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Fun at the Fair

Cali, Cata and Maja got an up-close look at a tractor at the opening night of the 163rd annual Bolton Fall Fair on Friday. Held at the Albion Bolton Fairgrounds between September 24 and September 26, the popular family event, which was hosted by the Albion & Bolton Agricultural Society for the first time since the start of the global pandemic, was a resounding success. For more, see Page 6.

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Ground formally broken on Rotary Place expansion project

BY ROB PAUL

The Town of Caledon made the Rotary Place expansion official on Friday with a ground breaking event in Bolton.

Mayor Allan Thompson was joined at the event by his Council and representatives from the Seniors Centre, Bolton Rotary, OPP, and the architect and construction team spearheading the expansion, which is part of the Caledon Seniors Centre.

The new expansion will result in an 8,000 square foot single-story structure that includes a connection to the Caledon Centre

for Recreation and Wellness, three new multi-purpose rooms, a new kitchen, a new OPP satellite station, washrooms and storage space, and renovations to the existing building to provide administrative offices and enhancements to programming spaces.

"It's critical that we invest in programs and services to help Caledon residents age in place," said Mayor Thompson. "I'm excited about this expansion project as it will serve not only our aging population but all community members. To Bolton Rotary and Caledon Seniors, thank you so much for all

you do to give us the confidence as Council members — every one of the Councillors put their hand up to support this expansion project. We knew it was a lot of dollars, but we knew it was the right thing to do. All of us did our part and I'm really proud of my Council for taking a hard step, especially with what we've been going through, because we knew this was important and we need to get it underway. Thank you to my Council for making the right decision and making all of this possible."

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Brewers are 2021 NDBL senior champs

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The North Dufferin Baseball League senior championship series between the Bolton Brewers and the New Lowell Knights ended in spectacular fashion when Bolton's Stephen Warden hit a grand slam home run in the sixth inning.

With the Brewers leading 8 - 0, the four runs invoked the mercy rule of a ten or more run differential to end the game and give the

Bolton team the championship.

The final between the Brewers and the Knights took place in Bolton on Saturday, September 25.

The Brewers were leading the best-of-five series 2 - 0 going into Game Three.

The Knights needed a win to keep the series alive.

Saturday's game saw the Brewers open with a huge start scoring seven runs in the first two innings of the afternoon.

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Caledon backs Treat Accessibly initiative to make Halloween an option for everyone

BY ROB PAUL

Caledon Town Council met with Rich Padulo, Founder of the Treat Accessibly Initiative, on Tuesday and passed a motion to support and promote the initiative. The organization works to make homes more accessible and inclusive to all on Halloween.

“My family created Treat Accessibly with a pretty simple notion of making Canada the first country in the world to have an accessible Halloween,” said Padulo. “I’m the proud dad of a 10-year-old who won the Rick Hansen Foundation Difference Maker Award and I founded Treat Accessibly across North America. We’re a registered organization, but we’re not a charity, we’re just a grassroots movement. We’re encouraging the community to participate in an accessible Halloween across Canada. The reason we’re here (at Council) is we’re looking for support from Caledon to

endorse this initiative and make it part of your annual Halloween programming—like the cities of Mississauga, Brampton, and soon to be Vaughan.”

The Treat Accessibly Initiative was born a few years ago as Padulo was preparing for Halloween and he came to the realization that for some children, it wasn’t as easy as dressing up and hitting the neighbourhood with their parents.

“This is how the story came about: I was putting pumpkins on my stairs in 2017 and I looked up and there was a little boy using his wheelchair with his family and we locked eyes as he saw me putting pumpkins on my stairs,” he said. “It hit me like a ton of bricks that he wouldn’t be able to trick-or-treat at my home.

“From there I looked up at every other house and every other house had stairs, and it hit me like another ton of bricks. The next day we had a sign homemade and, on our lawn, and that Halloween we



The Padulo Family.

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had seven families with mobility censoring and intellectual disabilities, not knowing anything about the sign and just saying that they saw it so it attracted them there. What we did was we had the trick-or-treating experience in our driveway that year which made all the difference in the world that the children could trick-or-treat with disabilities with their family and other kids. It created a whole new level of socialization for them.”

The entire Council was behind the initiative and each of them commended Padulo’s efforts to make Halloween something everyone can be involved in no matter the circumstances and ensured that the RE/MAX offices in Caledon carry the free signs for residents to acquire.

“This is a phenomenal initiative and I absolutely applaud your leadership,” said Councillor Tony Rosa. “I would definitely encourage and advocate for the Town of Caledon to be behind an initiative of this kind, leaving nobody behind at Halloween. What an incredible message and I’m really

pleased and honoured to be here listening to it.”

Councillor Nick DeBoer and Mayor Allan Thompson both were adamant that the Town could help support the initiative and as a result it led to the passing of a motion for Town Staff to be directed to support and promote Treat Accessibly within the Caledon community using Town resources, as needed.

“You’ve really stirred the heart of everybody here in Caledon,” said Thompson. “It’s great; especially with Halloween, you want it for everyone. It doesn’t matter who you are, you should be entitled to have that opportunity.”

In 2019, Treat Accessibly had 25,000 signs produced by RE/MAX and distributed for free across 168 Home Depots which led to the Ontario Premier, six Minister, the Mayor of Toronto, 23 other politicians supporting the initiative, and every major non-profit in the accessibility space.

By 2020, 40,000 Canadian homes had the Treat Accessibility sign for Halloween and with Halloween back in 2021, they expect that to grow and by 2025 for homes across Canada and into the United States to be accessible on Halloween.

“Just two years after we had one sign on our lawn, 25,000 homes participated in the initiative,” said Padulo. “To put it in perspective, there’s two million Canadians who identify with having a disability who were all children one day and there’s 400,000 kids today that typically don’t get to trick-or-treat like everybody else. In four years, we think we can be in 4.4 million homes across North America, Kinder has just started the conversation to launch the movement in the United States.”

The growing support over the years has led Padulo and his initiative to have more signs available at various locations and more regions backing Treat Accessibly than ever before.

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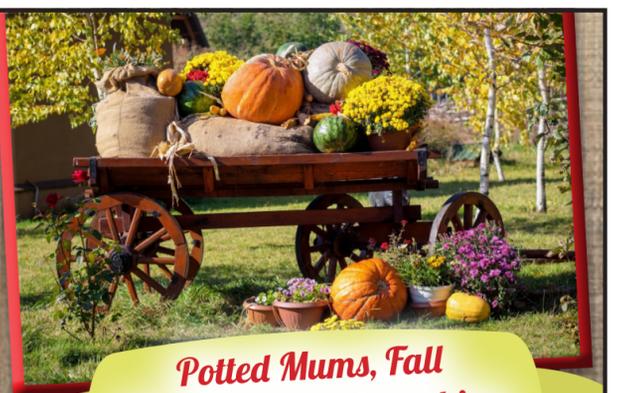
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Indigenous artists hope to continue important conversations beyond National Truth and Reconciliation Day

BY ROB PAUL

With National Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30) and Culture Days underway at the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives' (PAMA), the gallery is focusing on two artists whose Indigenous heritage drive them to create and continue to bring attention to the trials and tribulation the First Nations, Inuit and Métis have gone through in Canada.

The two featured artists are Inuk photographer Katherine Takpannie—whose outdoor installation called “One,” is currently running until January 3—and Tracey-Mae Chambers, who discovered in adulthood her Ojibwa-Métis heritage, will build her outdoor installation called “Hope and Healing Canada,” on site on September 30. This will run until October 3.

As a photographer, Takpannie wanted to capture an image of herself that focused on the female figure while in the reproductive state while wearing an amautik—a mother’s parka worn by Inuit women.

“My exhibit at PAMA is an image of myself wearing an amautik when I was pregnant with my son, and the amautik was made by a relative and sent down so it would be ready for when my son was born” she said. “It’s really cool because the same image is currently on display at the National Gallery of Canada. I’m full of gratitude, it’s a wonderful feeling to be able to share my art and educate non-Indigenous Canadians about Indigenous people with what we wear and who we are and what we hold dear to our hearts.”

Beginning her photography career in 2018 was a way to promote and share Indigenous culture through both issues and celebration of the people and their history.

“There’s an entire section on education of Indigenous people within the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on the very act of educating about our history—which is also Canadian history—and it’s entirely needed, especially when our own Premier scraps [Indigenous education] in our Province,” she said. “Everyone wants to learn more about the Indigenous and it’s part of the calls to do so.”

Chambers’ installation is unique in that she builds it in the space she is given and never knows exactly what it will be until it’s underway, but the focus is always on connection and education around the Indigenous struggle in

Canada.

“Originally, it was based around dealing with reconnection with friends and family and community after COVID, but before I did any installations, the 215 children were discovered in Kamloops,” she said. “Everything changed at that point, and I had a hard time focusing the work just on reconnection because I felt there was a lack of any sort of tangible connection between settler Canadians and Indigenous, Inuit, and Métis. I was feeling like we want to connect but there’s this massive void between those communities and I wanted to figure out how I could address that. So, it’s essentially me trying to figure out how to break the distance between the communities.”

When creating an art installation based on her surroundings to reflect what the Canada’s Indigenous people have gone through, Chambers says it’s very dependent on where she is when it comes to the way she goes about creating.

“It depends on the location because I react to the space,” she said. “Some places are really negative, which makes it difficult to do, like residential schools. When I’m doing it at an art gallery there’s often very little Indigenous content, so I find with those ones I can be even more aggressive with it because it’s further decolonizing that space. I think with the Peel gallery it will be something that ends up being very community centric, but some places it’s very intense what I do because there’s no Indigenous culture.”

The purpose of her pieces is to not only educate non-Indigenous Canadians, but to reach those who may not be having the conversations that are required to help in the healing process and connect communities together.

“What’s great is most the places put a plaque to explain what the installation is about, so even if I’m not there to have the conversation, they’re still seeing the work and the information and putting those things together,” she said. “So, the conversation may not be happening literally, but it’s happening figuratively, and that conversation is such an important part of it. People look at it through different lenses and I want to reach the people who may not be thinking critically about this and already having those conversations. Even new Canadians don’t have a lot of experience with what has happened in Canada, so that’s a great conversation to have, too.”

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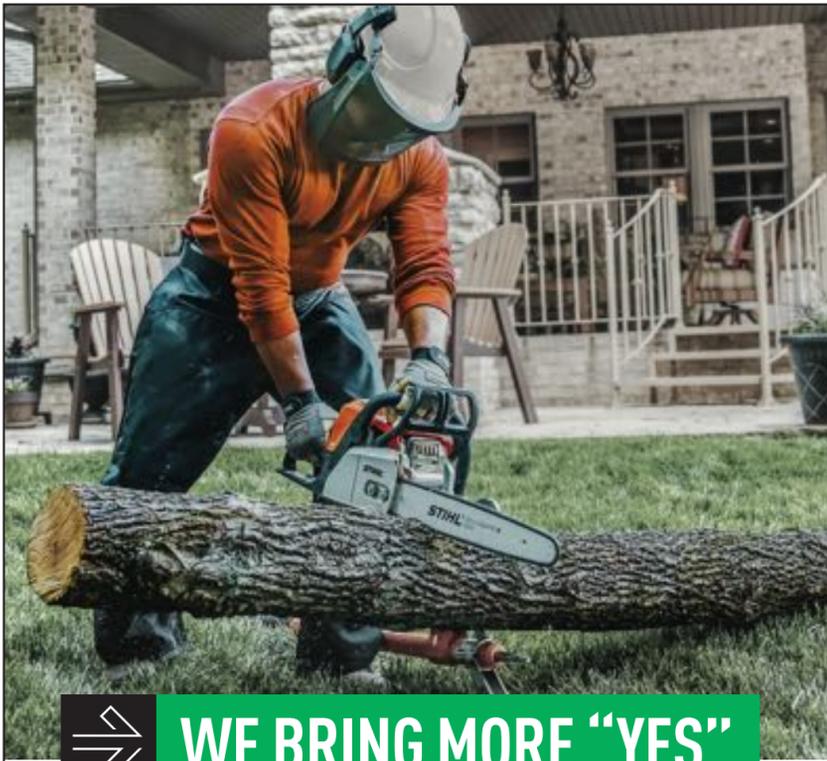
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RESIDENT CHARGED AFTER BYLAW OFFICER "THREATENED"

Officers from the Caledon OPP have charged a resident of Caledon following an altercation involving a Town of Caledon by-law officer.

"On September 16, 2021, at approximately 5:30 p.m., officers responded to an incident that occurred on Bonnieglan Farm Boulevard," say Police. "Information was received that a Town of Caledon by-law officer had been followed in his patrol vehicle by the driver of a vehicle he had just issued a parking ticket to. The male driver was driving in an aggressive and dangerous manner, and eventually forced the by-law vehicle to come to a stop, at which point the male exited his vehicle and proceeded to threaten the officer."

As a result of the police investigation, Harmanpreet Chima, 21, of Caledon, has been charged with:

- Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle

Uttering threats
The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on December 2, 2021 to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.
In the Town of Caledon, traffic and parking is regulated to keep our community and roads safe. Confronting, threatening and assaulting by-law officers is unacceptable and illegal. If you get a parking or traffic ticket, you can learn about your options by visiting Provincial Offences Court at www.caledon.ca/en/government/poa.aspx.

DRUG-IMPAIRED CHARGES

Members from the Caledon OPP have arrested a driver following a single motor vehicle collision in the Town of Caledon.

"On Sunday, September 26, 2021 at approximately 12:30 p.m., officers responded to a single vehicle collision in the area of McLaughlin

Road and King Street," say Police. "Information was received from witnesses that a grey sedan had crashed into a ditch and that the driver was believed to be impaired. It was also reported that shortly after the crash, the driver had left the scene.

"Police attended and the involved driver was located at an address nearby. As a result of the investigation, Robert Baranyi, 41, of North York, has been charged with the offence of Impaired Operation by Drug."

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on December 9, 2021 to answer to the charge.

The charge has not been proven.
The driver received a 90-day driver's license suspension and a seven-day vehicle impound.

STOLEN PROPERTY, DRUG CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon OPP have charged an individual with property and drug-related offences following an investigation in the Town of Caledon.

"On Sunday, September 26, 2021, at approximately 4:55 p.m., an officer was on general patrol in the area of Innis Lake Road and Patterson Side Road, when the officer located a vehicle parked on the side of the road," say Police. "Further police investigation revealed that the plates affixed the vehicle were on file as stolen.

"When the officer approached the vehicle, the driver attempted to flee, however, he was unsuccessful and was arrested after a short foot pursuit. As a result of the investigation, a quantity of illicit drugs and stolen property was discovered in the vehicle."

The driver, Jobanjit Singh, 24, of Brampton, stands charged with:

- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000
- Possession of schedule I substance – meth
- Operate a motor vehicle without insurance
- Colour coating obscuring interior
- Driving while under suspension

The driver is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on December 6, 2021 to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

TAXI SCAM

The Caledon OPP is investigating three separate incidents involving a taxi scam in the Town of Caledon.

"On September 10, 2021, officers responded to three incidents that occurred in the area of Highway 50 and Industrial Road in Bolton," say Police. "In all three instances, victims were approached by a young male 'taxi passenger' who requested their assistance. In each case the male told the victims that the taxi he had taken

would not accept cash as payment for the fare. The 'taxi passenger' then asked the victim to pay the fare on his behalf using their debit card, promising to then reimburse the victim in cash. The victims agreed to assist the male and used their debit cards to pay the fare.

"During the transaction the 'taxi driver' then switched the victim's debit card with a stolen card. After the transaction the 'taxi passenger' gave the victim a quantity of cash for the fare and he and the 'taxi driver' left the scene.

"The victim did not realize their debit card had been stolen and replaced by a fake card until later. All three victims reported money being withdrawn from their account ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000."

The suspect vehicle is described as a black Toyota with a "Taxi" sign on top.

The "taxi passenger" is described as a male, approximately 18-25 years old.

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CROSSING GUARD NEARLY HIT IN SOUTHFIELDS: POLICE

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a local resident following an incident involving a crossing guard on the first day of the school year.

"On September 9, 2021, at approximately 3:10 p.m., officers responded to an incident in the area of Learmont Ave and Larson Peak Road, where a crossing guard was nearly hit by a motorist while actively assisting pedestrians in crossing the roadway," say Police.

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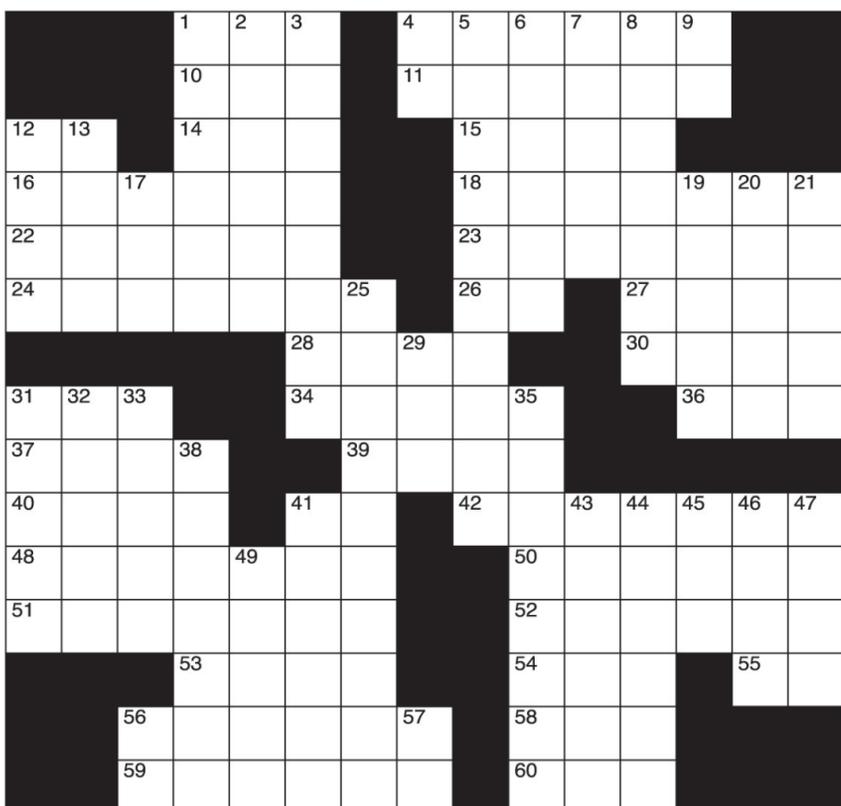


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57. Poor grades

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Council sets budget target tax increase in range of four per cent

BY ROB PAUL

During the Town of Caledon Council meeting on September 28, the Council passed a motion to that a 2022 budget target tax increase in the range of four per cent for the Town be approved.

Along with the budget target tax increase, the Town will move to multi-year budget-

ing as part of the next term of Council to ensure Council is aware of long-term ongoing operating budget impacts associated with future Council work plans.

The 2022 budget target tax increase was not passed unanimously, with Councillors Annette Groves and Tony Rosa not in favour of the motion.

Pine River Institute lands \$4.2 million in funding

BY PAULA BROWN

Pine River Institute has received \$4.2 million in additional funding from the Ontario government to support an expansion of the treatment centre's mental health and addiction services.

Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, joined Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones and Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, on Monday, September 27, outside the Pine River Institute in Mulmur to announce the investment.

The increase in funding will allow for Pine River Institute to add 30 new youth treatment beds to the facility, expanding their total number of beds to 59.

"Supporting the health and well-being of children and youth has never been more important," said Elliott. "We know that children and youth are struggling, families and communities are struggling as well."

Pine River Institute, which opened in 2006, is a not-for-profit treatment facility for youth aged 13-19 living with addictive behaviours and other mental challenges. The centre offers individualized plans to youth based on their developmental needs which combine therapy, a structured environment, and life skills with an educational program.

According to the Pine River Institute, the treatment centre can have upwards of 200 people on the waitlist for a bed at the facility and the average wait time is more than 14 months.

"Pine River has consistently had a waitlist that far exceeds our capacity. The pandemic has shone a light on the growth of addiction and mental health concerns, generally and with youth in particular. We know that the post-pandemic world will likely see even more adolescents struggling with these issues," said Vaughan Dowie, Chief Executive Officer for Pine River Institute. "This investment could not be more timely."

The funding from the Ontario government comes during the province's first-ever Recovery Month, and is part of a \$32.7 million investment to expand addictions services and the \$175 million investment in Ontario's 2021 budget.

In a press release on Monday, the province said they are looking to address gaps in care and reduce wait times to improve access to care.

The funding is also part of the government's commitment to invest \$3.8 billion over 10 years to implement the Roadmap to Wellness, a plan to build mental health and addictions systems centred around the need of individuals and their families.

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With hundreds of thousands of marriages happening every year, couples often strive to make their big day memorable. From fireworks to fondue bars, the possibilities are endless yet in true Caledon fashion, one couple had an incredibly generous answer.

In place of extravagant guest favours, Renata and Gino donated the money set aside for this to purchase children's snacks and cereal, supporting their neighbours in need.

Their generosity couldn't have come at a better time as these supplies were running low even as children and families were picking up their back-to-school essentials at CCS' Exchange (55 Healey Rd, Bolton).

We're incredibly grateful that Renata and Gino chose to use their wedding to support those in need. They exemplify who we, at Caledon Community Services, refer to as ChangeMakers; someone who uses their community

spirit to raise funds or collect donations to support their neighbours in need. From a child hosting a bake sale to a business encouraging customers to round up their purchases at the register, these ChangeMakers make a positive impact in our community and we're in awe of their support.

Anyone can be a ChangeMaker, they are everywhere and every age, like Charlotte who sold cookies to support other children in need or siblings Hilary and Lucas who collected food donations in place of birthday gifts. It's a new business like the Bake Shoppe Bolton that donated a portion of proceeds from cookie sales to support those in need.

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Town launches Have Your Say Caledon website to hear from residents

BY ROB PAUL

The Town of Caledon has launched a new public input site called haveyoursaycaledon.ca.

The goal of the website is to allow residents and businesses to share their opinions and ideas on important Town projects and programs.

“As we plan for the future, public input is absolutely vital to Council decision-making,” said Mayor Allan Thompson. “The pandemic has reinforced the need for new, innovative approaches to public engagement, and Have Your Say Caledon makes it easy and convenient for residents to provide input on a wide variety of projects.”

The new site is easy to use, accessible and mobile-friendly. There are several ways to share your ideas: taking a poll or survey, using interactive maps, contributing to discussion forums, sharing photos and more.

“Have Your Say Caledon offers more opportunities for more people to engage with the Town on topics they’re interested in when it’s convenient for them,” said Catherine McLean, Director, Customer Service and Communications. “These changes are intended to enhance effective, meaningful community dialogue that can help inform decision-making.”



The new website already features four high-profile Town projects for residents to share their input on: the 2022 budget (with the final adoption of the budget set for December 14), the Bolton Community Improvement Plan, the Caledon East Community Complex, and the Future Caledon Official Plan Review.

Residents are invited to visit the site and register to be informed of new topics that are open for input. Once registered, users can provide feedback and receive regular updates.

Artists hope to continue important conversations beyond National Truth & Reconciliation Day

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Though both installations do coincide with National Truth and Reconciliation Day, PAMA had wanted to feature both artists for some time to help in educating non-Indigenous while promoting Indigenous creators, and it just worked out that they could book the artists for this month.

“Often our art gallery curators seek out artists of interest to them and PAMA always wants to display and promote Indigenous and diverse content to the Region,” said Erin Fernandes, PAMA Marketing Coordinator. “Katherine was somebody our curator wanted to promote, and we just loved her piece so much. One of our programming specialists had Tracey-Mae’s work catch her eye and we wanted to get onto her circuit for Hope and Healing and it just so happens we booked her for National Truth and Reconciliation Day. Both of them were fate moments that worked out perfectly in terms of promoting their messages of Indigenous education and hope and healing.”

Part of PAMA’s mandate is to ensure that everybody in the Peel community is represented and having Indigenous artists involved with the gallery has long been something they’re passionate about, it also allowed them to bring something important to the Region while they’re not able to operate in regular fashion due to COVID.

“We are still closed so we’ve been exploring what we could do on the outside of our building as people walk by or people are online virtually,” said Fernandes. “We’ve been focusing on what we can do to get the public’s attention and put important content out there. In the Region of Peel, we have such a diverse population that we have made a commitment to create content in which people can see [themselves] reflected, so it’s a hugely important part of who we are to have not only Indigenous exhibits, but other diverse groups as well. We try to reach out to different communities as much as possible to tell their stories.”

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Brock's Banter

Carving out the time to reflect, grieve and move forward

BY BROCK WEIR

Statutory holidays can be a tricky business. While people generally relish the opportunity for a day off from the daily grind, some bemoan the negative impact closing one's doors for a day or two here and there can have on the bottom line on business.

It all depends on the holiday, however, as some seem to have a bit more weight than others.

Boxing Day, for instance, although completely overtaken by American Black Friday-style commercialism these days, is something Canadians take seriously, if only as a respite from the hustle and bustle that comes with Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and, in the pre-COVID days, the seemingly never-ending social whirl that leads up to the end of December.

Thanksgiving is, so far, comparatively free of the commercialism creeping over the border (with the exception of Cyber Monday) although the holiday's origins in this country are continually lost in the unlikely bucolic traditions that have become steeped, even falsely, in the American observance. Yet, we know it is a time for family, food and fun in the fall.

We know what to expect, we look forward to it, and more likely than not, there are traditions individual to each family that are all but unavoidable due to the simple fact they have always been done.

Then, there are the statutory holidays for which their purpose has been kept deliberately vague or overtaken by something completely different.

Civic Holiday is celebrated across most of the country in different ways – but just what exactly are we celebrating? Some extra time off at the height of summer is always welcome, but in British Columbia, it's known by the highly creative name of British Columbia Day, a trend that is also shared by Saskatchewan and New Brunswick. In Alberta, it is Heritage Day while here in Ontario it is known by any number of things. While "Civic Holiday" usually wins the day, depending on where you are in Ontario, it can be known as Simcoe Day in honour of Lieutenant-Governor John Graves Simcoe, Colonel By Day in honour of an early developer of our nation's capital and the list goes on.

Victoria Day, as the name suggests, is a celebration of Queen Victoria, the first monarch of a post-Confederation Canada, but it is also the official Canadian birthday of the Sovereign of the day. Yet, how many of us stop on that May Monday every year to raise a glass to Victoria or Elizabeth II? Some might, sure, but for most people it is the unofficial start of summer and has gained the unfortunate nickname of "May Two-Four" weekend.

Holidays that are not rooted in faith or Remembrance seem to be observed with appropriate solemnity. But just as many holidays are used as a time to party, others for family and fellowship, to simply have the day off, or, if you're in business, to drive up sales.

This week, however, we have the chance to do something with a bit more meaning: stopping on Thursday, September 30, for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

Originally Orange Shirt Day, National Truth & Reconciliation Day was recognized by the Federal Government earlier this year after the remains of 215 Indigenous children were discovered in unmarked graves on lands associated with the Kamloops Residential School.

Although making the day a holiday was fast-tracked following this grisly discovery, the first of many thousands of remains to have been discovered since then, it was not a new idea; a statutory holiday to allow Canadians to reflect on and never forget the tragic legacy of residential schools was one of the 94 Calls to Action to come out of the National Truth & Reconciliation Commission's report.

"We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with Survivors, Aboriginal organizations, and the arts community, to develop a reconciliation framework for Canadian Heritage and Commemoration. This would include, but not limited to... establish as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth & Reconciliation to honour Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component to the reconciliation process," the report set out with little room for interpretation.

Although the day has been established at the Federal level, not all Provinces have followed suit in making this a holiday. The Government of Ontario confirmed earlier this month that Thursday, September 30, would not be a public holiday – at least this year.

The decision in and of itself has sparked further calls to action.

"Six Nations Grand River is most disappointed that the Government of Ontario has decided not to observe National Truth & Reconciliation Day by marking September 30 as a statutory holiday," said Chief Mark B. Hill in an open letter to Premier Ford last week. "While you and many other provincial officials have expressed your commitment to strengthening relationships with First Nations Communities, this upcoming statutory holiday is an important symbol indicating a commitment to practical action."

"This year has been difficult on everyone, but particularly so for the Indigenous communities whose old wounds were reopened upon the discovery of their lost children's remains. Canada's history has been marred by the dark legacy of governmental theft of children. Forcefully removing children from their parents and communities to assimilate them to Government's culture and values was and remains an abominable crime. It is not enough that leaders give a few remarks on occasion, only to let pass more formal opportunities to officially acknowledge where we've come from and where we need to go."

Chief Hill concludes that now is the time for Ontario to join British Columbia and the Northwest Territories to "lead other provinces, in full, official commemoration of this day."

I quite agree with the leader of Six Nations of the Grand River.

National Truth and Reconciliation Day will be a difficult, but poignant observance, one which will undoubtedly continue to raise awareness of darker, more tragic chapters of our recent past and plant further seeds for change. It should be a day where we have the ability to get out of our offices, schools and indeed our routines to learn, grieve and heal collectively.

It is too late for Ontario to change its decision to have any meaningful impact this year, but 2022 can be a very different story – and I'm just thankful so many municipalities across Ontario, along with non-profits and cultural groups have stepped up to fill the vacuum.



The challenges of down time, up time, no time

by Mark Pavilons



We cannot stop the passage of time.

Our particular position in the universe sees us marking the hours, days, months and years as we circle our sun.

We may think that we have plenty of time during our waking hours. But how much of that time is productive?

Are we wasting time, frittering it away, and spending it needlessly?

It's no surprise that Canadians are frantically searching for "down time" from their devices and the internet.

While some in rural areas struggle to even secure decent internet sources, others find they're paying way too much.

According to a recent study by Ernst & Young, one-in-five consumers are willing to switch broadband providers in the next year. The main reason is that 55% of respondents believe they pay too much for content they don't watch or need. Others say they have increased concerns about security and privacy.

The pandemic upped the ante and many more Canadians found themselves hooked up and connected.

We've all drank the proverbial Kool-Aid and almost each and every device we own – phone, computer, tablet and TV – are connected to the internet.

Sure, it's convenient, really cool, but also really expensive. In our household with three children, our digital bill is the highest monthly expense, next to our mortgage. That's crazy.

But in today's world, it's almost a necessity. With one child still in high school, access to the internet for homework is vital. Teachers are using Google Classroom and D2L to accept assignments. Kids today not only have to have access to a decent computer and strong internet service, they've had to become proficient at navigating these platforms.

Heaven help us all if the internet went down for a period of time!

As a parent who believes he's somewhat intelligent and articulate, even I have trouble with these uploads, downloads, rubrics and slideshows.

Most of us prefer to get our service from one provider, but that's not always easy or possible.

As our appetite for digital services continues to grow, there's a need for a centralized digital home system.

I've been one of those reluctant sorts, wait-

ing for others in my household to be tech savvy. My wife is a whiz on her iPhone and my kids are pretty smart in their own ways. I only recently started depositing cheques online, and my Petro Points card is now fully digital. I must admit that some of these do make life easy and convenient.

In the pandemic world, I've grown to like Zoom calls and YouTube meetings. I find the King Council meetings tend to run smoothly, with only a few glitches. I watched a Chamber of Commerce debate during the election and listened to a live-streamed discussion on forests. It's pretty cool that I can watch, even participate, from the comfort of my home or office.

The shape of things to come?

I have yet to master Facetime and Instagram, but I am a quick learner.

But again, does all this time in front of a screen – big or small – take away from our regular lives?

Maybe. But I think some of the benefits – eliminating distance, travel, commuting – are beneficial. Heck, I've heard that the environment actually started to breathe again, and repair itself, during the pandemic.

A time will come when we'll be doing Zoom meetings from the comfort of our own self-driving electric car!

I must say, though, that the last year has made me yearn for the simple things in life. I'm longing to reconnect with nature, venturing into the woods, or finding a quiet sandy beach somewhere.

But that will have to wait until next summer.

My oldest daughter, who's a passionate traveller, is going nuts because we're still grounded. She's itching to go abroad and maybe her volunteer efforts with the Red Cross will bring her some renewed optimism.

The new COVID passport will be something we have to get used to. The world is changing and we have to change with it.

But there's a lot to be said about "old school" ways. Funny that "old school" is being embraced by the "new school."

I met with someone last week who says he prefers actual paper and hard copy reports, to online versions. My trusty note pad and Bic are still essential tools in my business.

My digital camera has been sidelined, in favour of my smart phone, which takes pretty decent, high resolution photos. These days, almost everyone has a phone and this helps us promote more events that we can't always get to. That's one really good thing about technology – our community is even more connected.

However, being a people person, I've missed the social contact, in-person interviews and fun public events. These make you feel more engaged, more real.

I can't wait for a return to "normal."

Like everything in life, the key is moderation. Let's embrace and leverage the best technology has to offer, but not at our personal expense. We are social creatures and we long to express ourselves. We may still have to be at arm's length from one another, but a positive outlook is fuel for our inner tanks.

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We've heard the Truth, now what about the Reconciliation?

It only seems appropriate today to reflect on what has now, finally, been declared a day of recognition – the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, timed to coincide with what was previously Orange Shirt Day.

Since 2013 children and educators (and many community members) have been wearing orange shirts to honour Indigenous children lost to, or survivors of, the residential school system. Of course this year, September 30, will assume a more poignant and significant meaning after the horrific discovery of an unfathomable number of unmarked children's graves. We are just starting to hear the truth of the residential school system – marking today as a federal holiday is an important step but what happens next will reveal whether we are making any real progress towards reconciliation.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission completed and published its work in 2015. One of the 94 calls to action was to implement this National Day, a federal holiday for time spent reflecting and honouring "all the children who survived residential schools, as well as honour and recognize those who did not return," according to Brenda Gunn, the academic and research director at the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

My first ask then, is why has it taken six long years AND the discovery of those unmarked graves, for this particular call to action to be imple-

mented? This is followed by a second and no doubt (to some cynics) obvious second ask, would we in fact now have a National Day in 2021 were it not for terrible discovery of those unmarked graves? Given that the provinces can individually opt in or out of recognizing this day as a holiday, I remain sceptical to say the least. Private companies can also choose whether to participate. In other words, with provinces like our own here in Ontario "opting out," can we really consider this a "National" Day of Recognition?

While I firmly believe we need this day to do the hard work of reflecting "on a dark chapter in (our) history," as Canadian Heritage Minister Steven Guilbeault refers to it, I question how best to go about it.

Much like Remembrance Day, I believe having children IN school, participating in activities that will help future generations to truly understand the significance behind the day will help us not only recognize the impact of residential schools but perhaps how to move forward in a way that is more productive. As age and grade level determine appropriateness, we should focus time and attention on the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission with a view to raising a generation who actually know about our past and too – a generation of future leaders more committed to actually changing the future. In this way, we will ALL know the truth

but it's what comes next that truly matters.

Indigenous people need many things in addition to recognition of past injustices. They need access to affordable housing, clean water, equal access to education and equal treatment and access to health care.

Indigenous people cannot be left languishing in waiting rooms or hallways for care that never comes, ignored and/or belittled as they lay dying. In a country that has one of the world's largest supplies of freshwater, Indigenous families should be able to turn on the tap to access clean water to brush their teeth, fill a kettle to make a cup of tea or take a shower – no doubt all things you did just this morning without thinking twice about it.

If you were paying, as recently as June of 2021, \$29.99 for a case of water – you might think long and hard about your access to water. Between climate change impacting the environment and access to traditional food sources in the north, Indigenous people are paying on average more than 50% of their monthly budget on food items. A can of Chunky soup on sale for \$7.29 (ON SALE!), asparagus priced at \$14.39/kg and a 900 gram box of pasta priced at \$8.79 mean it's not just fresh food that is exorbitantly priced but pantry staples too. It's hard to learn when you are hungry. It's also hard to learn, as we know only too well right here in some parts of Caledon, when you have limited access to

the internet – something that is felt more keenly in the north.

Investments in infrastructure (both here and in the north) are being made but the struggle remains and while access to broadband services has been declared a basic right for all Canadians, significant work remains to be done.

There were 94 calls to action forming the Truth and Reconciliation Act, roughly divided into six categories. They include: Child welfare, Education, Language and culture, Health, Justice, Canadian governments and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous and a Royal Proclamation and Covenant of Reconciliation. According to a published update in June of this year, a grand total of eight have been completed. I'm no mathematician but at this rate, many future generations of Indigenous families will continue to face the exact same challenges facing families today and that is quite simply, unacceptable. Each of us must spend time today, September 30, and every day, asking what role we can all play in helping to call the Canadian government to account.

Hearing the truth was hard, reconciliation will be harder – it often is – but it's long past the time we start the work.

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Humans in the Americas: Two Mysteries

It's been the biggest shock in archaeology for a long time. British and American archaeologists have found solid evidence that human beings – we could call them "the forerunners" – were in the Americas around 6,000 years before the earliest previously accepted date.

What the archaeologists found, at White Sands in New Mexico, was thousands of actual footprints, which definitely beats some chipped stones that might or might not be ancient spear points. Moreover, the lead author of the report in the journal "Science", Prof. Matthew Bennett of Bournemouth University in England, thinks most of the footprints were just kids.

"These were America's first teenagers," he told The Observer, "and they were hanging out together as they do today. The only thing missing then was a smartphone."

We have no DNA from the White Sands site, but the people who lived by that ancient lake probably wouldn't even stand out in a modern street if you gave them clothes and a make-over.

What the forerunners have given us, however, is a couple of challenging mysteries. The smaller one is how they got there.

They presumably started by crossing the now-submerged land bridge between Siberia and Alaska. That

was the easy bit. But a solid wall of glaciers more than a kilometre high blocked the land route south through Canada from Alaska 22,000 years ago. How did they get around that?

Maybe they had dugout canoes (though big trees were rare in the Ice-Age Arctic), but it would have been a very long way down a rocky, ice-clad coast (2,500 km.) with nothing to eat but the fish you can catch. By comparison the "Clovis" people, who we used to think were the first humans in the Americas, had it easy.

By the time they showed up about 13,000 years ago, a north-south corridor had opened up through the icefields in what is now Alberta. You could walk the whole distance to Clovis, New Mexico, and find food all along the way.

From the arrival of the Clovis people onwards, evidence of human presence in the Americas is widespread and continuous. Further research has found that some similar people may have been in the two continents as long ago as 16,000 years ago.

But the bigger mystery is this: if there were already human beings in New Mexico 22,000 years ago, where did they go for the next 6,000 years? How could there not be other evidence of their presence in other places? Start with the obvious question. Could that date be

wrong?

Probably not. You can't carbon-date footprints in the mud, but you can date the ditch grass seeds that are trapped in the mud (now turned into rock) in the layers just above and below those footprints. The archaeologists tested the date every way they knew, and every time the answer came out the same: the footprints are between 23,000 and 21,000 years old.

Okay, then. Time to ask the question we'd all rather avoid. Could the forerunners be one or more groups that did an end-run around the glaciers 22,000 years ago, thrived for a little while in the Americas, and then for some reason died out?

No evidence for a human presence over the next 6,000 years strongly suggests that the forerunners just weren't there any more. No mass extinction of American megafauna (large prey animals) until the Clovis hunters arrive sixty centuries later makes it almost certain.

When human hunter-gatherers first settled a continent or ocean island where the prey animals had not co-evolved with human beings and did not fear them, there was always a mass extinction: Australia 46,000 years ago, the Americas around 10-12,000 years ago, New Zealand only 700 years ago. If it didn't happen

any earlier in the Americas, then the forerunners were probably long gone.

Or maybe, just maybe, they were still hanging on somewhere in small numbers until the Clovis people arrived, probably with better weapons, and swept them aside. That's what Dr Andrea Manica, a geneticist at Cambridge University, thinks.

He told the BBC that the genetics "clearly shows a split of Native Americans from Asians approximately 15-16,000 years ago." The forerunners are not represented in that genetic lineage, and Manica suggests that "the initial colonists of the Americas were replaced when the ice corridor formed and another wave of colonists came in. We have no idea how that happened."

Yes, we do. We just don't like to think about it.

The world's prehistory is filled with stories of more powerful groups driving out or wiping out less powerful groups. Often the men and the boy children would be killed while the women would be kept, but the forerunners (if they were still around to meet the new bosses) weren't even that lucky. Sixty centuries, and nothing to show for it.

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Rock Garden Farms hosts Pumpkin Kisses and Harvest Wishes Market in support of local businesses

BY ROB PAUL

In early July, Rock Garden Farms on Airport Road in Caledon East played host to the Tropical Oasis Market. The market was a collaborative effort between two different GTA markets that focus on promoting shopping local and supporting vendors from Halton through Peel across to York and down to Toronto.

The first market was such a success that the Prestige Market—run by Melissa Spina—and the Mini Regal Market—run by Ursula Romeo—teamed up again for a return to Rock Garden Farms this past weekend to host the Pumpkin Kisses and Harvest Wishes Market.

Given the circumstances around the COVID-19 pandemic in July, the duo of Spina and Romeo weren't able to run the market exactly how they would have wanted to, but the second time around afforded them more leeway with restrictions loosening up since the early summer.

Once again, they had a live DJ spinning tunes for those in attendance, but they were able to add even more to compliment the more than 55 local small businesses at the market. There was everything from a bounce castle for kids to food trucks, fitness and art classes, a candy station, sage making classes (for smudging), mediation stations, a nail and spa area, a book swap, and daily raffles.

"There's double the vendors this time and it was much easier this second time around considering we're an outdoor event," Spina said. "With everything going on right now for indoor events that's a lot tougher, but for this time outdoor capacity levels are different, and regulations are different. Everything has been a lot more calm. We still have all the precautions we need in place, and we've got everything spaced out."

"In terms of even people just wanting to come out, it's been a lot more comfortable, both for the communities and vendors as well, with the way things were last time it was a lot more reserved. Now everyone is a little more comfortable and just want to be back out together in the community again and celebrating good times and making memories. We're so grateful."

Despite some rain on the first day, the market has been a huge hit with Rock Garden's parking lots jam-packed with cars and people from across the community enjoying all the different vendors, food, and free activities.

"The first day we didn't have completely favourable weather, so we moved around a bit, but today (Sunday) the sun is shining, and everything is perfect," she said. "We're back out here on this amazing field and everyone wants to be out here taking in the amazing fall weather. We're so happy about



Melissa Spina (far right) and Ursula Romeo (far left) are flanked the Disney princesses at the second successful market they've run at Rock Garden Farms in Caledon.

PHOTO BY ROB PAUL

this. Having the food trucks has been awesome, everyone has loved them," Spina said. "There's been raves about the food and the music and all of the variety of vendors. The feedback has been so strong, we couldn't ask for anything more. The experience has been a huge part of getting people out because who doesn't want to just get out in the fall and have a nice day out with the family. It's literally been amazing."

The biggest reason Spina and Romeo were able to hold their summer market and return again this fall was because of the generosity of Margaret Galati, head of operations at Rock Garden Farms, and her family; the second market has also allowed them to have a margin more widespread reach.

"It's been amazing here (at Rock Garden Farms)," Spina said. "The community up here in Peel and Caledon specifically is so tight knit. When Margaret and her family were promoting the second market, everybody came together and was so excited about it and Ursula and I have obviously been promoting it like crazy on social media. We actually went out to our Vaughan community and were handing out flyers and we had a huge turnout Saturday from Vaughan and Richmond Hill. We're just trying to unite all the communities and grown that community as a grander community—not just sub-communities, but a whole community whether you're in Peel, York Region, or Vaughan. We've definitely reached a bigger mass with this one. The last market was Caledon residents, Brampton and

Mississauga, but not as many from Vaughan or across the GTA. This one, we've had so many people from all over—Maple, Woodbridge, Richmond Hill, Thornhill, Toronto, Oakville. We're reaching people from all over and it's amazing."

Not only have they reached far more people with this second market, but Spina and Romeo were able to do so much more with it and connect more businesses to "really blow it out," as Spina puts it, the way they've always wanted to.

"This one we could on a grander scale and both Ursula and I love to do things on a grand scale," Spina said. "The last one was very scaled back, we couldn't have a bounce castle, we had to have far less vendors, and we had tougher capacity limits. The minute that got lifted and we were able to throw something back to the way we love to do it for the community, we went all out. We have all the balloons out, the bounce castle, multiple kids' activities, the Disney princesses are out, Party Kids is coming, we have a live paint afternoon, and even more. We were just able to do it the way we always envisioned it and the way we wanted for the community."

The biggest thing with the fall market for Spina and Romeo was to make sure the community could get the most out of the event without having it cost them much.

"We're trying to make it as cost affordable for the people coming in as possible," Spina said. "For every guest it's free and you can come in and enjoy all

the amenities, we have a free candy table for people to enjoy because we want to give people the opportunity to come out and do something and have it not cost a fortune. Everybody has taken a hit these last two years so whatever we can do to bring the community together and be as cost affordable as possible, that's what we wanted to do. Especially for this one, we knew with everything opening back up that this one had to be on point and have as many free things as we could possibly offer. We had free wreath making for Thanksgiving, free sage making classes, free acupuncture facials and massage therapy at one of our booths, then all the activities for kids and adults are all free."

Having run two successful markets at Rock Garden Farms now, both Spina and Romeo are in agreement that they would love to make this an annual tradition because of their relationship with Galati and her family and the overwhelming community support they've received.

"We love it here, we love working with Margaret and her family," she said. "They've been amazing to us, and we look at them like family now. Margaret has been so accommodating and they've been such a help, even planning it. It helps when everyone is on the same page with a common goal. Obviously, we want to be back as many times as they'll have—every summer hopefully."

For more information on upcoming markets run by Spina and Romeo, follow @the.prestige.market and @miniregalmarket on Instagram.

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Ground formally broken on Rotary Place expansion



Mayor Allan Thompson was joined Friday by Council and representatives from the Rotary Club of Bolton and Caledon Seniors Centre to celebrate breaking ground on the Rotary Place expansion project.

PHOTO BY ROB PAUL



An artist's rendering of the expansion project.

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Originally constructed in 1995, near what would become the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness, the Caledon Seniors' Centre has long been an important piece to the community.

Currently, the single-story building consists of a commercial kitchen, washrooms, and two large open program spaces, but an expansion has been in the works for year.

Thompson gave special credit to two of his councillors for their dedication to moving the expansion project forward, as well as a long-time Bolton resident whom he says the project wouldn't happen without.

"I want to give a huge shoutout to the Area and Regional Councillor for Ward 5, Tony Rosa and Annette Groves. They've been tirelessly working champions for this project. This expansion will serve our growing community needs in alliance with our age-friendly action plan. I want to say a special thank you to Bolton Rotary and the Caledon Seniors' Centre. You're the reason why we're here today, your partnership and commitment for the greater good for our communities is incredible, thank you. Ross Gray from Bolton Rotary is here, and I'd like to give him a shoutout. If it wasn't for your tenacity and vision, the seniors place nor where we are with the recreation facilities would be what it is today if it wasn't for your partnerships, support, and ingenuity to make things possible."

Rita Cantelon, Rotary Club of Bolton President, got emotional reflecting on the effort that has been put forth by all parties involved in the expansion, an expansion process that first began in 2003.

"Today is a big day for all of us as we celebrate the groundbreaking ceremony of the Rotary Place expansion," said Cantelon. "It was in 1995 we celebrated the opening of the Rotary Place, and our club was actively involved in the planning, designing, and actual construction of the facility. I wasn't a member in 1995, but since becoming a member, I've heard on numerous occasions many of our members who still talk about hanging the drywall, painting, digging the sewers, and insulating the attic. Whatever it was that needed to be done, they did it. They talk about hard work, but I don't believe any one of them have regretted being part of Rotary Place in our community."

"This day would not have come if not for the hard work and endless hours and dedication of our community, the Caledon Seniors, and the support of the Town of Caledon. We are so proud of what we have accomplished and what we are about to embark on. This expansion will be a tremendous addition to our great community. It has been our pleasure to be associated with the Town of Caledon, Caledon Seniors, and various youth organizations and we look forward to our continued relations."

Construction, which begins immediately, is being managed to ensure the impact on surrounding residential and environmental areas is minimized. The project is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2022.

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The Study

The Region of Peel has completed a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for Airport Road from 100m north of King Street to 300m north of Huntsmill Drive in the Town of Caledon. The Study examined alternative solutions and design concepts to address long term issues related to planned future growth, enhance the safety of the Airport Road corridor, and promote infrastructure improvements that facilitate walking and cycling.

The Study was conducted according to the requirements for a Schedule "C" project in the Municipal Engineers Association document titled Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015). Key recommendations include:

- Reduced lane widths throughout most of the Study corridor
- Roundabouts at Castleberg Side Road-Boston Mills Road and Cranston Drive
- Layby parking with streetscaping from Caledon Railway to Walker Road
- Combination of multi-use paths and sidewalks in urban areas and paved shoulders in rural areas
- Improved cycling and pedestrian crossings at intersections
- Improved sidewalk on the north side and new multi-use path on the south side of Old Church Road from Airport Road to Marilyn Street

The Town of Caledon is initiating an urban design study of the Caledon East Village core along the Airport Road corridor. The purpose of this study is to provide an urban design vision and guidance on area character to assist the Town with its site plan and development requirements. Through this separate study, the Region of Peel will work with the Town of Caledon on possible future private access options to address safety concerns associated with the west leg of the Airport Road and Old Church Road intersection.



Environmental Study Report - Review Period

The Environmental Study Report documents the planning, public and agency consultations, preliminary design and decision-making process undertaken for the project and will be available for review for 33 calendar days starting September 23, 2021 and ending on October 25, 2021.

The Environmental Study Report can be reviewed on the Region's website at: <https://peelregion.ca/pw/transportation/construction/environmental-assessment/airport-road-caledon.asp>

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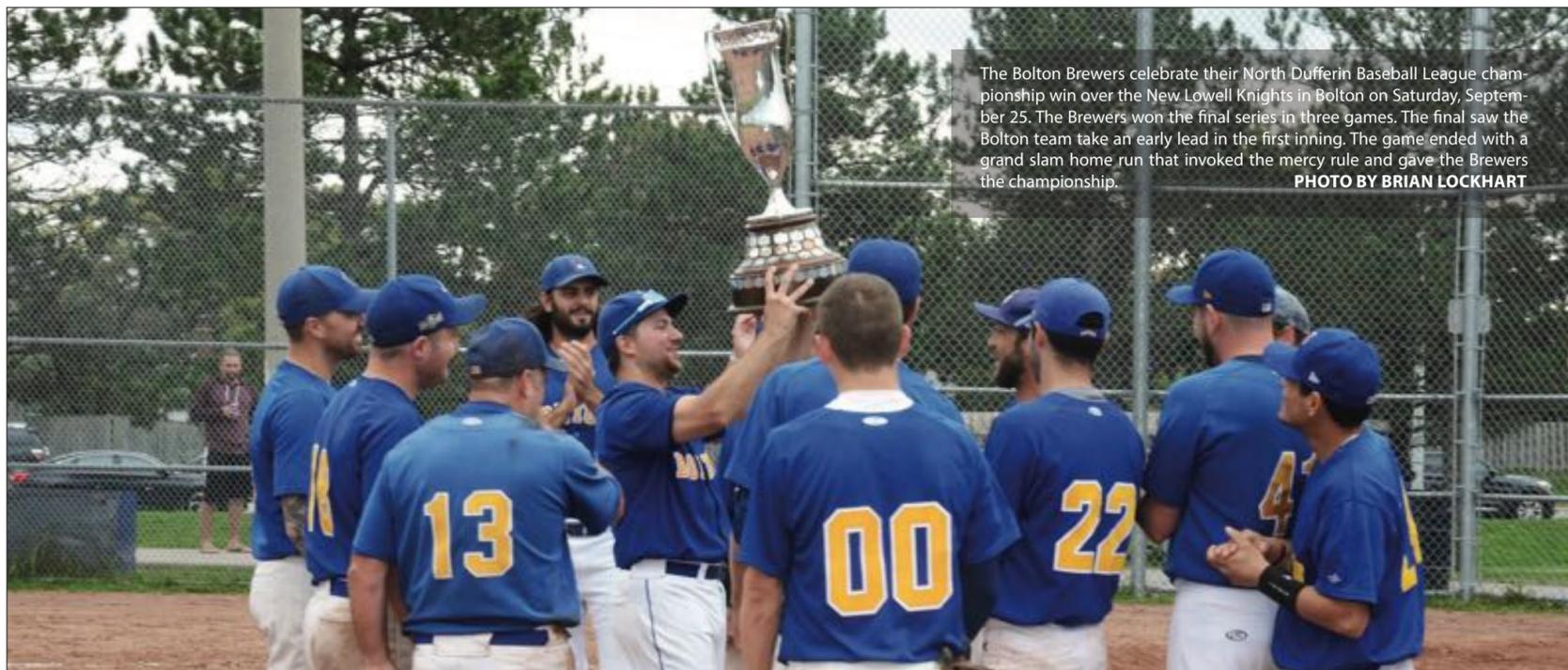
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The Bolton Brewers celebrate their North Dufferin Baseball League championship win over the New Lowell Knights in Bolton on Saturday, September 25. The Brewers won the final series in three games. The final saw the Bolton team take an early lead in the first inning. The game ended with a grand slam home run that invoked the mercy rule and gave the Brewers the championship. PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Bolton Brewers win 2021 NDBL senior championship

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A grand slam home run from Bolton's Chris Fafalios in the first inning gave the Brewers a 4-0 lead to start the game.

The Brewers planted three more runs in the second and single in fifth to make it an 8-0 game and put all the pressure on the Knights to respond.

On the mound, Bolton started their ace

pitcher, Trent Barwick, who pitched six innings giving up two hits and striking out one.

The best-of-five series got underway the previous weekend with Bolton taking the

first two games by a score of 2-1 and 4-1.

It was short season this year, but that didn't stop all teams in the league from putting out a good effort and playing some spectacular baseball.

The top eight teams went into the playoffs, completing two rounds to decide which teams had earned the right to go to the final.

The Brewers and Knights finished in the top two spots in the regular season.

The NDBL Strother Cup was presented to Brewers.

The Brewers last won the Cup in 2017, and won five consecutive years from 2009 to 2013.

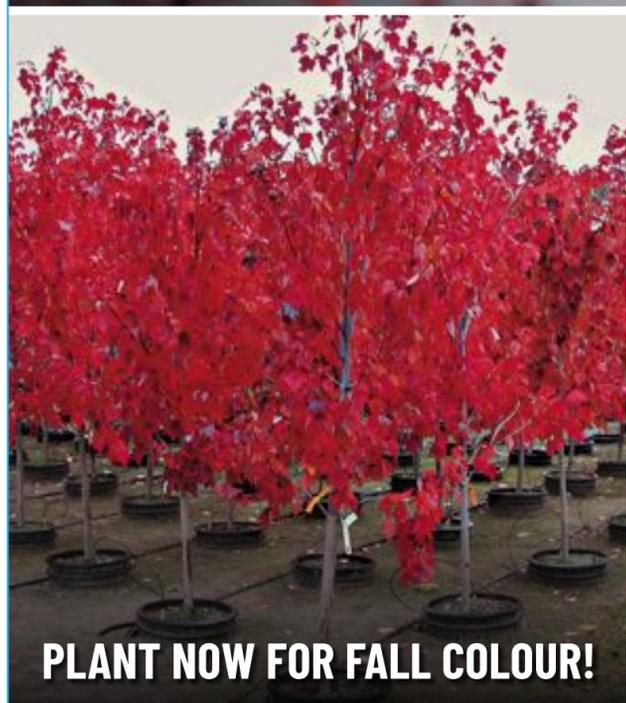
After the game, Trent Barwick and Nick Hodgson were named the most valuable players in the playoffs and were awarded the Paul Carruthers Memorial Award from League secretary Scott Anderson.

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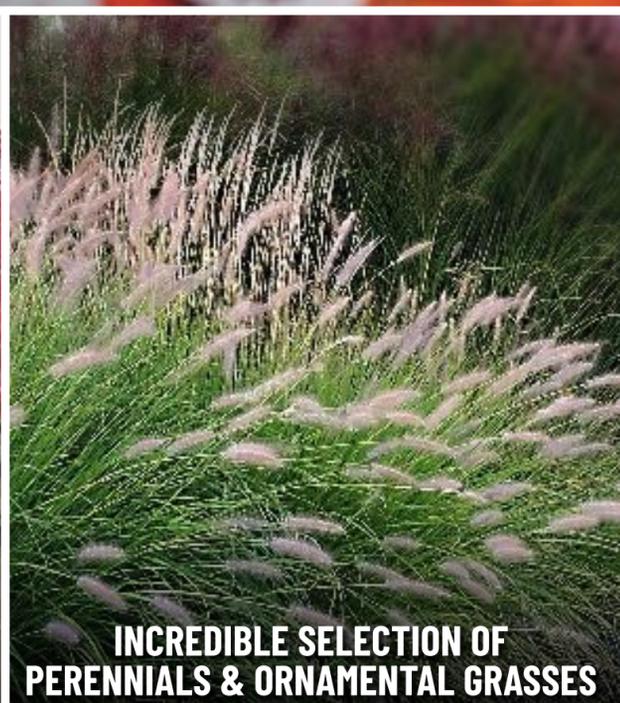
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Bolton community hike and BBQ set for this Sunday, free of charge

BY ROB PAUL

This Sunday, October 3, there will be a hike on the Caledon Trails of the Humber Valley Heritage Trail Association led by Gruppo Alpini Autonomo Vaughan with a BBQ to follow.

The hike will take residents through old Caledon and some historical sites as the Alpini guide hikers through history of a lost community full of old buildings and structures.

Hiking registration will take place at the Duffy's Lane entrance at Edelweiss Park (320 Glasgow Road, Bolton) at 9:30 a.m. with the excursion set for 10 a.m. Everyone in the community is invited to take part in the hike.

To accommodate those who might not want to walk the entire 10 kilometres, there will be a shuttle at both the four- and six-kilometre mark to take hikers back to the refreshment and BBQ area.

The hike is sponsored by Councillor Annette Groves and the Bolton Village Residence Association in collaboration with the Alpini to give Caledon residents a reason to get out for some community exploration and socialization at the BBQ.

"We do work with seniors and the other thing we do is...physical excursions that are geared to seniors, families, and the whole community," said Bruno Vecchio, Alpini member and Bolton resident. "In this particular case, on October 3, through the Caledon Trails we're putting together a three-tier hike free for anyone who wants to participate. The Alpini will be there to assist in any way with the intention to promote wellness, exercise, culture, community, and family. For the seniors who can't participate in the walk, while they're waiting for those on the walk there will be a light exercise program taking place during the excursion at the Edelweiss Park. They're called sitting exercises and it's a very light exercise program for them to do. Then, after it's all said and done around noon, the Alpini will be doing a BBQ with hotdogs, sausages, pasta, just a nice refreshing lunch at no charge and we'll have an accordion player there."

Having the hike sponsored by Groves and the Bolton Village Residence Association allowed the Alpini to provide the entire event free of charge, and Rucchio is so happy to have such strong community leaders in Bolton.

"The wonderful thing about this was when we were looking for sponsorship, Regional Councillor Annette Groves found out about it and basically said, 'if it's promoting culture, community, and seniors, then I want to be a part of it.' So, through Annette Groves and the Bolton Village Residence Association, they've put together the sponsorship to provide the food, the water, and all the things we would have had to buy for this event. It was a really cool thing for them to do. One of the mandates of the Bolton Village Residence Association is to keep community together in Bolton so they stepped up. I only approached Annette and the Bolton Village Residence Association about a week-and-a-half ago and in that little time they were able to solidify everything that was required and that shocked me completely."

The Alpini have made it a focus to be there for seniors in their communities and the hike is just another way for them to help bring people together, especially during a time that hasn't been easy for anyone.

"The Alpini are an Italian culture group," said

Vecchio. "Basically, it's gentlemen from Italy who served in the army in the Alpini corps and they have a chapter in Vaughan. Because Bolton doesn't have an Alpini chapter, Vaughan takes us on as their brothers. These fellas are community oriented, and this particular group is extremely involved in wellness for seniors. Right now, what they're doing a program on Thursday afternoons and Thursday evenings where they're teaching seniors how to use iPads in order to communicate during the pandemic—it's

actually sponsored in part by the Government of Canada through the New Horizons for Seniors Program. These guys are very involved in community, seniors, and family."

The ideal day came to Rucchio just by hiking the trails with his own family, which is why the ideal outcome in his eyes is to get seniors out with their families to enjoy both the natural and social beauty of the community.

"The intention is to bring the culture, community, seniors, and everyone together," he

said. "It's not for just a select group; we want everyone from the community to come and enjoy. It all started with the Alpini because we do this, and I said why don't we do it in the trails of Caledon after my wife and I were walking through them. When I asked them, they said for sure. There wasn't any magic sauce, it was just about helping community. My biggest hope is grandparents come with their kids, grandkids, and great-grand kids—that would be the greatest thing."



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PAWLINSKI, Ron
May 3, 1954 - September 25, 2021

It is with broken hearts we announce that Ron slipped away peacefully at home, in the arms of his adoring wife, Catherine and surrounded by his stepdaughter, Lorra and one of his incredible home care nurses.

Ron fought valiantly against a recent diagnosis of pancreatic cancer with courage and unending humour and always with true concern for everyone he interacted with. Ron is survived by the love of his life, Catherine Howard and is the forever loving father and stepfather to Steve Dykeman (Kashena), Lorra Arruda (Pat), Staci Ure (Jamie) and the proud Poppa of his beloved grandson, Jacob Ure and his beautiful new granddaughter, Mabel Catherine Dykeman. Also survived by his sister, Pat Janse.

We are profoundly grateful to the L & A Hospital staff, every single one of them, Ron's amazing Home and Palliative Care Teams and to the L & A Community Paramedics, Paul, Darren and Laura who Ron and Catherine felt truly became friends and who went way beyond the call of duty supporting Ron on his final journey. Anyone who met Ron used the same words to describe him, "kind, loving, sweet, humble, funny, generous and always supportive". Ron Pawlinski was a good man.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ron's name to the Lennox and Addington Community Paramedic Program or to the Lennox and Addington County Hospital would be appreciated by the family. There will be a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Kingston and a Celebration of Life, times and dates to be announced.

Arrangements in the care of Wartman Funeral Home Napanee.



SCOTT: DOROTHY ELIZABETH

Suddenly at her home in Kilworthy on Monday September 20th, 2021. Dorothy (Clarkson), in her 88th year, beloved wife of the late Lewis Scott. Loving mother of Donna (Brian) Stevenson, Lori Porter, Allan (Robina Scouler), Shelley (Allan) Tonge and predeceased by Sharon (2005). Cherished grandmother of Morgan, Jeffrey, Jordan, Kaitie, Meaghan, Iain, Ryan, Emily and her great-grandchildren Logan, Bishop, Kade, and Emma. Dear twin sister of Doreen (late Bruce) Lemon, the late Edgar (Doris) Clarkson, and George (late Pat) Clarkson. Fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews. Sadly missed by her fur-baby Daisy. A private family graveside service will be held at Morningside Cemetery, Palgrave. Donations in Dorothy's memory to the Muskoka OSPCA would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham, 905-936-3477. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com



OBITUARIES



Edwards, Bobby

Robert David Edwards, known by most as Bobby Edwards, died peacefully at Southlake Hospital in Newmarket on September 15, 2021, at the age of 72. A masterful guitarist, Bobby was a legend in the Canadian music scene. He began his career at 15, and became one of Canada's most recorded studio guitarists. Composer, arranger, and performer, Bobby worked with artists including Norm Amadio, Gordon Lightfoot, Glen Campbell, Anne Murray, Kim Mitchell, Oscar Peterson, Henry Mancini, Kenny Rogers, and Ella Fitzgerald. In the 1970s and 80s he was the go-to guitarist for the CBC, and provided instrumentals for the beloved character "Rusty" on the Friendly Giant. Bobby was asked to perform twice for Queen Elizabeth II, acted as musical director for the Juno Awards, and performed with the Toronto Symphony and in stage shows including Patsy Cline and Al Jolson. He shared his love of music with his wife of 26 years, Maggie.

Together they ran music schools in Toronto and Bolton, becoming the second part of Bobby's legacy: passing on his music to his students. Bobby was loving, generous, and funny. He made connections everywhere he went. He was proud of his children and his step-children, and he made sure everyone knew it. He delighted in sharing stories, music, and meals, and he was a great cook. When he wasn't making music or spaghetti, you could often find him sitting in his garden with his dog, Chloe, or being entertained by his beloved parrot, Pookie. His tenacity and resiliency in the face of his declining health over the last number of years was remarkable.

His family thanks his community for their support, and the staff at Newmarket Health Centre for caring for him so well over the past several months. Bobby is survived by his wife, Maggie, whom he adored; his children: Carey, Scott (Monique), and Holly (David); his stepchildren: Alexandra and Patrick (Kim); his brothers: Fred (Elaine), Walter, and Ron; and his grandchildren: Leah, Amber, Mya, Owen and Chloe. He will be missed.

Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home Tottenham. Cremation has occurred and there will be a Celebration of Life held at a later date. Please visit www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com for updates as dates and times become available, or to leave Online condolences, notes, and memories for the family. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to The Alliston & District Humane Society or Guitars for Kids - Toronto or the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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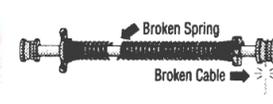
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The charge has not been proven. "Caledon OPP would like to thank the concerned community members who have assisted the police with this investigation. Also, to remind the public that drivers - including cyclists - must stop and yield the whole roadway at pedestrian crossings, school crossings and other locations where there is a crossing guard. Only when pedestrians and school crossing guards have crossed and are safely on the sidewalk can drivers and cyclists proceed."

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"This alarming trend not only impacts the operations of the emergency services, but also the overall

well-being of the neighbourhoods and families affected," they say. "In the recent incidents, 9-1-1 calls were made to report false emergencies, which required police and other emergency resources to attend. In each of these cases after police and other emergency resources attended, it was determined that the information provided by the caller was false and no actual emergency existed."

"Caledon OPP would like to make the public aware of the serious consequences of Emergency Call fraud. Once a false emergency call is placed to 9-1-1, resources that respond to a false emergency situation are no longer available to respond to an actual emergency."

"Placing a false call to report an emergency is a criminal offence under the Criminal Code of Canada. Anyone with information regarding these recent incidents in Caledon is asked to contact the Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit at 905-584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122."

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to \$2000 upon an arrest.

"9-1-1 is for police, fire or medical emergencies when someone's health, safety or property is in jeopardy, or a crime is in progress. If the matter is not an emergency, the OPP can be reached at 1-888-310-1122."

Caledon backs Treat Accessibly initiative to make Halloween an option for everyone

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"This year, we have close to 100,000 signs going out on the market and we have the support of Kinder, RE/MAX, and Canadian Tire championing the movement in various ways," he said. "Sobeys across Ontario, Atlantic, and Quebec will have huge signage and be giving away free lawn signs—not just lawn signs, but we have lawn flags as well. Hasbro and Amazon Canada will be completely supporting the movement, the Ontario Minister (of Seniors and Accessibility) will be sending a letter to all sitting officials (Ontario MPs) to support the movement within their ridings."

"One of the things we're most proud of is we partnered with the Rick Hansen Foundation, and we are now going to be at 120 Peel Region schools teaching a Treat Accessibly Rick Hansen Inclusion agenda with the goal of letting every kid go home and teach their parents about accessible inclusion and then hopefully participate on Halloween."

Padulo got emotional talking about the upcoming event Treat Accessibly has organized in partnership with Canadian Tire to provide children living with disabilities a true Halloween experi-

ence.

"This Saturday (October 2), Canadian Tire has sponsored a \$70,000 event," he said. "We're going to be closing down a street in Toronto and 30 homes will be participating in a full Halloween setup and Canadian Tire helped fund them to add to their decor. We have invited children of Holland Bloorview (Children's Rehabilitation Hospital) and many of these kids have never gotten to have a Halloween before, and we're going to have a pretty crazy one."

"The city permits office said they've never got a permit through as quickly as this one—it usually takes eight weeks, we got it done in six days. We're going to have over 750 individuals there in the span of a day in a COVID safe environment. We're going to film the event and our sponsors (Canadian Tire, Kinder, and RE/MAX) are going to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to share the video socially across Canada at which point people can come to our website for free templates and information on how they can rally their neighbourhood on how to do this."

To support Treat Accessibility, residents can order a lawn sign for free and learn more about the project at TreatAccessibly.com.

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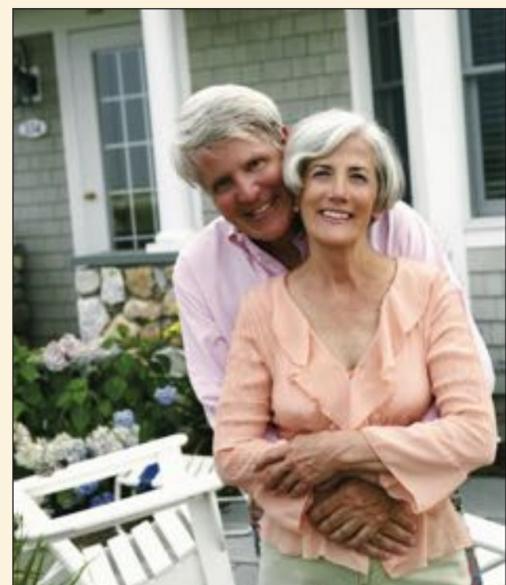
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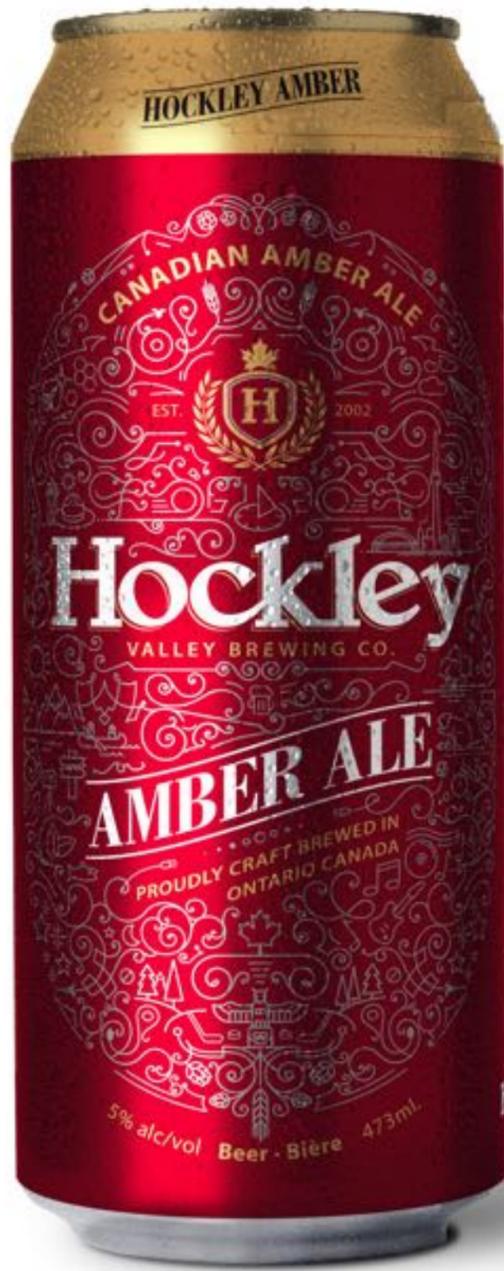
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Innovative real estate brokerage opens locally

One of the most innovative real estate brokerage models in the world has finally come to Orangeville, with the recent opening of eXp Realty at 170 Lakeview Court, 3A.



The global cloud-based brokerage is a publicly-traded company, whose agents benefit from its agent equity program, among other financial rewards from its innovative business model.

eXp is disrupting the real estate industry, similar to how Netflix changed the entertainment industry or how Uber revolutionized transportation. eXp Realty is already a \$6 billion dollar company far exceeding some of the largest brand names in the industry.

It does this by eliminating the old brick-and-mortar franchise brokerage model, which had redundant layers of management and less of an agent-centred approach.

"The industry has been structured so that brick and mortars are a big cost and expense, and a lot of the revenue is going to the owner of the company. Then it has franchises, regions, franchise owners, managers, and then the staff, and the Realtor" is at the bottom, paying for everything above it," explained Kevin Flaherty who opened a local eXp Realty office in May.

"What's come along is a cloud-based real estate brokerage, which cuts out the franchise owners. It's not a franchise, it's one company, currently in 18 different countries."

The more sales an eXp agent makes or the better performance they have, the more they're rewarded in commissions, stock and revenue share of eXp Realty.

"eXp is set up to build your own business instead of building someone else's. You're building your own asset that is actually willable," said Flaherty. "Essentially, what eXp has done, it has made the business agent-centric, because it's taken out all of the unnecessary expenses."

Through eXp, agents are supported with a variety of advanced marketing tools such as lead generation software, and other technological advantages, including a fully immersive 3D online world where they can learn from industry experts.

Flaherty said the industry hasn't fundamentally changed since he started 33 years ago, and eXp Realty is bringing about many much-needed changes to better support agents.

"Realtors fundamentally need two things to be successful - they need the proper tools, and they need the proper training," said Flaherty.

One key tool is provided to eXp agents free of charge is a customer relationship management (CRM) program, called kvCORE, which would cost roughly \$9,000 per year if an individual agent purchased it. kvCORE provides a behavioural-driven IDX website, an advanced lead generation CRM system and email/text campaigns.

"It really helps organize them, market them, market their client's homes, and helps manage their business and normally, the majority of Realtors will never know how powerful it is because it's cost-prohibitive to most," said Flaherty.

Another issue in the real estate industry is the high turnover rate of agents early in their careers.

Flaherty said that approximately 80% of realtors will not be in the business in any meaningful way within two years of their start date. A large reason is that they lack the training, tools and support needed to be successful.

eXp Realty helps address this issue by providing a fully immersive 3D online campus, called eXp World, which was developed through Virbela, eXp's technology company whose software created eXp World and produces next-generation remote collaboration. Agents and employees can access classes taught by ICON agents - eXp's top producing real estate agents. eXp also brings in industry influencers and highly qualified professionals like Grant Cardone to train its agents.

"eXp Realty rewards its highest producing, most successful agents to teach and share best practices," Flaherty explained.

Each week, there are up to 50 classes offered in eXp University, via its 3D online campus.

The virtual environment was introduced to eXp Realty as a way to keep the company connected without needing to meet physically and is a major help for newer agents who are looking to advance their skills.

Flaherty noted that agents are increasingly working from home, especially since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic last March and with digital signatures eliminating the need for clients to sign paperwork in person.

Recognizing that some agents still want office space, eXp Realty signed an agreement with Regus Shared Office Space, so it has 3,000 offices in over 900 cities, across 120 countries, which includes numerous office locations throughout the GTA. There was no shared office space in Orangeville until Flaherty opened up the local office, filling a gap in the Dufferin and Caledon region.

eXp currently has over 64,000 agents, which reflects exponential growth over the last year and a half, as the company had approximately 25,000 agents at the beginning of 2020.

Flaherty noted that eXp is taking agents from the top down, as some of the best people in the industry are joining the team to take advantage of its many benefits.

The company offers great retirement and health care options to its agents.

The local eXp Realty office, located at 170 Lakeview Court, 3A, is holding a grand opening on Oct. 20 at 11 a.m., and Flaherty said he's encouraging people to come out and learn a bit more about the new firm.

Real estate agents who are interested in joining eXp can contact Kevin Flaherty by cellphone at 226-916-0595, email Kevin@Flaherty.ca or learn more at: www.PartnerWithFlaherty.ca

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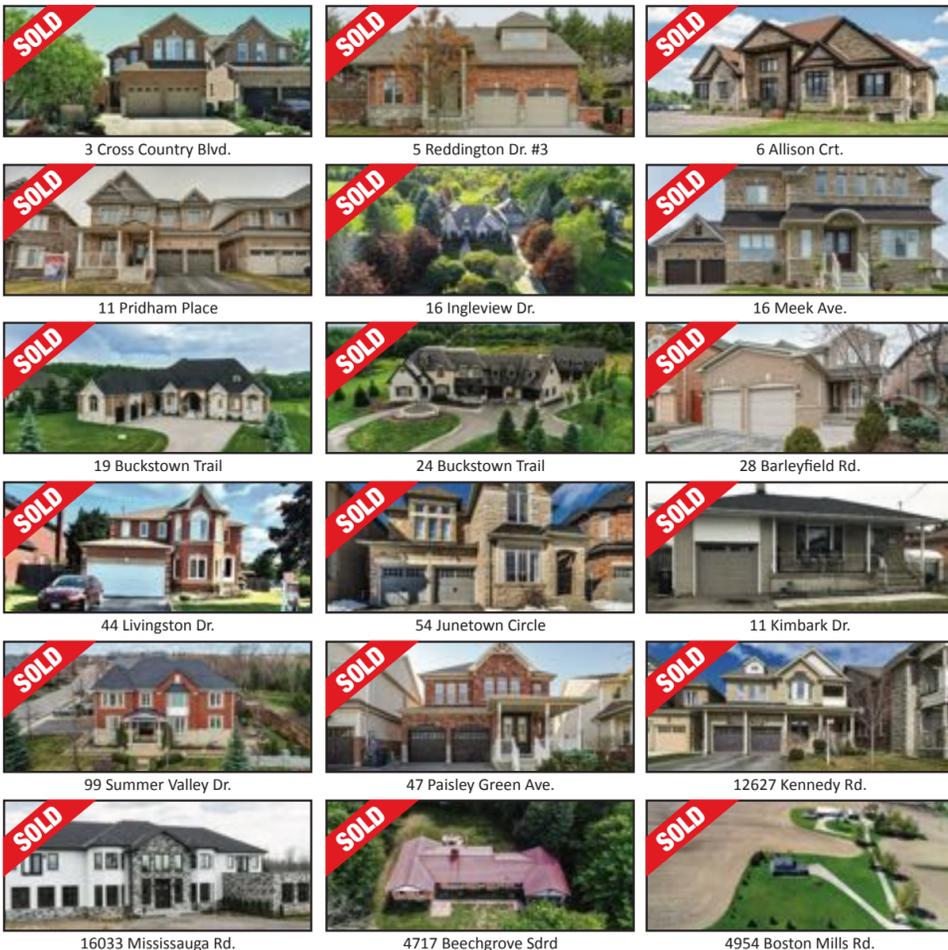
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In comparison, renting can give you:

- 1 a feeling of independence,
- 2 the ability to move easily to pursue opportunities, such as a new job, and
- 3 freedom from the responsibilities of maintaining a home.

Remember, while financial calculations are essential in any decision to buy a home, many people will find that the emotions and values they place on owning or renting will influence their choices. Find resources to help you understand what each option will cost and decide what's best for you at canada.ca/money.

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(NC) With Canada's housing market hotter than ever, saving up a down payment can feel impossible. But wise spending and saving decisions can add up over time. Here, Vanessa Bowen, money expert and accountant, offers simple yet effective ways to save for the home you've had your eye on.

when investing in a future property. Working to improve your overall credit score, such as by avoiding late bill payments, will help make your savings go further as you look towards purchasing the house or condo of your dreams.

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Another village that has been lost over time

Campania was a tiny village located in Amaranth Township, southwest of Shelburne, and settled between 1845 and 1865.

The area was flat and arable. It was and is good farmland, which was what attracted settlers in the first place. Campania became an official community when John Davis opened a post office in February of 1894. It may not be a fact, but the story goes that Campania got its unusual name because Mrs. Davis recommended it after being inspired by the book, *The Last Days of Pompeii*. Over the years, the small village began to grow.

The Orange Lodge, chapter 433, was established in 1902. They held meetings in the schoolhouse, which they rented for \$6 per year for use of the building.

The businesses surrounding the town were all farm-based. There was a sawmill, a blacksmith, and apiaries that helped with pollination.

Around 1900 the population was listed at around 50 souls.

In 1901, there was an open-air meeting to determine whether they should build a church.

The meeting was organized by two ministers, E.J. Adams, and John Coulter. An overwhelming response resulted in the building of a Methodist church on donated land and constructed solely with materials and labour donated by residents of the surrounding community.

As a result, the church opened its doors debt-free. The church later became part of the United Church in 1925.

Unfortunately, the growing town never really took off as people seemed to lose interest in the area. Several townfolk left to seek their fortune in the western provinces.

The post office closed in 1912 following the arrival of rural mail delivery.

Eventually, the town just disappeared. The church was closed in 1960, however, it is still standing. It is privately owned and used for storage. Other than that, there are a few old rural homes that are still standing.

The village itself, however, has simply faded into history.

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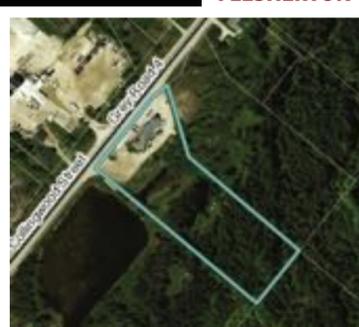


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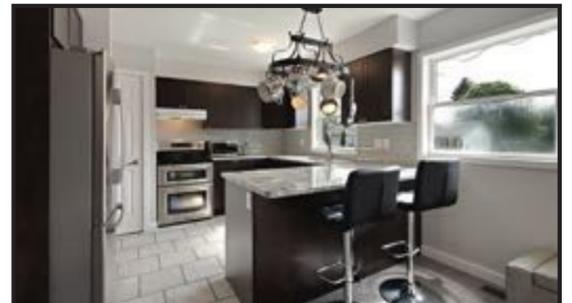


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Ask A Realtor



How do I present my home for sale

When placing your home on the market for sale, there are a lot of little things to consider when attracting strangers who may be potential buyers.

Most buyers make up their minds within the first minute of seeing a property based on their initial impression and are already considering whether or not to make an offer.

Curb appeal – that impression your home makes on a buyer when they first arrive – is a huge part of the selling process.

As a homeowner, you want to present your property in the best way possible, so anyone who arrives for viewing has a favourable response to seeing your home for the first time.

There are many ways to spruce up your property and give an impression of a well-kept and maintained home.

The easiest way to make a good first impression is to maintain your front lawn by keeping your grass well-trimmed for a neat and tidy appearance. A lawn that is overgrown will immediately set off a red flag to a potential buyer who will wonder what other areas of the property have been neglected.

After mowing your lawn, you should continue with general landscape maintenance. This includes picking up twigs, raking up leaves, and cleaning up any natural debris that may be scattered around your property.

If you have gardens, they should highlight your home by presenting a pleasant enhancement to the property. Flower gardens should be weed-free, and shrubs should be neatly trimmed.

You should then consider removing any unsightly objects that may be on your property. You may have a collection of old bicycles or other scrap objects at the side of the garage that you always intended to get rid of.

Call your local scrap dealer and have this type of material removed before a potential buyer arrives to see your home.

Your driveway will most likely provide a large visual area from the street.

If you have potential buyers arriving for a viewing, remove your vehicles from the driveway to not only

provide a wide-open appearance but allow your visitor a convenient place to park when they arrive to view the property.

The condition of your driveway is also important. No one wants to see a driveway that has crumbled or broken asphalt. Patching holes and sealing the driveway for a nice black appearance will go a long way in your presentation.

...When you place your home on the market for sale, you want to make the best presentation possible when potential buyers arrive to view the home...

Your front entranceway will be one of the first things a potential buyer will notice. An old, worn-out front door creates a negative impression on anyone arriving. The porch and entrance should be neat and free from any clutter.

While first impressions of a home are made from the street, you must also consider the fact that someone interested in buying your home will also view the property from the backyard.

Your back yard should also be neat and free of clutter with gardens maintained and the grass trimmed.

If you have pets, make sure you clean up after them before you have people walking through your yard.

With so many people working from home in the current situation, there has been an increase in the number of home buyers who consider their house to be the place they will spend most of their time.

That increase in home time has meant that many people now want a home with the amenities that make their time more enjoyable – and that includes outdoor pools.

There has been an increase in buyers wanting a home with a pool already installed.

A pool can be a real selling feature that will enhance your home's appearance and selling price.

If you do have a pool, nothing will turn potential buyers away quicker than seeing a pool that has not been maintained.

The water should be crystal clear and free from debris like leaves and other things that can fall into the pool and float on the surface of the water.

Realtors will tell that when a buyer is interested, they will dip their hands in a pool to test the water – and that's a sure sign they are picturing themselves having fun on a hot summer day.

However, that dream will quickly go away if there are signs of algae or water that has turned colours.

If you have furniture around your pool, take a few minutes to make sure it is clean and nicely arranged to give visitors a mental picture of what they can look forward to if they purchase your property.

When you place your home on the market for sale, you want to make the best presentation possible when potential buyers arrive to view the home.

Since their initial impression will have a huge impact on whether or not they decide to make an offer, making sure their first viewing is a favourable one will go a long way in helping you sell your property.

Taking the time to make sure the little details are taken care of will go a long way in impressing potential buyers and giving them the confidence that your property is the right home for them.

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Buying and selling in a hot market

It is still a hot real estate market in Dufferin County and the surrounding area, and with that comes many challenges for both buyers and sellers.

failed, are most likely still on the market and are still looking for a home in the area.

There is still hope for those hoping to buy in the area. While inventory is currently low, that is expected to eventually turn around with more and more properties becoming available.

This will eventually have a situation where the market will be more balanced and take some of the pressure off of interested buyers.

For sellers, the current market has created some new challenges as well.

Over the past year, many sellers hoped to cash in on the quickly rising prices. Now that things have levelled off, those wanting to put their property on the market must take a more level approach to their expectations.

You cannot simply overprice a property and expect someone will throw the cash your way.

Sellers must work with their real estate agent to determine a proper and realistic market value based on current trends and the selling price of similar homes in the neighbourhood.

Lenders are also cautious when it comes to mortgages. Just because a buyer wants to pay a certain price for a property, the lending institution will only lend money based on the appraised value of a home, not the selling price.

One of the biggest challenges facing someone who decides to put their home on the market is finding another place to live.

You may be able to sell your home for a nice price, but you still have to have somewhere to live.

That means you either start looking for a new place before you place your home on the market and hope your home sells quickly, or you must start looking after a buyer has placed a reasonable offer on your home.

In that case, if you haven't thought out the situation really well, you may find yourself scrambling to find a new place.

As the market moves into the winter season, it is expected that it will be a fairly stable period for real estate transactions in the region.

There may be some minor single-digit increases in property values moving into the next year, but don't expect to see the wild ride the region has experienced over the past year and a half.

AFTER A PERIOD OF SKYROCKETING selling prices in the region, the market has hit a plateau where prices have levelled off. However, there is still a strong demand for properties in the region.

After a season of record prices that saw the local real estate market rise 25 percent since January, the situation has hit a high where realistically they just couldn't go any higher.

Homes in Orangeville are now listing on par with other centres closer to the GTA.

There is currently a low level of property inventory in the region, but demand remains high as people continue to explore the possibility of moving to the area.

Most of the buyers currently seeking property in Orangeville and the surrounding region are coming from outside of the area. They are attracted by the prospect of more property and a slower pace of life.

Many buyers are hoping to trade in their condo for a detached house with a yard.

The current pandemic that resulted in so many people working from home, created a unique situation that has never been seen before.

The opportunity to go to work without leaving home meant many people decided to make the most of their home buying ability and without the need for a commute to the office, they have put more effort into buying a property where they will be spending most of their time.

There is a downside to this that may still have consequences for those that decided to leave the big city for a more rural lifestyle. As employers are gearing up businesses for a post-pandemic world, many employers are now demanding their employees return to the office as they want to establish a company culture and justify current office space.

During the current market, being a buyer can be a frustrating process. Many properties are still receiving multiple offers once they are listed.

Every time a house is sold, there is only one buyer, meaning others who had made an offer and

Written by Brian Lockhart

Dufferin Real Estate Market Update

Dufferin Statistics (excluding Orangeville) - August			
	August, 2021	August, 2020	% Change
# of Active Listings	67	103	-33.81%
# of Sales	60	75	-20.00%
Average Sale Price	\$1,143,529	\$935,823	22.43%

Dufferin Statistics (excluding Orangeville) - Year to Date			
	Jan - Aug, 2021	Jan - Aug, 2020	% Change
# of Sales	514	430	+19.53%
Average Sale Price	\$1,095,695	\$795,321	37.77%

Buyers Market vs. Sellers Market

Current Number of Homes for Sale	62
Divided by Sales per Month	161
Months of Inventory	1

There is currently 1 month of inventory on the market in Dufferin (excluding Orangeville). In a Buyers Market, there is normally more than 6 months worth of inventory.

August 2021 vs. August 2020
The number of active listings in Dufferin (excluding Orangeville) decreased by 39.81% in August 2021 over the same month in 2020. The number of homes sold decreased by 15 homes or 20% in August 2021. Average sale prices increased by 22.43%.

Year to Date 2020 vs. Year to Date 2019
The number of homes sold increased by 84 homes in August 2021 over the same month in 2020. Average sale prices were up by 37.77%.

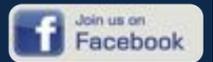


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MARKET UPDATE

Orangeville Statistics - August			
	August, 2021	August, 2020	% Change
# of Active Listings	22	44	-50.00%
# of Homes Sold	56	66	-13.64%
# of Sales	140	188	-25.53%
List Price vs. Sale Price Ratio	100%	100%	0.00%
Average Days on Market	14	12	16.67%
Average Sale Price	\$234,887	\$242,089	-28.48%

Orangeville Statistics - Year to Date			
	Jan - Aug, 2021	Jan - Aug, 2020	% Change
# of Active Listings	555	712	-21.91%
# of Homes Sold	544	421	29.22%
# of Sales	1485	1915	-22.46%
List Price vs. Sale Price Ratio	99%	99%	0.00%
Average Days on Market	17	17	0.00%
Average Sale Price	\$225,208	\$222,753	11.01%

Buyers Market vs. Sellers Market

Current Number of Homes for Sale: 22
 Divided by Sales per Month: 56
 Months of Inventory: 1.4

There is currently 1 month of inventory on the market in Orangeville. In a Buyers Market, there is normally more than 6 months worth of inventory.

August 2021 vs. August 2020

The number of active listings in Orangeville decreased by 50% in August 2021 vs. August 2020. 20 less listings came on the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board in August 2021 vs. August 2020, which is a decrease of 25.64%. The number of homes sold decreased by 12 homes or 17.65%. The average days on the market increased from 12 to 14 days. Average sale prices were up by 28.48%.

Year to Date 2021 vs. Year to Date 2020

The number of homes listed in Orangeville, year-to-date increased from 515 to 655, which is an increase of 27.18%. The number of homes sold increased by 143 homes. The average days on the market decreased from 17 to 9 days. Average sale prices were up year over year by 25.20%.

Peel - Caledon Statistics - August			
	August, 2021	August, 2020	% Change
# of Active Listings	111	227	-51.10%
# of Homes Sold	123	277	-55.99%
# of Sales	104	160	-34.38%
List Price vs. Sale Price Ratio	100%	100%	0.00%
Average Days on Market	12	12	0.00%
Average Sale Price	\$477,312	\$1,071,274	-55.32%

Peel - Caledon Statistics - Year to Date			
	Jan - Aug, 2021	Jan - Aug, 2020	% Change
# of Active Listings	1,492	1,822	-18.12%
# of Homes Sold	1,867	1,381	35.19%
# of Sales	1,015	914	11.05%
List Price vs. Sale Price Ratio	99%	99%	0.00%
Average Days on Market	12	12	0.00%
Average Sale Price	\$1,412,022	\$1,061,217	33.90%

Buyers Market vs. Sellers Market

Current Number of Homes for Sale: 110
 Divided by Sales per Month: 104
 Months of Inventory: 1.1

There is currently 1 month of inventory on the market in Caledon. In a Buyers Market, there is normally more than 6 months worth of inventory.

August 2021 vs. August 2020

The number of active listings in Caledon decreased by 48.02% in August 2021 over the same month in 2020. The number of listings that came on the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board in August 2021 vs. August 2020 decreased by 139 homes or 51.10%. The number of homes sold decreased by 52 homes or 33.33%. The average days on the market remained the same being 16 days. Average sale prices were up by 33.32%.

Year to Date 2021 vs. Year to Date 2020

The number of homes listed in Caledon, year-to-date increased from 1329 to 1489, which is an increase of 12.04%. The number of homes sold increased by 249 homes or 33.74%. The average days on market decreased from 23 days to 12 days. Average sale prices were up by 33.39%.



How to make your kitchen your favourite room

(NC) No matter the size of your home, the kitchen is likely the hub of your everyday life.

It's where you gather for meals, experiment with recipes and maybe even host impromptu dance parties. Since it's the centre of your home, why not make it your favourite room too?

ADD A TV

Consider installing a TV so you can catch up on the news at breakfast or follow along with a cooking show for testing out a new meal.

A smaller TV is ideal as you don't want to overcrowd the space. Before installation, ensure the unit is away from your oven and other electrical equipment. If you find a perfect spot but there isn't an outlet close by, don't worry. You can hire a licensed electrical contracting (LEC) business to install an extra outlet for you, hide wires from view and make sure your space is safe from electrical harm.

But be careful when hiring someone to work in your home. Sometimes, unlicensed contractors offer their services for a lower cost. Always remember that in Ontario, only a LEC business can be hired to do electrical

work in your home. So before getting started, verify their ECRA/ESA licence number to ensure they are authorized to do electrical work.

TURN UP THE VOLUME

Larger kitchens allow for a variety of social gatherings, like having extended family help make a holiday meal together, or entertaining guests for a celebration. Setting up a sound system can add extra ambiance for relaxing music, podcasts or even party tunes. Choose a spot away from the sink to put speakers and any other equipment, so moisture doesn't affect any wires or cause a fire.

MAJOR APPLIANCES FOR A FACELIFT

If you're planning to fully renovate, dedicate some time for choosing the best appliances to fit your style and needs. Before putting everything in place, make sure you have the right electrical outlets. Some appliances like microwave ovens, refrigerators and dishwashers require dedicated circuits to protect you from potential accidents caused by overheating or overloading.

Use a ground fault circuit interrupter outlet for anything less than 1.5 metres from the sink. Hire a LEC business to assist with any electrical installation and be sure that they file a notification of work with the Electrical Safety Authority when the work begins.

With the right resources and expert help, small or big changes can transform your kitchen and make it your favourite room. Find more electrical safety tips at esasafe.com/safety.

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Fall is here. The weather is cooling, the leaves are changing, and the harvest is in.



If you're hoping to take advantage of the autumn season and spruce up your space, look no further than Rock Garden Farms, located at 16930 Airport Rd., Caledon East, just 5 kilometres south of Mono Mills. When it comes to harvest-based decorating, the farm has everything you need.

They're currently selling pumpkins, gourds, squashes, bushels of freshly picked apples, bales of straw, flowery kale, ornamental peppers, chrysanthemums, and fresh-cut sunflowers.

With such a wide variety of harvest-based décor, the options for decorating are endless, and Rock Garden Farms' staff can help guide you every step of the way.

"For decorating, you can place mason jars with flowers or candles in them on your table or even use preserves as colourful accents on your table, counter or the corner of your island when entertaining this season," said Margaret Galati, head of operations at Rock Garden Farms. "Just something to feel like you're in the harvest."

Being a community-minded business, much of the produce sold at Rock Garden Farms is either grown on its property or sourced from local farmers and Ontario-based producers.

The chrysanthemums have turned out great this year, with Rock Garden Farms offering them in a variety of colours and arrangements.

Margaret told the Citizen that walking inside of the store and seeing all of the recently harvested produce can be very inspiring to those looking to decorate a space of their own.

"I believe we have something for everyone, and if not, customers can just have a feast for their eyes when they walk through," she said. "Savour the smells and colours right now because it is at its best."



The store is also well known for its sauces, jams, and lasagna that's made in-house.

"If people are looking for homemade products, we've got them covered," Margaret noted.

She added that the fall season is a great time for people to enjoy some open-air shopping and take advantage of the harvest.

"We just want to inspire people to get out and walk around all the markets right now and enjoy the Ontario harvest because it is here and it's bountiful," said Margaret.

"I'm also really excited to see the harvest being enjoyed. That's my biggest thing, is for people to really enjoy Ontario this time of year, from the decor to the food – it's all good!"

To learn more about Rock Garden Farms and everything it has to offer, visit: www.rockgardenfarms.ca

– Written by Sam Odrowski



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3 affordable ways to create a home office that works for you

(NC) This year's home must-have is an office space that offers flexibility to go seamlessly from video calls to virtual classroom to everything in between. To help you create a workspace that works for you, Sharon Grech, Benjamin Moore colour and design expert, shares three affordable tips to create a stylish office no matter your style or budget.

CHOOSE COLOURS THAT PROMOTE PRODUCTIVITY.

Struggling to find focus when working from home? Your wall colour can help promote a sense of calm and concentration to help you through your busiest days. "Tints and shades of green such as Spa AF-435 or Flora AF-470 can help foster a sense of calm and support your productivity," recommends Grech.

Giving your home office a coat of green paint is a project you can do yourself, and the increased focus and reduction in eye strain will help you work smarter all year long.

MAKE ROOM FOR YOUR WORKSPACE.

If you don't have a dedicated home office, you can easily create a place where you can focus by making a work area in your home. A floating shelf or a side table can double as a compact desk in small spaces. Once you select where you want to set up your workspace, clean up any clutter that could be distracting. Grech suggests shopping your home for baskets, mason jars and catch-alls to store office supplies such as notebooks, pens and loose papers.

CREATE A CHIC BACKGROUND.

On video calls all day? You can create an envy-inducing backdrop in just one weekend by painting out a bookcase, including the backs of shelves, in one solid hue like Amazon Soil 2115-30. Grech recommends choosing a durable paint designed to adhere to wooden surfaces such as Advance interior paint for results as professional as your new office. Once dry, position your bookcase, with styled shelves of books and decorative objects, behind you for a put-together background.

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(NC) Ready to repaint but not sure how to pick the perfect neutral?

Benjamin Moore colour and design expert Sharon Grech shares her top four tips to help you choose the perfect white paint for your space.

KNOW YOUR EXPOSURE.

Overall lighting and the orientation of your room are the most important considerations when choosing paint colours, especially when it comes to selecting the right tint of white. Whether your room faces north, east, south or west, there is a white paint designed to bring out the very best in your space's natural light. "If you have a north or east exposure, opt for warmer

whites. Look for options with cooler tones to counter-balance south and west exposures, such as Decorator's White OC-149."

If you're in a space with limited natural light such as a basement or small den, consider Chantilly Lace OC-65, a bright designer favourite to bring an added sense of space and light to any room.

PAY ATTENTION TO THE UNDERTONE.

When selecting neutral paints, one of the key differences to keep in mind is the undertone. From pink to green and everything in between, you can find a white paint with an undertone to suit your space. When selecting a white paint, consider the colour of the furniture and flooring in your space — if you tend towards warmer hues, opt for a white paint with a warm undertone to create a cohesive feel.

EXPRESS YOUR SENSE OF STYLE.

From modern to traditional, white paint can bring out the best in a range of design styles. Express your

personal taste and give your neutral space a warm and inviting feeling by adding texture with throw blankets, cushions and rugs in natural fibres. To accentuate architectural details and add extra dimension to neutral walls, Grech suggests painting details such as trim, mouldings and even furniture in a high-gloss sheen to add a striking contrast to matte or eggshell walls.

TEST BEFORE YOU PAINT.

Sharon's top piece of advice? "Always test a few variations of white paint on your walls before painting the whole room." A white paint that looks perfect in the store could look totally different once it's in your space. Once you've found your perfect tint, make sure to prime your walls if you're painting over a bold colour. Choose a paint like Regal Select interior paint to achieve professional results and flawless coverage.

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FALL MARKET IS UPON US, WHAT'S IN STORE FOR REAL ESTATE?

It always seems to be a bitter sweet time of year. There is the anticipation of beautiful colours that are soon to emerge and those cool days for sweaters and apple picking... but the memory of hot sunshine and sandy beaches just seemed like yesterday!!! How fast things change and how fast these days have been going by, it can be a blur.

As the saying goes though, as much as things change, how much they stay the same is what seems to be the tale of Real Estate. The market continues to be strong as the housing inventory continues to be at historic lows. 2021 is on pace to be one of our strongest markets ever as the trend for Buyers looking for more space, with less importance being placed on the distance to work as the "work from home" option is made available to more of the workforce than ever before.

Unfortunately, the battle with the pandemic continues. As much as great strides have been made, the road ahead is still unclear. The uncertainty has caused so much pain that families are looking for anything that may help and sometimes that means change. When the pandemic first hit and the Real Estate surge began, people wanted more space, they wanted to be close to outdoor activities, they wanted swimming pools and yards to run in! At the time interest rates were low, the state of the economy was bleak and the inventory of homes for sale was historically low.

Now, a year and a half later, we still have uncertainty, interest rates remain at incredibly low levels and the inventory of homes for sale is still at extremely low levels and so although the seasons are changing, it seems that the strength of this market has not. The Fall Market may be the time for you to make a change and we are here to help. Give us a call, we can discuss your needs and help you with your questions. We have been here and putting SOLD signs on Homes in our beautiful area for over 30 years, just ask your neighbours!

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