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The last 12 months have been extremely challenging between Canada Day 2020 and Canada Day 2021, but we can still show our Canadian pride and celebrate our nation's 154th birthday.

Dufferin-Caledon has demonstrated tremendous community spirit throughout the pandemic, which has made our community stronger and more unified. This is something we can celebrate with great pride on Canada Day, as well as the gradual reopening of our province, and the amazing people and organizations who've given back and continue to give back.

As your Member of Parliament for Dufferin-Caledon, I wish you and your loved ones a very safe and Happy Canada Day!

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# COVID heroes

Back in April, I asked for your help in recognizing 25 extraordinary individuals in our community whose acts of kindness and generosity have made a positive difference in Dufferin-Caledon throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

There was an overwhelming response to this request, as my office received more than a hundred outstanding nominations. I was incredibly proud, as I read through submissions nominating exceptional residents, small businesses, and community groups from across the riding who selflessly stepped up to provide support.

It was especially difficult to narrow the list to 25, as all nominees were worthy of recognition for their efforts to bring hope and positivity to our community when we needed it the most.

## I'm very proud to share with you our 25 COVID-19 Local Community Heroes:

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Please join me in thanking and supporting these local heroes. They've continued to come forward and meet every new challenge we've faced as a community. Their dedication to helping others during an immensely difficult time has made us proud to have them as our neighbours.

Let's work together to support these local organizations and businesses by using their services, donating to their initiatives, and simply saying 'thank you' to them and all others who are our Community Heroes.

### **LET'S SUPPORT OUR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES AS THEY REOPEN**

The province is slowly reopening. COVID-19 has been tough on local businesses and they need our support, now more than ever, as public health measures are gradually lifted, and they resume offering their services and products.

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**SENIORS HELPING SENIORS** – 88-year-old Ted Webb (far right) raised over \$2,000 for Caledon Community Services and their 2021 Velocity Fundraiser, the most individual amount raised over the month of June. Joining him on his team, Ted's Terra Cotta Trailblazers, were Larry Hodson (back), Anne Marie Hayes (left), and Craig Chivers (middle). For more on the success of Velocity, please see Page 6.

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## Reopening takes Step forward just in time for Canada Day

BY ROB PAUL

On June 30, the Provincial government continued the reopening process with Step Two—moved up two days because of the progress Ontario has made with vaccinations.

The decision to move it up came with the provincewide vaccination rate now surpassing the targets outlined in the province's Roadmap to Reopen, and on the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

"Because of the tireless work of our healthcare heroes, and the record setting success of

our vaccine rollout, we are able to move into Step Two ahead of schedule on June 30 with the support of our public health experts," said Premier Doug Ford. "We are proceeding safely with the re-opening of our province and will continue to work around the clock until the job is done."

In order to enter Step Two of the Roadmap, Ontario needed to have vaccinated 70 per cent of adults with one dose and 20 per cent with two doses for at least two weeks, ensuring a strong level of protection against COVID-19.

As of June 29, 77.35 per cent of adults in On-

tario had been vaccinated with one dose, and 35.41 per cent with two doses. Over 14 million doses of the vaccine have been administered in Ontario.

"Due to a continued improvement in key indicators, Ontario is ready to enter Step Two of our Roadmap, allowing us to safely and gradually ease public health measures while continuing to stop the spread of COVID-19," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Thank you to the Ontarians who rolled up their sleeves to help us reach this exciting milestone.

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**Caledon Pride's efforts continue beyond June**  
BY ROB PAUL  
As June comes to an end, so too does Pride Month, but that doesn't mean the efforts of the leaders in the community to make Caledon a better place for all stops.  
In fact, with the emergence of Caledon Pride as a key fixture in the community, they hope to continue to partner with the Town and other leaders to further raise awareness and make a difference.  
Mayor Allan Thompson was a part of the Pride flag raising at Town Hall to kick the month off and says he's been impressed with the work Caledon Pride has done this month.  
"It's important that we support the work and efforts of organizations like Caledon Pride because that is what community is all about," said Thompson. "Caledon Pride has done a great job in creating partnerships and in sharing their message of hope and inclusion and I will continue to support them in any way I can."  
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# As Pride Month comes to a close, group reiterates commitment to fostering inclusion



Pride Month may have looked different in Caledon, but there were still some firsts to be celebrated – including the raising of the Pride Flag in downtown Bolton. Pictured here are Caledon Pride Julia Bertola, Caledon Pride Project Coordinator Hailey Tsolakis, and Youth Activist Inc. Executive Director Dmytro Basmat.

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Youth Activist Inc. is a non-profit organization in Caledon focused on youth-related issues and has partnered with Caledon Pride to help the advocacy group provide an inclusive atmosphere in the community while continuing to

education on 2SLGBTQ+ matters. “Youth Activists Inc. is especially proud to have helped organize this flag raising for the future of our community,” said Dmytro Basmat, Executive Director of Youth Activist Inc. “As Caledon’s diversity continues to flourish, we need to continue to build a more inclusive

community for all. This Pride flag raising is a symbol for change, and we must continue to take action to move our community forward and to make our community better for everyone. That starts with celebrating and embracing Pride.”

Julia Bertola, founder of Caledon Pride, spent the month helping other organizations run Pride-specific programming and promoting the importance of the 2SLGBTQ+ community in Caledon.

Although the pandemic has made it difficult to engage the community for Pride like a normal year, she has seen support throughout Caledon.

“I think there’s been some success in our Pride programming so far, but it’s hard to say,” she said. “We put a lot of care and thought behind each of our programs and events, and we believe that the community can sense that. But at the same time, we don’t get a lot of feedback, so we’re always looking to try something new to engage the Caledon community. Without community members telling us what they would like to see, we just have to try different things and see what sticks.”

“I think the most popular initiatives have been related to visual signs of Pride, like our flag raising at both Town Hall and Downtown Bolton, the latter being super meaningful to me as I grew up in Bolton. We also had some amazing community members create lawn signs with the Pride flag on it and so many people have been excited to put them in front of their homes.”

This year was tough for Caledon Pride with COVID-19 restrictions stopping any gathering, which has made it harder to get the whole community involved.

Going fully online has been a challenge.

“I would say the biggest issue is engagement. Sadly because of COVID, people aren’t interacting the same way they did, and online events aren’t working as well as I’d hoped,” said Bertola. “But at the same time, the struggles are still the same with the 2SLGBTQ+ community in Caledon who are feeling socially isolated and are suffering without strong community bonds. Online events don’t feel as real as meeting and hanging out in person, and if you’re struggling with mental illness or just straight up fatigue, then you’re not going to want to attend another online event.”

“That’s not to say web-based events haven’t worked at all, we had such a fun time with our Gaymes Night event where we teamed up with Eclipse Youth and used Zoom to play some games from ‘Jackbox.’ It was a lot of fun, and we had a lot of folks come out, but I still get messages of people who didn’t attend the event asking for something to do because they’re lonely. So, either they didn’t know about the event, or it just wasn’t something they

wanted to attend.”

It hasn’t been easy with COVID, but Bertola is still proud of the work they’ve been able to do for the 2SLGBTQ+ community through their annual fundraiser and as the month wraps up, they’re hoping to send it off with a bang through a panel where local 2SLGBTQ+ community members will talk about their experiences and can be a guiding voice for the youth.

“All month long we have been promoting our second Annual Peel Pride Fundraiser, which has been accepting donations on behalf of LGBT Youthline. LGBT Youthline is an amazing service that Caledon residents can access through phone or text to seek support on a variety of different topics.

“We also have one last event with Eclipse Youth, an online panel discussion event where folks will have the opportunity to listen to guest speakers talk about living in Peel Region as a 2SLGBTQ+ youth navigating relationships and services. And lastly, the Caledon Public Library is still promoting an awesome webpage they created with tons of 2SLGBTQ+ book recommendations, which we hope community members will take advantage of even beyond June, and hopefully find some good summer reads.”

Something Bertola has made a priority for Caledon Pride is working with other solidified groups in the community to help with programs and initiatives and it’s been a big success in her eyes.

“We have had such a great experience working with other groups and organizations this year to bring Pride programming to Caledon,” she said. “The people working within organizations we’ve partnered with have been so kind and were more than happy to work with us, and this year wouldn’t have been possible without them. It’s a weird time with COVID and I know that people are struggling day-to-day, so to be met with such enthusiasm from our community partners has been really energizing for us to keep Caledon Pride going.”

As Pride Month comes to an end, Bertola is excited to see what the future holds for Caledon Pride as they continue their work in the community and try to connect youth to programs and educate organizations on issues.

“If there’s going to be any meaning to the work I’m doing with Caledon Pride, 2SLGBTQ+ events, campaigns, initiatives ideally would be continuous throughout the year,” she said. “The best part is that our community partners are 100 per cent with us. That’s why we’ll be using the strong relationships that we’ve built in the past weeks to keep things going. I don’t know what it will look like, but we’re hoping to bring more programs and services to Caledon. Caledon Pride is more than happy to work with different groups throughout the Region of Peel, and to help out however we can.”

## Question: My business has really taken a hit from the COVID shutdowns. However, my landlord still insists on being paid rent. What are my rights, and can I renegotiate with my landlord?

**Answer:** First of all, we are really sorry to hear about the awful impact that the pandemic has had on your business. You are certainly not alone. The Canadian government has enacted certain measures that may provide you with some relief, including the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy Program and passage of Bill 229 (Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act). Setting aside the government assistance programs, the question remains what happens if you simply cannot pay rent?



To answer your question, you should first look at your lease to see if you signed the lease personally or gave a personal guarantee or if the lease was signed by a corporation. If signed personally or if you gave a personal guarantee, then the landlord will have recourse against you personally for a breach of the lease – including seeking the rent that otherwise would be payable during the balance of the original term, subject to a duty on the landlord to mitigate those losses. In negotiating a lease, it is always best to have a corporation take the lease to limit legal recourse to the assets of the corporation. Another point to consider is if your lease has any provisions in it that would provide relief due to COVID; these are normally called “Force Majeure” or “Unavoidable Delay” clauses. However, unless the provision in your lease specifically refers to a pandemic, they are unlikely to provide relief. Your other option is to try to renegotiate with your landlord which is generally in both parties’ best interests. Many landlords, given the current exceptional circumstances, are willing to renegotiate the terms of your lease to either extend your lease term and provide for a rent-free period, to provide a rental deferral that would be paid back over a future period, or some other creative solution (such as reducing fixed rent in exchange for a percentage of your business’ revenue). If you have questions about your lease or want to renegotiate it, please do not hesitate to reach out to Northview Law at 416-639-7639 or by email at info@northviewlaw.com.

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# Nominations open for Caledon Walk of Fame as Trépanier reflects on honour

BY ROB PAUL

Few people get the honour of living on through a permanent commemoration.

To merit that prestige a person must leave a positive mark on society.

In Caledon, there's a distinction that sits above the rest for community members, it's the honour of having one's name etched into the Caledon Walk of Fame.

The Walk of Fame is located in the Trans Canada Trail Pavilion Park on the west side of the Airport Road in Caledon East. It began over 20 years ago to honour important members of the community by having a stone placed on the Walk of Fame and a ceremony for the distinction.

Nominations for the 2021 Caledon Walk of Fame are now open and forms can be found on the Town website and submitted to the Office of the Mayor.

For a community member to be eligible they must be a Canadian citizen, have made a significant contribution to quality of life, not only in Caledon but has also received national and international recognition for his or her contribution in one or more of the following categories: arts and culture, philanthropic and humanitarian causes, and environment.

Nominees are subject to approval by the members of Caledon Town Council, and Mayor Allan Thompson views the prestigious honour as a way for the community to strive for success.

"The Caledon Walk of Fame was initiated in 1999 to honour past and present Caledon residents who have made a significant contribution to the quality of life locally, nationally and internationally," said Thompson. "It's a way for the Town to also recognize the time, energy and effort inductees have poured into themselves and others."

"Some of our recent inductees include comedian Johnny Wayne, painter Cory Trépanier, filmmaker Normal Jewison, writer Farley Mowat, builder Conn Smythe and the founders of the McMichael Canadian Collection in nearby Kleinburg, Robert and Signe McMichael. I encourage everyone to consider nominating someone who they think should be inducted this year."

In 2018, renowned landscape painter and filmmaker Cory Trépanier was the recipient of the Walk of Fame honour for his impact on Canadian art. He's also been named of Canada's top 100 living explorers by Canadian Geographic.

"It felt very nice to be honoured," said Trépanier. "It really was a deep honour, especially because we moved into the general area here when I started Grade Nine—I went to Humberview in Bolton. Now that I'm 52, I've been in Caledon for nearly 40 years. Not only did I get to high school here, but

we've raised our daughters here as well. Caledon has worked its way into my life in so many ways and I'm grateful that we're fortunate to live here."

Although Trépanier wasn't born in Caledon, he says he believes the natural beauty of the area is what helped shape his passion and inspired him to go into landscape art.

"It has allowed me to chase my passion of pursuing fine art—and not just to pursue it and make a living with it, but really it's what inspired my interest in doing my own landscape paintings rather than the commercial art that I was doing at the time. One of the earliest pieces I did outdoors was actually of the hill behind my parents' place. The beauty of the natural landscape around me has always been integral to my life and career choices."

"So being selected had all that background to it which is why for me it was particularly meaningful. Also, the trail itself has been a major part of my life. It was like a double honour for me having it take place on the trail while being a champion of the trail."

Being able to reflect on his time in Caledon at the Walk of Fame and seeing the other honourees and their connections and importance to the community has humbled Trépanier.

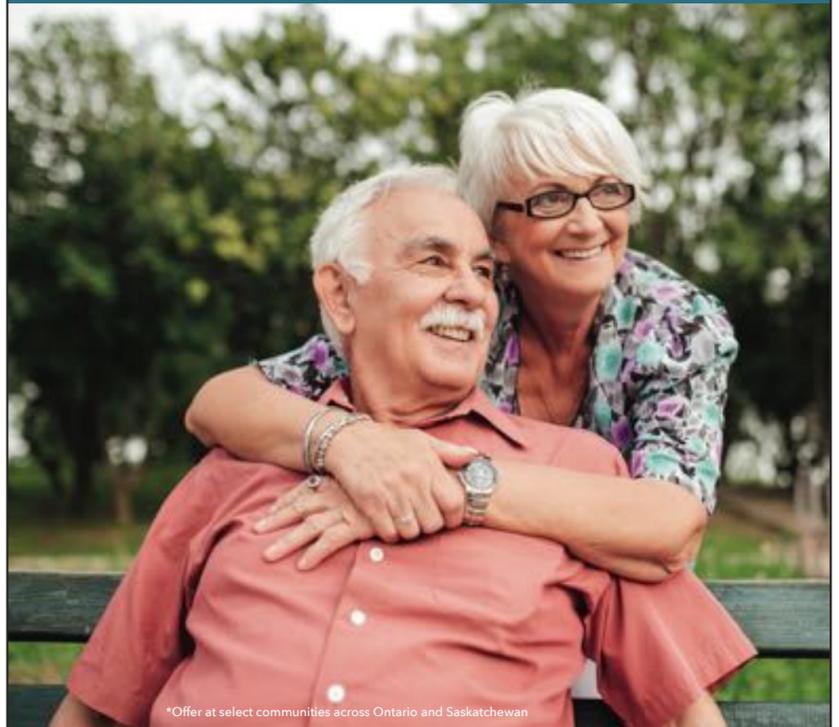
"Prior to being nominated it was fascinating to be able to go there and see some of the connections," he said. "I have a hard time saying it's important knowing that my name is on there, however, I will say it's a pleasure to see other people's names there who meant so much."

Nominations will be accepted through July 31.

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# Residents able to enjoy Badlands once again – with restrictions



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BY ROB PAUL

With Ontario's continuing reopening, one of Caledon's premier destinations is open to the public once again.

Badlands are frequented by tourists and community members, among many of the reasons, because of the noteworthy Queenston shale which gives the land its red colour.

The transition into the reopen during the pandemic hasn't been too difficult for Credit Valley Conservation after dealing with a similar situation in 2020. The extra time has only allowed staff

to be more prepared for the traffic this year.

"The opening of the Cheltenham Badlands was similar in nature to last year, it's just happening later in the 2021 season," said

Eván Orme, CVC Superintendent. "CVC has followed direction from the province closely to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for visitors once the Badlands reopened. Staff

have worked hard to maintain the trails and establish safety measures for everyone visiting the site. We've got a mandatory reservation system in place, which we implemented last year, so we were ready to reopen as the province moved into Step 1 of the three-step roadmap to reopen plan."

With many people looking for outdoor activities both because of the summer weather and due to indoor restrictions, the Badlands are quickly becoming a go-to spot again with the recent reopening.

"We're definitely seeing a lot of interest," he said. "Since we reopened on June 19, the park is seeing a lot of visitors who are anxious to get out and enjoy the outdoors. The Chel-

tenham Badlands is a small property with limited parking, so we have a mandatory reservation system in place to help manage traffic at the site. Our reservation system allows visitors to plan their visit by booking up to two weeks in advance. It also ensures we limit the number of people onsite at one time to keep physical distancing in place."

Due to the sudden return of people to the area, there is more concern over how roughly the environment could be impacted, but Orme says thanks to the online booking system they're able to have a good handle on things.

"Our reservation system means we can manage the number of people at the park at any given time," he said. "It allows us

to create the conditions needed for safe physical distancing and to ensure everyone has an enjoyable experience. It also allows us to maintain a sustainable approach to park and trail management. Trails have been maintained in preparation for reopening. Following park rules and staying on the trails helps to minimize the impact on the surrounding natural area which includes sensitive plant and wildlife species. Practicing proper park etiquette helps to preserve these areas for future generations to enjoy."

To help maintain the Badlands and stop further erosion to the area, there are specific measures in place to protect the sensitive landscape.

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## Velocity 2021 raises over \$27,000 despite having to go virtual this year

BY ROB PAUL

Every summer, Caledon Community Services (CCS) puts on their Velocity cycling fundraiser to support seniors in the community. This year the event ran in June and ended with a virtual finish line event on June 19.

In its third year, Velocity wasn't the same as in the past. After having the event in 2018 and 2019, CCS was not able to run in 2020 due to the pandemic but pivoted to a virtual event in 2021 to ensure funds would be there to help senior clients.

The Velocity fundraiser goes toward CCS' efforts to provide services such as 24/7 assisted living, community support programs, transitional care from hospital to home, health and wellness programming, accessible transportation, and more.

These services are integral to helping empower seniors and ensuring they're not isolated—especially during the circumstances of the pandemic.

Donna Cragg, Caledon Community Services Director of Communications, said she was happy to see such strong support from the Caledon community and residents and staff's willingness to get active for a great cause.

"We had great participation," she said. "83 per cent of the participants were from Caledon and the rest from the surrounding area and 18 per cent of the participants actually came from our staff. Our staff stepped up in a big way to support it, that was actually really nice to see. People could ride 10, 25, 50, or 100 kilometres and it was all to raise funds for seniors programming."

We've raised just over \$27,000 and the pledges are coming in until the end of the month. People could ride 10, 25, 50, or 100 kilometres and it was all to raise funds for seniors programming."

Although they felt short of their fundraising goal, it was still a major success in Cragg's eyes with everything they were up against this year.

"The goal for the event going into it was \$50,000, but with switching to virtual and with all things considered it was an amazing result for the community at this time," she said. "Even as we're at the end of COVID with everyone tired and exhausted the community still stepped up. That's incredible to me."

It was CCS' first foray into running Velocity as a virtual event and it wasn't without its hiccups, but Cragg felt it was the perfect outlet for families and residents to get out and enjoy the weather and scenery Caledon has to offer after a tough 15 months of the pandemic.

"Last year we didn't have the ride at all because it came up so quickly," she said. "So, we switched to virtual this year and it did present challenges; I would say the participation was down slightly. It was still an amazing opportunity to get out and enjoy Caledon in a safe manner because being able to cycle within your family or bubble is just amazing. Certainly, there was positives and challenges that went along with it, but as a whole it was really well received by the community."

One of the big highlights of the event was the Chairman's Ride, when Velocity 2021 Committee Chair Phil Hodgson stopped at eight facilities where CCS' seniors health and wellness programs take place to show the seniors how important they are to Caledon.

"The chair of the committee (Phil Hodgson) and the board chair (Ian Armstrong) rode from seniors building to seniors building in Caledon to hit 100 kilometres," she said. "The seniors came out and cheered them on and shared their stories about how our programs support them. That was a really nice element of the ride."

There's always going to be inspirational stories that go hand in hand with an event like Velocity and Cragg pointed out two that stood out the most this year.

"The gentleman who raised the most funds that rode in the event (Ted Webb) is actually



CCS Board Chair Ian Armstrong (left) and Velocity Chair and Board Member Phil Hodgson are pictured on their 100-kilometre Chairman's Ride.

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a senior himself—he's 88 years old," she said. "He raised over \$2,000; people really wanted to support him because he's a senior raising money for seniors. It was pretty heartwarming. Another fun one was there was a father and son from Bolton that both work for TD (Steve and Matthew Oliveira), so they did a team TD. They got seven or eight co-workers to ride with them and they raised \$2,500 and TD matched it. The son works in the branch in Bolton, and he felt strongly because lots of his customers that he sees everyday are seniors in Caledon, so he was really passionate about doing his ride to support them. That was another amazing story that came out of the ride."

To make the event extra fun for families, Cragg says they decided to incorporate a game on the shorter bike ride to help keep kids engaged.

"There was signage along the 10 kilometre ride—all on the Caledon Trailway—and there was a word scramble," she said. "There were signs that each had two letters on them so when you got back you had to take all the letters you collected on the 10K and sort them into a phrase. That was a fun little thing, especially for families that have kids. The phrase when it was worked out was, 'we love our seniors,' and we had some prizes. It was really well received and just a nice little add on to the event to make it more fun and engaging."

Overall, it wasn't the ideal situation, but Cragg was happy to see them make the most of it and she thinks the Velocity 2021 YouTube video they put together really encapsulates the support for the event and seniors in general.

"There was a hashtag," she said. "People were posting pictures on social media using #Velocity2021 and then we made a little video for people to watch on YouTube for the virtual finish line [www.youtube.com/watch?v=WO8M-FKSYhI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WO8M-FKSYhI)."

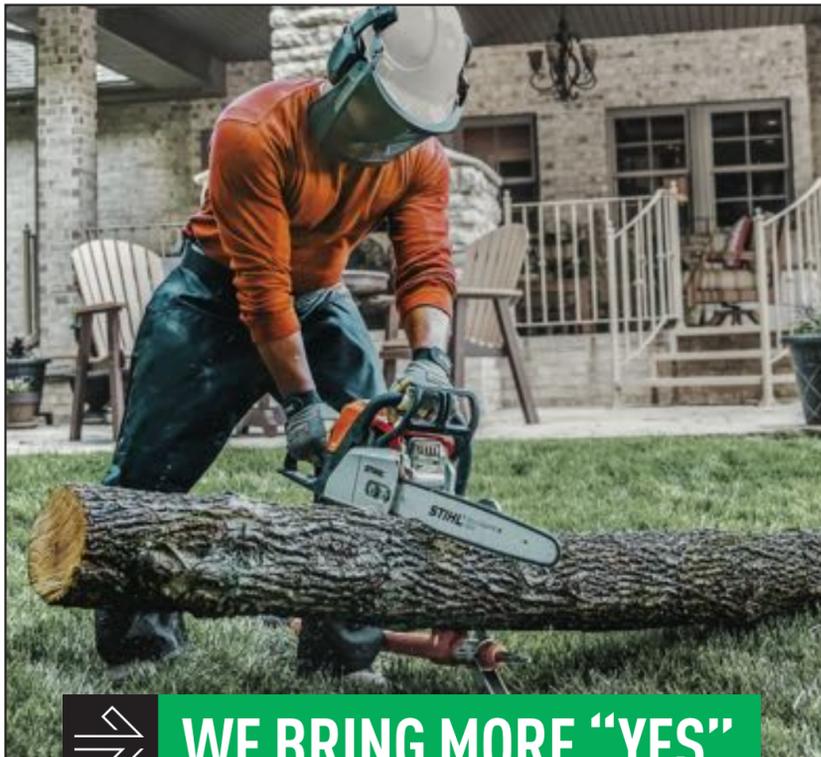
For more information or to donate to Velocity 2021, visit [caledoncommunityservices.akaraisin.com/ui/Velocity2021](http://caledoncommunityservices.akaraisin.com/ui/Velocity2021).



## JULY 1 CANADA DAY

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# York United falls to Cavalry

BY ROBERT BELARDI

York United fell 2-1 to Cavalry FC at IG Field in Winnipeg in the first game of the 2021-2022 campaign.

York, who looked threatening for the first 25 minutes of the match, couldn't capitalize on a few plays in transition as crosses were whipped into the danger area. Cavalry's defenders and goalkeeper Marco Carducci were put to a few tests to clear the danger.

But just six minutes later in the 31st minute, Cavalry winger Jose Escalante's neat cross found the head of his teammate and opposite-side winger Sergio Camargo who swiftly headed home the club's season opener.

In the second half things began to plummet for York. United's defender Roger Thompson received a pass from his goalkeeper Nathan Ingham inside the 18-yard-box. From his blind side, Thompson didn't see Escalante zooming in and failed to clear the area in time. Upon attempting to clear, Escalante deflected the ball into the back of the net.

Since that mishap, York did everything in their power to fight back. After squandering a few opportunities that could have very well turned into goals, it took a spectacular free kick from midfielder Di-

yaeddine Abzi to put United within one in the in the 79th minute.

It was, to United's fortune, too late as Cavalry held on to seal the victory.

If there is any takeaway from this match is York United did control possession of the ball in the second half far better than in the first.

United had only 35.3 per cent possession in the first half and in the second half, head coach Jimmy Brennan surely turned the ideology around. United held 53.9 per cent possession and definitely controlled the tempo of the match in what is a good sign moving forward for the rest of the season.

Moving forward into their next few games, it was confirmed by Canadian Premier League commissioner David Clanachan earlier in the week that the bubble format the league is currently seeing is only temporary.

Clanachan said until health measures and government restriction are alleviated, the CPL plans to have their teams back in their own stadiums with fans in the stands at some point throughout the year.

But until then things will remain status quo. York United will take on Pacific FC Thursday evening at 5 p.m.

To view the match, you can do so on One Soccer.

## Caledon Public Library reopens six branches

BY ROB PAUL

Caledon Public Library (CPL) has announced that as of Friday, July 2, it will offer expanded patron access at all branches, with the exception of the Albion Bolton Branch, which will be undergoing renovations.

The opening of the CPL branches coincides with Step Two of the Ontario reopening plan that was initiated on June 30.

As part of the reopening, public libraries are able to open up to 25 per cent capacity.

The current reduced hours of service will remain in place at each CPL branch with all appropriate health and safety measures continuing.

The CPL COVID rules include completing the Town of Caledon's COVID screening questionnaire before visiting any branch and wearing a mask at all times.

"With the move to Step Two of Ontario's reopening plan, we are excited to have our customers back in our branches again," said Colleen Lipp, CEO and Chief Librarian of Caledon Public Library. "Following provincial guidelines, customers will be welcome to browse our shelves, use our computer and printing capabilities, and above all, see their favourite library staff and neighbours in person."

Though renovations are now underway at the Albion Bolton branch, staff are committed to continue providing access to library collections through

Contactless Holds Pickup.

"We appreciate the community's patience during this work and are confident that the resulting refresh will be well worth the wait! It will improve CPL's ability to meet the needs of our growing community and the shifting demands in library services," said Lipp. "The benefit of these improvements will reach well beyond Bolton."

In order to provide more effective and efficient service to CPL customers, planned improvements include the relocation and redesign of the service desk, creation of additional meeting space and consolidation of staff space. Fixtures, finishes and furnishing will be updated, and public spaces re-configured to offer a more welcoming space where residents, including students, seniors and small business owners, will feel comfortable learning, innovating and connecting.

Public access will be restricted during the first phase of the project however it is expected that some in-branch services will resume in early fall as part of the project's second phase. The full renovation is anticipated to be completed in December. Progress of the project will be shared on CPL's website at [caledon.library.on.ca/albionboltonreno/](http://caledon.library.on.ca/albionboltonreno/) and also its social media channels.

For more information on the CPL's COVID-19 protocols and hours of service at each branch visit [caledon.library.on.ca/covid-19-update/](http://caledon.library.on.ca/covid-19-update/).

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Notice of Intention to Designate Bowles Log House, 14966 Torbram Road

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Caledon intends to designate the following property as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18:

**Bowles Log House, 14966 Torbram Road**

PIN: 14294-0200 (LT) – Part of Lot 32, Concession 5 EHS (Chinguacousy) being the north 1/4; Except VS26136; VS26137; VS80329; Town of Caledon; Regional Municipality of Peel

The dwelling, built circa 1832-1835 with a rear addition built circa 1845, has design or physical value as a representative and early example of Neoclassical architecture in Chinguacousy Township. The main house and rear addition are both built with hand-hewn, squared logs. Its outside walls retain the original roughcast plaster cladding, now overlaid with mid-20th century aluminum siding.

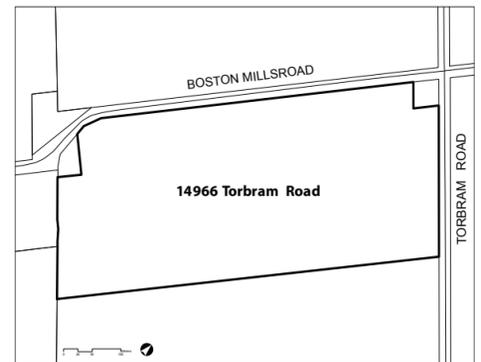
The farmhouse was built for David Bowles, who immigrated from Ireland in 1828. The historical or associative value of this property is found in its direct association with Bowles and his descendants and the longevity of their occupancy (circa 1832 to 1969). David was related to the other Bowles families who settled in the immediate vicinity in Chinguacousy and neighbouring Albion Township, several of whom held government positions with the township, county and in nearby towns such as Orangeville. Most directly, David's brother Charles Bowles and his wife Ann were the great-grandparents of former Prime Minister Lester B. (Bowles) Pearson.

Contextually, the property is important in defining, maintaining and supporting the continuing agricultural character of the area. This Bowles farmhouse is a landmark as the last of the cluster of 19th century Bowles family farmhouses that once fronted both sides of this stretch of Torbram Road.

Please contact Heritage staff at [heritage@caledon.ca](mailto:heritage@caledon.ca) for further information regarding the heritage attributes and cultural heritage value of this property.

Any person may, within thirty days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

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### Community Recognition

You know them. They are those special people who always show up. They give countless hours to causes and passions. Unselfishly they give of themselves to build our community. From arts and culture to sports to charity to environmental leadership, Caledon is blessed with citizens who contribute in an extraordinary way. Now is your chance to nominate them for recognition.

Learn more about the various categories, deadlines and how we will be recognizing our amazing community members: [caledon.ca/CRN](http://caledon.ca/CRN).

### Columbia Way Stormwater Pond Rehabilitation



The Town of Caledon will be rehabilitating the stormwater management pond located off Columbia Way, east of Taylorwood Avenue and west of Schaefer Place and St. Michaels Crescent. Construction is expected to begin July 15, 2021 and completed by October 1, 2021. This means the trail around the pond will be closed.



#### BENEFITS AND IMPORTANCE OF STORMWATER PONDS

The Columbia Way Stormwater Pond is important to the community. The benefits of the newly constructed wetland include reducing the frequency of flooding, improving the trail, beautifying the area and connecting residents to nature.

#### DID YOU KNOW:

- The stormwater pond is designed to mimic a natural wetland.
- Because of wetland vegetation, soils and microbes, water quality is improved.
- These ponds hold stormwater over a period of time which is released slowly into the stream to reduce flooding.
- Wetland vegetation provides natural habitat to various animals.

For more information about this project, please visit: [caledon.ca/ColumbiaWaySWP](http://caledon.ca/ColumbiaWaySWP)

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### 2021 Final Property Tax Bills have been mailed!

Be sure to pay your property taxes by Thursday July 8 and September 2 or late payment fees will apply.

#### Affected by COVID-19?

Apply for the COVID-19 Property Tax Relief Programs. For more information on tax relief programs and payment options, visit [caledon.ca/tax](http://caledon.ca/tax).

### Walk of Fame nominations now open

Nominations for the 2021 Caledon Walk of Fame are now open. The Caledon Walk of Fame -- located in the Trans Canada Trail Pavilion Park in Caledon East -- honours past and present Caledon residents who have made a significant contribution to the quality of life locally, nationally and internationally. A stone is placed in honour of each recipient during a formal ceremony, held annually when there is a qualifying nominee.

For more information visit [caledon.ca/walk](http://caledon.ca/walk).

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# An opportunity for personal and collective reflection

BY BROCK WEIR

The pandemic has been rough on all of us, some being sadly impacted more adversely than others. If we look hard enough, however, there are silver linings to be found.

As the light at the end of the tunnel we've been told so much about continues to grow ever-brighter, we are looking towards what that future might entail.

We will likely be coming into the latest edition of our new normal with a re-discovered appreciation for our entire force of frontline workers – from doctors and nurses to mail carriers and grocery store employees – with a very clear idea on what they sacrificed of themselves, and continue to do so, for us.

Those of us who are lucky enough to work from home, although it can feel trying here and there, might emerge with a renewed appreciation of how fortunate we have been with four walls to keep us safe and warm during these challenging times.

As such, we might also emerge with a new understanding of our neighbours.

Where it was once commonplace to have close bonds with the people who live on your street, opportunities to get to know the people around you were once few and far between as we all went about our busy day-to-day lives. Over the last 16 months, they have not just been your neighbours, but the ones who organized neighbourhood food drives to benefit those experiencing food insecurity. They are the ones who have dusted off their sewing machines to churn out incalculable non-medical masks. In my case, there were even some talented teens the next street over who kept their creative muscles flexed by holding distanced driveway concerts to benefit food banks. And I'm sure you each have your own examples in your respective neighbourhoods.

This week would have ordinarily been one of celebration, commemorating the 154th anniversary of Canada's Confederation, but present circumstances have resulted in observances being noticeably muted or cancelled altogether. And, of course, as we know, not just due to COVID.

The fact that Canada Day festivities in many communities across the country are being cancelled altogether speaks not to our health circumstances, but the tragic crossroads we once again find ourselves at as a nation.

Perhaps there's another silver lining coming out of the pandemic: No longer can any of us claim that we don't have time enough to pause, reflect, and focus on how we can move forward together.

The fact that the recent discovery the graves of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School underscored an overall lack of education on residential schools as well as the comparative lack of work in fulfilling the 94 Calls to Action coming out of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission, should have been an alarm bell of its own. The even more recent re-discovery of 751 further graves near the former Marieval Indian Residential School in southeast Saskatchewan has served to amplify that bell for anyone who has found comfort in the adage of ignorance being bliss.

"As Indigenous peoples, we knew there would be more 'discoveries' now that we had access to the ground-penetrating radar technology that would help us search the lands where our old ones have told us children were

buried," said Lori Campbell, Associate Vice President of Indigenous Engagement, for the University of Regina. "Even so, I didn't know that any of us could have prepared ourselves for what was to come with the recent announcement from Chief Cadmus Delorme of Cowessess First Nation.

"Four years ago, I was told by my old ones that things are going to get much more difficult for Indigenous peoples before they will get better. I do not know if this was what they were speaking of, but I do know that Saskatchewan had the largest number of children in residential schools and as the ground penetrating radar searches continue throughout the province and across Turtle Island, it is clear we all are facing a very difficult journey ahead.

"As I keep my smudge burning, my prayers go out to Chief Delorme, members of Cowessess First Nation, others who have close ties with Marieval Residential School, and Indigenous communities and nations across Turtle Island as we collectively grieve and come together to support one another. It is because of the undeniable strength and perseverance of our ancestors that we are here to answer the calls of the children who never stopped calling out."

Now is our time to call out as well. As such as there has been inaction on the Calls to Action, one specific call was answered last week with amendments to Canada's Oath of Citizenship to include oaths to the treaty rights of our Indigenous peoples, receiving Royal Assent.

"Canada's Oath of Citizenship is more than mere words. It is a public declaration of belonging," said Marco Mendicino, Canada's Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship. "It is an acknowledgement of newly-gained rights and newly charged responsibilities. It is a commitment to Canada – past, present and future."

"The new Oath of Citizenship recognizes that Indigenous rights are both enshrined in Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, and that they derive from Indigenous peoples' presence on this land since time immemorial."

The new Oath of Citizenship is as follows:

*I swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Canada, Her Heirs and Successors, and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada, including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples, and fulfil my duties as a Canadian citizen.*

A tradition in so many community gatherings to mark an ordinary Canada Day is to stand shoulder to shoulder and take advantage of the opportunity to recite the oath as a reaffirmation of the principles contained within it.

As we stay distanced for yet another July 1, it is a shame that this simple yet all-important change to an oath, which is so important to our national fabric, cannot be stated as a collective – even in a symbolic gesture of moving forward together on the same path.

Perhaps you will take a moment to reaffirm this Thursday even if there is no one around to watch. I know I will.



## Home ownership dreams are fading

by Mark Pavilons



For previous generations, keeping a roof over one's head was a priority.

For our parents, owning a home, and perhaps a bit of property, was their dream. Many accomplished it with blood, sweat and tears.

In the 1960s and '70s, real estate was still pretty reasonable as were the interest rates. Thirty-year amortization and low-interest mortgages were fairly easy to come by.

I know that my parents purchased their four-acre parcel north of Bolton in 1972 for roughly \$6,000 and had to borrow \$2,000 from a friend.

They built their custom bungalow for roughly \$35,000. The home, family and good part of all of our lives grew and blossomed on that very spot.

I grew up there and have nothing but fond memories. Perhaps, after a lottery win, I could make an offer on the place to the current owners.

My wife and I were lucky enough to purchase our first home in Bolton, an end-unit townhouse. There, we lived happily and raised two of our children. When we decided to move up, we waited patiently, and snatched up a home when the owners were ready.

At the time, it seemed almost unattainable, but with the sale of our first home, and a little extra from the sale of my mom's house, we made the giant leap. We've been in our current home since 2009, enjoying our tiny bit of relative paradise.

We're still chugging along, month by month, year by year.

We pay our taxes and utility bills. We have insurance. But as the cost of living, groceries, car insurance and other necessities continues to soar, our economic might dwindles. We work to live.

We could sell, downsize and rest easy and go somewhere else, but where?

I'm reminded of a great quote from Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan:

*McCoy: Where are we going?*

*Kirk: Where they went.*

*McCoy: Suppose they went nowhere?*

*Kirk: Then this will be your big chance to get away from it all.*

The way things are going, our "big chance to get away from it all" involves the whole family cramming into a motorhome or yurt.

Recent surveys paint a pretty bleak picture on homeownership in the GTA.

According to a recent RBC survey, 36% of non-homeowners under 40 have given up on the dream of owning a home. Roughly 62% of Canadians say most people will be priced out of the housing market in the next decade.

"The road to home ownership isn't always easy and the last year has created both challenges and opportunities for home buyers," said Amit Sahasrabudhe, Vice-President, Home Equity Financing, Products and Acquisitions, RBC. "Potential homebuyers need to look at their personal financial situation as well as the current economic environment as both can have a big impact on the ability to purchase a home."

When it comes to purchase intention, despite 54% of Canadians polled saying it is a sellers' market (up from 41% last year, highest since 2009), there is a large increase in Canadians who are considering buying a home in the next two years (30%, up 8% from 2020). This rises to 49% for those respondents under 40 years of age and 66% for new Canadians who have been in the country less than five years.

According to the poll results, interest rates and concerns that homes will become less affordable are key reasons why many Canadians are considering buying sooner. In fact, 41% of Canadians surveyed are thinking about buying a home sooner because of low interest rates and 61% believe home values will only go up in the immediate future. Four-in-five Canadians also continue to see housing as a good investment (83%) and the majority say it is better to buy than rent (56%).

According to CREA, the average house price in Ontario was \$864,159 as of February 2021.

For those who currently own a home, 15% of respondents consider themselves to be "house poor" now.

Raise your hands if you're in this group! That exact adage of asset-rich, cash-poor has been going on for more than a decade now.

It's funny really, our emphasis on owning a home, with a yard, maybe a garden, fence and deck. In many parts of the world, home ownership is not even part of the picture. In Europe most rent apartments or flats that are passed on from generation to generation. In developing nations, owning anything is but a pipe dream.

My daughter volunteered abroad on several humanitarian missions. She made some friends in Rwanda and still corresponds with them. When she showed them a couple of photos of our home they asked if this was a hotel in our village. They also wanted to know just how many families live there.

This is proof positive that our homes are too big for our needs.

Forget about carrying a home, the down payment itself has become a major barrier.

I fear there could be a mass exodus from this province, even our country, if this trend continues.

I found that a retired couple can live well in several European countries for roughly \$1,800 per month. Cab rides are roughly \$5 to anywhere in the city; a nice dinner for two costs \$30 and you can get a tooth pulled for \$50.

What are we doing wrong here? We've become slaves to our own self-fulfilling economic prophecy.

The time will come when an entire generation will either revolt, give up, or simply break free and adopt a new lifestyle.

None of these are very reassuring.

## Our Readers Write

### Real accountability needed on Climate Change: Reader

As a mother, teacher, member of ecoCaledon and Caledon resident, I worry about our collective future.

According to the best available science, the next decade will determine whether or not the world will be on track to keep warming below 1.5 C to avoid the most dangerous impacts of climate chaos. We have no time to waste.

Canada is doing more than ever to act on climate change, yet our climate targets are still critically insufficient, and are among the least ambitious targets compared to other developed countries.

To be equitable and in line with climate science, Canada must set an emissions reduction target of at least 60 per cent below 2005 levels

by 2030 and implement an achievable plan to get us there.

Canada has missed every greenhouse gas target it has set, so we must establish accountability to ensure current and future governments meet our climate targets.

Canada's Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act (Bill C-12) was developed to address this but has been stalled in Parliament.

The solutions are already available! Let's set scientifically grounded targets, establish real accountability measures, and call for real change.

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## On Reconciliation

What does reconciliation mean and what role can local government play in healing our nation?

The Town of Caledon is located on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations.

In 2018 I presented Chief Stacey Laforme with a Wampum Belt, commissioned to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the treaty of 1818 and as a symbol of our renewed friendship and relationship as co-stewards of our beautiful natural resources.

With news of the recent discoveries of unmarked graves in BC and last week with the enormity of the graves found in Saskatchewan, my first instinct was to reach out and connect with Chief Laforme.

I shared our shock and sadness and asked the Chief what we can do here in Caledon to help heal our communities and the country we care so much about.

As a first step forward, we are going to have a joint virtual, public meeting between the Town

of Caledon Council and the Mississaugas of the Credit Council. It is my hope that this meeting will provide us with a better understanding and awareness of the history of our First Peoples and the challenges they continue to face.

We are also looking at how we can raise our collective voice with the Provincial and Federal governments to take more aggressive action on the recommendations of the truth and reconciliation report. That includes investigating the missing children of the residential school system

many of whom are in unmarked graves.

Chief Laforme shared with me a YouTube video of him reciting one of his own powerful and moving poems about reconciliation and what it means to him. I have posted a link to it on my website: [caledonmayor.ca](http://caledonmayor.ca) I encourage you to take time to listen and reflect on his words.



**ALLAN THOMPSON**  
MAYOR'S VIEW

## Oh...Canada...

The title of today's article is not so much the loud and cheerful start of our national anthem but rather a lament. A lament for a nation that sounds good on paper, that welcomes an average of 250,000 to 300,000 immigrants each year and that spends a great deal of time promoting the benefits of multiculturalism but which has never welcomed the First Nations/Indigenous people here before us to be equal and active participants in the Canadian "success" story.

It's a lament for a nation that ignored, resettled and demonized the inhabitants already here when our descendants first climbed off the boats from Europe. It's also a lament for a culture we attempted to assimilate in the most brutal way possible, by robbing them of their identity, their language and their children.

Oh Canada? Do I think we should cancel Canada Day today? No. Do we have work to do? Yes. We have a significant amount of work to do before we once again might proudly sing "O Canada."

This is a difficult and divisive topic. It shouldn't be. Surely we must all agree that the abhorrent treatment of Indigenous, Metis and Inuit peoples in residential schools was a cruel and particular kind of genocide, targeting children and destroying generations of families.

What we are bearing witness to now is a past we must be ashamed of and for which we must make amends.

Perhaps you think genocide is too strong a word. Defined as "the deliberate killing of a large number of people from a particular na-

tion or ethnic group with the aim of destroying that nation or group," there really is no other word suitable when the leaders of our nation created the Indian Act in 1876 with the express purpose of wiping out First Nations culture.

The Indian Act forcibly removed children, making it mandatory for every Indigenous child to attend a residential school and illegal for them to attend any other educational institution. Think about that. Someone comes to your door today, takes your child, threatens you with arrest if you resist and sends them to a school you've never seen and had no choice about whether they would attend.

It sounds unimaginable but these graves we are discovering today are the proof of what Indigenous people have been telling us for generations. We MUST bear witness. We must learn from our mistakes and educate ourselves and collectively take responsibility for change. That's what should be happening this Canada Day.

It is, in fact, not just our past we must take accountability for but present injustices too.

The lack of clean water has been discussed over and over again without resolution. Think about it. Water – it's a basic human right, denied a portion of our population in a developed country. Unequal treatment in the health care system has been discussed over and over again and yet less than a year after the passing of Joyce Echaquan, we hear that a young Cree teenager who sought care from a hospital for feeling unwell, became delirious while wait-

ing to be seen and instead of receiving treatment, was removed from the ER for "intoxication."

According to reports, he died later of septicemia, without a vital sign having ever been taken.

Our health care workers are heroes and particularly so during this past two years of pandemic health care but it's glaringly obvious that in some areas, work remains to be done. The list of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls only gets longer despite 231 specific Calls to Justice published in a final report dated June of 2019. So, while it might be nice to say, "that was then, this is now" and congratulate ourselves on being better (a topic I wrote about just last week) we're quite clearly not better yet.

Despite this, I'm not a proponent of the "Cancel Culture" response.

We can't just "cancel" what we don't like and we can't "cancel" an entire country's existence.

Canada is a result of everything that happened in the past, is happening now and what will happen in our future. It's a relatively young nation compared to the rest of the world. A developed nation where the freedom to vote, to rally, to express a dissenting opinion, to work and to play freely exists because we are a democracy. We have systems in place that are the envy of other nations – including while flawed – our access to health care without fees. We are still a land of opportunity for many, the one to which the aforementioned

300,000 people eagerly apply each year to become citizens of.

So, while there is work to be done, let's not cancel Canada Day and all the good that is associated with being Canadian, but rather, do the hard work instead. History is the guide from which we learn. It can't be erased. It shouldn't be erased. We can be ashamed of it and we can resolve to do better and to me, Canada is a place where doing better IS possible. But we all must bear some of the responsibility for doing so.

Celebrate Canada for the good it offers, for our contributions to the world including important initiatives like the original creation of the United Nations Peacekeeping Forces (the brainchild of Lester B. Pearson) but also take the time this Canada Day to begin your understanding of the full impact of the trauma of the residential school system and the current state of Indigenous, Metis and Inuit peoples.

Begin by reading the 94 recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission readily available for anyone to review. The Act is about so much more than making amends for the past. It's a blueprint for the future but only if we act upon it.

Resolve this Canada Day to stand together with our First Nations fellow citizens in demanding that we do. When we learn from history – rather than erasing history – we'll one day be able to proudly sing O Canada once again.



**SHERALYN ROMAN**  
TALK CALEDON

## The strange "fonetics" of language

I have never been able to master another language.

In fact, I'm pretty much uni-lingual although I did learn enough Italian words at one point that I could sort of follow the conversation at a party one night when everyone was speaking Italian.

That's when the daughter of the woman I was "speaking" to approached, and said, "You know, he's not Italian!"

I got a quick apology from the woman and a quick switch to English, but it was all good because I thought it was pretty funny.

After five years of taking French in school, it seems the only thing we could say was "un stylo" and "un crayon," as well as some articles, I think they are called, and maybe some verbs. But no one could actually string a sentence together or carry on any kind of conversation.

If I was in France or Quebec, and urgently needed a pencil or a pen, I was all set.

I think to really learn and grasp a different language you must be immersed in it and surrounded by it all the time.

I was speaking to a couple of guys who were Spanish speaking, but had been sent here to do some work for their company which was

based in Mexico. They had learned enough English before coming here that they could speak very well and were easily understood.

They told me their language trainer suggested that to really learn the language, they had to start "thinking" in English. I guess that makes sense, but it would be pretty hard to do.

If you are born in an English-speaking country, learning the language, of course, is just a natural thing.

However, when you really look at the language there are a lot of peculiarities that I'm sure makes it difficult for many people to pick up on.

I used to work with a Polish woman who had immigrated to Canada in her early 20s. When she first heard of a "spelling bee", she couldn't believe it. She told me she wondered what kind of contest could there be for spelling? To her, it was common sense how to spell a word.

It was only after she started learning English that she realized why we have spelling bees.

She said in Polish, everything is spelled phonetically, and any word is easily spelled by anyone.

I also worked with a Chinese guy for a short time. Although he was a qualified and certified electrical engineer with a degree from the University of Nebraska, no one would hire him because his English just wasn't up to snuff. I guess in the engineering world, a mis-translation could really cause problems.

He used to come into work and ask me the meaning of certain words. He would hear a new word on television, and if he didn't understand it, he would ask me to explain it to him.

There was more than a few times where a word with a double meaning came up, or a rather obscure word, that is rather difficult to explain the real meaning.

It was things like the difference between "bye" and "buy" or "boy" and "buoy" that left him shaking his head. It made perfect sense to me, but little sense to someone trying to learn the language.

I also had a hard time explaining spelling, like why does "though" have a 'g' in it, and why 'knight' is spelled with a "k."

It definitely is a strange language.

We're all familiar with Elizabethan English – the kind of prose we all learned from Shakespeare. At the same time, I recall my English

teacher explaining what half the words actually meant.

If you go back a few hundred years earlier, you would be in the Old English period, and would not understand a single word spoken by "English-speaking" people of the era.

There are so many quirks to the language I'm surprised anyone can learn it.

For example, why isn't the word "phonetically" spelled with an 'F'?

Why does the word "queue" have so many letters? It's just a "Q" followed by four silent letters.

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You recite in a play, but also play in a recital. If you have "finger tips," why don't you also have "toe tips?"

The list goes on. At least if I'm ever sitting in a café in Paris and need to sign the bill, I can say "Serveur! Un stylo s'il vous plaît!"



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**WARDLAW, Myrtle Isabelle (nee Grant) February 19, 1930 - June 23, 2021**

With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Isabelle, a profoundly and dearly loved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and wife. Isabelle slipped away from this world on Wednesday evening, June 23rd, in Brampton Civic Hospital. Left to cherish her memory is her husband of 67 years, Jim Wardlaw, her children, Kathryn, Grant (Karen), Mary (Brian), and John (Hazel). She was the proud grandmother of Laura, Andrea, Sean, Mihaela, and Brett and great-grandmother Audrey, Owen, Oliver, Liam, and Grayson. In Hamilton, Isabelle was born on February 19, 1930, and was pre-deceased by her parents Myrtle Irene and William Grant and her brother, Bill Grant, of Montreal.



Isabelle met her future husband and devoted, life-long partner at McMaster University in 1949 after tagging along with a girlfriend selling her first-year French textbooks. On learning that they were the same age, he asked her why she was in second year while he was only in first. Giving him a cheeky look, she responded, "Because I'm smarter than you." From that moment, dad was hooked, and for the next 72 years, she continued to prove it. After graduating from OCE, Isabelle taught at Delta Collegiate in the east end of Hamilton. In 1956, she and Jim moved to Orangeville, which became home for the remainder of her life.

Isabelle believed that she could make a positive difference in the world. In the 1950s, she joined the Lord Dufferin Branch of the IODE. Her work for the IODE was a source of unmitigated pride. She served on multiple committees and was Regent on three separate occasions. She served as the IODE's representative on the Board of Governors at Headwaters Hospital for nine years; she was a charter member and past president of the Orangeville Probus Club. She received an award of appreciation from the Orangeville Girl Guides. She was a life-long history enthusiast, graduating with a double Honours Degree in History and English from McMaster University. She was recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer by the Dufferin County Museum and, in 2003, was awarded the Queens Golden Jubilee medal for her selfless service to her community. In the 1970s, she was trained by her husband to search property titles to support his real estate practice. It wasn't long before she established a reputation as a first-class title searcher, and Jim found himself competing for her time and attention with law firms in Toronto, Brampton, Hamilton, London, Niagara and a host of other communities large and small.

Isabelle's enjoyment of life was limitless, and her interests were wide and varied. An enthusiastic skier from childhood, she would tell us about skiing in Hamilton before her introduction to the rope tow and how she would ski down the hill, take off her skis and climb back up before doing it again. She was an accomplished Scottish country dancer, an expert knitter and a life-long avid reader and member of the Orangeville Book Club. She attended the School of Piping in Nova Scotia for three summers learning to play the bagpipes, once piping the boats into a harbour as she practised during a visit to Manitoulin Island. She strove to get her pilot's license; she loved photography, sometimes driving her family to distraction trying to get the "perfect shot", and she was an enthusiastic member of the Lunch Bunch.

In summers, Isabelle could be found at the family cottage on Francis Island on Georgian Bay. She revelled in the weekdays when she was alone at the cottage, taking out the paddleboat to explore and fish and took even greater joy in the family's arrival for weekends. She loved to entertain both formally and informally, doing both with ease. Her friendships were varied and long-lasting and included a group of girlfriends with whom she walked to school from grade school onward. Despite marrying and being scattered across the country, these "Friends For Life" would get together once a year to celebrate their joint birthdays with a massive cake and party.

Beyond all else, Isabelle loved her family and was deeply loved in return. Three of the proudest days of life were welcoming Karen, Brian and Hazel; three new family members whose deeply engrained value of the importance of family so completely mirrored her own.

For her family, it was difficult to see a woman who had been so vibrant, afflicted with unmitigated pain from a barrage of osteoporosis and rheumatoid arthritis. That said, she gave us a lifetime of beautiful memories - a life well lived!

Visitation will be held at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, 21 First St., Orangeville on Monday, June 28th, 2021 from 3:00 -5:00 pm & 7:00-9:00 pm RSVP is required. Private family funeral service will be held in the chapel on Tuesday, June 29th, 2021. (webcast of service will be available for viewing- Face coverings must be worn during all events)

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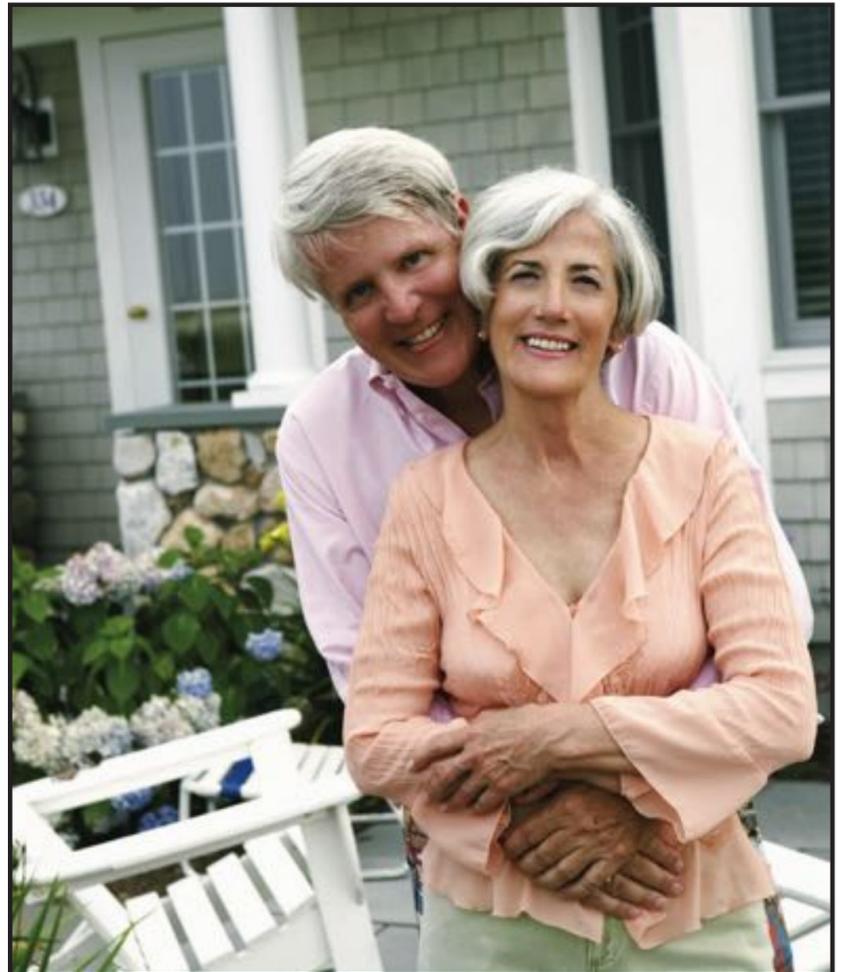
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