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The Bolton Village Residents Association (BVRA) is made up of Bolton resident's Rob Ricciardi, Mary Balinov, Judy Bennett, Sharan K. Basran, and Vilma Tarquini. PHOTO BY ROB PAUL

## Bolton Village Residents Association wants to be advocates for Caledon's largest urban centre

BY ROB PAUL

In a large town like Caledon, there are vast needs, and those needs differ based on the area.

Within those areas are communities with distinct interests and residents with concerns specific to where they live, and that's why many of Caledon's communities have groups representing their best interests.

As Caledon's largest urban centre, Bolton is expected to see plenty of development and growth going forward. With that in mind,

the Bolton Village Residents Association (BVRA) was recently established.

The BVRA is made up of a Board of Directors who want to be the voice for the residents of Bolton and represent their best interests and biggest concerns, as well as promote community while supporting positive initiatives.

The Board of Directors consists of Sharan K. Basran, Mary Balinov, Judy Bennett, Rob Ricciardi, and Vilma Tarquini.

Having lived in Bolton for over 50 years combined, the Board of Directors has experience in advocating for neighbourhood is-

sués (Basran), has two local business owners (Balinov and Tarquini), a member of Bolton Kin (Bennett), and experience organizing social events with the Bolton Community Crew (Tarquini).

Their mission is to represent Bolton to both municipal and regional government, encourage civic engagement, advocate for issues that matter most to the community, organize social events, and foster relationships between Bolton residents and the rest of Caledon.

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## Church to host virtual talk on Indigenous reconciliation

BY ROB PAUL

This Friday the Bolton United Church will host a virtual talk called "Journeying with our Indigenous Siblings Towards Healing," as part of its Let's Talk Seminar Series.

The guest speaker for the seminar will be Reverend Nancy Best of the United Church of Canada, who is of Mohawk descent.

The talk has been months in the making for Bolton United as Minister Eleanor Scarlett has made it a priority to work with her congregation in educating themselves and continuing the

conversation on Truth and Reconciliation on the path to helping the Indigenous community in Canada heal.

"As Canadians and descendants of the settlers, one of the things I noticed as a later immigrant—50 years in this country—is that when things like this happen the Europeans descendants want to do something," said Scarlett. "So, this time around, I've challenged them to learn to lament, to learn to hold the pain, to learn to stay with it, and to learn about the events that created these things to happen."

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# Residents provide feedback as the Town hosts first Future Caledon Official Plan open house

BY ROB PAUL

With the Future Caledon Official Plan process well underway, the Town held a virtual open house on the evening of October 18 for the public to get an idea of what the plan will potentially entail, as well as to give feedback and ask questions.

The official plan is being created by the Town of Caledon to act as a road map for how the community will develop, locate housing, build transportation networks, locate employment, offer community facilities, amongst other aspects of growing and developing. The idea is for it to guide decision-making with land use while protecting the environment that Caledon is known for as well as to prepare infrastructure for the expect population boom.

The process of the Future Caledon Official Plan began in 2019 based around five focus areas: natural resources and agriculture; tourism, heritage, healthy communities, and culture; transportation, technology, and infrastructure; growth, settlement, housing, and employment; and climate change.

The final official plan is expected between 2022 and 2023.

Currently, the plan is still in the first of three phases, known as Phase 1: Background Review and Visioning. This phase is focused on the project team working to understand the local context, review current policies, conduct a best practice review, and identify policy gaps—it's also

the phase in which the team seeks feedback and input from residents.

Monday night's open house—and there will be more open houses to follow—acted as the start of a conversation between the project team and residents. Over 80 residents joined the Zoom call that was led by Town staff members Ed Sajecki (Acting Chief Planning Officer), Bailey Loverock (Community Planner), and Kant Chawla (Senior Transportation Officer) as well as consultants from WSP Andrea Counsel, Ryan Adamson, and Matt Rodrigues.

Much of the open house was an overview of what the project team has put together to this point, as well as a way for residents to provide their point of view, concerns, and support for decisions.

It also allowed for the project team to take the feedback into account while continuing to develop Phase 1 of the Caledon Future Official Plan.

There's been community feedback throughout the last few months that the project team has been taking into account, most notably from an online survey that was open to the public until October 7.

"So, what did we do with your feedback? Based on the results of stakeholder and community feedback, we prepared a revised vision statement," said Adamson. "Caledon is a sustainable, connected, and complete community. We celebrate our heritage, diversity, and rural roots, and are stewards of our environment."

The most notable and frequent feedback

*Even before COVID, there was a lot of interest in people increasingly working from home because you can do it with technology, but it had never really been tested. It's been tested through COVID now, and there are many companies who are saying they'll work from home entirely. We'll see where it all balances out, but I'm convinced there's a changing nature in how employment is organized.*

from the residents in attendance at the virtual open house was that the vision statement for the plan needs to incorporate terms like "safe" and "protected."

With the Region of Peel also working on its Official Plan, residents wanted to know how much that influences or impacts the Town's plan.

"In terms of implementation, the local municipal Official Plan is required to conform with the Region's Official Plan and certainly there's been discussions between the Town and Region in terms of important matters," said Counsel. "There's a dialogue that happens there and the Town has opportunities to comment on the draft (Region) Official Plan and is ultimately required to conform to those policies."

"The Official Plan for Caledon does have to conform with the Region's plan, but at the staff level we're in constant dialogue with staff at the Region of Peel," said Sajecki. "In the perfect world we would be in perfect harmony, but we know the world isn't perfect and we expect there to be some points of disagreement along the way. But ultimately, the Region's plan does have to be approved by the Province of Ontario, so the Province does have the right to go in and make modifications to the Regions plan."

Given the current state of the world with COVID-19 still having an impact on day to day life, there were questions about how the pandemic has impacted the plan, specifically with employment—especially since the planning process began pre-COVID.

"I think there are big changes happening," said Sajecki. "Even before COVID, there was a lot of interest in people increasingly working from home because you can do it with technology, but it had never really been tested. It's been tested through COVID now, and there are many companies who are saying they'll work from home entirely. We'll see where it all balances out, but I'm convinced there's a changing nature in how employment is organized."

"Someone asked earlier about the status

of the employment study underway and that's been one of the questions we've been asking. I don't think anyone completely understands it yet, but there's no doubt in my mind that going forward there will be changes and we were moving in that direction, but COVID has just accelerated it."

A hot topic of the open house was the environment with Caledon being in the Greenbelt and concerns over aggregate operations.

"The Region and the Town are jointly undertaking a review of the aggregate resource policies," said Mark Dorfman, an aggregate planning consultant. "The Region probably will have a draft of their work and our work jointly probably sometime towards the end of this year. Caledon is also doing its own review and that's where I come in as an aggregate advisor. We have not yet framed our policies; certainly our starting point is the existing Caledon Official Plan aggregate resource policies, since then the provincial government has made significant changes in the legislation and regulation and standards."

"So, quite frankly, we need to start doing some deep thinking. We all know that over the next 30 years the Greater Golden Horseshoe will be growing by 4.6 million people, which is more growth than we had in the last 30 years. Obviously, there's a need for aggregate resources and so the thinking is that we need to have a better model for dealing with aggregate resource operations—including transparency, oversight, and rehabilitation and how we'll deal with after uses. That's where we're going and hopefully we'll be able to frame policies for discussion with stakeholders and the public."

With the potential of Highway 413 having a major impact on Caledon both environmentally and in terms of development, a handful of residents wanted clarification on how the Future Caledon Official Plan can deal specifically with the highway.

"To be perfectly clear, we're not the decision-makers on Highway 413, that's going to be decided by the Province of Ontario," said Sajecki. "What we are doing through the Official Plan is looking at the land uses—and obviously whether the highway is built or not will have an impact on that—but it's still a provincial decision."

"This is a provincial initiative with going forward with the GTA West Corridor (Highway 413) to accommodate growth provincially, they're not focused on one community or the other," said Chawla. "They're mandate is provincial interest and that's how they're moving ahead. On the other side, the process is still ongoing with the federal impact assessment that will dictate whether the GTA West process has followed all of the rules."

There are plans for additional open houses for the residents of Caledon to give feedback as Phase 1 is completed. For more information on the Future Caledon Official Plan and upcoming engagement opportunities visit [haveyoursaycaledon.ca](http://haveyoursaycaledon.ca).

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# Government of Ontario to provide free menstrual products in schools

BY ROB PAUL

Last week Stephen Lecce, the Province's Minister of Education, announced that Government of Ontario will be distributing six million free menstrual products per year to school boards.

This initiative is in collaboration with Shoppers Drug Mart in an effort to improve access to menstrual products.

Ontario is now one of four provinces taking action on the issue of period poverty within schools.

This comes after a survey conducted by Plan International Canada showed that 63 per cent of women and girls have regularly or occasionally missed an activity because of their period and concerns about not being able to access menstrual hygiene products or proper facilities.

The report also noted that 34 per cent of women and girls have had to regularly or occasionally sacrifice something else within their budget to afford menstrual products.

"Through the strong advocacy of young leaders in our schools, it has become extremely clear that menstrual products are a necessity, not a luxury," said Lecce. "This agreement will help remove barriers for women and girls by allowing them to access products at school, free of charge. It is another important way that we are helping to build more inclusive schools that empower all girls to have the confidence to succeed."

The agreement with Shoppers Drug Mart is set to begin in the 2021-22 school year and will run for the next three years. Currently, the Ontario government is working with Shoppers Drug Mart to supply school boards with the menstrual products, and it's expected they will be distributed by late fall.

"Inequitable access to period products, particularly for students, can lead to missed opportunities — school, work, and other activities — and creates barriers to success," said Jeff Leger, President, Shoppers Drug Mart. "This donation will provide thousands of students in Ontario with free access to period products, thousands who won't have to make that difficult choice. We are proud to be a part of this initiative, and grateful to our stores, our partners, and our customers for their support."

The Peel District School Board strongly

supports the initiative, having been working to end the stigma around menstrual products after a Peel student launched a campaign to educate on the topic.

"We understand the importance of free and available menstrual products for Peel District School Board students, in part due to a delegation at our June 17, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Board," said Malon Edwards, PDSB Manager of Communications. "This delegation, a PDSB student, reported to the Board about her campaign to end the stigma around periods and how essential it is to provide free and accessible menstrual products to all female students."

After meeting with the student, last year the PDSB began its own initiative to make menstrual products free to students, a campaign that will continue.

"In our 2020-2021 school year operating budget, PDSB approved a multi-year plan to make menstrual products free and available for our students in all PDSB schools. The first phase of this pilot project provided these products to our secondary schools," Edwards said. "The next phase of the project will provide menstrual products to our elementary schools. This second phase of the pilot will take place in the coming months and is expected to be completed before the end of the year."

Caledon Trustee Stan Cameron is glad to see menstrual products become more accessible while having the cost factor taken out of the equation across the province, something he's proud of the PDSB and Caledon schools for already implementing.

"Menstrual products have been available to students for many years in our secondary schools," he said. "Schools have found ways to give easy access to young women so as not to bring shame or embarrassment for a student to ask. Facilities management has been filling the dispensers in washrooms for many years now. Our school leaders have worked hard to ensure that these resources are made available to their students."

"Since September 2021, the products have been free to students via the dispensers. As the age of girls starting their menses continues to be younger, sometimes as young as 10 years old, this plan should open up to our Middle School aged girls as well. It's important to normalize periods as part of everyday life. It also helps with emergencies as the products would be free

and available in bathrooms."

Cameron knows how important this is to students and the community as a whole because of the need to destigmatize periods and take unneeded pressure off students.

"There has been a lot of attention of late to the disproportionate toll on girls and women in regard to the fees and expense of just being a female. The cost of the products themselves creates barriers for some. This initiative spotlights systemic changes to our educational institutions and the access we can provide to those necessary resources. If the products are provided in a separate budget given to each school, by the Ministry, then individual school board budgets would be protected against absorbing the cost."

"Giving girls access to free menstrual products may not only help make it normal and something more openly talked about, but also supports those who financially might not be able to afford products and sometimes may miss school as a result. Also, having free products available in schools provides access to those where culturally sensitive conversations around pe-

riod products might not be occurring, so access might be limited. In addition, this will continue to provide all students, regardless of socio-economic status, the ability to access resources equitably. Some of the issues related to period shaming and poverty shaming can hopefully also be addressed with this initiative."

There can be multiple factors that impact students from accessing menstrual products despite them being a necessity for women and those factors aren't fair, says Cameron, making it a must to provide them for free.

"Our school leaders understand the importance of equity of access to essential items," he said. "All girls take a Grade Nine physical education course. They are made aware of how and where to find menstrual products. Our next step should be to consult with stakeholders to ensure the culturally appropriate products are available, perhaps not just pads and tampons. For an essential item that is required by women every month, for possibly 40 years of their life, the cost can be prohibitive to many families." Government of Ontario to provide free menstrual products in schools."

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Officers from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Caledon Detachment are investigating an early morning collision that occurred on Highway 10, south of Charleston Side Road, in the Town of Caledon last week.

"On Thursday, October 14, 2021 at approximately 7:10am, the OPP responded to the call of a vehicle collision involving a transport truck and motorcycle on Highway 10 south of Charleston Side Road," say Police. "As a result of the collision one of the involved drivers, a 30-year-old male from Orangeville, sustained life-threatening injuries and was transported to a trauma centre.

"Collision Reconstructionists from the OPP Central Region Traffic Incident Man-

agement and Enforcement Team are assisting with the investigation. Highway 10 between Olde Baseline Road and Charleston Side Road will be closed for the investigation. Motorists are asked to avoid the area until the investigation is complete and the road is re-opened."

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision, or have dash cam footage from the area at the time of the collision, are being asked to contact the OPP Caledon Detachment - (905) 584-2241.

## THANKSGIVING WEEKEND TRAFFIC CHARGES

Throughout the Thanksgiving long weekend, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers in Central Region laid 1,581 traffic charges, of which 1,253 were for speeding, stunt/racing, as part of Opera-

tion Impact (October 8-11, 2021), a national traffic safety campaign that supports Canada's Road Safety Strategy and aims to make Canada's roads the safest in the world.

"During the four-day initiative, officers conducted targeted enforcement and provided education on alcohol/drug-impaired, aggressive and inattentive/distracted driving, as well as lack of seatbelt use - all main causes of death and injury on our roadways," say Police.

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- TOTAL CHARGES (excluding Warn Range Suspensions) - 1,581
- Speeding Charges - 1,220
- Stunt, Racing Charges - 33
- Seatbelt Charges - 94
- Distracted Driving Charges - 9
- Moving Violations - 199
- Impaired, Over 80 Charges - 26
- Warn Range Suspensions - 8

"Excessive speeds continue to threaten the safety of all road users with a nearly 70 per cent increase in speed-related road deaths in Central Region in 2021, compared to this time last year," say Police. "Already this year, 34 people have died on OPP Central Region patrolled roadways, of which 10 deaths were speed-related, 6 alcohol/drug-related, 6 seatbelt-related, 2 inattentive-related and 5 motorcyclists lost their lives.

"The OPP is reminding drivers to share our roads safely. Please slow down, pay attention, drive cautiously, courteously and never drive impaired. Report dangerous or impaired drivers to OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or 9-1-1 in emergency."

## OPP HONOUR POLICE OFFICERS WHO HAVE DIED BY SUICIDE

The OPP has completed construction of its new suicide memorial, located outside at the OPP General Headquarters (GHQ) in Orillia. The memorial is open to the public and can be accessed from the main parking lot at the front of GHQ.

With this memorial, the OPP is honouring the lives of its officers who have died by suicide. The memorial recognizes that, while these officers did not die in the line of duty, the difficulties they experienced leading to their deaths are often related to their duty as law enforcement members. This is recognized by the term "because of duty death," originally coined by Canada

Beyond the Blue president, Dilnaz Garda.

With the memorial located outside, anyone can visit and do so quietly and with privacy. The memorial's location also stands as a reminder to all, of the organization's commitment to breaking down the barriers that prevent those struggling with their mental health from accessing the care and services they need to recover.

In addition to the outdoor memorial, the OPP will recognize its members who have died by suicide with a wall of engraved plaques displayed indoors at GHQ. Family, friends and colleagues can submit names to be added to the memorial wall. Upon receipt of a submission from someone other than a direct family member, best efforts will be made to follow-up with families through the submitter to ensure that the name being added will not cause hardship to any surviving family.

Historically, the OPP has not tracked suicide deaths and there is a limited record of how many OPP members have been lost to suicide since 1909. As well, some families, for their own reasons, may not want their family member's name included on the memorial wall. This memorial will not be a complete list of all OPP members who have died by suicide and a name not appearing on the memorial does not minimize the loss of a member in any way.

"After speaking with families of officers who had died by suicide, it was evident that we needed a way to recognize and remember the significant contribution these officers made to our communities and our province," said OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique. "This memorial is a testament to our members' dedication to duty each and every day. It's a testament to those who tragically died by suicide, but served our organization, our communities and our province with pride, professionalism and honour."

Added Solicitor General Sylvia Jones: "Police personnel are among the professionals most likely to be exposed to occupational stress situations, all while protecting our communities. They often put themselves in harm's way and experience incidents that most of us will never have to face. This memorial honours the members whose lives have been tragically lost and serves as a reminder of the importance of maintaining our mental health the same way we maintain our physical health. Our government has made mental health a priority, and we will continue providing our heroes in blue with the mental health and well-being supports they need to recover from trauma and distress."



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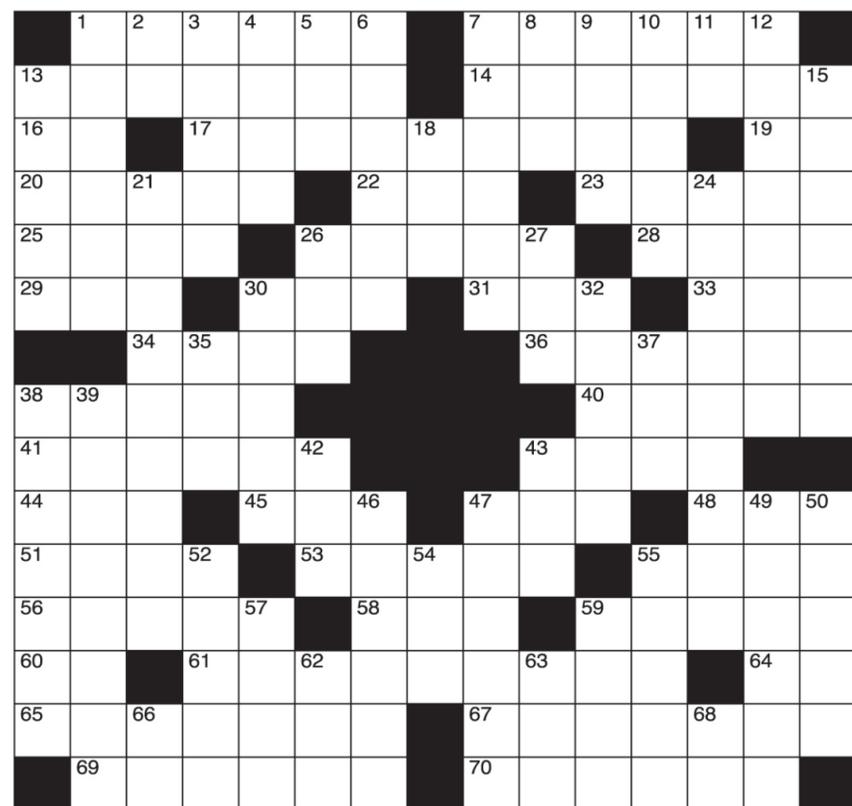
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BY ROB PAUL

With expanding vaccine eligibility, Peel is growing its vaccine system to deliver at least 200,000 doses to residents every month by this December.

The priority continues to be on reaching the provincially-defined target of 90 per cent two-dose coverage by supporting those who need first and second doses.

Peel's expansion plan also includes offering vaccine for children aged 5-11 as early as the beginning of November, pending approval and supply from provincial and federal partners.

Booster and third doses continue to be offered by referral, in line with provincial direction.

Through the fall and into winter, residents will have plenty of locations to get the vaccination they need. Vaccinations will be delivered through large public health clinics (in Caledon, Brampton, and Mississauga), mobile clinics, community clinics, pharmacies, and in-home vaccinations for those in long term care or retirement homes.

"Peel's vaccination approach, which delivers vaccines across multiple channels and includes clinics co-designed with community partners, makes vaccine available in hundreds of locations across the community," said Dr. Lawrence Loh, Peel's Medical Officer of Health. "Expanding our clinic network to deliver at least 200,000 doses every month, and more if needed, will help ensure increased protection for residents and the community and that Peel is prepared for any expanded eligibility on pediatric and booster doses. Vaccination remains our surest and fastest way to protect our community and exit the acute phase of the pandemic."

The Region of Peel will also begin requiring all participants 12 years and older entering sports or recreational facilities in Peel to provide proof of vaccination or a valid medical exemption, along with identification. This will apply to youth and all coaches, instructors, caregivers, volunteers, and game officials as of November 1.

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 has launched the standardized QR code system that will streamline the process, a copy or downloaded receipt will also continue to be accepted with ID.

The proof of vaccination order from the Region for youth participants in recreational activities comes as Peel saw an increase in its weekly total of new COVID cases this past week.

There were 449 new cases to bring the Regional total to 117,644 and one additional death to bring the toll to 1,021.

In Caledon, the new case count has also increased from the previous week with 31 new cases bringing the Town total to 4,890—there were no new deaths with the number holding steady at 22.

Peel is continuing to see a slow rise in vaccine coverage with 2,482,580 total doses administered and 16,714 in the last seven-day cycle (October 11 to 17). In total, 1,169,149 residents have completed the vaccination process (two doses) while 1,308,202 have at least one-dose and 5,229 have three doses.

The Region now has 71.9 per cent of all residents fully vaccinated with 76.6 per cent with at least one dose. Loh has stated he is ready to deploy a vaccine plan for those under 12 who are not yet eligible once a vaccine is approved.

Of all residents approved for vaccination (12+), 82.5 per cent have both doses and 87.9 per cent have at least one dose. For those 18 and older, 82.9 per cent have completed the vaccination process and 88 per cent have at least one dose.

To book a vaccine in the Region of Peel, visit [www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/book-appointment/](http://www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/book-appointment/).

To download or print a copy of your proof of vaccination, visit [covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccine-booking-support#proof-of-vaccination](http://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccine-booking-support#proof-of-vaccination).

To learn more about the official QR code system Ontario has implemented and to access yours, visit [covid-19.ontario.ca/get-proof](http://covid-19.ontario.ca/get-proof).

## New exhibit explores humanity and the environment

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Her paintings may be described as a little surreal, a little abstract, and maybe of a few other genres as well, but you can't really place her in a category.

Artist Amy Shackleton's work are now on exhibit at the Museum of Dufferin's Silo Gallery.

Inspired by her travels, Amy's work explores the conflicting relationships between humanity and the environment. Her works blends skyscrapers and cities with nature to depict an uncertain future – whether it be utopian or apocalyptic.

With extreme weather events becoming more frequent, Amy explores the present-day effects of climate change across the county.

She has unique way of creating her canvases. Instead of the traditional brushes, Amy uses squeeze bottles and gravity as her primary tools to create her work.

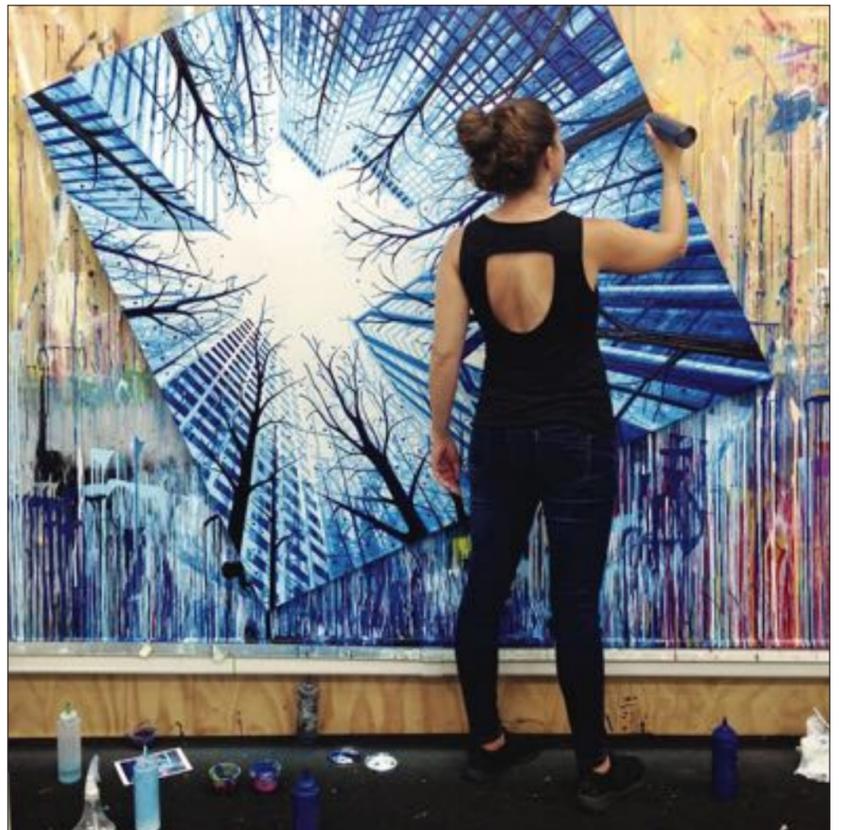
The liquid paint is dripped, poured, and layers as the canvas is rotated.

The architectural aspects of her work are calculated and controlled while natural elements are created by the spontaneous dripping of the paint.

Amy's work has been seen and exhibited at galleries and exhibitions across the province.

Her inventive painting process has engaged over 15 million viewers online.

The exhibit will open on October 21, and will be on display in the Silo Gallery through to December 18, 2021.



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# Church to host virtual talk on Indigenous reconciliation

Continued from FRONT

“Through sermons and teachings and talks with individuals, they’ve begun to grow and ask when do we leave the lamentation and look for the hope? That’s how I know they’re doing great. So, now my advice to them is that we do not take the leadership, we ask our Indigenous partners to tell us what they want us to do and how can we be of support to them, and so this is why Reverend Nancy Best is coming to us on Friday to share with us how we can accompany them on the journey towards healing and reconciliation.”

The beginning of the process in learning about the Indigenous struggle for Bolton United came when, earlier this year in May, Canada mourned as the graves of 215 children were found on the premises of a former residential school.

“At the very beginning when they found the 215 graves in Kamloops, we put up orange ribbons for every one onto a Wall of Remembrance,” Scarlett said. “We hung the ribbons and put shoes on our steps because it’s been our goal to bring these issues to light in the community.”

Through learning and listening, the congregation at Bolton United wants to do what they can to help in reconciliation and Scarlett believes that starts with connecting with Indigenous leaders and hearing their thoughts on the best way to go about it.

“I’m not sure what Reverend Nancy is going to tell us about how we can accompany them and support them, but what we’re hoping is to come out of this is the best way that we can walk together with them hand in hand into and through our pain and reconciliation for our Indigenous siblings,” she said.

Scarlett has made it a point to preach to her congregation that it’s okay to not have all the answers as long as they’re willing to learn from those who are most affected by Canada’s history of marginalization against the Indigenous community.

“It’s about listening and hearing, and this is why we want to do this,” she said. “One of the things we did was a collaboration between Bolton and Palgrave, and it was a book study into learning more about the Indigenous people and their way of life and their hopes and dreams for a better world. After the book study, we wanted to journey to the next phase with this talk. I’m African-Canadian and it’s my hope that my congregation will begin to understand that it’s not always about taking leadership in how to make things happen, but to allow the other communities to invite them into the journey of

healing and reconciliation.”

Though the pandemic has changed the format of the seminar series, it has allowed Scarlett and Bolton United to connect with guest speakers like Best that may have otherwise not been able to speak with the community on key issues.

“For the last three years we’ve been doing one of these talks on every month on the third Friday of the month,” said Scarlett. “Prior to COVID, we would do them in person with a free meal. People would come in and eat because the whole idea of it was really for the church to meet the community and for the community to meet the church.”

“When COVID came, we moved online so for the first half an hour people finish up their dinner and chat until the guest speaker arrives. We’ve been fortunate to have people from across the country come to be our guest speakers because we’re online with COVID.”

These seminars began a handful of years ago when Scarlett wanted the church to connect with the community while tackling tougher, but richer topics as a congregation to provide a broader outlook on the world.

“I’m actually a trained interim minister and what that means is that my task is to look beyond what’s happening in the pews and look at what’s happening in the wider community to help the congregations that I serve to become more aware and more conscious that it’s not just about the people in the pews, but it’s about the wider community,” she said. “When I came to Bolton, one of the things I recognized was a great group of people, but other people within Bolton were not a part of it.”

“So, through different conversations with the congregation was that if we have a dinner opened up to the community, we can have talks on different topics. We’ve done talks on naturopaths, climate change, and other topics that will affect families. With the talks we try to capture things happening beyond the community, like in light of George Floyd’s murder in the U.S. and the rise of Black Lives Matter, we had someone come in to talk about what it’s like being black in Canada. It’s been a way to bring in speakers on various topics of interest while also providing a meal and a community feel where people can socialize. It’s not just about the work we’re doing, but to remind people the church is not just the building, it’s the people and we need to be active within the community.”

To attend the Let’s Talk Seminar: Journeying with our Indigenous Siblings Towards Healing on Zoom hosted Bolton United Church this Friday, visit [www.boltonunitedchurch.net](http://www.boltonunitedchurch.net).

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# Council approves proposed 2022 Caledon OPP budget

BY ROB PAUL

Caledon Town Council approved the proposed 2022 Caledon OPP budget and 2023-2025 projections at a Council Meeting Tuesday.

The proposed budget will see a slight increase of \$300,000 to \$13.2 million—a 2.29 per cent increase from the 2021 budget of \$12.9 million. The 2.29 per cent increase in 2022 is lower than the projection of a 3.91 per cent increase in the previous year.

The approved budget includes a budgeted draw from the Caledon OPP Policing Stabilization Reserve fund of \$495,000 to offset additional costs, such as cleaning, during the COVID-19 pandemic, phase-out annual reconciliations related to vacancies at the Caledon detachment of the OPP, and to assist with financial recovery from COVID-19 for Town residents and businesses.

The proposed 2022 operating budget and projections for 2023-2025 will be present-

ed to Regional Council in December 2021 and are expected to be incorporated with the 2022 Regional budget discussion and approval process.

The increased cost in the proposed 2022 Caledon OPP budget is comprised of an overall increase in policing costs is due to population growth.

Town Council also approved the projected budget for the next three years for the Caledon OPP, along with the approval on the proposed 2022 Caledon OPP budget.

The approved budget projections for the next three years are \$13.6 million (2023), \$14 million (2024), and \$14.4 million (2025).

With Caledon Council's approval of the proposed Caledon OPP budget and projections for 2023-2025, the next steps are to bring it to the Region of Peel.

Caledon OPP and Town staff will then present the Caledon OPP budget and projections at the December 2 Region of Peel Budget Meeting.

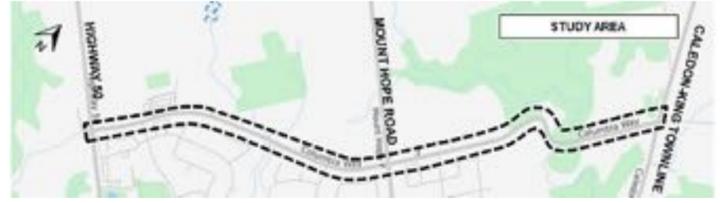
## NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

### 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](http://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.

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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.

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Notice first issued October 14, 2021.



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## Proof of full COVID-19 vaccination will be required to visit patients at HHCC later this fall

Headwaters takes its responsibility to provide the safest possible environment for patients and staff very seriously. To ensure hospitals are as safe as possible for patients, staff and visitors, hospitals in the Central Region are implementing mandatory vaccination policies for visitors.

All hospitals recognize the importance visitors have on the well-being of patients receiving care and their families.

Later this fall, all visitors will be required to be fully vaccinated (two doses plus 14 days since the last dose) in order to see loved ones in the hospital. There

will be exceptions for visitors of specific patient populations and those with documented medical exemptions.

For details, please visit [headwaters-health.ca](http://headwaters-health.ca).

Headwaters will not be accepting proof of negative PCR or rapid antigen tests, as staff resources need to be focused on patient care.

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### Vital Services By-law Review

You are invited to an open house to learn more about and provide feedback on the new By-law noted below.

**Date and Time: November 9, 2021 | 6 – 7 p.m.**  
**Location: Virtual meeting**

The Vital Services By-law is intended to provide protection to tenants living in residential rental units by requiring landlords to provide adequate and suitable vital services to the units.

A new By-law is being proposed to replace the current Vital Services By-law. The proposed By-law will:

- Require landlords to provide a minimum temperature requirement year-round, rather than only during a specific date range;
- Establish a procedure for utility providers of vital services to adhere to before any cessation of a vital service at a rental unit can occur;
- Include remedial action provisions for the Town to be able to intervene and restore a vital service to a rental unit if a landlord is non-compliant; and
- Update the penalty provisions to allow for higher maximum fines for landlords and utility providers upon conviction.

For a draft of the proposed By-laws, please visit [caledon.ca/notices](http://caledon.ca/notices).

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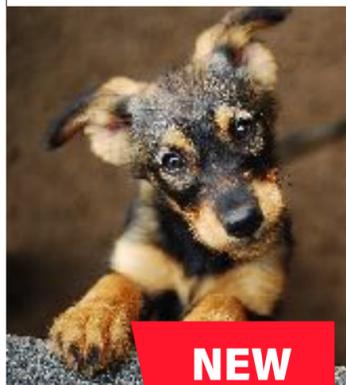
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**Brock's Banter**

# All for nothing?

BY BROCK WEIR

There was a common refrain over the 36 days leading up to last month's Federal Election and, in its essence, it boiled down to, "We didn't see this coming!"

By and large, this refrain was particularly prevalent amongst those who were either regular supporters of the Conservative party or those who had answered the call to carry the Blue banner in their specific home ridings.

You rarely heard this from representatives from other parties.

The New Democrats, Greens and others had their eyes wide open for the first eight months of this year. They knew the score. They heard the sabres rattling from however far they happened to be standing from Parliament Hill at any given moment.

And the Liberals, well, the early election call couldn't have possibly come as a surprise.

Everybody and their uncle seemed to know the election would be coming sooner rather than later, with most betting people putting their money on a summer campaign. But over the course of that comparatively short electoral mission was another refrain: nothing much is going to change.

Unlike the sound of, "What? An election?! Nobody warned us!", the cry of, "It won't change anything," united more voices, even some Liberals, and this only trebled in the quick march to the polls by September 20.

Gathered in an area backyard with just a couple of days to go before the majority of Canadians were due to go to the polls, this refrain reached an almost inaudible crescendo. Many reporters were asking the same questions as they had throughout the campaign period and these same questions were getting the same answers.

With the pendulum swinging back in his favour, slowly but surely, in the countdown to Election Day after a decidedly faltering start once the writ was dropped, Liberal leader Justin Trudeau rarely deviated from the script.

Momentum in any direction had all but stalled and rather than a quest to achieve the majority that was just out of reach 20-odd months previously, it was now a matter of doing everything that could be done to maintain the status quo.

Whether or not one could call the philosophy embraced by the "It won't change anything" a self-fulfilling prophecy is, perhaps, a question best asked elsewhere, but it ultimately came to pass. It was also a philosophy that was embraced by more and more people across the country as mail-in ballots were counted and any lingering uncertainties on the night of September 20 evaporated bit by bit by week's end.

So, what was it all for? The movement for a majority came to naught. The seat count did not change drastically, although there will be a few new faces joining the ranks of the Commons this fall, the balance of power didn't shift, and, with the Green Party excepted, no real visible movement within official political parties to ditch leaders who weren't able to achieve what they set out to do.

But it can't all be for nothing, can it? While it was clear that Trudeau wanted a majority, although it was never said outright, the goal that members used their "outside voices" to project

was indeed achieved, albeit by a hair: getting a firm green light from voters to continue on in the direction we have been going in fighting COVID-19.

The world in which the Liberal Party came back with its first minority under Justin Trudeau in 2019 is vastly different from the one we live in today. COVID has changed the world and it forced many initiatives Canadians voted for the last time around unavoidably to the backburner.

With a slim vote of confidence, it is now time to move pieces of business that have been languishing back into the forefront – and to that end, maybe it wasn't all for naught after all.

As the new Federal Government and Cabinet is set to be sworn in this Tuesday, October 27, now will be the time for the Prime Minister to truly prove that the millions spent in aid of the 2021 Federal Election pays dividends to the people of Canada.

A few things are already clear: the new Cabinet will remain gender balanced, efforts to "build back better" will continue, and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland is keeping her post.

"From finishing the fight against COVID-19 to getting the job done on \$10-a-day child care for families across the country, Canadians chose to move forward in September," said Trudeau in a statement last week. "Together, we will keep working hard to beat this virus and get Canadians vaccinated, create jobs and grow the middle class, put home ownership back in reach, accelerate climate action, and take important steps forward on the path of reconciliation. Our government will continue to be there for Canadians in this crisis, and we will work to move Canada forward – for everyone."

Other early priorities outlined by the Prime Minister's Office included moving forward for 10 days of paid sick leave for all Federal workers, working with the provinces and territories to collaborate on "better sick leave for Canadians across the country," reintroducing legislation to ban conversion therapy, and ensuring "the COVID-19 support benefits that many Canadians and businesses still rely on" continue through collaboration across the floor.

"With the announcement of Parliament's return, the Prime Minister has reached out to the opposition leaders to discuss the priorities of Canadians in phone call to take place early next week," the PMO continued. "Among the first order of business will be working with all parties to ensure all Members of Parliament in the House of Commons are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Canadians expect their elected representatives to lead by example in the fight against this virus, and the Prime Minister will be raising this with other leaders."

While working towards having all 338 Members of Parliament fully vaccinated against the virus is a noble goal, one can only hope that the phone calls set to take place this week will also cover finding common ground to ensure these broader goals are realized, that compromise can be found, and that Canadians won't have to return to the polls in 18 months and start the process all over again.

We had an election, it is over and done with, and Canadians have spoken.

Now it is time to put ambition from all party lines aside and work together to deliver for Canadians.

It has become somewhat of a cliché over the last 19 months, but it is always worth remembering that we're still all in this together.



## What is the meaning of life, the universe and everything?

by Mark Pavilons



"Life has no meaning. Each of us has meaning and we bring it to life. It is a waste to be asking the question when you are the answer." - Joseph Campbell

Plato once said that an unexamined life is not worth living. But Kurt Vonnegut wryly asked "what if that examined life turns out to be a clunker as well?"

Many people over the millennia have tried to answer this seemingly impossible question.

I always liked the response from late author Douglas Adams, who wrote the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy series. Put simply, it's 42.

Forty-two is a sphenic number; a primary pseudoperfect number and a Catalan number. The number 42 appears in many contexts of Christianity and there are 42 principles of the ancient Egyptian Book of the Dead. The Gutenberg Bible contained 42 lines per page. The list goes on.

I think the reason we ask this age-old question is the fact we have a well-developed consciousness. This alone is a conundrum, an enigma wrapped in a mystery.

Some speculate that our consciousness is in fact, our soul.

This thing that we can't identify, measure or quantify in any way, is at the heart of it all. It is us.

And not just us as individuals, either. Some also ponder that we share a collective consciousness, an inherent knowledge passed down to us by our ancestors. Scientists also believe that the answers lie in our DNA – the amazingly complicated genome. It's taken decades to unravel some of the mysteries of genome coding and while we're almost there, many questions remain. Also, there are sequences that we can't crack, or can't find a function for.

Look deeper, eggheads. The final decoding of ourselves will be the Pandora's Box of the new world, our pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Researchers believe that DNA has "memory" and that our offspring may inherit the responses to the things experienced by the pre-

vious generations. There is even a hypothesis that they also may inherit the memory of those and other events.

That's crazy cool.

My son is plagued by the mysteries of the universe and wants to know the answers. He needs to know about the soul, other dimensions, gravity, quantum physics and life after death. Does it really matter?

Well, yes. Everything matters all at once, now and forever.

I have been studying ancient religious doctrines; reading psychological texts and listening to Robin Williams's ad-libs for years. I have come up with a rather simple explanation as to the meaning of life – we're all in this together and we're more connected than we think.

We had no control over our own creation or how we entered the world. But we have total control over what we do with our lives. So, everything we do from the time we learned to walk and talk, has meaning, one way or another. And our freedom of choice allows us to decide how to be meaningful.

And by being nice, cordial, amiable, considerate, pleasant, kind and just fine and dandy, we can make positive contributions to society. After all, we're all brothers and sisters here, who share the same lineage.

If our DNA does indeed have memory, then passing on these delightful genes makes the world a better place, don't you think? Our planet needs more wonderful people and can do without those nasty, unpleasant types.

Michael Jackson observed that the meaning of life is "contained in every single expression of life. It is present in the infinity of forms and phenomena that exist in all of creation."

This leads me to answering the next toughest question of all time: Why am I here?

We're here to contribute. We're here to give more than we take; to love more than we hate; to improve more than we destroy. In other words, we're here to be, and I've said it already, nice!

So, it doesn't really matter if we're destined for greatness, mediocrity or obscurity – the path we carve and those we touch along the way are what matter.

Now that I've dealt with those heavy questions, I'll leave you with answers to some other puzzling inquiries.

Being inside during a thunderstorm is the safest place to be.

Identical twins have different finger prints because they're formed semi-randomly in the fetus.

Yes, there is such a thing as a fish out of water – many species can breathe, even walk, on land.

Plants can live forever.

And yes, men do have cellulite, just in different places.

I'll let you in on a little secret – there's a very simple explanation as to why everything exists. It has something to do with random fluctuations in the quantum vacuum. In other words, it just is.

I hope I've cleared things up.

### Our Readers Write

## We need a Just Transition Act: resident

It's crystal clear to anyone paying attention that Canada needs to do more when it comes to tackling the climate emergency. First up needs to be Justin Trudeau finally keeping his 2019 promise to deliver a Just Transition Act that leaves no one behind.

Canada needs to get off of fossil fuels. But we can only do that if we make sure that workers and communities that depend on fossil fuel jobs aren't left behind in the transition. A Just Transition Act can do just that by delivering a big, bold set of programmes to have people's backs.

This act needs to put people first, that means putting support and money into communities and the public good, not handing billions over to massively

profitable Big Oil companies. And, it means ensuring that Indigenous and rural communities, those most impacted by the climate crisis and the transition, get the help they need.

A Just Transition Act also needs to guarantee good, green union jobs. That means anyone impacted by the transition is guaranteed a job, no matter what and that our federal government takes responsibility for making that happen.

Together, we can tackle the climate emergency. It starts with a real Just Transition Act.

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## It's time to return to work, Justin Trudeau

On September 20, 2021, Canadians performed their civic duty and went to the polls after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called an unnecessary summer election.

The Prime Minister stressed the importance of Canadians having a say in how we move beyond the COVID-19 pandemic and the election was, "maybe the most important since 1945 and certainly in our lifetimes."

Yet here we are a month after Election Day with the Prime Minister only recently announcing he won't reconvene Parliament until November 22, 2021, two months after the election.

This is one of the longest delays in recalling Parliament after an election.

If the summer election was so critically important in deciding the direction of Canada's future, it should be just as important to promptly recall Parliament. However, it appears there's now no sense of urgency for the Prime Minister to finish the battle against the pandemic and rebuild Canada's economy.

I know, firsthand, my constituents, including farmers and small business owners, feel there's urgency for Parliament to reconvene immediately. They regularly write and call me, reiterating that they continue to feel the devastating impacts of the pandemic.

They're asking about the Liberal government's COVID response programs, the plan forward, and how they're supposed to pay bills and put food on the table while their federal government leaves them in limbo.

Many small businesses are on the brink of collapse and can't wait another month for

Parliament to resume. They need Parliament to be recalled now.

Sadly, the Prime Minister's disinterest in recalling Parliament really shouldn't surprise Canadians. It's become abundantly clear that the "urgent" \$600 million election was purely a power grab for him to secure a majority government and when that didn't happen, the urgency to return to work and act on Canada's future was eliminated.

The Prime Minister's indifference to the real pressures and anxieties of Canadians is wrong. It's unacceptable that during the fourth wave of the pandemic, Justin Trudeau is waiting over two months from Election Day to recall Parliament. This means 63 days that MPs from all parties won't be working in the House of Commons to take immediate

**KYLE SEEBACK, MP**  
REPORT FROM OTTAWA



action on pressing issues related to the pandemic, inflation, affordability, cost of living, labour shortages, to name just a few.

A Conservative government would've recalled Parliament much sooner. We're eager to roll up our sleeves and immediately return to work in the House of Commons to address the priorities of Canadians. This is what's expected of us and what Canadians deserve.

I know my constituents and struggling small businesses across Dufferin-Caledon want to see MPs return to Ottawa, as each passing day brings more uncertainty and devastation. Justin Trudeau must recall Parliament now!

## On Feedback and Being Female

For a number of years it has been my privilege to write columns that have appeared monthly in some publications, weekly here in the Citizen and sporadically as a guest columnist elsewhere. It's a position I truly treasure, one that I value as an opportunity and a platform to discuss and perhaps invite debate on topics of interest to the community at large.

To that end, feedback is always welcomed and often received. Feedback that is gender based, however, is increasingly becoming problematic for many female journalists, whether working in newsprint, broadcast journalism and online. Since when has it been ok to provide "feedback" to female journalists that has nothing whatsoever to do with their viewpoint or the news stories they are covering? Constructive feedback is good. Feedback based on gender alone, not so much.

Particularly true since joining this publication, I've had a number of readers reach out to me with comments on particular topics. For the most part, the feedback is positive and, honestly, it's greatly appreciated. Even when that feedback comes from a point of disagreement, my experiences have been mostly positive. I can handle (and expect) a certain amount of constructive criticism and I certainly expect that there will always be folks who disagree with my take on things.

Respectful dialogue is a hallmark of good debate but when the police become involved (as has happened to me, but thankfully just once in my career) we've crossed the line from dialogue and debate to threat and fear-mongering. That threats happen at all, but are happening increasingly more often toward female journalists in particular, is simply not acceptable. It would seem the pandemic has only heightened attacks on female journalists and despite the recent awarding of a Nobel Peace Prize to Maria Ressa of the Philippines,\* recognizing her ongoing "fight for freedom of expression," it's become clear even locally that much work remains to be done.

In a report commissioned by UNESCO and released in April of this year, nearly three quarters of female journalists surveyed admitted to being on the receiving end of online abuse, harassment and in some cases, even experienced physical violence or the threat of violence.

The survey included journalists from over 125 countries suggesting that "unfortunately, what we are seeing here is that this is a global phenomenon," according to Guilherme Canella, UNESCO's chief of freedom of expression and the safety of journalists. Threats of sexual violence are on the rise and certainly female journalists who are Indigenous or Black and/or who identify as members

of marginalized communities are far more likely to be on the receiving end of this rise in online hatred. Locally, the number of female journalists reporting a rise in misogynist commentary, racially based threats and/or threats that reference sexual violence are also on the rise. The report suggests that at least part of this increase may in fact have everything to do with the pandemic, the rise of "viral disinformation" and – in my humble opinion – the perception that freedom of speech correlates to one's ability to say absolutely anything they want to anyone, at anytime without fear of consequence. Two thirds of female correspondents also reported their mental health had been impacted. Not surprising when you read some of the comments and threats hurled their way, none of which are fit to print in a newspaper. When exactly do we start protecting and standing up for female journalists?

Catherine Tait, writing in the Toronto Star in January of this year, noted that women journalists in particular are facing escalating threat levels and that "a pattern has emerged that connects campaigns of online violence with real-world abuse and attacks." She calls it "no coincidence" that as "online disinformation has proliferated, so have attacks on those whose job it is to investigate and expose it." While again, debate might be expected, it is still no excuse to take the level of

vitriol, violence and hatred to the extreme levels that are now being experienced almost exclusively by female journalists.

Feedback and constructive dialogue is not women being trolled on their social media accounts (both public and private.) It is not women being threatened with rape, or being called unspeakable names I won't deign to write here. It is not watching a female reporter live on TV while a bystander shouts something horrific at her. It is not female journalists being threatened with having their entire personal lives (including personal data) exposed online, something referred to as "doxxing." None of this is "feedback" on any level and is based solely on gender and nothing else. It's time to stop the abuse. It's time to hold the abusers to account. Whether you agree or disagree that female journalists are under attack and you've got feedback on the topic, go ahead and email, tweet or comment. If your feedback is based on gender alone – keep it to yourself. It really is that simple.

\*One of two, the other going to a fellow journalist, this one from Russia, Dmitry Moratov.

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# Bolton Village Residents Association wants to be advocates for Caledon's largest urban centre

Continued from FRONT

"We've really set up to promote and advocate for the interest of residents of Bolton and we're also interested in being a good neighbour and connecting with other residents' associations throughout Caledon to talk about common issues that impact all of us—things like traffic, keeping Caledon green, and supporting our farmers," said Basran. "So, we're focused on Bolton, but we're also really interested in working with other groups throughout Caledon."

Though there are groups in Caledon and Bolton that represent and advocate on major topics for the community, the BVRA is aiming to be the voice on a plethora of topics and to consistently represent how the residents feel on decisions being made.

"There's been a strong history of Bolton residents' groups and they all sort of organize around particular issues and there was really a group of us that felt we wanted to have a more permanent group that would deal with a whole host of issues," said Basran. "Typically, the residents' groups focus on specific issues while we want to be a long-term group that deals with a wide-range of topics."

"There's a group of certain issues that our residents aren't very happy with, and we would like to speak on their behalf and delegate," said Tarquini.

The group formed because they had been hearing concerns from residents on specific issues, but wanting to have an even better understanding of what the people of Bolton care about and want to see happen, the BVRA is planning a community survey.

"There's a lot of important issues that are happening and we want to speak about them, like traffic, public transit, making sure residents are involved in important issues around development so that our community is being developed in an appropriate manner," Basran said. "These are the types of issues a small group of us were hearing about so we think it's really important that the voices of Bolton residents are brought to the table."

"In light of that, what we're doing is a resident's survey. We have some anecdotal evidence and now as we build our membership we want to go out to the residents in Bolton and ask them what the issues that matter to them are and if they feel our government is



addressing these issues or if there's something more that we can do to help with these issues. We want to systematically survey Bolton residents because if we're going to be their voice then we need to know what they care about."

Some topics of concern are clear, based on conversations in the community, but to ensure that Caledon Town Council's decision-making takes into consideration and reflects what the residents of Bolton feel, the BVRA wants to be there to delegate when it is needed.

"We're hearing questions like, are we investing enough in our community to deal with aging infrastructure? Are we dealing with roads and potholes? We care about the things like that because they're impacting our residents every day," said Basran. "What are the levels of services our residents are receiving? Are their needs being met? Because I think what we need to make sure of is that we're investing back into our community and investing in our residents. The first step for us is making sure the things we're hearing about from Town leadership is how our residents feel. That's why we're really excited to survey a broad section of our residents."

With Caledon's population expected to boom over the next decade, having groups like the BVRA is becoming even more important to ensure decision-makers aren't brushing over the biggest issues and needs of residents in the community.

"We certainly think development is one of

the most important issues for sure," Basran said. "We think everyone supports development, we just want to make sure it's done in a smart way so that we preserve the character of Bolton and Caledon. We want to make sure this is done with the resident's front and centre. You can't develop without making sure the residents that are already here have their voices heard and ensure their communities are being preserved. We have many long-term residents who have been here for years that are happy to have development as long as it's done in a way that considers their interests."

"Development has to be done in moderation," Tarquini said. "Especially with the population growth, infrastructure and roads are key pieces in development. We will need the infrastructure before we start building homes to address the population. There are many issues in regard to individuals getting around—like look at Highway 50 with all the trucks. We want to make sure infrastructure is addressed for our residents."

Beyond advocating for the community on key issues, the BVRA is also planning to engage with the community through various initiatives, the first one being a community cookbook for Bolton.

"In addition to more serious topics, we feel it's very important to be positive and the pandemic has taught us that it's important we all come together and become a unified Caledon," Basran said. "One of the things we want to do is a cookbook. The last Caledon-wide

cookbook that I could find was from 1984, so, we want to commission a new cookbook where all the residents of Caledon can share their treasured family recipes. We want to fundraise to develop this cookbook and then share it throughout the community and then also give funds to a charity. Throughout the pandemic, a lot of us have learned how to cook different things and we think it's very timely. It's something really positive that we think can help unite people."

With the agriculture industry being the heart and soul of Caledon, the BVRA plans to ensure strong partnerships with local farmers and hopes to develop a collaborative farmers market.

"Another thing we think is really important is to support our farmers in Caledon," Basran said. "There's a lot of Farmers Feed Cities initiatives happening and with Bolton being the biggest urban centre in Caledon, we feel we could really support our farmers and promote buying produces from farmers. To do that, we want to support a year-long farmers market—there's already some initiatives underway with the Bolton Downtown Revitalization Project looking to support a farmers market—so we were thinking to develop an ad-hoc committee with farmers to promote our urban centres supporting our farmers through a year-round market."

With the BVRA just underway, the Board of Directors has big plans, but they know the first step is building a membership so that they can best be the voice for the community they love so dearly.

"Right now, we really want to get the word out and get residents of Bolton to become members so we can hear from them," said Basran. "The survey will help us better understand what's important to our members because we want to connect with our residents and advocate for them by being their voices in important matters."

"We're doing this to give back to our community," Tarquini said. "We love Bolton, we love Caledon, and we want to continue to build a positive community."

The BVRA asks that all residents of Bolton interested in membership contact them at [boltonvillageresidents@gmail.com](mailto:boltonvillageresidents@gmail.com) or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1687832221406668>.



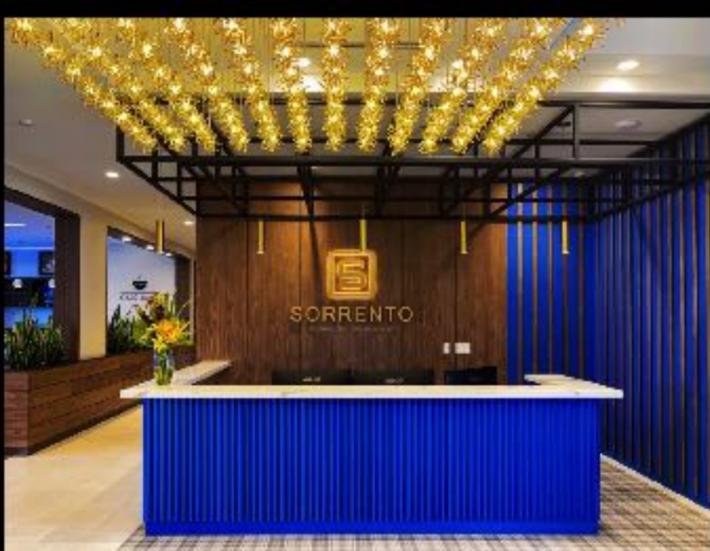
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# 12th Empty Bowls Headwaters provided handmade bowls and donated soup for a good cause

BY ROB PAUL

For the 12th year in a row, Empty Bowls Headwaters ran a successful fundraiser in the name of supporting those in need and ensuring they have access to food.

The fundraiser at the Alton Legion is part of the global Empty Bowls initiative, whose mission is to raise money for food-related charities by providing those who donate with a handmade bowl—and in Empty Bowls Headwaters case, a soup from a local chef.

Potter Ann Randeraad started the program over a decade ago when she saw a need for a local Empty Bowls program, and it's been growing ever since.

The fundraiser ran October 17 and was slightly different for the second year in a row due to the pandemic, but was a success all the same.

"It was a beautiful day which made it so nice, and we had a steady flow of people throughout the afternoon," Randeraad said. "We don't know the exact tally with how many people and how much was raised...yet, but there was a lot of traffic from the late morning into the afternoon. I think it was successful once again all due to people coming out to support us which is always fantastic."

The pandemic forced Randeraad and the Empty Bowls Headwaters team to format the event differently, which provided challenges. But it wasn't going to stop them from continuing the movement to feed the hungry.

"It did impact us a little bit in the fact that both last year and this year we made it a drive-thru takeout," she said. "We did that last year because we were actually in lockdown and again this year because we had to plan it that way just in case we went into lockdown again. We were only able to have a small amount of people in the building at any time and even though people weren't staying, they had to register because that's the requirement with the Legion. Of course, we had to do extra cleaning, but it's just something all businesses are having to do right now. It was all absolutely necessary and although people are used to it by now, it still has its challenges.

"We had a smaller number of volun-

teers this year, but I would say things still ran very smoothly. I felt it was a huge success still for sure. It made it go smoother in that the volunteers that we did have were really committed to the day and committed to the process. It made things run seamlessly."

Losing the social part due to COVID could have been a drag, but Randeraad noticed many people using Empty Bowls not only to help those who need it most, but also to bond with their families over a good meal.

"Even though people couldn't really socialize because it was just people from individual cars coming in...it was still nice for people to be able to do that because it was still something we could see clearly being done by families who would get their bowls of soup and take them home to have a meal together."

With soup donations from Absolute Catering, Gourmandissimo, Lavender Blue, Mrs. Mitchell's, the Busholme, and the Mad Hatter, the food component of the event always gets those donating excited.

"The soup donations went well, and they were all fantastic—I can attest to that because I tried each of them," said Randeraad. "They were all such nice soups, not that I would expect anything less from the chefs we had participating. They were all well received by participants, and we, of course, always have our traditional squash soup and a variety of soup options with vegan and gluten options."

As a potter who crafts bowls every year for the event, Randeraad always tries to provide a wide variety to allow those returning to the fundraiser to take home something new each year.

"As far as the number of bowls produced for the event, there were about 360 bowls made for it," she said. "There were probably at least 150 bowls out at any one time for people to choose from which gave people a nice selection to choose from. Each year I actually make sure there are some bowls that are similar to bowls made in the past in case people want to add to their family of bowls, but by the same token I also always try to introduce something new that's never been there before. This year I had what I call 'doodle

bowls' and they're bowls that have little drawings on them. Each year I always try to maintain what we've had since the beginning as well as add something new."

The support from those in Caledon and surrounding areas continued to grow this year says Randeraad which showed through on social media and even more so in the food drive aspect of the event.

"Across the board, people are always very supportive of the event," she said. "Obviously, they purchase a ticket to come out and get a bowl, but also they're very supportive in that people ahead of time helped promote the event through things like social media. There was more sharing and more visibility on social media than there's been in the past, that was fantastic. We also had a great response in the number of people who brought food out to donate to the food bank. So, we're able to donate a couple hundred pounds of food to the Orangeville food bank. That was a really positive thing that came with the event, too."

Now that the fundraiser is wrapped up, Randeraad and the Empty Bowls Headwaters volunteers plan to figure out which local food program they'll donate the money raised to as well as reflect on what they could do differently next year.

"Our next step is tallying totals and cross-referencing things to do an analysis of where our successes were and what we might be able to do differently," she said. "We were super happy with the people who donated the soups and the whole process in all fairness because it's our second year doing it during COVID, it probably ran a little smoother having already had a run at doing it this way.

"So, going forward we'll be tallying and deciding where the funds will go. I think that obviously over the years both the visibility for the program and the need for the program have grown and as a result of that community support has grown and it's fantastic because the bottom line is there are people who have been supporting us from day one and come out every year to buy bowls and give them as gifts, which has been a way of extending the reach of both the message and the need for this event."



Potter and Empty Bowls Headwaters founder Ann Randeraad, left, crafted over 300 bowls with six local chefs donating soup for the fundraiser, and over 200 pounds of food was raised and donated to the Orangeville Food Bank, accepted, right, by Food Bank Director Heather Hayes.

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A wide array of hundreds of bowls were up for grabs, with a design to suit just about every taste.

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## York United out of a playoff spot with four games left

BY ROBERT BELARDI

With just four games remaining in the Canadian Premier League season, York United find themselves on the outside looking in.

Following a 2-1 defeat to Cavalry FC and a 1-1 draw against FC Edmonton, the Nine Stripes are now one point behind the HFX Wanderers for the fourth and final playoff spot.

On the road in Calgary, York United knew they had a tough task in front of them and they were most certainly up for it.

Just five minutes in, after a trio of through passes from Max Ferrari, to Julian Ulbricht and then finally to Isaiah Johnston – who tucked it in short post – the Nine Stripes had the early lead.

Just 18 minutes after the opening goal, Cavalry opened up their scoring tally on the night thanks to Sergio Camargo from a scruffy corner kick play.

Close to the end of the half, the former York United midfielder last year and now with Calvary, Joseph Di Chiara earned two yellow cards in the final 10 minutes of the first half and now York United found

themselves with a considerable advantage to win the match.

In the second half, York United challenged Cavalry keeper Marco Carducci and the goalkeeper ferociously kept the ball out of the net.

In the 80-minute, York defender Christov N'sa put the ball into his own net from a set piece that eventually became the game winner as the Nine Stripes fell against 10-man-Cavalry.

In the next match last Sunday, against a second last-place FC Edmonton side, the Nine Stripes failed to earn a vital three points but instead, tied their 11th game of the season.

With four matches left in the CPL season and two of which come against third-place side Forge FC, there is a bit of an uphill battle ahead.

One of the most crucial parts of the club's work all year was to learn how to finish off games.

Manager Jimmy Brennan continued to emphasize that as the season progressed.

With all of the former lessons and along with the camaraderie throughout the group, the time is now to make it happen. Finish off your matches, put the ball in



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the net, or there won't be any November soccer for an impressive and young, York United side this CPL campaign.

York will travel to the capital of Canada to take on Atletico Ottawa this Sunday. Kick-off is at 2 p.m.



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## Caledon Hockey Update: Clubs struggling in third week of season

BY ROBERT BELARDI

As we enter the third week of the junior hockey season, Caledon's hockey clubs have been noticeably struggling.

Following an almost two-year hiatus from competitive play, it isn't completely a surprise and nor should it be a hinderance from confidence moving forward. But the clubs have some time to turn things around. Approaching the month-mark of the year might be an excellent time to do it.

### Caledon Admirals

We'll start with the Caledon Admirals who are currently #19 in goals forward so far in this campaign, averaging two goals a game.

In Jr. A hockey, the more you can score the better off you are and the Admirals will have to dig deep to not only find ways to put the puck into the net but keep the puck out.

The Admirals averaged 6.67 goals against, ranked 21 in the league.

This past week, the Admirals fell to the North York Rangers 3-0 before being trounced by the Lindsay Muskies 11-3 the following night.

With a 0-6 record to begin the year and with a rematch with Lindsay this past Wednesday, there is a lot of work to be done.

Sebastian Bulovs leads the team with six points, posting three goals and three assists.

### Caledon Bombers

Down in Jr. B, the Caledon Bombers got their first win on the board last week.

The Bombers defeated the Cambridge Red-hawks 5-4 in OT thanks to Brady Hunter's overtime winner.

Andrew Reynolds posted two goals and one assist and Cameron Shephard added two as-

sists of his own in the victory.

Following a 9-1 loss in their first bout with the Stratford Warriors in Game One of the 2021-22 season, the Bombers travelled to Stratford again last Sunday, this time, falling 6-2.

Shephard added another two assists in that matchup while Remy Dalben found the back of the net twice in the defeat.

After the first few opening weeks, Nolan Milne leads the team with tree goals and five assists and Jordan Adams is second on the list with four goals and three assists.

Shephard is tied for second with one goal and six assists.

The Bombers sit in seventh with a 2-6 record in the Midwestern Conference. The Bombers take on the Ayr Centennials this Friday at Mayfield Complex. Puck drop is at 8 p.m.

### Caledon Golden Hawks

Last Friday, the Golden Hawks fell to the Midland Flyers 3-2 before losing a tough matchup on Sunday against the Schomberg Cougars 10-1.

With losing two home games, the Golden Hawks have yet to win a home game since their home opener against Huntsville.

Forward Justin Callisto leads the group with four goals and one assist on the year.

Having played just five games so far and with only one win this year, the Golden Hawks will be heading over to Stayner tonight (Thursday, October 21) to take on the Siskins before going to Huntsville tomorrow to battle the Otters.

In search of wins in a very tough North Car-ruthers Division, the Golden Hawks will have to pull their own weight and get back into the swing of things quickly.

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# Kitchen Witches is welcome homecoming for area theatre, local actor



**DENISE KENNEDY**  
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Denise Kennedy still remembers sitting expectantly in her seat in a Los Angeles auditorium to see Sandy Duncan take flight in Peter Pan.

It left a lasting impression on the girl, who had a love of theatre immediately sparked inside her.

Although musicals were her first love, the singing chops, by her own admission, did not love her back, so the King resident focused on comedies and dramas.

“It’s like you get to go and play in the sandbox,” says Ms. Kennedy of stepping onto the stage.

Opportunities to do just that, however, have been few and far between since the start of the pandemic, but that is all about to change next week as Theatre Aurora lifts its curtain for the first time since the Winter of 2020 with *The Kitchen Witches*, a comedy written by Caroline Smith.

The *Kitchen Witches*, described by Theatre Aurora as a “comedy with food”, is directed by Kay Valentine and runs at the theatre, located at 150 Henderson Drive, from October 28 through November 6.

Ms. Kennedy plays Dolly, one of the two female leads, who are well-known and rival domestic divas who are brought together for one final challenge.

“The play is so funny and I get to play at least two different characters,” she says. “I missed my theatre terribly since everything shut down and this is the first audition notice I had seen in a while. So, I went out and auditioned and was fortunate enough to be cast. I love the story. There is a lot of dialogue, a lot of action, there’s cooking and it’s just mayhem sometimes. It is a fun story and it is so well-done.”

Dolly steps into the kitchen with a few secrets under her belt, which slowly bubble to the surface over the course of the play. She’s the slightly over-the-top presence on the stage, a foil for her more conservative and “uptight” rival Isabel.

“She can sling the hash with the best of them,” says Kennedy of Dolly, but just what kind of hash is going to be slung? You’ll have to purchase a ticket to find out.

Ms. Kennedy, who works in Bolton, grew up in California with a mother who would fundraise for her sorority by volunteering as theatre ushers with her fellow “sisters” at many prominent productions. If the show she was working was family friendly, Denise would often come along.

“It instilled in me the love of theatre,” she says, noting drama was something she pursued in high school, picking theatre arts, perhaps understandably, over her other option: auto shop.

“I auditioned for *Annie Get Your Gun* and you had to sing for your audition, which was pretty pathetic as I was scared to death,” she says. “I don’t know how many plays I did in high school, but when I moved to Canada, I would take my boys downtown to see different shows at Mirvish and I have been following my bliss, which is exactly what this is.

“Getting back into the theatre was like going home because it is so familiar. The last time I was on stage was in February of 2020 in *Steel Magnolias* (in Newmarket) and I couldn’t wait to get back at it. It takes a lot out of you. I work full time, go home, memorize lines, and go back to the theatre, and it can be tiring in a lot of ways, but you miss the people because it is a family and very much like going home to play in the sandbox. I think everyone has had a good rest and they have had time to cool down.

Now it is time to get back into the game and perform.”

Looking ahead to opening night, Ms. Kennedy says she hopes the audience – which must be double-vaccinated in order to attend – leave the theatre with enter-

tained and “with a smile if nothing else.”

“If I go into the theatre and forget work and everything else that is going on, being entertained and forgetting where I am for a couple of hours, my ticket is worth its weight – and without our audience we

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**GRAHAM, Neil Gordon**

It is with profound sadness that the family of Mr. Neil Graham announce his passing on Monday, October 11, 2021. Neil passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side, due to complications from ALS. Neil is survived by his wife of 40 years, Wendy, his children Melissa, Adam and Colin, and his brothers Brian and Shawn (Suzanne) and his sister Cheryl. Neil was the most loving, friendly, genuine, dedicated man, and will be missed by all who knew him. Neil's career started with Kmart Canada in Victoria BC and led him back to Ontario where he transitioned to the Zellers brand. He was a loyal member of Scouts Canada, from Cubs to Ventures and later as a volunteer leader and he loved to camp, winter and summer. He especially liked to camp out in a lounge chair with a cerveza, watching the waves on the Punta Cana beach. He played hockey and golf, and got great joy out of driving his sports car. Celebration of Neil's Life will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Friday, October 15, 2021 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Memorial donations to the Diabetes Canada would be appreciated by the family. A tree will be planted in memory of Neil in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.dodsandmcnair.com](http://www.dodsandmcnair.com).



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**BOVAIRD, Brenda Noel**

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**SCOTT, Irwin (George) May 12, 1937 - October 8, 2021**

Irwin passed away peacefully at Dufferin Oaks on October 8, 2021. He is reunited in Heaven with his wife, Doris (2017), his son, Kerri (1982), his dog George (1991), his father, Joe (1977), his mother, Almeida (1999) and with his sister, Elyvonne (1993). He will be greatly missed by his daughter Kim and his only grandchild Olivia and her husband Jason. Irwin will always be remembered by his siblings-in-law Joyce (Allan Taylor) and Keith (Marjory Byers). He will be held dear in the hearts of his many nieces and nephews, family, relatives, and many friends. Irwin will be remembered by many friends and coworkers from years in business at Scott's Cash and Carry/Scott's Do-It-Centre on First Street in Orangeville. He was a co-founding member of the Orangeville Jr. C Stingers Lacrosse Club, the Jr. C Stone Crusher Hockey Team, as well as both Sr. & Jr. Northmen. He was a proud coach and manager of many hockey and lacrosse teams. Irwin could always be found at the arena sitting with his cronies above the Northmen dressing room chatting and enjoying the game. He sponsored many teams and players over the years and was always fundraising for many things in sports. Irwin travelled a lot over the years to Cuba, Russia, Germany, Ireland and across Canada for many President & Minto Cups. He will be missed by many friends in Florida after 14 years of golf and sunshine and bringing back a U-Haul or two of Doris's garage sale finds. He was a life member of the Kinsmen Club. Irwin enjoyed life to the fullest. He loved the Toronto Maple Leafs, the Orangeville Northmen, his desserts, especially butter tarts and ice cream and a few Crown Royal with coke. He adored and loved his BooBoo, Olivia. He will be sadly missed by all of us. Rest in Peace Poppa. In lieu of flowers, if so desired, donations in memory of Irwin may be made to the Orangeville Jr. A Northmen Lacrosse Club and KidSport Canada. Scheduled visitations will take place at the In Memoriam Funeral Home (28 Main St., North, Grand Valley) on Saturday October 23, 2021, from 1-4 pm. To schedule a time slot please click the blue RSVP button. Words of remembrance will take place at 2:00 p.m. Online condolences may be made at [www.imfunerals.com](http://www.imfunerals.com). In Memoriam Funeral Services Inc. has been given the honour to serve the Scott Family.



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# State-of-the-art animal hospital progressing in King Township

BY MARK PAVILONS

King is poised to be home to the country's most advanced animal clinic.

Dog Tales is putting the finishing touches on the veterinary facility that will be a showpiece for not only York, but the entire province and beyond.

Building is progressing on the facility owned by the renowned King animal rescue facility. Situated on a beautiful rural landscape on the 19th Sideroad, the veterinary hospital is a work of art. It's not only beautiful, but it will be the most technologically advanced facility of its kind.

Rob Scheinberg of Dog Tales said the hospital boasts some 56,000 square feet on three levels. It will serve mainly horses, dogs, cats and some exotic animals such as birds and lizards.

The facility will have top-of-the-line equipment not found anywhere else in the province. It will be a 24-hour emergency referral hospital serving all of southern Ontario. It will be a welcome addition to this part of the province, known as "horse country."

The centre will have the latest in MRI and CT scanners, along with water therapy pools and even hyperbaric oxygen treatment for dogs. This specialized chamber uses 100% oxygen to promote healing.

Used by professional athletes, hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) provides enhanced wound healing, reduces inflammation, and improves tissue and muscle healing.

The spacious second floor will house offices, board and meeting rooms, staff facilities and continuing education rooms.

Robert and his wife Danielle, paid very close attention to every detail. They wanted to design an aesthetically pleasing building that fits in with the rural landscape. It looks like a European resort or chalet, but inside it means business.

The main emphasis is on animal care and animal welfare, something that drives everything the Scheinbergs do.

The hospital will provide many employment opportunities in the community. Scheinberg estimates it will employ some 80 staff when it's up and running in roughly 14 months.

While the interior remains to be finished,



Work continues at King's Dog Tales sanctuary.

PHOTO BY MARK PAVILONS

nothing about this facility looks cold or sterile. Perched in a tranquil setting, large windows abound everywhere, allowing natural light to permeate the building.

It will boast one of the only indoor, all-weather riding arenas, too.

On the lower level, the new facility will have one of the very few standing CT machines for horses. They can simply walk right in and don't require to be sedated for the procedure. The machine has robotic arms that do all the work.

Dog Tales has a strong relationship with nearby Seneca College and the students in their veterinary technician and animal care assistant programs. The Scheinbergs hope to strengthen ties with Seneca and offer co-op and internships at the new facility.

Seneca offers two veterinary programs – veterinary technician and veterinary assistant.

According to Tony Mallette, Chair, School of Health Sciences at Seneca, all relationships between industry and the programs are extremely valuable, and the animal health programs at Seneca are no exception. In 2017, Scheinberg, a Seneca alumnus, made a philanthropic contribution to Seneca in support of equipment upgrades for the animal health programs and the capital expansion at King Campus.

"We have had students on their site actively participating in bathing and grooming, as well as graduates being employed at Dog Tales," Mallette said.

"The new facility will result in increased

employment options for our graduates and possible clinical spots for the students while they are still in the program. We are looking forward to sitting down with them in the near future to discuss potential opportunities."

The new hospital was Danielle's idea and Rob admitted she always has the best plans for the sanctuary.

It extends their mandate of compassion and giving back. While challenging at times, the work being done by Dog Tales staff and volunteers is immensely fulfilling.

Dog Tales continues to evolve into a large-scale undertaking, a harmonious passion of caring for dogs across the province, and even around the world.

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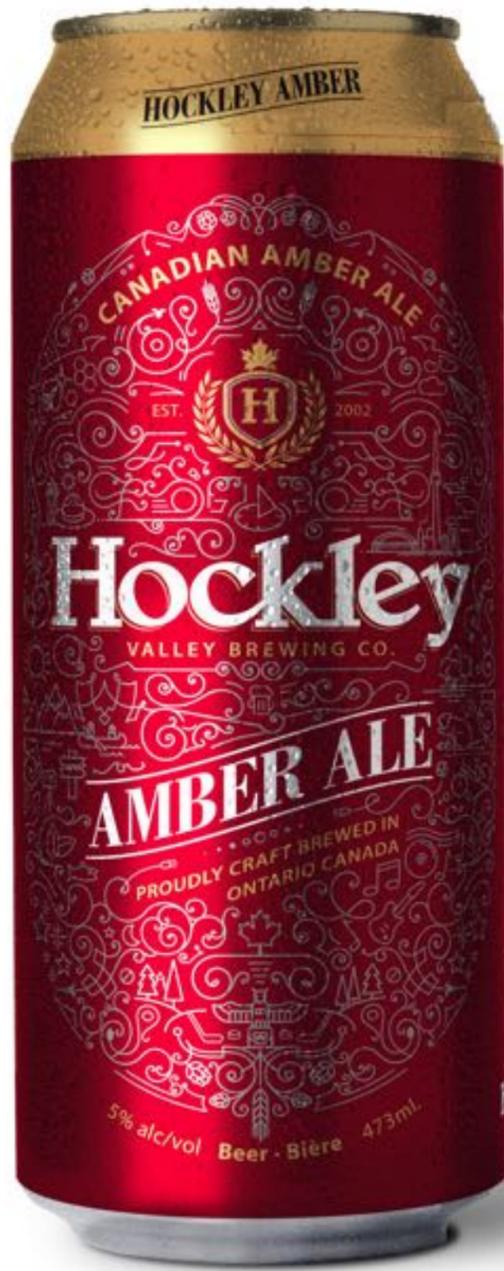
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