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PARAMEDIC SERVICES WEEK -- Paramedic Services Week runs through May 29 and this is an opportunity to highlight the work Peel Paramedic Services has been doing throughout the year and on many fronts, including Peel's vaccination efforts. The Region estimates that every Peel Paramedic has had some direct contact with a COVID-19-positive person.

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Province lays out roadmap to reopening as Peel continues marking vaccination milestones

BY ROB PAUL

On Thursday, May 20, Premier Doug Ford and the Government of Ontario announced the initial roadmap for the Province's reopening after a nearly two month long stay-at-home order.

The three-step plan will gradually lift public health measures based on vaccination rates.

Effective May 22, the province has already opened some outdoor recreational activities such as golf, tennis, and skate parks—individual sports that will allow for physical distancing and not impact restrictions against mixing households—along with some sports, gather-

ings of up to five outdoors are now permitted.

“As a result of the strict public health measures we introduced to stop the spread of COVID-19 variants, we are seeing a steady improvement in our situation as ICU and hospital numbers begin to stabilize,” said Premier Ford. “While we must remain conscious of the continued threat the virus poses, with millions of Ontarians having received at least their first dose of vaccine we can now begin the process of a slow and cautious re-opening of the province in full consultation with our public health professionals.”

Each step in the reopening roadmap will last at least 21 days to evaluate the impacts on pub-

lic health and health system indicators. After 21 days, if vaccination thresholds have been met and public health and health system indicators are trending positively then the province will advance to the next step.

The Province is expected to enter step one the week of June 14, and it will be focused on resuming outdoor activities with smaller crowds where the risk of transmission is lower and permitting retail with restrictions. It will include allowing outdoor gatherings of up to 10 people, outdoor dining with up to four people per table, and non-essential retail at 15 per cent capacity.

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Meals on Wheels puts Survivor spin on Shop Local

BY ROB PAUL

Two things that have become increasingly clear in communities across Canada during the last 14 months that have been defined by the pandemic are the need for connection and the importance of supporting local.

With that in mind, Caledon Meals on Wheels wanted to get involved the best way that they could, and they decided to launch an interactive event for the whole community.

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Lifestyle Communities

Community has been Chamber of Commerce's biggest ally throughout the pandemic

BY ROB PAUL

On the heels of the Government of Ontario announcing a three-step reopening approach after enacting a stay-at-home order that began April 8, small businesses throughout the Caledon community have felt the harsh impact of pivoting to partial and remote operations.

With Ontario's reopening plan kicking off over the long weekend with outdoor facilities like golf courses and tennis courts being authorized for use, businesses are hopeful the reopening will stay on track. Step one of the reopen is set for June 14 and includes outdoor dining with up to four people and non-essential retail at 15 per cent capacity.

Each step for the province will last at least 21 days, but if vaccinations continue to trend in a positive direction, step two will see the reopening of personal care services and an increase to six people for outdoor dining and step three will allow for indoor dining as well as recreational facilities to open. This marks the first sign of progress for local businesses in Caledon to begin preparing for a return to normal.

A key supporter for business throughout the country during these tough times are their local chambers of commerce.

Caledon's has tried to be there every step of the way to help where they can in unifying business owners and keeping them in the know of what's going on at the Federal and Provincial levels.

Anthony Caputo, President of the Caledon Chamber of Commerce, is glad to see things are beginning to trend in a positive direction but knowing how rapidly things have changed with COVID-19 it's not time to celebrate yet.

"It's not easy living in the unknown, if we have no information to give them" he said. "I don't think it's fair that we keep getting these postponements and all we're doing is dragging these businesses through the mud. Luckily, a lot of them are being resilient, but, at the same time, you can only go so long until you throw in the towel and give up."

It's been an impossible and unprecedented situation for businesses world-wide and Caputo credits Caledon businesses rallying together throughout the pandemic as a clear reason there's still light on the other end of the tunnel.

"They're frustrated (members of the chamber), but honestly, I have different businesses reaching out that are willing to lend support to other businesses to help out. The camaraderie and sense of community that we're seeing right now in regard to businesses helping other businesses is pretty impressive. The ones that are still doing well and prospering are actually giving us a call and asking, 'How can we help the chamber? How can we help other businesses that need a hand?'"

It's easy to find the negatives in the situation, but Caputo believes it's important to look at some of the positives to come out of it and one of the most important positives is the teamwork he has seen. He's been blown away by the willingness of local businesses to help others that are struggling where they can.

"It's huge," he said. "The fact that instead of everyone thinking about themselves, they're reaching out and wanting to help other businesses in the community. That goes to show you how great the community strength is alone, that people haven't felt in a long, long time and knowing that it's still there is a great step forward."

It hasn't been easy for the chamber either, says Caputo; they've felt the struggle with pivoting into unknown circumstances. Un-

Anthony Caputo is President of the Caledon Chamber of Commerce. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

able to help as much as they wish they could, they're starting to find their footing after consulting with other chambers and working with the government to get their member businesses more assistance.

"We have our hands tied as well," he said. "For us, we're pretty much starting from scratch with getting organized and trying to support businesses the best we can, but little by little we're coming together. We've been able to talk to other chambers and having the government give us rapid tests to give to smaller businesses is going to be a big step forward in helping us support these businesses."

Although the reopening plan is cause for positivity, Caputo wants to see more done. Some of the inconsistencies in the reopening are an issue and he and the chamber are going to do their best to ensure the government understands more can be done in a safe manner to help local economies bounce back sooner.

"We're going to be petitioning the government to start opening things up, especially outdoor dining – with the good weather coming there's no reason for these restaurants to stay closed especially the ones who aren't able to do anything else," he said. "As well as opening up outdoor sports—even just for the public because it's going to be very important, especially for everyone's mindsets. Everyone needs to get out."

Given how difficult the pandemic has been for everyone, Caputo isn't willing to point fingers with some of the past problems in reopening decisions. He knows the government has been put into an impossible spot and is just glad to see that things are seemingly shifting towards normalcy.

"It's frustrating for everybody, but there's one thing we all need to understand, this virus is always changing," he said. "It's not telling us, 'Hey, this is the way it's going to be' and we adapt to it and it's done. We always have to be adapting to the changes the virus brings. It sucks and we're all frustrated and we're all in the same boat and want to get back to normal, but unfortunately this is the hand we've been dealt. Everyone makes mistakes and I can't see any government doing better with this. So, how do you fault someone that is dealing with a virus that comes every hundred years?"

For more information about the Caledon Chamber of Commerce, visit caledonchamberofcommerce.ca/ and for more information regarding Ontario's three-step reopening plan visit www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario.



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TIBOR TORONTALI

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Former Humberview teacher recognized for impact on students through robotics team

BY ROB PAUL

When a teacher has a positive effect on a student's life and nurtures their strengths, it can set the stage for their future and provides a lasting impact that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Former Humberview Secondary School teacher Tibor Torontali didn't look for recognition when he spent his days molding the minds of Bolton's youth, but sometimes that impact can show up years down the road.

That's what happened when former Humberview student Matthew Reynolds nominated Torontali for the Loran Scholars Foundation's Teachers Building Leaders Award.

The award recognizes primary and secondary school teachers who provide early inspiration, guidance, and growth opportunities for students.

In partnership with universities, donors, and volunteers across Canada, the Loran Scholars Foundation offers the country's largest four-year undergraduate award to young Canadians on the basis of character, service, and the promise of leadership. Each year, graduating Loran Scholars are able to show their gratitude to the teachers who impacted them by nominating them for the Teachers Building Leaders Award.

Reynolds, a 2017 Loran Scholar and one of the leaders of Humberview's robotics team when he was a student, nominated Torontali who was instrumental in the robotics team's success. Torontali was selected as one of the 26 teachers across the country to receive the award in 2021.

"I was totally surprised," he said. "I was elated to hear about it, and it makes you feel good to get recognition. As a teacher you don't go into it for the accolades. My joy and delight are when I see others succeed. It's in my nature to get joy out of others succeeding, it's like when you're watching sports and you see someone greater than you do something you can't do, to me that's exciting.

"Human nature is very easily understandable, everybody loves recognition. I was very grateful for this and very happy. You work hard as a teacher and an example is the (Loran Scholar) application process and giving a clear descriptor of who Matthew is and why he's so unique. It was a lot of work, and it was a constant month of writing, re-writing, re-editing, and having others read it until you get to the point where you feel the words explain exactly who this guy is. I was just surprised that they commemorate teachers with an award for supporting the student, so it was very surprising."

Although Torontali left Humberview in

2019 after nearly a decade for Crescent School in Toronto, being recognized with the Teachers Building Leaders Award reminds him of the impact and change the robotics team he helped shape had on the students in Bolton.

"It feels great, and it really encapsulates my time at Humberview. It's a great school," he said. "It has an amazing robotics and tech program that myself and others helped develop. This is an example of what came out of that and having the Loran Foundation acknowledge teachers who do this sort of things is great. We had a first robotics team that competed at tournaments, that was team 4946, the legendary Alpha Dogs that are the team for Caledon."

The Alpha Dogs were started at Humberview in 2013 thanks to Torontali, fellow teachers Chris Ziskos and David Hingendorff, and a handful of senior students. They began competing in 2014 in robotics competitions and Torontali credits Reynolds and the support at Humberview for the program's major success.

"We were pretty successful, and Matthew was involved in so much there and a main driver of the program. He secured a lot of support from Husky Injection Molding Systems in Bolton who gave us amazing support to keep the robotics program going at the school. I also have to thank Sue Fried, the former principal at Humberview. She was extremely supportive of the program and my endeavours; she never said no to anything we tried to do."

Normally the impact that teachers have on students is at the forefront when looking at what a leader can do in the classroom, but Torontali says that was a two-way street with Matthew.

"We still stay in touch and he's even doing some stuff globally now," he said. "It's really funny because a lot of his assignments and work he did for me as a student I have kept, and I use as an exemplar—even at the school I teach at now—it was just the quality that it was. It was pretty extensive what I asked of the students in the robotics course I taught at Humberview but it went a long way when they bought into it and they created a really strong product.

"Matthew was exceptional, there was not one assignment where he didn't give more than what was expected. He left an impact on everyone, it's the kind of person he is. He aligned exactly with my personality and what I tried to get out of the students. I tried to get them to understand that what you do in life should make you happy, even with the problems and failures you may face. It's always important to keep pushing forward and create solutions for those mistakes."



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by Nicole Hand, Chief Development Officer



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469 CHARGES LAID DURING CANADA ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Officers from the Caledon OPP worked to make Caledon roadways safer during the Canada Road Safety Week Campaign that ran from May 18 to May 24.

Members from the Caledon Detachment focused on the “Big 4” leading causal factors in road deaths, which are:

- Impaired driving
- Distracted driving
- Aggressive driving (including speeding)
- Lack of seat belt use.

The following charges were laid by the officers during the national traffic safety campaign:

- Alcohol impaired driving - four charges; three warn range driver’s licence suspension
- Fail to yield - 17 charges
- Careless driving - three charges
- Speeding - 322 charges
- Stunt - one charge
- Seat belt - 108 charges, and
- Distracted driving - 14 charges

“Additionally, Caledon OPP officers participated in 19 Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) spot check events throughout our community. Caledon OPP remains committed to traffic safety by incorporating high police visibility, measurable outcomes, professional traffic stops and public education into their efforts to save lives on Caledon roadways.”

PICKUP TRUCK THEFT INVESTIGATED

Theft is a crime of opportunity and it only took a couple of minutes for a thief to take advantage of a pickup truck left running and unattended in residential area of Bolton.

On Tuesday, May 25, at approximately 8:52 a.m., officers from the Caledon OPP responded to a reported stolen vehicle call for service on Wakely Boulevard.

The complainant told the officers that they parked and left their grey 2019 Ford-150 pickup truck running on Wakely Boulevard. When the owner returned three minutes later, the vehicle was gone. Other valuables were stolen with the vehicle.

The suspect vehicle, a grey sedan, can be seen in security video slowly passing by the pickup truck and then making a U-turn. One of the suspects then exits the vehicle, quickly gets into the pickup truck and drives towards Station Road, where the suspect nearly collided with another car. (Video can be viewed on twitter.com/OPP_CR).

Caledon OPP is asking the residents of the above neighbourhood 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 to always secure their vehicles by removing car keys, locking all doors and windows, removing all valuables from plain view, and never leaving your car running and unattended.

IMPAIRED DRIVERS CHARGED ON VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND

On Friday, May 21, at approximately 9:07 p.m. while conducting traffic enforcement, officers from the Caledon OPP Detachment observed a pickup truck driving erratically on Humber Station Road in the Town of Caledon.

“The officers conducted a traffic stop,” say Police. “Upon further investigation, police formed a suspicion the driver was operating a motor vehicle with excess blood alcohol and made an Approved Screening Device demand. As a result of the roadside test, the driver was arrested for Operation while Impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) over 80 mg, and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment, where further breath tests were conducted.”

Rocky Dalimonte, 38, of Brampton, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - BAC 80 plus, and
- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor

The charges have not been proven.

“On Saturday, May 22, at approximately 1:06 a.m., officers responded to a traffic complaint of a possible impaired driver on Airport Road. The vehicle was located and the driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol.”

As a result of the police investigation, the driver, Pawanbir Singh, 30, of Caledon, was arrested and charged with the following offences:

- Operation while impaired
- Operation while impaired - BAC 80 plus
- Failure to comply with release order.

The charges have not been proven.

“On Sunday, May 23, at approximately 10:36 p.m., officers responded to a reported traffic complaint of a possible impaired driver in the area of Highway 10 and Charleston Side Road. The vehicle in question was not able to maintain a lane and was driving erratically.

“The officers located the suspect vehicle and conducted an investigation. Police formed a suspicion the driver was operating a motor vehicle with excess blood alcohol and made an Approved Screening Device demand. As a result of the roadside test, the driver was arrested for Operation while Impaired - BAC over 80 mg, and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment for further breath tests to be conducted.”

As a result, Gurbinder Chahal, 31, of Brampton, stands charged with:

- Operation while impaired - BAC 80 plus
- Possession of a schedule I substance - heroin.

The charges have not been proven.

All three accused parties are expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on August 5, 2021, to answer to the charges.

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16. Makes very happy
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19. From a distance
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21. Consumed
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23. In all places
26 Made improvements to
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32. Wood
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42. Where judges sit
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47. Having many different functions
49. Member of a Semitic people
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51. After the seventh tree
56. Small N. Zealand
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58. Playground
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63. Tooth caregiver
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Greyhound Canada shuts down permanently, raising regional travel concerns

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Greyhound Canada shut down all bus services permanently on May 13, creating a gap in cross-regional transit.

After the bus carrier pulled out of Western Canada in 2018, it paused its remaining routes in Ontario and Quebec when COVID-19 hit Canada in March of 2020.

Over a year without revenue made it impossible to continue operations after nearly a century of service in Canada.

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback said the news came as a “huge disappointment” because so many Canadians rely on Greyhound as an affordable means of transportation.

“I think it’s a massive failure by the federal government because Greyhound clearly communicated the issues they were having and the government did not address those issues and find ways to support an important transportation carrier in the country,” he said. “I think the government should have looked at all kinds of ways to keep them here in Canada, providing the transportation that many Canadians need.”

When looking at a national transit service, which some anti-poverty group leaders and student advocates are calling for to replace Greyhound, Seeback says he doesn’t believe it’s the right path moving forward.

“I think it’s always dangerous when the government decides to create new national anything, because of the costs associated with that. We already have a really large deficit and I never like it when government decides to inject itself into these kinds of things. We have to find ways to support businesses that exist, so that they are able to not just survive, but also to thrive,” Seeback said.

“I’m interested in finding ways to work

with existing companies to expand their transportation networks, but I don’t think the government should be providing a national bus transit network for Canadians, because I just think it’s going to be run poorly, because governments often run companies not well.”

Seeback said allowing the free market to step in and replace Greyhound, possibly with some form of government support, would be the ideal solution.

“The government can provide some financial assistance to either regional carriers or other start-ups so that they can expand. That would be the best way to go about doing that at this point,” he noted.

“Because having a bus network across the country is a critical piece of infrastructure for people that can’t afford to fly or take the train, we’ve got to find a way to make it work.”

Meanwhile, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones said one of the things Ontario’s Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is doing to assist in promoting cross regional transit was eliminating a licensing requirement for inter-community transportation.


“One of the things that we heard was that licensing requirement for inter-community transportation was a barrier, so by removing it, then you see where the further opportunities are,” she said.

There MTO is currently subsidizing transit in 39 communities across Ontario as a pilot project and depending on its results, the program could be further expanded.

Moving forward, Seeback said the government has to move very quickly on replacing Greyhound as Canadians will be moving out of lockdown and likely wanting to travel to friends and family who they haven’t seen in over a year.

“We need actual action and I think we need action really quickly,” he said.


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Peel hits vaccination milestones

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After 21 days, if 60 per cent of adults have been vaccinated with one dose, the Province will move to step two which further expands outdoor activities and resuming limited indoor services with small numbers of people where face coverings are worn. This includes outdoor gatherings of up to 25 people, outdoor sports and leagues, overnight camps, personal care services where face coverings can be worn and with capacity limits, as well as indoor religious services, rites or ceremony gatherings at 15 per cent capacity.

If 70 per cent of adults are vaccinated with one dose and 20 per cent are vaccinated with two doses then the Province will move into step three which will expand access to indoor settings, including where there are larger numbers of people and where face coverings can't always be worn. This includes indoor sports and recreational fitness, indoor dining, museums, art galleries and libraries, and casinos and bingo halls, with capacity limits.

To exit step three, 70 to 80 per cent of adults need to be vaccinated with one dose and 25 per cent vaccinated with two doses. To this point, the province has administered first doses of the vaccines to over 58.5 per cent of Ontarians aged 18 and over.

“While we know that now is not yet the moment to reopen, Ontarians deserve to know the path forward on what we will carefully reopen and when, starting with the settings we know are safest,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “Brighter days are ahead, and we believe this Roadmap represents a path out of the pandemic and will encourage Ontarians to get vaccinated and to continue following public health advice.”

Although the roadmap to reopening touches on most aspects, it doesn't specify when students will return to the classroom. For now, the Province says they will continue with remote learning and data will be assessed on an ongoing basis and medical experts will be consulted to determine when it is safe to resume in-person learning.

“We must remain vigilant however, as the fight against COVID-19 is not over and our case counts, ICU capacity and hospitalizations are still concerning,” said Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health. “It remains critical that all Ontarians continue to follow all public health and workplace safety measures currently in place to help further reduce transmission and save lives.”

As the Province shifts towards reopening, the Region of Peel continues to see less weekly COVID cases and deaths while vaccination numbers are trending positively.

Peel has had 108,019 total cases of COVID—an increase of 2,615 since last week, which is a smaller increase than the previous week that saw a nearly 4,000 case uptick. Caledon has accounted

for 4,321 total cases—an increase of 88 since last week—4 per cent of Peel cases have come from Caledon.

As for COVID related deaths, the Region is at 756 with nine more since last week, while Caledon remains at 18 with zero deaths over the last week.

Peel has reached a major vaccination milestone with 50.1 per cent of residents having received at least one dose of the vaccine—2 per cent have received both doses—and 62.4 per cent of Peel adults (over 18) receiving at least one dose. In total, 928,361 doses have been administered in Peel as of May 20.

“This is our collective effort, we're trying to get to three big milestones,” said Dr. Lawrence Loh, Peel's Medical Officer of Health. “The first milestone is 75 per cent first dose coverage. We know that one dose helps to protect against death and hospitalization and severity. So really once you get to that level, you're starting to take away the pressures on the hospital and health care system. Then you're trying to get to 75 per cent first dose coverage and 20 per cent second dose coverage. This is the level that countries like the U.K. and Israel got to where they really started to see changes in transmission and new cases in the community. That starts to limit the number of clusters to people getting sick so that actually helps you, at that point you're able to start reopening society more.”

“Our final milestone that we really need to all pull through together, and everyone who's got your first doses this is a message for you, remember it's not one and done. It's two doses, so we want to get 75 per cent two dose coverage and hopefully at that point we're starting to see transmission interrupted broadly throughout the community.”

In an effort to continue the positive trend towards reaching vaccination thresholds, Peel has announced individuals aged 12 to 15 who live, work, or attend school in the Region will be eligible to book an appointment for the vaccine.

Bookings will be accepted for individuals who are 12 years of age and older at the time of vaccination. Pfizer is currently the only vaccine authorized by Health Canada for use in this age group.

Individuals aged 12 years or older can consent to immunization on their own behalf provided they understand the benefits and risks of the procedure. Proof of age will be required at time of vaccination—an Ontario health card or another form of government issued photo ID will be required.

Appointments for individuals aged 12 to 15 have to be booked online using the Region's book system. Appointments will be available at all seven Peel Public Health mass vaccination clinics, as well as the mobile school clinics and select pop-up clinics.

To book a vaccine appointment in the Region of Peel, visit peelregion.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/book-appointment.

PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE OF RESIDENT'S MEETING

Proposed Official Plan Amendment (Secondary Plan) for lands located on the north side of King Street at The Gore Road and Humber Station Road.

You are invited to attend a resident's meeting to discuss the proposed Official Plan Amendment (Secondary Plan) for lands located on the north side of King Street at The Gore Road and Humber Station Road.

MEETING DETAILS:

Due to continuing efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to protect individuals, the meeting will be held electronically.

Meeting Date: June 10, 2021
Meeting Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

To participate in the meeting online, visit caledon.ca/notices for more details.

To participate over the phone, please see details below:

Call: 1-833-311-4101 Meeting Number/Access Code: 132 030 9920#

The meeting will be chaired by Town Planning staff and will include a brief presentation by the applicant (Glen Schnarr and Associates Inc. on behalf of Bolton Option 3 Landowners Group), before an open discussion is held among the residents, Town staff and the applicant of the development.

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

An application for Official Plan Amendment (POPA 2021-0002) was filed by Glen Schnarr and Associates Inc. on behalf of Bolton Option 3 Landowners Group on February 11, 2021 and February 21, 2021, and deemed 'complete' by Town staff on March 19, 2021.

The applicant is proposing to amend the Official Plan for the subject lands from Prime Agricultural Area to establish a secondary plan area to permit a range of residential, commercial, mixed uses, institutional open space, environmental policy area and transit hub uses.

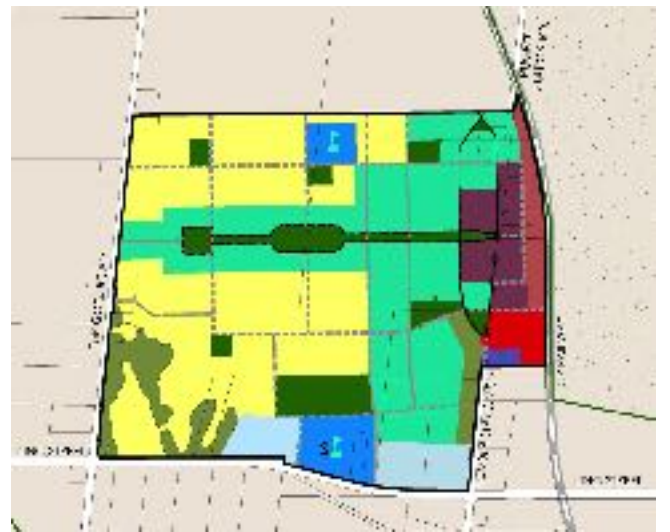
The application submitted remains active, is under review and has not received approval. A Public Meeting date has not been scheduled and will be held at a future date. Please find enclosed the location map and proposed land use schedule.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information on the application and/or meeting, please contact: Planning staff at 905.584.2272 x. 7738 or planning@caledon.ca

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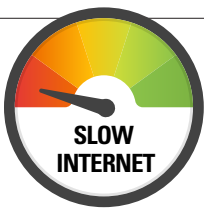
Seniors month is an annual celebration that is observed across Canada in honor of older adults throughout June.

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.

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Comparing apples to cookies - and there is a point here

BY BROCK WEIR

Having a sweet tooth is often seen as an inconvenience at best, or, at worst, maybe from the perspective of dental professionals and most parents, an unfortunate trait that should be moderated and controlled.

I'm not going to pick a side on the issue, at least not today, but I will say the sweet tooth, for better or worse, provided me with a very valuable early life lesson.

As a young kid enrolled in a local Beavers program, we were sent out one day in our Gilligan's Island-inspired cap of blue and brown, laden down with boxes of apples.

We convened earlier in the day to pick out the best of the fresh Macs – it was the late summer or early fall – that had been delivered to the church basement sometime in the wee hours of the morning. Pick the best, we were told, because it helps bring in the customers.

How do you go about selling an apple? The cuteness factor can only take you so far. Put the fattest, juiciest, or reddest apples on the top to draw in people on the go who wouldn't otherwise be able to get their five or ten servings a day?

It was so long ago I can't remember which sales technique ultimately won the day, but I suspect that my apple cheeks played no small part in helping move the fruit. But not by much. We didn't bring in a lot of money that day, but I thought even back then it would have helped to have been very clear with our objective. Surely if we were raising money to help a specific charity, our base of potential customers at the bank would have had all the more reason to pay top dollar for an apple.

Fast forward a year and we were back at it again.

After parting ways from the Beaver troop after the fun of winning the privilege of week-end custody of a teddy variety of the species wore off, my Grade 1 class fanned out throughout the community to push cookies.

This time the product was the vague part in the process – more than 50 varieties of cookie tins up for grabs (with probably a fifth of the variety inside) sold from the comfort of a catalogue. The objective was much clearer: raising enough money to build a new playground for the primary grades.

We knew that each tin ordered got us that much closer to what seemed at the time to be the Cadillac of wooden play structures. Parents, grandparents and neighbours knew the cookies they bought served a greater purpose than satisfying a craving, and the cookie suppliers – well, of course, they were making a mint of their own.

The point is, the whole community had a motive, cause and incentive --- and we certainly moved more cookies than apples. We had good reason to push them, customers were proud to make a contribution, and parents were probably motivated as well to get a few extra tins above and beyond their better

judgement just to get their kids to shut up.

It was a very early life lesson for me, as it's an early life lesson for all of us. Yet, for some reason, it took a hell of a lot of time to incentivize the vaccine effort.

Not that we haven't already had incentive enough.

Getting back to some degree of normalcy has been the carrot dangled in front of us since the first approved vaccines began being rolled out and most of us eagerly answered the call. But, at the same time, vaccine hesitancy has been almost as great a shadow looming over the effort as vaccine supply.

For the hesitant, there might have been a valid reason. But, for the vast majority of the hesitant I have spoken to, the reasons have usually fallen into two columns: misinformed spread by various easily debunked conspiracy theories...and sheer laziness.

Whichever column they fell into, they were almost invariably united by a common thread: complaining about the health restrictions we're currently living under willfully oblivious to the fact that each shot gets us closer to lifting the yoke they're complaining about.

Now, it is painfully obvious. As of last week, by it's-about-time Provincial decree, each shot will literally get us one step closer to "freedom."

In our new and improved Roadmap to Recovery, it will take 60 per cent of all Ontario adults to step up and get their first dose before we can have outdoor gatherings of up to 10 people, sit on a patio with a meal or a beer, and set foot once again into non-essential retail. To get outdoor gatherings of up to 25 people and see organized sports on our fields once more, Ontarians will have to up the ante with 70 per cent of eligible adults getting their first jab and 20 per cent getting their second. Want to get back to the gym, enjoy food in a restaurant, or soak in everything our libraries and galleries have to offer? 70 to 80 per cent of adults will need their first shot and more than a quarter of the population the second.

"While we know that now is not yet the moment to open, Ontarians deserve to know the path forward on what we will carefully reopen and when, starting with the settings we know are the safest," said Health Minister Christine Elliott. "Brighter days are ahead and we believe this Roadmap represents a path out of the pandemic and will encourage Ontarians to get vaccinated and to continue following public health advice."

This is a roadmap we should have had from the beginning because, unfortunately, for some, stepping up and getting the jab for the greater good wasn't enough. One can only hope these clear goal posts will incentivize people to do their part if doing their part for the rest of us didn't cut it.

We can't compare apples to oranges, and we certainly can't compare apples to cookies, but apples to vaccines? In my experience, and in this case, there might be something to it!



We are more connected than you think

by Mark Pavilons



kind's individuality or sameness.

In "Karma: A Yogi's Guide to Crafting Your Destiny," the author contends that "individuality is a myth. It is an idea, not an existential reality.

"You are inseparably linked to the rest of this universe. Your body already knows that this is part of a great molecular dance of the cosmos.

"Your mind, however, believes otherwise; it is convinced it is a limited entity. Therefore, any volition based on this limited understanding goes against the fundamental design of the source of creation. Any action that is impelled by such short-sighted and narrow volition invariably means karma."

The textbook definition of karma is the sum of a person's actions in this and previous states of existence, viewed as deciding their fate in future existences.

The whole idea of reincarnation is way too complex to explore here. But let's just go with the flow for a bit.

Most of us would agree that humans possess certain types of energy that we can't fully explain. Science tells us our brains process electrical signals at an unbelievable rate, and those same impulses are sent throughout out bodies to carry out all of our functions.

But we can't pinpoint our auras and our spiritual energy. We can't explain intuition, instinct, our soul, a healing touch or even positive vibes. Are they real? They're as real as anything, and as real as we feel them to be.

Once I reached the age of relative wisdom, I began looking at life and people a bit differently. I now see people as unique parts of the whole. Each one of us has something to share, impart, pass on. Each one of us has the capability of not only touching other lives, but impacting them.

Tell me that's not powerful!

It's a domino effect. Just like our ancestors, knowledge gained is knowledge shared. The more we give, the more we receive.

The search for "karma" and the "greater whole" can also take us into outer space.

We are all part of the cosmos, in that we contain parts of elements, compounds and atoms that abound in the universe. These things have been floating around since time began, and now reside within us.

Let's delve into our basic building blocks – DNA. Every single living organism on the planet has DNA. Our bodies are made up of millions of genetic building blocks (base pairs), that make up our physical anatomy.

There are about 3 billion genome base pairs that make human beings about 99.9% similar to the other human strangers around us. There goes our individuality!

However, recent research has uncovered the fact that our closest relatives – chimpanzees – are nearly 98.8% similar to humans genetically. In addition to this, cats are about 90% similar and even honey bees share 44% of our DNA.

Why would humans share 50% of our DNA with trees, and 45% with cabbages?

The fact we share anything at all is not only fascinating, but divine.

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C-10: Censorship of Canadians?

Much has been said about the Liberal government’s Bill C-10 and for good reason. The bill would give sweeping powers to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) to regulate user-generated content uploaded to social media platforms, much the same way it regulates radio and TV content.

This raises serious concerns not just for me, but for millions of Canadians.

Bill C-10 was introduced by the Liberal government last fall. Its original purpose was to level the playing field between streaming services, such as Netflix and Canadian broadcasters. Initially, the bill exempted user-generated content. Unfortunately, the Liberal government changed direction and tried to quietly limit ordinary Canadians’ freedom of expression online by removing the exemption for individual users who upload videos and content to social media sites. This is not only concerning for me, but for many internet advocates, civil liberties lawyers, academics, and media outlets.

University of Ottawa law professor and the Canada Research Chair in internet and e-commerce law, Michael Geist, said that the Liberal government is now, “the most anti-Internet government in Canadian history” (www.michaelgeist.ca). Mr. Geist has also said Bill C-10 is, “a ‘dangerous’ attack on free speech” (CTV News, May 04, 2021). Tamir Israel, a technology lawyer at the University of Toronto said, “losing the protection could mean podcasts uploaded to iTunes or videos uploaded to YouTube could become subject to regulation by the federal government” (Toronto Star, April 26, 2021).

Other media outlets have also expressed concerns with Bill C-10. Rachel Gilmore from Global News wrote, “The bill, in its current state, would turn the YouTube video of a kid’s soccer game, or the Instagram reel you posted of your brunch, into a ‘program’ that could be subject to regulation under the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission’s (CRTC) rules” (Global

News, April 30, 2021). She also quotes former CRTC vice-chair and past newspaper publisher, Peter Menzies, “It’s your Facebook post. It’s your tweet. It’s your cat videos. It’s your pictures of your children and grandchildren and that sort of stuff” and, ““What it means is that somebody will be watching that, from the government, or a government regulator, and will be able to order it to be taken down if they find that it doesn’t suit whatever purposes they have.” (Global News, April 30, 2021)

Many other media outlets have published articles raising concerns about Bill C-10. You can find web links to the articles I’ve cited here, as well as many others on my website at www.kyleseeback.ca/c10.

The issues raised by the media and many experts on this subject matter are why I have very serious concerns about the implications of this proposed legislation. The actions taken by the Liberal government are unacceptable in a society that values its freedom. The last thing I want, or most Cana-

dians is the government choosing what social media posts or videos I can view online. Protection from hate speech, defamation and obscenity already exists. Controlling content is a clear violation of our freedom of expression and a violation I won’t stand for.

I’ve sponsored an online petition (e-3379) which calls upon the Liberal government to immediately withdraw or repeal Bill C-10 and respect Canadians’ freedom of expression. You can add your name to the petition through my website.

As always, I invite you to share your thoughts with me about Bill C-10 and any concerns you may have about other pieces of legislation before Parliament. I may be reached by e-mail at kyle.seeback@parl.gc.ca or by phone at 519-941-1832 or toll free at 1-866-941-1832.



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Just Ask – Don’t Judge

Sometimes all you need to do is ask a question or two. But do we? Nope. That age old beast called “assumption” rears its ugly head and conclusions are jumped to time after time after time. The results can be devastating. Reputations are ruined in the blink of an eye, businesses are left scrambling to defend themselves against baseless accusations or friendships are fractured, often irreparably. Often, these outcomes could have been avoided altogether just by asking a simple question or two.

I’m not sure what part of human nature it is that leads some of us to lean towards giving others the benefit of the doubt while others immediately assume we’re all up to no good. It’s only gotten worse throughout this pandemic, a time when, frankly, for the good of our own and everyone’s personal welfare, we must rely on each other. We hope that enough of us will get vaccinated to create herd immunity to get out of this nightmare and we hope that enough of us will support our community in meaningful ways that ultimately result in the greater good. We need each other now more than ever before and yet what sometimes happens is the exact opposite. We’re assuming, we’re reporting on others and we’re hiding behind the “safety” of a keyboard to launch a thousand bitter words.

Caledon is in the midst of a Support Local campaign in an effort to help ensure our local small business owners survive this pandemic. We’re

doing this because it’s the right thing to do and because – and this is important - these are the people that, in turn, support Caledon! They sponsor our sports teams, they help raise money and/or provide direct donations to many of our local non-profit agencies and they devote significant time and energy to volunteering here in town. Perhaps that why, when I recently read of yet another local small business being reported to the OPP by a “concerned” community member, I reacted with frustration and reached out to talk with them about what happened.

This time, the business impacted was Caledon Roots. While the store is relatively new to the Bolton community, and in fact first opened its doors during the pandemic, the owner is a true blue Boltonite, born and raised here and now raising her own family here. In addition to their regular business they are currently offering Friday night funnel cakes during these warm, summer-like days. They’ve been met with an enthusiastic response and owner Sarah was quick to tell me that she is “so appreciative of the incredibly supportive customers” they have. It’s this enthusiasm however, that has led to some long, socially distanced, line-ups and it appears it was this that recently attracted the ire of a community member who called and reported the store to the OPP. Instead of wondering what all the excitement was about, or stopping to ask a question or two, the police were called. On a Friday night - when it’s

entirely possible the OPP had about a million other more important calls to attend.

The responding officer reviewed the situation briefly, discovering quite quickly that all the appropriate permits were in place, that ALL appropriate COVID protocols were being followed, masks were being worn and that in fact, as an essential service (Caledon Roots is an all locally grown in Ontario food purveyor) the store was operating within pandemic guidelines and departed accordingly.

Sarah shared that, “my customers do their part,” and were wearing masks and that, like me, she just wishes people wouldn’t always judge first and ask questions later. As we spoke, it was this final comment that really resonated: “My heart is in this town, we all really just need to be kind to one another. We’re almost at the finishing line and we can get there together.” She’s right. I wrote about this some time ago, believing as I do that we are losing sight of those times when we rallied together, rallied for our front line workers and rallied behind our local businesses. Why – when we are so close to sufficient vaccination rates to potentially reopen everything – does it seem that we have lost sight of this bigger, kinder picture?

I wish to be 100% transparent readers. This may have hit home harder because I currently sit on the Board of the Caledon Parent Child Centre and we are just one of the agencies who recently

experienced the kindness of Caledon Roots. They ran a Mother’s Day Fundraiser, donating a \$1.00 from every “Cinnamom” sold, to the CPCC. This is only one of the many ways that Sarah supports community, as she also sits on the Board of Trade and is Chair of the BCC. I wonder if the caller thought about any of this before reporting them to the OPP. I wonder if that same individual has ever driven by the long line-ups outside any of the larger retailers (who have been allowed to remain open this entire pandemic) and reported that to the OPP?

I know the police have a job to do and I think we all understand that. What I don’t understand however, is why there continues to be a double standard between small and large retailers. What’s worse is that while our provincial government has perpetuated this double standard throughout the pandemic, making it almost impossible to do business, it now appears that some in our own community are too. Please, as Sarah said, let’s just keep being kind to one another. We’re inching closer to the finish line folks. Support local, shop local and eat local. We rely on our small businesses for so many community related endeavours but right now, they are relying on us. Don’t judge, just ask.

Who’s leaving all the garbage behind?

“These are actual trees son. And those things, well they’re rocks.”

“Are we going to see any bears? Or moose? Or maybe a wolf?”

“Possibly son. We’re north of Highway 7 – this is frontier land.”

If you ever had a conversation with someone who grew up and still lives in Toronto, that’s pretty much how they view anything outside of their city.

I once heard a Toronto radio reporter calling in a report from London, ON, where she referred to London as “this small town.” The last I checked, London had a population of over 380,000 people, and every time I’ve been there, I had lots to do.

During these strange times, suddenly everyone has this urge to walk in the woods for some reason.

Hiking, as it’s called, is a pastime where you walk on trails through the woods, around the rocks, and if you’re lucky, to some kind of lookout spot where you can stop and say, ”Look at that view!”

I guess since so many activities are banned or restricted, turning to the exciting sport of walking at least gets you out of the house.

If you drive by any area that has Bruce Trail access, you’re going to see cars. It could be three

o’clock on a Tuesday afternoon, and there will some cars parked and groups of people marching through the woods and marveling at the fact that trilliums, the provincial flower, do actually grow in the wild, and are not just some fancy logo created to emboss signs or documents.

Yes, everyone wants to see the natural environment as it was meant to be seen – with trees and rocks.

The new environmental movement over the past few years is just a different twist on an old agenda.

Of course, any normal thinking person should want to respect the planet.

If an oil-carrying ship hits some rocks and spills oil into the ocean, there is a huge outcry. Then of course some enterprising soap company will come out with a commercial showing someone using their product to wash the oils off ducks or sea birds.

“Not only will our product make your dishes sparkle, it cleans oily ducks!”

The problem is the environmentalists are apparently all talk an no action.

Being an environmentalist means you respect the environment at all levels, not just when it makes a good photo for your non-profit group of

some guy washing a duck.

Oh, and it’s got to be a baby duck - a little tiny one with fluffy feathers for the full effect.

No one is moved to tears by a full-size old duck getting a soap bath and snapping angrily at its handler.

You’ve probably seen the photos or at least heard about the problems at Mono Cliffs Provincial Park.

It really is a beautiful park, and if you’re a hiker, this is a great place to go.

The problem is has become a little too popular. Last week the police started handing out tickets to people who had parked their cars illegally.

I can understand why the locals who live in the area are getting a little disturbed. There are photos showing cars parking all over the road, hundreds of them, and blocking private driveways and parking on private property.

You think that people who want to commune with nature so badly they will park a mile away and complete half their hike before even reaching the park entrance would respect the park and what it is all about.

A friend of mine who lives nearby and has frequented the park for years, before it became some kind of crazy place where hiking means

going on a walk with a thousand other people, said she was disgusted by the amount of garbage left behind by these environmentally friendly people.

Discarded face masks were all over the parking lot. Water bottles were tossed on the ground, and other refuse scattered around.

Who are all these people who have total disregard for their environment that they are too lazy to walk ten feet and dispose of a water bottle properly?

It’s not you, of course – you would never do that.

But take a drive down and local rural road and see how much garbage is tossed out of car windows.

If you did a random poll on the environment, you probably wouldn’t find a single person who would say they think it’s okay to toss your empty beer can out of the car window.

Well, someone, a lot of people telling the truth.

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Palgrave United Community Kitchen kicks off Seniors Month with free programs

BY ROB PAUL

With June right around the corner, Palgrave United Community Kitchen will be kicking off Seniors Month by providing free programs to those who are 55 and over going forward through their New Horizon for Seniors Program.

As part of the United Nations' Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021-2030), the Palgrave United Community Kitchen wants to improve seniors' quality of life and reduce the social isolation that has become a part of the new COVID-19 reality by providing a new opportunity to engage and mentor seniors in the Palgrave Village.

The UN's Decade of Healthy Ageing is a global collaboration, aligned with the last ten years of the Sustainable Development Goals, that brings together governments, civil society, international agencies, professionals, academia, the media, and the private sector to improve the lives of older people, their families, and the communities in which they live.

With populations around the world ageing at a faster pace than in the past, the demographic transition will have an impact on almost all aspects of society which is why the UN is working on raising awareness and prioritizing the ageing population for the next decade with many confronting multiple barriers that prevent their full participation in society says the UN.

The Palgrave Community Kitchen is an outreach initiative of Palgrave United Church and was Caledon's first Peel Health-certified community kitchen. It's committed to providing the community with opportunities for cooking, creating community, and caring for creating through environmental sustainability.

With the UN spotlighting these issues and the Town of Caledon focused on becoming age-friendly, Palgrave Community Kitchen saw an opportunity to become a part of the initiative and it's built around their slogan "Bee Well, Bee Safe, Bee Cause, Bee-Long." The programs are focused on enjoying one another (Bee Long); taking care of one another (Bee Well); and working together to make Caledon a great place to live and work (Bee Cause).

Seniors will “Bee Long” by participating in programming beginning June 1 that will run through February 28, 2022. As COVID-19 protocols allow, activities will move inside during the late fall and winter.

The New Horizon for Seniors Program invites adults who are 55 and over to attend free virtual programs and activities at Palgrave United Church starting June 1. Pre-registration and health screenings (following Peel Public Health Guidelines) are mandatory for the programs.

Deeping Community is a new weekly program they will help seniors “Bee Well” and safe with outdoor activities along the Caledon Trail (Nordic walking) and in the church’s backyard (gentle chair yoga) while following Peel Public Health COVID-19 guidelines.

Deeping Community will support the Town of Caledon's Healthy Aging strategy by ensuring adults 55 and over are socially integrated in their own community (the Village of Palgrave) with accessibility for persons with disabilities (elevator) and it will encourage and support intergenerational opportunities with the White Birches Day Program and younger adults and youth in the community.

The Seniors' STAYCATION schedule includes many free activities like the Summer Solstice Scavenger Hunt (June 20-27); monthly virtual bingo—a bingo card for June will be sent upon registration and at the beginning of each month—with a coffee/tea award; a virtual Arctic tour with Cory Trepanier—participants can join him for a virtual intimate evening going from Caledon to Canada's Arctic (July 21 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.); and Palgrave Forest Bathing (walking meditation) that will run July 14 at 10 a.m.

Other free virtual programs and activities being offered by Palgrave United Community Kitchen through their New Horizons for Senior Program Eating for Longevity Cooking Classes, the Birds and the Bees Pollination Party, Palgrave Pie Club, and more.

To register or for more information, call 905-880-0303, email info@palgravekitchen.org, or visit their website palgravekitchen.org.



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Caledon Meals on Wheels promoting shopping local with Survivor Gift Card fundraiser



(Clockwise from Top Left) Susan N. Crisp, Vice President of the Board of Directors for Caledon Meals on Wheels, Executive Director Christine Sevigny, and Board Member Jessica Farber.

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FRONT

The prize pool is dependent on the amount of people who purchase tickets with the gift cards being awarded to the three individuals who are left after the elimination draws. First place will receive 70 per cent of the total gift cards, second place gets 20 per cent, and third place 10 per cent—as of May 21, the prize pool was up to \$675.

To play, participants must get themselves on the “island” by purchasing a \$25 entry ticket and then watch the elimination draws

on Caledon Meals on Wheel’s Facebook page (facebook.com/CaledonMOW) to see if they’ve been eliminated. Each time a participant’s name is drawn they lose a life with the prize winners being announced at the finale, set for June 28.

The elimination draws will run on the Facebook page all through June, Monday to Friday beginning June 2 (times of the draws will be announced close to June 2). The final day to purchase a ticket to sign up for Gift Card Survivor is May 30.

After participating in a Survivor style

fundraiser, Caledon Meals on Wheels Executive Director Christine Sevigny said she thought it was a great idea that could also incorporate local businesses in the area.

“I bought tickets for a similar fundraiser, but they used bottles of wine as the main prize,” she said. “It was a lot of fun, so we used the concept and thought to give it our own twist. We knew that local businesses have struggled throughout the pandemic and thought this was one way we could raise funds for Caledon Meals on Wheels while promot-

ing local businesses.”

A big plus with the idea was the ease of running it remotely through social media given the current COVID restrictions in place, while still giving people somewhat of an escape with something to look forward to throughout the month.

“The more lives that people buy the more chances they have to ‘survive’ until the final draw on June 28,” she says. “The final three names left will be the winners and share in the prize pool.”

The initial purchase gets people into the event, but buying

more lives gives them a better chance to win while also donating money to the Caledon Meals on Wheels cause.

“The \$25 counts as the entry to our virtual island and secures a gift card for the prize pool and the additional lives (chances to win) then are the proceeds to Caledon Meals on Wheels,” she said. “That was the original intent but with all the generous donations of gift cards and gift certificates we will have less gift cards to buy so more of the proceeds will go directly to our programs and services. If we get 50 entry

tickets sold the prize pool will be \$1,000 in gift cards/certificates (split among the three winners) and we if get 100 entry tickets sold the prize pool would go up to \$2,000. The more people that buy the entry tickets the more the prize pool grows, the more lives purchased the more suspenseful it is on the days we do the elimination draws.”

Wanting to show their appreciation of the communities that have given them support through the years, Sevigny said she thought it was a no brainer to ensure local businesses were a major part of the fundraiser.

“We have always enjoyed our in-person fundraisers where we have a chance to meet and mingle with everyone, but because this isn’t possible, we thought we would try to do something unique and virtual,” she said. “Our community and our local businesses in Caledon and Orangeville have always been so generous to Caledon Meals on Wheels over the years. There are so many great local businesses out there that offer such great and unique products and services, we wanted to do something that would help promote shopping locally during these tough economic times while

helping us raise funds for our Seniors programs and services.”

Although it’s early, the feedback from the local businesses participating and residents in the community has been positive and people are getting excited.

“Our local business community has been so generous and have donated most of the gift cards so far so that will help us raise more funds,” she said. “People think it is a neat idea although to be honest the concept of an elimination draw was a bit challenging to get across. It’s a different type of lottery but we are really excited to start the draw and find our who are the Survivors of our virtual island!”

This isn’t the first time they’ve tried their hand at running virtual events says Sevigny, but they’re still adjusting to the process of it and are hopeful people continue to buy in.

“Our events have always been really well attended and our community has always been so generous, so we are hoping that this event will be the same, but time is running out,” she said. “People have to buy their entry ticket and their additional lives by May 30. It’s hard to say how successful it will be since this is only the second time

we have tried a virtual fundraiser.

“Last summer we did a Virtual Get Fit Day which raised about \$2,400. We hope that we can raise the same or if we are really lucky maybe even a bit more. We know that some people aren’t able to access our website or join us on Facebook for the draws, but they can still participate. Staff at our office are happy to take ticket orders over the phone if they are unable to purchase them online.”

Supporting the Survivor gift card competition are local businesses Salt Cave Bolton, Wild Soap-riere, Toronto Tees, Feathers N Moonbeams, the Soap Hut, and Forster’s Book Garden.

Caledon Meals on Wheels serves Caledon, Orangeville, and surrounding communities and has provided meals, grocery services, and wellness checks and visits throughout the pandemic.

Those interested in participating in Gift Card Survivor can sign up at canadahelps.org/en/charities/caledon-meals-on-wheels/events/gift-card-survivor-2021/. Questions can be directed via email to info@cmow.org.



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Charity Golf Challenge to be held at Cardinal Golf Club

BY ROBERT BELARDI

The eighth annual We Charity Golf Challenge, by Brent Morning and Friends, will be hosted virtually this year.

The challenge will take place at Cardinal Golf Club.

Formerly a 144-person tournament over the course of a day, for the first time in Charity Golf Challenge history an e-voucher system will be used.

“We’ve never experienced anything like this before. I’ve done a lot of fundraising events. This is the first time I’ve used an e-voucher as a fundraising tool,” Morning said.

“We have 152 rounds available.”

Patrons must head to charitygolfchallenge.ca and purchase an e-voucher.

From there, those who have purchased a round must call Cardinal directly to book a tee time, anytime throughout the golf season. This cannot be done on Cardinal’s website. There will be no auctions held or any prizes available for this year.

E-vouchers are currently priced at \$95 and can be purchased multiple times. If you buy a round before July 1, you will have a chance to win a foursome at Cardinal’s East Wing.

“I wanted it to be reasonable. I didn’t want to overcharge people. I realized in these challenging times a lot of golf was played last year,” Morning said.

A portion of your purchase will be donated to We Care to send children to Easter Seals camp.

“For many kids with disabilities, summer camp is one of the only times during the year to reunite with old friends, make new ones, develop new skills and grow their self-confidence,” said We Care staff member Greg Mandziuk.

“To be able to participate virtually is obviously not the same as overnight camp, but it does allow them to stay connected and enjoy group activities with their friends and peers.”

For those who do not wish to participate by playing golf, you can also donate directly to We Care through the Charity Golf Challenge website.

There is no deadline to donate, however it would be much appreciated if the donation is made before October 1, say organizers.

Morning and the We Care staff would like to personally thank all sponsors who stepped up to the plate. They say thank you to James Morning and Sons Ltd., Ed-

ward Jones Financial Advisor Rob Payne, John’s No Frills Nobleton, Hospall Private Homecare Inc., Priestly Demolition, Motive Media, and Schomberg Technologies.

“I’m really appreciative for those who have stepped up and supported the idea,” Morning said.

“Brent’s tournament is one of those events that is pretty much sold out and filled with returning sponsors even before registration is open. Supporters understand

the cause and Brent’s passion for it. They are stepping up again in 2021 which is so important because the need for funds continues,” Mandziuk said.

We Care is a third-party organization in support of Easter Seals.

To contact Cardinal Golf Club to book a tee time once you have purchased your e-voucher, call 905-841-7378. To contact Morning directly, you can reach him at brent@charitygolfchallenge.ca.



Robert’s Rant: *Provincial announcement confusing and frustrating for golf and tennis*

BY ROBERT BELARDI
OPINION

Let’s face it. This is what we all want. The Provincial Government and Premier Doug Ford announced last week that public tennis courts and golf courses were going to reopen as of last Saturday.

I couldn’t help but think that it was about time. Ontario had been the only state/province in North America to have closed golf’s doors. If it’s two sports that have social distancing in their unwritten rules, it would surely be these two.

My critique today isn’t regarding anything to do with golf. Everything is running smoothly for the good old club and ball sport.

This past long weekend, I couldn’t help but want to pick up my tennis racquet covered in dust.

My girlfriend, her brother and I planned to go to Beeton’s public tennis court on Sunday, only to be refrained from entry by a master lock hooked into the holes on the door. We travelled over to Schomberg not too far away, only to be stymied by another lock on their door to enter the court. If courts were just allowed to open this past Saturday, according to the Premier, why had these public courts remained closed?

Quite frankly, it was frustrating. Luckily, public playgrounds and soccer fields have no restrictions. Anyone can go there, if they wish to do so. But if anyone can tell me otherwise, then I’m all ears to hear where some tennis courts have been opened. Public ones at that.

Ontarians are waiting for the next steps for soccer and baseball. Baseball registrations in the local area have their links to get your kid going on their web-

site in plain sight. Private tennis clubs might have their doors open right now or might be waiting until the lockdown is completely gone. But when they will get back to playing competitive games against one another remains to be seen.

For the past year since COVID-19 struck we’ve had quotas for anything that we wanted to do. Strict number of people here. Strict numbers there. Outdoor sports facing heavy restrictions when outdoor transmissions of any kind of virus is simply slim.

But just when we sought after some sort of positive news and we received a glimmer of happiness right on our doorstep we were met with more complications and, at least for me, plenty of questions.

I’m left questioning the intentions to uplift sporting restrictions. I’m left missing the pure and innocent happy screams of children running around in a field, or a diamond, or a course. I miss the soccer ball clanging off the cross bar and I miss the baseball bat smack a ball into deep centre field.

Even after Premier Ford’s announcement there still is a fight left to be had: one to fully bring back sport this summer. One for the children to get a reprieve from the stress and the anxiety of their current lifestyle and, just for one lingering second, they can forget all about the virus.

I’m no longer privy to withholding my emotions as long as I have a valid argument. As we hope that all local sporting entities get going again for the next few months, I hope nobody shuts down ever again. As we slowly return to normalcy, it’s essential for the children and the youth to get back on their own two feet again.

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OBITUARIES

GOODELL, Steven Gordon

If you are reading this then that means that I, on May 19, 2021, have moved along..."passing away" never did sit well with me. My tourist travel visa has expired and I'm profoundly saddened by the loss of my travel partners Deb and Victoria. My cremation has already taken place.

I was born October 13, 1954, the son of Richard and Marilyn Goodell in Duluth, Minnesota. I graduated class of 1973 from Fairmont High School. Attended SMSU for 2 years, MSU for 1 year and graduated JAVTI (Jackson, MN) in Sales and Marketing. I spend the next 25 years selling custom flexible packaging in the Midwest. In 2006, I moved to Canada and married everything I had ever wanted, and then some in 2008.

Steve is survived by his wife Deb and step-daughter Victoria, daughter Erin Farland (Ryan), sons Michael (Brittney), Brent and Christopher, granddaughter Kayla Farland and grandson Wyatt Farland. Steve is also survived by his sister Jo Goodell-Holmes, nephew Greg Holmes (Elsa), niece Charito Teagarden (Joshua), and several great nieces and nephew. He is predeceased in death by his parents, brother David, brother-in-law Alan Goodell-Holmes and his grandparents.

A Celebration of Life service at Dod's and McNair, and committal service at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Orangeville, Ontario, will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, a memorial consideration of a donation to the Caledon Lions Clubs, or Caledon Meals on Wheels would be greatly appreciated.

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Steve

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Larry Boggs

MAY 31, 2020

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MACDONALD, Jean M.

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*Drivers should always be responsible for their own safe driving. Please always pay attention to your surroundings and drive safely. Depending on the conditions of roads, vehicles, weather, etc., the Toyota Safety Sense systems may not work as intended. Please see toyota.ca, your local Toyota Dealer or Owner's Manual for details. ¹All-in price of a new 2021 Corolla L (BPRBEC A) is \$22,971. All-in price includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC fee and air condition tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Dealer may sell for less. 1.49% lease APR on a new 2021 Corolla L (BPRBEC A) for 48 months, equals 208 weekly payments of \$47.58 with a \$2,500 down payment or trade equivalent. Total lease obligation of \$12,396.98 with incentive. All-in lease includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC fee and air condition tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Dealer may sell for less. Based on maximum of 80,000 km. Additional km charge of \$0.07 for excess kilometres, if applicable. Vehicle must be leased, registered and delivered by May 31, 2021. 0.49% purchase finance APR on a new 2021 Corolla (BPRBEC A) for 36 months equals a weekly payment of \$148.34 for 156 weekly payments with a \$0 down payment or trade equivalent. Cost of borrowing is \$170.33 for a total obligation of \$23,141.33 (with incentive). All-in finance includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC, fee and air condition tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Dealer may sell for less. Vehicle must be purchased, registered and delivered by May 31, 2021. ²All-in price of a new 2021 RAV4 LE FWD (Z1RFVT A) is \$30,581. All-in price includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC fee and air condition tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Dealer may sell for less. 4.49% lease APR on a new 2021 RAV4 LE FWD (Z1RFVT A) for 48 months, equals 208 weekly payments of \$78.84 with a \$2,900 down payment or trade equivalent. Total lease obligation of \$19,299.66 with incentive. All-in lease includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC fee and air condition tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Dealer may lease for less. Based on maximum of 80,000 km. Additional km charge of \$0.10 for excess kilometres, if applicable. Vehicle must be leased, registered and delivered by May 31, 2021. 2.99% purchase finance APR on a new 2021 Highlander (GZRBHT A) for 36 months equals a weekly payment of \$324.74 for 156 weekly payments with a \$0 down payment or trade equivalent. Cost of borrowing is \$2,218.97 for a total obligation of \$50,659.97 (with incentive). All-in finance includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC, fee and air condition tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Dealer may sell for less. Vehicle must be purchased, registered and delivered by May 31, 2021. ³All-in price of a new 2021 Camry SE FWD (G11AKT A) is \$31,171. All-in price includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC fee and air condition tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Dealer may sell for less. 4.49% lease APR on a new 2021 Camry SE FWD (G11AKT A) for 48 months, equals 208 weekly payments of \$85.37 with a \$2,200 down payment or trade equivalent. Total lease obligation of \$19,956.02 with incentive. All-in lease includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC fee and air condition tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Dealer may lease for less. Based on maximum of 80,000 km. Additional km charge of \$0.10 for excess kilometres, if applicable. Vehicle must be leased, registered and delivered by May 31, 2021. 2.49% purchase finance APR on a new 2021 Camry (G11AKT A) for 36 months equals a weekly payment of \$207.42 for 156 weekly payments with a \$0 down payment or trade equivalent. Cost of borrowing is \$1,186.18 for a total obligation of \$32,357.18 (with incentive). All-in finance includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC, fee and air condition tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Dealer may sell for less. Vehicle must be purchased, registered and delivered by May 31, 2021.