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Local residents joined together in solidarity to protest the war in Ukraine and show support for that nation during a rally held at Caledon Town Hall in East Caledon on Sunday. The crowd was covered in a wave of blue and yellow - the national colours of Ukraine as they show support for the nation which is under attack from hostile Russian forces.

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Ukraine rally sends clear message of support: "Stand with us, be with us"

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

As bombs and missiles ravage major Ukrainian cities, people in the western world have reacted with shock and disgust at the attack on a peaceful nation.

Protests took place at several locations across the country over the weekend including a huge rally in front of the Russian con-

sulate in Toronto.

In Caledon, residents wearing Ukrainian colours and waving the national flag gathered at Caledon Town Hall to voice their opposition to the war.

Caledon has a large number of residents of Ukrainian heritage and many of them turned out for this event in a cohesive effort to support their homeland.

Caledon Town Councillor Christina Early, spoke to the crowd, and made the statement,

"Glory to Ukraine," which prompted the crowd to respond with, "glory to the heroes."

The phrase is well known in Ukraine and has become a rallying cry during this present military conflict.

Member of Provincial Parliament for Dufferin-Caledon, Syliva Jones, attended a similar rally in Orangeville at noon before making her way to Caledon East for this event.

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Local motionball event supports Special Olympics athletes

BY ROB PAUL

As the Special Olympics grow, athletes across Canada spend years training to represent their country and to compete with the elite of the elite in one of the most prestigious athletic competitions in the world.

With the Summer Special Olympics set for 2023 in Berlin, Germany, young Canadians with intellectual and physical disabilities will have the opportunity to see what they too can accomplish one day.

To help empower young Canadians to become community leaders, motionball, a national non-prof-

it, raises funds and awareness for Special Olympics through integrated social and sporting events.

They believe that the next generation of Canadians, today's students and young professionals, are the future of the Special Olympics movement – with the power to make meaningful difference for generations to come.

Not only does motionball set out to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics, but it also looks to provide more people with the tools to pursue their passions and make a difference in their own communities.

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Ontario set to lift mask mandates in most settings March 21

BY ROB PAUL

The Government of Ontario plans to remove most mask mandates across the province on March 21. This includes in schools, restaurants, stores, and other indoor settings.

Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Kieran Moore announced the mask mandate changes Wednesday.

“With continued improvements in trends, Ontario will remove the mandatory masking requirement for most settings on March 21 with the exception of select settings such as public transit, healthcare settings, long-term care homes, and high-risk congregate care settings,” he said. “Removing the mask mandate does not mean the risk is gone; COVID-19 transmission is still occurring across the province and masks can help protect you and others

from becoming infected with COVID-19.

“We can expect indicators such as cases and hospitalizations to increase slightly as Ontario increasingly interacts with one another. However, thanks to our high vaccination rates and natural immunity that’s developing, as well as the arrival of other therapeutics and anti-virals, Ontario has the tools necessary to manage the impact of this virus.”

By April 27, all restrictions are expected to be lifted in Ontario, including mask mandates in all settings.

“We are now learning to live with and manage COVID-19 for the long term,” Moore said. “This necessitates a shift to a more balanced response to the pandemic.

Despite the lifting on mask mandates, Moore recommends more vulnerable Ontarians continue to wear masks and left the door open for the return of mask mandates.

“We should all be prepared that we may need to resume mask wearing,” said Moore.

“If you want to keep your mask on, keep it on. If you want to take it off, take it off,” said Premier Doug Ford.

As Ontario removes all COVID-19 restrictions in the coming weeks, vaccine coverage and third booster shots continue to increase in the Region.

Peel has now administered 3,275,236 doses of the vaccine— 1,403,017 individuals have one dose, 1,274,162 have both doses, and 593,303 have received their third dose booster.

The Region now has 81.8 per cent of all residents with two dose coverage and 86.1 per cent with single dose. 91.7 per cent of those 12 and older are double vaccinated and 94.4 per cent have initiated the vaccination process. 86.3 per cent of all eligible

residents (5+) have both doses and 90.8 per cent have one.

In Peel, the COVID-19 case total has spiked once again after not topping 1,000 new cases for two weeks. The Region has seen 2,367 new cases since last week with the total rising to 176,529 and the death count rising to 1,251 with 40 new deaths since last week.

Caledon has seen 97 new cases over the last week to bring the Town total to 7,671. There were no new deaths this week with the count staying at 27.

To book a vaccine in the Region of Peel, visit www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/book-appointment/. To schedule a third dose booster, visit covid19.ontariohealth.ca/.

To download or print a copy of your proof of vaccination (which some businesses continue to require), visit covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccine-booking-support#proof-of-vaccination.

Family Transition Place recognizes International Women’s Day through Phenomenal Women Campaign

BY PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

International Women’s Day (March 8) is a global celebration of the accomplishments of women and, in honour of the day, Family Transition Place (FTP) made sure phenomenal women in the community were recognized.

Driving in Dufferin County, signs reading “phenomenal women work here” or “a phenomenal woman lives here” can be spotted in front of houses and businesses. The signs are part of Family Transition Place’s second Phenomenal Women Campaign, which looks to acknowledge the community’s remarkable women.

The local organization normally hosts an annual event for International Women’s Day (IWD), with a luncheon, vendors market and guest speakers, but switched to a community campaign in 2021 due to the pandemic.

Norah Kennedy, executive director of FTP, said they chose to bring the campaign back for another year after seeing success among resident response.

“One of the things that really appealed to us about this campaign was that it was in the public eye,” said Norah Kennedy. “So often the work that women do goes unrecognized, and a lot of the challenges are not necessarily visible. By putting out the signs we’re

drawing attention to the fact that at least on this one day of the year, if not every single day, that women’s work and lives are being really recognized, acknowledged and celebrated.”

Each year, International Women’s Day is based around a theme and this year it’s was focused on #BreaktheBias, which highlighted the need to address gender bias, discrimination, and stereotyping of women.

“The conversation around [the theme] is what are the biases we encounter that are holding women back, what are the assumptions really impacting the lives of women of colour, BIPOC, transgender, and LGBTQ+ folks, and getting

in the way of allowing all of us to fulfill our biggest potential,” explained Kennedy.

Working for an organization that addresses gender-based violence, Kennedy noted biases within current world conflicts have resonated this year’s IWD theme for her.

“In the view of all of the bias, the potential for misunderstanding, and hatred that is built on top of it, right now more than ever we need each other as women to really take the time to not only examine our own biases but also help others examine their own and understand the impact they are potentially having on the world and on each other,” said Kennedy.

Over the last two years, a strong narrative surrounding women’s rights has been the disproportionate impacts of the global pandemic, many of which continue to be felt.

In 2021, the Canadian

Women’s Foundation narrowed down four areas of impact that have been gendered about the pandemic including gender-based violence, economic stress and instability, increased burden of caregiving and house work, and reduced access to support services.

According to the World Economic Forum Global Gender Gap Report 2021, the time needed to reach gender parity increased by a generation from 99.5 years to 135.6 years.

Stats Canada reported in 2021 that more than four in 10 women have experienced some form of intimate partner violence. A report from the Canadian Femicide Observatory for Justice and Accountability (CFOJA) showed that 173 women and girls were killed by gender-based violence in 2021, an increase from the recorded 160 in 2020 and 118 in 2019.


“I hate to say it, but in some ways, I think we are

losing some of the grounds that we’ve gained,” said Kennedy. “It makes it that much more important that we take the time to acknowledge and celebrate each other as woman and to find ways of supporting each other as women. We still have to take the time to really celebrate the achievements that individual women have made throughout the years even while we’re looking at the need to perhaps recommit and step up our efforts.”

While International Women’s Day in now over, the entirety of March marks Women’s History Month.

Concluding another International Women’s Day celebrating women’s accomplishments, Kennedy said,

“I hope the women in our community got out of this, if absolutely nothing else on the big heavy side, a little bit of a feel-good moment and seeing the signs out made somebody smile.”



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Town shifting to online-only building permit applications to streamline process

BY ROB PAUL

The Town of Caledon will move to an online-only building permit application to help streamline the process.

The change will take place on March 21 for builders and developers, and on April 1 for homeowners and contractors.

Ultimately due to the pandemic, the Town had to pivot with the applications for building permits and, with the benefits of moving it online, the decision was made to keep the process permanently.

“The change in the process was to serve our clients while also adhering to public health guidelines throughout the pandemic,” said Mark Sraga, Director, Building and Municipal Law Enforcement Services/Chief Building Officer. “When we closed Town Hall and service delivery was impacted due to provincial mandates, we evolved so that our clients could still proceed with their projects. This led to the introduction of e-permitting and the new way that building permits will be reviewed moving forward.”

The entire process will now be on-

line because of the time it saves in both applying for and issuing permits.

“The main difference is that all residential permits—new homes, additions, renovations, pools, decks, garages—will be submitted, reviewed and issued digitally,” said Sraga. “Staff are still available to assist those with no or limited internet access.”

This will make everything easier and more comfortable for builder, developers, and homeowners going forward and that was the main motivation behind the decision.

“The impact on builders and other stakeholders is ability to apply for permits from the comfort of their own home/office without the need to visit Town Hall, the ability to respond to comments online as well as receiving their permits online,” said Sraga. “For builders and other stakeholders this is a welcomed change as it will save them time and money when applying for building permits.”

For more information regarding the Town’s shift to an online-only building permit process and to access the online building permit application, visit caledon.ca/building.

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GoodLot Farmstead Brewing takes home third place in the annual ONHops BrewOff

BY ROB PAUL

Some people enjoy beer, some people love beer, and some people live beer.

Jason Deveau and Evan Elford live beer and since 2013 they’ve been the key cogs in running the ONHops BrewOff.

The ONHops BrewOff was conceived a year after the launch of the Ontario Hop Growers’ Association as a way to help promote and connect Ontario hop-growers and brewers.

The mandate of the Ontario Hop Growers’ Association is to act as a central voice and advocacy group for the industry by promoting hop-growing fundamentals through education, research, promotion, and marketing; and setting up a database of relevant growing and management information specifically for Ontario.

“Evan and I, together, created this event and I can’t imagine either of us thought it would go on this strongly or this long,” said Deveau.

On Thursday night, the ninth annual ONHops BrewOff took place virtually over Zoom. The rules are simple: those who enter must brew a beer using only Ontario-grown hops and ingredients and each year a specific style of beer must be brewed.

To be eligible, hop growers must have more than 400 plants or half-an-acre in production with the intent to sell for use in commercially available beer and brewers must represent a brewery that sells the beer it produces or be enrolled in their graduating year of an accredited Ontario Brewmaster course.

“Hop-growers are passionate about keeping things local and we always thought it was important to highlight,” said Deveau. “When hops began its resurgence in Ontario, the primary use of that product was, of course, Ontario’s breweries, and we wanted to create an opportunity for those two organizations to come together and we thought what better way to do that then to encourage both sides of the equation than to brew Ontario brewed beer strictly with Ontario-grown hops, which can be quite challenging because some of the beer-styles we’ve selected over the years don’t necessarily lend themselves to some of the hop varieties that we grow in Ontario. It was a real challenge for both sides and everyone rose to that challenge. Our goal was

three-fold: to create this incredible venue for hop-growers and brewers to work together and to encourage commerce, to introduce the next generation of Ontario brewers, and of course, to promote the use of Ontario-grown hops.”

Each year the entries are tasted and reviewed by a panel of judges (Michael Ligas, Laura Takata, Chris Goddard, Deveau, Louise Aguis, Luisa Muhleisen, Rick Tanton, Scott Hodgins, James Ferrier) and supported by a group of stewards (David Lauzon, Madé Quay, and Cora Loucks) with first place taking home “the Bottomless Trophy” and the top three finishes being awarded plaques for each member of the team.

“This competition wouldn’t run without the enthusiastic support of the industry,” said Elford. “The judges and stewards’ knowledge and time has been greatly appreciated. We typically run it in Niagara Falls at the OFVC (Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Convention) in February, the Convention provides the awards and provide space at the Scotia Bank Convention Centre to run the competition in years that we can meet in person. It’s important we highlight the Ontario hop-growers and our brewers and the importance of supporting locally made craft beer with local ingredients.”

Last year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ONHops BrewOff couldn’t happen but Elford and Deveau devised a plan to ensure that no matter the circumstances it would happen this year.

“We didn’t want to skip this year like we did last, and we kind of hand a manilla envelope with plan Z in it,” said Deveau. “That plan was for Evan to blindly sort the beer into boxes for each judge and we drove all over Ontario delivering the beer for the competition and with Michael (the lead judge) leading the training and the judging online. I’m so impressed with the professionalism our volunteers brought to this; it was just as solid as if we were there in the room together.”

This year, Caledon’s own GoodLot Farmstead Brewing and GoodLot Farm (located in Alton) took home third place in the competition—second place went to Elora Brewing and CanAussie Farms and taking home the Bottomless Trophy was Quayle’s Brewery and Cahigue Farms.

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Locally grown hops from GoodLot Farmstead Brewing.

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ingredients, Phil and Gail Winters of GoodLot were able to wow the judges.

“On this one, the aroma definitely had an upfront hop aroma,” said Ligas. “It’s fresh, it’s tropical/pineapple with a bit of citrus and lemon and pine in it. The malt is definitely secondary, but it’s there and it’s fresh. It’s got a biscuity cracker component to it and that provides the balance aromatically, which helps the style. Some of the unique comments on it (in terms of flavour) were papaya, melon, and floral. One of our judges picked up a bit of onion. Also, a bit of a faint fruity ester, I had a bit of a Strawberry fruity ester on it. Appearance, it’s nice and clear with a golden colour and moderate to good head retention. Mouth feel, good carbonation with a bit of a stickiness, and that was good. Overall comments, it was well brewed and an excellent beer with scores of 36, 36, 40, and 40 (out of 50).”

Elford commented on how exciting it was to see GoodLot Farm finish in the top three

because of Phil and Gail Winters’ commitment to the competition—they’ve entered every year since the beginning of the ONHops BrewOff.

“We love Evan and the team that’s supported us from the get-go,” said Phil. “It’s (the Ontario Hop Growers’ Association) been the cornerstone of building the industry in Ontario and this is the cherry on top where we get to have a competition that actually highlights Ontario hops. We’ve never placed before, since the dawn of the completion despite the fact that we may be the only brewery in Ontario that exclusively used Ontario hops.”

“You have no idea how happy we are,” said Gail. “We’d like to thank Mike Brooks (a member of the GoodLot team).”

For more information about rules and registration for the annual ONHops BrewOff, visit www.ofvc.ca/ONHOPS_about.html. To learn more about GoodLot Farmstead Brewing, visit www.goodlot.beer/.



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IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver with impaired driving while conducting speed enforcement. “On March 8, 2022, at approximately 6:03 p.m., an officer was conducting speed enforcement on Highway 9 in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “A vehicle was stopped for speeding. During the interaction, the officer suspected that the driver’s abilities were impaired and asked for a sample of their breath into an Approved Roadside Screening Device. As a result of the investigation, the driver was arrested for impaired driving and taken to an OPP Detachment where further breath tests were conducted.”

Consequently, Jason SU, 52, of Scarborough was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (B.A.C.) over 80 mg
 - Drive motor vehicle - perform stunt - excessive speed
- The vehicle was impounded for seven days and the driver’s licence was suspended for a period of 90 days. The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on May 19, 2022, to answer to the charge.
- The charges have not been proven. “Drivers are reminded that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. The risk is increased when combined with all forms of aggressive driving such as racing, stunt driving, speeding, following too closely, unsafe lane changes and road rage. It all places

drivers, passengers, cyclists and pedestrians at risk.

“If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it.”

IMPERSONATION SCAMS

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Anti-Rackets Branch (ARB) and Serious Fraud Office Ontario (SFO), in concert with the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) are launching the annual Fraud Prevention Month campaign.

This year’s national fraud prevention campaign will focus on impersonation scams and various frauds that prey upon vulnerable consumers and businesses. A majority of the scams and frauds involve an aspect of impersonation, with suspects posing as a trusted individual in order to steal victims’ money or personal information.

2021 was an historic year for frauds reported to the CAFC and OPP. According to the CAFC, reported losses have totalled \$379 million, a dramatic increase from \$164 million in losses in 2020. Ontario residents represented \$142 million of the over \$379 million in losses reported

to the CAFC in 2021. It is estimated that only 5% of victims report their frauds to law enforcement or the CAFC.

Fraud Prevention Month will focus on highlighting some of the top reported scams from 2021, including investment scams, spear phishing (Business Email Compromise), extortion, service scams, phishing and more.

WORKPLACE ACCIDENT


Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a serious worksite injury in the Town of Mono.


“On March 8, 2022, at approximately 7 p.m., Dufferin OPP responded to a report of a seriously injured male at a worksite on Highway 9 in the area of 3rd Line, in the Town of Mono,” say Police. “The initial investigation revealed that a log that was loaded on a truck had rolled out, striking the male.


“The male was transported via ambulance to a local area hospital but later transported via air Ornge to a Toronto trauma centre with life threatening injuries.”


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Caledon Heritage launches website

BY ROB PAUL

Sarah Haney, President of Caledon Heritage Foundation (CHF) has announced the launch of the Foundation’s website, which can be accessed at caledonheritagefoundation.com/.

“This initiative has been the culmination of many hours of volunteer work and would not have been possible without the financial assistance from the Town of Caledon, as well as from our generous donors,” said Haney.

Visitors to the site will find informative and well researched histories of Caledon’s 39 “ghost hamlets.” These one-time settlements, many of which have the familiar blue plaques erected by Heritage Caledon (the Town of Caledon Heritage Committee), have long since disappeared but often played an important role in the early history of the Town.

CHF has started to compile the history of our 19 communities, however only Inglewood and Cataract have been finished

and included on the website.

Anyone wishing to contribute material is asked to contact CHF at CHFfoundation@gmail.com.

The website is easy to navigate and full of images both old and new. It also has the children’s book by Dale O’Hara, “The Story of Caledon, Then and Now,” which CHF says is ideal for young students to learn about Caledon’s history.

A six-minute slide presentation showcases images captured around Caledon. Those interested in heritage preservation will also find a wealth of relevant resources.

Caledon has a rich history and Haney invites anyone to submit relevant material or stories through the “Snapshot in Time” tab on the website.

CHF and Haney thanked key volunteers Fay McCrea, Roger Willoughby and Derek Paterson for their invaluable contributions to the building of the website, as well as to CHF board members Errill O’Hara (Treasurer), Marion Plaunt (Secretary), Sarah Bohan and David Keith.

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22. Long skirt
27. Part of company name
28. Drugmaker __ Lilly
29. Electronic countermeasures
31. Klutz
32. Chinese

statesman
33. Stir with emotion
37. Flat-bottomed boat
38. Go-between
39. This (Spanish)
40. A plot of ground where seedlings are grown before transplanting
41. Small waterfall
42. Modern tech necessity (abbr.)
43. Utter repeatedly
44. One of the bravest
47. Sun up in New York
48. Space station
49. Chilean seaport
51. Hasidic spiritual leader
52. They __
53. Soviet Socialist Republic
58. Single unit

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

CPL seeking public feedback for development of community makerspaces

BY ROB PAUL

Caledon Public Library (CPL) is taking on a new task to bring the community together and provide residents with the spaces, technology, and creative opportunity through makerspaces.

With federal and provincial support through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), along with the Town of Caledon, Caledon Public Library will soon be able to introduce innovative new services and technologies in the reimagined Margaret Dunn Valleywood Branch.

An additional maker space is being developed in tandem with the relocation of the Caledon East Branch to the expanded Caledon East Community Complex.

As a result, CPL is seeking community input on potential makerspace tools, resources, and services that can be implemented into these branches through an online survey.

“Caledon Public Library wants to help people achieve their full potential by providing places where people create, invent, learn together, and build skills for life” explains Colleen Lipp, CEO/Chief Librarian. “We want to hear from our residents. Whether you’re interested in learning new skills for fun, to start a new business venture, or to inspire your next big idea, let us know how we could help.”

Makerspaces have been a new initiative for libraries across the country as a way to connect communities and support residents through learning with an emphasis on technology, making and creativity.

With the opportunity to shape a makerspace to the makers in the community and other residents’ interests, there are many options that these branches have the potential to provide. That’s why the library wants to hear from the people of Caledon to see the best way they can serve them.

CPL hired Kelly Doig to be its Coordinator of Community and Creation. Her role, in part, is to help CPL reach more people with its resources through things like makerspaces.

“Libraries used to be passive, now not only do we help in the community, but we give people the tools to create,” said Mary Maw, Communications and Community Development for

CPL. “We recognized the library needed to get somebody in that position and a lot of Kelly’s responsibility will be these makerspaces and developing library services that you’d never expect to see in places like the coffee shop or grocery stores. We’re really excited about her position and one of her first tasks are these makerspaces.”

“Over the next couple years, we’re going to have two makerspaces coming to Caledon,” said Doig. “The reimagined Margaret Dunn Valleywood Branch will have a recording studio as well as spaces for working, learning, and meeting and resources for small businesses. That’s going to be an exciting place for everyone in Caledon. The next makerspace is being developed along with the relocation of our Caledon East branch to what will be the expanded Caledon East Community Complex—that’s a joint effort with the Town.”

Makerspaces can include a range of resources such as computers, 3-D printers, audio and video capture and editing tools, musical instruments, sewing machines and traditional arts and crafts supplies.

“The one question we get is what is a makerspace? Some people know the word and others have never heard it,” Doig said. “A makerspace is a space that encourages people to explore. It can be technology, making, creating, and the tools can be anything from high-tech audio/video equipment to laser cutters to traditional arts and craft supplies. There’s an endless possibility of tools and resources we can put in makerspaces.

“One thing that really struck me when researching them is that it’s not about the tools, it’s about the people who use the space. That’s why we’re having to survey, to really see what the residents of Caledon’s interests are and what they’d like to see in the space. One of my first tasks in this role was to visit other libraries makerspaces and not one of them is the same as the other. It’s really just a space to invent, learn, and work together. Libraries all around the world have been taking them on and we’re happy we can finally bring them to Caledon.”

With the vast opportunities that makerspaces offer, CPL is aiming to have each of them focus

on different needs in Caledon. Though the Margaret Dunn makerspaces will provide creative artists with a recording studio, it’s ultimately aimed at helping small business while Caledon East will provide a creative and technologically advanced space for makers.

“We do know in advance that Margaret Dunn will be more of a small business centre; that’s lacking and so that’s what we’re implementing there,” said Maw. “We’ve asked the community things like, ‘Do you have a home-based business and you’d like to have a place to work quietly?’ That’s why we’re shaping it that way, but both makerspaces are going to be different. Caledon East is more on the maker end with the technology.

“They’ll be different so that we can serve different interests in the community,” said Doig.

Libraries have become so much more than a place to borrow a book, especially throughout the pandemic, and CPL is embracing its role in Caledon and working to advance what it can do for creators in the community.

“We re-launched our ‘Artful Caledon’ platform in the fall, which is platform to highlight artists, authors, and we’re adding musicians this year,” said Maw. “We’re also adding a whole component for creators, so music studios and art studios will be necessary. We’re trying to say to the community that if they want to create music, well then they can borrow a guitar at the library and go to our music studio. It all works together. Even if we don’t necessarily have designated space in our littler branches, part of Kelly’s role is to bring the Cricut with them and do workshops in the branches and we have mobile 3D printers. Even when we don’t have the space, we want to offer all the opportunities we can in smaller branches.”

Everyone that completes the survey will be entered in a draw to win a Cricut Joy (to win the Cricut Joy you must be a resident of Caledon) from Creativebug, an online platform that offers online video arts and crafts workshops and techniques and is available through CPL’s Digital Library. Cricut Joy is a computer-controlled cutting machines that is designed for home crafters.

“Our makerspaces are just so big, and we real-

ly need to narrow our options down,” said Maw. “The survey even looks at things like what hours work best. If we’re trying to offer a space for home-based businesses to go, then maybe they need nights and weekends. We want to gather all the information we can to really make sure we have the right tools and hours. It’s even questions about how much support they’ll need in the makerspace. Will they need workshops or staff one-on-ones? Even looking at the responses so far you can see the excitement in the community. We’re really finding that we’ve identified a need in the community and it’s something we’re able to step up and address.”

“We’ve had 85 responses so far (since March 4), I set this goal of 100 but it’s sounds like we’ll easily get there,” said Doig. “The survey was something we knew we wanted to do from the beginning, and we were lucky to have a prize to help get more people to answer the survey. We’re also getting answers from across Caledon with one of the questions being, ‘what’s your main branch?’ to get an idea where people in Caledon are answering and it’s been from across the Town. It’s good to see there’s widespread support for this from all corners of Caledon.”

As part of the Margaret Dunn Valleywood branch, CPL will also be seeking sponsorship to help cover the resources needed for the recording studio that the grant will not cover. Maw said it’s one of the first times CPL will actively be seeking sponsorship.

If you have questions, or want to learn more about makerspaces, CPL is having drop-in makerspace sessions next week between March 15 and March 18 at some of our branches. Staff will be present to demonstrate select maker tools and be available to answer questions about the future CPL makerspaces.

The sessions will take place at these branches: Margaret Dunn Valleywood (March 15 and March 17 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.), Caledon Village (March 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.), Southfields Village (March 16 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and March 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.), and Caledon East (March 18 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.).

Residents can provide feedback via the online survey at www.caledon.library.on.ca/survey.

Public Notice

Region of Peel

working with you

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE NO. 2

Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design for Drainage Improvements of Highway 50 from Mayfield Road to Healey Road

Background:

The Region of Peel is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study for the drainage improvements of Highway 50 from Mayfield Road to Healey Road, in the Town of Caledon. The culvert crossings and drainage ditches are in poor condition and require replacement to accommodate existing and future growth around the study area. The study will consider best management practices, to satisfy climate change requirements and comply with existing and future regulatory requirements. As part of the project works, active transportation improvements (i.e., pedestrian and cycling amenities) along the corridor will also be developed, in accordance with the recommendations of the Region’s Sustainable Transportation Strategy (STS).

Process

The project is being completed as a Schedule “B” project in accordance with the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015)*. This notice follows as a second point of contact with the public and is outlined in Phase 2 of the process as per the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. As such, public and technical agency consultation will be fundamental in developing the study recommendations.

Your Input is Important

The Region wants to ensure that anyone with an interest in this study has the opportunity to be involved and provide input. Your feedback is important and will help us refine the preferred solution.

Due to COVID-19 Provincial guidelines on physical distancing, the first in-person Public Information Centre (PIC) was cancelled, however, the PIC #1 presentation materials were made available on the Region of Peel website:

<https://peelregion.ca/hwy50-EA>

The PIC #2 materials will be available online from March 17, 2022 and will also include a summary of the evaluation process to determine the preliminary preferred solution. All content and instructions on how to submit questions and feedback will be outlined on the project website. This will be followed by a three-week question submission period closing April 08, 2022. A formal response to all questions, comments and feedback will be posted on April 22, 2022.

Alternatively, you may also obtain a hard copy of the study information package and provide input on the study by contacting the project team members below. All comments received will be reviewed for consideration in the development of the study recommendations.

Contact

To submit your comments or if you would like more information, or to be included on the mailing list for this project, please contact one of the following members of the project team:

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This notice was first issued on March 10, 2022.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Ukraine rally sends clear message of support

Continued from FRONT

“Thank you to those of you that joined us in Orangeville as well,” Ms. Jones said. “This really speaks to our community coming together, wanting to be a comfort to our friends and our neighbours, and, of course, to assist in any way possible, the fight in Ukraine. Some individuals will look at this as a simple gesture; I disagree. When I connected (with organizers) I asked what I could do to help. (I was told) stand with us – be with us.

Which is what we are doing here as a community today. If you are able, you can personally assist by donating to organizations who are providing assistance in Ukraine – the Canada Ukraine Foundation, the Red Cross, and many others.”

Ms. Jones said the provincial government is working with the federal government to fast-track refugees who want to come to Ontario.

Mayor Allan Thompson, said, according to the latest census, 11 per cent of residents in Caledon are of

Polish/Ukrainian heritage.

“They are devastated by the savage attack and the war from Russia against Ukraine, and it isn’t the first time,” Mayor Thompson said. “We’re here today because we stand with them in the community of citizens around the world condemning Russia.”

A Caledon Fire Department colour guard marched in the meeting area and stood guard by the war memorial cenotaph.

Town to release draft of Official Plan to the public on March 17

BY ROB PAUL

Now in Phase 3 of the Future Caledon: Official Plan, Town Staff provided Council with an update as it works towards drafting the Official Plan.

The Official Plan is expected to be finalized sometime in 2022.

Council followed Staff recommendations and passed a motion unanimously to proceed with public consultation on a draft of the Official Plan. Caledon’s Official plan must align both with the Region and Province’s Official Plans.

With Council’s direction, Staff will now be releasing the draft of the Official Plan on March 17 with multiple open house dates set to hear from the public leading up to an update to Council with the feedback on May 16.

There are two upcoming open houses for more feedback from the public regarding the Official Plan on March 28, March 30, and a public meeting April 11.

“Following the end of the formal consultation period, the Official Plan team will review the comments provided and look to make necessary changes to the draft,” said Bailey Loverock, Senior Policy Planner and Team Lead for Official Plan Review. “We’ll plan to provide an update to Council in May and provide our final Official Plan to council for consideration in June. There are additional consultation items that we’re looking at conducting, which include focus groups with community groups, Indigenous consultation, and engagement with our agency partners.”

The Plan prepares the Town for growth to 2051, guiding where the community will develop, locate housing, build transportation networks, locate employment, and provide community facilities, based on the 13 Policy Directions developed earlier in the Official Plan process.

The Plan has been prepared and informed by over 20 studies, extensive research and Council, staff and community feedback.

The key policy themes of the Official Plan are action against climate change; protecting and enhancing natural heritage, agricultural, and rural landscapes; transit-supportive densities and an effective transportation network; supportive of a range of housing types and tenures; job growth and attracting priority employment sectors; and protection of rural communities.

The Official Plan is organized into three volumes with the first volume focused on Town-wide policies through an introduction, vision statement, detail on how the community will be shaped, planning of the community and its growth, how policies will be implemented, and an update map of how the community will look through planning and growth.

The Official Plan also details secondary plan and site-specific policies.

Residents can learn more about the Official Plan process, key dates, and to voice their thoughts at haveyoursaycaledon.ca/official-plan-review.

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Renowned pianist Todd Yaniw to perform as part of Caledon Chamber Concerts

BY ROB PAUL

Caledon Chamber Concerts had become one of the most popular music events in Town for more than a decade. When COVID-19 hit, president Gordon Morton, a Palgrave resident and former choir director at St. James’ Anglican Church in Caledon East, had to put the concert series on hold.

Incorporated in December 2007, Caledon Chamber Concerts is a non-profit corporation that aims to bring classical music into the community. Some of the artists it’s featured have been classical guitar with flute accompaniment; piano and violin; string quartets, trios and more.

The artists that Caledon Chamber Concerts put on are known for their professionalism and high-class ability and the events have gained so much popularity within the musicians’ circle, that they now call the Caledon Chamber Concerts in hopes of booking a concert with them.

After its hiatus, it finally returned to St. James Anglican Church on February 26, with pianist Ben Cruchley, whose concert was titled “Mozart at the Opera.”

Now, Caledon Chamber Concerts is once again bringing a professionally trained musician into the community with pianist Todd Yaniw on March 19.

“He is extremely talented and professional and I’m sure that the evening will be beyond expectations. We are so fortunate to have a musician of this calibre performing right here in Caledon East,” said Morton. “Todd will be playing works by Beethoven and Prokofiev.”

Yaniw is a Canadian pianist praised for his “atmospheric contrast of poetry and power, a hair-raising performance.” Since his debut with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra at age 13, Yaniw has performed across Canada; at festivals and venues including CBC Vancouver, Banff Centre, Edmonton’s Winspear Centre for Music, the Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival, the Festival of the Sound in Parry Sound, the Richard Bradshaw Amphitheatre, and Koerner Hall.

Born in Edmonton, Yaniw’s teachers include Michael Massey, Dr. James Parker, Professor James Anagnoson (The Glenn Gould School), and Dr. Jon Kimura Parker (Rice University).

Mr. Yaniw completed his doctorate at the University of Texas at Austin, where he worked with Dr. Anton Nel.



Todd Yaniw
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Yaniw has performed concerts with several Canadian orchestras, including the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, and has performed with the Afiara Quartet, Rolston String Quartet, Trio Arkel and the ARC Ensemble (Artists of the Royal

Conservatory). He is the pianist of Trio d’Argento, a group which has performed across Canada.

“He’s been interviewed and broadcast on many occasions on CBC Radio and was featured in CBC’s ‘30 Under 30’ list,” said Morton. “Internationally, Todd has performed in Bulgaria, China, Italy, Jamaica, Monaco, the United Kingdom and the United States. He’s been supported by the Canada Council for the Arts, and twice was a recipient of the Sylva Gelber Music Foundation Awards. He currently works as a pianist at The Glenn Gould School and is on faculty at The Phil and Eli Taylor Performance Academy for Young Artists.”

The concert will be March 19 at 7:30 p.m. at St. James’ Anglican Church on Old Church Road in Caledon East.

To reserve your tickets, email gordonkmorton@gmail.com.

Due to capacity limits, tickets must be reserved in advance, on a first come, first served basis and picked up at the door on the night of the concert. Pay for your tickets at the door by cash or by cheque—payable to “Caledon Chamber Concerts” or pay in advance by e-transferring to gordonkmorton@gmail.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

13656 Emil Kolb Parkway

Proposed Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, Draft Plan of Condominium (Standard)

FILE NUMBER(S): POPA 2021-0011, RZ 2021-0015, 21CDM-21004C
RELATED FILE(S): SPA 2021-0077

A Public Meeting will be held to consider proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

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

Meeting Date: April 5, 2022
Public Meeting Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

To listen to the Meeting (but not participate), you may call 1-833-311-4101, Meeting Access Code: 2630 057 1766 #.

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

You can also ask questions or provide comments by:

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

APPLICANT:

Humphries Planning Group Inc of behalf of Harvestone Centre Inc.

WARD 4 LOCATION:

13656 Emil Kolb Parkway
Part of Lot 9, Concession 5 (ALB), and Part 2 of Plan 43R-10166
Northwest corner of Emil Kolb Parkway and Harvest Moon Drive

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The Applicant has applied for an Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, Site Plan Approval and Draft Plan of Condominium applications for a proposed a 45-unit stacked back-to-back townhouse development. The project consists of three (3) three-storey townhouse blocks each with 15 units, consisting of 44 two (2) bedroom units and one (1) bedroom unit in total. There are 54 parking spaces including one (1) accessible space. Each townhouse unit is provided with one (1) parking space (36 spaces in single car garages and 9 in a surface lot) and there is nine (9) visitors spaces. Access to the townhouses blocks is provided by an internal condominium road that has one access onto Harvest Moon Drive.

The Official Plan Amendment would change the designation of the property from Local Commercial to High Density Residential. The Zoning By-law Amendment would re-zone the property from Agricultural (A1) to Multiple Residential Exception XXX (RT-XXX). The Site Plan and Condominium applications are required to facilitate the development and ownership requirements of the proposal.

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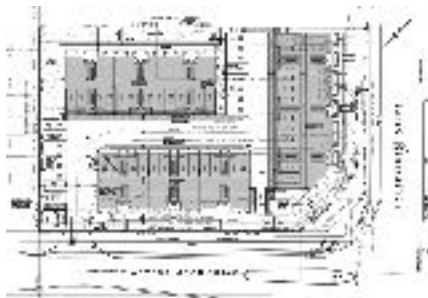
Notice Date: March 10, 2022

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

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



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- 22 | Planning and Development Committee, 7 p.m.

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The draft official plan will be available for review on Thursday, March 17, 2022. There will be open houses and a public meeting scheduled for you to share feedback on what the future of Caledon looks like.

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Brock’s Banter

The Relativity of Time

BY BROCK WEIR

Do you ever get that strange feeling that the laws of time and space have been left permanently off-kilter over the course of the global pandemic?

Don’t get me wrong, we’re always in a state of adjustment as far as COVID-19 is concerned – and, let’s be real, we’re always in a state of adjustment as far as time is concerned as well, and I’m not talking about this weekend’s leap forward on the clock front!

When we were youngsters, I am sure we can all agree that time felt like it passed arduously slow. Chalk it up to short attention spans, or simply to not knowing any better, but I remember a time when sitting through a 90-minute movie seemed like a relatively tall order. A year seemed like an eternity, especially considering the distance between one Christmas and the next. Then, of course, there was a special cachet for a nine-year-old when they acquired that much-talked-about double digit.

Somewhere in the early years of that double-digithood, however, time seems to catch-up to your attention span and what feels like an equilibrium sets in.

All of a sudden, a year doesn’t seem like very much time at all, a movie can practically go by in the blink of an eye, and the next Christmas rolls around before you know it, and certainly before you’re prepared for its return.

You don’t especially relish adding another strike into your tally of double digits (that relish, understandably, takes a rebound the closer you get to adding a triple digit to your CV, but that’s a column for a different day) and, at the same time, you lose your sense of being able to ballpark the ages of others with reasonable accuracy.

Some of us may resign ourselves to these being simple facts of life, and that’s fine – but COVID has upset the delicate balance. Two years of essentially being on pause can do a number on any one of us!

Activities you did, people you met, places you went in the first couple of months of 2020 both seem like yesterday and a lifetime ago. If someone asks me for a specific date on something that might have happened two or three months ago, what used to be pretty easily accessible information in my grey matter now takes a few more lobe flexes before coming clearly into view.

Maybe this is a new normal. The information isn’t gone, it hasn’t been forgotten, but time, something they always tell us is relative, has become somewhat estranged!

As has the simple act of being “people.”

We often talked about how difficult it was to – and has been – adjusting to public health measures as they were handed down or lifted again, with varying levels of justification in either direction. But far less has been said in comparison on how difficult it also is to adjust to varying returns of normalcy and finding our places amongst throngs of people when isolating and re-isolating for so long.

On Friday night, for instance, I was out at the movie theatre to see The Batman, perhaps the first post-ish-COVID blockbuster.

I had been to the movies a handful of times during the pandemic, including the brief window of normal we had last summer, but without capacity limits last week, it was, as far as experiences go, something else again.

Going by the interactions I saw as people came

into the increasingly crowded theatre, I got the distinct impression that a lot of other patrons felt like they were thrown into the deep end. Sure, academically, we knew we would be in a crowd, but maybe we forgot what being in a crowd was like.

There was the hesitation of just how to clamor over fellow audience members in the way of you and your pre-booked seat. There was a visual half-step back when people rounded the corner and saw far more people seated in the place than they had anticipated leaving the house. There were groups and couples trying to figure out, again, what the appropriate volume was to share the experience without disturbing those who were focused on the film.

Over the course of COVID, people forgot the simple action of opening up their most crinkly of plastics before the trailers were over, the art of turning off their ringers before the proverbial curtain went up and, in the case of this particular screening, it was forgotten they weren’t actually watching the film on a streaming service in the comfort of their living rooms – at least judging by the handful of screen-rattling belches that came up and wafted across Gotham City over nearly three hours.

Additionally, if the detritus left behind in just about every aisle of the theatre was any indication, I would hate to see the state of their respective living rooms.

The point is, we have all been down this road before.

We’ve hunkered down for months on end, only to have places to go and people to see once again, and each time there has been an extended pause in our regular human interactions, once that holding pattern is lifted, it feels like we’re all renegotiating the rules of a vaguely familiar game.

Our conversation muscles may have atrophied a bit in face-to-face interactions as we’ve gotten so comfortable with navigating a remote world. Those oh-so-convenient “mute” and “camera off” buttons can make engagement beyond this controlled (rather, self-controlled) environment feel somewhat daunting and in need of further practice.

In our temporarily-shrunken worlds, until the emergence of many recent tragic global events, our subjects of small talk were decidedly tiny if COVID-related topics were taken out of the equation. Without normal day-to-day interactions with others, our abilities to pick up common social cues might have been weakened as well.

But all is not lost. Some of us are at different places in this familiar game and need more time to catch up than others.

Some of us are just counting down until that as-yet-unspecified date that we can all hang up our masks again and get on with our day to day lives.

Some others have already decided that they’re less comfortable unpacking their N95s as soon as they get the green light to do so and, instead, will opt to wear them until questions, anxiety, and, yes, fear subsides.

Some of us, for better or worse, have been living life as though there have been no restrictions and that, too, is another factor of uncertainty for others.

Regardless, none of us are on completely unfamiliar ground, but we might need more time to fully find our footing.

Until we’re all there, let’s all be conscious of our respective levels, those of others, and respect one another on this common journey.

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Freedom and democracy taken for granted

by Mark Pavilons



We are quite lucky in this country, the True North Strong and Free.

We know it, say it, but many of our citizens don’t likely grasp the true meaning.

We take democracy and our rights and freedoms for granted. Didn’t we have these all along?

Well, we operated as a free and open country, under the Canadian Bill of Rights, passed in 1960. Our Charter of Rights and Freedoms only came into existence in 1982 and it’s an integral part of our Constitution.

We Canadians are guaranteed freedoms of conscience and religion; belief, opinion, expression and a free press; peaceful assembly, and voting rights, to name a few.

These are essential to a responsible, accountable democratic and fair system.

Canadians fought in two world wars and other conflicts to preserve it.

As we’ve seen in Russia and the Ukraine, many citizens around the world don’t enjoy these same fundamental rights.

They can’t gather and protest, as Canadians do on a weekly basis. They can’t speak their minds.

They can’t always vote in an election. Some countries merely appoint leaders, and in others where illiteracy is high, photocopied ballots show photos and names of the candidates and that’s about it.

In many countries still today, the press is monitored, censored and rewritten. Can you imagine reading a daily newspaper that has been altered by bureaucrats, changing events to suit their purpose? That’s a form of propaganda, a method used by the Nazis during the Second World War.

Citizens in more countries than you can count are misled, lied to and purposely kept away from the truth and happenings going on around the world.

Most of the younger generation (under 30) may have little, or no sense of history. Most Boomers do.

I learned from my parents. My father escaped Latvia at the end of the War, which was simply taken by the Soviet Union, along with their Baltic neighbours Lithuania and Estonia.

My dad’s relatives lived under the thumb of Communism for decades, until the Berlin Wall came down in 1989. It was only then that my dad could have an open and frank conversation with his relatives.

Prior to that phone calls and letters were monitored, altered and even disconnected.

I remember my dad showing me a letter returned to him – it had thick black pen marks over several sentences and paragraphs. Every mention of the free life in Canada were deleted. That image is etched in my brain – a stark reality of totalitarian regimes.

My dad hated the ruling powers of the Soviet Union until his dying days. He’d be rolling over if he was what was happening today.

The Baltic states are understandably worried that Russia is knocking at nearby doors. Like the Ukrainians, the people of those countries would do anything to prevent a return to Russian control.

My mom was a teen during the war and in trying to flee to the west – over the wall – she was assaulted by Russian soldiers. She and my uncle narrowly escaped machine gun fire by Russian soldiers.

To this day, my heart bears the scars of what my parents endured.

I have always been optimistic, in that all world nations can come together, cooperate and end imperialistic, totalitarian dictatorships, so people can be free.

It would seem that isn’t true, as Russia’s actions have clearly shown. We may not know the real reasons for Putin’s aggression, but most see it as pure greed, imperialism and control over the masses. So much for these being archaic concepts.

And Russian citizens themselves seem to agree.

What Canadians also can’t fully grasp is being a “newcomer” to a foreign land. Our country is home to countless European and world cultures – citizens from every corner of the globe.

They love Canada but they never lose their love, dedication and commitment to their homelands. They are first and foremost Ukrainian, German, Polish, Italian, etc. And those cultures are encouraged to live on and blossom here, making our country the beautiful mosaic it is.

This was evident in the fact some Canadian citizens actually travelled to Europe to support Ukraine, even pick up arms to defend it. That takes unbelievable resolve, guts and courage.

My mom, and likely many British citizens, told stories of hiding out in subway tunnels when bombs dropped from the skies over Europe.

Today, Ukrainian citizens are holed up in similar places, huddled for safety. Can any of us imagine such a thing happening to us today?

I have managed to email an acquaintance I made through eBay, who lives in Ukraine. These are some of his recent words:

“We were given machine guns and some other weapons. I’m fine, although my family has been living in the basement of the house for seven days ... it’s terrible.

“After the victory over Russia, the world will be completely different. We will win!”

Cryptic words to be sure.

Again, can you imagine adult males in this country given assault rifles and asked to defend the land? Can you imagine our politicians donning flak jackets and walking the ruins of once beautiful historic cities, vowing to fight to the bitter end?

It’s so sad that lives are being lost, like pawns in a much bigger game of chess. Nothing good can come out of this conflict.

When it’s over, all that will remain is sadness, despair and loss. It will go down in history as a time when democracy was tested and people rallied in the face of insurmountable odds.

We’re still reeling from the effects of the pandemic. How long will the ramifications of this newest European conflict echo through our collective hearts?

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Our Readers Write

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Can't the Town secure federal Rapid Housing funds through the Region and build modular homes on some suitable municipal lands, as is happening in Toronto?

We elect you to provide good governance for all sectors of our people. As we review the Official Plan, special mention could be made of our ongoing social obligation to provide affordable purpose-built rentals for families in core housing need.

For the Region of Peel, homelessness and

unaffordable housing in Caledon represent only a minute percentage of their problem. In a funding squeeze, they will drop the only planned subsidized development in Caledon at the Coleraine and Emil Kolb parkway intersection. For you, Caledon Council, providing assisted housing for needy families is a hundred percent of your moral responsibility.

**CARMEL HILI
CALEDON**

We are still here!

We are still here!

These words spoken by Ukrainian President Zelensky are both inspiring and a global symbol of resilience.

Here at home in Caledon, our Ukrainian Community echoed those words as we gathered at Town Hall on March 6 in solidarity to Ukraine.

Did you know that Caledon is home to a large Ukrainian community in Terra Cotta called Polawa. Many residents have contacted us asking how they

can help the Canadian Ukrainian Congress is accepting donations that go directly to those in need in the Ukraine and for those fleeing the Country for safety.

To donate go to UCC.CA.

As we continue to pray and hope for peace in Ukraine, we are starting to Get Back to Caledon Life.

It will be a long time before we really understand the full impacts the last two years have had on us.

This and That

Some weeks it's hard to focus on a particular topic and that could be for several reasons. The first, without intent to offend, is because I'm pretty certain I have all the classic signs of ADHD. It really, really is hard to focus except when it's not – like when it's time to read or drink wine.

Secondly, there's simply so much going on in the world right now that I don't know which way to turn and/or I don't know enough about a topic to venture an opinion. On this last point more than a few of you will no doubt respond with, "it never stopped you before." All of this is my way of saying today I'm talking about more than just one thing and instead I plan to address a little bit of this and a little bit of that.

I'd like to start with something quite close to home: the recent retirement announcement from our Mayor Allan Thompson. Together with Anne, who has been part of the community every step of the way, they shared the recent news via video and with written statements on several social media platforms (as well as here in our paper.) Reading the announcement was one thing, but observing the visible emotion as Mayor Thompson eventually spoke the actual words on video was very moving. Mayor Thompson has been a fixture in our community for almost 20 years in terms of political context. He served as both Area and Regional Councillor for Ward 2, before running two successful campaigns to serve as Mayor of Caledon. Both from a distance and up close and personal I have had the opportunity to observe and occasionally be a part of the work he has done for us all.

Living in Ward 2 at the time he served the community I can truthfully say that every time there was an issue or concern, he was there to answer my call and/or the calls and concerns of other community members. Dealing with significant and challenging issues like the construction of the #410 northbound impacted many and during this time some folks were not always kind, in part due to their frustrations. Working together to resolve those concerns however, I always found him to be ready, willing and able to assist. On a brighter note, making just about everyone happy, supplying corn to the annual corn festival was a nice gesture and supporting the local soccer league (in so many ways – for which they remain forever grateful) was just second nature to both Allan and Anne.

While working for another community paper at one time, I was often on the road taking pictures throughout Caledon and where I might attend 3 or 4 events in one day, Mayor Thompson, very often together with Anne, would be at those same events AND would have also attended 4 or 5 others too, sometimes stretching late into the evening. Stamina, commitment and basic human decency are just some of the character traits I believe our Mayor to possess. While some readers may disagree with some of the decisions he has made as Mayor or while on Council, I will forever have fond memories of a Mayor and Councillor, in cowboy "boots and suits" that truly devoted himself to community. I wish you nothing but the best in the future Allan and Anne and many happy days as grandparents!

On a more serious and sombre note we continue to

The Three Rs

Reading, 'riting, and rithmetic, - the "three Rs" of a good education.

Yes, most likely all three skills will come handy at some time.

You might want to read a newspaper or a birthday card, or write an e-mail, and being able to calculate a measurement or make change will most likely happen sometime in your life.

I was reading an interesting story on how education has drastically changed over the past 30 or so years, and how many things are simply not taught in schools anymore.

Maybe some local teachers might disagree with the information, and that's okay because it is not a universal list.

In the age of tablets and keyboards, apparently cursive writing no longer has a place in a lot of schools. In a way, I can understand this because many kids now have no use for a pen or a pencil.

I did read a column about one parent complaining that when his son got his driver's license he was required to write his signature. The kid printed his name in block letters because the concept of a written signature had never been taught to him.

It seems shop class is no longer offered in a lot

of schools, and not for the reason you may think. It's not that it wasn't a valuable class, it's the fact that there are liability issues when it comes to youngsters using machines that can lop off a finger or ruin an eye.

True enough – I saw my good friend put his thumb halfway through a band saw in Grade Eight.

With kids learning a keyboard from the time they are a toddler, there is no real need for a typing class anymore. Also, most kids have probably never seen an actual typewriter.

I did take typewriting class in Grade Nine as my mother thought it would be a good skill to learn.

It was. I still used the standard finger placement and can easily glide over a keyboard instead of hunting and pecking with two fingers.

This next one will probably make some librarians a little upset. I already had this discussion with a librarian friend of mine who gave me a solid lecture on why the Dewey Decimal System is still apparently one of the greatest inventions mankind has ever seen.

I learned the System in elementary school and was taught how to go the card catalogue to look up book. That was during the time when speaking

Ukraine: After the Pause

Two weeks since Russia invaded Ukraine, and still no "decapitation" of the Ukrainian government, no city captured except Kherson (which no non-Ukrainian had ever heard of before the war), and maybe 2,000 military dead on each side.

It's not exactly a stalemate, since the Russians have more tanks, more artillery and more air power, and they have not yet used them as aggressively as they might. So, we can use this (relative) pause in the fighting to examine Moscow's remaining options.

What the Russians have done up to now is contrary to their own military doctrines. Indeed, it was probably imposed on the military by President Vladimir Putin, because it was based on magical thinking.

Standard Russian doctrine for attacking a country the size of Ukraine would require a methodical advance, with massive artillery and air strikes paving the way and logistical support following close behind. Instead, they sent tanks and motorised infantry on cross-country dashes to grab key targets with only the food and ammunition they could

carry.

It would have worked if most Ukrainians had really been praying for Russia to liberate them from the drug-addled Jewish "Nazi" gangsters who Putin said ruled their country, but it's unwise to believe your own propaganda. The Ukrainians resisted and the Russian armoured columns stalled. By Day Five Russian troops were buying or stealing food from the locals.

The sixty-km.-long military convoy that has been stuck on the road north of Kiev for a week could serve as a logo for the whole misbegotten operation. Now there is a pause while scapegoats are found (because Putin must not be blamed) and new plans are being made (perhaps by new commanders). But there will be a second phase.

It will probably be "by the book", which means that the defenders will be crushed by massive firepower in order to spare the lives of Russian troops.

So far, only Kharkiv and Mariupol have had the full treatment, with only occasional rockets hitting other big cities. This is probably because Putin thought he could win without destroying iconic

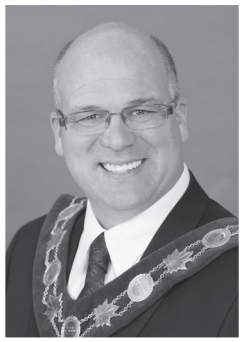
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ALLAN THOMPSON MAYOR'S VIEW



From where I stand as Mayor and Peel Regional Councillor, I can say for sure that our Public Health professionals, our front-line healthcare and food supply workers are the true heroes of our time and they deserve our respect and gratitude.

Dr. Lawrence Loh has led Peel Public Health throughout this unprecedented time. He has guided, advised and held steadfast to protect our communities and Peel citizens, there are no

words that can express our collective thanks for his dedication and service.

This spring brings renewed hope and optimism as we reconnect and rebuild as a community and it's more important than ever that we continue to support, shop and #LoveLocalCaledon.

SHERALYN ROMAN TALK CALEDON



watch in fear the war happening in the Ukraine which in turn, has once again also shone a harsh light on the war against racism and discrimination. I may not be articulate enough to converse coherently on the intricacies of shared borders (both historically and in the here and now) or on any discussion attempting to provide this war with context but that's ok because I don't think I need to be if I speak truthfully. War is war. Period. There is virtually no "context" ever needed for war except perhaps for defeating pure evil; that being dictators bent on the elimination of an entire race of persons.

The war in Ukraine isn't an "incursion" across a border, a "skirmish" between isolated troops and civilians, nor is it simply a struggle. War is "a state of armed conflict between different nations" and is, in this case, a flagrant example of an oppressive, dictator-led regime preying on its presumably weaker neighbour. Discovering that the Ukraine is neither weak, nor alone (with many nations immediately providing both lethal and non-lethal support) seems only to have heightened the fighting. The result is war. Period. Civilians whom just a few weeks ago went to cafés, out for dinner, to school and to work, are now madly fleeing, or fighting for their lives. For the record all you Canadian "Freedom Fighters" - in the Ukraine that means LITERALLY fighting with armed weapons, weapons that could actually result in death – as in dead, not dead tired after over-indulging in a pig roast.

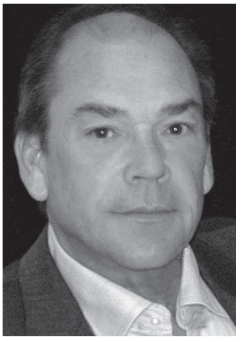
Having empathy for the Ukrainian people and

wanting to help in any small way, has not been diminished by the other war we are witnessing, but rather, is making it even harder to bear continued witness to the depths of human trauma caused by discrimination. That "black and brown people" are being subjected to outright racism at border crossings, denied easy passage, turned away from busses and trains ferrying people to safety and hassled, abused and treated significantly differently once they do achieve safety, is heartbreaking. War is seemingly the ultimate discriminator but even at war there are separate and distinct levels of hate. It's a sad, sad world and as time marches on my capacity for believing in the innate goodness of human nature is waning.

Forgive my addled brain. My household of two grew by three members just recently, one of which weighs in at 120 pounds, likes to play with balls and sheds. My chaos is mostly "happy" chaos, particularly when measured against the chaos of war, racism and discrimination. Speaking of chaos, let's also hope there will be no chaos when our good Mayor bids his final farewell and transitions our beautiful Caledon into the hands of someone new.

There you have it, a little bit of this and a little bit of that.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



above a quiet whisper would get you a solid admonishment and a dirty look from the head librarian.

Is the Dewey Decimal System still relevant in a library when a computer can do it for you?

Apparently even some librarians are saying it is now old technology.

The moon landing of 1969 was backed by a bunch of engineers in white short-sleeved shirts and clip-on ties who used slide rules to make calculations. I recall learning the slide rule in grade 12, and thought it was quite the amazing tool.

Slide rules are long, long, gone so maybe they shouldn't even make this list. They were replaced by pocket calculators and then computers.

I still recall a kid at my high school who carried his slide rule like it was a badge of honour.

If you happen to ask someone for the time, most likely they will look at their phone for reference, and you will get very exact reply, like "it is 3:42."

The new generation of kids have grown up telling time in a digital format. The analogue style with hands and numbers doesn't make

sense to them.

I had this confirmed by a friend of mine who was a curator at a museum. He was showing a class tour an old clock, and he had to explain how it worked because the concept of the hands pointing to numbers didn't register with them.

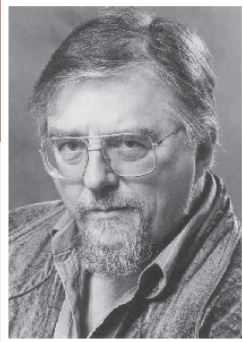
Languages are still taught in schools, but apparently the classics, Latin and Greek, which at one time were offered in all high schools, are no longer on the list offered at many schools.

I'm not sure about Greek, but Latin may come in handy if you are planning to go into law, medicine, or botany. Although I have still not been able to work the phrase, "veni vidi vici," into a conversation.

That fact that some things in schools are disappearing doesn't mean it's a negative thing. After all, at one time kids brought their own slates to school to write on.

This is more like evolving education that keeps up with the times.

GWYNNE DYER OUR WORLD TODAY



cities like Kyiv and Odessa and killing tens of thousands of people. Even the man who levelled Grozny and Aleppo understands that too much blood is bad PR.

That possibility no longer exists (indeed, it probably never did), so now his choices are retreat or mass slaughter. Since retreat would probably mean he also loses power – "he led us into a needless war, he brought shame and humiliation on us, and he lost the war" – Putin will see that as no choice at all, so the mass slaughter will probably commence.

Here's a more fundamental question: could all this have been avoided by some different choice in the past?

Not by refusing to let the formerly Communist-ruled countries of eastern Europe join NATO. Having suffered under Russian overlords for forty-five years after the Second World War, and in some cases having been invaded to bring them back into line – Hungary 1956, Czechoslovakia 1967 – they desperately wanted the protection of Nato membership.

Some of them had even longer experience of

Russian imperialism – Poles spent the entire 19th century under Russian rule – and they knew Russia's reflex is always to build a buffer zone of obedient vassal countries around it. It would have been unthinkable to leave them out in the cold.

That whole debate about whether NATO should have refused to let them in ignores the history. A better approach might have been to let Russia join NATO too, but it would have had to be a very different Russia.

Such a Russia may have been within reach in the 1990s if the country had been treated with respect, the carpet-baggers had been kept out, and the West had not put its money on that drunken fool Boris Yeltsin. But many people think all of that was inevitable, and maybe it was.

In any case, we are where we are, and the task for NATO now is to protect Ukraine, the country it kept out, while avoiding a nuclear war.

SPORTS

First motionball event in support of Special Olympics, in need of volunteers

Continued from FRONT

To help introduce the next generation of donors, volunteers and sponsors to the Special Olympics movement through integrated social and sporting events, motionball hosts over 50 annual events in 17 Canadian cities and 34 university campuses. Through the events and in support of the movement, motionball has donated over \$14,000,000 net since its inception in 2002.

Councillor Annette Groves, Caledon resident and President of Jason’s Quest Jason Scoria, and the Bolton Village Resident Association have partnered with motionball to bring an event to Caledon this September to raise awareness for the #NoGoodWay to use the R-word campaign.

“Having Jason is so important because he grew up here in the community and he participates in so many things,” said Groves. “He’s always out and helping to organize anything we do in the community. It’s so important to have him because he’s a face of our community; people know Jason and having him will help bring more people out to support because he works so hard in this community. And also having the Bolton Village Resident Association behind this as well is a huge help for volunteering and informing the community on the event.

“motionball runs these events to raise awareness and funding for the Special Olympics but we’ve never done one in Caledon. This will be the first one here and Jason competed and won the gold medal in golf for us and it’s important to us that we bring an event to the Town. This is something that’s been around for over 20 years and it’s really to get athletes participating in sports while fundraising. Special Olympics Canada reached out to me, and we connected and we were looking to do it in June, but we had to move it to September.”

To help with the motionball event, Groves and the organizing team are looking for volunteers to not just set up and run the event, but to make connections and build a community feel with everyone involved.

“I’m working with the Bolton Village Resident Association to coordinate it and organize it, we’re going to need volunteers and we have opportunities for other groups to help out,” Groves said. “The number one goal is to raise awareness, there’s the #NoGoodWay that raises awareness to remove the R-word from people’s vocabulary. There’s no good way of saying that word and we want to raise awareness around that and for the Special Olympics in general. It’s also an opportunity for everyone to come together and have some fun while playing the sports we put together. Another big part to it is the fundraising because they need the funds to help support these athletes

perform and compete in their events.”

The overall event will focus on different sports and fun the kids involved while having Special Olympics athletes captain the teams and help teach them the sports.

“Young athletes are welcome to participate and it’s with any sport that involves a ball—basketball, golf, soccer, and even bocce ball,” Groves said. “We’re really excited about bocce ball too because we do have the new bocce ball indoor building, whereas before athletes would have to go to Vaughan to practice. Each team will also have a Special Olympic athlete on it, we’re looking to put together about 10 teams with eight to 10 individuals.”

The reason Groves is so passionate about this event is because she has long been involved with different groups in Caledon that help support individuals with intellectual and physical challenges in an effort to help make them feel they’re part of the community.

“For me, this is an easy event to support because I do a lot of work with these individuals who have challenges,” she said. “Whether it be with Meaghan’s Room where we provide music for these individuals or with the CAFFI House (Caledon Area Families for Including Housing) where I worked with our committee, orchestrated and organized by Patricia Franks, to build the CAFFI House for these individuals because of course parents get concerned about their children as they get older and what will happen to their children with special needs. That makes doing events and initiatives like this really easy for me to get behind because when you’re working with these individuals, it is so very rewarding. They’re just great people and the goal here for myself is all about inclusion. I don’t want these individuals with special needs or challenges to be segregated or on their own, so this is an opportunity to get them together with the whole community and help make them a part of the community because they’re our residents, children, and grandchildren.”

The two most important aspects of this event in Groves’ eyes is helping the Caledon community make the individuals involved feel like they belong while also honing in on the issues surrounding support for the families of individuals that have intellectual and physical challenges.

“It’s the integration piece of this that’s so important,” she said. “When these individuals are separated from the community, I hate it because they’re important to the community as whole. This is where all the individuals—the volunteers, Special Olympic athletes, and participants—can connect and have a great time with the community. I think it’s important that people in the community get to know our residents in Caledon who have these challenges. I’m disappointed that with the funding from the province, there’s nothing available for these parents and their children after they graduate high school. That makes it even more important to raise awareness in the community and advocate for them because more needs to be done at the provincial level for these individuals after they leave high school. It’s very expensive to put them in programs because it’s a lifetime; these individuals can sometimes need 24-hour care and the caregivers/parents are burning out because they’re getting older, too. It’s not just more that needs to be done as a province either, we need to do more at the local level and that’s why we want to bring events like this to Caledon.”

As the motionball event approaches, registration will be put online in the coming months as the Special Olympic athletes are finalized to help lead the teams. For those interested in volunteering, contact the Bolton Village Residents Association at boltonvillageresidents@gmail.com.

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Caledon Hawks U18AA team wanted to say a big thank you

BY ROBERT BELARDI

The Caledon Hawks U18AA boys team would like to say a big thank you to everyone as their season comes down to the end.

Some members of the team have played their final season in minor hockey.

It has been quite a hard year for everyone in sport. Closures have wreaked havoc throughout minor sports leagues and players have been subject to practicing at home.

“As they wade their way through the distractions of part-time jobs, learning to drive, applying to post-secondary schools and keeping their marks up, the players have been enjoying a season of competition and camaraderie like no other,” said team manager Angela Jacome wrote.

“The players, coaches and parents would particularly like to recognize the team’s sponsors. The team would like to extend a big thank you to Spaw Dog Walking, Happenings Party Rentals, Vette Trucking, Todd Pools,


Serenkoscapes, Tru-Unite, A-Deco-rating Touch as well as a number of anonymous donors. The team encourages the local community to consider these companies as such needs arise for their services/products.”

The club would like to thank the players for all of their hard work and efforts with the team.

The team lists as: Ty Harris, Daniel Carleton, Tyler Robinson, Luke Valade, Cody O’Neill, Owen Nurse, Jordan Calvano, James Hume, Joey Jacome, Brendan Ryan, Matthew Viool, Ethan Serenko, Joshua Sandy, Mathew McKeown, Arthur Lee, Tyler Richards, Michael Kruger, Kevin Wilks.

The club would also like to thank the coaching staff that consists of Dave Jacome, BJ Wilks, Kerry Ryan, Jim Serenko and Mike Nurse.


To the parents, a big thank you from Jacome for all of their support throughout the year. Moving ahead, the Hawks would like to send out their best wishes to all Caledon sports clubs entering the postseason.



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On the Ice



The Caledon Golden Hawks finished in sixth place after dropping their final two games of the regular season. The boys will take on cross-town rival Schomberg Cougars in the first round of the PJHL playoffs.

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Caledon SC star impressing Guyanese Senior National Team



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BY ROBERT BELARDI

Anika Sproxton flew down to Guyana in the second week of February to join the senior women’s national soccer team. She was no stranger to travelling to another country for soccer. With Caledon SC, she drove to New Jersey and Ohio for tournaments. But this time, it was different for the 17-year-old, Brampton native, yet Sproxton, handled it like she handles every situation. She remained calm and was excited for what this opportunity would bring. She was also travelling to where part of her family is from. With Guyanese-Trinidadian background, this one hit home. When she arrived, everything panned out the way she had hoped. “I met the team and it was absolutely awesome. What an experience. Everyone

on the team took me in like I’m family. And I was the youngest one there, and they were all shocked,” Sproxton recalled. “That was an absolute blast and my second-time flying alone. But this time I’m with my team. It was a cool experience to be flown out with your team. Definitely the relationships and bonds with these girls, will hopefully last a lifetime.” She went everywhere with her teammates. If it was at 6:00 a.m. or 11:00 p.m. at night, everything she had done was with this group. It has played a role in her growth and her maturity, and it is something that head coach of the senior team Dr. Ivan Joseph immediately noticed. “You usually don’t bring a 16 or 17-year-old into a senior national team. But every now and then you have some special people that are mature enough and physically capable enough,” said the Guyanese-born

coach, who grew up in King City, Aurora and Maple, before returning home to manage the national side in 2018. “It’s not just about technical skills that get you on a team. You have to fit in and carry yourself with the right maturation. You got women who are doctors and lawyers and engineers on this team. It’s really important how you cohesively fit, then you look at the skill set. And Anika has some great skills....But probably her biggest compliment is that she is both poised on the ball, meaning she doesn’t panic, and she’s really competitive. She’s driven to really be a professional and excel on and off the pitch.” Sproxton grew up in a sports household. Her mother, Vadeo, was part of the Canadian National Cricket Team. Her father Roy, a lover of soccer and hockey. She also has an older and younger sister. When she was three-years-old, Sproxton’s father motivated her to play soccer. He took her to every game. Even became her coach. She played house league in Brampton, before joining her first and only rep team in Caledon when she was nine. At that time, her ambitions grew. She wanted soccer to be more than what it currently was. It was clear to anyone around her that she would begin to make this dream a reality. Capable of playing in any position, Sproxton is a nightmare for any opposition. She can play anywhere from centre back to forward. It might be thanks to her love for other sports. Sproxton loves to ski, skate and run cross country. She will also join any school sport whenever possible. “It’s really opened my mind. Just to see different sports and how they work and how you have to think on the fly. But as well as meeting different people that have different inputs on all these other sports, that you kind of take away from all of them. And you can implement them into your own sport,” Sproxton said. “Every sport you see the way of learning and being outside your comfort zone makes you really grow.” Thankful for her coach in Caledon, Giorgio Iannizzi, Sproxton plays five different positions a game. Her versatility is rare and it has garnered attention from those in Canada Soccer. Last December, Sproxton travelled out to Vancouver to join a Canada

ID camp. Inspired by another teammate trying to earn their Jamaican citizenship, it was then, that Sproxton researched the Guyanese national team and someone from Woodbridge was already there training. “I said yeah, I definitely could play here. So, I contacted Giorgio the same day. I said ‘Hey, do you think it’s crazy if I wanted to play for the Guyanese national team?’ He said, ‘I have a contact. Let me hit him up now and we’ll get you a tryout.’ The next day, he said we got you a tryout,” Sproxton said. Now, Sproxton is preparing to re-join the Lady Jags for CONCACAF qualifiers in April. The Jags are set to take on Nicaragua. With a win, Guyana will be set to take on Trinidad and Tobago on April 12. That matchup will be quite interesting, considering her family is from both nations. Despite being on the team, Sproxton has yet to place her name on the official game roster. It’s not that she doesn’t want to play, the girls are itching for her to get on the pitch, but there is a limitation on how many games she can be a part of before she must fully commit. Once you play for one national team, you cannot play for another. Sproxton’s dream is to play for Canada. Also in April, Sproxton will be travelling to Dallas, TX, with Caledon SC for the Dallas Cup. She hopes to contact scouts from schools who will be attending to send video clips of her on the pitch. Once this tournament concludes, she will travel to the Dominican Republic to join the U17 Guyanese women’s team for a tournament. “On behalf of Caledon Soccer Club, we’re really proud to have a young lady like this, represent us at that level,” said Terry Maddison, Technical Director at Caledon SC. “To develop players to get them to that level, is a good testament to the club and our development process.” Sproxton hopes that her story will inspire others in similar situations to chase their dreams. She would like to thank her father, her mother, Coach Iannizzi and Dr. Joseph for all of their support thus far in her journey. To keep up with Anika’s journey, you can follower her on Instagram @anika.sproxton and on Tik Tok @anikasproxton.




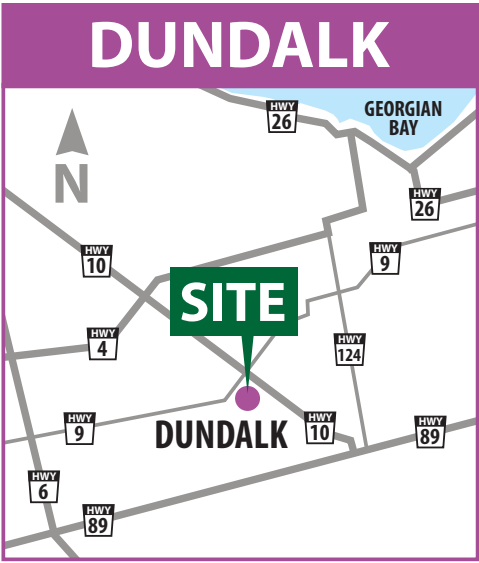


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Flato Development hosts public community engagement meeting

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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Flato Developments, the company building the new development in Beeton just off Main Street on the west end of the town, hosted a community engagement meeting on Thursday, March 3, to get input from local residents about their proposed senior's housing.

The meeting was held at the community hall at the Beeton arena.

The seniors' complex will have five buildings and 400 units in close proximity to Main Street.

Each building will have 80 apartments.

Flato's vision for the project includes a gym, yoga and wellness centre, a library and media room, an outdoor patio with gazebos and barbecues, and a faith room. It also includes open concept floor plans with wide hallways for accessibility, wide accessible balconies, private vegetable gardens, and a parkette.

The complex has not yet been designed and the company is seeking input from the public on what they want in a seniors' complex before they started the final design.

"This is an informal public open house where we are here to get input from the general public to find out what they have to say about the proposed senior's buildings - we want to get their input on the size of the buildings," explained Shakir Rehmatullah, President of Flato Developments. "We want to find out what size of units people would prefer - one-bedroom suites or two-bedroom suites - especially when they are seniors."

Mr. Rehmatullah, said they are working from experience after developing other seniors' units in different communities.

"We have heard in our other communities from people who say they prefer two-bedroom suites," Mr. Rehmatullah said. "Some people have come to us and said 'we need wider sidewalks.' Some people have said 'we need bigger bathrooms' or 'bigger closets.' That's the reason we are here. We have our planner and our architect here. We just want to hear from the community to tell us how they want it to be designed and how they want it to look. They might like brick, or stone, or stucco. We want to build something that people will appreciate. We are in the beginning phase right now. We want to engage with the community and we care about the community. We want to inform them of what's happening and be transparent and get their feedback so the architect can take that feedback to the drawing board and design it on the comments were, and come up with a community people will appreciate."

The meeting was an informal affair and local residents were encouraged to look at some of plans for the new development and ask questions or give advice on what they would like to see in the new development.



Flato Developments held a public information meeting in the Community Room at Beeton Arena on Thursday, March 3, to get input from the public about their proposed senior's complex on Main St. in Beeton. New Tecumseth Mayor Rick Milne, and Councillors Paul Foster, Fran Sainsbury, Donna Jebb, and Wayne Noye, joined Flato Developments President Shakir Rehmatullah, at the meeting.

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CVC to run "Maple Syrup in the Park" event throughout March

BY ROB PAUL

After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, maple syrup will be flowing once again in Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) areas this month.

CVC is inviting people to come out to Terra Cotta Conservation Area (in Halton Hills) and Island Lake Conservation Area (in Orangeville) throughout March for a chance to get out and enjoy nature while also getting fresh maple syrup through its "Maple Syrup in the Park" event.

The event kicks off March 12 and tickets are \$10 for adults (ages 15 to 64), \$7 for seniors (65+), \$6 for youth (6 to 14), and free for children (under 5). Attendees will not only get to enjoy tasty treats, but there will be plenty of opportunities to learn.

"This year we're hosting Maple Syrup in the Park at Island Lake and Terra Cotta Conservation Areas March 12 to 20, 26 and 27," said Evan Orme, Superintendent, Conservation Parks at Credit Valley Conservation. "Visitors can tour maple syrup demonstrations, enjoy a storybook walk with the family, try maple taffy, learn about Indigenous culture and heritage, and enjoy pancakes with real maple syrup. We will also have maple sweets and treats available on site for people to purchase and take home."

Maple Syrup in the Park is geared towards teaching families about the maple syrup process and giving them a chance to try some of the sweetest snacks, and, for adults looking for a more intimate setting, CVC will also have an event in early April for them to partake in.

"Visitors can tour our maple syrup demonstrations and learn from our knowledgeable staff," said Orme. "They will share the history, customs and production methods used to make

maple syrup. Visitors can also tour the sugarbush and see the sugar shack steaming. We also have Maple Syrup by Lamplight at Island Lake on April 1 and 2. This event is a fun after hours event where visitors can enjoy a guided tour by lamplight through the sugarbush, followed by maple-themed samplers and a maple cocktail or mocktail from the Fix Mobile Drink Bar by the campfire. Space is limited and this event is for ages 19+.

CVC finds it important to always make an effort to put together maple syrup events at its locations because the sweet stuff is an integral part of Canadian history.

"Maple syrup events are an important annual tradition at Credit Valley Parks to help visitors understand, enjoy and appreciate nature," said Orme. "Maple syrup production is an important part of Canadian history and identity. Visitors enjoy learning about it and sampling pancakes with real maple syrup."

The popularity of maple syrup events has been big for CVC and losing them the previous two years was tough, but Orme is confident that with them returning so too will the patrons who come from all over the area.

"Maple syrup events were put on hold in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19," he said. "It was disappointing that we were unable to host our annual events because maple syrup season is a fun way for visitors to connect with nature and learn about an important part of our history. We're excited to bring Maple Syrup in the Park back to Island Lake and Terra Cotta Conservation Area. We see visitors of all ages come from across the GTA to enjoy our annual event, and they have so much fun many come back multiple times each year."

With the pandemic still active, CVC

has health protocols in place for Maple Syrup in the Park to ensure the safety of all those who attend.

"Reservations are required in advance to attend Maple Syrup in the Park and taffy tickets must be bought ahead of time with your entry ticket purchase. It's important that people book early to get their preferred date and time to attend. We will require face masks to be worn inside all buildings. We're inviting people into the sugar shack this year, as long as they're wearing a face mask, so they can see the process of how maple syrup is made."

There's a specific process to safely tap maple trees for syrup that CVC follows to keep them protected and stop any adverse effects from impacting the health of the tree.

"To follow sustainable tapping practices, sugar maples must be 30 to 40 years of age and 30 to 35 centimetres in diameter to support one tap for sap collection," said Orme. "As sugar maples continue to grow, they can support two to three taps depending on their age and diameter. We never use the same tap hole twice. New holes must be drilled each year, five centimetres horizontally and 15 centimetres laterally away from previous tap holes. Following these sustainable tapping practices, only 10 per cent of a sugar maple's annual sap production is collected and doesn't negatively impact the growth of the tree. This way, we're able to tap the same tree year after year and preserve the health of our sugarbush. We encourage people to come out to Maple Syrup in the Park to learn more at our sugar shacks."

Tickets for all our maple syrup events must be reserved in advance and are available by visiting CVC's website, CVC.ca.

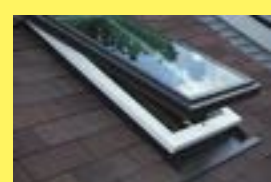
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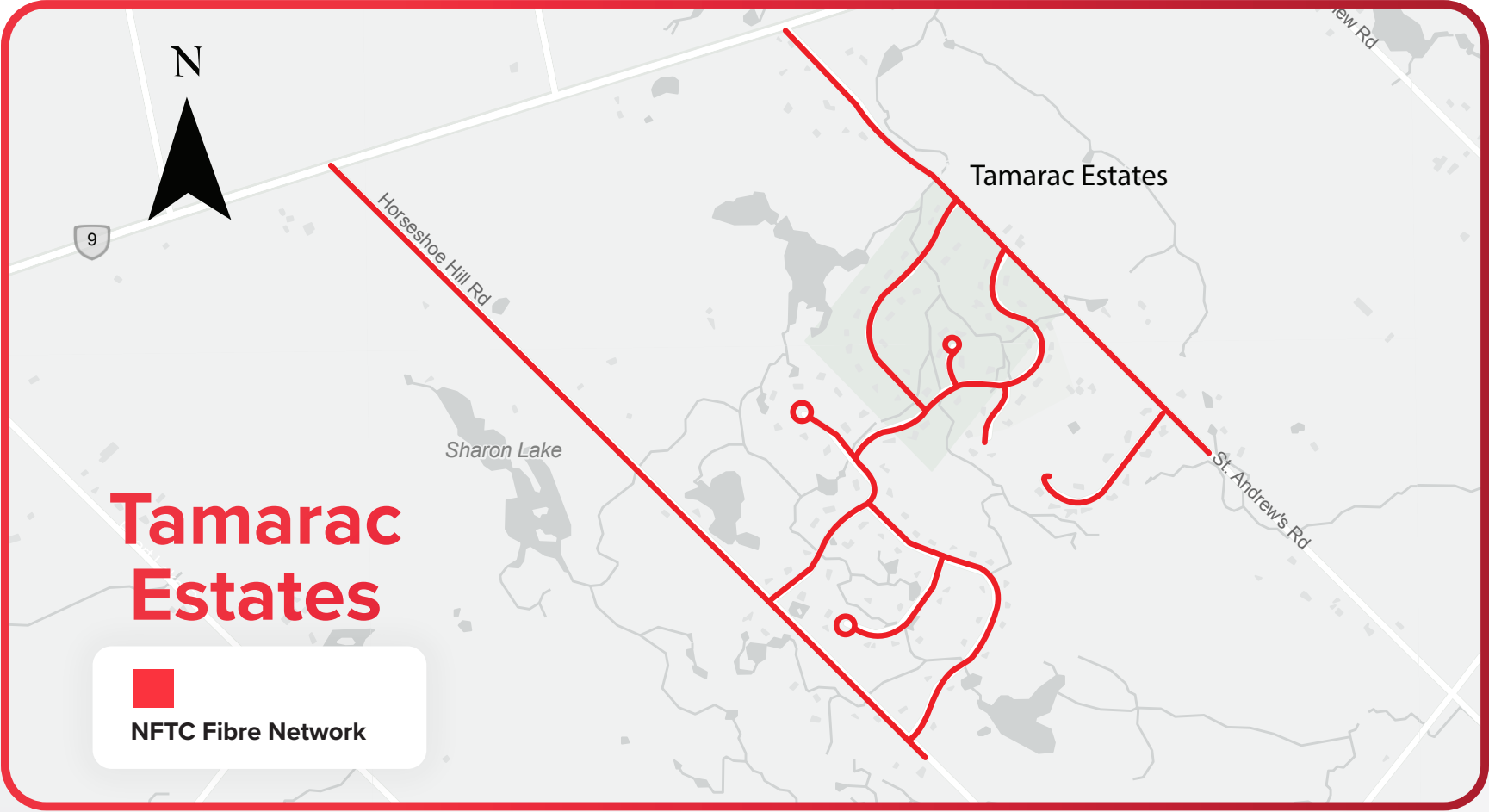
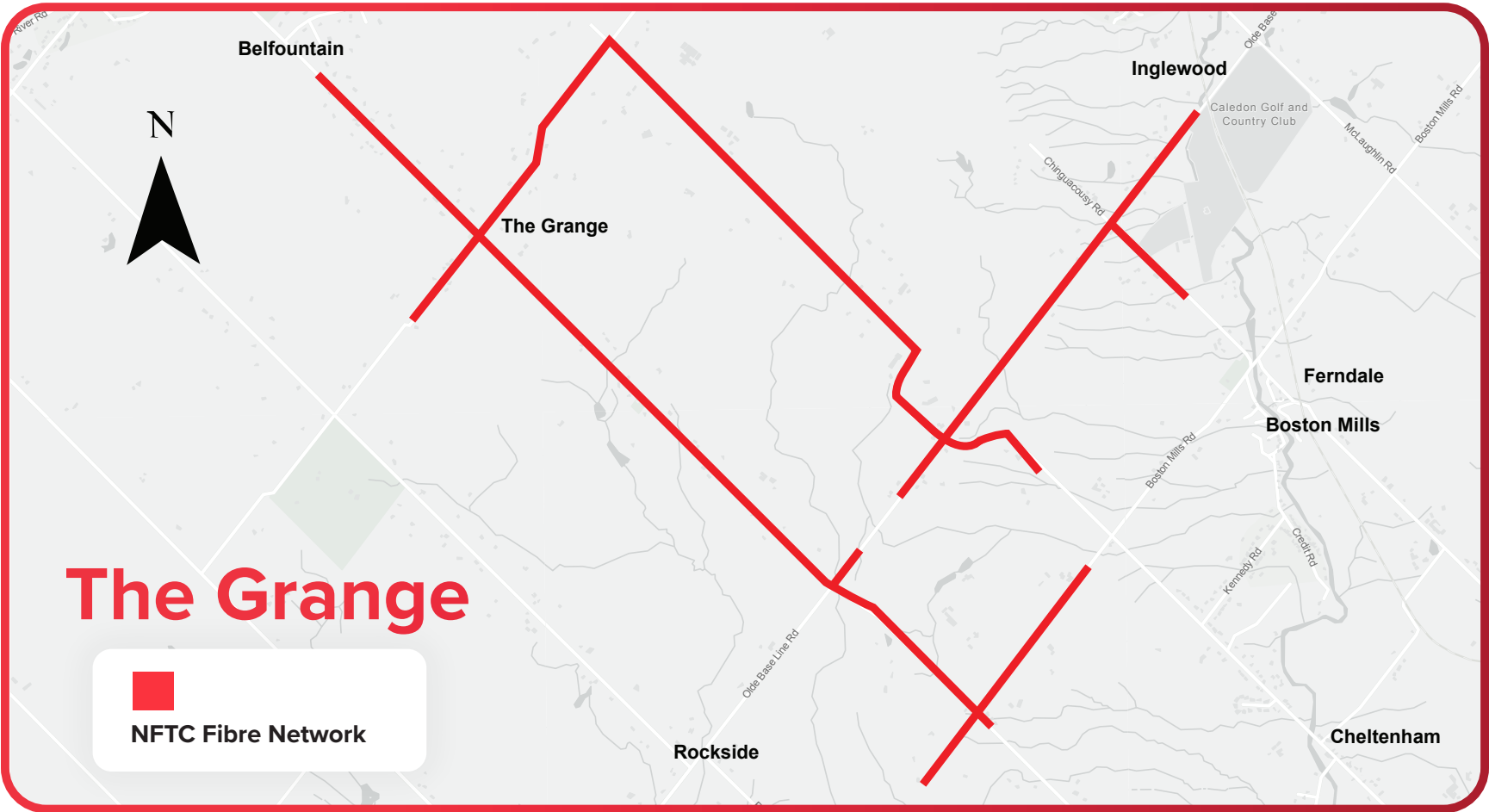
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