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Mayor-elect Annette Groves, centre, is flanked by supporters at her victory party on Monday night.

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Voters pick Annette Groves to be Caledon's next Mayor

Mayor-elect said she's ready to unite Caledon and move Town forward

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon was the only municipality in the Region of Peel that didn't have an incumbent mayor seeking re-election on October 24 — change was inevitable.

While Brampton re-elected Patrick Brown and Mississauga re-elected Bonnie Crombie, Caledon elected Annette Groves. The former Ward 5 Regional Councillor is Caledon's first new mayor in eight years, succeeding Allan Thompson who spent two terms in office. Groves defeated former Ward 3 and 4 Regional Councillor Jennifer Innis, who had received endorsements from Thompson and three other past mayors: Emil Kolb, Carol Seglins and Marolyn Morrison. Groves has been an elected representative in Caledon

since 2000, only missing one term of office due to a previous unsuccessful mayoral bid against Morrison in 2010. Groves ran a campaign she described as grassroots, with several progressive items on her agenda such as her opposition to the proposed Highway 413. Her campaign office for the election was the former restaurant building near the Albion-Bolton Community Centre, and that's where she and her supporters were stationed on election night.

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Four newcomers elected to Caledon Council

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon's municipal election featured a number of close races and its Council now has a number of new faces. Voting in Caledon's 2022 municipal election finished on October 24 and we now know who will be representing Caledon residents in the four years to come. In Ward 1, incumbent Lynn Kiernan hung on for a close win against her only challenger, Kate Hepworth. Kiernan, who served her first term on Caledon Council from 2018 to 2022, beat Hepworth by just 93 votes. She received 1,524 to Hepworth's 1,431. Ward 2 had a wide-open race with four candidates vying for the position after incumbent Christina Early decided to run for the Regional Councillor, Wards 1, 2 and 3 position.

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Three incumbents re-elected, one ward Councillor elected to regional role

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Dave Sheen took home a win in the ward, with 1,559 votes in his favour. Coming in second place was Jagraj Sekhon, who received 1,100 votes exactly. In third place was Hunar Kahlon with 866 votes, and in fourth was John Ruscetta with 275.

Since Caledon's Ward structure changed for the 2022 election, Ward 3 residents got to vote for a Councillor to represent their ward and their ward only. Previously, they elected an area and regional councillor for Wards 3 and 4.

Incumbent Ward 3 and 4 Councillor Nick deBoer ran for the Ward 4 Councillor position, leaving the Ward 3 race open to four candidates who fought hard for the job.

Earning a close victory on election night was Doug Maskell, who received 980 votes. Behind him was Derek Clark with 737 votes, Arjun McNeill with 433 votes, and Anna Murray with 221 votes.

The race for Ward 4 Councillor was another close one, with the incumbent eking out a win like in Ward 1. Nick deBoer, who has been in office in Caledon since 2003, beat challenger Cheryl Connors by just 120 votes, receiving 1,085 to her 965.

Bolton was split into two different wards for the 2022 municipal election, with residents voting for a Ward 5 or Ward 6 Councillor depending on where they lived.

Incumbent Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa ran for the same position he held from 2018 to 2022, and the votes indicated residents were happy with his performance as Ward 5 Councillor since he took home a commanding win.

Rosa received 2,414 votes, with challengers Rob Ricciardi and Stacie Roberts receiving 715 and 496 respectively.

The newly-created Ward 6 had four people seeking election. When the polls closed, Cosimo Napoli was the winner with 1,131 votes. In second was Angela Panacci with 849, and following her were Lucrezia Chippetta and Mary Balinov with 368 and 193 respectively.

In the upcoming term of council, Caledon will only have two Regional Councillors sitting at the Region of Peel council table, compared to the four it had before. These councillors will represent multiple Caledon wards at the Caledon Council table and regional table.

Elected for the Regional Councillor, Wards 1, 2 and 3 position was incumbent Ward 2 Councillor Christina Early. She served her first term in Caledon from 2018 to 2022 and



CHRISTINA EARLY
REGIONAL COUNCILLOR (WARD 1, 2, 3)



MARIO RUSSO
REGIONAL COUNCILLOR (WARD 4, 5, 6)



LYNN KIERNAN
COUNCILLOR, WARD 1



DAVE SHEEN
COUNCILLOR, WARD 2



DOUG MASKELL
COUNCILLOR, WARD 3



NICK deBOER
COUNCILLOR, WARD 4

will now be taking on more responsibilities as she serves again through to 2026.

Early won her seat by over 1,000 votes, receiving 3,911 compared to next-closest challenger Ramat Gill's 2,812. Coming in third place was Tom Sweeney with 1,972 votes, and in fourth, Giacomo Giuliano with 427.

All four challengers for the Regional Councillor, Wards 4, 5 and 6 position this election were political newcomers in Caledon — at least when it comes to serving on Council.

Mario Russo won the race for the position, receiving 3,365 votes. Anthony Caputo was the runner up for the role with 2,592 votes. In third place was former Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Trustee Frank DiCosola with 1,774 votes, and in fourth, Bhondi Manjit Saini with 405.



TONY ROSA
COUNCILLOR, WARD 5



COSIMO NAPOLI
COUNCILLOR, WARD 6

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2 SUPPLY CAPACITY INCREASE FOR PALGRAVE WELL # 4

BACKGROUND
The Region of Peel initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study to plan for the necessary upgrades/modifications required at the Palgrave Well #4 Water Treatment Plant, located at 9 Buckstown Trail. Infrastructure upgrades at the existing plant are needed to accommodate a proposed increase in water taking capacity of the existing municipal production well, Palgrave Well #4. This will provide additional supply capacity to the existing Caledon East/Palgrave Drinking Water System to meet the long-term water needs of the serviced area.

CLASS EA STUDY PROCESS
The Class EA study is being conducted as a Schedule 'C' project as per the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015). The study includes evaluation of alternative solutions and alternative design concepts, an assessment of potential impacts associated with the required works/infrastructure, and identification of measures to mitigate potential impacts, as well as public and review agency consultation.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC)
A first PIC session was held virtually and is available on the Region's webpage (peelregion.ca/public-works/environmental-assessments/caledon/palgrave-ea-well4.asp) from February 14 to March 4, 2022. The purpose of the first PIC was to introduce the project, present the decision-making process, the preliminary alternatives under consideration, and the preferred alternative recommended for further examination.

A second PIC is scheduled for:

Date: Thursday, October 27, 2022
Time: 4 to 7 p.m.
Location: Palgrave Community Room, Palgrave Equestrian Facility 200 Pine Ave, Palgrave

The purpose of the second PIC is to present the results of the evaluation of the upgrade and modification options, introduce the recommended upgrade design concept to increase the capacity of Palgrave Well #4, and the next steps in the study. The second PIC will also provide an additional opportunity to gather feedback on the project and the recommendations of the Class EA study. Staff members from the Region of Peel and the consulting team, CIMA+, will be available to provide details on the project and discuss your comments. You are encouraged to attend the PIC and provide your comments. Comments received through the course of the study will be considered before a final decision is made. Anyone who wishes to comment on or to be involved in this Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study should indicate their interest, preferably in writing to either of the project team members listed below:

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This notice was first issued on October 20th, 2022.

With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record of the study. The study is being conducted according to the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, which is a planning process approved under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Walking for Wellness

The Dufferin Area Family Health Team and Caledon Meals on Wheels have started a free bi-weekly walk for wellness located in Caledon East.

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Walkers will meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month June – November from 9am to 10am.

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Ghosts, Ghouls, Goblins and... Greenhouses?

Second annual Ghostly Greenhouses event being held at Davis Family Farm in Caledon East

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A visit to Davis Family Farm might look a little different than you'd expect this coming weekend.

That's because they're hosting the second weekend of their second annual "Ghostly Greenhouses" event.

Co-hosted by Sean Davis and his family along with Gillian and Adam Maramieri, the family-friendly event is a great way to celebrate Halloween and to support two charitable organizations close to the families' hearts: Cystic Fibrosis Canada and the Canadian Celiac Association.

Running this past weekend, and again on Friday, October 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, October 29 from 5 to 9 p.m., Davis said Ghostly Greenhouses is a fun, family-friendly way to celebrate all things ghoulish.

This year there are three greenhouses — up from two in the inaugural year — all decked out as haunting Halloween halls. Families can walk through the greenhouses at their own leisure, following a path filled with ghosts, goblins and ghouls, said Davis, adding that "some people have so much fun the first time through they enjoy the adventure a second and even third time."

He explained the event is suitable for children of all ages. Kids under the age of three are free, and admission is \$5 with all proceeds benefiting the two charities mentioned above.

The greenhouse admission times reflect the

two families' commitment to making the event accessible to participants of any age.

"By starting the event at 5 p.m. on Saturday, children who might not feel comfortable going through in the dark can still enjoy all the features, without the 'scary factor' of being in the dark," said Davis. "For older kids, coming after dark will just enhance the experience."


Davis said the over 200 people who attended last weekend had a great time and that everyone is gearing up for even more people to attend this weekend. Custom candles designed specifically for the Ghostly Greenhouses event will be available, with all proceeds from them again supporting Cystic Fibrosis Canada and the Canadian Celiac Association.

Davis explained each greenhouse has a specific theme for guests to explore. He shared that his own kids, when a little younger, preferred to enjoy the event during daylight hours but now they not only love the dark but are actually participating in the event — as are Gillian and Adam's two sons.

"They have a blast in there," he said.

The Hurontario Street Brampton location of Swiss Chalet is sponsoring Ghostly Greenhouses by providing a coupon to every family who attends for one free kid's meal. In addition, a number of local Caledon businesses have helped support the event by sponsoring headstones, and Davis said kids have been having fun spotting these grave markers along the Ghostly Greenhouse paths.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE No. 1 - Schedule C Class EA West Caledon Storage Facility and Transmission Main

BACKGROUND

The Region of Peel completed the 2020 Water and Wastewater Master Plan for the Lake-based Systems which identified the need to construct a new pressure zone 7 water storage and transmission infrastructure for West Caledon. This Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) will support this recommendation by developing, evaluating, and selecting a preferred storage facility and transmission main route to service the projected growth within the study area to 2051.



PROCESS

The study will follow the Schedule C Municipal Class EA process including:

- Holding public and agency stakeholder engagement meetings
- Providing a solution that best meets the needs of existing and future servicing areas
- Investigating alternative long-term servicing strategies, routes, and design concepts
- Supporting the phased implementation of the preferred plan
- Confirming the preferred plan including routes, storage sites, design, and schedule

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT:

Three Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held to present the findings of the Class EA and to provide an opportunity to give feedback to the project team.

PIC No. 1

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 9th, 2022 from 6 to 8 p.m.


Location: Margaret Dunn Valleywood Library and Community Room, 20 Snelcrest Drive, Caledon

PIC No. 1 will outline the background and objectives of the study, the Class EA process, the development, evaluation, and recommendation of the preliminary preferred storage type, and the selected preliminary preferred focus area for the new storage facility. Information will be presented on display boards and staff will be available to answer any questions and discuss the next steps in the study. PIC No. 2 is planned for Spring 2023 and will be finalized and published at a later date.

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For more information on the project, visit the Project Website by scanning the QR code with your smartphone or by using the link.
peelregion.ca/public-works/environmental-assessments/caledon/west-caledon-storage-facility.asp

The Region of Peel is committed to ensure that all Regional services, programs, and facilities are inclusive and accessible. Please contact the Project Manager if you need any accommodations to provide comments and/or feedback for this study.

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Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver involved in a collision with impaired operation.

“On October 16, 2022, at approximately 12:31 a.m., Caledon OPP and emergency crews responded to a three-vehicle collision on Mayfield Road near Coleraine Drive in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “Injuries were minor in nature. During the initial investigation, it was determined that a driver had fled the scene on foot. With the assistance of OPP’s Emergency Response Team (ERT) as well as Peel Regional Police, the driver was located at a nearby storage yard. The driver was placed under arrest for impaired operation and transported to a nearby hospital for assessment and for breath tests to be conducted.”

As a result of the investigation, Gursimran Singh, 21, of Mississauga, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Failure to stop after accident
- Public mischief

The involved vehicle was impounded for seven days, and the driver’s licence was suspended for a period of 90 days. The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on December 29, 2022, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

“The OPP remains committed to taking alcohol/drug-impaired drivers off our roads through enforcement and public education. Drivers are reminded that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. If you suspect that

someone is driving while impaired, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it. Driving under the influence of either alcohol or drugs is a criminal offence.”

STOLEN VEHICLE RECOVERED

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid charges in connection to a stolen vehicle investigation.

“On September 17, 2022, at approximately 9:53 a.m., Caledon OPP entered into a stolen vehicle investigation,” say Police. “The vehicle was reported stolen from the Toronto area and was believed to be located at a storage facility in the Town of Caledon.

“Uniform members, with the assistance of Caledon OPP’s Community Street Crime Unit, located the storage locker and authored a search warrant. Once the authorization was granted, the search was conducted, and a stolen vehicle was recovered.”

On October 13, 2022, as a result of the investigation, Kimo Christie, 26, of Welland, was charged with:

- Theft over \$5000 of a motor vehicle
- Possession property obtained by crime over \$5000

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on December 29, 2022, to answer to the charges.


The charges have not been proven.

The investigation remains ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122.


“Caledon OPP is working actively with its various partners to combat the growing trend of auto thefts in the Region and across the province. If you observe unusual activity in your community, report it immediately to police by calling 911. Make note of vehicle licence plates if you can. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca.

“When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to \$2000 upon an arrest.


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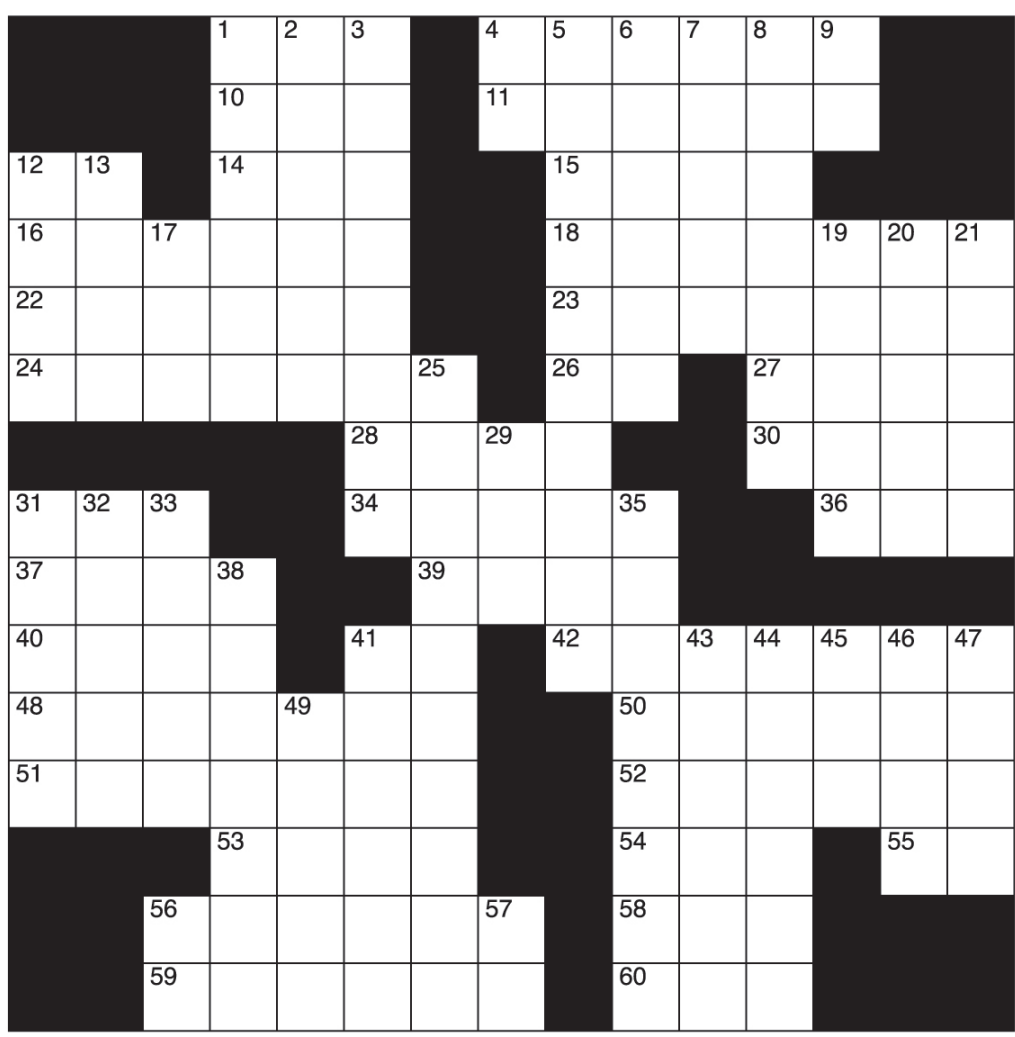
Auto theft crime prevention tips:

Today’s auto thieves are increasingly turning to technology that bypasses security systems allowing vehicles to be stolen. Electronic auto theft is on the rise as more vehicles are equipped with technology such as keyless entry fobs. In fact, the insurance industry has seen the growing trend that thieves are able to copy fob information and steal cars right from your driveway. The term “relay thefts” involves the use of equipment designed to boost and exploit the signals sent out by a vehicle’s legitimate key fob. This allows for a thief to unlock and start an engine of a vehicle remotely.

Residents can help protect their vehicles by taking any of the following crime prevention measures:

- Ensure your vehicle keys are kept well away from doors and windows
- Use a signal blocking pouch/box - they can block your key fob from transmitting its code to the vehicle as the pouch is lined with layers or metallic material
- Turn off the keyless fob wireless signal at night (refer to your car manual for instructions)
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49. Wombs
56. A radio band
57. Emphasizes an amount

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

- Park in the garage (if possible)
- Insert a car tracker - unusual activity is monitored, and car can be tracked using GPS if stolen
- Police and its insurance industry partners also want to raise public awareness about the opportunities for criminals who intend to steal personal identification from unsecured vehicles. Licenses, insurance, vehicle ownerships, passports, as well as mobile devices or laptops, offer criminals the opportunity to further victimize individuals who do not lock their vehicles, or who leave their valuables in plain view.
- Vehicle owners/passengers can do simple things to decrease the risk of being victimized, such as:
 - Never leave a running vehicle unattended
 - Lock your doors
 - Roll up your windows
 - Keep valuables out of sight
 - Keep your registration and proof of insurance in your wallet or purse, not in the glove box
 - Pocket your keys
 - At night or during extended parking periods, always park in a well-lit area.
- Use your high beams when possible and look for the glowing eyes of animals.
- Never swerve suddenly. This can cause you to lose control of your vehicle or head into oncoming traffic.
- Brake firmly but maintain control of your vehicle if you see an animal standing in or crossing the roadway.
- Deer rarely travel alone. If you see one, there is a good chance there are more.

CANINE CALENDAR SUPPORTS CHARITIES

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) canines put their best paws forward in the seventh annual OPP Canine Unit Calendar, with proceeds going to support charities. The OPP Canine Unit has been supporting frontline and specialized policing functions to keep Ontarians safe for more than 50 years.

Handlers and their canines provide assistance with search and rescue, tracking wanted persons, detecting narcotics, and searching for firearms, explosives and physical evidence.

The calendar features 24 photos, with canines from around the province showcasing their specialty, location and role.

“July’s canine, six-year-old Kilo from London, is seen being lifted onto his handler’s shoulder using the carry method - a move that allows canines to be comfortably carried over dangerous grounds. In March you will meet five-year-old Mane from Orillia, an explosives detection canine who uses his keen sense of smell to identify an explosive device under a vehicle during a training exercise. Finally, prepare to get on the water with August’s model, seven-year-old Dance from Sault Ste. Marie.”

All proceeds from the 2023 OPP Canine Unit calendar go to the OPP Youth Foundation and the Friends of The OPP Museum. The charities thank everyone for their generosity as last year’s calendar sales raised more than \$42,900 for these worthy causes. Each calendar costs \$15 and can be purchased at the OPP Off Duty Shop at oppshop.on.ca.

Learn more about the OPP Canine Unit by watching the recent live chat featuring a canine trainer and canine demonstration on Twitter or Facebook.

ABOUT THE CHARITIES

The OPP Youth Foundation provides funds to disadvantaged youth throughout the province of Ontario. The Friends of The OPP Museum is a volunteer-based charitable organization that supports, promotes and assists in the preservation of the history of the OPP. For more information, visit oppyouthfoundation.ca and oppmuseumfriends.ca.



ELIE YACOUB

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Plumbing Expert shares tips for getting proper service

BY SAM ODROWSKI

There’s lots to consider before hiring a plumber to make sure you’re getting the most bang for your buck.

There are a few common plumbing scams to be sure to avoid and Elie Yacoub from the Plumbing Expert shared what to watch for.

He said a good plumber is upfront about the scope of their work, what it will cost, and should have no problem verifying their plumbing license number, insurance and other credentials to authenticate their legitimacy.

“You can ask for proof or check it out online,” said Yacoub.

If a plumber refuses to show this information, this is often a red flag.

And in the event your plumber is uninsured or unlicensed, you could have no recourse to recuperate costs if the job goes wrong.

Yacoub said another red flag to watch for is if everything sounds too good to be true.

It’s also important to be wary of any plumber who asks for a large up-front

cash deposit before carrying out work. Running off with a deposit is one of the more common plumbing scams, as paying a 50 per cent deposit on a job in advance sounds reasonable to many homeowners.

Quotes should be provided in writing, face to face, to protect both the customer and company, Yacoub said. Photos can help to get a rough cost estimate but customers should not be accepting quotes from plumbers that have not yet seen the plumbing issue.

When hiring a plumber, requesting referrals or checking reviews online is an easy way of verifying their legitimacy.

Yacoub said websites like HomeStars can connect you with a legitimate plumber as well.

Another thing to watch for is plumbing businesses that have won awards and are local.

“We recommend going with a company that you recognize and has a good reputation, maybe someone close has worked with them also,” said Yacoub.

Public Notice

**REGION OF PEEL 2051 TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN
NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT
AND PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1**

THE STUDY
The Region of Peel is commencing the 2051 Transportation Master Plan (2051 TMP) study to identify a transportation solution to accommodate future growth to 2051. The 2051 TMP will integrate strategies to advance the Region's other key priorities including road safety, goods movement, and sustainable transportation into one plan that will guide investment in transportation infrastructure and programming. The study area includes all of the Region of Peel.

THE PROCESS
This study is being conducted in accordance with Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process for Master Plans under the Environmental Assessment Act. The 2051 TMP study will satisfy Phase 1 (Identify Problem and Opportunity) and Phase 2 (Identify and Evaluate Alternative Solutions) of the process. The final deliverable will be a document that will guide actions, policies, and transportation investment in the Region of Peel over the next 30 years.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU
The Region will hold three rounds of public engagement at key study milestones to seek your opinion, invite discussion on prospective solutions, and present recommendations. The first round of in-person public information centres (PICs) will be held in November 2022 at the dates and locations listed below. Come out and meet the study team, learn more about the study, and share your vision for transportation in Peel Region.

MISSISSAUGA
Date: November 10, 2022
Time: 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Erin Mills Town Centre – Upper Level Centre Court
5100 Erin Mills Pkwy, Mississauga, ON L5M 4Z5

CALEDON
Date: November 15, 2022
Time: 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Southfields Community Centre – Hub Room
225 Dougall Ave, Caledon, ON L7C 3M7

BRAMPTON
Date: November 17, 2022
Time: 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Shoppers World – Winners Court
499 Main St South, Brampton, ON L6Y 1N7

An online version of the PIC materials and survey will be available from November 7 to 30, 2022 at www.peelregion.ca/2051-transportation-master-plan.

To keep informed on the 2051 TMP study, please visit the study website to add your name to the mailing list or contact one of the project managers below.

STUDY CONTACTS
For more information, please contact the study team:

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MP Seeback shares his focus as Shadow Minister for International Trade

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Dufferin–Caledon MP Kyle Seeback has been named the Shadow Minister for International Trade by the Conservative Party of Canada and has his sights set on lobbying the federal government to address a host of problems.

He said his primary goals are solving trade irritants with the United States, creating fairer trade globally, maximizing Canadian exports and eliminating Canada’s competitive disadvantage stemming from the carbon tax.

The export ban on potatoes from Canada into the United States has had a devastating impact on Prince Edward Island farmers, which Seeback is looking to lobby the Liberal government to address.

The Canada–U.S softwood lumber dispute will be another issue Seeback hopes to focus his efforts on to find solutions.

“Those are some big immediate things that I want to put pressure on the government to solve and resolve because it’s causing all kinds of economic damage,” he said.

When looking at the carbon tax, it’s placing Canada at a competitive disadvantage

around the world as it makes Canadian goods more expensive, prevents investment and pushes industries to develop in other countries, he said.

“With the carbon tax, it can take sometimes 10 years to develop projects in Canada. Whether it’s to mine cobalt or something else. What happens is, that project takes place in another country and so we lose the jobs as a result of the project not taking place here,” said Seeback. “Those jobs then go to a country that usually has a poor human rights record, usually has a terrible environmental record, and they produce that at 10 to 15 times the carbon emissions.”

While preventing industries from developing here might make Canada’s carbon balance sheet a little greener, Seeback said it makes the global carbon balance sheet much worse while driving jobs away from Canada. It also forces the country to import products it should be exporting.

Seeback added that the carbon tax has been unsuccessful in reducing emissions and has made life more unaffordable for Canadians.

“We actually have to do things to reduce emissions, other than put on a carbon tax



that’s not working,” he remarked.

“The carbon tax makes it so hard for Canadian businesses to compete around the world and this is something that we have to

look at. And whether that’s carbon border adjustments, so that countries can’t dump their cheap goods that they’re producing with highly polluting industries or some other mechanism. We have to find a way to make trade fair for Canadian businesses.”

Seeback said his background as a lawyer will help in his Shadow Minister for International Trade role as he can use his legal expertise when reading over trade agreements.

“One of the things that I think we have to do as a country is we have to start looking at who we have trade agreements with and our supply chain,” he noted. “We really have to move away from being reliant on critical minerals or critical pieces in the supply chain from countries that are seemingly hostile to our interests. For example, China and Russia.”

Going forward, Seeback said he looks forward to pushing Minister of International Trade Mary Ng on resolving trade issues impacting the Canadian marketplace.

“I’m really excited to take on this role and it’s going to be a very steep learning curve, but one that I’m excited to take on,” said Seeback.

Peel recognizes Treat Accessibility Initiative this Halloween

On October 31, make your Halloween accessible and inclusive to all treat-or-treaters.

The Region of Peel, along with its municipal partners, proudly supports the Treat Accessibly movement. This movement aims to raise awareness and encourage residents to celebrate Halloween in a way that is inclusive of everyone in our community through simple changes to trick-or-treating traditions.

More than 400,000 Canadian children and youth live with disabilities that make everyday activities, like trick-or-treating, challenging. They are part of the 6.2 million Canadians (22 per cent) who identify as having one or more disabilities.

The goal of the Treat Accessibly movement is to have 400,000 homes participating in the initiative by 2025 – that is one home for each of the 400,000 Canadian children who have a disability.

A few accessible trick-or-treating tips include:

- Provide Barrier-free Access
- Place your trick-or-treating station at a location that is easily accessible to all as some trick-or-treaters may have difficulties navigating inclines, stairs, curving

- walkways, etc.
- Make sure the path to your trick-or-treating station is well lit.
- Clear your driveway and pathways of any obstacles.
- Park your vehicle on the street or in your garage to allow easy access.
- Set up your trick-or-treating station at the end of your driveway or in your garage.

Support the movement by downloading or ordering the Treat Accessibly sign for your front door or lawn. The signs can be accessed at www.treataccessibly.com/free-lawn-sign and should be posted one week before Halloween.

“Our continued participation in the Treat Accessibly initiative reflects our commitment to an inclusive, equitable and accessible community for all our residents,” said Janice Baker, Chief Administrative Officer, Region of Peel. “By supporting this movement, we demonstrate that through simple, small steps we can remove barriers and empower residents to create an accessibility community for all.”

CHECK OUT OUR SALE SECTIONS



PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Annette Groves is Caledon’s new Mayor

Continued from FRONT

It was around 10 p.m. when television news station CP24 called the mayoral race for Groves. Unofficial Town of Caledon election results show Groves as receiving 10,270 votes to Innis’ 7,524.

“I’m grateful. That’s the word, ‘grateful.’ I am thankful to the people of Caledon for putting their trust in me, believing in me, and putting their confidence in me,” said Groves after her win. “I’m looking forward to working with the community, and I ask for the community to stand with me and help me for the next four years.”

Without her dedicated team of volunteers and campaign manager, Groves said she couldn’t have won. She said people have been volunteering for her campaign since July; standing with her throughout the entirety of Caledon’s municipal election. Groves said one of the best parts of her campaign was the connections and friendships she was able to make.

“It’s time to unite. Caledon is a very diverse community and we saw that here this evening at the campaign office,” said Groves. “Our job now as Mayor and Councillors is to unite Caledon.”

Groves said her win is a message to developers that they need to work with the people of Caledon if they want to do business here.

She said she’s going to be making traffic safety a priority and is committed to ensuring the growth coming to Caledon reflects “who we are.”

Groves said it was a great race for mayor and she wishes Innis all the best in her future endeavours.

West Credit River Heritage Tour raises funds to protect brook trout ecosystem

Belfountain Heritage Society, Coalition for the West Credit River partner for event

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The hard work of many volunteers culminated in a one-of-a-kind tour that combined art, nature, and fundraising for a good cause earlier this month.

On October 15 and 16, the Belfountain Heritage Society (BHS) and Coalition for the West Credit River (CWCR) hosted the West Credit River Heritage Tour.

BHS president Sarah Bohan explained it took 40 volunteers and an authentic Ojibwe spirit horse named Legend to make the tour, which over 200 people took, a great success.

While walking the tour on a forest trail by the West Credit River’s edge in Belfountain, guests were guided through a series of vignettes that were created along the river’s edge to depict the area’s geology, earliest human inhabitants, and brook trout ecosystem.

Guests got to learn about Belfountain’s first grist mill and first murder, watch fly fishing demonstrations, see artists paint en plein air, learn about brook trout and much more. It was a truly diverse event and Bohan said the fall colours being at their peak only added to the amazing ambience of the tour guests took.

“It was a... fundraiser to raise money to help protect the brook trout, the native species that are under threat from the sewage treatment plant that’s being built upstream in Erin... we have to pay for monitoring of that,” said Bohan. “It’s paramount.”

Bohan explained the brook trout need cold and well-oxygenated water to survive. The upstream sewage treatment plant is not yet active, so the CWCR and BHS are fundraising to pay for monitoring of the river now — so there’s a strong baseline of information about what the



Belfountain Heritage Society president, Sarah Bohan, points out to tour participants the at-risk brook trout in the West Credit River.

PHOTO BY EUGENE TAGLIONE

river is like at present to compare to what it’s like when the plant is active.

“It’s something that we have to have now so that we can say on average, ‘this is what the river was like... the fish were thriving’,” said Bohan.

Ann Seymour, media liaison for the CWCR, said the tour was a partnership that worked out very well to tell the story of the West Credit River. She said it was really fun and she loved how it gave families that attended time to be outdoors together and connect with nature.

Seymour said it was important for guests to see how clear the water of the West Credit River is, as it helps them understand why it’s so important that

it’s protected.

All the money raised from the event will be used to support the BHS and CWCR’s work to monitor the West Credit River and protect its rare cold-water ecosystem.

Bohan said for people who want to support the protection of the West Credit River, donations are gratefully received at belfountainheritage@hotmail.com.

She said she wanted to thank the following “incredible artists” who helped her in creating the tour: Wendy Mitchell of Treehouse Pottery in Belfountain; Kayla Jackson, a plein air artist from Alton; Michael Brennan, plein air artist; and Jefferson, an artist from Hillsburgh.



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Remembrance Day Services

To honour the memory of all Canadians who have served their country in time of war, the following services will be hosted in the Town of Caledon at:

MONO MILLS

Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 11 a.m.
Mono Mills Cenotaph
35 Victoria Crescent, Caledon

ALTON

Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 10:15 a.m.
Alton Legion Hall, 1267 Queen St, Caledon
Potluck lunch following service.
Contact the Alton Legion at 519.215.2711 for more information.

BOLTON

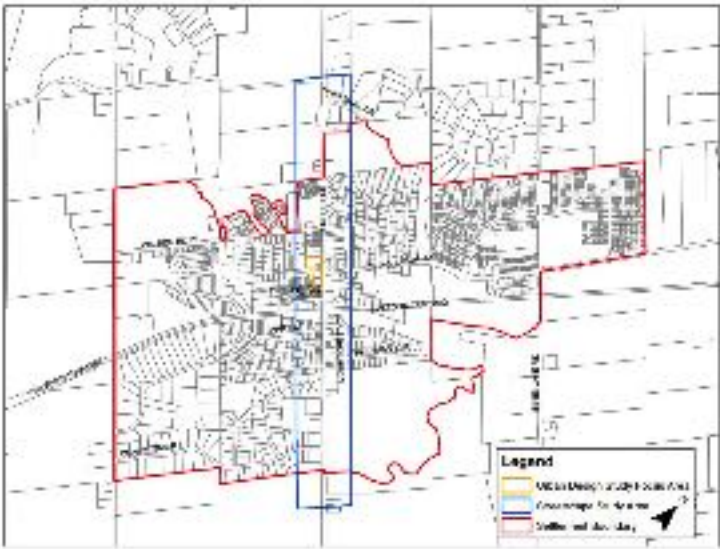
Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 12:45 p.m.
Bolton Cenotaph, Centennial Drive
Laurel Hill Cemetery
Contact Jimmy Pountney 905.857.1847 for more information.
Facebook Page: Bolton Remembrance Service

CALEDON EAST

Friday, November 11, 2022 10:50 a.m.
Caledon East Cenotaph (Town Hall)
6311 Old Church Road, Caledon

Caledon East Streetscape and Urban Design Study Online Survey

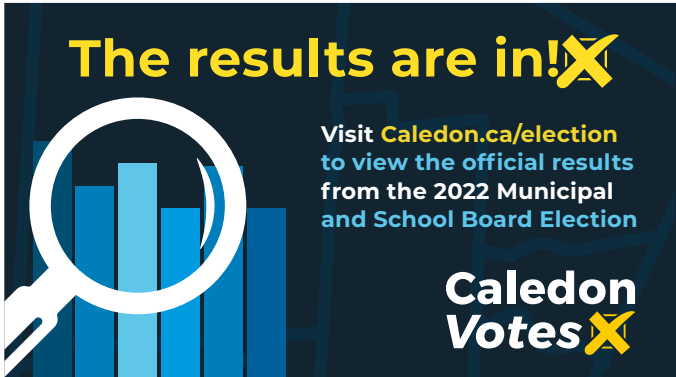
The Town of Caledon is conducting a Streetscape and Urban Design Study of the Airport Road corridor within Caledon East from approximately Cranston Drive to approximately Huntsmill Drive. This project will be incorporated into the Region of Peel Airport Road Reconstruction project which is underway. The Region’s project will be improving transportation and safety within the Airport Road roadway and sidewalks, while the Streetscape and Urban Design Study will provide a long-term planning vision for the street along the study section of Airport Road.



Study Area

The Urban Design Study will focus on the section of Airport Road at Old Church Road and will take place from fall of 2022 to early 2023, starting with this survey. Please take a few minutes to fill in the survey at Haveyoursaycaledon.ca so that we have a better idea of what you want for Caledon East and where in the Airport Road corridor you would like to see it happen.

Haveyoursaycaledon.ca



Congratulations to Mayor-Elect Groves and the Council-Elect!

The new term of Council begins on November 15, 2022.

Thank you to all that voted in the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election.

View results at caledon.ca/election.

Municipal Agricultural Community Grant

Is your not-for-profit community organization planning an event or working on a new project in 2023 that will enrich the lives of Caledon residents? You may qualify to receive funding through the Town’s Municipal Agricultural Community Grant (MACG) program. For more information visit: caledon.ca/macg or call 905-584-2272 ext 4373.

Deadline to apply is: October 31, 2022.



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Engaging the “silent majority”

Ballots have been cast, votes have been counted, and now we know who will lead this community over the next four years.

To everyone who stepped up to put their names forward for the position of Mayor, Councillor, and Trustee, thank you for not only being engaged in the community but identifying issues close to your hearts, finding your voice on the subjects, plucking up the courage to take them door-to-door (a task that is, in many cases, nothing short of the coldest of cold calls), and seeing the campaign through to the end.

Congratulations to everyone who came out on top, but even if you placed lower on the ballot, congratulations are still in order. You may not have secured a seat, but you threw off any semblance of being “armchair politicians” and stood up to be the change you wanted to see in the community.

That’s nothing to sneeze at. All too many people are comfortable with their butts in the aforementioned armchair ready to have an opinion on just about every issue facing the community – as is their right – and, sure, they might offer some solutions to the issues as well, but all too few want to actually do something about it.

If you happened to fall short, don’t despair and don’t be discouraged. Continue to stay engaged and be a part of the conversation. 2026 might seem like a long stretch of time, particularly if the old saying “a week is a long time in politics” holds water – but four years isn’t exactly a strenuous wait.

All too many candidates, in my observation, choose to fade into the background if the votes didn’t go their way, but if you went door-to-door I suspect that, when engaged, people were listening and enjoyed the opportunity to become more informed.

For those of you who successfully defended your positions at the Council table among the electorate, well done! That’s not an easy task in today’s political climate where temperatures are hotter than ever and just about everything can be turned into a political football of some sort. Evidently what you achieved over the last four years resonated with voters, was recognized, and ultimately bore fruit on Monday night. Here’s to another four years!

If the last term of Council has taught us anything, it’s that nobody can possibly predict what can happen in a four-year interval.

Who could have foreseen when the municipal polls last closed in 2018 that the lion’s share of the term that was to come would be dominated by an invisible enemy we would all be tasked to fight?

While the population writ large had to “pivot” for obvious reasons to keep things as normal as possible, so too did municipal governments whose members may have had to put high priority commitments, goals and promises on the backburner to address pressing issues that were unfathomable on the last campaign trail.

The economic fallout of the pandemic was not something that could have been predicted when we almost completely shut down in March of 2020, causing a re-think and a re-prioritization of what needed our money and when.

We tend to view municipal politics as the least “sexy” of the three levels of government.

Federal and provincial matters might take up the bulk of the bandwidth, but your Prime Minister and MPs, and Premier and MPPs don’t control the waste that is picked up from your curb each week and the snow plowed from your streets and sidewalks, take responsibility for the price of water that comes out

of your pipes, or how much your property taxes might be in the year ahead. Municipal issues matter and so did your vote.

If you refrained from voting in the lead-up to Monday’s election, I have to ask why.

One popular reason for not voting is, “Bah, they’re all the same. My vote doesn’t matter. Nothing will change.”

Even the most cursory of looks at the platform planks offered by each candidate would undermine that theory. If votes were still in short supply this election, diversity of views were not.

“Who cares about municipal politics?” is another.

Look back a couple of paragraphs for the counter argument to that ol’ chestnut.

“I’m not voting this time. I voted for X four years ago and they voted for Y, which I oppose for Z reason.” Well, surely there must have been at least one candidate who reflected your worldview and your individual priorities.

Looking back, I think these reasons have been trotted out for as long as I can remember regardless of the victors, regardless of the level of government. They didn’t hold water then and they don’t hold water now.

As candidates who proved successful on Monday night prepare to get down to business, receive updates on some of the major issues facing the Town over the term ahead, and develop what’s always hoped to be a collaborative environment, another priority should rise near the top.

If four years, let alone a week, is indeed a long time in politics, there’s plenty of time to sit down and figure out just how to properly engage voters in the issues that matter to them, whether it’s the 2026 municipal election or any issues and outreach that might come out of Town Hall in the next 48 months.

Voter turnout was dismal almost uniformly across the province, so this community is hardly alone in having this problem to tackle, but what is the way to turn it around? Residents certainly have no shortage of views on how their waste is picked up, how their snow is plowed, or how much they pay on their water and property tax bills, so why don’t they show up?

Is it apathy? Is it satisfaction with the general direction things are going? Is it election fatigue? After all, in between municipal elections, we’ve been to the polls at the Provincial and National levels, not to mention the constant noise coming from our neighbours to the south who seem to perpetually be in an election cycle? Is it something else?

Would making voting mandatory, as is the case in some jurisdictions beyond our borders, a solution or would that open up a completely different can of worms? Are there ways to incentivize people to vote, such as a small rebate on tax bills in an election year or shaving off a percentage of the water bill? Maybe.

In my early days of covering municipal politics, one female politician who had been at the table for more than 40 non-consecutive years and had seen it all, had a tongue-in-cheek suggestion when her colleagues complained less than a handful of residents coming out to take part in the budget process.

“How about bringing out some dancing girls?” she said, with a laugh, with little regard for political correctness.

That, of course, is not an option to increase engagement in the political process – but it was certainly a novel suggestion. And, perhaps most importantly, it was a suggestion.

Let’s see what suggestions come to the fore in the next four years.



Having the time of your life!



“The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.”
- Eleanor Roosevelt

Don’t be afraid – be alive – is very good advice.

And it’s so true that we seldom see what’s shining at the end of our own noses.

For most of us, life moves forward at breakneck speed, pausing just long enough for us to slouch down on the sofa, or hit the hay with arms and legs dangling off the bed.

We run errands, run around, run out of gas.

Bill Watterson observed that “we’re so busy watching out for what’s just ahead of us that we don’t take time to enjoy where we are.”

Ain’t it the truth?

People, big and small, great and average, have, since the written word was a thing, commented on how life should be lived. You would think with all that information, personal insights and blessings, we’d have learned a thing or two.

Wrong.

If anything, we’re still mired, stuck in the mud and beneath the mud is the treadmill, within the hamster wheel, on a moving train!

And I’m damned if I know our motivation these days. Is it success, wealth, achievement? Is it just getting by?

Or is it merely breaking even, breaking the rules, breaking bad?

I see this woman walking on Columbia Way in Bolton on a regular basis. She’s wearing headphones, carrying hand weights and moving down the street without a care in the world.

She’s singing, dancing to the tunes in her ears, like no one is watching. Good for her! I can’t help but smile every time I drive by. I just wonder what great tunes she’s listening to.

And there, folks, is one thing we can all agree on –music has magical powers. Who doesn’t have their favourite song from their teen years? Who doesn’t love Elvis, Elton or Freddie? Whether it helps you reminisce or is just an emotional tonic, music truly does “hath charms to soothe the savage breast. To soften rocks, or bend the knotted oak.”

In fact, scientists and medical professionals all attest to the healing powers of music.

I have taken to listening to some soothing, “healing” background sounds on Spotify on my computer at work. I know my brain is always listening.

I don’t know about you but I’m finding it a

by Mark Pavilons

bit tougher to relax these days. Sure, I still smile and laugh on a regular basis, and try to pause, reflect, and feed the fish.

But being completely stress-free is elusive.

I spoke to a Bolton physician recently who commented on the shortfalls of the health care system and shortage of family doctors. He mentioned that mental health concerns are at an all-time high – the highest he’s ever seen in his career.

The cause is partly the pandemic, which exasperated anxiety and social uneasiness. But economic realities, job insecurity and other things have added to this mental mess.

My family feels it, too.

We try our best, often to our own detriment. Mustering up the strength to be all things for our kids is quite taxing.

My adult son finds our world is filled with inequities, limitations, economic hogties and rules, rules and more rules.

He’s not wrong. In his anti-establishment mind set, he’s convinced the system wants us to be sheeps, powerless flocks, following the all-powerful government, corporate elite and financial system.

With all the bureaucratic red tape and financial realities, our system does not encourage entrepreneurs, individuality or going out on a limb.

What ever happened to following the beat of one’s own drum? When did we lose sight of reaching for the stars?

My son is also not happy about fitting into the mold – getting a job, an apartment, meeting someone, having a family and supposedly living happily ever after. While he’s more than willing to find a career that excites him, he wants little to do with the confines of our “free” society.

While this approach is refreshing in some ways, I can’t help but see it as impractical.

When we were young, we were pretty obedient and in line with things. We weren’t rebels, but secretly admired those who were. Yes, we all had one or two in our class who simply did things their own way. We were with them, but wouldn’t dare admit it.

Maybe we lost something along the way. Rosa Luxemburg once said that freedom is exclusively for those who think differently.

And it’s that thinking that has brought our species to the level it is today. We’re on the verge of solving some of life’s greatest mysteries, and venturing out in space. We’re creating like never before – art, technology, food and ways to express ourselves.

We are reaching those aforementioned stars. So then, what’s the key to living a good life?

Maybe it’s music. Maybe less is more – minimalism can be very cleansing. Maybe it’s communing with nature or unplugging and getting off the grid. Maybe it’s love and kindness.

I’m nearing 60 and I really don’t have any suggestions or recommendations.

Like the late Anthony Bourdain said, “get the cream sauce; have a Negroni; have two.”

We will all face the inevitable in our lives, some sooner than later.

With that in mind, dance down the street like no one’s watching!

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“I was working in the lab, late one night, When my eyes beheld an eerie sight, For my monster from his slab, began to rise, And suddenly to my surprise.”

Yes, it’s a beauty alright, although I will admit that Beethoven’s 6th Symphony comes in at a close second.

It’s also a song that can only realistically be played on the radio for maybe three days each year – Halloween, and two days before.

In a few days, the doorbell will start ringing, usually just after dark, that is if you’re a good sport and keep the light on or a lit pumpkin on the front porch. You will be greeted by a small group of kids holding a pillow case, shopping bag, or some other receptacle. Some of the very young ones will stare at you with a bit of fear mixed with wonder, prodded on by mom or dad, while the older ones will say “trick or treat” as a kind of veiled threat of “mob protection” meaning they won’t vandalize your property if you give them some candy.

“He did the Mash, he did the Monster Mash, The Monster Mash, it was a graveyard smash, He did the Mash, it caught on in a flash, He did the Mash, he did the Monster Mash.”

Halloween, as we know it in the modern sense, has roots going way back in history.

Much of the tradition started as a Pagan festival by the Celts during the festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward of ghosts. It was believed that the time between harvest and winter, a transition you didn’t appreciate if you were living in a straw covered hut, meant the worlds of the living and the dead crossed over.

October 31, the middle of that season, was determined the best time send a message to the ghosts to go home.

“From my laboratory in the castle east, To the master bedroom where the vampires feast, The ghouls all came from their humble abodes, To get a jolt from my electrodes.”

The whole Pagan celebration got a boost when the Romans conquered most of the Celtic territory by 43 A.D. The Romans had their own traditions commemorating the passing of the dead, and they were incorporated into local customs.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



As any good Christian knows, most, if not all, Christian holidays have been, or are influenced by Pagan celebrations, whether we like, or admit that. See – Christmas and winter solstice.

The date received further notoriety when November 1 was declared All Martyrs Day by the Catholic Church. Now we really had something going, a Pagan celebration and a religious day at the same time.

“The scene was rockin’, all were digging the sounds, Igor on chains, backed by his baying hounds, The Coffin Bangers were about to arrive, With their vocal group, The Crypt-Kicker Five.”

Not a lot of countries celebrate Halloween like we do in North America. The whole trick-or-treat tradition is pretty much a continental thing.

One Polish friend of mine, told me that in Poland, this day is celebrated with a trip to the cemetery where your family are buried. She said the cemeteries are packed with people visiting and even having picnics.

As more immigrants arrived in North America, they brought different Halloween and related traditions with them. Originally, Hallow-

een in North America was celebrated with community parties, although with a decidedly dark twist.

The practice of trick-or-treating comes from an old Scottish custom called “guising” where children would wear a mask and go door to door asking for treats or money.

Trick or treating didn’t really start in North America until the 1930s, and once it started, it really took off as a tradition.

Costumes seemed to have changed somewhat. It used to be normal to dress as a ghost, goblin, a vampire, skeleton, or something similar. Now there are aliens, Star Trek people, robots, and Star Wars characters. It’s all good. The idea is to wear a costume and have some fun.

Halloween is big in my neighbourhood and I usually get around 50 kids at the door. I figure I had my fun doing it, now it’s payback.

“Out from his coffin, Drac’s voice did ring, Seems he was troubled by just one thing, Opened the lid, and shook his fist and said, “Whatever happened to my Transylvania Twist?”

Israel: Yet Another Election

Israeli voters are indefatigable. The election on November 1 will be the fifth in just three-and-a-half years, and yet the turnout is still likely to be around 70%. That’s especially remarkable because all five elections have really been about the same question: should Binyamin “Bibi” Netanyahu go to jail, or should he be Prime Minister?

He is on trial for bribery, fraud and breach of trust, the evidence against him is strong, and his peril is real. The court system is one of the few aspects of Israeli public life that have not been politicised: former prime minister Ehud Olmert was sentenced to six years in jail (reduced to 18 months on appeal) on exactly the same charges Netanyahu now faces.

Netanyahu has benefitted from being a right-wing populist and ultra-nationalist at a time when that flavour is enjoying considerable success in politics (Trump, Bolsonaro, Orbán, Meloni, Modi, etc.). But it’s still remarkable that one man can make his fate the core political issue for a country of 10 million people.

Political attempts to bring down various coalitions led by his Likud Party began even before he was formally indicted in late 2019, and he barely squeaked a victory in each of the first three elections. After twelve consecutive years in power, he lost the fourth election in 2021 by an equally narrow margin, and is currently in opposition.

But Bibi is trying hard to make it back into office next month – and this time he might be able to form a coalition that would end his legal worries. The Religious Zionist Party (RZP) is relatively new on the scene, but it is already the country’s third biggest party.

If a band of criminals managed to gain political power, you would expect them to decriminalise crime. If the RZP joins a victorious Likud-led coalition, its proposed “Law and Justice” plan would take power from the courts and give it to the politicians instead – and most particularly, it would annul the current law against fraud and breach of trust.

The leading figures in the RZP, Bezalel Smotrich and Itamar Ben-Gvir, were once beyond the pale in Israeli politics.

Ben-Gvir famously admires Israeli terrorist

Baruch Goldstein, who murdered 29 Palestinians and wounded 125 others in Hebron in 1994. Smotrich says “Israel should be run according to Torah law” – a theocracy like Iran, in other words. But Israeli politics has now moved far enough right to include even them: 62% of Israelis now identify as right-wing.

Bibi is not a religious fanatic himself, but Smotrich’s “legal reforms” would quash Netanyahu’s indictment, so he would have no reservations about giving the RZP senior cabinet posts if the right-wing parties get enough seats in this election to form a government.

Will they? Impossible to say, really. The magic number is 61 (out of 120 seats in the Knesset), and the right-wing, pro-Netanyahu parties consistently come up with only 59 or 60 seats in the polls. The Jewish parties in the current coalition get 56, and the four parties representing Israel’s Arab citizens get four seats (or possibly none at all, if they cannot unite).

Like the previous four elections, this one is likely to end up as a cliff-hanger. It may not even be the last in the series, for most Israelis

are just voting the same way every time. Meanwhile, however, the real world around them is going to hell.

The three million Palestinian Arabs in the occupied West Bank are near the breaking point. The Palestinian Authority, Israel’s instrument for controlling the occupied territories, has lost all authority.


The PA’s unelected leader, 86-year-old Mahmoud Abbas, is in poor health and has no deputy or designated successor.

The cities of Jenin and Nablus in the northern West Bank are already effectively beyond Israeli or PA control. The young and heavily armed militants of the “Lion’s Den” militia dominate the streets except when the Israeli army goes in shooting, and a third full-scale “intifada” may be just weeks away.

Yet Israeli voters, permanently distracted by the Netanyahu melodrama, seem largely unaware of what is heading their way.

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Town receives numerous illegal fireworks complaints during Diwali

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Fireworks are often used to celebrate Diwali, the Festival of lights.

In Caledon, the personal use of fireworks is now illegal, after a by-law prohibiting them came into effect on April 26 when Caledon’s Council ultimately voted in favour of it.

In a statement sent to The Citizen, the Town of Caledon said its municipal law enforcement team was preparing for an increase in firework activity on October 24 (Diwali) and pre-deployed by-law officers throughout the Town.

There was indeed an increase in firework activity, and the Town said this led to a number of tickets being issued.

When it was passed, Caledon’s fireworks ban received opposition from some Caledon residents and the Canadian National Fireworks Association, who stated people would simply use fireworks anyways.

Councillors Annette Groves (now the Mayor-Elect) and Tony Rosa (re-elected as Ward 5 Councillor) were the only ones in opposition to the by-law passing, expressing their concerns that the Town would be taking away from the enjoyment of neighbours getting together.

Resident Ruth Wheelwright wrote to Council at the time, saying “Whether it’s Diwali, Canada Day, Victoria Day or Labour Day, please let us celebrate in a safe and respectful manner.”

The Town said municipal bylaw enforcement co-ordinators worked until midnight on the 24th, covering the phones and dispatching calls to by-law officers. Caledon’s Fire Services team were also called in to educate residents on the fireworks ban, and fire crews were deployed to patrol within Caledon.

“Additional education campaigns about the by-law and its enforcement were executed on the Town’s social media channels and in local newspapers leading up to October 24,” reads the Town’s statement. “On Monday, October 24 the Town received numerous complaints pertaining to fireworks and a number of tickets were issued. The by-law team thanks those who took the time to report fireworks in their area. Residents are encouraged to continue reporting the illegal use of fireworks by calling 311 or visiting Caledon.ca/reportaproblem.”



Pictured here is one of the three very talented Henna artists who were working the Diwali event.
PHOTO BY ALESSANDRA CARVALHO

Southfields Residents Group hosts Diwali celebration

Over 2,000 people attend event at Dennison Park

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A celebration of the festival of lights lit up the moods of Southfields Village residents this past Monday.

The Southfields Residents Group worked hard to put on a Diwali celebration, complete with a massive, legal fireworks show, on October 24.

Southfields Residents Group co-chair Alessandra Carvalho said the event was a resounding success, with an estimated 2,000 people in attendance.

“It was an incredible fireworks show like nothing I have ever seen before,” said Carvalho. “We had Caledon Fire

there, we had (Caledon OPP) auxiliary there, they even posted about it on their Twitter. Everyone was very respectful, there was very little cleanup. Everyone just had a really good time with their families.”

A post from the official OPP Central Region Twitter account wished Caledon residents a happy Diwali: “Congratulations to the Southfields Village Resident Group (in partnership with Chalo! FreshCo) and volunteers in hosting a great event!”

Carvalho noted that Mortgages by Michelle was another major sponsor of the event, and many smaller sponsors helped make the event a success

too.

Carvalho said the Southfields Residents Group has been an amazing initiative and that she’s lucky to work with such a great group of people. Up next for them is their Christmas tree lighting event, with details to come in the future.

“We have a really great team, the events will just keep growing,” said Carvalho.

The Town of Caledon was also a big help with the Diwali event, said Carvalho, and the residents group was appreciative of their support. All leftover food from the Diwali event was donated to the Knights Table food bank.

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This is the 10th gala Stephen has volunteered his time for and his 5th as Co-chair.

“The reason I continue to support Caledon Community Services (CCS) and their mission is because our core values are aligned,” says Stephen. “I love helping people and that is the very foundation of what CCS is all about!”

Our shared commitment to CCS stems from our upbringing. Generations of our families have made Caledon home. During childhood, we each enjoyed the benefits of a close-knit community that taught us the importance of service to others. That learning is deeply instilled and has become a value we both share. It is at the core of our commitment to CCS’ annual gala.

Providing leadership to an exceptional group of talented and committed community builders is an honour. We are committed to delivering an unparalleled gala experience on Friday, December 2,

2022 that embraces you, your family and friends with the warmth and caring of the holiday season.

The 25th Home for the Holidays Gala is the must-attend event of this holiday season; it represents all that is warm and generous about Caledon. Home for the Holidays is particularly poignant for us as there is no place our families and closest friends would rather be to celebrate the long-awaited, in-person return of this joyous event.

This year we are excited to be hosting you in the Royal Ambassador Banquet Hall which will be adorned with breathtaking décor. The evening will feature a spectacular menu, wonderful entertainment and 300 of your closest friends.

Please join us! Whether it is your company’s sponsorship, your family’s support or your friends’ camaraderie, the generosity of our community makes the difference that ensures the continued care of our neighbours in need during the holidays and throughout the year ahead.

We look forward to greeting you at our 25th Gala and extend our deepest appreciation to you for your caring support and kindness. We look forward to bringing in the holiday season in style together with you.

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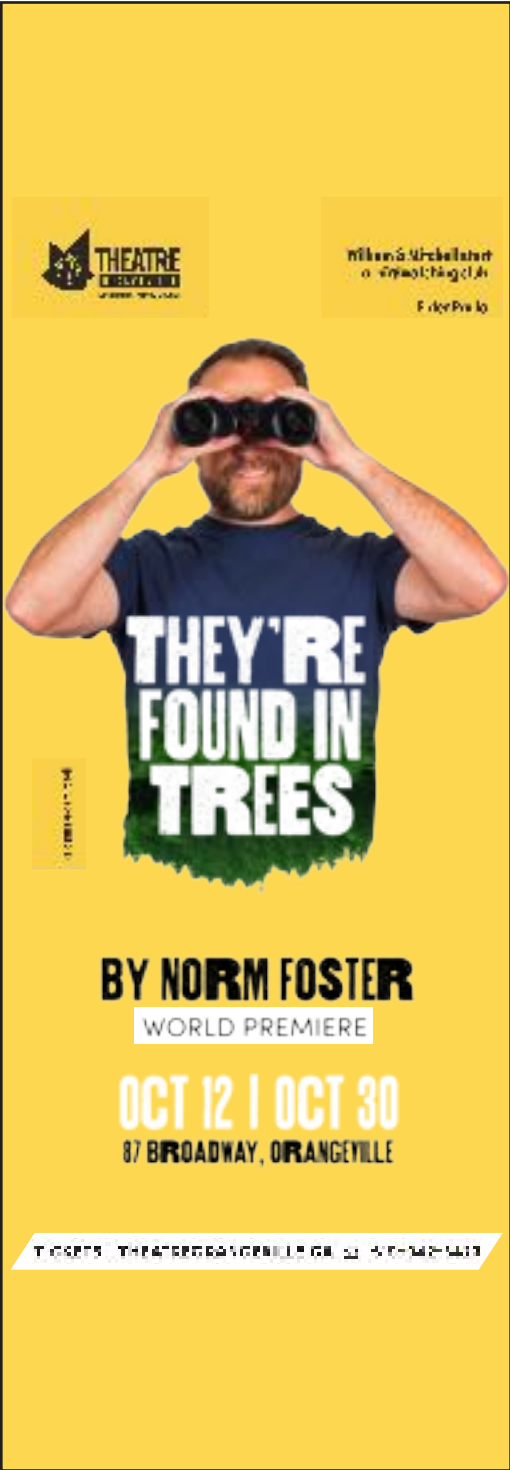
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Caledon Junior Hockey Update: Golden Hawks earn lone victory across all three junior hockey teams

BY ROBERT BELARDI

Looking at this from a development standpoint, losses or wins don't matter. But when you look at it from a results-based lens, this would be one of those weeks to simply look the other way.

The Caledon Golden Hawks of the Provincial Junior Hockey League were the only team to win a game this week between them, the Caledon Bombers of Jr. B and the Caledon Admirals in Jr. A.

The Golden Hawks finally earned their first win of the season thanks to Riley Broderick's overtime winner against the Penetang Kings this past Sunday.

Having previously been defeated 5-1 Saturday night on the road against the Innisfil Spartans, the Golden Hawks managed to finally break their winning deadlock in front of 120 fans in attendance at Mayfield Arena.

The Golden Hawks cur-

rently sit in last place in the North Carruthers Division with a 1-10-1 record and a -31-goal differential.

In the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League (Jr. B), the Caledon Bombers fell to the Stratford Warriors 9-1 on Friday and suffered another tumultuous loss on the road 6-0 to the Cambridge Redhawks.

In front of 634 rowdy fans in Stratford, it most certainly isn't easy to produce a result when boos and jeers are raining down on you. Quite literally, the same can be said about 418 people in attendance in Cambridge.

But one goal in two games is most certainly nothing to take lightly for the Bombers in what has already been a dismal offensive month for the club.

In seven games this month, the Bombers have only scored seven goals. The Bombers, who sit in last place in the Midwestern Conference, have only 26 goals scored thus far this year; the fewest in the

league, and currently have a -62-goal differential. The boys are currently 2-14 on the year.

In the Ontario Junior Hockey League (Jr. A), the boys lost a tight bout against the North York Rangers on the road 4-3.

After going down 2-0 early in the first period, the Admirals crawled their way back thanks to goals from Daniil Kononov and Dawson Hettiarachchi. Rangers player Jack Rimmer, scored just three minutes left in the frame to restore the advantage.

Skipping over to the third period, Tanner Greenwood got the Admirals all tied up. With just under five minutes remaining Stephen Cambell scored the game winner for the opposition.

To keep tabs on all three junior hockey clubs in, you may head to thepjhl.ca to learn more about the Golden Hawks, gojhl.ca to check out the Bombers, and ojhl.ca to keep up with the Admirals.



Josiah Kraayenbrink skates past the North York Rangers bench in possession in the third period.
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November 16th 7-9pm
Speaker: Sarah Steele

Sarah Steele has participated in research expeditions from South America to Iceland, and now resides back in Ontario as an Ichthyology Technician at the Royal Ontario Museum. She has worked with a number of local organizations on the conservation of Ontario fishes, particularly in the GTA, and will give an overview of this work at the ROM and beyond.

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Robert's Rant: Are you seeing what I'm seeing?

BY ROBERT BELARDI
OPINION

Up and down might not even be the way to say it. There might be another way of putting it that would be more pertinent. Unacceptable perhaps? That's the one that has been used.

Ever since the Toronto Maple Leafs opened up their 2022/2023 season there have been "unacceptable" performances.

Opening night's 5-2 defeat against the Montreal Canadiens was the very first time Sheldon Keefe murmured the word "unacceptable" and it only took 60 minutes of hockey for him to throw that out there.

In the 4-2 defeat on home ice against the Arizona Coyotes on October 17, the Leaf's faithful booed their home team off of the ice after failing to score in the opening two frames. Now isn't that unacceptable, shall we say? It was only the fourth game of the year and this was already happening.

Keefe later came out in the post-match press conference to criticize his star players and how they didn't show up. Then, following two consecutive victories against the Dallas Stars and the Winnipeg Jets, the Leafs went into Las Vegas Monday night and looked awful. Sloppy. Careless with possession of the puck. They had a few chances but the team never got a hold of the game and ended up falling 3-1.

So here we are back to square one. Mitch Marner said after the game this loss was "unacceptable." If every two or three games this is the topic of conversation then this is going to be a long year for The Buds.

In truth, I rant here today to share why

I believe this is the most important season since Brendan Shanahan came into the picture. This season is also the most pressure the players have ever faced since donning the blue and white.

It's been the same story for seven years now. Win. Make the playoffs. Bow out in the first round. Win. Make the playoffs. Bow out in the first round. A vicious cycle in fact and one that eats away at you mentally.

Do you believe in this team? A lot of Leafs fans that I have spoken to do not. Some of my friends believe if the team can't get by the first round, head coach Keefe, Kyle Dubas and Shanahan are all gone. A few other friends I speak with also believe Auston Matthews will walk away from his contract which expires at the end of next season.

There's no more playing around. For Toronto, if nothing is done this year in the postseason and if the team quite frankly doesn't at least make the conference finals in my opinion, the club faces a serious problem.

This season will be the toughest task yet. How do you win over a fan base that hasn't been satisfied since 1967? You were doing it in 2017 when the Maple Leafs lost to the Washington Capitals in the first round. Everyone was happy and thought "finally we have a team."

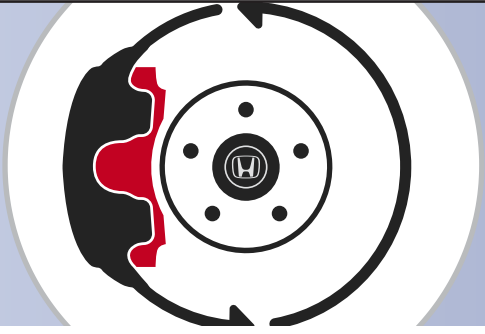
But now that team is hanging by a thread. Fans are clearly frustrated and they're not going to give this group the benefit of the doubt anymore. As a matter of fact, it doesn't seem the management would do the same. We'll see if there will more "unacceptable moments" moving forward. It's win or nothing at this point. And I guarantee you with some streaky performances lately, the players are most certainly feeling it too.


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Dufferin Men’s Shelter set to open in mid-November

BY SAM ODROWSKI

After delays due to supply chain issues in renovating a new property purchased by Choices Youth Shelter earlier this year, the organization’s homeless shelter for men is soon opening.

The Dufferin Men’s Shelter is aiming to open in mid-November with the hiring process underway to get the facility fully staffed.

A new house for Choices Youth Shelter was purchased in March of this year that will be utilized for the programming they offer to youth ages 16-24, and the former facility that housed the youth is being designated for homeless men in the community.

“We’ve been having homeless men come to choices for many years looking for help. Unfortunately, we’ve had to turn them away due to their age,” said Narine.

He told the Citizen that was never an easy thing to do.

“Especially when we’re there to help people in need,” Narine said. “It was heartbreaking to us.”

He said anyone who works in emergency or social services is likely aware of the number of homeless people in the community. Narine added that he gets calls from these sectors several times a week, asking what can do to help.

“There are many well-known homeless camps in Orangeville, Mono and Shelburne, that are known by everybody who actually works in the field,” Narine noted. “You can ask most police officers that work in the area, they’ll know exactly where it is.”

Narine said while some in the community say a men’s homeless shelter isn’t needed locally, he currently has a list of about 15 men waiting to come through the shelter’s doors when it opens in a few weeks, and his list is constantly growing.

A men’s shelter was opened by Choices in August of last year, through donor support, but had to close a few months afterwards in October due to a lack of operational funding.

One year later, in time for the winter season, the shelter is ready to open but this time for the long haul, with enough operational funding coming from the County of Dufferin to get it open.

However, Narine noted there will be a heavy push to fundraise as all their costs aren’t entirely covered.

He also stressed that the shelter for men isn’t just a place to land, Choices is bringing in mental health and addictions services, along with other supports like financial planning.

All of it will be tailored to the men’s needs, said Narine.

The program will mirror much of what’s done at Choices Youth Shelter, aimed at addressing the root causes behind homelessness.

Once the facility is off the ground and running smoothly, Narine said he’s planning on opening up these services to the entire community to move from a reactive to a proactive approach to men’s homelessness. The preventative approach will be designed to keep people off the street instead of only responding when they get to that point.

“Why is it that only the only time you can get help is when you’re completely out of luck? Why not get to people before they’re there? Why not help someone while they’re going through the divorce or while they’re going through their addiction or while they’re going through whatever mental health issues they’re having? That’s when people should be getting

help, not when things are at their worst,” Narine said.

He noted his frustration when he hears people in Orangeville say a men’s shelter isn’t needed, due to his own life experience. In his younger years, he needed homeless shelter services following a difficult divorce leading to extreme depression, but there were no options available.

“I know all too well what it’s like to go through the system and not get help because the system is not designed to help men. and it’s just a fact of the matter,” he told the Citizen.

“I think about that time of my life a lot because I could have gone on a completely different path. I could have been in jail or I could have been dead. There are so many things that could have happened that actually scare me.”

Narine said he was fortunate enough to couch surf with friends who helped him get back on his feet but many of the men who are unhoused in the community don’t have that luxury.

How the shelter came about

Narine said Choices’ idea for a men’s shelter came about through the COVID-19 pandemic when there were heavy restrictions not allowing them to properly operate a youth service.

The not-for-profit organization had two transitional houses leased and sitting empty, so when Narine came across a homeless man in need of help, he said something had to be done.

“I talked to the board... and I said ultimately, we have these houses sitting here empty. I can’t in good conscious not utilize them. And really, that’s what started the men’s shelter,” he explained.

“Because not only was there that one gentleman, there are quite a few men in the community that needed help and we knew about that.”

Around the same time, men’s homelessness was beginning to be an issue recognized by Orangeville Town Council, which created a Men’s Homelessness Committee in July of 2021, after hearing from multiple local advocates about the desperate situations people were facing.

However, when Narine went to Orangeville council to ask for \$166,546 in temporary emergency funding to keep the Dufferin Men’s Shelter open in October of 2021, right before the winter season, he was redirected to the County of Dufferin who couldn’t provide the funding needed to renew their lease.

After developing a business plan and being turned away, Narine said it was very frustrating, as the emergency funding would have given him enough time to work with the County of Dufferin to secure the money Choices needed.

“I turned around, very upset, and I got working on it,” he told the Citizen. “I said, you know what? If you don’t want to help me, I’ll figure out a way to do this myself, and I got working. I went to some private donors that I know and they’ve always been very supportive of the ideas that I’ve had. They understand the work that we do choices, and they understand me as an individual, and if I say I’m going to do something, I do it. I don’t half-ass it. And within less than a month, I got \$1.5 million out of it, which is phenomenal.”

Most of that money was used to purchase the new facility at Choices and get it renovated up to code so it can serve as a shelter.

While Narine said, unfortunately, the cost was so high, the property will be able to support Choices long into the future.

“The current [facility] will allow us to grow exponentially there,” he noted.



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Standing at about 5.2 in a loafer, certainly not any towering figure of a man but in the last 40+ years we've called Shelburne home, there is to this day rarely a stretch of time that someone doesn't remind me that "Wee" Ron was a larger than life figure to them; a respected member of the community and just an honest, positive, happy and infectious soul. Thought nothing of it then, but do now remembering that is was Ron many would ask for help or assistance in times of trouble or need. Those were times of a smaller community where you earned respect.

To many of a generation or two younger than mine, the whistling, smiling man known as "Mr. IGA" for over twenty years was rarely ever without a sucker or balloon tucked in his front pocket. For kids of all ages, he spread happiness. To all who sang with Ron over the years whether in barbershop or church - you gave him such great joy. To his many playing partners out on the course - few things he loved more other than his family. To all who called Ron friend - he would most assuredly tell you it was his privilege to have known you.

They say some folks leave footprints on others. For those reading this who knew him, I expect there may still be a few on you. It was a life well lived.

Many thanks to the wonderful caregivers at Shelburne Residence and Dufferin Oaks. You make a difference and we're grateful. A Celebration of Life will be held in the front room at the Shelburne Legion on Saturday, November 12th, from 2-4pm.

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Celebration of Kay's life will be held at High Country United Church (Camilla) 346255 15th Side Rd. Mono on Friday October 28th at 11:00 am. The family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 am. Interment to follow service & reception at Forest Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to High Country United Church or a Charity of your choice.

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A love letter to Caledon

BY GLORIA MAXX
EDITED BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Recently, entrepreneur and mental health advocate Gloria Maxx reached out to *The Citizen* and explained she wanted to write a thank you to Caledon; specifically to outgoing Mayor Allan Thompson. This is her letter.

Thank you Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson and Anne Thompson, the forward-thinking Town Council, Sandra Sharpe and her fabulous team, and most recently, Headwaters Arts for being creative, inclusive, and courageous.

On paper, I am a failed serial entrepreneur with a mental health journey that briefly touched upon actual homelessness. The community spirit, human empathy, and support I found in Caledon the last eight years helped me not just survive, but thrive and succeed as I continue my story of Pain and Triumph: the Lived Experience Journey.

This was the title of my first ever submitted piece of art that was accepted into (and sold) at the Fall Festival Art Show at Headwaters Arts!

My social-entrepreneurial journey began in 2015 with Heart Esteem, a global initiative to prevent and overcome childhood obesity with creativity.

My global five-year HeartEsteem journey brought me to Caledon via Airbnb, and I fell in love with the community. I walked into the Mayor's office and met with Sandra Sharpe, who believed in HeartEsteem and introduced me to May-

or Thompson, who had so much kindness, empathy, and a passion for inclusion.

Childhood obesity was something I suffered from, yet honestly, it was more mental health — but at the time, I was too afraid to admit that because I knew from past experience that stigma was debilitating to overcome.

My ultimate dream was for April 10 to one day be deemed “Heart Esteem Day” by the United Nations, so I asked Mayor Thompson if I could start that journey in Caledon by having HeartEsteem Day proclaimed in Caledon.

He told me I would need to address Council, and I did — and the warmth and love of that question period resulted in April of 2016 being proclaimed Heart Esteem Month and April 10 being Heart Esteem Day! I remember Anne Thompson coming to the Council session to cheer me on. I was so grateful.

The “Draw Your Heart” fundraising app’s mission to have one million people draw their hearts for HeartEsteem was almost complete. All the Council came to an event in the Town Hall to draw their hearts for Heart Esteem. I still have the canvasses and hope to repurpose them into a fundraiser, hopefully benefitting Evolve.

Lastly, I need to mention Bill Rea — in Memoriam — who wrote the first Heart Esteem article. My entrepreneurial and artistic journeys both began in Caledon, and I hope to finally succeed where I have not before and to one day give back to Caledon!

Caledon receives “Healthy Water Award” for leadership in stormwater management

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Town of Caledon’s engineering staff have been recognized by a conservation authority for their leadership in the field of stormwater management.

On October 19, the Town announced its engineering staff had received the “Healthy Water Award” from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

Staff received this award because they held stormwater management pond inspection and maintenance workshops for municipalities across the province.

The announcement explained Caledon has a network of stormwater ponds, culverts, pipes and drains that move water runoff from properties and roads back to the natural environment. It added that building the right stormwater management systems reduces flooding and protects water quality in Caledon.

Andrew Pearce, Caledon’s Director of Engineering Services, said stormwater is a critical Town service that’s needed to protect our water.

“We’re honoured to share our knowledge and experience in stormwater management and thank the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority for the recognition,” said Pearce.



Andrew Pearce, Caledon’s Director of Engineering Services, Tom Vegh, Conservation Authority board member and Newmarket Deputy Mayor; Dalia Al-Ali and Cassie Schembri, Caledon’s Senior Project Managers for stormwater management, and Wayne Emmerson, Chair of York Regional Council and the LSRC.

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The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority presented its 2022 Healthy Water Award to individuals and groups who have “completed a project that improves, supports or protects the water quality in the Lake Simcoe watershed.”

Caledon was one of four municipalities to win the award, which was given out at the Conservation Authority’s 40th annual awards ceremony at Newmarket’s Old Town Hall on October 11. Other winners of the Healthy Water Award were the City of Barrie, Town of Aurora, and Town of Newmarket. There was also an individual winner of the award: Anne Bell of Sunset Simmental Farm in Innisfil.

Conservation authority chair Wayne Emmerson said the awards recognize people who

are part of the solution to the many environmental challenges humans face, and that the winners bring hope for the future.

The Conservation Authority’s chief administrative officer, Rob Baldwin, said the annual awards ceremony is the LSR-CA’s favourite event of the year; and that the 2022 event was special since it was the first to be celebrated in person since 2019.

“Meeting in person to celebrate these extraordinary accomplishments and meet the recipients is so uplifting and energizing. It’s a great way to round off the year,” said Baldwin. “We hope our awards ceremony gives recipients a sense of our appreciation for their efforts... efforts that positively affect us all.”

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