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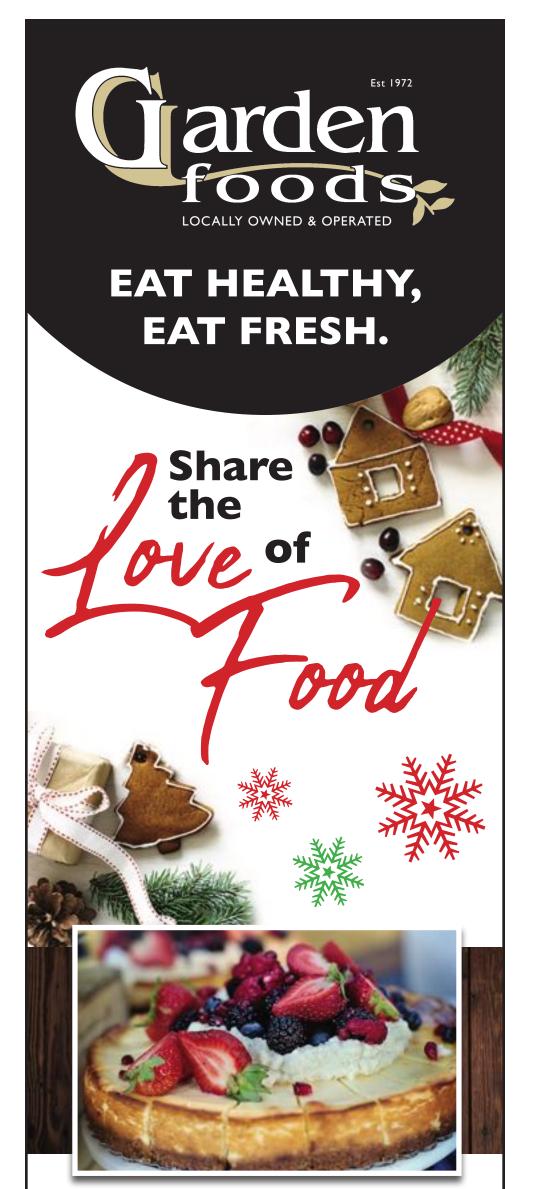
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Residents of Dufferin-Caledon demostrated their opposition to the Provincial Government's Bill 23 outside the office of MPP Sylvia Jones last week. PHOTO BY SAM ODROWSKI

Bill 23 will leave Caledon "unable" to meet needs of growing community, says Mayor

Controversial legislation passes days after Special **Council meeting**

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Doug Ford's Progressive Conservatives passed Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, on November 28, amid criticism from municipalities, conservation authorities, and citizens.

Three days earlier, on November 25, Caledon Mayor Annette Groves called an emergency meeting of Council to discuss the Bill.

At the meeting, Council unanimously voted to "ask the province to halt Bill 23, Build More Homes Faster Act, and begin fulsome consultation with all municipalities on local impacts."

During the emergency meeting, Town of Caledon staff made a presentation to Council detailing the many challenges and financial impacts that Bill 23 would have on the Town.

Staff said the Bill would severely impact environmental protection, heritage preservation, public participation, parkland, and Caledon's ability to provide future services, amenities and infrastructure.

Staff also noted the Bill could negatively im-

pact residents' quality of life and residential tax rates. Lastly, staff noted there could be impacts to Caledon's budget process because of the Bill and will be reporting back to Council with more information when it becomes available.

When Groves called the emergency meeting, she made the following public statement: "As Mayor of the Town of Caledon, I am expressing my serious concern regarding the fast-tracking of Bill 23... in alignment with our GTHA Small Urban partner municipalities, I am asking the province for more time to understand its implications and the consequences to our Town's future, our residents and businesses."

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Santa's coming to town for the **Bolton Santa Claus Parade**

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon residents won't want to miss this year's Bolton Santa Claus Parade, which is back in full force.

The 49th edition of the parade will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 3 at the intersection of Highway 50 and Queensgate Boulevard in Bolton. The parade will travel North on Highway 50, go through Downtown Bolton, and end near the Cenotaph on Bolton's North Hill.

The Bolton Kin have been hard at work preparing for the parade, getting sponsorships, arranging bands, registering parade participants and more.

John Stegeman is the Bolton Kin's parade chair this year, and has been overseeing the organization and preparation of the parade. He says the event is truly about the community.

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Christmas Market benefits Forks of the Credit Preservation Group

Stopping a proposed blasting quarry is a top priority for group

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon residents could shop for the holidays with a purpose last weekend.

On November 26 and 27, the Forks of the Credit Preservation Group (FCPG) hosted its second annual Christmas market at the Alton Legion in Alton.

Chris Boyd, a director on the board of FCPG, explained the group rented out the Legion for their market. Vendors then paid FCPG for a spot at the market to sell their goods. Money raised by FCPG from the vendors, and by market attendees who bought baked goods and hot chocolate made by FCPG supporters, will be used to fund the FCPG's ongoing efforts to preserve the ecological integrity of Caledon.

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Chris Boyd, Eileen Markell and Liz Glenday are pictured in front of Joanne Morant's "Threads and Thrums" booth at the Alton Christmas Market in support of the Forks of the Credit Preservation Group.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

"We're just a small group of people that are fighting the same fight and this is how we try and raise money," said Boyd. "I'm not a conglomerate, I don't have billions of dollars."

Joanne Morant, owner of Threads and Thrums, was one of the vendors at the market. She found out about the market through her daughter-in-law, who works in the Town of Caledon's tourism department.

Morant, who lives in Guelph, said it was her second year at the market and she loves coming to it. She said it's an added bonus that the market supports the FCPG because her family is opposed to anything that changes the natural landscape for the worse.

Boyd said a main priority for the FCPG right now is stopping a proposed blasting quarry in an 800-acre area south of Alton.

The quarry is being proposed by St. Marys Cement, which is owned by Brazilian conglomerate Votorantim Cimentos.

Boyd explained the proposed quarry would be below the water table. This, in turn, means the quarry would require constant dewatering and the sending of discharged water into the nearby credit river.

"This is a UNESCO World Heritage Site," said Boyd. "And they just want to destroy it for money."

In October, the FCPG met with Caledon Council requesting an Interim Control Bylaw be passed to delay any gravel pit or quarry applications until the Town can create stronger regulations.

"How can you approve a blasting quarry when you have no rules about blasting quarries?" asked Boyd.

David Sylvester of the Forks of the Credit Preservation Group presented at the meeting, showing that out of the top aggregate-producing municipalities in Ontario, Caledon's aggregate policies are the weakest.

On October 18, Caledon Council passed an interim control bylaw to "prohibit Gravel Pits or Quarries on all lands identified on Schedule B to Staff Report 2022-0448, excluding those lands within MX Extractive Industrial Zones under Zoning By-law 2006-50, as amended, for a period of one year." (Staff reports and Town bylaws are available on the Town's website)

There are a number of concerns Boyd and the FCPG have with the planned blasting quarry South of Alton, such as the destruction of prime agricultural land; an increase in truck traffic along Alton's Main Street and Charleston Sideroad (Peel Regional Road 24); harmful dust and vibrations from blasting; a decrease in water quality; and possibility of wells drying up.

With Caledon set to grow to 300,000 people by 2050, Boyd asked how we can feed all those people if all of our farmland gets turned into gravel pits and quarries.

"The bottom line is there has to be some rules... we don't have to (build a quarry), they just want to because they can make a lot of money doing it," said Boyd. "If you watch any dystopian science fiction movie... we've paved everything over... what people don't realize is we're slowly doing it."

Boyd said he's optimistic about support from Caledon's new Mayor and Council, and said Mayor Annette Groves stopped by the Christmas Market.

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Ye Olde Tyme Christmas event to be held in Downtown Bolton



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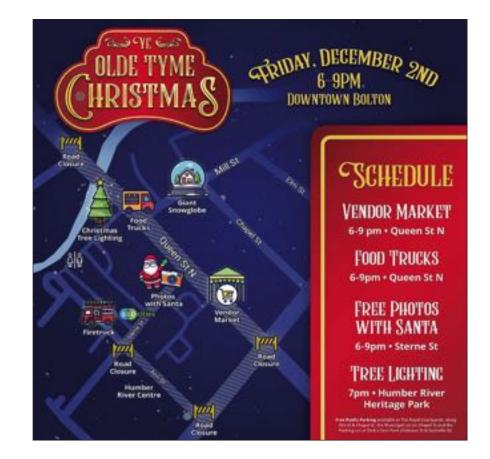


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Event to feature tree lighting, pictures with Santa, food vendors and more



BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Last year, the Ye Olde Tyme Christmas event was held in Bolton for the first time.

It was a great success, and it's happening again this year from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, December 2 in the heart of Downtown Bolton.

The event is made possible thanks to a partnership between the Bolton Community Crew, Downtown Bolton Business Improvement Area (BIA), Downtown Bolton Task Force, and Town of Caledon.

Queen Street North will be closed Downtown for the event, which will feature the following and more: a giant snow globe; free photos with Santa; carollers; food trucks; over 50 vendors; and a tree lighting ceremony.

The tree lighting ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. at the Humber River Heritage Park.

Lisa Tyldesley, a member of the Downtown Bolton BIA who was responsible for organizing the vendor market portion of this Friday's event, said the vendor market is going to feature a wide variety of different products and will be a great place for Caledon residents to get their Christmas shopping done while supporting local businesses.

In addition to the vendor market, Tyldesley said downtown businesses are planning on staying open late during Ye Olde Tyme Christmas.

Santa will be attending Ye Olde Tyme Christmas alongside Mrs. Claus and his elves. Pictures with Santa will be free for everyone, said Tyldesley.

Tyldesley said she's looking forward to the Christmas carollers, who will be walking around the event all night singing Christmas songs for those in attendance.

"We're expecting a great turnout," said Tyldesley. "Wine Spot's going to be there as well so there'll be a spot to warm up with some drinks. We're going to have about 55 vendors, it's going to be a pretty big event."



A mural inside the Centre.

PHOTO BY STAN CAMERON

Centre for Indigenous Excellence and Land-Based Learning opens in Caledon

Peel District School Board officially opened centre on November 22

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

which has sat unused since 2017, has been to receive experiential learning opportunitransformed into a "ground-breaking" Centre for Indigenous Excellence and Land- for PDSB staff toward reconciliation; and Based Learning.

On November 22, the Peel District School with community and treaty partners. Board (PDSB) officially opened the centre alongside Indigenous community members and Treaty Partners. The centre will be fully operational in Spring 2023, and, in the interim, PDSB will be offering select programming for staff and students.

According to PDSB Communications Manager Malon Edwards, PDSB's Indigenous Education Team, Treaty Partners, and Indigenous communities led the work on

away."

According to Edwards, The Centre of Indigenous Excellence and Land-Based Learning will be the worksite for PDSB's Indigenous Education Team; a place for learning grounded in anti-colonial practices and Indigenous ways of knowing for Indigenous and non-Indigenous students; a space where Indigenous students can access cul-The former Credit View Public School, tural education; a field centre for students ties; a space for professional development a place to build partnerships and network



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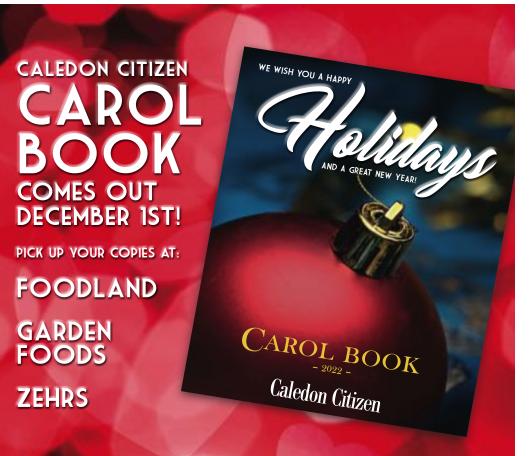
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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS OF **HIGHWAY 50 FROM MAYFIELD ROAD TO HEALEY ROAD**



The Region of Peel has completed a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study for drainage improvements of Highway 50 from Mayfield Road to Healey Road, in the Town of Caledon. The project was completed as a Schedule B project in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015).

the creation of the centre in collaboration with PDSB.

"Over the next year, the space will continue to provide opportunities in land-based learning and access to Indigenous Ways of Knowing from community partners for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students and staff," said Edwards in a media release.

Caledon's PDSB Trustee, Stan Cameron, said the opening ceremony for the centre was extremely moving.

"It was very exciting, there were lots of people in attendance. It was a very powerful introduction to the centre," said Cameron. "I'm very proud that this centre has been opened in Caledon."

Nicole Reynolds, PDSB Coordinating Leader of Indigenous Education, said she's thrilled to be able to welcome Indigenous students, families and community members to the new centre which honours Indigenous ways of knowing.

"This is an exciting step the [school] board is taking toward their commitment to reconciliation and educational sovereignty," said Reynolds.

Edwards explained that First Nation, Métis and Inuit students will receive "barrier-free access to educational programming in safe, culturally meaningful and responsive learning environments" at the new centre.

Rashmi Swarup, PDSB's Director of Education, said the centre is long overdue and that she looks forward to "working in solidarity with the Indigenous Education Team, Treaty Partners, and Peel's Indigenous community to create a space that nurtures a sovereign approach to education."

Cameron said while the centre is ground-breaking, he agreed it's long overdue and a welcome asset to the community. He said land-based learning is really important, as now more than ever respecting the land and what it gives us is critical.

"I have a very large garden... we're privileged to have enough land to grow lots of food," said Cameron. "I've been asking all of our Caledon public schools if they would like to consider growing a vegetable garden on each of their school properties, with a view to helping children, staff, families and community members be a part of that garden, growing food that they would give



The study considered the need to improve drainage infrastructure in consideration of future growth, regulatory requirements, and climate change. The study also included improvements to pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, in accordance with the Region's Sustainable Transportation Strategy.

A Project File Report documenting the planning process, study recommendations as well as potential impacts and mitigation measures is available for review on the Region's project website at: https://peelregion.ca/hwy50-EA

If interested, you may provide written comments to the project team by January 19, 2023. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to the Project Managers listed below.

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In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e., requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request. Please send requests in writing or by email to:

Hon. David Piccini, Minister

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This notice was first issued on December 1, 2022

With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record of 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.



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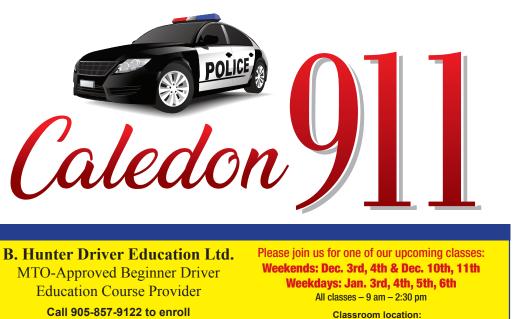
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IMPAIRED OPERATION CHARGES WITH CHILD IN VEHICLE

Officers from the Caledon OPP have charged a driver traveling with their young child with impaired operation.

"On November 23, 2022, at approximately 5:52 p.m., Caledon OPP received multiple reports about a vehicle being operated in an unsafe manner on Ellwood Driver East in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "It was described as driving without any headlights, swerving, hitting curbs, and stopping in live lanes. Officers located the vehicle and began their investigation. A four-year-old child was observed sleeping in a car seat. Since it was suspected the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol, a breath sample into an Approved Screening Device (ASD) was requested. The driver was subsequently arrested for impaired operation of a mo-



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tor vehicle and transported to the Caledon or alcohol continue to pose a significant were conducted. The child was picked up by their other parent."

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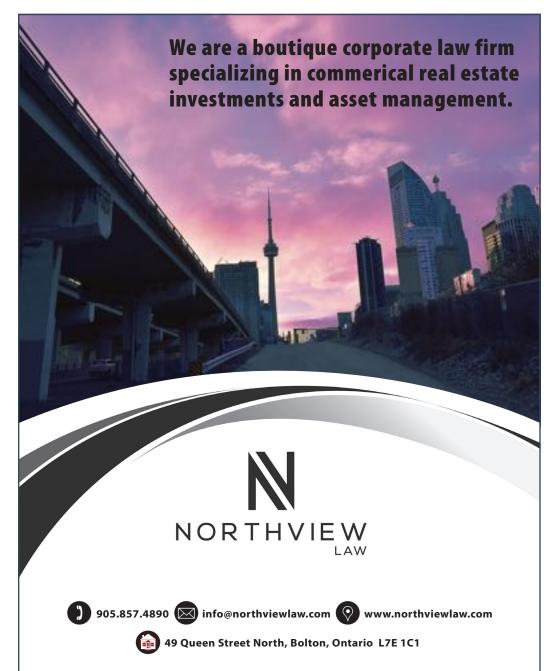
A 44-year-old from Caledon, who's breath test, according to Police, demonstrated a blood alcohol content of nearly four times the legal limit, was subsequently charged with:

- Operation while impaired alcohol ٠
- Operation while impaired blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

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

The charges have not been proven.

"Caledon OPP would like to thank the members of the public who reported this incident. Drivers who are impaired by drugs



OPP Detachment where further breath tests threat on Ontario roads. When making the decision to drive impaired, not only are you putting your life in danger, but you are risking the safety and life of your passengers and every other road user around you. It's simple: If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture."

With the holiday season fast approaching, the need to make those alternate arrangements will increase. In Caledon, Home James offers a free designated driver service.

The program runs from November 25 to December 31, every Friday and Saturday from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. (excluding December 24). More information is available at: www.homejames-caledon.ca.

CRASH LEADS TO CHARGES

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

"On November 22, 2022, at approximately 6:28 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a single motor vehicle collision on Highway 50, near McEwan Drive East, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "It was reported that the vehicle had hit a road sign and a large amount of debris was on the roadway. No injuries were sustained. Officers arrived and suspected the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol, therefore a breath sample into an Approved Screening Device (ASD) was requested.

"The driver was subsequently arrested for impaired operation of a motor vehicle and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment where further breath tests were conducted '

As a result of the investigation, Larry Griggs, 58, of Georgetown, was charged with:

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alcohol-related offences.

"On November 25, 2022, at approximately 12:51 a.m., an officer was conducting a regular patrol on Mayfield Road, near Ace Drive, when a vehicle was observed with extensive damage," say Police. "A traffic stop was initiated, and the officer suspected the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol. A breath sample into an Approved Screening Device (ASD) was requested. The driver was subsequently arrested for impaired operation of a motor vehicle and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment where further breath tests were conducted."

Samantha Sewchand, 32, of Caledon, was charged with:

Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The charges have not yet been proven.

"On November 25, 2022, at approximately 5:24 p.m., officers responded to a single motor vehicle collision on Fork of the Credit Road, near McLaren Road. Upon arrival, the officer formed grounds that the driver was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested for impaired operation of a motor vehicle. The driver was transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment for breath tests to be conducted."

As a result of the investigation, Ivan Makovetskiy, 26, of Etobicoke, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired alcohol
- ٠ Failure or refusal to comply with demand
- ٠ Operator motor vehicle without insurance
- Use plate not authorized for vehicle
- Driving while under suspension
- Having care or control of a motor vehicle with open container of liquor
- Having care or control of a motor vehicle with liquor readily available

The charges have not been proven. "Later that same day, at approximate-

ly 8:33 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to

- Operation while impaired alcohol Operation while impaired - blood al-
- cohol concentration (80 plus)

The vehicle was impounded for a period of seven days, and the driver's licence was suspended for 90 days. The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on February 2, 2023, to answer to the charges. The charges have not been proven.

SEVEN DRIVERS CHARGED

From Friday, November 25 to Sunday, November 27, 2022, officers from the Caledon OPP took seven drivers off the road for

a two-vehicle collision on George Bolton Parkway. During the investigation, one driver was requested to provide a breath sample into an ASD since it was suspected that the driver's ability to operation a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol. The driver was then arrested for impaired operation and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment where further breath tests were conducted."

As a result, Shaun Chiragdin, 18, of Shelburne, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Operation while impaired alcohol The charges have not been proven.

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Supporting the Caledon Public Library: That's what Friends are for



Marty Harrison (right) is the past president of the Friends of the Caledon Public Library and has volunteered with the Friends since 2008. Victoria Edwards (left) is the Friends' current president. **PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CPL**

Longtime Friends of the CPL volunteer Marty Harrison shares why she loves the Friends, calls for volunteers

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Marty Harrison has been volunteering with the Friends of the Caledon Public Library since 2008 — and most of those years have been spent as the local non-profit's president.

Harrison, a now-retired school teacher of Grades Four to Eight, has long held a passion for reading and the library.

"That was always an interest, really loving to read books and be in that atmosphere," she said.

Back when Harrison was home raising her kids, she volunteered at their school's library.

Harrison also has a passion for art, and it was her favourite subject to teach. It was when Harrison retired that she first got involved with the Friends of the Caledon Public Library, as a member of the Friends' executive team.

"I went to a meeting and the president at that time lived in Inglewood, the same as I do," said Harrison. "That was fun, so I started getting involved and just carried on." The Friends of the Public Library started in the 1990s out of a church in Caledon East. Harrison described it as a group of people who were very interested in promoting the library and being involved in things to support it. That core mission has remained over the years, and Harrison explained the Friends still hold those goals to heart today.

"We are a not-for-profit, charitable organization. So formally, we have those responsibilities, but we concentrate on fundraising, and also on promoting the library, in any way that we can," said Harrison.

She explained the Caledon Public Library (CPL) has a wish list of items that the Friends can help them out with. Harrison said a great recent example of fundraising the Friends did was for a brand-new 3D printer that's going to be in the Margaret Dunn Valleywood branch of the CPL after its renovations are complete.

Another recent accomplishment of the Friends was fundraising for the planters in the new reading garden at the Southfields Village branch of the CPL. Now, the Friends are going to begin paying for the planters' upkeep and even try to see if they can get volunteers who love gardening to help with the upkeep themselves.

The Friends recently had their Annual General Meeting, and for the first time in a while Harrison is going to have a break from being president. However, past president is still a role on the Friends' board so she's excited for her volunteer work to continue. One of the big ways the Friends raise money for the CPL is through their book sales. The CPL is always renewing its collection, and the Friends host book sales throughout the year to sell some of the CPL's older books.

Books donated to the library are also sold if they can't be added to the library's collection. It's a win-win as prices are great for buyers, and the sales help the CPL. People can purchase a membership to the Friends of the Caledon Public Library for \$10 per year which gets them a discount at book sales, and gets them access to the Friends' newsletter. Membership fees also benefit the CPL.

"We need volunteers to help us because the actual physical part of setting up a book sale is demanding," said Harrison. "We need to also keep sorting all the time, because the library's always weeding at their collection."

Right now, sorting of books for book sales happens monthly at the Caledon East branch of the CPL.

Harrison said she thinks many organizations are finding it hard to find volunteers right now.

"We can't function without volunteers," said Harrison. "We're trying to reach out to the community and get them to help us."

She said volunteering doesn't mean you have to be available for everything the Friends do, or mean you have to be on the Friends' board. Harrison said the Friends are happy to take help any way it comes, whether it's sorting books, handling the checkout at a book sale, or taking that next step to be a board member. Harrison noted volunteering for the Friends can be a great way for high school students to complete their volunteer hours.

Harrison said some of her favourite parts of volunteering for the Friends over the years have been the organizational aspect; getting to talk to and meet many new people; being part of a group; and having a great working relationship with the library and community. She's also made some long-time friends in the process that she still connects with to this day.

Those looking to get involved with the Friends of the Caledon Public Library can email focpl@ outlook.com.

Parade begins at 11 a.m. at Highway 50 and Queensgate Boulevard

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"There's going to be 10 bands altogether, and there's going to be about 38 entries. There's a lot of community groups, a lot of churches, kids clubs, sports clubs... it's going to be truly a community event," said Stegeman. "It's like the old days, that's what it was like in the old days. I'd say 30 to 40 years ago, we had very few businesses who put a float in the parade... it was more Girl Guides, Scouts, Churches. Then we got away from that, and now we're back to where the local groups are wanting to participate."

Stegeman noted that some businesses signed up for this year's parade. He added that the business community really stepped up sponsorship-wise so that the Kin could arrange for a number of top-quality bands to come in from outside of Caledon to play in the parade.

Bolton Kin life member and past presi-

dent Joe Luschak said during the pandemic Santa came and drove through Town but it wasn't quite the same as having a full parade. He said this year's parade is going to be as big as ever.

"The parade is just phenomenal," said Luschak. "It's one of the best small-town parades in all of Ontario."

Stegeman said Humberview Secondary School is going to be participating in the parade in a big way, as their football team, drama club, robotics club and marching band are all getting involved.

"It's nice to see," said Stegeman.

The Bolton Kin are hoping for good weather on parade day and anticipate a crowd of thousands coming out to see the parade.

During the parade, Boy Scouts will be collecting food for the food bank and parade attendees can bring food items with them to help those in need over the holiday season.



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Regional Councillor Mario Russo confident in Town staff, Council as term begins

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Mario Russo says he's ready to work together with his Council colleagues to do good things for the people of Caledon.

On election night, October 24, Russo was surrounded by family and friends at his campaign office on Queen Street South in Bolton.

He said Caledon was kept in suspense as other municipalities' voting results came in poll by poll, while Caledon saw no results, and then a big block of them all at once.

This block turned out to be votes cast at advance polls, said Russo.

Results looked favourable for Russo, and he was feeling confident in the campaign he and his team had run. Eventually, all the votes came

in, and when Russo found out he'd won, there was a cheer in the room.

"It was a sweet feeling," said Russo, who received 3,365 votes.

He explained his campaign team was essentially just his immediate and extended family, as well as some good friends who chipped in when they had time.

Russo said the beauty of municipal politics is there's no party system; that when you're campaigning you're at the door representing yourself. Russo said he was proud his team hit around 15,000 houses in Caledon during the election.

"In the last few weeks, I was out two times a day," said Russo.

Caledon's Council was sworn in on Novem-



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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: boltonalanon@gmail.com. Open to all - Electric Vehicle Society Caledon Chapter meetings. Come out to learn from the expertise of electric vehicle owners and enthusiasts about helping Canadians transition to electric transportation through education and advocacy.

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The last Toone Sale until 2023 is scheduled for Saturday, November 26 from 10 am to 1 pm in the President's building at the Bolton Fairgrounds. Check it out at www.boltonkin.com/toonie-sale.

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PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

ber 15, and Russo said it was time for them to get straight to work as there was much paperwork and training to do.

"Town staff have been phenomenal. We've had an opportunity to do a little bit of orientation with all the other (Council) members. At this point in time, I have a good feeling," said Russo in a November 25 interview. "I'm always very cautiously optimistic that we're going to keep working together, and that's going to be our goal, to work together and do good things for the people of Caledon."

Russo said he's been extremely impressed with the intelligence and work ethic of Caledon's Town staff and that it's a good thing Caledon residents have experts on their side. Russo said Caledon Council, along with all other Councils in Ontario, are trying to understand the implications of the Province's Bill 23.

"With some of the implications of that bill, we may have challenges with planning the way we want to plan," said Russo. He explained the idea of streamlining and getting more houses on the market is a good one, but he does not want to see it happen without the appropriate infrastructure alongside it like roads, public transit, and community health.

"Our residents are going to be holding the bag in the future if we don't look at this with a lens of what's the best thing for them," said Russo. "We're all understanding that there is a housing crisis, and we need to bring houses on stream very quickly. But very quickly doesn't mean that we do it in an irresponsible manner."

Ward 4 Councillor Nick deBoer to chair Planning and Development committee

Regional Councillor, Wards 4, 5, and 6 Mario Russo appointed as vice-chair



Town of Caledon Council met for its first Planning and Development committee meeting on November 28.

The first order of business was determining who would be Chair and Vice-Chair of the committee for the 2022-2026 term of Caledon Council.

Regional Councillor, Wards 1, 2, and 3 Christina Early put forward a motion to appoint Ward 4 Councillor Nick deBoer as chair and Regional Councillor, Wards 4, 5, and 6 Mario Russo as vice-chair. Council unani-

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mously voted in favour of Early's motion, and deBoer and Russo were appointed as chair and vice-chair, respectively.

"Thank you, members of committee. I'm quite honoured to be back here as chair," said deBoer, who also served as planning and development committee chair for the 2018-2022 term of Caledon Council.

An orientation workshop, "Planning 101: An Introduction to Planning", was presented to Council by Caledon's Director of Planning Antonietta Minichillo, and Manager of Legal and Court Services Alexis Alyea.

When the presentation was done, deBoer said he wanted to thank Minichillo and Alyea for their presentation, noting how important planning is for a municipality.

"I probably spent a couple of years with a couple of senior planners upstairs in the wintertime when I wasn't as busy learning firsthand," said deBoer. "Don't be intimidated... staff are very open to helping you understand because as far as planning is concerned, other than the budget, that's one of the biggest topics that we're going to have. And it's the one that actually leaves the legacy of your Council."



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Protestors are pictured outside of MPP Sylvia Jones' Orangeville office last week.

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Large crowd protests Province's Bill 23 outside MPP Sylvia Jones' office

Protest took place on November 25 ahead of Bill's passage November 28

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Residents of Dufferin and Caledon came together in protest against the Provincial Government's Bill 23 last Friday.

Despite protests across the Province, the bill was passed Monday, November 28.

Around 1 p.m. on November 25, people began to gather at Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones' office in Orangeville with signs that had messages like, "Save the Greenbelt" and "Bill 23, a direct assault on Canadian democracy."

Crowds then demonstrated for a little over an hour on all four corners of Broadway and First Street. The peaceful protest did not block traffic and organizers said its goal was to raise awareness about the impacts Bill 23 will have on Ontario.

John MacRae, co-chair of EcoCaledon, a local non-profit with a mandate to improve the environment within the Town of Caledon, was at the protest collecting signatures on a petition to withdraw Bill 23 because he and other EcoCaledon members believe it needs sweeping changes. "It's OK to have a plan to help build houses, but you want to do it right," said MacRae. "Bill 23 is going to cause sprawl... Bill 23 also takes away the development charges that pay for... community centres and those kinds of things."

Development charges are fees collected from developers that help pay for the cost of municipal services or impacted infrastructure such as roads and transit due to growth. A Town of Caledon presentation on Bill 23 noted that under the Bill, development charges could no longer be used to fund studies like Official Plans and environmental assessments, nor could they be used to purchase land for growth-related infrastructure.

MacRae said the Province put extra things into Bill 23 that will "get favours to their developer friends" and that developers can still make money even if they build more sustainably.

He said it makes no sense to take land out of the Greenbelt, something Bill 23 will do, even if it's replaced with other land. MacRae said it took many years of hard work to put Greenbelt land aside, and environmentalists have said Greenbelt land is irreplaceable.

Vicki Clare, a Caledon resident who said she came out to the protest because the Province is doing exactly the opposite of what it should be doing, which is reducing sprawl, reducing pollution, and reducing the amount of cars on the road, said Bill 23 only makes sense to those who are greedy and already have millions of dollars in their pockets.

"It just aids more development, we don't need that," said Clare. "I'm worried about people's grandchildren and children, and I worry about all the wildlife and biodiversity."

Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli attended last Friday's protest because he was concerned about Bill 23. He said it was a bit premature for the Province to be trying to push the bill through.

"We need to review it and it has to make sense. When it gets passed, we all have to be on board with the changes that they want to implement," said Napoli. "The bill itself, there's quite a few issues in here that are of concern. Development charges... they want to cut some and reduce others. That's really critical. If we cannot collect the development charges that we should be collecting when there's development, that's going to throw the burden onto residents... that's going to equate to higher taxes for everybody."

Napoli said Bill 23 is too vague and that he wanted more detail added to the Bill before it was passed. He wanted the Bill to be paused until it's clear who's going to be paying for the infrastructure to support development.

Dan O'Reilly, a Caledon resident who assisted EcoCaledon in the planning of the protest, said he was very happy with the turnout at the protest, especially considering the poor weather conditions of the day.

He said he was also happy to see residents of Dufferin and Caledon coming together for a common cause.

Controversial legislation passes days after Special Council meeting

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Groves went on to say the Bill would hinder Caledon's ability to ensure that growth pays for growth, and said the Bill would impact nearly every service the Town provides and result in an inability to meet the needs of a growing Caledon.

"I am deeply concerned with the lack of consultation with our Indigenous partners," said Groves. "This is especially troubling given our relationship and recent memorandum of understanding with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation."

During the emergency Council meeting, members of Council commented on the Bill.

Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan thanked Town staff for putting together a very fulsome presentation on Bill 23 on very short notice. She said it was a great idea to call a meeting to discuss Bill 23 and was happy to support Caledon's opposition to the Bill.

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa said building complete communities means improving quality of life for residents, but Bill 23 would have the opposite impact and instead increase taxes for residents.

Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell said while he understands the province's desire to improve planning, Bill 23 is like "using a sledgehammer to kill a fly." Maskell said it's very sad to see the province take the approach it did and that municipalities will be playing catch up for a long time as a result of the Bill. Regional Councillor Wards 1, 2, and 3

Regional Councillor Wards 1, 2, and 3 Christina Early said there's a few small wins in the Bill, but a lot of huge losses.

"It's unbelievable to me that a government would be this haphazard to put something like this out without consultation," said Early. "I'm really quite in shock as to the impact this could have on Caledon."



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Closest to reality without going over

My generation, by and large, had it pretty good.

born in the 70s seem to inexplicably have for but I doubt it. the Reagan-Thatcher-Mulroney era, yet we were also young enough to feel like trailblaz- getting out of bed in the middle of the night ers who helped shape the 1990s.

for days gone by, especially when they refer thrill of a deal. to them as "the good ol' days" or "a simpler rose-coloured glasses, there is at least one ago on a lunchtime sandwich run. A "big buy" staying home sick from school and/or work.

bly had enough of working or learning from memories of not being able to go to school for one reason or another, and one of the few later. things that made getting out of bed enticing going over?

Let's be real for a moment: with the con- a dollar, is a good thing. cept of practical-in-day-to-day-life math lesrecent development, The Price is Right was tures this singular phenomenon creates. really our first real crash course in price comparison, cheque writing, and, of course, a unique perspective on the communities we Plinko, now an OLG mainstay.

It was a treat to be able to catch it in the morning, as was the Canadian version of Supower shopping and filling their carts with inflatable wheels of cheese, papier-mâché prosciutto, a rafter (don't worry, I looked it up) of frozen Butterball turkeys, and inordinate for some of the reasons listed above, we're numbers of Obusforme back supports.

So, really, we have no one to blame but our- round. selves.

of the grotesque scenes we see creeping over anything from a cheap air fryer or a markedto our side of the border when, as is so often down entertainment system that would barely the case after American Thanksgiving, people fit into the average living room are hard to were lined up for hours outside of the big box reconcile with the true needs we know are out stores of their choice, looking to get a deal on there in the community. the latest and greatest tchotchke they allegedly can't live without.

the people who would wrestle a neighbour for who actually need them. a slightly cheaper Xbox, ten bucks off the latto hell but ripped just right.

Maybe I'm the odd one out, but generally speaking I've never really seen the point Born almost right in the middle of the of all the Black Friday foofaraw. Perhaps it 1980s, we were able to catch the tail end of would make more sense if Black Friday was the decade, so there's still a point of reference aligned with our own domestic Thanksgiving when we can share in the nostalgia that kids rather than the American Christmas warm-up,

I'm not necessarily beholden to the idea of to find a place in line simply for the privilege Although I hate when people are nostalgic of giving away whatever money just to get the

To date, my one "big" Black Friday purtime" as that's almost invariably a sensa- chase was a good deal on a 32" television set tion created by even the most mildly tinted found at a local grocery store nearly a decade area where there's an element of truth to it: of a portrait of Eartha Kitt, priced to move at a shop within a Toronto movie theatre, was I know, I know, by now we've all proba- my one contribution to this year's effort.

Now, as I write this, we're in the middlehome, sick or otherwise, to last a lifetime, but of-the-day heat on so-called Cyber Monday hear me out on this: who else has very fond and, going by my social media feeds, I see the drive to find deals is as strong a few days

Don't get me wrong; I don't begrudge anywas settling in at 11 a.m. with a nice bowl of one getting a deal, nor do I begrudge any busisoothing soup and a date with Bob Barker as ness for dancing the dance of the seven 50 per he pushed dinette sets, futons, and any num- cent off veils in order to drum up commerce ber of vehicles on people who had the luck to and make up any ground that may have been guess closest to the actual retail price without lost during the pandemic. And, in a time of high inflation, anything that can help stretch

What fascinates me, and not necessarily is sons in class a shockingly and comparatively a positive way, is the two very different pic-

> The position that we write from gives us serve.

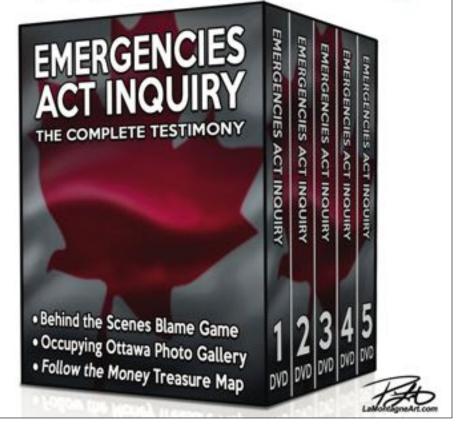
It's no secret that the holidays are a time when food banks and similar services that permarket Sweep which saw people from our help our neighbours make ends meet hurt the side of the border show off their prowess in most. While people are invariably generous at this time of year, the needs are higher than ever before.

> Additionally, now more than ever before, seeing these needs hovering sky-high year-

The images we are bombarded with of in-Blame? I'm talking about a return to some dividuals willing to physically brawl over

Let's hope that those who came out in the dark of night to tap their cards will take a mo-I'm not, of course, talking about the people ment to tap once again if they see a Salvation who were out there tempting the fickle finger Army kettle this year, buy an extra item or of fate by waiting for their chance to take a two to help fill a cruiser parked outside their crack at something that might be essential but favourite grocery store, or donate the "outpreviously financially out of reach, like a new moded" versions of whatever their Black Frirefrigerator or range; rather, I'm referring to day spoils are intended to replace, to people prime ministers come and go. And, while we're at it, in the true spirit of est and greatest game to play on it, or a 75 per Bob Barker, do their bit to help control the cent cut on a pair of jeans that were ripped all pet population by having their pets spayed or neutered

Just in time for Christmas!



Being accountable and staying in touch

by Mark Pavilons

friends.

I have found local councillors and staff to be the most accessible group I have ever encountered in my 30+ years in the journalism business.

Their doors are always open. They always return calls and emails. We work well together.

Kudos to former mayor Thompson and current Mayor Groves, and each and every soul who works to make Caledon the great place it is.

Many residents don't see it, but more than 100 people work behind the scenes the grease the wheels, and keep everything in sync. It's not always easy when faced with ever-changing, conflicting mandates from the Province.

Everyone was put to the test during the pandemic and thankfully, Caledon and its greater community rose to the challenge, came together and kept things running smoothly, in almost seamless fashion.

You can't ask for more.

All of this requires a cohesive and engaged citizenry. Luckily, we have that in spades in Caledon.

There has to be a willingness and enthusiasm for everyone to come together and work as a team. Again, we have that. While you can never please everyone all the time, or even most of the time, it's good to know our residents are solid as rocks.

The mayor, councillors and Town staff are visible and show up at almost every local event. You can't ask for more.

Good lessons for the newcomers on the newly



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I have covered politics and elections in this province for more than 25 years and have seen many mayors, regional chairs, premiers and

Our Readers Write

Open letter to MPP Sylvia Jones

The following paragraph comes from a Toronto Star article by • Althia Raj on Friday, November 25, 2002. It is your response to Marco Mendicino's request that you provide an OPP plan of action for the Ottawa blockades after you and Doug Ford refused • to attend tri-level meetings (municipal, provincial and federal) to discuss such plans. I quote:

"When according to text messages between Liberal staffers, Mendicino asked his Ontario counterpart, then Solicitor-General Sylvia Jones, to provide the federal government with a plan she told him: I don't take edicts from you, you're not my f---ing boss."

At that time and even now, the province is facing many serious issues that impact all citizens of Ontario. Issues such as:

- Health care and the state of our hospitals to cope with the dangerous variety of infections raging through our schools and communities that affect the most vulnerable: children and the elderly. You blame previous governments and the lack of commitment/work ethic of frontline doctors, nurses and medical employees;
- Environmental protections for our greenbelt areas and farmlands. Areas that your government and Doug Ford promised not to touch and now he is;
- Refusal to appear at national inquiries to provide valuable information on possibly reforming the National Emergencies Act that Doug Ford promised to do until he didn't;

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Brock Weir brock@lpcmedia.ca As the above quote suggests, your refusal to provide policing support in the early planning stages of the Ottawa lockdown;

Using strong arm dictatorial (no matter how legal they, they are just wrong) such as the Notwithstanding Clause to trample rights of Ontario citizens. After CUPE, who is next? One of your influential advisors and political strategists said it in one word on CBC's Power and Politics: the teachers.

When confronted to give answers to these concerns your choice and Doug's is to not give those answers, run and hide or act like a teenage school yard bully by defending your actions with "you're not my f---king boss." Such a comment is beneath the dignity and respect not only of the offices you have the privilege to hold, but you owe to your colleagues in other levels of government and the constituents you are elected to serve.

As a voter in Dufferin Caledon, I am "your f---ing boss" and with only 18% of the total voting population voting for you (and 72% not,) you need to act like an adult; an adult who has huge responsibilities to serve the people of Dufferin-Caledon and the rest of Ontario.

When do you and Doug Ford plan to live up to those?

DAVID MCRAE

I have met many councillors, MPs and MPPs and have found the majority to be honest, decent folks, dedicated to their communities.

They say politics is one of the least forgiving professions. Some say the same for journalists!

And yes, it's often true. More often than not, politicians bear the brunt of residents' complaints, challenges, difficulties, strains and hurdles. Sometimes it's misplaced, and others it's bang on.

Citizens today, despite the vast amounts of information at their fingertips, still don't have a full grasp on who does what.

As a refresher, our municipal government collects your property taxes, but only gets to keep a little more than 20%. The lion's share goes to the regional level, and the remainder to the boards of education.

So with less than one-third of your tax dollars, the municipality has to look after local roads, facilities (arenas), trash pickup, fire services, snow removal, local programs, local planning, bylaw enforcement and more.

A portion of our income taxes goes to the provincial government, which looks after education, social services, environment, roads, law enforcement, planning, and more.

The other portion goes to the feds, who administer health, the military, airports, transportation, pensions, unemployment, and more.

Yes, it can be a daunting, complex, multitiered system, but it does work, despite the criticisms.

Politicians at all levels have a code of conducts and are held to very high standards. They easier to work towards even greater efficiency. are always under constant scrutiny.

That being said, our local politicians and **CALEDON** councillors can be our best contacts and best ership you receive.

elected council.

Municipal staffers are the trained experts in their fields and have likely been "den mothers" and hand-holders to our elected officials.

Politicians toss around the terms accountability and transparency, but in our case, they ring true.

I sometimes get a call or email about some "shady" business going on in town, or related to the municipality.

In all my years, I have only seen one or two legitimate cases of breach of trust or wrongdoing by a municipal official.

When it comes to communication, I believe Caledon is very responsive.

A case in point, email today tends to be the most convenient way to reach people, including our politicians.

However, my faith sinks when I get a response saying they are "receiving hundreds of emails daily and we appreciate your patience as we respond to each inquiry."

Hey, I get upwards of 200 emails per day, and I single-handedly go through each and every one of them. I respond almost immediately because I understand deadlines, etc.

Fortunately, I never receive such a note from anyone at Caledon. In fact, most of my inquiries are handled quickly and efficiently. If someone doesn't have the answer, they find someone who does

From my point of view, that's all I can ask for. Is everything perfect? No. Can things be improved? Of course.

But once your "house is in order," it's a lot

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Gemba

Have you ever looked at photos of some far-away tropical beach, or a mountain vista with the peaks mystically pushing out from low lying clouds, and thought, wow, I'd like to see that in person?

Photographs are a great way of showing others some far flung places on the planet, but a photograph doesn't give the experience of actually being there.

A photograph doesn't provide the experience of feeling the sand underneath your feet or the thrilling fear of doing a loop on a roller coaster if you're just looking at a picture.

difference in the world.

Gemba, is a word that originated in Japan, apparently from executives at Toyota, that refers to the during production. experience of actually being at a place.

Gemba means, "the real place" or "the actual place.'

The word has become part of the Japanese lexicon and is used mainly by different professions who use it to describe the fact that they are there and part ing company decisions. of the action.

It has become a popular phrase for Japanese TV reporters who may refer to themselves as "reporting production, and staying up to date so you can comfrom gemba." It is their way of telling their audience pete with other industry competition.

that they are there, on site, at a news story, not just repeating information phoned in by someone else.

Some of the best news stories and photos in history were made by reporters who waited around at an event after other reporters got a quick photo and packed up their gear and left instead of waiting to see what might happen. Those guys were probably kicking themselves later, when their contemporary received a Pulitzer Prize for a photo that was taken because he did spend an extra half-hour at the location and got the photo of a lifetime.

The gemba concept originated in the manufac-Being there, and experiencing it, makes all the turing world. They realized that an executive sitting behind a desk on the tenth floor does not really understand the concept of everything that is going on always done it this way."

> production floor, interact with those people operating the machines, and learn the entire process that job done. goes into manufacturing their product.

This concept made a huge difference when mak-

Keeping on top of new developments in the work place is a huge part of keeping current, increasing

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW

The idea of "we've always done it that way", required to return to the means sooner or later those outdated methods will work place. allow a company to fall behind.

I don't know much about the accounting world, ment but I did know a guy who graduated from university and got a job at a local accounting firm. The com- probably pany had been around for years, and was still run by a pay cheque to surthe same guys who started it.

still using outdated methods from the 1950s.

company ahead by decades, and increase overall ef- thank you for your time, and hire someone who ficiency in the office.

They would have none of that, telling him "we've

They started making the executives go out on the He quit and moved on to a successful company that gether. It also fosters an important part of an used modern more efficient methods of getting the employer/employee and co-worker relation-

> During the pandemic, many people started workury still had to get the job done and produce results. advances in your chosen profession.

A recent business news report released findings of a poll, where nearly half of people currently working from home said they would quit their jobs if ing experience every time.

That's a bold stateconsidering those same people rely on



vive. It may not be so easy to go for another job The new accountant was stunned that they were interview and tell your prospective employer you won't actually be coming into the office He made some suggestions that would move the if hired. They may see the situation differently, is willing to show up at the office.

Company culture is an important part of doing business. It allows you to work with others In the end, he realized things would not change. and exchange ideas and work on projects toships.

Working from home can be a good thing, but ing remotely, usually out of their home. The system after a while, if you do it full time, you're goworked well, to a point, as people who had this lux- ing to be on your own island and missing new

> Gemba - being in the "actual place" is an important part of every job and provides a learn-

How the Grinch Stole the Greenbelt

It seems when it comes to making lists and check- doomed to repeat it. ing them twice, (at least with regard to democracy-denying legislation like Bills 28 and 23) Mr. of them from one street alone where entire homes Ford is better than Santa. It's just too bad his heart is two sizes too small and while his lists do, like Santa's, identify who is naughty and nice, his definition of those two categories, vs. mine, are significantly different. What we both might agree on however, is how nice the colour green is. Actually, come to think of it, we might differ here too. My version of beautiful green is a greenbelt that is STILL green, while his favourite shade of green might more closely resemble a shade that includes a picture of the Queen on it. This is the story of how the Grinch stole the Conservatives whose "Common Sense Revolution" greenbelt and why every, single, one of us should be was anything but. I digress. Returning once more to rhyme was a little off so back to regular sentences wasn't obvious, by developers) under certain cirvery worried indeed.

(and before people knew differently) sometimes thorities Act to enable an authority to acquire lands houses were built where they shouldn't be. Histo- for recreation and conservation purposes and to regry records the consequences, including events such ulate that land for the safety of the community." As as the deadly Hurricane Hazel that took place in a result, we also witnessed the protection of forests 1954. History does this to remind us of what hap- and wetlands and saw more trees planted - each step pens when we don't listen to mother nature and/ playing a significant role in storing runoff and reor look after her appropriately. I believe we may ducing the potential for flooding. The greenbelt and have covered this very topic before but we all know conservation areas flourished, as did the safety of what happens when we ignore history right? We're residents everywhere.

were simply swept away. The devastation it caused, however, served as a "mobilizing force in bringing a regional approach to flood control and water management in Ontario. A more coordinated approach between conservation authorities, local municipalities and the province took form and today these organizations play a significant role in the protection of life and property from natural hazards, such as flooding."

Makes sense to me, but perhaps not so much to history we further note that, "after Hazel, the pro-Many, many years ago in a town not so far away vincial government amended the Conservation Au-

SHERALYN ROMAN TALK CALEDON

No doubt Santa was happy each year as he flew member them, the ones Hurricane Hazel killed 81 people that year, many over beautiful forests and fields delivering gifts to who came into being to Caledon residents. Perhaps the Grinch who stole address the impact of the greenbelt became jealous? Etobicoke might be climate on communities pretty but Caledon, well - Caledon is rolling hills, and the damage (like scenic trailways, hamlets and villages but that meant Hurricane Hazel) it can not many homes could be built upon it.

> "That's not fair!" thought the Grinch and his friends, so they plotted and took away rights, leading those so inclined to petition, protest and fight. Now here we are with no time to waste, hoping to save the greenbelt from McMansions built in haste. and getting serious in our next paragraph.

> meeting of Caledon Town Council called specifically to discuss the impact of Bill 23 on our Town.

We should be worried.

This isn't just about trees and wetlands. It's also about exorbitant taxes, a complete loss of autonomy, an alarming definition of "affordability" and so much more. The Bill will directly reduce the responsibilities of Conservation Authorities - you re-

cause.



The Bill removes the right of appeal in many circumstances and removes the ability to "regulate architectural details and aspects of landscape design," this being not just about making things look pretty but to also function properly and mitigate potential For make no mistake, on this you must agree, Bill damage caused by nature. As well, the Bill reduces 23 doesn't guarantee affordability. OK, that last or eliminates development charges (paid, in case it cumstances which, as I noted last week, impacts a This past Friday was a busy day for me. I attended town's ability to provide amenities like parks, librarmy first ever protest. I also attended the emergency ies, roads and public swimming pools. If developers don't pay development charges, who do you think will now be asked to foot the bill for these "luxuries" we all use? Municipalities across the province will feel the impact on their bottom line and taxpayers are potentially facing hefty tax increases. That's not all.

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Jr. C Northmen honour their own at season end banquet



Northmen award winners are, from left: Hunter Hartley, Most Valuable Defensive player (Team and League); Mac Rahn, Ron McGuire Award - Northmen of the Year; Andrew Wilson, Outstanding Player of the Year. Caden Wasson, Most Valuable Transition Player. Ian Starr, Steve Payne Award - Unsung Hero; Nick Devins, Rookie of the Year; Luke Downard, Most Valuable Offensive Player. PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Orangeville Junior C Northmen celebrated an outstanding season with a banquet to honour their own on Saturday, November 26.

Held at the Orangeville Legion, the banquet gave players, coaches, volunteers, and parents a chance to meet and revel in the accomplishment of winning the Provincial Meredith Cup in their inaugural year as a Junior C Lacrosse Club.

The Northmen won the cup on Aug. 13, in the final game of a best-of-seven championship series with the Clarington Shamrox.

The series went the full distance with the season coming down to one final game to determine the champions. Orangeville won the final game 10-6.

It was the first time a team in the Junior C league had won the championship in their first year as a club.

Northmen general manager Kent Cotton said the fact that Orangeville produces great players that go on to be good coaches in minor lacrosse helps in team building by developing players at a young age.

"It was pretty phenomenal," Kent said of the inaugural season win. "It's never happened before in Junior C Ontario history. It was such an exciting year. There were so many times when we thought we were down and out, there was a few hurdles and fences to jump over."

Originally there was some opposition to having a Junior C team in Orangeville, since it already had a Junior B and Junior A team.

"It all comes down to our minor system," Kent said of the Club's success. "There are kids that have graduated the Juniors and gone back to coach minor teams. Our peewee, bantam, and midget teams are being coached by former junior players instead of someone's dad. That's where it starts. All the kids that are coming up are so prepared to step into the junior level. It's all because there are former players who give back, and come back to coach. There are other organizations telling us that they want to be like Orangeville and get their players to come back and coach."

The Northmen are already working on getting ready for next season.



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Robert's Rant: Canada being knocked out of the World Cup is no failure, it is only the beginning

BY ROBERT BELARDI OPINION

It has been a frustrating week for us Canadian soccer fans.

Canada was knocked out of the World Cup having suffered a 4-1 defeat against Croatia on Sunday and, as we might all be do? feeling the weight of disappointment and anger at the defeat, you might be thinking in the World Cup can accomplish and one this World Cup has been a failure.

many reasons.

was an announcement to other federations around the globe that Canada is on the map. The 36-year wait ended and came a half a soccer ball is placed underneath. to a close four years early, in fact. Many Canadians might have thought that Canada would have had to wait until 2026 to make beside everyone else, it's time to bring in their second appearance in the FIFA World Cup, but thankfully that was not the case.

These players had the chance to gain some World Cup experience, global exposure and the chance to be part of history. opening goal against Croatia he ultimately made Canadian history. He became the goal and that is an incredible accomplishment within itself. Canada also took #2 ranked Belgium to the brink in their openhave received at least a point.

Players such as former Aurora resident Alistair Johnston is on the verge of signing for Scottish giant's Celtic FC. Tajon Buchanan, following his performances, is being scouted by other European Clubs. The biggest thing out of all this is players on this men's national team are making headlines with big clubs around the globe and them, the more there is hope for our youth

Cup comes to Canada for the first time ever in four years. And sets the tone for the future of the sport in this country for years to come.

Now those are accomplishments on the pitch, but what about accomplishments off of the pitch? What else can a World Cup

There are many things that an appearance of them in my opinion is the brand. Canada But I'll tell you what: it is far from it for Soccer. That is what we can change next.

Canada Soccer's current logo, is a varia-For starters, this World Cup appearance tion of the original logo designed in 1974. And it was re-designed in 1997. The maple leaf sits atop of the Canada Soccer text and

> This is the time, in my eyes, for Canada Soccer to do more. If you want your name something appealing and something that will define Canada's identity.

When you think of the French, you think of the rooster. When you think of England, you think of three lions. When you think When Alphonso Davies headered home the of the Welsh, you think of a dragon. Those are identities of those nations. So, I ask, what can Canada do to make sure that we first Canadian to ever score a World Cup have an appealing logo? Maybe the Canada Goose? A beaver? A polar bear? Just throwing out ideas here.

Next is the name. Canada Soccer seems ing match and were hard done by not to bland. What about Canada Soccer Federation, or in French beside that? Something to further dig up the roots of the country's history to showcase to the world. Majority of nations have "federation" in their name. It sounds more professional on all accounts.

Doing something like this will also further motivate Nike – who sponsor this country's kit – to create a kit that is more the more they are scouted and signed by appealing. The nation's kit might seem rather bland or just not taken care of properly. It happens with a lot of nations who Canada can also make history again as don't make the World Cup very often. Just take a look at Croatia's kit from when they made their first World Cup appearance in France in 1998. You'll see what I'm talking about. So, I say to those, one last time, if you believe this World Cup is a failure, it is far from it. Canada Soccer has a lot of work to do. They've put the team on the pitch and that is an amazing start. But now there is more to do. Let's enhance the Canadian brand and let's solidify an identity on who this nation wants to be.

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they took on Morocco earlier this week, seeking out their very first World Cup win.

In our country's second ever appearance in the world's most famous tournament, I'm not sure where this is even close to being a failure. It is an incredible success story that sets the tone for when the World



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Dufferin women sparkle during business awards gala

BY JAMES MATTHEWS LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Women in the Dufferin County business community shone at the Sparkle Awards Gala after a pandemic-caused shutdown of the in-person event.

This year was the 11th edition of the event to recognize the contributions of women to the local community. Hosted by the Dufferin Women in Business organization, award recipients were announced during an evening gala November 24 at the Monora Park Pavilion.

The event was also a means to mark the two-decade anniversary of the Dufferin Women in Business organization.

The annual woman of influence is a woman in the Dufferin business community who has used her skills and influence to promote committed to high geville. standards and ethics

in her business prac- tor of the year is a tice. Newly

the 2022 Woman of ence to lend a hand to Influence.

Life. At the time of nomination, volunteer.

the year is a woman ment of others and the community.

Bobbi Ferguson, who volunteers with the Rotary Club of Shelburne, Shelburne Christmas Hampers, and Mobile Seniors Market received the Volun-

local businesses, es- teer of the Year Award pecially those run by sponsored by Oxygen women and remains Yoga & Fitness Oran-

The county's menwoman in the Dufferin minted business community Orangeville Mayor deemed to have used Lisa Post was named her skills and experi-

entrepreneurs and new The award was and growing businesssponsored by Nada es to increase their St. Germain-Neo- likelihood of success. Terry Doel of Lav-Post ender Blue Catering

was a Town Council- got kudos for Menlor and a community tor of the Year. That award was sponsored The volunteer of by Hereward Farms.

The networker of in the Dufferin busi- the year is a woman ness community who who participates in loparticipates on a vol- cal networking groups unteer basis at local and events and undercharities, non-profit stands that building reorganizations, and lationships with others events for the better- is the key to success.

Nanci Malek at the

Museum of Dufferin earned the Networker of the Year Award, sponsored by Town of Orangeville.

Teena Avery, chairperson of the Dufferin Women in Business, said the awards were last given in-person in 2019 before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Subsequent editions were online affairs.

The award process begins with nominations. The nominees then submit answers to three or four questions for blind judging by a voting committee of a handful of people.

The submissions from nominees are numbered and their names are redacted before the committee

votes.

Avery said there is a misconception that stems from use of the word sparkle in the awards' moniker. It isn't that the awards are for women and women like things that sparkle, she said.

"Some may even take offence to the name of the award and event based on this misconception," Avery said. "The truth is that all humans sparkle."

She said the name is a symbolic meaning of prosperity, strength, harmony, purity and peace.

From the organization's website: "We encourage everyone to be the diamond in their rough and be the best they can be."

Pizza Nova partners with SickKids Foundation to share the love this holiday season

BY MARK PAVILONS

A large retail chain is teaming up with Toronto's SickKids Foundation, kicking off the love this holiday season.

Pizza Nova, with a store in Bolton, just launched the start of a two-year partnership with SickKids Foundation.

To help share the love this holiday season, the pizza company has created a limited-edition vespa ornament to honour its Italian roots, proceeds of which will go to SickKids Foundation.

With a goal of raising over \$15,000, Pizza Nova has made these ornaments available at all participating Pizza Nova locations, while quantities last.

Community is a pillar for Pizza Nova and making a difference is important to the Primucci family, not only this holiday season but throughout the year. Giving back to the community is one of Pizza Nova's core values and is important to its business and customers.

"The holiday season is a time for love, family, and the joy that children

bring. We are proud to be a partner of SickKids Foundation and want to share the love this holiday season," said Domenic Primucci, President of Pizza Nova. "Our franchisees are happy to support this campaign and give these brave kids the care they deserve."

Funds will go to SickKids Foundation to help build a new state-of-the-art hospital and patient support buildings, continue breakthrough research, and build partnerships across the country.

"We are so grateful to Pizza Nova and its customers for joining our fight to improve children's health and for standing behind us," said Stacey Robinson, Director of Cause Marketing, at SickKids Foundation. "We're building a new SickKids and we can't do that alone. It is through partnerships like Pizza Nova's that SickKids is able to make an impact on children's health."

The Limited-Edition ornament can be purchased in all participating Pizza Nova locations and online at pizzanova. com.



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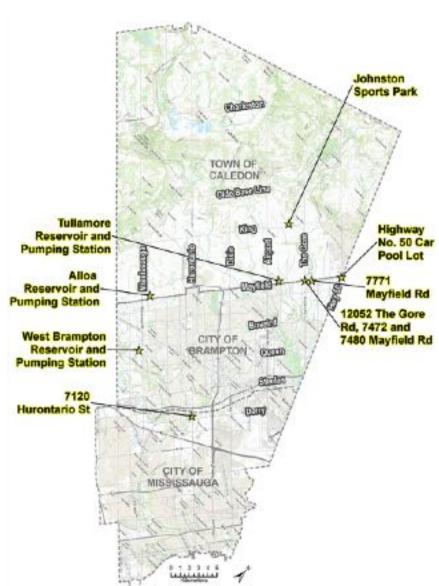
NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT AND PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE **Snow Storage Sites Analysis and Conceptual Design Project**

Background:

The Region of Peel has begun a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate snow storage opportunities at selected Region of Peel (and one Town of Caledon) owned properties. The snow storage sites identified will provide near and long-term snow storage solutions that are environmentally sound and acceptable for the Region and its area municipalities.

Process:

In accordance with the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) Class EA document (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015) snow storage facilities are "Schedule A" or pre-approved projects. However, the Region is following a Schedule B Municipal Class EA planning framework for this study to allow for the evaluation of snow storage siting



Talk Caledon

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The Bill also amends the Ontario Land Tribunal Act, 2021, giving it the power to dismiss a proceeding WITHOUT a hearing! Why? Like bullies everywhere, the answer might as well be, "Because I said so!" It may even decide to grant "the power to order an unsuccessful party to pay a successful party's costs." So, if the Town of Caledon, or even, perhaps, a resident, chose to dispute how a parcel of land was being developed by one of the large developers who rather conveniently own land in the greenbelt (and who I think it is fair

to say have plenty of green pictures of the Queen) not only might they see their case summarily dismissed but they'll have to pay for the privilege too.

Finally, apart from the flagrant disregard for the greenbelt and the flagrant coincidences of land ownership in areas that were just days ago of very little monetary value, what really bothers me according to our own town staff's estimates is what constitutes "affordability" under the act.

Prior to the bill passing, an affordable house in 2021 (considered "new ownership housing") was \$610,370. Affordable housing uses the definition of the percentage of household income spent on housing costs and in 2021 that meant just 16% of new housing was considered affordable. That's appalling.

Under Bill 23, the definition of affordability now relies on "average market pricing or average market rents," which are pretty "realistic" right now (where is that sarcasm font when I need it?) Further, it defines affordability as "affordable to high-income households," because that's most of us, right? For Caledon, this means an affordable home is now one priced at \$1,179,229! According to this formula, the percentage of new housing in Caledon now considered to be affordable is 56%! Sure it is. If you think this sounds realistic by any stretch of the imagination, I've a mountain top dwelling formerly occupied by a Grinch that you might be interested in purchasing.

Mr. Ford's motto has long been "getting things done." At least the things he wants to get done. Bill 124 may never be open to debate, repealed or otherwise amended to pay nurses a living wage but quashing the right to strike or paving over the greenbelt? Done and done! What's that you say? By banding together, unions were able to stop Bill 28 in its tracks? Now is the time for ALL of us to band together to save our greenbelt. This isn't about affordable housing, it never was. Infill development projects, reducing red tape to allow for multi-family homes in neighbourhoods and building more apartments are good things AND don't require the greenbelt to be decimated in the process. This is about another shade of green altogether and if we don't stand up to the Greenbelt Grinch now, it's entirely possible history will repeat itself in the form of death and destruction later and there's nothing affordable about that.

opportunities in consultation with key stakeholders, regulatory agencies, and the public.

Your Input is Important:

The study including conceptual designs is expected to be completed in Spring 2023. One virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held to present the findings of the EA study and provide opportunities to give feedback to the project team. The PIC will be a narrated video to present the snow storage sites considered and planning process. Once the study is complete, results may be published in a Project File Report and made available for public review and comment. Facility design and construction of preferred snow storage facilities is to be determined by the Region on an individual basis.

Public Information Centre

Content available starting December 8th, 2022 at: www.peelregion.ca/pw/transportation/construction/environmental-assessment/snow-storage-sites

Contact the Team:

Your input is important to the study. To provide comments, be added to the mailing list or to receive further information about the study, please contact:

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For more information on this study please visit the Region's website at: https://www.peelregion.ca/pw/transportation/construction/environmental-assessment/snow-storage-sites.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.

This notice was first issued on December 1st, 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.

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OBITUARIES

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CARLOS C. FREWIN

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Carlos C. Frewin, on November 19, 2022, at the age of 77, at Brampton Civic Hospital. He will be loved and cherished forever by his wife and best friend, Janice (Wojcik). Dear brother of Dennis (wife Janina), father of Gregg (wife Amanda) and Daniel, and, grandfather of Jack, Julia, Joel and Lucas. He is predeceased by his parents Dennis and Eleeta (Hagar) Frewin of Bobcaygeon, and will be fondly remembered by his niece Christine, nephew Dennis, friends and colleagues.



Carlos was a learning and development specialist, and an accomplished presenter, with extensive experience in business and education. He followed a lifetime interest in helping people learn and succeed in different learning environments. He received bachelor degrees from both the University of Western Ontario and University of Waterloo, a teaching certificate at the Ontario College of Education, and, a Master of Arts and a Doctorate in Education at the University of Toronto.

Carlos began his career in education as an Associate Professor at the University of Saskatchewan. He moved on to Confederation College in Thunder Bay where he led the development of one of the first distance education programs in the community college system in Ontario.

Moving into the private sector, Carlos held roles including Director of Training & Development at Motorola Information Systems, Director of Senior Management & Executive Development at Noranda Inc., and, Managing Partner at InLearn Inc.

Later in his career, Carlos returned to his first love of teaching and joined Humber College in 2003 to assist with curriculum development for the first degree program offered by Humber. As a professor, driven by his dedication to student success, he was a co-author of POWER Learning, Strategies for Success in Higher Education and Life (Third Canadian Edition).

Following his retirement from Humber, Carlos joined the Board of Directors of Caledon Meals on Wheels in 2013 and was instrumental in helping the organization successfully achieve Accreditation in 2016. He served as the longtime Chair of the Governance Quality and Risk Management Committee, and Board President from 2018-2020. In 2020 Carlos received a Town of Caledon Community & Social Services Recognition Award for his leadership and extraordinary contribution to Caledon Meals on Wheels and the Caledon community.

Carlos was a gifted person, a thought leader with keen insights into people and situations, with a laugh and presence that could fill a room. He loved sailing, exploring new places and over the years working on his sailboat or around the house. Most importantly he loved his wife Jan, his family and his dogs (golden retrievers Emma and current daily furcompanion Stella), and cared deeply for his friends and people he worked with. His grit and sense of humour helped him face numerous health issues over the past few years with courage and strength. He was truly one of a kind and will be missed a great deal.

Special thank you to the Complex Care Clinic at Peel Memorial Hospital and his team of specialists for their compassion and care

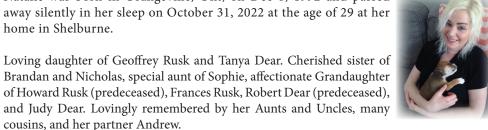
The family will receive their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Friday, December 2 from one o'clock until time of memorial service in the chapel at 2 o'clock.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Caledon Meals on Wheels or the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada would be appreciated.

NATALIE ANN MARGARET RUSK

Natalie was born in Orangeville, Ont, on Dec 8, 1992 and passed away silently in her sleep on October 31, 2022 at the age of 29 at her home in Shelburne.

cousins, and her partner Andrew.



Natalie was a loving, caring, giving soul. She loved hiking in the outdoors, and was artistic, creating her own homemade cards for her friends and family. Natalie loved working at Shannon's in Shelburne and will sadly be missed by all her co-workers and many friends. We will all miss her generous, affectionate warm hugs and kisses and her beautiful smile. Natalie will be in our hearts and thoughts forever.

> A ray of sunshine came and went... A beautiful treasure only lent...

WILLIAM MCDONALD HENDERSON

Peacefully at Crescent Hill Retirement Home, Brampton on Saturday, November 26, 2022, Bill Henderson, at the age of 90 years, beloved husband of the late Violet Henderson (nee Irvine). Loving father of Bill and predeceased by Jean. Cherished grandfather of Rory. Dear brother of Ruby Evans and the late George Henderson and Nancy Dempster. The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 o'clock and on Wednesday, November 30 from one o'clock until time of funeral service in the chapel at 2 o'clock. Interment Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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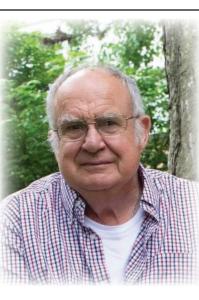


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Born March 25 1948 in Brightlingsea, England, Mike passed away suddenly on November 29, 2022 at Headwaters Hospital, while awaiting a bed in long term care.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 48 years, Lorna, his children Christopher (Melissa) and Angela (Brad).

He was the very proud poppa of Ayden, Jonas, Chloe-Jade, Brinlea, Courtney and Liam, and super proud great poppa of Kinsley and Tristan.

He loved all these kids so much.

He loved watching the World Cup Soccer and of course his beloved Leafs.

Friends and family will be received at Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, 318 Main Street, Shelburne on Saturday December 3rd, between the hours of 1-4pm.

Private family interment at a later date. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

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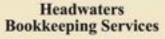


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SEVEN DRIVERS CHARGED

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"On November 26, 2022, at approximately 9:15 p.m., members of Caledon OPP were conducting a RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot check in the Belfountain area as part of the Festive RIDE campaign. At that time, a vehicle approached the location and turned around to avoid the officers. An officer followed and stopped the vehicle a short distance away. Since the officer suspected the driver's ability to be impaired by alcohol, a breath sample into an ASD was requested. As a result, the driver was arrested for impaired operation of a motor vehicle and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment where further breath tests were conducted."

Asad Khan, 48, of Mississauga, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Drive motor vehicle, no currently validated

The charges have not been proven.

"On November 27, 2022, at approximately 12:52 a.m., officers responded to a report of an abandoned vehicle partially blocking the roadway in the area of Dixie Road and Olde Base Line Road. Once officers arrived, grounds were formed that the driver's ability to operation a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested for impaired operation. The driver was transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment where breath tests were conducted."

Jesse Hammand, 20, of Orangeville, was changed with:

- Operation while impaired blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Operation while impaired alcohol The charges have not been proven.

"Lastly, on November 27, 2022, at approximately 1:58 p.m., Caledon OPP officers responded a vehicle in the ditch on Horseshoe Hill Road, near Beech Grove Side Road. Officers formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol, therefore, Strategy). arrested the driver for impaired operation and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment in October, named Project Maverick, were anwhere breath tests were conducted."

Harpreet Aujla, 33, of Caledon, was changed with:

- Operation while impaired blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Operation while impaired alcohol
- The charges have not been proven.

The above six drivers are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on a later date to answer to the charges. Their vehicles were impounded for a period of seven days and driver's licences suspended for 90 days.

"Lastly, on November 27, 2022, at approximately 12:24 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on Boston Mills Road, near Dixie Road, to ensure the driver was in compliance with the Ignition Interlock Program. Since it was suspected that the driver's ability to operation a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol, a breath sample into an ASD was requested. As a result, the driver was arrested for impaired operation of a motor vehicle and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment where additional breath tests were conducted."

As a result of the investigation, Stephen Grossi, 32, of Wasaga Beach, was charged with:

Operation while Prohibited under the Criminal Code

The charges have not been proven.

The vehicle was impounded for a period of 45 days. The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on a later date to answer to the charges.

OCTOBER CHILD EXPLOITATION **NUMBERS SHARED BY 27 POLICE SERVICES**

Hundreds of charges have been laid across Ontario, a snapshot of the work done by investigators and analysts that make up the Provincial Strategy to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation on the Internet (Provincial The results of the investigations completed

nounced in a video release showcasing members of the Provincial Strategy. During the month, the 27 policing partners conducted 255 investigations, completed 168 search warrants and seized 1,032 devices. In total, 428 charges were laid against 107 people. During the investigations, 61 victims were identified and referred to appropriate community-based resources for assistance, while an additional 60 children were safeguarded. There are 175 ongoing investigations where additional charges may be laid.

The Provincial Strategy includes two ministries (Attorney General and Solicitor General) and 27 participating police agencies: Barrie, Belleville, Brantford, Chatham-Kent, Cornwall, Durham, Greater Sudbury, Guelph, Halton, Hamilton, Kingston, London, Niagara, North Bay, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Ottawa, Peel, Peterborough, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay, Timmins, Toronto, Waterloo, Windsor, Woodstock and York.

Additional partners that participated in these investigations included OPP Digital Forensics, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Canada Border Services Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Homeland Security. The BOOST Child and Youth Advocacy Centre, the Children's Aid Society and the Canadian Centre

for Child Protection provided victims' support and education.

Since the Provincial Strategy began in 2006, it has completed 65,564 investigations and laid 24,608 charges against 6,540 people. A total of 3,470 victims have been identified worldwide.

The investigations continue and anyone with information on these or any child exploitation investigations are asked to contact their local police. Report any instances of online child abuse to police or cybertip.ca. If a child is being harmed, call 9-1-1.

"These numbers are shocking, but they provide hope by showing the lengths our teams are willing to go to protect children," said OPP Chief Superintendent Kari Dart, OPP Investigation and Support Bureau. "I would like to express gratitude for the hard work of the Provincial Strategy members, and our partners, in keeping children in this province safe and holding those who want to harm them accountable."

Added OPP Detective Sergeant Jamie King, Provincial Strategy Lead: "The work done by the Provincial Strategy members take us to some of the darkest corners of society and exposes the horrific crimes committed every day against children. This is not a crime that can be combatted by our members alone and we ask that everyone out there recognize the importance they play in protecting children. Report these crimes, remain vigilant and educate yourself."



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