

North Ward Councillor - By Steve Lee



Logo, Budget and Big Ticket Items

Well, it has certainly been a couple of interesting weeks on council since my last column.

One item that got people talking and involved a lot of engagement was the rebranding process that was started with the previous council. I had posted the logo online to see what residents thought. This garnered lots of attention and many comments. People were certainly passionate about the subject.

In the end, the response we received was that you would like more input. There were quite a few who thought the logo may not be the best for Whitby. At committee of the whole, I made a motion to try to get some adjustments made to the design. This was supported by Councillors Mulcahy and Roy but the motion was defeated 6-3.

Days later, I spoke with staff to see what the options were. I also discussed it with other council members and, after many meetings, it ended up with staff presenting us with three options, one of which was very close to what we had asked for. Councillors Mulcahy and Roy had submitted modifications and we ended up deciding as a council to move forward with a modified op-

tion 2, which was getting new designs from the branding design firm and having public input on those new designs. I am hoping we will be able to get something great from all this and continue the branding that Whitby needs to set us apart from other communities and to be a leader in Durham Region.

Last week's council meeting also included the budget discussion. This was also passed. I along with Councillor Mulcahy and other council members spoke to the need for and importance of ensuring the mid block arterial road gets moved along. This is something we absolutely need and will open up so many other things. The extension of Garden Street North and the future Brooklin sports complex all need this road to be opened. Personally I very much want to see this road opened and the sports complex begun. These are items people in our ward need and have wanted for some time. As well, our town has such a traffic congestion problem that we need to get this road going so we can ease the congestion in other areas.

If you would like more information about these or other issues, please email me at lees@whitby.ca.

Blooming in Brooklin By Ken Brown



How to garden through winter's last gasp

It's March, so I'm starting to watch out the back window to see if the Witch Hazel is showing any signs of blooming. My records indicate it bloomed as early as March 8 last year. However, those records are photos and the amount of snow evident seems to have had little effect on the date. Prolonged cold temperatures are a deciding factor. So, on that basis, I don't expect the lovely curly red blooms to show up soon. Besides, if I wanted to go outside to check, I'd need skates as the yard is still ice covered from the rain and freeze cycles we recently had.

No, all my gardening is going to be in the basement. The onions have started to germinate and the early vegetables have been seeded. Pak choi, broccoli, lettuce and a few others need 6-8 weeks from seeding to planting and I continue to be optimistic about my late April planting date.

Marigold seeds
I saved some seed last fall from marigolds and now I need to get a few of them sown to see if they're viable while I still have time to order new ones in case they're not. Though not usually a seed saver, I found that these marigolds produced so much easily gathered seed that I couldn't resist taking the short time needed. One was a new hybrid variety. It will be interesting to see what grows and how closely it resembles the original.

The other marigold is one of the Gem series that I plant yearly. I grow

it from seed because it's not always easy to find in the garden centres. It produces a large mound, about 30 cm high and wide, covered with hundreds of tiny blooms, which are edible and wonderful for decorating salads or any other part of your dinner plate.

Moth repellent
But that's not the main reason I grow them. They're scattered throughout the vegetable garden to act as a repellent for the cabbage moth. It's not 100 % effective - nothing in gardening is - but it does work. They don't always appear in garden centres because when they're small plants, they're scrawny little things that have minimal sales appeal to people who are unfamiliar with the beauty of the mature plant.

By the end of this month, I'll be sifting through the box of shredded paper to find my stored bulbs and tubers. The colocasia will be the first to be planted followed by the tuberous begonias. I'll be a bit slower this year with my dahlias because I was overanxious last year and wound up with rather large plants that wouldn't even fit into the cold frame by planting out time in late May.

Now with some bright sunny winter days and having finished planting seeds (and writing this column), I'm off to celebrate winter on the local ski hill, like a real Canadian.

That's what gardeners do in the winter.

Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe Crossword

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- 36 Poseidon's domain

37 Undertaker.

40 Ultimate ending

41 Noses (out)

42 Antler point

43 Snorkeling site

45 Neighbor of a Vietnamese

46 Sound system

47 Waikiki wear

49 Hipbones

50 Type of painting

58 United States anatomist who identified four pituitary hormones and discovered vitamin E

59 Sack

60 Golden rule word

61 The third canonical hour; about 9 a.m.

62 Top-of-the-line

63 Memorization method

64 Egyptian symbols of life

65. Use

66. Form of ether
- 9 More icy.

10 A jaunty rhythm in music

11 Voting no

12 Reduced instruction set computing (acronym)

14 Like thick smoke

20 They are (contraction)

21 Player

24 Yield

25 Invective

26 ____ Carlo

27 Broadcasting visual images

28 Pupil's place

30 United States capitalist (born in Germany) who made a fortune in fur trading (1763-1848)

31 Sierra ____

32 Florida's Key ____

34 Pond organism

35 Infected

38 Unrehearsed

39 An animal or person.

44 Draw back, as with fear or pain

46 Shade of gray

48 Softens

49 Often-missed humor

50 Bristle

51 Uniform

52 Attach a tag or label to

53 Sharp rebuke

54 Hammer or sickle

55 Privy to

56 One of four Holy Roman emperors

57 Yuletide

- Across**
- 1 Toiletry item
- 5 Wrath
- 8 Related to or having filaments
- 13 A nursemaid or maid in East Asia or India.
- 14 Ripened
- 15 Any of various organs that synthesize substances needed by the body and release it into the bloodstream
- 16 A tropical Asian starling, sometimes a good imitator of human speech
- 17 Not bare
- 18 Becomes limp
- 19 Pertaining to or exhibiting magnetism
- 22 Midwestern state in the Great Lakes region of the United States.
- 23 Stubborn one
- 24 People who are condemned to eternal punishment
- 27 Spirit
- 29 One way to stand
- 33 Durable wood
- 34 Buenos ____