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# Province to invest \$71 million in better rural broadband internet

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CORNWALL, Ontario – On Friday, May 17, the province and the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) announced that Ontario would be investing \$71 million in rural broadband internet.

According to EORN, 20 per cent of Ontario does not have the broadband internet service that would allow streaming of standard definition video, for high definition streaming video, 40 percent of the province is not covered.

EORN has developed a \$213 million public-private partnership to install a stronger

broadband network in Ontario. The provincial government's investment of \$71 million represents about one-third of the total investment.

All members of the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC) and most members of the Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus (EOMC) have agreed to contribute to the municipal share of \$10 million.

EORN laid the blame on bad cell coverage in rural areas at the feet of private enterprise.

"The gaps are the result of market failure," states EORN in a press release. "Rural areas don't generate enough revenue for mobile carriers to build adequate services. The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission

(CRTC) recently designated both mobile and fixed broadband as basic services for all Canadians. The public-private partnership will reduce carriers' infrastructure costs, creating a stronger business case to improve services and meet the CRTC's basic service goals."

The project is expected to generate 3,000 jobs and \$420 million in revenue for private sector businesses over 10 years.

"It is essential that proper infrastructure is in place to support public safety across the province, especially in Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry, where cellular coverage is often lacking," said Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonnell. "Our government is taking action to improve connectivity so that people can feel confident and safe, at home and on the road."

## Hwy 138 commuter lots aimed at getting cars off the road

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SOUTH STORMONT, Ontario – The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) plans to install new commuter lots on Brookdale Ave. and in St. Andrews West in South Stormont in the Fall of 2019.

The St. Andrews West lot will be located on the west side of Hwy 138 just north of Valade Rd. That lot will have 28 spaces, three barrier free parking spaces, one van space and a bus loop.

The second lot will be located near Rosedale Terrace at the very north end of Brookdale Ave.

The Brookdale Ave. lot will have 65 parking spots, four barrier free parking spaces, two van spaces and a bus loop.

Both lots will have lighting. The construction and maintenance of the lots will be handled by the MTO.

Angelo Renon of Stantec, the firm that formulated the report and designs for the MTO said in a previous interview that the Ministry wanted to move on these properties before development moved in.

"It was one of the aspects we looked at. We identified spaces where they could be built before development could move in," he said.

During the SD&G Council meeting on Tuesday, May 21, Mayor Bryan McGillis inquired

if there will be any landscaping behind the commuter lot in St. Andrews as members of the public has inquired about landscaping in Rosedale Terrace, the neighbourhood in which the Brookdale Ave. lot will be located.

"No...there is no (residential) properties behind where the (St. Andrews) commuter lot will be," said Renon.

Mayor McGillis also inquired when the MTO plans to begin the other proposed projects within the 10 year plan, such as improving the safety of the Hwy 138 and Headline Rd. intersection.

"The budget just came down...so we are looking at prioritizing the projects within the next five to 10 years...there will be subsequent projects coming down the line but I don't have those dates yet," said Gisele Cotton, also with Stantec.

Renon explained in a previous interview that the goal of the commuter lots was to make Hwy 138 safer and to reduce greenhouse gas output from motor vehicles.

"I think the goal is primarily to reduce the number of cars that have a single person in it and reduce our greenhouse gases," he said. "The safety aspect is there because it reduces the number of cars on the road, it is not a huge reduction, but the impact is there."

There were 46 reported accidents on Hwy 138 during 2017. During the late spring and early summer, a Design and Construction report will be presented for a 30-day public review.

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# Kinsmen Farmers' Market opening weekend

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CORNWALL, Ontario – The widely attended Kinsmen Farmers' Market opened again on Sunday, May 26 for its third year of business.

"We are really proud to present the Market this year. It has grown every year. I was surprised, I thought last year was a big improvement, but we've grown even more from last year to this year," said Market Chairman and Kinsmen Club member Monte Yancey.

Yancey was very happy with the morning turnout considering it was the first day. A flood of even more attendees filled the St. Lawrence College parking lot around noon.

Walking through the Market revealed several locally sourced food options, including fresh produce, jams, wines, jarred pickled goods, meats, soups, desserts and coffee. Vendors also displayed items like soap, jewellery, hand crafted

signs and more. Other gardening businesses were also present, and attendees could indulge in a plethora of lunch menu options.

"We have nearly 30 vendors here already. It's just amazing," said Yancey.

New additions from last year include a vendor with Ketogenic Diet food and new lunchtime vendors thus far.

"I'm Chair but that doesn't mean much. It's really the volunteers that have come through..." said Yancey, who especially thanked his Market Manager. "I'm proud of all the volunteer efforts that make it possible."

"If anyone is coming down for the first time, make sure you find me. I would be happy to show you around and introduce you to some of the vendors," added Yancey.

The Market will be open every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Lawrence College until Sunday, Oct. 27, which will be a special Halloween themed day.



Isaac, Scott and Nikki Aubin enjoying some cotton candy they got from the opening day of the Kinsmen Farmers' Market (Shawna O'Neill/Seaway News photo).

# CCH experiencing Emergency Department doctor shortage

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CORNWALL, Ontario – In a media release, the Cornwall Community Hospital (CCH) announced that they are currently experiencing a shortage of doctors in their Emergency Department.

"The Emergency Department has recently experienced retirements coupled with an unexpected leave leading to our temporary shortage," CCH states in a media release. "We have several new recruits starting July 1st including 2 from the 'Adopt a Medical Resident.'"

The Adopt a Medical Resident program is a partnership between the Cornwall Community Hospital Foundation (CCHF) and Queen's University to bring two medical residents to Cornwall per year to work in the Emergency Department.

CCH states that they are currently concentrating their staffing in the Emergency Room around the peak hours of the morning and afternoon.

"It may benefit the community to understand that less urgent conditions will be more efficiently seen during morning and early afternoon hours," the CCH media release states. "In fact, during the day we have up to four doctors on duty. We want everyone to know that we always strive to provide the best care possible in a timely way. If your condition is less severe, the wait time will likely be better during the day when we have higher staffing levels."

# Winging it for the kids

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CORNWALL, Ontario – The fifth annual Wing it for Kids Sake in support of Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Cornwall saw a big turnout.

There were 330 people who came out to the Knights of Columbus hall on Friday, May 24 to try some wings and nine different wing sauces to decide who's the wing sauce champ.

Wing sauces were submitted by the Jet Set Pub, O'Neill's Pub, Schnitzels, Shoeless Joes, Sticks, Maggie's, Esca, Sheep's Head and last

year's sauce champ, the Smoking Bull.

There was more to enjoy beyond the wings, the sauces and the good company. There was also a silent auction and live entertainment provided by the band Twisted Kilt.

Ron Graham, Executive Director of Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Cornwall said he hoped the event surpassed last year's fundraising total of \$5,000. Money raised at the event will go towards the organization's one-on-one mentoring program. Graham said he also hoped to recruit more Bigs into the program that evening.

"I want people to go on our Facebook page and see our stories about bigs and littles in the past. These are true stories from our community," he said. "It is only a couple of hours a week and you are never too old to be involved."

Graham, a Little and a Big Brother himself said that being a Big was a life changing experience for him.

"I enjoyed just being able to be there and help someone who needed it," he said.

The title sponsor for the fifth annual Wing it for Kids Sake was Leon's Furniture in Cornwall.

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## Walk to Make CF History reaches milestone

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CORNWALL, Ontario – The Walk to Make Cystic Fibrosis (CF) History reached a 15-year milestone last weekend on Sunday, May 26.

With sunshine and favourable temperatures, 87 participants walked along our scenic waterfront after registering at Lamoureux Park.

"This particular Walk has been held for 15 years now," said Kim Baird, past Walk Chairperson. "We raised just shy of \$6,000 this year."

This year's fundraiser was organized by Cystic Fibrosis Canada and Kin Canada. This year's Chairperson, Sue Carron, was unavailable for a comment at the time of publication.

"It brings awareness to the disease," said Baird about the Walk. "Our number one mandate is to raise money for research, or an affective control."

Baird said that there are about 15 individuals under the age of 30-years-old from Cornwall and SDG who currently live with CF. She noted that CF is often physically unnoticeable, but it greatly impacts individuals' lives. CF is a genetic disorder that affects the body's digestive and respiratory systems.

"We just appreciate the community support, not just for the Walk but for all of our events... throughout the year. Together we will end CF," said Baird. "We appreciate our supporting sponsors, Cornwall Kinsmen and Cornwall Kinettes."

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## Bikes and Badges

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CORNWALL, Ontario – The sixth annual Bikes and Badges took place at St. Lawrence College on Saturday, June 1.

More than 100 kids came out to learn about bike safety, meet members of the Cornwall Police Service and have the chance to win a new bike or bike helmet.

"It is a great opportunity to teach kids about the rules of the road and for officers to teach

them how to properly wear their helmets," said Stephanie MacRae, Communications Officer with the Cornwall Police Service.

"We had four sponsors six years ago, and this year we have 12," said Cst. Brian Langlois. "To see the event grow and participation reach over 100 kids is fantastic."

There were four bikes that were being given away at the event. Two were donated by Canadian Tire, one was donated by the Bikes and Badges committee, and another by the law firm Burns, Tucker and Lachine.

## Saint's relics venerated

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CORNWALL, Ontario – Relics of Saint Padre Pio stopped at Cornwall's Nativity Co-Cathedral on Monday, June 3.

Padre Pio lived from 1887 to 1968 in Italy. Several miracles have been attributed to Saint Padre Pio including the healing of a blind Italian woman, and stigmata, which is the alleged supernatural suffering of wounds to the hands and feet in the same places where Jesus Christ was crucified.

Padre Pio's relics included first and second degree relics. A first degree relic is any relic that comes from the body of a saint. First degree relics from Saint Pio that were a part of the tour in Cornwall included crusts from his wounds, blood and a lock of hair. Second degree relics

are those that touched his body, which include Padre Pio's mantle and gloves.

Luciano Lamorarca, President and CEO of the Padre Pio Foundation said that Saint Pio is receiving a resurgence in recognition in recent years.

"Padre Pio is the saint of our time," he said. "He passed away in 1968 and it is so vivid his presence."

Cornwall is just one of three places that Padre Pio's relics have stopped in in Canada this year, and it will be the last.

Bishop Guy Desrochers of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall said that it was an honour to have the relics stop here.

"It is a very special grace we are having here in Cornwall," he said. "The people of this diocese show a great adoration to relics."



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