



Aldershot BIA Newsletter

Your Business Improvement Area

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Waterdown Road Re-Opens

The Waterdown Road and Plains Road intersection has undergone a transformation. The iconic Murray's Variety has vanished to make way for an additional two lanes on Waterdown Road making a total of five. With all of the improvements, the opportunity to beautify the major gateway to Aldershot presents itself. The Aldershot Village BIA is contributing \$65,000 to this project. We are installing a concrete seating area as well as two benches which will allow seating for approximately twelve people. In addition, the City is creating a flower garden and the BIA will be supplying the trellis, similar to the one at King and Plains Road. Additionally, the BIA will be funding the purchase of four decorative street lamps. This work is scheduled to be completed before December.

The City is installing two concrete medians on Plains Road, one to the west of Waterdown Road and one to the east. There is a third median, this one on Waterdown Road, just north of the intersection. These three medians will be filled with low shrubs or flowers. It is hoped that local businesses will sponsor the cost of maintaining the flower beds. If you are interested, contact the City or the Aldershot Village BIA.

Waterdown Road reopened on Friday, September 4th. However, in order to complete the remaining work, only three lanes will be open, one north, one south and turning lanes at both Plains and Masonry. Completion of the boulevards, driveways and associated work is expected to be completed before the end of November.

Below, left is a picture of Waterdown Road looking north just before it opened.

Below, right is a picture of Waterdown Road just after it opened.





New Beginnings



We say good bye to the old and welcome the new. Oakville's Melrose Developments, has consolidated a parcel of land that includes the Bell Motel, the Foo Ho and the Busy Bee strip plaza. Melrose bought the Foo Ho about eighteen months ago, then acquired the adjoining plaza and the Bell Motel. These will be demolished, making way for a new and innovative development. The Bell Motel was razed Friday, August 14th to begin the process.

Melrose is planning to build condominiums, of a maximum of six stories, totaling 176 units. Construction is scheduled to begin early in 2016. Parking for the residents will be underground and there will be a small commercial component of about three to four thousand square feet. This is an interesting and unique development, as it is the first development in Ontario of at least six stories to use wood instead of steel. The use of wood is an innovative approach utilized in many places world-wide including Europe as well as British Columbia here in Canada. Quebec has taken the lead in this field and now allows buildings of up to 12 stories to use cross-laminated timber. It is expected that this type of construction will give a shot in the arm to the forestry industry. This will be another first for Aldershot but is sure to be emulated in other municipalities.

The BIA was working closely with Melrose to bring a large variety store or small grocery store to this site. Melrose is continuing to pursue this type of tenant but retailers site a lack of population as a concern. Aldershot welcomes this new addition to Plains Road and looks forward to watching its progress. Things are happening on the West Side!



Left: The Foo Ho Restaurant is but a memory!



Right: The sign is all that remains of the Bell Motel!

Board Vacancy

Board member Bill Boehler is beginning a new chapter. Bill has sold his business, the Full Glass, to another local winemaker, Jo-Anne Porter, owner of Exquisite Taste in Wine, on Brant Street. As Bill has resigned his position as a Board member, we have a vacancy on the Board. The Board wishes to extend its heart-felt thanks to Bill for his years of dedication and service to our business community as we welcome Jo-Anne to Aldershot.

We encourage Plains Road business owners to join us and run for the vacant position on the Board. It is an opportunity to impact the business atmosphere here in Aldershot and make a difference in the business community. Members are required to attend one board meeting per month as well as serve on one of our six committees. Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month and usually last less than two hours. We start at 7:30 a.m. and the location varies. Members serve until the next election in early 2019.

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Management, please e-mail your resume to:

bob@aldershotbia.com Hope to hear from you soon!



Shop the Neighbourhood

Your Aldershot BIA will again be celebrating local shopping and local businesses with the Shop the Neighbourhood program. Over 6,000 businesses and 750,000 customers participated in this initiative in 2014.

On Saturday, November 28th, we will be supporting this program with free canvas shopping bags that businesses may distribute to customers. The BIA will supply, free of charge, a case of shopping bags to any merchant who participates in Shop the Neighbourhood. Our General Manager will be delivering the bags with this newsletter. Bags are limited, so get yours early!

For more information, visit the web site of Shop the Neighbourhood or contact the Aldershot BIA at: bob@aldershotbia.com

Aldershot After Five

Your BIA will be hosting a wine and cheese reception on Thursday, October 22nd, from 5 to 7 P.M. at Nonna's Ristorante, 127 Plains Road West.

Come out, have a good time and network with your fellow merchants and the Board. Enjoy Nonna's Italian ambiance and tasty appetizers. Let's talk about the things that are important to the success of your business and how the BIA can help it grow! Our Chair, Kelvin Galbraith will bring greetings from the Board of Management and Councillor Craven will up-date the gathering on the activity that is taking place on Plains Road.

Christmas Tree of Hope

Your Aldershot Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) will be lighting the 11th Annual Aldershot Village Christmas Tree of Hope on Friday, November 20th in the parking lot of Plucker's Wing and Crab Shack Restaurant, 355 Plains Rd. E. We are delighted to offer horse-drawn wagon rides through the generous sponsorship of Bay Gardens Funeral Home, between 5:00 & 8:00 pm.



Santa, Mrs. Claus and Councillor Craven will arrive at 6:00 pm.



They will light the Tree of Hope.



Entertainment will be provided by the choirs from Aldershot School, Burlington Christian Academy and Fern Hill School.

The Aldershot Lions members will serve free hot dogs along with hot chocolate, provided compliments of Plucker's.

The BIA wishes to acknowledge the support of our sponsors who make this event possible. Our thanks to the Aldershot Lions Club, Aldershot Landscaping, Bay Gardens Funeral Home, Pluckers, Sears Home, J&G Meats, Fortino's, the Burlington Fire Department and the Halton Regional Police.





Getting to Know You!

Healing Touch Natural Wellness

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Healing Touch is a Chiropractic and Massage clinic serving the Burlington area since 2013; it is owned and operated by Dr. Cheryl Pokszywka.

The clinic offers a wide variety of services including: Chiropractic, Massage (Laura Ahonen, RMT and Jamie Lafferty, RMT), Acupuncture, Graston Technique, and Custom Orthotics, to name a few.

Dr. Cheryl's treatment approach involves the use of multiple modalities in a single visit in order to maximize the effectiveness of treatment. She emphasizes that "no two people are alike and therefore it is necessary to have multiple tools in your belt; not everyone will respond to the same type of treatment".

The clinic is built on a foundation of trust and integrity, allowing patients to feel at home. The office invites a warm and comfortable atmosphere; you will be welcomed by our friendly office manager, Sally Hansen, and our knowledgeable staff who genuinely care about your well-being.



The Full Glass

Although new to Plains Road Jo-Anne and William Porter are not new to the wine scene!

By partnering with her son, Jo-Anne and William have an impressive total of 34 years in the hospitality and wine industry. They will bring all their expertise, excellent customer service and passion to the newly conceived Full Glass on Plains Road. Jo-Anne has been the owner-operator of Exquisite Taste in Wine on Brant Street for 16 years and has garnered a well-earned, faithful following. William began his career at the Keg. As server, graduating to manager, his enthusiasm for fine wine was developed and refined. William will be the face and pilot at the helm of the new Full Glass. Jo-Anne will be involved as well.

They will be working on a new and updated logo, as well as a website to provide better customer access to information and wine opportunities! There will be a monthly news letter featuring specials plus weekly advertising in the Burlington Post.

They are looking forward to partnering with the Aldershot BIA and we welcome them with equal enthusiasm. We will be watching for their Grand Opening in October!

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Board meetings are the second Thursday of every month

Meetings start at 7:30 a.m. and are open to the public

October and November

LaSalle Park Retirement Community

December

Fortino's Community Room

