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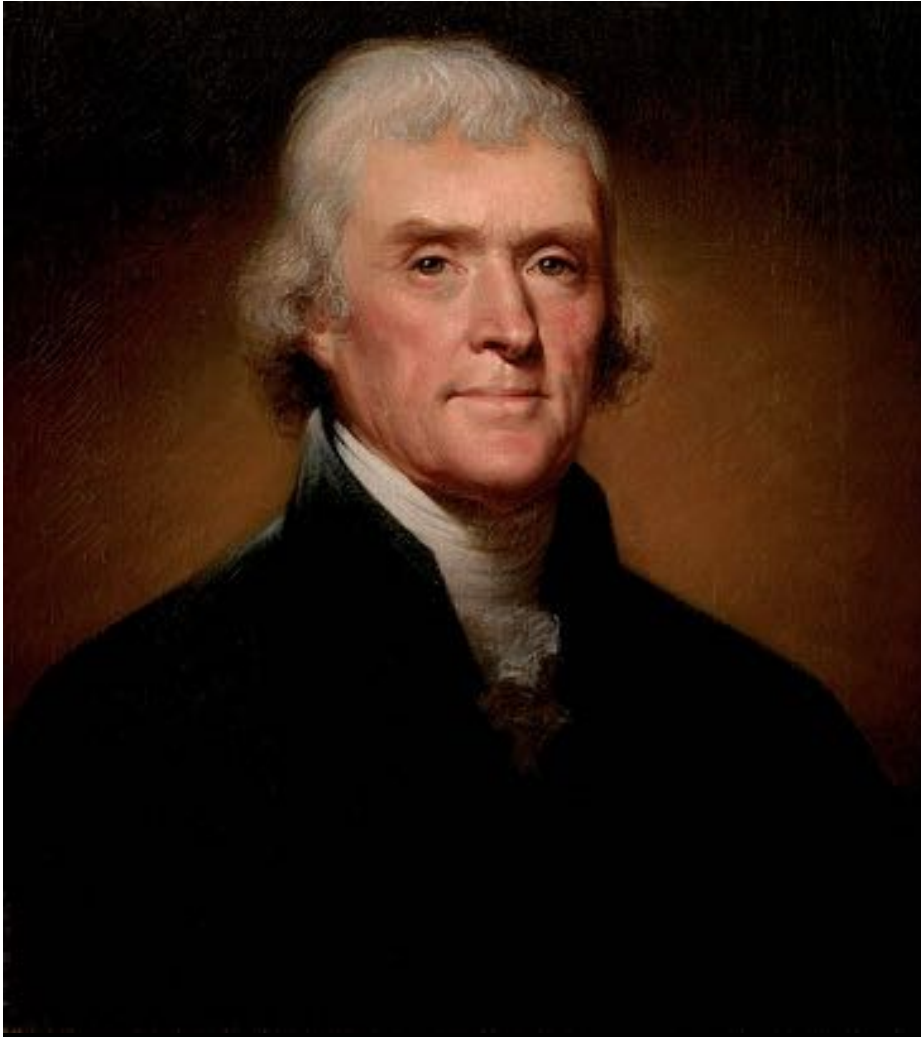
**Why newspapers are failing**

**A history of the Millstone**

**Why we're not failing**

**A modest proposal for the survival of  
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Were it left to me to decide whether we should have **a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government**, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.

*- Thomas Jefferson*

# Broadcasting is expensive

PRINT STORY

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## The CBC's mandate

... be predominantly and distinctively Canadian and to contribute to shared national consciousness and identity, to be in both official languages and to reflect the diversity of Canada.

Since 2010, there have been **225 weekly and 27 daily newspapers lost** to closure or merger ... Anyone who views news as a public good will see that this decline damages civil discourse.

Democracy relies on shared information—on all of us having access to news about **what is going on in our communities**.

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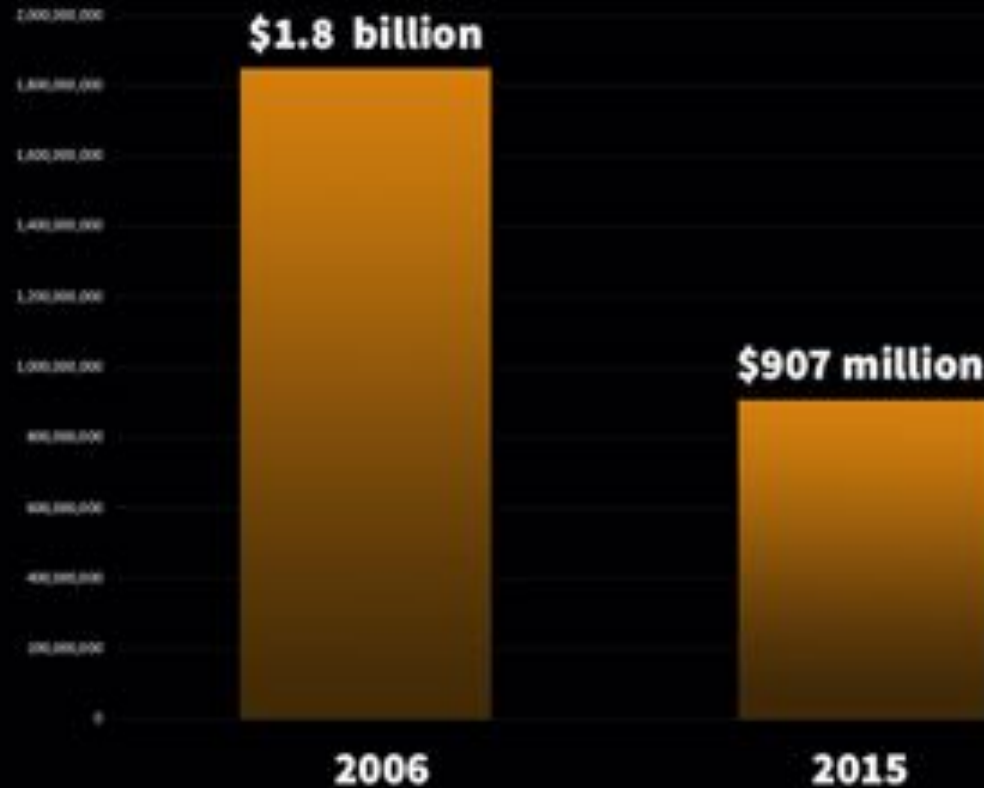


“Postmedia posts bigger Q2 loss as print revenue continues decline”

*Canadian Press, April 11 2019*

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## Newspaper display ad revenue, 2006 - 2015



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# Newspapers sold per 100 households, 1950 - 2025



DESCRIPTION SOURCE MORE INFORMATION

by Amy Watson

last edited Jul 12, 2018

The timeline shows the number of newspapers sold per 100 households in Canada from 1950 to 2015, with a forecast for 2025. According to the estimates, household reach of newspaper sales will fall from 102 copies in 1950 to two copies in 2025.

About this statistic

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# No regulation of the online giants



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## Death knell for Ottawa Valley rail line.

That train whistle you heard in Mississippi Mills and Carleton Place on Tuesday last was the death knell of the Ottawa Valley rail line.



Rail Line at Fitzroy Harbour. Photo: © John T. Fowler

Sources have told the Millstone that Canadian Pacific Railway (CP), owner of the line, is taking up the track between Pembroke and Renfrew and that the train that passed through Mississippi Mills and Carleton Place will transport the rails and ties to Montreal. Local councils in Lanark County have fought long and hard to preserve this line, a valuable link for Valley enterprises to move goods to market and for potential commuters in the long term. It also has an important safety feature. Without the line, all rail goods must pass through the Toronto corridor. Should that corridor be blocked for any reason, the only alternate for rail traffic between western and eastern Canada is the Ottawa Valley route.

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## Puppets Up! is here!!

The streets of Almonte will be alive this weekend with all things creepy.

# The Millstone in 2011

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## Millstone supports the Heritage Conservation District

June 20, 2016 - 7:20 pm

**EDITOR'S NOTE-** The Millstone has advocated the creation of a Heritage Conservation District in the heart of Almonte for over three years now.



We were critical at times of the previous Council for being, in our view, too timid in accepting the idea; on the other hand we were a little surprised at how large a swath of town was included in the initial HCD plan. It seemed sure to provoke and annoy some property owners.

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"Canadian Wintescapes" at Almonte United Church, Sunday **UPDATED**

November 27, 2019 - 6:12 pm



Cuts to education hurt all of us

November 27, 2019 - 5:51 pm



Spicy Shrimp Stir-Fry

November 27, 2019 - 7:00 am



"The Five Elements" escape experience, November 30

November 26, 2019 - 6:18 pm



Buy a Christmas tree, support local groups

November 26, 2019 - 5:53 pm



Fruit trees and 'black knot disease'

November 26, 2019 - 5:05 pm



Custom cookies a delight at Christmas



We sometimes weigh in on major issues

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## CONTRIBUTOR BIOS



### Susan Hanna

October 21, 2019 - 11:59 am

Susan Hanna was born and raised in Almonte. She began cooking additive- and preservative-free meals because of her husband's serious allergies, but strongly believes eating...



### David J. Stephenson

September 13, 2019 - 4:55 pm

David is a retired federal policy guy who now divides his time between life on the Mississippi in Almonte and roughing it in the...



### Sommelier Mark Cochrane joins the Millstone

February 28, 2015 - 7:00 am

Mark Cochrane is a certified Sommelier and wine enthusiast who also covers the craft beer and whiskey industry. Mark received his Sommelier diploma from...



### Carolyn and Bruce Waddell

January 3, 2015 - 4:23 pm

What is That? A Series about Local Wildlife We are Carolyn and Bruce Waddell, both retired from the federal public service. In preparation for retirement...



### Cheryl Baxter

April 17, 2014 - 4:58 pm

Cheryl Baxter is a nature enthusiast who enjoys photographing the beauty around her. She takes a particular interest in our feathered friends – birds...



### Peter Nelson

January 9, 2014 - 10:33 pm

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# A free and reader-driven community newspaper

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# Almonte Gazette, 2007

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## MP comments on tax-relief

Phil Ambrosiak  
Associate Editor

Lowering taxes is beneficial for everyone.

This is what Carleton-Mississippi Mills MP and Minister of National Revenue Gordon O'Connor had to say when contacted less than 24 hours after Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's Oct. 30 unveiling of the Conservative government's \$60-billion tax relief plan.

"It's an absolutely great fiscal update," O'Connor told *The Gazette*. "We're offering \$60-billion in both personal and business tax cuts."

The plan, which was passed in the House of Commons Oct. 30, includes a GST cut as well as retroactive income tax deductions that date back to Jan. 1 of this year and run until 2013.

"This just adds to the tax cuts we already made in the 2006 budget," O'Connor said. "When it's all said and done, we will have made \$190 billion in tax cuts from last year until 2013."

According to comments made by Flaherty during his announcement last week, the fall mini-budget will spell relief for individuals, companies and public institutions to the tune of \$9.3 billion to \$14.7 billion each year and that the personal

## Resident steamed about Halloween fire hydrant prank

Phil Ambrosiak  
Associate Editor

If Halloween *H2O* was a ratchety name to celebrate the 20th anniversary sequel to a horror movie classic, it can also adequately apply to a prank pulled here and in Carleton Place Oct. 31.

Some time after all the trick-or-treaters had called it a night, Halloween pranksters got to work in both Almonte and Carleton Place. This year, the focus of their efforts was area fire hydrants. From 1:30 a.m. and throughout the remainder of the early morning, Mississippi Mills Fire Chief Art Brown and town public works employees were busy closing eight hydrants that had been reported opened throughout different parts of town.

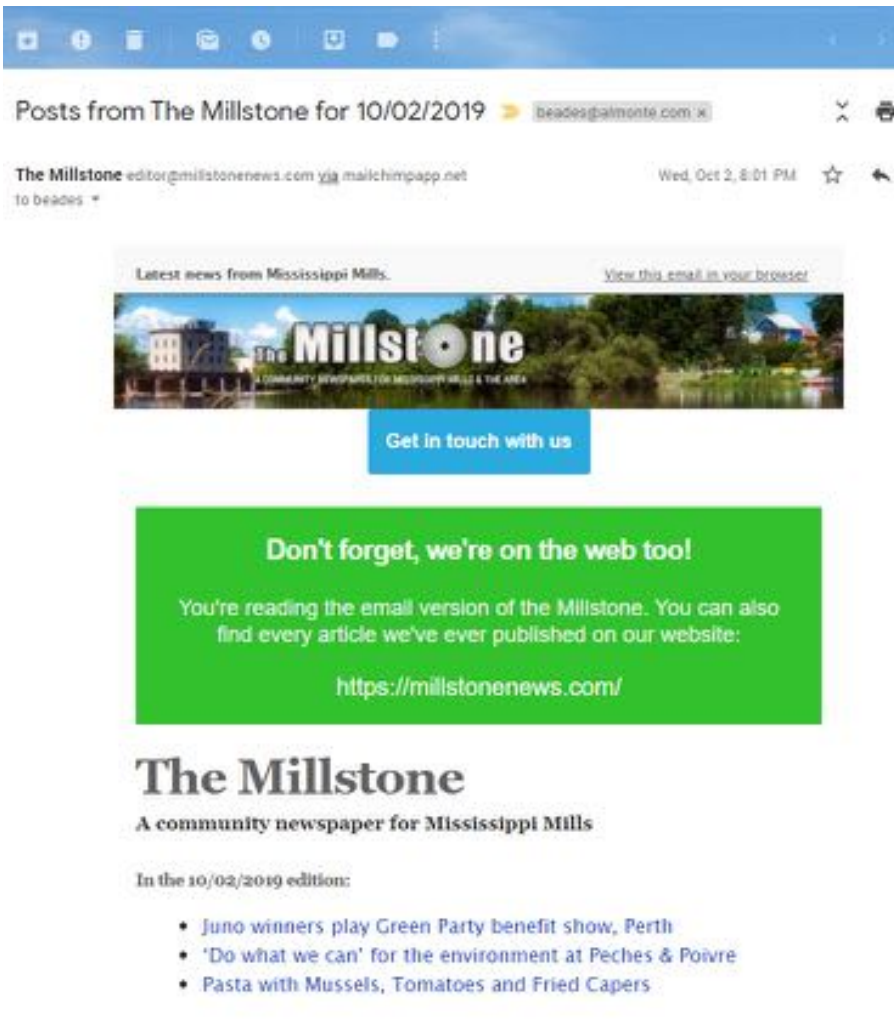
"By the end of the night, the town water tower was pretty low," Brown said. "If we would have been called to a fire that night, we may have had to go to the river for water, which could certainly endanger someone's life. It was obviously a Halloween prank, but then again whoever did this was playing with people's lives and cost the town a lot of money. It takes a lot of work and thus money for the wells to work hard enough to fill the tower back up."

The Halloween chaos was much more than a harmless prank in the eyes of Florence Street resident Brent Kades.

"I woke up around 6 a.m. to the sound of my cat meowing like hell down in the basement," Kades said. "I thought it was rather strange behaviour on the cat's part, so I stumbled downstairs in my basement and slipped only to step into six inches of low-salt water. It seems that some time after midnight, some crew of screw-ups went through Almonte and Carleton Place opening up fire hydrants. My house sustained thousands of dollars worth of damage because of this — my house was flooded."

Immediately after his early morning discovery, Kades contacted the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and, as of press time, the police continue to investigate this and other fire hydrant incidents.

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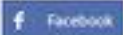
*New York Times magazine,  
November 14 2019*

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## Almonte newcomer from Syria does first-class upholstery

September 17, 2016 - 6:34 pm

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**Radwan Mustafa: Upholstery and Furniture Refurbishing Services in Almonte.**

*by Chandler Swain*

Radwan Mustafa, his wife Amal and two children Ayah, 6, and Ahmad, 4, arrived in Almonte during the coldest February weekend of this year.



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Recommendation No. 3:

## Remove obstacles to philanthropic financing

Open a new source of potential financing ... to assist journalism, especially non-profit models, and bringing Canada in line with practice in the United States, Germany and other countries.

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# Questions?

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