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Petrolia councillor doesn't want to be reelected

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Her name will be on the ballot, but Petrolia Councillor Mary-Pat Gleeson says she doesn't want the job anymore. "Although my name will appear on the ballot, I will not be campaigning," says Gleeson in a statement released Tuesday. The three-term councillor said she recently came to the realization she wanted to focus her energy in other directions. By that time, it was past the July 27th deadline for candidates to remove their names from the ballot. "I want to refocus my energy. I was in the middle of doing a lot of catch up reading on papers about health care, etcetera, etcetera and I thought 'there is so much to do; I need to focus.' And it took me quite some time to come to that conclusion." But she added; "It has been a very difficult and unsettling decision... but sometimes you just come to the point where you say 'Wait a minute, I'm going to need all the energy I have for what comes next.'"

Gleeson is the chair of the Central Lambton Family Health Team's board of directors but adds she wants to be able to advocate for rural medicine.

"In rural communities we have a difficult time getting attention sometimes; we need the support of the government and we need to keep our eye on that."

Gleeson has also been an advocate of the Health Hub model fostered by the town and Bluewater Health which includes a complete renovation of Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital.

In her statement, Gleeson says "I am very proud of the work we have accomplished over the past several years, and hold Mayor McCharles, councillors and staff in the highest regard."

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SERIOUS INWOOD CRASH



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Brooke Fire Service volunteers work with Petrolia/North Enniskillen firefighters and paramedics to lift the victim of an accident at the corner of Inwood Road and Rokeby Line Tuesday. Two vehicles collided at the corner just before 9 am. A pickup truck was upside down in the deep ditch on the northeast side of the road. The other, vehicle, a van was heavily damaged. The OPP is investigating the accident. The driver of the pick up had minor injuries which were treated at the scene. The van driver was taken to hospital with what police say were life-threatening injuries.

Tilray ramps up Enniskillen production for Ontario market

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Tilray is ramping up production at its Enniskillen Township greenhouse as it prepares to supply Ontarians with recreational marijuana come October.

The Ontario Cannabis Store which will sell cannabis online starting Oct. 17, has signed supply agreements with 26 licensed producers - including Tilray.

"These agreements are a significant milestone that signals our readiness for the legalization of cannabis in Ontario," says Patrick Ford, president and chief operating officer of OCS. "These agreements will allow us to safely and securely provide a broad variety of cannabis products."

Tilray was among the suppliers approved by Health Canada bidding for an opportunity to supply the recreational market. Adine Fabiani-Carter, Tilray's chief marketing

officer, says the High Park facility in Enniskillen is ramping up production with over half of the 13-acre greenhouse in production. "Our Ontario facility is going to be for the recreational market and Naniamo will supply the medical and specialty market," she says.

As High Park Farms was named a supplier, Lambton College was hosting a job fair to keep pace with the growth.

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