



**SEASON'S GREETINGS
&
BEST WISHES FOR 2019!**

WINTER 2018

THE
DUMFRIES POST

RECENT NEWS AND UPDATES FROM DUMFRIES MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY



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NEW OFFICE UPDATE | SPOTLIGHT ON SHEFFIELD | WE'RE ON YOUTUBE | AND MORE!

2018 SPONSORSHIPS

Here are some of the great causes we supported this year:

- Rockton World's Fair
- Paris Fair
- 4H clubs and Ontario Holstein Dairy Youth
- Ontario Christian Gleaners
- Heart & Stroke Foundation
- YMCA Cambridge

Our Agents also donated to:

- Baseball and hockey teams
- Kids Can Play Association of Cambridge
- Waterloo/ North Dumfries Plowing Match
- Lynden Lions Children's Fund Golf Tournament



We were happy to support our community through the installation of this modern digital scoreboard with wireless controls at Sheffield Ball Park. Go Express Go!



We're on YouTube!

We've posted some great videos, and more will come! Follow us on social media for a regular stream of interesting content which matters to you.



We are enjoying being fully operational at our new office since our arrival on Monday, August 20th. Our staff and agents all work on the main level with proper workstations and tools. We were definitely feeling a little cramped in our old office. Our new location has many significant benefits which include:

PARKING SPOTS



There is lots of parking for clients, visitors, and our team. If you visited our old office, you're likely familiar with our past struggle of too few spots.

CLIENT ROOMS



We can meet with you in these dedicated rooms directly inside our front entrance. We value facilitating easily accessible, private meeting spaces for you.

MEETING SPACE



We can now host our annual general meetings and monthly board meetings here. In the past, these meetings had to take place at another location.

HIGH VISIBILITY



Our office has excellent visibility from Hwy 8, where hundreds of people drive by daily. You can access our driveway from Old Hwy 8.

We're looking forward to hosting an open house to celebrate our new building on May 21, 2019. Many of you have been to our office to visit and even have a guided tour. If you haven't yet, we look forward to your visit! As the newest building in the village, it's hard to miss us.

THE IMPACT OF THE MAY 4TH WINDSTORM

Do you recall where you were on May 4, 2018? The windstorm that struck our province that day certainly left its mark. The Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) report it was the largest insured event in Ontario in five years. (The 2013 Toronto floods caused almost \$1 billion in damage.) Learn more about the storm's impact, and how to better protect your property via the IBC website link below.

<http://www.ibc.ca/on/resources/media-centre/media-releases/may-windstorm-largest-insured-event-in-ontario-in-5-years>



We've found a great spot here in Sheffield, and quickly feel like it has become "home". While we are newly established in the village, it has been an active place for over two centuries.

Non-indigenous settlement began in the Sheffield area in 1809. That's the year Rev. John A. Cornell settled here from Dutchess County, New York.



He followed the call to become a preacher in 1812, and founded the first church in Beverly Township (10 minutes south-east of Sheffield). Cornell's congregation went on to build a church in Sheffield by 1834.

Sheffield was known as "The Cornell Settlement" until John A. Cornell named it "Sheffield" when the first post office was established circa 1832. Sheffield's population was 150 people by 1857. The village included a general store/post office,

shoemaker, blacksmith, physician, wagon maker, and hotel. There was also a public school and three churches.

The main road between Cambridge and Hamilton went through Sheffield until 1959 when the Sheffield Bypass was completed. The road through the village is now known as Old Hwy 8. We're excited to be a part of this historic place and look forward to being here for a long time.

Learn more: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sheffield,_Ontario

TEAM ADDITIONS



LEE ELLERY, AGENT

We're thrilled to have Lee back at Dumfries Mutual. She began her career here as an Auto Underwriter in 2005. Lee remained in the Mutuals family in underwriting and agent support roles. She is a Western University graduate with a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree. Lee brings excellent insurance expertise and a knack for top-notch customer service. Her focus will primarily be on the west side of our territory. Lee enjoys spending time with her family and friends when she's not working.



DAN VERGARI, ADJUSTER

Dan quickly bolstered our Claims team as a Property Adjuster. He brings great experience from working at Gore Mutual, and is a graduate of Conestoga College's insurance program. A Cambridge native, Dan enjoys kayaking and football.

READERS CHOICE WINNERS

CAMBRIDGE TIMES

- Insurance company: We won 1st.
- Insurance Agent: Colleen Kiriakos won 1st and Scott Parker won 2nd.

FLAMBOROUGH REVIEW

- Insurance Agent: Don Graham won 2nd and Glen Nixon won 3rd.

Thank you for voting!

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BECOMING A DIRECTOR?

It's an exciting time to be a part of our company! Discover what it means to sit on our Board of Directors. Call our office today and speak to our manager, Shelley Sutton, for details.



HAVE WINTER TIRES?

Let us know if you have winter tires on your vehicle to receive a **discount** on your auto insurance policy. **Contact your agent or broker today!**



MEET YOUR DUMFRIES MUTUAL TEAM



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FRONT ROW: Anne Jones-Abel, Holly Huehn (Chair), Scott Roung (Vice-Chair), Martha Sharp.
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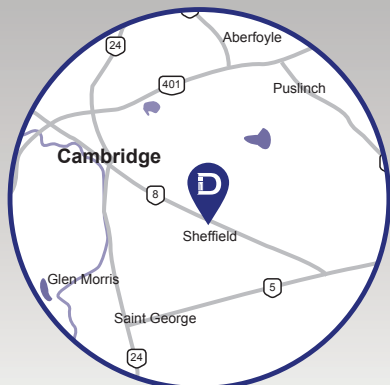


STAFF AND AGENTS

FRONT ROW: Shawna Dudley, Accident Benefits Specialist, Megan Rooney, Manager of Insurance Services, Shelley Sutton, Manager, David Tye, Controller-Treasurer, Kerry Beckman, Receptionist.

MIDDLE ROW: Colleen Kiriakos, Agent, Dan Vergari, Property Adjuster, Donald Graham, Agent, Cheryl Duncan, Property Underwriter, Glen Nixon, Agent, Janice Brooks, Claims Manager, TJ Sutton, Agent, Kim Griffin, Underwriter.

BACK ROW: Scott Parker, Agent, Matthew Bendfeld, Claims Representative, Gerry Wiens, Information Systems Manager, Hilary Toth, Auto Underwriter, Melissa Proulx, Accounting Assistant, Jeremy Webster, Property Underwriter, Ryan Dufton, Marketing and Communications Specialist. **Missing:** Lee Ellery, Agent.



Come visit our new office! We would love to see you.

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