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Lost & Found

Mayor Allan Thompson holds Lucie as he was joined by Town staff at the Caledon Animal Shelter. Last week, the Town and the Caledon Animal Shelter joined forces to launch a new "lost and found" portal to help people reunite with lost pets and for residents to reunite found furry friends with their forever homes. For more, see Page 6.

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Local businesses acclimating to vaccine passport system, says Chamber

BY ROB PAUL

When the Government of Ontario implemented a vaccine passport system on September 22, it began requiring some businesses to have patrons provide proof of vaccination and identification to enter their businesses.

Proof of vaccination has been required in many different indoor settings, but more specifically has made its impact felt on restaurants and bars where customers can only be inside if they've received two doses of the vaccine.

Though businesses aren't back to normal

as COVID-19 continues to affect them, the implementation of the vaccine passport system has allowed for safer settings and reduced indoor restrictions, especially for restaurants.

The Caledon Chamber of Commerce has worked to support businesses in Caledon through the unknown of the pandemic and that includes ensuring they fully understand the current guidelines of how they must operate when open.

They've also been a sounding board for businesses in Town who have struggled throughout, according to Chamber President

Anthony Caputo, which has given them a good grasp on the experience that businesses have gone through with things such as the vaccine passport and how residents of Caledon have acclimated to it since its implementation.

It's not ideal for businesses to be the ones in charge of ensuring individuals who come in are fully vaccinated, but Caputo says he's heard from many businesses on the topic, and they'll do what's necessary to operate after struggling through the pandemic for nearly two years.

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Seeback ready to represent Dufferin-Caledon in his second term as MP

BY ROB PAUL

Canada's 44th Federal election was called August 15 and held on September 20. The 36-day campaign was the minimum allowed per the Canada Elections Act and the Liberals once again formed a minority government in the re-election of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

In Dufferin-Caledon, MP Kyle Seeback was too re-elected taking 46 per cent of the vote to beat out Liberal candidate Lisa Post (32.7 per cent).

Now entering his second term as MP in Duf-

ferin-Caledon, Seeback is excited to continue to represent the area. He previously served as MP in Brampton South from 2011 to 2015.

"I was saying this the other day, I've been elected twice, but this is the first time I've been re-elected," he said. "So, with this being the first time I've been re-elected, it feels fantastic. You feel like you have that vote of confidence from the people you represent."

With very little time to campaign relative to previous elections and throwing in the on-going pandemic, this election wasn't like any

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other Seeback had been a part of, both due to the circumstances and the tactics from opposing parties.

“We knew the election was coming,” he said. “During the summer you could see that the Liberals wanted to call the election, so we were certainly ready when the election was actually called. What I talked about in this election was the degree of polarization that we saw in this campaign, and I thought it was really unfortunate. I think it was driven by two things, number one, the Liberals were trying to use vaccine status as a wedge issue to get votes, scare people, and rile up the Canadian public.

“On the other side, we had the PPC who was saying, agree with us 100 per cent on vaccines or we’re going to try and rile people up on the other side. All I think it did was drive a lot of people into a really unhappy place during the campaign. I found people to be far more angry and polarized than I’d ever seen before, and this is the fifth election that I’ve run in. I really hope going forward that the Liberals strike a tone where we try and stop polarization of the pandemic and find ways to bring people together.”

Knowing that the pandemic and the vaccine have been a big part of the reason why the country has been divided, Seeback hopes to see a less antagonistic approach and more of a focus put on educating about the necessity of the vaccine.

“With respect to how we bring people together, I think we’ve got to start having real conversations with Canadians,” he said. “We have to stop trying to demonize people for their vaccine status; I think this is a really polarizing issue in this country. I want to say this very clearly, I think everyone should be vaccinated and I’m vaccinated, but for those who are not vaccinated, we have to find ways to build back the trust so that they’ll make that choice. In the meantime, I think we’ve

got to look at things like rapid tests to allow them to have some sense of normalcy in their lives as well.”

The economic fallout from the pandemic has been arguably the biggest topic over the last 18 months and to help with recovery Seeback points to increased support of the industry that Dufferin-Caledon is built on.

“There’s a couple big things right now that are the most important, and I talk about this a lot, in Dufferin-Caledon. Agriculture is the number one employer and number one contributor to GDP,” he said. “There was a very important piece of legislation that was brought forward last parliament by a Conservative member to remove the carbon tax from farm fuels. It passed through the House of Commons, but unfortunately it did not receive royal assent because of the early election call.

“This is something that is critically important and I’ve heard that from farmers because the carbon tax for drying grain and a whole host of other things has made farming more challenging during this pandemic. That’s a big thing that I want to make sure gets reintroduced into parliament and hopefully gets passed very quickly to help support our farmers. We also have to absolutely support small businesses and find ways to make sure they’re able to come out of the pandemic in a good financial position. So, I’ll be looking very closely at all the policies that the Liberal government is going to put forward on this.”

Seeing increased support from Dufferin-Caledon in his re-election bid indicates to Seeback he was doing a good job reaching and representing his constituents to get the issues they feel strongest about across to parliament and, if anything, he only plans to be even more accessible in his second term.

“One of the things you really want to get as an elected representative is you want to get over that 50 per cent of people voting for you, and I got really close this time (46 per cent),” he said. “What I did in my first term



in parliament representing Dufferin-Caledon is I campaigned on being open, reachable, and asking people how I should vote on certain pieces of legislation that come before parliament. And I did that, whether it was through mailings, social media, or town halls, I really wanted to get that feedback. That’s something I even intend to increase during this term in parliament. I ran on a platform locally where I said, ‘your vote, your voice,’ and I mean that. Even for people who didn’t vote for me, if you’ve got an issue that you’re passionate about then I think it’s my responsibility to bring that issue to parliament. I also think it’s my responsibility to consult my constituents on how I should vote on certain issues and I’m absolutely going to continue to do that because I think the reason you’re elected is to represent the people that voted for you and not just always toe the party line on every single issue.”

With a good grasp of the most important issues to Dufferin-Caledon residents after serving a term and hitting the campaign trail twice, Seeback says one topic has stood out above the others and he plans to go to bat for the people he represents on it.

“It might seem strange, but the thing I hear about all the time is broadband,” he said. “The pandemic has made this really abundantly clear in a riding like Dufferin-Caledon—that is a predominantly rural riding—access to not just high-speed internet, though access is a critical piece to the component, but what I’ve actually heard from talking to some of my municipal counterparts is that a whole bunch of projects actually got delayed because of the anticipation of an election call and the actual election call. There are shov-

el-ready projects all across Dufferin-Caledon that were delayed because of this election and one of the things I’m going to do is really hold the government’s feet to the fire to get that funding out and get those projects moving forward because people critically need broadband today in Dufferin-Caledon, not 10 years from now.

“The second thing with that though is price. I’ve heard stories of people paying \$200 to \$300 and up to \$400 a month for their broadband and we’ve got to fix that. I spoke about this in the last parliament because someone wrote to me and told me they’re paying \$450 a month for internet and when you look at that with the Liberal government’s commitment to everyone having affordable high-speed internet by 2030, but \$450 a year is over \$5,000 a year and multiply that by 10 years and that’s \$50,000 that this person could be putting towards more important things. The affordability issue is huge, and the government needs to do something about it.

“One of the things we’ve campaigned on this election as Conservatives is opening up the telecommunications market to foreign competition because competition brings down prices,” he said. “If they’re not going to bring in competition then they better find another way to make this more affordable for rural Canadians across Canada. We have some of the highest wireless and internet fees in the entire world and we’ve got to get prices down and that’s a huge mission I take with me to Ottawa.”

Now a few weeks into his second term, Seeback is ready to get back to doing what he loves, taking care of the most important issues to his constituents.

“It feels great to be back. I was just in Ottawa for our first caucus meetings to talk about how the election went and it’s good to see a bunch of colleagues in person for the first time in a long time,” he said. “I’ve bumped into a bunch of people in the grocery store and other places too who have issues they want to talk about and for me, what I enjoy so much is hearing from the people I represent on the issues they’re concerned with and what they think we need to work on in Ottawa—that’s what I’ve really been looking forward to.

“I hope the Prime Minister is going to call back parliament sooner rather than later, but we’re three weeks past the election, and he still hasn’t announced a date. We all want to get back to work and I want to get back to work in representing the people of Dufferin-Caledon.”

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Men’s homeless shelter closing Friday due to lack of funding

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Orangeville’s very first homeless shelter for men will be closing down Friday, October 15, due to a lack of funding.

The shelter officially opened its doors on August 9 through Choices Youth Shelter (59 Townline), thanks to a private donation of \$20,000 to get it up and running. However, Choices was unsuccessful in obtaining additional funding to keep it afloat after requesting a little over \$165,000 in emergency funds from the Town to get them through the winter.

But the fight for a permanent men’s shelter in Orangeville is far from over.

Following a meeting with Dufferin County staff last Friday, October 8, Choices Youth Shelter chair Randy Narine told the Citizen he’s hopeful that long-term funding for a local men’s shelter can be secured before the snow flies.

“We’re working with them [the County], they said that they’re going to see which pot of money we can access and the time-frames,” he said. “I truly believe we are going to get the money from County, and this is just from the frank conversations we had, so I feel like in a few weeks, we’re going to have a positive answer from them.”

Narine told the Citizen that County staff have said they want to see the men’s shelter happen in Dufferin, but in the meantime, without any funding, Choices’ men’s shelter has to close down for now.

“What’s going to happen with the men shelter is we’re going to be shutting it down temporarily, while we get everything in place for the funding, and then we’re going to be reopening it at a new location,” Narine explained.

He said the initial opening of the men’s shelter in August was a bit of a pilot project to determine the need for the service and see if it’s something that the community wants to support.

“I was hoping to light a fire to get this thing going a little faster versus everyone sitting around talking about it,” Narine remarked. “That’s just the person I am, and there was an opportunity there to make it happen.”

Choices’ men’s shelter served a total of six homeless men since opening, two of whom are there currently. One of the men staying there has reunited with family and will be going to live with them after the shelter closes tomorrow.

However, the other man staying there has a less certain future.

Narine said he’s working with the County and local organizations to find a placement for him.

“Everybody we have [had at the men’s shelter] came through the system, they weren’t random people off the street, so they’re known within the system,” he explained. “We do sit at a County table where all the [social service] organizations share information, we will be sharing some of that information in the table to see who has what that this individual can access.”

And while it isn’t 100 per cent certain that funding will be made available for Choices men’s shelter, Narine said he is now looking to lease a local property for it because of the positive conversations he’s had with Dufferin County staff.

He noted that Choices won’t be looking at purchasing any property for the men’s shelter because of the time it takes to close on a house, which would likely push the shelter’s opening to the middle of winter.

Although, finding a suitable location to

lease has many challenges in itself.

Narine says the stigma associated with homeless people makes it difficult to find somewhere in proximity to the Choices office on Townline and the downtown core in Orangeville.

“Neighbours won’t necessarily like the fact that there’s a homeless shelter there,” he explained. “Even if it’s well run and well-staffed, it doesn’t matter. At the end of the day, there’s that negative perception.”

However, Narine said he’ll continue his search and is hopeful somewhere suitable will become available in the time it takes to secure long term homeless shelter funding through the County of Dufferin.

When looking at Choices original plans for temporary funding, which was aimed at preventing any pauses with men’s homeless shelter services locally, Mayor Sandy Brown brought a motion forward during Orangeville Council’s September 27 meeting, requesting \$166,546. This was deemed “emergency funding” and intended to allow the men’s shelter to operate for the next six months, ensuring it’s in place through the winter.

Orangeville Council voted to defer the vote on the funding until a public meeting last Monday, October 4, at which time Mayor Brown re-wrote the motion to request the County of Dufferin address the funding request instead of Orangeville.

Prior to and during last Monday’s meeting, several councillors said men’s homelessness should be funded and dealt with by the County, not the Town.

Narine said he felt “blindsided” last Monday when Mayor Brown’s motion was changed so the \$166,546 wouldn’t be coming from the Town of Orangeville, noting he was never informed of the change in plans.

During the meeting, Mayor Brown said his rationale for the sudden change was that it’s “democracy in action”, as politicians debate issues, come up with solutions and sometimes have to change their tactic to get results. He acknowledged there would be a gap in funding for Choices’ men’s shelter, but noted that “there is no easy solution” to this problem.

Regardless, Narine says he’s thrilled with how the residents of Dufferin County have responded to Choices’ men’s homeless shelter initiative.

“There’s been a lot of positive feedback we’ve received, and I absolutely love it. It’s given my staff and the board a lot of motivation to keep going,” he enthused. “I can’t even tell you how great of a feeling it’s been, and it’s not to say we don’t receive a lot of support for the youth shelter, but the amount of people wanting to help out with the men’s side – it’s just been astronomical.”

From Counillor Debbie Sherwood, collecting donations for the men’s shelter at the weekly Farmers Markets on Broadway to Boston Pizza generating \$1,100 with a recent fundraiser – the community has shown their support.

“Just seeing all these people coming together for this one cause, it’s such positivity, and we love it,” Narine said. “I want everyone to know that we’re going to be doing everything we can to bring the men’s shelter back online as soon as possible, and we just love all the feedback.”

More concrete plans with respect to funding and finding a lease for Choices men’s shelter are anticipated by the end of the month.

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ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGES

Investigators with the York Regional Police #4 District Criminal Investigations Bureau have arrested a 21-year-old Bolton man in connection with a shooting that occurred in the City of Vaughan.

“On July 30, 2021, at 11.55 p.m., officers responded to the area of Manordale Crescent for a report of a shooting,” say Police.



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“When police arrived on the scene, they located shell casings and a male victim who was suffering from gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries and has since recovered.

“On October 6, investigators executed a search warrant at a residence in Bolton and a suspect was arrested. Investigators are continuing to look for a second suspect and are asking anyone with information to come forward.”

Fabio Denobile faces charges of Attempt Murder, Conspiracy to Commit Murder, Possess Counterfeit Money, and Utter Threat.

The charges have not been proven.

Investigators are asking any witnesses who may have been in the area at the time who have not yet spoken to police to come forward. They are also seeking any video surveillance or dashcam footage from the area.

The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is asked to contact York Regional Police #4 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-876-5423 x7441, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.

FRAUD INVESTIGATION LEADS TO CHARGES

A joint police investigation between members from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and Niagara Regional Police (NRP) have led to an arrest of a 53-year-old individual from Caledon.

“Earlier this year, detectives from the NRP and Major Crime Unit of the Caledon OPP Detachment have entered into a fraud investigation that involved a prize fraud scheme,” say Police. “The victim reported that they received a phone call from an unknown suspect claiming that the victim had won a multimillion-dollar prize. The suspect proceeded to state that a fee was required to be mailed in order for the monetary prize to be claimed.

“The victim complied and sent a sum of money to an address provided by the suspect. The victim then received another phone call from the suspect asking for more money; at that point, the victim became suspicious and reported the incident to police.”

As a result of the joint investigation between NRP and Caledon OPP, Donna Gordon-Allen, 53, of Caledon, has been

charged with:

- Fraud Over \$5000

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville to answer to the charge.

The charge has not been proven.

Caledon OPP would like to share some tips to help you recognize a lottery or prize scam:

- Never send money to anybody you don’t know and trust
- Don’t provide personal banking details to anyone that you do not know and trust
- Any lottery or sweepstakes requiring upfront fees is a scam.
- If you didn’t enter a contest, you didn’t win - no matter what you may be told
- If congratulations come with a cheque - with instructions to deposit it and send a portion back - the cheque is fake

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT IN NOBLETON

Investigators with the York Regional Police #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau are seeking any witnesses, or information on potential suspects and a victim after a suspicious incident that occurred in the Town of Nobleton.

“Officers are investigating after receiving information about a suspicious incident that occurred at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 30, 2021, on Black Duck Trail in Nobleton,” say Police. “Officers obtained video surveillance footage that shows an adult male climbing out of a window of a moving vehicle. The male appears to be running from the vehicle while it pursues him but the male was later seen walking in the area uninjured.

“If this male party had been a victim of a crime, he has not yet come forward to report the incident to police. Officers would like to speak with this male and the driver of the vehicle, as well as any witnesses to determine if any offence has taken place.”

The investigation is ongoing and officers are appealing to anyone who witnessed or was involved in the incident to please come forward.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police #1 Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7142, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.

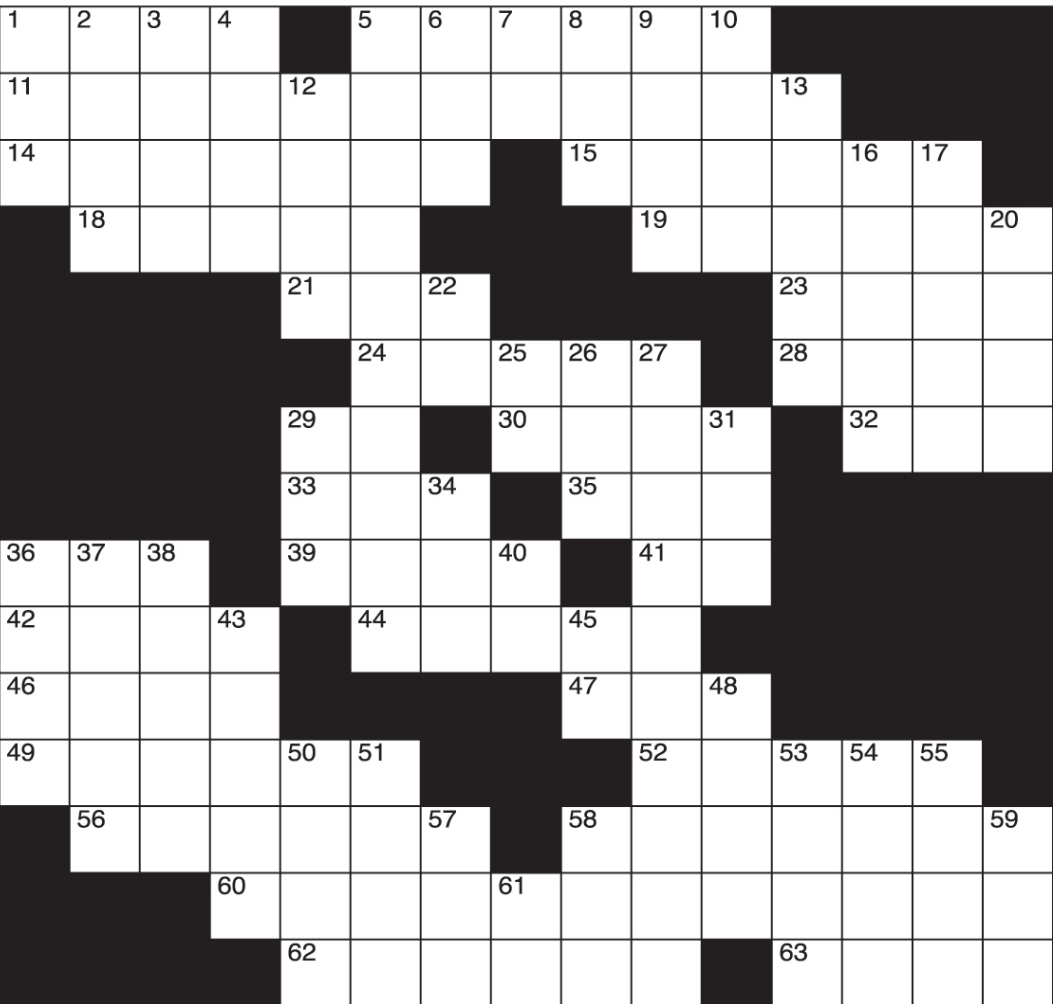


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5. Move upward

11. Admiration

14. It’s useful for serving food

15. Kidnap

18. One of the Greek Muses

19. A type of media

21. Sunscreen rating

23. Former Michigan coach Brady

24. German town devastated in WW2

28. Gasteyer and Ortiz are two

29. Leave

30. Forearm bone

32. Very fast airplane

33. Helps little firms

35. Defunct economic organization

36. Science-based students organization

39. Feels ill

41. Indicates position

42. Beverage

44. Assists

46. Science accreditation organization (abbr.)

47. Purpose

49. Group of elected officials

52. Hebrew prophet

56. They help you drink

58. Lawmaker

60. Charitable

62. Doctrines

63. Footwear

CLUES DOWN

1. Where wrestlers work

2. Dueling sword

3. Practice fight

4. Genus of clams

5. Fear of heights

6. What some tell their dog

7. The Golden State

8. When you expect to get there

9. Pointed ends

10. Extinct flightless bird

12. Feeds

13. Nape of neck

16. Descendant

17. Small boats found in Turkey

20. To avoid the risk of

22. Athlete with no contract (abbr.)

25. 13th letter of the Greek alphabet

26. Brew

27. Feeling of anxiety

29. Young girls group

31. Perform on stage

34. White clerical

36. Popular musical awards show

37. Bumpkins

38. One who acts on another’s behalf

40. Direction

43. Look at with fixed eyes

45. One who helps professors (abbr.)

48. A large number of

50. Type of powder

51. Large jug

53. __ Christian Anderson, children’s author

54. American state

55. Muslim inhabitant of the Philippines

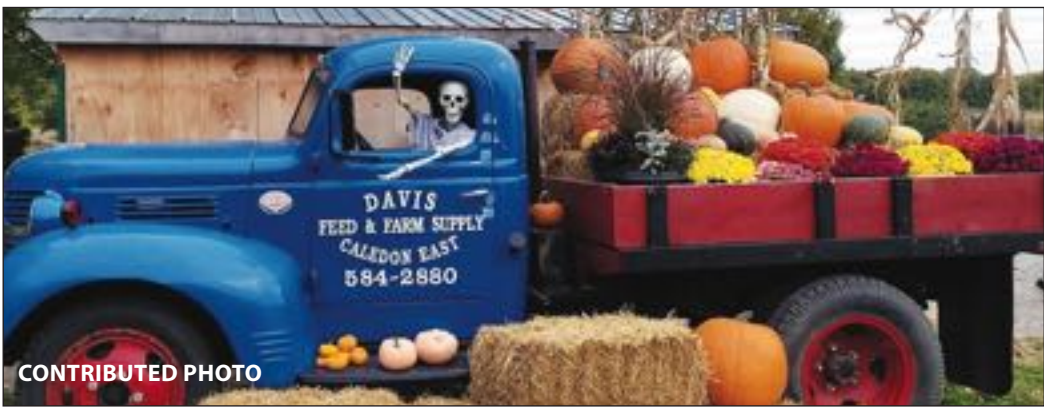
57. Witness

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59. Type of bread

61. Of I

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Ghostly Greenhouses at Davis Family Farm is a haunted house for a good cause

BY ROB PAUL

This Halloween, there will be trick-or-treating, there will be costumes and candy, and there will be haunted houses full of spooktacular fun.

In Caledon East, not only with there be haunted house, but there will be a haunted house for a good cause.

Davis Family Farm will be turning their greenhouses into a haunted house with their “Ghostly Greenhouses” event to raise money for the Canadian Celiac Association (CCA) and Cystic Fibrosis Canada.

The haunted house at Davis Family Farm (located at 15770 Mountainview Road) will run October 21 and 22 from 7 to 9 p.m., October 23 from 4 to 10 p.m., and October 24 from 4 to 9 p.m. Admission to the event is \$5—children under three are free—with all funds going to Canadian Celiac Association and Cystic Fibrosis Canada.

Previously spending time fundraising for the Canadian Celiac Association, Sean Davis and his family saw an opportunity to team up with another organization to bring some fun to the community to benefit those in need this Halloween.

“Up at Davis Family Farm we always try to raise money for the Canadian Celiac Association with our Sunflower Festival and those kinds of things,” said Davis. “Then we’ve got great friends who run an organization called Mulligans Fore Matthew and they raise money for Cystic Fibrosis because their son has CF. So, we thought it would be a great idea to convert our two greenhouses at Davis Family Farm into a haunted house for kids to come and enjoy for four days right before Halloween and try to raise some money for some great causes.”

With family friends who run their own charity, but also live for a good Halloween of haunting, the idea was obvious to Davis for how they could help out this fall.

“In this instance, a lot of our motivation came

from the Maramier family—who run Mulligans Fore Matthew—because every year they always do up their garage as a haunted house so when trick-or-treaters come, they have the haunted house for them,” Davis said. “They’ve always had a passion for Halloween and doing fun stuff like that, but then all of a sudden they were looking to expand and we’re always up for fundraisers and community events. It was a perfect combo to have them move into our greenhouse to have a cool haunted house while fundraising.”

Given how much kids have lost over the last 18 months of the pandemic, Davis also saw the Ghostly Greenhouses as a way to hopefully take their minds off the tough times and let them focus on having a good time.

“Another motivation is to give kids fun because they’ve really missed out over the last year,” Davis said. “It’s one of those things that where we would love to give them the opportunity to have fun and normalize things a little bit. Obviously, we’ll still be doing certain things with spacing and making sure that everyone is safe with restrictions, but we want to make Halloween fun again and this was perfect timing and a perfect event for Caledon East this Halloween.”

With Ghostly Greenhouses opening in just a week, Davis has been working to make sure everything is ready to go, and the haunted house won’t be short on fright with plenty of hair-raising features.

“Basically, what we’ve done is we’ve converted the greenhouses and put walls up so there’s a bit of a maze going on,” he said. “We’ve got animatronics, scary things, and during sunflower season there’s always a pink couch facing the sunflowers, so we’ve blended that in to have a little scene.

“It should be fun for the kids, and we’re really thrilled about it. We’ve got the empty space to do it so we’re really happy to bring this to the community and every single penny goes to charity.”

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments

FILE NUMBER(S): POPA 2021-0006 AND RZ 2021-0012

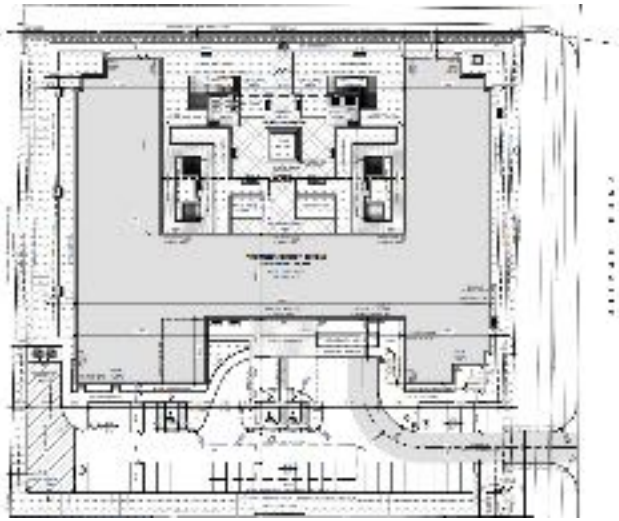
This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

APPLICANT AND LOCATION:

Applicant: Wellings Planning Consultants Inc. on behalf of Wyndham Holdings Inc.
Location: 15728 Airport Road
East Part of Lot 2, Concession 6 (EHS)
West Side of Airport Road, north of Cranston Drive, south of Hilltop Drive
Ward 3

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has applied for an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment to facilitate the development of a three storey Seniors Retirement Facility with a total of 127 units consisting of a mix of unit types and levels of care. The Official Plan Amendment proposes to re-designate the lands from Low Density Residential to Institutional. The Zoning By-law Amendment proposes to re-zone the lands from Rural Residential (RR) to a site-specific Institutional Exception XX (I-XX) zone.



The illustration is a conceptual plan for information purposes and it is subject to change. The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon.

LEAD PLANNER:

Valerie Schmidt, MCIP, RPP, GSP Group
On Behalf of Development Review Services,
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

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Caledon launches Lost and Found portal

BY ROB PAUL

As part of streamlining the process and making it easier for residents to be united with their lost pets, Caledon Animal Services has announced the launch of a new online Lost and Found pet portal dedicated to helping residents reconnect with their lost pets.

Pets that are lost and abandoned each year in North America are in the thousands and shelters like Caledon Animal Services helps reconnect lost pets with their owners and implementing the online system will make that process easier and faster for all involved. Residents who have lost or found a pet can easily input information into a database by filling out a questionnaire and uploading a photo.

“Pets are part of the family, so we want to do everything we can to make sure they get home safe,” said Mayor Allan Thompson. “The new online Lost and Found Pet portal improves the process for both residents and staff.”

The new portal was developed by Animal Services and Information Technology staff at the Town and can be reached at www.caledon.ca/en/living-here/lost-and-found-pets.aspx.

Launched last week, the new online form is accessible, mobile-friendly and secure. It will allow for improved customer service, faster processing for both residents and staff, and photo uploads of pets to help identify them faster and easier.

“This new service will be a great tool to reunite lost pets with their families,” said Brenda Dermott, Supervisor of Caledon Animal Services. “Until now, the lost and found process was paper-based. Going to an online platform will allow for quicker response times and less stress to the animals and their owners.”

The idea for the portal came together to make the process of identifying and connecting missing pets with their families quicker and more accurate.

“The Town was previously using a manual lost and found reporting system,” Dermott said. “An online portal was always to be created and doing so now will ensure that matching up lost pets with their owners is much more efficient and accurate.”

Not only will the portal make the process of connecting pets to families faster, but it will be more straightforward for residents too.

“The online portal will make the process much easier,” said Dermott. “Residents can easily submit an inquiry for their lost pet and staff will be able to search our current reports. It’s easy, time-efficient, and accurate. Residents can easily file a lost or found report with the shelter and can be done any time (even after hours when staff are not available).”

Dermott says Caledon Animal Services deals with hundreds of lost pets each year and residents struggle with lost pets every day.

“Staff speak with owners of lost pets daily,” she

said. “We generally have 300 to 400 lost pets come into our care every year.”

The process of reuniting pets with their families can be made difficult if the pets don’t have ID, but the hope for Caledon Animal Services is that the new online portal will refine the whole procedure.

“We have cases about lost and found pets daily. Reuniting a lost pet with its family is successful when the pet has valid ID (micro-chip or personal ID tag); we can contact the family right away. Sometimes, the animal doesn’t even need to come into the shelter if there is an ID tag. Pets without ID, however, are more difficult to reunite, as we have to rely on the owner to contact us. We post cases of a lost pet on the Town’s social media platforms and other lost pet websites in hopes of finding their family. It isn’t always successful and unclaimed pets will become available for adoption if not reunited. The online portal will help us ensure that we’re reuniting pets with their families and as quickly as possible.”

Dufferin-Caledon long-term care homes receive Provincial funding

BY ROB PAUL

The Government of Ontario will provide up to \$270 million this year to long-term care homes across the province to increase staffing levels, leading to more direct care of residents.

This includes \$1,389,238 for long-term cares homes in Dufferin-Caledon.

This is part of the Province’s commitment to ensure long-term care residents receive, on average, four hours of direct care per day by 2024-25. It was also announced that as part of the government’s plan to fix long-term care, it will bring forward legislation that will enshrine its commitment to four hours of care into law.

Four different long-term care homes in Dufferin-Caledon will receive funding through the over-\$1 million committed to the district.

Vera M. Davis Community Care Centre in Bolton will receive up to \$227,978 for additional staffing this year to increase the hours of direct care for residents. By 2024-25, the home will receive \$1,396,332 annually more than their current funding.

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PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Proposed Official Plan Amendment

FILE NUMBER(S): POPA 2021-0002

Related File Number: Minister’s Zoning Order (O. Reg 171/21)

BOLTON EXPANSION AREA CONTEXT

Regional Official Plan Amendment 30 was approved to expand the Bolton settlement area in different locations. In order to provide a framework for making informed land use decisions in the Bolton area, the Town is developing documentation to inform and guide development in the expansion areas. “The Principles and Framework Plan” is currently being drafted and will include public engagement and consultation at a future date. The proposed Official Plan Amendment application will need to consider this document.

APPLICATION CONTEXT AND REVISION

The Town of Caledon has received an application to amend the Town’s Official Plan. As originally submitted, the application proposed to expand the Bolton settlement area to establish a mixed-use community on lands north of King Street near Humber Station Road and The Gore Road. The lands were located both within and outside of the 2031 settlement area boundary.

To reflect the approved settlement area boundary limits, the application has been revised, scoping the limits to only those lands within the 2031 settlement area boundary established by Regional Official Plan Amendment 30 which are also subject to a Minister’s Zoning Order (O. Reg. 171/21).

The proposed land use plan has been included in this notice and is available online at caledon.ca/development. Although the plan has been scoped, to provide context for the larger area, conceptual plans and supporting material has also been included and is available online.

This public meeting is being held because once an application is deemed complete by the Town, the application is to be considered and a public meeting is held to obtain input and feedback. Although a Public Meeting is being held to consider the proposed application, a decision on the application will not be made at the Public Meeting.

MEETING DETAILS

Due to continuing efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to protect individuals, Town Hall will not be open to the public to attend Public Meetings until further notice. These meetings will be held electronically.

Meeting Date: November 9, 2021
Public Meeting Start Time: 7 p.m.

To listen to the Meeting (but not participate), you may call 1-833-311-4101, Meeting Access Code: 132 229 2382#

Members of the public are welcome to participate via phone or WebEx Meeting upon request. For more information on how to participate, please visit caledon.ca/notices or contact the Planning Department. Please note that there are deadlines by which the request to participate need to be made.

You can also ask questions or provide comments by:

- Submitting written correspondence to agenda@caledon.ca and planning@caledon.ca for consideration during the Public Meeting. Please note that written comments will form part of the public record.
- Contacting Planning staff or the Lead Planner during office hours by phone or email.
- Booking an appointment to visit Town Hall to speak with Planning staff. Visit caledon.ca/development for more information.



APPLICANT: Glen Schnarr and Associates Inc. on behalf of BRES Option 3 Landowners Group
LOCATION: 0, 14155, 14211, 14275 and 14389 The Gore Road;
0, 7640, 7816 and 7844 King Street;
0, 14100, 14166, 14196, 14206, 14226, 14259, 14275, 14287, 14305, 14361, 14384, 14396, 14411 and 14436 Humber Station Road
North of King Street, between The Gore Road to the west and east of Humber Station Road
Ward 4

PROPOSED CHANGES:

A privately-initiated Official Plan Amendment has been submitted which proposes to expand the boundaries of the Bolton Rural Service Centre as described in the Town’s Official Plan. The amendment also proposes to establish a mixed-use community by designating the subject lands to permit a range of residential, commercial, institutional, open space, environmental, mixed and transit hub uses and to establish land use policies for the community.

LEAD PLANNER:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, additional information and material, please visit caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Proposed Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision

FILE NUMBER(S): POPA 2021-0007, RZ 2021-0013, AND 21T-21002C

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, and Draft Plan of Subdivision applications. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

APPLICANT AND LOCATION:

Applicant: Rice Commercial Group on behalf of Tullamore Industrial GP Limited.

Location:

12245 Torbram Road
Part of Lot 17, Concession 6 (EHS), Road Allowance Between Lots 17 & 18, Concession 6 (EHS), Part of Lot 18, Concession 6 (EHS), Part of Lot 19, Concession 6 (EHS), Part of Lot 20, Concession 6 (EHS), Except Parts 7 - 18 of Plan 43R-9315, Part 1 of Plan 43R-12084, Parts 1 & 2 of Plan 43R-1832, Parts 1,2,3 & 4 of Plan 43R-5852, Parts 1,3,4 & 9 of Plan 43R-1415, Parts 1 & 2 of Plan 43R-13428, Parts 1,2,3 & 4 of Plan 43R-15152, Part 1 of Plan 43R-15403, Parts 1 & 2 of Plan 43R-18964, Parts 3 & 5 of Plan 43R-19786, Part 1 of Plan 43R-27937, Parts 1 & 2 of Plan 43R-29084, Parts 1,2,4 & 5
Expropriation Plan PR-2385790
North side of Mayfield Road, east of Torbram Road and west of Airport Road
Ward 2

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has applied for an Official Plan Amendment to expand the settlement boundary and re-designate the lands from Prime Agricultural Area and Environmental Policy Area to Prestige Industrial, General Industrial and Environmental Policy Area. The proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision seeks to facilitate the development of an industrial park consisting of 5 industrial blocks, a future development block, a stormwater management pond, environmental block, and internal streets. In total, the development is planned to include 12 industrial, warehouse and distribution buildings, with a total area of approximately 458,475 m² (4,934,983.83 ft²). The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment seeks to rezone the subject property from Agricultural (A1) and Environmental Policy Area 2 Zone (EPA2) to Prestige Industrial – Exception XXX1, XXX2, XXX3, and XXX4 (MP-XXX1, MP-XXX2, MP-XXX3 and MP-XXX4) and Environmental Policy Area 2 Zone (EPA2).



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LEAD PLANNER:

Aleah Clarke On Behalf of
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

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NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

Columbia Way Class Environmental Assessment Study Highway 50 To Caledon King Townline

THE STUDY:

The Town of Caledon has completed a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for improvements to Columbia Way between Highway 50 and Caledon King Townline. In addressing the need to reconstruct the road, the study recommended several improvements to intersections including a new roundabout at Mount Hope Road, improved pedestrian and cyclist amenities including a new signalized crosswalk and multi-use path, and enhanced stormwater management facilities.

The project was completed as a **Schedule “B”** project in accordance with the **Municipal Class Environmental Assessment** (October 2000, amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015). As such, public and technical agency consultation played a key role in developing the study recommendations.



PROJECT FILE REPORT

A Project File Report (PFR) documenting the planning process undertaken, details of the study recommendations as well as potential impacts and mitigation measures, has been completed and by this Notice is being placed in the public record for review. The PFR is available for review on the Town's website at caledon.ca/ColumbiaWay.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions on public gatherings, and in the interest of public health, the PFR will not be made available for review at Town Hall. Alternative formats including hard copies can be made available upon request.

CONTACT

If interested, you may provide written comments to the project team by November 12, 2021. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to the Project Managers listed below.

Town of Caledon

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R.V. Anderson Associates Limited

Andrew McGregor, MCIP, RPP
Senior Planner, EA & Approvals
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In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), *only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights*. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request. These requests should be sent in writing or by email to:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2J3
minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor
Toronto ON, M4V 1P5
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Virtual Open House

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The Town is creating a new Official Plan to serve as a road map to responsibly and strategically manage growth and change over the next 30+ years.

We're looking for your input. At this meeting you will have the opportunity to:

- Learn more about the project, why it's happening, the overall timeline and how to get involved.
- Hear about what we've learned from our research and how it will impact the future of Caledon.
- Collaborate and provide your input on the Official Plan vision statement and guiding principles – the backbone of this project.

The Town is committed to engaging in a way that is open, transparent, accessible and inclusive. We need your feedback to help identify community needs and priorities as we prepare for the future. This is the chance for you to ask questions and provide your input.

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE DETAILS:

Monday, October 18, 2021 - 7 – 9 p.m.

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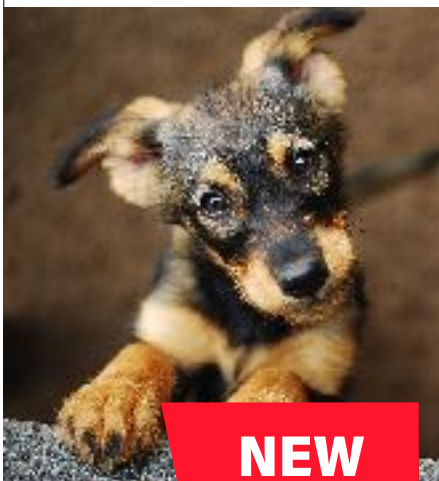
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10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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14111 Hwy 50, Bolton

Cost (per animal):
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caledon.ca/lostandfound



Waste Reduction Week

Join the Town in celebration of Waste Reduction Week, **October 18 - 24**. The Town is hosting a FREE webinar with Cathy's Crawly Composters on Wednesday, October 20 from 1-2 p.m. To register, or for more information, visit caledon.ca/environment.



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Brock’s Banter

Post-Turkey Thanks and Gratitude

BY BROCK WEIR

Thanksgiving has come and gone and for that, in some small degree, I am kind of thankful. Don’t get me wrong; I love the holiday. I love getting together with family and breaking bread, enjoying the fall leaves outdoors before heading inside for a lovely and satisfying meal and reflecting on what we truly have to be grateful for. But the small degree of gratitude that it is all over stems simply from the fact that this time around there were more than a few unknowns. The reality is that with two very quick and distanced exceptions with one individual, this was going to be the first time seeing my extended family since Christmas of 2019. It is often said that a week is a long time in politics, but try a year-and-a-half in family dynamics with a global pandemic as an extra variable. COVID-19 has changed many people. Some of us have done battle with the so-called Quarantine 15. Others have become used to being in the same four walls over the last year-and-a-half and the idea of being around a larger group, albeit people who are united by family ties, could seem stressful or daunting. On the flipside, individuals who have been staring at the same four walls day in and day out were equally as likely to be itching to get out and be amongst their loved ones come hell or high water. But whether we like to admit it or not, COVID has changed us in ways we might not even realize yet. We might not have the same priorities as we once had after more months than we care to think about collectively fighting an invisible enemy. What was once important might now pale in comparison to something we hadn’t even thought about before March of 2020. Months of isolation might have taken its toll, as could the endless barrage of misinformation that lurks around every corner we turn online. Zoom, Facetime and the good old trusty telephone have been great ways of staying in touch over the course of the pandemic, but as much as it has provided a window on our loved ones, it is less likely to be a window into the mind and soul as a face-to-face meeting. Weeks before we set out for our family gathering it was made clear by the host that the rules of the game had changed in light of COVID-19 – even before guidelines were handed down at the eleventh hour last week by Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health. In our family, a relatively small family at that, it was made clear right from the outset that if you weren’t double vaccinated by at least the requisite 14 days before the gathering that you would not be allowed through the door, a factor that was unfathomable the last time we sat around the table. Thankfully, the vast majority of our family was way ahead of the game. Just one person and their partner were sitting on the sidelines – and content to do so at that! – declining to roll up their sleeves for reasons best known to them. Not even the promise of a beautiful turkey dinner was enough to entice them to do their civic duty to themselves and

others. More for the rest of us! So, having a general idea of who would be there and who wouldn’t be joining us, we set out for the family gathering. Held in a condominium, we had to wear masks, of course, as we made our way to the correct door on the 18th floor; a new experience for sure, but one that provided comfort knowing that the building was still taking the threat of virus seriously. Yet once we arrived, opened the door and took off our respective masks, the most curious thing happened. While most of our COVID-19 experiences have seemed like milestones on a rather arduous journey, being around family again seemed like almost no time at all had passed and we had collectively simply pressed “pause” on life until it was safe to resume again without skipping a beat. While we have overcome so many challenges throughout the pandemic, the sensation of picking up basically right where we left off from our last pre-COVID Christmas was a very welcome one, and a sensation that had been all but forgotten in the intervening months. For that, I am thankful – and, perhaps I am alone here, I am thankful that the unknowns that preceded this are behind us. At least for now. And it can be, if we all continue to do our parts. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and found many reasons to be thankful.

THANKFULNESS ON THE SMALL SCREEN It might seem unusual to also express post-Thanksgiving gratitude for something on the small screen, but here we are. Television shows, whether they are given the traditional broadcast treatment these days or streamed onto our TVs or devices on any number of services, are a dime a dozen these days. But there is one exception I would like to give a shout out to this week. Regular readers of this column will know that I am a long-time fan of I Love Lucy, which first reached audiences across North America 70 years ago this Friday. I Love Lucy continues to make generation after generation laugh but, from a personal standpoint, and I know from social media that I am far from alone in this, it has also provided significant comfort over the course of COVID-19. On a further personal note, as someone who has been actively involved in the “fandom” since the tender age of 11, I Love Lucy has led me to individuals who I have been able to count as true life-long friends. It was a game-changer for a shy and awkward tween, and has stood me in good stead for decades since with no signs of slowing down. So, I would like to close out with thanks to Lucille Ball, Desi Arnaz, Vivian Vance, and William Frawley, original writers Bob Carroll, Jr., Madelyn Pugh Davis, and Jess Oppenheimer, and all the cast and crew for the lightning they captured in a bottle. It changed their lives and there is no doubt from my perspective that it changed mine for the better. Happy anniversary!



Worrying about what’s next? Just look up!



Nihil fit ex nihilo – Nothing comes from nothing.

by Mark Pavilons

accept “Awake!” and read it when I have time. There’s long been opposition and debate surrounding the theory of evolution. But there are a couple of questions that have yet to be answered, by both religious and scientific scholars: How did life get its start and how did things in the universe develop? Did, as some high thinkers contend, life spontaneously arise from existing matter? There’s a train of thought that attests the building blocks of life – amino acids, proteins, carbohydrates and DNA –floating around in primordial goo, accidentally came together and voila, life! The conditions in our atmosphere had to be perfect as well, with just the right amounts of sulfur, phosphorous, oxygen, nitrogen, carbon and hydrogen. A typical protein molecule includes hundreds of amino acids connected in a specific sequence. The molecule must “fold” into a specific three-dimensional shape for it to serve a purpose. The odds of even one single protein molecule forming spontaneously is “improbable.” How about self-replicating molecules that miraculously come to life from inert organic material? I’m a betting man, and yet I can’t fathom all of this happening by chance. Creatures like ourselves develop from fertilized eggs. Cells multiply and specialize inside the embryo and take on various shapes and functions. How do these cells “know” how to do this? For us to “evolve”, changes would have to take place inside the cell at the molecular level. How do “random mutations” arise and lead to a new and improved species? How can such beauty and complexity result from a seemingly random and unintelligent process? We are self-aware; possess a consciousness, intelligence, moral qualities and emotions. We will sacrifice ourselves for others. We know right from wrong. Some of these are inherent characteristics and not taught to us as youngsters. There’s a train of thought that our DNA has “memory” passed on from our ancestors. That’s just cool. The big bang theory may hold some measure of an explanation as to how the universe began. But my unanswerable question is: what existed prior to that? If something or some omnipotent being created the universe, where did they come from? If the universe is infinite, what’s on the “other side?” Of all the improbabilities and impossibilities, is humankind the best possible result in the cosmos? Having studied and written about the human condition for more than three decades, I’m not sure we’re the best example of “evolved intelligence.” Surely an all-powerful force would have created something a little better than us flawed mortals! A higher purpose? The Creator? God? “God said: ‘Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness.’” – Genesis 1:26. Again, the existence of such a great and powerful God would beg the question: was He created just for us? Who created Him? Did He create other worlds and beings in His image? We will not likely find any answers in my lifetime. But, we find them in the afterlife! From something, to something else? I really hope so. If you’re looking for clues, glance skyward on a starry night.

Our Readers Write

We need to stop the big sprawl

The outward pressure of urban development in the GTA is a huge problem that we face in the Town of Caledon. Urban sprawl makes climate change worse, increases the cost of housing, and costs municipalities more in services. Municipalities can choose to stop the big sprawl and protect our precious farmland and natural areas. They can strictly confine the building of any new housing or other structures within existing built-up areas. They can make a commitment to an overall steady-state economy in which population growth is curbed, consumption levels are decreased, and existing buildings and streetscapes are updated and improved rather than being demolished and replaced.

The big sprawl won’t help communities – it will only make sprawl developers richer. In Peel Region, 19,000 acres of farmland and nature are at risk of being swallowed up, including the land around Campbell’s Cross Creek and other upper tributaries of the West Humber River. These waters provide some of the last remaining habitat for the endangered reidside dace. It is time for our local governments to take a strong and clear stand for sustainability and quality of life, and to say NO to urban sprawl, loss of farmland and natural habitats, and never-ending economic and population growth.

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In praise of our health care system (Pt 2)

We arrived at the trauma centre at St. Michael’s hospital in downtown Toronto.

St. Michael’s is a Level 1 trauma centre. They are experienced in dealing with severe injuries and I’m sure they have seen a lot worse than what I had.

When the paramedics wheeled me into the trauma room, it was like I was looking at a movie set.

It was a large room with maybe five examination tables in a row ready to receive the injured.

A team of at least ten medical professionals were standing in a semi-circle around the one examination table – and they were waiting for me.

As soon as I was laid on the table, they all went to work.

Each person was examining a different part of my body or monitoring something. While one person checked my feet and legs for injuries, another was shining a light in my eyes and asking me questions.

Even in my condition, as basically a sack of potatoes at this point, I was still very impressed by this well coordinated team effort to look af-

ter a single patient.

This really gave a sense of total trust in the hospital and the people who work there.

From there I was placed in a glass walled “acute trauma” room for most of the day. I believe they do this to keep a close eye on new arrivals to watch for any additional problems that may occur.

I was placed in a typical hospital room in the trauma/surgical unit later that evening.

Over the next several days I received top notch care.

I received a visit from both doctors who had taken my case. They advised me of what was going on, the extent of my injuries, and what course of action was needed.

In the end, I got lucky. They decided against surgery.

It’s no secret that nursing staff across the country are under huge pressure these days.

The nursing staff at St. Michael’s were outstanding.

Over the rotating shifts, various people dropped in to see me every few hours. I don’t know all their names, titles or job descriptions,

but they are all part of the nursing staff on that floor.

They would take my blood pressure, temperature, check my oxygen intake, and gave me various pills for pain and other things, and shots for different reasons. I was hooked up to oxygen and an IV solution to keep me hydrated.

Every person on that nursing staff acted in a professional manner, approached me with a smile on their face, called me by name, and told me why they were giving me another shot and what it was for.

They didn’t treat me like just another patient.

Those smiling faces made a huge difference at a time when I was alone, worried about the future, and really going through what were my darkest days.

I think I became known as “the guy who hit a coyote” as it was written on my chart and several people asked me about that.

Four days later, it was decided that since surgery was not necessary, I could leave the hospital and start recovering at home. By that time my black eye was fading and the scrapes on my face were healing, but I had a huge black

bruise that ran from my shoulder to my hip and road rash at various places on my arms and legs.

I’m still healing in a process that is going to take months, maybe longer.

I am quite aware that all in all, I came out of this experience rather lucky. Quite often these type of accidents result in injuries far more catastrophic than I received.

My experience with the Health Care system in Ontario was that of superb quality care when I really needed it.

Yes, you may have to wait a few hours the next time you’re in the ER getting your eye stitched up from an errant throw during your slo-pitch game, but most likely your injury is not as severe as the person in the next room who needs help more urgently than you do.

When you really need urgent care in this province, you’re going to get it and we should all be thankful for a system that is working so well.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



Time to take a break from all the noise

There been so much noise of late that to me, it’s all become a little overwhelming. By “noise” I mean the seemingly never-ending cacophony of voices clamouring for attention on Twitter, on Facebook, on Instagram, in our newspapers, on TV and even on our streets.

For some families, no doubt a lot of noise was even made during Thanksgiving as they debated the merits of vaccination and passports or simply celebrated finally getting together for those long-awaited hugs.

I’m finding numerous sound bites have been drawing my attention across multiple platforms, some telling me that Facebook is corrupting us all, others that psychiatrists are “woke” and have lost touch with reality and that all around us people, particularly those in long-term care, are still dying of a virus FOR WHICH WE HAVE A VACCINE!

In Caledon, yet another expose along the lines of one released by the Toronto Star several months ago linking the pure happenstance that developers with money who donate to the PC party own much of the land surrounding the proposed Highway #413 corridor. My head is spinning. Hiding under a rock is looking increasingly appealing.

Perhaps you are a better person and are able to tune either in or out as events unfold around us.

Perhaps you’ve turned off the alerts on your

phone and if so, I applaud you! As for me, I darn near had a panic attack over the Thanksgiving weekend wondering how much more I could take, and/or how I could possibly make a meaningful difference in the world. This then led to the quintessential, existential question of what the heck is my role in the universe anyway?

Do we try to “lean in” as Sheryl Sandberg once wrote, becoming engaged and having a “seat at the table” in our efforts to try and make change; or do we choose to lean way the heck out and do nothing - acknowledging that there’s virtually nothing us “average” folks can do anyway and not let it bother you? Anyone else feel similarly? I’m not joking, I only wish I were.

Distributing free menstrual products, for example is, in my opinion, an excellent thing. They should never have been taxed in the first place and I’m convinced if men needed them they’d be handing them out FOR FREE on street corners.

Meanwhile, women are taught menstruation is such a delicate subject we shouldn’t even be talking about it. I was so happy to hear the Ford government (with whom I rarely agree) was making inroads on period poverty becoming a thing of the past, enabling ALL girls to go to school, EVERY day, that I was not equipped to deal with the fallout.

On and on the questions went to the point where I asked myself, am I the only one happy that at least someone, finally, is doing something to address period poverty? Sure, it might not be enough and sure there might be some questions worth asking, but girls need access to menstrual products - period. (No pun intended.) Isn’t this a good thing?

Next up came Frances Haugen, the Facebook whistleblower who told Congress exactly what Facebook has been up to lately – and had copious documents copied and prepared in advance as evidence.

It seems the social media giant is playing with us. Like mice in an experimental maze, Facebook leads us this way and that – sharing “news” and inciting discord – sending us down whichever length of the maze it deems appropriate, or where its advertisers want us to go.

I’ve taken somewhat of a break from Facebook recently although I am still drawn into its nefarious web now and then. After listening to Frances’ testimony – I’m tempted to finally close my account and yet...and yet all my friends are there! How will I remember everyone’s birthdays without Facebook prompting me?

Facebook doesn’t just play with the minds of young and impressionable teens, tweens and young adults but it appears Facebook and Insta-

gram (which it owns) are both playing with ALL of us and we appear powerless to resist its lure. All you anti-vaxxers worried about a microchip, I’ve got news for you. We’ve been gullible fools, already tracked for years by social media, easily and simply by agreeing to carry a cellular device.

Just prior to Thanksgiving, I also caught wind of a controversy swirling around “woke,” Chelsea boot wearing psychiatrists, who have lost sight of the fact that genetics might just play a role in poor mental health.

The focus of the article seemed to suggest that while we’re all trying so hard to fix social determinants of health such as poverty, addiction, homelessness and poor access to health care, we’ve forgotten some diseases are genetically driven. Poorly timed, what with the article coming on the heels of World Mental Health Day, my take from all the brouhaha is that, according to the writer, some folks who are trying to link mental illness to episodic events like homelessness are “forgetting” that genetics might play a significant role in their disease.

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Province gives out COVID-19 safety tips for a closer-to-normal Halloween this year

BY ROB PAUL

With Thanksgiving in the rearview mirror and Halloween on the horizon, Ontario health officials are giving the go-ahead for a closer-to-normal night of trick-or-treating.

To ensure trick-or-treating is at its safest, people are being asked to spend as much time outdoors during the process as possible and to incorporate masks or face coverings into their costumes—though a costume mask shouldn’t be worn in place of a non-medical mask or face covering.

“For the slightly older trick-or-treaters who might be considering attending or throwing a Halloween party, all the guidance that I had previously outlined for Thanksgiving, and other social gatherings applies to you too,” Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Moore said. “It bears repeating, if you are sick, even with mild symptoms, you should not be participating in social events like Halloween. We know from experience it is exactly these kinds of events that can lead to spikes in transmission. But provided we do our best to follow the guidelines in place, we can enjoy some well-deserved time with friends and family, while also keeping our community transmission low.”

The Province provided tips around COVID-19 safety for this Halloween: stay home if you have symptoms; trick-or-treat outdoors as much as possible; be creative and ensure face coverings are part of your costume; do not crowd doorsteps—take turns at the door; do not sing or shout for treats; keep interactions brief; and use hand sanitizer often.

Moore made it a point to emphasize the need for trick-or-treaters to not shout when trick-or-treating to stop the spread of droplets.

“Clearly you have to make your presence known to get your treat, and you have to be able to knock as well as ask for the treat,” he said. “We just ask not with a high volume that could potentially aerosolize. It’s an abundance of caution.”

There are also COVID-19 safety tips for those who choose to give out treats: do not participate if you have symptoms; keep interactions with trick-or-treaters short; consider wearing a face covering; give out only purchased and packaged treats; do not ask trick-or-treaters to sing or shout; and clean or sani-

tize hands throughout the evening.

Coming out of the Thanksgiving long weekend, the Region of Peel did see a dip in the weekly total of new COVID-19 cases with 369 to bring the grand total to 117,195—there was one additional death bringing the total to 1,020.

The Town of Caledon also saw a decrease in weekly COVID cases with just 10 new cases this past week to bring its total to 4,859. There were no new additional deaths related to COVID keeping the total at 22.

Vaccine coverage and Peel continues to increase slowly as 2,455,274 total doses have been administered and 19,702 in the last seven-day cycle (October 1 to 7). 1,299,946 individuals have received at least one dose with 1,150,978 fully vaccinated.

The Region has also begun tracking individuals who have received a third dose and 4,350 residents have received a third dose. In September the Province, encouraged residents who are eligible to receive a third dose of the vaccine for increased protection against the Delta variant.

Peel now has 70.8 per cent of all residents fully vaccinated and 76 per cent with at least one dose. With a vaccine not yet approved for residents below the age of 12, the numbers spike positively to 81.2 per cent of fully vaccinated residents 12 and older in the Region—87.2 per cent have at least one dose—and 81.6 per cent of adult (18+) residents being fully vaccinated and 87.4 per cent having at least one dose.

With proof of vaccination being required to enter certain indoors settings—including restaurants and bars; sports and fitness facilities; and concerts and sporting events—as of September 22, the Provincial government announced last month that a standardized QR code system would be implemented by October 22 to streamline the process.

There have been no updates since the announcement, but a copy of your proof of vaccination is attainable through the government website.

To download or print a copy of your proof of vaccination, visit covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccine-booking-support#proof-of-vaccination. To book a vaccine in the Region of Peel, visit www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/book-appointment/.



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Local businesses acclimating to vaccine passport system, says Chamber



Anthony Caputo is President of the Caledon Chamber of Commerce.

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“For the most part it’s been a positive,” said Caputo. “A lot of businesses don’t care right now about the passports and having to check them because they just want things to go back to normal. They know they probably won’t make up the money they lost over the last 18 months, but they need to survive, and they need to do something. So, for the most part it’s been a well-received response.”

Caputo knows every business wants to do what is safe and follow the rules as best they can; however, he also understands with what they’ve dealt with since March of 2020, it’s hard for them to decline business when they’re in desperate situations.

“They want to follow the rules, but because everyone has lost so much money, I don’t think businesses are wanting to discriminate against someone for not having a passport—this is from talking to restaurant owners and other businesses in town,” he said. “So, yes, it’s great and they know that everyone’s been double vaccinated and we’re getting back to normal, but at the same time, these businesses have starved for a long time and they’re going to have trouble turning down someone for not having a vaccine.

“Everyone needs to make money to sur-

vive right now. Will a person without the vaccine or just one dose be treated a little differently? Yeah, the businesses are taking the proper precautions to make sure they don’t infect someone else. It’s a really touchy subject when it comes to businesses, and small businesses especially.”

Without a clear and regulated system in place to check for vaccinations—though the government is aiming for QR code system by October 22—Caputo does fear it puts a lot of pressure on local business owners to take charge of a situation they didn’t ask for when all they want is for everyone to be safe as they open.

“Do I blame businesses if they’re not screening everyone the way the government thinks it should be done? No, I don’t blame them, they need to survive and it’s a difficult situation,” he said. “Should this onus be on the business owners? No, I think this is all level of government passing the buck down to everyone else so they don’t look like the bad guys, even though that shouldn’t matter.

“I’m the type of guy who says it the way it is, but I look at both sides of the argument and you can understand the points of both sides. But I just feel that there’s so much division right now that we’re getting to the level of the U.S. and it’s not good, it’s not healthy at all. We just want our

businesses to be safely open.”

Businesses aren’t operating exactly the way they were pre-pandemic, but this is the closest they’ve ever been to normal and Caputo knows everything is trending in the right direction in terms of economic recovery.

“Things are getting back to where they were, especially with the restaurants,” he said. “They’re not at full capacity, but it was so difficult before. Their bottom line and expenses weren’t as bad because they didn’t have servers to pay, but at the same time they didn’t have the amount of traffic they would usually have. So, yes, they’re bouncing back, but are they going to make up what they lost? Probably not, but at least they’re on a roll now where they can feel normal again.”

Despite some objection to the proof of vaccine system in Ontario, Caputo has heard mainly positive coming from busi-

nesses and it is rare that an issue is caused due to the situation.

“There’s an understanding from both the parties involved,” he said. “It’s really just a small group of people that are not getting vaccinated and they’re the ones who are the most vocal about the passports. Other than that, everyone else is complying and not making trouble with anybody.

“At the end of the day, it’s the rules. You can’t blame the business owners for following the rules. I’m a big believer in freedom of choice and you have the choice to take the vaccine or not to take the vaccine. You don’t have the choice of killing someone for not taking the vaccine, but that’s the choice that someone wants to make. Again, if they don’t want to go into a restaurant as a result of choosing not to get vaccinated, that’s their choice. If they want to go in, then you know there’s rules that they need to follow for everyone’s safety.”

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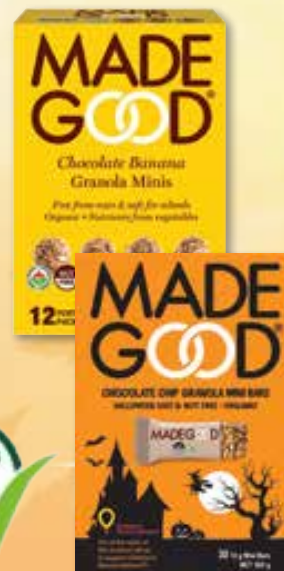


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Toronto TPC Osprey Valley is getting a whole new look

BY ROBERT BELARDI

Aesthetics are always eye-candy, especially when we’re talking about a golf course.

There isn’t anything more pleasing to see than the iridescent glow of bright sunlight shining right off a freshly cut fairway. There’s also the bright and dark mixture of colours from the trees and the exquisite views of the course right from the clubhouse.

With all that golf has to offer in its beauty, it was time for Toronto TPC Osprey Valley to begin its new vision and, on October 7, the club officially announced it.

Osprey Valley held the ground-breaking ceremony as the club launched a new project to construct two new clubhouses and on-site accommodations.

“This is a transformational moment in Osprey Valley’s history and part of a long-



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standing vision our family has had for the property for more than 30 years,” President Chris Humeniuk said in a statement.

“We have always envisioned Osprey Valley as a destination for more than just great golf and we look forward to the exciting new era ahead.”

The club turned to Hicks Design Studio

to spearhead the construction as the whole new look is intended to increase capacity for events in the future and hopes to bring the best out of what the club offers.

The architectural company caters to “residential homes and clubhouses with over 60 golf clubhouses across Canada in its portfolio.”

As one of Canada’s top landing spots for golf, the club will look to uphold that reputation with this project.

The construction project will head right through the winter and into all of next year.

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Caledon Soccer Club receives \$49,000 from Ontario Trillium Foundation

BY ROBERT BELARDI

Caledon Soccer Club received \$49,000 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation in a grant the organization applied for this year.

“The club was really diligent in trying to take advantage of anything that was available to the club because of the lost revenue that we’ve had over the last year and a half, two years,” said technical director and head coach Terry Madison.

“The Trillium one for \$49,000 was one we applied for that you basically have to put down why you need it and how it’s going to be used. They’re very closely monitored. So, we had to list where the money would go to and the money has been allocated to the technical program and also as part of that, to purchase another VEO camera.”

The camera is used to record the games for 15, 16 and 17-year-old teams for coaching analysis and highlight videos for the recruiting process at universities.

With a second camera, Caledon Soccer Club can now stream games online for parents and grandparents that might not have been able to attend games.

On the technical side of this grant, Madison says some of this money helps cover some salaries and other club expenses. It will also help to cover the new grassroots technical manager position that will be on a part-time basis.

In the past, Caledon Soccer Club has received other funding but nothing like the trillium grant. He said in six months’ time, the club will be applying for another grant that will be going towards infrastructure.

“Some of the ideas we have is maybe

changerooms at the facility. Some improvements to some areas of the field, some fencing to protect us from losing soccer balls as we do. It’s all being looked at now; it’s just in preliminary stages.”

As of right now, Madison confirmed teams have registered for indoor leagues this winter. Caledon Soccer Club has booked all of the necessary indoor spaces for teams to train. Everything looks like it is moving into the right direction to have a winter season this year.

Heading into 2022, Caledon Soccer Club is planning a rebranding that will include a name change.

The club is also pursuing its National Youth License which is the first step in achieving the Ontario Player Development League license (OPDL).

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York United hanging on to playoff spot

BY ROBERT BELARDI

Following a 1-1 draw against Atletico Ottawa ahead of Thanks-giving weekend, the Nine Stripes are currently hanging on to the fourth and final playoff spot with six matches to go in the regular season.

Since the Nine Stripes' 3-1 loss to Forge FC on August 28, the boys have not dropped any points in the table, giving them a two-point cushion on top of the fifth-place HFX Wanderers.

With a 7-10-5 record on the year, this Thursday will be a tough task heading out on the road against Cavalry FC before taking on FC Edmonton, Atletico, Pacific and a final back-to-back against Forge FC to cap off the year.

Following the draw against Ottawa, head coach Jimmy Brennan was asked about the playoff picture and if the latest result was a disappointment.

"I think every game you play for three points, don't you? Yeah, we got a point. But I think when it's this crucial and this tight, it's about picking up points and not walking away with nothing," Brennan said.

"Yeah, we're disappointed, pissed off, because I wanted to win today and the players wanted to win today. At least we got something out of the match. Overall a failure? No, I don't agree with that. Where my players are, this young squad and where they are in the league and where everybody thought they would be, I give them full credit for the work they put in every single day and they're holding their own, these guys."

With an average age of 22.8 years, according to transfermarkt.us, York United is currently the youngest squad in all of the Canadian Premier League.

With most players hovering between 18 years of age to 20, this group has had one of the most resilient campaigns. Their play has been relentless and their efforts have put them in this type of position.

But, of course, with just six games remaining there is one element of play that the Nine Stripes can take with them. It's a go-for-it-all mentality moving forward.

The boys have had ample opportunities to finish off matches and get three points instead of settling for one. It comes down to finishing, yes, but it also comes down to wanting it all as opposed to settling for some.

Of course, as head coach Brennan alluded to, some points is better than none.

That is absolutely a fact. But when you have the HFX Wanderers just two points behind and Valour FC just six points away, these last six games are crucial.

York United have to find out ways to finish off games and come away with three points because everyone knows the Wanderers won't settle for anything less and nor will Valour.

Now is a true test of character and these last six matches will showcase what these young lads are made of.



Fred Dobbs, NVCA's Manager of Stewardship Services, along with Silvia Pedrazzi, Nottawasaga Future's Environment Liaison for South Simcoe Streams Network, Maria Leung and Emily Phillips of NVCA, holds up a poster board to demonstrate the former and new re-aligned location of the river.

PHOTO BY WENDY GABREK

Grants support collaborative river restoration projects

BY WENDY GABREK

A funding recognition and river restoration tour took place on Friday, October 8, along the banks of the Nottawasaga River in Adjala, between Loretto and Alliston.

The event, hosted by Nottawasaga Futures and the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, was an opportunity for invested partners to see the progress achieved along the river, utilizing funds provided by the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Bass Pro Shops Cabelas Outdoor Fund, Patagonia-Tides Foundation and Takla Foundation.

In 2020, Nottawasaga Community Futures Development Corporation (also known as Nottawasaga Futures) received a three-year \$510,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) towards the Connecting Communities and Creeks Project.

The project is being delivered under its South Simcoe Streams Network Program and collaborating on the project are the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) and Dufferin-Simcoe Land Stewardship Network.

This OTF funded project is part of a broader Nottawasaga River Restoration Program coordinated by the NVCA.

By using scientific fish community, stream health and water temperature data, NVCA biologists are able to identify transition zones where water quality and aquatic habitat conditions were declining, such as at this restoration site.

These transition areas represent high priority locations for fish habitat enhancement, stream bank stabilization and water quality improvement.

A team consisting of members of the NVCA, Streams Network and volunteers, were able to improve trout habitat and reduce erosion.

Heavy Machinery was used to stabilize river banks using natural woody material, transplantation of sod and trees along the stream's edge and realignment of the river into close proximity to a forested area. Overall, the summer stream restoration projects completed on two properties added cover habitats and stabilized a total of 570m of eroding banks as well as establishing a new 70m long trout and salmon spawning channel.

An alternate watering system was also installed to allow cattle to be pastured out of the river. Wetland habitats were created as part of the river restoration works in order to provide a mecca for turtles and amphibians, while reducing phosphate and nitrogen inputs to the river.

During the site tour, participants were given the chance to see spawning Chinook salmon and bald eagles.

A videographer was also on site during the tour, documenting the restoration works as part of a tourism video promoting the linkages between healthy restored rivers and strong recreational fisheries that enhance local economies in Simcoe County.

"We have generated strong momentum working with landowners and variety of other partners for completing water quality and fish habitat improvement projects," said Fred Dobbs of the NVCA.

"The Nottawasaga River is one of the largest tributaries of Georgian Bay and provides clean water for local communities from Orangeville to Wasaga Beach. Thanks to funders like the OTF, we are able to do restoration work that positively impacts our communities where we work and play," said Silvia Pedrazzi of Nottawasaga Futures.

The South Simcoe Streams Network is hosting two "call for volunteer" events: Saturday, October 16 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon and Tuesday, October 19 from 3:30 – 6 p.m. To register, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/3K2HNYS. Location will be sent to attendees directly.

Participants will be planting trees and shrubs along the Nottawasaga River and Sheldon Creek, south-west of Alliston.

For more information about the river restoration project, contact Silvia Pedrazzi, Environment Liaison for South Simcoe Streams Network, Nottawasaga Futures, by email at silvia@nottawasaga.com or call 705-440-9129. Or contact Fred Dobbs, NVCA's Manager of Stewardship Services at fdobbs@nvca.on.ca or call 705-424-1479.

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ZETTEL, David (Jack)

It is with a sad heart that we share the news of our fathers passing on Thursday, October 7, 2021, peacefully in his 83rd year. David (Jack) Zettel lived a long life with his wife Adriana (Audrey) of 61 years in Inglewood; their 5 children, Scott (Debbie), Brian (Margaret), JoAnna (Joe), Steve (Lena) and Sara (Steve). Cherished grandfather of 15 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Survived by his brothers, Gord (Susan), Butch (Judy), Keith (Debbie) and Brad. Predeceased by his brothers, Don, Doug and Mike. A Celebration of Life drop in, will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Donations may be made to Stronach Regional Cancer Centre. A tree will be planted in memory of Jack in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

KOLEY, Dave

Dave left us in the early hours of Monday October 11, 2021. With his wife Brenda of 28 years by his side and his daughter Robyn in his arms. Sadly, his son Bryan could not make the journey in time. He leaves behind his best friend of 26 years, Marion (Kevin) and is predeceased by his buddy Mars (Hazel) and his mom Joyce. He also leaves behind his brother Steve and many other friends and relatives Dave's circle of friends was very tight and to be included in that was an honour for us all. Memorial donations to the Children's Wish Foundation would be appreciated by the family as Dave believed that every child should have their every wish come true. Visitation will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Friday, October 15, 2021 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. (RSVP IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICE). A tree will be planted in memory of David in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com



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RANDLE, Jonathan Edward

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MARY ALBERTA HOGG

Peacefully at Woodhall Park Care Community, Brampton, on Sunday, October 10, 2021, Mary Alberta Hogg, passed at the age of 93 years, beloved wife of the late George Douglas (Doug) Hogg. Dearest mother of Garry and Alina Hogg, Cindy and Brian Wood. Proud grandmother of Trina Hogg and Isaac Sandlin, Alex Hogg and Shannon Fawns, Janelle and Aaron Rowlett, Daniel and Kristen Wood. Cherished great-grandmother of Weston Hogg, Arlen Hogg, Abigail Rowlett, James Rowlett, and Orla Wren Sandlin. Dear sister of George and Betty Piper, and predeceased by Ethel and Bill Heath, Roy and Betty Piper, Agnes Davidson, Harvey and Diane Piper. Private service will be held at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Thursday, October 14 at one o'clock. The family invites those who wish to view the service to do so through live streaming on the funeral home website. Private family interment: Dixon's Union Cemetery. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Family Transition Place, 20 Bredin Pkwy, Orangeville L9W 4Z9. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com



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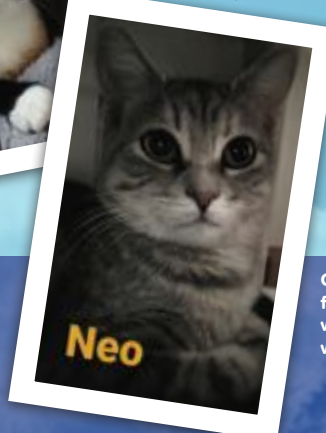
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Let's unpack this theory for a minute. You may indeed have a genetic predisposition to some type of mental health issue, be it anxiety, depression or bipolar disorder (as examples). But is it not also fair to say that your predisposition to such a disorder leaves you vulnerable to a fall through the cracks of our health care system and/or your ability to function well at holding down a job or paying rent?

Once fallen, is it not also fair to say that social determinants will play a significant factor in either exacerbating your illness or your ability to recover from it? There's nothing "woke" or genetic about that – it's just simple facts.

There's more, but I think you get the idea.

Doug Ford appeared at a Food Bank, calling it a "vital resource." In part, it's a vital resource because people are not paid a living wage, have no access to paid sick days and can't afford to pay for both rent and food.

Rather than saying "that's why I stopped by to help," perhaps he could have stopped by the legislature more often during this past session doing things like...oh I don't know...passing legislation on paid sick days.

Then came yet another expose on the building of the "proposed" Hwy 413 that will likely do nothing to delay its relentless move forward.

While some of us might question the coincidence that so many rich friends of the Conservative government own all the land nearby, what can we do? Protesting with signs saying "No" to the 413 posted on our front lawns will likely do little to sway the powers that be. Yet – do we do nothing? Shouldn't we at least try?

All the noise is just too much some days.

I want to help food banks because they need help but they shouldn't even exist. I want to see young girls able to access needed protection without shame or expense so they can go to school. Do I engage in social media, knowing the mixed messages it sends or cut myself off which means limiting my access to friends and family?

So much noise! When do we put down our phones, our social media, step away from the noise and simply take a break from it all? It might be time. Time to reassess our sources of information, and to ask some hard questions like who is playing and who is being played? In the meantime, I cling to the slimmest margins of optimism and keep plugging away in my own small way.

Donate where you can, when you can. Volunteer for something important to you or your family. Hope that if we all collectively keep chipping away, together we might make some small difference in the world. I'll also be keeping my rock nearby in case of emergencies.

Empty Bowls Headwaters brings local restaurants and caterers together to support local food programs

BY ROB PAUL

The Empty Bowls Headwaters event is set for Sunday, October 17, at the Alton Legion and will run from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. as a carry-out event this year.

The event has been run by Ann Randeraad for over a decade after she decided to start her own in the Caledon community to help local food programs.

A grassroots fundraiser that began over 30 years ago when Michigan teacher John Hartom wanted to get his students involved in a food drive, Empty Bowls has blossomed into a global yearly fundraiser for food programs.

The idea is that local potters donate handmade bowls that are then given away for charity to those who participate as a reminder that not everyone has a full bowl every day.

To participate in the event and take home a bowl, tickets can be purchased for \$45 at www.annranderaadpottery.com/store/p2/Empty_Bowls_Headwaters.html — there will also be a non-perishable food drive for people to donate to

at the event.

Empty Bowls events have raised tens of millions of dollars since Hartom retired from teaching in 1999 to donate all of his time to the project. Now, schools, organizations, and individuals like Randeraad run Empty Bowls events around the world.

"Although the Empty Bowls organization provides guidance to those wishing to hold a fundraising event, they are primarily hands-off," said Hartom. «We only ask organizers to use the Empty Bowls name and to distribute money locally.»

Not every Empty Bowls event has a food component, but thanks to the support and donation of local restaurants and caterers, Empty Bowls Headwaters will include an option of a specialty soups for every participant.

This year's soup providers are Absolute Catering in Mono, Gourmandissimo in Caledon East, the Busholme in Erin, the Hatter in Orangeville, Mrs. Mitchell's Restaurant in Mulmur, and Lavender Blue Catering in Orangeville.

Many of the soup providers

are returning supports who get involved and continue to stay involved because it's a unique cause and important to the community.

"We have been involved for a few years," said Perry Meeker of the Hatter. "Quite simply, it's a great fundraiser with a great cause. We are proud to participate."

With the last 18 months being defined by COVID-19, many of the restaurants and caterers have felt the impact of the pandemic and know how hard it has hit families in need.

"We have participated in this fundraiser for three years now and realize, especially now, how important it is to look after people and give back," said Beth Vincer of Absolute Catering. "No one should ever go hungry."

Knowing how much support they've received from the tight knit community, the soup providers don't have to think twice when asked if they'd like to help support a good cause, especially because Empty Bowls Headwaters localizes the donation process.

"Pretty easy choice," said Mike Magill of the Busholme. "Bridget

stopped in and asked if we could participate, we said no problem. The community support here at the Busholme has been amazing. Our chefs like making soups. We like to be involved in as many community fundraisers as possible."

Given the work Empty Bowls does for food programs across the world in its one-of-a-kind way of fundraising, it's an exceptionally strong reminder to those donating soup that there are people out there who rely on these types of efforts.

"We have been supporting Empty Bowls for as long as we can remember," said Adriana Roche of Gourmandissimo. "It saddens me to think that there are people who may not have enough on their plates when we are blessed with an abundance of healthy food."

"If our collective fundraising efforts brings funds and awareness to those in need then we will continue to support Empty Bowls for as long as we can. I also own about 12 of the beautiful bowls myself from previous years. I always look forward to adding a new piece to our family collection."

Dufferin-Caledon long-term care homes receive Provincial funding

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Avalon Care Centre in Orangeville will receive up to \$381,151 for additional staffing this year to increase the hours of direct care for residents. By the year 2024-2025, the home will receive \$2,334,492 annually more than their current funding.

Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home in Shelburne will receive up to \$569,943 for additional staffing this year to increase the hours of direct care for residents. By the year 2024-25, the home will receive 3,490,824 annually more than their current funding.

Shelburne Long Term Care Home in Shelburne will receive up to \$210,166 for additional staffing this year to increase the hours of direct care for residents. By the year 2024-2025, the home will re-

ceive \$1,287,240 annually more than their current funding.

"This funding will allow homes in our community to hire and retain more staff so they can provide more care to residents, every day," said MPP Sylvia Jones. "This is part of our government's plan to hire thousands of new staff over the next four years to ensure those living in long-term care get the high-quality care they need and deserve."

Currently, residents receive an average of two hours and 45 minutes of direct care from nurses and personal support workers. This funding will increase the daily average to 3 hours, per resident per day by the end of this fiscal year.


"We know that more qualified staff means more daily care for residents," said Rod Phillips, Minister of Long-Term Care. "Hiring more staff is part of

our government's plan to fix long-term care and to improve the quality of care residents receive and the quality of life they experience."

This funding also includes \$42.8 million to homes to increase care by allied health care professionals such as physiotherapists and social workers by 10 per cent this year. The government is investing \$4.9 billion over four years to boost direct resident care to an average of four hours daily by increasing care staff by more than 27,000 people.

Hiring thousands of new staff at long-term care homes and increasing the amount of care they deliver each year will be made possible by annual funding increases to homes. For 2021-22 it's \$270 million in funding with the annual funding increasing to \$673 million in 2022-23, \$1.25 billion in 2023-24, and \$1.82 billion in 2024-25.

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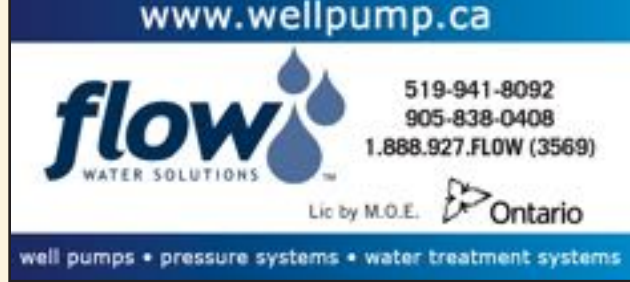
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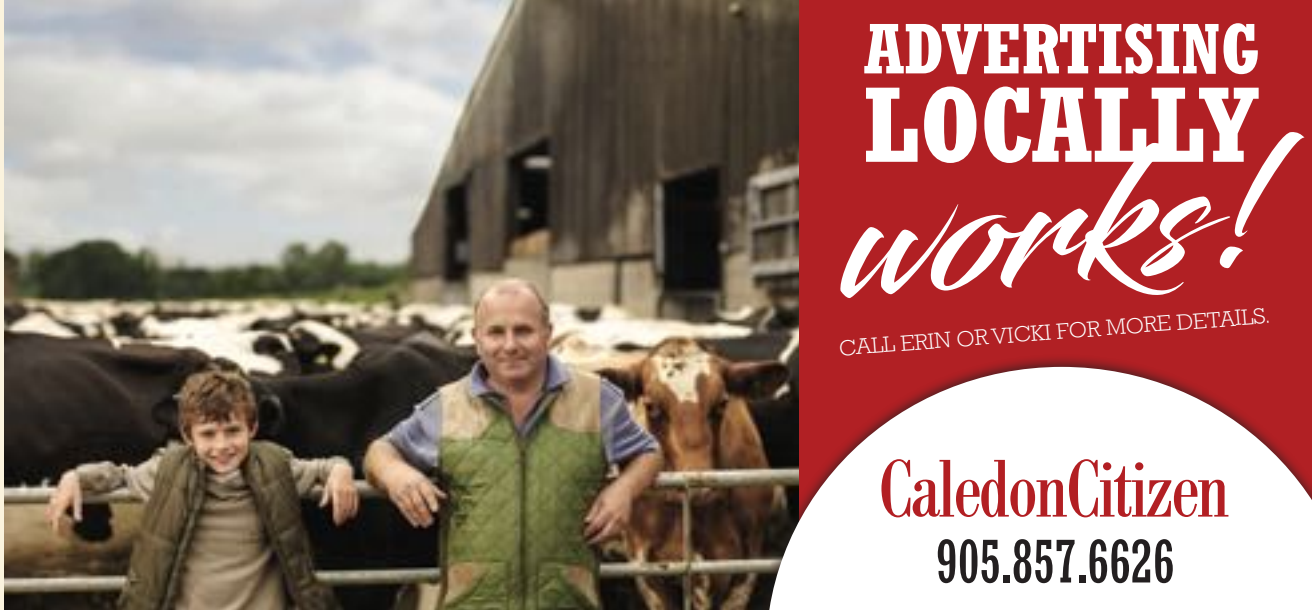
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