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EASTERFEST DRAWS SOLD-OUT CROWDS

Lyuba Shefkin, her two kids Stav (left) and Ilay, and husband Alex, went to Downey's Farm for Easterfest on April 17. For more, see Page 12.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon residents speak out against settlement boundary expansion

Residents want to see Caledon's farmland preserved, less single-family homes

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Less is more for two Caledon residents who spoke at a Region of Peel Council meeting last week.

Residents Kate Hepworth and Dean Cox registered as delegates to speak about the Region of Peel's 2051 official plan, and settlement area

boundary expansion in Caledon, on Thursday, April 14.

Hepworth did not mince words speaking first, saying that "Caledon is broken."

"Why are we in this crunch to fit people in?" she asked. "Could it be the acceptance of sprawl has hindered the ability of good planning?"

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Reduce, reuse, recycle and repair: EcoCaledon bringing repair cafe to Bolton

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Have something you need fixed? The experts coming to a repair cafe in Bolton might be able to help you out.

Being held at the Caledon Seniors Centre in Bolton on April 30, the repair cafe will be part of the larger "Caledon Reduces" event being held that day at the same location. The Caledon Reduces event will feature a fashion show styled completely with second-hand clothes,

as well as a film screening of "The Story of Plastic."

Lucrezia Chiappetta is the co-chair of EcoCaledon and said we live in a "throwaway" society. She said more people are coming around to the idea that recycling isn't the only solution to humanity's waste problem. Stopping waste from being created in the first place is important, she said, hence the repair cafe.

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Bolton Kin Club hosting next Toonie Sale on May 14

Kin Club members take pride in the sales, which benefit many good causes

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

If you’ve ever seen a lineup of 100-plus people outside the Albion & Bolton Agricultural Society President’s Building, there’s a good chance it was because of a Bolton Kin Club Toonie Sale.

Toonie Sales are among the club’s most popular events, and proceeds from them have been used to support a wide range of charities and community services.

The Bolton Kin Club’s Susan Eno looks after volunteer coordination for the sales, while Kin Joe Luschak looks after the logistics and acts as the cashier during the sales. There are many more Bolton Kin Club members — and community volunteers, such as students — involved in the sales too, as they’re such big events.

“We support cancer; we support cystic fibrosis; we support all the minor sports, hockey, baseball, lacrosse, soccer. We support Meaghan’s Music Room; our club just made a three-year commitment... to expand the (Caledon) Seniors Centre...” said Luschak, giving examples of some of the things the Bolton Kin Club supports through their Toonie Sales and other work.

Earlier this month, Luschak spoke to the Citizen all about how the Toonie Sales work, all while checking out customers during the hustle and bustle of the Bolton Kin Club’s first sale of 2022.

He estimated the most people he’s ever



Bolton Kin Club members Joe Luschak (left) and Susan Eno are pictured at the April 2 Toonie Sale at the Albion & Bolton Agricultural Society President’s Building in Bolton. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

COMMUNITY events

This column is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce up-coming events. Please contact the Caledon Citizen by calling (905) 857-6626 if you wish to have an announcement published.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON 1344 Bolton – Real People, Real Weight Loss is a non-profit group. We meet weekly on Wed. evenings in the basement of Bolton United Church. Weigh-ins are 6:15-6:45 followed by a meeting. The initial annual fee incl. a bi-monthly magazine and starter kit is \$59, and monthly dues are only \$15. If you have weight to lose and/or want to improve your health, we can help! We promote healthy eating and your first meeting is free. Come join us! Now that the COVID19 protocols are starting to ease, it's a good time to make any necessary changes to your eating habits. For more information call Marion at 905-857-5191 or see www.tops.org. Online memberships are also available.

The Bolton Al-Anon Group has recently moved the regular meeting location to the Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy Street (across from Bolton Post Office). We still meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is/or has been affected by someone who has problem with alcohol. If you have any questions please come any Thursday evening or email: boltonalananon@gmail.com.

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TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) - Caledon Village. Real people, real weight loss is a non-profit group. We meet weekly on Wednesdays at the Knox United Church from 6:00 - 6:30 to be weighed with a meeting to follow. The annual fee of \$ 59.00 which covers a bi-monthly magazine and our monthly dues are \$10.00. The first meeting is free! For more information call Barb at 519-927-3078.

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Event Website: www.rotarywow.com

checked out during a sale is 350.

Upon arrival at the President’s Building in Bolton for the Toonie Sale just after 10 a.m., there was a lineup of people outside that stretched almost all the way to the Albion Bolton Community Centre.

It was the first sale since COVID-19 restrictions had been lifted, so guests were greeted at the door but did not have to show their proof of vaccination.

There was excitement among attendees to be the first in and find the best deals, with the first customer checking out just a few minutes after the sale started. Luschak said once, a mink coat was sold for \$2, and deals like that happen often at the sales. No matter what the item, as the Toonie Sale’s name implies, it’s sold for two dollars. This takes away any need for price negotiations and makes things simple for customers and volunteers alike.

The Bolton Kin Club receives all the clothing and items they sell by donation. They have donation bins in the southwest corner of the Bolton Zehrs parking lot. Kin volunteers collect donations from the bins often, then take them to be sorted and stored until a sale.

Luschak explained items for sale are always refreshed. For example, at the April 2 sale, Luschak said at the next sale there would be more spring and summer items as the weather is getting better.

The next Bolton Kin Club Toonie Sale is taking place on Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the same location, the Albion & Bolton Agricultural Society President’s Building. The sales weren’t always held there, however. They weren’t always as big and used to be held at the Kin Club building on Chapel Street in Bolton, explained Eno.

“It became a real community. People... they all started to come and then it got bigger and bigger, until we got this building,” said Eno at the April 2 sale. She said renting the President’s Building from the Agricultural Society for the sales is a win-win because it’s another community organization being supported.

Eno said high school students will come and get their volunteer hours working at the Toonie Sales, and that it can look good on their resumes too because it is retail experience. She said she’s seen more and more young people attending the sales as customers, as the younger generation turns away from fast fashion in favour of thrifting and reusing clothes.

“We just love it, just as a passion. And the volunteers that help, they’re passionate about helping,” said Eno of the Toonie Sales.

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Ontario Green Party leader visits Caledon, announces party would cancel Highway 413

Mike Schreiner made announcement beside Dufferin-Caledon Green candidate Laura Campbell

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The leader of the Ontario Greens said his party would cancel the proposed Highway 413 and subsidize a dedicated truck lane on the existing Highway 407.

Mike Schreiner made the announcement when he visited Caledon on April 20, for a press conference with Dufferin-Caledon Green candidate Laura Campbell at the intersection of Mayfield and Bramalea roads.

The location was chosen as it was across the street from Campbell’s old high school.

“I attended Mayfield Secondary School from 2000 to 2004, which feels like a long time ago and it was a long time ago — but not that long ago. When I’m looking around me now, it is an unrecognizable landscape,” said Campbell.

“We want to preserve farmland; this is one of the key industries in my community. And we know that building this highway will make it impossible for farmers just north of here to continue to harvest their crops.”

Schreiner said Doug Ford’s Conservative government has selected the most expensive and destructive route for the proposed Highway 413. He said he was pleased to be in Dufferin-Caledon to announce his party’s alternative.

“Doug Ford’s expensive highway will not address the transportation challenges facing this region. A dedicated truck lane is the most financially and environmentally responsible way to create an alternative way of moving goods in the region, and we will ensure that trucks not be charged for this lane, it will be covered by public finances,” said Schreiner.

“We have to stop Doug Ford’s expensive sprawl agenda. The 413 alone will pave over 2,000 acres of farmland, 400 acres of



Green Party of Ontario leader Mike Schreiner visited Caledon on April 20 for a press conference with Dufferin-Caledon Green Party candidate Laura Campbell. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

the Greenbelt, cross 85 waterways and destroy 75 wetlands, while emitting 17.5 million tonnes of climate pollution. We simply cannot allow Doug Ford to pave over the wetlands that clean our drinking water and protect us from flooding; the farmland that feeds us and contributes so much to our local economies. And we can’t allow him to continue... projects that will simply pollute the air we breathe.”

Schreiner said some expert panels have estimated the proposed Highway 413 could cost upwards of \$10 billion and that there’s no way to know as the Ford government hasn’t been transparent with how much it will cost.

“Let’s contrast that with our proposal to have a dedicated truck lane on Highway 407. That would cost \$260 million a year, take an estimated 12,000 to 20,000 transport trucks off of the 401, making the 401 safer for drivers. And over a 30-year period, the estimated cost is \$4 billion. That’s a fraction... of the cost of building a Highway 413,” said Schreiner.

He said while obviously the Greens are concerned about the environmental impacts of the highway, even from a fiscal standpoint it doesn’t make sense.

Campbell said she’s been in conversation with community activists in Caledon, and that truck traffic in Caledon will actually increase if the 413 is built, due to all the aggregate from Dufferin-Caledon needed for its construction.

“We really have to stand with community activists and say no to this highway... why are we resurrecting it? And we know why, and that’s because Ford’s agenda is to help out his developer buddies. That is not how democracy works,” said Campbell.

Schreiner said it’s irresponsible of the Ford government to require regions and municipalities to plan to 2051 during a pandemic. He said it means the government is essentially trying to force municipalities to expand their urban boundaries.

“It really shows you that the Ford government is more interested in maximizing value for land speculators — who also

oftentimes happen to be big donors to the Conservative Party — than they are in responsible planning and stewardship of our communities,” he said.

Schreiner questioned if the projected growth of Caledon to 300,000 residents by 2051 is even accurate, and explained his party’s plan to deal with growth if it is.

“If we do meet those targets, let’s build connected, livable communities that provide people lots of choices around the kinds of affordable homes they want to live in. Let’s make duplexes and triplexes and quadplexes... let’s make it easier for people to build tiny homes and laneway housings and secondary suites,” said Schreiner.

He said the Ontario Greens have costed and committed to building 160,000 affordable homes in the next decade by working with non-profit, cooperative, and social housing providers.

“Let’s build the communities people want, let’s make them affordable, and let’s connect them using transit,” said Schreiner.

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OPP LONG WEEKEND
TRAFFIC RESULTS

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) stopped and charged numerous unbuckled drivers throughout Caledon during this past Easter Long Weekend Campaign.

A total of 187 seat belt charges have been issued.

“It only takes a few seconds to buckle up,” say Police. “A properly worn seat belt greatly increases your chances of surviving a motor vehicle collision. As a driver or passenger, it is important to respect the life-saving value of a seat belt and the proven fact that the best position to be in during a crash is securely fastened in your seat. Additionally, a driver or passenger can be charged and face a fine totalling \$240 (\$200 set fine, \$35 victim surcharge, \$5 court costs) and two demerit points for seat belt infractions. Demerit points remain on a driving record for two



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“The Region of Peel has a “Vision Zero” strategy aimed to eliminate traffic fatalities and injuries. It can be summarized in one sentence: No loss of life is acceptable due to a motor vehicle collision.”

More information is available at: <https://www.peelregion.ca/pw/transportation/residents/vision-zero.asp>

CENTRAL REGION RESULTS
OF SEATBELT CAMPAIGN

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Central Region have concluded the Easter long weekend seatbelt campaign and the results are in. Officers conducted 2,185 traffic stops and issued 286 seatbelt charges.

“The Seatbelt campaign ran from April 15, 2022, until April 18, 2022,” say Police. “Officers across Central Region worked very hard

to ensure everyone’s safety this long weekend. During the campaign, officers were highly visible as they conducted seatbelt safety checks. Although properly worn seatbelts was the focus of this campaign, enforcement was not limited to just seatbelts.

“The results of the Seatbelt campaign show that there are still drivers and passengers who are not wearing their seatbelts. It only takes a few seconds to buckle up. A properly worn seat belt greatly increases your chances of surviving a motor vehicle collision.

Everyone travelling in a motor vehicle must properly wear a seatbelt and children must be properly secured in child car seat. Drivers are responsible for ensuring all passengers under the age of 16 are properly secured in either a seat belt or Child Car Seat.”

Added Assistant Inspector Liane Spong-Hooyenga, Regional Traffic Manager for Central Region: “While the majority of drivers and passengers understand the lifesaving value of seatbelts we still find people who choose not to buckle up. Even with all of the technology the digital age has brought us, seat belts continue to be the crucial life-saving measure behind the wheel. The proof is in the collisions we attend year after year, seat belts save lives.”

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY
INVESTIGATION

Members of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Child Sexual Exploitation Unit and South Simcoe Police Service have arrested and charged a Bradford resident following an investigation relating to child sexual abuse material on the internet.

“On April 14, 2022, police executed a search warrant at a residence in Bradford-West Gwillimbury with the assistance of South Simcoe Police Service,” say Police. “The investigation has resulted in the arrest of a Bradford resident Domenico Repaci, 31-years-old.”

He has been charged with:

- Possession of Child Pornography, contrary to section 163.1(4) of the Criminal Code of Canada - two counts.
- Making Child Pornography Available, contrary to section 163.1(3) of the Criminal Code of Canada - one count.

The accused was scheduled to appear in a bail hearing on April 14, 2022.

The charges have not been proven.

“Children are our most valuable and precious members of society,” say Police. “Many victims of child sexual abuse are so young that they cannot tell their story. Every time an image or video depicting that abuse is shared, that child is re-victimized. Members of the OPP Child Sexual Exploitation Unit will continue to pursue individuals who exploit children on the Internet.

“Anyone wanting to make a difference is encouraged to go to www.protectchildren.ca and

download the ‘Child Sexual Abuse - It Is Your Business’ brochure from the Canadian Center for Child Protection. This is an important first step that can save a child.

“Parents are reminded to take a proactive approach to help protect their children from on-line sexual exploitation by speaking with their children regarding internet safety. Parents and anyone interested in protecting children can find resources to assist them at www.cybertip.ca.”

Police are asking anyone who may have information regarding this investigation or if you have information regarding internet child exploitation to please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. If wish to remain anonymous you can contact Crime Stoppers at (TIPS) or 1-800-222-8477 or via ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

Reporting information may also be made on-line through www.cybertip.ca.

OPP REVEAL
“LEAST LIKELY TO BUCKLE UP”

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) points to three age demographics that are the least likely to buckle up based on its 10-year fatality data.

“Of the 542 people who died between 2012 and 2021 in collisions in which lack of seatbelt use was a factor in their deaths, vehicle occupants between the ages of 25 and 34 had the highest rate of fatalities, accounting for 24 per cent of the deaths,” say Police. “The 15 to 24 year age bracket was the second highest group, at 22.3 per cent, followed by 35 to 44 year-olds at 13.5 per cent of those who died without wearing seatbelts. Drivers (vs. passengers) accounted for 75 per cent of the deaths.


“While the majority of road users understand the lifesaving value of seatbelts, the many excuses for failing to buckle up cost road users their lives year after year. The excuses range from only driving a short distance or at low speeds, seatbelts being uncomfortable or no longer needed because of airbags, to the myth that wearing a seatbelt will trap a person and make things worse during a crash, to name a few.”

The OPP is reminding drivers and passengers that wearing a seatbelt has been proven time and time again to save lives in a collision.

Drivers are encouraged to set a good example for teens and other young drivers and passengers by buckling up for every ride, ensuring they do too, and to help them form a life-long habit of wearing this important life-saving device.

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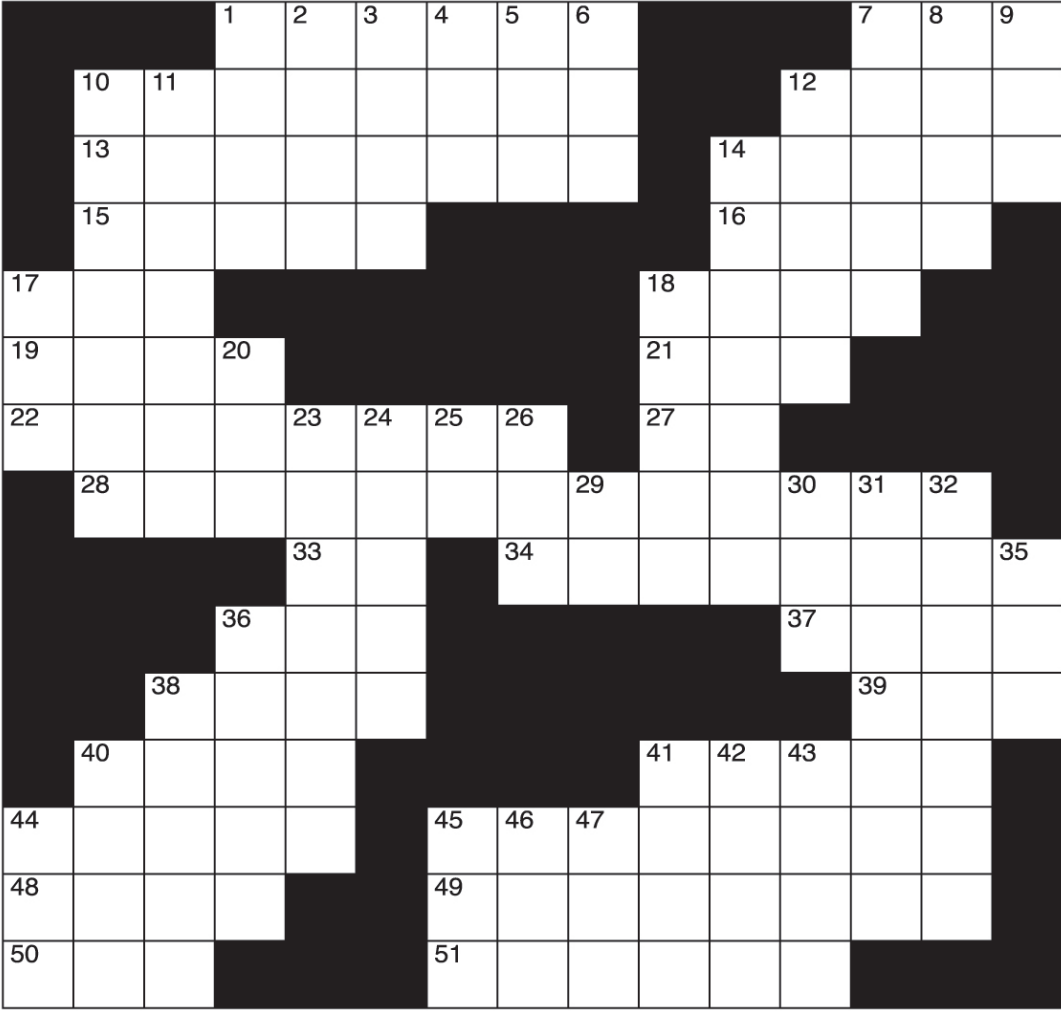
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14. W. Australian capital

15. Many wombs

16. Wings

17. Expression of amusement

18. Brews

19. Mild yellow Dutch cheese

21. Mild expression

22. Solitary

27. Distance to top

28. The rebirth of a soul in a new body

33. Police who investigate police

34. Begrudged

36. Popular sports league

37. Autonomous republic of Russia

38. Double-headed drum

39. Type of light bulb

40. Czech River

41. Male servants (Span.)

44. Previously

45. Minor

48. Metrical foot

49. Days that follow Mondays

50. Small European viper

51. News shows have one

CLUES DOWN

1. Inspiration

2. Resembling wings

3. Form of Persian

4. Consumed

5. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand

6. Sea eagle

7. Jaguarundis

8. Poker stake

9. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

10. South American nation

11. A colorless, odorless gas

12. Disturbance

14. Artist’s tool

17. Polish peninsula

18. Ottoman military leaders

20. Bird-like dinosaur

23. Drinking glass

24. Central Florida city

25. One’s mother

26. To do it is human

29. Atomic #10

30. Used to write

31. The branch of medicine concerned with the ear

32. Adversaries

35. Have already done

36. One of conspicuous wealth

38. It flies over sporting events

40. Geological times

41. Net

42. Musical phrase

43. Chadic dialect

44. Private Internet Access (abbr.)

45. Lizard genus

46. Woman of the church

47. Having ten

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Caledon OPP re-launch youth leadership program

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are thrilled to announce the return of its annual Youth Leadership Program from Tuesday, July 12, 2022 to Friday, July 15, 2022, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

By definition, leadership means, “action of leading a group of people or an organization.”

Since 2003, Caledon OPP Community Response Unit (CRU) officers, along with the Optimist Club of Caledon, have been engaging with local youth to demonstrate the importance of community service, involvement, compassion, and leadership in their community.

During this four-day program, students will be provided the opportunity to engage in a variety of community activities aimed at giving back to their community while interacting with Caledon OPP officers and fellow students.

All applicants interested in applying to the program must meet the following criteria:

- Be a student (between grades 9 to 12) attending a Caledon school
- Be a resident of Caledon
- Be motivated to actively participate

- Possess a genuine interest in contributing to the community in a meaningful way
- Be a team player and work well with others

The applicant will be required to submit an OPP permission form signed by the applicant’s parent/guardian along with a brief essay (minimum of 250 words) written by the applicant.

The essay should outline reasons for the applicant’s interest and identify what the applicant has to offer to the program.

OPP permission forms are available by email by contacting Community Safety Officer at joe.brisebois@opp.ca.

Space is limited so please return the permission form and essay to the Caledon OPP detachment (drop off or email) to the attention of PC Joe Brisebois no later than June 3, 2022.

Successful applicants will be notified during the week of June 6, 2022.

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Caledon residents speak out against settlement boundary expansion

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Hepworth said the proposed Highway 413 takes up a large chunk of land that could be used for more progressive opportunities, such as affordable housing.

“To expand settlement area boundaries is to openly accept that developers are ruling the roost,” she said. “Very respectfully, I ask for a zero boundary expansion and a motion to delay submitting the OP (official plan) until June 23.”

No members of regional Council had questions for Hepworth and a motion to receive her message was carried.

Cox, a third-generation Caledon resident, delegated directly after Hepworth. He’s a Canadian Armed Forces member who is now studying to become a nurse. It’s been a dream of his to own a farm in Caledon, according to his request for delegation to the Region of Peel.

He said if Caledon gets eaten up by sprawl and development, his dream will never be realized, adding land in Caledon should be saved for agricultural use and wildlife preservation.

He said he wants the Region of Peel to be a leader on climate change and develop sustainable communities within its urban settlement boundaries.

He said urban sprawl getting closer and closer to Caledon puts a lot of stress on ecologically sensitive areas in the region.

“The area referred to as the ‘whitebelt’ in Caledon represents some of the best farmland left in Canada,” said Cox.

According to the Town of Caledon’s website, the whitebelt is the area outside the Greenbelt and existing settlement areas in south Caledon.

“Promoting low-density developments in Caledon’s whitebelt is short-sighted,” said Cox. “Rather than building single-family homes on undeveloped, ecologically sensitive land, Peel Region should be promoting high-density development in areas where infrastructure such as mass transit already exists,” said Cox.

He said sprawl will put more cars on the road at a time when the world needs less cars on the road; that people need development that lets them live close to work, schools, and recreation.

“We’re in a unique time in history where climate change and food insecurity issues must be addressed by adopting progressive policies,” said Cox.

Region of Peel Council did not have any questions for Cox either, and a motion to receive his message was carried.

Caledon OPP detachment sees large increase in calls for service in 2021

34,890 calls for service received in 2021, compared to 24,348 in 2020

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Caledon OPP detachment would usually see a one per cent increase in calls for service year over year, generally corresponding to Caledon’s population growth.

But in 2021, calls for service increased by about 30 per cent, from 24,348 in 2020 to 34,890 in 2021.

At the Town of Caledon Council’s April 19 General Committee meeting, Caledon OPP Detachment Commander Mike Garant provided a presentation on local police’s year-over-year statistics on a variety of topics.

The largest change was seen in calls for service, which saw an increase of just over 10,000 calls.

“To be fair, a lot of that was response to COVID enforcement, COVID complaints... as well as assisting with bylaw enforcement calls as well,” said Garant. “But that’s the first time in 10 years that we’ve had a spike in the number of calls for service that have been given to officers to respond to.”

Something else that rose in Caledon in 2021 was violent crimes, specifically in the “other crimes against a person” category. In 2019, those crimes totalled 70; in 2020, 99; in 2021, 127.

“Crimes against a person — that can be threats, mischief type calls, we found that started increasing... when more people were at home,” said Garant. “We’re responding to more calls where there’s other criminal code offenses against other residents in the Town...”

There was one murder and one attempted murder in Caledon in 2021, while there was zero of each in 2019 and 2020. Sexual assaults rose in 2021 to 36, the same amount reported in 2019. The number of sexual assaults in Caledon dipped to 27 in 2020.

A similar trend was found in assaults, of which 154 were recorded in 2019, 118 were recorded in 2020, and 145 were recorded in 2021.

In his presentation, Garant spoke about police traffic enforcement efforts on the Easter long weekend.

“The Caledon OPP issued 187 seatbelt tickets in... four days. So that’s kind of shocking to me that that many drivers are not only out there, but our officers

observe them and lay charges. So that means there’s many more than that, they’re still out there not wearing a seatbelt,” said Garant.

“There’s still much more work to be done on educating our motoring public.”

Motor vehicle collisions in Caledon increased in 2021 from 2020, but did not climb to 2019 levels; the same trend was seen in Highway Traffic Act charges. Liquor License Act charges increased to 125 in 2021, up from 123 in 2020 and 85 in 2019.

There were 290 criminal code traffic charges laid in 2021, which Garant said are for things like prohibited and drunk drivers. There were 323 such charges laid in 2020, and 270 laid in 2019.

“We saw an increase during 2020, and 2021... increased again from pre-pandemic (levels) and already in 2022, we’re on a course to increase in that area as well,” said Garant.

He explained break and enters declined in 2020 and 2021 from 2019 levels because more people were at home during the pandemic. He also credited this decline to Caledon OPP’s education and enforcement on the issue.

Garant said “theft overs” (theft over \$5,000) have increased, and that most of them are vehicle thefts. He said in the last six months, 79 vehicles have been stolen from residences in the Town of Caledon.

Theft under \$5,000 has also been increasing as 433 were reported by Caledon OPP in 2021, compared to 377 in 2020 and 404 in 2019. Garant said over half of these thefts were from people pumping gas then driving away without paying.

“The gas stations have very good video systems, and we can ascertain through our investigation that there’s no attempts to be made to pay for this gas. They’re just pump and running. This is a common thing throughout the GTA again and in the broader province of Ontario,” said Garant.

After Garant’s presentation, Mayor Allan Thompson thanked him for his service as Garant will be retiring soon.

“I greatly respect and admire your leadership as a community leader in what you’ve done for the police force,” said Thompson. “I want to thank you for your service and what you’ve given to this community... you’ve made Caledon a better place in your leadership.”

Garant thanked Thompson and said he really appreciated the kind words.

“Yourself and Council have kept me on my toes in these last three years and it’s for the better – and thank you very much,” said Garant.



Notice of Nomination for Office 2022 Municipal and School Board Election

Notice is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the Town of Caledon:

Anyone considering running for office in the municipal election to be held on October 24, 2022 for the Town of Caledon may file a nomination for the offices of:

MAYOR**

- one to be elected by all voters of the municipality

REGIONAL COUNCILLORS:**

- one to be elected for Ward 1, 2 and 3
- one to be elected for Ward 4, 5 and 6

COUNCILLORS**

- one to be elected for Ward 1
- one to be elected for Ward 2
- one to be elected for Ward 3
- one to be elected for Ward 4
- one to be elected for Ward 5
- one to be elected for Ward 6

**Nominations for the offices of Mayor, Councillor and Regional Councillor must be accompanied by the signatures of 25 eligible Caledon electors supporting the nomination.

Nominations for the above offices may be made by completing and filing nominations of the prescribed form and accompanied by the prescribed nomination filing fee of \$200.00 for the office of Mayor and \$100.00 for all other offices. The filing fee is payable by cash, certified cheque or money order.

A nomination must be signed by the candidate and may be filed in person or by an agent during regular business hours between May 2, 2022 and August 19, 2022 and between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on August 19, 2022 (Nomination Day).

**Candidates are strongly encouraged to book an appointment with the Town Clerk to file their nomination form.

SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES:

- Trustee, Peel District School Board
- Trustee, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
- Trustee, Conseil scolaire de Viamonde (Nominations are accepted at the City of Mississauga)
- Trustee, Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir (Nominations are accepted at the City of Brampton)

Please note: No person who proposes to be a candidate may solicit or accept contributions for election purposes or incur campaign expenses until they have filed a nomination paper.

For additional information regarding the Municipal and School Board Election, please call Legislative Services at 905.584.2272 x 2366 or 1.888.CALEDON (1.888.225.3366) or visit [caledon.ca/election](https://www.caledon.ca/election).

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Avis de déclaration de candidature Élections municipales at conseil scolaire de 2022

Par les présentes, AVIS est donné aux électeurs municipaux de la Ville de Caledon :

Toute personne qui souhaite se présenter à l'élection municipale qui aura lieu le 24 octobre 2022 pour la Ville de Caledon peut déposer une candidature aux postes de:

MAIRE, MAIRESSE**

- un à élire by pas tous les électeurs de la commune

CONSEILLERS RÉGIONAL:**

- un à élire pour quartier 1, 2 and 3
- un à élire pour quartier 4, 5 and 6

CONSEILLERS **

- un à élire pour quartier 1
- un à élire pour quartier 2
- un à élire pour quartier 3
- un à élire pour quartier 4
- un à élire pour quartier 5
- un à élire pour quartier 6

** Les déclarations de candidature pour les postes de maire, de conseiller de secteur et de conseiller régional doivent être accompagnées des signatures de 25 électeurs de Caledon admissibles à l'appui de la candidature.

Les déclarations de candidature pour les postes susmentionnés peuvent être faites en remplissant et en déposant le formulaire prescrit accompagné du coût forfaitaire prescrit, à savoir 200,00 \$ pour une déclaration de candidature pour le poste de maire et de 100,00 \$ pour tous autres postes. Le coût forfaitaire d'une déclaration de candidature est payable en espèces, par chèque certifié ou par mandat poste.

La déclaration de candidature doit être signée par le candidat ou la candidate et peut être déposée en personne ou par mandataire pendant les heures normales de bureau, du 2e mai au 19 août 2022, et de 9 h à 14 h le 19 août 2022 (jour des déclarations).

CONSEILLERS SCOLAIRE:

- Conseiller scolaire, Peel District School Board
- Conseiller scolaire, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
- Conseiller scolaire, Conseil scolaire de district du Centre-Sud-Ouest (Les candidatur sont acceptées à la Ville de Mississauga)
- Conseiller scolaire, Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud (Les candidatures sont acceptées à la Ville de Brampton)

** Les candidats sont fortement encouragés à prendre rendez-vous avec le greffier pour déposer leur formulaire de nomination.

Veuillez noter : Toute personne qui se propose comme candidat ne peut ni solliciter ni accepter de contributions aux fins d'élection, ni engager de dépenses sans avoir déposé au préalable une déclaration de candidature.

Pour plus d'information concernant les élections municipales at conseil scolaire, veuillez appeler les Services législatifs au 905.584.2272, poste 2366 ou 1.888.CALEDON (1.888.225.3366) ou visitez www.caledon.ca/election.

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Masking requirements to remain indefinitely at Headwaters

BY PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Masking requirements at Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) will remain in place indefinitely, says the hospital's CEO and president, Kim Delahunt.

Headwaters Hospital released a public notice on April 14 addressing their decision to take a "cautious" approach in the coming months as the provincial government plans to lift mask mandates in all health care settings.

"Headwaters' continues to 'ride the wave' of [the] pandemic surge by putting patient's safety first," said Delahunt. "As COVID-19 cases in the community continue to rise – the latest estimates show anywhere from 100,000-200,000 cases per day in Ontario, based on wastewater and testing data – Headwaters remains vigilant but challenged."

According to Delahunt, the hospital's most significant challenge is related to staffing.

In the April 14 notice, the hospital reported more than 30 staff off work due to community acquired COVID-19. There are also a number of job vacancies the hospital is waiting to fill.

"Recruitment is challenging because Headwaters is only one of many health care organizations in this situation; we are all competing for highly skilled employees," said Delahunt. "This puts extra strain on remaining staff and requires us to carefully plan schedules to ensure patient care is never compromised and that we can continue to provide excellent care."

Despite the provincial government announcing that masking mandates in health care settings will lift on April 27, Headwaters says they intend to continue with their current guidance.

On top of masking requirements remaining indefinitely, the local hospital is also keeping COVID-19 guidelines related to vaccination, screening, and PPE.

"We believe taking a cautious approach to this is the safest course of action for our patients and all of us," said Delahunt.

She also noted the hospital will continue to monitor the situation and will update their policies as needed over time.

Reduce, reuse, recycle and repair: EcoCaledon bringing repair cafe to Bolton



Paul Chaplin is pictured fixing an item at a previous repair cafe.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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Chiappetta said EcoCaledon has received a great response from the Caledon community "in terms of what we call fixers."

"We've got an array of fixer volunteers that cover right from ceramics gluing all the way to small appliances," said Chiappetta. "It's great to see that these volunteers are willing to share their knowledge, their experience to help other members of the Caledon community to repair their own items."

According to EcoCaledon, repair cafes promote the philosophy of fixing and reusing items instead of throwing them away. Volunteers will

be available to help people with broken items from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The fashion show will begin at 2 p.m. and aims to show Caledon youth that it's possible to dress to impress without contributing to the fast fashion industry.

"We have some younger members... since fashion is such a big topic, especially for the younger group, we thought it would be a great opportunity to put on a bit of a fashion show," said Chiappetta. "The younger group within the Caledon Reduces subcommittee (of EcoCaledon) really wanted to tackle this fashion problem by hosting this fashion show. And we've been happy that they've kind of taken the lead on this particular project."

The Story of Plastic is a 2019 documentary about the trillion-dollar industry of manufacturing and marketing plastics. Chiappetta said since plastic is a big part of Caledon's waste problem, the movie screening was a good idea for the community. EcoCaledon members who participate in walks where they pick up trash noticed a large amount of single-use plastic waste discarded in the community, said Chiappetta.

The repair cafe and entire Caledon Reduces event are free and anyone may attend.

"We are really hoping that if people in the Caledon community are out and about that day, they will definitely consider coming over to the seniors centre," said Chiappetta.



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Celebrate Caledon!

JULY 1, 2022

ALBION HILLS CONSERVATION AREA

Now accepting sponsor, performer and vendor applications.

Two popular Caledon events will combine for the first time on July 1, 2022: **Caledon Day and TRCA's Caledon Canada Day**. Join us at our new location on a new date! To submit your application and for more information visit caledon.ca/celebrate.

APRIL 28, 2022

National Day of Mourning

In honour of the National Day of Mourning, the Town of Caledon Council and staff invite the public to pause and observe a moment of silence at 11 a.m. on Thursday April 28, 2022.

This important observance commemorates workers who have been killed, injured or suffered illness due to workplace-related hazards and occupational exposures. Flags at the Town of Caledon will be lowered to half-mast to pay respect to workers -- and their families and friends -- who have been affected by these workplace incidents.

"The Day of Mourning is an opportunity not only to remember and honour workers who have lost their lives or been injured in workplace accidents, it is also an opportunity to remind ourselves of our enormous responsibility to make sure our workers get home safely every day. Today we renew our commitment to creating safe workplaces, and we express our gratitude to workers everywhere who continue to do their jobs in the face of extraordinary challenges."

-- Mayor Allan Thompson



FREE burlap bands now available

To help you manage spongy (LDD) moths on your property, **FREE** burlap bands are now available for pickup at the following locations:

- Town Hall
- Mayfield Community Centre
- Southfields Community Centre
- Caledon Recreation & Wellness Centre

Burlap is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Maximum two burlap bands per household. Instructions will be included with the burlap.

Learn more about managing the spongy moth on your property at: caledon.ca/spongy.



New Fireworks Bylaw proposed by Town Council



The proposed bylaw means that as of **April 26, 2022, the discharge of fireworks for personal use - as well as the sale of consumer fireworks - will be banned.**

Participate in or watch the Council meeting on April 26, 2022 at 6 p.m. to learn more about this bylaw.

Watch the livestream at caledon.ca/agenda or visit caledon.ca/fireworks for more information.



Thinking of running or advertising in the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election?

The Town is hosting an information session to help you better understand the role and requirements for candidates and third-party advertisers participating in the upcoming Municipal and School Board election. The session is hosted in partnership with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to provide an overview of the requirements of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, APRIL 22 FROM 5 – 7 P.M.

The session is being held in a hybrid format offering both virtual or in-person participation in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, located at 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East. The session will be streamed live on the Town's website at caledon.ca/agenda.

Please register for the session in advance by visiting caledon.ca/election and viewing the Candidates information page. For questions, please contact legislative.services@caledon.ca or call 905.584.2272 x. 2366.



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Brock’s Banter

Appreciation for the simple pleasures

BY BROCK WEIR

Despite any attempts to swim against the current, this was, for me, another Easter weekend of inadvertent tradition.

While many families enjoyed the first “normal” Easter since the pandemic began, thanks, for better or worse, to the lifting of public health restrictions, I might have to look ahead to 2023 or 2024 for a return to some of the more familiar traditions that were once inextricably associated with our family’s Easters of yore.

As I wrote in this space last week, our first two COVID Easters were very different from what we were used to, as was the case for most families who celebrate the occasion.

There were no big family gatherings for obvious reasons. Instead, the three-person bubble hunkered down for a meal which might have been best served on Good Friday: a good ol’ pile of fish and chips.

For the very same reasons which necessitated this completely different spin on an old tradition, a do-over was in the cards for COVID Easter II, turning this fish and chip dinner into an unlikely and not necessarily wanted pattern.

COVID Easter III was set to be a welcome return to the familial – and familiar – warm and fuzzies. As has become customary in recent years, dinner was to be hosted by my aunt in Toronto. The guest list had been drawn up, the meal plan was in place, and a list had been drafted on family occasions within a one-month window either way of Easter that could be marked all at once in a celebratory pile-on.

But, as one has become used to in the time of COVID, it’s somewhat of a fool’s errand to plan too far ahead.

Unfortunately, a family member who had, for a couple of weeks leading up to the holiday, been battling a serious health issue, contracted an equally serious bout of COVID-19, which sent them into ICU for several days. Then, it emerged that both their spouse and their child had been in close contact with them within a day or two of their admission, sending them both into quarantine for a number of days.

Thankfully, all three are now on the mend, but several other dominos continued to fall in the wrong direction in the days that followed and a decision to put all plans on ice until things were better was made; it was the right call no matter how you looked at it, but disappointing nonetheless. It was time to give in to the inevitable.

The aforementioned bubble was reinstated out of sheer numbers and necessity and, once again, fish and chips came to the rescue.

Now, I fully recognize this is a delicious problem to have, and certainly a problem one is fortunate to have as well, but it’s always nice to have a meal that isn’t wrapped in newspaper where there’s very little chance of finding your own words looking back at you when you’re sticking your fork into a sizzling piece of cod. Maybe that’s just me...

But in all seriousness, while the occasion didn’t quite turn out as planned, it was hard not to smile at how what was once an alternative to the norm that was less than ideal was now

on the road to becoming a new tradition that, dare I say, is one to look forward to rather than be resigned to.

Will I thumb my nose at a slice of ham around this time next year?

Certainly not.

Will I do everything in my own power to ensure that the show goes on in the face of both logic and logistics?

Nope, bring on the fish! I’ll take my traditions where I can get them these days.

I wonder how many of you feel the same way.

Collectively, we lost a hell of a lot in the first two years of the pandemic.

In recent weeks and months, many of us have done our damndest to get as much back and re-establish things that have fallen by the wayside, but, aside from the COVID-15s, COVID-20s, COVID-30s some of us have acquired over the last 24 or 25 months (this is a judgement free zone!) we’ve gained a hell of a lot as well.

We needed to find untold reserves of patience within ourselves in the earliest days of the pandemic to get through the weeks and months of so much “much” and so much nothingness at the same time. It was a matter of re-learning ways of life which had become familiar patterns, perhaps patterns that were too familiar. We had to have patience as we learned, adapted to, and re-adapted to new things that were expected of us and, in the face of new information, had to re-learn, recalibrate and re-calculate.

If you’ve been able to maintain that over the course of the pandemic, congratulations! That will put you in good stead for any situation.

This same effort to find patience where there was none before might have given you new or renewed appreciation for the people around us, whose work we might have previously taken for granted. This new perspective can only be a good thing.

Maybe this fresh perspective helped you when all of our worlds collectively shrunk and helped you rediscover some of the simpler pleasures of life that may have become routine, underappreciated, and perhaps even rote; that grand gestures, outgoing cash flows, and expensive trips aren’t really the front-of-the-line ingredients in making happy, long-lasting memories.

Shortly after last week’s paper went to press, for instance, I went for another walk along a local trail. Despite devoting a few paragraphs in this space that week bemoaning the lack of colourful rocks with messages of encouragement that once dotted the path, a new purple pebble wedged in the fork of a tree trunk caught my eye. Who knew a painted stone could inspire such joy?

We didn’t go too far afield on Sunday other than a lovely and leisurely car trip around the shores of Lake Simcoe, we didn’t shell out too much dough, and the sweet treats were kept satisfying and simple – and I knew by the time the sun began to set on another Easter, I knew it was a day I would be looking back on with many fond memories.

Here’s to making the best of things and the lessons we learn along the way!



Sharing stories sustains our entire species

by Mark Pavilons



We humans come from a long line of storytellers.

It’s in our blood.

“A single conversation across the table with a wise man is better than 10 years mere study of books,” said Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

I can attest to that myself and I read thousands of words each week.

Like art and music, our history and passion for storytelling is an integral part of who we are. It’s all about conveying important messages, sharing traditions and breathing life into history.

Without carvings, paintings, written texts, we would know nothing about our past. Believe me, it’s rich and those ancient tales beg to be relived, retold, over and over.

Storytelling through oral tradition dates back to different points in history, depending on the culture. Some involved songs, chants and “epic” poems to tell stories that had been handed down from generation to generation.

Myths and legends were also first passed on through word of mouth. Where would be without the stories of King Arthur, Homer’s Odyssey or Shakespeare’s dramas?

Oral myths in North America are common among our Indigenous Peoples. The concept of Turtle Island and countless sagas of Tricksters are rich, colourful and so very important. It’s about our roots, our very essence on this planet.

Traditional storytelling led to written tales and documents, highlighting events of the day.

The narrative voice in writing speaks volumes about each of the culture’s everyday life. What some accounts lack in action and adventure, they make up for in the fabric of community and family.

Epic poems could fill hundreds of pages in a book, but early examples by Greek writers really showcased the art of storytelling. Legends of Helen of Troy, Cleopatra, Achilles, Spartacus are still reimagined to this day.

Our yarns come down to people – typical human beings capable of great things. The historical folklore is about humans and nature, about unearthing mysteries. It’s about the magic that created us.

And who better to tell such tales than us?

No matter who you are or where you come from, I’m sure you have dozens of anecdotes, fables and fantastic stories to share. If you’re lucky to have parents and grandparents, you likely heard a few over Easter dinner.

My advice is to hold these moments, and these messages, dear. You will be the guardian of your family’s novels.

I learned that there are libraries in Denmark

where you can borrow people instead of books. It involves sitting and chatting with one another for 30 minutes. All you get is a name tag with a title, that says something like “unemployed, refugee, bipolar” and you just listen without judging. The Human Library is apparently active in more than 80 countries.

The library publishes people as open books.

“All of our human books are volunteers with personal experience with their topic.

“The Human Library is, in the true sense of the word, a library of people. We host events where readers can borrow human beings serving as open books and have conversations they would not normally have access to. Every human book from our bookshelf, represent a group in our society that is often subjected to prejudice, stigmatization or discrimination because of their lifestyle, diagnosis, belief, disability, social status, ethnic origin etc.

“The Human Library is a place where difficult questions are expected, appreciated and answered.”

What an amazing idea. I believe this is something that every community should have and could really benefit from.

My wife once worked at a nursing home and the stories she heard from residents were remarkable. They ranged from war tales and business ventures to travel and anecdotes from the “good, old days.”

Many of us may have disregarded our parents’ stories of growing up with nothing, walking to school through 10 feet of snow, and so on. But we remember them, often with fondness.

My parents’ tales are part of who I am, and how I came to be. There’s no way that’s inconsequential or meaningless. It’s vital to my family’s journey and lineage.

While some have faded from memory, when my kids ask I share what I remember about my parents. If we all thought about it, our personal tidbits would be a great foundation for a Netflix movie or TV sitcom. That’s because our stories are real – you can’t make this stuff up!

Because we have common ancestry and our fellow men and women experience life’s tribulations, it’s important to give everyone the benefit of the doubt. We don’t know their “back stories.”

It’s been said that the story behind rude behaviour won’t make you angry, it will break your heart.

“There is no such thing as a worthless conversation, provided you know what to listen for. And questions are the breath of life for a conversation,” according to James Nathan Miller.

He is so right. In my career, I estimate that I have interviewed or spoken with as many as 10,000 people. Not all were in-depth discussions mind you, but at least half were meaningful exchanges and fascinating learning experiences.

And that’s the fundamental charm of this profession. It’s selfish, really.

I find that in every interview, I take much more than I give. I learn so much from someone I feel bad sometimes.

Many of my subjects are like mentors, teachers, and storytellers in their own right. I’m not creating non-fiction, I’m merely relaying someone else’s exciting novel in concise fashion.

I’m like a script writer, who’s condensing someone’s life into a 900-word summary.

We should all continue to share stories because deep down, it’s what makes us all human.

Our Readers Write

Lottery would help raise money for Ukraine: Reader

I don’t think in our lifetimes we have ever seen such inhumane actions and murder of innocent people of all ages just because of where they live.

And we now see how destroyed Ukraine is and very little is left for those proud people to return to. And they want to. How can we help? Who should help?

We know donations help, but what about a lottery? A very big lottery. We see how popular Lotto Max and 649-type lotteries are and obviously generate a lot of money and profit.

How about a group like Princess Margaret Hospital, who seem very good at running a very successful lottery and making sure the money goes to where it was destined?

So, why couldn’t the Princess Marga-

ret Lottery people coordinate a lottery like Lotto Max with a max of perhaps \$100 million that people from everywhere in the world could buy tickets on line and absolutely all the profits go to help rebuild Ukraine?

Am I a dreamer? Sometimes, but this is very doable.

Look at what Amazon has perfected in a short time. And a group like The Princess Margaret Hospital people would be the perfect fit to do this, and to keep it going so people do win again and again and Ukraine ultimately wins, again and again.

Are you listening Princess Margaret?

BRIAN PERRAS
CALEDON

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Working from home has many advantages. You don't have to drive to the office, you can have a coffee break whenever you feel like it, and you never have anyone looking over your shoulder to see what you're up to.

If you have the type of job that requires a lot of concentration, you can lock yourself in your home office and be free of distractions.

It also has a lot of disadvantages.

It can be boring with no one else to talk to. You might miss those lunches with office friends or just having a conversation around the water cooler.

When I was at one company, I had lunch with the same three or four people for ten years. We enjoyed those half hour breaks talking about everything from movies, to what their kids were up to.

That friendship extended to monthly nights out to dinner and a casino or something similar.

Studies are now showing that working from home also means it may be harder to actually escape from your job. When you are working at the office, your day pretty much ends at a certain time and you go home.

Working from home means people may be tied to their job even more than they used to be.

Employers are now reporting they are more likely to receive a reply to an e-mail sent at night than they would when employees had left the office to return home and put the work day behind them.

The ability to work from home is, of course, limited to the type of work you do.

For some reason, many news stories referred to working at home as the new way of doing things.

However, the reality is most people can't work from home. Anyone in the trades, health care, manufacturing, and many other hands-on jobs, can't work from home. You can't cater a wedding from home, and you can't be a home decorator by suggesting colours to a client by e-mail.

A photographer has to be a location to get the shot.

It's hard to be a dentist over the computer, and patching up a pothole as a member of a municipal roads crew means getting out there and getting it done.

After two years of some people working from home, things are starting to turn around and em-

ployers are now expecting people to return to the workplace.

Not everyone is thrilled about going back to the office. Some people think it's their "right" to work at home.

Unless you were hired in a situation where working from home was the original deal, returning to work was inevitable.

As an employer, having your people on site is a huge part of a company. It creates a company culture and fosters team work. Do you really want to work at a company where you have never met your co-workers, and a manager has to do their job remotely? How could you accurately do a job appraisal of an individual?

Many people who do work at home, can do so because they are working on some type of project. Most likely someone else is working on the same project and collaborating is a big part of putting the final project together.

The return to work has even affected the real estate market. When the pandemic hit and people started working from a home office, many big city dwellers thought it might be their chance to move to the country and enjoy a rural lifestyle

while delivering their work over the internet.

Now that people are being requested to return to the office, the thought of commuting for a couple of hours with gas at \$1.70 per litre, doesn't seem like a great idea.

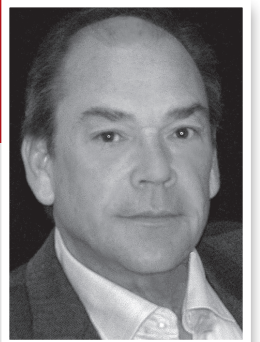
The local real estate market is slowing down because many people have decided it would be easier to stay put rather if they have to show up at the office every morning.

These are interesting times. Thanks to modern technology, this was the first time in history the option of working from home became a reality for many people.

Whether the trend continues for many people remains to be seen.

You might be in a position where your boss doesn't really care if they see you, as long as the work is completed properly and on time. That might be a best-case scenario for some.

If anything, the entire situation became somewhat of a huge social experiment.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

On Volunteers and Awards Season

It's the talk of the town and if it isn't the talk of the town it certainly should be!

I'm not referring to the myriad of award shows that swept through Hollywood recently, including the Oscars and that "slap heard around the world"; rather I'm talking about our very own awards season right here in Caledon.

For the first time in several years, we're about to experience an in-person awards ceremony and the celebrations are for a great reason, to acknowledge the hard work of the many wonderful volunteers in the Caledon community!

On April 25, the Mayor and Council are inviting both the nominees and their nominators to a special event at the Albion Bolton Community Centre. The Community Recognition Awards are an opportunity for the Town and the residents of Caledon to thank those citizens who make a difference in our community each and every day and in a variety of ways. From sports to heritage work, community events to arts and culture, and environmental efforts to social services, these are the people who go above and beyond, solely for the purposes of

making Caledon a better place to live, work and play. These are residents who have "made a significant impact," and it's fitting they are being honoured during National Volunteer Week.

We have spent some time in this space several times in the past discussing kindness, opportunities to give back to the community and the importance of volunteering and being of service to others. It has never been more important than over these past two and half years when so many are reeling from the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and when basic human kindness has occasionally been missing in action. That there are good people who are still striving to do so much for others is worthy of a celebration indeed. As well, let's also not forget that while we celebrate the nominees, there are many, many other community members who quietly go about making a difference in someone's day with little fanfare and who might not necessarily win an award for their efforts.

We see you nonetheless and know how hard you work. We see others too – the people that

work behind the scenes to support the front-facing volunteer. This might even include family members who take on extra duties at home so that a spouse might give of their time. Thanks to each and every one of you as well!

This year, National Volunteer Week takes place from April 24 – 30 and the theme is "Empathy In Action." I am particularly fond of the reasoning behind the choice of the word empathy and find it fitting after all we have experienced, including the dramatic events of the convoy situation that occurred in Ottawa mere weeks ago.

Volunteer Canada reminds us that: "Empathy is a quality that can help people relate to others and build awareness around different experiences. It connects people...and helps create bonds." Further, they add "Volunteering can help us develop empathy, to see the world through the eyes of others...expanding our views...[and allows us to] contribute to a vibrant, inclusive society."

I believe it is this we need now more than ever before. An expanded point of view that recognizes how each of us has fared differently

throughout this pandemic and that fosters a level of understanding of the impact of those experiences. Together, understanding and empathy help fuel volunteers and volunteers help fuel community. Thanks to every volunteer who adds "heart to Canada's communities."

I'm sad that I'll be missing the festivities this year. In the past it has always been a lovely event and a wonderful opportunity to meet both new and old friends. The fact that it is the first time in several years the awards will be hosted live is great news.

Speaking of great news, it's my privilege to leave the last word to our esteemed and honourable Mayor, Allan Thompson. "It's hard to put into words without it sounding like a cliché but volunteers really are the heart and soul of a community. On Monday April 25th Town Council will recognize and honour the contributions of extraordinary residents who care, who give and who quite honestly SHINE!"



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Caledon man recognized for dedication to Humber Valley Heritage Trail

Dan O'Reilly has been involved with the trail since its inception

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The founder of the Humber Valley Heritage Trail Association has been granted an honorary life membership to it.

While Dan O'Reilly is thankful for the honour, he wanted to use the opportunity to promote the trail and association itself.

"It's kind of nice to be recognized because I did a lot of work... but other people have too," said O'Reilly in an interview at the Humber Valley Heritage Trailhead.

"This is built by volunteers," he said, looking at the trail. "This is not a Town asset... a lot of people using the trail don't realize that."

Jerry Gorman, current president of the Humber Valley Heritage Trail Association (HVHTA), said he was pleased to be giving O'Reilly his honorary life membership.

"Dan was responsible for establishing the Association and 25 kilometre trail in 1995, in collaboration with the Toronto Region Conservation Authority on whose lands the trail was

developed," wrote Gorman.

He explained the HVHTA is an organization of community volunteers dedicated to creating and maintaining a public pedestrian trail in the Humber River Valley.

Membership to the HVHTA is \$23 and gives a person access to a semi-annual newsletter, and admission to the HVHTA's annual general meeting and vote.

"The most essential benefit to becoming an HVHTA member is the knowledge that you have become part of a network of people, from Bolton and beyond, who are committed to protecting, restoring, enjoying and sharing the joys and beauty of hiking and walking in the natural beauty of Caledon," reads the HVHTA's website.

O'Reilly said he became aware of the vision of a Humber Trail extending from Bolton to Toronto after seeing a Toronto Region Conservation Authority concept plan in 1994.

"For some impulsive reason, I phoned the authority's trail development person, Ian



Dan O'Reilly has been recognized for his dedication to the Humber Valley Heritage Trail with an honorary membership to the Humber Valley Heritage Trail Association.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Deslauriers (who I think is still active in the trail movement) and offered to promote this

project," wrote O'Reilly in his account of the trail's history.

From that point forward, the trail was a success because of community support, said O'Reilly. Over the years, some examples of organizations and people that supported the HVHTA include: Toronto Bruce Trail Club,

Hike Ontario, Palgrave Rotary, Bolton Kinsmen, Bolton Lions, Friends of the Environment, Bolton Sea Cadets, Bolton Scouts, British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, HVHTA members and more.

According to the HVHTA's website, today the trail traverses Albion Hills Conservation Area and Duffy's Lane through old fields, meadows, lowland cedar groves and upland maple forests. It continues south through

hemlock groves and crosses the Humber River in the Glasgow Road area. It winds along the river through downtown Bolton to Caledon-King Townline Road, and planning of the trail in King Township and Vaughan is proceeding.

HVHTA is always looking for volunteers to maintain the trail and occasionally fundraise. Those looking to get involved can email hvtrail@gmail.com.

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Alton Mill hosts The Competition Volume One on May 1

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

A new ticketed event – an arts competition – at the Alton Mill Arts Centre is set for May 1.

The brain child of Sam King, who is employed at the Mill, promises to be the first of a whole series of such competitions.

Ms. King has been working at the Mill for four years but she has been hosting and running events on her own for almost 12. They took place all around and in Brampton, many sponsored by the city until Ms. King took her idea and staged on her own literary events and many other initiatives focused on art.

“I see myself as a connector of creatives (artists) to the rest of the world,” she said.

This first competition event at the Alton Mill is focused on painting.

There is to be a series of events rolled out over time. They will encompass all of the arts over the next couple of years.

For this time around, 12 artists will be given the same theme to paint when they arrive. Each artist is on their own. They will be provided with all they need by way of canvasses and painting material. Their easels will be spread across the lower ground floor to make sure each artist has a singular area. This is where the historical remnants of the Mill are displayed, where there is plenty of room for people attending to enjoy a bite to eat or a drink, and music in the background.

This is not meant to be a time of silent contemplation but to talk and enjoy the company of others – friends or people one has not met before. It is all part of the challenges the painters will face.

The capacity of attendees is kept at 50 per cent to allow for distancing while the doors to the adjacent courtyard on the same level are open to keep the air fresh and allow enough space for comfort.

As judges, there are four artists from the community on the judging panel. The audience is the other judges. People having purchased their tickets will also have a say in the results of the competition. Upon entry they will be given slips of paper to have their vote by dropping their papers into the boxes near each artist.

All the art is for sale.

There are also

cash prizes from the Mill.

The organizer has purchased all the supplies from Maggiolly Arts Supply Shop. Artists participating in the competition are coming from Headwaters Arts or are tenants at the Mill.

Emilia Perrin, owner, and Ricky Schaele, manager of Maggiolly are two of the four judges.

Sam King’s background and motive for committing to all the hard work involved many years of setting up so many shows of this nature is her love of creating memories.

“I’m a writer, storyteller and artist myself,” she said. “I love creating memories, anything that becomes the marker in a person’s life. It is really a huge part of life. Because I’ve done this event, someone might meet their soulmate or learn they want to paint.”

Ms. King has posted information about the Competition Volume One on Instagram @competitioneventseries.

“That is the go-to for all the information,” she explained. “I wanted to keep it separate from the Alton Mill.

“It has already attracted 50 followers. We expect to have a full house for the event.”

The purpose of all this new excitement is creating the circumstances for other people to be inspired.

The artists have 30 minutes to complete their theme-based paintings in Round One. The audience will have voted by dropping their papers into the receptacles provided and the ones with the most votes move on. It is the audience that chooses the four to go forward into Round Two. The four winners get 30 minutes again to paint whatever they want, with no theme. The judges get \$50 each to award to the one they think is the best. And the judges and the audience pick the winner for a trophy.

The flow works pretty well, we were assured. The competition will have corralled off the area of the event and the food is upstairs.

“The general public can’t come down,” Ms. King clarified. “You have to have a ticket, which price goes toward the supplies that are provided to the artists. You can buy tickets online and if there are tickets available, you can buy tickets at the door.”

She dropped a



“The Competition” is the brainchild of Sam King, above.
PHOTO COURTESY OF ALTON MILL

few hints about what is next, “The second event is already in the works and it will be a magic event [with] the Toronto Magic company involved in that.”

Like many artists, Ms. King has had a number of interesting jobs – “I worked for Tree Top trekking, Hockley Valley [Resort] and the City of Brampton for a long time” – now she is the caretaker and grounds keeper for the Alton Mill, meeting interesting people, tenants and visitors alike.

“Come and be inspired and be engaged to see art made and for those who have not had a lot of real world experience, they should come and see if they can imagine themselves doing something in the arts!” says Ms. King.

While there are no Covid protocols mandated at the Alton Mill, masks are available at the door for people who wish to remain cautious about the possibility of infection.

Tickets can be secured via Facebook or through Event-Brite.

New strategic plan among 2021 Caledon Public Library accomplishments

Annual report video was recently shared by library

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Caledon Public Library (CPL) wants to build the bridge to possibility.

CPL communications manager Mary Maw announced April 13 that the Library’s annual report video for 2021 had been released, detailing what the CPL did and worked on that year. In 2021, over 300,000 items were borrowed from the Library. Over 341,000 people visited the library’s website, an increase of 35.8 per cent.

The CPL permanently eliminated fines in 2021, installed a new library catalogue, and reopened its Albion Bolton branch after renovations. It also welcomed a 44 per cent increase in new customers.

In a media release, CEO and Chief Librarian of the CPL Colleen Lipp said 2021 presented challenges. But with those challenges, she said, came opportunities to re-examine the status quo at the library and set a clear direction for the future.

“Most notably this included the shared work of the library board and staff in developing our new strategic plan — ‘Building the Bridge to Possibilities’. This plan will guide our efforts to grow and innovate in response to community needs, to celebrate Caledon’s unique and diverse culture, and to demonstrate CPL’s value to those who live, work and study in Caledon,” said Lipp.

“We are inspired by our new mission and excited to show you how we empower community connections, spark innovation and creativity, and energize the transfer of knowledge.”

Some new additions to the library the video highlights include: dhol drums, travel adaptors, life jackets, Ontario park passes and nature backpacks. These items are part of the CPL’s “library of things” collection.

The video also highlights upcoming projects such as the Southfields Village Reading Garden, the collaboration studio at the Margaret Dunn Valleywood branch, and the reopening of the renovated Albion Bolton branch.

The CPL’s 2021 annual report video was narrated by Jocelyn Martin of 102.7 Moose FM, filmed and edited by Bolton’s Lucky Element Media, and featured original music by Carri One Music Production. The video is available on the CPL’s Youtube channel.

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Town to hold election information session Friday for prospective candidates

Those interested in running for mayor, councillor, school board trustee positions encouraged to attend

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Those interested in running in the upcoming 2022 Town of Caledon municipal and school board elections are encouraged to attend an information session being held by the Town.

It will be held on Friday, April 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Caledon’s Town Hall in the Council Chamber (6311 Old Church Road) in Caledon East.

It will also be live-streamed on the Town’s website.

Third-party advertisers, those outside of a candidate’s campaign who express support or opposition to a candidate, are also encouraged to attend the information session.

“The Town’s information session, hosted in partnership with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, will provide a better understanding of what is required of potential candidates and third-party advertisers if they choose to file their nomination in the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election,” said Laura Hall, Town Clerk and Returning Officer for the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election in a media release. “We invite and encourage anyone interested in learning more to register and join us.”

The candidate nomination period for Caledon’s 2022 elections opens May 2 and closes on August 19 at 2 p.m., while third-party advertiser registration opens the same day and closes on October 21.

Voting day is October 24, though advance voting options will be made available to Caledon residents.

Friday’s information session will cover important requirements such as eligibility, the nomination and registration process,

campaign finances and compliance audits, and the voters list.

In Caledon’s 2022 municipal election, a Mayor will be elected as usual. Two Regional Councillors will be elected, one to represent wards one to three, and one to represent wards four to six.

Currently, the Town of Caledon has four regional councillors at Region of Peel Council — one for Ward One, One for Ward Two, one for Wards Three and Four, and one for Ward Five.

Six Town of Caledon councillors will be elected, one for each of Caledon’s six wards. Trustees for the Peel and Dufferin-Peel Catholic district school boards will also be elected. Nominations for Trustee of Conseil scolaire de Viamonde are accepted at the City of Mississauga, while nominations for Trustee of Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir are accepted at the City of Brampton.

In order to be nominated, a candidate must gather 25 signatures from eligible

Caledon electors supporting their nomination. Filing a nomination will cost a candidate \$100, unless they are running for mayor, which will cost them \$200.

According to the Town of Caledon, “candidates are strongly encouraged to book an appointment with the Town clerk to file their nomination form”; and, “no person who proposes to be a candidate may solicit or accept contributions for election purposes or incur campaign expenses until they have filed a nomination paper.”

Sold-out Easterfest event a success at Downey’s Farm

BY ZACHARY ROMAN



A perfect day on Downey’s Farm’s Bunny Trail.
PHOTO COURTESY OF DOWNEY’S FARM/FACEBOOK

In addition to its other duties, the Easter Bunny made a visit to a Caledon farm last weekend.

Pictures with the Easter Bunny was just one of many family-friendly activities going on during Downey’s Farm’s Easterfest event last weekend from Friday, April 15 to Sunday, April 17.

The event also ran the weekend prior, on April 9 and 10.

There were Easter egg hunts, Easter story wagon rides, farm animals, magic shows, Easter puppet shows and an Easter craft station. Kids and their families also played in the farm’s play area.

Darlene Downey is the farm manager at Downey’s Farm and said she and her team were so happy to be able to hold Easterfest again. It hasn’t been able to be held since 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We were happy with the way everything went and we’re looking forward to making it even better next year,” she said.

Tickets for the event were sold in advance online in order to help farm staff better prepare for Easterfest, said Downey.

The format worked well and tickets for all days of Easterfest sold out.

“Because we’re on the farm and because our parking is in our fields, we have to be able to accommodate for the people that are coming,” she said, explaining spring rain can often mean muddy fields.

“We don’t want to be pulling people out of mud pits if we don’t have to,” said Downey with a laugh.

There hasn’t been as much rain as expected this year, explained Downey, which is a good thing mud-wise. Downey has found people don’t mind coming out in the cold — and it was a little chilly last weekend — but that the rain can put a damper on things.

Downey’s Farm is now closed temporarily, but will reopen every day beginning May 20.

Downey said she is looking forward to another major event Downey’s is putting on this summer: the Canada Day Strawberry Festival. A portion of the proceeds from all ticket sales to that event will be donated to Caledon Community Services, said Downey.

The Canada Day event will feature a pancake breakfast, the pancakes being topped with strawberries from Downey’s Farm. The farm’s play area will be open and throughout the day there will be live music, a magician and a dog show.

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Founder of FIFE4LIFE Pamela Stewart holds up the program's sign in front of Angel's Diner in Orangeville, which recently joined the feed it forward program. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Pay it forward food program expands to Orangeville

BY SAM ODROWSKI

A program aimed at combatting food insecurity has recently expanded to Orangeville.

FIFE4LIFE, which stands for Feed It Forward Everyone... Live in Freedom Everywhere, helps residents who can't afford food to still have a warm, freshly cooked meal as needed.

The way the program works is participating restaurants have a FIFE4LIFE poster board set up indoors where receipts are posted of menu items that were purchased as a donation to those in need.

Those accessing the program take a receipt off the menu, hand it to a waitress, and then the meal is cooked and given to them, no questions asked.

"I think the restaurants really like the idea of helping their local people in need," said Pamela Stewart, creator of FIFE4LIFE. "It just seems to be a really simple program that is easy to understand, and it doesn't put any money out of their pocket."

There are six restaurants in Orangeville currently participating: Angel's Diner, Domino's Pizza, Townline Fish and Chips, Pizza Hut, Boston Pizza, and Quesada Burritos & Tacos.

Stewart started the program in New Tecumseth in March of 2020 and since then has expanded to Barrie, Collingwood, and Bradford.

At the start of April this year, she expanded it to Orangeville.

Stewart said when she first started the program, the idea behind it was to support homeless people, since a lot of the time they don't have access to a kitchen or ways of preparing food that they would pick up at a food bank.

The scope of the program has since broadened, with many people struggling to make ends meet due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has coincided with record levels of inflation at the gas pump and grocery store.

FIFE4LIFE also supports participating restaurants, as they sell extra meals through the program that wouldn't have otherwise be purchased.

Buying a meal and posting its receipt on a FIFE4LIFE board is also seen as a more direct way of helping feed people, Stewart noted. She said when you give a \$5 or \$10 bill to a person on the street, you have no control over how that's money spent. Whereas, with the FIFE4LIFE program, all of the money donated is directly used to

feed people in need.

"It just makes you feel really good to know that you are actually feeding people that have no other way of getting food. It really blesses your heart and motivates you to want to do more," said Stewart.

Going forward, she said she's hoping to expand the program to Orillia and Midland. Stewart added that eventually she'd like to get out into North Bay as well as the Ottawa area.

There's one restaurant in the U.S currently participating.

Stewart said she's hoping to get buy-in from head offices of chain restaurants in Ontario or Canada so that the program can run at all their locations, speeding up the process of expanding the program. So far, she hasn't been able to achieve this at a wide scale, but hopes to as the program gains popularity.

Any restaurant that would like to join the FIFE4LIFE program can reach out to Stewart at fuelfife4life@gmail.com and get involved.

"It doesn't cost anything and it's a win-win," she noted. "If they're interested, they can get in touch with me, and I will get them set up with this as early as convenient for both of us."

A vacant home tax in Peel?

Public input sought next week

A vacant home tax is applied to homes that are vacant for at least six months over a 12-month period.

A vacant home tax is a tool that can be used in cities facing challenges related to housing. The challenges can include rising home prices and limited availability of homes for sale or rent.

There are several approaches that can be explored by municipalities to address the affordability crisis they face, and a vacant home tax is one of them. As directed by Regional Council, Peel is exploring the feasibility of a vacant home tax in Peel.

"There's a housing affordability crisis in Ontario including Peel," said the Region. "Calculations show that it would take the average family 26 years to save a large enough down payment for current home prices and 51 years for a family earning minimum wage. Research and real-world experience suggest that a vacant home tax is one of many tools that can contribute to easing the affordable housing crisis in the shorter term.

"By implementing this tax, Peel Region may be able to encourage owners of vacant properties to either sell or rent out their empty units. This would create more supply of available units which could lower average property sale and rent prices."

While not mandated by legislation, all municipalities that have implemented, or are considering, the vacant home tax have pledged to use collected revenues to increase housing supply and support housing initiatives:

- Rent relief programs
- Building and maintaining affordable housing
- Providing grants to non-profit organizations to assist the community.

"We're consulting with the public to get input to shape the development and implementation of a vacant home tax in Peel," said the Region, noting public consultation sessions set for April 26 and May 3. "We want to understand what you think it should accomplish, how it should be operated, and identify potential risks."

For more information, visit www.peelregion.ca/vacant-home-tax.

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York United draw FC Edmonton on the road

BY ROBERT BELARDI

Many fans had thought York United sealed three points when Osaze De Rosario fired home his first ever Canadian Premier League goal of the season in the 82-minute, with a tantalizing shot from outside the

box. In snowy conditions at Clarke Stadium last Friday, United had been the far better side. The Nine Stripes dominated the match, holding 63 per cent of possession and had been knocking on the door on numerous occasions prior to the goal.

But hanging on to leads could be either a team’s biggest strength or a team’s kryptonite. And in Martin Nash’s second game as Manager, he’ll be able to see that United’s habits must improve inside the last 10 minutes up by one.

A failed clearance from Diyaeddine Abzi inside the danger area fell to Courtney Smith. The FC Edmonton man easily set up Mastanabal Kacher who tucked the ball in the corner past Niko Giantsopoulos for the tying goal.

“I felt we panicked a little bit. Maybe a little bit rushed. Once the goal went in, we didn’t calm ourselves and get grips in the game. They had great energy and enthusiasm trying to get back in the game. We didn’t deal with it too well – that’s my thoughts right now but I’ll have to look back at the video,” said York United head coach, Martin Nash in the post-match press conference.

Early in the first half, United began to play well, generating scoring chance opportunities. Abzi lined up a free kick just outside of the 18-yard area. With his majestic left foot, Abzi struck the ball sweetly

towards the goalkeeper’s side of goal, forcing Andreas Vaikla to tip the ball over the bar.

On the cusp of halftime, it was Abzi at the end of another excellent chance.

The United fullback whipped the ball low across the box from the left-hand side of the pitch that somehow managed to get past a streaking Isaiah Johnston and De Rosario, heading into halftime level.

In the second half, Noah Verhoeven’s corner was headed back central towards goal by Roger Thompson. Jordan Wilson was there to head it on towards goal, but Wilson unfortunately headed the ball straight at Vaikla.

De Rosario began inching his way into the game. In the 66th minute, his long-range effort was well struck and well saved by Vaikla to keep the score level. De Rosario had been lurking and looked like he was bound to score in this match – and, of course, he did.

“Osaze is his own man – a different type of player. He holds the ball really well. He’s very physical, good in the air, and as you can see, that good strike he had,” Nash said. “He’s got a ton of upsides; a very young talent, a great kid with a great work ethic.”

It will be a rematch at Tim Hortons Field this Saturday as United head back out on the road. Forge FC, defeated York United in the semifinals last season.

Kick-off is at 4:00 p.m.



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Jack Ride coming back to Caledon on May 28

BY ROBERT BELARDI

The popular, annual Jack Ride is making its return to Caledon on May 28.

The ride is a concerted effort to empower youth and focus on changing mental health narratives and disparities. It has been in Caledon for double-digit years and is finally coming back for an in-person event.

In May, riders have an option to attend in-person or to participate virtually. For those entering in person, it will begin at Caledon Ski Club at 8:00 a.m.

“We have a 25, 50, 100, 125-kilometre rides. The 100- and 125-kilometre folks will go out first. And then the 50 and 25, so we all come back at the same time. Everyone’s ride is done at noon,” said Major Events Intern at Jack.org Chloe Boutros.

“We have about one-thousand people in person this year. Last year, virtually, we had 1,500 I believe. But this year we’re capped for people in person and we’re hoping to have around 500 virtual folks.”

Registrations for the event are ongoing. Boutros, recommends to register for the in-person ride as fast as possible. The virtual registration will end the day of the event.

In 2010, Jack.org began when 18-year-old boy Jack Windeler committed suicide at Queens University.

His parents Eric Windeler and Sandra Hanington began a memorial fund through Kids Help Phone and it sparked The Jack Project from there. At the time, 70 people, including cyclist Peter Oyler, came out to support the cause.

From then on, The Jack Ride grew and it is now the largest youth mental health ride.

If you are interested in registering or simply want to make a donation, please visit jack.org for more information.

Ontario Hockey Federation announces Program of Excellence

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Ontario Hockey Federation and the Ontario Hockey League have announced the return of the U15 Program of Excellence, which will take place in spring 2022.

The Program is a development experience designed to educate and inform players and parents.

The goals of the program are to introduce players, families, and staff to high performance hockey, and develop players and staff both on and off the ice.

“It’s exciting to see the return of the OFH/OHL U15 Program of Excellence in light of the truly unique and special experience it offers to participating players and their families,” said Kyle Pereira, OHL Director of Recruitment and Development.

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Compass Run for Food hoping to raise \$75,000

BY SAM ODROWSKI

After a couple years without an in-person event, the Compass Run for Food is returning to Compass Community Church in Mono on June 11, with the goal of raising \$75,000.

There’s also a virtual run option for individuals who are still hesitant to meet in-person due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The virtual run allows participants to choose their own starting line and run either individually or with their team at their own pace throughout the month of June.

Online registration is open now at a small fee and everyone who registers gets a free t-shirt at raceroster.com/events/2022/57018/compass-run-for-food

All of the money generated through the fundraiser goes towards supporting food banks and food programs in the region, and last year \$65,000 was raised.

One of the event organizers, David Marshall, noted his excitement at being able to gather again for the run.

“This is the first time in a couple of years where we’ve been able to host the event in-person again, which we’re all thrilled for,” he remarked.

“When people show up its usually high energy, the music’s going, people are kind of starting to get stretched.”

For those participating in the 9th Annual Compass Run for Food in-person, 8 a.m. is when kit pick-up starts at the church and opening ceremonies begin at 9 a.m.

The 0.5 km walk for kids and the 10.5 km run will start at 9:15 a.m., while the 5 km run/walk/school challenge will start at 9:30 a.m.

“From first-time runners to families and school groups, everyone is invited and encouraged to take part! Not only will you feel a sense of accomplishment after finishing the course, but you’ll also be content in the knowledge that 100 per cent of your registration fee will be donated to support local food security initiatives that help feed our community in Dufferin County,” stated Compass Run in a recent press release.

“All of the money raised will go to food banks and nutrition programs in Dufferin County, such as; the Orangeville Food Bank, Shepherd’s Cupboard (Shelburne food bank), Grand Valley Food Bank and breakfast programs throughout Dufferin County elementary schools. Families with young children will also be in for a treat,

as all under 10’s run for free in the Kid’s Fun Run.”

With the event supporting not-for-profits in the local community, Marshall said most people who participate feel good about giving back.

“People are happy to know that all the money that’s being raised is going to help others in need. It could be them or it could be their neighbours or their family,” he remarked.

Marshall also noted the rising price of fuel and food that’s putting increased pressure on social services such as food banks.

Each year the Compass Run has grown in size, attracting more participants and sponsors, and raising more money, despite being held virtually in 2020 and 2021.

Meanwhile, one of the fun parts about the Compass Run for Food is its low-pressure environment, according to Marshall.

“The fun thing about this event is, it’s not a marathon, so most people aren’t coming, trying to set their best time. A lot of people who show up are of various ages and abilities, and some of them are running it, some of them are jogging it, and some of them are walking it,” he noted.

“We’ve had people do their personal bests, and people who’ve just had a lot of smiles per mile, and that’s what I think is the most important thing.”

Since the race’s inception in 2014, approximately \$315,000 has been raised for food programs throughout Dufferin County.

Marshall said the Compass Run for Food organizers would like to thank all the businesses who sponsor the event and racers who raise money.

“It’s people who are taking money out of their wallets, who are willing to help the community, which is really humbling,” he remarked.

“When you sign up, you can make a donation, but you can also raise funds through your social media, which allows us to reach another level of fundraising, which is always fantastic.”

You can fundraise by yourself or with a team. Some local schools have developed teams so far.

As of press time, Grand Valley Public School was in first place out of the participating teams with a fundraising total of \$495.

To register or find out more about the Compass Run visit: raceroster.com/events/2022/57018/compass-run-for-food

Ontario Hockey Federation announces Program of Excellence

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“With a talented 2007-born age group of players in attendance, these camps will serve as a great evaluation opportunity on the road to assembling Team Ontario’s roster for the 2023 Canada Winter Games.”

Players will participate in intense, high performance on and off-ice sessions and seminars.

On-ice sessions will be run by Hockey Canada and OHL personnel and will include practices that focus on individual skill, team tactics, small area games, and position specific training.

Team Ontario staff will also be involved in the camps.

This will be the first evaluation oppor-

tunity for players looking to play for Team Ontario at the 2023 Canada Winter Games.

Team Ontario will consist of 20 of the top 2007 born players and will compete at the CWG in Prince Edward Island on February 18 to 25, 2023.

The Program will take place at arenas in Kitchener, London, Toronto, Sudbury, and Oshawa.

The Canada Winter Games, officially known as the XXVII Canada Games, is a Canadian multi-sport event that will be held in Prince Edward Island from February 18 to March 5. The event is expected to bring 3,600 participants to celebrate the very best in Canadian Sport.

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OBITUARIES

BROWN, Donald Norman

Peacefully at Bethell Hospice on Sunday, April 17, 2022 at the age of 76. Beloved son of the late John & Mabel Brown. Dear brother of Pat Storey (2009) (Brian) and Lynn Truska (Frank). Cherished Uncle of Glenn and his family. Donald will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends. Family wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Community Paramedics, Bayshore Nursing and Dr. Candusso.

Funeral Service will be held at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. with Visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Memorial donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

A tree will be planted in memory of Donald in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

TOWNSEND, ARNOLD MORLEY



Passed away peacefully at home on Friday, April 15, 2022 in his 93rd year. He will be greatly missed by his loving wife of over 70 years Nina (Henry) Townsend and his family of Glen (Yvonne), Marie Jordan (deceased) (John), Paul (Cathy) and Dianne Townsend Fields. They were blessed with seven grandchildren: Michelle

(Jordan) Blacklock (Steve), Bradley Jordan, Bill Townsend (Trina), Gordon Townsend (Arielle), Andrew Townsend, Patrick Townsend (Ashley) and Sirena Fields and nine great-grandchildren: Kenai Giannini, Colby Jordan, Kelsey and Olivia Ball, Nyiah and Faith Blacklock, Brianna Dupont Jordan, Jacob (Jake) and Elizabeth (Lily) Townsend. Visitation was held at the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home on Monday April 18, 2022 from 1-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. with Masonic and Eastern Star services beginning at 6:30 p.m. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at Monticello United Church, 401247 County Road 15, Grand Valley. Space is limited at this event, to attend the funeral service, please RSVP on the funeral home website. Burial at Monticello Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations may be made to Monticello United Church Memorial Fund, Headwaters Health Care Foundation or a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com **Masks are recommended at all events**

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OBITUARIES

WALTERHOUSE, Gaye (nee Gibson)

Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Friday, April 8, 2022 at the age of 79. Beloved wife of the late Frances Walterhouse (2012). Dear mother of Theresa Walterhouse of Whistler BC. Cherished sister of John Gibson (deceased) (Barb), Maggie Blanchard (Stephen) and Patricia Gibson (Green). Predeceased by her parents Harvey & Norah Gibson. Gaye will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.

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Ontario’s film and TV production soars with record-breaking year

BY MARK PAVILONS

Ontario’s robust film and TV production is reaching new levels.

Thanks to strong support and home-grown talent, the province and its municipalities are reaping the rewards. Ontario Creates, the government agency

dedicated to bolstering our creative industries, announced another record-breaking year in TV and film production.

Ontario reported its highest production levels to date with 394 productions bringing in \$2.88 billion in production spending for the economy. In addition to dollar value, these figures represent over 48,000 full-time equivalent direct and spin-off jobs, which is an increase of 38 per cent or 18,468 jobs from 2020.

“The government’s commitment to growing Ontario’s film and television industry means big business for Ontario,” said Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries. “Ontario offers a safe, business-friendly environment where productions can thrive, good jobs can grow, and great content gets made – there is no better place to create content than right here in Ontario.”

“We are thrilled to see Ontario’s film and television industry leading the province’s economic recovery,” said Karen Thorne-Stone, president and CEO at Ontario Creates. “These figures are a testament to our robust health and safety protocols, impressive suite of financial incentives, ongoing studio space expansion, diverse talent pool, and an unmatched range of film-friendly locations.”

King-based actor Enrico Colantoni said it’s good news when the film and television industry in Ontario gets acknowledged for the contribution they make to our economy.

“It usually goes unnoticed,” he said.

Not so any more, with numbers like these.

Also, King has enjoyed its time in the spotlight, too. Schomberg’s Main Street is often sought after as a perfect locale for filming. It has been featured in several TV episodes and movies.

Ontario offers competitive tax credits and programs to support film and television production, which play an important role in increasing economic activity and job creation in the province.

In addition, Ontario Creates works closely with a network of 80 municipal film offices across the province to identify and promote local filming locations, production services, and hospitality services that attract and retain both foreign and domestic film production, ensuring the

economic and employment benefits of Ontario’s vibrant film and television industry are felt all across the province.

A portion of the 2021 increase can be attributed to COVID-19 recovery following the brief industry shutdown in 2020. The rest of the increase represents new growth in production and is a testament to Ontario’s robust health and safety protocols, impressive suite of financial incentives, ongoing studio space expansion, diverse talent pool, and an unmatched range of film-friendly locations.

Domestic film and television production held strong in 2021, contributing \$965 million after a lull in 2020.

Domestic television series production was particularly robust in 2021, with 115 productions contributing over \$707 million in expenditures.

Foreign production remained strong in 2021, led by a strong television industry. Total expenditures in 2021 reached over \$1.9 billion.

Live action production increased in 2021 accounting for 361 of the total 394 productions.

Newmarket Council recently announced a \$50,000 investment in the downtown focused on the Main Street District Business Improvement Area (BIA) and economic development initiatives, resulting from the film production revenue.

“As a Town Council we are really excited to use this opportunity to drive growth and development in Newmarket as we recover from two years of uncertainty,” said Mayor John Taylor. “The film production will bring direct revenue to the downtown and across our town while it is here, but we want to provide a more targeted, direct investment in the downtown business community over the spring and summer to help with the recovery and to recognize that there will be impacts on the downtown due to the filming. That is why we are creating a program that will drive revenue and awareness in the downtown and bring life back to our Main Street after years of COVID restrictions.”

There’s more good news, as filming started in Newmarket’s downtown core, near the Old Town Hall, for the Canadian hit Handmaid’s Tale.

For more information on government programs, visit ontariocreates.ca

Gibson Centre to host World Class Blues Series



BY WENDY GABREK

The Gibson Centre for Arts & Culture in Alliston is set to host its World Class Blues Series from May 20–22.

The three-day event, produced by Erin McCallum, features three Canadian acts – Erin McCallum & Teddy Leonard, Diana Braithwaite & Chris Whiteley and David Vest – over one unforgettable weekend, and organizers say there is no better way to experience the Blues than with live performances that reignite the soul.

“Executive Director for the Gibson Centre, Jennifer Fortin, and I were talking about the possibilities of bringing some wonderful live entertainment to the community, and we dreamed big – a three day series is a great way to present truly World Class music in a way that is accessible to people’s schedules,” Erin McCallum, Blues Series Producer told The Citizen. “We also knew that it would take more than one show to bring a true representation of some of the best Blues in Canada for people to enjoy on a local level.”

Teddy Leonard, Series Music Director, said the acts selected are personal favourites of his, who have been performing at the highest level anywhere.

“Canada has so many wonderful artists – it’s hard to pick just a few – and what we have here is a great representation of how vast the artistic pool is,” said Leonard.

“Teddy has done a wonderful job as Music Director, selecting the artists for the World Class Blues Series,” said McCallum. “The commonality in these featured performers is that they are all award winning and truly notable artists in Canadian

Blues music. Every single artist has been recognized nationally, and beyond, for being masters of their art.”

McCallum told The Citizen that each show will be stadium concert length, with an intermission, and will be a couple of hours long.

As for who may enjoy these shows, McCallum says, “The great thing about the World Class Blues Series is that it appeals to both steadfast Blues fans, and people who enjoy all forms of live music. The Gibson Centre is a venue that is inclusive and accessible to all people in the community who want to enjoy some live entertainment, and the music being offered in this series is just as inclusive as the venue. Blues fans, music fans, people who enjoy the arts and people who want to get out and enjoy a night of entertainment, will all feel welcomed to this experience.”

Tickets for each show are \$45 – with some \$100 weekend passes – and available through the Gibson Box Office or online at gibsoncentre.ca

Also upcoming at The Gibson:

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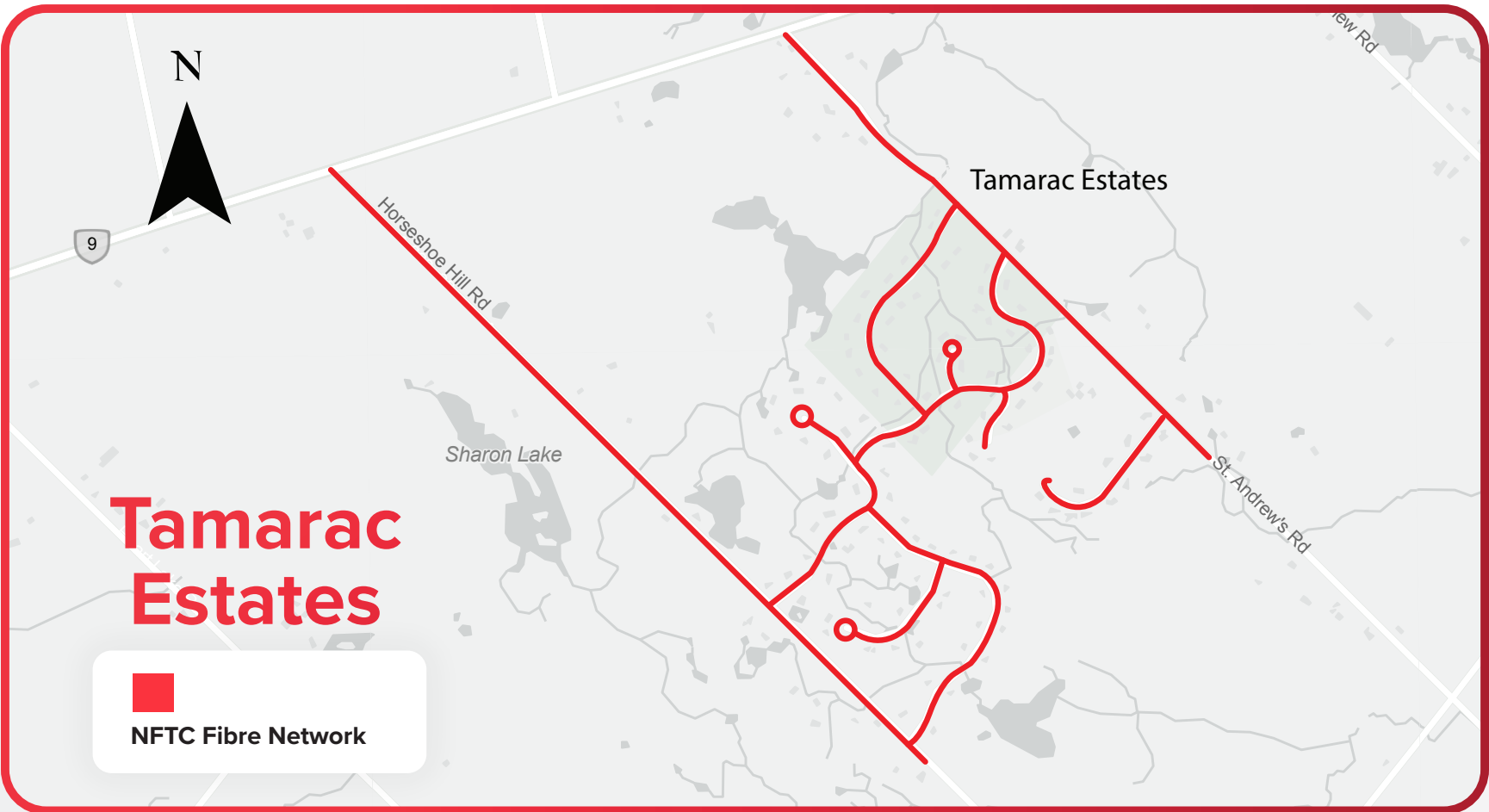
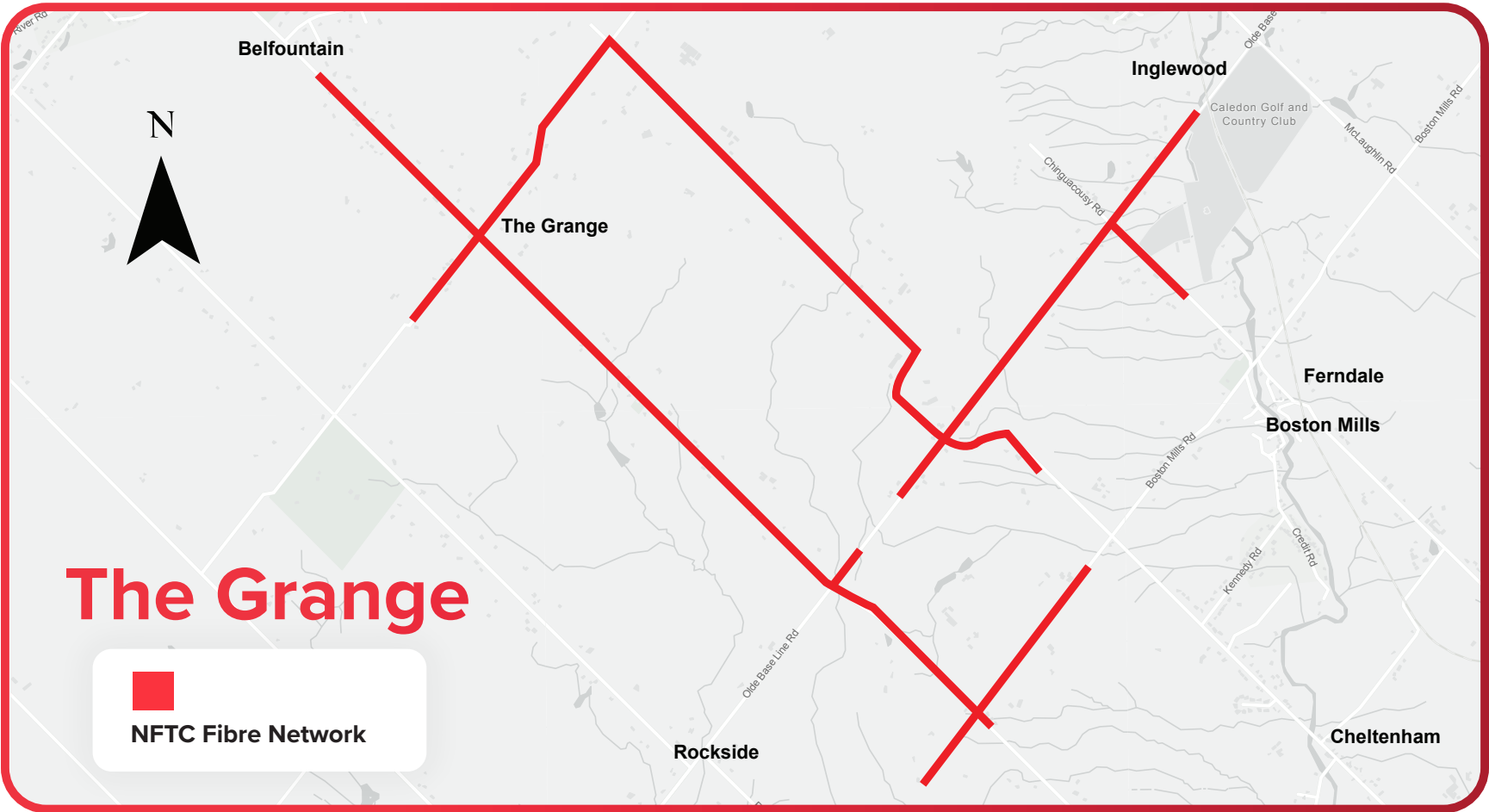
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