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I want to thank our unsung heroes, including our extraordinary essential workers, doctors, nurses, hospital staff, community champions, small businesses, and organizations who stepped up to keep us all safe and continue to do so as we endure another lockdown. Thank you to the many small businesses and individuals who quietly came forward to provide support to those who needed an extra hand during an immensely difficult time. Thank you to essential workers who worked and continue to work hard to ensure our grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, post offices, restaurants, convenience stores, and all other essential services have stayed open which allow us to remain comfortable at home.

I hope you and your loved ones found peace and joy during the holidays, despite it being a different Christmas due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the season reminded us of the many little things we're grateful for – family, friends, and our health. We're also especially grateful for the compassion, generosity, and kindness we've witnessed across Dufferin-Caledon over the last year, as our community came together to support each other during an immensely difficult and uncertain time.

It's the extraordinary actions of our unsung heroes and the incredible community spirit we've seen, and continue to see, which gives us renewed hope and optimism for the New Year.

I'm incredibly proud of how we've come together to support each other over the last year in Dufferin-Caledon. We've seen how strong and united our community is and exactly why it's the best place to live, work, and play. I know by continuing to support each other, 2021 will be a much better year for all of us and our great country.

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The Exchange – Bolton



Kyle visited Teen Ranch's "Christmas Winter Festival," which was a beautiful, interactive and COVID-friendly drive-thru event during December. It brought Christmas cheer and joy to families in the riding, while supporting the important work of the centre, as well as the Active Lives Day Program.

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Rachel Kalas of Headwaters is shown getting her COVID-19 vaccine at the William Osler Health System vaccination clinic in Brampton. For more, see Page 2. PHOTO COURTESY OF HEADWATERS

Stay-at-home orders take effect Thursday to curb spread of second wave

Written By BROCK WEIR

Stay-at-home orders will take effect at 12.01 a.m. on Thursday, January 14, to limit mobility in the fight against COVID-19.

The Provincial Government announced the stay-at-home orders on Tuesday afternoon, along with an Ontario-wide state of emergency, which will be in place for a minimum of 28 days.

As the number of new cases of the virus continue to rise, there is a "looming threat" that Ontario's hospital system could collapse, said the Province.

The stay-at-home order will require ev-

everyone to remain at home with exceptions for essential purposes, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services, for exercise and for essential work. As such, employers must ensure that any employee who can work from home does so.

Additional measures announced Tuesday include restricting organized outdoor public and social gatherings to no more than five people with limited exceptions, requiring individuals to wear masks or face coverings in the indoor areas of businesses and organizations that are open, and requiring all non-essential retail stores, including hardware

stores, alcohol retailers, and businesses offering curbside pickup and delivery to open no earlier than 7 a.m. and close no later than 8 p.m. These restrictions do not apply to stores that primarily sell food, pharmacies, gas stations, convenience stores, and restaurants for takeout or delivery.

"The Ontario spirit has lifted us through worse, the people of Ontario have battled through worse, and I know this time will be no different," said Premier Doug Ford. "Now more than ever, we need you...to do your part, stay home, save lives [and] protect our health care system."

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Dentist who lost wife and daughter on Flight PS752 fights to seek justice

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

January 8 marked the first anniversary of the tragedy of the crash of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752.

176 passengers were on board the flight, in which 138 of them had ties with Canada.

Minutes after the plane took off from the Tehran's Imam Khomeini International Airport in Iran, Flight PS752 came

down in field where all passengers on board lost their lives. The cause was first said to be due to a mechanical error, but evidence was later discovered that the plane was hit by an Iranian missile.

Area dentist Dr. Hamed Esmaeilion was one of the members who lost family on that fatal flight.

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Headwaters staff receive COVID-19 vaccine

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

As the Province continues distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine, Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) staff were thrilled the vaccine has arrived in the Region.

The Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph region received their first shipment of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine last week and Public Health has launched a vaccination program for staff and residents at long term care and retirement homes.

Brampton's William Osler Health System has opening up a vaccination clinic dedicated for distributing these vaccinations and HHCC staff members have been given the opportunity to use the clinic as well, where availability is permitted.

Registered Nurse at HHCC's Emergency Department Rachel Kalas was the very first staff member to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Kalas is a high-risk healthcare provider and has been since the beginning.

"This is an emotional moment for me. It has been such a journey navigating this pandemic; from my home life to work life and everything in between. I feel like this vaccine is a symbol of hope that we won't have to balance the weight of the pandemic as much anymore," said Kalas in a statement.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in March, HHCC has reported 70 inpatients, 42 staff members and physicians have tested positive for the virus.

With the numbers of positive cases within the province continuing to climb to all-time high numbers, the hospital is expecting their numbers to increase of the next couple months.

As of January 11, 8,859 daily doses have been distributed, 122,105 in total, with 5,884 vaccinations being complete. The vaccine is a two-dose vaccination, each administered a few weeks apart.

As Phase 1 of the vaccination distribution continues with health care workers in hospitals, long-term care and retirement homes, as well as remote Indigenous communities, Phase 2 is to be starting this winter.

The second phase includes, like phase one, vaccinations of health care and long-term care workers, but will also include residents at the homes as well as home care patients with chronic conditions.

"I am extremely grateful to our community partners for creating opportunities to protect our staff and physicians against COVID-19. The arrival of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine in our region is encouraging and I am hopeful with the current public health restrictions in place, along with continued adherence to pub-

lic health guidelines we will soon start to see the results we are all hoping for and working hard to achieve," said Kim Delahunt, President & CEO of Headwaters Health Care Centre.

The Province's framework set for hospitals staff and physicians continues to determine

proper care and surgeries based on the number of COVID-19 cases, supply of personal protective equipment and medications, capacity of inpatient and intensive care unit bed and health human resources as well as outside care for patients after being discharged.

Surgeries are being prioritized by the patient's condition, type of procedure, risks of putting off the surgery and resources required.

For further information, please visit Ontario.ca, or headwatershealth.ca.

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Stay-at-home orders take effect Thursday to curb spread of second wave

The system is on the brink of collapse. It is on the brink of being overwhelmed. We're at levels we have never seen before. Last week, I stood here and I told you that our province is in crisis and the facts are clear. Cases and deaths are at the highest level since the start of the pandemic and community spread continues to escalate. The...very dangerous UK strain of COVID is being found across the Province. Ontario had eight new cases confirmed today and if we don't move fast, our hospital ICUs could be overwhelmed by the first week of February.

"I know everyone is tired. I know everyone is sick of COVID, including myself. I know everyone wants to return to normal. New reports and data show one third of Ontarians are not following Public Health guidelines. Many are travelling and gathering. Now, let me be clear: I am not blaming anyone, only one thing is truly at fault and that is the virus. It just takes a moment. If you let your guard down, it can strike. Think of the teenager out with their friends not wearing their masks. They go home, pass it to their parents. Later that day at dinner, the virus passes from parents to grandparents. Within days, the grandparent is in the ICU and tragically passes. This is a story we're hearing too many times. Stories like this are why we need to stay home and save lives."

Added Health Minister Christine Elliott: "The measures we are introducing today are absolutely necessary to save and protect the lives of Ontarians. This is not the first wave. Now, community transmission is widespread. It is in our hospitals, it is in our long-term care homes, and it is in our workplaces. The number of cases and the number of deaths due to COVID-19 are at the highest levels since the start of the pandemic a year ago. In a few short weeks, our hospital and ICU capacity could be overwhelmed. Yesterday, 41 Ontarians died from COVID-19. It has been an extremely tragic year. Over 5,000 Ontarians have lost their lives to COVID-19 since this pandemic began. These are not just numbers or statistics. These were brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers and grandparents."

Ontarians, she said, must change mobility patterns. Too many people are having too many contacts, resulting in increased cases, and the cycle must be broken.

The new orders also come with increased enforcement measures.

The Province will provide authority to all enforcement and provincial offences officers, including the OPP, local police forces, bylaw officers and provincial workplace inspectors to issue tickets to individuals who do not com-

ply with the stay-at-home orders. Additional enforcement measures will also impact big box stores, noted the Premier, with "inspection blitzes" over the coming days.

"We have been up front about the severity of the threats we face if the numbers begin moving in the manner we have seen during these past days and weeks," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "We have said we would not hesitate to explore and exhaust all options necessary to protect Ontarians if the situation worsens, and it has. We are declaring this Provincial Emergency to allow for stronger measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and these measures will be enforced.

"If people are found not complying with these orders, they will be subject to fines and persecution. Penalties may include up to a year in jail. We are taking the current situation very seriously and we ask that all Ontarians do the same. It is critical now more than ever that people adhere to the orders and follow public health measures. Please stay home, stay safe. Orders can only take us so far. Stopping the spread of COVID-19 can only be done if we all band together and make an extraordinary effort to protect the communities our family and our friends call home."

Schools to remain closed until February 10

Written By BROCK WEIR

Schools in COVID-19 hotspots such as Peel Region, York Region, Windsor-Essex, Hamilton and the City of Toronto will remain closed until at least February 10, the Province announced Tuesday.

The further closures came as Ontario declared a second state-of-emergency on January 12, which will last for a minimum of 28

days.

Just last week, the Ontario Government announced online learning would continue for elementary school students through January 25.

This initial plan was a change from restrictions announced during the holidays, which would have seen some students return to the classroom at the start of this week.

"With the public health trends where they are across the Province, our priority remains keeping students, teachers, school staff and all Ontarians safe," said Premier Doug Ford in a statement last week. "That's why we're extending the remote learning period for students in Southern Ontario and the shutdown period for Northern Ontario, while continuing to provide financial relief for parents through the Support for Learners program as well as the electricity rate relief for all time-of-use customers. We have to get the numbers down and today's measures will help us continue to stop the spread of this deadly virus."

The Province contended that targeted testing done among students and staff last month "confirmed that schools are not a significant source of transmission [but] with students having been at home for several weeks and with reports of concerning behaviour over the holidays, the positivity rate among school-aged children has increased sharply."

"Most troubling, the positivity rate for kids aged 12 - 13 years old increased from 5.44 per cent in late November, early December to nearly 20 per cent in early January.

"I have and remain firmly committed to getting students back into class as soon as possible - there is nothing more important," said Education Minister Stephen Lecce. "However, the best medical and scientific experts have been clear: while schools have been safe places for kids, the sharp rise in community transmission puts that progress and Ontario families at risk. During this time, students will remain engaged in live teacher-led online learning with access to enhanced mental health and technology supports."

On January 12, however, the situation had resulted in a delay.

"As I have said from the very beginning, when it comes to our children, I will not take any unnecessary risks," said Premier Ford.

Bolton child care facility declares second outbreak

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Province of Ontario continues to reach all-time high numbers of positive COVID-19 cases.

Peel Region, still one of the COVID-19 hotspots, has reported 545 new cases on January 12, reaching a total 46,085 with 487 deaths.

This past weekend was showing numbers of 691, 548 and back up to 641 on Monday.

Throughout Peel Region, Brampton is reporting 28,965 cases, Mississauga a total of 16,230 and Caledon showing 1,801 cases.

Peel Public Health reported that the protection of the health of frontline workers remains top priority in regard to workplace outbreaks.

They determined in a recent news release after completed investigations on COVID-19 workplace outbreaks, limiting disclosure where there is no outside risk for the community helps workplaces cooperate with the directions provided by the health agency.

Peel Public Health continues to advocate for frontline workers, including support needed, paid sick days and anything else needed for employees to keep safe as well as those around them.

Additionally, one local child-care centre has reportedly its second outbreak.

Brightpath Early Learning and Child Care Centre had their first outbreak which began on September 25 and ended on October 10, after five children tested positive for the virus. The company stated that the centre was closed for a deep cleaning after two children tested positive.

Later three more were later discovered who were initially in contact with the first two.

This second outbreak was declared by Peel Public Health on December 29 and is still under investigation.

In Peel Region alone, there have been 73 school/child-care centre outbreaks, which eight still remaining active. Alongside Brightpath Bolton, Ellwood YMCA also declared an outbreak on December 22.

For further information and updates, visit peelregion.ca.

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As of February 8, the additional 2-bag limit for excess garbage will end. You can now order garbage tags by phone only.

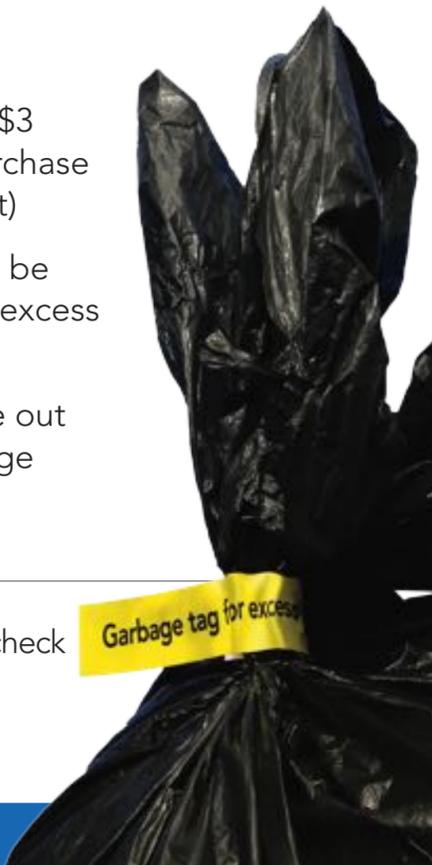
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Caledon Meals on Wheels has officially opened their kitchen in the Albion Bolton Community Centre in Bolton. PHOTO COURTESY OF CMOW

Caledon Meals on Wheels opens up own kitchen

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

What was once a dream has come true for staff at Caledon Meals on Wheels: Their very own kitchen has been developed and now open to all their clients in the community.

Caledon Meals on Wheels' (CMOW's) mission in Caledon is to provide not only healthy and readily available meals, but education on nutrition and a variety of different initiatives including hot and frozen meals, and grocery and wellness programs.

The organization has a long list of values, including client and community focus, accessibility, collaboration, innovation, quality, accountability and sustainability.

CMOW has proved to be more than just meals for the community.

As of January 11, a new chapter has begun with the opening of their very first kitchen, which has been secured in the newly renovated kitchen at the Albion Bolton Community Center.

"It's been a dream of ours for such a very long time to open our own kitchen, but never seemed to within our reach. It was much easier to work with our outside suppliers like the Vera Davis Centre and Caesars Banquet Hall to prepare our meals since they were already in the business and had the expertise and experience," said Executive Director Christine Sevigny.

As the COVID-19 pandemic hit last year, CMOW, along with several other organizations, were forced to make necessary changes to adapt to safety measures for themselves and the community.

Some of these included changes with their suppliers.

"We were left with two options: look for another supplier under challenging circumstances or open our own. We explored all options, hoping to find a great supplier like we have in Lord Dufferin for our Orangeville clients, but when that didn't work out, we kept coming back to our dream of opening our own kitchen," said Sevigny.

With the help and support from the Town of Caledon, Region of Peel and Brampton Caledon Community Foundation, the team at CMOW has been able to put in new necessary appliances.

CMOW has also hired an experienced team to run the group, who all bring their own skills to provide nutritious and delicious meals.

Staff at CMOW have been working to prepare for the opening of their very own kitchen this past year and are excited to get delicious meals out into the community.

"Having our own kitchen gives us more control over the menu and the price of the meals. We want to make sure our clients are getting nutrition, taste and quality at an affordable price. Because we are a charitable organization, we have some wiggle room, we don't need to make a profit on our meals, and we can also utilize volunteers." says Kim Pridham, Client and Volunteer Services Supervisor.

The kitchen is located in the Albion Bolton Community Centre at 150 Queen Street S, in Bolton.

To learn more about Caledon Meals on Wheels programs please visit cmow.org or call (905) 857-7651.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING



Simpson Road

Area-Specific Development Charges By-law and Background Study

On Thursday January 21, 2021 the Council of the municipality of the Town of Caledon will hold a public meeting pursuant to Section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, as amended to present and obtain public input on the municipality's proposed area-specific development charges by-law and underlying background study. The area under consideration is Simpson Road (from 228 metres South of Parr Blvd to Mayfield Road). It will be imposed within a defined area of the South Simpson Industrial Secondary Plan.

Due to the continuing efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to protect individuals, Town Hall will not be open to the public to attend Public Meetings until further notice. These meetings will be held electronically.

THE MEETING IS TO BE HELD:

Thursday January 21, 2021 5 p.m.

HOW TO LISTEN:

To listen by phone call 1-833-311-4101
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HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Members of the public are welcome to participate via phone or Webex Meeting upon request. Please call 905.584.2272 ext. 4185 or email finance@caledon.ca. Please note deadlines apply.

HOW TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

- By email: agenda@caledon.ca and finance@caledon.ca
- By phone: 905.584.2272 ext. 4185

In order that sufficient information is made available to the public, the background study is being made available online at caledon.ca/dc

Copies of the proposed by-law and the background study are available from the Municipal Clerk at the above location or by calling 905.584.2272

Interested persons may express their comments at the public meeting or in writing, addressed to the Municipal Clerk, at the above address prior to January 15, 2021.



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Stunt driving charges laid against two in Caledon Village

On January 10, an officer from the Caledon OPP was conducting speed enforcement on Highway 10 in the Town of Caledon. The area of focus was a posted 50 km/hr community safety zone.

The first driver, a 33-year-old from Oakville, was observed by the officer travelling at a speed of 103 km/hr. A few hours later, the same officer stopped a second vehicle driven by a 29-year-old from Mississauga, with a recorded

speed of 110 km/hr.

Both drivers were charged with Stunt Driving and received an immediate seven-day vehicle impound and driver's license suspension. They are scheduled to appear in Caledon East Provincial Court to answer to the charges.

Stunt Driving/excessive speed is a charge for drivers travelling at a rate of 50km/hr or over greater than the posted speed limit. Community Safety Zones are areas that are identified with additional public safety concerns (school zones are an example). The penalties are increased in those areas.

ily available.

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on March 25, to answer to the charges. The charges have not been proven.

R.I.D.E. SEATBELT VIOLATIONS

On January 10, officers from the Community Response Unit of the Caledon OPP were conducting a R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot check in the area of King Street and Winston Churchill Boulevard in the Town of Caledon.

"At approximately 5:33 p.m., a vehicle entered the area and was met by an officer. While speaking to the driver, the officer observed three occupants in the rear seat, none of which were wearing seatbelts (a parent and two-and four-year-old children in car seats and not properly buckled in)."

As a result, three provincial office notices were issued. Officers provided education and assisted in ensuring the two children were properly secured before leaving.

"Caledon OPP reminds everyone that it is the driver's responsibility to ensure children under the age of 16 are properly wearing their seatbelts."

CRIME STOPPERS AWARENESS

January is Crime Stoppers Awareness month.

"The Caledon Detachment of the Provincial Police (OPP) would like to extend its appreciation for the important work by our partner, Peel Crime Stoppers. With the assistance from the Region of Peel, the partnership was strengthened last year by installing Peel Crime Stoppers community road signs across various neighbourhoods in the Town of Caledon.

Each year, Peel Crime Stoppers' Board of Directors and the Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers provide a theme for the year. The theme for 2021 is "Helping All Communities to Stay Safe."

"Peel Crime Stoppers joins hands with our partners globally to celebrate the community collaboration between Police, Media and the Public. The Crime Stoppers program provides concerned citizens with an anonymous channel to report criminal activity by calling 1-800-222-8477. Remember, community safety is a shared responsibility. #SayItHere", says Hummer Lo, Chair of Peel Crime Stoppers.

Locally, Peel Crime Stoppers processed 101 tips for Caledon OPP in 2020. Several of those tips resulted in an arrest. These tips included drug dealing, suspended drivers, weapons, suspicious activity, and theft.

IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

On January 7, at approximately 1:25 a.m., officers from the Caledon Detachment of the OPP observed a vehicle that was pulled over on Highway 50, in the Town of Caledon.

"Officers approached the driver to investigate and to offer assistance when it was determined that alcohol had been consumed. The investigation resulted in the driver being placed under arrest for Operation while Impaired, and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment where further breath tests were conducted."

As a result, Aziz Barkho, 54, of North York, was charged with the following offences:

- Operation while impaired - Over 80;
- Operate a motor vehicle without insurance; and
- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor.

The accused will appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on April 22 to answer to the charges. The charges have not been proven.

On Saturday, January 9, at approximately 3:38 p.m., officers from the Caledon OPP responded to a traffic complaint in the area of Highway 9 and Airport Road in the Town of Caledon.

"Information was received from a witness motorist who reported that the vehicle in question had cut in behind his vehicle and travelled into oncoming lanes, nearly causing a head-on collision.

"Officers located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. As a result of the police investigation, the driver was placed under arrest for Operation of a Motor Vehicle while Impaired, and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment, where further breath tests were conducted."

As a result, Gleb Kireev, 33, of Bolton, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (B.A.C.) over 80 mg; and
- Driving motor vehicle with liquor read-

Public Notice



Notice of Intention to Adopt a Budget

The Council of the Regional Municipality of Peel is providing notice that it intends to adopt the 2021 Regional Operating and Capital Budgets, including By-laws to change user fees for Regional services, fees or charges for the use of Peel water, wastewater (sewage) and waste management systems, as well as any increases, additions, deletions or changes to these fees or charges by-laws.

Copies of the 2021 Regional Operating and Capital Budgets will be available at peelregion.ca/budget as of January 14, 2021.

Due to the efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 there will be limited public access to the Council Chambers. Pre-registration is required by emailing the Office of the Regional Clerk at regional.clerk@peelregion.ca. The meeting will be live streamed on www.peelregion.ca. Anyone wishing to make verbal or written representations at the Regional Council Budget meeting can do so virtually or in person. Please email the Office of the Regional Clerk at regional.clerk@peelregion.ca or call 905-791-7800, ext. 4465.

The Regional Council Budget meeting to commence discussion and consideration of the Regional Operating and Capital Budgets is scheduled for:

Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.
10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A
5th Floor, Council Chambers
Brampton, ON L6T 4B9

The Budget may be approved in whole or in part at the above-noted Regional Council Budget meeting or any subsequent Regional Council Budget meeting. If the matter is considered at a subsequent Budget meeting of Council, no additional notice will be provided unless Regional Council directs otherwise.

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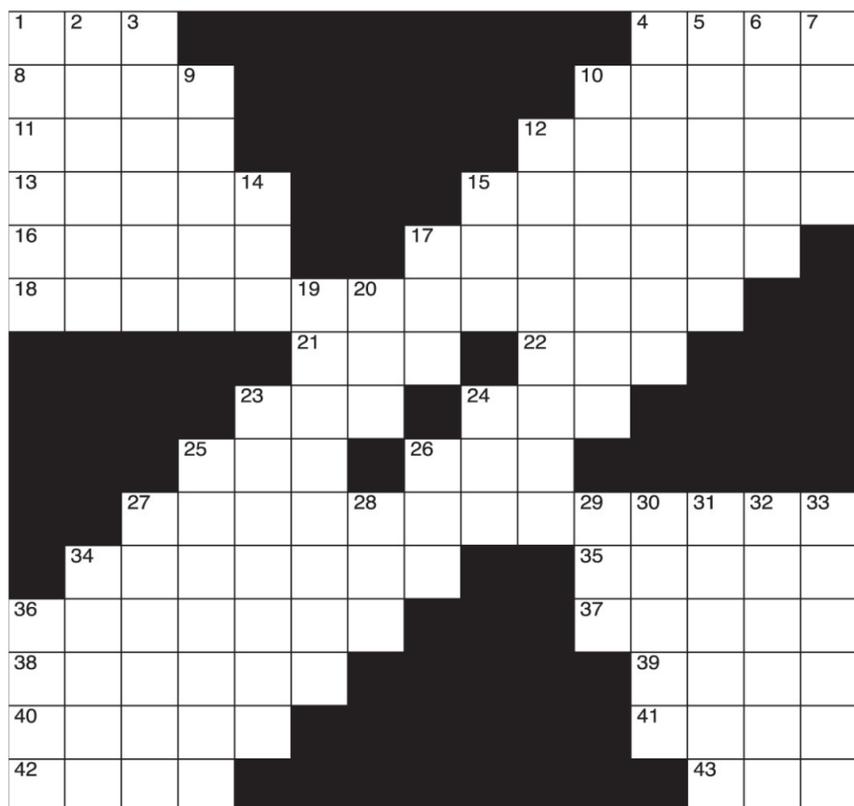
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Dated this 14th day of January, 2021

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The Citizen CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

- Adequate yearly progress (abbr.)
- Silicon Valley's specialty
- Gather a harvest
- Famed mathematician
- No (slang)
- Students use one
- Type of molecule
- Play make-believe
- Large barrel-like containers
- Touching
- Treats allergies
- Calendar month
- Single
- Cease to live

CLUES DOWN

- Used in treating bruises
- One who
- Focus
- Discomfort
- A citizen of Iran
- Trip
- Imitate
- Makes happy
- Double-reed instrument
- Body parts
- Transgressions
- One-time emperor of Russia
- Time zone

- cultivates a small estate
- One who supports the Pope
- Annuity
- Geological period
- Chinese city
- The most direct route
- Type of tooth
- ___ kosh, near Lake Winnebago
- Popular veggie
- Supervises interstate commerce
- Foolish behaviors
- Witness
- Gives

- Expression of creative skill
- A way to prop up
- Midway between northeast and east
- Winter melon
- Supernatural power
- Target
- Threes
- A type of poetic verse
- They make some people cry
- Kindest
- Forman and Ventimiglia are two
- A way to liquefy

No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.

Damages awarded following police handcuffing of six-year-old girl in 2016

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Ontario Human Rights Tribunal has ordered Peel Police to pay \$35,000 in damages due to the handcuffing of a Black six-year-old girl back in September of 2016.

On September 30, 2016, staff members at the young girl's Peel District School Board elementary school board called Peel Police in assistance of police presence due to "violent behaviour" from the young girl.

Two white Peel police officers attended the school where they bound the six-year-old by not only her wrists, but her ankles as well after the girl tried to get away from the officers. She was held in these restraints on her stomach for 28 minutes. It wasn't the first-time police were called by staff members of the school regarding the young girl.

Her family and members of the community were outraged by her treatment and pursued a civil lawsuit against Peel Police.

"While the officers had a legitimate duty to maintain the safety of the applicant, others and themselves in the circumstances where the applicant's behaviour were challenging and might have created a safety risk, this did not give them licence to treat the applicant in a way that they would not have treated a White six-year-old child in the same circumstances," said Tribunal Adjudicator Brenda Bowlby in a statement last February, where the tribunal found race to be a factor in the use of force by Peel officers.

Bowlby stated that the treatment of the young girl was shocking and punitive and found that the girl suffered severe trauma and has now shown fear of police.

The six-year-old also endured bullying and humiliation as well as shame from her friends.

"The applicant has suffered implicit harm in experiencing anti-Black racism at a very tender age," said Bowlby in a statement. "That the applicant would experience anti-Black racism at such a young age is alarming; it is clear that, because of this incident, she became aware that as a Black person, she may be subject to different treatment than a white child. The full impact of this is unknown but it is now part of the applicant's lived experience and will affect her into the future."

In addition to the amount ordered by the police force, the tribunal has also ordered Peel police to revise training and to develop a protocol response when responding to schools.

Peel Regional Police and the Board have also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) back in October to develop solutions to "identify and eliminate systemic racism in policing, promote transparency and accountability, and enhance Black, other racialized and Indigenous communities' trust in policing throughout Peel Region."

"As police leaders, we must go beyond verbal affirmations. I, along with a consortium of the willing, are making bold and meaningful changes," said Peel Police Chief Nishan Duraiappah in October. "We understand that the willingness to step out, implement changes, to drive out systemic racism without fear of failure is required and expected."

The family's identity has been protected under a publication ban, but the mother of the girl has stated in a previous news release, "I am happy this rather lengthy and difficult chapter is finally over. I can now focus on what lies ahead, which is making my daughter whole."

She added, "This decision gives my community hope where we often feel there's no recourse."

Alton Legion receives grant to help stay afloat

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Royal Canadian Legion's Alton branch has received their second round of government funding to help with expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A sum of \$10,845 has been awarded to the legion from the Veterans Organizations Emergency Support Fund. (VOESF) The program was developed to provide

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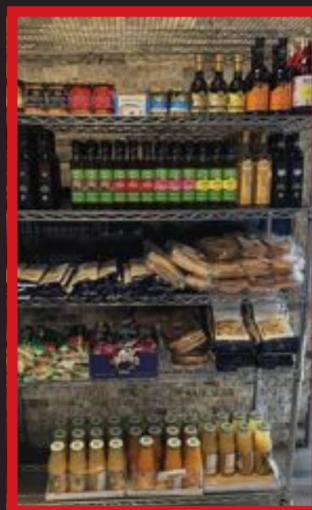
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Alton Legion receives grant to help stay afloat

non-profit and charitable veterans organizations who are experiencing hardships and challenges to keep their operations continuing amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The VOESF had a total of \$20 million available for applicants who reached availability, in which there have been 38 recipients and \$17.35 million distributed.

"I've continued to fight for our

Veterans and Legions," said Seeback on his social media. "This second funding for the Legions in Dufferin-Caledon will help ensure they may continue to keep their doors open to serve the needs of our Veterans and the vitally important role they play in our community."

For further information or to help support the Alton Legion, visit altonlegion.ca.

LEFT: Dufferin-Caledon MPP Kyle Seeback joins legion members to announce funding. PHOTO COURTESY OF KYLE SEEBACK FACEBOOK

FOCUS ON WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Happy New Year!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy 2021!



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COVID-19 Stay Vigilant. Protect Yourself. Protect Others.

The province has issued a stay-at-home order which requires everyone to remain at home with exceptions for essential purposes, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services, for exercise or for essential work.

For details please visit news.ontario.ca.

If you must interact outside of your household or essential supports, practice the Core Four actions:

- **Keep a physical distance of 2-metres**
- **Wash your hands often**
- **Wear a mask**
- **Stay home if sick**

For the most up to date information on COVID-19 visit peelregion.ca/coronavirus.

COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall



FEBRUARY 3 AT 6 P.M.

Join Dr. Lawrence Loh, Chief Medical Officer for Peel Public Health and Mayor Allan Thompson for a virtual COVID-19 Town Hall



TO PARTICIPATE:

Dial 1-833-311-4101, access code 132 525 8399# or access the live stream at caledon.ca/agenda.

HAVE A QUESTION?

Send your question in advance to mayor@caledon.ca

2021 Budget. Get Involved.

Attend the upcoming meetings and events to learn more about projects that will guide Town activities in 2021.

JANUARY 19, 2021 – 9:30 A.M.

General Committee Meeting -
2021 Proposed Budget Presentations

JANUARY 20, 2021 – 7 P.M.

Virtual Open House - Have questions about the 2021 Budget? Send them to budget@caledon.ca. Or call Service Caledon in advance of the open house: 905.584.2272 x.7750.



Learn more about the 2021 budget and to view the proposed budget highlights online visit: caledon.ca/budget

Recreation Activities

TOWN RINKS

Town of Caledon has opened four outdoor rinks this season. Based on recommendations from Peel Public Health, Town rinks require pre-registration as part of enhanced safety measures. These rinks are maintained by Town staff and must be booked in advance. Visit caledon.ca/skating for details.

COMMUNITY RINKS

These rinks are maintained by community volunteers. No reservations are required. These rinks are used at your own risk and on a first-come, first-served basis, with five participants at a time maximum. COVID-19 safety guidelines apply. Visit caledon.ca/skating for details.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

There are many virtual and outdoor opportunities for you to be active, and explore your skills and abilities. Register today for virtual programs, fitness and outdoor programs. Visit caledon.ca/recprograms for more information.



COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES

When using any skating rinks protect yourself and others:

- Do not gather in groups or use the rinks if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.
- Stay at least 2 metres away from those not part of your household.
- Wear a mask or face covering if you cannot maintain a distance of 2 metres.

PUBLIC NOTICE



Age-Friendly Caledon Notice of Public Engagement Sessions

Public engagement sessions will be held to share information on the Age-Friendly Caledon Action Plan, including survey results, background details and more.

Due to continuing efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to protect individuals, Town Hall will not be open to the public to attend these engagement sessions, and both will be held electronically via WebEx.

Session 1: January 27, 2021 at 10 a.m.
Session 2: January 28, 2021 at 1 p.m.

HOW TO LISTEN:

Call the Toll-Free Number at 1-833-311-4101. When prompted enter the Meeting Access Code followed by the pound (#) key. Please refer to the specific access codes for each session below:

Access Code for January 27: 132 998 7048#
Access Code for January 28: 132 092 1586#

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Members of the public are welcome to participate via telephone or video conference (WebEx) upon request. For more information on how to participate, please visit caledon.ca/notices. It is encouraged that members of the public request to participate in advance of the sessions.

Should you be interested in submitting written comments or questions in advance, you may do so by:

- Submit written comments or questions in advance to adult55@caledon.ca for consideration during the public engagement session. *Please note that written comments will form part of the public record.
- If you have questions about the process, please contact the Adult 55+ Coordinator during regular office hours by phone at 905.584.2272 x. 4106 or by email to katie.sawyers@caledon.ca.
- Booking an appointment to speak to the Adult 55+ Coordinator in advance of the Public Engagement Session.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information about this Public Engagement Session, please visit caledon.ca/notices or contact the Adult 55+ Coordinator from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ACCESSIBILITY:

If you require an accessibility accommodation to participate in these Public Engagement Sessions, or to access any materials related to this item in an alternate format please contact Legislative Services by phone at 905.584.2272 x.2366 or by email at legislative.services@caledon.ca. Requests should be submitted at least 10 days before the Public Engagement Session.

Notice Date: January 14, 2021; and January 21, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR Whispering Pines Infiltration Facilities Retrofit, Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

THE PROJECT:

The Town of Caledon (the Town) has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Schedule A+ study of three Storm Water Management (SWM) facilities that service the Whispering Pines subdivision on Cranston Road between Mountainview Road and Airport Road. The facilities were constructed over 30 years ago to control stormwater quantity and quality. The facilities are reported to be underperforming, and the purpose of this Class EA is to identify the cause(s) of the poor performance and to evaluate alternative solutions to retrofit the facilities. Ecosystem Recovery Inc. had been retained by the Town to complete the study.

The study identified alternatives to improve and manage stormwater management concerns in the study area. Through public consultation and a technical review of alternatives, preferred alternative solutions were selected and concepts were developed for the alternatives to move towards a detailed design and construction phase of the project.

THE PROCESS:

The Class EA study was completed in accordance with the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act and will cover all necessary phases of the Schedule 'A+' EA Process. The Schedule 'A+' process applied to municipal projects regarding normal maintenance and operational activities. This process also included public engagement, and there was opportunity throughout the process for public input, including a Public Information Centres (PIC) which took place on October 15, 2019. The preferred alternatives for each SWMF are:

SWMF 29: Re-Establish design intent, improve drainage and sediment capture conditions. The design intent will be re-established through increasing the size of the infiltration well to infiltrate runoff faster, and sediment capture conditions will be improved through implementing an Oil and Grit Separator (OGS) and vegetated filter strips. An OGS will be installed on-line the inlet pipe and vegetated filter strips will be implemented to provide water quality treatment of runoff to enable the SWMF to qualify for Environmental Compliance Approval from the MECP.

SWMF 30: Complete maintenance works and implement an Oil and Grit Separator (OGS) upstream of the SWMF inlet. Maintenance works involve cleaning sediment accumulation from the inlet area of the SWMF. An OGS will be installed on-line the inlet pipe to provide water quality treatment of runoff to enable the SWMF to qualify for Environmental Compliance Approval from the MECP.

SWMF 36: Complete maintenance works and restore design conditions. This solution involves repairing and replacing damaged conveyance culverts as required and excavating the percolation pit to restore the required storage volumes for the SWMF to function in accordance with the original SWM report.

PROJECT REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

With the completion of the study, the Project File Report has been prepared and will be available for public and agency review on the Town of Caledon website for a 45-day review period, starting from January 14, 2021 and ending on February 28, 2021.

Details on how to obtain a copy of the report: caledon.ca/notices

If you have any accessibility requirements in order to be able to comment on the above report, please contact the Project Manager as soon as possible.

If, after reading the report, you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and may be released, if requested, to any person.



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Brock's Banter

The Value of Vigilance

Written By BROCK WEIR

Since we began this long, challenging journey, we have not only shifted our thinking on many things but our vocabulary as well.

Although absolutely necessary, I'm sure we're all longing for the days when we no longer have to hear "pivot" in a business context, leaving it strictly for the choreography crowd. Our present "new normal" is losing whatever novelty it ever had. "Frontlines" are no longer just theatres of war, but places our family, friends, neighbours and even ourselves experience on an everyday basis, fighting an invisible foe. A "pandemic" is no longer a vague notion that impacts some form of "other." It is now very much a part of our lives.

"Vigilance" is another one of those words we have heard time and time again for the last 10 months, with its weight increasing with each passing week as numbers continue to rise. We hear it daily from our elected officials at every level of government. We are urged to exercise at least once a week from our respective medical officers of health and, if we're not urged to exercise it, we're invariably told to keep these muscles taut for any eventuality.

In these cases, vigilance is exercised by practicing such well-reasoned public safety measures as limiting public gatherings, avoiding unnecessary travel, staying home except for essential services, and, you know, following the law by wearing masks inside the limited number of stores we can access and when social distancing is simply impossible.

If the last 10 months have taught us anything, it is that some people aren't equipped to – no, are simply too selfish to exercise this vigilance.

Most of us are, and most of us are tired of it, but we are going to soldier on until the light that is currently at the end of the tunnel engulfs us and guides us to better days.

Until that time, we must tackle being vigilant with renewed determination and vigour.

Little over twelve hours after last week's editions of The Auran and The New Tecumseth Times went to press, I got up to tackle The Citizen. Focus had to be squarely on the job at hand. The stories that needed to go on the page were largely complete, items from columnists and so forth had rolled in over the night. By midday, it was a matter of assembly and placing content on the page.

As I'm sure many of you were, I had another screen going as I tackled the paper. If you're politically inclined as I am you were dialled into the news outlet of your choice to watch history unfold as the U.S. Congress gathered to officially confirm what had been known to us by the first weekend of November.

Although it was technically a formality and we knew what the outcome would be despite the best and worst efforts of some parties, it was an undoubtedly historic moment that few wanted to miss.

Alas, we had to wait until the wee hours of the morning to see the day's original objective play out.

What started off as a historic ceremony

with a rather sad-looking protest going on a few blocks away quickly descended into chaos that ultimately cost lives, including those of two police officers. What some had described as an attempt at a "bloodless coup" earlier in the day, quickly saw blood spilled and presented us with difficult-to-process images the likes of which had never been seen before.

Reaction was swift around the globe and, outside of the United States, nearly uniform in its shock and horror at this act of domestic terrorism.

"What we witnessed was an assault on democracy by violent rioters, incited by the current president and other politicians," said Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Friday. "As shocking, deeply disturbing, and frankly saddening as that event remains – we also have seen this week that democracy is resilient in America, our closest ally and neighbour."

Michael Chong, a member of the Conservative Opposition's Shadow Cabinet, said: "The violence of an unruly mob incited by outgoing President Trump that attacked America's national legislature in Washington, DC, that was meeting to certify the results of the recent US election, is an affront to the shared principles that both Canada and the United States have had in common for more than a century.

"Principles such as a belief in democracy and the rule of law, and in the peaceful transition of power based on democratic elections. Conservatives call on President Trump and his supporters to respect the will of the American people, respect the will of the states who have confirmed these results and respect the will of the American courts that have reaffirmed these results."

I write this on Sunday night, when what we saw still feels surreal and raw. I have my news outlet of choice running on that other screen just within my line of sight. At this writing, reports indicate the Vice President still is yet to decide whether or not to invoke the 25th Amendment, the Democrats are poised to introduce a second round of impeachment articles, the President is banned from his bully pulpit for inciting insurrection and goodness knows what tomorrow will bring.

If the events of January 6, 2021 have taught us anything it is the world can change on a dime and the various institutions we sometimes take for granted yet hold dear when we're simply reminded of it, can come under siege at a moment's notice.

We might seem a world away from what is going on in Washington, but, at the end of the day, our neighbours' house experienced a devastating fire and the embers, at least at this point, show no signs of cooling.

It is incumbent upon all of us to stay vigilant that sparks from the embers don't continue to spread across the border and start a fire of its own.

On Wednesday, we saw a country reach a crossroads and we need to work together to ensure we never find ourselves in such a situation. As the Prime Minister said last week, "Democracy is not automatic – it takes work every day."

Collectively.



Aging is part of the journey to what's next

by Mark Pavilons



I have a few body parts that aren't too pleased with me.

At least that's how my family doctor put it to me recently. A nice way of saying I have some age-related failings.

I recently developed pain in my neck, shoulder and upper arm. Since I am not a professional baseball pitcher and no longer use a jackhammer, I'm not sure where my unkid soreness originated.

My MD said some are old stresses, with related calcium deposits. And there's a bit of arthritis creeping in.

Arthritis? Isn't that what seniors get? OMG.

Dashing to and fro, and infrequently glancing in the mirror, I had considered myself a dashing 40-something. In reality, I overstayed my welcome in that age bracket long ago.

Inside this happy-go-lucky comedic body is, alas, an aging machine. Even though it was made perfectly, as all human babies are, that was a while ago. Heck, the year I was created, things like microwaves and even push-button phones did not exist! Oh, woe is me!

While galivanting around the cosmos is for the young, I really hope I haven't outlived my usefulness.

I gave up my dream of being a Chippendale dancer many moons ago, long before I ever heard of Spanx. Even with some modern, form-fitting bodywear, I'd still look like Mr. Potato Head after being stretched in a medieval rack.

But maybe I can trick my body, and defy nature. Perhaps I can cheat the aging process with copious amounts of magnesium, milk thistle and turmeric. I could even take a bath in Epsom salts.

It's funny, you know, this aging thing. When I look at my wife and I, I really believe the years have been kind to us. I don't feel much different than I did when we were married. Okay, my sprints are shorter and "Starsky and Hutching" it over the hood of my Buick is now out of the question.

But as we share the effects of gravity, it just gives us even more character. My laugh lines are even more pronounced, maybe because I continue to chuckle on a daily basis.

I do spout off aloud in the comfort of my home that I'm getting too old for this or that. While my young, witty charges respond with snappy barbs, my wife says it's an excuse. Sure it is, but what excuses are left? As a responsible spouse, parent and homeowner, I simply can't say "I don't want to."

And yet, that's how my middle child responds when I ask about certain chores.

No one WANTS to, but often we HAVE to.

It's just like aging. No one wants to deteriorate, slow down and suffer from a loss of our senses.

Everyone in my household says I'm losing my hearing. So, the TV has to go up a notch and obviously everyone around me is mumbling! I could just twist my head around to the good side!

Many "experts" will say that age is all in the mind, and there are many ways to stay fit and young at heart. That's true. But what's also a scientific fact is that many of our inner processes, hormones and various other chemicals, all change, slow down and work less efficiently. This all leads to a slow degeneration. All the walks in the forest and dark green veggies won't change that.

Is it attitude, genetics, the environment or metaphysical influences that impact our aging process?

Maybe all of the above.

Of course, there is one option, albeit a bit out of reach at this point in time. Astronauts don't age at the same rate as we down here on terra firma.

So, my friends, the answer is for all of us to get shot into space!

I'm in. While some view death as the "final adventure," I happen to think outer space is where it's at.

But then again, we can always turn to our faith, and even the supernatural to give us some eternal hope.

An interesting Netflix show on near-death experiences and other related phenomena piqued my interest.

One woman surgeon technically drowned, and was "dead" for roughly 30 minutes before being revived.

Most medical practitioners say that's far too long to ever be revived successfully. She told her story of visiting a serene, euphoric plane of existence. Aside from the marvels of this apparent glimpse into the afterlife, she received word that her eldest son would not live past 19. She lived with that "knowledge" for a decade before it actually came to pass.

Others profiled in the show reported leaving their bodies briefly and having a look around the operating room, watching the goings-on. Their accurate descriptions caught doctors by surprise. They all said there is simply no way the person could have seen or heard those events.

Another episode featured channelling mediums.

While some of this has to be taken with a grain of salt, almost every culture and religion on the planet believes in some form of afterlife, or life everlasting. The miracle of Christ's resurrection is something we're all familiar with.

There are also thousands of near-death experiences on file, so it makes one stop and ponder.

I've often believed that this existence on Earth can't be all there is. It's too self-centred, often too painful, to be all there is.

Critics will say that religion and the belief in an afterlife are only coping mechanisms.

But our universe, our understanding of existence, is still so new that I believe anything, and I mean anything, is possible.

So, friends, enjoy the aging process. We'll all be joking about it on the other side!

Our Readers Write

CCS thanks community for "tremendous" support

Caledon, hello! Even on the coldest of days in the midst of a long winter season you are people with the warmest of hearts!

I wanted to share my gratitude with you. Just before the holiday season, the Exchange pantry shelves were almost bare. We were concerned that we would not have enough healthy food to support our most vulnerable neighbours. Granted, we're also finding it challenging during this pandemic to process food donations because we have no volunteer support to receive and sort. That's why we asked the community to shift their food support to grocery card donations during Santa Fund.

Nonetheless, we always need to ensure that our food shelves are well-stocked. So, I also did a shout out on CCS' social media to encourage food drives to replenish supplies. In less than a month, the Caledon

community rallied and filled the Exchange food pantry overflowing with food supplies in our warehouse and spilling into our meeting rooms! There are no words.

Thank you, Caledon for your tremendous support. We are well-stocked now to support the hundreds of families needing food support for the next few winter months.

Even though things are extremely challenging for everyone during this pandemic, our community steps up and is strong for those needing support and compassion. I'm so proud of the work CCS/the Exchange have been able to do to support those in need in our community with your help and so proud to live and work in Caledon.

Kim D'Er

Manager, Exchange
Caledon Community Services

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Chasing ghosts

Several years ago, I was invited to attend a family party on a rural property to document the event for a newspaper article.

The party was held to recognize the family's anniversary of arriving on Canadian soil from the Netherlands in the 1950s.

They had moved into their newly built house the previous year. It was a nice property surrounded by trees with a long driveway.

I was speaking to the home owner and asked him about the work it took building his new house on a treed lot.

He explained they had cleared the lot using chainsaws. After cutting down the trees to make room for the house and a yard, they had to reduce the trees to single logs which were they placed on the back of a flatbed truck using a crane.

Once loaded up, the truck pulled onto the paved road and made an easy journey to the saw mill some 50 miles away.

The homeowner made some money back by selling the hardwood to the mill.

"That must have been a tough job doing all that yourself?" I asked him.

He admitted it was a hard job with a lot

of "back-breaking" work to get all those trees cut and the land cleared.

Now imagine the same scenario of clearing that land and building the house in a different way.

You don't get to use a chainsaw - you have to use a hand-held axe. Instead of loading those heavy logs on a flatbed truck with a crane, you use your own muscle power and it is a pair of oxen that pull the cart - onto a muddy pathway, not a road.

Even then you won't sell those logs. You'll use them to build the home you will live in because there are no places to buy building supplies and there are no tradesmen you can hire to help you do the job.

That was the reality for the early settlers in the region.

And that was only the start of a very difficult situation. Once you have your home built, you will have to have enough food stored to survive the winter.

When the spring rolls around, it starts all over again but an even tougher task is ahead. You have to clear a lot of land, rocks, trees, and tree stumps to make the land suitable

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



for farming.

Early immigrants arrived in the Region with hopes and dreams of a new life. Whether they realized how difficult it would really be is hard to say.

I'm sure there was more than one early young pioneer wife who thought it may have been a mistake leaving her small village in Ireland to sign up for life in the backwoods of a new colony.

Everything ahead of them had to be carved out of a wild, open area with no support behind them at all. You couldn't find a doctor if you needed one because there weren't any.

If you got sick, the best you could do was hope some home remedy worked. If the bull in your pasture got the better of you one day and left you with a pile of broken bones, your chances of survival would be slim to none, and you spent your last couple of days in the cabin waiting for the end.

It was a tough life.

Considering our towns and cities in North America were essentially built from scratch,

it is important to remember the early pioneers who paved the way and provided the foundation of what is a rather cushy modern life.

Many of those early pioneers are now only remembered in the form of a name and a date etched into granite or limestone in scattered pioneer cemeteries, while others are simply lost in time or buried in forgotten and unmarked graves in the back-40 of some farm pasture.

While many families eventually moved on to greener pastures, in some areas those pioneer names are still around and, in some cases, the family farm has been passed down through the generations.

It is important to remember these early pioneers and the legacy they have left behind.

That legacy continues to our current day and will be passed down to the generations still to come.

SHERALYN ROMAN TALK CALEDON



Let's Try Again

So, my mum and I were talking the other day and, as mothers sometimes do, she pointed out an "opportunity for improvement," sharing with me that she's found my articles a bit depressing of late.

Even my most recent attempt was a failed effort - when I asked you all to judge my sense of optimism. She very kindly suggested that perhaps I had misconstrued the definition of optimist with pessimist. So, here I am again this week making another attempt, this time with her help, to be happy and positive as we collectively continue to stare down the face of yet more pandemic pathos. You can't blame me this time, Mum - some of this content came from you!

Things to be grateful for right here in Caledon:

Our health. Ok, so this one is easy, if you've managed to escape the dreaded plague, obviously you should be grateful, and we are. If your only issue is a mild case of seasonal affective disorder, consider yourself lucky and move on. If, on the other hand, your mental health has taken a nose dive into the dumpster because you haven't seen friends or family since last March - after Tuesday's news from Mr. Ford, it's not looking good - you might want to grab a blanket, some cozy pj's and get comfortable. For the record, I am NOT making light of mental health issues. I

seriously think we better start pouring significant funds towards the care and support of those of us who really are starting to experience more than just a touch of S.A.D.

Caledon has so much to offer. We are blessed with an abundance of community centres, offering wellness opportunities, swimming and skating and more, making Caledon a great place for families. Except, we can't use them right now. I mean, maybe you could skate, which is to say TEN of you can skate. At one time. TEN. So, call ahead people or, I guess, be prepared to wait, and wait, and wait. Maybe if we get lucky, the weather will at least help those community ice pads to be flooded and operational faster meaning at least a few more of us could hit the ice. Except now with new lockdown rules we can't have more than 5 people gather, even when outside. Perhaps we should just hold a lottery to see who's the one lucky Caledon family that can skate this winter!

That Caledon has so many lovely stores. I love our local small business owners. We want to support local and we love that the Town of Caledon is working hard to promote "LoveLocalCaledon." You can buy books, clothes; visit the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker (I couldn't resist) except wait, that's right, you can't. Well, you can, for curbside pickup, but it's not like we can browse and enjoy a nice

day out shopping. Unless, of course, we go to a big box store where even during a provincial emergency you can browse to your hearts content. Unless, of course, good old Doug is roaming the aisles like an 800-pound gorilla!

Restaurants around Town are amazing. We have an abundance of fantastic and unique dining opportunities in Caledon. Many types of food, representative of many different parts of the world, are available here to enjoy. Mum and I just hope you like your own living room because the only place you might enjoy "dining out" anytime soon is by dining in with take out. Oh, the juxtaposition!

Our abundant trails, hills and conservation areas. When all else fails at least you can get outdoors! Fresh air is good for us, exercise is good for us and being outside even opens up the potential for you to walk (at a social distance, of course) with friends or family members. Of course, you can't hear one another talk because masks muffle the sound meaning there's no point in talking - and besides, who's got anything interesting to say anyway? It's not like we're an MPP or Hospital CEO who just came back from a great holiday in the DR or St. Bart's and have lots of "hilarious" stories and pictures to share!

It's a beautiful place to call home! At least, when all else fails, during a lockdown in winter, you have a good excuse to stay home and watch movies. That is, unless you rely on the Internet, which is problematic in Caledon, to put it mildly. Good job our libraries and rec centres offer free wifi because it's not just movies we'll need it for; we'll all be working from home again too. Do you think a group of parked cars might be considered an illegal gathering?

While writing this article, Mum wanted to me to note that she found one "Good News" story to share. On a positive note, apparently greenhouse gas emissions are down - as a direct result of the pandemic. Yay us! It only took an actual plague to achieve this significant milestone. Still, Mother Nature thanks you! Now, let's just hope all those Caledon residents congregating with engines running in the dead of winter trying to access a wifi signal don't push us back over the edge! Seriously folks, if you don't laugh you'll cry...and if we start crying, there's no telling when we'll stop. I'll try again next week Mum. xo

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What is Running? Bolton native Justin Jelaca will tell you

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

When Justin Jelaca was just eight years old, he was fascinated with watching the cross-country team.

His father, John, was the head coach at Ellwood Memorial Public School.

Every day, the team would meet up in Mr. Jelaca's classroom to eat lunch. Justin would follow.

In the classroom that day, Mr. Jelaca asked his son if he would like to become a runner. But Justin, full of innocence and curiosity, answered this question with a

question of his own.

"I just asked him, 'what is running?' And he just said, 'you will be part of a team, like you are in soccer. You will train. You will run and race against other kids your age,'" Jelaca said.

Both of his parents were runners growing up. He lived in the environment, surrounded by running shoes ready for long-distance extravaganzas.

His twin sister, Taryn, had already been gearing herself up to follow in the

footsteps of mom and dad. Jelaca wasn't entirely sure if he really wanted to become a runner. Once his sister pricked through his barrier of doubts, she influenced him to become one – and he's never looked back.

Jelaca entered his first race at Albion Mills the same year.

"I look back on it now, being the runner that I am, I laugh at myself," Jelaca chuckled.

Less than 100 metres to go, he let his teammate and friend pass him. Instead of finishing third he finished fourth.

His mother came to him and offered a piece of constructive advice: don't do that again.

He never did. He joined 310 Running in the same year, and began piecing himself together as a runner.

When he moved up to Allen Drive Middle School, he became better. He was faster and, in Grade 8, he understood the gap between running recreationally and pursuing this as an athlete.

"That's really when the first sign of me really wanting to take this sport seriously started," he said.

"I started learning there's running in the Olympics and running professionally."

He trained with the Humberview Secondary School team. He travelled to Senigallia, Italy with Team Canada to compete. Everything had slowly become surreal.

In his first year of high school at Humberview, he qualified for the cross-country team and punched his ticket to OFSAA in November. He finished 12th in the third-largest, cross-country championship in North America.

Jelaca knew the winner of the OFSAA competition. He was part of Toronto West Athletics. In the latter half of Grade Nine, Jelaca made the decision to move to the club.

In the summer of Grade 10, he began organizing a list of schools he was interested in going to.

Sure, the big names were on the front page of his Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. Who doesn't want to go to Purdue or Duke?

He filled out questionnaires. Then his father asked him a question he holds dear to this day.

"Do you want to be a big fish in a small pond or small fish in a big pond?"

And that struck him. He continued to research and a school came into the picture he never would have expected: The University of North Dakota. They had been tracking Jelaca since Grade 11.

Everything had been copacetic so far. So, why now, something to throw him off? He told himself it shouldn't matter where the school is. It should matter if



It was in Grade Eight when Justin Jelaca (Number 6) began to realize he could do something with cross-country and, today, he has proudly earned himself a scholarship to the University of North Dakota, studying aviation.

PHOTO BY MARK DWYER

He remains motivated – by doubt. Jelaca says there are a lot of people who criticize running as a sport. They believe it's easy, when, in reality, it's a very mentally-driven competition.

His father told him this game is 10 per cent physical and 90 per cent mental. But Jelaca has developed a 100 per cent ideology towards the mental side. He drew influences from a sports psychologist and he feels better than ever to head south of the border this summer to compete in Div. 1 in the NCAA.

So, when asked what running is now, the 17-year-old Bolton native has found a very different response than his eight-year-old self.

"Running is this broad sport that has very many different meanings to people. Many people do it for many reasons," Jelaca began to explain.

"And it draws in every kind of person. You have the Paralympics. The Olympics. You have the North Americans. The Europeans. It draws in everybody."

his tide will ebb out from the sea onto the shore; in other words, put him in a better position to take the next step.

The program is led by Christine Engel and Cale Wallace, both with numerous track accolades of their own.

The program has fresh names such as Luke Labatte and Alec Nelson. It was the right fit. On November 26, 2020, Jelaca became a Fighting Hawk.

He continues to improve. This past year, prior to COVID, he finished first in the 800m and 3000m competitions for Ontario U-20. He also finished

first in the 1500m race at Hal Brown Memorial Track and Field Centre in Toronto.

He's worked on himself in areas that he wouldn't have the chance to because of the virus.

This past summer, in unofficial, inter-club races with Toronto West Athletics, he ran a staggering 3:57 in 1500m and 1:56 in 800m.

He's excited to experience freedom and dive into one of the best aviation programs in the country with an aspiration of one day becoming a pilot. He'll take life into his own hands now. Something he's always wanted.

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Robert's Rant:

The Excitement doesn't get any better than this

Written By ROBERT BELARDI
OPINION

The Provincial government gave the a-ok for Ottawa and Toronto to play home games in their arenas. Canada gave the nod for hockey to return. For the first time in the NHL, Canadians will be witnessing an all-Canadian division.

One that was branded because of the coronavirus. If it's one positive that has come out from all of this is hockey will be here for the NHL's 56-game regular season schedule.

The season kicked off Wednesday, as it traditionally has, with the Montreal Canadiens taking on the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Both clubs have been quite busy this off-season. The Maple Leafs acquired more grit and depth, with veteran talents Joe Thornton and Wayne Simmonds. The Maple Leafs' defence, which has been heavily criticized in the past few seasons, got their hands on the former Calgary Flames' second-hand man T.J. Brodie and snagged Zach Bogosian off of free agency.

The Habs played their part too, bringing in former Stanley Cup champion Corey Perry and a slew of other moves at the forward position with Tyler Toffoli, Josh Anderson and veteran Michael Frolik. Oh, and let's not forget Joel Edmundson on the back line and one of the best back-up goaltenders in the NHL in Jake Allen.

This is no discredit to other Canadian teams who have also made some roster changes. That would include the Canucks bringing in Braydon Holby from the Washington Capitals. Even Jakob Markstrom to the Calgary Flames, perhaps.

In its totality, Canadian clubs have been assertive in the market this off-season. The last time any Canadian team made it somewhat far in the playoffs was in 2017, when the Ottawa Senators bowed out against the Pittsburgh Penguins in a gut-wrenching double overtime loss in the Eastern Conference finals.

Across all seven Canadian teams, there have been 48 free-agency signings and 13 trades involving at least one Canadian team in the transaction since the play-in series.

Alone, the Maple Leafs signed eight players off of free agency and were involved in two trades. The Habs signed four free agents and were involved in two trades, as well.

The Calgary Flames have been the busiest of the bunch this off-season, signing 11 free agents and the Ottawa Senators have been the most aggressive on the trade market with seven deals completed.

Nonetheless, the aggressiveness from all Canadian clubs has been outstanding. But specifically heading into this shortened NHL season, the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Montreal Canadiens look to lead the pack. Fitting for the two most historic teams in the country.

The Maple Leafs are well-adorned with star-studded talent and the Habs look like the team equipped with the most depth than any other roster.

And, if you ask any Maple Leafs fan what they want in this life, it's to see the beloved blue and white win the cup. If you ask any Montreal Canadiens fan, they'll tell you it's to see the 25th Stanley Cup banner raised in the Bell Centre.

Both clubs have everything to prove. Head coach Sheldon Keefe picked up from Mike Babcock and is slowly building his club to a championship pedigree. Claude Julien showed last year Montreal's 12 place finish was simply an anomaly.

Sure, pundits are also currently predicting the Winnipeg Jets to have their say in this division and with Connor Hellebuyck backing them up between the pipes, it's a fair proposition. Then there's Patrick Laine trade rumors swirling around the NHL. But that doesn't matter. The Jets have everything to prove too since losing Dustin Byfuglien and other defensive machines like Jacob Trouba and Tyler Myers.

But the teams that are ready to make a push will be Toronto and Montreal. It took a pandemic for the Stanley Cup to be hoisted on home soil last year and it wasn't even a Canadian team lifting the illustrious trophy more than six-feet off of the ground.

Yes, players who are Canadian do bring the cup back home to show off to their hometowns. But it's been since the 1993 Montreal Canadiens that it hasn't had the chance to remain here. The trophy must be a tad homesick now and teams wouldn't want anything more than to give the fans in a city something to be happy about.

Community comes together to raise funds for one special resident



16-year-old Sam Spiteri underwent major surgery, and his family is turning towards the community in order to help with therapy and living expenses.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ANNETTE GROVES

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Members of the community have gathered together to raise funds for one local resident in need to support.

16-year-old Sam Spiteri was born with Cerebral Palsy, epilepsy and scoliosis. He has recently undergone surgery at Sick Kids hospital to ease pain he endures in his lower limbs, hips and back.

Fortunately, Sam was able to make it home for Christmas and the holidays, but now the Spiteri family are dealing with his long-term care at home, along with therapy costs.

A Go Fund Me donation page has been organized by members of the Spiteri family in order get help from the community to help Sam.

The fundraiser states, "funds raised

will be used towards remodeling his bedroom and washroom to be fully accessible. Further funds will be used for at home OT, PT and massage not covered by OHIP."

Ward 5 Regional Councillor Annette Groves has been advocates for Sam and his family for the past decade and continues to support the family by encouraging the Caledon community to participate in fundraising.

"I met Sam and his family about 10 years ago when I received a call from his mother regarding their concern with the Town of Caledon trying to take his pony away," said Groves. "I received a call recently from his father regarding the surgery Sam had and they needed to raise funds for his therapy."

Sam had pony that was used to help strengthen his legs, but due to complaints from local neighbours, the Town attempted to take the pony away. With the help of Councillor Groves, the pony was able to continue helping Sam.

Councillor Groves has once again dedicated herself to helping Sam, now with donations.

"I reached out to some of corporate citizens and when I explained to them what Sam needed...they didn't hesitate. We still [need] to raise money for him because we are about \$10,000 short," said Groves. "Sam's parents also had to purchase a van with a lift to be able to transport him to and from therapy and other places."

Through the help of community members, Councillor Groves raised \$11,000 to donate to help with Sam's therapy and other needs he has. But due to the costly expenses of therapy, the family is in need of \$25,000 in total.

The Go Fund Me page has over \$9,000 raised for the family but is still in need of more support.

Councillor Groves is encouraging members of the community to help the Spiteri family by making donations, no matter what amount, to help with the therapy expenses as well as living at home care expenses.

To help Sam and his family, visit gofundme.com and look up Sam's Home for Christmas Fund to make a donation.

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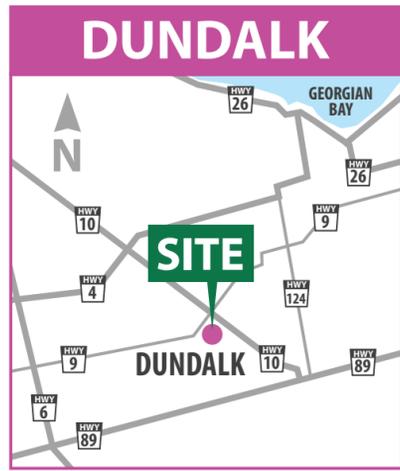
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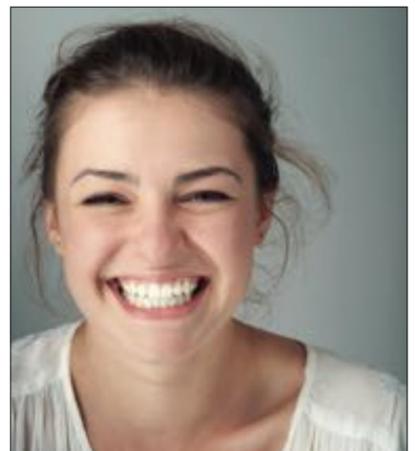
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Dentist who lost wife and daughter on Flight PS752 fights to seek justice

Dr. Esmailion, who has been working in the dentistry industry for the past 17 years, has practiced in Caledon, Aurora and Richmond Hill since moving to Canada in 2010. His wife and daughter were visiting family in Iran over the holidays and were returning home where they were transferred to a connecting flight – Flight PS752.

“This whole year has been like a nightmare for me,” he said.

In the beginning, Iranian officials declared no participation in the events. As investigations were pursued and evidence collected, Iran admitted to their involvement.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau later assigned Ralph Goodale in March as his special advisor in order to “examine lessons learned from the crash of Flight PS752 and other air disasters, develop a framework to guide Canada’s response to international air disasters, provide recommendations on best practices, including advice on tools and mechanisms needed to prevent future events.”

Mr. Goodale released a report this past December which strongly underscored the importance of taking care of the families who’ve lost loved ones.

“Each encounter is profoundly emotional because the families’ grief and anguish are so real and ongoing,” he stated. “They tell their personal stories. They describe their loved ones, now gone. They mourn the rich human potential so cruelly destroyed. They ask questions. They yearn for the truth.”

Families from Iran, Afghanistan, Sweden, Ukraine and the United Kingdom also lost loved ones.

After the loss of his two family members, Dr. Esmailion went back to work but found he couldn’t continue full-time. In order to work and fight against getting the truth behind the tragedy, he, along with other family members of the victims of Flight PS742, organized an association in order to inform the public of recent news and to seek justice.

“I lost two people,” said Dr. Esmailion. “We passed one year. One year is nothing compared to the life span of a human being. I couldn’t do anything else, I needed to know what happened to my wife and my daughter.”

PS752 Justice is a non-profit organization developed by the group of families of the victims of Flight PS752, for which Dr. Esmailion is the spokesperson.

Their mission, according to their website is “to unite the grieving families, keep the memories of the passengers alive, and most importantly seek justice. We are determined to uncover the truth and find out why a commercial flight was shot down by IRGC’s missiles. We will staunchly seek justice until



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the culprits, perpetrators and commanders of this atrocious crime are identified and brought to justice before an impartial and independent court.”

“The story behind it is very complicated. It’s very hard to understand the chain of events that ended up murdering 176 people,” said Dr. Esmailion. “It’s a constant fight. Before all this we were ordinary people living in Canada, living in Richmond Hill. Then in three minutes, life changes. You have to tell yourself why, why this happened to me and it’s very difficult to answer. But you have two options: just sit at home and cry for the rest of your life or stand up and fight. So, [the] majority of the families chose the second one.”

The downing of the Flight PS752, came about during high tensions between Iran and the United States. Just five days beforehand, the U.S launched a drone that killed Iranian Major General Qasem Soleimani. The same day as the downing of Flight PS752, Iran launched missiles at the U.S military bases in Iraq.

A timeline of events is provided on the PS752 Justice website along with other updates, news, and actions being held in order to seek the truth, as well as justice.

“Justice for us, and closure for us is to see the criminals in an international court,” said Dr. Esmailion. “There’s a long way to go. We are fighting with the government of Iran,

but here we have to encourage and push our government forward. They have been very supportive, but after a year, there’s no truth. There’s no justice yet.”

A major virtual memorial event was held to honour the victims of Flight PS752 on January 7 and January 8. The event was live streamed on the association’s YouTube channel, beginning at the same time the fateful flight took off one year ago.

The event included videos and photos provided from the families of the victims and biographies were read out. A short movie of the children who lost their lives was aired, as well as a social distanced rally took place in Toronto where family members of the victims walked together from University of Toronto’s front campus and concluding at City Hall.

Government officials also shared their words on the anniversary, including Premier Doug Ford who stated, “All Ontarians grieve with you. Our government continues to support our federal counterparts working with the international community to pursue accountability, reparations and justice.”

“This tragedy will never be forgotten. Together, the people of Ontario will move forward to ensure respect for international law and advocate for the rights of victims and their families. 138 had ties to Canada. Some go to Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton, Halifax, and 88 of them came from On-

tario. I can tell you that the Iranian Canadian community that’s up to 400,000 of people in Canada, they’re all affected, even the people who didn’t know anybody on the plane. All of these community members think, okay I’ve been there, and I could have been there on that flight.”

“Everybody sees themselves in that flight. That’s why it’s not difficult to keep the memory alive among the Iranian Canadian community,” said Dr. Esmailion.

As majority of the news since March of last year has revolved around the COVID-19 pandemic, PS752 Justice wasn’t able to clearly state their mission, but as the anniversary came around, they were able to speak to a wider audience.

They fear they will be put into the dark once again but will continue to work together as a unit to inform and educate the public and seek justice.

“My whole life is dedicated to PS752 Justice,” said Dr. Esmailion.

A fundraiser is also continuously ongoing to help PS752 Justice continue to conduct their work. They have organized a Go Fund Me page which has reached over \$160,000. The fundraiser can be found at gofundme.com/under/HelpUsToKeepUpTheFightForJustice/

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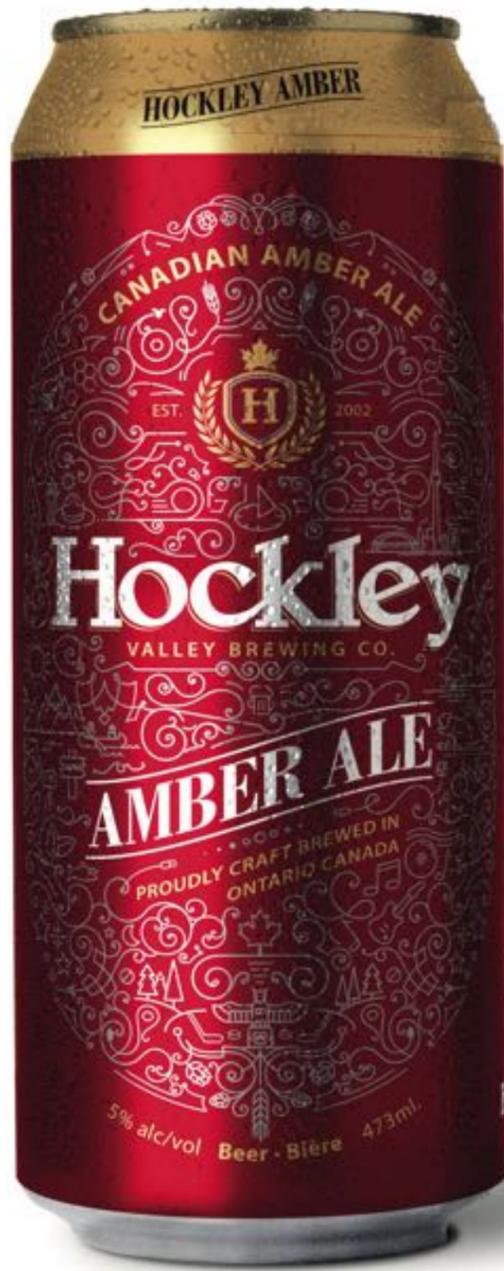
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