



Report to  
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In 2021, Ganawenim Meshkiki once again partnered with OTCC in a project to benefit species-at-risk and biodiversity in the Eastern Georgian Bay Region, and supported OTCC through a grant of \$25,000. This past year, OTCC admitted a record number of turtles throughout a very long season, while continuing to work with modifications to our operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding was invaluable in helping us to meet the demands of this challenging year. The following provides an overview of activities supported in 2021:

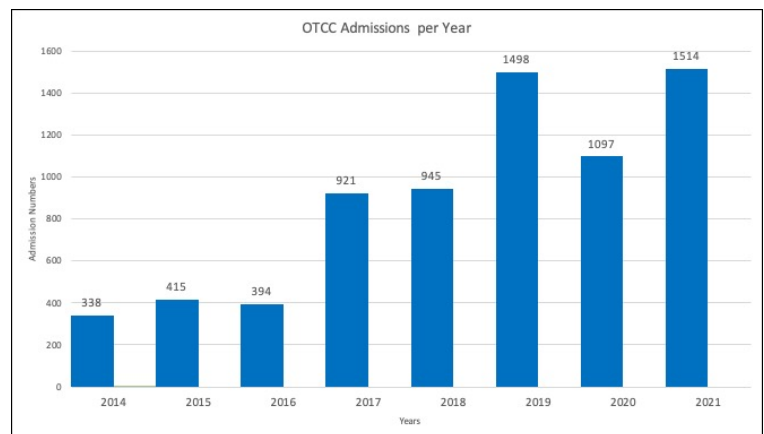
## A. Project Components

### 1. *Rehabilitation of Injured At-risk Turtles and Release to Source Wetlands*

Throughout the 2021 season, 1514 turtles from all 8 species of at-risk native turtles were admitted to OTCC from across Ontario, including 140 admissions from the Eastern Georgian Bay Region (EGBR). 2337 turtles of all species were released back into their home range last year, and 240 of those were released in the EGBR. The mild weather resulted in turtles continuing to travel far later than usual, and we admitted turtles to the hospital into November. In addition to the rehabilitated turtles



that have been successfully released back to their home wetlands, many are overwintering at the centre for further healing. Please see charts in *Appendix A* for a summary of admissions and releases by species. The maps in *Appendix B* show the geographic range of admissions throughout the EGBR, and across the province last year. This number is in line with the increased number of admissions the organization has experienced the past five years (see graph, right). We expect this momentum to continue due to increased public awareness resulting from education and communications initiatives. Disease surveillance, including testing for Ranavirus and Herpesvirus, continued to be an important component of our work.

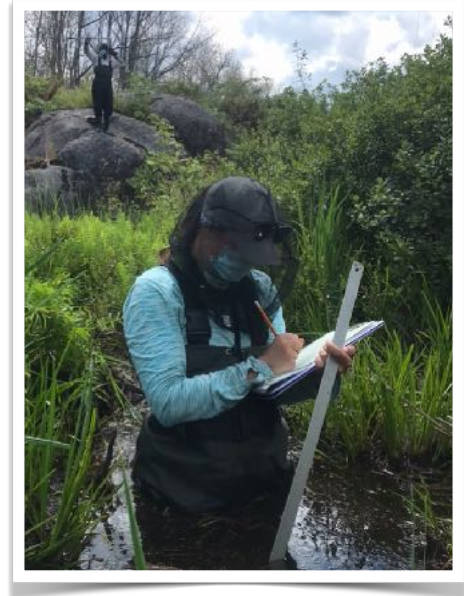


## 2. *Egg Incubation, Release of Head-started Hatchlings, and Field Research*

Although the head-starting of hatchlings was not a component funded by the GMI project, OTCC did harvest eggs, hatch and head-start hatchlings from injured females whose source wetlands are in the EGBR. OTCC incubated over 4976 eggs in 2021, including 591 from EGBR. 1787 hatchlings resulted from this program, including 185 from the EGBR. Hatchlings from all species are head-started, (cared for throughout the winter) at the OTCC hatching facility, since the larger they are when released, the greater the chance of survival when they are released back to their source wetlands the following year. A chart of eggs and hatchlings by species is available in *Appendix C*.

We continued our field research to study head-started turtles once again this past summer. The long-term project involves following a group of head-started juvenile Blanding's that were hatched from injured turtles admitted to the OTCC, alongside a group of juvenile Blanding's that were found at our study site. Currently we are tracking 29 juvenile Blanding's turtles via telemetry.

The research allows us to compare the movement patterns, behaviour, growth, and survival, between the two groups. We plan on following these turtles each year, through to maturity, to ensure they are contributing to the adult population. 2021 was our 10th season, and once again due to the mild weather, and turtles continuing to be on the move well into the fall months, the project continued through to November. The field team also catches any turtles they encounter, taking morphometric measurements of them in order to better understand turtle populations within the area. This season our field team processed: 30 Eastern Musk turtles, 25 Blanding's turtles, 41 Midland painted turtles and 17 Common snapping turtles. In addition to finding turtles along the way, the field team also sets hoop net traps. These traps are similar to minnow traps and are baited with sardines. This season 128 traps were set, and 21 turtles were captured. The turtles spend only a short time in the traps and are released after the team notes their species, sex and size.



## 3. *Education and Stewardship, Outreach and Communications*

### *Virtual Field Trips, Streaming Events and Videos*

As outlined in last year's report, it was agreed among program partners of the EGBI that due to COVID-19, virtual program delivery would need to be our primary channel for public education and communications. We continued this throughout 2021, with *Behind the Scenes Virtual Tours*, *Live Streaming Events* and our *Turtle Time Video Series*.

While providing programming on-line has a number of drawbacks, it has had the positive effect of greatly expanding our geographic reach. Last year we were pleased to provide virtual tours to a number of First Nations communities located a significant distance from OTCC, including Pelican Falls First Nation, Lac Seul First Nation (Frenchman's Head) (2 tours), Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, and Lakeview School, M'Chigeeng First Nation.



OTCC's presence in the Eastern Georgian Bay Area remains active and still gaining popularity despite the restrictions of COVID-19, and we continued our relationship with a number of education institutions within the EGBR. For example, Samantha Simms, a teacher at Parry Sound Public School in the Near North DSB booked a number of virtual tours last year, with another booked for her grade 2/3 class in January 2022. Jamie Doherty, a teacher from Parry Sound District High School booked 5 virtual field trips for the Parry Sound District. He participated in 3 virtual tours with the students from Parry Sound District H.S. from Oct-Dec 2021, with 2 further events booked for 2022. Over 180 Grade 8/9 students have participated to date, with 100-120 booked to attend upcoming tours. Through OTCC's *Behind the Scenes Virtual Tours*, teachers took their students on cyber field trips, and facilitated inquiry based activities, including research projects. Our virtual tours give the students an inside look at the centre and provide a novel way of visiting OTCC without ever leaving the classroom. They are customized for students of all age groups, and have been utilized by college and university students for their studies on chelonian behaviour and ecology.

Our live-streaming internet webcam focuses on OTCC's education turtle ambassadors and can be viewed on platforms such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitch. We began using our streaming technology on September 15, and now offer viewing four times weekly. Our reach via Facebook is in excess of 113,000 per month.

To complement the on-line tours, workshops and streaming events, OTCC's Education Coordinator also continued the popular "*Turtle Time*" video series. Topics in 2021 included: World Wetlands Day info, the Eastern Musk Turtle, Protecting Turtle Nests, Turtle Hatchlings, Hatchlings vs. Adults, World Turtle Day info, Turtle Rescue Kit Checklist, Turtle Physiotherapy, and Turtle Hatchlings/Water. Over 3,000,000 viewers have been reached with the videos since they began in 2020.

We plan to integrate our on-line offerings into our on-going programming, as they have proven to be a valuable component of our outreach, and an excellent complement to our in-person sessions.

### *Turtle Trek Adventure and Turtle Encounters*

In parallel to the on-line presentations and videos, when restrictions were lifted last summer, we re-introduced in-person educational experiences at the OTCC education centre. Beginning in July, we piloted a new in-person program entitled “Turtle Trek Adventure.” *Turtle Trek Adventure* is a 1.5 hour program, offered in the OTCC outdoor education centre and targeted to families and small groups. The feedback received from participants in response to these workshops was very positive, and we plan to integrate *Turtle Trek Adventure* into our on-going programming in 2022. Our private in-person tours, or *Turtle Encounters* as we like to call them, also launched again on July 6th, due to the lessening of Covid restrictions. Small groups of 6 had the facility to themselves on the one hour guided experience, as they learned about Ontario’s eight native turtle species, why they are listed as a species at risk federally, and how they can help. Through both our virtual and in-person education programming, OTCC provided interactive sessions to over 8400 participants last year.



### *Development, Updating and Distribution of Educational Resource Materials:*

Throughout the year, we continued to distribute the brochure *Turtle Connections to First Nations Culture*, both in print and on-line. A number of new educational resource materials

were developed throughout the year, including a brochure on *Nest Protection*, and a brochure on *Phragmites*, which describes the invasive wetland plant and its impact on turtle populations. A booklet was also designed specifically for kids, “*My Turtle Booklet*” that introduces Ontario’s turtle species in a kid friendly format, and engages youth with quizzes and a word search. All of the



brochures can be downloaded from the OTCC website, <https://ontarioturtle.ca/ourmission/brochures/>

### *First Responder Support, Partnerships and Collaboration*

Since March of 2020, our training of first responders has also had to pivot to a virtual modality. As a result, two on-line videos providing up to date knowledge in Turtle Trauma were produced: *“Initial Treatment of the Injured Turtle”* and *“Turtle Trauma; Beyond the Initial Stabilization.”* These were presented at conferences and used to train 5 new First Responders last year. In all, OTCC has 40 First Responders across the province, with 25 of those being in the EGBR.

Presentations were given at the following conferences: New York State Wildlife Rehabilitation Council, Ontario Biodiversity Council Summit, Association of Animal Shelter Administrators of Ontario, Trent Biology Undergraduate Society along with the Trent Future Veterinarians Club, University of Guelph, as well as discussions on workshops to be provided in 2022 by the Working Group for Ontario Turtles. We were also scheduled to do a workshop for the joint American Association of Zoo Vets and European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians, however it was rescheduled due to Covid restrictions.

Through the OTCC hot-line, we centralized data and coordinated all admissions with 2871 calls coming through the hot-line last season. Our hot-line staff recorded 163 phone calls to OTCC from the EGBR, and organized 138 trips to and from the EGBR through our turtle taxi network.

### *Community Involvement and Volunteer Coordination*

OTCC’s committed group of volunteers continued to navigate health and safety protocols while supporting our conservation work. 253 drivers and release volunteers were added to our turtle taxi data base in 2021, with 901 drivers/release volunteers now on the list. 64 individuals made 138 trips to and from the EGBR last year. Details are available in *Appendix D*. We now have a team of 45 volunteers who regularly care for the turtles, collectively donating an average of 150 hours per week. There are an additional 20 turtle care volunteers on call, as well as 20 volunteer education presenters. This past year we were pleased to once again be able to host an outdoor, physically distanced volunteer recognition event. We also attended a Volunteer fair at Trent University to recruit new volunteers. 266 people of the people that took conservation action, such as moving turtles from roads or installing signage, including 17 from the EGBR, submitted details on their actions through our Conservation Actions survey.



## Media

OTCC had some excellent media coverage last year, including a feature in the Toronto Star highlighting our Turtle Taxi team, which is integral to our work in the EGBR. A chart of media coverage is included in *Appendix E*. Social Media also continued to be an important channel through which we reached and engaged communities across the province and beyond. Our Facebook page currently has 24,300 followers, Twitter 8000, and Instagram 8400. Facebook post reach is over 100,000 people per week.

## B. Financial Summary

The funds provided by Ganawenim Meshkiki in 2021 were allocated as proposed for hospital, education, volunteer coordination, and hot line staffing, medical, hospital and education supplies.

<b>2021 Budget - Eastern Georgian Bay Initiative</b>	
<b>REVENUES</b>	
Ganawenim Meshkiki	25,000
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Veterinarian	10,000
Volunteer Coordination	3,500
Education Coordination	3,500
Hot-line	2,000
Data management / Communications	3,500
Medical Supplies (incl. Disease testing)	1,000
Turtle and Habitat Supplies	1,500
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>25,000</b>

## C. Summary

The funding provided by Ganawenim Meshkiki has been integral to OTCC's conservation work this year, particularly given the continued unprecedented challenges and increasing demands for turtle rehabilitation. We are grateful to have Ganawenim Meshkiki as a continued partner and supporter in conserving Ontario's at-risk turtle species and their wetland ecosystems.

## Appendix A: Releases and Admissions by Species

### Numbers for GMI Report on Eastern Georgian Bay Region

#### Releases

Total Releases for 2021: **2337**

Total Releases for 2021 in EGBR: **240**

Species	Total Released	Total Released in EGBR
PATU	711	102
BLTU	72	8
MATU	62	19
MUTU	9	1
SNTU	1481	110
WOTU	2	Location Not Disclosed
SSTU	0	0
SPTU	0	0

#### Admissions

\*admissions numbers do not include turtles hatched at the OTCC

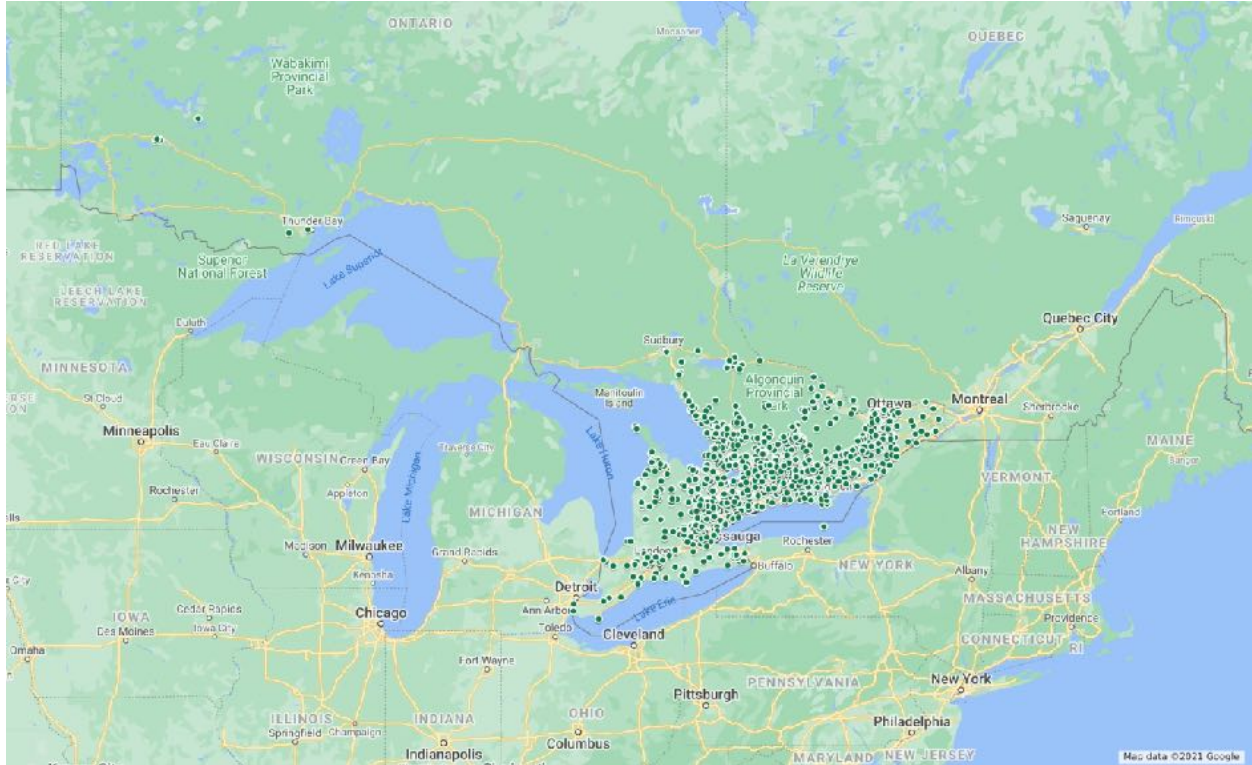
Total admitted in 2021: **1514**

Total admitted from EGBR in 2021: **140**

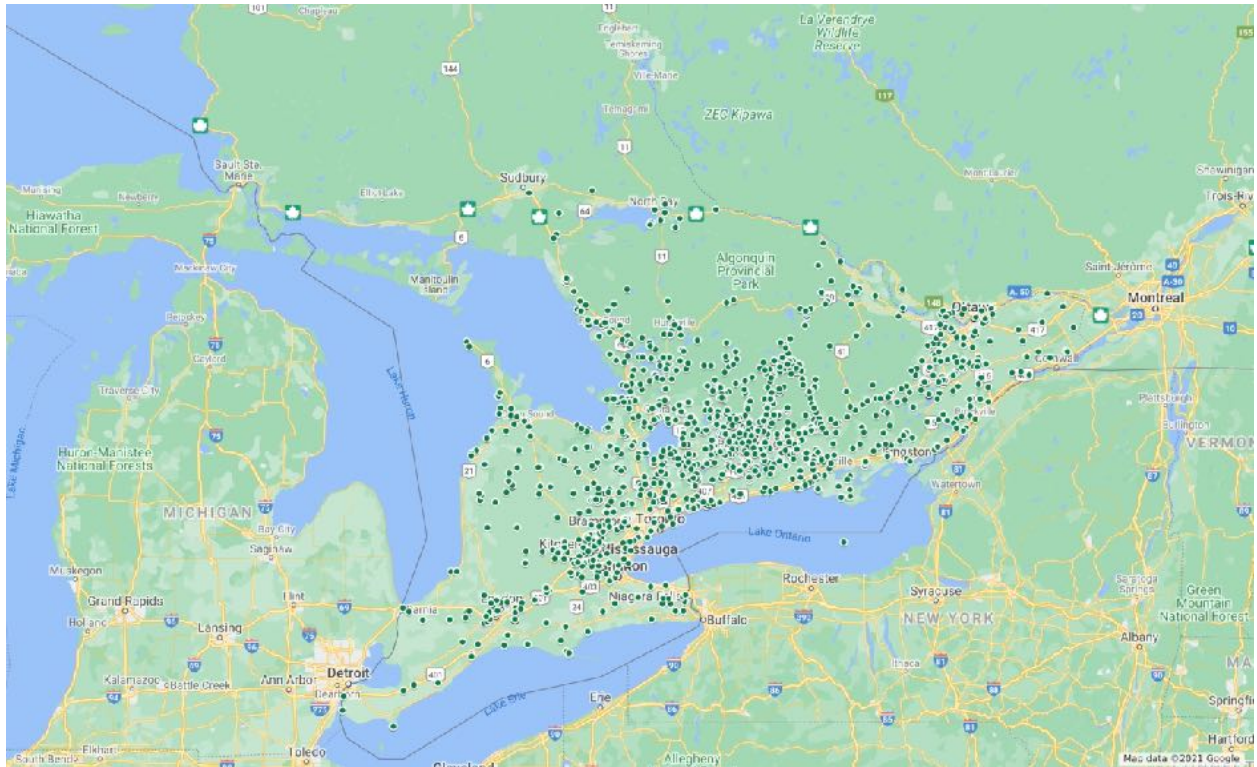
Species	Total Admitted	Total Admitted from EGBR
PATU	836	85
BLTU	68	8
MATU	49	3
MUTU	11	4
SNTU	523	39
WOTU	3	Location not Disclosed
SSTU	0	0
SPTU	2	1
Non-native	16	0
Snake	5	0
Frog	1	0



## Appendix B: Map of Admissions 2021



## Appendix B (Continued): Admissions 2021 Close-up



## Appendix C: Eggs and Hatchlings

### Eggs

Total Eggs including broken eggs in 2021: **5123**

Total Eggs including broken eggs from EGBR in 2021: **647**

Total Eggs **not** including broken eggs in 2021: **4976**

Total Eggs **not** including broken eggs from EGBR in 2021: **591**

Species	Total Eggs (including broken eggs)	Total Eggs (including broken eggs) from EGBR	Total Eggs (not including broken eggs)	Total Eggs (not including broken eggs) from EGBR
PATU	1507	174	1428	160
BLTU	257	39	249	37
MATU	175	10	170	9
MUTU	0	0	0	0
SNTU	3184	424	3129	385
WOTU	0	0	0	0
SSTU	0	0	0	0
SPTU	0	0	0	0

### Hatchlings

Total Hatchlings Reared in 2021: **1787**

Total Hatchlings from EGBR Reared in 2021: **185**

Species	Total Hatchlings	Total Hatchlings from EGBR
PATU	439	52
BLTU	97	14
MATU	81	7
MUTU	0	0
SNTU	1170	112
WOTU	0	0
SSTU	0	0
SPTU	0	0

2021 Reared hatchling releases are Included in the Release numbers specified above.

Total hatchlings reared and released in 2021: **689**

Total hatchlings reared and released in EGBR in 2021: **31**

Species	Total Hatchlings Reared and Released	Total Hatchlings reared and released in EGBR
PATU	102	12
BLTU	0	0
MATU	0	0
MUTU	0	0
SNTU	587	19
WOTU	0	0
SSTU	0	0
SPTU	0	0

## Appendix D: Volunteer Action and Enquiries

### Taxi Drivers driving to and from EGBR

Amount (Individuals) Traveling to and from EGBR in 2021	Current Total Taxi Drivers/Release Volunteers in Database	Taxi Drivers/Release Volunteers added to list in 2021	Total Trips to and from EGBR in 2021
64	901	253	138

*These numbers are derived from our turtle taxi driver list only, finders in the EGBR and trips made by finders from the EGRB are not included.*

*Trips made are based on admissions from the EGBR.*

### Phone Enquires

*Based on hotline and office records.*

Total phone calls recorded in 2021	Total phone calls recorded in 2021 from or about EGBR
2871	163

### Conservation Action Surveys

Total submitted in 2021	Total submitted from EGBR in 2021
266	17

*Address was made optional this year for the conservation action surveys, so this number is only derived from the people that gave their address.*

# Appendix E: Media Coverage

Date	Media Type	Geographic Location	Media Outlet	Title	Writer	Link
2021-01-07	News Story	Bancroft	MyBancroftNow	Over \$870,000 Going To Local Projects To Protect At-Risk Species	Brandon Piper	<a href="https://www.mybancroftnow.com/50123/over-870000-going-to-local-projects-to-protect-at-risk-species/">https://www.mybancroftnow.com/50123/over-870000-going-to-local-projects-to-protect-at-risk-species/</a>
2021-02-21	Blog Post	Toronto	Ontario Parks	Women in Science	Erica Barkley	<a href="https://www.ontarioparks.com/parks/blog/women-scientists-ontario-parks/">https://www.ontarioparks.com/parks/blog/women-scientists-ontario-parks/</a>
2021-02-16	Column	Peterborough	The Peterborough Examiner	Fundraising: Peterborough turtle centre could use some humidity help	Caroline McConnell	<a href="https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/opinion/contributors/2021/02/16/fundraising-peterborough-turtle-centre-could-use-some-humidity-help.html">https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/opinion/contributors/2021/02/16/fundraising-peterborough-turtle-centre-could-use-some-humidity-help.html</a>
2021-04-01	News Story	Toronto	blogTO	Turtles are having a moment right now in Toronto	Lauren O'Neil	<a href="https://www.blogto.com/city/2021/04/turtles-having-moment-toronto-why/">https://www.blogto.com/city/2021/04/turtles-having-moment-toronto-why/</a>
2021-04-11	Magazine Article	Canada	Pique Newsmagazine	The Shell Game	Leslie Anthony	<a href="https://www.piquenewsmagazine.com/cover-stories/the-shell-game-3615225">https://www.piquenewsmagazine.com/cover-stories/the-shell-game-3615225</a>
2021-04-13	News Story	Muskoka	MyMuskokaNow	Number of turtles struck by vehicles in Ontario down in 2020, but turtle activist says number is still too high	Mathew Reisler	<a href="https://www.muskokanow.com/110084/number-of-turtles-struck-by-vehicles-in-ontario-down-in-2020-but-turtle-activist-says-number-is-still-too-high/">https://www.muskokanow.com/110084/number-of-turtles-struck-by-vehicles-in-ontario-down-in-2020-but-turtle-activist-says-number-is-still-too-high/</a>
2021-04-17	News Story	Peterborough	PTBO Canada	Conservation Centre Ready For Another Year to Help Injured Turtles	David Tuan Bui	<a href="https://www.ptbo.ca/news/2021/04/17/conservation-centre-ready-for-another-year-to-help-injured-turtles">https://www.ptbo.ca/news/2021/04/17/conservation-centre-ready-for-another-year-to-help-injured-turtles</a>
2021-04-19	Column	Peterborough	The Peterborough Examiner	OTCC Needs Saving Grace and researching roads to help area turtles	Caroline McConnell	<a href="https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/opinion/contributors/2021/04/19/otcc-needs-saving-grace-and-researching-roads-to-help-area-turtles">https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/opinion/contributors/2021/04/19/otcc-needs-saving-grace-and-researching-roads-to-help-area-turtles</a>
2021-04-28	News Story	Minden	Minden Times	OTCC Needs Saving Grace and researching roads to help area turtles	Sue Tiffin	<a href="https://www.mindentimes.ca/news/saving-grace-and-researching-roads-to-help-area-turtles/">https://www.mindentimes.ca/news/saving-grace-and-researching-roads-to-help-area-turtles/</a>
2021-05-04	Letter to the Editor	Bancroft	Bancroft This Week	Turtle nesting season inches closer	Kelly Wallace	<a href="http://www.bancroftthisweek.com/turtle-nesting-season-inches-closer/">http://www.bancroftthisweek.com/turtle-nesting-season-inches-closer/</a>
2021-05-05	News Story	Toronto	Toronto Star	With threats raised by raccoons, cars and loss of habitat, being a turtle in Ontario is tough. But there is a 'collaborative effort' in the turtle conservation world	Signe Langford	<a href="https://www.thestar.com/life/2021/05/05/with-threats-raised-by-raccoons-cars-and-loss-of-habitat-being-a-turtle-in-ontario-is-tough-but-there-is-a-collaborative-effort-in-the-turtle-conservation-world.html">https://www.thestar.com/life/2021/05/05/with-threats-raised-by-raccoons-cars-and-loss-of-habitat-being-a-turtle-in-ontario-is-tough-but-there-is-a-collaborative-effort-in-the-turtle-conservation-world.html</a>
2021-05-12	News Story	Peterborough	The Peterborough Examiner	Peterborough editorial: Turtle centre's success is proof that people care	Examiner staff	<a href="https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/opinion/editorials/2021/05/12/peterborough-editorial-turtle-centres-success-is-proof-that-people-care.html">https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/opinion/editorials/2021/05/12/peterborough-editorial-turtle-centres-success-is-proof-that-people-care.html</a>
2021-05-25	News Story	Peterborough	The Peterborough Examiner	10-year-old writes book after visit to Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre in Peterborough	Tara Gesner	<a href="https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/news/peterborough-region/2021/05/25/10-year-old-writes-book-after-visit-to-ontario-turtle-conservation-centre-in-peterborough.html">https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/news/peterborough-region/2021/05/25/10-year-old-writes-book-after-visit-to-ontario-turtle-conservation-centre-in-peterborough.html</a>
2021-05-25	News Story	Canada	The Weather Network	How we can help Canada's at-risk turtles survive and thrive	Natalie Howes	<a href="https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/news/article/how-we-can-help-canadas-at-risk-turtles-survive-and-thrive">https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/news/article/how-we-can-help-canadas-at-risk-turtles-survive-and-thrive</a>
2021-05-28	News Story	Cambridge	Cambridge Times	No reason to say no: Cowabunga! Cambridge resident gets turtle crossing signs in north Galt	Bill Doucet	<a href="https://www.therecord.com/local-cambridge/news/2021/05/28/no-reason-to-say-no-cowabunga-cambridge-resident-gets-turtle-crossing-signs-in-north-galt.html">https://www.therecord.com/local-cambridge/news/2021/05/28/no-reason-to-say-no-cowabunga-cambridge-resident-gets-turtle-crossing-signs-in-north-galt.html</a>
2021-05-31	News Story	Belleville	The Intelligencer	Give turtles a brake, wildlife centre's director asks	Luke Hendry	<a href="https://www.intelligencer.ca/news/give-turtles-a-brake-wildlife-centres-director-asks">https://www.intelligencer.ca/news/give-turtles-a-brake-wildlife-centres-director-asks</a>
2021-06-03	News Story	Belleville	QNet News	Turtle Taxi volunteers cross the province on lifesaving missions	Jacob Willis	<a href="http://www.qnetnews.ca/?p=140505">http://www.qnetnews.ca/?p=140505</a>
2021-06-07	Column	Peterborough	The Peterborough Examiner	Turtle Taxis COMMUNITY NOTES: from the desk of Councillor Gower	Caroline McConnell	<a href="https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/opinion/contributors/2021/06/07/northcrest-ward-peterborough-field-naturalists-host-online-session-on-wxc-and-bobcats.html?r=1">https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/opinion/contributors/2021/06/07/northcrest-ward-peterborough-field-naturalists-host-online-session-on-wxc-and-bobcats.html?r=1</a>
2021-06-14	Column	Stittsville	Stittsville Central	Ontario's only turtle trauma centre is in need of more taxi volunteers	Lesley McKay	<a href="https://www.stittsvillecentral.ca/community-notes-from-the-desk-of-councillor-gower-36/">https://www.stittsvillecentral.ca/community-notes-from-the-desk-of-councillor-gower-36/</a>
2021-06-15	News Story	Toronto	Toronto Star	Ontario's only turtle trauma centre is in need of more taxi volunteers	Celina Gallardo	<a href="https://www.thestar.com/news/qa/2021/06/15/ontarios-only-turtle-trauma-centre-is-in-need-of-more-taxi-volunteers.html">https://www.thestar.com/news/qa/2021/06/15/ontarios-only-turtle-trauma-centre-is-in-need-of-more-taxi-volunteers.html</a>
2021-06-17	News Story	Bancroft	Bancroft This Week	Turtle nesting season underway in North Hastings	Nate Smelle	<a href="http://www.bancroftthisweek.com/turtle-nesting-season-underway-in-north-hastings/">http://www.bancroftthisweek.com/turtle-nesting-season-underway-in-north-hastings/</a>
2021-06-24	Column	Oshawa	Oshawa This Week	Turtle nesting season underway in North Hastings	Nate Smelle	<a href="https://www.thestar.com/local-oshawa/opinion/2021/06/24/turtles-need-our-help-whitby-columnist.html">https://www.thestar.com/local-oshawa/opinion/2021/06/24/turtles-need-our-help-whitby-columnist.html</a>
2021-06-26	News Story	Regina, SK	Regina Leader-Post	Heroes in a Half-Shell: How drivers can (properly) help turtles	Margaret Carney	<a href="https://leaderpost.com/auto-news/driver-info/heroes-in-a-half-shell-how-drivers-can-properly-help-turtles">https://leaderpost.com/auto-news/driver-info/heroes-in-a-half-shell-how-drivers-can-properly-help-turtles</a>
2021-06-26	News Story	Canada	Driving.ca	Heroes in a Half-Shell: How drivers can (properly) help turtles	Matthew Guy	<a href="https://leaderpost.com/auto-news/driver-info/heroes-in-a-half-shell-how-drivers-can-properly-help-turtles">https://leaderpost.com/auto-news/driver-info/heroes-in-a-half-shell-how-drivers-can-properly-help-turtles</a>
2021-07-14	News Story	Minden	Minden Times	Helping turtles a 'responsibility'	Matthew Guy	<a href="https://www.mindentimes.ca/news/helping-turtles-a-responsibility/">https://www.mindentimes.ca/news/helping-turtles-a-responsibility/</a>
2021-07-19	Column	Peterborough	The Peterborough Examiner	Super Glue Needed	Darren Lum	<a href="https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/opinion/contributors/2021/07/19/fundraising-peterborough-companies-make-major-donation-to-camp-kawartha.html">https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/opinion/contributors/2021/07/19/fundraising-peterborough-companies-make-major-donation-to-camp-kawartha.html</a>
2021-07-20	News Story	Peterborough	The Peterborough Examiner	Province shelling out for Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre, other Peterborough area green projects	Caroline McConnell	<a href="https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/news/peterborough-region/2021/07/20/province-shelling-out-for-ontario-turtle-conservation-centre-other-peterborough-area-green-projects.html">https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/news/peterborough-region/2021/07/20/province-shelling-out-for-ontario-turtle-conservation-centre-other-peterborough-area-green-projects.html</a>
2021-07-20	News Story	Canada	Global News	Peterborough-area conservation projects receive funding through new Great Lakes Local Action Fund	Greg Davis	<a href="https://globalnews.ca/news/8042698/peterborough-conservation-projects-funding-new-great-lakes-local-action-fund/">https://globalnews.ca/news/8042698/peterborough-conservation-projects-funding-new-great-lakes-local-action-fund/</a>
2021-07-27	News Story	Haliburton	The Haliburton Echo	The story behind new Turtle Guardians mural at Baked & Battered	Grace Osborne	<a href="https://haliburtonecho.ca/the-story-behind-new-turtle-guardians-mural-at-baked-battered/">https://haliburtonecho.ca/the-story-behind-new-turtle-guardians-mural-at-baked-battered/</a>
2021-07-29	News Story	Canada	Toronto Star	Turtle nest protector permitted to remain in Limerick	Michael Riley	<a href="https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2021/07/29/turtle-nest-protector-permitted-to-remain-in-limerick.html">https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2021/07/29/turtle-nest-protector-permitted-to-remain-in-limerick.html</a>
2021-08-17	News Story	Peterborough	The Peterborough Examiner	Peterborough GreenUp: Tipping the scales for turtles: Have you helped a turtle lately?	Leif Einarson	<a href="https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/life/2021/08/17/peterborough-greenup-tipping-the-scales-for-turtles-have-you-helped-a-turtle-lately.html">https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/life/2021/08/17/peterborough-greenup-tipping-the-scales-for-turtles-have-you-helped-a-turtle-lately.html</a>
2021-08-19	News Story	Kawartha	Kawartha Now	Be a hero for the half-shell and protect Ontario's threatened turtles	GreenUP	<a href="https://kawarthanow.com/2021/08/19/be-a-hero-for-the-half-shell-and-protect-ontarios-threatened-turtles/">https://kawarthanow.com/2021/08/19/be-a-hero-for-the-half-shell-and-protect-ontarios-threatened-turtles/</a>
2021-08-25	News Story	Muskoka	Muskoka 411	The Dos and Don'ts Of Helping Turtle Hatchlings	Maddie Binning	<a href="https://muskoka411.com/the-dos-and-donts-of-helping-turtle-hatchlings/">https://muskoka411.com/the-dos-and-donts-of-helping-turtle-hatchlings/</a>
2021-08-29	News Story	Orillia	OrilliaMatters	New fund aims to control spread of invasive common reed	OrilliaMatters Staff	<a href="https://www.orilliamatters.com/local-news/new-fund-aims-to-control-spread-of-invasive-common-reed-4252842">https://www.orilliamatters.com/local-news/new-fund-aims-to-control-spread-of-invasive-common-reed-4252842</a>
2021-09-28	Video & News Story	Canada	The Weather Network	Here's why people from Toronto want PetSmart to stop selling tortoises and snakes	Mark Robinson	<a href="https://www.blogto.com/city/2021/10/why-people-toronto-want-petsmart-stop-selling-tortoises-snakes/">https://www.blogto.com/city/2021/10/why-people-toronto-want-petsmart-stop-selling-tortoises-snakes/</a>
2021-10-01	News Story	Toronto	blogTO	Here's why people from Toronto want PetSmart to stop selling tortoises and snakes	Becky Robertson	<a href="https://www.blogto.com/city/2021/10/why-people-toronto-want-petsmart-stop-selling-tortoises-snakes/">https://www.blogto.com/city/2021/10/why-people-toronto-want-petsmart-stop-selling-tortoises-snakes/</a>
2021-10-01	News Story	Peterborough	YourTV Peterborough-Lindsay,	Here's why people from Toronto want PetSmart to stop selling tortoises and snakes	Mary Nelso	<a href="https://www.blogto.com/city/2021/10/why-people-toronto-want-petsmart-stop-selling-tortoises-snakes/">https://www.blogto.com/city/2021/10/why-people-toronto-want-petsmart-stop-selling-tortoises-snakes/</a>
2021-10-30	News Story	Kawartha	Kawartha Now	Kawartha Chamber names former Habitat for Humanity CEO Sarah Budd as citizen of the year	Bruce Head	<a href="https://kawarthanow.com/2021/10/30/kawartha-chamber-names-former-habitat-for-humanity-ceo-sarah-budd-as-citizen-of-the-year/">https://kawarthanow.com/2021/10/30/kawartha-chamber-names-former-habitat-for-humanity-ceo-sarah-budd-as-citizen-of-the-year/</a>
2021-11-25	Niagara 2022 Summer Games St. Catharines	Brock University	Brock University	Canada Games Research Spotlight: Donna Szoke	The Brock News	<a href="https://brocku.ca/brock-news/2021/11/canada-games-research-spotlight-donna-szoke/">https://brocku.ca/brock-news/2021/11/canada-games-research-spotlight-donna-szoke/</a>
2021-12-20	Column	Peterborough	The Peterborough Examiner	Adopt a turtle	Caroline McConnell	<a href="https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/opinion/contributors/2021/12/20/northcrest-ward-peterborough-lions-spread-christmas-cheer-at-fairhaven.html">https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/opinion/contributors/2021/12/20/northcrest-ward-peterborough-lions-spread-christmas-cheer-at-fairhaven.html</a>