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MARKET BUZZ IN CALEDON VILLAGE - Shoppers in Caledon Village were treated to local products as farmers and vendors took part in the inaugural Caledon Village market. Among the vendors was Jen Cosby, a beekeeper, who sold honey and related products on Friday afternoon and evening. For more on the new event, see Page B7.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Candidates tackle questions around housing crisis, internet service at DBOT debate

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Five candidates vying for the Dufferin-Caledon seat in the upcoming provincial election recently squared off at a candidates' forum.

The two-hour long debate, held by the Dufferin Board of Trade (DBOT) last Wednesday, saw Sylvia Jones (Progressive Conservative), Bob Gordanier (Liberal), Tess Prendergast (NDP), Andrea Banyai (New Blue), and Laura Campbell (Green) answer questions on a variety of topics.

None of the questions were provided to candidates in advance of the candidates' forum.

forum.

Local housing crisis

Doug Harkness of DBOT moderated the event and first asked, "if elected, what would you do to address the housing crisis in the community?"

Campbell responded that Dufferin-Caledon needs more "missing middle" housing and to stop paving over farmland with urban sprawl.

The way to do this is by making key investment and supporting municipalities to put in gentle density development, such as duplexes, triplexes, nanny suites, garden suites, and

other forms of housing people can afford.

She noted that the starting house prices in Dufferin-Caledon of \$800,000 or \$900,000 is out of reach for too many people.

"We need to make sure that we're getting homes that are actually affordable, and Greens have prioritized that," said Campbell.

Banyai said she's very familiar with the housing crisis, having been searching for a new home in the region for the past few months with no luck.

She noted that larger developments design infrastructure plans that aren't always the best fit for innovation in the housing sector.

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Town to continue advocating for GO Train service

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Continuing to build a business case for future Caledon GO Train service is going to cost the Town of Caledon up to \$650,000.

At Caledon Council's May 17 General Committee meeting, Council passed a motion to authorize the creation of a \$400,000 capital project for "technical studies to advance the business case for the Caledon-Vaughan GO Rail Project."

The motion also authorized an additional

\$250,000 in funding to StrategyCorp — a firm that provides advisory services — to help the Town advance the Caledon-Vaughan GO Rail Project.

Council first authorized a \$300,000 single-source contract, for the same purpose, with StrategyCorp in 2021.

The money for both of the items in the motion will be expensed evenly from the Town's tax-funded operating contingency reserve and roads development charges.

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Candidates answer questions posed by the Dufferin Board of Trade last week.

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Provincial candidates square off in Board of Trade debate

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“We do believe in development, we do want to encourage development, but we need to remove the red tape for smaller developers to come into the picture to be able to build new, innovative, creative ways for people to live,” said Banyai, who highlighted modern trailer park communities as an example.

Prendergast said the NDP believes housing is a human right that every Ontarian is entitled to.

“I was listening to a Dufferin County regional meeting, and they said that over 700 families had requested supports for affordable housing. To me, that says there are 700 families on the brink of homelessness. It’s a very precarious situation where we live in a rural setting where access to rental homes and supply just doesn’t exist,” Prendergast remarked.

She added that the NDP plans to build 1.5

million homes in 10 years, end exclusionary zoning, and build more gentle density in the “missing middle”, as Campbell highlighted.

“We’re also planning on creating a new public agency, Housing Ontario, to build over 250,000 new affordable and nonmarket homes, which people can rent,” said Prendergast. “We will bring back rent control so you will pay what the last tenant paid. That’s really important to keep people in their affordable homes.”

Gordanier’s answer was that on the campaign trail, it’s the same complaint at the door, rents have gone up and people are paying as much as \$600 more than they were prior. He said this is due to there being no rent control, which the Ford government removed in November of 2018.

He said the Liberals would bring back rent control and build 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years, same as the NDP.

“Young people, and newcomers and families need to get into the housing market,” he noted.

Jones said whether it’s a young person trying to get their foot in the door or a senior citizen who wants to downsize but not leave their faith, family, and friends – affordable housing is needed.

“We have already started making changes as a provincial government, working with our municipal partners, working with homebuilders, working with organizations like Habitat for Humanity,” Jones noted. “We have, in fact, already put in some policy changes that have made a true difference.”

Last year 100,000 new homes were built in Ontario, the highest in 30 years, Jones lauded.

“The policies that we are putting in place are making a difference right here in Orangeville. We are seeing rental properties being built, I can’t remember the last time we had rental properties being built in our community,” she added.

Internet service grants

Harkness asked candidates what they would do to expedite grant applications for Internet Service Providers (ISPs), as many municipalities have actively supported ISPs in their provincial and federal grant applications. He noted that apart from SWIFT rollouts and announcements there’s been radio silence on the fate of these applications.

Banyai said she understands the lack of internet connection issues in Dufferin–Caledon personally, having two megabits per second of speed at her rural home.

“I have been trying since I moved into my house in Mono to get faster internet and it is impossible,” she noted. “We contacted every single service provider there and tried to build a tower. I am well aware of how difficult it is to get high speed internet.”

With her house being 400 feet off the road, even if optic fibre lines were built up to the end of the driveway, she’d need to pay for them to get to the house.

“Realistically, the only option is Starlink, and I’ve also been waiting on that waitlist for a year and a half now,” said Banyai. “There’s no way to contact them. So, if I was elected as MPP, I think that would be one of the first things I would do, is find a contact information from Starlink and figure out what is the problem with getting it to our communities.”

Prendergast said with Ontario mandating online learning for secondary school students, high speed broadband internet is critical.

As a sixth-grade teacher, she said she saw some of her students from Grand Valley struggle firsthand with online learning during COVID lockdowns, due to their unreliable internet service.

Prendergast noted that the NDP government is guaranteeing that on or by 2025, they will deliver high speed broadband internet to all of Ontario.

“I spoke to a farmer who had to drive 25 minutes to Tim Hortons to download essential software updates for his farming equipment. So that’s taking 40-50 minutes out of his day to do that, and how often does that have to happen?” Prendergast asked.

Gordanier said internet service is undoubtedly a problem in the riding and anyone who runs a business needs a stable connection.

“I don’t know, actually, who is in control of this as far as getting it done. But you cannot run a farm anywhere without feed rations, communications, sales – we can go on forever,” he said. “I believe we need to put somebody on this and get it done.”

Jones said reliable broadband is a priority for her government and by 2025 every region across Ontario will have reliable broadband.

She commented on Mansfield and Mulmur recently getting an expansion of internet services from Bell and how Pikanigikum, a fly-in community in northern Ontario, was able to get internet through low earth orbit satellites.

Jones said the slow turnaround of proposals the province submits to the federal government is part of the reason why there hasn’t been much money granted locally.

Campbell said as Ontarians increasingly work from home, reliable internet service is critical and high-speed internet needs to be rolled out across the province.

“Ontario Greens have made that a priority,” she noted. “It’s part of our platform to make broadband internet an essential service for the people of Ontario.”

The way this is achieved is by working with municipalities and making sure they’re not burdened with waiting long amounts of time for grants.

The Greens would also incentivize the market, according to Campbell.

“We don’t want another situation where we have two major corporations [Rogers and Bell] that essentially have a monopoly on the services. We need to level the playing field for smaller providers so that folks have more choices for internet for their homes,” she explained.

The provincial election is June 2.

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: boltonalanan@gmail.com.

This popular community social offers patrons a chance to sip and savour wines from

around the world while enjoying live music and a stunning view from the grounds of the Caledon Equestrian Park. We typically feature 50+ different wines, local craft beer and cider paired with a variety of delicious foods. All proceeds are directed to Rotary Club of Palgrave projects.

Date: Friday September 23, 2022
Time: 6:00 – 9:00PM
Cost: \$75 per person or 10 for \$650
Hosted by: Rotary Club of Palgrave
Event Website: www.rotarywow.com

BOSTON MILLS CEMETERY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE. The Board of Directors of Boston Mills Cemetery invites the community to share in its 72nd Remembrance Service on Sunday June 12, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. To be held at the cemetery, 1942 Boston Mills Rd., Caledon.

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New “Celebrate Caledon” event to take place July 1

Event will amalgamate Caledon Day, Caledon Canada Day events

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon residents are invited to celebrate their town and country this summer.

The Town of Caledon has announced plans for a brand-new event to be held in partnership with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).

Called Celebrate Caledon, it will be held on July 1 from 2 to 10 p.m. at Albion Hills Conservation Area.

The event will combine the previously separately-held Caledon Day and Caledon Canada Day events. Both such events were cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are so pleased to be able to offer an event where the whole community can come together to celebrate Caledon pride,” said Mayor Allan Thompson in a media release. “By partnering with TRCA, this year’s event offers live entertainment, fireworks, local vendors including Caledon Hills Brewery and family fun with activities for the kids, all in the beautiful Albion Hills Conservation Area.”

The event will feature live music on a main stage. The headlining music act is a Juno Award-nominated band called Wide Mouth Mason, and local acts Itchy and Scratchy Showband and Vilivant will open for them.

Kevin Hayashi, coordinator of corporate partnerships and events for the Town of Caledon, said planning for the July 1 event began back in the Fall of 2021 when talks about the headlining band began.

Hayashi said Wide Mouth Mason is a really good band to see live and he’s excited for their performance, as well as for the local openers too.

Since there’s ongoing construction in Caledon East where the Caledon Day event would normally be held, Town staff had

been exploring other locations as to where this year’s event could be held. It happened to work out with the TRCA that Albion Hills Conservation Area could be used.

Caledon Community Services’ Velocity, an annual charity bike ride in support of Caledon Seniors, is still being held on July 1 and will begin in Caledon East as usual. Hayashi said despite the Celebrate Caledon event not being in the same location as the ride this year, the Town is very supportive of the ride and will be backing and promoting it.

The pandemic has been hard on everyone, and Hayashi said he and the Town wanted to be cautious asking corporate partners for support.

“Everything that we’ve gone through over the last two years, no one could have ever imagined,” he said. “We’re getting good corporate partners stepping up and saying that they still do want to be involved in the community. They want to make sure that they’re helping to put on exciting events like this.”

The Town is still seeking performers, vendors and sponsors for Celebrate Caledon. The deadline for performers to submit their expression of interest is May 30, but the Town will still accept vendors and sponsors after that date.

For more information, interested parties can visit caledon.ca/celebrate.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1
NEW SUPPLEMENTARY WATER SUPPLY SOURCE FOR THE PALGRAVE – CALEDON EAST DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

Background

The Region of Peel owns and operates the Palgrave – Caledon East Drinking Water System, a groundwater-based system supplying drinking water to the communities of Caledon East, Palgrave, Palgrave Estates, Mono Road, Albion, Centreville, and Cedar Mills in the Town of Caledon. The system is currently supplied by six (6) municipal groundwater sources located in Palgrave and Caledon East.

Class EA Study Process

The Region is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study to plan for additional water supply capacity to the existing Palgrave – Caledon East Drinking Water System. An additional water source will increase the supply capacity to the existing system to meet the long-term water needs of the serviced area.

A new municipal well on the north side Castlederg Road, just east of Airport Road, referred to as Caledon East Well #6, was developed in 2020 and is being considered in the Class EA study, as a supplementary source of supply alternative for the system.

The Class EA study is being conducted according to the requirements of a Schedule ‘C’ project under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015). The study includes an evaluation of alternative solutions and alternative design concepts, an assessment of potential impacts associated with the required works/infrastructure and development of measures to mitigate identified impacts.

As part of the study, a first Public Information Centre (PIC) is planned to allow interested individuals to learn more about the project, activities completed to-date, the preliminary preferred recommended solution, and to provide an opportunity to obtain your feedback on the study.

The Public Information Centre #1 will be held virtually through the Region’s website. Public Information Centre material will be available on the Region’s website from: Monday, May 23, 2022, until Friday, June 10, 2022.

You are encouraged to review the Public Information Centre #1 material and provide your feedback, questions or comments. All content and instructions on how to submit questions or comments will be posted on the Region’s webpage: <https://www.peelregion.ca/public-works/environmental-assessments/caledon/reviced-project-name.asp>

Comments received through the course of the study will be considered in finalizing the preferred design concept to accommodate the increase an increase in the system’s supply capacity.

Anyone who wishes to comment on or to be involved in this Municipal Class EA study should indicate their interest, preferably in writing to either of the project team members listed below:

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VICTIM IN FATAL COLLISION IDENTIFIED

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a fatal collision on Charleston Sideroad in the Town of Caledon.

“On May 17, 2022, at approximately 7:52 p.m., officers and emergency crews responded to a two-vehicle collision on Charleston Sideroad near Shaws Creek Road,” say Police. “One victim was pronounced deceased at the scene. A second victim was transported to hospital for minor injuries.”

The deceased has been identified as Milo Yekmalian, 18, of Caledon.

The collision remains under investigation. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 905-584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peel-

crimestoppers.ca.

ARSON INVESTIGATIONS

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are requesting the public’s assistance in an ongoing arson investigation.

“On April 20, 2022, at approximately 2:57 a.m., an officer conducting speed enforcement in the area of Mayfield Road and Coleraine Drive in the Town of Caledon observed smoke,” say Police. “While investigating its origin, a dump truck fully engulfed in flames was located at a business on Coleraine Drive. After a series of explosions, seven dump trucks were destroyed, and an eighth was damaged.

“Caledon Fire and Emergency Services, the OPP’s Forensic Identification Services and USAR CBRNE Response Team (UCRT), along with the Office of the Fire Marshall were all engaged in the investigation.”

The investigation is ongoing.

Additional investigations are underway in Bolton.

“On April 29, 2022, at approximately 11:52 p.m., an officer conducting a general patrol in the Bolton area observed a large fire,” said Police. “Two large

trucks were located fully engulfed in flames at a business on Simpson Road. It was later determined that four vehicles were damaged by the fire; two of the vehicles’ cab areas had been completely consumed.”

Caledon Fire and Emergency Services and OPP’s Forensic Identification Services were also engaged in the investigation.

The investigation is ongoing. Police are seeking the public’s assistance in identifying two suspects. The suspect vehicle is believed to be a 2016-2018 Toyota RAV4 or RAV4 Hybrid. The front right bumper may be pulled away slightly. Anyone with information is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 905-284-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

STOLEN VEHICLES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid charges in relation to a stolen truck from the Scarborough area.

“On May 12, 2022, at approximately 11:20 a.m., Caledon OPP was alerted of a stolen vehicle in the area of Polenta Crescent in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “When officers arrived, one suspect was taken into custody for being in possession of property obtained by crime, while another fled the scene in a black BMW SUV.

“In the recovered truck, officers located stolen transport truck tires (approximate value of \$40,000). The investigation revealed that the cargo was linked to a break and enter that occurred that same morning in the Cambridge area.”

The Caledon Community Street Crime Unit is continuing the investigation alongside police agencies from surrounding jurisdictions.

As a result of the arrest, Pushpinder Dhillon, 30, of Brampton was charged with:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000
- Resist peace officer

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on July 28, 2022, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

The investigation is ongoing.

Arrests have also been made in a separate stolen vehicle investigation.

“On May 22, 2022, at approximately 7:28 a.m., officers were alerted of two suspicious vehicles parked at the walking trail between Mill Street and Mississauga Road in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “The initial investigation revealed that both vehicles had been reported stolen.

“Officers attended and located two individuals that were sleeping in one of the vehicles. They were both arrested for being in possession of property obtained by crime. Additionally, illegal drugs were also found in the vehicles.”

As a result of the investigation, James Fobert, 40, of Mississauga was charged with:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000 (two counts)
- Failure to comply with undertaking
- Breach of recognizance
- Fail to comply with probation order
- Possession of a Schedule I substance - Other drugs

- Possession of a Schedule I substance – Cocaine

Shelleen Bedward, 33, of no fixed address was charged with:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000 (two counts)
- Failure to comply with undertaking
- Possession of a Schedule I substance - Other drugs
- Possession of a Schedule I substance - Cocaine

Both accused are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on August 4, 2022, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged two individuals in possession of stolen mail and drugs.

“On May 19, 2022, at approximately 2:27 p.m., a Caledon Community Street Crime officer was conducting a general patrol in the area of Hurontario Street and Mayfield Road in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “At that time, the officer entered into an investigation of a suspicious vehicle. As a result of the initial observations, both the driver and passenger were arrested for being in possession of illegal drugs.”

A search of the vehicle revealed the following items:

- Drugs including methamphetamine and heroin
- Drivers’ licenses and bank card for other individuals
- Mail belonging to numerous owners throughout Caledon

As a result of the investigation, the following charges were laid:

Jugraj Cheema, 30, of Brampton:


- Operate a motor vehicle without insurance
- Driving while under suspension
- Drive motor vehicle, fail to display two plates
- Colour coating obscuring interior
- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000
- Possession of an identify document
- Possession of a Schedule I substance – Heroin
- Possession of a Schedule I substance - Methamphetamine

Gurvinder Kang, 39, of Brampton:


- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000
- Possession of an identify document
- Possession of a Schedule I substance – Heroin
- Possession of a Schedule I substance – Methamphetamine
- Failure to comply with release order (two counts)

Both accused are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on July 25, 2022, to answer to the charges.




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21. Commands
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23. Caught sight of
25. Funeral car
27. Skin infection
31. Sometimes they “burn”
34. Russian river
35. Famed soap opera character Kane
38. Pie __ mode
39. Endangered
41. Socially inept person
42. Romanian river
44. Swerve
45. Monetary unit of

Samoa
46. A type of approach to please
49. Form of Hebrew name for God
51. “Carry On My Wayward Son” rockers
55. A team’s best pitcher
56. A woody climbing plant
60. Long, edible marine fish
61. Human rights group in Africa (abbr.)
62. Data
64. Corporate bigwig
65. Climbs
66. Relating to the ear
67. Commercials
68. You need it to eat
69. Political extremists

CLUES DOWN

1. Reconnaissance (Brit. military)
2. Asserts to be the case

3. Starchy food made of dried orchid tubers
4. Foes
5. Rheumatoid arthritis score
6. Ruler of Iran
7. The top of the head
8. Lilly and Manning are two
9. Purchase attire for
10. Glittering with gold or silver
11. The bank of a body of water
12. Regions
13. Makes tractors
18. Adult beverage
24. Force unit
26. Swiss river
28. Cater to
29. Woody climbing plants
30. Seems less impressive
31. Consume
32. Boxing’s GOAT
33. Southwestern farmers
36. Beverage holder

37. A way to deteriorate
39. Judge
40. Norse explorer __ the Red
43. Farm resident
45. One who helps to govern
47. Plant-eating ground bug
48. History Finnish county
49. Conifer native to Jamaica
50. Longed
52. Small Japanese city
53. Arum family plant
54. Puts together in time
57. From a distance
58. __ contendere: no contest plea
59. Region
63. Mountain
Standard Time

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

Cirque Du Poulet show coming to Caledon set to be a clucking good time

Contemporary circus cabaret show coming to Cambium Farms

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

It's a circus show based on chickens, and it's coming to a venue near you.

Natalie Dupley is one of the co-founders and artistic directors of Hercinia Arts Collective, alongside Emily Hughes. The collective is bringing its cabaret show, Cirque Du Poulet, to Cambium Farms in Caledon for a show on May 29.

The show is described online as a “fun, zany, and sometimes saucy contemporary circus cabaret featuring original creations and performances from some of Ontario’s top circus talents.” Dupley said what’s so great about the show is so many different kinds of acts will be showcased. There will be aerial acrobatics, juggling, burlesque, stilt dance, physical comedy and more. Dupley said two of the people who will be performing at Cirque Du Poulet have made it to the semifinals of the TV show Canada’s Got Talent.

“There’s so many different facets that we bring, so you get to see a lot of different amazing genres,” said Dupley in a May 24 interview. She explained to the Citizen how Cirque du Poulet came to be.

“Essentially, my partner, Emily Hughes, had this idea to do Cirque Du Poulet and make a fun circus show based off of the chicken. So, we went to curate some artists who we thought would be amazing additions to do the show, brought them the idea of doing a... themed cabaret circus show, and they replied with their ideas of what they would want to contribute. And there you go, we curated it. Now we have a full-length show that we can bring to audiences, which is fantastic,” she said.

Dupley grew up in Bolton, attended Mayfield Secondary School for dance, and has taught tap dance and gymnastics in the area. Dupley explained she and her collective are trying to bring their shows



Laura Lawless and LeeAnn Ball performing in a previous iteration of Cirque Du Poulet.

to more rural audiences, as they’re mainly based in Toronto. The collective recently received a grant from the Ontario Arts Council and they’re using it for that exact purpose.

Dupley was looking for a venue that was large enough to host an audience and that had ceilings high enough for circus performers. She said Cambium Farms was wonderful and accommodating, and after a site tour it was decided as the place to host the show.

After having a baby last year, Dupley is playing a producer-director role in the Caledon edition of the show on May 29. She’s performed in Cirque Du Poulet in the past, and will again in the future, just not at this show.

She said producing and directing is a lot of work but so rewarding when everything comes together. Dupley said she’s grateful to be able to support artists in what’s been a challenging time for many. Plus, seeing the faces of the audience when the show comes around is a huge reward, she added.

Performers have been training and practicing for the May 29 show, and Dupley said they’re very excited to get together for the dress rehearsal and big event. There’s going to be a food truck and a bar at the show, so the audience can have the full night-out experience.

Attendees can arrive at Cambium Farms as early as 6:30 p.m. to get food and drinks, and pre-show entertainment will begin at 7. Cirque Du Poulet officially begins at 7:30

and will run until 10 with a 30-minute intermission in the middle of the show. The first half of the show is appropriate for all ages, while the second will feature some “somewhat” more risque acts.

Tickets to the show can be purchased online by following the link at herciniarts.com and are \$45 plus tax and handling fees. Groups of over four people can save on their tickets, and sliding scale (pay what you can) pricing is available for anyone facing financial barriers. The show is going to be recorded, and virtual tickets to watch the recorded show will be available. The virtual show will begin screening on June 17.

“It’s going to be a great time and we hope that people in the Caledon area will support us by sharing, by attending,” said Dupley.

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Author pens biography of mother who co-founded Caledon nursery

Astrid Peters self-published her first book, “Sibylla: One Story at a Time”

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Astrid Peters’ mother was born in the Netherlands in 1918.

She lived there until 1948, when love changed her life. Sibylla Janssen-Peters married her husband Frans at age 29 and the pair moved to Canada. They started their own nursery, Humber Nurseries Ltd., and embarked on the journey of life together.

Astrid Peters, who now lives in Brampton, wanted to document the life of her mother through a book. Peters is a former high school French and music teacher and took an interest in historical genealogy in her retirement.

Through interviews with her mother, she tells the story of her life one story at a time, in as close to her mother’s words as possible. Her mother lived to the age of 92 and raised four children in addition to running her business.

“It’s her personality that just speaks right through the book,” said Peters. “I’ve done a few other writings, but this is the biggest project that I’ve ever done.”

Peters self-produced her book with the help of a publishing company.

Humber River Nurseries was founded in 1948 in what is now Toronto. In the 60s, the business was moved to Brampton and kept growing. In 2020, it moved to Bramalea Road in Caledon, on a piece of land that’s been in Peters’ family since 1954.

Astrid’s brother, Frans, now runs the business with his son Frans — who goes by JR to avoid any confusion as they work so closely together. The business is now called Humber River Nurseries 2020 Ltd. to mark the move.

Peters said her mother was always very popular with clients and would spend lots of time chatting to them. She said people would ask her mom about her life and her business and she was always happy to share.

“She was a real hook into the past and the present, a real connection between the 20th and the 21st century, so to speak,” said Peters. She said her mother’s business style and insights have inspired many entrepreneurial women.

Peters’ book is available at Forster’s Book Garden in Bolton, as well as online on the Barnes & Noble and Amazon websites. The book is also available at Humber River Nurseries at 14905 Bramalea Road in Caledon.

Peters will be doing a book signing and presentation there on June 11 beginning at 1 p.m. She’ll be selling her book at a reduced price that day, and there will be a draw to win free books as well.

Youth focused on affordability, climate in this election: Future Majority

BY BROCK WEIR

Action on affordability and climate change are top of mind for area young voters, according to Future Majority.

Future Majority is an organization for youth led by youth with the goal of boosting engagement among younger voters. They take a two-prong approach connecting with young adults: face to face conversation and “relational organizing,” which tasks them with engaging with “friends, classmates and colleagues around voting and the issues that matter to them.”

As Ontarians head to the polls on June 2, the group has been hard at work canvassing young voters to see what issues matter to them this time around, and their findings are not that removed from voters at large.

“Future Majority runs a couple of focus groups to get the pulse of young people and the issues that matter to them,” says spokesperson — and university student — Elijah Santana. “What we are seeing are significant concerns about the environment in regards to action on climate change. We’re seeing concerns about increasing unaffordability across the Province, particularly in the housing sector, and there’s also the mental health aspect to it: increasing access to mental health resources and expanding our mental health programs within the Province.”

Santana is a more recent member of Future Majority.

The mission of the group really “spoke” to him in raising political awareness and getting more young people involved in the political process in a non-partisan way.

“This is done through canvassing events, reaching out through social media, outreach to media organizations... and also through a website called VoteTube where young people are able to ask party leaders questions about the issues that matter to them, things that impact them, and have them actually

respond.”

“In the Federal election last year, Future Majority was able to run some local youth events to kind of attract young voters to remind them that the election is coming up and they should register to vote and get out to vote. They did things like pledge drives, reminding people of the date they have to vote, the steps they have to take to vote, and also making clear the importance of voting for young people.


“I think a lot of people think their vote doesn’t matter, they are uninterested or apathetic to the political process, but young people make up 30 per cent of Ontario’s electorate and they are concentrated in key ridings that party leaders need to speak to [in order] to have a majority government, particularly in Mississauga, Brampton and Newmarket-Aurora.”

To challenge the idea that the youth vote might not “matter”, Santana says it isn’t hard to find examples of action when “young people come together to push for change.”

“It does actually influence policy platforms in subsequent elections,” he says. “For example, in the last Federal election, young Canadians raised the issue of climate change over and over and now we’re seeing all parties include climate action on their platforms. It is clear that when we show up to the poll in that regard we do hold some power to push for better and young people participating can influence elections [and] they can really make themselves heard among political leaders.

“I think for quite a while politics has been dominated by the middle-aged to older crowd who tend to show up to vote more, but politicians look for votes. If young people are voting, that is where their policies will shift to.”

For more information on Future Majority, including how to get involved, visit futuremajority.ca.




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“What Does CCS Mean to Me? It’s All About Community!”

by Liana Cancian, Event and Partnership Lead



What does Caledon Community Services (CCS) mean to me? It means ‘Community’ with a capital ‘C’. It’s a long-standing, reputable non-profit organization that helps young and old pursue their growth, health and independence.

CCS is truly a one-stop shop for everything from helping youth write up resumes and find jobs, to driving seniors to appointments and grocery shopping. Their number one priority is to improve the quality of life for all ages in this beautiful town of Caledon that I have called home for 20 years.

After volunteering with many CCS programs and events, and feeling so grateful for the many connections and the wonderful things we accomplished together, I felt it was time to take it a step further and join CCS’ workforce. I’m thrilled to be the new Event and Partnership Lead, a position where I know I can make a difference.

Our next upcoming event is Velocity, a cycling ride for all ages and experience levels. Event proceeds directly support the programs and services that help Caledon seniors age comfortably in their community and thrive independently. Seniors are a vital part of Caledon and deserve all the respect, support and compassion we can provide.

Velocity takes place on Friday, July 1 with the start/finish line at Caledon’s town hall in Caledon East. Its family-friendly routes along Caledon’s trails are a great way to kick off Celebrate Caledon. The 100km and 50km road routes appeal to experienced riders. My family will definitely be out riding the beautiful trails of Caledon.

Join us for a day of celebrating community with complimentary T-shirts, lunch, prizes, games and children’s entertainment. The Celebrate Caledon, Canada Day festivities at Albion Hills will follow with live entertainment, a vendor market and fireworks. There will be a bike valet for those riding over.

And for our caring business community, there are a variety of sponsorship opportunities to showcase your business. Make your mark by championing this cause while benefiting from being associated with the growing popularity of this community event.

Together we can make a difference and directly help those papas, grandmas, friends and neighbours who need our support. They have contributed many years to the workforce, raised families and created memories within our community. Now it’s our turn to make their remaining years meaningful and significant.

Register to ride Velocity today at www.ccsvelocity.ca. Opportunities to volunteer and sponsor are also on our site or you can contact me directly at lcancian@ccs4u.org to learn more.


How Do You See It?

Tell us how you see it.

Liana Cancian, Event and Partnership Lead, Caledon Community Services at 905-584-2300 ext. 236 or lcancian@ccs4u.org

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PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Simpson Road

Area-Specific Development Charges Bylaw and Background Study

On Tuesday June 14, 2022 at 5 p.m., the Council of the municipality of the Town of Caledon will hold a public meeting pursuant to Section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, as amended to present and obtain public input on the municipality's proposed area-specific development charges bylaw and underlying background study. The area under consideration is Simpson Road (221 North of George Bolton Parkway). It will be imposed within a defined area of the South Simpson Industrial Secondary Plan.

This meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting with Members of Council participating in person at Town Hall and remotely. Members of the public are invited to view the meeting by attending in person, by listening over the phone or joining the Webex.

MEETING DETAILS:
Date and Time: Tuesday June 14, 2022 at 5 p.m.

HOW TO LISTEN:
To listen by phone call 1-833-311-4101
Meeting Access Code: 2630 303 2012#

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Members of the public are welcome to participate in person, via phone or Webex Meeting upon request. Please call 905.584.2272 ext. 4026 or email finance@caledon.ca to facilitate your choice. Please note deadlines apply.


HOW TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

- By email: agenda@caledon.ca and finance@caledon.ca
- By phone: 905.584.2272 ext. 4026

In order that sufficient information is made available to the public, the background study is being made available online at caledon.ca/dc

Copies of the proposed bylaw and the background study are available from the Municipal Clerk at the above location or by calling 905.584.2272

Interested persons may express their comments at the public meeting or in writing, addressed to the Municipal Clerk, at the above address prior to June 9, 2022.



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Councillor Kiernan wants to see a community pool built in Ward 1

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A Caledon councillor would like municipal staff to dive into research on the feasibility of building a community and therapeutic pool in Caledon's Ward 1.

Councillor Lynn Kiernan brought forward a motion at Council's May 17 General Committee meeting, asking that "staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of constructing and operating a community/therapeutic pool in Ward 1 and report back on potential locations, proposed budget and projected usership."

In her motion, she explains that the Caledon Central Pool was demolished in 2014 due to structural issues and mold growth. She added that a Northwest Caledon Indoor Recreation Facility Reserve Fund was created to meet community needs following the closure of the pool, and that \$1,038,350.16 is currently in that fund.

Kiernan's motion goes on to note Caledon's 2017 Facility Needs Assessment Study recommends one indoor aquatics centre per 25,000 population and that Caledon is expected to grow to 160,000 residents by 2041. It also notes that the Town's Age Friendly Caledon Plan says the Town will build, support and advocate for local programs that promote social participation with an emphasis on health and friendship.

Kiernan said her constituents have expressed a need and desire to have an indoor aquatics centre such as can be found in other areas of Caledon. She said Caledon community service staff have been seeing the same thing, reporting an increase in requests for therapeutic programs such as therapy classes in an aquatic setting.

Speaking to her motion at the meeting, Kiernan said she was very happy to have her motion come forward. She said even when she was campaigning to be Ward 1 area councillor in 2018, she heard the need for a pool from residents in her ward.

"It's been a big issue for the residents in Northwest Caledon, we have families that go to Orangeville and Georgetown to take their children to swimming lessons, the seniors have definitely lost their pool and really did miss some of that aquatherapy or aquafit," said Kiernan.

She said she put together a business plan in November of 2021 and met with Town Staff to discuss making the pool financially viable. She said she's explored potential partnerships with parties such as Hills of Headwaters Collaborative (an Ontario Health Team), sports clubs, or private partners. Kiernan said she learned it's not about the cost of building the pool, rather the cost to maintain it. She explained she's not seeking a high-level athletic pool, rather a warm, accessible community pool that all Ward 1 residents can enjoy.

Councillor Ian Sinclair supported Kiernan's motion and said it was well-researched. He suggested a friendly amendment to it; he proposed a concrete deadline for staff to report back by being added.

An amendment to Kiernan's motion to give Town staff a deadline of the third quarter of 2023 was passed unanimously.

The motion itself was also passed unanimously.



Mayor Allan Thompson and Vaughan Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua are pictured touting the GO plan earlier this year.

FILE PHOTO

Advisory firm to continue working for Caledon's GO line

Continued from FRONT

Councillor Nick deBoer put forward an amendment to the motion before it passed, a requirement to ask York Region and the City of Vaughan to share proportionately in the costs of the business case work. The motion was passed as amended.

Councillor Ian Sinclair said he had a number of questions about the Town's involvement in funding the business case for GO Train service.

"I don't understand the role of Metrolinx, do they not do anything? What do they do?" he asked.

"Caledon seems to be undertaking the technical work to justify the business plan for it... why on earth are we paying for Metrolinx's work? Surely that's their job to work on the business plan," said Sinclair.

He suggested getting in touch with Metrolinx before spending any money on the project.

Andrew Pearce, Caledon's Director of Engineering services, said as the GO Rail is a strategic priority for the Town, staff have been doing all they can to advance it. Pearce said staff have been in touch with Metrolinx and that Metrolinx staff have a full workload; thus, the Caledon-Vaughan GO Rail is not an immediate priority for them at this time.

Pearce said Metrolinx's next regional transportation plan is expected in 2023 and the Town is trying to advance its case to be a priority in that plan.

He said everything he knows about York Region and City of Vaughan staff leads him to believe they will support Caledon in cost-sharing business case work.

"What we're suggesting is investing a bit now, to advance that delivery of the GO service," said Pearce.

He explained York Region and the City of Vaughan have expressed verbally their intent to support Caledon in the cost of required studies

for advancing the business case, such as a capacity analysis.

Councillor Tony Rosa said he'd like to see more than verbal intent, as he said the work that needs to be done will benefit both regions and municipalities.

Councillor Lynn Kiernan echoed his concerns.

A motion to refer the item back to staff until they could receive confirmation from York Region and the City of Vaughan that they'd be willing to cost-share was put forward and supported by councillors Annette Groves, Tony Rosa, Sinclair, and Christina Early.

However, the motion was lost as Mayor Allan Thompson and the rest of Caledon Council opposed it.

Caledon's Chief Administrative Officer, Carney Herd, said Town staff believe the work on the business case is critical for Caledon's future and needs to be done as expeditiously as possible; and that's why Caledon is taking the lead.

Mayor Allan Thompson said he believes in the experts from StrategyCorp as they have experience in rail planning. "If we want to change the way... communities thrive, we're going to have to do a bit of investment here and these are the experts that know how to do this," he said.

Councillor Groves said she agreed with Sinclair, and that Metrolinx should be doing the planning work. "Why are we doing Metrolinx's work? We have an MPP here, she should really be advocating for the advancement of our GO train service," said Groves.

She also said she didn't like that the staff report requesting funding for the business case was added as an addendum to the May 17 meeting's agenda, and that residents who check committee meeting agendas when they are posted on Fridays may not have had a chance to read it and be involved in the decision-making process.

PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intention to pass amending bylaw to remove Holding Symbol (H)

FILE NUMBER(S): RZ 2021-0016

Please be advised that the Town of Caledon is now offering a Hybrid Committee and Council Meeting model offering many ways for you to engage with Council, including in-person or virtual opportunities.

Earliest Planning and Development Committee Meeting Date: June 21, 2022
Earliest Town Council Meeting Date: June 28, 2022

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Attend In-Person: Members of the public may register to delegate in-person and speak to an item listed on the agenda or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting. To do so, please complete the Participation Request form on the Town's website.
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APPLICANT:

The Alton Development Inc.

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has applied for a Zoning By-law Amendment (Lifting of Holding Symbol ("H")) to remove the Holding Symbol ("H" and "H10") from the subject lands zoned Village Commercial Exception 35 – Floodplain (CV-35-F-H) by Zoning By-law 87-250, as amended, and Village Commercial Exception 461 (CV-461-H10) by Zoning By-law 2006-50, as amended. These site-specific zones and Holding Symbol restrictions were approved by Council in 2008 and the removal of the Holding Symbol ("H" and "H10") will permit the place of assembly, place of entertainment and restaurant uses on the subject lands.

LEAD PLANNER:

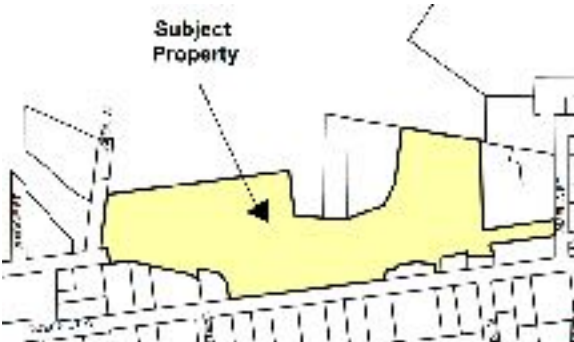
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information about this matter, including a copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment applications, additional information and material, please visit caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner at 905-584-2272 ext. 4024 from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WARD 1 LOCATION:

1402 Queen Street West
Part of Lot 23, Concession 4 WHS (Caledon); Part of Mill Privilege No.4 in Block 5 on CAL5 (Village of Alton); Part of Mill Privilege No.5 in Block 5 on CAL5 (Village of Alton)
West side of Amelia Street, north of Queen Street West and east of Credit Street



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Notice Date: May 26, 2022



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PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE OF 2ND PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Mill street class environmental assessment study Mississauga road to Creditview road

THE STUDY

The Town of Caledon is considering options to enhance safety, improve traffic operations and better accommodate pedestrians and cyclists on Mill Street, to serve the community for years to come. The project is being completed as a Schedule "B" project in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015). Public and technical agency consultation will play a key role in developing the study recommendations.



PUBLIC INPUT

Preliminary recommendations were presented to the public for input at the first Public Information Centre (PIC), held online October 5, 2021. In consideration of feedback received during and following PIC #1, the project team has developed new alternatives for pedestrian accommodations along Mill Street.

A second PIC is being held to gather feedback on the options for pedestrian accommodations. The PIC will be held as an informal "Open House" with materials pertaining to the study on display, with members of the project team on hand to answer questions and discuss issues related to the project. Attendees will be asked to review the materials on display and provide their preferences for pedestrian accommodations. A final recommendation for Mill Street will be developed following the PIC, in consideration of the input received.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2:

Date: Wednesday June 15, 2022
Time: 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Location: Cheltenham Community Centre
(14190 Creditview Rd, Caledon, ON L0P 1N0)
Entrance is located at the south side of the building

If you would like more information prior to the PIC, or to be added to the study mailing list, please contact one of the following members of the project team:

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The value of full public discourse

Things were looking great for Richard Nixon before he sat down with a young, up-start Senator from Massachusetts.

Banking on his track record as U.S. Vice President to Dwight D. Eisenhower, he gave off an air of confidence, maybe even a sense of stability in a country still recovering from two major international conflicts.

Then, the television cameras began to roll.

While the duo debated issues that impacted the American people, the longest-lasting images to come out of the ratings-busting chin wag were the beads of sweat pouring down Nixon's forehead while his calm, cool and collected opponent, John F. Kennedy, won the hearts and minds of enough of the U.S. population to win the Presidency.

The late JFK came into the conversation once again in the 1980s thanks to another Vice President – well, a vice-president to be. In 1988, George H.W. Bush's running mate, Dan Quayle, sat down to debate Democratic Vice-Presidential challenger Lloyd Bentsen, in the heat of that year's election to replace Ronald Reagan.

The real meat of the debate was overshadowed by one particular exchange.

"I have far more experience than many others that sought the office of the Vice President of this country," said Quayle. "I have as much experience in the Congress as Jack Kennedy did when he sought the presidency. I will be prepared to deal with the people in the Bush administration, if that unfortunate event were ever to occur.

Bentsen replied, "Senator, I served with Jack Kennedy. I knew Jack Kennedy. Jack Kennedy was a friend of mine. Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy."

Alas, anything of consequence that may have come out of this debate, as far as civic discourse is concerned, took a back seat to those last five words, but it also influenced the course of the campaign's balance.

Here at home, we have a few examples of moments in debates becoming the defining component of a campaign.

In 1984, Liberal Prime Minister John Turner and Conservative challenger Brian Mulroney went head-to-head in an English language debate. With the latter demanding Turner apologize for a number of appointments that were seen as patronage, the soon-to-be outgoing PM said he had "no option" than to maintain the status quo, an option that did not suit Mulroney.

"You had an option, sir. You could have said, 'I'm not going to do it. This is wrong for Canada, and I am not going to ask Canadians to pay the price.' You had an option, sir, to say 'No.'"

Boiled down and paraphrased in the hours and days that followed to "You could have said 'no,'" the writing that was already clearly on the wall for Turner came into even sharper focus and what followed was more than eight years of government under Mulroney's leadership.

Those definitive moments in debates are fewer and far between these days.

Al Gore's pursuit of George W. Bush around the debate stage was fodder for a few minutes, and fuel for satire, but nobody could really say it came to shift public discourse. The fly that landed on Mike Pence when he faced off against Kamala Harris might have been an omen that inspired countless memes, but there were far more important things to talk about.

In our most recent leaders' debate here in

Ontario, Progressive Conservative leader Doug Ford passed up a prime chance to flex some humility when asked about his biggest political regrets and instead answered that his single regret was he did not run for Premier four years earlier. That inspired a bit of chatter over the last week or two, but nothing particularly earth-shattering.

The argument could be made that debates are losing their impact both in terms of an election's outcome and in generating water cooler chatter. Personally, I disagree – debates are only as good as what the candidates bring to the table, or at least are permitted to do so.

Over the course of this Provincial election campaign, I have had the good democratic fortune to either attend or watch debates in at least four ridings that are up for grabs this time around. The majority of the debates have been held virtually due to lingering uncertainty over the state of the virus, but there have been a few opportunities for candidates to challenge each other face-to-face and for potential voters to be in the room where there is a very unique energy in the air.

Last Thursday, for instance, I attended a debate for the candidates vying to be the next MPP for the riding of Newmarket-Aurora. Hosted by the Newmarket Chamber of Commerce, it was set to be an evening where very different views of Ontario's future were to be presented.

That's not necessarily what happened.

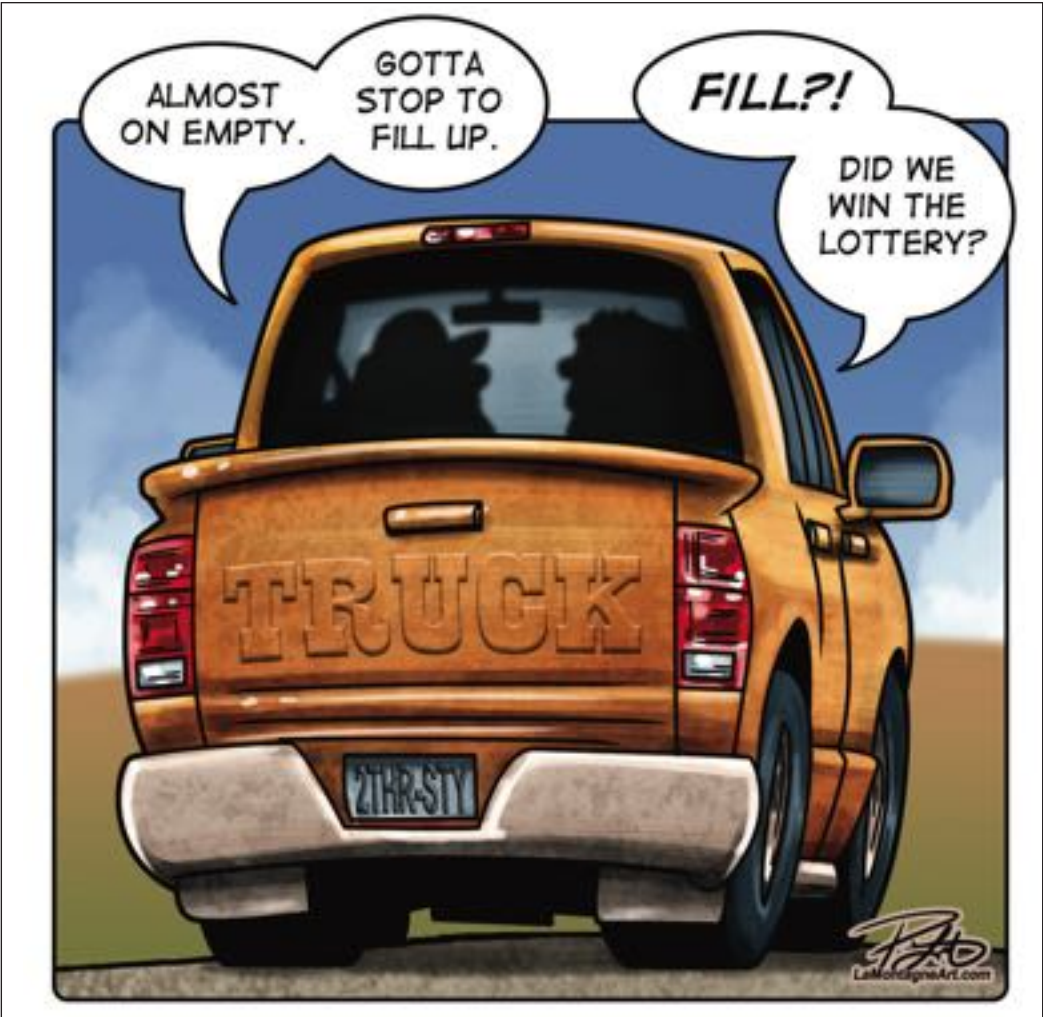
With the Progressive Conservative candidate not in attendance, it was up to the candidates for the NDP, Liberals and Greens to represent Ontario's major parties, as well as the candidate for the New Blues to bring a different perspective to the table.

Without the PCs in attendance, the energy was decidedly low – in the room, that is; not among the candidates. Despite decidedly different visions for our Provinces, the debate was very collegial and participants agreed more often than not. This, on the surface, sounds like a good thing – even though, for instance, the vision for Ontario presented by the NDP and the New Blues are decidedly different – but had the PCs been in the room to both tout and defend their four-year record, the debate would have been something else again.

As such, in my view, the 35 people in attendance at the event, not to mention the 50-odd voters participating virtually, even if they had already decided their vote, were short-changed out of a very important part of the democratic process: getting a full picture of the people who wish to represent them and how they intend to hold the powers-that-be accountable.

This absence is not something unique to the riding of Newmarket-Aurora. The absence of PCs at debates is a trend across the Province. While candidates are still spending a great deal of time knocking on doors and meeting directly with voters – a vital part of the process, to be sure – voters deserve the chance to see how those looking to be hired by those at the door state their case amongst challengers, support and defend their record, and, in the case of non-incumbents, defend their platforms.

You might not get those Jack Kennedy moments of yore, but there are few better ways to see how your candidates measure up to each other and how they might serve you.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Safe on-line trading

The Orangeville Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police have set up a space in their parking lot that is to be used for a Safe Trade project.

This a place right in front of the detachment where you can meet a stranger to conduct business that originated on-line.

I'm not sure how many police services are doing this, but I have heard it is being done at other detachments and police stations around the province.

On-line trading and selling has become quite the enterprise. If you have something that you want to get rid of but is still valuable, you can post it for free on sites like Craigslist.com or Kijiji.com, and probably other numerous sites I'm not aware of.

If you have something that people are interested in, you will no doubt get a reply.

The first time I placed an ad on-line was for my car which had served me well but finally developed enough problems that it was time to get rid of it. No person in their right mind would buy this car, it just had too many things wrong with it, so it was time to send it to the scrap yard.

I placed an ad with a photo of the car and a description of its condition stating it was basically done but was good for scrap. At the time, the price of scrap was pretty high.

To my amazement, almost immediately I received offers from around 15 scrap dealers that were interested. Apparently, they have people who monitor these sites as part of their business.

That car was gone the next morning when a guy arrived with a six-car carrier and an envelope with \$300 cash.

The transaction was easy and completed with a legitimate business owner, who no doubt took the salvageable parts from the car and turned the rest into scrap metal to be melted down and recycled into the fender of a new car at some later date.

The next time I placed an ad, it was a very different experience.

I had ordered a pair of Doc Martin boots from a company in China. Actually, they were Doc Martin-like, and coming from China were a total rip off of the real thing. Yes, they were cheap, but looked good, and the price was right.

Unfortunately, the Chinese version of shoe sizes doesn't really match the North

American version.

My size 10 1/2 boots were more like a size 9. I tried them on and walked around for a while to see if I could break them in. Nope, when your boots are a good half-inch shorter than you need, no amount of walking is going to make them comfortable.

What to do with a pair of brand-new boots you'll never be able to wear? I took a photo and placed an ad on-line selling for the same price I paid for them.

Almost immediately I started getting responses, and not from local people. I was getting inquiries from around the province, which seemed a little crazy – they were only a pair of boots.

Late that night I got a message from a guy in Barrie asking if they were still available.

When I said they were, he stated he would buy them and could I please hold them for him. I replied in the affirmative. I would keep them for him.

He then offered to drive down immediately from Barrie to pick up the boots. That meant he would have arrived at my place around 1:30 or 2:00 a.m.

I declined his offer, but said if he arrived the next morning I would be there.

He said he could be there at 9:00 a.m. Sure enough, 9:00 a.m. on the dot, my doorbell rang.

This guy was super stoked about getting these boots, and was worried that I had already sold them before he arrived – like I had a 3:00 a.m. appointment that had beat him to it.

Yes, he was a bit of a kook. They were only a pair of boots.

The problem with selling things on-line is that you will be meeting someone you do not know. Not everyone has the best intentions when showing up to take a look at the phone you advertised for sale.

The police initiative that allows you to meet right in the police station parking lot for a sale, at least provides some security knowing that most people won't try to commit a criminal act while under surveillance cameras with police officers steps away.

This is a good initiative that can provide a level of comfort when you have to meet a total stranger, and when money is involved. It is better to be safe, than sorry.

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The “Fireworks” About Fireworks!

It’s a topic sure to make some people’s tempers flare, and one that gets many others all worked up and ready to explode. What are we talking about today? Fireworks! Love ‘em or hate ‘em everyone has an opinion and with summer’s first long week-end just behind us, now seems like an appropriate time to weigh in on the recent bylaw passed to ban personal fireworks for any reason, including special holidays.

Effective April 26, 2022 the Town of Caledon banned the discharge of fireworks for personal use, as well as the sale of fireworks for the same reason. The ban arose as a result, at least in part, from both in person and online consultations and an online survey. It means that only public displays (such as for community events) with a permit are now allowed. The bylaw outlines specific requirements for safety including a minimum distance of 300m from various building types and that the display must take place under the guidance of a licensed supervisor. Perhaps you saw video footage of recent events in the Toronto area where fireworks were being used as weapons and actually being discharged directly into crowds where at least one hit a police officer in the face causing severe burns? Several others were

seriously injured too. Such careless disregard (no doubt fuelled by various substances in addition to the fuelled up fireworks) for human life is just one of the reasons communities like ours are now en-acting bylaws in an attempt to curb the dangerous discharge of fireworks.

For anyone with a particularly long memory, I believe I have written about the topic of fireworks at least once before. I know that I had strong feelings about them, not the least of which was that people who think it is ok to have fireworks displays on the May “two-four” weekend and Canada Day, should also be prepared to allow them for other significant holidays like Diwali and Lunar New Year celebrations.

That’s not to say I think fireworks in fumbling fingered, non-professional hands are a good idea, just that equity demands equal access. Now however, with the decision to remove access to fireworks from everyone, (equality for all in this case meaning no access for anyone) it’s safe to say we are finally beginning to grasp the realities of the bigger picture harms that arise from their wanton use.

I admit this has been a learning curve for me. It’s not as simple as claiming they do comparatively lit-

tle harm and I do think they are beautiful to look at, because what we do know, in fact, is that they can (and do) cause irreparable harm. So we must do better. Young, male teens between 15-19 experienced injuries more often than most any other age group, with children aged 10-14 coming in a close second. Burns to the head, face and neck are common and eye injuries (some of which are permanent) follow closely behind. These are Canadian statistics but based on my research, they are similar to results in both the US and UK. As well, these statistics don’t address larger issues including fires resulting in property damage and the significant and potentially dangerous litter left behind.

Additionally, the potential harm to animals (including domestic, wildlife and farm) is significant and the loud, unpredictable and explosive nature of fireworks is extremely problematic for some families living with trauma (refugees from war torn countries) and/or those experiencing autism or other neuro-diversities for whom such noise, bright lights and distractions can make life very difficult indeed.

Should fireworks displays cease to exist? Of course not! In the right hands, fireworks are bold, beautiful and bright and have long been associ-

ated with celebrations and special occasions. Some even choose fireworks displays as part of memorable ceremonies such as weddings. Scheduled fireworks however, give families the opportunity to CHOOSE whether it is right for them to attend, vs. being subjected to noisy neighbours mishandling fireworks in dangerous circumstances. Designated areas for displays are, more often than not, locations that have established a suitable proximity away from certain places like senior community living spaces, hospitals and agricultural settings, helping to minimize the potential harms to vulnerable sectors and this is a good thing.

I have every reason to believe that the majority of us, who haven’t given this topic a second thought, haven’t done so because we just aren’t interested in blowing things up in our backyard. Those that have thought about it – and who are complaining loudly on community forums about their “right” to light things up are the loudest voices of all – perhaps even louder than the ruckus caused by fireworks!



SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON

Russia Will Not Disappear

Russian President Vladimir Putin will almost certainly not be in power three years from now. The war he foolishly began in Ukraine has fatally undermined his political credibility among the Russian elite (and among a large though mostly silent part of the population). One way or another, he will be replaced.

He may even save everybody the trouble by dying before he can be removed. He definitely doesn’t look well, his behaviour is increasingly erratic, and rumours that he is suffering from some terminal disease abound.

Russia is not a fascist state, just a kleptocracy where the thieves and the thugs have taken power, but Putin’s personal behaviour does begin to resemble Hitler in his bunker in the final days, and Hitler too was very ill.

Putin knows nothing about military matters, but he is reportedly micro-managing single “battalion combat groups” (about 1,000 men) in the currently stalled Russian offensive in eastern Ukraine, trying to retrieve a military situation that has sunk into stalemate. Very Hitlerian. So, what will become of Russia when he goes?

Alexander J. Motyl thinks it may just disappear. In an opinion piece in The Hill, the leading political website in Washington, Motyl, a political scientist at

Rutgers University, suggests that “The Russian Federation could metamorphose into 10 or more states, only one of which would be known as Russia. That would change the face of Eurasia forever.”

It certainly would, but it does imply the permanent demise of a state that has dominated northern Eurasia for the past four centuries (the first Russians reached the Pacific in 1647). It also ignores the remarkable homogeneity of that state’s population: 81% are ethnically Russian, while none of the many minority groups even reaches 4%.

There have been occasions, most recently during the civil war of 1917-22, when Russia was temporarily carved up into rival jurisdictions, but these interludes have never lasted long. The sense that there is a special Russian identity, even a unique “Russian civilisation”, always reasserts itself.

The break-up of the Soviet Union, by contrast, was permanent. The collapse of 1991 was actually the last phase of the decolonisation process that ended all the European empires during the latter half of the 20th century.

Decolonisation came late to the Russian empire and was harder to recognise, because Russia’s imperial possessions were around its own land borders rather than across the oceans. Nevertheless, it was the same process, and just as irreversible (as Putin

has been discovering).

Russia is as unlikely to split up permanently as France or Japan. Motyl’s speculations on its break-up are wishful thinking, possibly motivated by the fact (unmentioned by The Hill) that both his parents were born in Ukraine.

It is understandable that Ukrainians might wish Russia to vanish, but that is not going to happen. So, what will happen when Putin goes?

We cannot know yet what a genuinely post-Communist Russia would look like. Although it’s 31 years since the collapse of the Soviet Union, almost all the people in senior political positions began their careers in the Communist Party. The ideology was dumped, but the administrative style and the factional struggles remain.

Moreover, one single man, Vladimir Putin, has dominated Russian politics for more than two-thirds of that time. It’s hard to disentangle what is intrinsically Russian in the way Russia has been run during that time from what was just part of Putin’s personality, but we are about to find out.

The default position is to say that the Russians are somehow fundamentally different from other Slavs. After all, the Poles and the Czechs got real democracy and genuine prosperity after 1991, whereas the Russians got Putin, border wars, and (for most

people) genteel poverty.

But there were two big differences that had nothing to do with “national character”, whatever that is. One was that all the former “satellite countries” of Eastern Europe immediately ditched their local Communist collaborators and got a whole new set of politicians, whereas Russia was essentially stuck with the old Commies wearing new hats.

The other difference was that the western Slavs experienced the change as liberation, whereas their former rulers saw it as a loss of empire that stranded tens of millions of Russians in places that were suddenly foreign countries.

It would have been unreasonable to expect these two sets of people to react in the same way, and sure enough they didn’t.

But it’s equally unreasonable to be convinced that Russians will go on behaving in the same ways when the ex-Communist ruling elite loses power (which may be imminent) and a new post-imperial generation takes over instead.

We have no idea what’s coming out of the box then. It could even be something good.



GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY

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He took what he could from there and ventured to Scotland, Cornwall, and ultimately to Krefeld, Germany, working in the same brewery that had belonged to his ancestors. He came home to Canada for Hockley.

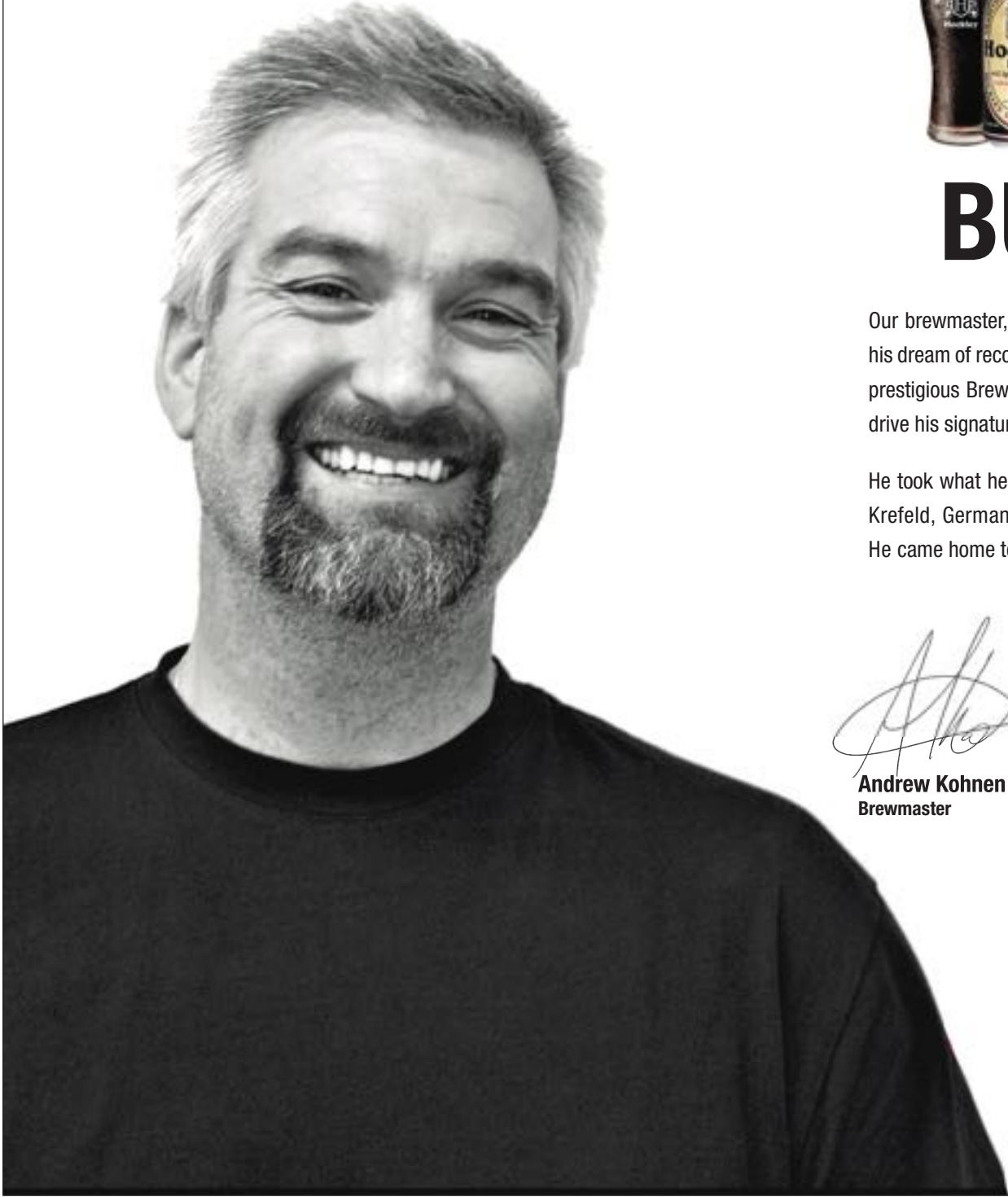
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A Message from Bob Gordanier



Bob Gordanier is a retired farmer, police officer, and firefighter who has lived in our Dufferin-Caledon community for over 40 years. Bob has been a champion for sustainable agriculture at Queen's Park as the former president of Beef Farmers of Ontario - now he's ready to stand up for the residents of his community.

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Caledon Community Services' annual Velocity ride for seniors returns

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Cyclists will be switching gears and pedaling hard to support Caledon seniors on July 1. Caledon Community Services' (CCS) Velocity ride in support of Caledon seniors is back and being held in person after two years. Departing from Caledon East, riders will choose to ride a 10, 25, 50, or 100-kilometre route. The different lengths are chosen to accommodate everyone from families to experienced cyclists.

The 10-kilometre route is designed for families and new riders. The route is off-road on the Caledon Trailway and will take an estimated one to two-and-a-half hours depending on an individual's pace. The 25-kilometre route is designed as a "reasonable challenge" for youth, families, and inexperienced riders. The route is also flat, will take riders along the Caledon Rail Trail, and take an estimated two-and-a-half to three hours to complete.

The 50-kilometre route is hilly and takes place on paved roads only. It will be a good challenge for experienced riders and takes a scenic route through Caledon, taking about two-and-a-half to four hours. The 100-kilometre route is meant for serious riders and will go through hilly terrain at a challenging pace. Also on paved roads, it will take riders an estimated three to five hours.

Donna Cragg, Director of Communications and Marketing for CCS, said people have an appetite to get out and do things again and that this year's ride is going to benefit from that. She said it's an amazing feeling to be able to start gathering with people again in

person and that it lifts spirits.

Riders can sign up all the way until the day of the ride, while sponsors are encouraged to get in touch with CCS by June 10 in order to receive benefits such as being on event signage — though sponsors getting involved later certainly won't be turned away, said Cragg.

There's many volunteer opportunities to be had for this year's Velocity, and Cragg said CCS would especially love to have people volunteer to take pictures and video for the event. Other needed volunteers include: photographer's assistants, registration table volunteers, cheerleaders, set up and take down help, rest stop volunteers, route marshals, and start and finish line volunteers.

Cragg said one of CCS' committee members is an avid cyclist and is the one in charge of picking routes for Velocity. He creates routes he knows cyclists will love, that avoid any construction, and that will show visiting riders the beauty of Caledon, said Cragg.

Cragg actually took up cycling herself because of CCS' Velocity ride, and is excited to be participating in this year's ride. CCS has set a fundraising goal of \$50,000, and since over \$20,000 has already been raised, Cragg said CCS is hoping to smash its goal.

Every rider who participates will receive a complimentary t-shirt to commemorate their cycling journey. After the ride is finished, there will be a lunch, swag table, and prizes for ride attendees.

For more information about the ride; and to register, sponsor, donate, or volunteer; visit ccs4u.org online and follow the "register today" link to the Velocity website.



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Sylvia Jones seeking re-election as Progressive Conservative MPP

BY PAULA BROWN

Progressive Conservative MPP Sylvia Jones is looking to extend her run as a Member of Provincial Parliament for Dufferin-Caledon as she runs for a fifth successive term at Queen’s Park.

Jones officially kicked off her campaign for re-election on May 7 at her campaign office, located at 311A Broadway in Orangeville, ahead of next month’s provincial election.

Speaking with the Citizen, Jones shared why she chose to run for re-election.

“I love representing Dufferin-Caledon at Queen’s Park. Sharing how Dufferin-Caledon is unique, how we have some very special features and community that I want to be able to continue to serve as a member of provincial parliament,” she said. “I’ve been able to do that, I think, effectively both in opposition and now serving in Doug Ford’s cabinet.”

In 2018, Jones was voted in as the MPP for Dufferin-Caledon for a fourth successive term at Queen’s Park. In the election, she garnered more 53 per cent of the local vote winning with 29,701 votes.

“We’ve been out door knocking and talking to friends and neighbours to remind them about the campaign, the election, the advanced polls and ultimately sharing why I, as a member of the Doug Ford government, want to see us continuing government,” said Jones. “I’m doing the same thing I have done in every election I have volunteer on and worked as a candidate in and that is reminding people that I want to serve as their Member of Provincial Parliament. I have the drive, desire and work ethic to do that, and I have a proven track record that says I can get the job done.”

At the top of Jones’ campaign platform is a focus on affordable housing as well as available housing for seniors in the community.

“What I’m hearing is that people want a government that understands our children’s need to find and afford a house in the community they grew up in, and our seniors need to be able to age and stay in the community where they have connections to family, faith, and friends,” said Jones.

The Progressive Conservative government has been campaign with the slogan “Let’s Get It Done”. When asked what she believes this means in connection to Dufferin-Caledon, Jones said, “I think it means planning for the future. If we do not have sufficient hospital capacity, we have a problem; if we don’t have sufficient long-term care bed capacity, then we have a problem; if we don’t have affordable housing, it forces people to move out of the community. All of those pieces really come back to planning for the future.”

While Dufferin-Caledon Green Party, Liberal, and NDP candidates have platforms protesting the construction of Hwy. 413, Jones is in support for the new connective highway.

“We need to be able to start planning and appreciating that there are people and goods who need to move from point A to point B. When we do not plan for it that’s when we get gridlock, that’s when we get frustration, and that’s when we run into problem.”

Jones noted the construction of Hwy 410 as an example of why she supports the project.

“I cannot imagine today not having the 410 as an option for commuters and travellers,” said Jones.

Jones will face competition for seven other candidates running in Dufferin-Caledon including;

- Andrea Banyai – New Blue
- Laura Campbell – Green Party
- Erickumar Emmanuel – Ontario Moderate Party
- Bob Gordanier – Liberals
- Lily Nguyen – Ontario Party
- Tess Prendergast – NDP
- Kay Sayer – Public Benefit Party

The provincial election will take place on June 2.

Local New Blue candidate looking to bring increased transparency into politics

BY SAM ODROWSKI

There’s a new grassroots party running in the provincial election, providing a more conservative alternative to the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario.

The New Blue Party, which was the first party in the province to register a full slate of candidates, has business owner and Mono resident Andrea Banyai vying for the position of Dufferin–Caledon MPP in the June 2 election.

Out of her desire to make a change and become more active in politics, Banyai started out as president of the local New Blue riding association when it formed, and when the time came, she stepped up as the Dufferin–Caledon candidate.

“Part of the reason I decided to support the party is because it’s grassroots from the ground up. We have no lobbyists or corporate ties. Everybody that stepped up to run as a candidate has a background in something relevant and is here to make a change,” said Banyai.

New Blue’s priorities are reforming health care, reforming education, defunding establishment media while promoting a free press, providing tax relief, and growing Ontario’s economy.

The party’s plan to help with the cost of living is to reduce HST from 13 per cent to 10, axe the carbon tax, and lower hydro costs by cancelling wind turbine contracts.

“The only way to lower hydro costs is to cancel these bad deals with the wind turbines,” said Banyai. “It is possible to do. The government is not bound by the previous governments before, so deals that were put in place can be changed and should be changed. It was a bad deal, even Kathleen Wynne agrees.”

Former Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne acknowledged her role in raising energy prices through wind turbine deals in an interview with Paul Wells in Mclean’s magazine earlier in the year.

On the topic of education, New Blue wants to reduce administrative costs by introducing school tax credits and eradicate “woke” activism from classrooms with the removal of critical race theory and gender identity theory.

“What people are saying is they don’t trust the education system anymore. It’s so indoctrinated now with this ‘woke’ ideology,” said Banyai. “There’s just so much time and effort spent on identity and ideology, and not on academic education.”

Banyai also noted that tax credits should go to parents who homeschool their kids and red tape needs to be slashed to get more daycare centres open.

She also commented on some of her ideas to help older students receiving a post-secondary education and strengthen Ontario’s financial situation.

“We need to reduce administration costs for universities and colleges and trades. We need to put a focus on removing the taboo from trades and be encouraging youth to get into the trades because it’s necessary – we have to grow the economy.”

Another area of focus for Banyai is eliminating COVID-19 vaccine mandates and passports.

She said vaccine passports and mandates are political and are not based on proper science, as they don’t prevent transmission of COVID-19.

“Our party platform is to make a policy so that no government or



ANDREA BANYAI

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businesses in the future can do [vaccine] mandates,” said Banyai, who added that a New Blue Government would rehire the thousands of healthcare workers fired over vaccine mandates.

She told the Citizen, since the start of the pandemic, she’d like to see a stronger focus on treatments, especially as immune system data came out on Vitamin D’s role in fighting COVID-19 infections.

With respect to the “Freedom Convoy”, Banyai said she agrees with the truckers who were protesting the government’s vaccine mandate for transporting supplies across the Canada–United States border.

“I come from the logistics world, so I thought it was completely insane that you would mandate truckers to have a vaccine when we’ve already got a crisis right now with logistics,” Banyai noted.

She also expressed concerns around Bill 100, which Solicitor General Sylvia Jones announced back in March. It makes powers permanent that were given to the province during Ford’s declared State of Emergency in February over blockades at border crossings.

It’s been criticized by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association as being too broad, and could impact expressive activity or peaceful assembly.

Banyai said the big controversy is that the provincial State of Emergency wasn’t needed for law enforcement to do their job and clear blockades at bridge crossings.

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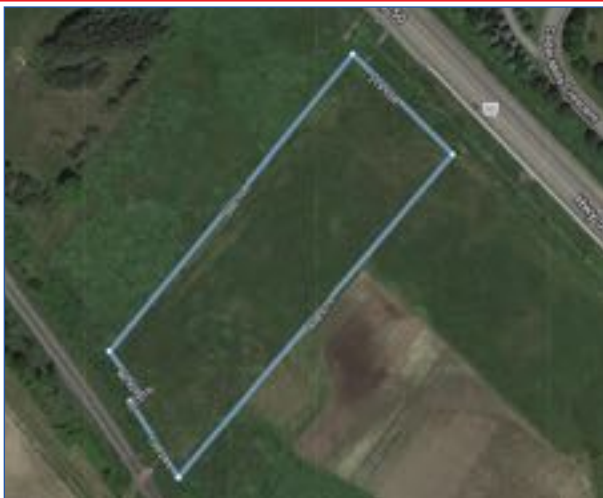
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Scoreless in Greater Victoria for York United over weekend



York United defender Dominick Zator in possession as York United draw Pacific FC 0-0 on the road in Greater Victoria, BC.

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coach Martin Nash in the post-match press conference.

“Both teams were really physical. Both teams really wanted to win and they battled it out. It’s good to see tough competitive matches. It was kind of on the edge a little bit, but you saw two teams that really wanted to win.”

Just a day later on May 21, the Nine Stripes unveiled the club has sent off their goaltender Giantsopoulos off on a short-loan to MLS side Vancouver Whitecaps.

Giantsopoulos joined the Whitecaps side in North Carolina for their match this past Sunday against Charlotte FC.

Following the match, Giantsopolous has returned for the Canadian Championship quarter finals.

Giantsopoulos has played every game for York United thus far and was undoubtedly the number one choice goalkeeper for this upcoming season, after United let go of Nathan Ingham.

His match against Pacific FC was his third clean sheet of the season across all competitions.

This Sunday, York United will host Cavalry FC at York Lions Stadium. Kick-off is at 2.00 p.m.

BY ROBERT BELARDI

The Nine Stripes travelled to Greater Victoria, B.C., to take on Pacific FC over the long weekend.

Unfortunately for those in attendance and everyone involved in the match, neither side was able to figure each other out.

In the first 10 minutes of play, Pacific FC saw a few chances come their way. But the giant, righteous palms of York United netminder Niko Giantsopoulos stood in harm’s way to keep the game level.

Hemmed in their own half by Pacific for majority of the opening 45 minutes, York United began turning things around and began to find ways to try to get on the board.

Near the end of the first half, United forward Lowell Wright rifled the ball over the bar from outside the area. In the second half, a majestic ball from Sebastián Gutiérrez was volleyed over the bar by Wright in the 57-minute.

A few chances came towards the end of the match, but nothing to show for it for either side as Pacific FC and York United did face-off again Tuesday night in the Canadian Championship quarter final.

“They’ve been a top team in the league. They’ve been fantastic this year. Especially at home, they’re unbelievable at home. I’m extremely pleased with the clean sheet because it’s not easy, coming here and stopping that offence,” said York United head

Caledon Nationals Jr. on a roll, Brewers feasting on opponents

BY ROBERT BELARDI

There’s lots to talk about surrounding our local baseball teams in the North Dufferin Baseball League.

The Caledon Nationals Jr. club remain undefeated, thanks to an 11-6 thrashing against the Orillia Royals Jr.

The Nationals found themselves down 6-3 heading into the seventh and final inning of the ball game and the offence exploded for eight runs to carry them home to victory.

Daniel Amodeo went five-for-five at the plate with two runs scored. Kyle Shvidat went two-for-five and Brayden Grech went two-for-four.

Chris Zanchetta was awarded the win, having gone two innings pitched. Mark Sharples pitched for four innings, striking out five batters.

The top ranked Nationals head up to Mansfield to take on the Cubs tonight. First pitch is at 6:30 p.m.

In both of their games last week in the senior division of the NDBL, the Bolton Brewers stormed past the Orillia Majors 12-1 and took care of business against the Ivy Rangers by a score of 4-3.

Carson Burns and Carter Burnside each went three-for-four from the plate respectively, leading the team in hits against the Majors.

Burnside, Mike Bonsignore and John Hutchinson each had two RBIs under their belt.

Shawn Chalmers was credited with the win on the mound, going three innings and striking out six batters.

In a test of patience and will against the Ivy Rangers, the Brewers fought back in this game and showed their resiliency on the diamond.

Down 3-0 after the first inning, the Brewers finally got things going at the top of the sixth.

At the top of the seventh, the Brewers earned another run to put them in position to finish things off.

Head coach Mike Wallace let Nick Hodgson go all seven innings on the mound as the Brewers’ No. 11 sealed the victory.

The Brewers are set to take on the Clarksburg Blues tonight (May 26) at 7:00 p.m. The game will take place at North Hill Park in Bolton.

On the other side of town, the Bolton Dodgers haven’t had much luck to start the season.

The Dodgers fell 7-5 to the Clearview Orioles. They have yet to win a game this season.

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Toronto Blizzard partners with FC Bayern Munich to improve grassroots soccer for boys and girls

BY ROBERT BELARDI

From the moment he was born, Giuseppe (Joe) Parolini has been drawn to soccer and soccer has been drawn to him.

Born 400 yards outside of the stadium in Naples, Italy, Parolini and his family emigrated to Toronto when he was six.

Since setting foot on Canadian soil, he has done nothing but make an impact in the game. In the 1986 World Cup, he was the athletic trainer for Canada.

Having coached the Hamilton Steelers in the Canadian Soccer League afterwards, in the 90s, Parolini got involved with the Toronto Blizzard as a general manager. In 1999, he officially took over the club.

In soccer, you don't just have one job at one given time. Parolini began the girls' program at Woodbridge SC under president Marcello Reda. He began a scholarship program with the club to give players the chance the earn the right to education along with sport.

After leaving Woodbridge, Parolini, got involved in the Canadian Women's Sr. World Cup team and U-20 national women's team from 2009 to 2011 with coach Carolina Morace. But he took a look at the grassroots system once again and he realized there was a big problem.

"I left the women's national team and U-20 national team in 2011/12, and I saw the problems that we had with the youth coming up. I said, you know what, we need a scholarship program," Parolini said, in an exclusive interview with The Citizen.

"We (Toronto Blizzard) are number one in Canada for scholarships over nine years and I said that's still not enough... We started talking in concept. Just before COVID, I was in New York again with a good friend and we started talking about being more proactive and we started reaching out to European clubs. We had about 12 that showed interest. As we're going through the process, a lot of them we eliminated very quickly because they wanted affiliations and licensing deals just so they can make money."

One of the clubs that was not eliminated was German giant FC Bayern Munich. The Toronto Blizzard sent over a 116-page document that was sent over to the Board of Directors just before this past Christmas.

The club's international director came over to inspect the club's facilities and to

watch a few practices. He liked what he saw and both clubs eventually signed the partnership about a month-and-a-half ago.

"It's been exciting. They posted it right on the front page of their website. The players are endorsing it: Alphonso Davies, Leon Goretzka, Leroy Sane. It's just amazing. It's going to take youth player development in this province to another level," Parolini said.

In a press release that came out last week, the club announced that youth players between the ages of eight and 18 years old will have the opportunity to learn and develop as an FC Bayern Munich player.

The methodology will come directly from coaches from the club itself that will be passed on to young Canadian players.

"We've seen first-hand the incredible talent coming from Canada," said FC Bayern Munich Campus director Jochen Sauer in the release.

"Our partnership with Toronto Blizzard will allow us to share our coaching philosophy as well as identify and help develop young talent in Toronto. We look forward to introducing this partnership to the province of Ontario with the Toronto Blizzard."

A week-long ID camp will be held in Maple, ON this summer from July 4 to 11. FC Bayern coaches will be coming to Canada and will be delivering the practices.

Parolini said he will be inviting directors and coaches from other clubs in on the Zoom calls to be involved in this partnership.

With this initiative, Parolini said that this opportunity will not only be for players who want to have a future in soccer. This opportunity is a chance also for players to earn a scholarship, and if soccer doesn't work out for them, there is an education to fall back on.

"At the end of the day, not everybody is going to make it pro. What they loved is, if they don't make pro or they don't get sold to another entity, they still have the scholarship program as their base to fall back on and get an education. So, we're really taking care of the player," Parolini said.

Players interested in registering for the camp, can register here form.jotform.com/221358206834051.

To contact Parolini directly, you may reach him at JoeParolini@TorontoBlizzard.com.

Local New Blue candidate looking to bring increased transparency into politics

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She now worries if people are gathering for a protest on a street, it could be deemed as blocking critical infrastructure, which would fall under Bill 100 and permit police to detain or ticket the people gathering.

On the topic of lockdowns, Banyai said she was firmly against this policy throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

One thing that's been missing, in her view, is open and honest debate among medical professionals who disagree on topics surrounding COVID-19 and the best path forward.

She said getting "big pharma's" influence out of politics would be her focus, if elected.

Out on the campaign trail, Banyai said she's really enjoying door knocking and engaging the community about the New Blue Party.

"I love talking to people, I thought I'd be nervous about it, but I really like the one on one with people and hearing their opinions," she noted. "It's been great, it's been receptive, people are supportive. They're happy there's another choice."

From her experiences engaging the community, Banyai said most people want the same things – a lower cost of living, cost of daycare, and better education.

Being new to politics, she told the Citizen it's disturbing to watch election promises made by winning political parties that

are rarely ever kept.

If elected, Banyai shared what she would do differently.

"I care about Dufferin-Caledon, and I care about the issues going on here, and I would represent them," she said. "I understand what's needed to be successful. You need to read the bills, you need to consult with your community, you need to respond to your community, and you need to go out and figure out what the issues are, what people really care about. Both locally and provincially, come up with solutions, not Band-Aid solutions, long term solutions. We need to stop thinking about what are we going to say and do for the next election, and start thinking about what are we going to say and do to advance society and be better, wiser, smarter, healthier human beings."

Going forward, Banyai said she's going to continue canvassing and knocking on as many doors as she can before June 2 to spread the word about New Blue and her campaign.

She said she'd encourage everyone in Dufferin-Caledon to cast a vote and create change.

"We need representatives in Parliament that aren't afraid to stand up to the established parties and say what their constituents want and need," she said. "That's exactly what I would do. I understand the job in Parliament now and what's needed to get it done."

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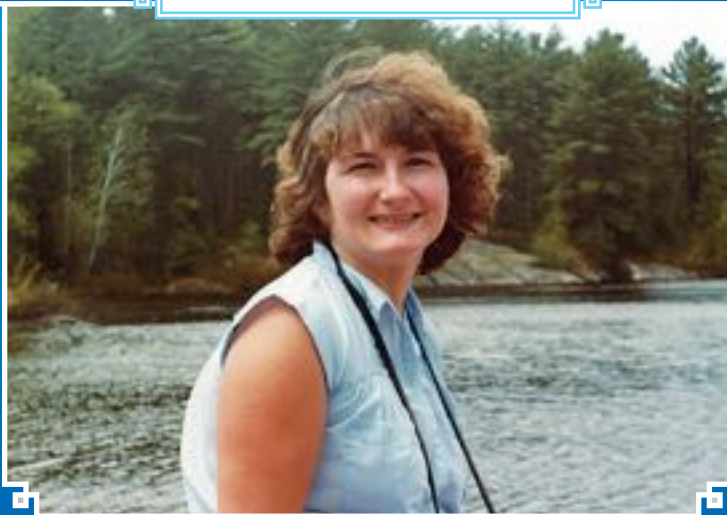
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First-ever Caledon Village Market a success for vendors, organizers

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Despite a bit of uncooperative wind, the first-ever Caledon Village Market was a winner.

Held on the Friday before the long weekend, May 20, vendors reported a good turnout, especially for a brand-new market's opening. Upon arrival at the market, which was held at the Caledon Fairgrounds in Caledon Village, people were guided to a parking spot where they could see the row of vendors of all kinds set up.

Maggie McElaney, farm manager of Avalon Lavender Farm in Mono, had set up a display of the farm's products for the market. She said last year 30,000 lavender plants were planted and everything she was selling was made from the resulting harvest.

"We have seven different varieties of lavender: five English lavenders, then two French lavenders. French is a little bit more perfumey so we use it for things like essential oils, and English lavender for things like cooking buds," said McElaney.

She had found out about the Caledon Village Market from another vendor who was there, Christine Patton, the owner of Fromage.

Passionate about cheese and the stories behind old world cheeses from Europe, Patton is also a wine-pairing expert.

She had a store in Orangeville for years, but didn't want to leave her passion when she closed her bricks and mortar location. Selling cheese at the Caledon Village Market is just one way she's been keeping up with her passion.

Patton said one of the market's organizers, Barney Beckett, called and asked her if she'd like to be

a part of it. She said yes right away, and explained she loves markets because everyone who drops by and is a part of them is always in such a great mood.

Jen Cosby, a beekeeper, attended the Caledon Village Market to sell honey from her apiary, Living Against the Current. She heard about the market by word of mouth and thought it would be a great fit for what she does. Plus, the market is just 15 minutes away from her beehives.

Cosby began beekeeping about six years ago, but started focusing more on making a business out of honey production about a year ago. She said she loves gardening and growing her own food, so she originally kept bees for pollination.

Jeanette MacEachern, a holistic nutritionist by trade, decided she wanted to begin making the kind of food she would recommend to her clients. She started her business, Truly Baked Gourmet Granola, around six years ago. She said time and convenience is a big factor for people when it comes to eating healthy.

MacEachern learned about the Caledon Village Market online. She's been a regular at the Georgetown Farmers' Market, and since she had customers from Orangeville and area, she decided to try the new market in Caledon Village.

MacEachern said she tries to use as many local ingredients as possible, and all her granolas are sweetened with only local honey or maple syrup.

The Caledon Village Market will continue to be held Fridays from 2 to 7 p.m. until October 7. It won't run on June 10 or July 1 due to those dates being for the Caledon Fair and Caledon Canada Day and Strawberry Festival, respectively.



(Above) Christine Patton, the owner of Fromage, looks out over the Caledon Fairgrounds. (Left) Holistic nutritionist Jeanette MacEachern said she eats the granola she sells every day.

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