

From left, George Kennedy Public School students Evelyn Waters, Emily Ancker, Khloe Burbine and Daniela Elwood participate in the school's 25th-annual Terry Fox Run last Friday.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

George Kennedy student dedicates Terry Fox Run fundraising to her dad

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This year's Terry Fox Run held a special meaning for Grade 5 George Kennedy Public School student Evelyn Waters.

As her classmates prepared to run around the schoolyard last Friday and learned about Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope run in 1980, 10-year-old Waters was thinking of her father Steven, who was at that time in Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto undergoing open heart surgery to replace two valves. The Ballinafad resident's heart disease is a secondary condition brought on by a rare cancer called Carcinoid Syndrome, which occurs in just one in 750,000 Canadians.

Evelyn decided early last week that she would dedicate her fundraising efforts for the Terry Fox Run to her dad and in only five days, contributed \$820 to George Kennedy's tally of approximately \$2,300, far surpassing the school's goal of \$1,000.

"She's a lot stronger than me," said Evelyn's mother Sherry.

"I was crying more than she was when we

dropped Steve off at (Sunnybrook). They're so close and Steve is such a great dad. The prognosis is not good, but we're hoping for the best. It's going to be a long road."

It was also the 25th anniversary of George Kennedy's Terry Fox Run and the school received a special award from the organization's school ambassador, Krista Mather, who presented a commemorative banner to principal Erin Bedard. Over those 25 years, more than \$115,000 has been raised by George Kennedy Public School for the Terry Fox Run.

Town expects OMB will make final decision on Stull property

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900,000 cubic metres of fill via 90,000 truck loads was turned down by SAC and council two years ago. The current application calls for a reduced amount of fill to be trucked into the property— 820,000 cubic metres, which would result in 82,000 truck trips in and out of the property.

The current application is making its way through the Town review process and will be presented to SAC upon completion. This could happen as early as Oct. 15, provided the Town receives additional documentation it is waiting for from the Stulls and has adequate time to review it before the meeting, said Town Water Resource Program Manager Steve Grace. At that time the committee will hear from both Town staff and the Stulls and then make a recommendation to council.

In 2012, fill was imported into the Stull property despite the protest of frustrated neighbours and in contravention of the site alteration bylaw, forcing the Town to issue a cease and desist order. However, the trucks continued until the Ontario Superior Court of Justice ordered that there be no further importation of fill or any other material to the property pending the return of the application or further order of the court or the granting of a variance, amendment or exemption to the site alteration bylaw. Only then did the Stulls' company, 1244002 Ontario Inc., apply for a variance to the site alteration committee in December 2012.

The Stulls' application was turned down by both the committee and council in May 2013. Following this the Stulls launched an action against the municipality, which is still working its way through the court system. The next date has been set for Jan. 26, 2016.

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