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FLSmith denied report

SARA ROSS
The Packet & Times

Not supplying FLSmith with the city's Golden & Associates report is a "cover-up," says an Orillia councillor.

Prior to Monday's council committee meeting, city politicians decided not to supply FLSmith with the closed-session report.

"Our mission is to serve the public and ensure their protection, their security and their investment," Kehoe said Monday.



Kehoe

"As such, I am not supporting this motion. I believe supporting it makes me a party to a cover-up."

Property owners, employers and taxpayers in Orillia are entitled to a level of respect, professionalism and co-operation when dealing with a municipality, Kehoe added.

"This includes, but is not limited to, information concerning their properties and interests," he said.

Coun. Wayne Gardy said he didn't know "exactly" what Kehoe was talking about.

"... Because all the people we deal with, we deal with quite openly and honestly and to the

best of our ability and to the best of the advice that was given to us," he said. "In regards to this particular file, we have done everything above board."

In December, Brad Johnston, FLSmith's local general manager, told *The Packet & Times* he had requested the report.

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COURT: Closing of workplace-accident case allows grieving partner to look forward

Healing process begins

SARA ROSS
The Packet & Times

It's been more than five years since Wayne Taylor was killed in a workplace accident in Hawkestone. With the court case wrapping up last week, his fiancée, Sharon Post, says she may finally begin to heal.



Taylor

"Every time I had thought I was moving forward a bit, there would be another court date," Post said Friday. "It was like a scab being ripped off a wound."

On Feb. 27 in Barrie court, Carla Industries Ltd. — a trucking company at 136 Line 9 S. in Oro-Medonte Township — was fined \$50,000 for three counts in relation to Taylor's death, a spokesperson for Human Resources and Skills Development Canada said in an email.

Carla Industries could not be reached for comment Monday.

In October 2012, the company was found guilty of failing to comply with a direction from a labour program health and safety officer.

Carla Industries and its president were found guilty of failing to ensure an employee was instructed and trained in the appropriate safe work procedures and failing to develop and implement safe work procedures related to the pulling and/or towing of trucks with a backhoe loader.

Carla Industries has been fined \$10,000 for failure to comply with direction and \$20,000 each for the remaining two counts.

The president of Carla Industries

was fined \$1,000 for failing to ensure safety training and instruction and another \$1,000 for failure to develop and implement safe work procedures.

Taylor — 57 years old when he died — had been a professional driver for more than 35 years.

"He's helped friends out in the worst kind of weather, in the middle of the mountains doing this, wrapping chains around them to pull them out," Post said. "He knew what he was doing. I feel he did."

But that doesn't mean he shouldn't have had updated training, she said.

"He still should have had training. Every job you go into — whether you've had that same career all your life — you still need to be trained at the job you're doing. If it's a new job," Post said.

Taylor had just started working at Carla Industries when the incident occurred Dec. 21, 2007.

He and the company's owner had just returned to the Hawkestone lot after a mail run to Edmonton.

"The last time I talked to Wayne, he was in Dryden and he said he'd see me tomorrow night, which would have been Dec. 21," Post said.

After more than a week apart, Post was looking forward to reuniting with her fiancé.

"I was waiting and waiting," she said, adding the weather was bad that night.

When Taylor hadn't returned to their Midland home by 11 p.m., Post put his dinner in the fridge and went to bed.

"The dispatcher ... called me and said, 'Honey, there's been an accident, but Wayne is OK,' she said.

Taylor and the owner had arrived back at Carla Industries that night and decided to retel



SARA ROSS The Packet & Times

Sharon Post is advocating for safe workplaces after her fiancé Wayne Taylor was killed in a workplace accident in Hawkestone in December 2007.

The truck ended up stuck in snow, so Taylor began to wrap chains around it while the owner went to fetch a backhoe.

"For whatever reason, (the owner) was getting out of the

backhoe — I don't know why — and something happened and it fell out of the backhoe," Post said.

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COUNCIL

No need for deputy mayor

SARA ROSS
The Packet & Times

Orillia will not be adding a deputy mayor to its city council.

After two years of investigation, the ad-hoc electoral reform committee presented its findings to council committee Monday. It is not recommending any changes, said Coun. Michael Fogarty, chair of the committee.

"The system that we have is producing better councillors (who are) more aware of the rules that govern us because each one of us has to be in that (mayor's) chair at one point in time," Fogarty said.

A deputy mayor would take the mayor's seat if the mayor was unavailable. Under the current system, Orillia councillors rotate in the position.

"We really couldn't justify or find a reason to include one as we move forward," Fogarty said.

The committee is recommending a comprehensive ward boundary review be completed as Orillia grows. It is suggesting the city consider this in its 2015 budget.

"With our intensification targets, it's clear we're going to be having some building in other areas of the city, which could intensify this (ward) divide, or it could balance them out," Fogarty said.

At least one audible electronic voting machine should be considered for the 2014 municipal election, the committee recommended.

"We have new accessibility requirements coming down and this is just an enhanced level of service," Fogarty said.

The ad-hoc electoral reform committee has been dissolved.

ART AND CULTURE: Portraits meant to bring awareness to violence against women

The Missing Women Project

SARA ROSS
The Packet & Times

For three years, Orillia's Ilene Sova has been painting portraits of 30 missing Ontario women.

"In my 20s, I had a lot of friends in university and during my masters who ended up in violent relationships," the 37-year-old said. "That really affected me and disturbed me."

Since that time, the conceptual portrait painter has wanted to create pieces around violence against women, but wasn't sure how to go about it.

"I didn't want to paint women all cut up or beat up," she said.

Inspiration came from watching a cold-case file show and searching the OPP's missing-persons database.

I started seeing these images and became really intrigued by the idea of painting them," Sova said. "I thought this would be a

way in that wouldn't be sensationalist."

Sova created the large oil paintings using images from the missing women's high-school yearbook pictures, wedding photos and family pictures.

"I'm trying to monumentalize them by using these images of when things in life were great," she said. "They're quite beautiful."

Sova — who grew up in Orillia and graduated from Park Street Collegiate Institute — is now living and working in Toronto.

"My love of art came from growing up there," she said of Orillia.

Sova has a master's degree in fine arts in painting from the University of Windsor and works at the Ontario College of Art and Design in the department of liberal studies teaching writing.

On Saturday, Sova's exhibit — the Missing Women Project —

opened at the Creative Blueprint Gallery on Bathurst Street in Toronto.

"It's really important to me because this is the first time the public will view my work," she said. "I've been working on it for three years, so it's a pretty big deal."

Eighteen of Sova's 30 missing-women pieces will be on display.

"I'm doing it to bring awareness (to) violence against women for International Women's Day and to bring awareness to these unsolved cases," she said.

The 30 women Sova selected went missing in Ontario between 1970 and 2000.

"I wanted to focus on the cold cases, the unsolved, past cases," she said.

Sova was looking for diversity when she selected the 30 women.

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Submitted photo

Orillia's Ilene Sova has been painting portraits of 30 missing Ontario women.

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Sun Times Weather Outlook

TOMORROW	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Flurries or snow squalls High 7 Low -9 Sunrise 7:16 Sunset 6:00	Sun and cloud High -5 Low -11	Sun and cloud High -1 Low -9	cloudy, 60% chance of flurries High 0 Low -3

Grey-Bruce today: Wet snow or rain early in the morning. Local snowfall amount 2 cm. Local blowing snow late in the afternoon. Temperature falling to -2 in the afternoon. Tonight: Flurries at times heavy. Local amount 5 to 10 cm. Local blowing snow. Wind west 30 km/h. Low -9.

Toronto: Wednesday: Cloudy with 60% chance of flurries. High -3. Thursday: Sunny. Low -12. High -4. Friday: Cloudy with 60% chance of flurries. Low -9. High 1. Saturday: Cloudy with 60% chance of flurries or rain showers. Low -2. High 2.

MISSING

Toronto exhibit opens in March

FROM PAGE 1

"Going through the process of painting someone who's kind of been erased or is missing from the public discourse is part of it," she said.

Sova also had in mind conveying the dignity of women not normally the subject of portraits. Usually such paintings are reserved for society's most important people, be they religious, political or wealthy, she said.

She created 30 portraits of Ontario women over three years, using oil paint and big brushes commonly used to paint household trim. Her exhibition, The Missing Women Project, is opening in Toronto's Creative Blueprint Gallery March 2 to 16.

For each missing woman Sova painted, she first produced a small, painted sketch, then drew the subject's face with a brush across the large canvases. But before any of that, she researched online newspaper archives of stories about the women who disappeared, jotting down everything she could learn about their personalities.

For example concerning Lisa Maas, "She wrote poems, she played lacrosse. She had like a



Lisa Maas Submitted image

huge group of friends, she seemed to be popular," Sova said. "She'd had rocky romantic relationships before she disappeared. That she'd been married before, and that she had left and been living with another man and she'd broken up with him that morning. So I sort of had a story in my head before I started painting."

Sova grew up in Coldwater, Ont., near Orillia, so she relates

to parts of Maas's story. "Even the description of the party that Lisa Maas was at, I remember being at those parties."

She couldn't say how doing that research influences her painting, calling it the "mystery of the artistic process."

Lois Hanna's portrait is among those Sova painted too. The 25-year-old Kincardine woman went missing after a Lucknow reunion dance two weeks before Maas disappeared and both are OPP cold cases.

She found the project saddened and depressed her, then she turned her thinking back around to view what she was doing as a positive step toward raising consciousness about the issues of violence against women.

Sova has come to understand that in some 80% of the cases, police believe they know who killed these women but can't prove it yet. In many cases, without a body police can't lay charges.

Ultimately, Sova would like to see her exhibition tour small Ontario art galleries, where she'd like to discuss what are the underlying issues which need to be talked about to confront violence against women.



Lois Hanna Submitted image

The OPP missing persons website, www.opp.ca/ocms/index.php?id=1829MP, was Sova's starting point, though not all the women portrayed in the exhibition are described there. For more information about the artist and her paintings, see www.creativeblueprint.ca and Sova's website, www.ilenesova.ca.

LOTTERIES

Monday
The winning midday Encore number was: 4245605.
The winning evening Encore number was: 5411097.
Midday Ontario Pick 3: 7 9 8.
Evening Ontario Pick 3: 7 6 0.
Midday Ontario Pick 4: 5 4 1 7.
Evening Ontario Pick 4: 3 4 4 5.
The winning midday Keno numbers were: 02 03 07 10 13 17 19 20 24 29 31 32 36 44 50 52 54 58 63 68.
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OWEN SOUND

Cultural awards given

The award winners in each category are:
Cultural Heritage — Owen Sound Emancipation Festival; Outstanding Individual — Elizabeth Zedlin; Outstanding Event — Summerfolk Music & Crafts Festival; Outstanding Group — Owen Sound City Band; Patron — Maryann Thomas; Emerging Artist — Nelson Phillips; Community Achievement — Queens Park Bandstand Committee; Lifetime Achievement — Andrew Armitage.

LUPERCALIA

Musicians praise effort to bring in new acts

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The festival's success drawing people meant they couldn't all easily get into venues their passes entitled them to enter. Richardson acknowledged this and that the number of venues was half of last year's event.

"We might add venues, we might do something like that. But (it's) always going to be a Friday night soft-seater (at the Roxy) and the Saturday night multi-venue," Richardson said. He added the festival might "move into the streets."

"There are huge festivals outside in the winter — Ottawa, Quebec — remember all the people who were out here for the Olympics (to cheer the Olympic

fame's arrival in Dec. 2009) and that was like the coldest night of the year? Yeah. I'm not saying we're there yet, but yeah."

"We want people to know, though, it's going to sell out and they need to get their tickets ahead of time," he said. But the committee will talk about the issue, he added.

Local pianist Charlie Glasspool, of the duo Hollow Hills, played with The Burning Hell and with Nick Ferrio and His Feelings at 10:30 p.m. Saturday in Norma Jean's. He heaped praise on Richardson's initiative.

"I think it's rejuvenated Owen Sound's cultural scene. Having Lupercalia as the winter sort of festival and Otherfolk, or now

the Mudtown Music and Arts festival in the summer, it's really crucial to the vibrancy of the downtown in Owen Sound."

It was "pretty dull and dreary" around Owen Sound for a stretch of time, he said. Richardson brings new, largely indie musical artists who would bypass Owen Sound, he said, gesturing to the people around him chatting at the brunch.

Glasspool himself couldn't get into some venues Saturday. "You almost have to expand, like a lot of venues people couldn't get in ... or maybe think about where the performances will happen."

But at the same time he praised Richardson for drawing so many people from Grey-

Bruce, not only Owen Sound.

Dylan McMullin and fiancée Lauren Jewell performed as Our Shotgun Wedding, an Owen Sound-area band, in the Bleeding Carrot at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Their song, End of the World, with his guitar strumming and Jewell's kazoo solo, has been played on Mix 106.5. Promoters bring in "sure thing" tribute shows to Owen Sound, playing to fans of Johnny Cash, Elvis or The Everly Brothers. "Whereas Jash, he gets music a lot of people might not be exposed to," McMullin said, praising the opportunity to see and hear new bands here.

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THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Town to dredge harbour

JAMES ARMSTRONG
Sun Times correspondent

Blue Mountains is planning to spend some \$400,000 this year to dredge the harbour in Thornbury and replace one of the docks there.

Council will ask Fisheries and Oceans Canada for a \$400,000 grant toward the \$176,000 cost of replacing A Dock on the south shore of the harbour.

The cost of dredging Thornbury Harbour will be about

\$230,000 but council believes it's essential to do so because it is a revenue producer for the town.

Council also received a letter last month from Carla Nicolson, the commodore of the Thornbury Yacht Club, urging dredging be done this year.

Nicolson said that because of the lower lake level, some boats are running aground in the harbour. If it is not dredged, many local and visiting sailors will have to take their boats elsewhere, she said.

BLUE

Work will increase number of runs to 42

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A new six-person high-speed chair lift will also be installed there. Three of the new runs will have snowmaking equipment and be lit for night skiing. More improvements will be made in the coming years, the website said.

The resort will have 42 runs covering 364 acres with the latest improvements.

Skyline International Development Inc. announced in late December it will acquire from Intrustco LLC for \$20 million half of Blue's existing retail property and all undeveloped residential

land in and adjacent to Blue Mountain Village. It will manage the other half of retail properties in a deal set to close in mid-March.

It plans to more than double the accommodations at Blue by adding 650 condominiums and 350 single and town homes, while

increasing the village retail by 25,000 sq. ft. to more than 90,000.

Skyline already owns properties in nearly all of the major recreational areas in southern Ontario, including Deerhurst Resort in Muskoka, Horseshoe Resort Village in the Huronia region and at Port McNicola.

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