

Plowing through the facts

OPP and Wellington County Roads Department would like drivers to know:

- Snowplows typically plow snow at 60km/hr or less so that the blade doesn't bounce and can take a smooth cut of snow and ice from the road.
- When spreading sand,

salt or liquid de-icer, trucks travel at 50km/h or less which ensures even distribution and a thorough coverage.

- When plowing the shoulders, trucks need to be extremely precise and travel at 30km/h or less. This allows the operator

to adjust for obstacles like signs, mailboxes and guardrails. Mailboxes guidelines can be found at www.wellington.ca

- When putting garbage and recycling out for pickup, keep it at least one meter away from the roadway.
- When parking a vehicle on the road, keep plows

in mind. Highway legislation prohibits someone from parking their vehicle on a road when it interferes with the removal of snow. Section 170(12) of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA).

- Section 181 of the HTA prohibits anyone from dumping any amount of snow onto a road or highway.

- We never recommend passing a plow. The snow and road conditions in front of the plow will be more severe and crossing between different levels of snow covered roads can be dangerous.
- While winter-tires can provide an advantage to drivers when it comes to steering a vehicle in

the snow, they do not necessarily provide advantages when it comes to stopping. "See snow, go slow!"



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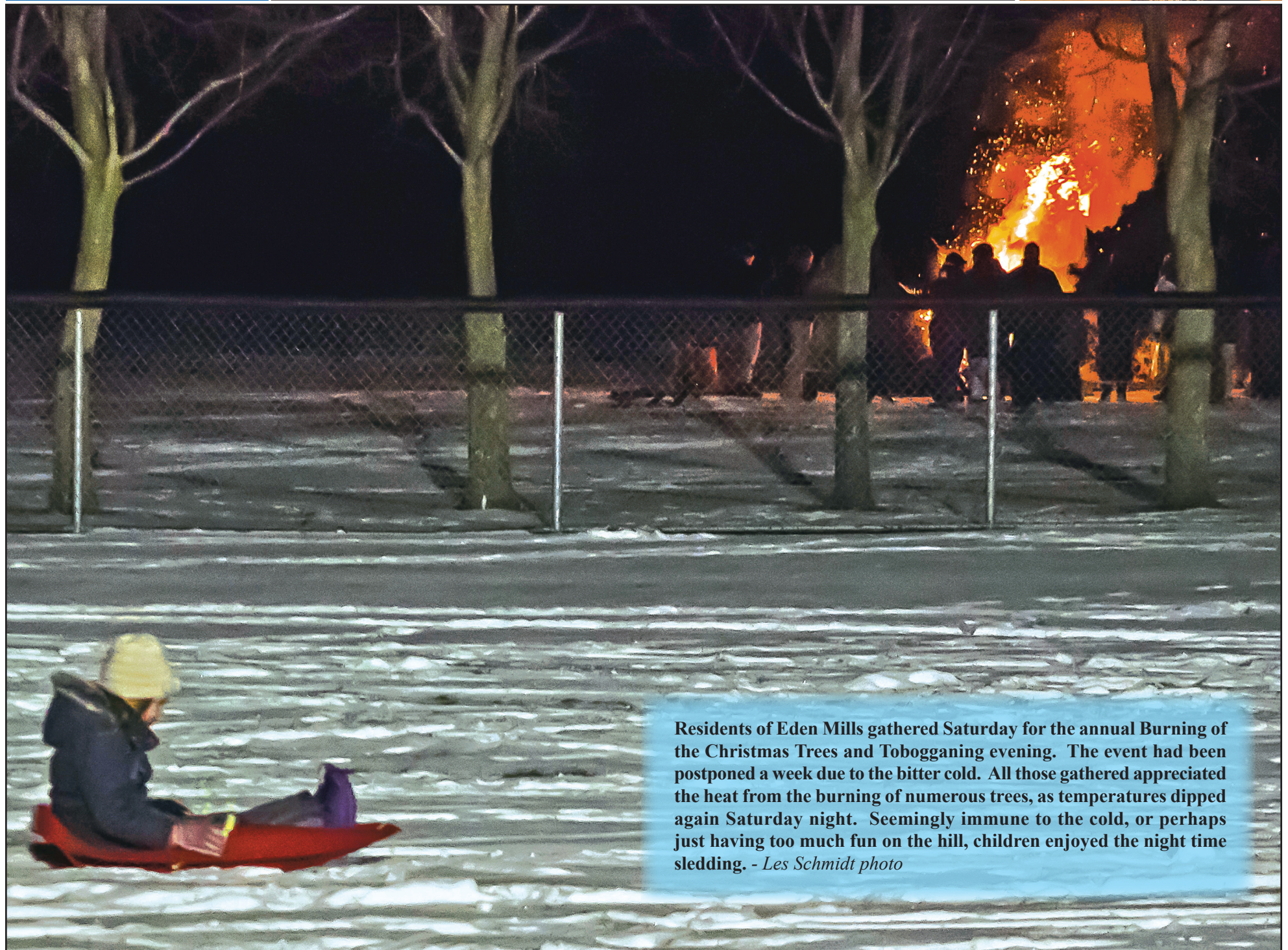
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LOCAL MOTION



Residents of Eden Mills gathered Saturday for the annual Burning of the Christmas Trees and Tobogganing evening. The event had been postponed a week due to the bitter cold. All those gathered appreciated the heat from the burning of numerous trees, as temperatures dipped again Saturday night. Seemingly immune to the cold, or perhaps just having too much fun on the hill, children enjoyed the night time sledding. - Les Schmidt photo



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