

# SHELburne

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Quarterly E-Newsletter for Everything Economic Development

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 My Son Pinocchio Jr  
 Scott Woods Band

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**KTH Manufacturing**

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Shannon's Tap and Grill  
 Grounded Roots Shoppe

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 Community Design Workshop



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## Mayor Ken Bennington

*Looks Back on His Term as Mayor*

## WHAT'S UP SHELburne

Current EDC News

### Q: As Mayor, what was your biggest challenge?

The explosive growth in the Town of Shelburne. Provincial policy had indicated that Shelburne would be a 'place to grow', and did we ever! Managing that growth while blending 'old' and 'new' Shelburne proved to be an incredible challenge. That challenge isn't going to go away anytime soon, the new Council will pick up that torch and carry on.

### Q: What was your proudest moment?

Over my 18 years in public office, I have been involved in many achievements that put a smile on my face. The new ball diamonds and new soccer fields. The new pavilion at Natasha Paterson Park and the redevelopment of the CDRC in 2010, to name a few... But hands down, being a part of our 'Hometown Heroes' initiative which placed banners of our hometown war heroes on our downtown flag poles during the month of November will be my proudest moment. During the unveiling of those first banners, I couldn't put the words together for the lumps in my throat and the tears in my eyes. Proud moment indeed.

### Q: What is your legacy?

I'm not a 'legacy' kind of guy. The progress of Council has always been a team effort, and I thank those Council members, past and present, for their vision and passion for the Town of Shelburne. However, I would be delighted to see that advanced green light at highway 89 and County Road 124 before I vacate this office.

**Q: General Thoughts** As a young lad growing up in the 'Burne during the 70's and 80's, in a Town of 2500 people, our largest export was our youth. Shelburne at that time had little to offer and as a result, the youth would leave Shelburne after completing their schooling. Fast forward to 2018, the Town is booming in population, the entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well and our commercial development is well underway to provide the shopping opportunities our community has longed for. We've added new schools, and more recreation opportunities, more houses and more jobs. Although it's taken a team of Council, past and present, to get us here, I've been blessed with public support over the years and I'm very proud to have been a part of it.





# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## KTH Shelburne Mfg.



KTH Shelburne (KTHS) is an award-winning automotive supplier that manufactures automotive frame components. The acronym KTH was created from the 5 companies that combined to form the company as it is today. (Kikuchi, Takao, Honda, Hongo and Hirata)

KTH is a Tier-1 automotive supplier that distributes their product worldwide. With advanced technology such as robotic welding, forming, and prototyping, KTHS has been able to maintain a high level of excellence in manufacturing automotive components. The Shelburne plant employees 425 full time associates and produces exclusively for Honda Canada Manufacturing in Alliston. This year marks KTH Shelburne's 20th Anniversary. KTHS broke ground in Shelburne in 1996 and shipped the first mass production load of parts on July 17, 1998.

The first product manufactured at the KTH Plant was the Honda Odyssey minivan automotive frame component. The Odyssey was the first full-size market vehicle to be manufactured by Honda. Prior to this, the first-generation Odyssey, which was considerably smaller in size, was built in Japan. The project's code name was 'Big Maple' which reflected the size of the Odyssey and its Canadian manufacturing roots. Initially, the plant was capable of 300 car sets per day, but the plant was running at ½ production manufacturing approximately 150 car sets for the first 9 months. Within short order, production expanded to 500 units per day exceeding senior management expectations; who at the time felt production would not surpass 300 units / day, but the desire for the Odyssey was strong. As a result, the Shelburne plant went through rapid expansion. In total the KTH Shelburne plant expanded 7 times between 2000 - 2016.

The future looks bright for KTH with plans to expand again. KTHS will be purchasing a state-of-the-art high-tech stamping press that will be the **first of its type in the world**. The new stamping press will increase KTHS capabilities. Currently, the Shelburne plant stamps approximately 30% of the parts that are used daily, they plan to increase their stamping capacity to 50 - 60% plus,

reducing the amount of parts that come from KTH Ohio and their supply base. KTH group is the benchmark for North America, they have the highest productivity and quality performance, which drives down costs and increases attractiveness to other automotive companies. The high-performance standards combined with the new stamping press, will help KTH Shelburne extend their offerings to additional automotive companies i.e. Tesla, Ford, Chrysler etc. To celebrate KTH Shelburne's 20th Anniversary, KTH's showcased the plant. Additionally, to increase the connection with the community, KTH Park will undergo a renewal. The renewal of the park will be undertaken over a 3-year period. In year one, a Cherry Grove consisting 12 Japanese Cherry trees have been planted, which aligns with KTH's tradition of planting trees in honor of officers who have retired or have been posted to new assignments. Furthermore, in year one a Cherry Grove Plaque and overhead entrance sign will be installed. In year two, 40+ additional Japanese Cherry Trees will be planted, replacing the current park barriers, to create a walk thru. Finally, year three will see the Cherry Grove augmented with seating. The final product will create a public space that is beautiful and welcoming for the residents and visitors of Shelburne.

## HOT TOPICS

### The End of the Cap and Trade Carbon Tax

As a company with regional offices in many parts of the world, we have become accustomed to changes in legislation which affects specific areas of the solar industry. Here in Ontario, there have been many bumps in the road during the 9 years I have worked in the solar industry and some have been very abrupt and difficult to weather. So, our company has learned to cast a wide enough net, so we wouldn't be caught depending on one sole area. We deliver solar tracking systems all over the USA and Canada from coast to coast, but it's a shame to see that Ontario may be stepping back from a leadership role in the global shift in renewable energy. The goal of 'Cap and Trade' was straightforward. Impose limits on pollution from fossil fuels, reward industries who make changes, develop a pool of funds for programs to increase energy efficiency and provide

**Robert Wray**

Director DEGER Canada



## EVENTS

Treats in the Streets  
Downtown Shelburne  
October 27, 2018

Haunt in the Park  
Fiddle Park Shelburne  
October 27, 2018

### Grace Tipling Hall

- Mudmen November 10th
- My Son Pinocchio Jr. Nov. 23- Dec. 2
- Scott Woods Band December 12

incentives for emerging technology like solar. In some cases, solar energy is already competitive with traditional energy sources like coal and gas. Many areas around the world are speeding ahead of Canada in terms of investment, with 1.8% of all electricity consumed around the world supplied by solar energy. I have watched as a specialist market has blossomed into a major industry that attracts investment from all over the world, but it seems the new government is signaling that these investments and jobs should go somewhere else. Here in Ontario we have hundreds and hundreds of engineers, designers, electricians and technicians, and we've built a professional workforce that exports our skill around the world. It's disappointing to see us lose momentum.

## Welcome NEW BUSINESSES

Shannon's Tap and Grill

Grounded Roots Shoppe

## BUILDING BLOCKS

### Business Resources

#### Community Improvement Plan (CIP) workshops

CIP Workshop is open to community residents and businesses. Both are invited to help create the plan, which will provide the vision for future enhancements in the Downtown and other key areas of Shelburne

**Fri. Nov. 2 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM**  
**Sat. Nov. 3rd. | 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

Location: Mel Lloyd Auditorium  
167 Centre St Shelburne, ON

#### 2018 Economic Outlook Breakfast and Business Resource Expo

**November 6 | 7:30 - 9:30 AM**  
Location: Best Western PLUS Inn & Suites Orangeville

#### Legal Issues in Social Media

Terrance Carter will provide a legal perspective on social media in business and the workplace.

**November 22 | 7-9 PM**

Location: Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre, Northview Room, Orangeville