

VOLUNTEER CELEBRATES 102ND BIRTHDAY... FROM A DISTANCE

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More than 70 vehicles lined up along Birchway Place on the morning of April 13 to celebrate an Acton woman's birthday.

Dorothy Rognvaldson celebrated her 102nd birthday bundled on her patio as friends, family, and well-wishers waved from their vehicles.

Named Acton's Citizen of the Year in 2011, Rognvaldson has spent a considerable amount of time giving back to the community through volunteering.

Born in Oshawa in 1918, Rognvaldson grew up on a farm, moving to Acton with her husband Clarence in the fall of 1945.

In Acton, Rognvaldson

joined a ladies group called the Friendly Circle at the Trinity United Church where she is still a parishioner. In 1995, Rognvaldson's husband, a teacher at Acton High School for 20 years, passed away.

"My husband was sick for seven years and I can't tell you how good the church was to us during his illness," she told theIFP.ca in 2011. "After he died, I didn't want to sit around feeling sorry for myself, so I decided to see where I might be able to help people out.

"There's a big need for volunteers out there and they can always use a lot more."

Now, Rognvaldson lives independently in her apartment at Legion Ter-

race. Her daughter described the centenarian as healthy, alert and active.

"We'd planned to be together this weekend," Janet Taylor, Rognvaldson's daughter, said. "She has remarkable birthdays."

In 2018, an ice storm during Rognvaldson's birthday weekend left 40,000 Ontarians without power.

Today, though close with her two daughters, four grandchildren, and six great grandchildren, much of the family is observing social distancing and staying at home. Even the family in attendance practised physical distancing.

"She follows the golden rule. That's the kind of person she is," Taylor said. "She's a hard act to follow."



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Dorothy Rognvaldson celebrated her 102nd birthday on her patio as a procession of friends, family, and well-wishers practising physical distancing waved from their vehicles.

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A In an agreement of Purchase and Sale for a new construction home, there is a Taron Addendum called a Statement of Critical Dates. There is typically a First Tentative Occupancy Date, a second Tentative Occupancy Date, and a Firm Occupancy Date. If the Vendor cannot complete construction and be ready for the first date, then as long as they give proper notice, they can extend the date two times without being liable for Delayed Closing Compensation.

There is also a provision for extending the dates due to "Unavoidable Delay." This is defined as "an event which delays Occupancy which is a strike, fire, explosion, flood, act of God, civil insurrection, act of war, act of terrorism, or pandemic, plus any period of delay directly caused by the event, which are beyond the reasonable control of the Vendor and are not caused or contributed to by the fault of the Vendor." The Covid-19 is a pandemic, so delays as a result of this would allow the Vendor to extend the closing dates. If the Vendor does need to extend closing for this reason, they will need to send a notice to all Purchasers.

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A It's a well-known fact in this country that large numbers of people are afraid of going to their dentists. Some people are so afraid that they neglect even the routine examinations and professional cleanings.

It doesn't have to be that way. Here are some tips to help reduce your anxiety. First, see your dentist before treatment is needed. Get to know your dentist and get comfortable discussing your concerns with the dentist and staff. Set your appointments for a stress-free time of day, not on your lunch hour or immediately after work. Second, have the dentist explain the dental treatment to you. Knowledge of the procedure should let you be more relaxed. Third, let your dentist and hygienist know that you're scared. It's nothing to be ashamed of and you're most certainly not their first patient to feel that way. Fourth, understand that times have changed. There are new methods of controlling and eliminating discomfort that weren't available until recently. Don't let dental fears keep you from having a healthy mouth and teeth.

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