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After sharing the Province's funding announcement, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility Raymond Cho invited the audience to share in the gift of laughter with him, leading the crowd in a big belly laugh. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

## Province announces \$3.7 million in funding for seniors active living centres

### Announcement made at Caledon Seniors Centre in Bolton

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A major announcement for seniors cen-

tres across Ontario was made this week at Caledon's own seniors centre.

On January 14, Ontario Minister of Seniors and Accessibility Raymond Cho and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones came to the Caledon Seniors Centre to announce a \$3.7 million investment in 316 seniors active living centre programs across the Province.

Cho said seniors active living centres play a key role in improving the health and well-being of Ontario's aging population.

"This year, we have increased our investment in seniors active living centres by almost one million dollars over last year, to provide seniors with more opportunities to access programs and supports," said Cho.

The Province has increased base funding for all seniors active living centres from \$42,700 last year to \$55,000 this year.

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### Caledon student wins Laurier Scholars Award

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A Caledon student pursuing her dream of becoming a pediatrician has received a prestigious scholarship.

Rita Elraheb, now in her first year of a Health Sciences degree at Wilfrid Laurier University, was the recipient of the university's Laurier Scholars Award.

It's the institution's most prestigious entrance scholarship and is valued at \$40,000.

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### Fire & Ice Festival to feature two days of winter fun

BY SAM ODROWSKI

The signature winter arts festival in the region is returning later this month with a variety of activities for attendees to enjoy.

The Alton Mill Arts Centre will host the 14th Annual Fire & Ice Festival on Saturday, January 25 and Sunday, January 26, for two days of excitement, entertainment, and warm community spirit for all ages.

There's something for everyone – whether it's the many daytime activities geared towards families, with a Kids Zone and super snow slide, or the evening offerings aimed at adults, such as the comedy festival and late-night Bluegrass concert.

Last year's event saw around 2,500 attendees and this year, organizers are hoping to top 3,000.

Each year, Fire & Ice Festival attendees look forward to the Big Burn on Saturday, with the grand reveal of a unique fire sculpture. The fire is massive and will light up the sky as swaths of people gather to watch the blaze in all of its glory.

Brian Oates is taking the lead on the fire sculpture this year, which is kept secret until the Big Burn takes place. Paul Morin will be doing the lighting and sound for the special fire that has become a large production.

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## Malalai Halimi nominated as federal Liberal candidate for Dufferin-Caledon



Halimi is a business manager in the aerospace industry and founder of an Afghani-Canadian media network

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

There's a new federal Liberal candidate for Dufferin-Caledon.

On January 13, the Dufferin-Caledon Federal Liberal Association announced Malalai Halimi had been nominated as the Liberal Party candi-

date for Dufferin-Caledon for the next federal election.

Dmytro Basmat, Halimi's campaign manager, said Halimi's nomination marks a significant step in the association's efforts to strengthen the voice of the Dufferin-Caledon community in Ottawa.

Halimi is a business manager and entrepreneur who immigrated to Canada from Afghanistan in 2006, overcoming immense personal challenges.

She's now a business manager in the aerospace industry and is the founder of an Afghani-Canadian media network. Basmat said she's worked tirelessly to build economic growth while using her platform to create opportunities for others.

Halimi said her journey to Canada was not easy.

"It shaped who I am today," she said. "I am committed to ensuring that Dufferin-Caledon's voice is heard, and that we have access to the support and opportunities we deserve."

Halimi stands for the Liberal Party of Canada's values like inclusivity, support for working families, and building a better country for future generations. Halimi said Liberal programs like the Canada Child Benefit helped her get back on her feet while rebuilding her life in Canada.

"I know the challenges that Dufferin-Caledon families face because I've lived it. And, now, I have the opportunity to fight for them in Ottawa," said Halimi. "While Pierre Poilievre, Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback, and the Conservative Party vow to cut the programs that so many Canadians rely on, I will support our Liberal team's priorities to help more Canadians get ahead."

Halimi is focused on Liberal Party commitments like \$10-a-day child care, building nearly four million affordable homes across Canada, and delivering comprehensive dental and pharmacare plans to Canadians.

"I am honoured to be your Liberal candidate and excited to work alongside our community to build a stronger, more inclusive future for everyone," said Halimi.

## Chamber of Commerce highlighting local restaurants with new "CaleDine" event

Special prix-fixe menus  
will be offered at over  
10 Caledon restaurants

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents and visitors to the community are invited to enjoy the Town's restaurants during a special event this winter.

For the first time, the Caledon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Town-wide culinary event.

Dubbed "CaleDine", the event will see local restaurant owners offer special prix-fixe menus from January 31 to February 13.

The Chamber said this highly-anticipated event celebrates Caledon's vibrant dining scene and puts the spotlight on the creativity and flavours of Caledon's restaurants.

There are already 12 restaurants signed up for the event, such as Two Brothers, the new

restaurant at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley, Blue Smoke in Bolton, and Spirit Tree Estate Cidery.

There's still time for restaurant owners to sign up for the event. Caledon Chamber of Commerce members can register for free, and non-members can sign up for \$99 plus tax.

The Chamber is launching a marketing campaign for the event to promote participating restaurants and generate buzz for the event. The time period between the holidays and Valentine's Day can be a slow period for restaurants, so the Chamber said it's the perfect time to show support to local restaurateurs.

Participating restaurants are table-service restaurants and will be offering lunch menus (\$25-50 per person) and/or dinner menus (\$35-90 per person).

Interested restaurant owners can visit the Chamber's website, [caledonchamberofcommerce.ca](http://caledonchamberofcommerce.ca), to learn more about the event and register for it.

The Caledon Chamber of Commerce plans to make CaleDine a biannual tradition, with winter and summer editions of the event taking place each year.

## Headwaters celebrates completion of \$3-million matching gift campaign

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin-Caledon residents will soon have access to an MRI machine right at home.

On January 14, the Headwaters Health Care Foundation announced the completion of its largest-ever matching gift campaign.

Thanks to the generosity of local residents, and the Morningview Foundation, \$3 million was raised for Smart Headwaters, the foundation's campaign to bring an MRI machine and more to the Headwaters Health Care Centre.

The MRI machine will

help to improve diagnosis and treatment outcomes for patients with a variety of conditions, and importantly, will reduce the need for patients to leave the region to access critical care.

Headwaters Health Care Foundation CEO K.C. Carruthers said the response from the community for the campaign has been nothing short of incredible.

"We are deeply grateful for the support of every individual, business, and organization who contributed to this challenge," said Carruthers. "Together, we have made a transformative impact on our healthcare system, ensuring that our loved ones will have

access to the highest quality care right here at home."

The completion of the \$3-million matching gift campaign brings the Headwaters Health Care Foundation significantly closer to its \$18-million Smart Headwaters fundraising goal.

In a statement, the Morningview Foundation said it was thrilled to partner with the Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

"The success of this matching gift challenge highlights the strength and generosity of the community, and we are proud to be part of such a meaningful project that will benefit so many," they said.

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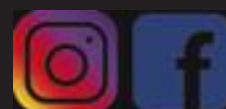
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Caledon's Rita Elraheb won Wilfrid Laurier University's prestigious Laurier Scholars Award. WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY PHOTO

# Rita Elraheb is studying health sciences at Laurier

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Aonghus Kealy, a Communications Officer with Laurier, notes the scholarship "supports high-achieving students in their studies and career development through mentorship, experiential learning opportunities and community engagement."

To qualify for the scholarship, applicants must have a final admission average of 90 per cent or higher and show leadership in extracurricular activities.

"Out of 450 applications from exceptional applicants across Canada, the Faculty of Science awarded Rita," said Kealy.

When she learned she won the scholarship, Elraheb said she was surprised and very happy.

"It was very surreal," she said.

Elraheb explained she chose Laurier's health sciences program as she's interested in medicine. She said there's many doctors in her family that have inspired her to follow in their footsteps.

"I'm a very artistic person. I like to do a lot of art, but I'm also a very logical think-

er and I really like maths and sciences. I feel like medicine is a really good career for me because I get to use really creative solutions to solve science-based problems," said Elraheb. "I also really love to work with kids. I'm a swim instructor and skate instructor at my community center — I always wanted to be a pediatrician, and that was also really inspired by my own pediatrician."

Elraheb said when she was younger, she had a lot of health issues and would often see her pediatrician once or twice a week. She said her pediatrician gave her a lot of hope, was a really big part of her life, and truly inspired her to go into medicine.

Working hard towards her goal, Elraheb has a full slate of classes like chemistry, biology, psychology, and calculus. She's also beginning to work with a professor at Laurier to help with her research on brain structures and activity in children and adults with different forms of neurodivergence.

"I'm very interested in neuroscience and how children develop," said Elraheb.

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## STOLEN VEHICLES RECOVERED

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have recovered stolen vehicles valued at over \$1.4 million.

“Earlier this month, the Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) entered into a stolen vehicle investigation that led investigators to a commercial property on Healey Road, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “On January 7, 2025, a search warrant was executed at that location where multiple stolen vehicles were located. The value of the recovery is approximately \$1,435,000.”

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [www.peelcrimestoppers.ca](http://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca). When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

## IMPAIRED CHARGES

Members of the Caledon OPP have charged a driver with impaired operation following numer-

ous driving complaints.

“On January 12, 2025, just after 8:30 a.m., officers responded to traffic complaints regarding a vehicle being operated in a concerning manner,” say Police. “Officers located the vehicle in the area of Dougall Avenue and Kennedy Road. During the interaction, the officer formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result of the investigation, Alitzel Gutierrezortega, 25, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Green light - fail to proceed as directed;
- Red light - proceed before green.

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on January 30, 2025, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

The driver’s licence was also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for seven.

“On January 13, 2025, shortly before 2:30 p.m., officers investigated a traffic complaint on Highway 10, after a concerned citizen reported the driver was operating a motor vehicle in an unsafe manner on the roadway,” say Police. “During the investigation, grounds were formed to determine the driver’s ability to operate a mo-

tor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result of the investigation, Seamus McGee, 39, of Brampton, was charged with:

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

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on January 30, 2025, to answer to the charge.

The charge has not been proven.

The driver’s licence was also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for seven days.

“Impaired driving is a dangerous and often deadly choice. Whether due to alcohol or drugs, impaired driving slows reaction times, impairs judgment, and reduces your ability to make quick decisions. The consequences can be devastating - not only for you, but also for your passengers, other drivers, and pedestrians.

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“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.”

For more information about the penalties of driving impaired, visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/impaired-driving>.

- Failure to comply with release order - other than to attend court.

The accused was held for a bail hearing and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice located in Bradford on January 14, 2025, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

Members of the Nottawasaga 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 suspect someone is driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol call 9-1-1. If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or [www.crimestoppersdm.com](http://www.crimestoppersdm.com).

## RESPONSIBLE SNOWMOBILING

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are excited to announce the start of the 2025 snowmobile season in Dufferin County. As the snowmobile trails gradually open, thanks to the hard work of local volunteers and much-needed snow from Mother Nature, the OPP urges snowmobilers to enjoy the season responsibly and respect the environment.

Dufferin OPP would like to remind everyone about the importance of respectful snowmobiling. Please show respect to the landowners who generously allow access to their property for those with an OFSC trail pass. These landowners play a vital role in making snowmobiling possible for everyone.

Our dedicated volunteers work tirelessly to maintain trails to the highest standard, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all. Snowmobiling on closed trails is not only illegal, but also dangerous. Trails can be closed for various reasons, and it’s important to follow the rules for everyone’s safety. Before heading out, make sure to check the OFSC Interactive Trail Guide (ITG) for the latest local trail status to avoid riding on closed trails.

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## DRIVING WHILE PROHIBITED CHARGES

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver for driving while prohibited in the Town of New Tecumseth.

“On January 13, 2025, just before 1:00 p.m., a Nottawasaga OPP officer was conducting general patrols on County Road 50 in the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, when the officer observed a male known to police as a prohibited driver under the Criminal Code operating a All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV),” say Police.

“The officer conducted a traffic stop and attempted to place the male under arrest at which time the individual fled on foot into a residence. The accused eventually came back outside and was not cooperative with officers.”

As a result of the investigation, Salvatore Giuliano, 42, of Palgrave, was charged with:

- Operation While Prohibited under the Criminal Code;
- Obstruct Peace Officer;

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- People of northern Vietnam
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Regions
- The center of a city
- Hindu serpentine deity
- Roared
- Sun up in New York
- “Sir” in Malaysian
- Shrimp dish
- Muckraker Tarbell
- Apex
- Harmonic effects
- One of Babe Ruth’s nicknames
- Groups in organic chemistry
- More pleasant-tasting
- Spring forward
- Noted writer
- Building occupied by monks
- “The world’s most famous arena”
- Colorless liquid hydrocarbon
- Long or fast speech
- Things you can eat
- Substance in which magnetic moments are not aligned
- Actor Idris
- I (German)
- Taxes
- Indonesian island
- Nuisance (slang)
- Shawl
- Digits
- Moved on foot quickly
- “For goodness \_\_”
- Facial body part
- Russian river
- Urinates

### CLUES DOWN

- Partner to “oohs”
- Scaly water dweller
- Pueblo people of New Mexico
- Music producer Teo
- Greek mythological goddess
- Got together to discuss
- Acquires
- Involve
- Some are tomato-based
- Old Irish alphabets
- A sheet of glass in a window or door
- Blood poisoning
- A moon of Saturn
- Neither
- Sums
- They follow “A”
- Satisfaction
- People of southeastern Burma
- Small amount
- Guy (slang)
- Sound unit
- Midway between northeast and east
- Affirmative
- Almost at the top
- Extremely slow
- Pearl Jam’s debut album
- Influential mid-century playwright
- Martens
- Approval
- Dallas-adjacent Texas city
- African nation
- Dark brown or black
- A place to get caught
- Large-headed, elongated fish
- Type of sword
- Scottish tax or levy

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



# Peel pauses work on 9-1-1 misuse fee program

## Region says implementation of "Next Generation 9-1-1" has reduced wait times by 78 per cent

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A new 9-1-1 program in Peel has led to reduced emergency call wait times, preliminary data suggests.

The Region of Peel recently implemented "Next Generation 9-1-1" (NG911), which, among other upgrades, uses an automatic abandoned call-back feature that eliminates the need for manual call-backs.

According to data from Peel Regional Police, NG911 has led to a 78 per cent decrease in 9-1-1 wait times in Peel. Since its implementation, 81 per cent of 9-1-1 calls were answered within 20 seconds versus just 43 per cent in 2023. Over 75,000 calls have been processed by automated abandoned call-back.

Prior to the implementation of NG911, the Region of Peel was considering implementing fines for misuse of 9-1-1 calls. The number of 9-1-1 calls being

made for frivolous purposes was reaching critical mass, and Regional Staff were directed to research the feasibility of fines for those using the service improperly.

Since NG911 has shown early success, the Peel Police Service Board requested the Region of Peel pause its work on a potential fine program as it is not needed at present. Councillors approved this request on consent at the Region's January 9 Council meeting.

Still, Regional Staff, in partnership with Peel Regional Police, are working on an

education campaign to inform the public about the proper use of 9-1-1.

"This campaign aims to address the common causes of misuse of the 9-1-1 system and reduce non-emergency 9-1-1 calls throughout Ontario," said Regional Staff in their report.

Staff note in the report that NG911, in tandem with the educational campaign, will likely reduce 9-1-1 call strain to the point where fines for 9-1-1 misuse will not be necessary.

Regional Staff will report back to Coun-

cil in the future with further results of NG911.

"Should future NG911 data suggest a benefit in continuing with the development and implementation of misuse fees, Council may direct staff to resume development of the program at any time," reads the report. "As the positive impacts of NG911 may entirely offset the need to develop a misuse fee program, pausing the development of the program to assess the full impact of the technology ensures that staff resources are allocated in the most effective manner."

## Caledon Community Services hosting job fair at Humber River Centre

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Job seekers may want to check out an upcoming multi-employer job fair in Bolton.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on January 24, Caledon Community Services (CCS) will host a job fair at the Humber River Centre.

There will be a number of employers in attendance, such as Mars, Caledon

Renovations, YMCA Cedar Glen Outdoor Centre, Roma Fence, Elitepersonnel, Correctional Services Recruitment Unit, Carquest Canada, CarePartners, Lullaboo Nursery and Childcare Centre, Service Canada, Toronto Region and Conservation Authority, YMCA of Greater Toronto, and the Town of Caledon.

More employers may yet sign up before the event.

CCS Manager of Employment Services Vishaka Wanigasinghe said the

event is a great opportunity for anyone actively seeking new career opportunities and looking to expand their professional network.

"Job seekers can directly speak with employers from a great list of companies and even have opportunities for face-to-face interviews and possibly secure a job on the spot," said Wanigasinghe.

A similar job fair held by CCS last year was a great success with over 700 people attending.

### PUBLIC NOTICE



## Notice of Application and Public Meeting for Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

FILE NUMBER: RZ 2024-0031  
RELATED FILE NUMBERS: POPA 2024-0004, 21T-24013C, 21T-24015C & 21T-24016C

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received an application for Zoning By-law Amendment. A statutory Public Meeting will be held to provide those interested an opportunity to make representation with respect to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

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

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2025

START TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Attend In-Person: Register to delegate in-person and speak to an item listed on the agenda or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting.
- Submit Written Comments: Submit written comments regarding the proposed application by completing the Participation Request Form, available at <http://www.caledon.ca/speak-at-council>
- Virtually: Upon request, participate via phone or WebEx. For more information, please visit <http://www.caledon.ca/notice> or contact the Planning & Development Department. Please note that there are deadlines to request participation at the Public Meeting.

You can also provide input by:

- Submitting written correspondence to [agenda@caledon.ca](mailto:agenda@caledon.ca) and [planning@caledon.ca](mailto:planning@caledon.ca) for consideration during the Public Meeting. Please note that written comments will form part of the public record.
- Contacting Planning staff or the Lead Planner during office hours by phone or email (See contact information below).
- Booking an appointment to visit Town Hall to speak with Planning staff. Visit [caledon.ca/development](http://caledon.ca/development) for more information.

#### APPLICANT:

Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc. (c/o Herman Wessels) on behalf of Argo Mayfield West I Limited, Argo Mayfield II Limited and Argo Mayfield West III Limited

#### LOCATION:

0 Chinguacousy Road, 12306 Chinguacousy Road, 12156 Chinguacousy Road, 12455 Creditview Road, 1850 Mayfield Road, 1890 Mayfield Road (west side of Chinguacousy Road, north of Mayfield Road)

#### PROPOSAL:

The applicant has submitted a Zoning By-law Amendment application to rezone the subject lands to permit residential uses, refine the Environmental Protection Areas, and to revise the encroachment provisions for residential lots.



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#### HOW TO STAY INFORMED:

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## Notice of Application for Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment and Public Meeting for Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

FILE NUMBERS: RZ 2024-0032 & 21T-24014C  
RELATED FILE NUMBER: POPA 2024-0002 & SPA 2024-0100

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received applications for Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment. A statutory Public Meeting will be held to provide those interested an opportunity to make representation with respect to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

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

Meeting Date: February 18, 2025

Start Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

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#### APPLICANT:

Mainline Planning Services Inc. on behalf of landowner (Prologis)

#### LOCATION:

12519 and 12713 Humber Station Road

#### PROPOSAL:

The applicant has submitted a Zoning By-law amendment to facilitate a Draft Plan of Subdivision application for a phased industrial development consisting of 3 industrial development blocks, a road and reserves along Humber Station Road. The applicant has also submitted a Zoning By-law Amendment application to rezone the lands from Agricultural (A1), Environmental Policy Area One (EPA1) and Environmental Policy Area Two (EPA2), to a Prestige Industrial site-specific zone and environmental zones.



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# Here's what's going on this winter at Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The new year is a great time to try new experiences, and the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) is inviting Peel residents to come out and enjoy their winter programming.

PAMA, located at 9 Wellington Street East in Brampton, is a place to explore and learn about Peel's diverse culture and heritage.

From 7 to 8:30 p.m. on January 16, the Brampton Folk Club is hosting a concert at PAMA. Titled "All Aboard! A Musical Travelogue", the concert will feature music inspired by the history of rail travel and PAMA's current exhibition, "All Aboard! The Railways of Peel".

From 2 to 3:30 p.m. on February 1, art curator Sharna Adamowicz-Clements will lead an artist talk with Jim Reid, Gina Rorai, Peggy Taylor Reid and David Urban. The talk will discuss their work in PAMA's "In Love and In Art" exhibition and explore the unique dynamics of being artistic couples. The talk will dive into how personal relationships shape creative output.

From 1 to 2:30 p.m. on February 22, another artist talk will be held. This time, PAMA and the Brampton Arts Organization will be chatting with local artist Meegan Lim about her outdoor banner art project, titled "Apple A Day". Her art project is meant to draw attention to food insecurity in today's economic reality of high inflation and a rising cost of living.

From 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, guests can enjoy creating art projects in PAMA's studios. In January, guests are encouraged to enjoy the creativity of museum creation by making their own museum collage.

In addition to these events, there's a wide variety of exhibits on at PAMA right now, such as: Youth on Reconciliation; Sedna: Inuit Goddess of the Sea; Stories of Home: Finding Community and Belonging in Peel; Beauty and Wonder: Deepa Wagh's Sand Collection; and Behind the Bars: The History of the Peel County Jail.



Town of Caledon staff were recently recognized for making Culture Days in Caledon a success last year.

MAYOR ANNETTE GROVES/FACEBOOK

# Caledon recognized as a top participating municipality in Culture Days

## Town tied for ninth nationally and was second among small municipalities

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Last year's Culture Days in Caledon have been recognized for their success.

At Caledon Council's January 7 meeting, Councillors celebrated Town Community Services staff for their contributions to making Culture Days

a success.

From September 20 to October 13 last year, 85 events were organized for Culture Days in Caledon.

Culture Days is a celebration of arts, culture and heritage that happens in communities across Canada each year. It engages communities with free and pay-what-you-can activities like studio tours, performances, festivals, workshops, classes and more.

In Culture Days' 2024 top participating communities listing, Caledon tied for ninth in the country and was second for small municipalities.

"This recognition affirms that Caledon is a community of active champions and supporters of local arts, culture and heritage initiatives," said

Regional Councillor Christina Early.

Across Canada, there were over 4,000 events held for Culture Days this year attended by over 5 million people.

Pascale St-Onge, Minister of Canadian Heritage, said culture is a vector for identity, cohesion and unity.

"Arts and culture ensure the vitality of our communities by strengthening the bonds between people and creating enriching shared experiences. Culture Days is a great example of this. Every year, this event offers an array of activities to celebrate, discover and highlight arts and culture in communities across the country," said St-Onge.

## PUBLIC NOTICE



### Notice of Application for Draft Plan of Subdivision

FILE NUMBER: 21T-24012C  
RELATED FILE NUMBER: POPA 2024-0006

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received an application for a Draft Plan of Subdivision. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

**APPLICANT:**  
Malone Given Parsons Ltd (c/o Rohan Sovig) on behalf of Mayfield Golf Course Inc. (Geranium)

**LOCATION:**  
0 and 12552 Torbram Road  
Ward 2

**PROPOSAL:**  
The applicant has submitted a Draft Plan of Subdivision application to facilitate a residential development, consisting of 442 residential units (mix of single detached and townhouse dwellings), 6 medium density blocks, an elementary school block, a commercial block, 6 park blocks, 4 stormwater management blocks and a natural heritage system block.

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### Notice of Application for Draft Plan of Subdivision

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RELATED FILE NUMBERS: POPA 2024-0004 & RZ 2024-0031

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**APPLICANT:**  
Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc. (c/o Herman Wessels) on behalf of Argo Mayfield West I Limited, Argo Mayfield II Limited and Argo Mayfield West III Limited

**LOCATION:**  
0, 12306 and 12156 Chinguacousy Road (west side of Chinguacousy Road, north of Mayfield Road)

**PROPOSAL:**  
The applicant has submitted a Draft Plan of Subdivision application to facilitate a residential subdivision consisting of 855 dwelling units (single detached and townhouse dwellings), a medium-high density residential block, one public elementary school, one park, environmental policy area blocks and a stormwater management facility.



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**APPLICANT:**  
 Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc. (c/o Herman Wessels) on behalf of Argo Alloa (BT) Corporation

**LOCATION:**  
 12455 Creditview Road (east side of Creditview, north of Mayfield Road)

**PROPOSAL:**  
 The applicant has submitted a Draft Plan of Subdivision Application to facilitate a residential subdivision consisting of 563 dwelling units (mix of single detached and townhouse dwellings), a stormwater management facility block, 2 natural heritage system channel blocks and an environmental policy area block.



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**RELATED FILE NUMBERS:** POPA 2024-0004 & RZ 2024-0031

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**APPLICANT:**  
 Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc. (c/o Herman Wessels) on behalf of Argo Mayfield West IV Limited

**LOCATION:**  
 1850 and 1890 Mayfield Road (North side of Mayfield Road, east of Chinguacousy Road)

**PROPOSAL:**  
 The applicant has submitted a Draft Plan of Subdivision application to facilitate a residential subdivision consisting of 132 townhouse dwelling units, a servicing block, a stormwater management facility block, a natural heritage block, roads, road widenings and reserves.



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## Wisdom - and perspective - that comes with age

They were – and are – called The Greatest Generation.

Not all that long ago, they were members of our family, maybe a neighbour, a family friend, a fellow community member. Some might still be, but time is not always kind.

I suspect the mantle of “Greatest Generation” is probably something they wore with a bit of reluctance, but it's not unwarranted. The Greatest Generation, of course, is a term that has been used to describe the demographic that was not only able to weather the storm of the Great Depression but also take up arms for King & Country to preserve our way of life.

While the term was first used in the dying days of the Korean War, it was popularized as the millennium approached when US journalist Tom Brokaw, like so many, was assessing the century that was as we looked ahead to a new one.

While the term may have been worn reluctantly by some of our elder veterans – perhaps in a similar way that veterans of more recent conflicts often bristle at suggestions they are “veterans” as it's so often a term associated with our forebears – it's not without merit.

In recent years, I've often teased a pundit friend of mine over their political prognostications. Of a similar age as me, they grew up in a particularly colourful era of Canadian politics, as far as characters are concerned, and they left a lasting impression. These early impressions sometimes give seasoned and returning politicians a bit of a leg up in their own personal predictions, for better or worse.

As so-called “elder millennials,” we grew up in what was, in our estimation, a Golden Age when it came to Canadian political satire. Look at what such national institutions as “This Hour Has 22 Minutes” and “The Royal Canadian Air Farce” had to work with. We had a positive pantheon of political leaders who either had interesting and varied accents, unique speech rhythms, and homespun sayings that gave humourists plenty to work with.

Still more public figures branded themselves in individual sartorial choices – from stiletto boots to “granny” sweaters – and ways of getting around, like a tandem bicycle... Stockwell Day's jet ski notwithstanding.

And, in these cases, they were more than happy to send up their image because they knew what they stood for, what they represented, and why they were there.

Whether they were effective in their jobs – well, that was a decision for voters, but whether you agreed with them or not, they were generally accepted as well-meaning stand-up characters who put themselves forward to make a difference. And therein lies the key: character.

Character of this particular generation – give or take a few years – were brought into sharp focus for me last week by two very different men for two very different reasons: when world leaders came together to pay tribute to the legacy of US President Jimmy Carter, who died earlier this month at the age of 100, and the bold return of Jean Chretien (admittedly a man who is two to four years younger than the Greatest Generation, according to whoever is the arbiter of such things) to our public discourse.

In the case of President Carter, it was a reminder of what a life well lived can truly accomplish. In the case of the former Prime Minister, it was a matter of using the time still

allotted to him to give us a kick in the proverbial pants to stay vigilant, engaged, and be the people our country needs in this challenging time, whether or not we're in positions to lead.

In a show of the elder generation's ability to lay down political differences and instead bond over commonalities, I was struck by the eulogy for Carter penned by his predecessor Gerald Ford, which was read posthumously by his son at his state funeral.

“According to a map, it's a long way between Grand Rapids, Michigan and Plains, Georgia. But distances have a way of vanishing when measured in values rather than miles, and it was because of our shared values that Jimmy and I respected each other as adversaries even before we cherished one another as dear friends,” wrote Ford. “Now this is not to say that Jimmy never got under my skin, but has there ever been a group of politicians that didn't do that to one another during our 1976 contest. Jimmy knew my political vulnerabilities, and he successfully pointed them out. Now I didn't like it, but little could I know that the outcome of that 1976 election would bring about one of my deepest and most enduring friendships.”

A few days later, the idea of finding common ground with your political foe, was underscored once again by Chretien, whose open letter to The Globe and Mail, among other outlets, was, he said, a gift to himself for his 91st birthday in response to the US President-Elect's continued rhetoric of making Canada the latest state of the Union.

“I can tell you that Canadians value their independence. We love our country. We have built something here that is the envy of the world—in compassion, in understanding, in tolerance, in finding a way for people of different backgrounds and beliefs to live together in harmony.

We have also built a strong social safety net – including public health care – of which we are very proud. It is not perfect, but it is based on the principle that the most vulnerable among us must be protected. This may not be the ‘American way’ or the ‘Trump way.’ But it is the reality I have witnessed and experienced throughout my long life.

“The challenge is not to wait in fear for Donald Trump's next move, but to build a country and an international community capable of resisting him. Canadians know me. They know that I am optimistic. That I am practical. And that I always speak my mind. I have made my share of mistakes over the course of my long career, but I have never for a moment doubted the decency of my fellow Canadians—or my political opponents. The current – and future – generation of political leaders should remember that they are not each other's enemies, but adversaries. No one has ever enjoyed the harshness of the political arena as much as I have. But I have always understood that each of us is trying to make a positive contribution to making our community and our country a better place. This spirit is more important than ever as we take on this new challenge. They should keep this in mind.”

Indeed, they should. They've walked the walk, they've played the game, and they've led by example – informed by their long, long life experiences.

It's time we follow their lead, driven by character, common values, and with common goals.

### Our Readers Write

## Making “Made In China” stuff right here

Here is a win-win suggestion...

We seem to have several very big issues and maybe the solution is right in front of us.

The Problems? Too many homeless people struggling to survive with high food and rent costs. Too much of our economy is Made In China with all the related problems that comes with.

The Solution?

The municipalities in the GTA donate land to be built on.

All the local builders who have done so well in the GTA build some big factory type structures on these lands with neighbouring bunk house type facilities to house all required employees, (a.k.a. our homeless).

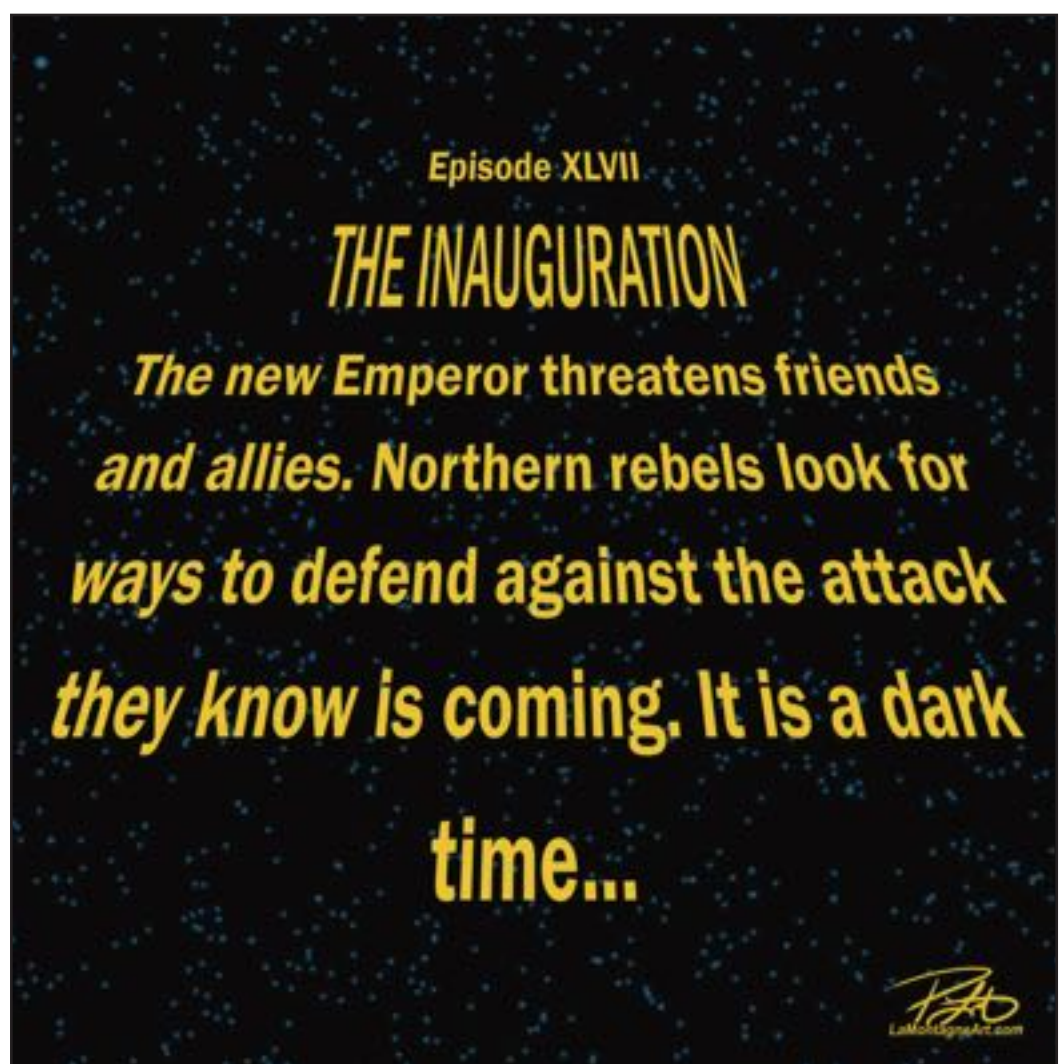
All the big auto makers and the like use these facilities to manufacture the parts they need and

are currently buying from China can now design and build them right here.

Now the hard part: get trusted organizations like Sally Ann to manage these new big manufacturing facilities that will now house and employ our homeless and give them the break they so need to be able to support themselves with a room and a job. And Sally Ann can easily coordinate grocery stores to help supply food to these facilities similar to soup kitchens and the like.

This can be a win-win if we cut through all red tape and make this possible.

BRIAN PERRAS  
CALEDON



## Humour makes my world go 'round

by Mark Pavilons



“If I can stay funny, I can stay alive.” – Jamie Foxx

While I'm nowhere near the comedic talent of one of the most talented men on the planet, I am a funny guy. That's funny haha not funny strange. Okay ...

Jorge Garcia once said that mixing humour and harsh reality is a very human behaviour – “it's the way people stay sane in their daily lives.”

As complicated as humans are, I have always found humour to be a rather simple thing. It levels the playing fields, all the time. It has the ability to bring people together – even a room filled with strangers.

Modern neuroimaging studies have shown that mirth lights up our brains like a proverbial Christmas tree. Not only that, a good laugh has some very measurable short-term effects. It can stimulate our organs by increasing our intake of oxygen-rich air. It activates our stress response and soothes tension.

According to the Mayo Clinic it can also improve our immune systems, relieve pain and improve our mood. The bottom line – laughter really is the best medicine.

Now, we can't all walk around high on laughter; it's not practical. But merely taking time to laugh at a joke or meme can ease our troubled minds and daily journeys. I've read that laughing for roughly 15 minutes a day is as beneficial as a long walk.

It's like a mini-puzzle for our brains, with the punchline serving as the satisfying solution.

As research in this field has evolved, so too has our understanding of humor's key components.

Today, psychologists recognize that humor involves cognitive, emotional, and social elements. It's not just about the content of a joke, but also about the context in which it's delivered, the relationship between the joke-teller and the audience, and the cultural norms that shape what we find funny.

In order to get it, or even open the door for any knock-knock joke, our brains balance cognition and emotion. When we find something funny, we experience a range of positive emotions – joy, amusement, surprise, and sometimes even a touch of mischievous delight. These emotional responses are what make humor such a powerful force in our lives.

Interestingly, the relationship between cognition and emotion in humor isn't always straightforward. Sometimes, we might understand a joke on a cognitive level but not find it particularly

amusing. Other times, we might laugh at something without fully understanding why it's funny. This complexity is part of what makes humor such a rich area of study for psychologists.

I can't accurately count the number of times when one of my humorous outbursts were misunderstood or taken out of context. Alas, such is the plight of the whimsically inclined. I seldom let the opportunity for a good barb or comment slide. It's in my nature. And our dogs and their antics make me laugh every day.

When we think about humor, our first association might be entertainment or amusement. But from a psychological perspective, humor serves a multitude of functions that go far beyond simply making us laugh. It's a “Swiss Army knife” of the mind, capable of cutting through tension, building bridges between people, and even sharpening our cognitive abilities.

One of the most well-known functions of humor is stress reduction. When we laugh, our bodies release endorphins – those feel-good chemicals that act as natural painkillers and mood elevators. But the stress-busting power of humor goes beyond just the physical act of laughing.

The ability to find humor in stressful situations can provide a psychological buffer, helping us gain perspective and maintain emotional equilibrium.

Far from being a frivolous activity, engaging with humor can actually make us smarter! Humor often involves making unexpected connections between ideas, which can enhance creativity and problem-solving skills. When we “get” a joke, we're essentially solving a cognitive puzzle, and this mental workout can help keep our brains sharp.

What can I say? Sharp as a tac I am. Bianca Del Rio once said that there's humour in everything, and “the minute you find it, the better life is.”

I'm sure every comedian will agree and no topic is taboo. There's been a lot of talk and discussion about “censoring” comedy and moving away from “woke” behaviour.

I think when you do that, all is lost. Humour has to be spontaneous, reflect life, and be hard-hitting at times. What's wrong with making you laugh and think at the same time?

To me, humour is like a shovel, digging my way out of a dark and dreary hole. It doesn't really matter how I ended up in this void, but jocularity is often my ladder, the only way I can climb out.

When one is stricken with a life-altering ailment or disease, humor becomes even more important. During my time so far “coping with cancer,” I must say that a few wisecracks have saved me from misery. I've lived my entire life with playfulness in my heart, why give it up now?

I've even welcomed the odd one-liner from my family members, remarking on my chemo-induced hairstyle. If clowning around could lead to a cure, I'd be all set.

I will continue to fight the dark shadows with my balloon sword until it pops. Pleasant chuckles my friends.

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## Things that make me say “hmmnnn...”

SHERALYN ROMAN  
TALK CALEDON



I have a friend (shout out to Angela) who often starts sentences with the above statement. It seems appropriate to borrow this phrase today, as there is such a long list of things that make me question not only what’s going on in this world, but more specifically what’s happening locally. One wonders where even to start, and whether perhaps, you too share some of these same concerns. To keep this column short, I’ll just focus on a few of the local things that have me saying, “hmmnnn.”

It seems the ongoing saga of staffing at Town Hall continues. Two more senior staffers, both of whom to varying degrees, possessed what might commonly be referred to as one Councillor noted, “significant institutional knowledge and expertise,” are no longer with the Town. We’re not sure if this is the start of another mass exodus, but it is concerning, given what happened last year and particularly in light of our ongoing traffic and trucking woes. Why? Because these two individuals each played an integral role in helping to address them. One attended all the recent meetings with residents to listen to, and address, issues like traffic calming, increased heavy truck traffic and pedestrian crosswalk concerns (amongst many others) and was responsible for Caledon’s Multi-Modal Transportation Master Plan (MMTMP). The other significantly, had delegated on behalf of Caledon, at the provincial level, specifically addressing the ever-worsening issue of illegal truck yards, asking how we might be empowered by the province to enforce meaningful action against said yards. Kudos lobbed at this individual include calling her “a great

source of information and crucial asset to the Illegal Land Use Task Force,” and a dedicated employee “who stood up for us.” I can’t help but see their departures as a significant loss for the Town.

Things that had me saying “hmmnnn” yet again, and still on the topic of these same two employees, was the sharing of this information on social media. It’s always a delicate dance between the right to freedom of information and “how soon is too soon” to post on a public platform. Certainly access to news that residents might (or should) be concerned about is important, and empowers the community to ask the kind of questions that attempt to hold the Mayor, CAO and the Town accountable for their actions, but if, or when, should that information be shared?

This question sent me down a rabbit hole on the powerful role of social media in society today and how we each play a role in policing content. Are we sharing something for the greater good? Is what we are sharing factual, harmful, good news or bad news and who might be impacted by what we share? In this particular circumstance, I found myself wondering, with the social media post appearing to have occurred very soon after the actual departure of said employees, had they even had a chance to notify those closest to them?

While pondering these thoughts (and still down the rabbit hole) I came across a recent posting from Peel Regional Police, specifically addressing this hot button topic. In it, they ask people to stop posting everything they see and record on their phones. Posted on January 8, the media release addresses

more than one recent tragic event where people recorded, then posted, directly to social media. The officer in the video is quoted: “While it might be your right to do so ... it is inappropriate, repugnant and extremely disrespectful.” While I am not suggesting posting Town news is on par with posting graphic videos involving violence, injury or worse, each, as the force also referenced, “can be some of the most vulnerable moments of a person’s life. Posting online exposes family, friends and loved ones to these devastating moments.” Especially in this latter example, am I wrong to think we shouldn’t even have to tell people not to do this?

What more can be said about traffic that hasn’t already been said? Hmmnnn, I don’t know – how about addressing what feels like the deafening silence of our MPP Sylvia Jones? Sure, traffic and trucking and illegal truck yards are not your specific responsibility Minister Jones, but my goodness, your constituents here in Dufferin-Caledon, who are impacted by them most definitely are! There may have been that one small meeting between several local residents back in early December, but this issue has galvanized thousands of residents, caught the attention of other MPPs who presented to the legislature on our behalf, involves the trucking industry and its various representative member organizations, and the Minister of Transportation! If I understand correctly there might also have been some other support taking place quietly behind the scenes and that’s both necessary and welcome, but I honestly feel a little more “visible by us residents’ support” would be most welcome by many.

Finally, back to the Town. Just a couple of additional questions come to mind that also have me, once again, saying “hmmnnn.” An online story recently quoted our Mayor as she shared her top five priorities for 2025. These include “more programs and services, (such as) winter programs like outdoor skating.” Excluding Palgrave that is, although that was not specifically stated. Also on her list? Addressing the truck and traffic situation which of course is a good thing. However, while we should be happy that the Mayor has included the infamously dangerous Highway 10 corridor as a priority area needing attention, we couldn’t help but note her proposed list of fixes is virtually identical to the list first posited by an earlier iteration of Council in 2022, and addressed previously in correspondence between certain members of Council (representing Wards 1 & 2 along with Wards 3 and 4 which were at that time combined) and then Transportation Minister Caroline Mulroney.

These remarkably similar proposals were addressed again last fall during a meeting between Councillor Kiernan and current Transportation Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria. Frustrating as this apparent duplication might be, perhaps now that they are one of the Mayor’s priorities, they will actually be addressed. So many things that make me say “hmmnnn...” I wonder if my friend Angela has anything she’d like to add?

## Big Brothers Big Sisters Dufferin recognizes National Mentoring Month

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin and District is celebrating the efforts of their volunteer mentors as they recognize National Mentoring Month.

National Mentoring Month is an annual campaign recognized in January, which looks to acknowledge the positive impacts of mentoring relationships, raise awareness about mentoring opportunities, and encourage community members to volunteer.

“Our volunteers mean everything to us. They truly are the ones that are having the impact on children, and by extension, our whole community, through the power of their mentoring,” said Nancy Stallmach, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin and District.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin and District has two key programs that volunteers can become mentors through.

The Community-Based Mentoring Program sees one child matched with an adult mentor, and the two meet once a week or every other week for a couple of hours. Big Brothers and Big Sisters works to match the ‘big’ and ‘little’ pairings with similar interests and encourages low-cost or no-cost activities. Some of the common activities include hiking, bike riding, playing at the park, baking, doing arts and crafts, or learning a new skill.

The local chapter also runs the In School Mentoring Program, which sees a volunteer mentor matched with a child at one of the schools in the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB). The mentor meets with the children once a week for one hour at the school during the school year.

Within the schools, Big Brothers Big Sisters also runs “Go Girls” and “Game On,” which are group programs that teach children about the benefits of active living, healthy eating, good self-esteem, and mental health.

“All of the children in our programs have faced adversity in some way, so these programs allow them to see a brighter future for themselves,” said Stallmach.

As they recognize the efforts of their volunteer mentors throughout January, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin is also hoping to share the need for more volunteers for their mentoring programs.

According to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin and District, they served over 200 children in all of their programs throughout the year and have around 45-50 volunteers who are mentors.

“We’re currently looking for volunteers throughout Dufferin County, particularly we have a higher need for male volunteers,” said Stallmach.

Stallmach added that they currently have roughly 15 children on their waitlist. The majority of them are little brothers waiting for a big brother match.

“Some of them don’t wait long at all, but some of them are waiting a while, especially if they’re boys in the Shelburne area. It’s an unfortunate thing that they do wait a while before we can find a match for them,” said Stallmach.

Becoming a volunteer mentor with Brothers Big Sisters does not require a specific qualification and volunteers are only asked for a one-year commitment.

“A good mentor is someone who likes spending time with other people and is willing to listen to the child to get to know them,” said Stallmach. “It’s a very rewarding volunteer experience for anyone who would like to make a positive impact on a particular child and also the community.”

Individuals who are interested in volunteering as a big brother or big sister can fill out an application form on the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin and District website.

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## Alton Mill's 14th Annual Fire & Ice Festival to feature two days of winter fun

Continued from FRONT

"All the dynamic and innovative lighting and sound that Paul does is all original," said the festival's special events coordinator, Tony Fenech. "He's a mixed multimedia artist, and he creates the atmosphere. He doesn't borrow anything. It's

not stock, it's real."

He added that everyone will have a great view of the fire, as the space surrounding it has been cleverly thought out.

The annual photo contest for the Big Burn will take place again this year. Attendees with photography skills are encouraged to participate.

Following the Big Burn, Hot Mic Comedy features up-and-coming Toronto comedians from the OK Comedy Show. The Stony Lonesome Bluegrass Band will perform a concert after the comedy show wraps up.

"After you've been outside all day, you go inside, listen to some music, listen to some comedy, have a hot bowl of chilli with a fresh bun from Cobs bakery, and just sit back and laugh, and enjoy yourself," said the Alton Mill's general manager Martin Kourpie.

The festival will also offer the classic Canadian pastime of skating on a pond for attendees who bring their skates.

Kourpie said he's excited about this activity as milder winters in recent years have prevented the festival from offering skating on the Millpond.

"The conditions look favourable to us right now. The snow gods are smiling, so we should have some good ice for people to skate on," he told the Citizen.

"The activity of skating on a pond – it's like a rite of passage for every Canadian in this country... and even with new Canadians, we found a lot of them, over the past couple of years, have embraced the idea of skating on a pond."

Ice carvers will be creating works of art during the event, and Fenech will be carving an ice sculpture of his own.

"I get to chainsaw carve, so the creative juices are just pumping because I'm so excited," he enthused. "It's the only ice sculpture I do all year."

Fire dancers will be performing as well, providing a unique spectacle to attendees.

There will be several warming areas on the festival grounds. Attendees can warm up at the Lumberjack Lounge, where authors will read their books and talented musicians such as Larry Kurtz or Ryan Masters will perform live music.

Another place to seek warmth is the Ice Lounge, located on the Pond Terrace, which will be in view of an area where attendees are invited to build their own Snölytka (snow lantern).

"We're doing our best to really turn this

to an inside-outside event," said Fenech. "Even though it is a winter festival, there are warming areas, and there's a lot of workshops going on at the mill. Obviously, everyone benefits from seeing all the assets inside of the mill, but we want you just as comfortable outside, too."

Around 20 artisan vendors will be set up at the Fire & Ice Festival, selling handcrafted items. There will also be food trucks for patrons to enjoy a bite to eat.

The festival grounds have selfie spots, blacksmith demonstrations, life-size games for the family and crafts for kids.

Streams Community Hub out of Shelburne will offer storytelling as part of the kids' programming at the festival.

The Alton Mill is home to 24 artists spread across 20 studios, specializing in a variety of mediums, from fine art and pottery to tattoo art and photography.

Speaking on reasons to attend, Fenech said, "It's exhilarating, it's creative. The embodiment of this, the grounds and this festival in particular, I think is really hard to duplicate. It's a living organism that keeps changing every year and keeps getting better."

TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley is the marquee sponsor of the event.

"As Canada's only TPC Network facility, TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley is a proud supporter of events that bring the community together, reflecting its commitment to fostering connection and celebrating the beauty of the region," reads the Fire & Ice Festival's press release.

Volunteers are essential to the event's success, and high school students are encouraged to get involved to secure the hours they need to graduate. To sign up, fill out a form online at [shorturl.at/0xNQh](http://shorturl.at/0xNQh) or email [sarah@altonmill.ca](mailto:sarah@altonmill.ca) for more information.

Admission to the event is pay-what-you-can, with a suggestion of \$5 for children, \$10 for adults or \$25 per family. But once inside the festival, all of the offerings are free.

Last year's event cost around \$50,000 to host, and this year's event is expected to cost \$60,000, so donations at the door are greatly appreciated. Any funds raised through the festival go towards supporting Headwaters Arts, a not-for-profit organization serving Caledon, Dufferin County and Erin.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday (January 25) and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday (January 26).

Kourpie said he'd encourage anyone who's looking for some winter fun to attend.

"Get out of your house, put in your steps, and enjoy the season. This is Canada. You got to celebrate the cold because you will be sweltering before you know it," he remarked.

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# COMMUNITY events

This column is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce up-coming events. Please contact the Caledon Citizen by calling (905) 857-6626 or emailing [admin@caledoncitizen.com](mailto:admin@caledoncitizen.com) if you wish to have an announcement published.

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Queen Street South, Bolton, Meeting Room C, 2nd Floor. (Elevator available). "Stand By Your Man (more or less): The Wives of Canada's Prime Ministers" presented by noted local historian Ken Weber. Ken will speak about the truly interesting women who have accompanied their spouses to the peak of Canada's political landscape, and how they approached their role as prime minister's wife in quite different ways. Questions, Nathan Hiller at 905-584-2801 or [nhillerphoto@bell.net](mailto:nhillerphoto@bell.net)

Albion Bolton Historical Society - Monday, February 10, 2025, 7:30 - 9:30 PM meeting at the Albion Bolton Community Centre, 150



# Seniors enjoy annual social event hosted by Mayfield Secondary School students



Local seniors enjoyed a variety of performances from Mayfield Secondary School students at the school's annual Senior Citizens Social.

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## Event has been running for 42 years

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A longstanding tradition at Mayfield Secondary School continues.

On December 4, students and staff at Mayfield Secondary School welcomed local seniors for the 42nd Annual Senior Citizens Social.

Guests from Caledon and Brampton enjoyed sweet treats and hot chocolate while watching an hour of amazing performances from Mayfield students. There were performances from jazz bands, choirs, improv troupes, and dance and vocal groups.

According to the Peel District School Board (PDSB), the event emphasized the importance of bridging generational gaps.

Student organizers said the event fostered mutual respect, understanding, and a sense of community.

Branujah, a Grade 12 student at Mayfield, said as someone whose grandparents do not live in Canada, the event allowed them to support and bring cheer to others in the Mayfield community while keeping their grandparents in mind.

The Senior Citizens Social at Mayfield was first organized in 1982 by Peggy O'Donoghue and Elgin Krueger, with a goal of strengthening ties between the

school and the surrounding community.

The event has grown much over the years and some guests have been attending the event for over 30 years.

Krueger said the Senior Citizens Social is an amazing example of the caring and sharing philosophy of Mayfield Secondary School and the community it serves.

Nellie Jagdeo, an employee at Greenway Retirement Village, said the village's residents look forward to the social event every year.

"It brings back wonderful memories of their own school days. Some of our residents are even proud grandparents or great-grandparents of students that attend Mayfield. It is truly one of the highlights of their holiday season," said Jagdeo.

Local seniors Barbara and Doug Storey said they were delighted to watch the performances from talented students; another guest Nancy Moon said the warm welcome she received brightened her day.

Rahama, a Grade 11 student at Mayfield, said they enjoyed spending time with seniors and giving back.

Grade 12 student Lily shared a similar sentiment.

"I personally like helping people out and when I volunteered for this event it was very enjoyable, the Mayfield Jazz, Improv, and dance program performed, and it was amazing. Lots of the seniors said they loved the show and said our school was really talented which is so true," said Lily.

# Province announces \$3.7 million in funding for seniors active living centres

Continued from FRONT

Jones said the Province is making record investments to ensure more seniors are supported for years to come.

"The Caledon Seniors Centre is a hub for our community and today's announcement is another step our government is taking to give seniors the opportunity to enjoy active living and a healthy lifestyle," said Jones.

Due to the success of seniors active living centres, the Province is also investing \$17 million to bring 100 more of the centres to communities across Ontario. A news release from the Province notes a call for proposals was launched in July of last year

and successful applicants will begin to be announced early this year.

Sue Hesjedahl, Executive Director of the Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario, said the Province's recent funding announcements demonstrate a significant commitment to supporting seniors.

"This is an important step forward in addressing the growing demands on seniors active living centres (SALCs). We're thrilled to see the government responding to the needs of SALCs, empowering them to expand their reach and strengthen their role as community hubs — keeping seniors active, healthy, and connected to their communities," said Hesjedahl.

## Public Notice



### NOTICE OF IN-PERSON PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1 Schedule C Class Environmental Assessment Kennedy Road Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project

#### Background:

To help make new homes available faster, Peel Region has taken a significant step toward building the water infrastructure needed to meet the housing targets outlined in the "More Homes Built Faster Act" (Bill 23). By adopting a program management approach, Peel Region is expediting the construction of essential water and wastewater infrastructure to meet community and provincial needs, both now and into the future. Committed to supporting a growing population, Peel Region is focused on creating a thriving, inclusive, and sustainable community that promotes robust infrastructure, economic growth, environmental resilience, and overall well being.



Figure 1: Kennedy Road Trunk Sewer Project Study Area

Peel Region is taking proactive steps to achieve this goal by initiating multiple projects, including the Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) Study for the Kennedy Road Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project. This Project will help ensure sewage capacity requirements are met by 2051 to support growth in Peel Region. Refer to Figure 1 for Project Study area.

#### Process:

This study will follow the 2023 process for a Schedule "C" MCEA project, which includes:

- Indigenous community engagement and public and stakeholder consultation
- Background studies
- Development and evaluation of sewer route options; impact assessment; and mitigation measures.
- Selection of the preferred sewer route including design, and schedule

#### Your Input is Important:

Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held to present the findings of the MCEA study and provide opportunities to give feedback to the project team. Community engagement is key to the MCEA process. Early discussions will help identify ways to reduce project impacts on residents, businesses, and commuters.

#### In-Person PIC #1:

**When:** Tuesday January 28th, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Where:** Paul Palleschi Recreation Centre (30 Loafers Lake Lane, Brampton ON L6Z 1X9), Meeting Rooms 1 & 2

We invite all interested community members to join the first in-person PIC #1 to learn more about the Kennedy Road Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project and have the opportunity to ask questions to the project team members.

#### Virtual PIC #1

The first of two PICs was held virtually starting on December 4, 2024. The display boards for this PIC are available in an online format with a narrated video and online survey and can be viewed on the Kennedy Road Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project webpage at <https://peelregion.ca/construction/environmental-assessments/kennedy-road-sanitary-trunk-sewer-project>. Please review the files and share your feedback through the survey until February 14, 2025.

PIC #2 is planned for Spring 2025 with similar notification. Once the study is complete, results will be published in an Environmental Study Report (ESR) and will be made available for public review and comment.

#### Contact the Team:

To be added to the mailing list or to receive further information about the study, please contact:

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## Admirals' three power play goals cue rally in 4-3 comeback win over Oakville Blades

BY JIM STEWART

The Caledon Admirals fired three power play goals, including Clarence Allain's game-winner, in a 4-3 come-from-behind win over the Blades in Oakville on Friday night.

Caledon Head Coach Chris Taylor was pleased with the efficacy of his team's power play and penalty killing at the Sixteen Mile Sports Complex.

"Our special teams did a great job on the Olympic-sized ice in Oakville. It's great to see these improvements, especially since the team has been working so often on the power play and penalty killing in practice. They've been relentless recently. The PK went 4 for 4 and getting three goals on the power play is a really good sign."

The biggest of the power play goals was scored by Allain, who cobbled together a three-point night in Oakville. Coach Taylor applauded Allain's game-winner and his linemates' contributions to the Admirals' road win.

"Clarence's goal was the result of the hard work and playmaking of Ayden Agius and Cam Lang. Clarence was sitting back door. He's a smart player and finds the openings for Lang to get him the puck. Clarence picked up assists on our other two power play goals and he flourished on the Olympic-size ice. He gets more time and space on the big surface."

Coach Taylor elaborated on Allain's improvement over the course of the season—in many ways mirroring the recent successes of the Admirals squad.

"He's gotten a lot more comfortable and mature. Clarence has the skill to play in any league. He's adapted well to the physical and mental demands of junior hockey."

Allain's three-point night and the team's success in Oakville compared favorably to

the Admirals' 7-4 home ice loss on Thursday versus the Niagara Falls Canucks. Coach Taylor connected his team's back-to-back performances.

"We played well against Niagara Falls and the score didn't indicate the overall effort since the Canucks scored two empty net goals. We ran into a hot goalie in the first two periods, and we didn't get enough bounces. We outplayed Niagara Falls in the third period and created lots of chances. I thought our guys took that excellent third period effort against the Canucks into Friday in Oakville."

Coach Taylor also applauded the play of Admirals goaltender Blake Sloan versus the Blades.

"He played really well, but I also thought we defended much better on Friday night. We limited Oakville to a lot of perimeter shots until the final five minutes. Blake shut them down when we needed him. He stepped up and made key saves down the stretch."

Sloan turned aside 30 of the 33 shots he faced, but it was the Blades who jumped out to a 2-0 lead on a pair of goals by Lucas Tye. The Oakville forward scored with 44 seconds left in the first period and tallied again 15 seconds into the second period.

Caledon responded to Tye's outburst by scoring two power play goals in less than three minutes—the first by Owen Meli at 5:57 and the second by Nasser Abou-Marie at 8:47—to pull into a 2-2 tie.

Luca Rosati restored the Blades' one-goal lead at 13:04 of the middle frame, but three minutes later, Admirals forward Deacon King notched his tenth of the season to deadlock the game at 3-3.

Allain earned his third point of the game at 7:45 when his tenth goal of the season gave Caledon its first lead in Oakville.



Cam Lang picked up his team-leading 24th assist of the season on Allain's game-winner.

It was Caledon's first win of the season against the Blades—another indicator that the Admirals are righting the ship. Oakville won the two previous meetings—4-1 in early-December and 5-2 in late-October—when the rookie-laden Ad-

mirals lineup was struggling mightily with the rigors of junior hockey. The Admirals are 4-7-1-0 (.375) in their last 12 games after accruing a 3-23-0-0 (.115) record in their first 26 games.

Caledon hosts the fifth-place Buffalo Junior Sabres (21-16-1-1) on Thursday, January 16. Puck drop at the Mayfield Recreation Complex is 7.30 p.m.

## CCS invites all to register for Coldest Night walk

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents will soon head out into the cold for a charity walk that raises money for those experiencing hunger and homelessness.

On February 22, Caledon Community Services (CCS) will host its annual Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) walk.

The walk starts at the Caledon East Community Complex, which is located at 6215 Old Church Road.

Check-in opens at 4 p.m. and opening remarks happen at quarter to five. The walk itself begins at 5 p.m. and walkers can choose between two- and five-kilometre routes.

At 6 p.m. a light meal will be served to end the event.

Ahead of the walk, residents are encouraged to form, or join, a team of walkers. Walkers then collect pledges

from friends, family and local businesses to raise money for CCS.

Anyone who raises \$150 (or \$75 for those under 18) will receive a special CNOY toque as a thank you for their efforts.

CCS hopes to raise \$100,000 from this year's walk.

CCS provides many services to the Caledon community, like a food bank, job services, transportation, and newcomer and seniors support.

CCS staff said many people do not realize that there's homelessness in Caledon; that it's a real and growing problem. Staff said one of the benefits of the annual CNOY walk is raising awareness that hunger and homelessness are problems happening right here in our own community. To learn more about this year's event those interested can visit the following link: [cnoy.org/location/caledon](http://cnoy.org/location/caledon).

## Orangeville Blitz remains in first place after win over Elora

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Orangeville Blitz have maintained first place in the COSHL Division of the Ontario Super Hockey League after a home game win over the Elora Rocks at the Alder Street Arena on Friday night, January 10.

It was a highly competitive game with both teams taking the lead and the deciding goal coming with less than a minute remaining on the clock.

The Blitz took a 2-1 lead in the first period with opening goals coming from Cameron Searles and Andy Whitton.

Elora scored with 3:10 left on the clock in the first.

The Rocks took the lead in the second period scoring twice to make it a 3-2 game.

Orangeville's Adam Brown tied it up late in the second period when he hit the back of the Elora net with 6:38 left on the clock.

Elora went ahead again scoring midway through the third period.

There was a scoring frenzy in the last

half of the third period when Jonah Alexander scored to tie the game followed by another Orangeville goal from Alex Gilmour one minute later to give the Blitz a 5-4 lead.

It was again a tie game when Elora scored to make it 5-5 with just over three minutes left on the clock.

Orangeville's Luke Perovic stepped up and scored the game-winning goal with 23 seconds left on the clock and the Blitz left the ice with a 6-5 win.

After 17 games, the Blitz are in first place in the COSHL Division with a 12-5 record and 25 points.

Richmond Hill is in second place, followed by the Trent Hills Stallions, Madoc Wildcats, and the County Royals.

The Alviston Killer Bees of the WOSHL Division lead the league overall with 36 points after 19 times on the ice this season.

The Blitz will return to home ice at the Alder Street arena on Friday, February 7, when they will host the Richmond Hill Coyotes.

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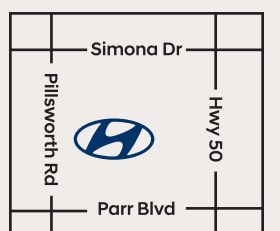
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Survived by his devoted daughter Erika, beloved son-in-law Jeff, best-bud and grandson Braeden, siblings Mary and Harold, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

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If you'd like to join us in celebrating John, the arrangements are as follows: Public Visitation Thursday, January 23rd from 6-8pm at Thornton Funeral Centre, 1200 Thornton Road N., Oshawa. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 1100 Mary Street N., Oshawa on Friday morning, January 24th at 11am. Interment to follow at Thornton Cemetery.

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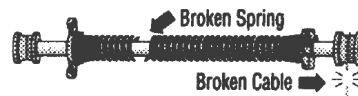
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