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GEARING UP FOR SENIORS' MONTH – The Caledon Public Library (CPL) has long been a hub for local seniors – as demonstrated here prior to present stay-at-home orders by CPL employee Jaspreet Sekhon assisting Joan Shortt with technology at the Inglewood branch – and their efforts are set to only ramp up in June for Seniors' Month. For more on what CPL and the Town of Caledon have in store, see Page 5. **PHOTO COURTESY OF CPL**

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Peel approaching milestones with vaccination efforts

"We know this is our shot," says Dr. Loh

BY ROB PAUL

With the Government of Ontario extending the provincial COVID-19 stay-at-home order until at least June 2, Peel continues to make waves in their vaccination campaign.

The Region has now administered 864,927 doses of the vaccine with 148,102 over the last recorded seven-day period (May 11 to 18) and 30,088 individuals have completed their vaccination.

That's over 100,000 more doses administered in Peel in the last week with nearly 25,000 more than the last seven-day period recorded (May 4 to 11).

Peel is beginning to approach milestone numbers with 47.1 per cent of resident having received a dose of the vaccine and 59 per cent of Peel adults (18-plus) having at least one dose.

With the continued uptick in COVID doses being administered, Peel has 105,404 total

cases of COVID-19, a nearly 4,000 case increase since last week. 4,233 of the total cases are from Caledon—an increase of 102 since last week.

The death toll now sits at 747 in Peel, 18 of which are from Caledon—that's 14 more total deaths in the Region since last Tuesday, with three from Caledon.

As Peel continues to surpass vaccination goals, it has also expanded eligibility.

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COVID-19 Internet Grant Program officially launched

BY ROB PAUL

On Monday, May 17, the Town of Caledon officially launched its COVID-19 Internet Grant Program.

At a Council meeting last month, Caledon Council directed staff to develop an internet grant program for the Council to consider and presented the program on May 4.

The program is a one-time, temporary solution to help support residents in under-

serviced areas of Caledon. The connectivity issue in the Town has been a pressing issue that has further been brought to light during the pandemic due to an increased reliance on internet services for students who are remote learning and those working from home.

Although the internet grant program is a temporary solution, the Town says it remains focused on finding long-term solutions to Caledon's internet access gap.

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Signs set up in protest of Erin wastewater plant to protect the West Credit River

BY ROB PAUL

Although the current COVID-19 stay-at-home order stops people in Ontario from gathering, it hasn't stopped a protest taking place throughout the Town of Erin into Caledon and along the West Credit River.

It might not be the type of protest most people think of with picketers and a large number of protesters, but rather it's a visual public protest to stop the wastewater treatment plant that the Town of Erin is planning to build.

Erin has sewage issues and the Town needs a solution, but environmental organizations and protesters are calling for a federal impact assessment of the proposed wastewater treatment plant.

There are 700 signs on display protesting Erin's wastewater treatment plant because the design may place the West Credit River at risk. 7.2 million litres of sewage-effluent per day will be piped to and then discharged

into Caledon's West Credit River—directly into the self-sustaining brook trout's ecosystem.

The West Credit River is located in a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve and flows over the Niagara Escarpment and into the Forks of the Credit tourist destination in Caledon.

Canada's Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Jonathan Wilkinson, will be making a decision on approval of a federal impact assessment for the project by May 26 and environmental groups and protesters are trying to raise as much awareness as they can by then through the visual protest and petitions.

Erin resident Ken Crowling began the protest by giving out hundreds of "Stop the Sewage Plant, Save Our Trout" lawn signs that are displayed on Caledon and Wellington County residential properties to show support.

His concern is that Council won't ac-

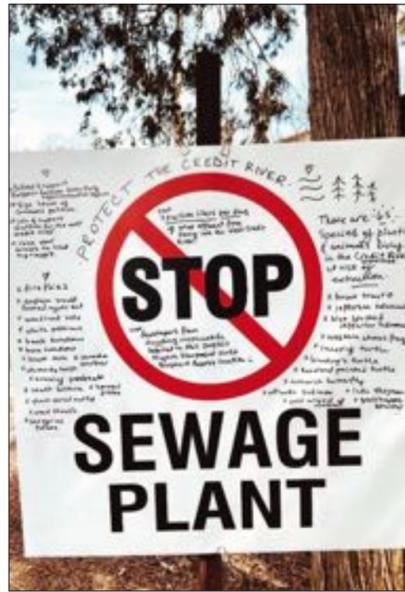


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insanity that they want to put effluent into the river."

Recent history of issues with wastewater plants in the area has set precedence for what could happen if the plant moves forward in Erin, according to Crowling.

"Every plant that I've studied has had a failure—Shelburne, Orangeville, Tottenham, Bradford—everyone had a failure," said Crowling. "Built into sewage plants is a bypass valve, and when they can't maintain the amount of water and waste, they hit the bypass valve; it happened in Orangeville already—they hit that, and it's released into the West Credit River. This is the last natural self-sufficient brook trout river that we have in Southern Ontario, and we're going to put this at risk?"

The Ontario Headwaters Institute is one of the environmental advocacy groups leading the charge for a federal environmental impact assessment because development is impacting the headwater areas. If it's not sufficiently planned it could overwhelm streams and push upland reservoirs upon which the health of many of the degraded watersheds now depend past numerous tipping points explains Andrew McCammon, Executive Director of Ontario Headwaters Institute.

McCammon describes the impact on the watersheds as a multi-pronged assault and points to a few key issues: land use planning that lacks a lens for sustainable communities, buildings, and homes; thirty-year targets for development lands and 400-series highways in the Greenbelt that drive prices up and farmers away; provincial policies that expedite virgin aggregate extraction over natural heritage, farming, conservation, and recycling; an absence of cumulative monitoring and reporting—even where required when fundamental land use planning acts are amended; and municipal debates about growth, commerce, and taxes, with almost no thought as to where the excrement is going.

With the wastewater treatment plant in Erin, the temperature of the effluent from the plant may kill the local brook trout and that those living downstream were not adequately consulted, claims McCammon.

McCammon points to recent efforts to have a federal impact assessments done on the wastewater treatment plants thanks to local groups with a petition to the House of Commons initiated by Jenni LeForestier—which was supported by MP Kyle Seeback—that received over 1,700 signatures; a request to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada and Wilkinson sent by five local and provincial organizations forming the Coalition for the West Credit River; and a petition from the Coalition for the West Credit River that has obtained 21,000 signatures to protect the river from the effluent.

"We're leading a rally for what we call the downstreamers," said McCammon. "They're downstream of where the effluent will be put into the river, and they've been alienated by the Town and Council. What we're trying to do is rally with the downstreamers to sign a petition that will be going to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada and the federal minister (Wilkinson). We only have a few days to send in our comments to increase the volume of noise with the federal minister."

For those looking to help with the cause before Wilkinson makes his decision on May 26, McCammon encourages they fill out a form at ontarioheadwaters.ca/iaac81434 and write to their local MP, Mayor, and Councillors, and he asks they sign the petition at change.org/p/residents-on-the-west-credit-river-watershed-cut-the-crap-keep-the-credit.

knowledge flaws found in their environmental study report and Peel residents, communities, and the West Credit River will feel the impact of the downstream environmental costs.

His goal, along with environmental organizations like Ontario Headwaters Institute, is to ensure Wilkinson goes forward with a federal environmental impact assessment.

The biggest concern is that if the current wastewater design in a Greenbelt headwaters region goes forward, it will cause a loss of biodiverse integrity in the river. With effluent being put into fresh water, there needs to be three times the fresh water than there is effluent. Crowling compares it to mixing Kool-Aid, and he says the area is not in good enough shape for it.

"This proposed plant has gone back almost 20 years," said Crowling. "With the proposed site, they'll be putting the effluent right into the West Credit River. We have the lowest water we've ever seen in this area; I've never seen it so dry and where is the dilution going to come from (if the effluent is put into the water)? You're supposed to have X amount of fresh water to dilute the effluent plume; I can tell you right now it's not there."

Crowling's efforts to raise awareness has helped spread word in the Caledon region about how bleak the future of the river could be if it's not stopped.

"It blows my mind because when I'm in the Caledon area and I tell people about what this is going to do, they're in shock," Crowling said. "The visual protest over there (West Credit River at the Wellington-Caledon border) now is beautiful. I couldn't believe it. This area is stunningly gorgeous and it's just

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Caledon Pride focused on connecting organizations and youth

BY ROB PAUL

It might not be the same social in-person setting dedicated to spreading awareness, education, and showing the support most associate with Pride, but this year Caledon Pride is hoping to do the most they can given the circumstance of the pandemic.

With the recent retirement of Peel Pride, Caledon Pride—led by founder Julia Bertola—is helping as many of the organizations in the area that they can get ready for June. Caledon Pride is a grassroots 2SLGBTQ+ advocacy group that’s dedicated to creating an inclusive community for all in Caledon by working with local organizations to bring programming to the community and promote 2SLGBTQ+ advocacy year-round.

This year, Pride in Caledon will begin with a flag raising ceremony that will be filmed for social media and the Youth Activists Inc. website with different speakers like Mayor Allan Thompson and representatives from the community like Bertola.

“The last thing Peel Pride did before they retired was donate rainbow benches to Mississauga, Brampton, and Caledon,” Bertola said. “We’re going to be unveiling the new one in Caledon in the video and our social media will be updated with all the different details. It’s just a little kick-off, but it’s so important we show that the Town supports it.

“What we’re specifically doing is the Peel Pride Fundraiser. We did it last year and we think it’s a really great way to give back to the community. It’s a month-long fundraiser that we promote every week to raise money for LGBT Youth Line. We chose an organization that can be easily accessed in Caledon and to raise awareness for residents that there is this support. Usually, people in Caledon have to go to Brampton or Mississauga to get programming, but this allows them to connect through text and phone. We’re also going to be interviewing LGBTQ people from the Caledon area to get their stories.

“One of the organizations we’re partnering with is called Eclipse Youth Centre and they’ve really been supporting the youth community throughout COVID. They’ll be running four events and their youth group, Prism, is an LGBTQ youth group for ages 14 to 20 to meet people, discuss issues, and empower and educate. We’re going to be attending all four events, but we’ll also be running one with them. On June 14, we’ll be running a games night with them where people can play through their phone, and we’ll have a giveaway. It’s a little different from the usual education stuff we do and more about hanging out and having a good time.”

Without the ability to interact in person and host events, Caledon Pride has found the best way to help in the community is to work with and guide organizations and connect them with the 2SLGBTQ+ community in Caledon.

“For Pride, Caledon Pride and our partners Youth Activist Inc. have been reaching out to local organizations to basically see what they’re interested in doing and supporting them in whatever they need help with—brainstorming, executing, advertisement—that’s kind of what we’ve been mostly doing due to COVID,” said Bertola. “Before COVID, we were more of a social group, but during COVID we’ve been more of a Pride committee and plan-

ning group. We already have a lot of great organizations that are already doing things for Pride, and we just wanted to help everybody connect with each other.

“We’re a small group and there’s so many different organizations that are already running programs and have the funds, but a lot of community organizers aren’t as connected as you may think. So instead of us coming in to try and reinvent the wheel, we’re promoting established organizations and helping them connect. That’s one of the main issues across Peel, is that LGBTQ groups are a little too widespread and we don’t know what everybody is doing for Pride. This is a way for us to connect the community partners that have plans for Pride and then figure out what they’re doing and support them where we can and create a cohesive Pride calendar.”

In just their second year, Caledon Pride has found a way to make a bigger impact by being that voice in the middle that can connect youth in the community to some of the local organizations that are providing them with safe spaces and programs that promote inclusivity.

“Last year was our first Pride month ever as Caledon Pride,” Bertola said. “At that point we had started doing safe space youth nights but then when COVID hit everything stalled. Then we were contacted to do something for Pride, and we didn’t want to organize anything in person, so we started looking around and found there’s so many organizations that were struggling to pivot online. That’s when we had the idea that we’d rather support these funded programs and bring people to them. If everything is too widespread then you have people going to your event and people going to another, but both programs closed down because they don’t have enough of an audience.

“The online route for Caledon Pride as an advocate has been working really well. We still have a lot of issues with social isolation in Caledon—I’ve had a lot of people reaching out to me, most of them youth feeling stuck because they can’t see people and they don’t know about some of the community groups doing stuff. I would love to do in-person stuff, but for Caledon Pride specifically, I think supporting other organizations and connecting these people to them is the best route for us. We’re really trying to advocate for organizations like the Town of Caledon, Caledon Library, and Caledon Community Services to have more LGBTQ resources and more access to specialists.

“We wouldn’t be able to do that if we were focused on hosting our own stuff and taking people away from their audience. It’s so much more reliable to use their resources to bring people to them. One of the biggest issues as a community organizer is that not a lot of people are connected. For example, people don’t even know what’s going on in Orangeville, Orangeville has a huge LGBTQ group and do awesome events and they even have an LGBTQ specific campground. Young adults struggle to find these organizations and aren’t necessarily aware of what’s available to them.”

For more information on Caledon Pride and for details on their Pride Month plans, visit youthactivists.ca/caledon-pride. For information on Caledon Public Library’s Pride Month plans, visit caledon.library.on.ca/celebrate-pride.



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**POLICE INVESTIGATE FATAL
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Officers from the Caledon OPP are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred on Highway 10 north of Beech Grove Side Road in the Town of Caledon.

On Sunday, May 16, at approximately 3:20 p.m., OPP responded to a three-vehicle collision on Highway 10. The collision involved a pickup truck, a Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) and a minivan.

“Initial investigation revealed that the pickup truck was travelling northbound on Highway 10, when it entered the southbound lanes and collided with the SUV head-on,” say Police. “As a result of the original impact, the SUV struck the minivan that was travelling southbound on Highway 10 at the time.

“The driver of the SUV sustained fatal injuries in the collision. Harish Verma, 82, of Burlington, has been identified as the deceased driver. The driver of the pickup truck sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to a hospital.”

The driver and passenger of the minivan did not report any injuries at the time of the collision.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone

with information or dash camera footage of this collision is asked to contact the Caledon OPP Detachment at (905) 584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000 upon an arrest.

“Highway 10 was closed between Charleston Side Road and Dufferin County Road 109 for several hours while Traffic Incident Management Efficiency (TIME) Team attended to assist with the investigation. The road has since been reopened.”

If you witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

**THEFTS FROM UNLOCKED
CARS**

Officers from the Caledon OPP responded to two reported incidents of theft of vehicles that occurred on Sunday, May 16 in the Southfields Village and Valleywood

neighbourhoods in the Town of Caledon.

“The first vehicle, a black Chevrolet Traverse, was stolen from a driveway of a residence located on Caspian Drive sometime between 9:30 p.m. on May 15 and 9:30 a.m. on May 16,” say Police. “The second incident took place on Astoria Place on May 16, at approximately 7:30 a.m., when a black Mercedes-Benz Sport Utility Vehicle was stolen from a residential driveway.

Both vehicles were left unlocked with keys inside.

“Police investigation revealed that the suspects were going door-to-door checking for unlocked vehicles in the area. Caledon OPP is asking the residents of the above neighbourhoods to check their security cameras for suspicious people, vehicles or activity. If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to these thefts, please call the Caledon OPP Detachment at (905) 584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122.”

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“Caledon OPP reminds local residents that theft is a crime of opportunity. A criminal searches for unattended or unsecured property to steal. Always secure your vehicle by removing car keys, locking all doors and windows, removing all valuables from plain view, and never leaving your car running and unattended.”

DETECT CREDIT FRAUD

Officers from the Caledon OPP are investigating two separate incidents reported by local residents, where reoccurring fraudulent credit card charges had been made to the account over an extended period of time.

“The reoccurring charges in question were minor and easy to miss,” say Police. “Many unauthorized credit card charges go unnoticed for several months because cardholders don’t thoroughly review their credit card statements.”

Actions you can take to protect yourself:

- be wary of unsolicited e-mails, text messages, telephone calls or mail asking you for personal or financial information
- check your credit reports, bank and credit card statements and report any irregularities
- report all unauthorized charges to

your credit card issuer, no matter the amount - the small charge is typically just a test to see if the account is active and that the larger charge will go through

- shred personal and financial documents before putting them in the garbage
- retrieve your mail on a regular basis to limit possible mail theft
- when you move, notify the post office and your relevant financial institutions and service providers
- when shopping online, make sure the website is secure

For more information regarding current scams and more tips on how to protect yourself from fraud, please visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm.

If you or someone you know suspect they have been a victim of fraud, contact your local police service and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre by phone at 1-888-495-8501 or online at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm.

DUMPING CHARGES

On Tuesday, May 11, uniformed members of the Caledon OPP Detachment responded to a call for service, where two males were reported dumping garbage onto the roadway along Boston Mills Road in the Town of Caledon.

“The complainant provided a detailed description of the vehicle and its occupants,” say Police. “The officers patrolled the area and located the suspect vehicle.

“As a result of the police investigation, two residents of Caledon, age 25 and 36, were charged under the Town’s Dumping By-Law, which carries a \$500 fine. The individuals also returned to Boston Mills Road and collected the garbage that they illegally disposed of earlier.”

The charges have not been proven.

Caledon OPP would like to thank the concerned citizen for reporting this incident to the authorities immediately.

If you witness suspicious vehicles dumping unknown materials in the act, immediately report it to OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Please note vehicle description, licence plate number, occupant description and direction of travel.

To report illegal dumping after the fact, please contact Service Caledon at 905-584-2272 ext.7750.

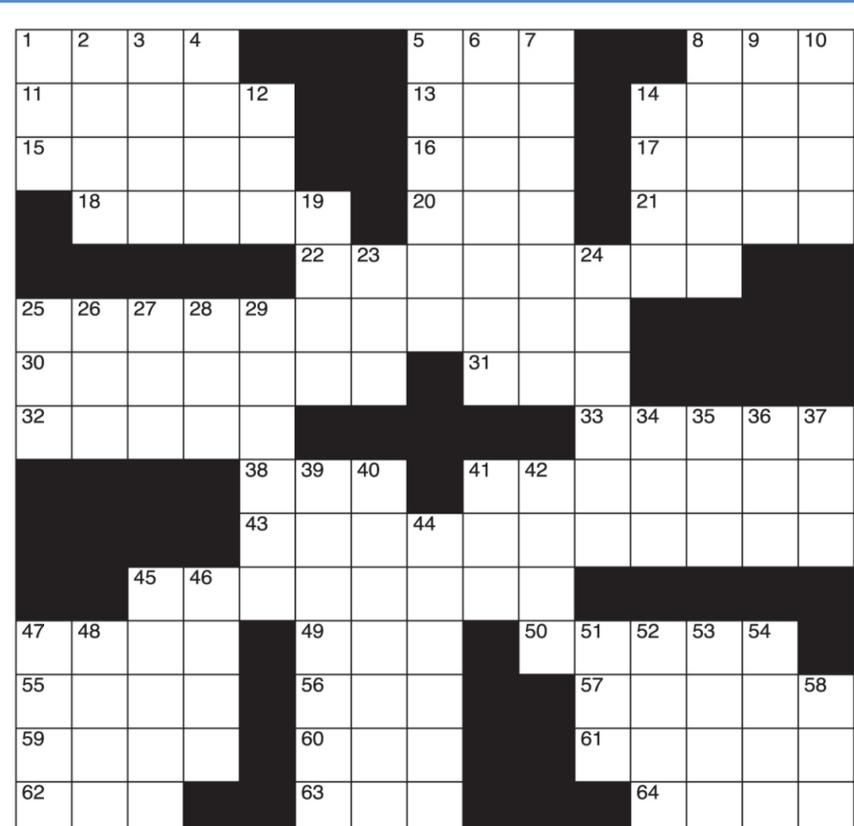
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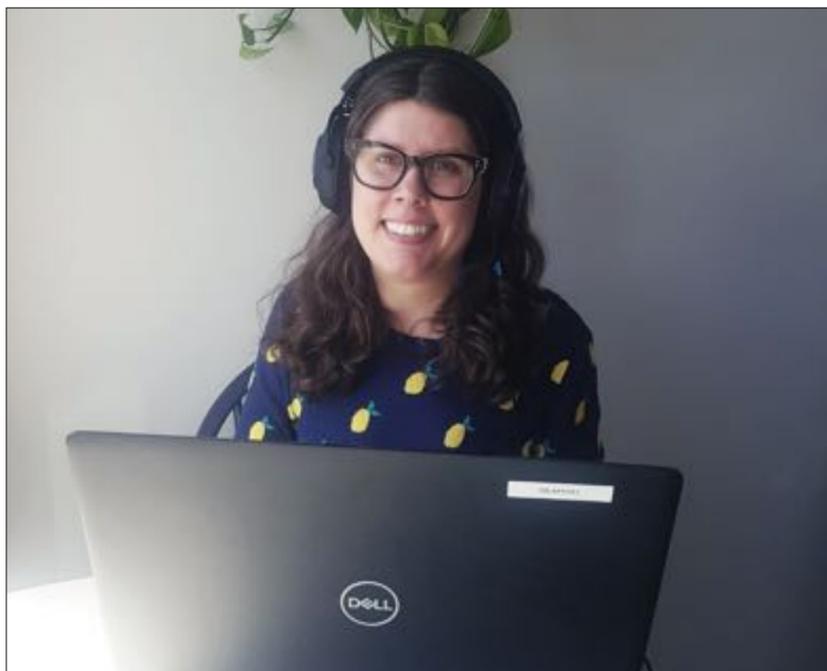
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Seniors' Month offers opportunity, connection for Caledon residents



Caledon Public Library's Natalie Spaan is ready to help customers virtually. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

BY ROB PAUL

No community can thrive without a strong connection to the seniors within it and keeping them engaged is the key to having them stay in it. If a community can't offer its senior population a chance to contribute and get involved, it can lose one of the most crucial pillars of the municipality.

As such, it's important to celebrate the seniors in communities across Ontario and that's why June is Seniors Month.

To show seniors just how important they are to Caledon, the Caledon Public Library (CPL) is teaming up with the Town of Caledon and other community stakeholders to give seniors who are 55-plus free stuff for the entire month.

Not only will there be free programming throughout the month, but CPL will be providing a number of swag bags that can be reserved through the Town and pickups can be arranged at one of CPL's seven branches.

The reusable insulated tote bags include things like snacks, meal vouchers, toothbrushes, and community information.

CPL knows they play a major role in

spreading community values and cheer, and being a hub for the community they've taken it upon themselves to make sure everybody has something to be excited about. That's why they've put so much effort into Seniors Month.

"At the library we really try to look at the different and diverse groups in the community and try to make sure we're doing something for every demographic," said Mary Maw, CPL Manager of Communications and Community Development. "For quite a few years in June, we've done a lot to honour seniors. We usually do a partnership with Caledon's Meals on Wheels to do a senior's luncheon to kick it off and then we would do so many in person events and now we're just trying to pivot to the virtual platform to figure out what we can do to support seniors remotely.

"I think we've done a good job and we've got some great programs that we're excited about. It was really exciting for us too that we'll be able to help support the Town of Caledon's swag bag initiative for seniors. They're so important to the community and we've had such a great relationship and had such great programming for seniors for years, but COVID has made

it so challenging."

Knowing that seniors have so much to give to younger generations, Maw wants to make sure they feel the love in Caledon and looks forward to a year where COVID won't restrict their chance to bond with younger members of the community.

"You can't be all things for all people, but we try to be something to everyone," she said. "With the seniors in particular, they really are the legacy and the history of Caledon, and we want to honour them and show we appreciate them. They have so much to give back—it's not all about what the library does for them, we get so much back too.

"One of the things we're really excited about is the local history trivia night because they have so much to share. In previous years, we did a program called Bridging the Gap where we had high school students record the seniors' stories. They would meet on a weekly basis, and it was fascinating to hear the local history of Caledon because most of them were born and raised here. It was such a great way to connect with intergenerational programming. We were going to do that again pre-COVID so that's in our future plans."

The pandemic has put many seniors in a tougher situation due to the need to connect through virtual avenues, but CPL has focused on ensuring they can keep as many seniors in Caledon in the loop as possible, and have even offered assistance in getting them up to speed with the online world.

"We've gotten really great feedback," she said. "The library is one of those things that a lot of the seniors have grown up with and it's near and dear to them. They feel ownership with the library; it's sort of part of their community connection. We looked at all the analytics for 2020 and we sent out over 78,000 emails and I think that helped really keep the seniors connected. We tried to on an ongoing basis give an update of what was going on at the library and tech help at home for the seniors who struggled pivoting to working online. I think we've really helped them move virtual and that's been really great to be able to help with that. We're reaching out to them all the time asking what else we can do to support them."

To help celebrate seniors in Caledon for the month, CPL is offering virtual programs throughout June. The programming

includes, a Better You: Lifelong Learning at Your Library; Solving the Mysteries of the Cloud; a genealogy workshop; and Sustainable Balcony Gardening.

CPL will also be providing an outlet for seniors to interact with others through their Caledon Heritage Trivia Night and their weekly Let's Connect—a community conversation circle.

Details on the programming and online events can be found at engagedpatrons.org/Events.cfm?SiteID=8142&keyword=June+your+library.

There will also be a collection of different things that seniors can borrow throughout the month.

Some of the things that can be borrowed as part of the special collections program are guitars, binoculars for bird watching, board games, blood pressure kits, and more. They will also be offering Adult Launchpads to use that were funded by the Palgrave Rotary—preloaded tablets that don't need Wi-Fi and provide access to educational and engaging content including brain games for adults and ESL material.

For seniors who love to craft, CPL has them covered with Creativebug, which offers online video arts and crafts workshops and technique. If they want to settle in for the night with a movie, they can use Kanopy or Hoopla to stream films to their computer, phone, or tablet. And if there are seniors who want to get a better understanding of the internet, Techboomers will show them how to use popular and trusted websites and internet-based applications.

On top of everything being offered by CPL to seniors for June, they'll still be able to use the digital library as an online resource. Through the library website, they can access a variety of eBooks, eAudio-books, digital magazines and newspapers, streaming platforms and research tools.

All of this can be accessed online through the library website at caledon.library.on.ca/borrow-download-stream/digital-library. If any senior needs tech assistance, they can sign up for CPL's one-on-one support by contacting the library who will then get in touch with them.

CPL staff are responding to voicemails, emails, and text messages from Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call the main line at 905-857-1400, text them at 416-828-7086, or email them at reference@caledon.library.on.ca.



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- Grasscycling takes less effort, saves time and money.
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PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

12862 Dixie Road, Ward 2

Proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment

FILE NUMBER(S): POPA 2021-0004 and RZ 2021-0006 Related File Number: SPA 2021-0012

A Public Meeting will be held to consider proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

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 Public Meetings until further notice. These meetings will be held electronically.

Meeting Date: June 8, 2021
Public Meeting Start Time: 7 p.m.

To listen to the Meeting (but not participate), you may call 1-833-311-4101, Meeting Access Code: 132 259 9940#.

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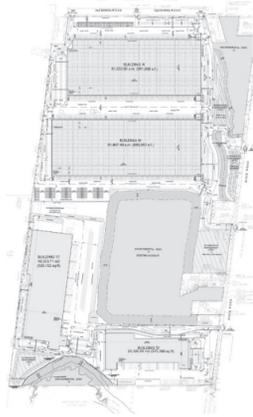
Armstrong Planning and Project Management on behalf of Tribal Partners Canada Inc.

WARD 2 LOCATION:

12862 Dixie Road
Part Lots 21 and 22, Concession 3 EHS (Chinguacousy)
South-West Corner of Dixie Road and Old School Road

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has applied for an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment to facilitate the development of an e-commerce development consisting of warehousing, distribution centres and industrial uses in four industrial buildings totaling approximately 241,547.9 m² (2,600,000 ft²). The Official Plan Amendment proposes to include the lands within the settlement boundary and redesignate the lands from Prime Agricultural Area and Environmental Policy Area to General Industrial and Environmental Policy Area. The Zoning By-law Amendment proposes to rezone the lands from Agricultural (A1) and Environmental Policy Area 2 Zone (EPA2) to Serviced Industrial – Exception XXX (MS-XXX) with site specific permissions, Open Space (OS) and Environmental Policy Area 1 Zone (EPA1).



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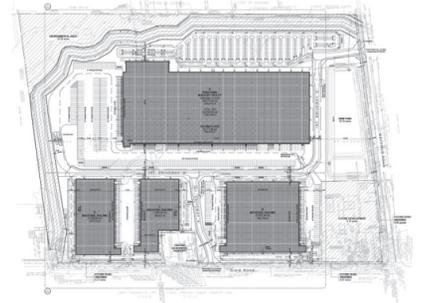
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Part Lots 18 and 19, Concession 4 EHS (Chinguacousy)
North-East Corner of Dixie Road and Mayfield Road

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COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall
May 27, 7 p.m.



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View the livestream at caledon.ca/agenda, or dial 1-833-311-4101, access code 132 685 6269# for the audio-only version.

Have a COVID-19 question? Send your questions in advance to mayor@caledon.ca.



HAPPY VICTORIA DAY

On behalf of Mayor, Council and Town of Caledon staff, we wish you all a happy and safe Victoria Day long weekend.

Town of Caledon non-emergency services and offices are closed on Monday, May 24. View details at caledon.ca/news.

Residents are reminded that fireworks can be set off only on private property, and only on Victoria Day. Be sure to follow all COVID-19 related health and safety guidelines.

Learn more about fireworks safety: caledon.ca/fireworks.

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COVID-19 Serving you, safely



To keep our frontline workers safe and to follow COVID-19 health and safety guidelines, some Town of Caledon services have been temporarily affected.

It may take us a little longer to attend to regular duties such as collecting garbage in parks and trails and grass cutting but it will get done. Let's continue to work together.

Details: caledon.ca/COVID.

For the latest information on vaccinations, visit peelregion.ca/covid19vaccine.

If you have symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, get tested! Find a testing location near you at peelregion.ca/coronavirus/testing.

Celebrate Seniors Month in Caledon



Seniors month is an annual celebration that is observed across Canada in honor of older adults throughout June.

The Town of Caledon and local community support agencies have partnered up to offer a variety of COVID-safe, engaging and free activities for our older residents to participate in. These activities are being offered as self-guided, virtual, or outdoor with accessibility accommodations to encourage participation.

RESERVE YOUR FREE SWAG BAG.

Each free bag, for residents 55+, includes information, resources and more. Reserve yours online by May 21: caledon.ca/adult55 or call 905.584.2272 x.7750.



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- 24 | Victoria Day Holiday
- 25 | Council, 6 p.m.
- 26 | Special Council Meeting re: Development Charges Public Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 27 | COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall, 7 p.m.

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Reason enough for jubilation

BY BROCK WEIR

Sunday's glorious weather was a great time to take stock of where we have been over the last 15 months – and, indeed, where we are going.

As the sun beat down in the early afternoon, I grabbed a book in which I haven't made nearly the dent that I would have liked since the start of the spring, and headed to a local park in the hopes of polishing off a few chapters of the tome.

Although I flipped over a respectable number of pages, I don't think I made quite the impact I was hoping. I was distracted instead by what was before me – and what was not.

It was not the first time I had been to that park. The first time was near the end of the first wave and going there almost felt like an act of defiance. Against what, I don't know. It wasn't in violation of stay-at-home orders, getting outdoors for exercise was encouraged, as it is now, but still...there was a feeling that I was flouting something.

Anything. As you can appreciate, those early days were weird times mired with uncertainty.

This time, however, there was a sense of comfort: a comfort in knowing what to expect, what is expected, and maybe even a satisfaction of what we have been able to overcome establishing new ground rules in our day-to-day lives.

The walk to that elusively perfect spot was also markedly different. The last time around, social distancing didn't come as easily, and it was something for which you had to catch yourself almost every time someone appeared over the crest of a hill coming in your direction. Now, it feels fairly normal and natural, and not the source of stress or anxiety it once was.

Seated in place, I was struck by the new rhythm that was all around.

Wildlife paying no heed to the human folk below, birds sang overhead while people went about their business: persons cycling in their household groups, a father playing catch with his son while another family showed off their moves on the soccer pitch a safe distance away, each exchanging a word or a joke whenever a ball – baseball or soccer – went astray, friend groups forming their own socially-distanced circles on the grass, as if it was the most natural thing in the world.

But, of course, it is hardly the most natural thing in the world; we have learned a lot over these trying times. The very fact that it seemed natural was a testament to how far we have come and the hope that lies ahead.

Monday marks Victoria Day, a holiday that means different things to different people.

For the more constitutionally-minded amongst us, it is a very important day with significant historic roots. For those lucky enough to have them, it is the traditional weekend to open up the cottage and spend the first long weekend around the water. For others still, it is the unofficial start of the summer season, a time when we're finally free of the meteorological uncertainty that is part

and parcel of the winter and spring seasons, and can look forward to a steady supply of sunshine and warmth ahead through at least September.

But now I think we can all agree that Victoria Day will usher in a bit more hope and amp up that proverbial light at the end of the tunnel that everyone is talking about.

May 24 was the goalpost set by the Province of Ontario where all individuals 18 years of age or older will be eligible to book their first doses of COVID-19 vaccines, but this line was moved up to May 18 this week due to early shipments of the vaccine.

"As the pace of Ontario's COVID-19 vaccine rollout continues to accelerate with 2.2 million doses scheduled to arrive this week, the government is extending booking eligibility to mass immunization clinics to individuals aged 18 and over," said the Province on Monday. "This high number of doses is due to an early delivery of the week of May 24 shipment to accommodate the long weekend, and is an opportunity for the Province to offer an appointment to receive the vaccine to more Ontarians ahead of schedule."

Few announcements from the Provincial Government, which came just a few days after tentative plans were put in place to get shots to youth between the ages of 12 and 17, were likely greeted as warmly as this one, and with good reason: As soon as individuals 18-plus are able to get their first shots in arms, not only will those who fit the demo finally know when they can begin counting down the days to a welcome return to normalcy, parents and grandparents whose time came weeks and even months ago will finally be able to breathe a long-awaited sigh of relief.

In short, we can finally move forward together.

On a personal note, I was able to exhale a couple of weeks ago when a pre-existing medical condition finally did me some good after 18-odd-years and, on the recommendation of my doctor, I was able to get my first shot.

When my date was finally secured, I felt a potent mixture of hope and fear – but not fear of getting the shot, but that circumstances would once again shift and my booked appointment, a date that will stick out in my mind for many years, would be all for naught and the process would have to start all over again.

Thankfully, when the day came, everything went without a hitch and my shot of had a very important side effect: elation. Elation tempered with guilt; guilt that I was able to experience this exhilaration just before others in my age bracket. When people asked if my turn had come, I was reluctant to answer in one way or another, lest the person posing the question was unable to receive theirs due to their age or any number of circumstances.

Now, in just a few days, any adult who wants a vaccine will be able to book one. Above and beyond celebrating the monarch, the opening of a cottage, or the imminent arrival of summer, this is reason enough for jubilation.



Will a distanced workforce be the norm?

by Mark Pavilons

ground financially. Our take-home pay is getting gobbled up faster than we can earn it.

Despite promises of cuts in utility rates, my hydro and gas bills are growing.

There's no relief in many other "necessities" like cell service, cable and internet. These companies continue to make record profits, pandemic or not.

Some businesses may opt for a balance between remote working and in-person working once the pandemic ends, with hybrid models.

According to HR firm Peninsula Canada, employers should consider how either arrangement might affect operations, as well as the wishes of their workforce. There will be a percentage of workers who have grown accustomed to remote work and won't want to go back to commuting once it is safe for workplaces to reopen. Calling all staff back the minute government orders are relaxed could lead to resentment and work refusals.

To ease staff back into the workplace, employers can consider calling staff back on a rotational basis or staggering shift start and end times. As an alternative, employers can give workers the flexibility of choosing which days to come into office and working remotely the rest of the week.

The best HR approach, Peninsular says, will be a balance between meeting the requirements of the business and the wishes of staff. Employers should take into consideration that all businesses are unique and that solutions will have to be as well. Soon, we will all have received the first dose of the COVID vaccine. The debate continues on which one is best, and which will stand the test of time when second doses are administered later this year.

It's not really known whether we will achieve full mass immunity. That means some of our COVID habits will remain with us for some time.

We will likely continue to wear masks, follow social distancing and limit gatherings.

Workplaces will have mandatory health and safety measures from here on in.

Undoubtedly, our population, and that of the civilized world, will adopt new hygiene methods. We will become a world of hand-washers, sanitizers and germ avoiders.

I don't know how that will impact services that require that "human touch."

I speculate that once the stay-at-home order is lifted this week, there may be pent-up demand for getting out, getting goods and getting lunch.

If all goes well, the summer of 2021 could tip the scales in favour of normalcy. It could help revive an otherwise stagnant economy.

There's no question the pandemic has sucked the life out of many of us. We all need a break. But the reality is the pandemic has impacted our personal finances. We can't all dash out to cottages, B&Bs and resorts and let loose.

It may have to be the summer of frugal backyard BBQs of no-name hotdogs and hamburgers.

I hope those who have felt the sting can get their lives back in order. I hope displaced workers can find employment.

I hope ...



In these times of remote living, we've adopted a completely new mindset. Our brains are now configured via YouTube and various virtual meeting platforms. We're as one-dimensional as our on-screen images. We lack colour, umph and a certain je ne sais quoi.

With increased vaccinations, when will remote work end?

After 18 months of isolation and forced confinement, we're tired.

We've become accustomed to online learning for our kids. Some of us have grown to like distanced virtual meetings and chats. Some have become quite adept at online shopping and ordering essentials.

With the aggressive vaccination program taking place here and across the country, the light may be at the end of the tunnel. Let's hope it's not the headlight of yet another oncoming COVID train!

When things start to bounce back and return to "normal," what will society and the workforce look like?

Will everything suddenly snap back to the way it was, pre-COVID? Will the hands of time magically turn back and we'll all just continue merrily along?

I doubt it.

If you look at white collar business, government and even education, there have been many innovations and improvements. Efficiencies have been found and created, often out of necessity. Nevertheless, if companies find they can get by, and do well, with less, they will. Less meaning fewer bodies.

Greater online presence and automation can only spell misery for part of our workforce.

If the summer of 2021 comes and goes with fewer meaningful employment opportunities, it could spell disaster. Many young people, and in fact all of those displaced already, need to get a job. They need to work and generate income. There have already been irreparable losses to the retail and service sector in this province. Doors will remain closed. Those on the brink before the pandemic have surely plunged into the abyss.

I hear comments from "experts" on how Canadians will spend their "COVID savings." What savings?

Sure, very few of us went on vacation last summer, but that's hardly a savings. We haven't gone on a family vacation in many years.

With increases in the cost of groceries, gas, building supplies, car parts, etc., we're losing

Our Readers Write

Readers helped raise more than \$1,000 for women in need

Thank you for featuring Brock Weir's May 7 article "Can't find the perfect gift for mom? Consider 'adopting' a mom in need". As Board Chair at Shine Through the Rain Foundation, the story of moms like Sophia needed to be told.

Brock's article captured the unfortunate reality that patients and their families can face when diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses like cancer. With unexpected increased medical expenses and loss of income, it is easy to fall behind with the cost of everyday living, and many face disconnected utilities and eviction. They also have a hard time affording groceries and hospital parking costs. We appreciate you featuring this story and now, even more patients will know they can turn to Shine Through the Rain Foundation if they are diagnosed and in need of emergency financial assistance.

While gifts are nice, the greater wish is to be able to remain in your own home to focus on recovery.

As catastrophic health expenses are a reality, we appreciated the generosity of your readers who collectively provided close to \$1,000 for mothers in lieu of other Mother's Day gifts. As our fundraising continues throughout the year, we can continue to help more patients in desperate financial situations. If anyone needs our assistance or would like to donate, please visit www.shinethroughtherain.ca, shinethroughtherain.ca/donate-now, or call 905-477-7743 or email info@shinethroughtherain.ca.

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Running with the pack

There is a photo and caption that has been making the rounds through social media over the past couple of years.

There's a reasonable chance you have seen it pop up on your Facebook page.

It is a well-done photo of a pack of 25 wolves, all in single file, making its way across a winter landscape.

As impressive as the photo is, it is the caption that explains what is going on that is interesting.

The caption explains how the wolves organize as a pack to remain safe.

The pack, the caption says, is led by the old and the sick, because if they were at the rear, they would fall behind and get lost. They lead the pace of the group as it moves across the snowy tundra.

In case of an ambush, this first group would be sacrificed.

Following the old and sick, are the five strongest ones – the ones who could fend off an attack and protect the pack.

The alpha male of the group takes up the position at the rear of the group where he can see everything and make decisions on what the pack will

do. The whole presentation is delivered like it's a page out of National Geographic and written by someone who's spent 30 years in the wild studying wolf behaviour.

I've seen many comments where people state how we can "learn from the wolves."

I'm not sure we can learn anything from wolves other than maybe how to violently kill a sheep in a pen.

While this wolf photo and explanation did make a big splash when it came out, a second look at this information just doesn't make any sense at all.

For starters, saying the strongest wolves take their place to protect from an ambush doesn't make any sense.

Wolves don't get ambushed – they ARE the predators. They don't have any natural enemies other than the occasional farmer with a 30.06 who is fed up with the wolves attacking his livestock.

Even a full-size grizzly bear wouldn't attack a wolf because it knows if it did, it would soon be dealing with an attack from several other wolves – they don't run in a pack for no good reason.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



As for the alpha male running the group and making decisions, there is no alpha male in a wolf pack.

They're wolves – there may be a dominant one who tries to shove some others around, but that's true in any group of animals. Try throwing a couple of hamsters in a cage together and see what happens.

As for the sick and elderly, most animals don't care or realize that one of their group is sick. It's not like they are going to call for a doctor.

It didn't take much research to find out the entire description of this noble and brave wolf pack is a lot of nonsense.

One naturalist who has observed wolves for three decades said wolves don't travel in any kind of organized march – this group just happened to be running in a straight line because there is snow on the ground and the wolf in the lead is clearing the path and the rest follow suit through the easiest route.

It is this type of misinformation we seem to be bombarded with over the past few years.

It is becoming more and more difficult to fig-

ure out what is fact and what is semi-fact, or just outright misinformation.

I guess this is what happens when anyone has the ability to place information on an international feed that can zip around the world in the blink of an eye.

It's not all bad. You can learn a lot just by clicking on a video made by some guy half way around the world who decided to make a short film showing you his hometown.

However, with so much misinformation out there, you might want to check your facts if you are doing research for something important. This must be really a must for students who are researching a paper.

You don't want to do sketchy research and produce a report saying one of Abraham Lincoln's favourite pastimes was playing Nintendo games – which I actually did read in one history story.

The old phrase "don't believe everything you read" is probably truer now, more than any other time in history.

What Price Progress?

There is a lot going on in Caledon right now and I'm not talking about COVID outbreaks in local warehouses. Rather, I'm talking about construction, plans for more construction, plans for a highway (possibly) and so many more plans, plans, plans. Caledon is poised for massive growth over the next 20-30 years and while progress can be good, what comes with it is a whole lot of other "Ps" like population, pollution and possibly even paving over sensitive environmental areas. It's a conundrum not necessarily unique to Caledon but Caledon itself is particularly unique and therefore our position a little more challenging than for some towns and cities. We have been known, at least colloquially for many years, as a "Community of Communities" but now, whether growth is wanted or not that definition may be forced to change and I have to wonder what is the price of progress?

Driving west along Mayfield Road, it's hard to distinguish between Brampton and Caledon as you fight the traffic travelling via a single lane in each direction, across Mayfield Rd. Seeing farmland paved over is hard to take, and yet we do understand the provincially-mandated growth Caledon is expected to absorb. I wonder though, whom is paying for the infrastructure needed to support this growth? I continue to have faith that our own local Council will address issues as they arise and that our Future

Caledon Master Plan has been carefully considered but here's the thing: right now – trapped behind a dump truck, in turn trapped behind a farm vehicle and with houses to the left, farm fields straight ahead and barren fields about to be filled with homes on the right – the true disparity between our past and future Caledon has never been more evident.

Southfields is a lovely master planned community with a library and rec centre, a coffee shop, pharmacy and plaza and parks, but with only one main road leading in and out it's plagued by traffic issues. Also speeding drivers but that's not the Town's fault! Valleywood also has only one way in and out so when the highway is closed for an accident, good luck getting home, or getting out of the neighbourhood. With the potential of another highway just north of the community, Valleywood might just become like that John Cougar Mellenkamp song with "an interstate runnin' through (the) front yard."

Residents in both Caledon East and Caledon Village have concerns about infill home construction taking place and the resulting impact on traffic patterns, road usage and safety.

We are known as a community of communities – little villages and hamlets that are beautiful, stand alone and special, but which are more and more plagued by traffic – especially so on the weekends. How to manage the delicate balance of Caledon as

a tourist destination while protecting those of us that live here? Belfountain comes to mind, of course, but even many of our other roads are becoming over-run. When things open up again, expect Alton to be feeling the same pinch Belfountain did, if not with speed and winding roads, certainly at least with parking challenges.

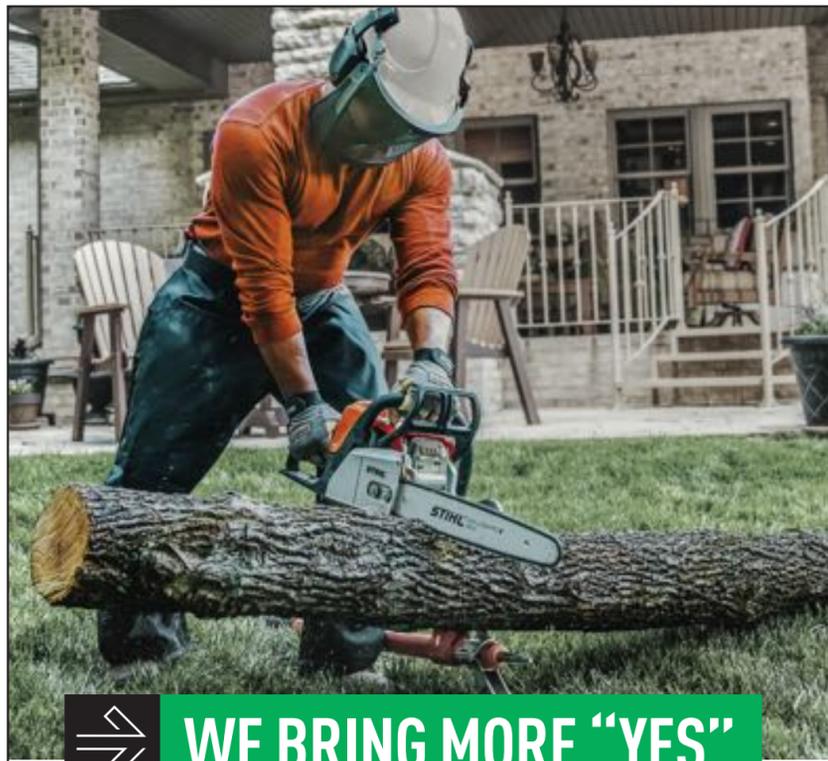
As for the potential addition of another 400 series highway it's a bit like an open wound that partially heals, only to be ripped open and start festering again. First on the table, then off the table, next subject to an environmental assessment and now (allegedly) in the hands of the Feds, we're left with no clear direction on whether this massive, costly undertaking is necessary, whether it will cause ecological harm and/or lead to the extinction of some wildlife. Without a degree in engineering, economics or environmental science I probably shouldn't comment on the necessity and impact of such a highway, but from the perspective of a taxpayer, a commuter and a Caledon resident I will say that I believe it to be unnecessary.

Make better use of the often barren (or at least lightly travelled) 400-series highway just 15 kms to the south of us (the 407) for travel east and west and focus instead on enhancing various northbound/southbound routes on the opposite sides of Caledon. The 407 runs for far longer than the proposed 50

kms of the 413 and is "underutilized" at best. If any traffic needs help (and to me, this includes transit riders) may I suggest on the west side why not widen Hwy 10 running north to Orangeville, Shelburne and beyond (or simply "extend" the 410) and on the east side, enhance the use of Coleraine and Emil Kolb Parkway still further and build out the #427 to all points northward? This would help to reduce traffic on Hwy#50 through Bolton and beyond and might even have a positive impact on the continued enhancement of Bolton's downtown core.

We all know (whether we like it or not) that growth is needed and has been mandated but at what cost? We are potentially losing the flavour of our Town as a "Community of Communities," with only Cheltenham and Belfountain remaining largely untouched at this point but for how much longer? We're at a challenging point in our history, relying on Council to manage the delicate balance of growth while respecting the heritage and integrity of each of our little villages and hamlets. I have faith they're up for the challenge but I sure don't envy them. It's a conundrum indeed.

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Caledon Council adopts Age-Friendly Action Plan for growing community

BY ROB PAUL

With Council hoping to prioritize making Caledon age-friendly for all, they had urbanMetrics Inc. develop a 10-year Age-Friendly Caledon Action Plan. The action plan identifies key priorities and results in the form of short, medium, and long-term goals.

At the May 18 Council Meeting, urbanMetrics Inc. consulting partner Peter Thoma presented the action plan to Council. Council adopted the plan and implementation will begin immediately.

The reason for an age-friendly action plan in Caledon is because the number of older adults (55-plus) in Canada now exceeds the number of youth and are represented as one of the fastest growing segments of the population. Between 2021 and 2031 the number of older adults is expected to increase by over 10,000 in Caledon.

The Age-Friendly Caledon Action Plan is intended to ensure that the Town of Caledon and its community partners are fully prepared to meet the needs of an ageing population base.

In 2013, in anticipation of future growth, the Town retained the services of urbanMetrics Inc. to work with the community in development of the Adult 55-plus Strategic Plan. In September 2015, Council approved the strategic plan as the first step towards becoming an age-friendly community.

Over the five years of the plan, significant progress was made, however as the community changed, the Seniors Task Force recommended that the existing strategy be updated into an Age-Friendly Action Plan, following suit of over 80 Ontario communities.

In July of 2020, the Town again retained the services of urbanMetrics Inc. to develop an action plan that would build on the progress of the Adult 55-plus Strategic Plan and guide Caledon to the next steps towards becoming an Age-Friendly community.

The primary goals and outcomes of the action plan are to remove barriers to participation, strengthen programs and support, enable healthy ageing, build partnerships, and allocate resources.

"This is an action plan that was gathered together based on the insights of staff, residents, community partners across Caledon and we also had an opportunity to speak with all of the members of Council and the Mayor to get appropriate insights in terms of what the needs and expectations of Caledon residents age 55 and over are going forward," said Thoma. "We asked what are the things that the Town of Caledon can

do to make the town more age-friendly and ensure it has programs, policies, and procedures in place that will deal with a large and growing constituent of older adults."

Over the last nine months, Town staff consulted the community including one-on-one interviews with the Mayor and Councillors, 30 local community service providers through community engagement sessions, 60 Town and regional staff, and over 300 residents over the age of 55 through a survey and engagement sessions.

Age-Friendly communities, developed by the World Health Organization (WHO), focus their efforts on policies and programs that support eight community dimensions. The Town took the feedback from the engagement and incorporated it into the eight dimensions for their action plan.

The eight dimensions of the action plan are housing, mobility, communication, community and health supports, respect and inclusion, participation, safety and accessibility, and community engagement.

The goals of the plan are to provide more affordable and suitable housing options for older adults, enable more transportation and mobility options throughout Caledon; promote older adult awareness and engagement in community programs and events; promote expansion of health services that deliver critical programs to older adults and their caregivers; ensure the inclusion of older adults in the decision-making process; build and support local programs that promote social participation with an emphasis on health, friendship, environmental stewardship and life-long learning; remove barriers that limit the use of outdoor spaces and public building for residents with mobility challenges or safety concerns; and provide resources that connect older adults with meaningful volunteer and employment options in Caledon.

The implementation of the plan will require collaboration with a broad-range of community stakeholders, local municipalities, regions, Ontario-based Age-Friendly networks, and Caledon residents, while working with all departments of the Town and collaborating with the Region of Peel.

Staff will provide Council with an annual report and status update and additional information and detailed tactics including timelines and resources will be finalized through annual work plans and the budget process—at this time there's no immediate financial implications.

Knowing the Caledon community is expected to grow substantially over the next few decades, Council wanted to ensure the Age-Friendly Action Plan works in tandem with how the planning committees is operating.

"The province has really adapted age-

friendly as a way for municipalities across the province to start thinking about the way the communities are planned, designed, developed, and re-imagined," said Thoma. "Certainly, the Age-Friendly Action Plan was developed with the participation of Caledon's planning team and Caledon's planning team is well aware of the policy requirements for age-friendly. It does speak to a need to think differently about the way our communities are designed. The way I think about community and the way communities ought to be planned is now fully informed by an age-friendly lens."

Wanting to get a better understanding of the positive impact of developing an age-friendly community, Mayor Allan Thompson asked Thoma where a plan like this has worked well previously specifically with affordable housing.

"There are a number of good examples," Thoma said. "But the same challenges that exist in Caledon are the same challenges we all read about every day at noisome with the price of real estate and people feeling frozen and locked into their homes without any other options to move. Some municipalities have been able to increase the number of options that are available, and I think that's really what the action plan is looking to do. It's trying to make sure we're making available a full range of options, including things that are out of the box."

"In terms of what communities have done really well, communities in the GTA like Cobourg, for example, is developing a number of really innovative communities and a lot of that comes from the community responding to people downsizing. Wasaga Beach also comes to mind, there are a number of 'lifestyle communities' that exist there and Caledon really does have some interesting precedence for building communities. The caveat is always how do you do it affordably? That's the nut that has to be cracked here and we developed some actions that hopefully the municipality will be able to encourage developers to think differently about the types of housing options they're delivering."

Council was pleased with Thoma's presentation and it including deliverable goals set for the short and long-term and they're committed to ensuring Caledon is age-friendly and know the plan is necessary for the growing community.

"We wanted to see those actionable items, things that we can actually use as a benchmark to show how we are growing and becoming more age-friendly," said Councillor Jennifer Innis, who sits on the Senior's Task Force Committee. "We look forward to this hard work coming to fruition in the future."

Town looks to find long-term solution for internet crunch

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The grant program will reimburse residents in under-served areas for the purchase of hardware, such as a hotspot device, from any vendor, to improve their service.

Residents with the lowest service or under the 25 megabytes per second (mbps) download speed and five mbps upload speed are eligible for the program.

"This program will help address the issue of high-speed internet access and cost," said Mayor Allan Thompson. "The grant is meant to assist residents in gap areas while we continue to move forward with our town wide internet strategy. It's a small thing we can do to help take the pressure off during these challenging times."

The idea began in December when the Council asked staff to explore a net-neutral hotspot program for under serviced residents.

Staff issued an expression of interest, and only one submission from Rogers Communications met the criteria for a hot spot program.

This solution put a large administrative responsibility and liability on the Town to secure a lower rate for residents. Staff continued to negotiate with Rogers as per Council's direction, however on April 27, Council passed a motion that directed staff to develop an Internet Grant Program and bring it back for consideration.

When looking into a potential grant program, options investigated included a percentage grant on a household's internet bill or providing eligible residents a Rogers hotspot device and allowing them to sign up directly with Rogers.

These options did not remove the administrative requirements from the Town or address all areas of Caledon with limited coverage.

As a result, staff proposed a one-time Internet Grant Program for residents to support them in accessing alternative service options, such as hotspots, satellite dishes or similar technology to increase their service levels until high-speed access is available in their location, which Council then approved.

The program provides eligible residents with a \$200 grant from the Town on any new device purchased to increase their internet access. This amount was determined based on the cost for a typical hotspot from a major provider.

The reason it's a grant program rather than a tax rebate program is because the Municipal Act, 2001 and Assessment Act do not allow municipalities to provide tax rebates on non-municipal services such as broadband.

The grant program will ensure the Town is in alignment with the Municipal Act, 2001, section 107(1), which provides municipalities the ability to provide grants for valid municipal purposes.

The grants' purpose is to incentivize and assist Caledon households to investigate better internet options that allow better productivity and connectivity for these households during the pandemic and into the future which would further assist the economic, social, health and safety and wellbeing of persons in Caledon.

With the adoption of the program by Council, Service Caledon will administer it with support from Corporate Strategy and Innovation.

Residents will be required to complete an online form to determine eligibility and provide supporting documentation—staff will then review the submitted information and elibly and will then facilitate the rebate by E-transfer or cheque.

Financially, it is expected to cost the town \$200,000 based on an estimate of 1,000 households meeting the criteria for the program.

To help in understanding the difference between level of services, the following is a general expectation from the three categories of download speed: speeds between one to 25 mbps, allow a user to access email and complete a basic internet search; speeds between 25 to 50 mbps, allow a user to utilize email and search the internet, and stream some lower quality video formats and complete basic video calls with others; speeds of 50 mbps or more, allow a user to email, search the internet, stream high definition videos, complete all video calls and online gaming.

For more information regarding the Town's Internet Grant Program and to check for eligibility through the Town's internet speed test, visit caledon.ca/en/town-services/internet-levy.aspx.



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All night vaccine clinic misses target, but success is clear

Continued from FRONT

As of May 18, all individuals aged 16 or older who live, work or attend school in Peel, are eligible to book an appointment in Peel Region.

Bookings will be accepted for individuals who are 16 or older at the time of vaccination—Pfizer is currently the only vaccine au-

thorized by Health Canada for use in this age group.

Individuals aged 16 to 17 must book an appointment online using the Region of Peel's booking system. If any individual needs help booking, call the Region of Peel COVID-19 Vaccination Line at 905-791-5202.

As per Ministry guidance, appointments will be available at all seven Peel Public

Health mass vaccination clinics, as well as the mobile school clinics.

Appointments will also be available to book at a William Osler Health System Vaccine Clinic in Peel.

On Monday, the Province also announced that Public Health units may choose to provide vaccines to those aged 12 and over in clinics where the Pfizer vaccine is offered.

Further information for how Peel youth aged 12 to 15 can access COVID-19 vaccines is expected to be announced later this week.

As Peel continues to expand vaccination pop-up clinics, residents now have more options to support them in getting their COVID-19 vaccine. Different Peel vaccine pop-ups have opened at locations throughout the Region in recent days.

In addition to offering appointments, they will also offer the option to walk in without an appointment. These clinics are open to anyone over the age of 18 who lives in Peel.

The three new pop-up clinics are all located in Brampton at St. Jean-Marie Vianney Catholic Elementary School, Castlebrooke Secondary School, and Fletcher's Meadow Secondary School—all are open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In an effort to increase vaccination numbers in the Region, on Saturday May 15 through Sunday May 16, Peel ran a "Doses After Dark" 32-hour marathon clinic at the International Centre in Mississauga. The clinic ran from 12:30 p.m. on Saturday around the clock until 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

Over the 32 hours, healthcare workers and volunteers administered 4,939 doses of the vaccine, falling short of the 7,600-dose goal.

But it was the first mass overnight vaccination clinic in Canada and offered a more convenient avenue for shift workers and those not able to reach a vaccination clinic during the day.

"We know that we have a ton of people in our Region who work odd hours, who work shift work, and for whom they have difficulty accessing vaccinations during daytime hours or bankers hours," said Peel's Medical Officer of Health Dr. Lawrence Loh. "So, we really wanted to be able to pilot an evening clinic late into the evening, and overnight hours just to track and see where the demand would land, and also at least provide that opportunity. We also know we have a young demographic in Peel and so, with younger people we also know that there's an attraction to spending time outside in the evening."

"It's a fun event, I was reflecting when I was driving, this is the first time I've actually left my house in the evening for a really long time. So, I imagine just, you know, trying to get to the younger folks who might be more inclined to come out in the evening, as well as for people who just wouldn't be able to get to a vaccine clinic during daytime hours. We know that this is our shot, we know that this is an opportunity to really turn the tale of the tape in Peel that has been so hard hit, and if we do this right, if we continue to push through together with everyone getting first shots, and then in the second shot we will hopefully get back to a life more ordinary. I think it's up to all of us, it's in our hands, or rather our arms, and we're going to make that difference."

To find more details about vaccination clinics and to book a COVID-19 vaccine, visit peelregion.ca/coronavirus/vaccine.

Stay-at-home orders extended to June 2

BY BROCK WEIR

This was going to be the week where we would be able to emerge from the latest round of stay-at-home orders, but it will be a little while longer until present health restrictions start to lift.

On Thursday, the Premier's Office announced province-wide stay-at-home orders would be extended until at least June 2.

"While we are seeing positive trends as a result of the public health measures put in place, we cannot afford to let it up yet," said Premier Doug Ford in a statement. "We must stay vigilant to ensure our ICU numbers stay down and our hospital capacity is protected. If we stay the course for the next two weeks and continue vaccinating record number[s] of Ontarians every day, we can begin to look forward to July and August and having the summer that everyone deserves."

Between May 2 and May 8, present restrictions and vaccination efforts saw the Provincial case rate decrease by nearly 15 per cent, with the positivity rate standing at 7.7 per cent, down nearly a full percentage point from the previous weeks.

"Despite improvements, key indicators remain high and more time is required before the Province can safely lift the stay-at-home orders," the Ontario government elaborated. "From May 3 to 9, the Provincial cases rate remained very high at 134.9 cases per 100,000 people, and per cent positivity rate was above the high alert threshold of 2.5 per cent. Hospitalization and ICU admissions also remain too high and well above the peak of wave 2."

Added Health Minister Christine Elliott:

"While the latest data shows that public health measures are having an impact, the situation in our hospitals remains precarious and variants continue to pose a significant risk. Experience from other jurisdictions shows that driving transmission to very low levels is needed in order to end the third wave. We must stay the course as we continue to quickly vaccinate more Ontarians, including our children and youth."

It is yet to be determined when in-person learning will resume in Ontario schools.

All publicly-funded and private elementary and secondary schools in the Province will continue to operate under the remote learning model.

Data is to be assessed on an ongoing basis and medical experts, including the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health officials will be consulted to determine if it may be safe to resume in-person learning.

"Despite the progress we have made in recent weeks in our fight against the virus, we all must remain vigilant as we are not yet at the point where we can safely exit the stay-at-home order as our health system remains under significant strain," said Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Dave Williams. "By continuing to strictly follow all measures, we can further reduce transmission of the virus, safeguard hospital and public health capacity, and save lives."

Added Solicitor General Sylvia Jones: "The spread of COVID-19 continues to pose a significant threat to our health care system and the wellbeing of Ontarians. While we have made great strides, extending the stay-at-home order is essential to protect our communities, reduce the spread of the virus and save lives."



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Country Day School sees more athletes off to post-secondary on scholarships

BY ROBERT BELARDI

You truly can't paint everyone with the same brush. But what you can do is guide everyone with the same compass.

At The Country Day School, it's quite clear how students who attend the school are guided. Grow, educate and motivate students to take the road less travelled that ultimately leads to success.

Sacrifice. Hard work. Dedication. Although these things are written they are most certainly not always done.

In the last few weeks, we've seen students come out of the school and announce their scholarships to other locations. We've seen CDS point guard Carly Magarelli commit to U of T. Now we see two other adept, three-term-athletes commit to post-secondary schools for this upcoming September.

Let's get you acquainted with them.

Rachel Millar

Age: 17

Birthday: December 30, 2003

Favourite Athlete: Serena Williams

Favourite Teams: Canada Women's Soccer, Toronto Maple Leafs



Rachel Millar and Nevis Hunt, both three-term athletes at CDS, have sports partially to thank for their recent post-secondary commitments.

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Rachel Millar has been interested in Huron at Western her entire life. Her mother is an alumnus; her grandfather as well. So, when push came to shove, it was a simple decision to want to head to London, ON this year.

The Schomberg native learned of the scholarship from a friend who is currently attending Huron.

"I submitted my application and that consisted of a resume, extracurriculars, jobs, volunteering. Pretty much everything you've ever been involved in you have to write down and then you have to write an essay on what you would contribute to the school," Millar said.

"And you had to be nominated by your school."

Following a few months of waiting, Millar finally heard back from the school. She had to answer a final series of questions. Following that, she was awarded the Huron at Western Hellmuth Scholarship. Recipients of this scholarship must have an average of 90 per cent or higher and be heavily involved in the community.

For her time at CDS, Millar was a three-term athlete since Grade Seven, having been involved in soccer, hockey and tennis respectively. She began playing soccer when she was small in King City.

"Sports for sure have been the thing – I know [at] CDS they talk about balance. So, with academics being really hard, I've always been able to go out after school and have the sports there which I loved," Millar said.

"We also started the women's hockey team at our school which was the first ever. I didn't even know how to play hockey, but getting involved in that is definitely something I appreciate now."

It was a massive part of her life and it was nice to get away and take a break from academics. She made plenty of friends and grew her social network.

She also earned a reputation at the school outside of sports, installing beehives on the property of the school. The school was recognized in King Township and beehives are now part of the curriculum of the school.

Millar was also very active at King City Tennis Club and at the Pampered Pillowcase, supporting the women's shelters in York Region.

This upcoming year, Millar will be studying Business. She got into Ivey Business School which she will be fully enrolled in after her second year in post-secondary. She is hoping to major in Economics.

"I'd like to thank CDS for all of the useful advice during this process. From the faculty, staff to all of my classmates, to my family, thank you for helping me get this far. It's only the next step in the journey."

Nevis Hunt

Age: 18

Birthday: May 20, 2003

Favourite Team: Toronto Raptors

Favourite Athletes: Tyler Mislawchuk & Eliud Kipchoge

Hobbies: Backcountry Camping & Nordic Skiing

Nevis Hunt has committed to Mount Allison University in Sackville, NB, this upcoming fall, pursuing a Bachelor of Commerce and Commerce Aviation Degree.

He has been awarded the Marjorie Young Bell Scholarship valued at \$56,000.

"It's nice to know I'm going to Mount Allison, a nice university and a place with a similar feel to what CDS has been. Small community in that sense. Going out there with that scholarship already putting me in a situation to succeed in the next four years of university and in the future," Hunt said.

Coming from an athletic family, Hunt began sports when he was very young. He began competing in duathlons and triathlons when he was four years old.

Known as a "lifer" in CDS having been at the school since junior kindergarten, he began really competing with the school in Grade Four. In the winter, he got involved in basketball, cementing himself as a three-term athlete as well. He played track, basketball and cross country all the way up to last year.

It was also last year he formally switched from triathlons to duathlons.

"That summer I switched I qualified for the world duathlons in Almere, Netherlands last September. Because of the pandemic they have been postponed until this September," Hunt explained.

"Since I was six, I always wanted to qualify for the worlds and represent Canada on the world stage."

Next year, there will be another event held internationally. As of now, Hunt is still on Team Canada and is aiming to represent the country next year.

Hunt's life in sport has helped him academically. He says they are interrelated. Trying to be the best in sport has translated to him wanting to be the best version of himself in the classroom.

"The main thing is determination and hard work."

Hunt also added that CDS made it very possible to be involved in the community. He leaves the school having played in three bands, was a School Ambassador, Intramural Coordinator and having a role in Student Council.

Part of earning his scholarship was his "Education with Balance." He says Mount Allison was very pleased with his awards, such as the Robert M. Ross award, the Gold Core Awards and the Duke of Edinburgh Awards (Bronze and Silver). He was also involved as a Ski Instructor in the local community.

Golf courses will not re-open during stay-at-home order

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Don't expect to be swinging your clubs on the links any time soon.

The links at local golf courses are green, well manicured, and ready to be played, however, the ban on playing the sport is going to stay in place.

Despite protests and lobbying from the golfing industry and players, the Provincial government has announced that the ban on golfing will remain for the duration of the current stay-at-home order.

The golfing industry insists the sport is

safe and that they follow protocols on the courses to keep people distanced and sanitized.

Even the panel of medical professionals who pressured the government to put the stay-at-home order in place say outdoor sports are safe.

However, the Ford government says it's not that playing golf itself is considered unsafe, it's the fact that golf encourages people to travel between different regions to play the game and this allows for the transmission of the virus between different communities.

"The science table also was very clear that they did not want people to be moving around, to be transmitting through movement between regions, communities," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones, on Tuesday, May 11, adding that the fact that medical professionals don't want people to travel, yet say golf is safe, is contradictory.

"We don't have a golf course at the end of every street, so we have to make sure that people continue to understand that the stay-at-home order is in to avoid unnecessary movement," Jones said. "Frankly, a lot of outdoor recreation – when you go long

distances to participate in those – encourages the movement that we don't want and that leads to transmissions."

The same logic has been applied to the fact that tennis courts and basketball courts have also been closed.

Local courses are feeling the pressure of having to remain closed until at least June 3.

While the courses can't open, they still have to be maintained - which costs money.

Some courses have already said that if they ban continues through June they will be closing for good.

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Robert's Rant: Tonight is the night we've all been waiting for

BY ROBERT BELARDI
OPINION

It came down to overtime in game four of the 1979 quarterfinals between the Montreal Canadiens and the Toronto Maple Leafs. Boos came down from the stands in Maple Leaf Gardens as the Buds were forced to kill off a penalty.

Down 3-0 in the series against the eventual Stanley Cup champions, the Habs moved into the zone on the power play. Jacques Lemaire, Yvon Lambert, Guy LaFleur, Larry Robinson and Guy Lapointe were on the ice.

Lapointe came into the zone. Boos still echoing down to the ice. Lapointe shuffled the puck over to Robinson and from the point, the defenceman ripped a slap shot past Leafs netminder Paul Harrison. The Habs swept the Leafs. That folks, was the last time the Habs and Leafs played each other in the playoffs.

The Habs dominated that season with a 52-17-11 record while the Leafs walked away 34-33-13.

Now, heading into Game One tonight, the tables have turned.

Forty-two years later, hockey fans in Ontario, Quebec and around the world witness a turn of events. In this year's unique North Division, the Toronto Maple Leafs (35-14-7) will take on the Montreal Canadiens (24-21-11) and oh how different these records look now.

In history, the two teams have met each other 15 times in the playoffs and the Habs lead the all-time showdown 8-7. The two have also met each other in the finals five times and the Leafs lead that by a record of 3-2.

Tonight, May 20, every son, daughter, grandchild, husband, wife and grandparent who lives and breathes hockey have been dreaming for the day to come. Tonight is the night. This is it. Finally, something to look forward to, in a time where there truly isn't much to be excited about.

The Toronto Maple Leafs enter this playoff series having won their last playoff series in 2004.

The club has been faced with heavy criticism in recent years since losing their first-round matchups to Washington, Boston and Columbus respectively.

The Habs on the other hand have made it to two, Eastern Conference finals in the last decade and with Marc Bergevin and Kyle Dubas pulling a few strings, every indication would suggest both teams are in win now mode.

If I gave you easy questions to answer, they would simply be these. Who has the edge? Who has more pressure on their hands? Who is favoured? That answer is the Toronto Maple Leafs.

When I ask you the following questions, maybe there truly isn't a direct answer. Will Leafs netminder Jack Campbell continue his supremacy over Montreal? Will Carey Price be at full strength? Which team is hungrier? These have yet to be determined. But for now, I'll leave those responses to you.

Seeing the rest of the playoff matchups on television, I wish fans were allowed to enter the building here in Canada. It's quite frustrating and I can write you a harangue statement about this, with a little respect of course.

"Say thanks" during National Public Works Week

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During National Public Works Week, feel free to give a heartfelt (physically distanced) thank you to staff who collect garbage, cut grass, repair roads and sidewalks.

Also, stay tuned to the Town's social media channels during National Public Works Week for interesting facts and information about what public works staff do.

"Public Works Operations staff do an amazing job", says Carey Herd, Chief Administrative Officer. "I am so proud of this committed team. The work that they do supports the quality of life in Caledon and provides our residents and businesses with a safe and sustainable community."

But, just as the Euro rolls around and many fans in the area grab their country's flag, it's time we grab flags of our own. Rally and renew the rivalry that has simply gone stale for over forty years. Relive the passion from fan to fan. And at the same time, unite together as hockey supporters. Because now is the time

and it is fuelled with more excitement than ever before.

Maybe one more question. A personal one. Who do you got?

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LOUIS DOUGLAS NEWELL 1924 - 2021

Died peacefully at his home in Shelburne on Friday, May 7th, with his family, son Roger, partner Paula, daughter Gwen and husband Jim Funston.

Doug was born on the family farm in Ruskview and is predeceased by his wife, Kathleen (Inglis), married for 71 years, along with three brothers, Wilfred, Herbert, Russell and sister, Mary. He was a hard-working man from his late teens working in the pulp mills in northern Ontario, to working on ships on the Great Lakes. Doug operated a gas station in Midhurst then decided to move north and give mining a try in Sudbury. During one of Inco's strikes, he decided to come down to Conover to help his brother, Wilfred, on the potato farm and ended up buying the farm from him. He operated it for 21 years. Along with the farming operation he trucked stock to the Stock Yards in Toronto for other farmers. When he sold the farm, he built a new home just west of Horning's Mills, dug 3 ponds and built a fish building to create a fish farming business, his proudest endeavor, and operated it until the age of 90.

He will be remembered for his welcoming smile, his love of music, his positive outlook on life, and his keen interest of keeping up with world events.

His final message for us was summed up with this quote "Love is the greatest gift of all and always have a song in your heart". We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Condo Complex for their kindness and thoughtfulness during his six years there. The family would like to thank the Nurses and the Co-Ordinator's from LHNH, along with Dr. Chattah and Dr. Martin-Smith who took such good care of him. Donations would be happily received by the Township of Melancthon, "Horning's Mills Ball Park Fund" by mail cheque payable to: Township of Melancthon - 157191 Highway 10, Melancthon, ON L9V 2E6, or another charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made at www.imfunerals.com. In Memoriam Funeral Services Inc. has been given the honour to serve with Newell Family.



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JAMIESON, Eleanor Isabel (nee McMillan)

Eleanor Isabel Jamieson (McMillan), 92, of Orangeville, ON, passed away on Saturday, May 15, 2021, just one day short of her 93rd birthday. Private family funeral service will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre* Orangeville. Rev. Sandra McLauchlan Abuja of Westminster United Church will be officiating. Interment to follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Mono. Eleanor was born in Orangeville on May 16, 1928. She graduated from Orangeville High School in 1946 and made her home in Orangeville all her life. Her family originally came from the Greenbank / Uxbridge area. Eleanor married Harold Jamieson on June 28, 1958 in Westminster United Church; they were married 63 years. She greatly enjoyed music and was a member of the Westminster United Church Choir for over 60 years where she had many close friends and good times. The church has a hanging cross which was donated by the family in memory of Donald James McMillan RCAF, her brother, killed in action during the second world war. Beloved wife of Harold Jamieson. Dear mother of Heather and Brian (Heidi) of Calgary. Cherished grandmother of her special girls Mackenzie and Tyler. Eleanor will also be missed by other relatives and many close friends and wonderful neighbours while living her life in Orangeville. Eleanor is preceded in death by her parents James Armour McMillan and Edith (Phair), Donald James McMillan and Beatrice (Black) and Howard McMillan, all of Orangeville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Alzheimer Society of Canada would be appreciated by the family or the Westminster Church Organ Fund. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com. The family of Eleanor Jamieson wishes to thank the wonderful caring staff at Dufferin Oaks.



BREEN IAN DAVID

Suddenly on Friday, May 7, 2021, Ian David Breen, at the age of 41 years, beloved son of Rosalie and the late Guy Breen. Dear brother of Melissa (Enzo), Paul, John, Guy (Sonja), Brad, Corinne (Mark), and Kim (Randy). Loving uncle of Dion, Jacob, Rachele, Levi, Guy Jr., Lindsay, Cassandra, Arren, Natalie, Adam, Dallas, Eddie, Sydney, Harley, Jersey, and Cheyenne. Ian will be greatly missed by best friends Enzo, Paulo and Ron. Ian had many aunts, uncles, and cousins and a beloved friend to many. He loved all animals, especially dogs. Ian was fur daddy to Diesel and Mack. A private family service will be held at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Saturday morning, May 15 at 11 o'clock. The family invites those who wish to view the service to do so through live streaming at event.forgetmenotceremonies.com/ceremony?c=259c331b-6f13-4a21-b317-fb16a7852208. If you experience any issues or have questions in regards to the live streaming, please feel free to contact Forget Me Not Ceremonies at 1-877-895-2739. If you need to leave a message on their answering machine, they will return your call promptly. You will be required to register for the service and then they will immediately send you an email with the actual link to the service. Please check your junk or spam inbox if you don't receive the email with the actual link. Private family interment Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton. If desired, memorial donations may be made in Ian's name to Dog Tales Rescue & Sanctuary. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com



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The app will increase the access to healthy, local, farm fresh food for 1.2 million residents of York Region and 5.9 million residents in the surrounding GTA.

"York Region has a variety of different types of farms for people to source local food. The map was originally created so farmers could promote their offerings and residents could discover local food," says Jenna Pegg, Chair, York Farm Fresh.

"This year, we introduced a multilingual app to engage with newcomers of our Region and beyond into the GTA! There is so much 'freshness' to enjoy that is so close to home, take a drive and see for yourself!"

This digital innovation will promote agri-

tourism and local food opportunities in York Region.

The app will provide links to members web pages, facilitating increased sales for farm businesses.

Features will allow for real time updates of seasonal produce availability and public health regulations.

The app is available for free download from the App Store for iOS and Google Play for android users.

A key strength of York Region's \$2.7 billion agri-food sector is its proximity to the large consumer population in the GTA.

The pandemic has impacted local food systems with a need to strengthen community food security.

In response to COVID-19, food trends have shifted towards greater demand for locally grown food.

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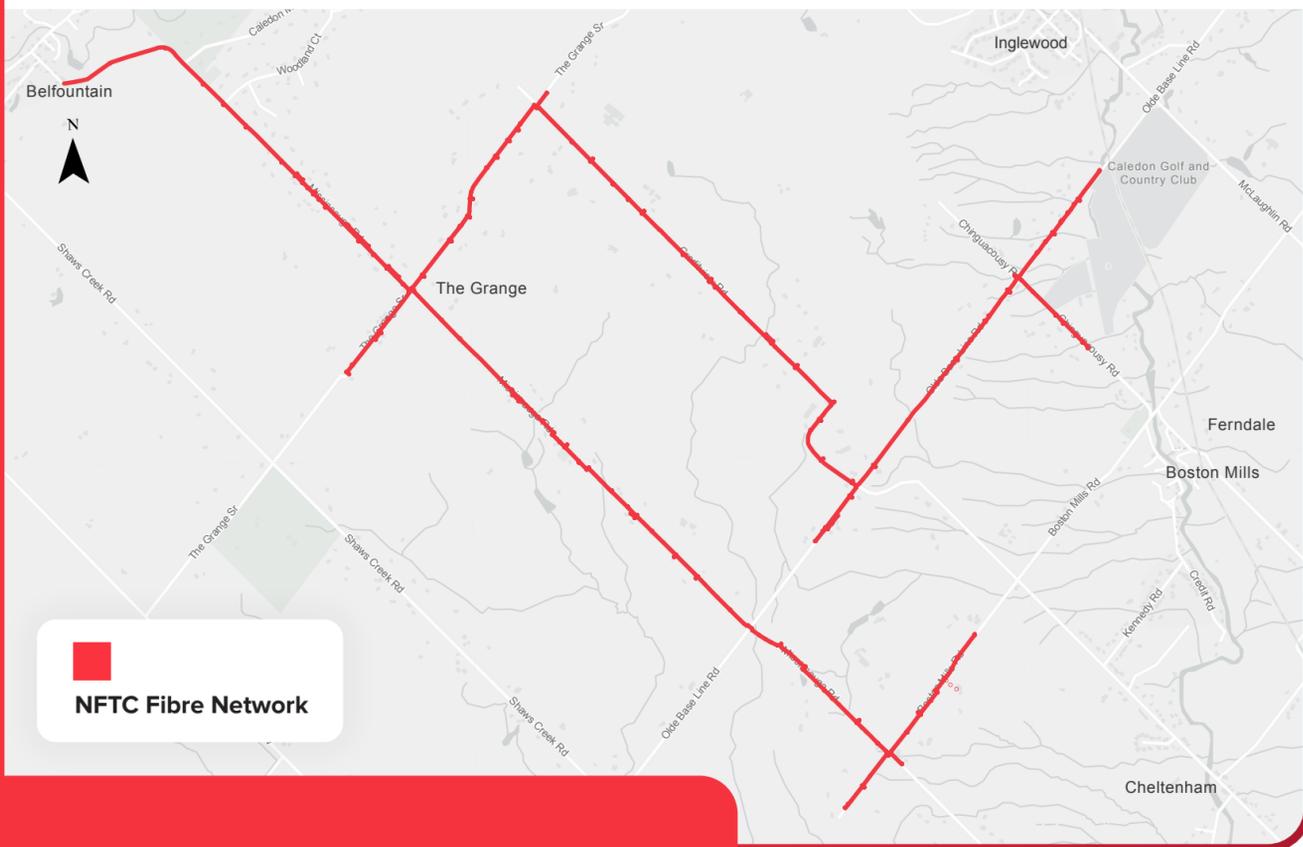
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