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Bolton Santa Claus Parade brings Christmas cheer to Caledon

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BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Early in the morning on Saturday, December 3, it was cold, rainy, and windy — not the best conditions for a Santa Claus parade.

But by 11 a.m., when the 49th Bolton Santa Claus Parade began, the weather had cleared up and the sun even came out for parts of the holiday procession.

The parade began at Highway 50 and Queensgate Boulevard and traveled North

on Highway 50 until its completion near the Cenotaph on Bolton's North Hill.

Spectators young and old lined the streets of Bolton to watch the parade go by, cheering and waving to the approximately 40 different parade entrants. There was a full slate of bands in the parade playing Christmas music that got people in good spirits. There were dance troupes, martial artists, local sports teams, local businesses and more participating in the festivities.

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves was part

of the parade, handing out candy alongside Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli, Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa, and Regional Councillor, Wards 4, 5 and 6 Mario Russo.

Caledon's local politicians were one of the many groups handing out holiday treats to the excited parade-watchers. While lots of candy was given out, food was donated too as Scouts went down the parade route collecting donations to the food bank.

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Lifeguard shortage could impact community services

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Town of Caledon is set to implement a pilot project that aims to address a shortage of lifeguards and swim instructors.

At Caledon Council's December 6 General Committee meeting, Caledon's Supervisor of Community Programs and Services, Kathleen Prochilo, brought forward a report suggesting the Town implement an "Aquatic Leadership Pilot Project."

In the report, Prochilo said there's a national aquatic staff shortage that's impacting the ability of municipalities to provide the aquatic programs and services people are used to. She said current staffing levels in Caledon could result in aquatic facility closures as soon as Winter 2023.

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Local pet calendars for sale, proceeds benefit Caledon Animal Services

Calendar features pets from all across Caledon

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Animal lovers and fans of physical calendars might want to consider buying the first ever edition of the Town of Caledon Animal Services Calendar for 2023.

It's on sale now at Caledon's Town Hall, Animal Shelter, Libraries, Recreation Centers and select local pet stores and veterinary clinics for \$20, with all proceeds going to the Town of Caledon's Animal Services Donation Fund.

The fund supports veterinary care and specialized surgeries, the purchase of medications, purchase of items for animal enrichment and care, spaying and neutering adoption animals, specialized animal diets and care, promoting awareness through education and outreach programs, and making improvements to Caledon's shelter facility.

Earlier this year, Caledon residents were asked to submit pictures of their pet to the Town along with the pet's name and community it lives in. These pictures were used to make the calendar, which, in addition to being a valuable fundraising tool, also serves as a tool for creating awareness of animal services, promoting animal health and safety, and promoting responsible pet ownership.

In a media release, Mayor Annette Groves said it's great to see Caledon residents' pets featured in a calendar. "A big thank you to our Animal Services Team for their commitment to keeping pets safe, healthy and for championing responsible pet ownership. Thank you to all the Caledon residents that submitted photos of their pets," said Groves.

Caledon's Town Clerk and Director of Corporate Services Laura Hall said the calendar will help support Caledon's animal shelter and programs immensely. She



Ronnie was one of the many beautiful pets whose owners sent in their picture for a chance to be featured in the Town of Caledon Animal Services 2023 Pet Calendar

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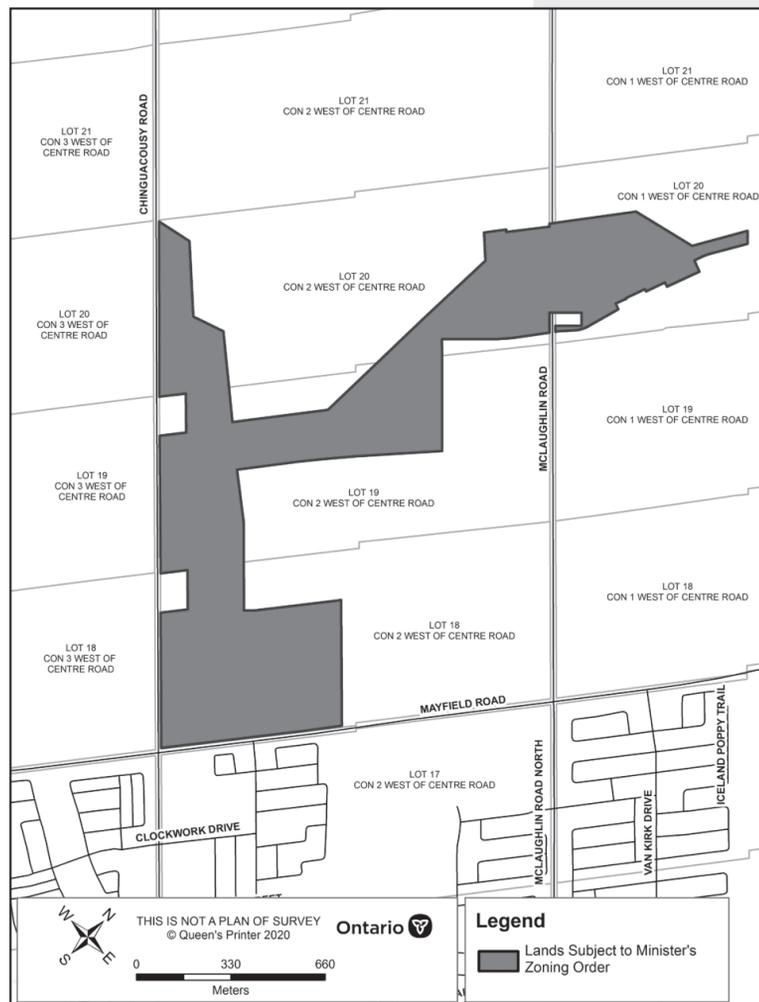
Notice of Ontario Regulation 514/22 (Zoning Order Amendment – Town of Caledon)

Take notice that on November 4, 2022, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing filed a Zoning Order Amendment, made pursuant to clause 47(1)(a) of the *Planning Act*, with the Registrar of Regulations as Ontario Regulation (O. Reg.) 514/22. The Town of Caledon requested that the Minister consider making this Zoning Order Amendment.

O. Reg. 362/20, as amended by O. Reg. 514/22, facilitates the development of a mixed-use community, with residential and commercial uses.

A Zoning Order regulates the use of land and the erection, location and use of any buildings or structures on the land. O. Reg. 514/22 applies the Town of Caledon's zoning requirements for the Residential Two – Exception 614 Zone, as set out in Zoning By-law 2006-50, to the Low-Density Residential Zone, outlined in Reference Map 244.

O. Reg. 362/20, as amended, applies to approximately 101 hectares of land located in the community of Mayfield West in the Town of Caledon. For illustrative purposes, the lands are shown in the map below.



A copy of O. Reg. 514/22 may be viewed on the province's e-Laws website: www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r22514

Alternatively, you may request a copy of the regulation by contacting:

Luke Fraser, Manager, Community Planning and Development (Planning Projects Implementation Team) by phone at 437-227-8793, or alternatively, by email at Luke.Fraser@ontario.ca.

Arrangements can also be made to view a copy of the regulations at the following locations:

Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing
Municipal Services Office – Central Ontario
777 Bay Street, 16th Floor, Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

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thanked those who worked on the calendar, and said it's a "pawfect" gift for the holidays.

Brenda Dermott, Caledon's Supervisor of Animal Services, said she hopes the calendar filled with local pets will be enjoyed by Caledon residents. Stephanie Rose is part of Caledon's Animal Services team and said in an interview the team is always looking for new ways to engage with the community and spread awareness about the Caledon animal shelter's programs and services.

"We thought the creation of a Calendar that would feature local pets would be a really fun and exciting way to make that happen," said Rose. "We're hoping if it goes

well to make it into an annual project."

Dermott and Rose said it was really hard to narrow all the submissions to the calendar to 13 finalists, as there were so many great pet pictures sent in. Rose said she thinks every animal services staff member had a different favourite submission, which didn't make the process any easier. She noted the team tried to include a variety of different kinds of pets which did help them to narrow it down a bit.

"We had a lot of interest with submissions so we're hoping we'll get a lot of interest with sales as well," said Rose.

In total, 750 calendars have been made and Dermott and Rose hope to sell out of them by late January.

Town of Caledon's 2023 Budget process begins with resident survey

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon residents interested in the Town's finances will want to participate in the Town of Caledon's 2023 budget survey that's now open.

The survey is being conducted online on Caledon's public engagement website, haveyoursaycaledon.ca and will remain open until January 3, 2023, when Caledon's 2023 proposed budget will be re-

leased.

On January 10, presentations on the proposed budget will be held and on January 18 there will be a budget question and answer session with Town of Caledon staff. On February 7, Caledon Council will deliberate on the 2023 budget before making a final decision on it at its February 28 meeting.

In addition to filling out the Town's budget survey, the Town is encouraging residents to attend and participate in budget council meetings, view budget documents and presentations on haveyoursaycaledon.ca, and ask any questions they may have to Town staff.

Myuran Palasandiran is Caledon's Director of Finance and Chief Financial Officer, and explained in a media release that the Town's budget sets out what services are provided and how it will deliver them.

"We are currently preparing Caledon's 2023 Budget for the Town and will benefit from understanding what's important to residents and businesses," said Palasandiran.

Caledon's budget supports the daily operations of the Town as well as services such as parks and recreation, community events, fire and emergency services, by-law enforcement, infrastructure, climate change programs, libraries, and more.

Mayor Annette Groves says she encourages all residents and businesses in Caledon to participate in the survey as it will help Council better understand Caledon residents' priorities and make informed decisions.

"We are working towards a prosperous and sustainable Caledon knowing growth and other challenges are ahead with new legislation and rising costs," says Groves.

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Town to pilot project allowing seniors club to use rooms for free at Community Centre

Southfields Village Seniors Club needs a warm place to socialize in the winter months

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Southfields Village Seniors Club will be able to continue to gather in the winter months.

The Southfields Village Seniors Club (SVSC) is an affiliate group of the Town and when the weather's warm they spend many days socializing outside at the parks in the Southfields Village and Anthem neighbourhoods.

The Town considers the club to be great stewards of their local parks, as they clean up garbage, report maintenance issues, and are a deterrent to illegal activity. The club is also known for hosting an annual seniors' picnic.

When the weather turns cold, it's challenging for the SVSC to gather outside but the club is too large to meet at any one member's house. Additionally, it would be too expensive for the club to rent a room to meet in daily, which is why the club requested free room use from the Town.

The Town of Caledon is set to implement a pilot project where the SVSC can use any one of the three meeting rooms at

the Southfields Community Centre for free from January 1 to April 30.

The club will be able to use the rooms between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays, provided the room they use isn't already booked.

During the pilot project, Town of Caledon staff will track the SVSC's frequency and hours of use of rooms at the Southfields Community Centre. Staff will also track participation rates and use all of the data they collect to determine if the pilot project should be rolled out all across Caledon.

The pilot was brought to Caledon Council at its December 6 General Committee meeting, where a report on it was submitted by Caledon's Director of Community Services Heather Savage.

At the meeting, Savage also delivered a presentation on the pilot project and other community services items.

In Savage's report, she notes that the pilot project is in line with a 2015 Town of Caledon recreation plan that encourages the Town to maintain flexibility and create and deliver programs that meet the unique needs of each community in Caledon.

There would be no financial impact on the Town for the SVSC to use the rooms at the Southfields Community Centre, since club members would only be using a room if it was not rented out already.

Ward 4 Councillor Nick deBoer asked Savage at the meeting for a little more clarification on the pilot, specifically if there

was any structured programming in place. Savage explained there is no structured programming in place; just use of a room for the SVSC to gather like they would in a park.

deBoer then asked why the program needed to be formalized since he said it's not too different to people just gathering in a community centre lobby, which does not require insurance.

While in the pilot there would be no charge for use of the rooms, the SVSC would still need its own insurance coverage. Savage explained the SVSC would be renting the room for zero dollars and a contract would be created, hence the need for insurance.

Savage noted drop-in programs that did not require insurance were tried in the past

but were not successful. deBoer said later in the meeting he thinks the program will be a success and can expand across Caledon, and encouraged Town staff to see if there's any way they can make it so groups like the SVSC do not need insurance to meet as described in the pilot project.

Mayor Annette Groves thanked Savage for bringing the pilot project to Council and said it's so important to bring seniors together. She said during the pandemic, isolation impacted seniors' mental and physical health, and that the social part of the new pilot project is extremely important.

Council unanimously voted in favour of implementing the pilot project at its General Committee meeting, and the project is recommended for final approval at Council's December 13 meeting.

Humane Society trying to help animals with holiday adoption campaign

BY PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society is trying to help all animals find their forever home this holiday season with a new pilot project that's part of their annual holiday adoption campaign.

The pilot project, called Adopt-it-Forward, looks to find loving homes for animals overlooked during adoption due to age or special needs, by giving donors the opportunity to pay the adoption fee for an animal.

"You can bring joy to animals in need this holiday season by making a donation to help give them the second chance they deserve," said Dawn Lyons, manager for the Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre. "As a registered charity, the Ontario SPCA depends on the generosity of donors to provide care and shelter to animals in need as they wait for a family to adopt them."

The new adoption pilot project is part of the Ontario SPCA's iAdopt for the Holidays campaign, which looks to find loving homes for as many animals as possible at Ontario SPCA animal centres across the province during the holiday season.

With many people enjoying time off during the holidays and being home together as a family, the SPCA said it is the perfect time to welcome an animal into your life.

According to the Ontario SPCA, last year close to 600 animals from across the province found loving homes during the iAdopt for the Holidays campaign.

Individuals who have already adopted an animal can help by promoting the benefits of adoption by entering Ontario's Cutest Adopted Animal Photo Contest. Participants will be eligible to win weekly prizes, as well as a grand prize awarded to the pet with the most votes. Pet photos can be en-

tered and voted on at www.iadopt.ca.

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society's, iAdopt for the Holidays campaign will run until Dec.25.

To change an animal's life during the iAdopt for the Holidays campaign, visit www.iadopt.ca.



NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

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 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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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:

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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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CHILD PORNOGRAPHY INVESTIGATION

Members of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Child Sexual Exploitation Unit (CSEU), Dufferin County Detachment and Digital Forensic Investigators have arrested and charged a Shelburne resident following an online child sexual abuse investigation.

“On November 30, 2022, investigators executed a search warrant at a Shelburne residence where multiple electronic devices were seized for analysis,” say Police. “As a result of this investigation, Jacob Costante, 28-years-old, was arrested and charged with Possession of Child Pornography contrary to section 163.1(4) of the Criminal Code.”

The accused appeared in a bail hearing and was released on numerous conditions.

The charge has not been proven. “Children are our most valuable and precious members of society. Many victims of child sexual abuse are so young that they cannot tell their story. Every time an image or video depicting that abuse is shared, that child is re-victimized. Members of the OPP CSEU will continue to pursue individuals who exploit children on the Internet.

“Anyone wanting to make a difference is encouraged to go to protectchildren.ca and download the ‘Child Sexual Abuse - It Is Your Business’ brochure from the Canadian Center for Child Protection. This is an important first step that can save a child.”

Parents are reminded to take a proactive approach to help protect their children from online sexual exploitation by speaking with their children regarding Internet safety.

Parents and anyone interested in protect-

ing children can find resources to assist them at cybertip.ca.

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

POLICE WARN OF PORCH PIRATES

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are reminding online shoppers to protect themselves this holiday season.

“There’s no doubt online shopping makes finding that perfect gift easier, but it’s also made it easier for thieves to steal your purchases right from your doorstep,” say Police. “The good news is that you don’t have to be a victim if you follow a few simple steps aimed at sending the porch pirate away empty-handed:

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- Ship the package to a trusted neighbour or relative who will be home;
- Arranged to have packages delivered to your workplace - if able;
- Track your delivery online so you know when they’re slated to arrive and plan to be home when the package is delivered;
- Install video cameras and post signage to indicate surveillance is in effect;
- Request the package be left out of sight at a rear or side door;
- Choose in-store or curbside pickup;
- Shop locally and help retailers in your area.

“If packages are stolen from your home, please be sure to report the incident to your local police and the company that delivered your purchase. Reporting the crime gives police valuable information about potential theft trends in your area. If investigators know there’s a problem, police can dedicate resources to problem areas.”

To contact your local OPP detachment, call 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at

1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

IMPAIRED CHARGES

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) charged a driver with impaired operation following a single vehicle collision investigation in the Town of Mono.

“On December 6, 2022, shortly after 7:30 p.m., officers from Dufferin OPP responded to a report of a single vehicle roll-over on the 20th Sideroad in Mono,” say Police. “Officers located the driver and vehicle and were led into an impaired operation investigation. The lone driver was transported by ambulance to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.”

As a result, Akashdeep Dhillon, 21, of Melancthon, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Novice driver - B.A.C. above zero
- Fail to remain

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville in January 2023, to answer to the charges. Their driver’s licence was suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for a period of seven days.

The charges have not been proven. If you suspect an impaired driver, call 9-1-1.

The Dufferin OPP reminds motorist to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, ride-share, public transit or stay overnight. Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impact your ability to make sound judgements. In a split second you could ruin your future, injure or kill others, and tear a hole in the heart of everyone who loves you.

Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestopperssdm.com.

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Mayfield United Church celebrating completion of stained-glass windows

First window was completed in 1984

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Mayfield United Church has been a spiritual home since 1842, when it was built on land donated by a man named Patrick Speirs.

In 1984, 142 years later, the first stained glass window was installed at the local place of worship.

The first window is entitled “Christ Blessing the Children” and was donated in memory of a child.

This spirit of donation has continued over the years, with many families of the Mayfield United Church donating windows in memory of their loved ones.

Now, as of this summer, every single window at the church is stained-glass art.

Church member Gary Shaw said it’s an amazing moment for the church and that it is truly beautiful to see all the windows finished. The windows tell the story of Jesus Christ, from his birth all the way through until his death.

Shaw said every window at Mayfield United Church was created by Robert McCausland Limited, the oldest stained-glass company in the western hemisphere and longest continuously family-owned company in Canada.

Robert McCausland Limited was founded in 1856 by Joseph McCausland and fifth-generation McCausland, Andrew, has led the company since 1977.

To celebrate the completion of the stained-glass windows, the Mayfield United Church is inviting the community to its annual Christmas Cantata, where its choir will perform for those in attendance.

A cantata is a medium-length narrative piece of music for voices with instrumental accompaniment, typically with solos, chorus, and orchestra. Mayfield Church is located at 12496 Dixie Road and the cantata will be performed at 3 p.m. on December 18.

“The first three stained glass windows at Mayfield United Church were installed in 1984 and now

in 2022, the last two windows have been installed to complete the series depicting the life of Christ,” reads a history of the Church shared to the Citizen by Shaw. “Thank you to all the families who have dedicated windows in memory of loved ones. It is great to see the project that was started 38 years ago now completed.”



Stained glass windows at Mayfield United Church. PHOTOS COURTESY OF GARY SHAW



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Council recommends approval of 2023 Caledon OPP budget

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon Council is in support of the local police force's budget for the upcoming year.

At Council's December 6 General Committee meeting, Caledon OPP Detachment Commander MaryLouise Kearns made a presentation to Council on the Caledon OPP's 2023 budget and 2024-2026 projections.

In her presentation, Kearns said the Caledon OPP are projected to have received 33,118 calls for service by the end of 2022. That's slightly less than the 35,028 calls local police received in 2021, when

there was a large jump in calls from the years prior where calls hovered in and around the 24,000 range.

Kearns noted that priorities of the Caledon OPP for 2023 are traffic safety, effective community engagement, and property and violent crime reduction.

In 2022, the approved budget for the Caledon OPP was \$13,155,612, a 2.29 per cent increase over the previous year. For 2023, the Caledon OPP are suggesting that Council approve a \$13,530,663 budget, a 2.85 per cent increase from 2022.

Kearns explained the Caledon OPP are proposing three new capital

projects for 2023.

The first is to increase the size of the Caledon OPP parking lot in Caledon East for staff, patrol vehicles and visitors at a cost of about \$835,000. The second is the finalization of a secure facility for OPP seizures and storage, which will see the facility be fitted with solar panels to the tune of about \$176,000. The final capital project is the creation of a master plan to address current and future policing needs as Caledon grows rapidly in the coming years; this plan has a total budget of \$100,000.

According to Kearns' presenta-

tion, the OPP's reserve fund has sufficient balance to support the police forces' 2023 capital projects.

A Town of Caledon staff report on the Caledon OPP's proposed budget recommended that Council support the OPP's budget, noting that the 2.85 per cent budget increase requested was less than the 3.7 per cent increase the police force had previously forecasted. In their report, Town Staff explained the increase in the budget mostly comes from an increase in policing costs due to Caledon's population growth and an anticipated increase in union collective agreements.

Ward 4 Councillor Nick deBoer said he was happy with the budget as presented and is looking forward to improving community safety in the coming year.

Caledon Council voted unanimously in favour of approving the 2023 Caledon OPP budget at its December 6 General Committee meeting.

The Caledon OPP budget will head to Region of Peel Council in January 2023 for discussion and final approval, as Caledon OPP costs are recovered from Town of Caledon taxpayers on the Regional portion of Caledon property tax bills.

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Town getting ready to launch "Aquatic Leadership Pilot Project"

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"The staffing shortage... has escalated to the point of requiring creative recruitment strategies, reductions in operating hours, last-minute program cancellations due to staff availability, inability to expand programs, and facility closures in some municipalities. Shortages have been further exacerbated by the pandemic..." reads the report.

"Potential for the staff shortage to result in facility closures is an imminent concern in Caledon... the frequency and duration of the closures is unknown at this time and will be directly linked to staff availability. Closures could include full days, rotating cancellations, or a complete shutdown of the pool."

In 2021, a report was brought to Council in an attempt to address the aquatic staff issue, which has been ongoing since then. While some success with marketing campaigns and incentives has been found, Prochilo said many challenges remain when it comes to attracting and retaining aquatic staff.

One major issue is the cost to become a certified lifeguard or swim instructor: \$750 plus materials.

That's why Prochilo suggests in the report that Caledon implement no-cost aquatic leadership courses for prospective swim instructors and lifeguards, beginning in 2023. Staff would reassess the situation before the Town's 2024 budget.

No cost courses offered by the Town would include Bronze Medallion and Emergency First Aid with CPR B; Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid with CPR C; Life-saving Society Swim and Lifesaving Instructor; and Life-saving Society National Lifeguard (Pool Option).

Prochilo's report notes other municipalities, such as Brampton, have tried this approach.

While offering no-cost courses would cause a loss in registration revenue, Town staff hope the long-term benefits will outweigh the short-term loss.

"By offering the Leadership Program, it will result in longer-term benefits of recruiting more participants in leadership courses, then leading to the subsequent hiring of staff and offering more programming opportunities, which can in turn increase the revenue," reads the report. "Each successful candidate graduating from the Leadership Program, who becomes an instructor for the Town's aquatics programs, can create estimated revenue of approximately \$12,000 per year."

Council has approved staff's recommendation to implement the Aquatic Leadership Pilot Program on consent, and the Pilot Program is recommended to be approved again at Council's December 13 meeting.



Rotary Club of Palgrave volunteers Bonnie, Carol, and Karen were busy serving up hot chocolate, hot apple cider, and hot dogs to the Palgrave community on December 3.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Great turnout for annual Palgrave tree lighting ceremony

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Palgrave community gathered for a night of holiday magic on December 3.

The community's annual tree lighting ceremony was held by the Rotary Club of Palgrave that evening. There were musical performances from talented local youth, pictures with Santa, and fire barrels going to keep people warm.

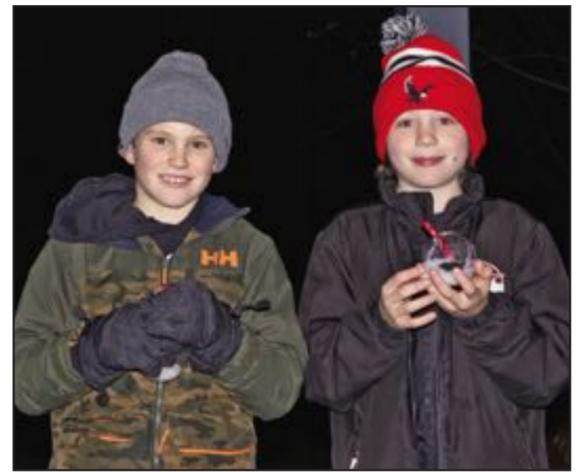
Palgrave Rotary had its chuckwagon at the event, serving out free hot chocolate, hot apple cider, and hot dogs to guests who could make a donation to Rotary's efforts in the community if they wanted.

A bouncy castle was set up on Brawton Drive, which was temporarily shut down for the tree lighting, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by kids at the event. There was a craft table where kids could make their own ornaments with the help of volunteers, and later in the evening the winner of Palgrave Rotary's Christmas light contest was announced.

St. Iyke Ndubuisi, President of the Rotary Club of Palgrave, said everyone counted down before the official tree lighting and there was a cheer when the tree lit up.

"It's an awesome turnout, the weather is good, and those

kids, their voices are amazing," said Ndubuisi at the event. "I'm proud of them, it's a really fun evening."



Friends Colton and Colton show off the ornaments they made at the craft table.

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Passionate about public libraries and want to serve your community?



On behalf of the Council, the Town of Caledon is currently seeking community-minded citizens interested in bringing their knowledge and passion to serve the Caledon community as a member of the Caledon Public Library Board for the 2022-2026 Term of Council.

The Caledon Public Library Board is responsible for setting the Library's strategic direction in response to community need, establishing policies, overseeing the Library's finances, and monitoring the Library's overall effectiveness in realizing their mission and vision.

A full position description, including qualifications and responsibilities is posted on the Library's website at cpl.social/board

To be considered for appointment to the Caledon Public Library Board, applicants must meet the following criteria in accordance with the Public Libraries Act.

Applicants must be:

- a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada;
- at least 18 years of age;
- a resident of Caledon; and
- not employed by the Library Board or the Town of Caledon.

If you are interested in applying, please complete the online application form caledon.ca/committees.

Completed application forms are to be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on January 6, 2023. Should you require the application in an alternative format, please contact Council and Committee Services 905.584.2272 x.2366 or agenda@caledon.ca.

For additional information about the Caledon Public Library and the role of the Library Board, contact the CEO/Chief Librarian at 905.857.1400 x.215 or ceo@caledon.library.on.ca.



Help local children and families this Christmas

Caledon Fire and Emergency Services has proudly partnered with Canadian Tire in Bolton and the Rotary Club of Bolton for the first annual 'Shop with a Caledon Firefighter'.

On December 18, several children from selected families will be given \$200 to spend at Canadian Tire in Bolton, where they can Christmas shop for themselves and their family. After shopping, Parkview Transit will bus the children to Station 303 for snacks, refreshments, gift wrapping and to meet Santa!

'Shop with a Caledon Firefighter' is made possible entirely by community support. All funds raised go to gifts and supplies.

Donations from the public are welcome and can be accepted through the Rotary Club of Bolton by cheque or through boltonrotary.ca.

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A reality check within a body check?

My first experience in a traditional publicly-funded school came in Grade One.

Living in what was then a rural part of Newmarket, a section that is now anything but, I got a bit of a head-start at an area Montessori school.

At the time of my enrollment, the school convened in the basement of a nearby church where, looking back, all I remember is a sea of heavily upholstered brown...everything. Everywhere. The walls, the carpets, everything – with a tasteful splash of orange here and there. Hey, it was a product of its time.

The school outgrew the space soon after I started and, from the church basement, we decamped to a very modern new location...in a commercial unit inside a burgeoning business park that is now a hive of industry.

Consisting of three classrooms, a lunch area, an administrative office and not much else, it was bright and cheerful by comparison, although the wall-to-wall asphalt of the playground, surrounded on three sides by a busy parking lot with only a chain-link fence between us and the hustle and bustle of commerce left something to be desired.

That took care of Junior and Senior Kindergarten, but by the time Grade One rolled around I was ready for the big leagues. The following September, I grabbed my lunchbox and stood at the end of the driveway to catch the bus for my first day at a Kindergarten – Grade 8 elementary school.

I remember being a bundle of nerves as I waited for this next chapter of my life to begin. I was excited at the idea, but even at that age more than a little trepidatious about leaving the cozy school environment I had come to love for something decidedly larger.

And with good reason. I got off the bus and stepped into a sweeping, grassy vista of a school yard and, a short jog away, entered a mid-century building with spacious classrooms with their own cloakrooms, some with their own courtyards, cavernous hallways, bathrooms not much smaller than the classrooms, and a library which was the stuff of dreams.

I was only at the school for two years before boundaries were redrawn due to Newmarket's fast growth, but it left a lasting impression. I felt like I hit the big time.

A funny aspect of this job is some of the places it takes you.

My first elementary school just happened to be kitty-corner to a Legion branch and, as luck would have it, an event I had to cover took me back to the ol' stomping grounds. Arriving at the Legion with about 45 minutes to spare, and just as school was letting out for the day, I headed across the street for a trip down memory lane.

This particular trip, however, presented a not altogether familiar road.

As soon as I walked through the door and checked in, I tried to retrace my steps as much as I could that formative first day. This time things felt decidedly different. Having experienced two further elementary schools, a hulking mass of a high school, and a sprawling university campus, all of a sudden that school yard was less sweeping, the classrooms more pokey, the bathrooms more utilitarian than luxurious, the courtyard not as it appeared in my mind's eye, and the library, although still spacious, not quite as jam-packed

with volumes as I'd recalled.

Municipal growth took me away from the school as new places of education were built to account for large and steady influxes of new students, and these buildings, as they should be, were modern, large, and reflective of the communities in which they were built to serve.

The spacious school that I remembered, one built more than 30 years before I was born, was a product of its time and my memory of that product was a reflection of my own time there as seen through the eyes of a much smaller six-year-old. What I saw through refreshed eyes, with a different perspective, just a few years ago, was much different from the first time around and, for better or worse, a reflection of the present reality.

It was impossible to ever put on those rose-coloured glasses again, but I was still glad of the reality check.

Whether we like it or not, municipal growth in the coming years will require us to take stock and brace for another reality check.

Much ink has been spilled in recent weeks regarding the municipal body check that is the Ford Government's Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022. In short, as it has been covered extensively through these pages, concerns continue to rage over the scope of the Bill, its potential environmental impacts, the weakening of Conservation Authorities, and limits on Development Charges, which could result in a rise in property taxes in future years to account for infrastructure due to Provincial growth targets.

And yet, as much as those concerns are valid and will be born out as the meat is put on its legislative bones, I think there's one bright spot to be found amid the ongoing furor: that elusive and necessary reality check.

For far too long, our communities have been sold on their apparent (but intangible) "small town feel" compared to...well, that's never been really clear. To our bustling city neighbours? Toronto? A small mining community in Northern Ontario? To our past?

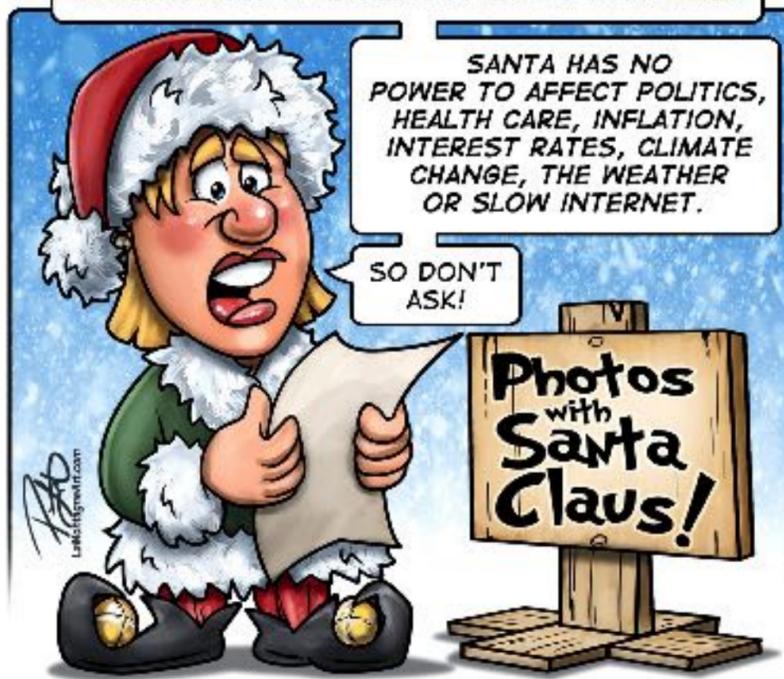
Residents often say they moved to these parts from cities, yes, like Toronto, for its small-town "feel" or "charm" – with these sentiments often expressed in the face of a large or multi-storey development proposal – resulting in limited building heights and, in response, sprawl.

As opposition continues to mount over the Bill for myriad justifiable reasons, perhaps there is an opportunity to be found within the mess to have an extensive conversation about how our communities will develop, how high we can and should be allowed to build in order to address the housing crisis, and whether building up just might be preferable to losing important greenspaces in the name of sprawl.

And maybe, just maybe, an evaluation on opportunities that have been missed in a quest to maintain "small town feel" in a Town that is anything but.

As far as opportunities grow, this is one for a fresh perspective and creativity – creativity which could prove defining for generations to come, but is reflective of the here, of the now, and of what is being tossed to us from Queen's Park.

BEFORE WE GET STARTED, THIS IS FOR YOU PARENTS WHO HAVE BEEN COACHING YOUR KIDS.



Absentmindedness is my new normal

by Mark Pavilons



"As you get older three things happen. The first is your memory goes, and I can't remember the other two."

– Norman Wisdom

I'm with ya, Norm.

My car is supposed to prevent the absent-minded driver from locking his keys inside.

Alas, it's been some time since I read the manual and I'm not sure where I put it.

There I was on a sunny November day watching the comings and goings at a local grocery store.

I was leaning on my car because I locked myself out.

No one was at home to fetch my spare set and I didn't really want to call CAA. So, I waited patiently with only my thoughts and relative stupidity for company.

It has been more than 20 years since I locked the keys in my mom's Buick on a sunny summer's day. Fortunately, on that occasion, I left the window down a crack, so, with the aid of a stick or something (can't remember which), I hit the flat button on the door grip and voila, salvation.

This time, however, no such luck. I had to wait for my wife to finish work, run home for the spare key and come to my rescue. She does that a lot in our house!

The event did give me time to pause and reflect, even though I've been doing that a lot lately.

While my wife often says it must be nice living in my head, it couldn't be further from the truth. It's dark and nasty in there sometimes.

My lack of memory skills has invaded our kitchen and impacted my limited culinary talents.

I often try to make meals for the family, and I consider myself quite good at making chili, chicken cacciatore, meat sauces, even metabola. But for the life of me, every time I make my youngest daughter's favourite – shepherd's pie – I always forget the key ingredients. She loves corn, carrots and peas in her dish.

There have been times lately, more often than not, where I misplace my phone and have to get someone in the house to call me. My wife is also quite good at this, but her phone is often on vibrate, so locating her device becomes more of a scavenger hunt.

I don't mind running errands and have a very tactical, practical approach – hitting the various places on a specific route to save time. And yet, even with list firmly in hand, I forget something. I arrive home all smiles, only to be told the main reason I went out was somehow forgotten. Picture the forehead slap, over and over.

I've never really had a great memory and can only recall a few childhood moments or events.

Even special occasions over the last decade are sparse in this hardened noggin.

But my wife, OMG she has a memory like a steel trap. Like many moms, she recalls, with vivid detail, each and every child's birth, first steps, first words ... I remember a few times rocking them to sleep and struggling with the folding stroller, but that's about it.

My wife also has a knack for remembering song lyrics, dates, and much more.

Oscar Wilde once said that memory is the diary that we all carry about with us.

That's great, if only I could remember the best chapters!

I think it may not be solely my gray matter that's to blame. It could be the MSG or even the spice in those hot Takis. I think a lot has to do with what's on our ever-growing plates these days.

Our to-do lists are so long, we have to type them into our phones and carry them with us everywhere we go. I get countless texts from my family when they know I'm out, but often, I get their wish list two minutes after I've left the store. Sometimes I'm forced to backtrack, and others, well, c'est la vie.

In a way it's sad.

I can recall facts, figures, data and interesting theories on time and space, but I often forget where the screwdriver is. I've misplaced the disposable bags to our robo vacuum, rendering it momentarily useless.

I remember to take my pills each morning, and yet sometimes, I look at the bottles trying to figure out if I've already swallowed that one.

My memories of my dearly departed family members are vague, but I've been dreaming about them more lately, for some strange reason. But in my dreams, they're always in a bad mood!

Scientists say that memories are now scattered throughout our brain and that the brain actually "reshapes" itself with each new memory. Wow, that's crazy.

The hippocampus is the key and this internal gizmo transfers memories from short-term to long-term storage.

But here's the catch. In order to etch things in our memory, the brain has to experience it over and over, not just once. This strengthens the neural circuits.

Like a muscle, when you stop using it, it weakens and fades.

Emotion, apparently, plays a role in memory – the stronger the feelings, the more memorable the event. So, if your life is filled with so-so moments, you won't remember them.

But the brain and all of its memory-bearing parts – the basal ganglia, cerebellum and prefrontal cortex – are still mysteries.

And just where does the brain park one's soul?

I'd like to think I'm not absentminded, but rather have different priorities. My brain recalls the important stuff – when the mortgage is due, taxes and car maintenance – where it can find it. The trivia junk, well, that's plopped into the abyss.

Maybe we need to exercise our heads a bit more. We can take supplements that contain Phosphatidylserine, Bacopa Monnieri and Huperzine A. We can eat more blueberries and broccoli.

Or we can aim to have better life experiences and let our emotions run free.

I choose the latter.

Our Readers Write

Open letter top MPP Sylvia Jones

Annette Groves' 36% spread in votes over those of Jennifer Innis were clearly awarded in large part to her vigorous and vocal determination to prevent the Brazilians from harshly impacting our environment, risking the Credit Watershed in your constituency, and harming our community with its proposal to quarry the dolostone.

This is stone that cannot be excavated as the gravel and sand pits of the community do – this stone has to be blasted.

The thrashing of Innis will not be lost on anybody standing for office in this constituency and we shall be looking to you to use your position as our MPP, and your richly deserved status as the Deputy Premier, to persuade both the Premier and your peers to oppose the proposed Votorantim quarry. The Brazilian proposal is not a pit; it is eight-hours-a-day of blasting rock with a litany of side effects that go with the dis-

ruption within your constituency.

There is compelling historical evidence from Mike Harris' eventual concession on the Oak Ridges Moraine, embraced by Conservatives, that thwarting environmental destruction paved the way for Members of the Provincial Parliament to be rewarded for their responsibility.

Members of the party will not forget that sensitivity and humanity are not absent from our principles.

Adopting the Harris mantle on the Votorantim matter will go a considerable distance in defusing the incredulity of the community about, and its dismay at, our current government's position on 413 as well as its [limit] of the obligations and rights of Conservation Authorities under the Act with the current government's concessions to developers.

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You paid how much?

The county, and possibly the world needs a financial adjustment to get back on track.

It's no wonder so many people are still living "at home" these days. Even with a decent paying job, the prospect of going out on your own must be terrifying when you do the math.

Someone posted on my Facebook feed a few days ago, looking for a one-bedroom apartment.

They sounded a little desperate. They had a new job in a local factory, which pays minimum wage, even though the company advertises they are hiring with a big !!!!, like \$15 per hour and "benefits" should make you excited at being employed.

A few people responded, saying they knew of a couple of places that were available. I took a look at the listing offered.

A typical one-bedroom basement apartment was renting for \$1,800 per month. That's \$21,600 per year.

Unless you are making really big bucks, you're not going to have much left after paying your rent.

Even then, if you are making enough money to afford it, is a basement apartment really your desired place to live long-term?

It wasn't that long ago that making \$20 per hour was a pretty good wage. It would get you by after

paying rent or a mortgage, pay for your car, food, some fun nights out and maybe a vacation.

That \$20, which is still a pretty typical wage, has been whittled down to practically nothing.

At \$20 per hour, if you are paid for a full 40 week, and many places deduct lunch and only pay you 37.5 hours, you will make \$800 per week. That's \$41,600.

Deduct between \$12,000 and \$13,000 for taxes and other deductions, and your actual take home pay is now in the high \$20,000.

If you have an \$1,800 apartment, you are spending more than 50 per cent of your gross income just on a place to live. You're going to be left with maybe \$8,000 to afford a car – to get you to that \$20 per hour job, insurance, clothe yourself, and if you're lucky, buy some groceries so you can eat.

Even if you happen to have a partner who works, you're still not living large, by any means. Throw some kids into the mix, yes that happens, people still have children, and life can become pretty difficult.

On top of all this, trying to save money must be incredibly difficult. Many younger people have already been resigned to the fact that they will never be able to afford a home.

Even if you are luckier and making what is now the average wage in Canada - \$28.38, that only comes out to \$59,800 for a 40-hour week. Factor in the same expenses and you still aren't going to spending a lot of money on free-wheeling activities, if you're the bread winner.

The 1950s have been regarded by many as a golden age, when even a minimum wage job could easily provide for a family. It provided a house, meals, clothes, a car, a yearly vacation, and pretty much everything you needed – and it was all accomplished, usually, on one salary.

After all, Ward Cleaver provided nicely for the Beaver and Wally, and all June had to do was look nice every day.

The difference between then and now, is consumerism. While you may have been able to afford a car in the 50s, that car came with the basics. Engine, seats, clutch, headlights, and windshield wipers – you were ready to see the country in your Chevrolet.

A typical house at the time was much smaller. You didn't have a big screen TV or satellite, and you didn't have an automatic washer and dryer.

A modern automobile costs more, because there are a lot more features like air conditioning, on-

board DVD, navigation systems, and the list goes on.

The reality is, the 1950s lifestyle would be considered a low standard of living in current times.

That being said, when it comes to basics – having a place to live – things are out of whack.

My parents, and most of their friends, bought a brand-new house with a big lot when they were in their mid-twenties, at a price that was around twice my father's annual income, and a mortgage that was signed and locked in for 25 years. That meant their mortgage payments, typical of the time, were easily affordable for just about everyone.

Currently, with a typical salary, that ratio of salary to housing costs is now around 20 times, making in unattainable for many people.

The provincial government's "million houses to be built" plan won't bring housing prices down. No developer is going to sell for less than what the current market will bear, so don't expect "affordable housing" any time soon.

The entire economic system needs an overhaul.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

Are we any better off today?

By the time you read this it will already be "old news." For some, like Habs goaltender Carey Price, it was apparently never news at all, old or otherwise. I'm referring to the massacre of 14 women at Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal on December 6, 1989. As the anniversary of this horrific day in Canadian history hits the same week that a Brampton woman was shot to death while working at a gas station in what police are referring to only as "targeted," I have to ask this question when it comes to gender-based violence: Are we any better off today than we were in 1989?

Where were you on December 6, 1989? I was lucky enough to have graduated university, mostly unscathed by threats of toxic masculinity. Not completely of course, but mostly. I took my education for granted but still walked the campus at night only when the "walk home" program provided by security was available. By 1989, I'd been married a couple of years but "luckily," the worst kind of misogyny I experienced were male colleagues making inappropriate remarks, being passed over for promotion because "women shouldn't be on the road" and an interviewer asking me if I planned to get pregnant anytime soon. I took (and still take,

as does every other woman I know) precautions walking alone at night, not parking in underground parking if it can be avoided and other safety measures, but I certainly don't remember fearing for my life at school or work, or thankfully, at home either.

December 6, 1989, however, was a watershed moment. A snapshot in time when the worst thing possible happened, to 14 intelligent, beautiful and hardworking young women who were just a little younger than I was at the time and who should still be here with us now making a difference in the world. It shocked us all to our core and it was an event that marked forever our awareness that gender-based violence is real, terrifying and has lasting consequences.

We continue to mark the anniversary of this horrific day as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. We do so because gender-based violence is still, according to the Canadian Women's Foundation, responsible for the death of one woman every six days in Canada.

In 2021, this meant a total 173 women and girls lost their lives to gender-based violence.

Further, it is widely estimated that during the pandemic, gender-based violence rose dramatically. Shelters providing safe haven to women and women-identifying persons choosing to leave domestic violence are still, sadly, as full as ever. Locally, just this past September, a woman was fatally stabbed while at work at a Canadian Tire store in Mississauga by her husband of three years (this is femicide) and now, as mentioned above, it appears another woman shot to death while at work (not yet labeled by police as a femicide) may in fact be an incident of gender-based violence as police comment that it appears to be a targeted incident.

We continue to mark this grim anniversary too because of men like Carey Price. The Ecole Polytechnique massacre "is now widely regarded as an anti-feminist attack and representative of wider societal violence against women," and yet just a few days prior to the anniversary, he posted a picture of himself in full camouflage, holding a gun and advertising CCFR's (Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights) discount code "Poly," which offered a 10% discount to its customers.

For shame. First, Carey for using his profile to promote guns and later, for claiming ignorance

of the massacre and the awful timing of his post. Next up, for shame CCFR. Why no one is holding them to account for an absolutely disgusting discount code. (seriously, who thought this was a good idea? I have no idea.) Sure, the Montreal Canadians are apologizing on Carey's behalf and donating sufficient funds "to send 14 underprivileged girls to Polytechnique Montreal's summer science camp...to help promote the growth and development of women in STEM" but the whole situation reeks (and reminds us) of a continued, systemic and misogynistic view of the world around us.

Carey Price "was unaware" according to the Habs posting on Twitter. Women everywhere have ALWAYS been aware of the potential for violence that surrounds them. Nothing has changed. Are we better off today? I think not.

(I am a proud member of the Board of Directors at Family Transition Place but write this article as a woman, and a mother, independent from my work with FTP.)



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Mayor Groves, Councillor Kiernan to serve on Age-Friendly Task Force

Town of Caledon's Seniors' Task Force rebranded

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Council representatives for an important Town advocacy group have been chosen.

Mayor Annette Groves and Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan will serve as Council representatives on Caledon's Age-Friendly Task Force from 2022 to 2026.

This decision was made at a December 6 General Committee meeting of Caledon Council, alongside the decision to replace Caledon's Seniors' Task Force with the Age-Friendly Task Force.

Katie Sawyers, Caledon's Age-Friendly Coordinator, submitted a report to Council at the meeting recommending the replacement. In it, she explained the Seniors' Task Force was first established in 2015 to "serve in an advocacy role to provide staff with assistance and advice on the development and implementation of the Town's Adult 55+ strategic plan."

In 2021, the Town approved an Age-Friendly Action Plan, and Sawyers wrote that Town staff are recommending the Age-Friendly Task Force replace the Seniors' Task Force to better align with that plan.

The 2021 plan was created to support and enhance Caledon residents' ability to age well, stay in the community and live a full-

filling life as they get older.

Age-Friendly Task Force members will serve as the Steering Committee for the Action Plan, providing staff with assistance and advice in implementing items outlined in the plan. They will also provide advice to staff on any matter relating to older adults in the community as needed.

The Age-Friendly Task Force will consist of two members of Caledon Council; six community representatives, of which four will be over the age of 55; one staff representative from the Caledon Public Library; one representative from the Caledon Seniors Centre; two community liaisons working with older Caledon residents; and one Town staff facilitator.

Sawyers' report notes that additional rep-

resentatives may be invited to participate in the Age-Friendly Task Force as needed. Council unanimously supported the changes recommended by Sawyers, and the appointment of Groves and Kiernan.

"Staff will begin the recruitment process in January 2023, targeting advertisements to attract

and engage Age-Friendly representation in the community," reads Sawyers' report. "Once the recruitment is closed, staff will bring forward a report with applicant details as part of the selection and appointment process for Council's consideration. Should there be any challenges with acquiring the required membership, staff will extend the recruitment period."

Bolton Santa Claus Parade brings Christmas cheer to Caledon

Continued from FRONT

The parade was made possible thanks to the Bolton Kin, who arranged for the bands and floats, secured sponsorships, planned road closures and more to make the parade a success.

Bolton Kin member John Stegeman, the Kin's Parade Chair this year who oversaw the organization of the successful event, noted before the parade how the business community really stepped up to make the parade possible.

"The true community spirit is alive and well in Bolton, so many thanks go out to all of the parade participants, bands, the OPP and everyone who braved the wind, rain, cold and then sun to welcome Santa back to Bolton after two years," said the Bolton Kin in a thank you message after the parade. "Special thanks to all the members of Bolton Kin who went beyond the call of duty today and these past few months to bring Santa back."

The Bolton Kin will host the Bolton Santa Claus parade again in 2023, marking the 50th anniversary of the Kin bringing the community together for the holidays.



(Clockwise from Top Right) Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli and Mayor Annette Groves were some of the Caledon Council representatives in the parade. The York Lions Steel Band had onlookers dancing as they went by. The Caledon Nationals minor baseball organization brought Christmas cheer. The Davis Family Farm brought a sunny display. Hi-Tech Concrete Cutting. Caledon Hawks hockey players represented their team at the parade. The Father Brassani C.H.S. Marching Band played music for the crowds gathered on Highway 50.

PHOTOS BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Family Transition Place holds Vigil honouring victims of École Polytechnique Massacre



Family Transition Place (FTP) marked the 33rd anniversary of the École Polytechnique Massacre with a vigil on the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (December 6), honouring the 14 victims of the shooting and victims of gender-based violence.

PHOTO BY PAULA BROWN

BY PAULA BROWN

Family Transition Place (FTP) paid tribute to the 14 victims of the École Polytechnique

Massacre on the 33rd anniversary of the shooting with a vigil calling for action against gender-based violence.

Staff, community leaders and residents

gathered at the Family Transition Place building in Orangeville, located at 20 Bredin Parkway, on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 6, for the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

“Some may wonder why we still acknowledge this day 33 years later, why don’t we get over it and move on,” said Lyn Allen, Director of Transitional Programs and Housing Initiatives at FTP. “But we can’t because every day we see images and headlines. We hear sexist jokes and lyrics; we see celebrities and sports figures acting in a way that perpetuates the idea that women are lesser than. We hear women being asked what they were wearing when they were sexually assaulted. We hear how radio hosts and famous film producers abused women while holding positions of power – we know about things closer to home and in our homes, which continue to put women at risk.”

The École Polytechnique, also known as the Montreal Massacre, took place on December 6, 1989 when a lone gunman separated the men from the women students inside the engineering school before opening fire; killing 14 women and injuring others.

The 14 women killed in the gender-based attack were Geneviève Bergeron, Hélène Colgan, Nathalie Croteau, Barbara Daigneault, Anne-Marie Edward, Maud Haviernick, Barbara Klucznik-Widajewicz, Maryse Laganière, Maryse Leclair, Anne-Marie Lemay, Sonia Pelletier, Michele Richard, Annie St-Arneault and Annie Turcotte.

During the memorial ceremony, FTP staff

held signs with each of the 14 victims’ names and read them aloud. Attendees were also given the time to speak about individual actions to combat gender-based violence.

“As we stand here today, we must reflect on the reality that 33 years later, gender-based violence is still a threat to women, to girls and to gender diverse people in Orangeville, Dufferin County, across the country, and around the world,” said Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post. “We all need to come together to work because gender-based violence has no place in our community.”

While the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women honours the École Polytechnique victims, it is also a day of action against gender-based violence; recognizing the women who have been killed through femicide.

Femicide is a term used to describe the action of a man murdering a woman because they’re a woman, and who is often intimately known to them.

According to the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses (OAITH), thus far in 2022 there have been 52 women and girls who have lost their lives to femicide.

One of the victims was 65-year-old Shelburne resident Debra Neale, who was murdered on January 8 of this year.

“It does both literally and figuratively hit closer to home. It reminds us that it’s not out there and that it’s not other people, it’s people in our own community that we may have seen out in the community,” said Allen. “It makes it all that much more critical that we don’t separate and think of them as others, but that we recognize that they’re in our community, and they need us. We need to keep doing everything we can to make sure that they’re safe as they possibly can be.”

A 44-year-old Orangeville man, wanted in connection to Debra Neale’s murder, was later found dead in an abandoned vehicle in a secluded area near Hearst, ON.

“Debra has been described as a devoted mother and grandmother, who would accept anyone as her own. Debra had a deep love for animals and music,” reads the description on the OAITH femicide list.

The conclude the commemorative ceremony, attendees tied white ribbons to a tree outside of the FTP building as a commitment to end violence against women.

JAKL KIDS hosts visit with Santa in support of Hospice Dufferin

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

JAKL KIDS is hosting a meet and greet with Santa Claus in support of Hospice Dufferin on Sunday, December 11.

JAKL KIDS is located in the Mono Plaza and is a kids’ toy, game and book store that originally started as a part-time, on-line family business in 2021. Their goal is to provide family fun at great prices.

The main focus of the store is kids ages three to 12, however, they do have many products that appeal to all ages.

“This community has been so kind and supportive [of] our small business that we wanted a way to show our appreciation,” said store owner Laura Leonelli. “Christmas has always been our favourite time of year and we thought, what would be better than having Santa come to visit, putting smiles on children’s faces while having a photo taken and being able to support a

great local cause – Hospice Dufferin. One hundred percent of the proceeds from this event will be donated to Hospice Dufferin and with all of our spots already reserved, we were able to raise \$330 in donations. We are hoping that as our business grows, we will be able to provide more family events for our community.”

Visitors can have their photo taken with Santa by a professional photographer with a minimum donation of \$10, with 100 per cent of the proceeds going to Hospice Dufferin. Those donating \$20 or more will be issued a tax receipt if required.

It didn’t take long for the photo sessions to be booked as there was a lot of enthusiasm when it was announced Santa would be paying a visit. In fact, the sessions sold out very fast.

It will be a fun day for both kids and their families.



Framed x Design preserves memories with a personalized approach

Written By Sam Odrowski

A lot goes into making a family photo, piece of memorabilia or art stand out.

And a large part of what makes it pop off is how it’s framed.

To ensure that your special hockey jersey or military medal is an eye-catcher for everyone who walks past it, stop by Framed x Design Custom Picture Framing, located at 75 Broadway in the Downtown Heritage District of Orangeville.

The store’s owner, Tracey Miller has worked in custom framing and design for over 35 years, helping people preserve special memories and items that are important to them with state-of-the-art service.

In addition to custom picture framing, Miller offers plaque mounting, photo restoration, framing of memorabilia and needle art framing.

“Rather than go to a place like Walmart to pick up a frame and do it yourself, you want someone that specializes in this, that’s going to use archival material to preserve the item,” said Miller.

Her storefront is also a gallery that features original artwork, guarded by the friendliest greeter around – Toby, an 11-year-old West Highland Terrier.

“He’s so easygoing and loves greeting everybody,” Miller shared. “Those that have been to the building a number of times really look forward to seeing him.”

Framed x Design Custom Picture framing is for those with discerned tastes and anyone who wants to preserve a special memory by choosing to custom frame it.

Miller said her favourite part of custom framing is creating something beautiful from a piece of artwork or memory that her customer brings to her.

“It’s very rewarding, from the beginning of designing, to actually framing it, and then presenting it to them,” she noted. “It’s seeing the smile on their face that is very rewarding for me.”

Hearing the story behind the piece of artwork that is being custom framed and understanding the history behind it is also a meaningful experience, said Miller.

“Every piece that comes in the door is unique in its own way,” she told the Citizen.

Miller said there’s a wide selection of frames available at her store and she enjoys helping customers find what best compliments the piece they’re getting framed. She looks at the composition and what works best.

“It’s very important that the frame becomes an extension of the artwork... and that’s what people will find when they come to see me,” Miller noted.

She said she’d encourage anyone who hasn’t visited Framed x Design Custom Picture Framing to stop by and take in everything it has to offer.

“It’s worth the drive to Orangeville, even just to meet Toby, to take in the eclectic collection of artwork, and consult with me about designing something special for them,” she enthused.

The art gallery features the work of Aaron Jackson who makes custom metal art. He currently has several pieces designed from 44-gallon metal barrels at Miller’s gallery.

Stop by 75 Broadway in the Downtown Heritage District of Orangeville to view Jackson’s work and so much more at Framed x Design Custom Picture Framing. The business is open Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The business is also open Monday to Friday after 6 p.m. by appointment only.

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Local speed skater proves no matter the circumstance, anything is possible

BY ROBERT BELARDI

Guess you never know until you try it. And when you do, sometimes it just sticks.

When Brampton native Renée Steenge was growing up, her parents always enrolled her and her brother in sport. Nothing completely drew their interest. But that all changed, when speed skating came into the picture.

"It was just by chance that I joined speed skating. Growing up, my parents would put my brother and I in a bunch of sports with the city: swimming, dance, basketball, etc. We tried hockey and figure skating, but never really took to it," Steenge wrote to The Citizen.

"Then we tried speed skating one time and it stuck. Once the results started to come, I continued and enjoyed the sport even more."

In the beginning, Steenge recalled she wasn't very good. As a matter of fact, she was disqualified in a regional competition in Brampton. She wasn't properly dressed, without knee pads on. It was a moment she will never forget because she never lost confidence in the sport.

At 13, Steenge enjoyed the sport that much more, following a training camp in Cambridge, ON. Little did she know that this was the start of something special.

While learning and continuing to fortify her strengths and her rhythm, Steenge had always done so while wearing rental skates. It wasn't until after she graduated from Herb Campbell Public School in Caledon that she finally put on the first pair of custom skates in her life.

"I was really excited when I got my first

pair of skates. The first time I tried them on, they fit perfectly, but they hurt a lot (which is completely normal). I would get bruises around my ankles and had to untie my skates multiple times in practice to relieve the pain," Steenge said.

"I am not sure if I got used to them, or if my feet just went numb, but eventually they felt good and offered better support in the corners. It feels like a rite of passage of sorts to advance from club skates to custom boots. It means you got to the next level. Similar to when you first get a set of tips for your gloves."

In high school at David Suzuki Secondary School in Brampton, she went on to be a four-time athlete of the year and graduated with honours every year. Academics, were incredibly important to her. She had the perfect formula to succeed and when she turned 17, that was when she had that feeling she could go somewhere with speed skating.

"I didn't realize that I could start doing well until I was 17 and I first moved to Montreal to train at the RTC. When I was there, I really excelled physically with the group and started improving rapidly."

She was accepted into McGill University's Civil Engineering program and now, at the age of 24, she is a few semesters away from graduating – with intentions of becoming geo-technical engineering. She loves the foundations of skyscrapers and homes.

And all of this is in the running, as Steenge is in Almaty, Kazakhstan, getting set to compete for Team Canada at the ISU Short Track.

Collaboration for Steenge has been key.



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She keeps up in touch with her classmates and makes sure that she manages her time well when she needs to complete school work.

"The night before, I will plan certain blocks in my day. When I have two hours, for example, between training, I will make sure those two hours are deliberately and intentionally focused only on school."

Steenge has been fortunate to have been to many places in the world for speed skating. This is her third consecutive competition with Canada, having previously competed in Montreal and Salt Lake City respectively.

"I have been to Salt Lake City, Utah many times; Shanghai, China; and then

Kazakhstan. In terms of improving, I am learning to read races better. Every country has a slightly different style of skating, and international races have a different flow and intensity than national competitions," Steenge explained.

"The more races I do at the higher level, the better I get at feeling and seeing the races, i.e.: knowing when to punch to the front or when to be patient. I am still learning, but I am getting better."

The competition in Kazakhstan, will begin tomorrow from December 9-11 and then again from December 16-18.

You can watch coverage of the event on CBCsports.ca and CBC Gem should you have a subscription.

Two Canadian soccer players off to Europe following World Cup performances

BY ROBERT BELARDI

Two Canadian soccer players signed with European clubs this past week following exposure at the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar.

CF Montréal fullback and former Aurora resident Alistair Johnston signed with Glasgow Giants Celtic FC of the Scottish Premiership on a five-year deal.

Also out of CF Montréal, 20-year-old midfielder Ismaël Kone was purchased by EFL Championship side Watford FC, in what is a record-breaking deal for the MLS side according to Italian soccer journalist Fabrizio Romano.

In the tournament, Johnston played every minute for Team Canada in all three of their World Cup defeats to Belgium, Croatia and Morocco respectively.

The 24-year-old, who was selected 11th overall by Nashville SC in the 2020 MLS SuperDraft, was first invited to Canada Camp in January 2021. He made his debut with the national team on March 25, 2021, as a substitute against Bermuda and has since gone on to make 33 appearances.

Last December, Johnston made the move to return to Canada to sign with CF Montréal, scoring four goals and contributing five assists.

Tenacious and relentless on and off the ball, Johnston packs a punch in his position and will have the chance to play Champions League football next year.

As for Kone, the Ivorian born midfielder appeared in all three World Cup matches as a substitute.

Having moved to Canada when he was just seven years old, Kone grew up playing soccer in the AS Notre-Dame-de-Grâce system before moving to CS Saint-Laurent in 2019. He signed a pro MLS contract with CF Montréal in 2020, and scored his first goal in his first appearance for the club in a 3-0 over Santa Laguna in the CONCACAF Champions League.

This past year, Kone made 26 appearances for Montréal, scoring twice. Internationally with Canada, Kone has made nine appearances and scored his first goal for Canada against Bahrain, in a friendly match on November 11 prior to the tournament.

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Robert F. Hall boys in tier one hockey this year

BY ROBERT BELARDI

After the Wolfpack were crowned tier 2 ROPSSAA ice hockey champions, the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

And, of course, much like everything, it was a time where nobody had hit the ice pads for school sport.

But, as that is now a somewhat distant memory, Wolfpack hockey is back with a new face at the helm of the team and in a new division.

Former head coach Mike Mattachini has retired and is now an assistant coach with the team. Lee Erwin, who has been with the Wolfpack hockey team for the past five years by his side, has now taken the head coach responsibility.

"We knew going in we were going to have a young team. We definitely thought tier one was the right place for us to be. Our school is growing. So, our numbers are growing as well. We won't be able to compete at OFSAA at the AA level anymore because we will be a AAA centre now," Erwin said.

"It's been exciting because we don't know any of the players anymore. It's been exciting to get to know the players and we're definitely a lot younger than what we're used to."

This past Monday in Mississauga, the Wolfpack opened up their season with a three-game set at Iceland Arena, having taken on the Lorne Park Secondary School Spartans, Humberview Secondary School Huskies and the Mayfield Secondary School Mavericks respectively.

Out of five teams in the division, including the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Secondary School Lions, three teams are within Caledon.

"I think it's good when teams have a bit of a rivalry together and, let's face it, Humberview, Mayfield and Hall are so

close in proximity. It's always a little bit extra special to play them. I enjoy it and I think the kids do as well."

With cross-town rivalries set to take place, the Wolfpack took on the Spartans from Mississauga to open up the year and tied the game 4-4.

Ethan Brassard scored twice for the Wolfpack. Sebastian Byrne and Keelan Ferreira had the other two goals.

In their next outing, the Wolfpack won a close battle against the Huskies 5-4. Brassard, Owen Guiliani, Lucas Da Silva (2) and Nicholas Frasca were all responsible for the scoresheet, and, in Game Three of the day, ended up falling 6-4 against the Mavericks.

"All three games were high scoring games. So, definitely one of the things we're going to need to work on is team defence. We've been impressed with our young d-core, moving the puck well. But as a team and as a unit, we need to be on the same page."

Erwin, who is a father of two, has coached his two sons in hockey for roughly 15 years and he previously coached high school hockey at St. Augustine. Bringing over 20 years of experience behind the bench, the Wolfpack team is in good hands.

This year, unlike past years, is a tournament-style season. The next group of games will take place next Friday, December 16, at Caledon East Arena. The Wolfpack will take on Our Lady of Mount Carmel Lions at 11:00 a.m. before taking on the Lorne Park Spartans at 1:00 p.m.

The regular season will conclude on Monday, December 19 against the Lions at Iceland Arena. Then, the top three teams will make the playoffs with the first seed receiving a bye.

To follow Wolfpack hockey online, please head to ropssaa.org.



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OBITUARIES

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Visitation will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Thursday December 8th, 2022 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Memorial Service will be held in the chapel on Friday December 9th, 2022 at 2:30 pm. Memorial donations to Bethell Hospice Foundation or Princess Margaret Cancer Research would be appreciated by the family.

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Rolph is predeceased by his sister Arloine, brother Philip, brother-in-laws Donald Thompson and Douglas McLeod and sister-in-law Vivian Thompson.

Rolph grew up loving life on Grand View Farm near Alton, Ontario. He became a skilled Tool & Die Maker by trade and proud of being a part of the making of the renowned Avro Arrow. A man of numerous talents, he could design, build, repair, or repurpose almost anything. The saying “If Poppa can’t fix it, no one can” was coined after Rolph. He was generous and patient with mentoring on every project.

Rolph’s passion in life was his family, his home and garden and his close friends and neighbours. He loved clearing the table on his beloved antique Brunswick, pitching horseshoes, playing Euchre and Dominoes (showing no mercy) and hosting family dinners and parties. He had a wicked sense of humour and enjoyed a good joke.

From the sidelines, he could be found at numerous arenas cheering sons’ and grandson’s hockey games and granddaughters’ skating carnivals, videotaping granddaughter’s dance recitals, horseback riding and days around the pool or the lake.

Rolph was one of the truly “good” men. He was kind, intelligent, loving, generous, honest, fun and handsome to boot. He will be profoundly missed and forever remembered.

The family would like to thank the professional and caring staff on the third floor Melancthon wing of Dufferin Oaks which was Rolph’s home for the last year and half.

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“Beacons” of support honoured by CMHA York Region-South Simcoe

BY BROCK WEIR

People who go the extra mile for non-profits are shining stars, and this fall the Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region and South Simcoe (CMHA-YRSS) turned the spotlight on their own “Beacons” who have helped light the path for 2022.

The organization recently presented its 2022 Beacon of Light Awards to individuals, businesses and community groups that have helped make their mental health initiatives possible over the last 12 months.

“Every year we recognize a number of our staff, we recognize volunteers, and we always recognize an amazing community partner that really champions mental health in York Region and South Simcoe,” says Cathy Cowan of CMHA-YRSS. “They are making a profound impact on helping people in our community get the help that they need.”

Among this year’s honourees were: Stacy Cameron of Community Homes for Opportunity with the Beacon of Character Award; Jacky Tam, Clinical Lead, Flexible Support/Housing First with the Beacon of Excellence; Mimi Wang, CBT Clinical Lead, Ontario Structured Physiotherapy with the Beacon of Innovation; Nisha Damani, Social Worker, Flexible Support Program, with the Beacon of Inclusion; Karen Leung, Director of Services, Ontario Structured Physiotherapy with the Beacon of Mentorship; Joanna Ross with the Volunteer Beacon of Light, Welcome Centre Immigrant Services with the Partner in Care Beacon of Light; Assertive Community Treatment Team – South Simcoe with the Team Beacon of Light; and Vince’s Market with the Community Beacon of Light.

“This year we were just so over-the-moon delighted to have several nominations from Vince’s Market as part of our nomination process,” says Cowan. “When it came down to judging, they were unanimously chosen to be this year’s Community Beacon of Light because they have gone above and beyond this year.”

Vince’s Market, which is based in Tottenham, Uxbridge, Sharon, and Newmarket, have found several ways to contribute to the CMHA-YRSS recently, including selecting the organization for their Community Product Initiative, which sees a portion of the proceeds from the sale of select items donated to community orga-



From left: Vince’s managing partner Giancarlo Trimarchi, Vince’s Brand Manager Neil Moore, Vince’s Community Support Ambassador Maria Ciarlandini, and CMHA Senior Director of Communications Cathy Cowan. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

nizations.

“Vince’s has been such an incredible partner for us, and not just for the CMHA, but really people in our community who need access to mental health services,” says Cowan. “They have had their Community Product Initiative where they have been donating 15 per cent of sales from certain products to CMHA, especially those who are especially used for support youth mental health and MOBYSS. They were unbelievably involved with our Mental Health in Motion fundraiser in June and, in fact, they had a team who was one of their top fundraisers and their president was one of our top individual fundraisers, so they really went above and beyond there.”

Funds raised through 2022 will be dedicated to MOBYSS, which is the CMHA-YRSS’s mobile mental health unit for youth which travels throughout the areas in which they serve, including schools.

“Giving back to the community has always been a staple for Vince’s,” says Vince’s Market Community Support Ambassador Maria Ciarlandini. “Our mission statement for Vince’s Market is about giving back to the four communities we serve. We have pride in being part of the company. In the last couple of years, we created the Community Product so the Vince’s Community Product initiative in which we kind of brought the grocery industry to join us to give back to our communities and that is something I am very proud of and Vince’s is very proud of.”

“This year with the Canadian Mental Health Association we were really able to amplify that and showcase the organization

with a couple of ways: one being a barbeque outside of Vince’s in the Sharon location, another was participating in the walk event that they had. We kind of were a little more focused on the CMHA and we’re really honoured that they decided to choose us as their Beacon of Light this year and that was a big honour for us.

“I think that we recognize as a company that after these hard times the last couple

of years, youth have been hit hard and this walk-in bus, which the CMHA has, really needs that support. We thought that would be really crucial after we’re all getting through and coming out of the pandemic. We were really excited to focus on them and this walk-in clinic and we were hoping to bring both funds and awareness that all the communities understand that there is this walk-in clinic for youth.”

Our Readers Write

Open letter top MPP Sylvia Jones

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