

She said yes!

On Tuesday afternoon, the Blyth Festival closed its original run of Emma Donoghue's *The Wind Coming Over the Sea* at Memorial Hall (the run has been extended with additional shows now planned for late September and early October), but the show wasn't the only thing to celebrate. Stars Landon Doak, who will not be returning for the extended run, and Shelayna Christante got engaged on the Memorial Hall stage during the curtain call, much to the delight of the sold-out crowd. *(Shawn Loughlin photo)*

Peters named head coach, GM of Royals

By Shawn Loughlin
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Blyth native and lifetime hockey professional Anthony Peters - son of Jeff and Janice of Blyth and brother of Justin, Alex and the late Brittney - is now the head coach and general manager of the Reading Royals of the East Coast Hockey League (ECHL), a league in which he was an active player for many years.

Peters now takes over the top spot in Reading, Pennsylvania after a two-year stint as an assistant coach with the Florida Everblades, also in the ECHL.

"I'm looking forward to working with the entire organization to build a winning culture for the Reading Royals," Peters said in an announcement on the team's website. "I'm very grateful for the opportunity and excited for the challenge that lies ahead."

Peters now becomes just the 10th head coach in the team's 24-season history.

"We're excited to announce Anthony Peters as the Royals' next head coach and general manager," said David Farrar, Reading Royals team president, in that same announcement. "Anthony brings a great pedigree of playing and coaching experience in this league. We have full confidence that he will do an exceptional job as the leader of our hockey team and are looking forward to the prospects of the next era of Royals hockey with Anthony at the helm."

The 2025/2026 ECHL season begins on Friday, Oct. 17 and, that night, the Royals will be in Quebec to play the Trois-Rivières Lions.

Peters, who spent his career as a goaltender like his older brother Justin, first played professional hockey in the 2006/2007 season with the Oshawa Generals of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL). He would stay in the OHL - playing for the Kingston Frontenacs, Saginaw Spirit, Belleville Bulls and Mississauga/St. Michael's Majors - before returning to school and playing for the St. Mary's University Huskies in Nova Scotia.

From there, beginning in the 2014/2015 season, Peters would play for teams in the ECHL (Floria Everblades and the Cincinnati Cyclones) and the American Hockey League (Rochester Americans, Charlotte Checkers and the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins) for the next five years before crossing the Atlantic Ocean for the 2019/2020 season. Over the course of those four seasons, he played for teams in Germany, Sweden, Austria and Slovakia before stepping away from play after the 2022/2023 season.

"We are very happy to have Anthony Peters be the next head coach and voice behind the bench of the Royals," Alyn McCauley, assistant general manager of the Philadelphia Flyers, the Royals' NHL affiliate, said in that same statement. "We are confident in his ability to grow talent within the organization and look forward to the on-ice success in Reading with Anthony at the helm."

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Council requests report

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service leadership by recommending the training and appointment of a permanent deputy fire chief. This approach will build internal capacity and ensure long-term service continuity," Bushell said in his report to council. "In the interim, to address immediate coverage needs, it is recommended that the Chief Administrative Officer oversee temporary contractual agreements with qualified external partners."

Anderson also asked if the Ontario Fire Marshal's office had been consulted and Doherty said that staff had not called the Fire Marshal's office, while Councillor Adam Robinson had concerns about moving forward and wanted a report on the current staffing complement and what they're capable of doing for the department. On the other hand, Councillor Dan Colquhoun told his fellow councillors that they were overthinking the issue and that the solution presented by staff simply made sense.

However, when the motion was put forward, it was defeated by council. A second motion, moved and seconded by Anderson and Councillor Everett Smith, respectively, moved to appoint Flynn, but not address the idea of a pool of deputy chiefs, which was carried. That motion, Bushell noted, was made by two members who voted against the earlier motion, as an act of transparency.

Only the eternal is important

(L. R. Miller, "Counsel and Help")

"Set your minds on things above — not on earthly things." Colossians 3:2

Over the doorway of a church is the inscription: ***"Only the eternal is important".***

There are a great many things which are not worth our while to do. Some of us spend our days in *poor trivialities* which bless no one, and which will add no luster to our
crown.

Waste no opportunity.

Despise no privilege.

Squander no moment.

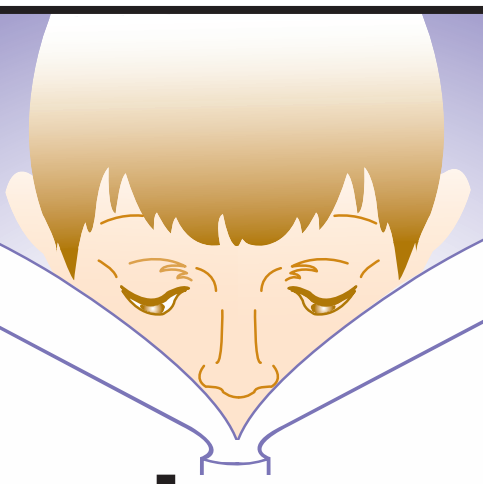
One hour lost will leave a flaw.

There is just enough time for you to live your life well — if you spend every moment of it in earnest, faithful duty. A life thus lived in *unbroken diligence and faithfulness,* will have no regrets when the end comes. Its work will be completed.

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" 2 Corinthians 4:18

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