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Former Liberal MP Marc Godbout is hoping to regain the seat he lost to Conservative incumbent Royal Galipeau in the last election. Fred Sherwin/Photo

## Former Liberal MP wants old job back

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

Former Liberal MP Marc Godbout has some unfinished business to take care of, but first he has to regain the seat he lost to Royal Galipeau in the last election.

Godbout won the seat in Ottawa-Orléans in the 2004 General Election when he knocked off star Conservative candidate Walter Robinson by nearly 2700 votes.

Two years later in 2006, the Liberals went to the polls under the pale of the Adscam scandal.

The Conservatives ended up winning enough seats to form a minority government thanks in large part to their ability to capture a number of swing ridings including Ottawa-Orléans where Galipeau benefited from large numbers of traditional Liberal supporters either not voting at all, or shifting their support to the NDP who had a strong local candidate in Mark Leahy.

Godbout is hoping those disenchanted Liberal supporters will come back to the fold this time around and vote for him.

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## City staff rolls out Transportation Plan options

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

The City of Ottawa will have a city-wide, light rail transit system in place by 2031. How we get there from here and what pieces of the plan will be put in place first, will be debated over the next eight weeks.

The only thing that is certain is that a downtown tunnel running underneath Albert and Slater Street will be built first. The rest of the Transportation Plan was laid out by city staff in four different options during a press conference on Thursday.

Option 1 would see a twin-track, electric light rail line built along the eastern section

of the transitway from downtown to the Blair Road Station and the O-Train extended south to the Ottawa Airport.

Option 3 would see light rail replace the O-Train with links to the airport and Riverside South, as well as a light rail line to Blair Road Station and the construction of the South Innes Transitway from Trim Road to the Blackburn Bypass.

Option 1 and 3 also include a new bus transitway running along Innes and Industrial Roads from Blair Road to the Hurdman Station.

Options 2 and 4 would allow for a light rail line from downtown to Lincoln Fields and the Baseline Station running along the Ottawa River Parkway,

however, the NCC has yet to give any indication that they would ever agree to such a plan. As an alternative option some west end councillors are calling for a street car line down Carling Avenue to Lincoln Fields.

All four options would be implemented by 2018, so long as there's available funding from all three levels of government. The cost of the initial phase of the ambitious project is estimated at \$2.8 billion.

All four east end councillors say they will vote as a block for any option that includes a light rail line to Blair Road Station. Cumberland Coun. Rob Jellett has already indicated he plans to support Option 3.

The general public will have their chance to look at all four options during a series of public consultations to be held over the next two weeks.

Residents in the east end will have their chance to provide input at a public consultation meeting slated for next Tuesday, Sept. 16 at the Bob MacQuarrie Recreation Complex from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Staff will make a final recommendation at a joint meeting of the city's transit and transportation committees on Nov. 10.

The joint committee will debate the options on Nov. 16 and then make their own recommendation which will be brought to council on Nov. 26 for final approval.

## Community briefs

### City council rejects call to allow pets on OC Transpo buses

**OTTAWA** — An OC Transpo ban on pets will remain in effect after city council today rejected a call to allow small animals such as cats and certain breeds of dogs on buses. A motion put forward by Coun. Alex Cullen and Clive Doucet, which would have restricted the size of the animals and required them to be kept in cages, failed by a vote of 14-8 which means Ottawa won't be joining other municipalities that already allow the practice during off peak hours including Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal and Gatineau. Many of the councillors who voted against the motion cited allergy and other public health concerns as well as the fear that it would place an onus on bus operators to enforce the restrictions.

### Council rejects switch to bi-weekly trash pick-up

**OTTAWA** — Ottawa residents will have their trash picked up every week for the foreseeable future after city council rejected a staff recommendation to switch to a bi-weekly schedule. Staff defended the recommendation on the basis that when the city begins its Green Bin program aimed at diverting organic waste such as kitchen scraps from the normal waste stream, the need for a weekly pick-up will be greatly diminished and no longer economically viable. The Green Bins program will run bi-weekly from April to November and switch to every week from December to March starting next fall. A majority of councillors, however, wanted to take a "wait and see" approach.

### City pleads guilty to sewage spill charges

**OTTAWA** — The City of Ottawa has pled guilty to several charges stemming from a massive sewage spill in 2006. The spill, which was caused by a faulty regulator that left a slough gate jammed open for nearly six weeks, didn't come to light until this past May when a manager at the Robert O. Pickard Water Treatment Centre inadvertently told a group about the incident. The startling revelation sparked several investigations that eventually led to the firing of three senior officials in the water and wastewater department. It also resulted in the city being charged with several offences under the Ontario Clean Water Act. City lawyers and legal counsel from the Ministry of Environment will be back in Provincial Offences Court on Sept. 23 to present arguments on the size of the penalty the city will have to pay. The minimum fines under the Act amount to about \$300,000. Although the maximum is \$75 million, it's doubtful the province will request the maximum be imposed.

## Former Liberal MP wants to finish job he started

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"It's clear that you can not park your vote with the NDP without risking a Conservative winning," says Godbout. "So this time if you want to make sure you don't end up with a Conservative MP you need to vote Liberal.

"If we can get the local issues on the agenda then I think I have an edge. Look, what has the current member done? He's been there over two years now and what has he really done? Not a whole lot," says Godbout answering his own question.

"When I was MP one of the first things I did was help get Team Ottawa-Orleans off the ground with (Ottawa-Orléans MPP) Phil McNeely. It was and still is a wonderful organization that has done a lot for the community. Look at the family health centre that was announced in the spring."

If he's elected, one of the main issues he wants to focus on is economic development. He believes relocating federal jobs to Orléans fits into the Liberal Party's Green Shift policy.

"If we move some federal departments to Orléans you won't have as many cars on the roads and it will be better for the environment. My opponent on the other hand has said that if you want federal jobs in Orléans you should vote Liberal and then he stands by while the RCMP headquarters is moved to Nepean. In 2010 you could potentially have 1,000 families moving out of Orléans. These people are furious. They were never consulted," says Godbout.

A key player in getting Cité Collegiale to establish a campus in the area, Godbout would like to encourage other post-secondary institutions to follow do the same.

"I want to work with Phil to get either Carleton University or the University of Ottawa to build a campus in Orléans. I also want to go to Guelph to see about establishing an international environmental program here in Orléans also," says Godbout.

"Let's look at the concept of establishing an environmental sciences zone in the east end. We have the highest concentration of scientific professionals in the country right here in the east end because of the NRC, we should take advantage of that."

Godbout says his strongest suit is in bringing the various stakeholders in the community together to work for a common cause, something he believes his Conservative opponent is sorely lacking.

"I see the job as an MP as being a community builder and a facilitator. Royal has destroyed whatever partnerships we had built up. It's time to rebuild them and get Ottawa-Orleans moving forward again," says Godbout who lists securing funding for Ottawa's future light rail system, including a light rail line to Orléans, and establishing the Mer Bleue Conservation Area and Petrie Island as environmental parks, among his many priorities.

As for the age old argument of ridings being better off with a Member of Parliament who's on the government side rather than a member of the Opposition, Godbout says people should ask themselves whether or not it's paid off in the past two years.

"Has it paid off to have an MP in power? No it has not. So why not elect someone who's going to go to Parliament and fight for you no matter whether he's in power or on the Opposition," argues Godbout.

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# Local incumbent intent on ending 126-year drought

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

Ottawa-Orléans incumbent MP Royal Galipeau is trying to do something no other Conservative MP has done in the area since 1872 – get re-elected.

It's been 126 years since James Alexander Grant was re-elected to the House of Commons under the Conservative banner. Since then only two other members of the Conservative Party have held the seat, both of them in the 1880s. Neither one of them got reelected, which gives Galipeau a unique perspective on his place in history.

"Let's just say I have no allusions of longevity. I don't count my tenure in years, I count it in days. I want to make sure that every day matters and if every day matters than the whole matters and if the whole matters than I have a better chance of getting re-elected," says Galipeau who has been in office 965 days and counting.

The former Gloucester city councillor and current Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons says his most enjoyable moments during the past two and a half years has been when he's given tours to visiting students.

"It's one thing to learn about it in books. It's another thing entirely to be there and to stand in the House of Commons and sit at an MP's desk or in the Speaker's chair," says Galipeau whose proudest possession is a certificate signed by all three four party leaders acknowledging his appointment as deputy speaker.

"It shows that the all four leaders approve of my non-partisan stature. During my 965 days in office I have not made one partisan speech in either the House of Commons or in the riding. I just think it's counterproductive."

Galipeau won the last election by a margin of 1200 votes over Liberal incumbent Marc Godbout to do what no other Conservative candidate has done since 1887.

For many people including Godbout, who is trying to win the seat back, the result was a complete shock. The former MP attributed the loss to a large number of traditional Liberal supporters shifting their vote to the NDP to protest the Liberal Party's handling of adscam. Galipeau isn't having any of it.

"You know my opponent still has not

admitted defeat. He keeps telling people I won because everyone voted NDP. Well if everyone voted NDP then the NDP candidate would have won," says Galipeau.

One of the biggest criticisms against Galipeau from the Liberal camp is that he has stubbornly refused to work with community organizations like Team Ottawa-Orléans to move projects forward, but the first term MP and one time Liberal Party member says he tried, but was frustrated by what he calls the group's partisan leadership.

"When I first looked at setting up my constituency office, I set it up right beside the Team Ottawa-Orléans office on Centrum Blvd. I had every intention to work with the group, but the former MP had already turned its leadership into a partisan vehicle and it has continued to allow itself to be used that way," says Galipeau. "I could rhyme off at least 20 instances where they acted in a partisan way so I had to cut them loose."

As for the election campaign, Galipeau says the most pressing issue continues to be federal jobs and how does he plan to go about bringing federal jobs to Orléans.

"My opponent's position is to bring an entire Ministry from somewhere else to Orléans. Well I don't believe in that philosophy, I'd rather work on the assets we have," says Galipeau before revealing that he has been in discussions with officials in the Department of National Defence about building the planned new \$80 million high tech command centre at the old LETE training grounds on St. Joseph Blvd. "That's the best site and I'm the best advocate to bring it here. The best part about it is that we already own it."

Galipeau says building the new high tech HQ in Orléans would make up for the federal government decision to move the RCMP headquarters to the old JDS Uniphase campus in Barrhaven, a move which he has been blamed for by the Liberals, but which he says was in the works long before the Conservatives came to power.

"The truth of the matter is that there was nothing I could do about it," says Galipeau. "I could have gone to the barricades for it, but it was already a done deal."

As for his comment to the Le Droit newspaper a year and a half ago that if



Ottawa-Orléans incumbent Royal Galipeau is trying to become the first Conservative MP from the area to get re-elected to Parliament since 1872.

Fred Sherwin/ Photo

people in Orléans want to bring federal jobs to the far east end then they should vote Liberal, Galipeau says that he was trying to be sarcastic to shed light on past Liberal shortcomings in the same area.

"We had Liberals in power for how long and how many federal jobs did they bring to Orléans? The fact is my opponent has promised to bring jobs to Orléans, but he didn't and he hasn't. All I know about him is that he makes a lot of announcements about making announcements," says Galipeau.

Finally, on the contentious issue of the interprovincial bridge, Galipeau says that he agrees with the recent NCC consultant's report that it should cross at Kettle Island and link in with the Aviation Parkway.

"I think the consultants made the right choice, but it isn't a new choice. Even as the Queensway and the 417 were being built, the Aviation Parkway was designed with a bridge in mind," says Galipeau, who believes he is the ideal advocate to make sure the bridge doesn't end up in Orléans. "If you have Marc Godbout and Mauril Belanger in the same caucus arguing about where the bridge should go who do think is going to win?"



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# Khawaja awaits fate as terrorism trial draws to a close

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

The fate of accused Orléans terrorist Momin Khawaja now rests in the hands of Justice Douglas Rutherford after his lawyer Lawrence Greenspon made a final plea for a “not guilty” verdict on Friday.

At issue is not whether the former Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School grad hated the West and was sympathetic to the al-Qaida movement to the point where he wanted to join the militant Islamic group's Afghanistan insurgency.

In fact, Greenspon didn't even dispute that Khawaja was working on a remote control detonation device, dubbed the “Hi-Fi Digimonster”, which police seized during a March 2004 raid on his parents' Princess Louise Drive home.

What is in dispute is Khawaja's intentions in building the device. During his closing argument on Thursday, Crown Attorney David McKercher said that the evidence presented during the 27-day trial made it clear that Khawaja designed the device to be used in a plot to blow up several public locations in London, England including a popular nightclub, the largest shopping centre in the country and the power grid.

Five men involved in the plot were found guilty in a London court last year and sentenced to life in prison. Evidence presented by the Crown, include a number of e-mails and Internet messages exchanged between Khawaja and several of the conspirators in 2003 and 2004 in which he talks about his work on the detonation device.

In one message left for plot ringleader Omar Khayam in October 2003, Khawaja wrote, “I will start on the remote device things right away and will let you know

once we have it ready for testing, and I find some of the things for testing, urea, nitro, phosphate, anything else we need.”

Four months later, he went to London to meet with Khyam in person to show him pictures of the device. During the visit he was tailed by the British security service MI5 which had the plotters under surveillance. After being picked up by Khyam and another conspirator at Heathrow Airport, the trio went to an Internet café where Khawaja showed them photos of the device he had been working on.

Greenspon maintains that Khawaja never knew the conspirators wanted to use the device to blow up targets in London. Claiming that his client was “deceived”, he argued that Khawaja's intention was to build the devices for use in the armed insurgency in Afghanistan.

None of the witnesses brought forward by the Crown, nor any of the dozens of e-mail messages submitted for evidence, made a direct link between Khawaja and the London terror plot, said Greenspon. The Crown's case adds up to little more than “good old-fashioned guilt by association,” he said.

Citing Canada's Anti-Terrorism Act under which Khawaja was charged with participating and facilitating a terrorist activity, Greenspon said a guilty verdict would be a travesty of Canada's justice system.

“If the application of those new laws was permitted to take place in a manner which was contrary to the principles of fundamental justice, then those who orchestrated 9/11 will have achieved some measure of victory.

“If this court permits colourful name-calling and rhetoric to take the place of



Momin Khawaja, pictured entering the Elgin Street courthouse and as a high school student at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School (inset), faces seven terror-related charges in connection with a 2004 plot to blow up several targets in London, England. File photo

evidence or, if the court allows guilt to be established by association rather than by proof of actions and knowledge, then the impact of planes hitting those towers will be multiplied, as the principles which define our society will have also suffered crippling blows.”

Justice Rutherford has until Oct. 29 to render his verdict. If he's found guilty, Khawaja could be sentenced to life in prison.

# Orléans Terry Fox Run attracts over 230 participants

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

The turnout was low but the spirits were high as just over 230 intrepid people ran, walked, biked, skateboarded and rollerbladed in the 28th annual Terry Fox Run in Fallingbrook on Sunday.

Although the threat of rain kept a lot of people at home, not even the remnants of Hurricane Ike could keep those people who did turn out from completing the 10 km course and raising money for cancer research.

Leading the way once again was Nelson Waddell who has taken part in all 28 Terry Fox Runs in Orléans, raising over \$78,000 in the process.

“I'll keep coming as long as my body holds out and even then I told my granddaughter she'll have to push around in a wheelchair,” joked Waddell, whose wife and daughter are both cancer survivors.

Event organizer Chris Goneau was in a wheelchair, having recently undergone sur-

gery on both his legs. The operation almost forced Goneau to cancel the run, but a crew of volunteers including the Kiwanis Club of Orléans stepped up their participation to make sure it went ahead as scheduled.

“I called up (Kiwanis member) Harley Bloom and told him that I had to give up the run this year and he said, ‘Not a chance. Just tell us what needs to be done’,” said Goneau who is a cancer survivor himself, having undergone a bone marrow transplant 12 years ago.

With nearly a 30 per cent drop in participation his year, Goneau estimates the event will raise around \$15,000, bringing their 28 year total to \$328,000.

Cindy Blanchard from Orléans was one of the first people to cross the finish line. She summed up the feelings of many of the people who keep coming back year after year.

“For Terry Fox to run the equivalent of a marathon, it shouldn't hurt for some of us get off our butts once a year and raise a

little money in the process,” said Blanchard.

Ten-year-old Jordan LaBarbera cycled the 10km course with his mother Donna Hodgins whose brother-in-law and co-worker were both diagnosed with cancer.

“My brother-in-law had treatment for a malignant melanoma in the spring, he's doing well, and a colleague of mine has breast cancer,” said Hodgins.

Long after many of the early starters had come in, Doug Kernohan set out on the course with his daughter Jennifer. Doug's wife Cheri passed away from colon cancer in 2004 when Jennifer was in her early teens. The pair have been taken part in the run ever since to honour her memory.

“It's just our little way to try and help other people out,” said Kernohan.

Since its inception in 2001, the Terry Fox Run has grown internationally to the point where there are Terry Fox Runs in over 30 countries. More than \$400 million has been raised in total, including \$4.48 million in the National Capital Region.

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## Bridge debate a colossal waste of time and money

I don't know about you, but I've just about had enough of the neverending, colossal waste of time that is the interprovincial bridge debate.

Two weeks ago, the NCC wrapped up the first phase of an Environmental Assessment process that is expected to take two years to complete.

Phase 1 is designed to identify the best site for the interprovincial crossing based on a number of parameters from a transportation, natural environment, social environment and cost perspective using over 100 different criteria.

In every single category, Kettle Island ranked at the top of the list. Surprise! Surprise! Way to go NCC. We spent how many hundreds of thousands of dollars to figure out the ridiculous obvious?

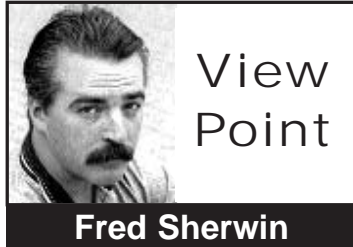
You don't have to be a genius to realize that Kettle Island is the most logical site for the bridge, all you need is map of Ottawa and an IQ bigger than your shoe size.

The Queensway and Hwy. 417 were both designed with the concept that there would one day be a bridge at Kettle Island. That's why they built the Aviation Parkway. It was designed act as an arterial from the bridge to the split.

A joint multi-jurisdictional study completed in 1992, called the JACPAT study, also identified Kettle Island as being the ideal site, but the good residents of Manor Park managed to have it shelved.

Now we're going to go through the same shouting match all over again and waste even more money.

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and Quebec, along with the feds and the cities of Ottawa and Gatineau, should get together and state with one voice that the bridge will be built at Kettle Island. It would save a lot of time and money, not to mention sparing themselves one gigantic headache.

As for the other east end options, none of them take into consideration the impact they would have on Hwy. 174 in terms of the additional truck traffic they would bring. If you think the split is a nightmare now, just imagine adding 1800 trucks every day.

One of the bonuses of building the bridge at Kettle Island and using the Aviation Parkway to link it up to Hwy. 417, is that it might force the province and the feds to blow up the split and rebuild the monstrosity. Now that would be progress.

Now on to the city's proposed new Transportation Master Plan which was rolled out by city staff last week.

All four options contained in the plan place building the downtown transit tunnel as the main priority. Where they differ, is in which parts of the system should be built between now and 2018, or wait until later.

Two of the options include extending light rail along the current transitway from downtown to the Blair Road Transit

Station, but only one of them includes plans to extend bus rapid transit from Blair Road to Trim Road which is desperately needed. (If you don't believe me, just ask anyone who takes Innes Road to work everyday or has to sit – or more than likely stand – on the #94 during rush hour.

The South Innes Transitway has been on the drawing board for five years now.

When Mayor Larry O'Brien was first elected it was added to the repackaged version of the north/south light rail plan that included a downtown tunnel. The 11th hour proposal was deep-sixed two days later after the feds and the province refused to throw their support behind the project without doing their homework first.

Then last summer, council agreed to proceed with an Environmental Assessment for the section running between Navan Road and Blair Road, but later placed it on the backburner as momentum began to build for a more comprehensive city-wide transit plan.

At present the South Innes Transitway is in total limbo, although Cumberland Coun. Rob Jellett is doing his level best to get it included in the first phase of the new Master Plan. But even if he's successful there's no guarantee it will get built next year, or even in the next five years.

The problem is that it's needed now. It would greatly increase OC Transpo ridership and reduce traffic on Innes Road and Hwy. 174.

Then there's the glaring omission of a bypass from Innes Road to the planned

interchange at Hunt Club Rd. and Hwy. 417, which would provide a huge impetus to economic development in the east end by making it easier for commuters to get to the south end of the city and the airport in particular – not to mention diverting even more traffic from the split.

Without the South Innes Transitway, or an Innes/Hunt Club link, the Transportation Master Plan falls well short of meeting the needs of east end commuters and especially those residents living south of Innes Road and the planned new sub-divisions being built along Navan Road.

At the very least, the transitway extension not only needs to be included in the plan, it has to be made a priority with a fixed completion date. And the plan has to include a commitment to build an arterial road from Innes to Walkley and the Hunt Club interchange which doesn't even appear in any of the options that were put forward by staff last week.

The east end councillors should be applauded for taking a stand in getting the needs of the east end addressed in the Master Plan in terms of including a light rail line from downtown to Blair Road in the first phase of the project, but they need to go further. They need to join Jellett in supporting Option #3 which includes the South Innes Transitway and they need to acknowledge the importance a direct transportation link from the east end to the south end of the city would have on developing the local economy and push to have it included as well.



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# Navan institution celebrates 110 years in business

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

It's not by chance that J.T. Bradley's Country Convenience Store is located in the heart of Navan. For the past 110 years it has functioned as both food provider and community centre to five generations of Navan residents.

On Saturday night the store threw a party at the Navan Curling Club to say thank you for the community's support down through the years.

"It's not much, but it's the least we could do," said the store's owner John Bradley. "We just want everybody to have a great time."

Bradley's great-grandfather John Thomas Bradley first opened a general store on the same site as the current establishment in 1898 after moving to Navan with his family from Blackburn Hamlet.

After J.T.'s passing in 1932, his two sons Morris and William took over the business and continued to operate it for the next 43 years until it passed into the hands of Morris' son Lorne who operated it as a Red & White supermarket.

In 1990 Lorne sold the business to Gerry Labelle who turned it into a convenience store. Four years later, John Bradley bought the store from Labelle to once again bring it into the family fold.

The store has undergone a lot of changes over the years and even survived a devastating fire that destroyed the original building in August 1948. John's father Ross Bradley was 15 years old at the time.

"It was late in the afternoon after a very hot and dry day. Someone was burning garbage behind the old St. Mary's Hall that was right beside the store and it got out of control. It was a very bad day," recalls Bradley who grew up in the white house that

sits in the lot on the east side of the current store.

As the fire spread through the old store, the family tried to save as many of their possessions as possible, believing it would spread to the house.

"I remember they were pitching stuff out the second floor window and it was falling and breaking on the ground. We thought we were going to lose the house for sure, but you know what, it was saved by the Nepean fire department. I guess the Gloucester fire department was busy or too far away and it was the Nepean fire department that saved our house," recalls Ross Bradley.

Although the house was spared, the store was completely razed to the ground. Despite the extent of the damage, Morris and Lorne Bradley were determined to rebuild and within a week they were back in business selling a limited number of items out of the garage next door while the reconstruction was underway.

Construction began during the first week of September and was completed in late January. Ross remembers the family throwing a party in the store to celebrate the reopening.

"It was a party just like this. Everyone in the community was invited," says Bradley whose earliest memories of the store are a little foggy. "I can't really say. You know it's always been there. It's always been a part of our lives for as long as I can remember."

In terms of the store's longevity, Bradley attributes two key factors to its continued success. The first was when Gerry Labelle bought the business and turned it into a convenience store.

"I don't think we Bradleys could have done that. My brother Lorne sort of looked down on the idea, but looking back Gerry did us a great service," says Bradley.



J.T. Bradley's Country Convenience Store owner John Bradley joins the band 'Ambush' on stage during the store's 110 anniversary party on Saturday night. Fred Sherwin/Photo

The other key factor was getting approval to operate an LCBO outlet out of the store which has been a major revenue generator.

Today, J.T. Bradley's Country Convenience Store remains a Navan institution. The store's regulars still congregate at the front of the store every morning to scan the daily newspaper and share some gossip over a hot cup of coffee.

"I think it's just as important to be part of the community now than ever. Especially with more and more people moving into the area and Orleans getting closer and closer. It's important to maintain our identity," says John Bradley.

## Ongoing 'Sewergate' fiasco screams for public inquiry

Commentary  
By Fred Sherwin

The fall-out over "Sewergate" seems to just keep getting messier and messier.

Last week, the city fired two more city managers and suspended a supervisor for their "alleged" roles in the 2006 sewer spill that allowed over one billion litres of raw sewage to be dumped into the Ottawa River over a six week period and the subsequent failure to inform city council about the spill, or alert the Ministry of Environment.

I say "alleged" because we have no idea what their role was. And therein lies the

problem. We still have no idea why the spill happened, or how far back it's been an issue.

One of the managers fired was David McCartney, a former manager of wastewater and drainage services, who spilled the beans about the spill in the first place. A colleague of McCartney's who's still employed by the city, recently sent an e-mail to city councillors stating that his firing was a "travesty" and that the real blame lies with the other two men who were let go.

I've heard from other people who make a convincing argument that the real blame

lies with the city and city council for allowing the city's wastewater system to deteriorate for years.

I'm sure the truth lies somewhere in between and the only way to get to the truth is to hold a public inquiry, if for no other reason than to restore the public's faith in the system.

The public has a right to find out what happened and who's responsible in a thorough and open process. Simply leaving it up to the city's auditor general, or Ministry of Environment investigators is not enough.

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O'Meara's in Navan is a fun place to meet friends for excellent food and a great time. At O'Meara's they serve great food in a friendly and warm environment and their featured draft beers are micro-brewed right on the premises at the Draft Horse Brewery.

The restaurant itself is a unique venue quaintly located in a 120-year-old grist mill. Named after Navan's first postmaster Michael O'Meara, O'Meara's in Navan can seat up to 115 people. There's also a comfortable and easy going bar area and the upstairs party room which has a 50-inch HD Plasma screen, fooseball and bubble hockey games, shuffleboard, darts and an Xbox 360 console which can accommodate up to 24 people for special get togethers.

For sports fans, O'Meara's boasts four Plasma screens – two 50-inch screens and two 42 inch screens – each with the latest 1080p technology and a giant 54x96 inch screen.

Large groups are welcome as well. The restaurant's team of event planners can help plan and host fundraisers for sports teams, end-of-year banquets, birthdays and weddings in their 140 seat banquet hall.

The menu features authentic smoked ribs, succulent sirloin steaks, humongous Buffalo wings and several different pasta dishes. O'Meara's signature dish is their beer battered fish and chips made using beer brewed right next door at the Draft Horse Brewery. Served with a freshly poured glass of Belgian Cream Ale or 50 Horse Lager, the ample portion of fish and chips is sure to satisfy even the biggest appetite.

Other popular dishes include the Mill Burger made with a 1/2 pound of freshly ground beef, piled high with the fixin's of your choice; chicken and steak sandwiches, the O'Meara's Signature Salad and the in-house pizza.

But O'Meara's in Navan is more than just a traditional sit down restaurant. The establishment can host any size event from 30 to 140 people in their spacious banquet hall. They can also cater large events off premises and have a mobile beer fridge and a large smoker that's ideal for a pig roast.

Last but not least, it's hard not to talk about O'Meara's in Navan and the Draft Horse Brewery without talking about the beer. Brewer Dom Boulet takes pride in each and every beer he produces including the 50-Horse Lager, the Belgian Amber and the Shire Brown Ale, all of which are available at the restaurant bar.

O'Meara's in Navan is open Monday to Thursday from 4 p.m. to midnight, Friday from 3 p.m. to 2 a.m., Saturday from 11



One of the specialties at O'Meara's in Navan is the beer battered fish and chips made with beer brewed on premises at the Draft Horse Brewery. File photo a.m. to 2 a.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

To get to O'Meara's take Trim Road south to the village of Navan and proceed through the intersection at Colonial Road. The restaurant will be on your left. For more information about O'Meara's in Navan visit [www.omearasinnavan.ca](http://www.omearasinnavan.ca).

## Local Business

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## Local sports

# Gloucester Hornets need penalty kicks to down Cumberland Cobras in U14 ERSL Cup final

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

In what was the most exciting game at the ERSL Cup finals this past weekend, the Gloucester Hornets U14 Regional girls team needed penalty kicks to down a tenacious Cumberland Cobras side 5-4 to win the Cup.

The Cobras were at a distinct disadvantage from the outset with several of their players out of the line-up with injuries leaving them with just one substitute. Even some of the players on the field were nursing a variety of ailments including one player with strained MCL that would normally have kept them on the sideline. The Hornets, on the other hand, had a full compliment of 17 players and were able to make whole scale substitutions throughout the game.

Despite the disparity in numbers, the Cobras gave the Hornets all they could handle and more. It took the Gloucester side 46 minutes to finally get on the board on a superb feed from Anne-Marie Brisson to Liana Dalati who found some open space in the middle of the box.

Rather than fold up their tents and call it a day, the Cobras kept trying to find a crack in the Hornets' defence which was anchored by Myreille Chouinard and Amanda McKinnon. Any balls that did get through were easily scooped up by keeper Pilar Khoury.

As the final minute of injury time ticked down, it appeared that the Hornets would indeed emerge victorious and then the soccer Gods decided to smile on the Cobras who were awarded a free kick deep in the Hornets' end.

Julie Beaulieu kicked a nice sweeping cross from the corner area that Valerie Bertrand just managed to get her forehead on, redirecting it past the far post to send the game into extra time.

In the first extra session, Khoury, who is not that largest keeper to begin with, collided hard with a Cumberland players and was down for a moment or two before shaking it off and taking a swig of water.

Not long after she showed the heart of a lion by coming out of her crease to challenge another Cumberland incursion and smother the ball.

Cumberland keeper Elizabeth MacDougall made a couple of key saves as well, including a nice stop on the near post off a corner kick in the second extra session.

After neither team could break the deadlock in extra time, the game had to be decided in penalty kicks. The Cobras' Valerie Riele and Sandra Hamer both beat Khoury to give Cumberland a 2-1 lead after Bisson hit the post on Gloucester's second attempt.

Khoury then stopped Rachelle Baetz to give her team a chance to tie, but when Emily Major-Girard's attempt missed the net to the left the Cobras still had the advantage.

As the tension mounted, Khoury came up with a spectacular outstretched save off Quynn Lauzon to maintain the one goal differential. Nancy Duguay then stepped up for the Hornets and calmly scored to tie the game at two penalty kicks each.

With one round remaining in the penalty kick session, Bertrand scored on a well placed shot inside the right post to give Gloucester a 3-2 lead. The game then came down to Khoury who had to switch from keeper to striker to take Gloucester's fifth kick. If she missed, the game and the ERSL Cup would be rewarded to the Cobras. If she made it, the contest would go to extra kicks. Without blinking she slid the ball into the right side of the net.

Makena Fowler then kicked the ball just wide of the right post to give Sarah Jaworski a chance to win it for the Hornets, which she did to spark the post game celebration.

It was a tough loss for the Cobras, who battled right to the end despite all the injuries and being short so many players.

"Kudos to the Cobras," Hornets' coach Michael Dussah said after the game. "You know with only one sub I thought they'd run out of juice, but they gave us a really hard time."



Members of the Gloucester Hornets U14 Regional girls team embrace Sarah Jaworski after she scored on the final penalty kick to clinch the U15 ERSL Cup at Millennium Park on Saturday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

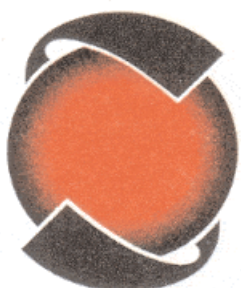
Looking back at what transpired on the field, Cobras' coach Mark Fowler said he couldn't have been more proud of his team's effort.

"You know we competed to the end. That's been our trade mark. There's no quit in them," said Fowler.

"We had the same number of players in the semi-final and gutted out a win. Before the game I told them that regardless of what happened I couldn't be prouder of them."

As for Khoury's stellar performance, Dussah said she's played like a giant all season.

"She's not the biggest goalie, but she's the best. Many people think you need to be big, but if you have very good technique, very good positioning and a very big heart then you can be a very good keeper," said Dussah before his team was awarded the 2008 U14 ERSL Cup.



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# Local sports

## U13 Cobras complete impressive double double

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

The Cumberland Cobras U13 Regional girls team left no doubt who is the best '95 girls soccer team in Eastern Ontario after winning both the ERS� league and Cup championships for the second year in a row.

The Cobras clinched the league championship last week when they downed the Nepean Hotspurs 2-0 in the final game of the regular season, leaving Ottawa South United, which finished fourth, as the only team in their path to completing the double double.

Despite finishing well back of the Cobras during the regular season, OSU came after Cumberland from the opening whistle, forcing them on their heels for the first 10 minutes of the game. Try as they might, however, OSU couldn't get the ball into the net and the Cobras managed to weather the storm before eventually turning the tide on their opponents.

The game remained scoreless until late in the opening half when the OSU goalie came rushing out of her crease to try and gather up a loose ball with Julia Davis

baring down on her. The two collided just outside the penalty area and fell to the pitch in a heap. Davis got up after a few seconds, but the OSU keeper had to be taken to hospital as a precautionary measure after suffering a neck injury.

When play resumed 35 minutes later, Kelsey Sitka chased a loose ball deep into the OSU end and sent a perfect pass across to a hard-charging Davis in the middle of the box for the opening score.

Davis, who has been on a hot streak since mid-August scoring seven of the teams nine goals down the stretch, found the back of the net again in the second half when she ripped the ball past the near post from just inside the penalty area.

OSU would finally get on the board two minutes later to make a game of it, but Sara Marchant's insurance marker late in the second half would seal the deal for the Cobras.

In 17 ERS� league and Cup games this season, the Cobras outscored their opponents 69-18. Their one and only loss came way back on May 27 when Goulbourn upset them 6-2.



Members of the Cumberland Cobras U12 Regional girls team pose with the ERS� Cup after beating Ottawa South United in the Cup final on Saturday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

## Cobras hang on to win U14 ERS� Cup in a nailbiter

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

The Cumberland Cobras U14 Premier boys team went into the ERS� Cup finals as an underdog and emerged champions after downing Rockland United 4-3.

The Cobras jumped out to a 4-0 lead against the regular season champions and then hung on for dear life as Rockland scored three goals during a five minute span late in the game.

If not for a tremendous sliding save by Cobras' keeper Wes Aucoin with his team hanging on for dear life, the game could well have gone into extra time and the result could have been very different. As it was, the third place Cobras managed to weather the storm and hang on for the big win.

It was an impressive performance by the Cobras who failed to get on the score sheet against Rockland in their two previous meetings. Cumberland ended their goal scoring drought shortly after the opening whistle when Charles MacGregor converted a cross from Brendan MacDonald into the bottom right-hand corner.

Cory Bergeron then made the score 2-0 seven minutes later when he pounced on a

rebound given up by the Rockland goalie on a free kick taken by Mike Zablocki.

Rather than protect their two goal lead, the Cobras kept pouring it on. Their aggressive play resulted in Jordan Vanderploeg's first ever goal in competitive soccer with six minutes left in the half. Six minutes later captain Sam Otto scored what would end up being the eventual game winner on a feed from Nathaniel Miller.

The score remained 4-0 in favour of the Cobras until the 32nd minute of the second half when Rockland went on their scoring spree. There's no question they would have tied the game, if not for Aucoin's spectacular save with four minutes left to play.

Cobras' head coach Tim Kealey said Rockland's comeback had just as much to do with his own players taking their foot off the gas pedal than it did with Rockland stepping things up.

"We just laid back a little and Rockland managed to get it together and gain some momentum," said Kealey. "Overall, I thought our boys played really well and we deserved to be here."

The Cobras placed third in the final regular season standings, 15 points back of



Members of the Cumberland Cobras U14 Premier boys team pose for a group photo after winning the U14 ERS� Cup. Fred Sherwin/Photo

Rockland who beat them 6-0 and 4-0 in their two previous match-ups.

# Local sports

## U12 Regional team finishes season on a high note

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

The Cumberland Cobras U12 Regional girls team completed what has been an up and down season on a high note this past weekend by downing the Ottawa South United Force 4-1 to win the U12 ERS� Cup.

The Cobras were hoping to add a league and an ERS� Cup championship to the Robbie Tournament title they won earlier this summer, but circumstances conspired against them when their leading scorer Miranda Smith was unable to play against Kanata due to a prior commitment. With first place at stake, an inspired Kanata team won the game 3-1.

With Smith back in the lineup, the Cobras were prohibitive favourites to win the ERS� Cup against an OSU side that finished the regular season in fifth place, 17 points behind Cumberland.

Smith wasted little time getting her team on the board,

scoring on a set play early in the game off a free kick from just outside OSU's penalty area. Jordan Lundin slid the ball over to Smith who drilled the ball into the top corner.

Smith scored again late in the first half on a cross from Katrina Macias to give her a grand total of 38 goals in both league and ERS� Cup play. Emma Thayer had the first touch on the ball before Smith volleyed it into the back of the net to give Cumberland a 2-0 lead at halftime.

The Cobras third goal was scored by Jenna Lu who was in the right place at the right time when Smith's initial shot struck the post and bounced into play.

Smith was also a factor in setting up the Cobra's fourth goal. The speedy striker drew a pair of defenders while driving to the net which allowed her to pass the ball back to Lundin who scored off her left foot.

OSU would add a goal of their own late in the game to



Members of the Cumberland Cobras U12 Regional girls team pose for a group photo after winning the ERS� Cup final on Saturday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

make the final score 4-1. While it wasn't the league championship it was the next best thing.

"We had an up and down year this year. We came second in the league after we lost our last game, but winning the Robbie Tournament was definitely the highlight," said head

coach Chris Grimes after the game.

The Robbie International Soccer Tournament is one of the top youth tournaments in the province bringing together the best teams from the Greater Toronto Area, Southern Ontario and beyond.

## Area soccer teams have impressive weekend

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

The Gloucester Hornets and Cumberland Cobras managed to run their ERS� Cup total to six on the weekend as the 2008 ERS� Cup finals wrapped up at Millennium Park.

The Cobras led the way, winning three Cups, including a both the U12 and U13 girls trophies. Cumberland's U14 Premier boys team also got in on the action, upsetting Rockland United 4-3.

The Hornets emerged victorious in the U16 boys final and the U14 girls championship which had to be decided in penalty kicks after the Cumberland Cobras tied the game late in injury time. The Hornets had already won the U10 girls ERS� Cup last weekend.

The day got off to a promising start when the Cobras U12 Regional girls team downed Ottawa South United 4-1 on a pair of goals by Miranda Smith

and singles by Jenna Lu and Jordan Lundin.

Not far away, the Cobras U14 Premier boys squad was having its way with Kanata United, jumping out to a 4-0 lead before the league champions rallied for three goals in five minutes midway through the second half. If not for a spectacular save by Cobra's keeper Wes Aucoin late in the game, the two teams would have had to settle things in extra time.

The Gloucester Hornets U13 Regional boys team continued the east end winning streak with a convincing 3-1 victory over the West Carleton Talons Premier squad in which Christian Eanga-Selenge registered two markers and Usman Kamara added another.

The Cups kept coming with the U13 Cobras Regional girls team downing Ottawa South United 3-1 on a pair of goals by Julia Davis and an insurance marker by Sara Marchant.

The only hiccup came in the girls U16 final in which the OSU Regional team easily downed an overmatched Cobras Premier squad 3-0.

The best, however, was saved for last in the U14 girls final between the Cumberland Cobras and the Gloucester Hornets which went to penalty kicks before a winner could be determined.

The Hornets opened the scoring on a goal by Liana Dalati off a perfect lead pass from Anne-Marie Bisson midway through the first half.

With only one substitute at their disposal due to a rash of injuries, the Cobras did their best to keep the score close while trying to find an opening in Gloucester's back line.

The opportunity they were hoping for came late in injury time when they were awarded a free kick deep in Hornets' territory. Julie Beaulieu kicked a nice sweeping cross from the

corner area on the play that Valerie Bertrand just managed to get her forehead on and redirected it past the near post.

After neither team could decide the game in extra time, it came down to penalty kicks where Hornets' keeper Pilar Khoury and teammate Sarah Jaworski emerged as the heroes of the hour.

Khoury stopped two Cobra shooters and scored in the fifth round to force the contest into extra kicks. After Cumberland missed on their sixth attempt, Jaworski scored to give Gloucester the win.

In other action on Sunday, the Cumberland Cobras' U12 Division 1 boys team and the U14 and U15 Division 1 girls teams all won their ERS� Shield finals, while the Gloucester Hornets U14 Division 1 boys team did the same.

The Hornets U13 Division 1 girls team, meanwhile, lost 1-0 to Nepean City.

# Local sports

## Mosquito Bengals sting Cumberland Panthers 40-38

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

The Mews Orleans Bengals mosquito team improved to 2-0 on Saturday with a 40-38 win over the Cumberland Panthers in a see-saw affair that saw the lead change hands eight times.

Keenan Pierre led the way for the Bengals with four touchdowns on the ground, including the game winner on a 40-yard scamper with less than two minutes to go. Graham McArthur scored twice and Nick DeLallo added another touchdown for the Bengals who were playing on their home field at Garneau High School as part of the club's Homecoming Weekend.

The Panthers matched the Bengals touchdown for touchdown until the final series of the game when Orleans' Martin Prouse and Chris Olivier forced a fumble to seal the deal.

Cumberland's offence was paced by first year running back Jackson Bennett who scored all six of the Panthers touchdowns, earning him kudos from the Bengals coaching staff.

"The kid was a force out there. He's a special player who has a bright future in this game," said Bengals head coach Dennis Prouse.

The former soccer player has above average speed for his age and a football player's mentality, says Panthers' head coach Michel Charron.

"He's very quick to the corner," says Charron, "and once he turns upfield, he's tough to catch and even tougher to bring down. On one play he reached out and straight-armed the defender."

While the Bengals improved their record to 2-0, the Panthers fell to 0-3. Charron says the team has been having trouble on defence.

"We're going to make a few changes and move some bodies around and hopefully that will help," says Charron.

In other action on Saturday, the Bengals tyke and peewee teams both lost to the Panthers. The tykes defence had no answer for Cumberland's offence which scored on nearly every possession in rolling to a 58-40 win. In the peewee match-up, the Panthers jumped out to a 7-0 lead before giving up a safety near the end of the first half. Another touchdown in the third quarter would make the final score 14-2.

The final game of the day pitted the Bengals' bantam team against the winless Cornwall Wildcats.

Orleans used its massive offensive line to rush for more than 200 yards including a 40-yard plus touchdown run by Isaiah Harris. The Bengals first touchdown was scored by O-lineman Eric Backstrom who recovered a fumble on a pass and run play and bowled into the end zone. They also scored on a pass from Darcy Lavoie to Yannick Paquin.



Mews Orleans Bengals running back Nick DeLallo carries the ball during the mosquito team's 40-38 win over the Cumberland Panthers on Saturday. Photo supplied

The game had to be ended early when the Wildcats suffered their fourth injury on the defensive line with five minutes left in the fourth quarter.

Up next for the 2-1 Bengals are the West Carleton Wolverines who are 1-2 after losing 49-21 to the Kanata Knights.

## Cumberland Panthers win three of four over the weekend

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

The Cumberland Panthers did their best to ruin the Orleans Bengals' homecoming festivities on Saturday, winning two of three games against their east end rivals. Then on Sunday, the Panthers' bantam team capped the weekend with a 44-10 win over the Nepean Redskins.

The Panthers tyke team started things off in impressive fashion by steamrolling to a 58-27 win over their Bengal counterparts in a game in which they scored a touchdown almost every time they touched the

ball.

Up next was the Panthers' mosquito team which was looking for their first win of the season. As the game unfolded, the lead changed hands eight times until the Bengals put a touchdown drive together late in the fourth quarter to go up 40-38, which is how the game ended.

The lone bright spot for the Panthers was first year running back Jackson Bennett who scored all six of the team's touchdowns.

In the peewee match-up, the Panthers scored two touchdowns on the ground on a

pair of runs by newcomer Darcy Pelletier-Lauzon. The Bengals, meanwhile, could only muster a safety in losing 14-2 and evening their record at 1-1. The Panthers record improved to 2-1.

Last but not least, the Panthers made short work of the Nepean Redskins in Sunday's bantam game to improve their record to 3-0.

All four Panthers teams will be in action this weekend. The tyke, mosquito and peewee teams play the Gatineau Vikings, while the bantam squad will go up against the Bell Warriors.



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# Artscetera

## Orléans theatre school embarks on exciting season

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

The Orleans Young Players Theatre School is about to embark on its 19th and most exciting season ever. After operating out of the Cumberland HUB on Tompkins Ave. for the past 18 years, the school will move into new digs when the Shenkman Arts Centre opens next spring.

The new quarters, which include a much larger office and twice the studio space, will allow the school to grow by 40 per cent next year and 100 per cent over the next couple of years.

“It’s going to be hugely exciting,” says Orleans Young Players artistic director Kathi Langston.

The anticipated move to the Shenkman Centre has already resulted in an increase in registration. Many courses have been filled for weeks, but there are still spaces available in other classes, especially at the senior levels.

There are openings in the On-Camera class, which explores acting and film work, for students entering Grade 7 and up. This year’s class will examine the problems of

racism and develop a story line that seeks a resolution through art and understanding. The class is held on Sundays from 12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

There are also spaces still available in the Radio Play class which teaches students to develop voice and sound techniques. The class will work on a radio play which they will incorporate into a performance during the School’s Spring Showcase. There may be openings in other classes as well, but you are advised to call the Theatre School’s information line at 613-830-7360 for availability.

All the classes will concentrate on a common theme which this year is “Arts Connecting Neighbours”. Productions will explore Canada’s cultural diversity by incorporating songs, legends and poetry in the story line.

The Theatre School also plans to stage a special production of “The Nutcracker” in December. Langston is hoping to bring together as many former students and instructors as possible to celebrate the school’s past as it gets ready to embark on a bright new future.



The Orleans Young Players Theatre School still has a limited number of openings for the upcoming season. File photo

For more information about OYP visit [www.oypayers.on.ca](http://www.oypayers.on.ca).

## Community calendar

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

**CUMBERLAND VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AGM** at the Lions Maple Hall 2552 Old Montreal Rd. Coun. Rob Jellett is scheduled to be in attendance to discuss local issues such as the current city study examining the options for bringing municipal water to Cumberland as well as the 2008/2009 review of the city’s rural/urban boundaries. Meet and greet at 6:30 p.m. followed by the actual meeting at 7 p.m.

**BLACKBURN HAMLET COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING** beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Blackburn Hamlet branch of the Ottawa Library on Glen Park Drive..

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

**GINETTE HAMILTON** will be performing at the Orléans Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Dr. from

7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Buffet dinner at 5 p.m. Visit [www.rcl632.com](http://www.rcl632.com) for more information.

**THE GLOUCESTER RANGERS** will be hosting the Cornwall Colts in their home opener at the Earl Armstrong Arena. Puck drops at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

**GLOUCESTER EMERGENCY FOOD CUPBOARD ANNUAL VOLUNTEER YARD SALE** from 8:30 a.m. to noon at 2040 Arrowsmith Dr. just off of Jasmine Cres. in Beacon Hill South. Lots of items for sale and bargains to be had! If you wish to donate items (no clothes please), they can be dropped off at the GEFC from Sept. 15 through Sept. 19 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Visit [www.gefc.ca](http://www.gefc.ca) for more information.

**CARD PARTY** at the Gloucester Senior Adults’ Centre located

on the second floor of the Earl Armstrong Arena at 2020 Ogilvie Road. Registration at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 613-749-1974 or visit [www.storm.ca/~gsac](http://www.storm.ca/~gsac).

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

**ONE DAY HAZARDOUS WASTE DEPOT** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the WSI Landfill Site, 3354 Navan Rd. Some examples of hazardous waste for drop off are light bulbs, turpentine, brake fluid, aerosol containers, fire extinguishers, pool chemicals, insecticides, stains, wood preservatives, barbecue starters, propane tanks, oven cleaners, disinfectants, herbicides, fungicides, furniture stripper, gas-line and window cleaner.

**ALPHA INTRODUCTORY EVENING** – Explore the meaning of life through ALPHA, a ‘Basics of Christianity’ Course used by main Christian denominations; or try the follow-on “Life Worth Living”

course. An Alpha Introductory Evening will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 839 Shefford Road. There is no charge for this event. Please call 613-824-4125 to reserve a seat.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

**INTERPROVINCIAL BRIDGE CROSSING PUBLIC MEETING** in Salon A of the Ottawa Civic Centre. Open House from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Presentation from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. followed by a question and answer session. This meeting is being held as a follow to the recent release of Phase 1 of the Environmental Assessment which selected Kettle Island as the preferred location for the future inter-provincial crossing.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26

**VINTAGE STOCK THEATRE** presents “A Divided Loyalty: The Rebellions of 1837 in Cumberland”, a play by lamplight on the grounds of the Cumberland Heritage

Village Museum Sept. 25 & 26 and Oct. 3 & 4.. Showtime all five nights is 8 p.m. Tickets \$15 each are available at the Cumberland Museum, Haddad’s Foodliner in Cumberland Village or at the door. This is an outdoor presentation so audience members are asked to wear suitable clothing and comfortable shoes.

SUNDAY, OCT. 5

**CIBC RUN (WALK) FOR THE CURE** in Blackburn Hamlet. Registration at the Blackburn Community Centre on Glen Park Dr. starting at 9 a.m. Participants are asked to bring a cash or cheque donation. Any amount would be appreciated. This event is open to everyone. Strollers, baby joggers, bikes, dogs, inline skaters; all are welcome.

