8	7	4	**20**	OT1
Toronto Maple Leafs	21	8	11	2	**18**	L5
Detroit Red Wings	20	7	10	3	**17**	L5

Western Canadian teams

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	Pts	Strk
Edmonton Oilers	20	14	3	3	**31**	W3
Winnipeg Jets	20	9	8	3	**21**	W5
Calgary Flames	19	8	10	1	**17**	L1
Vancouver Canucks	20	3	16	1	**7**	L6

Points leaders: Connor McDavid (EDM) 49, Leon Draisaitl (EDM) 37, Kirill Kaprizov (MIN) 35. **Goals:** Leon Draisaitl (EDM) 18, Kirill Kaprizov (MIN) 17.

NHL standings · NHL stats leaders

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SPORTS • NFL • NBA

Commanders win it with 57 seconds left; Cunningham scores 52

Jayden Daniels threw his third touchdown pass, to Stefon Diggs, for a 24–21 Thursday-night win over the Giants. In the NBA, Detroit's Cade Cunningham scored 52 in a 144–140 double-overtime win in Washington.

Full sports coverage
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NFL: Thursday night

Washington 24, N.Y. Giants 21 at MetLife Stadium. Isaiah Likely's 66-yard catch from J.J. McCarthy put New York up 21–17 with 8:13 left. Daniels answered with a 32-yard strike to Diggs at 0:57. Daniels finished 23 of 33 for 249 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions. Cam Skattebo ran for two Giants touchdowns.

ESPN game summary

NFL: Sunday and Monday (ET)

New England Patriots (5-4) at Detroit Lions (6-2) (Munich, Germany)	Sun. 9:30 a.m.
Kansas City Chiefs (6-2) at Atlanta Falcons (3-6)	Sun. 1 p.m.
Houston Texans (3-5) at Cleveland Browns (5-4)	Sun. 1 p.m.
Minnesota Vikings (6-2) at Green Bay Packers (6-3)	Sun. 1 p.m.
Jacksonville Jaguars (6-2) at Tennessee Titans (1-7)	Sun. 1 p.m.
Miami Dolphins (1-7) at Indianapolis Colts (2-7)	Sun. 1 p.m.
Carolina Panthers (3-5) at New Orleans Saints (3-5)	Sun. 1 p.m.
Buffalo Bills (7-1) at New York Jets (2-7)	Sun. 1 p.m.
Seattle Seahawks (5-4) at Las Vegas Raiders (4-5)	Sun. 4:05 p.m.
Los Angeles Rams (5-4) at Arizona Cardinals (3-6)	Sun. 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco 49ers (7-1) at Dallas Cowboys (4-5)	Sun. 4:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh Steelers (6-2) at Cincinnati Bengals (6-2)	Sun. 8:20 p.m.
Los Angeles Chargers (0-8) at Baltimore Ravens (4-5)	Mon. 8:15 p.m.

Byes: Chicago, Denver, Philadelphia, Tampa Bay. Records as listed by ESPN.
ESPN NFL scoreboard

NBA: Thursday's finals

Away		Home		
Raptors	**112**	76ers	**123**	Final
Pistons	**144**	Wizards	**140**	Final (2OT)
Mavericks	**94**	Timberwolves	**133**	Final
Hornets	**96**	Suns	**101**	Final

76ers 123, Raptors 112: RJ Barrett had 31 points and 14 rebounds for Toronto (5-7). Tyrese Maxey scored 27 for Philadelphia.

NBA: Friday night

Away		Home		Status (9:56 p.m. ET Friday)
Knicks	**104**	Pacers	**106**	Final
Bucks	**99**	Magic	**107**	Final
Cavaliers		Heat		In progress at press time; not final
Hawks		Bulls		In progress at press time; not final
Grizzlies		Pelicans		In progress at press time; not final
Jazz		Rockets		In progress at press time; not final
Warriors		Spurs		In progress at press time; not final
Trail Blazers		Kings		10 p.m. ET; not started at press time
Thunder		Clippers		10:30 p.m. ET; not started at press time

RAPTORS NEXT

Toronto is off tonight. The Knicks visit Scotiabank Arena on Sunday at 6 p.m. and again on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

ESPN NBA scoreboard · ESPN Raptors schedule

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County of Brant • Seasonal Equipment Operator Nights, Roads Division (unionized, 2 vacancies; new Nov. 11)	See posting	Apply at brant.ca/jobs
County of Brant • Fitness Instructor (flexible days, evenings and weekends; County locations)	$29.47 an hour	Fri. Nov. 27, 9 a.m.
Ferrero, Brantford (Beyond Brant) • Maintenance Millwright (433A licence; rotating shifts)	Posted base $48–$49 an hour	See posting

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