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John Graves Simcoe Awards

From left: Yolanda Gallo and The City of Barrie's first Mayor, Willard Kinzie



Gord Downie

Artist was appointed to the Order of Canada this month



Michael Prowse

Ward 6 Councillor becomes new CAO for The City of Barrie



The Pop Shoppe: 100% Canadian!



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The Pop Shoppe has been around since 1969, starting in London, Ontario. Back in the day, it was a chain and there was a location on Bayfield Street, too. The deal was, it was a store just for pop, and you selected from a ton of flavours, brought the empties back and used their big, reusable cases, and got a great deal. Everybody wins, right? The flavours in 1977 were Cola; Cream Soda; Fruit Punch; Grape; Ginger Ale; Grapefruit; Lemon; Lemon-Lime; Lime Ricky; Orange; Pineapple; Root Beer; Strawberry; Tonic Water; Soda Water; Black Cherry; Cherry Cola; Diet Black Cherry; Diet Cherry Cola; Diet Cola; Diet Ginger Ale; Diet Grapefruit; Diet Lemon; Diet Orange, Diet Root Beer and Diet Strawberry.

Today, what is left is Black Cherry; Lime Ricky; Root Beer; Cream Soda; Grape; Pineapple; Cola and Orange. It got wiped out in 1983. Why? Supermarket chains began producing their own house brands. In 2002 it made a comeback as a specialty item, and was gaining ground, available at Zellers and Smoke's Poutinerie, to name just two places. Then Zellers went out of business and for whatever reasons, Smoke's dropped it. That was a few years ago, and all I remember. You could get it here at those two places. And the retro candy stores. Not cheap, like it used to be. Not too expensive, either.

In February of 2016, The Pop Shoppe was acquired by Beverage World Inc., which is Canadian. For more on them, go here:
www.beverageworld.ca

Since that time, The Pop Shoppe brand has begun to gain ground, again. The variety pack that I got had Black Cherry; Lime Ricky, Root Beer and Cream Soda, and was available at Costco. The alcoholic versions of Lime Ricky and Cream Soda are available at the LCBO, mixed with vodka. If you like vodka, then go for it. I would have preferred a version of Jack Daniels and Coke with Canadian Whisky and Pop Shoppe cola. I'm sticking to the normal, non-alcoholic version.



"Clear the track, here comes Shack!"



Another shot from the 1978 tv commercial



"I'll have a plain soda water," grumbles Eddie Shack.

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Gord Downie receives The Order of Canada



At right, Governor General David Johnston shakes hands with, at left, Gord Downie, after investing him in the Order of Canada at Rideau Hall, on June 19, 2017 in Ottawa

"The Order of Canada (French: Ordre du Canada) is a Canadian national order, admission into which is the second highest honour for merit in the system of orders, decorations, and medals of Canada. It comes second only to membership in the Order of Merit, which is the personal gift of Canada's monarch."
—Wikipedia

Earlier this month, Gord Downie got The Order of Canada. Gord's full name is now Gordon Edgar Downie CM with the last two letters meaning he is a member of the Order. The grades are: Companion (CC), Officer (OC) and Member (CM).

It was established in 1967 as a fellowship that recognizes the outstanding merit or distinguished service of Canadians who make a major difference to Canada through lifelong contributions in every field of endeavour, as well as the efforts by non-Canadians who have made the world better by their actions. Membership is accorded to those who exemplify the order's Latin motto, *desiderantes meliorem patriam*, meaning "they desire a better country," a phrase taken from Hebrews 11:16.



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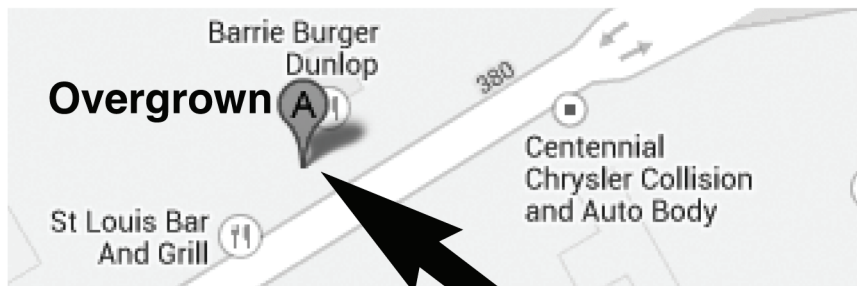
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MP Alex Nuttall's John Graves Simcoe Awards



Group shot of all attendees; MPP for Simcoe North, Patrick Brown and Mayor of Barrie, Jeff Lehman, attended and received their awards, earlier. Inset: John Graves Simcoe



The first Mayor of Barrie, Willard Kinzie, receives his award from MP Nuttall



MP Nuttall explains the process of organizing the awards themselves, and the ceremony

John Graves Simcoe (February 25, 1752 – October 26, 1806) was a British army general and the first Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada from 1791 until 1796, in modern-day southern Ontario and the watersheds of Georgian Bay and Lake Superior. He founded York (now Toronto) and was instrumental in introducing institutions such as courts of law, trial by jury, English common law, freehold land tenure, and the abolition of slavery. That's it. That was all I heard at the awards ceremony.

For the video of MP Nuttall's opening remarks, short speeches from MPP Patrick Brown and Mayor Lehman, award presentations to Willard Kinzie and Yolanda Gallo, and a few closing remarks from MP Nuttall, go to www.thecrowe.ca and the "VIDEOS" section.

Area pro wrestler remembers the late Adam West



From left: Adam West, John McClane

On the 9th of this month, Adam West passed away after a brief illness. There is an official website for West, www.adamwest.com, which is a great place to visit. He was painting the last few years, and they have artwork prints available for \$500.00, each.

I got to meet both Adam West and Burt Ward in 1988 in Toronto at an autograph signing. West was promoting a new TV show. I have those autographs, somewhere. Years ago in this magazine, I wrote about the Batmobile and conversion kits that were available. They still are:

www.gothamcruisers.com

Area pro wrestler, Batman fan and *CROWE* friend, John McClane, shared this picture of himself with West in 2014. McClane remembers: "He was a good, kindhearted man with lots of respect. And loved my (wrestling) name, John McClane."

TKL celebrates their first year anniversary



Sarah Lajeunesse and Apryl Munro; photograph by www.minttobe.ca

On June 1, Sarah Lajeunesse and Apryl Munro celebrated their first anniversary for their website/online show, This Kinda Life.

The pictures for that shoot were taken by Stephen Elliott of www.minttobe.ca. Readers of *CROWE* will remember Elliott as the Rogers TV sidekick of the late Dan Dunlop.

They're local and funny, go check them out at www.tklmedia.ca.



Good sports, dressing up as Wonder Woman. Funnier, is sharing one costume between them

Michael Prowse becomes City of Barrie's new CAO



Michael Prowse

Having taken an interest in Barrie City Council in the first half of 2006, which was the first year I ran for it, and the first of my nine attempts at public office, I was paying attention in 2009 when Ward 6 Councillor, Michael Prowse, fought back against an area lawyer that was giving Council a tough time. He did more than defend well, he kicked that lawyer's ass. A performance of that quality had to be written of, and I did so. I then forwarded it to the City Clerk, and got to speak briefly with Councillor Prowse, who told me that he liked the story. That was almost eight years ago.

I then noted and wrote of things he did and said from that time, onward. I found myself via happenstance in his ward, from 2010 to 2013. I tore down illegal signs in his ward, ran for mayor myself, and voted for Prowse at that time, and continued to write well of him, every now and then. The election of 2010 was the last chance for anyone to vote for him, as he was acclaimed in 2014, and now, after more than 13 years as a city councillor, that Ward 6 Councillor who impressed me then, has become the City of Barrie's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). That means he is the top executive of City staff.

I am proud to say I noted his talent so many years ago, spoke of it in public, and continued to do so. Our new CAO is very smart, a scrapper if he needs to be, approachable, and has a great sense of humour, to boot, which I have also written of. Congratulations to him, and to us all, for having a great CAO at Barrie City Hall.

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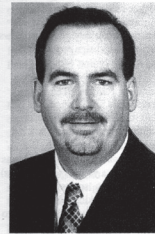
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PROWSE KICKS LAWYER ASS, GETS HIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED



Above: Michael Prowse, kicker of lawyer ass



Above: Earl Marshall Green, ass-kicked lawyer



Above: Tony Guergis, Mayor of Springwater Township, Warden of Simcoe County, lying heap of baldheaded monkey crap

Yes, it may be old news from last month, but missing from the mainstream media's recollection, and even from the website, www.stopdumpsite41.ca, is the proper noting of how well Barrie City Councillor, Michael Prowse, kicked the ass of the Corporation of the County of Simcoe's lawyer, Earl Marshall Green, on August 24, as he tried to blow smoke up everybody's ass about his client's plan to stupidly ruin a pristine source of water with a garbage dump, contrary to the will of... well, just about everybody, myself included.

At left is a picture of Green, which looks bad, because almost all the pics from his firm's website look bad. They look worse than the pics you can get from those old coin-operated photo booths, when anyone with a cheap digital camera could do a better job. The main page, at www.gwg.on.ca does look very good, but when you click on "LAWYERS," that's when you get the smallest, darkest grayscale portraits of any lawyers in Barrie, and likely all of Ontario. If you click on those sooty smears, you get an even smaller pic of the selected suit dummy standing in front of an even smaller mosaic of smaller headshots of other lawyers, some of which aren't even listed in their "LAWYERS" section anymore. Why they can't get everybody together at the same time to take a series of consistent, professional portraits, I don't know. Could it be, that it's because some of their lawyers, such as Robert L. Bigioni, may be too busy passed out in a mess of Crown Royal and their own vomit to care? Then again, I don't know, and I'm just speculating and asking questions, as guaranteed by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Anyway, our Honourable Fiend, er, Friend, Green, went over his time limit (with some of council's permission), as he lobbied Barrie City Council not to adopt Councillor Prowse's resolution/motion, that the

County of Simcoe be requested to immediately cease activity on Dump Site 41, until the environmental issues and concerns of the City of Barrie residents as it relates to the potential impact of Site 41 on their drinking water can properly be assessed. Green referred to the wise resolution as a "slap in the face" to the County, and that it would, if adopted, be thrown "in the garbage." Councillor Mike Ramsay suggested it be recycled! Ha! Our popular MP, Patrick Brown, who had recently hosted his successful Hockey Night in Barrie event, had written a letter to Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty, on August 19, in which he said (quotes from the letter separated by "..."). "Mr. McGuinty it is difficult for folks around here to understand why your government is taking no action to stop Dump Site 41 from being built directly over a vast aquifer that stretches from Georgian Bay to the Oak Ridges Moraine...this motion was put forth by Councillor Michael Prowse and ratified by council on August 10, 2009. I would wholeheartedly encourage you to support the approach suggested by Barrie City Council...the province of Ontario must take full responsibility and stop anything from developing that could damage our water."

You would think that a lawyer representing the County of Simcoe would either have been provided, or had taken note of, a letter from our MP, and that's where you'd be wrong. Our honourable buddy Mr. Green, didn't know about that letter, and his lying client Guergis, as Warden, didn't bother to tell him. Well, duh! Councillor Prowse to the rescue, who provided a copy of the letter for the terribly overpaid, unbelievable schmuck who was pretending not to know trustworthy lawyer, who then could take all the time he wanted to ignore it further read it at his leisure.

Liar, did I say? Yes, as Tony Guergis promised to vigorously oppose Dump Site 41 when he was campaigning for Mayor of Springwater. Shortly after he was elected, he then ran for Warden of Simcoe County, and when chosen by fellow Simcoe County mayors and deputy mayors, changed his lying mind. I'm proud to say that when I ran for MPP of this riding as an indie, and when I attended the poverty debate, Guergis asked everybody an unnecessary, grandstanding question as to whether we would, if elected, agree to meet with the County for some talks or something. I replied and said that since he lied to get elected, I wouldn't talk to him. Before saying that, I had to chuckle with Erich Jacoly Hawkins, who was sitting next to me at the time, to make sure I had the dump's name correct. Yes, he and I used to be on good terms, and good thing I called Guergis on it, because Erich sure didn't.

Tony has a cousin, Simcoe-Grey MP Helena Guergis, whose hubby, Rahim Jaffer (a former MP), was arrested earlier this month and is facing charges of drunk driving and cocaine possession. What a great family. Maybe we can dial up area freelancer Barry Ward and have him write another puff piece for the Guergis bunch and call it "Lying Your Way To The Top." I wonder who that cocaine was for? This is why almost half of us stay home and get drunk on election night, as it doesn't involve cocaine, and at least you can tell folks you didn't vote for any of these liars. Bravo to the cop who did the arrest!

Anyway, the day after Barrie adopted Prowse's resolution, the County of Simcoe agreed to a one year moratorium on Dump Site 41. You lose, Green. Go give Tony's cousin's hubby a call. Get yourself a client that doesn't lie as much as Tony Guergis does.

STOP THE PRESSSES: On September 22, Simcoe County Councillors voted to kill the Site 41 Dump Site. Thanks to all who helped, including our MP, Patrick Brown, and Barrie City Council.

