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Crews from the Ministry of Natural Resources were hard at work Friday cleaning up trees that fell during the recent ice storm on Longwood Drive in Bolton.

Photo by Bill Rea

## 'Disaster' declaration requested

# Town seeking Provincial funding to help with storm

By Bill Rea

Caledon council is asking the Province to have the town declared a disaster area, in light of last month's ice storm.

Council Tuesday unanimously voted to request the declaration from Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Linda Jeffrey, as a way of facilitating the Town's eligibility for help under the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP).

As a possible alternative, Jeffrey will be asked to provide another source of emergency funding to address the severe damage sustained in Caledon from the storm.

Mayor Marolyn Morrison said

### Quote of the Week

"I don't know who she talked to in Caledon."  
Mayor Marolyn Morrison, reacting to statements from Premier Kathleen Wynne that she contacted all GTA municipalities during last month's ice storm.

after the meeting that the request had to be in by 4 p.m. Tuesday.

"We need disaster relief," she said.

Councillor Richard Whitehead pointed out the cost to repair municipal property and infrastructure damaged in the storm has been estimated at \$2.9 million.

"That's a huge burden," he declared, adding to pay that cost in one year would require an increase of between four and five per cent in the Town's tax rate.

"This is a natural disaster," Whitehead observed. He said there are small contingency funds available to deal with the unexpected, but \$2.9 million is beyond the Town's capacity to easily carry, and beyond the capacity of the taxpayers too. He also said this has nothing to do with there being good or bad financial management on the part of the Town or council.

"This tragedy was across the whole municipality," he said, adding the figure would likely be 10 times higher when damage to private property is factored in. "It's a catastrophic loss."

Councillor Richard Paterak pointed out the Town has been resourceful in this situation, using

assistance offered by other municipalities. He said a crew of foresters from the City of Ottawa had been at work cleaning up downed trees on roads throughout town, "literally beavering away at the pile of wood."

Morrison said she has expressed appreciation to Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson, as well as the mayors of other municipalities that have offered assistance.

"It is definitely catastrophic," Councillor Patti Foley observed, pointing out Caledon's geography

## Town looking for Walk of Fame nominee

The Town of Caledon is accepting nominations for the 2014 inductee to Caledon's Walk of Fame.

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has added to the challenge.

Councillor Nick DeBoner added people are still dealing with the challenge of clearing snow from sidewalks and roads. He observed ice has almost welded itself to asphalt, and it's going to take a lot more work to get it off.

Councillor Doug Beffort warned the coming of spring is going to bring more problems, as people address cleaning up their own properties. He said he's already getting calls about what the Town is going to do to help.



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## THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

**Bring your own baby from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library.** The free program is for babies up to 18 months. Join in one of the many story times where you can enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and so much more with your child! Parent or caregiver to accompany child. Advance registration is required.

**Tales for Tots at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library.** The free program will run from 11 to 11:45 a.m. and is geared to children aged 18 months to three years. Join in one of the many story times where you can enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and so much more with your child! Parent or caregiver is to accompany the child.

**Family Story Time at the Alton branch of Caledon Public Library for children up to five from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.** Join in one of the many story times where you can enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and so much more with your child! Parent or caregiver to accompany child. Advance registration is required.

**Chess in the library for Kids at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library,** for youngsters six and older from 7 to 8 p.m. The Library is partnering with Chess in the Library to bring this free, fun and educational opportunity to play this wonderful game. Experienced players can come out and be challenged by new opponents. Advanced registration is required.

**Bolton Banter Toastmasters** meet every first, third and fifth Thursday at the Albion-Bolton Community Centre at 7 p.m. Lose your fear of public speaking and build leadership skills. Everyone welcome. Email [info@boltonbanter.org](mailto:info@boltonbanter.org) or visit [www.boltonbanter.org](http://www.boltonbanter.org)

**"Has your life been affected by someone else's drinking?"** Al-Anon Family Group is for you." The Bolton group meets Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. at Caven Presbyterian Church (110 King W, Bolton). Call 416-410-3809 or <http://al-anon.alateen.on.ca>

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

**Social Netiquette for Kids at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library.** The real world and online world are often blurred without proper social netiquette. The program, which will run from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. will be for young people aged 11 to 14. The specialized workshop is designed to help students learn to develop proper social etiquette, good citizenship and critical thinking skills when it relates to meeting people, sharing information and socializing online. Advance registration is required.

**Cybersafe for Kids at the Margaret Dunn Valleywood branch of Caledon Public Library from 1 to 3 p.m.** Cybersafe focuses on teaching kids how to recognize warning signs, safe and unsafe situations, and the skills they need to make safe choices. This is not a technical or software computer course. The program is geared for children aged seven to 10 years. Advance registration is required.

**Navy League of Canada, Caledon Branch, will be holding a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m.** at Bolton United Church, 8 Nancy St. The cost will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and seniors. Come share Christmas stories and meet friends for a friendly social time.

**Family Story Time at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library for children up to five from 11 to 11:45 a.m.** Join in one of the many story times where you can enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and so much more with your child! Parent or caregiver to accompany child. Advance registration is required.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 20

**Tales for Tots at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library.** The free program will run from 10:15 to 11 a.m. and is geared to children aged 18 months to three years. Join in one of the many story times where you can enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and so much more with your child! Parent or caregiver is to accompany the child.

**Family Story Time at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library for children up to five from 11:15 a.m. to noon.** Join in one of the many story times where you can enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and so much more with your child! Parent or caregiver to accompany child. Advance registration is required.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

**Family Story Time at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library for children up to five from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.** Join in one of the many story times where you can enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and so much more with your child! Parent or caregiver to accompany child. Advance registration is required.

**Girls Rock! A brand new program that celebrates all things girl** from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library. The aim is to present positive discussion around things like peer pressure, self-image and it will help to empower girls aged nine to 12 to understand that all things are possible. Advance registration required. Call the library at 905-857-1400 for more information.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

**Family Story Time from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Inglewood branch of Caledon Public Library, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at the Caledon village branch and 7 to 7:45 p.m. at the Albion-Bolton branch.** The program is for children up to five. Join in one of the many story times where you can enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and so much more with your child! Parent or caregiver to accompany child. Advance registration is required.

**Lectio Divina Meditation Group meets from 11 a.m. to noon.** Looking for an escape and rejuvenation? Come and join us for tea and meditation. All are welcome. Located at Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy St.

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #ON1381** meets every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Caledon Central School (Kennedy and Charleston, Caledon village). This non-profit weight loss group meets to learn about nutrition and exercise. Call Barbara at (519) 927-5696.

**Caledon East Seniors Club #588** meets every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. at the Caledon Community Complex, Caledon East. Everyone welcome for an afternoon of friendly euchre and lunch. For more information, call (905) 584-9933 or (905) 857-3352.

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Group** meets in Bolton United Church Heritage Hall. Weigh-in from 6:45 to 7:20 p.m.; with the meeting running meeting 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. This non-profit weight loss support group meets every Wednesday. Everyone welcome. Call Ruth at 905-857-3237 or Lorraine at 905-857-1568.



## BE VERY CAREFUL ON TRAILS

The Christmas ice storm caused heavy damage on the Humber Valley Trail. Especially hard hit was the very popular section just north of Bolton, beginning at the Glasgow trail head. Trail Association President Jerry Gorman is urging trail users to exercise extreme caution if they choose to use it. The Humber Valley Heritage Association, which operates the trail under a licence agreement with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, met to discuss measures which they could reasonably implement. It's expected that completely cleaning up the trail will take some time.

Photo submitted

# Province will be approached for funding for clean-up

By Bill Rea

Peel Region is joining with other municipalities in seeking Provincial and federal funding to help clean up after last month's ice storm.

Mayor Marolyn Morrison confirmed earlier this week that mayors and regional chairs from throughout the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) will be meeting with Provincial officials Friday to push the case for funding.

That was one of the results of an update Regional councillor received last week in the aftermath of the storm.

Regional CAO David Szwarc told councillors the total cost of the storm in Peel (including the costs endured by the area municipalities like Caledon) were estimated at that point to be about \$83.1 million, and there are going to be future complications involved with the cleanup. Caledon councillors had been told last Tuesday the cost to the Town from the storm was close to \$600,000 at that point, and expected to grow.

Szwarc said there were efforts to get ready for problems as the storm was anticipated. There were also meetings with Regional Chair Emil Kolb and the local mayors in the days that followed.

The main priorities were listed as restoring power while looking out for the safety of both the public and staff. Other priorities were maintaining public services, clearing roads and sidewalks, etc. Szwarc said they were able to keep most Regional roads open, although Forks of the Credit Road was closed for about 33 hours because of the complex cleaning job involved. Part of Winston Churchill Boulevard in Brampton was also closed for a time too, he said.

Szwarc said the plan is to carry on with the scheduled two-week waste collection exemption period, and Christmas tree pick up is going ahead this week as planned.

There have been other accommodations implemented by the Region, including waiving fees at community recycling centres to drop off food waste and storm-related debris. Szwarc said some 60 tonnes of both items had been collected. He also said there were tentative plans to start the yard waste collection program early this year.

Szwarc stressed the effort not to duplicate work being done by the municipalities. He said the Region is not equipped to do forestry work, as it has one small chipper and 26 chain saws in its inventory.

Morrison told her Regional colleagues a major problem is going to be with flows in

the Credit River, and to a lesser extent in the Humber. Trees have fallen into the river and along the banks. She said the Town can't get them out, adding there is a lot of damage on municipal property that needs to be addressed.

Morrison wasn't sure what would happen with the flows, considering the log jams and anticipated ice melts. She warned there could be torrents of water to the south, and she added the conservation authorities don't have the money to clean these things out.

The mayor stressed the need to get the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to be part of the effort, pointing out the waterways belong to them.

Morrison also raised concerns that had been brought up at Town council that the Toronto media (especially radio stations) concentrated mainly on what was going on in the city.

She also recalled hearing Premier Kathleen Wynne saying she had talked to all the municipalities in the GTA.

"I don't know who she talked to in Caledon," Morrison said, pointing out the premier knows about the town because commercials have been shot of her running along local roads. "I'm really irritated."

The mayor said she got more support from her colleagues on the Greater Toronto Countryside Alliance and the Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario.

Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion commented that co-operation between the Region and three area municipalities during the storm was "excellent."

She also stressed the need to get mayors and chairs from throughout the GTA together for a coordinated message to the province.

McCallion also agreed with Morrison's concerns about Toronto radio. She said she was able to get on the air, but said the GTA municipalities should make a coordinated approach to the media on how to deal with situations like that in the future.

As well, McCallion said she was worried about possible flooding from the Credit. She pointed out the federal government offered aid last year when there was flooding in Calgary.

"We can't let them off the hook," she declared, pointing out federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty has announced the government has a surplus, without spending on infrastructure. She charged the government is out of touch with what's going on in the municipalities.

# Baffo's in Bolton is closed

By Bill Rea

Baffo's Pizza and Pasta in Bolton is closed, but proprietor Aldo Buccioni said he's hoping to get things going again.

A Bailiff Notice posted on the front door of the Bolton restaurant and eatery last week, stating the landlord of the Queen Street North property "has taken distress against your goods and chattels."

Buccioni said he ran into trouble with taxes that were owing, and the government seized his accounts.

He added he's trying to restructure. "We're trying to make it right," he said. "We're making a valiant effort."

Baffo's used to operate from a location on Chapel Street in Bolton before moving to its present site in November 2010. During the summer, it opened a Bistro Bar on the ground floor.

Buccioni said he's been hearing a lot of good wishes from people in the community during this time.

"You know when you have friends," he said. "They're wishing the best for you. This is when you know how rich you really are."



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# New Health Link will help to coordinate patient care

By Bill Rea

People requiring medical care, especially the elderly, often have differing needs, requiring different doctors.

And sometimes one part of their care can conflict with another.

A new effort was launched late last month in Bolton to try and combat that.

Brampton West MPP Vic Dhillon was on hand at the recently opened Caledon Specialists Clinic to help make the announcement of the Bolton-Caledon Health Link. It will serve high-needs patients in Caledon areas of the Central West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN).

"This is certainly exciting news for Bolton and Caledon," declared Maria Britto, board chair of the LHIN.

The aim of the Health Link is to provide better coordination of care for high needs patients, as it brings together all health providers in the community.

Dhillon pointed out that the top five per cent of highest needs patients in Ontario, including seniors with multiple needs, use up about two-thirds of the health care budget. "In many cases, this cost is because of over-duplication of services," he said, adding in a lot of cases, people make frequent visits to emergency rooms because they don't know where else to go.

The establishment of Health Links represents something that is more responsive to patients' needs.

He cited the example of a senior with early stages of dementia, as well as diabetes. Such a patient would have multiple care providers, requiring various appointments and the taking of different medications.

"In many cases, these providers in the circle of care aren't talking to one another to ensure the best possible care," Dhillon

observed, adding in some cases, the patients end up in hospitals, receiving the most expensive care available.

Health Links will help make sure care is provided on an individualized model, in which the patient has input. Dhillon added there will be a care coordinator to make sure medication is being taken when it's supposed to be, and to be available for consultation and guidance.

He added the Province is providing up to \$1 million to help get this Health Link established. Dhillon said there are 37 of these Health Links up and operating in Ontario.

"It's incredible progress for an initiative that started less than two years ago," he remarked.

"This new Health link will make it easier for seniors and patients with complex conditions to get the care they need," Dhillon added. "The Bolton-Caledon Health Link will ensure that health providers in this area of the Central West LHIN are working together to improve patient outcomes for those who need care the most."

LHIN CEO Scott McLeod said this is the fifth and final Health Link to be established in the Central West area.

He added they hope they will be able to learn from the experiences of the other four Links to help make this one a success.

The coordination of the Health Link will be handled through Headwaters Health Care Centre, with Caledon Community Services (CCS) having a role as co-lead.

"We know it will be great for the residents of Bolton and area," he said.

McLeod added providers will be getting together in the coming months "to ensure we wrap care around the patient."

Headwaters President and CEO Liz Ruegg suggested people look ahead and see continued partnerships between all participants to make the Health Link work.

She said seniors and patients with complex needs require lots of supports. These Health Links, she said, will support families and care providers by bringing everyone together as a team.

She added Headwaters has had lots of successes with partnerships, and this is another one.

"This is great news for Bolton-Caledon, and another significant step forward in helping better coordinate care for seniors and other residents living with complex conditions in this area," Ruegg commented. "With today's announcement, we

continue to see how local health system partners, including primary care, hospital and community providers, are coming together and putting patients first to ensure they get the best care possible, close to home."

"We are proud to be a provincial leader in advancing the Health Link model as a means for improving care for high needs patients and are pleased to be moving forward with the LHIN's fifth Health Link," Britto added. "We have worked swiftly to establish Health Links throughout the LHIN so that local residents with multiple chronic disease and other complex health conditions experience smoother transitions between the health service providers that are addressing their needs."

## Procedures approved for dealing with permits

By Bill Rea

Caledon council recently made adjustments to the procedure for dealing with special occasion permits.

Town staff reported the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) changed the regulations regarding special occasion permits last year, and one of the adjustments involved permits for public events, or events that are open to the general public, such as fundraisers, etc.

Those seeking such a permit are required to give the municipality 30 days notice if less than 5,000 people are expected to attend the event and 60 days notice if the are going to be more than 5,000.

The report also stated insurance coverage is an issue when these permits are sought, especially when the event is to be held at a Town-owned facility. Staff suggested an applicant for a permit for a function not being held in a Town facility provide insurance

coverage for \$2 million, including the Town as an additional insured party.

The staff report also stated there were four events in 2012 that council considered "municipally significant" in approving permits. They included and Mud Hero event at Albion Hills Conservation Area in August, the Udder Tournament in November at Caledon Community Complex and two Portuguese heritage events at Caledon Fairgrounds. The Mud Hero and Udder events were the only two to receive that designation in 2013.

Staff recommended going forward that the Town Clerk be given the authority to provide a letter to an applicant for a permit which has previously been approved by the Town, if there are no significant changes from previous years.

New requests, or requests for events that have seen significant changes will go before council.

## Dufferin-Peel hosting kindergarten information session for parents of special needs kids

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Special Education and Support Services Department will host a kindergarten entry planning information session.

It will be Jan. 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 301 of the Catholic Education Centre at 40 Matheson Blvd West, Mississauga.

This meeting is for parents and guardians of children with special needs which affect their learning, such as vision, hearing, physical, developmental or autism, who are entering kindergarten in

September.

For more information about this session, call 905-890-0708 ext. 24284.

Kindergarten registration for the 2014-15 school year, will be held at all Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools Jan 27 (Jan. 28 is the snow date) from 7 to 9 p.m. and Jan 29, 30, 31 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For more information, parents/guardians should contact their local Catholic school, visit the board website at [www.dpccdsb.org](http://www.dpccdsb.org), or call the Board at 905-890-1221.



Central West LHIN CEO Scott McLeod, Headwaters President and CEO Liz Ruegg, LHIN Board Chair Maria Britto and Brampton West MPP Vic Dhillon were all on hand recently for the opening of the Bolton-Caledon Health Link.

Photo by Bill Rea

## Library hosting adult writing workshop

Calling all aspiring writers and authors!

Caledon Public Library will be hosting a special all-day adult writing workshop, featuring Brian Henry, book editor and creative-writing instructor.

It will be this coming Saturday (Jan. 18) at the Albion-Bolton branch.

Henry has been a book editor, writer and creative writing instructor for more than 25 years. He teaches creative writing at Ryerson University, and also leads weekly creative writing courses in Mississauga, Oakville and Burlington, as well as conducting Saturday writing workshops throughout Ontario. His proudest boast is that he has helped many of his students get published.

He will be speaking about writing for children and young adults at this workshop.

Whether you want to write the next best-selling children's books or just want to create stories for your own kids, this is the workshop for you.

Bring a sample of your writing (up to 1,000 words) and get critiqued on the spot. If you're not currently working on a children's story, don't worry. The workshop will help get you started.

Advance registration is required at any Caledon Public Library branch or by con-

tacting Henry directly at [brianhenry@sympatico.ca](mailto:brianhenry@sympatico.ca)

This is an all day workshop (from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Registrants are advised to bring a lunch.

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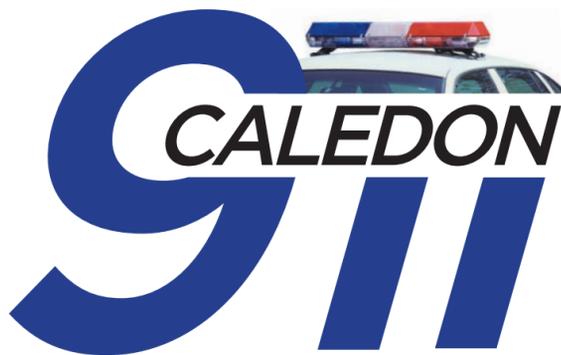
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## Police stats around same levels as last year in third quarter

By Bill Rea

Things have been somewhat quieter for Caledon OPP in 2013, although the statistics are up in a number of categories.

That was one of the conclusions spelled out recently as acting detachment commander Inspector Dominic Beckett gave Town councillors the quarterly report for

July, August and September.

The presentation was brief. Beckett said there were nine men charged with stunt driving in Caledon (meaning going faster than 50 km-h over the posted speed limit), and one of those men was a Caledon resident. There were eight stunt drivers in August. Three of those were women and two of the drivers live in Caledon. September saw seven men charged, including one Caledon resident.

Beckett said the number of occurrences were down, both for the quarter and the year to date.

He did note there was an increase in sexual assaults over the year, from seven to 15, as of the end of September. While he stressed he didn't like to play down any such occurrence, he told Mayor Marolyn

Morrison a lot of these instances were relatively minor, such as invitation to sexual touching. He also said some were historic incidents, meaning they happened some years ago, but were reported recently.

Beckett reported noticeable increases in the number of complaints to the Roadwatch program. They jumped from 48 to 62 for the quarter and 388 to 503 for the year to date. There has also been more activity in cracking down on dangerous commercial vehicles.

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) also conducts enforcement of commercial vehicles. Beckett couldn't tell Councillor Richard Paterak anything about the figures involved in MTO enforcement. "They're not my stats to give," he said, although he said he would inquire.

## Ten impaired driving charges in Caledon Festive RIDE

It looks like there are still people driving in Caledon who are not getting the message about drinking and driving.

Caledon OPP reports 10 people were arrested for impaired driving or driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol during the Festive RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign.

There were no such charges laid from last year's Festive RIDE campaign.

Provincially, OPP reported significantly fewer impaired driving charges during this year. The campaign ran from Nov. 23 to Jan. 2 and during that time they laid 578 impaired driving charges and issued 481 Warn Range Suspensions throughout the province.

Locally, the Caledon detachment ini-

tiated 89 RIDE blitzes during the campaign. In addition to the 10 charges, police issued 12 three-day suspensions and one seven-day suspension. There were also seven charges laid under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

"Community driven programs such as HomeJames has assisted in the decrease of impaired drivers within the Town of Caledon," observed Inspector Tim Melanson. "We recognize their efforts in ensuring the community is a safer place to live."

OPP thanks Ontarians who helped carry out a successful campaign by not drinking and driving, not letting family and friends drive while impaired by drugs or alcohol and for calling 9-1-1 to report suspected impaired drivers.

## Impaired charge early New Year's morning

It wasn't a great start to the year for a 63-year-old man from Springwater Township, as he found himself facing drinking and driving charges.

Caledon OPP reports an officer was on general patrol shortly after midnight Jan. 1 in the area of Airport Road and Cranston Drive in Caledon East and observed the driver of a grey Lexus sedan was travelling at high speed and swerving within the marked lane. The officer determined

the vehicle was going 140 km/hr in a posted 80 zone

Upon speaking with the driver, the officer detected a strong odour of alcoholic on his breath and his eyes were glossy. As a result, the man was arrested and transported to the Detachment for testing. He was charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle and driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol in his system.

## Police charge man with possession

A 32-year-old Brampton man was charged Dec. 2 after police found what they believe to be marijuana in his vehicle.

Caledon OPP reports officers were heading south on Highway 10 at about 8:20 p.m. when they spotted two vehicles in a

dirt parking lot near Forks of the Credit Road. They approached one of them, containing a male driver and female passenger, and they detected the strong smell of freshly burned marijuana. They also found a bag of green, leafy substance in the man's lap.

## RIDE spot check leads to arrest

A Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) spot checked helped nab a suspected drinking driver near Inglewood Dec. 8.

Caledon OPP reports officers had a

spot check set up shortly after 8 p.m. in the area of Olde Base Line Road and McLaughlin Road. A red 1995 GMC Sierra pick up approached and when officers spoke with the male driver, they detected an odour of alcohol along with slurred speech. As a result, the driver was arrested and transported to the detachment for testing.

A 55-year-old Caledon man was charged with driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol in his system. His licence was suspended and his truck was impounded for seven days.



## DRUGS FOUND AFTER FIRE

A 36-year-old man is facing charges after about 120 plants, believed to be marijuana, were found in this house on Humber Station Road. Caledon OPP reports they were among those responding to the house fire at about 6 p.m. Jan. 9. During the police investigation, officers located a quantity of drugs, believed to be marijuana at the scene. The following day, members from the Street Crime Unit executed a search warrant and the plants were found. The resident has been charged with mischief — endangering life, arson — disregard for human life, producing a schedule II substance and possession of stolen property. The matter is still under investigation by the Office of the Fire Marshall, as well as the Street Crime Unit, and the accused man remains in custody.

Photo by Bill Rea

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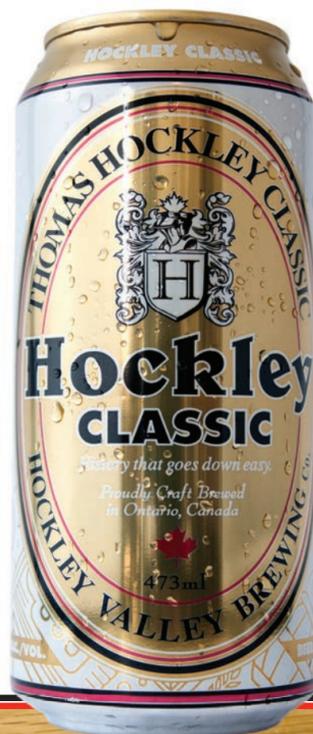
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# Town News

## Nominate Caledon's 2014 Environmentalist of The Year



The Caledon Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) is seeking nominations from the public for the 18th annual Environmentalist of the Year Award. The due date for nominations is Wednesday, January 15, 2014.

CEAC grants the award to a Caledon resident, business or organization that has made a significant effort to protect, enhance or restore the natural heritage of Caledon.

CEAC's Environmentalist of the Year award encourages environmental stewardship across Caledon and provides recognition for outstanding community efforts.

The Environmentalist of the Year receives a certificate at the Town of Caledon's annual Volunteer & Citizen Achievement Awards event in April 2014. Their name is added to the commemorative rock in the CEAC Stewardship Grove on the Trans-Canada Trail in Caledon East at an event in June 2014.

The Environmentalist of the Year will also receive the honour of choosing a Caledon-based environmental stewardship project to receive the Annual Environmentalism Recognition Award of \$500.

Last year's Environmentalist of the Year was the Bolton & District Horticultural Society.

Please submit your nomination by Wednesday, January 15, 2014 to Tim Manley, Senior Policy Planner, at the Town of Caledon online at [www.caledon.ca/environment](http://www.caledon.ca/environment) or by email to [tim.manley@caledon.ca](mailto:tim.manley@caledon.ca).

If you know a person or an organization that deserves this recognition, please let CEAC know. The nominee must be a Caledon resident, a Caledon-based organization or own/work in a Caledon business, and must satisfy at least three of the following:

1. Has contributed to the protection and improvement of the environment in Caledon;
2. Has promoted innovative approaches to the sustainable use and management of natural resources;
3. Has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to the health of the environment;
4. Is an active volunteer and/or leader in community environmental initiatives;
5. Is a community environmental "hero".

#### ALL NOMINATIONS NEED TO INCLUDE:

1. The nominee's full name, address and phone number;
2. A description of the nominee's achievements;
3. A description of how that person or organization meets the criteria (outlined above).

## Community Centre For Sale:

### Palgrave Community Centre

Address: 17090 Regional Road 50, Caledon, L7E 0L2  
 Owner: Town of Caledon  
 Sqft: 3900 sq. ft. first floor, 1300 sq. ft. basement  
 Age: Original structure 1894 additions, 1957 and 1967  
 Heating: Two gas fired forced air furnaces  
 Washrooms: 4, with 2 being wheelchair accessible  
 Zoning: Institutional  
 Offers will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. (noon) on January 31, 2014.  
 Contact: Doug Osborn, Project Manager, Real Estate  
 Town of Caledon 905.584.2272 x.4037 or [doug.osborn@caledon.ca](mailto:doug.osborn@caledon.ca)



## Caledon's Walk of Fame Nominations

The Town of Caledon is now accepting nominations for the 2014 inductee to Caledon's Walk of Fame. Since 1999, the Walk of Fame has been honouring local individuals who have made a significant contribution locally, nationally and internationally. All nomination forms must be submitted to the Town of Caledon by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 1, 2014. Nomination forms are available online at [www.caledon.ca](http://www.caledon.ca), from the Parks & Recreation Department or by calling 905.584.9254.

## Town of Caledon launches 2015 Provincial Plan Review

The Town of Caledon is proactively seeking public input on the upcoming review of four Provincial Plans that significantly influence almost all aspects of planning in the Town.



#### Why is This Important to Caledon Citizens ?

The purpose of the review is to assess the effectiveness and relevance of the policies, and suggest amendments, if appropriate, to improve the future effectiveness and relevance. The review of these plans is important as parts of the Town of Caledon lie within the Niagara Escarpment and the Oak Ridges Moraine, and as well, the Town of Caledon is part of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Greenbelt Plan.

#### Your Chance to Have Your Say...

Town Planning staff would like to hear from all affected and concerned members of the public, in advance of the Provincial review, on how these provincial plans have changed the way you live, work and play in Caledon.

Easy ways to send us your comments

[www.caledon.ca/2015review](http://www.caledon.ca/2015review)  
[2015review@caledon.ca](mailto:2015review@caledon.ca)

## Public Meeting

### Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

#### NOTICE OF MEETING

You are invited to attend a Public Meeting to be held by the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Caledon to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. Staff and external review agencies have prepared comments to present at this meeting. Your attendance and comments at this meeting are also welcome as it is your opportunity to learn about the application and express any opinions that you may have.

Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2014  
 Time: 7:30 p.m.  
 Place: Council Chambers, Town of Caledon, Town Hall  
 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East, L7C 1J6

Prior to the Public Meeting, an informal information session will be held in the main lobby outside Council Chambers with respect to the application. The information session will start at 6:00 p.m. and will continue to 6:45 p.m. The purpose of the information session is to provide the public with an opportunity to review the application in more detail prior to the formal Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

#### SUBJECT PROPERTY

Location: 18473 Hurontario Street Lot 11, Registered Plan M-124  
 North of Charleston Sideroad, West of McKim Place  
 Area: 0.35 Hectares (0.89 Acres)  
 Ward: 1  
 Applicant: 2003876 Ontario Inc.  
 Our File Number(s): RZ 13-09

Please visit the Town of Caledon website at [www.caledon.ca](http://www.caledon.ca) or contact the Development Planner noted below at the Town of Caledon to obtain a copy of the location map.

#### PROPOSAL

The applicant is proposing to rezone the subject property being the former Caledon OPP building, from Institutional (I) to Village Commercial (CV).

#### PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The purpose and effect of the application is to permit a dental clinic within the existing building. The requested Village Commercial (CV) zone will also permit a range of other uses.

#### NOTIFICATION

If you wish to be notified of the passing of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment or of the refusal of the request to amend the Zoning By-law, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario L7C 1J6.

#### APPEAL PROCEDURES (BILL 51)

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to The Corporation of the Town of Caledon before the By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Caledon to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to The Corporation of the Town of Caledon before the By-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Notice Date: January 16, 2014

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and additional information and material about the proposed application will be available to the public prior to the meeting at the Development Approval and Planning Policy Department.

For further information please contact Brandon Ward, Senior Development Planner, 905.584.2272 x.4283 or [brandon.ward@caledon.ca](mailto:brandon.ward@caledon.ca) in the Development Approval and Planning Policy Department. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written submissions may be mailed or personally delivered to the Development Approval and Planning Policy Department and will become part of the public record.

## REVISED Notice of Application

### Please be informed of a proposed development in your community

This is to inform you that Paul A. King on behalf of Peter Halmos and 1361605 Ontario Limited has submitted Draft Plan of Subdivision, Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications on the property outlined below for processing by the Town of Caledon. We welcome your comments on these applications.

#### SUBJECT PROPERTY

Location: 13576 & 13584 Coleraine Drive  
 Part of Lot 8, Concession 5 (Albion), and part of Block 307, Plan 43M-1324  
 West side of Coleraine Drive, south of Harvest Moon Drive  
 Area: Approximately 0.805 Hectares (Approximately 1.99 Acres)  
 Ward: 4  
 Applicant: Paul A. King on behalf of Peter Halmos and 1361605 Ontario Limited  
 Our File Number(s): 21T-13002, POPA 13-05 & RZ 13-13

Please visit the Town of Caledon website at [www.caledon.ca](http://www.caledon.ca) or contact the Development Planner noted below at the Town of Caledon to obtain a copy of the location map.

#### PROPOSAL

The applicant is proposing to redesignate a portion of land from Environmental Policy Area to Low Density Residential and to rezone the lands from Agricultural (A1) and Environmental Policy Area 1 - Exception 405 (EPA1-405) to Residential One - Exception (R1-X) to permit a residential plan of subdivision consisting of eight (8) single detached dwellings fronting onto Jack Kenny Court.

#### LIST OF PLANS, REPORTS AND STUDIES

In accordance with Sections 6.2.1.6 and 6.2.1.7 of the Town's Official Plan, the following plans, reports and studies have been submitted in support of the application:

- Application Form and Cover Letter
- Draft Plan of Subdivision
- Planning Justification Report
- Draft Official Plan Amendment
- Draft Zoning By-law Amendment
- Restoration/Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- Site Grading Plan
- Soil Investigation Report / Geotechnical Report
- Functional Servicing and Stormwater Management Report
- Tree Inventory/Assessment
- Tree Preservation Details/Notes
- Scoped Environmental Impact Study
- Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment
- Environmental Noise and Vibration Impact Study
- Scoped Hydrogeology Report

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

The above-noted applications are now being circulated to internal departments and external agencies for review and comment. Once this has been completed, staff will schedule a Public Meeting which you are welcome to attend.

Please note that a recommendation on the applications will not be presented at the Public Meeting. A final recommendation regarding the applications will be made at a future Council Meeting.

Notice Date: December 19, 2013 (Revised January 9, 2014)

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A copy of the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision, Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment as well as additional information and material are available for review at the Development Approval and Planning Policy Department.

For further information please contact Ruth Conard, Community Development Planner, 905-584-2272 ext. 4138 or [ruth.conard@caledon.ca](mailto:ruth.conard@caledon.ca) in the Development Approval and Planning Policy Department. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written submissions may be mailed or personally delivered to the Development Approval and Planning Policy Department and will become part of the public record.



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## Editorial

# No shame asking for money, in light of storm

Mayor Marolyn Morrison is slated to join her counterparts from other Greater Toronto Area (GTA) municipalities tomorrow (Friday) in making a pitch for financial assistance in light of last month's massive ice storm.

It should be safe to say that we all would rather such an approach were not required, but the reality is it is needed and the area municipalities are well within their rights to seek such assistance.

It is not a case that the Town, or any of the other municipalities, have done a bad job of managing their finances. The reality is there are some things that just cannot be anticipated, and the other levels of government have to be on hand to lend a hand.

It's been estimated, according to the information that came out of Tuesday's Town council meeting, that Caledon's bill to deal with damaged municipal property and infrastructure is going to run in the area of \$2.9 million. Councillor Richard Whitehead has tried to put that into understandable terms by stressing covering a sum like that in one year would add between four and five per cent to the Town's tax bill, and that's a large figure to try and sell.

It is reasonable to expect a municipal council, or anyone involved in budgeting (and that includes a household) to set a certain amount aside for the unexpected. The words "rainy day" represent the colloquialism normally applied to such a sum. But \$2.9 million for a municipality like Caledon is asking a bit much.

That's why it's up to the more senior levels of government to come up with something in the way of aid.

As well, there has to be consideration to helping private property owners with the mess many of them have been left with. True, there are advantages to owning your own property, but there are some extra burdens and responsibilities too. On the other hand, widespread devastation from a natural disaster requires a widespread response.

Speaking at last Thursday's meeting of Peel Regional council, Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion pointed out the federal government was quick to promise aid to Calgary last summer when the area was hit by severe flooding.

Surely the GTA is entitled to something.

## Our Readers Write

# Council showed a 'closed mind' dealing with Olympia pit

Re: Caledon council approval of the Olympia gravel pit

I have been involved in the evolution of mineral aggregate policy in the Town of Caledon since the first Official Plan in 1979 and the first Provincial Policy Statement.

A constant observation of the gravel strip mining industry has been the lack of any social compact with the host community. Profit is the metric of the industry. There has been and continues to be no short or long-term benefit to the host community or natural environment of a gravel strip mine. Benefits accrue to the strip mine owners and the larger GTA economy, not affected landowners who experience the loss of the enjoyment and use of their lands, threats to their safety by heavy truck traffic and health impacts.

A second constant observation is the lack of any identifiable oversight of individual strip mine operations by the Ministry of Natural Resources. References to Aggregate Resource Act licences and site plans serve a useful rhetorical crutch at approval stages to support massive, permanent changes to the Caledon landscape and communities without any termination date for mining activities.

The approval of the Olympia gravel pit, along with watching Caledon council over the last eight years has made me raise, in different ways, the following acute questions:

To whom is the Town of Caledon responsible?

Who is the Town supposed to represent?

And who/what is it supposed to protect residents from?

The base assumption of the current council is they are best qualified to know what is best for Caledon residents, even when the affected Caledon residents think and say differently. The implied mantra of council to its residents is "trust us and move on; nothing to see here."

And if anyone dares to speak up and ask questions, they are deemed to oppose council and its staff and summarily demonized as "grandstanders," etc. Council members assume their powers on the basis that they are best qualified to know what's best for the public, even when the public thinks differently and provides factual backup.

During the Dec. 9 council meeting, the Caledon resident delegations were professional, their numbers in attendance were high, overflowing to the cafeteria, and they took the high road. Council failed to ask key questions of the proponents and staff regarding the strip mine impacts and failed to reflect in any substantial way, the residents. Overall, council exhibited a closed mind as they voted to approve the new strip mine. What has become clear by the consistent behaviour of Caledon council is a feeling that local politics, even after courteous, professional delegations by residents, is not responding to resident's needs in terms of the enjoyment and use of their lands, threats to their safety by heavy truck traffic and health impacts.

The consequences of this are toxic to the community.

Ian G. Sinclair,  
Former Regional Councillor,  
Ward 1

# It happened today

There don't seem to be many Westerns on TV any more. There was a time when watching men ride the range on their horses was almost a staple of prime time. But all things have to end.

The 14-year run of the Cartwrits came to an end this day with airing of the last episode of Bonanza, Jan. 16, 1973.

## Caledon Citizen WEBPOLL

www.caledoncitizen.com

Results from last week's poll:

Do you think there will be a Provincial election this spring?

a) Yes  79%

b) No  21%

The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.

## THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

This past Saturday (Jan. 11) was the anniversary of the birth of Sir John A. Macdonald, Canada's first prime minister. Next year's birthday will be his 200th. Should that be a national holiday?

a) Yes

b) No

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## Rediscovering pet ownership

Having never fathered a child, I can only imagine what the demands are.

I know enough parents to grasp some of the challenges, and I have some appreciation of what I might have put my folks through, although I think there's some justification in saying my mother and father had a lot of it coming. I mean, allowing TV only Friday and Saturday nights in the mid '60s was right out of line, especially when Batman was on in the middle of the week.

I have, over the years, come to the realization that the closest I'm ever going to get to parenthood is being a pet owner.

I grew up in a house with at least one dog. My dad was away from home a lot on business trips, and with an assertiveness that fathers could get away with in those days, he decreed there was going to be an unfriendly and aggressive dog on the premises if he was going to be away that much. The dogs, especially the last one we had, were spunky and ready to go to any length to defend their meal ticket. They were also very lovable sucks, which my old man was aware of, and he even admitted on occasion.

Since the early days of our marriage, my wife and I have had cats. It was one of the early results I learned about marrying a cat lover.

Sidney graciously (or grudgingly) shared our house with us for almost 10 years, but she sadly took ill over the last year and left us in November.

I knew Beth wanted another cat, and I was agreeable, if for no other reason than I appreciate living in a happy domestic situation. On the other hand, I knew Sidney's passing, combined with other difficulties around the same time, left some wounds that needed to heal. Accordingly, I did not try to push any action. I figured we'd get cat when Beth was ready.

I guess she got ready last Saturday. I woke up anticipating a rather quiet day and went to bed being referred to as "Daddy" again.

The new addition to the family is a barn cat, born (we are told) on or about Oct. 1 (she shares a birthday with Jimmy Carter, for the benefit of those of you who care about such things), and I understand Beth was advised that if we didn't get her out of the barn soon, litter box training was going to get a little dicey (you cat owners reading this will immediately understand what I'm getting at).

We took the precaution of consulting with a vet for a few tips, and then went to collect Guess Who.

As I have already indicated, my knowledge when it comes to cats is basically limited to what Beth has told me, so I went into this next stage of our life willing to let her take charge. Having been around cats most of her life, I naturally relied on her expertise.

So I asked her what steps were required, on our part, to facilitate training a kitten to use the litter box. Beth replied that it had been many years since she had to deal with such issues. Most of the cats she had had in the past had come to her already trained in that regard.

Now she tells me!

Okay, so I was pressed into service trying to teach a cat how to deal with her bodily functions in a socially-acceptable fashion. I know it can be done, because I've lived with cats that have accomplished the task. I realized I wasn't being called upon to do the impossible, like trying to teach brevity to politicians.

So we persevered.

It seemed to me that the best way to get a pussycat or a politician used to a litter box is to put them in it as often as possible. It is a fact that were I to try

such a strategy with a politician (at least most of the politicians I know), criminal charges would probably result (and I could probably forget about them returning my phone calls too). But felines aren't likely to rat me out to the fuzz, and I have no pressing urge to talk to one on the phone either.

So into the litter box she went, as frequently as I could get her in there.

Somewhat to my astonishment, it worked (I think picturesque descriptions are neither required or appropriate).

"It can't be this easy," I remarked to Beth, and she indicated that I might have been speaking a bit too soon.

As things have since developed, it seems to have been that easy. I must stress, however, that this is by no means meant to be a manual for training cats. I think we lucked out, but the fact is this is still very much a work in progress.

We also had to think up a name for the new member of the family. Cassie, Lacey and Lucy were among the names in the running, but Beth woke up Sunday morning and announced that the name came to her, almost as if it had come in a dream.

For the record, the cat's name is Ella.

I sent my brother an email later that morning, bringing him up to date. In his reply, he asked if her middle name was going to be Mentary — positive proof that wit and

humour don't run in families.

But things have been progressing well, even beyond the litter box (forgive me if I have appeared a little obsessed, but there are certain things I don't expect to step into as I traverse the floors of my home). A trip to the vet a couple of days after she moved in told us that fleas and other potential worries were well in hand.

That doesn't mean everything is tickety-boo. Like any new addition to any household, there's a lot of getting used to that needs to be addressed.

Like any mobile infant, Ella is very adept at getting herself into the places where she has no business being. As of this writing, both Beth and I have been put to the chore of gathering up papers on which we had been working from the floor, courtesy of Ella. There have been a couple of times when I've had to drag her out of the pantry cupboard, and she's even tried to hop into the refrigerator. She's also found a way to get on the kitchen counter. That wouldn't bother me too much, except it gets her too close to the stove.

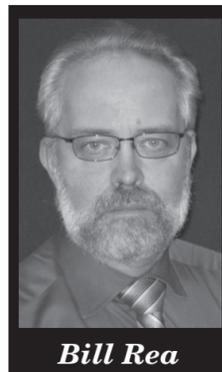
Is it a matter of good parenting to let her get too close to the stove while it's in operation and learn the hard way that it's not a good idea, or does that qualify as animal cruelty?

She has also found where the main bed in the house is, meaning the place where I normally sleep. Since she is so tiny and light, and since we also have carpeting throughout much of our house, Ella can get around without making much noise. And since I also spend roughly half of my sleeping time facing the bedroom door, I have found that it's not an awful lot of fun to be awakened at 3 in the morning by a facefull of hurtling pussycat. She also likes to explore the bed, probing with her well-developed claws. That's not much fun either.

So while I have resigned myself to the fact that I will probably never be a parent, I am working on raising a substitute daughter.

I do understand what you other fathers of infant daughters are thinking about. Ella is going to be an indoor cat, meaning I'll never have to worry about her going out on dates.

I guess I'm getting the best of both worlds here.



Bill Rea

# Support for the community, staff and council is appreciated

After careful consideration and with a heavy heart, I have decided not to run in the 2014 municipal elections.

My husband John and I have lived in this wonderful community for over 35 years. We have a great love and affection for this community and thus why the decision was so difficult to make. During my time as your Mayor, I have been adamant to defend the wants of our residents, while balancing the needs of our growing community. This past decade has provided me with a real sense of triumph and accomplishment. Triumph over those who use bullying tactics and extreme measures, which no public servant or their family should ever endure. Most would have walked away but we love this community too much.

I am forever grateful for the valuable teamwork from the members of council and staff at Town Hall. Working together, we have made a significant impact on our community; a legacy that will last. These ac-



## MAYOR'S REPORT

By Marolyn Morrison

complishments include the creation of an Economic Development Department that has truly aided in lifting the tax burden from the residential tax base. In 2004, the non-residential taxpayers were levied 12.7 per cent (or \$2.48 million), by the end of 2013, the non-residential taxpayers were levied 18.25 per cent (\$8,029,120). There was also the hiring of an Environmental Progress Officer and Municipal Energy Conservation Officer to continue Caledon's

pro-active approach to all things green; double ice pads in Caledon East; the Johnston Sports Park; Peace Park in Bolton; the permanent skateboard park; OPA 226 and the Town's Growth Plan; Bolton GO Rail study; the creation of the Greater Toronto Countryside Mayor's Alliance to give Caledon and other member municipalities a stronger voice at the province and much more.

Caledon is known as the Greenest Town

in Ontario and the Safest Municipality in Canada. It is a community of communities and I have been extremely fortunate and honoured to serve as your Mayor. These past 10 years have been extraordinary.

Time with family and friends beckon as I begin this new chapter in my life. I will remain engaged, as those who know me well, also know that I am a believer in the motto "if you're not part of the solution, your part of the problem."

I appreciate the encouragement that I have received from so many to stay in the game, but it is time for a change. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the people who have assisted me over the years with their time, and their personal support. I could not have asked for more wonderful people who have supported me. Thank you very much.

Please know that I have not come to this decision lightly, and that I am forever grateful for everything.

# Keeping Ontario strong through historic federal transfers

We have the best country in the world. There are many, many excellent reasons for this, but one major reason is the strong services we enjoy as Canadians, such as health care, education and social services. We also depend on these services. The support for such services comes from our federal government through federal transfers. Despite the global economic downturn, which started in 2008, our government actually increased transfer support to the provinces and territories. Ontario, in particular, has significantly benefited from federal transfers and can be proud of what that has meant for Ontarians — the continued delivery of essential services for families.

Our government has made considerable efforts to restore fiscal balance, which has been done through various actions taken by our government, such as record and growing transfer support to the provinces and territories. In fact, federal support has reached historic levels (\$65 billion) and will continue to grow. Furthermore, total federal support for health, education and social services has increased by more than 55 per cent since we formed the government in 2006.

In an effort to ensure that transfers grow in line with the economy, our govern-

ment made changes, which allows the program to remain affordable and sustainable. This is in stark contrast to previous governments, which actually slashed transfer payments to the provinces and territories. Our approach has ensured and will continue to ensure that provinces and territories can provide health care, educational and other services Canadian families need and rely upon.

Here in Ontario, our province will receive almost \$19.2 billion through major federal transfers in 2014-15. This is an increase of 76 per cent from the previous government.

It will include almost \$2 billion through equalization; more than \$12.3 billion through the Canada Health Transfer (an increase of over \$4.6 billion or 60 per cent since 2006); and in excess of \$4.8 billion

through the Canada Social Transfer (an increase of almost \$1.7 billion or 53 per cent since the previous government).

Our government took action to restore balance to federal transfers. Such action was announced in Budget 2007 and beginning in 2014-15, provincial and territorial health transfers will be allocated on an equal per-capita cash basis. This change, which was also done for the Canada Social Transfer, will provide like funding for all Canadians, regardless of where they live. Furthermore, our government will remain committed to ensuring that no province or territory will receive less in health transfers than they received in 2013-14.

Equalization serves to support "have not" provinces, whose fiscal capacity is below the national average. Since Ontario first qualified for this program in 2009, our government has provided nearly \$10 billion in Equalization payments to our province. In addition, we're also assisting Ontario to once again be a "have" province by making key investments in important sectors, such as automotive and manufacturing.

Canadians in Ontario and all across Canada can count on our government to continue to provide continued, stable funding support for essential services through federal transfers. Our government's record is strong and will remain that way as we start 2014.

### Government encouraging more Canadians to give

Canadians have many things to be proud of.

Our economy is almost universally regarded as a model for the rest of the world, our country is consistently ranked as one of the best places to live and raise a family, and we're known around the globe as a kind and generous people who strive to make the world a better place.

This is why it would probably surprise no one to hear that Canada, according to a report released in 2012 by the U.K.'s Charities Aid Foundation, ranked as the third

most charitable country in the world, based on the percentage of people who donated time or money to a charity in the previous year. In fact, on average Canadians give roughly \$446 per person to charity each year and Canadians aged 75 and above give roughly \$725 per year. Those are remarkable numbers that we should be truly proud of.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and our government are also tremendously proud of Canadians and that's why we want to encourage even more giving, particularly from those who have yet to give. As a part of Economic Action Plan 2013, we've set out to achieve this through our First-Time Donor's Super Credit.

The First-Time Donor's Super Credit is a temporary, one-time credit that provides an additional 25 per cent tax credit (over and above the normal amount) on charitable donations under \$1,000, so long as it is made by someone who has not made a donation since 2007. This means that young Canadians and new Canadians have an opportunity to connect with the causes they believe in or have an opportunity to go out and find a cause to support.

It's my belief that this initiative could spark a lifetime of giving by those who were previously unengaged and it is estimated that charitable donations will increase by \$110 million per year until the Super Credit expires in 2017. This is \$110 million more per year to help make Canada a better place.

Charities across Canada have come out in support of our government's initiative. In fact, Imagine Canada, an organization representing thousands of registered charities, said that our government's Super Credit, "is a real step in the right direction."

Our government believes in the important role that charities play in our communities. In fact, the First-Time Donor's Super Credit is just one of the many measures we've introduced to support Canadian charities. In years past, our government put in place several measures which increased the transparency and accountability of charities, allowing the public to have increased trust in their operations and encouraging them to give more.

I encourage everyone who has not donated to charity since 2007 to take advantage of the First-Time Donor's Super Credit. Together we can make Canada the most charitable country in the world.

# Jones speaks out on potential gas tax hike

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones came out swinging recently against the Liberal government's latest tax and spend idea of raising the gas tax by five to 10 cents to fund transit expansion in Toronto.

"The Liberal government is out of ideas so, as per usual, their only solution is to raise taxes on hard working Ontarians," said Jones. "A large portion of Dufferin-Caledon residents commute to work every day. They have to sit in gridlock, and they have to pay to fuel their vehicles. Raising the gas tax will make it more expensive for them just to get to work."

Jones went on to point out that, unlike urban areas like Toronto and Mississauga, many Dufferin-Caledon families don't have an alternative to using their vehicle. Additionally, some rural communities already lose out on the provincial portion of the current gas tax, since municipalities with transit systems get all of the tax's revenue.

In September, Premier Kathleen Wynne appointed Anne Golden to head a new advisory panel to review Metrolinx's investment strategy, and come up with a series of recommendations to fund transit expansion in the City of Toronto. The Golden Report was released Dec. 12, and one of the central recommendations was raising the gasoline tax by five to 10 cents per litre. If the recommendation is implemented, it would result in a tax increase from 14.7 cents to 19.7 to 24.7 cents per litre — a rise of as much as 70 per cent.

The report also suggested that an increase in the gasoline tax could be paired with a 0.5 per cent increase in the HST.

"This is yet another example of the Liberals' tax and spend agenda," said Jones. "The Liberal government doesn't have a revenue problem — they have a spending problem. We can't forget that this is the same Liberal government that just wasted \$1.1 billion to cancel two gas plants in Oakville and Mississauga."

Jones is concerned that at the end of the day, an increase in the gasoline tax will do damage to a still uncertain Ontario economy.

"Many Ontario families are already struggling to make ends meet. An anemic Liberal economy has led to job losses and stagnant wages, and people are feeling the pinch," Jones said. "Families are worried about their hydro bill, their worried about their mortgage, they're trying to make ends meet, but Kathleen Wynne keeps dumping more and more costs on their shoulders. Does the Premier honestly think that Ontarians can afford to pay more Liberal taxes?"

Jones concluded by pointing to the Progressive Conservative white paper, Paths to Prosperity: Building Great Cities, as an alternative to the government's taxation-heavy approach. Building Great Cities was released recently and Jones called it a credible plan for investing in Ontario's cities with the substantial amount of money Ontarians already pay in taxes.

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David Tilson  
MP Dufferin-Caledon



before Ford got elected, but there you have it. Indeed, most of the people who wholeheartedly agreed with the Star's view of Ford also felt that way before he was elected and, even had he not be caught in some of the scandalous behavior that has been widely reported, no doubt would still not be supportive of him. Former mayor June Rowlands, for example, at least was honest enough to concede she has "always considered (him) a political fraud and I'm afraid that's what he's turned out to be..." Nor was it a huge surprise when long-time Liberal cabinet minister Greg Sorbara and veteran NDP cabinet minister Francis Lankin joined the chorus of Ford-bashers as requested by the mighty Star.

Despite the Star's best efforts, however, only 12 of the 70 — that's 12, about one out of every six who got the letter — said he should resign, a feeble number which one assumes will have Honderich ramping up his computer once again to decry the lack of moral responsibility among the city's movers and shakers.

Peter Kent, the former television journalist and federal Tory environment minister, fired back that he refused to succumb to what "I consider to be a crudely crafted, veiled threat that I (and others) endorse an editorial column written by ... Honderich ... or face consequences in your eventual story ... (something) far beyond the boundaries of acceptable journalistic practice."

He's got that right. Mind you, the arrogance of the Star's brass was matched by a response from Anglican Archbishop Colin Robert Johnson, who wrote that he had already offered his "prayers, concern and pastoral advice" to Ford, but Ford "has not responded to my advice and it is not apparent to me that he has fully taken the advice."

Imagine. Never mind everything else Ford has done and been accused of doing it — and continuing to discount the good works he's done as mayor (and the list is long, by the way) — how can he possibly continue in office if he rejects the advice of Honderich and Johnson?

If ever there was an illustration of why so many Torontonians still support Ford, the arrogance of the elites — the attitude that if you don't agree with us you're a rube, or worse — is Ford's strongest playing card.

That's why I wouldn't count him out come the election.

# Don't count him out

If the Toronto Star were a person instead of a corporate giant, surely it would be guilty of bullying and stalking Toronto Mayor Rob Ford.

Not that Ford hasn't made it easy for his haters. Of course he has, given some of the dumb and irresponsible things he's done.

But this latest addition to the Star's obsessive abhorrence of Ford surely crosses the bounds of fair and legitimate journalism into what Conrad Black legitimately labeled an "ideological shake-down operation."

In case you missed it last weekend, the newspaper ran a huge double-page spread citing the responses — and many non-responses — to a letter it sent to 70 of Toronto "elites," demanding they comment publicly on Ford's suitability for office.

They weren't simply asked their views in the normal way journalists contact people. Instead, they were sent a letter earlier last month demanding their views and warning that even if they chose not to comment, the Star would report that.

This massive bully pulpit campaign began after the Star's top executive, John Honderich, wrote a column decrying the silence from the city's elites. Apparently it's not enough for the Star to be overcome with Ford-phobia, everybody who is anybody in Toronto must be forced to suffer the same malady.

Honderich, by the way, is the same man who as publisher some years ago told the editorial page editor to cancel the weekly freelance column being written by your humble correspondent. Why? Because, at the time, the Star had a similar hate on for Mike Harris and I, being the misguided conservative-minded fool that I remain, actually had the temerity to write that I thought Harris was doing some good things. Honderich was outraged, telling the editor (who told me in explaining her actions) that he won't have anybody writing anything positive about Harris in his newspaper. So much for his sense of balance and the kind of public responsibility he is demanding of everyone else.

And so, with the mighty Honderich lusting for more blood, the Star had their reporter Marco Chown Oved fire off what is really an unconscionable letter to 70 chosen "moral leaders" essentially daring them not to mess with the Star's view that Ford is not fit to govern Canada's largest city.

Mind you, the Star felt that way even

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By Claire Hoy



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# Arts & Entertainment



## Find a passion this winter at PAMA with new arts and culture programs

Get a jump start on New Year's resolutions by pursuing an interest or finding a new hobby at the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA).

This year, people visiting the facility can immerse themselves in arts and culture with a wide offering of registered and free programs, activities and lecture series.

### Lecture Series

This Sunday (Jan. 19), from 2 to 3:30 p.m., join George Walker as he discusses his process for making his wordless narrative, *The Mysterious Death of Tom*

Thomson, told in 109 wood engravings.

April 20, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., join Chuck Scott, chair of the PAMA Advisory Board, as he discusses the importance of art, collecting and art in the community. Scott is an accomplished film maker, fine art photographer, art consultant and writer.

The lectures are free with admission.

### Registered Adult Programs

#### Graphic Novel Series

Have you ever wanted to create your own graphic novel or comic book?

Join local independent creators and cartoonists for four individual sessions

that will help get things ready to create a graphic novel.

The first session will be Jan. 25 and will deal with self-publishing comics panel with local independent creators. The second session will be Feb. 1 and will address breaking into comics with J Torres. The third session will be March 1 and the topic will be how to draw with Scott Chantler. The final session will be March 8 and will deal with comic writing with Ricky Lima.

All four sessions will run from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost will be \$15 per session for non-members and \$12.75 for members.

#### Abstract Art Workshops

This is an energizing abstract painting class to develop a unique artistic style. Students will learn the fundamentals of composition, colour as well as painting techniques. Join in an exciting exploration of abstraction.

The sessions will be Feb. 8 and March 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. both days. The cost will be \$40 per session for non-members and \$34 for members.

#### Public Programs

##### Concert in Chambers

The Concert in Chambers series will be set within Peel County Courthouse, Council Chambers, and promises to offer beautiful music in a beautiful setting.

The program for Feb 12 will feature Duo D'Amore from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The April 6 concert will feature the Paganini Strings from 2 to 3 p.m.

#### Archives Series

##### Paper Treasures

Join archivist Diane Allengame April 5 as she teaches how to identify different types of paper and photographic records, providing basic preservation strategies

and tips. The program will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Admission to the Public Programs is pay what you can.

#### Interactive Henna Demonstration

Free with admission, explore the delicate beauty and individuality of tattoos/henna. This is a drop-in, interactive demonstrations with guest artists Sofia Mian and Hira Fatima.

Sessions will be Jan. 25 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.; Feb. 17 from 1 to 3 p.m.; March 6 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; and March 22 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

#### Art and Book Club

Free with admission, join a librarian from the Brampton Public Library March 20 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. to discuss this season's selection, *The House Girl*, followed by a private tour of Peel's historic Courthouse and Jail. Register in advance by calling the Brampton Library at 905-793-4636.

General Tours are every Thursday night, starting at 7 p.m. and are free with admission.

Visit [pama.peelregion.ca](http://pama.peelregion.ca) or call 905-791-4055 for more information or to register for programs.

PAMA is a place to explore and learn about Peel Region's culture and heritage, as well as use conversation, questions and stories to help make new and fascinating connections to the surrounding community. Throughout the year, PAMA offers a variety of workshops and programs for all ages, families and adults. With so many different programs to choose from, PAMA has something for everyone.

Operated by the Region of Peel, PAMA is at 9 Wellington St. E. in Brampton. Visit [pama.peelregion.ca](http://pama.peelregion.ca) to learn more.

## Fire and Ice Winter Festival coming to Alton

Bring the whole family to an arts-rich weekend with true Canadian flavour Jan. 25 and 26.

Alton Mill will be hosting its annual Fire and Ice Winter Festival.

Enjoy skating on the Millpond, igloo building, ice sculptures, raku and blacksmith demonstrations, indoor art activities and workshops, stories, music and more.

Discover the ancient art of Encaustic (painting with beeswax and oil paint). Workshops will be at 1 and 3 p.m. both days for \$10 per person.

Saturday only, watch the action at the Alton Millpond Hockey Classic from 9

a.m. to 3 p.m., followed by public skating and shinny. After sundown, watch artist Paul Morin light up the night with a brand new fire sculpture. Bring your cameras and enter the Capture the Burn photo contest.

Take in the Hockey Night in Alton - Hot Stove Lounge Pub Night Saturday, starting at 6:30 p.m. Watch the Hockey Night in Canada broadcast. There will be casual food and cash bar. Tickets are \$15 and available at Shaw's Creek Café at the Mill.

Sunday will include public skating from noon to 5 p.m.

For more information go to <http://altonmill.ca>

## Caregivers offered hope at Lifetree Café

Coping with the demands of caregiving is a challenge many face, and that will be the topic of discussion at Lifetree Café this coming Wednesday (Jan. 22).

The program, entitled *Care for Caregivers: Meeting the Unique Needs of Those Who Sacrifice for Others*, will feature a screening of the short film *Life in Reverse*. The film chronicles the experiences of Florence Feldman who, for 10 years, served as a caregiver as her mother slowly sank into dementia.

"Being a caregiver can be both rewarding and exhausting," Feldman said. "It's easy to feel isolated and burdened. Getting the help and support needed to stay sane and healthy, let alone to thrive, is a

challenge caregivers face."

The program will offer an hour of support and understanding, as well as Feldman's insights about meeting caregivers' needs.

The program will run from 7 to 8 p.m. Admission will be free. Snacks and beverages will be available.

Lifetree Café is at St. James' Anglican Church, 6025 Old Church Rd., in Caledon East.

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting.

Questions about Lifetree may be directed to Mark Tiller at 905-584-8506 or [mark.lifetree@gmail.com](mailto:mark.lifetree@gmail.com)



Guest soloist Robin McLeod and dancers Mackenzie Riel and Erin McLeod of Claymore Highland Dancers of Cheltenham will be taking part in the upcoming Scottish Celebration. Also taking part will be Caledon Concert Band members Harald Sagermann, Stephanie Noris, Rob Kinear (conductor), Roy Selinger and Heather Morand Clark, along with Sandhill Pipe and Drums members Hal Graham, Ken Nixon, Mike Nixon, Dave Borrett and Wes Robertson.

Photo by Bill Rea

## Celebrate Robbie Burns Jan. 26

A Scottish Celebration (An ode to Robert Burns), will be held Jan. 26 at Caledon Community Complex in Caledon East.

Caledon Concert Band will host the concert, which will showcase the talents of Robin Macleod, two time winner of the Caledon Idol Contest and a former Mayfield Secondary School vocal arts student who earned a scholarship at Tishos Music Academy in Bolton, as well as the Sandhill Pipe Band, the Claymore Highland Dancers and the Georgetown Celtic Fiddle Club.

Scottish poet Robert Burns wrote many famous songs including *Auld Lang Syne* which is sung around the world at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve. His birthday is traditionally celebrated at the end of January. The Caledon Concert Band has created this event to be a musical celebration that is appropriate for all ages.

The concert will start at 1 p.m. Ticket

prices are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

The Sandhill Pipe and Drums were formed in 1962 and wear the tartan pattern known as the Ordinary Campbell of Argyll. The Claymore Highland Dancers train at the Academy of Highland Dance in Cheltenham. Director Tara Breeze is a former Mayfield Secondary School regional arts dance major and a graduate of the York University dance program. As a member of the Scottish Dance Company of Canada, she performed with leading Celtic musicians, including Leahy and Natalie MacMaster.

The Georgetown Celtic Fiddle Orchestra is under the direction of James Franczek. They rehearse Thursdays evenings at the Georgetown Academy of Music.

For more information, call Andy at 416-276-7852 or go to [www.caledonconcertband.ca](http://www.caledonconcertband.ca)

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**12 YEARS A SLAVE (14A)** (NUDITY, DISTURBING CONTENT, GRAPHIC VIOLENCE) DIGITAL PRESENTATION, STADIUM SEATING FRI, MON-TUE 3:30, 6:30, 9:30; SAT-SUN 12:20, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30; WED-THURS 6:30, 9:30

**DEVIL'S DUE (14A)** (DISTURBING CONTENT, GRAPHIC VIOLENCE, COARSE LANGUAGE) DIGITAL PRESENTATION, NO PASSES, STADIUM SEATING FRI, MON-TUE 3:45, 7:00, 9:25; SAT-SUN 12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 9:25; WED-THURS 7:00, 9:25

**FROZEN (G)** (CARTOON/ANIMATION ACTION) DIGITAL PRESENTATION, STADIUM SEATING FRI-TUE 3:50

**FROZEN 3D (G)** (CARTOON/ANIMATION ACTION) REALD 3D, STADIUM SEATING FRI, MON-THURS 6:50; SAT-SUN 1:00, 6:50

**AMERICAN HUSTLE (14A)** (COARSE LANGUAGE, SEXUAL CONTENT) DIGITAL PRESENTATION, STADIUM SEATING FRI-THURS 9:10

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# 2013 – The second half of the year in Caledon

## July

There were plenty of locations in Caledon where people could go to celebrate Canada's birthday July 1.

Town councillors unanimously accepted the recommendation of Town staff to consider the option suggested by consultants, as well as one of two options on the north hill of the village for the Bolton Residential Expansion Study.

A task force was to look into whether the voters should decide who the Chair of Peel Region should be.

Regional councillors agreed to the formation of the task force. The chair is currently appointed by secret ballot by Regional councillors at their inaugural meeting right after municipal elections, and that person is appointed for the term of council.

Peel Region was ready to start construction on the last component of the Bolton Arterial Road (BAR).

"The Bolton Arterial Road is strategically significant for transportation in and through Peel as it helps to address the current needs of the community and prepares Peel for future growth," said Regional Chair Emil Kolb.

It was made official in July that there were exactly two years to go before this area will be in the midst of hosting the 2015 Pan Am Games.

There were numerous celebrations throughout the Toronto area, including at Caledon Equestrian Park in Palgrave.

Craig Collins, managing partner with Equestrian Management Group (EMG), said EMG has been operating the facility with the Town of Caledon and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority since 1986.

"We are seeing the park maintained in a most wonderful way," he declared. "We are ready to welcome the world to Caledon."

Brampton Brick's idea to put imported fill into its pits in Cheltenham was blocked by the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC).

Caledon Councillor Richard Paterak, Peel Region's representative on NEC, put forth a motion of support for the proposal, tacking on a condition that there be a community liaison group formed to keep track of things. But it was defeated in a 13-3 vote.

The NEC staff report concluded the proposal failed to comply with the Niagara Escarpment Plan on several levels. It cited that importation of fill is not a permitted use in a resource extraction area of the Plan. It also pointed out the Ministry of Natural Resources is not likely to support an amendment to the site plan that was approved for the operation through the Aggregate Resources Act. The report also referred to public opposition to the proposal, as well as concerns about possible precedents for the rehabilitation operations throughout the Escarpment.

The second CaledonStock, hosted by Steve Anderson at his Bramalea Road property, was a big success.

CaledonStock was basically a return to the 1960s, complete with clothing styles and, more importantly, rock 'n' roll. And it was all done in aid of the fight against cystic fibrosis, a cause that's close to Anderson. His niece, Hattie Dunstan, 25, has CF.

"I like rock 'n' roll and we do it for CF," Anderson said.

The Province lost little time dealing with the Canadian Tire issue, approving the building permit it needed for the massive distribution centre and office facility in Bolton.

The building permit was issued shortly after the Town received word that Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Linda Jeffrey had ordered the zoning needed for the development be implemented.



Artist David Arrigo and Mayor Marolyn Morrison unveiled this mural in honour of the start of the countdown to the 2015 Pan Am Games. Morrison pointed to the small contribution she made to the creation. "This grass is my grass," she boasted.

"I think the order she (Jeffery) issued is completely undemocratic," declared former councillor Annette Groves. "In my opinion, it's a political decision."

Brandon Rene Hayes of Valleywood will have some good company when he celebrates his birthday in coming years. He shares the same birth date as Prince George, son of Prince William and Kate Middleton. He arrived at Headwaters Health Care Centre in Orangeville July 22 at 5:11 p.m., weighing in at seven pounds



Heritage Caledon was looking for trees in town worthy of designation for their historic significance, and they believed the tree known as a Henry qualified. Henry is a healthy elm tree on the south side of Charleston Sideroad.

## August

A group of local teens were able to make contributions to the community through their participation in the annual Youth Leadership Camp, hosted by Caledon OPP.

It was the 12th year the detachment has run the program, and the youths found themselves doing a variety of useful chores in the community, such as pulling invasive species out of Alton Grange, cleaning up graffiti and taking part in a food drive. It also gave them a chance to work on their leadership skills while inter-

acting with OPP officers.

There might have been a movement in the Ontario Progressive Conservative ranks to see party leader Tim Hudak ousted, but Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones was not part of it.

"I don't know where it's coming from," Jones said.

The Cheltenham Badlands received a write-up in a new book, entitled Road Rocks Ontario.

The book outlined more than 250 geological wonders in Ontario. Written by Nick Eyles, and published by Fitzhenry and Whiteside, the chapter on the Badlands opens with a subhead "Alberta comes to Ontario," commenting on how the vegetation and soil there has been stripped away, "so that the area resembles the classic badland region of southern Alberta."

Orangeville council was warned of irreversibly detrimental effects on the town if Olympia Sand and Gravel Ltd. was allowed to proceed with its Melville Pit project.

A delegation of Melville-area residents said the proposed 200-acre gravel pit, to be located just one kilometre south of town, would create a world of trouble for Orangeville residents.

Big crowds were out in the Bolton valley to enjoy the annual fun of Midnight Madness, put on by the Bolton Business Improvement Area.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's plan to prorogue Parliament raised some eyebrows, but Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson maintained it was no big deal.

"It's nothing out of the ordinary," Tilson

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# Numerous awards were presented to Caledon's Town Crier

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commented, pointing out all prime ministers use that practice. He said the only ones who didn't were Joe Clark, John Turner and Kim Campbell, and all three of those were only in office a matter of months.

"Every majority government has used it at least once in a Parliament," he observed, pointing out it enables a government to restart things.

Police were hoping a \$50,000 reward would help them solve the three-year-old mystery of the murder of Sonia Varaschin.

Ms. Varaschin, 42, had been reported missing by her family Aug. 30, 2010. Her blood-stained Toyota Corolla was located in an alley behind Orangeville Town Hall and blood was also found at her Spring Street residence.

The body of the Orangeville nurse was found about a week later in Caledon.

For three years, detectives from both the OPP and Orangeville Police Service (OPS) had been actively working to identify the person or persons responsible for the murder.

Roughly 350 people gathered on the grounds of the Terra Cotta Inn for the second annual Chase the Dream.

The event was held in support of Chase Galea, a local six-year-old boy who has cerebral palsy and hearing loss. Dave Heydon, one of the organizers of the event, estimated the effort raised in the area of \$40,000. "I think that's spectacular," Heydon declared.

## September

Despite considerable opposition, Caledon council went along with the development of the golf course proposed by Kaneff Properties Limited near Inglewood.

Even the motion that was passed by council failed to get unanimous support,

as Councillors Patti Foley and Rob Mezzapelli voted against it. Town staff had recommended the application be refused.

A new school year started, and Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School got things going by welcoming a new principal.

Tom Wisnicki took over after spending five years at the helm of St. Marcellinus Secondary School in Mississauga.

The impact of individual septic systems and connections with the Caledon Trailway were on the minds of many at a public information meeting regarding a Cheltenham area development.

A tradition continued as Caledon OPP Constable Dale Smewing invited officers from the New York Police Department who were involved in the 9-11 tragedy in 2001 on an annual fishing trip. Detective Sergeant Cornelius Douglas and Detective Terrence McAllister spent the week with their lines in the waters to the north.

Caledon's Town Crier Andrew Welch was congratulated by Town council after he won recognition as the "Best Representative of Their Town and Community" at the International Town Criers Contest, which was held early the previous month in Kingston.

It was while Welch was being recognized for that accomplishment by Caledon council that he announced he took part in the Marshville Heritage Festival Town Crier Competition in Wainfleet Sept. 1. He won top prize there and was presented with what he said its the world's largest Town Crier trophy.

The Caledon Townhall Players were celebrating 50 years of community theatre in Caledon village.

If Town councillors thought the Canadian Tire issue was dead, they were in for

a disappointment in September.

About 150 people were out for the demonstration at the site of the proposed facility in Bolton.

Caledon resident Kathryn Stokes found herself \$1.8 million richer after hitting a Michael Jackson-themed, wide-area progressive jackpot at Fallsview Casino Resort.

The community came out for Terry Fox runs in Bolton and Palgrave.

September meant it was time for Fall Fairs, and the Brampton and Bolton events attracted lots of people to their respective fair grounds.

Pastor Jeff Enns of Bolton Alliance Church was named chaplain of Caledon Fire and Emergency Services.

Fire Chief Terry Irwin said Enns would be playing an important role in supporting both firefighters and victims in emergencies.

It was a history-making game.

The Bolton Brewers did what no other team in the North Dufferin Baseball League had ever accomplished.

They won the league title for the fifth consecutive season after a 4-0 win over the Aurora Jays, taking the best-of-seven championship series in five games.

The developers were enthused at the prospect of a large retail mall in the area of Hurontario Street and Highway 410 near Valleywood, but they were having trouble selling local residents on the idea.

Proponents told a public information meeting on the proposal that it would be an attractive development that fits in well with the community. Several residents agreed it could be attractive.

"The only problem I've got with it is it won't work," one Brampton man observed.

Two unannounced commercial vehicle safety blitzes on local roads showed that nearly half the vehicles stopped were unsafe and most were put out of service.

Caledon OPP took the lead in the blitz.

"We're not just

checking commercial vehicles. Any vehicle that looks like it could potentially be unsafe is also being pulled over and inspected at the same time," said Constable Steven Szabo at the site near Orangeville.

There were lots of colourful and interesting things to see at the annual Belfountain Salamander Festival.

## October

Parents in Caledon East were still not pleased with the prospect of school bus service being denied some youngsters.

About 40 people were on hand for a community meeting at the school, where they were given an update of what had been accomplished so far.

Trustee Stan Cameron said he tried to get the Peel District School Board to view Caledon East as an exception to the usual policies. The problem with that was all the other trustees had similar hazardous areas in their own wards.

Terra Cotta was a very busy place over the weekend as Terra Cotta Country Store owner Judy Vella and artist Kim McCarthy joined forces to put on Buzzfest on the grounds of the store.

There were scores of tents and booths, with displays of artistic creations, cooking demonstrations and more.

Town employees would like statutory holidays off, like anyone else.

But some Caledon councillors believed those days are ideal times to have certain municipal facilities available.

The issue was left unresolved after a tied vote at the council table. There will be further discussions on the matter, but no time has established yet to have them.

Parks and recreation staff had sent a report to council, with the recommendation that facilities run by the department be closed New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Civic Holiday, Labour Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Boxing Day.

Councillor Richard Paterak said some of these buildings are also great locations for holiday celebrations.

It was very preliminary, but Caledon councillors were given their first samplings of a budget for 2014, complete with

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## Golden Hawks gain points after double-win weekend

By Brian Lockhart

Weekends don't get much better than the one the Caledon Golden Hawks just had.

Winning both weekend games gave the squad four more points for the season and two important wins with the playoffs looming just a few weeks away.

The first game Friday (Jan. 10), saw the squad in Alliston where they delivered a 3-0 slam-dunk shut-out to the second place Hornets.

The Hawks' defence kept the normally aggressive Hornets away from the net and prevented them from scoring.

The Caledon squad notched a single goal in each period to take the win.

Caledon goals came from Daniel Cafagna in the first, Steven Klomp in the second, and a final third period goal from Steve Zeppieri.

The return to home ice for their regular Sunday (Jan. 12) night game had the Hawks hosting the Huntsville Otters.

They didn't waste any time in lighting up the board when Cafagna scored the first Caledon goal with just :13 seconds gone on the clock.

Cafagna ruled the first period when he scored three more before the frame ended, including a short-handed effort that gave the Hawks a four-goal lead going into the second.

The first assist went to Cody Forgione. Klomp got the assists for goals two and four, and Brett Bloor had the assist on the second goal.

While players have scored four goals in a game during Junior C action before, notching four in a single period is pretty much a superman effort — even for Cafagna, a player who is leading the Hawks

in points and goals.

The second frame saw the Caledon squad let up on the pressure and they paid for it when Huntsville scored two unanswered goals.

Huntsville challenged in the third to make it a 4-3 game at just two and a-half minutes in.

But the Hawks, who struggled with third period results early in the season, turned it up and notch and scored three to end the game and take the 7-3 win.

Caledon goals came from Christian

Bonaldi, Klomp and Chris Smith.

"We had a quick start," Cafagna said after Sunday's game. "We let off a bit in the second, but in the third we came back and gave it to them. We had a good lead but I don't think we stuck to our game plan (in the second period). At the intermission we figured ourselves out. In the third we gave up a goal. We tried staying disciplined and started taking more shots because we seemed to be scoring."

See 'Hawks on page A12

## Hawks minor midgets A go ahead in first round

By Brian Lockhart

The Caledon Hawks minor midget A team have cleared the first playoff hurdle with a 5-4 win over the Oakville Blades in their first playoff game of the season Sunday.

The game was tied three times before the Hawks notched number five in the third period and held on to take the win.

After a regular season that landed the Hawks in the number five spot in the league, the squad was up against a team who finished in fourth place, and this was the first time this season the Hawks have won over the Oakville squad.

"It's all work ethic," said Hawk coach Tim Sinclair of what the team accomplished. "We're not built on a whole lot of skill, it's all work for us. Lately for us, it's been more skating right through the entire game. A lot of times we take the third period off, so these guys actually worked all the way through."

The team was back on the ice the same night for practice to get ready for the next game; again against the Oakville Blue team.

The playdowns will see the Hawks play

Oakville again before going on to play another team in the round-robin style first round.

Sinclair said the bench now takes a good look at the line-up and decides what changes should be made before the next game.

"We've got some work to do a far as line changes and things like that go," he said. "We mix it up through the playoffs. We find the guys work a bit differently — when they don't know who their playing with, they work a little harder."

Sinclair said the team improved steadily as the season went on.

"They've improved all year," he declared. "The biggest thing is the work ethic. When we first started off, there was a lot of guys that thought they could do it based on talent alone. Over the last month or so, it's been a lot more team work and team activity. They've all come around and are working really well."

The Hawks will take a break during the playoffs as they have been invited to participate in an international Silver Stick tournament in Newmarket in January.



Caledon Golden Hawk defenceman Zack Worth held back a player in front of the Caledon net during the second period of Sunday's game against the Huntsville Otters. The Golden Hawks collected their second win of the weekend, leaving the ice after dispatching the visitors 7-3.

Photo by Brian Lockhart



The Caledon Hawks minor midget A team played the Oakville Blades during the first round of OHMA playoffs Sunday. It was a tough battle, but the Hawks came out on top to take a 5-4 win in the first game.

Photo by Brian Lockhart

## Water Depot to help aspiring hockey players

There are kids in the community who can't afford to play organized hockey, so Water Depot Bolton is trying to help.

The Parr Boulevard facility will be hosting Hometown Hockey Day this Saturday (Jan. 18), from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The day will include games, like the shooting board from the Hockey Hall Of Fame. People can test their shooting skills and win prizes, like an autographed Wendel Clark game jersey, and many more. In addition to the shooting board, which will raise funds for Caledon Minor Hockey, Water Depot will

serve as a drop-off centre for used equipment. Residents are encouraged to bring their used, no longer needed equipment.

All of the funds and equipment collected that day will go into Caledon Minor Hockey.

A special added bonus is everyone who shows up at Water Depot that day, whether they try the shooting board or not, can win a VIP hockey day in Toronto. This includes a tour of the Hockey Hall Of Fame, two tickets to a private suite at the Toronto Maple Leafs game, dinner and overnight accommodations.

Water Depot Bolton is at 12 Parr Blvd.



## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Name:  
EMILY NEWTON  
School:  
MAYFIELD  
SECONDARY  
SCHOOL

This 14-year-old has recently been contributing her skills to the school's Nordic team. In a meet late in December, she placed 10th out of 31. In the fall, she was a rusher and sometimes played quarterback for the flag football team, and might go out for track in the spring, specializing in 100 and 200 metres. Away from school, she's active in Sondra Tri Dance in Bolton. The Grade 9 student lives in Palgrave. Her parents are Annette and Tom Newton.



Name:  
AIDAN KIRKHAM  
School:  
ROBERT F. HALL  
CATHOLIC  
SECONDARY  
SCHOOL

This Grade 9 student is a small forward on the junior boys' basketball team. In the fall, he was a defensive halfback for the school's championship football team. He might go out for lacrosse in the spring. Away from school, he plays basketball in the Orangeville Hawks organization, and he's thinking about playing football for the Orangeville Outlaws. The 14-year-old lives in Mansfield with his parents Mercedes and Michael Kirkham.



Name:  
VICTORIA  
RILSTONE  
School:  
ST. MICHAEL  
CATHOLIC  
SECONDARY  
SCHOOL

This 16-year-old plays lead for the school's senior mixed curling team. She's also a swimmer, specializing in the 100-metre backstroke. Away from school, she used to dance with Sondra Tri Dance in Bolton. The Grade 11 student lives in Bolton. Her parents are Paul Rilstone and Josee-Anne Roy.



Name:  
NICOLE FRENCH  
School:  
HUMBERVIEW  
SECONDARY  
SCHOOL

This Grade 9 student has been showing her prowess as a wrestler, winning silver at two tournaments before the holiday break. In the community, she's a left winger in the Caledon Coyotes organization. The 14-year-old lives in Caledon with her parents Tom and Heather French.



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# Caledon Wildcats make it to Ontario Youth Soccer League

After three years of hard work and dedication from both players and coaches, the Caledon Wildcats have made Caledon Soccer Club history by becoming the only girls' team to ever reach the Ontario Youth Soccer League (OYSL).

OYSL is the highest league in the province with the most skilled players and teams.

"We set a goal at the beginning of the season (2013) to be in the OYSL for the 2014 season," said head coach Orin Chalmers. "The girls demonstrated that even a club as small as Caledon can do well and be successful when commitment and hard work is the main focus."

The girls built upon their SRSL Premier Championship and subsequent promotion to SRSL Elite division by adding the USA cup and SRSL league cup to their list of achievements. This was the challenge that the team was looking for. After holding onto first place most of the Elite 2013 summer season, they successfully were promoted to OYSL.

With that achievement comes a greater demand on the performance of players.

The Wildcats are looking for more players to fill the roster. With the absolute best coaching/training available, they would like to invite any player born 1996 or later to call Bert at 416-998-1323 or email albertcondotta@gmail.com for more information regarding tryouts.

The team currently practises twice a week and plays in OWSL Sunday nights. Two showcases and an international tour

to the U.K. for the ultimate soccer experience are some of the team plans for 2014.

The Team would like to thank the Caledon soccer club for all its support and the Team Sponsor DePaulo Racing Stables. Thanks to the coaching staff of Head Coach Orin Chalmers, Assis-

tant Coach Bert Condotta, Manager Josie DePaulo and all the parents of the Caledon Wildcats.



## Four point game Sunday

# Cafagna leading Golden Hawks in points

By Brian Lockhart

Caledon Golden Hawks forward Daniel Cafagna added another four points to his total Sunday night after scoring four goals in the first period of the game against the Huntsville Otters.

After 34 games, Cafagna has notched 52 points, scoring 29 goals, second over all in the Georgian Mid Ontario Junior C Hockey League, and 23 assists.

He is currently in the fourth spot in the

top league points earners standings.

Cafagna's outstanding game Sunday began when he scored the opening goal just 13 seconds after the first puck drop.

He followed up by scoring three more before the buzzer sounded to end the period.

"Last Friday in Alliston, we scored in the first 20 seconds in the first period, so we thought we needed a good start again," he said. "That seemed to push our game up in the Alliston game, which gave us a boost. So we went out there tonight (against Huntsville) and put up some pressure and put in the first one and rest seemed to go in."

Hockey players seem to have an instinct as to when a player is having an exceptional game and it was no different Sunday after Cafagna scored the opener.

"A couple of the guys were trying to feed me the puck because they said I had a hot stick today, so they were doing that," Cafagna said.

It worked, and Cafagna took the feed and probably set a team record with his four goals.

Wearing the No. 66, this is his second season with the Golden Hawks.



Caledon Golden Hawk forward Daniel Cafagna storms the Huntsville Otters' net during Sunday night's game at Caledon East. Cafagna is currently the teams top point earner. He scored four goals in the first period of Sunday's game.

Photo by Brian Lockhart

## Hawks remain in fourth

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The wins leave the Golden Hawks in fourth place; a spot they've been holding on to for most of the season, with 43 points and a 19-15 record.

The Golden Hawks will be in Schomberg tonight (Thursday) to take on the Cougars.

They return home to Caledon East for their regular Sunday night game, hosting the Midland Flyers. Game time is 7 p.m.





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 The family will receive their friends at the Egan Funeral Home Baxter & Giles Chapel, 273 Broadway, Orangeville (519 941-2630) Thursday afternoon from 2 - 4 and evening 7 - 9 o'clock and on Friday, January 17 in St John's Church, 3907 Hwy 9 (east of Orangeville), from 12 o'clock until time of funeral service at one o'clock. Interment Forest Lawn Cemetery, Orangeville. If desired, memorial donations may be made to St. John's Church 3907 Hwy 9, Caledon L7K 0G7. Condolences for the family may be offered at [www.EganFuneralHome.com](http://www.EganFuneralHome.com).

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**Pauline and Family**

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**Debbie, Peter and Family**

**COMING EVENTS**

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**OAS Event Centre Upcoming Events**  
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# Macville Public School marked its 50th anniversary in 2013

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provisions for a 4.98 per cent increase in the Town's share of the municipal property tax bill.

These figures were preliminary, and Mayor Marolyn Morrison was quick to make that point when asked for reaction.

"That's the first blush," she said after the staff presentation, pointing out a lot of questions still need to be addressed.

"Will it end up there?" she asked. "I don't know at this point. That's the first go-around."

Town councillors were updated on Caledon's intensification strategy, and they stressed intensification does not mean excessive densities.

They also wanted to make sure the public understood that too

"We're talking about densities in keeping with the communities," was the way Mayor Marolyn Morrison summed up the discussion.

There was a packed house to celebrate 50 years of educating children at Macville Public School.

The festivities were highlighted by an entertaining address by former Ontario premier Bill Davis, who was Minister of Education when the school opened.

"Fifty years ago, there was an honest debate as to whether this school would be where it is, and whether or not it would be treated the way it has been because of the proximity of Bolton," he commented. "I have to confess to you that I was somewhat on the side of preserving the history and the opportunity for the school to be involved with not only an urban centre, but the rural parts."

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Opponents to the Massive Canadian Tire development in Bolton were still at it. A couple of dozen of them braved heavy rains one Saturday to take part in a protest march on the village's south hill.

The Aggregate Recycling Promotion Act, the private member's bill of Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, passed second reading in the legislature with all-party support.

"I am very pleased that Bill 56 passed second reading today," Jones commented after the vote. "This was an important vote on an important issue, and I think that is evidenced by the fact that my bill received all-party support." Jones said.

While it's not really a federal issue, Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson said he would support the idea of a parliamentary committee looking into cases of forced adoption in the 1960s.

The Globe and Mail reported that several women were on hand for a meeting in Ottawa, giving accounts of how they were pressured into surrendering their babies about 50 years ago, at a time when a pregnant, unwed teen was deemed unfit to be a mother. This was in the days when abortion was illegal.

## November

Many ideas were being considered for using the Bolton Camp property, and Caledon councillors got the chance to offer their input.

Their ideas included fields for football and field hockey, among other possible uses.

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Evelyn Hesjedahl, a Grade 2 student at Caledon East Public School was doing her bit to assist people in the Philippines impacted by Typhoon Haiyanas part of the annual Christmas Craft Show at the school. She put a collection of candy kisses in this jar, and invited people to guess how many there were.

thority (TRCA) acquired the property and Darryl Grey, manager of education with TRCA, was before council to outline some of the preliminary proposals for the site.

It took years of dedication and effort, but 1st Bolton Scouts Beatrice Imrie and Sean Strong received their Gold certification in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program.

The presentations were made by Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex and youngest son of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, at a ceremony in Toronto.

Town councillors continued to work on the 2014 budget, setting aside an evening in November for the public to make comments on the possibility of a 4.98 per cent tax increase.

A couple of the people openly asked why taxes always have to go up.

One man charged his property taxes have gone up about 108 per cent since 2003, while the Consumer Price Index increased by only 20.1 per cent.

"Where is Rob Ford when we need him?" the man asked. "These increases are becoming normalized."

The Davis family, of Davis Feed and Farm Supply near Caledon East, were named Peel Region's Farm Family of the Year.

The recognition was presented at a banquet in Caledon East hosted by the Peel Federation of Agriculture.

John Davis said he found out about the

award approximately three weeks ago. "It was quite a surprise," he said. "We did not expect anything like that."

A team can't go wrong if they go through a whole season undefeated, and that's just what the football team at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School did.

The squad capped the year by winning the Tier 2 ROPSSAA championship title with a 7-6 win over the Cardinal Ambrosic Riverhawks.

The roads around Belfountain could be seeing slower speeds, along with other measures to control traffic while maintaining the character of the area.

Peel Region officials reported that was pretty much in keeping with what local residents had been calling for.

David Forfar was named Caledon's next fire chief, replacing the retiring Terry Irwin.

Forfar comes to Caledon with more than 30 years of experience in fire services. Most recently, he served as Deputy Fire Chief for Barrie Fire and Emergency Service since 2007, where he was responsible for training, fire prevention and communication divisions.

## December

The month opened with Caledon councillors finalizing their budget for 2014.

They went along with the staff recommendation for a 4.98 per cent tax increase for Caledon's portion of the property tax bill.

Peel Regional council closed out the year by passing a budget of their own.

While the exact numbers hadn't been calculated, but it looked like the blended tax hike for Caledon residents was about 2.5 per cent.

There was a packed house for the official opening of the Caledon Specialist Clinic in Bolton.

Operating from the ground floor of the Royal Courtyards, the clinic will be offering more services supporting health and well-being, making sure they are now close by and convenient for residents of Caledon and surrounding areas.

There was lots of opposition, but Town councillors agreed to back the plans of Olympia Sand and Gravel Ltd. to operate a pit just north of Melville.

Mother Nature closed out the year by flexing her muscles. The result was the ice storm that disrupted hydro and other service in the community, in some cases for days.



Alton resident Derek Masters came up with an innovative way to stir up some excitement in the community in honour of Halloween. He got some friends together and they staggered through the hamlet like zombies. "Just doing it to get the town excited," he said.

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