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SENIOR OF THE YEAR - The Town has named Steve Hayward Caledon's 2021 Senior of the Year. Mr. Hayward was recognized at Council on Tuesday and was formally congratulated in Alton on Wednesday. Pictured here are Councillors Lynn Kiernan and Ian Sinclair, Janette and Steve Hayward, Mayor Allan Thompson, and Councillors Tony Rosa and Jennifer Innes. For more, see Page 6.

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Move to Step Three on Friday comes as "welcome relief," says Mayor

BY ROB PAUL

At 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 16, the Provincial government will be moving Ontario into Step Three of the provincial reopening.

Having moved into Step Two on June 30, Step Three was slated for 21 days later (July 21) but was moved up due to Ontario's success with vaccinations.

"Thanks to the tireless efforts of our frontline heroes, and the ongoing commitment of Ontarians to get vaccinated, we have surpassed the targets we set in order to enter Step Three of our

Roadmap," said Premier Doug Ford. "While this is welcome news for everyone who wants a return to normal, we will not slow down our efforts to fully vaccinate everyone who wants to be and put this pandemic behind us once and for all."

To enter into Step Three of the Roadmap to Reopen, Ontario needed to have vaccinated 70 to 80 per cent of people 18 and older with one dose and 25 per cent with two doses for at least two weeks. As of July 13, 79.38 per cent of adults had one dose and 57.21 per cent were fully vaccinated.

The Province also needed to see improve-

ments in key public health and health care indicators. After entering Step Two, during the period of June 29 to July 5, the provincial case rate decreased by 23.3 per cent.

"Ontario has continued to see improvements in key health indicators, allowing the province to move to Step Three of the Roadmap and safely resume more of the activities we've missed," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "While this is exciting news, we must still remain vigilant and continue to follow the public health measure we know

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Filmmaker Trépanier releases trilogy for Canada's Parks Day

BY ROB PAUL

To celebrate Canada's Parks Day, award-winning filmmaker and renowned landscape painter Cory Trépanier is doing something special.

The Caledon resident, and 2018 Town Walk of Fame recipient, will be releasing his Into the Arctic documentary trilogy for free.

Trépanier grew up in Caledon and raised his family there. He still resides there to this day and has referenced the natural beauty of the Town as his inspiration in art growing up.

Through his art and films, he has been recognized as one of Canada's top 100 living explorers by Canadian Geographic.

The trilogy (A Painter's Odyssey, Into the Arctic, and Into the Arctic II) documents his painting journey in Canada's North and explores the power and the beauty of what nature has to offer.

The films will be posted to Trépanier's YouTube page ([youtube.com/user/campsideproductions](https://www.youtube.com/user/campsideproductions)) so that they can be viewed, "to anyone, anywhere," he says.

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Library offering something for everyone while supporting local

BY ROB PAUL

One key constant in Caledon throughout the pandemic has been Caledon Public Library (CPL).

Through virtual programming they've tried to keep community spirits high and offer an avenue for people to stay connected and engaged.

Though Ontario is continuing to reopen, CPL has a plethora of options for residents in Caledon this summer through both online virtual methods, and remote events that will get kids across the community out and about.

The focus hasn't only been on kids either; they have interactive opportunities for all members of the community and have even put a support local spin on many of the programs, clubs, and events they'll be running.

As CPL continues to work on fundraising for the furnishing of the outdoor reading garden at the Southfields Village branch, they don't expect to have any in-person programming this summer because of the lack of outdoor space.

"We were just discussing about if we could do some outdoor programming, but we really don't have any outdoor space," says CPL's Mary Maw. "So, we've really struggled with what we can do. We're in a stage right now where we don't even know what the fall will look like; that's difficult for us right now. We're still at limited capacity in all of our branches, so if we plan the book club and we're only allowed 25 per cent capacity then it's tough. There's so many variables to think about right now."

With the uncertainty of the pandemic and what the library will safely be able to do this summer, the goal was to come up with creative programming ideas that would keep kids engaged and get them outside and active in the warm weather and they wanted to tie supporting local businesses through prizes.

"We have...a story walk, and some geocaching. They're all really fun and self-directed activities, but at least we're supporting them and getting them outside and there's prizes from local businesses—we're purchasing them to support them because we understand that they're struggling right now."

Trying to keep programming fresh and interesting for kids who haven't had much to do for the last 15 months hasn't been easy, but Maw says she is proud of the creativity the CPL staff has injected into their ideas.

"We're doing a lot of virtual programs," Maw

said. "Our youth services staff are doing a tremendous amount of virtual programs for kids. A lot of what they're doing are 'take and make' programs. You register for them and get a kit and when the programs are happening virtually you can refer to the things in the kit—colouring sheets, activities, etc."

To officially kickoff its summer of fun, CPL has been running a sidewalk art challenge since the beginning of the month where kids can submit their art to the library for a chance to win prizes.

"We're really excited about it," said Maw. "It's getting people outside and it's giving the kids an opportunity to express themselves creatively—that's really important to us. We've had tremendous feedback with it. It's a brand-new thing for us and we're loving the creativity from the kids."

Something Maw thinks will keep kids engaged while teaching them new hobbies is the "adventure backpack."

"There's eight different themes—astronomy, critters, fishing—and in the backpack there's two or three books to complement the theme," she said.

"Then there's other complementary things; for astronomy there's a little telescope and information about astronomy. In the fishing one there's a fishing rod and a tackle box. It's a good way to get kids interested in different sorts of things they haven't necessarily looked into before."

An ambitious idea they've come up with is the Story Walk that will get kids in the community both out on their feet exploring the beauty of Caledon and keeping them reading.

"[This is] through the TD Summer Reading Club," she said. "They've selected a book and given us a storyboard, and really it's a travelling story walk. The boards are roughly 24x12 and each board features a page of the story. The children go along in the park and read the story as they go from sign to sign—they almost look like real estate signs. Then

at the end there's a code and if they finish the story and take the code, they're then entered into a draw to win a prize from Forester's Book Garden. We have it at our Alton branch (Alton Park) right now (July 5 to 23) then it'll be going to the Caledon Trailway July 24 to August 6 and then it's going downtown Bolton to Dick's Damn Park for two weeks (August 7 to 20) and finally our Southfields Village branch (August 21 to September 3)."

Through clues posted on social media, CPL will be running a treasure hunt all summer for all ages. It's running from July 5 to August 27 and through the clues participants will be led to mystery locations with codes to enter the QR codes into a reader on their phone to be entered into a draw for a prize.

"Each week, we're sharing clues (on CPL's youth group Facebook page) and each week there's a different location," said Maw. "Based on the clues they're supposed to go to different locations. Like for our butterfly garden, it's, 'you butter hurry up or I might fly away! I am something that has bark, although, I am not a dog. When somebody cuts me down, I might end up as a log.' Then when they figure out the clues they can go and discover the QR code geocaches throughout Caledon."

The programming CPL might be most excited about is what they have coming together for teenagers in the community this summer, says Maw, after previously struggling to appeal to the demographic.

"Our hardest target market has really been the teens," she said. "What we've done this year is we actually have a group of teens our staff is working with and they're creating the programs for us. They started a virtual teen cafe—the first one had 12 teens—and they're really excited about it. There's



Caledon Public Library has kicked off their summer full of fun with a sidewalk art challenge for kids in the community this month.

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an art night, a murder mystery night that already has 20 registered, a baking challenge is coming up. I think we've finally found the secret because who are we to decide what teens want? Let them tell us and be part of the planning process. It's always been a hard audience to crack."

Knowing that adults are feeling burnt out as a result of the pandemic, CPL has their annual summer reading club, but will have a new spin on it to incentivize readers and show how much they appreciate local businesses.

"Summer's not just for the kids," she said. "We have an adult summer reading club. We've always done an adult summer reading club where we encourage the adults too because what better way to get children to read then have them mimicking the behaviour of their parents. But this year—and last year—in our efforts to support local businesses, we're doing weekly challenges. This year we've purchased gift cards from 18 local businesses and as you complete the challenge each week, we draw winners. We tried to do a mix of the businesses that have supported us in the past, but also there's quite a few new businesses opening, so we

tried to go across Caledon to make sure we have businesses from all the communities.

"When someone wins from, say, Caledon Hills Brewery, we'll post it on social media and tag them and try to give them some promotion. It's our way of supporting local businesses because local businesses have been good to us for so many years."

CPL knows they're a cornerstone of the Caledon, Maw explains, and that's why they've been focused on providing a creative and social outlet for those in need during the pandemic.

"We have a really creative staff that's been working so hard and is always thinking of new outside the box ideas," she said. "I think last summer it was new to all of us so we didn't have time to prepare, but this year we've really taken the time to plan and looked at everything we can do to support the community and the kids."

For more information on the programming CPL is running this summer, visit caledon.library.on.ca/summer. and checkout the event calendar at engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=8142.

Library and Domino's re-team for Shop Local

BY ROB PAUL

For the second time in the last few months Caledon Public Library (CPL) is partnering with Bolton's Domino's Pizza for fundraising.

In December, Bolton Domino's first began the fundraiser for CPL by donating \$1 from every cheesy bread ordered through the month to the library.

The idea was Domino's way of showing how thankful they are as a local business for the work CPL has done in the community both pre-pandemic and throughout the tough times. It's two local staples working together for the betterment of community.

Now they're back working together with a new fundraising deal through Bolton Domino's. Every Tuesday for the month of July, \$5 from each large pizza purchased will go towards CPL as part of the "Dough Raiser." It's not only Bolton Domino's this time either, the Domino's located at Mayfield Road in Brampton will also be participating in the promotion.

"This is the second time we've worked with Bolton Domino's after they reached out to us last winter," said Mary Maw, CPL Communications and Community Development Manager. "It's been wonderful working with them because they really care about the community and giving back to the library. This time it's an even larger donation through the fundraiser."

Having the second Domino's location get involved too was a bonus and Maw couldn't be happier with the support.

"It's not only the Bolton location this time, with the location on Mayfield Road getting involved," she said. "It's very close to our new Southfields Village branch and they're on board too with the \$5 donations on Tuesdays."

To make it even more special, the pizza boxes will have a CPL-specific topper to remind residents of the good being done and what the library is offering to residents this summer.

"Not only are they fundraising with us again," said Maw, "but they helped us design a box topper last time. 5,000 pizza boxes have a box topper on them that's promoting the library with information on it. They've helped us design a box topper again that promotes some of our special collections this summer—we're loaning lifejackets right now, we have an adventure backpack program. It's promoting some of the unexpected things we're doing. The whole premise is that the only card you need this summer is the library card. It goes beyond raising money with them, that promotion is huge for us. What else gets into people's homes in the community to let them know about us like this?"

The team up is all about community says Domino's Director of Corporate Affairs Rocquisha Whyte, and the support they've received in Bolton has motivated them to give back.

"Helping the community to know where we are and that we will be open through these times was our goal and we want to do as much as we can to work with the Bolton community and hope that when people think pizza, they think Domino's because we are active in the community, she said.

The pandemic has been tough on everyone and CPL and Domino's hope their partnership helps inspire more and more Caledon community members to support local as the efforts to rebuild the local economy get underway.

"We're really grateful to get to work with them," said Maw. "They're just so happy to help the community."

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Expanded emergency shelter announced for Peel Region

BY ROB PAUL

On Monday, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark and Peel Regional Chair Nando Iannicca announced the Ontario government is providing almost \$7.6 million to help create an emergency shelter and support more families who are homeless in Peel Region.

The funding is being delivered through the Social Services Relief Fund and will be used to convert a former hotel into approximately 120 permanent emergency shelter units.

"Our government wants to ensure that vulnerable people in Peel Region get access to safe housing during COVID-19 and beyond," said Nina Tangri, MPP for Mississauga – Streetsville. "That is why we are helping to provide more permanent emergency shelter space that is close to important services like transit and health care."

The new Peel Family Shelter, located at 2420 Surveyor Road in Mississauga, will replace the former 60-unit family shelter at 1767 Dundas St. East. The new units will be equipped with private washrooms – a best practice recommended by public health experts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 – and will be close to transit, dental, medical and pharmacy services, as well as parks and the Meadowvale library.

"Our government's \$765 million investment through the Social Services Relief Fund is helping vulnerable people across Ontario," said Clark. "We are committed to working with our partners to create housing that helps support people who are at risk of, or experiencing homelessness."

The shelter opened in January 2021, with renovations expected to be completed by the end of the year.

"The Region of Peel is thrilled to announce the relocation of the Peel Family Shelter in Mississauga," said Iannicca. "This relocation will meet increasing shelter demand by adding 60 beds, while reducing emergency shelter overflow costs."

"The new site will be walking distance to neighbourhood amenities and community spaces. Peel

Family Shelter plays an essential role in keeping families experiencing homelessness safe. On behalf of Peel Regional Council, I want to thank the Ontario government for funding this relocation project."

Peel Region is receiving \$32.1 million through Ontario's Social Services Relief Fund, which is partially funded through the joint federal-provincial Safe Restart Agreement. This funding is helping municipalities and Indigenous program partners protect the health of shelter staff and residents, create longer-term housing solutions and support vulnerable Ontarians affected by COVID-19, including those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson says he is glad to see provincial support going towards a key cause in the Region and hopes it offers more families safe spaces and those in need somewhere to stay.

"Peel Regional Council remains committed to supporting programs and strategies aimed to help families who are facing homelessness," said Thompson. "A big thank you to our Provincial partners for funding an emergency shelter which will give families in crisis an interim option and time to find more permanent housing."

The Region has four emergency shelters in Brampton and Mississauga and two transitional housing facilities in Mississauga. Other agencies also provide emergency shelter for women and children in Brampton and Mississauga and Peel Family Shelter looks to find the right place for people who are at-risk or dealing with homelessness.

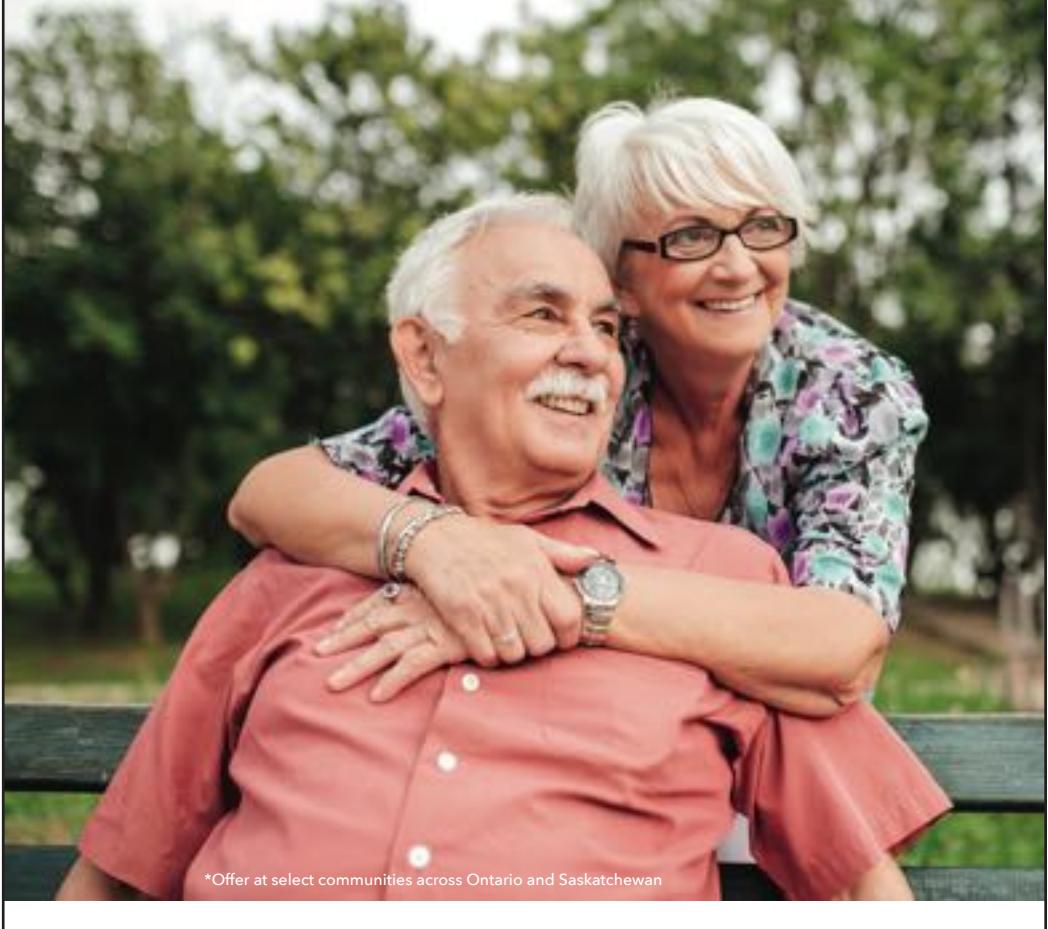
Shelters in Peel have 24-hour staffing and supports for people who need it and Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon, sees this investment as reinforcement of the government ultimately looking to help those in need.

"Peel Family Shelter provides emergency shelter for individuals and families who need it," said Jones. "This provincial funding helps Peel Family Shelter expand their outreach and be able to assist more residents in a location that is close to community facilities and services."

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On Saturday, June 26, at approximately 6:16 a.m., officers from the Caledon Detachment of the OPP responded to a reported shooting on a private property located in the area of Highway 10 and Escarpment Side Road in the Town of Caledon.

"Upon arrival, officers located a victim, a 40-year-old male of Mississauga, suffering from a gunshot wound," say Police. "The victim was transported to a trauma centre with serious injuries. A second victim, a 26-year-old male of Brampton, was located off-site. The individual sustained non-serious injuries."

"Police believe that this was an isolated incident."

As a result of the police investigation, Brandon Vidinha, 22, of Caledon, was arrested on July 10, 2021, and charged with:

- Possession of weapon for dangerous purpose
- Accessory after the fact to commit indictable offence

The accused was held for a bail hearing and is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on a later date.

The charges have not been proven.

The second suspect, Johnathan Rodrigues, 26, of Brampton, remains at large.

"The suspect is considered armed and dangerous," say Police. "Anyone who may know of the



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THEFT CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon OPP responded to several reported incidents of theft that occurred sometime overnight between Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13, 2021, throughout the Town of Caledon.

"It was determined that a group of suspects were targeting high-end vehicles at night, stealing the vehicles with keys left inside," say Police. "As a result of the police investigation led by the Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit, an arrest was made in connection to three vehicles that were stolen from McCauley Drive and Briarwood Drive."

As a result, Sarkis Karkozian, 19, of Toronto, stands charged with:

- Theft of a motor vehicle - three counts
- Trespassing at night - two counts

The accused was held for a bail hearing and will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Or-

angeville on a later date.

The charges have not been proven.

The investigation is ongoing. If you have any information in relation to this investigation, please call the Caledon OPP Detachment at (905) 584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122.

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

IMPAIRED DRIVING

On Sunday, July 11, at approximately 10 p.m., officers from the Community Response Unit of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) observed a vehicle travelling at a dangerously high rate of speed on Highway 10 in the Town of Caledon.

"The vehicle was caught travelling 185 km/h in a posted 80 km/h zone, while making a series of high-speed lane changes and weaving through the southbound traffic on Highway 10," say Police.

"The officers conducted a traffic stop and arrested the driver for Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle and Stunt Driving. Further investigation revealed that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The driver was subsequently transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment, where breath samples were obtained resulting in a reading of 180 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood."

As a result, a 24-year-old resident of Brampton, was charged with:

- Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle
- Operation while impaired
- Operation while impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration 80 mgs plus
- Race a motor vehicle - excessive speed
- Novice driver - Blood Alcohol Concentration above zero
- Possess more than one licence.

The driver's vehicle was impounded for 14 days and driver's licence suspended for 90 days.

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on September 23, 2021 to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

OFF-ROAD VEHICLE COMPLAINTS

Officers from the Caledon OPP continue to respond to traffic complaints involving Off-Road Vehicles (ORV), which include All-Terrain Ve-

hicles (ATV).

"Recently officers responding to a complaint on Innis Lake Road observed and stopped an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) being operated by an unlicensed driver and young passenger," say Police. "The vehicle was not plated or insured and the riders were not wearing helmets. The owner of the ATV was charged with having allowing the ATV to be operated with no insurance and educated about the serious safety implications of allowing a young non-licensed and ill-equipped riders to operate the ATV on the roadway.

"In another incident an officer observed an un-plated dirt bike on Old Church Road. The driver was charged for license and plate offences."

Caledon OPP would like to remind ORV operators that the use of ORVs is not permitted on roadways or public land within the Town of Caledon. Operators should exercise caution and ride within the laws:

An Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) is a general term used to capture a number of different vehicles designed for off-road such as All-Terrain Vehicles, Two-Up ATVs, Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles and Utility Terrain Vehicles.

ATVs and ORVs may not be ridden on or along any public roadways within the Town of Caledon.

The Town's by-laws do not permit the operation of any motorized vehicles on the Town's trails or parks properties. Anyone found to be operating a motorized vehicle including ATVs and ORVs is in violation of the Town's by-laws will be charged.

There are no public trails owned or maintained by the Town of Caledon that permit motorized vehicles. However, the Central Ontario ATV club maintains trails, where ATVs are permitted to be ridden. For maps, fees and regulations regarding the use of these trails, please contact the Central Ontario ATV Club by visiting www.coatv.ca.

ORVs are permitted to be driven only on private property where the vehicle is owned or where permission has been granted by the owner of the property. If permission has been granted, proof of such permission must be carried with the driver of the ORV at all times.

Those riders who operate their ORVs within laws are reminded to:

- Always wear a comfortable, well-fitted and fastened approved helmet
- Never drink and ride
- Take a safety course and get to know your equipment
- Stay in control and ride within your skill level
- Know your responsibilities wherever you ride
- Let someone know your trip or activity plans

Question: I sold my family home last year and moved into my current home in 2021. However, I'm uncomfortable with this house and plan on selling it. Are there any tax obligations I should know about?

Answer: This depends on whether you are "property flipping", which is when individuals buy and resell a home in a short period of time with the intent of making a profit. Usually, taxes on gains made from any real estate transaction are paid to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). However, under the principal residence exemption, homeowners are exempt from paying tax on their home sales, as long as the property was their principal residence for every year owned.

In *Hansen v. The Queen*, the homeowner sold five houses over a span of six years - between 2007 and 2012. When the appellant, Hansen, filed his tax returns, he took advice from his accountant that the profits made from these sales were exempt from tax under the principal residence exemption. The Minister of Revenue, however, was of the position that Hansen was liable to pay tax on the sale of these properties as it was business income and therefore, reassessed him for profits, in addition to penalties.

The court held that the principal residence exemption could not be applied in respect to two of the five houses, which sales occurred in 2011 and 2012, because Hansen's intention was to sell the houses at a profit, and he dealt with the houses in a "business-like way".

Another issue was whether the Minister could reassess the 2007, 2008 and 2009 taxation years after the normal reassessment period had elapsed. Usually, CRA has three years from issuing a Notice of Assessment to reassess the tax returns. This period can however be extended if the Minister can show a careless mistake or misrepresentation. The court held that CRA could not reassess Hansen for the 2007, 2008 and 2009 taxation years because they could not prove any mistake or material misrepresentation as he and his family had in fact lived in those three houses during the years in question.

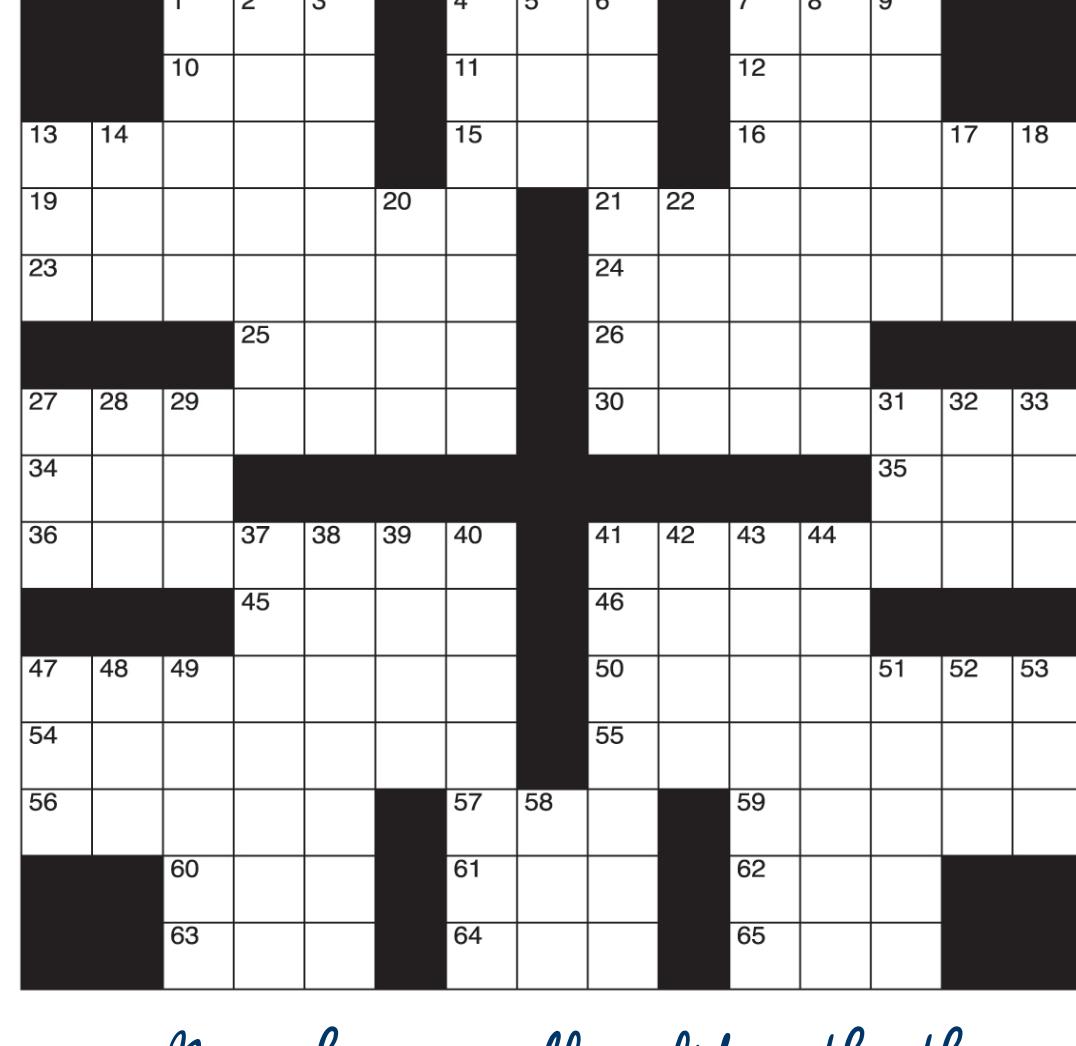
Every homeowner's situation is different. Please reach out to Northview Law at 416-639-7639 or email us at dmcmullen@northviewlaw.com to discuss your home sale(s) if you have any concerns.



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- 1. Sr. enlisted Army member
- 4. Payroll firm
- 7. Monetary unit of Macao
- 10. Cooking vessel
- 11. Cow sound
- 12. Hairpiece
- 13. Spoon-shaped surgical instrument
- 15. Mother
- 16. Remove from record
- 19. Foolish
- 21. Mailman
- 23. Unit of data size
- 24. Stirred
- 25. Deceptive movement
- 26. We all have one
- 27. Direct from pasture beef animal
- 30. A person's own self
- 34. Helps little firms
- 35. Deep, red-brown sea bream
- 36. Tumbler
- 41. A short section of a musical composition
- 45. Young woman (French)
- 46. Wings
- 47. Wine bottles
- 50. Thin layers of rock
- 54. Opposite to something
- 55. American state
- 56. Uncertainty about something
- 57. Basics
- 59. Indian seaport
- 60. Owed as a debt
- 61. Buffer solution
- 62. Unit of work or energy
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. One point south of due east
- 65. Born of
- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Small stem bearing leaves
- 2. Female
- 3. Mediterranean city
- 4. Measures electric current
- 5. Arrived extinct
- 6. Edible butterfish
- 7. Causing wonder or astonishment
- 8. Behaviors
- 9. Ancient Irish alphabets
- 10. Footballer
- 11. Newton
- 12. Utilize
- 13. Sum of absolute errors
- 14. Opposite of the beginning
- 15. Shoe company
- 16. Algerian port city
- 17. Girls organization (abbr.)
- 18. Type of cell (abbr.)
- 19. Born of
- 20. Royal estates
- 21. Relating to wings
- 22. Japanese three-stringed lute
- 23. Taking something through force
- 24. Angry
- 25. Before the present
- 26. Showy ornaments
- 27. Comedienne
- 28. Gasteyer
- 29. Consume
- 30. Founder of Babism

Solution on page A10

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

New walk-in clinic celebrates grand opening with local leaders

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Orngeville residents looking for a local family doctor and walk-in medical services are in luck.

Chafford 200 Medical Center (195 Broadway), just celebrated its grand opening last Friday, July 9, and is currently accepting patients.

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seebach, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, and Orngeville Mayor Sandy Brown welcomed the new medical centre to the community with a ribbon cutting ceremony during its grand opening.

Mayor Brown noted the need for more walk-in clinics locally, as he's had several residents reach out to him about losing their family doctor.

"These types of walk-in clinics are needed because right now and certainly through the COVID period it was difficult to get in to see a doctor," he said.

"You never know when you're going to have an ailment and when walk-in clinics are available for extended hours as these people are, it's very good for the community."

In addition to walk-in services, the medical centre has a strong focus on family medi-

cine and provides top notch child care, adult care, geriatrics, dermatology, vaccinations and general health care. Public health testing is also available for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) as well as COVID-19 – both rapid antigen testing and PCR.

The medical centre plans on bringing in specialists such as pediatricians, gynecologists, and cardiologists on a monthly basis.

The practice is also planning on bringing in an additional doctor over the next month and once they're brought on board, the clinic will operate seven days a week, instead of Monday to Saturday.

Patient intakes began on May 1 and Dr. Idris Alausa, who is part owner, noted that when himself and fellow owners, Dr. Adefarati Ajayi and Dr. Oluwole Adebajo, use to visit Orangeville to assist practicing colleagues, they saw the need for more family medicine and walk-in services locally.

"We saw that some of the doctors around here were retiring, some were moving away, and learned that especially patients were struggling to be registered with a family doctor, so we came together, came up with a plan," said Dr. Alausa.

Construction began in November of last year and while the walk-in clinic was due to open February, the COVID-19 pandemic created some delays for construction crews, pushing its opening to May 1.

Dr. Ajayi noted that since opening, the community has been very welcoming and all of the practice's doctors see a strong future there.

"We're here to stay permanently, we are here to provide the best care possible," he said.

Dr. Alausa, Dr. Ajayi and Dr. Adebajo received background training in Nigeria before moving to the U.K to specialize in family medicine, which they all practiced there for over 10 years.

Dr. Alausa said he's hopeful that Chafford 200 Medical Center will become a common name for local residents when they think of family medicine.

"Our goal is to set up a very strong family medicine network... we want to be one of the key players or the key player for provision of family medicine in Orangeville," said Dr. Alausa. "We want to be the first clinic, anybody thinks of."

The medical centre also operates a pharmacy, which is being led by Dr. Beena Kantawala, who is a part owner, and has



Chafford 200 Medical Centre held its grand opening last Friday, with Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seebach and Mayor Sandy Brown cutting the ribbon.

PHOTO BY SAM ODROWSKI

operated the Orangeville Pharmasave (33A Broadway #3) since 2015.

"We just love the community Orangeville has to offer. It has always been very warm and welcoming towards us as this is our second pharmacy in Orangeville," Dr. Kantawala noted.

"The support and love towards small businesses has also been overwhelming and we are always here to support local employment and business. We just feel so blessed to be a part of this wonderful community."

The pharmacy offers delivery throughout the GTA and free deliveries to Orangeville, Caledon, and surrounding towns.

As well, patients can receive one on one medication consulting. In addition, med checks and smoking cessations are offered free of charge.

Dr. Snehal Kantawala, who is also a pharmacist that helps operate the local Pharmasave, said him and Dr. Beena Kantawala's experience with local patients has been great as Orangeville is a very cohesive

community.

During the pandemic, they worked to give back to the community, through the donation of 5,000 facemasks and 100 liters of sanitizing gel for the local hospital.

"We wanted the frontline warriors to be safe. That was a whole intention behind this," noted Dr. Snehal Kantawala.

All of the doctors at Chafford 200 Medical Centre are happy to be serving Orangeville and look forward to providing medical care for many years to come.



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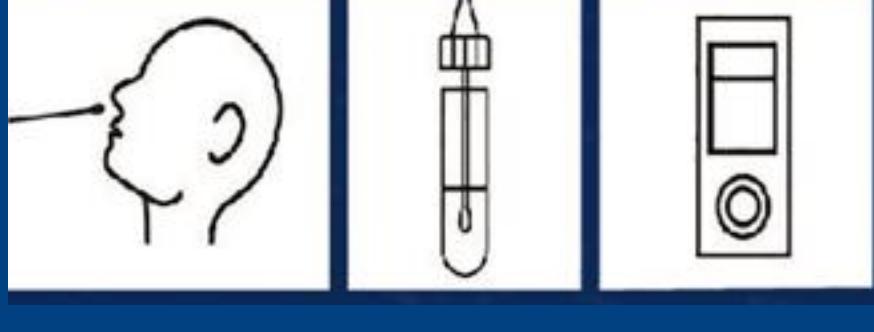
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CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Caledon filmmaker, artist Trépanier releases trilogy for Canada's Parks Day

Continued from FRONT

"Painting and filming the Canadian Arctic has been challenging and awe-inspiring, bringing me face-to-face with some of our planet's greatest natural wonders," said

Trépanier. "These films share that awe, and I hope that they also inspire conversation about the North, the Inuit for who it is home, the power of nature and the importance of humanity's role in protecting it."

Now, with the Canadian Arctic closed

to most travel for almost two years, Trépanier partnered with Parks Canada to give people all over Canada and the world the opportunity to embark upon a journey to six of Canada's most remote Arctic National Parks (Ivvavik, Sirmilik, Auyittuq,

Aulavik, Tuktut Nogait, and Quttinirpaaq) at the top of the world while taking in the landscapes in between.

"I partnered with Parks Canada, Destination Canada, and Northwest Territories Tourism to give away my trilogy for free so everybody can access them on YouTube," he said. "We wanted to make all three films available in the highest resolution for people to have a taste of the experience."

"The third film has only ever aired in Germany and France on a network called Arctic, but it's never aired anywhere else, so we wanted to bypass broadcasters by doing this. As lovely as going to broadcast has been (with his previous work) there are restrictions with that, as far as allowing people to view the films. So, we said, 'to heck with it, let's pull it all down and make it all free.' Parks loved it so that's why we're doing it. We're so excited with the 15-year project coming to a head this fall."

Trépanier sees it as an opportunity for anybody and everybody to be able to learn and experience Indigenous culture, encounter majestic wildlife, meet the great people of the land, and be drawn closer to the fragile and rapidly changing Arctic.

"I'm excited that viewers from all over the world will have a chance to discover the inspiring stories and landscapes of northern national parks in Canada," said Ron Hallman, President and CEO of Parks Canada. "From the comfort of their homes, they'll be able to embark on an Arctic adventure and learn about the significance of these far-reaching national parks, including histories, cultures, and contributions of Inuit."

Over the course of more than a decade, Trépanier has travelled 60,000 kilometres through six National Parks and 16 Inuit communities to capture the landscapes of the Canadian Arctic. Armed with perseverance and an unwavering dedication to his vision, he has created over 100 oil paintings and three documentaries during the course of his art-fuelled expeditions.

This fall, his five-year travelling Into the Arctic exhibition comes home to Ontario for its grand finale and a 300 page Into the Arctic coffee table book will be published alongside it to celebrate the project.

"We ended up with about 100 paintings and three films from my journeys across the Arctic and some of the work has been touring since as far back as 2007, across 14 venues in Canada and the U.S.—it went to Monaco last spring—as an exhibition," Trépanier said. "It's finally coming all coming home to Ontario for the first time as the tour comes to an end—it's slated for Science North in Sudbury on November 13."

"We figured with the exhibition finally coming here that it was time to get the films out there for everybody. The coffee table book will come out too and it's got about 100 paintings in it and will have words and contributions from different people who have been involved with me through my journey."

To celebrate the free launch of the Into the Arctic film trilogy, the Royal Canadian Geographical Society will host a virtual live pre-event with Trépanier on July 15 at 7 p.m.

The event is free for anyone to watch and by registering for the event at [eventbrite.com/e/a-journey-north-with-artist-filmmaker-cory-trepanier-tickets-162345025341](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-journey-north-with-artist-filmmaker-cory-trepanier-tickets-162345025341). By registering, you will be entered for a chance to win a framed Trépanier "Along the Ice" canvas giclée reproduction from Auyittuq National Park worth \$250.

To learn more about Trépanier's journey and art, visit corytrepanier.com.

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THIS NEWSPAPER!**

Steve Hayward honoured as Caledon's 2021 Senior of the Year

BY ROB PAUL

On Wednesday morning, the Town of Caledon presented resident Steve Hayward with the 2021 Senior of the Year distinction at a private COVID-safe ceremony in Alton.

The ceremony included Hayward's wife Janette, Mayor Allan Thompson, and Councillors Lynn Kiernan, Ian Sinclair, Tony Rosa, and Jennifer Innis.

At the previous night's Town Council meeting, Mayor Thompson and Council recognized Hayward as this year's award winner.

"In all my years involved in public life, I've rarely met anyone who is as widely committed in so many ways to bettering the community," said Thompson. "From service clubs to sports to the Agricultural Society to the Legion, Steve is the type of

guy who always steps forward when there is a need in the community."

Hayward is a lifelong Caledon resident having been born and raised with 12 siblings on the corner of Dixie Road and Olde Base Line. He's always been heavily involved in the community and was a vocal advocate that led to renaming part of Dixie Road as a Veteran's Highway.

He coached local hockey, lacrosse, and baseball teams throughout his life in Caledon, and for over 10 years, he's volunteered to help the Alton Millpond Hockey tournament as icemaker and sweeper.

Hayward is currently an active member of the Caledon East Lions Club, and one of the founders of the Caledon Lions Club and has spent years supporting Lions International.

On top of his work with local athletics and the Lions, Hayward founded Club

Caledon. The club supports Caledon youth by raising funds from sales, dances, and community events.

He also helped and volunteered with the Caledon Agricultural Society, and he is on the executive of the Alton Legion. He was head of the Legion's building program that recently completed a \$400,000 project to replace the roof.

As a former Town employee, Hayward is also known for his work as "Mr. Santa," having suited up in the famous red suit at several Christmas events across Caledon over the years.

Hayward said that he feels very fortunate to have at his side, his lifelong love and wife Janette, three amazing children and their equally amazing spouses, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

12507 Old Kennedy Road Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

FILE NUMBER: RZ 2021-0009

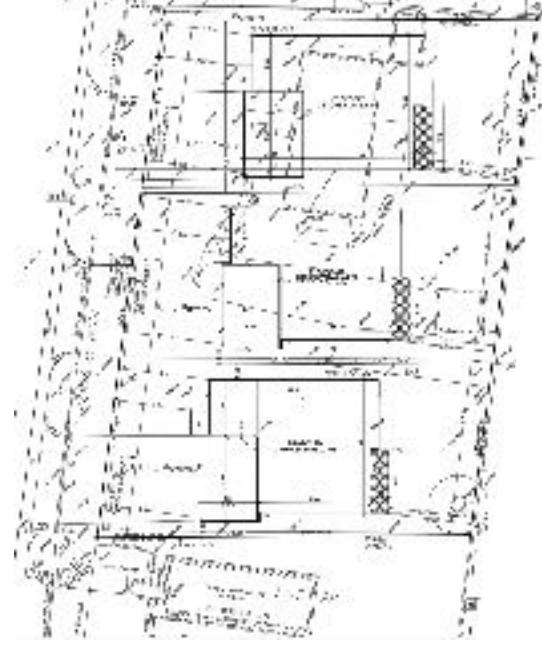
This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received a Zoning By-law Amendment application. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

APPLICANT:

G-Force Urban Planners and Consultants on behalf of Navinder Singh Lal

LOCATION:

12507 Old Kennedy Road
Part Lot 20, Concession 2 EHS (Chinguacousy)
East side of Old Kennedy Road, North of Mayfield Road
Ward 2



PROPOSED CHANGES:

To amend the Zoning By-law for the subject lands from Agricultural (A1) to Residential One – Exception XXX (R1-XXX) to permit residential uses and zone standards to facilitate the development of three lots each containing a single detached dwelling.

**The illustration is a conceptual plan for information purposes and it is subject to change.*

The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon.

LEAD PLANNER:

Richard Martin,
Community Development Planner
905.584.2272 x.4283
richard.martin@caledon.ca

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information about this matter, including information about your appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, additional information and material, please visit [caledon.ca/notices](#) or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED:

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Caledon on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Planning Department of the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario, L7C 1J6 or planning@caledon.ca

ACCESSIBILITY:

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Multi-Tenant Landowners: Please post this notice in a visible location to all residents of the land.

Notice Date: July 15, 2021



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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

0 Kennedy Road Proposed Draft Plan of Condominium Applications

FILE NUMBER(S): 21CDM-21002C and 21CDM-21003C

Related File Number: SPA 2018-0078

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received Draft Plan of Condominium applications. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

APPLICANT:

Glen Schnarr and Associates Inc.
on behalf of CedarCove
Developments Inc.

LOCATION:

0 Kennedy Road
Blocks 98 and 99 on Plan 43M-1855 and
Blocks 96 and 97 on Plan 43M-2000
South-West Corner of Kennedy Road and Dougall Avenue
Ward 2

PROPOSED CHANGES:

To establish two draft plans of condominium as follows:

1. A common elements plan of condominium comprised of an internal private road, visitor and commercial parking, pedestrian walkways, mailbox pads, parkette and other landscaped amenities. All municipal services and utilities will be connected to and run through the common element condominium.
2. A standard plan of condominium with parcels of tied land to establish 28 back to back stacked townhouses, 21 dwelling units in the mixed use building and 7 commercial units.

A copy of the proposed draft plans and related site plan can be viewed by visiting [caledon.ca/notices](#) or by contacting the Planning Department at the planning@caledon.ca or 905.584.2272 x. 7338.

LEAD PLANNER:

Valerie Schmidt, MCIP, RPP,
GSP Group
On behalf of
Development Review Services,
Planning Department, Town of Caledon
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vschmidt@gspgroup.ca

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Giant Hogweed: Be Careful!

Giant Hogweed is an invasive plant that has been found in many parts of Ontario. If sap touches skin or eyes, it could have harmful health effects.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Giant Hogweed looks similar to cow parsnip and can be about 4.5 to 6 meters tall. The plant has hollow stems with dark reddish-purple splotches and coarse white hair, leaves as wide as 1.5 meters with hairs on the underside, flattened oval shaped fruit, and small white flowers in the summer.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I COME IN CONTACT WITH IT?

If clear watery sap from the plant's stem or hair touches your skin or eyes:

- Wash the affected areas immediately
- Avoid touching your eyes
- Stay out of the sun for at least 48 hours
- Seek medical attention

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU FIND HOGWEED ON YOUR PROPERTY?

Property owners are responsible for the removal of giant hogweed on private property. It is recommended that you hire a lawn care professional to remove it. If you do decide to remove the plant yourself, contact the Region of Peel at 905.791.9499 or visit [peelregion.ca](#) to obtain information on the safe removal and disposal.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU FIND HOGWEED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY?

If you spot hogweed on public property (a conservation area, along a highway or roadway), please contact Service Caledon at 905.584.2272 x.7750 or by email to info@caledon.ca.

For more information about hogweed, visit the Ontario Invasive Plant Council [ontarioinvasiveplants.ca](#) or call 705.741.5400.



COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall

Beyond the Pandemic



MONDAY, JULY 19 AT 7 P.M.

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Have a question? Send your question in advance to mayor@caledon.ca.

COVID-19

Stage 3 means more community services

While outdoor recreational amenities remain open, indoor programs and activities will begin July 23 by opening fitness centres at Southfields Community Centre (SCC) and Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness.

Pools at these facilities will open July 26, along with one ice pad at Mayfield Recreation Complex.

Public health guidelines will be promoted and followed to ensure all staff and participants are safe.

For details and further updates please visit [caledon.ca/recreation](#) or call 905.584.2272 x7750.



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Seasons of Change

BY BROCK WEIR

Another season down.

Lord Stanley's cup has once again been claimed by Tampa Bay in the second year running, netting another consecutive win for Barclay Goodrow, a resident of York Region.

The Wimbledon Finals are now in the books after taking a year off due to the global pandemic.

The finals of the Euro Cup had sports fans glued to their screens on Sunday, leading to elation or bitter disappointment depending on whether you were backing Italy or England.

And now, what's next?

Well, let's not look too far ahead into our calendars, but let's all agree this was a busy, productive and exciting week for sports fans.

In the interests of full disclosure, no matter how thrilled I am that someone so close to home has achieved something so remarkable in their young career, sports has never really been in my wheelhouse. It's not that I'm not a fan, mind you; it's just that my own personal interests lie elsewhere – well, aside from Wimbledon. That's usually the one time I can be found glued to the couch from beginning until the end, much to the chagrin of whomever I happen to be around at the time looking to do something far more productive with their time.

As someone with a very avid interest in what is termed "Old Hollywood," I'm only half joking when I say the Oscars are my equivalent of the Super Bowl, the Stanley Cup finals or the World Series. I suspect this is the case for many movie fans who were not blessed with what it takes to make any kind of showing on the ice or field.

Friendly wagers are made, scorecards are kept, statistics are charted. It's really not all that different. Really.

Every once in a while, however, those of us who follow politics more avidly than anything that takes place on grass or water – frozen or otherwise – there are other kinds of events that might be considered a "sport" to follow, such as how a snap election call plays out (something that many of us are already placing friendly wagers on), the impact of a change of government, and even the process of appointing a new Governor General fits the bill.

Who are the contenders? What do they bring to the table? How will they shake things up from what was left behind by their predecessor?

I first got caught up in this speculation when then-GG Romeo LeBlanc resigned from the position in 1999 due to ill health.

By the time his successor, Adrienne Clarkson, was appointed by then-Prime Minister Jean Chrétien around the time of my 14th birthday, I was excited by the possibilities. First of all, it was not an appointment from amongst former government officials or bureaucrats, it was the appointment of a woman, well-known across the country for her own trailblazing career, who was not only just the second female to hold the highest office in the land, but the first immigrant to represent the Monarch.

Her appointment renewed interest in the office across the country, as did her successor, fellow broadcaster Michaëlle Jean. While Jean's successor, David Johnston, was less known from coast to coast, he didn't waste any time getting himself out there and, supported by his wife, Sharon, they set, in my opinion, the gold standard for Rideau Hall.

Julie Payette, the ill-advised appointment made by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, turned out very

differently, as we now know all too well, and since her resignation this past winter, it has been a guessing game as to who might ultimately fill the void.

Enter the Super Bowl analogy: political pundits, and even simply armchair pundits with a vested interest in the vice regal office, had no short shortage of suggestions on the best person for the job. They came equipped with their preferred options, the stats to back it, presumably set them down and sent them off to the powers-that-be. Then it was time to play the waiting game and hope for a victory if their preferred candidate ultimately got the call.

This turned out to be an exceptionally long waiting game, but word finally came this past Tuesday that a call had been made and answered.

When the Prime Minister and the appointee walked in front of the cameras, COVID masks hiding the face only amped up the anticipation of who might be behind it – an added splash of drama for political geeks like myself to enjoy!

I doubt many people had former broadcaster, diplomat, and barrier-breaking Inuit woman Mary Simon on their score card, but as the Prime Minister listed off her innumerable accomplishments, it became clear that this was an appointment that was mercifully thought out, vetted and, essentially, perfect.

"I am honoured, humbled and ready to be Canada's first Indigenous Governor General. I would also like to thank Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth for placing her confidence in me to represent her in this wonderful country of ours. I can confidently say my appointment is a historic and inspirational moment for Canada and an important step forward on the long path towards reconciliation. This is a moment I hope all Canadians feel a part of because my appointment reflects our collective progress towards building a more inclusive, just and equitable society."

Born to an Inuk mother and an English father, she said "these experiences allowed me to be a bridge between the different lived realities that together make up the tapestry of Canada."

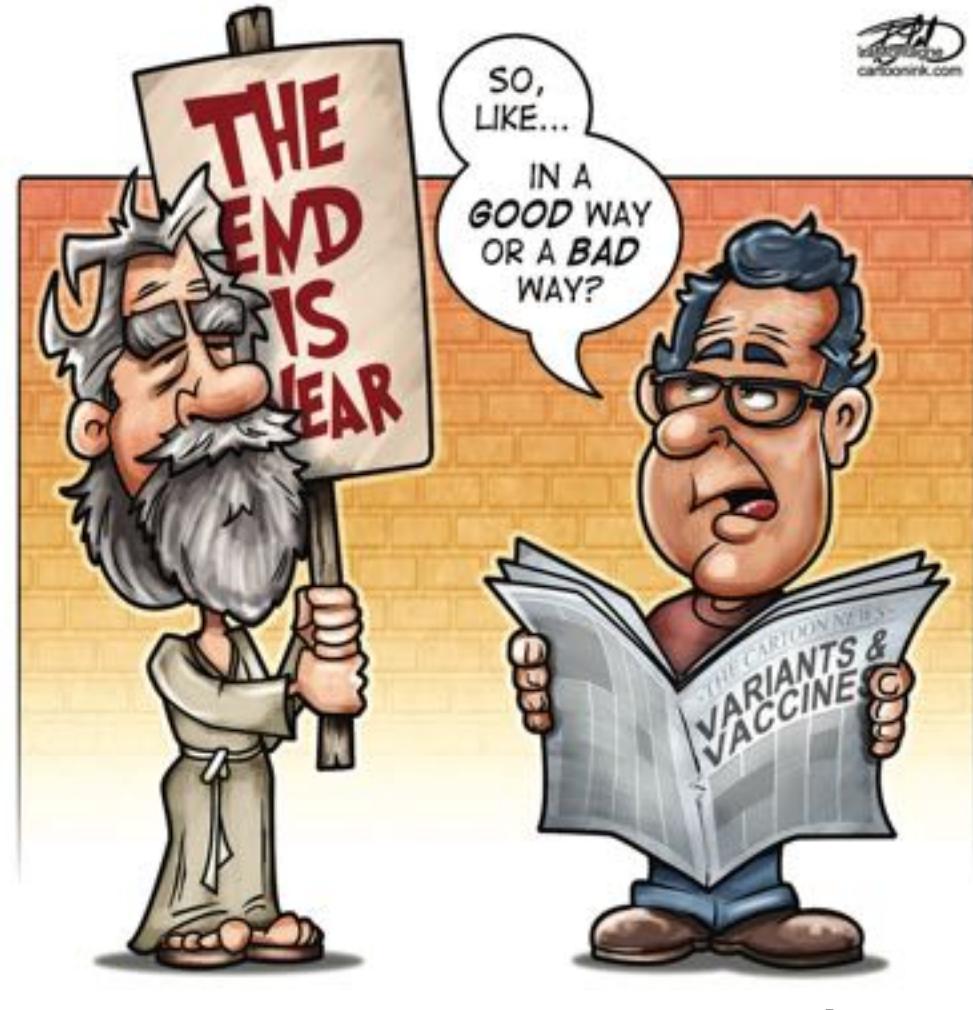
"I can relate to all people no matter where they live, what they hope for or what they need to overcome. As time passed, my work often took me south. I spent my adult life fighting for Indigenous and human rights, pushing for increased access to health care and mental health services, and working hard to build better educational outcomes for our children. It is fair to say I have grown up twice: once in Northern Canada and once in Southern Canada. As GG, I am fully committed to setting and maintaining the highest possible standard of work and ethic in all aspects of my duties."

"My appointment comes at an especially reflective and dynamic time in our shared history. During my time as Governor General, I will work every day towards promoting healing and wellness across Canadian society."

She concluded by saying that together "we must thoughtfully work hard towards the promise of a better tomorrow." I hope we all, and not just our lawmakers, heed these words to help make that vision reality.

"If we embrace our common humanity and shared responsibility for one another, Canada's brightest days are yet to come," she said.

Let's all join her on this journey and work hard to make that vision a reality. A new, exciting – and perhaps difficult – season is ahead of us. Let's make it count.



Consumers continue to lose ground

by Mark Pavilons



We like to think of ourselves as a compassionate lot.

Sure, we're giving, caring and even tolerant.

We welcome visitors and newcomers with open arms. We recognize almost every culture, every cause, every plight.

While we can be extremely generous, the gap between rich and poor – the haves and never-will-haves – continues to widen. In trying to please everyone some of the time, we've created Catch-22 of sorts.

In many ways, we're putting salve on irreparable, gaping wounds and our Band-aid solutions are only buying a little more time.

The financial inequity that exists today is a product of decades of greed, speculation, power and sponging. It's also a self-fulfilling prophecy of sorts, making up for previous generations when most just scraped by.

We want it all, and we want to give it all to our kids.

But we're almost like Gumby who's being stretched too far.

You don't have to look very far at all to find examples of average working citizens being completely shut out of the game.

Our politicians in recent years have upped the minimum wage in this country, and others are still calling for more paid days of sick leave.

Municipalities offer property tax deferrals for those who are struggling during the pandemic.

The feds are still providing "pandemic relief" in terms of subsidies and payments to the unemployed.

These measures cannot matter unless there's a reciprocal easing of shoulder-crushing cost of living.

Early on during the pandemic, residents were promised a bit of relief on their utility (gas, oil) bills. It evaporated quickly, to the point where our rates are still at an all-time high and utility board members are making record salaries, benefits and bonuses.

While many Ontario homeowners continue to struggle with costs, executives at Ontario Power Corporation and Ontario Hydro were given gold-plated seats in the century club lounge, making record salaries, some in the millions.

Troubled Air Canada gave its top executives bonuses again this year, despite the fact they are near the brink of collapse. They rely on huge government subsidies to continue flying, and yet dish out money to its top brass. The recipients did offer to give it back, after the backlash. Not sure if it happened, though.

Home ownership for the current younger generation is fleeting fast. In another five years, it will be an impossible dream in this country.

Has any relief been given in this regard? Have banks eased up on lending practices? Absolutely not.

A new stress test came into play recently that puts an increased burden on new homeowners and even those renewing their mortgages.

This can't bode well.

It's common knowledge that during the pandemic many average citizens lost jobs, had their hours curtailed, lost entire businesses and leveraged their home equity.

And yet our esteemed chartered banks once again chalked up record profits.

Scotiabank, for instance, reported second quarter net income of \$2.456 billion compared to \$1.324 billion in the same period last year. Diluted earnings per share (EPS) was \$1.88, up 88% from \$1 in the previous year. Return on equity was 14.8%, up from 7.9% in the previous year.

I wonder how many loans the big banks gave out to save struggling business owners during the pandemic. Let's see how forgiving they are when it comes time to pay them back.

Experts are noting that it will take another year or two before many businesses are back to pre-pandemic levels. Well, folks, in 2023, small businesses and hourly wage earners will be back where they were in 2019. Left behind again, in a system with no regard for working stiffs.

It would seem large corporations that cater to average consumers – banks, utility, big oil, big everything – are slowing suffocating their only source of bread and butter – us. Talking about cutting off your nose to spite your face.

In recent weeks, I was notified I was behind a few bucks in both my Hydro One and Enbridge bills. It didn't take long for the calls, emails and letters to arrive, demanding immediate payment. Wow, they can't be that hard up that they need my paltry c-note to stay in business. The absolute nerve, I tell you.

I will stretch out my payments until the very last minute, just because of this bad behaviour.

We're bombarded by advertisements of 5G networks, and amazing, lightning fast service from all telecom providers. And yet, many areas were without home internet and TV recently.

A few phone calls later, listening to musak that hasn't changed in over a year, and little is resolved. It's not us, it's you, seems to be the common response. Tickets are created and sometimes technicians are sent (at their convenience). In the end, same service for skyrocketing rates.

I fear my tiny voice, my meager resistance will be for naught. To borrow from a famous phrase, I doth protest too much, methinks.

If there were any other time in our history, our neighbours would rally, pick up pitchforks and march on "city hall."

What do we do? Roll over and cower. We are capped and controlled by a very few very large entities.

Is going "off-grid" a real option? Well, perhaps not at the moment, but if things continue the way they are, we may all be living in tents, sending smoke signals!

Our Readers Write

Day of action planned against 413

As part of a Day of Action right across the route of the proposed GTA West Corridor (Highway 413) on Saturday, July 24th, an anti-Highway 413 sign protest will be held at the Gore Road and Healey Road intersection at approximately 2 pm. That site has been selected as it will be the location of major interchange which will spew traffic onto the Gore Road.

Anyone who wants to voice their opposition to the highway is urged to come out for a sign wav-

ing protest which will probably last no more than an hour. Stop Highway 413 signs will be available.

The demonstration is being organized by a small group of Caledon residents, but is just one of a number of anti-highway actions being planned by volunteer groups in other municipalities such as Vaughan, King Township, and Brampton with the support of Environmental Defence.

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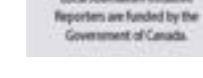
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Missed Opportunities

At one point in this space, I believe I spoke briefly about the proposed Highway 413 and while generally speaking I try to maintain some semblance of neutrality on many issues, it's fair to say I'm not a fan. Being the "typical Libra" that I am, I very much find myself constantly weighing two sides of every issue to measure the pros and cons, and to do my research accordingly.

Occasionally however, such as when reading "The Saturday Debate" in The Toronto Star this past weekend, frustration supersedes reason. The debate was a glaring missed opportunity to examine alternatives to simply paving over the Greenbelt and, in so doing, threatening headwaters and wildlife habitats not just now but for generations to come – all in the name of saving somebody, somewhere, 30 to 60 seconds off their daily commute.

Frank Clayton, author of the "Yes" argument, suggests the benefits of the highway "outweigh any costs." Any? To me, "any" seems like a pretty high price to pay. According to Ryan Norris, a Professor of Biology at University of Guelph and representing the "No" side, we are talking about putting as many as 35 species of concern at risk, destroying ponds used by the already endangered Jefferson salamander amongst other wetland creatures and laying waste to farmland, as well as the "headwaters of Sixteen Mile Creek, the Credit River and the Humber River, which are critical for maintaining healthy ecosystems..." such as YOURS and MY access to

clean drinking water.

All this, for about 50kms of highway that pretty much runs parallel to an already existing and completely underutilized multi-lane highway just a few kilometres south of the proposed route for the 413.

We are at what we hope is the tail end of global pandemic. Many families used this opportunity to re-evaluate their lives, embraced the concept of working from home and have migrated north from the big city. As a result, traffic has increased in the 905 and on that Mr. Clayton and I agree.

In cities he suggests, folks "don't need a car and many use transit, walk or cycle." In the 905 however, Clayton writes "the reality is...cars will continue to be the main form of transportation," therefore "more road capacity will be absolutely essential." Generally, he's not wrong about the current mindset towards vehicle reliance but that's a mindset and one that needs to change, one that enhanced access to public transportation could help with.

To be fair, Clayton touches on the topic of public transportation, citing the 2041 Regional Transportation Plan by Metrolinx, which points out the plan will merely maintain rather than increase reliance on public transit. This result will come despite an excess of \$30 billion dollars in investments. The missed opportunity to Clayton's "Yes" argument is that rather than call on the government to increase funding (say perhaps by taking the billions of dollars allocated to the building of the 413) and allocating it

instead toward further public transit enhancements, Clayton simply reiterates the need for more highways.

He asks this question: "If not the proposed Highway 413, where else can we build the road capacity needed to accommodate the massive growth in car trips and truck traffic in the GTA?" In answer, I'll say it again, how about we look south, to the 407, a highway that cuts an enormous swath through not just the GTA but all the way to Burlington in the west end and to the #35/#115 to the east.

There are, according to the 407's own website, a total of 198 conveniently located entrance/exit ramps spaced out over approx. 150 kms of roadway. It travels through Vaughan, just south of Caledon, connects cars to the 401 at Trafalgar Rd essentially covering the same route as the proposed 413. That's a lot of highway and the only real issue is that it's a toll road.

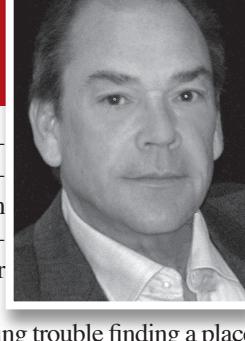
Mr. Clayton has missed an opportunity to encourage us all to think creatively about expanded use of the 407 and promote enhancements to public transit. What we know to be "reality" is only because we are being short sighted in envisioning a future that doesn't rely so heavily on the vehicle. Just two years ago, Zoom meetings were a novelty and few people thought we could conduct business simply relying on technology and by working from home. It hasn't been without hiccups but it has now become an accepted way of life.

Improving public transit across the 905, making it accessible, affordable and easy to use will in turn help to ensure it is better utilized. People in Toronto use public transit because it is there AND it's easy to use. We must do the same across the 905. It's imperative that we explore, as Norris suggests, "emissions-free mobility solutions – including light rail, electric buses and bus rapid transit – and low carbon ways to move freight. Ontario's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions is transportation..." building another highway will only exacerbate the problem.

It's time to think creatively about our reliance on vehicles. It's time to ask big business to bear some of the costs of moving goods across already existing roads and/or reduce or eliminate tolls on the 407 for truck traffic reducing volume on other existing highways like the 401. It's time to put more emphasis on public transportation as a reliable and easily accessible means of getting to and from work, should that day ever come.

It's NOT time to build a mere 50 kms of redundant expressway across precious resource land, disrupting our ecosystem, farmland, endangered wildlife and sources of clean water. Let's not miss this opportunity to get it right. Mr. Norris said it best; "Future generations will thank us."

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



Finding a place to live

A local fellow I know recently posted on a local Facebook page asking if anyone knew of an apartment for rent.

He needs a place to live and is being forced out of his current residence at the end of the month.

In the posting he said he was hoping to find a bachelor apartment and can afford rent of between \$500 to \$600 per month.

I happen to know this guy has a regular job, however it is a minimum wage type job. Whether he has a second job to make money, I don't know. Either way money is obviously tight.

Realistically, his chance of finding a place to rent at that price is going to be almost impossible.

I ran into this fellow at a local convenience store and asked him how his search was going.

He told me it wasn't going very well, and had a serious concern he was going to end up homeless in the near future.

Rental prices at are an all time high as demand has exceeded the current supply of places to live.

For years, it was the common thought that you should be spending around 25 per cent of your in-

come on housing whether you were paying rent or paying down a mortgage.

That was a reasonable figure that would allow you to live, have extra money to pay bills and afford insurance premiums, as well as allow you to put some in the bank for a rainy day.

Currently, rent for a small one-bedroom apartment can be around \$1,500 per month or more.

That's \$18,000 per year.

A person making minimum wage in Ontario, and working a full 40 hour week, can expect to take home \$29,640. That \$18,000 in rent is over 60 per cent of an annual income.

Take off taxes, and travel expenses to get to that job, food, and other basic necessities like clothing, and life is going to be very difficult.

The real estate market has also become increasingly difficult.

I was speaking to an agent in a town in York Region, who lamented the fact that none of her children or children of her friends, who had now grown up and were hoping to buy a home, could afford to buy a home in their own hometown.

They have simply been priced out of the market.

If you follow the real estate market, you know that rising prices have made home ownership unrealistic for many people who will never be able to save up a \$100,000 down payment in a market that is over inflated. On top of that, the cost of maintaining a mortgage of several hundred thousand dollars will prove difficult. Add to the possibility of interest rates climbing, and a monthly payment could skyrocket.

With homes selling for ridiculous prices and bidding wars driving the price up, many people have been resigned to the fact that home ownership for them, will never happen.⁷

It's not difficult to see why this is happening. Available housing is not keeping up with demand.

The federal government is poised to open the floodgates of immigration. Depending our sources, they will be allowing up 600,000 immigrants into the country in a single year.

Guess where they will most likely be settling? Here's a hint – it won't be Nunavut, Newfoundland, or New Brunswick.

It may be time to rethink our current immigration policy and put on the brakes until our current situation gets under control.

If you think you're having trouble finding a place to live now, what's going to happen when half a million people land on our shores and need a place to live?

The Federal government needs to re-tool some ideas and start working on a plan that gets this country back on track with a livable income more in line with the cost of living – not help drive up the price of a home by forcing thousands of people to compete for limited living space.

I know some people say it's "easy to blame immigrants" for some problems. However, in this case, the numbers speak for themselves.

If we don't get this under control soon, a housing shortage will become a housing disaster and your children's hope of owning their own home will be a thing of the past.

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CDS grad lifts the Stanley Cup for second consecutive season

BY ROBERT BELARDI

It's one heck of a time to be proud to be a local sports fan.

For the second consecutive season, one area graduate has lifted the Stanley Cup and a member of the winning team of arguably the most prestigious trophy in sport is none other than Tampa Bay Lightning forward Barclay Goodrow.

The Lightning earned their first ever back-to-back victory in franchise history taking out the Montreal Canadiens in five games.

Goodrow put up an exceptional four points in five games throughout the series including a goal in Game Four.

The Canadiens, who have done an excellent job in shutting down the opposition's top players, struggled to deal with Goodrow's third line along with Blake Coleman and Quebec native Yanni Gourde.

Following the victory amidst celebrations, Goodrow also didn't hesitate to fire back at Toronto Star writer Damien Cox.

Cox openly criticized the Lightning's victory in the playoff bubble in September last year. He tweeted, "Not as difficult to win a cup when there's no road games, no travel. Still a difficult thing to win it all. Tampa gave lots of sweat and blood to make this happen. But let's not compare bubble hockey with the real thing."

At the time, Goodrow immediately responded to Cox, stating how hard it was to be away from his family for so long living in a hotel.

Most recently after this win, he replied to the same tweet from a year ago saying, "Sooo how about now?"

Subsequently, many quotes and replies to this tweet heavily mentioned Tampa Bay being \$18-million over the salary cap limit in these playoffs.

What that means for Goodrow is an uncertain future. Sure, the Lightning would love to keep the 6-foot-2 centreman, however, considering the franchise must alleviate this coverage there is no telling what this offseason will look like in Florida.

What is happening now is a lot of party-



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ing and enjoying as the offseason begins.

As for the Canadiens, this was their first time returning to the Stanley Cup finals since 1993.

They were also the last Canadian franchise to lift the trophy. Since then, other teams such as the Calgary Flames, Edmonton Oilers, Ottawa Senators and the Vancouver Canucks (twice) have all had their chances to bring the cup north of the border again.

The Habs now become a part of that list to fall short.

Shortly after the victory, the area school

where Goodrow studied shared their congratulations.

"The Country Day School is incredibly proud of alumnus Barclay Goodrow '11 for capturing a second Stanley Cup in just his second season with Tampa Bay Lightning," said CDS. "A highpoint for all was Ron MacLean's shout out on Sportsnet following the big win when he mentioned the long-time support of Barclay's parents, Janice and John Goodrow of Aurora, and credited his former CDS hockey coaches and teachers for helping him along the way."

Historic partnership for The Pulpit Club

BY ROBERT BELARDI

The Pulpit Club has partnered with Turf Care Products Canada and The Toro Company in a 10-year-deal, the first ever signing of something like this in Canada.

Turf Care Products, which distributes irrigation systems and equipment through The Toro Company, will replace equipment as needed with products of their own.

They will also be taking this time to showcase their products right on the 36-hole property. Future prototypes will be presented and other customers and clients will be welcomed to the premises to view them.

"If there are any prototypes to come out, The Pulpit Club will be the facility to use to demonstrate those products," said President of Turf Care Products Canada, Tim Trumper.

"We're going to also use the club to show other customers what that world class product looks like. As soon as the irrigation system gets underway, with regards to the construction of it, we'll be using the facility to show other customers the whole process of putting in an irrigation system."

Trumper, who acquired the 45-year business just two years ago, said a deal of this nature is excellent for irrigation systems.

Normally, these products have a life-span of 20 to 25 years and if anything needs to be repaired or replaced it will be done through Turf Care.

The new irrigation systems are well advanced in technology. Employees will be using computerized technology instead of lugging around a hose around the property. There will be more attention to how much water will be consumed and GPS systems will track where the course has been sprayed.

Trumper added Turf Care and The Pulpit Club have been doing business for 30 years and this just adds more on top of what has already been done.

"We supplied them with Toro turf equipment, Toro irrigation and Yamaha golf carts. By virtue of that, we've been doing business with these guys for a long time. Under new management for the last little while, they have an urge to rebrand the club. We thought it was time we sat with them and see if we can build on our relationship and try to do something that has never been done in Canada before."

The Pulpit Club, which recently rebranded from The Devil's Pulpit Golf Association this year was established in 1990 and currently holds two courses in the top 25 in Canada.

"It also showcases we are always trying to stay ahead. It showcases to the membership that we're always going to try to have premier conditions and premier products," said General Manager, PGA of Canada, Rob Roxborough.

"One thing I like about this is we're going to have industry leaders from across the country and with the rebrand we want people to come back and see the before and after picture of what it used to be to what it is now," said Golf Course Superintendent Rob Wright.

With a new vision moving forward, both Roxborough and Wright added this was also the right time to show everyone the new way of doing things. With this latest advancement in doing so, both gentlemen said there is a lot more coming both on and off the golf course.

As of now, The Pulpit Club is working with Golf Canada to host a national championship in conjunction with the USGA.

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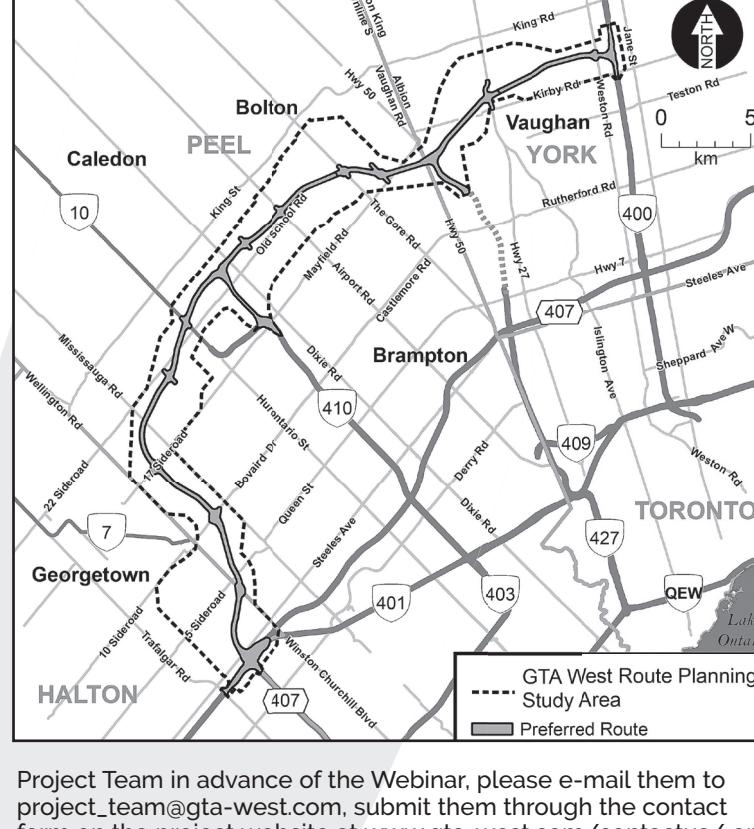
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The GTA West Study is being undertaken as an Individual EA in accordance with the *Ontario EA Act* and the GTA West Corridor EA Terms of Reference, which was approved by the Ontario Minister of the Environment on March 4, 2008. On May 3, 2021, the Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change determined that the GTA West Study also warrants designation under the *Federal Impact Assessment Act*. More information is available on the project website at www.gta-west.com/processandtimeline.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WEBINAR

To further meet the public's needs and address community questions, the GTA West Project Team is hosting a Community Engagement Webinar where the public and stakeholders can understand more about the project and have their questions answered. You are invited to attend the Community Engagement Webinar hosted by the GTA West Project Team on July 28, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The GTA West Project Team will provide a brief overview of the project followed by a question & answer period. Expert panelists from a variety of disciplines (e.g. noise, air quality, fisheries, archaeology, etc.) will be in attendance to answer your questions. Public and Project Team member health and safety is of utmost importance. Given the current COVID-19 pandemic, this Webinar will be conducted as an online session hosted through the Zoom platform. For the best experience, we encourage you to join the Webinar on Zoom through an electronic device. If you don't have access to an electronic device, you can listen to the Webinar through your telephone. If you join by telephone, please submit your questions in advance. A recording of the event will be posted on the project website.

To register for the Community Engagement Webinar, please visit the project website at www.gta-west.com/consultation-2 and click on the Zoom registration link under the *Upcoming Opportunities for Input* section. If you have accessibility requirements, please leave a message at the toll-free telephone line at 1-877-522-6916. If you have questions that you would like to submit to the GTA West



Friday brings Ontario into Step 3

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work and keep us safe. Vaccines remain our ticket out of the pandemic so if you haven't booked your appointment yet, please do so today."

The province will remain in Step Three for at least 21 days and until 80 per cent of the eligible population aged 12 and over has received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 75 per cent have received their second, with no public health unit having less than 70 per cent of their eligible population aged 12 and over fully vaccinated.

Step Three will include outdoor social gatherings and organized public events for up to 100 people; indoor social gatherings and organized public events for up to 25 people; indoor dining with no limits to the number of patrons per table; retail with capacity limited to ensure physical distancing; indoor religious services, rites or ceremony gatherings with physical distancing; indoor sports and recreational fitness facilities with capacity limit; personal care services with capacity limited to ensure physical distancing; museums, casinos and bingo halls with capacity limits; and cinemas, concert, theatres, and other performing arts venues with capacity limits.

Face coverings in indoor public settings and physical distancing requirements remain in place throughout Step Three.

"Thanks to the continued efforts of Ontarians adhering to public health measures and advice, as well as going out to get vaccinated, we have seen most key health indicators continue to improve," said Dr. Kieran Moore, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health. "However, the pandemic is not over, and we must all remain vigilant and continue following the measures and advice in place, as the Delta variant continues to pose a threat to public health."

Starting Friday, July 23, the Town of Caledon will begin reopening facilities and amenities based on the Province's Step Three Roadmap.

"Moving into Stage Three comes as a welcomed relief to our community," said Mayor Allan Thompson. "I can't thank our healthcare and frontline heroes enough for their tireless dedication over the last year and a half. As we get our summer back, let's continue to stay vigilant and follow the advice of our healthcare professionals."

Residents are strongly reminded to continue to follow all health and safety guidelines including getting both vaccinations, maintaining physical distance and wearing a mask.

Indoor programs and activities at recreation centres will begin to open starting July 23 with fitness centres at Southfields Community Centre (SCC) and Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness. Pools at these facilities will open on July 26 along with one ice pad at Mayfield Recreation Complex—another ice pad will open

towards the end of August at Caledon East Recreation Complex.

As of July 13, Peel was continuing to see improvements with decreasing total COVID cases per week. The Region sits at 111,571 total cases—130 more cases in the last seven days—there have been two more deaths in the last week, bringing the total to 818.

In Caledon, the numbers are promising with no deaths in the last week—keeping the total at 20—and the total cases has decreased to 4,436, with eight previous cases deemed false positives.

The vaccination efforts in Peel remain strong with 152,499 doses administered in the last seven-day cycle (July 5 to 11), bringing the total doses administered to 1,940,337. In total, 1,185,955 individuals have at least one dose and 754,382 have completed their vaccination.

Thresholds continue to be met in the Region with 79.2 per cent of adults having one dose and 45.4 per cent with both. 78.3 per cent of residents over 12 have a dose with 52.1 per cent completing the vaccination process—as a whole 68.1 per cent of all residents have one dose and 45.4 per cent of the Region is fully vaccinated.

For more information on vaccinations in Peel and to book an appointment, visit www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/book-appointment.

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Some of those activities include flyer drops at the Kleinburg Conservation Area—where Highway 413 would slash through—banner demonstrations at the offices of various MPP offices, and the distribution of literature and pamphlets at the Orangerville Farmers' Market.

A journalists' tour of the designated route is also being planned by the Toronto office of the David Suzuki Foundation, although that may be held a few days prior to the 24th.

Slammed by the Globe and Mail in an editorial a few months ago as "a '\$6-billion sprawl accelerator", Highway 413 would be a monstrously expensive 59-kilometre-long highway that would pave over farms, forests, wetlands, portions of the Greenbelt and have injurious impacts on the small headwater streams which feed the Humber, West Humber, Etobicoke, and Credit Rivers.

For more information on why it's not needed and the damage it will cause visit: environmentaldefence.ca/stop-the-413-3.

And for more information about the July 24 event at Healey Road and the Gore Road contact the writer at: danoreilly@sympatico.ca.

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Humber River recognized with new permanent signage



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Local officials unveiled a new sign paying tribute to the importance of the Humber River.

Caledon Councillor Jennifer Innis, who's also chair of the Toronto and Region Con-

servation Authority, was joined by colleagues at the ceremony, which acknowledges the Humber River is a protected river valley within the Greenbelt.

"The river valleys of the Greenbelt, like the Humber Valley, play a vital role in sustaining the Region's biodiversity and in

helping to protect our communities from the negative effects of flooding and erosion," Innis said. "They also offer a space for our residents to be active and healthy, while connecting with nature. The TRCA commends the Province for their commitment to protecting green spaces by growing the Greenbelt."

The Humber River is one of 21 urban river valleys that connect the Greenbelt to the Great Lakes, inland lakes and areas beyond. These are the valleys of rivers that pass through cities or towns and act as urban gateways to the Greenbelt.

Joining Innis were King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce, Vaughan-Woodbridge MPP Michael Tibollo, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Norm Sterling, Chair of the Greenbelt Council.

"Protecting our local environment and the Humber River is critical as we preserve our green spaces for the benefit of Vaughan and King families," said Lecce. "Having spent my entire life enjoying the beauty of Boyd Park, I am proud to partake in this once-in-a-generation opportunity to grow the Greenbelt and protect Ontario's environmental, groundwater, and agricultural resources for future generations."

The government of Ontario is in the process of undertaking what could be the largest expansion of the Greenbelt since its creation in 2005. The Greenbelt protects environmental, groundwater, and agricultural resources.

"We are incredibly lucky to be surrounded by such a beautiful environment that provides numerous opportunities for us to explore nature and engage with our important ecosystems," said Tibollo. "Today's unveiling is an occasion for us to celebrate the Greenbelt and look forward to ways in which we can further conserve these types of natural spaces."

"The Ford government understands that there needs to be a balanced approach to managing growth while protecting the natural environment for future generations," said Minister Clark. "That is why we are adding urban river valleys to the Greenbelt and also enhancing and protecting two acres of land for every single acre where a Minister's Zoning Order has or will be issued."

The consultation process, which received over 5,500 submissions, saw overwhelming support for adding urban river valleys and the Paris Galt Moraine to the Greenbelt.

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