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END OF A STORIED CHAPTER — Donna and Paul Forster, pictured here with their dog Sterling, are closing down their business, Forster's Book Garden, due to economic reasons. They will host a farewell social at the store on Saturday, February 22. For more, see Page 3. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

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Caledon Chamber of Commerce to host debate for provincial election candidates

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents looking to learn about candidates in the upcoming provincial election may want to attend an upcoming debate.

From 7 to 9 p.m. on February 19, the

Caledon Chamber of Commerce will host a debate open to all candidates in the Dufferin-Caledon riding at the Caledon East Community Complex.

The debate is open to the public and voters are encouraged to attend. Questions at the debate will be asked by a moderator, and questions can be submitted to the following email: info@caledonchamberof-commerce.ca.

Caledon Chamber of Commerce president Marion Upshall said it was important for the Chamber to host a debate so residents can see what each candidate stands for and what it means for local families and businesses.

For more, see Page A5

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Town set to distribute \$50,000 in Climate Action Fund grants

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Local community groups and schools looking to complete environmental projects will be receiving a boost from the Town of Caledon.

At Caledon Council's February 11 Planning and Development Committee meeting, Councillors approved the distribution of nearly \$50,000 in Climate Action Fund grants to be split between 10 successful grant applicants.

The decision to approve the grants will be recommended for final approval at Caledon Council's February 25 meeting.

Each year, the Town supports local champions of the environment through its Climate Action Fund.

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Here's what's happening in Caledon this Family Day weekend

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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With the Family Day long weekend approaching, here's a look at what's happening in Caledon.

On Saturday, the Caledon Public Library (CPL) is hosting family story time at its Albion Bolton, Caledon East, and Southfields Village branches. The story times all begin at 10:30 a.m. and run for 45 minutes.

The CPL will also have drop-in Family Day activities from 1 to 3 p.m. at its Caledon East and Southfields Village branches.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Southfields Community Centre, the Town of Caledon, Caledon South

Asian Association, and Malton Women Council will host a number of fun activities.

There will be a game of "community clue", a free sketching workshop, and music and dancing.

On Family Day Monday, the Town of Caledon's Recreation department is hosting free drop in activities between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Albion Bolton Community Centre, Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness, Caledon East Community Complex, Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena, and Southfields Community Centre.

For a full schedule of drop-in activities like skating and swimming, residents can visit caledon.ca/familyday.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXHIBITION – To mark Black History Month, the Atrium at Caledon Town Hall is now featuring work from the Joan Butterfield Art Collection. On through February 28, the Town says "her artwork depicts different expressions of vibrant Black culture."
TOWN OF CALEDON IMAGE

Shelburne to host storytellers and young innovators at Black History Month event

BY JOSHUA DRAKES

The Town of Shelburne is set to host its yearly Black History Month celebrations on February 22 at Grace Tipling Hall (203 Main St. E.). The event will run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and admission is free.

Len Guchardi, Shelburne Councillor and DEI Chair, said that inclusivity and diversity remain firm commitments for the Town.

"Black History Month is a time to celebrate Black Canadians in our community and

beyond," he said. "Our DEI committee is committed to listening to, engaging with, and acting in the best interests of all residents, whatever their background."

The celebration will feature two guest speakers, beginning with Joy Akinkunmi, a youth innovator from Nova Scotia.

Akinkunmi was the 2024 recipient of the Discovery Awards for developing an automatic pill dispenser. At the age of 15, she witnessed firsthand the difficulty a family member with Lewy body dementia had in taking medication.

Inspired by this experience, she designed a dispenser capable of releasing multiple medications at different times of day at a fraction of the cost of similar devices on the market. While the device is not available for purchase currently, she plans to further develop it and release the device at a later date.

Following Akinkunmi, the spotlight will turn to Tracy Lee, a singer, speaker, and actor.

A fifth-generation Black Canadian, Lee was born and raised in Brantford, ON, and now resides in Guelph. She has been performing since the age of three in musicals, festivals, and community events.

Her work focuses on sharing and preserving Black history in Canada through music. She will be delivering a presentation titled "And Then What Happened..." which recounts the stories of her ancestors as they traveled to Canada through the Underground Railroad, and will also explore the history of early Black settlements in Canada.

Alongside the guests and performances, Guchardi said that the Town is also requesting that those who come to the event bring a non-perishable food item for donation to those in need.

"We're also asking if you are able to, please provide a donation to the food bank as something nonperishable, or a cash donation to the food bank, just as a little assistance to the community in general," Guchardi said. "It's not a requirement, it's just an invitation to assist if you can."

Guchardi added that while admission is free, the event organizers are requesting that those who plan to attend sign up online through Eventbrite, so they can estimate how many visitors will be in attendance.

For more details or to register, visit shorturl.at/42VC8

"The DEI committee is proud to celebrate these stories and encourage everyone to join us on February 22," said Guchardi.

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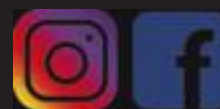
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Forster's Book Garden



Forster's Book Garden closing after 26 years

Farewell social to be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 22

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A beloved Bolton bookstore is closing its doors for good.

Forster's Book Garden, an independent bookstore located at 266 Queen Street South, is shutting down due to economic reasons after 26 years in business.

The store was founded, and is run, by Donna and Paul Forster. Their Bernese Mountain Dog, Sterling, also plays a key role welcoming customers to the store.

"The people are wonderful," said Donna, when asked what her favourite part of running the business has been. "We've had many customers become social friends, it's just been brilliant."

Another amazing thing for the Forsters has been watching customers grow up with the business.

"We've had kids come in, and 26 years later, they're adults coming in with their own children," said Donna.

Donna said she's very sad to have to close down.

"I was prepared to die with my boots on, but it's not going to happen. It's been a brilliant 26 years — I don't want to leave but there's no choice," said Donna.

Donna and Paul moved Forster's Book Garden twice over the years, and each time were overwhelmed with support from the community. They said it is an amazing example of how they have the best customers in the world.

When they moved Forster's Book Garden from the Highway 50 Mall to a location on Healey Road, 35 people came to help them do it. They hadn't even asked; they only let people know they were moving.

"35 people walking in from the parking lot saying 'hi, we're here to help'... I think I had to cry for 10 minutes before we started," said Donna.

Again, when Forster's Book Garden moved from Healey Road to its current location, even more people showed up.

"Everything was in here by 12:30 and we started at nine," said Donna. "It was absolutely incredible, it just blew me away. That's the kind of customers we have."

To say a proper goodbye to customers and the community, the Forsters are hosting a farewell social with coffee and cookies from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 22 at the store. All are welcome to drop by and share memories.

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STOLEN VEHICLE INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid charges in what began as a report of a collision that turned into a stolen motor vehicle investigation.

“On February 5, 2025, just before 6:00 a.m., Caledon OPP responded to a vehicle in the ditch on Heart Lake Road, near Charleston Sideroad, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “During the investigation, it was determined that the vehicle had previously been reported as stolen. The occupant was placed under arrest.”

As a result, Gurpreet Singh, 28, of no fixed address, was charged with:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000;
- Possession of break-in instruments.

The accused was held for a Bail Hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville.

The charges have not been proven.

For more information about vehicle theft, visit: <https://www.opp.ca/autotheft>

If you suspect illegal activity in your neighbourhood, call 1-888-310-1122. You

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IMPAIRED OPERATION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have investigated two vehicles in the ditch this past weekend that led to the drivers being charged with impaired operation.

“On February 8, 2025, at approximately 2:00 a.m., an officer on patrol on Chinguacousy Road in Caledon came across a vehicle in the ditch,” say Police. “During the interaction, grounds were formed that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

As a result of the investigation, Ravjeet Singh, 28, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Operation while impaired – alcohol.

The charges have not been proven.

“On February 9, 2025, shortly after 4:00

a.m., officers responded to a vehicle in the ditch on Old School Road, near Highway 10. During this interaction, the driver was arrested since grounds were formed that their ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol.”

As a result of the investigation, Justin Hans, 25, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Operation while impaired – alcohol.

The charges have not been proven.

Both accused are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on February 27, 2025, to answer to the charges.

The driver’s licences were also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicles were impounded for seven.

Slippery roads and poor judgment are a dangerous mix. The OPP remains committed to taking alcohol/drug-impaired drivers off our roads through enforcement and public education. If you know or suspect that a driver is impaired by alcohol and/or drugs, call 9-1-1. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at <https://peelcrimestoppers.ca>. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

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

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY WEEK

Ahead of Ontario Snowmobile Safety Week, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) are reminding snowmobilers that making each ride risk-free gives them their best chance of safely making it through the season.

The risky driving behaviours that lead to snowmobile fatalities are the same ones year after year, as reflected in the OPP’s data.

Over the past 10 snowmobile seasons (2014/15 to 2023/24), 145 snowmobilers

have lost their lives in OPP jurisdictions. Excessive speed, in particular driving too fast for the conditions, as well as alcohol impairment were among the leading causes or contributing factors in the fatalities. Driver inattention and lack of helmet use are among other factors that have cost snowmobilers their lives in the last decade.

Every year, snowmobilers take unnecessary risks on frozen waterways. With close to 40 per cent of the 145 fatalities occurring on frozen lakes and rivers, these locations account for the highest number of snowmobile deaths.

Riders are reminded that frozen lakes and rivers carry an inherent degree of uncertainty about how safe they are and the only way to ensure one’s safety is to avoid frozen waterways altogether.

Thanks to the hard work and commitment on the part of OFSC Snowmobile Clubs, Ontario snowmobilers have access to an expansive network of trails. Through the OFSC Interactive Trail Guide (ITG), riders can obtain real-time trail status information to help them choose a safe, enjoyable trail for their next riding adventure.

Snowmobilers are reminded that it’s against the law to access and ride on OFSC trails that are unavailable (all those highlighted in red on the ITG).

With Ontario Snowmobile Safety Week running from February 10 to 17, 2025, riders are encouraged to get up to date on what they need to do to keep themselves, their passengers and fellow riders safe throughout the season.

For more information about the OFSC and snowmobile safety, visit: <https://www.ofsc.on.ca/safety/>.

In addition to road and marine patrol, the OPP conducts patrols by snowmobile and off-road vehicle throughout the province.

OPP Snowmobile, ATV and Vessel Enforcement (S.A.V.E.) Teams are mobile, four-season teams that target high-risk operator behaviours on trails and waterways, as part of their efforts to reduce the risk of collisions, fatalities and injuries.

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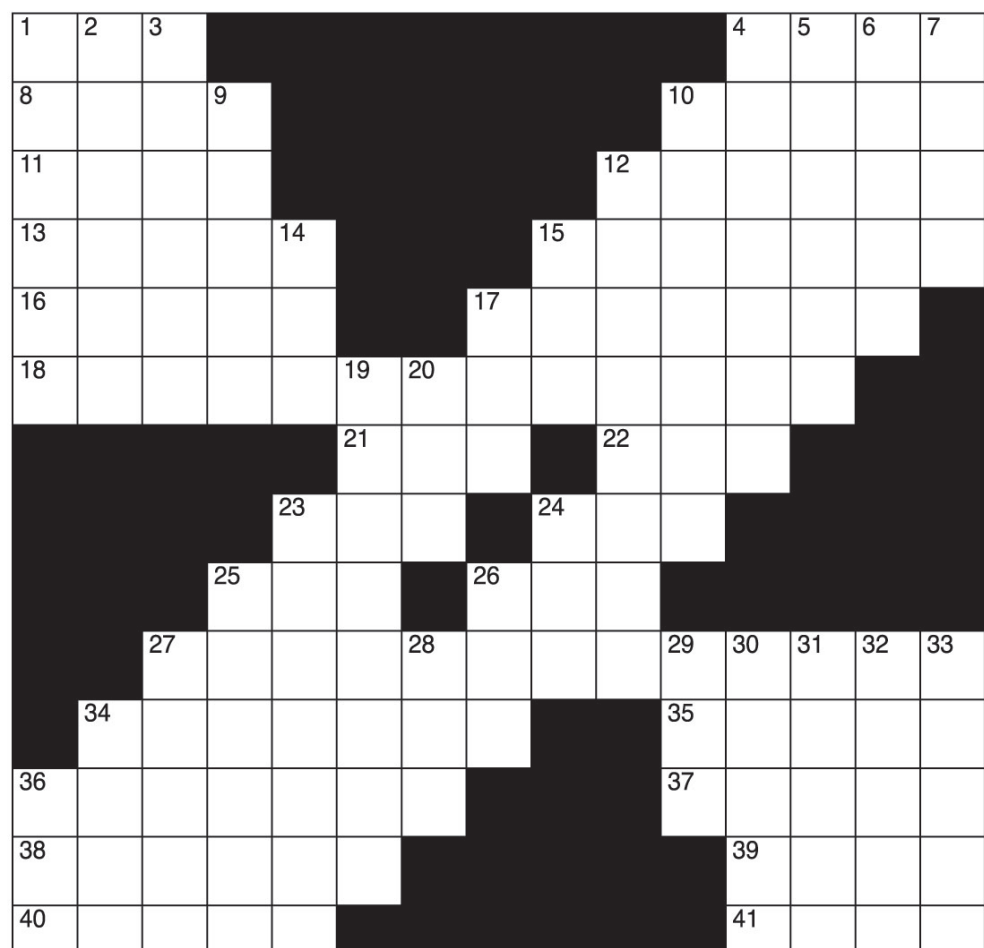
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- Burned with water
- Intestinal issue
- Take the lead
- Prove oneself worthy
- None
- Tax collector

CLUES DOWN

- Swiss river
- Gymnast Raisman
- Baby’s dining accessory
- Canadian beer
- Iconic American
- tourist destination
- More expansive
- Alert
- Popular boots
- Doc ___
- Showings
- Conclusion
- Share a common boundary
- Shooting sport
- Popular side dish
- Global energy firm
- Chronicles (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- Empowering
- Type of bomb
- Polynesian island country
- Heavenly body
- Hard workers
- Covered
- Johns Hopkins Hospital founder
- Plant of the grass family
- Island person of the Bering Sea
- Storehouse
- Scarlet-flowered desert shrub
- A pituitary hormone
- Female sibling
- Monetary unit of Afghanistan
- Utter obscenities
- Disorder
- State of fuss
- Footwear for babies
- Nuclear reactor (abbr.)
- Droves
- Affirmative
- Male parent
- Utter obscenities
- Type of verse
- Unpleasant person
- One who settles down
- Founder of source-based history
- A way to snarl

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Robert Hilton, Caledon's first Fire Chief, is pictured directing operations at a sports complex fire in 1980. TOWN OF CALEDON IMAGE

Caledon to celebrate 100 years of firefighting services this year

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town is planning to celebrate its proud history of firefighting this year.

Mayor Annette Groves said firefighting is deeply woven into the fabric of Caledon's history and culture.

"As we celebrate 100 years of dedicated service, we recognize the bravery and sacrifice of our

firefighters. This milestone is not only a tribute to their unwavering commitment but also an opportunity for the community to come together and show appreciation for those who protect us," said Groves.

According to a Town of Caledon media release, Caledon Fire and Emergency Services will host a variety of events this year to honour a century of bravery, innovation, and commitment to community safety.

Residents are encouraged to visit caledon.ca/fire to learn about up-

coming events.

Caledon's Fire Chief Dave Pelayo said the town's firefighters reflect the spirit of community that defines Caledon and that he's grateful to work alongside them.

"Firefighters are often the first on scene in times of crisis, putting their lives on the line to protect our families and our homes", said Pelayo. "As we celebrate this significant milestone, I am immensely proud of our team's pride in safeguarding lives and property."

Community groups partner to hold Provincial debates

BY PAULA BROWN
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Four Dufferin-based non-profits have teamed up to host two local debates for the 2025 Provincial Election.

The Dufferin Board of Trade (DBOT) announced in a February 4 press release that they are partnering with the Orangeville Food Bank, the Dufferin Federation of Agriculture, and the Great Dufferin Home Builders Association to host the Provincial Election debates for the Dufferin-Caledon riding.

"These debates provide a vital opportunity for voters to hear directly from the candidates, learn about their platforms, and make informed decisions ahead of the upcoming election," wrote the Dufferin Board of Trade.

The debates have been scheduled for February 18 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Orangeville Theatre, and February 20 at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Both debates will be open to the public to attend and all residents of Dufferin County and the Town of Caledon have been invited to engage and participate in the democratic events.

The debate scheduled in Orangeville will also be filmed by Rogers TV, with further broadcasting details to follow.

During the two debates, questions will be taken from the floor allowing for local voters to directly address candidates on the issues that matter most to them.

All candidates who have declared their intention to run in the Dufferin-Caledon riding have been invited to participate in the debates.

Candidates who are running in the Dufferin-Caledon riding include: Sandy Brown for Green Party, George Nakitas for the New Democratic Party (NDP), Michael Dehn for the Ontario Liberals and Sylvia Jones for Progressive Conservatives.

Ontarians will take to the polls on February 27.

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Annual Seedy Saturday gardening event coming soon

Event set for March 1 at Caledon East Community Complex

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents are invited to kick off the gardening year at a fun event this March.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 1, the Caledon Public Library (CPL), Albion Hills Community Farm (AHCF), and Palgrave United Community Kitchen (PUCK) will be hosting “Seedy Saturday” at the Caledon East Community Complex.

Laura Nolloth, a coordinator of communications and cultural development for the CPL, said the event will celebrate gardening, sustainability and community.

“This lively, family-friendly event invites everyone — from seasoned gardeners to beginners — to explore eco-friendly practices, traditional gardening techniques, and creative planting ideas,” said Nolloth.

The event will feature a seed and plant swap, free seeds, a seed catalogue, garden-themed kids crafts, a garden-themed book sale, and a cafe provided by PUCK.

Attendees will be able to ask vendors at the event any gardening questions they may have; one of the main purposes of Seedy Saturday is for gardeners to share knowledge and make connections.

“Whether you’re coming for inspiration, resources, or a few good reads, Seedy Saturday has something for everyone,” said Nolloth.

Admission to Seedy Saturday is free, but attendees are asked to bring cash if they would like to make any purchases at the event.

Ten environmental projects selected for full or partial funding

Continued from FRONT

Potential grant recipients must submit detailed plans of an environmental project they hope to undertake to the town, and an evaluation committee then reviews whether the project should receive full, partial, or no funding. The projects must align with Caledon’s “Resilient Caledon Community Climate Change Action Plan.”

In Caledon’s 2025 budget, the Climate Action Fund increased to \$50,000 from \$35,000 in order to meet growing demand. The maximum a single applicant can request is \$8,000.

This year, four projects were selected to receive full funding (100 per cent of requested project cost) and six were chosen for partial funding (75 per cent of requested project cost). Five projects did not meet the minimum threshold to be recommended for funding.

Local non-profit ecoCaledon will receive \$7,956 to undertake a community waste reduction initiative.

“The project aims to increase waste diversion across Caledon by encouraging residents and businesses to adopt sustainable practices, reducing contamination in recycling, and minimizing food waste,” reads a project summary.

Project summaries were shared for each project through a staff report at the February 11 meeting.

Through its initiative, ecoCaledon plans to engage over 500 residents, host three community cleanups, two repair cafes, and one webinar for Caledon businesses.

The Village of Inglewood Association will be getting \$3,745 for its “Greening Our Village” tree planting initiative.

“This project involves native tree plantings throughout key areas of the village, with the goal of providing shade, reducing Caledon’s carbon footprint, and providing educational opportunities that empower the community and help shape a sustainable future,” reads the project summary.

The association plans to plant over

150 trees and has 60 volunteers ready to participate. It also plans to host workshops and events, and create educational materials.

Ontario Streams will receive a full \$8,000 for its “Caledon Headwaters Rehabilitation Initiative”. The project will see Ontario streams enhance stream habitats by removing invasive species and introducing native species.

Ontario Streams plans to stock 10,000 Atlantic Salmon eggs, plant 1,000 trees and shrubs, remove 500 square metres of invasive species, and conduct eight Brook Trout spawning surveys.

Ellwood Memorial Public School will be receiving \$4,455 for its “Empowering Eagles: Inspiring Climate Leadership at Ellwood Memorial P.S.” initiative.

The project is described as “a multi-phase, integrated learning approach developed to deliver the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority’s ‘Area’s Environmental Leaders of Tomorrow’ program to inspire climate change leadership and action for Grade 5 students.”

The above four projects were the ones selected for full funding. The below six projects are the ones selected for partial funding.

Trout Unlimited Canada’s Greg Clark chapter will receive \$3,522 to restore the Credit River at Highway 24. The group will host two tree plantings, planting 300 trees total.

“The shade provided by the trees reduces stream temperatures and helps create a sustainable habitat for Brook Trout to thrive,” reads the project summary.

Caledon East Public School will receive \$6,000 for its “Caledon East Stewardship Project.”

In the project summary, it’s described as “a multi-phase project combining education and action, where students learn to meaningfully observe the ecosystem and collect key data during field trips to Albion Hills. Students will apply their knowledge in the schoolyard through activities such as planting a pollinator

garden, conducting stream studies, bird monitoring, building bee houses, and tracking invasive species. Collected data will contribute to ‘Citizen Science’ databases, expanding knowledge beyond the school population.”

Southfields Village Public School will receive \$4,336 for its “World Wellness at SFV” initiative.

According to the project summary, it will “integrate Climate Justice Education and Indigenous knowledge to foster connection with the land among students. Key projects include hydroponic growing towers and the ‘Moccasin Identifier Project’ to provide education on Indigenous land connections, promote responsible consumption, and waste management through a student-led community event.”

Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School will be the recipient of \$2,588 for a waste management initiative. The school will be diverting waste from landfills using an industrial composter.

“Composted waste will be converted into nutrient rich soil for use in a greenhouse and pollinator/food gardens on school grounds,” reads the project summary.

Services and Housing in the Province will be getting \$3,000 to construct an “Indigenous Learning Garden”.

“The garden will provide a space where the community can learn about the benefits of Indigenous medicinal plant species and how garden spaces can aid in sustainable climate adaptation opportunities,” reads the project summary.

Finally, Mayfield Secondary School will receive \$6,000 for its “Educational Garden Spaces” initiative.

According to the project summary, “this project focuses on education and greenhouse gas emission reductions through the installation of renewable energy systems and various garden projects. To bolster the existing curriculum, a greenhouse will be constructed on school grounds and used throughout the year by staff and students.”



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Peel approves 2025 budget with 5.4 per cent property tax increase

Peel Regional Police account for majority of increase

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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The Region of Peel's 2025 Budget has been approved.

Regional Council approved the budget in a January 23 meeting, and residents will see a 5.4 per cent property tax increase from it.

Combined with Caledon's 2025 budget, which had a 3 per cent increase in property

tax, Caledon residents will be hit with an 8.4 per cent property tax increase overall.

Of the 5.4 per cent increase coming from the Region's budget, Peel Regional Police account for 4.1 per cent of it.

The Budget allows for the hiring of 300 uniformed officers and 65 civilian professionals, as well as capital investments for vehicles and equipment, infrastructure, and facilities.

According to a Region of Peel news release, Peel's 2025 Budget includes investments of \$6.3 billion to maintain current service levels for a growing population and address "priority community needs."

The Region is investing over \$1 billion dollars in its water and wastewater systems to meet the Province's housing targets.

This includes \$615 million for wastewater collection main replacement and construction; \$558 million for water main replacement and construction; and \$169 million for expansion of water resource recovery facilities.

Peel will be hiring 22 new paramedics in response to increasing call volumes and system pressures. A total of \$21.4 million will go to enhancements and repairs for ambulances and related equipment. The Region is also investing in mental health and wellness initiatives for its paramedics.

Peel's 2025 Budget will see the Region expand public health inspection capacity to respond to an increased number of complaints and inspection requirements. The Region will also be working on completing

a post-pandemic catch-up of school immunization.

In 2025, Peel will distribute \$4 million to community partners working to address demand for social services and food security.

Peel will be investing \$168 million in road construction, intersection improvements, and active transportation. It will be building infrastructure to support growth in key corridors such as Mississauga, Mayfield, Airport, and Dixie roads, and Highway 50.

Peel Regional Chair Nando Iannicca said the 2025 Budget ensures ongoing delivery of essential services, invests in critical infrastructure projects, and responds to pressing needs and challenges in the community.

"Council has approved a Budget that reflects priorities to maintain core public services, enhance community safety, and support vulnerable populations while fostering innovation and operational efficiency," said Iannicca.

Gary Kent, Peel's Chief Administrative Officer, said "this budget prioritizes housing affordability, climate change, community safety, and critical infrastructure, all while maintaining fiscal accountability. It lays the foundation to meet current demands and ensures a future-ready Peel Region, enhancing services and programs that support our vision of community for life."

Davinder Valeri, Peel's Chief Financial Officer, said Peel continues to face social, economic, and political uncertainties, especially with looming elections at other levels of government.

"This budget attempts to address these challenges by investing in a number of critical urgent community needs, including the housing affordability crisis and accelerated housing-enabling infrastructure, tackling affordability issues in the community, supporting community safety and well-being, confronting the climate change emergency, and promoting crucial diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives in Peel," said Valeri.

For more information on Peel's 2025 budget, interested parties can visit the following link: budget.peelregion.ca/2025.

Early results of Peel's electric waste collection vehicle pilot shared

Electric garbage truck works well, but is limited to shorter, urban routes

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Region of Peel is piloting the use of an electric garbage truck, a first in Ontario.

At a February 6 meeting of Peel's Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee, Peel's Manager of Waste Planning, Cynthia Lucar Dias, shared results from the first year of the pilot, which began in December 2023.

The purpose of the pilot is to explore how electric waste collection vehicles can be integrated into Peel's waste collection fleet to reduce emissions and improve air quality.

Lucar Dias said there was a steep learning curve at the beginning with the electric waste collection vehicle, but it's performing much better now.

The vehicle was able to work 175 out of a possible 207 collection days in its first year, and handled a 12-hour workday where it would serve an average of 1,000 households.

The vehicle, however, is limited to use on short and urban waste collection routes. It has yet to be tested in Caledon or areas in Brampton and Mississauga with sparse housing. Due to the size and weight of its battery, its collection capacity is about 20 per cent less than that of a traditional garbage truck.

There was no need for a midday charge for the electric truck, and it can charge to full in 4.5 hours — this was done overnight.

On particularly hot days, battery consumption increased by about seven per cent. A similar increase is also expected for very cold days.

Lucar Dias said drivers have reported a

smooth and comfortable experience driving the electric truck. She also shared that other municipalities appreciate that Peel is testing out this new technology.

In the future, Lucar Dias said Peel will also investigate using hydrogen-fuelled waste collection vehicles.

Peel's Commissioner of Public Works Kelay Dedman said it's too early for a proper cost analysis of electric trucks and traditional trucks. However, he shared that the cost of a traditional truck is about \$475,000, and the cost of an electric truck is \$875,000.

Dedman noted electricity is cheaper as a fuel than fossil fuels, and expected maintenance costs for electric trucks are also cheaper.

Ultimately, the Region's pilot of the new electric waste collection vehicle is not yet complete. Regional staff will be reporting back to Regional Council with more details, including a cost analysis, when the pilot is finished. It is estimated to take 2.5 years total.



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On Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 2:30p.m. in the Council Chambers located at the 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East, ON, the Committee of Council will consider amendments to various schedules of User Fee By-law 2024-106, as amended, including:

- Schedule B - Building Services
- Schedule D - Planning
- Schedule L - Engineering

Meeting agenda information, including a copy of the related report, will be available for review on the Town's website prior to the meeting at caledon.ca/agenda.

Anyone interested in addressing Committee of Council on this matter may file a written submission, or request to delegate in person or remotely at the meeting, by emailing the Clerk's Office at agenda@caledon.ca by March 3, 2025.

In the event Committee chooses to refer or defer consideration of this matter, no further public notice will be given.

Dated at the Town of Caledon, February 13, 2025.

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It can be as easy as turning off whatever screen you've been looking at all day, even if only for an hour, to recalibrate your eyes, brain, and your connection to the world around you. But sometimes it can be more challenging, like breaking habits that might be time-wasters, working against you in the end.

Sometimes, if you don't have a set lunch hour, one can forget to allocate time in the busy workday to eat properly – and, of course, forget to follow through once you've made that all-important allocation – or the simple impact of having a good night's sleep.

During her exceptionally long life, for instance, Betty White boasted about only needing a few hours' sleep a night. It was a remarkable claim given the fact she seemed to have endless reserves of energy until the eve of her 100th birthday, but evidently she was doing something right. Yet, it's certainly not a formula that works for everyone. We're not all cut from the same bolt of fabric as the iconic Golden Girl!

As an inveterate night owl, I've tried my fair share of ways to trick myself into a good night's sleep. I've even tried to talk myself into being one of those perky – and, sometimes, peskily perky – morning people, but to no avail, despite the fact that when I go to bed each evening I'm just a little bit jazzed at the possibility that tomorrow might be THE morning of getting with the program.

When you can polish off a solid night's sleep, you certainly notice the difference. And you certainly notice when you don't.

Near the very end of my university career, for instance, when, just 30-odd hours before it was due, I realized I had misunderstood the entire point of the final assigned essay and the copious amount of research I had done to that point. The work I'd done to that point resulted in a fine finished product, but it was completely irrelevant to the actual question we were tasked to answer.

The realization led to waves of anxiety, but once they made way for resolve it was time to hit the mercifully all-night library on campus to rebuild the thing from scratch, with an entirely new thesis. There was no sleep to be had that night, so it was a matter of pushing all the way through. Balancing school with a day job, I put those tasks on the backburner and plowed through on the essay until it was complete, but that other work wasn't going to complete itself. It was time to go into the office after hours to tackle what was on the aforementioned back burner.

It was, by my estimation, about 49 hours between that wave of panic and when I had caught up on everything that needed to be done. It's not something I would ever recommend. Nor would I recommend the feeling of being a veritable husk of myself when it was all done. But there was little choice.

A weekend of doing nothing was a tonic in feeling fully functional once again, but even though I haven't yet cracked the code when it comes to the perfect work-life-sleep balance, it's definitely made me more mindful of both that and how it relates to having what's now described as "a personal bandwidth."

Being mindful of our personal bandwidth isn't just one of the many buzzwords and phrases flying our way these days. It is, in my opinion, becoming ever-more essential in just about every facet of our life.

Take, for instance, the last 20-odd days living next to the United States.

Since Donald Trump took office for his second non-consecutive term, we have been bombarded from all directions on all manner of things.

We're treading water in seas of negativity, division and misinformation.

We're living under the constant threat of crippling economic tariffs – the latest being a new significant tariff on aluminum and steel we produce here at home, a move which was confirmed just days after we ostensibly "won" a 30-day reprieve from the previous round of tariff threats.

We're living in a world where executive orders are upending our very idea of the United States and putting many of our fellow humans south of the border in the crosshairs of hate.

We're living in a world where existential threats to our very nation and sovereignty are things we're now living with every day.

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And then there's the nonsense that is just as baffling as it is pointless, such as the apparent re-naming of the Gulf of Mexico; overtures to (at best) "purchase" Greenland or (at worst) overtake it; and bringing forward a renaissance in plastic straws.

None of which, as far as I could see, were identified as priorities by any serious voter ahead of November's Presidential Election where so many claimed to be concerned about the price of eggs – which, by the way, have trebled since the "peaceful" transfer of power.

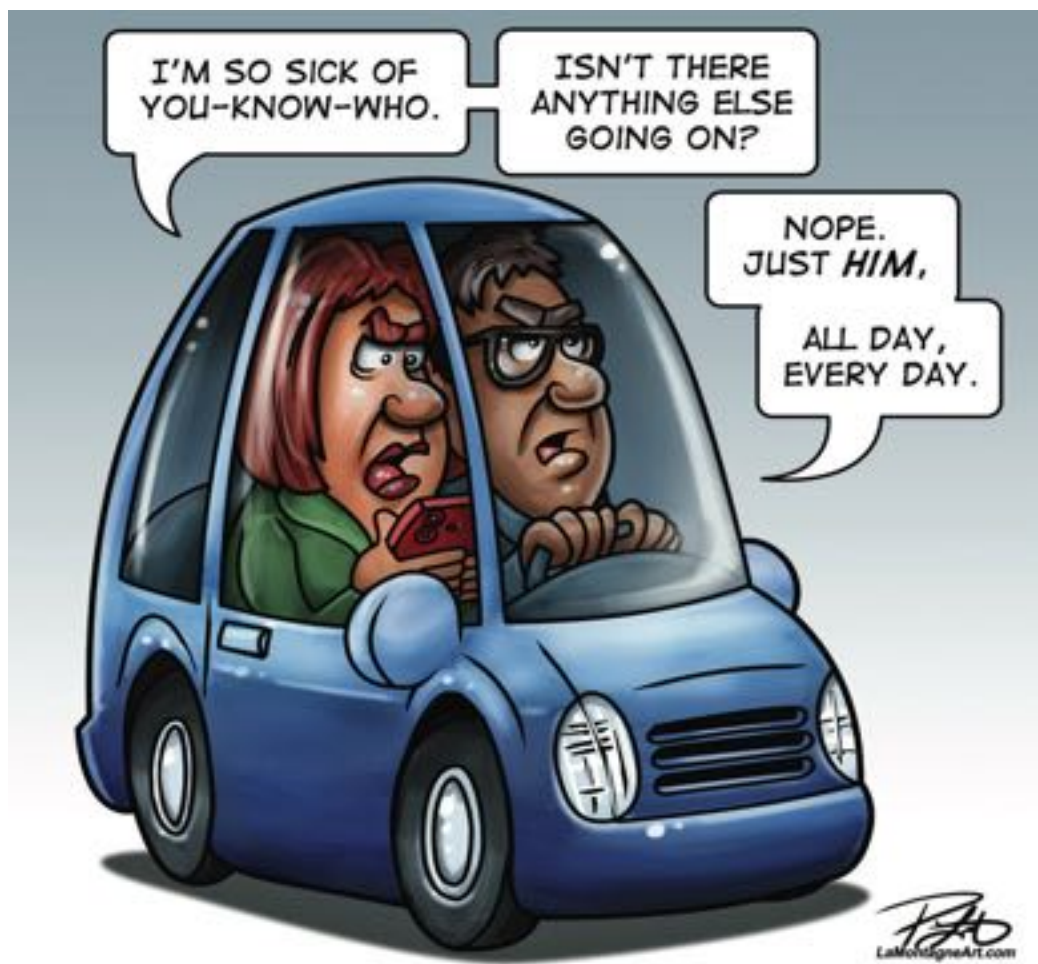
The pace at which these changes, threats and taunts are coming can leave the best of us exhausted, and that's by design, but it's vitally important that we – as individuals and as groups – don't let the bombardment overtake us or keep us from taking a collective breath.

At the moment, we appear to be largely united in our resolve to resist the threats and keep our economies afloat with renewed efforts to Buy Canadian and Buy Local, which is fantastic, but we've been here before. We shared these sentiments, by and large, at the height of the Global Pandemic but, sadly, this fell by the wayside in many cases as people began to chafe under many of the hardships that came with it, at being "told" what to do, and the rise of mistrust in what we were being asked to do thanks to, as mentioned above, the flood of misinformation.

Indigenous leaders have spoken with dismay of what they describe as a "news fatigue" when it comes to the issues being faced by First Nations, Inuit and Metis communities, particularly the continued confirmation of horrors that took place in association with Residential Schools; one only has to look at how many times new discoveries grab national headlines these days to see that the "news fatigue" claims are rooted in reality.

But, however weary we might get from threats coming our way at such a rapid pace, we must not let our guard down and become complacent out of sheer exhaustion.

Our future quite literally depends on it. So, stay well-rested, stay alert and, together, we can stand on guard for what really matters.



Why "doing nothing" just isn't an option

by Mark Pavilons



hiring more people to answer them would be in order. In my opinion, there's no reason for someone to remain on hold for 30 minutes with banking institutions or government agencies who have the resources to meet any and all demands from their customers.

For banks, while they claim "your call is important to us," it really isn't. They don't care about Joe Average and his call about an unfair charge or overpayment. And if they do have to issue a refund or credit, they take their sweet time.

I really can't comprehend why electronic transfers or transactions take 7 to 10 business days to complete. It's the push of a button, through a pretty intelligent computer system. It's instant. I would even accept 24-36 hours, but no more. There's no excuse.

If you work for such an institution and can explain that to me, please get in touch. "I'll be right with you!"

Banks sure waste no time in debiting our accounts when we make a purchase or pay a bill.

Also, many customer service reps are reading from a prepared script, a "cheat sheet" if you will on troubleshooting. I'm sure there are several mentions in their hand books along the lines of "if it sounds too complicated, put them on hold and send them to another extension."

I'm not sure if "doing nothing" is similar to just showing up, but here's another thorn in my side. For trades such as plumbers and electricians, they typically charge \$200 or more for just arriving at your door. I understand the term "service call," but where's the service in ringing the doorbell and stepping inside? The rest of the call is often less climactic, cheaper and done quickly.

Okay, some of us get paid to just show up to the office every day, but it's wrapped up in our pay cheques, not a separate bonus for gracing everyone with our presence.

Speaking of showing up at the office, none other than the President of the United States makes his daily trips to the office all about shock and awe.

There's no doubt that every time Donald Trump opens his mouth, our collected mouths drop wide open in disbelief. I can't imagine that his hare-brained ideas and orders are supported by his team and a host of politicians representing the people. Are Americans doing nothing to curb his willy-nilly actions? Are they merely accepting the cutting of diversity funding, foreign aid and "invading" and "occupying" a foreign land and sending Palestinian refugees elsewhere?

And the world watches in horror and yet what are the repercussions? Trump has withdrawn the U.S. from the United Nations Human Rights Council, and has asked for reviews of the U.S. funding of UNESCO. He dismantled USAID, which spends roughly \$50 billion annually on foreign aid and development assistance.

Cost-cutting in the name of isolationism? In just a couple weeks, the U.S. has taken a giant leap backward, dragging the whole world down.

Standing by and doing nothing is a sin, almost as bad as committing the sin itself. Our history is filled with examples of the silent lie and acts of omission, to utterly disastrous ends.

Albert Einstein once remarked that the world is a dangerous place, "not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing."

Let's stop doing nothing and do something, anything!

We are reminded, time and again, to use our time wisely while we're running around on this planet.

We should make the most out of every day, every hour in fact.

And yet, there are days, maybe even weeks, when we are struggling, and resort to just doing nothing at all.

While I enjoyed some time off over the holidays and embraced a few days of lounging, it did get "old," like cheese left out on the counter. I found I was sore and maybe even bloated after a week of inactivity.

Given we only have a limited time, this isn't very productive. Sure, we all need "down time," but that time can be better spent.

I agree that doing nothing can bring things into perspective. But life is about balance.

My oldest daughter, who's never idle and is constantly buzzing between yoga, zoomba and various appointments, said "there's no fun in doing nothing."

She's right, of course.

I recall when I was in my late teens and early 20s, we hated being idle. We were always itching to just get out of the house and do something, even if it was only to meet up with friends and just "hang out."

We also knew our priorities and responsibilities. Chores first, then homework, then fun. That gave us a lot of motivation to actually do what was asked of us. Our parents made sure we didn't lollygag. In fact, they typically only had to ask once, just once. If they had to ask a second time, we knew we were in trouble.

While things have changed dramatically, we hang on to some of those lessons. Old school ideology tends to stick with us.

And today, it seems many have adopted the do-nothing strategy.

How is that people – largely those in the civil service, banking or customer service areas – are content to do nothing? Sure, they tell you that "someone will look into this for you," but really folks, most often our request or inquiry disappears down some black hole in the department.

Maybe it does get "bumped up" the ladder. Maybe it gets transferred to some desktop in the basement, of an office that's currently unoccupied.

These workers have a unique skill down pat – the art of doing nothing without feeling guilty.

In the "real world," if our boss asks us to do something we do it. We often don't have a choice and do our best to comply.

Those customer service types have the public to answer to and not necessarily their managers.

Requests fly into the company, while staffers are "responding to a larger than expected volume" of calls. I have never once heard the automated voice say "it's pretty slow today, you're next in line!"

If there's a high volume of calls, then perhaps

Our Readers Write

We must put Canada first, says MP

U.S. President Trump's ongoing unjust and unjustified tariff threats have shown Canada cannot take anything for granted. There's no time for rest. Canada must take back control of our border, strengthen our economy, and put Canada First.

The Liberals must also put aside their partisan interests and recall Parliament now. ALL MPs need to be at work dealing with the crisis, debating, and considering responses. Conservatives are ready to work and have proposed our Canada First Plan that will:

- Retaliate with dollar-for-dollar tariffs carefully aimed at maximizing impact on American companies while minimizing impact on Canadian consumers;
- Put all the tariff revenues into help for affected workers and businesses;
- Pass a massive emergency Bring It Home Tax Cut;
- Immediately scrap the Liberal anti-re-

- source law C-69;
- Knock down interprovincial barriers to help replace lost north-south trade with east-west trade to make us self-reliant;
- Rebuild our military & take back control of our borders;
- Lock arms with American economic interests that favour Canada.

We will protect our economy, defend our sovereignty, bring home production and pay cheques, and never back down. We will put Canada First – now and always.

Conservatives have repeatedly called for Parliament's immediate return and continue to do so. Let me know if you agree with our plan by completing my brief survey at kyleseeback.ca/canadafirst.

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Our Readers Write

Highway 407 offers solution to 413 development, says

Hands up if you believe in magic!

With a simple flick of the wrist and based on nothing more than magical fairy dust, Doug Ford has once again promised the electorate the moon when it's been shown over and over again that when it comes to fulfilling promises he suffers from failure to lift off. Here we are in the midst of an entirely unnecessary election and magical GO trains servicing south Bolton, and mystical tunnels boring underneath already existing highways, are both allegedly coming our way. Hands up if you believe in magic.

For most of us grown adults, the answer to the question of magic should be a resounding NO.

Gone are the days of the tooth fairy and Santa, and so too should be the days of believing in Mr. Ford and his ridiculous promises. Sadly, as time has shown us over and over again, there are still enough believers out there that the conservatives know such tactics are successful. It appears our very own Mayor might be one of the people duped. Advocating about the need for public transit is one thing, and an issue on which I am in full agreement, but proudly pouncing on the GO train election promise as a fait accompli for Caledon and sharing it widely on Town of Caledon social media channels seems a questionable decision. Simultaneously, using that same communication to sing the praises of CAO Nathan Hyde for "taking a modern, integrated approach to land-use and transportation planning," and suggesting that Bolton South, presumably by him alone, has been purposefully "designed to give Caledon the density it needs to support GO Transit expansion" strikes me as even more odd, given that talk of a GO train serving Bolton has been on the table for years.

It's true. The facts are that a GO train has been talked about for what feels like forever. As just one example, in March of 2022, this very publication covered an announcement made jointly by Premier Ford, former Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson and former Vaughan Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, sharing this news: "The Province of Ontario announced today that the lands at Humber Station Road and King Street will be designated for a future Caledon GO rail site," and further, that the Ontario government "publicly committed to multiple new transportation options for Caledon, including the long-awaited Caledon-Vaughan GO rail line." The only thing different between these two announcements about a (thus far) fictional train is where it would be located since current Mayor Annette Groves has it placed squarely in Bolton, in her words, "next to the Home Hardware on the south side."

Talk about magic. First of all, this latest iteration of GO train announcements was an election promise. ONLY that, nothing more. Lots of promises are made during an election. Promises like, "we won't touch the Greenbelt," and we'll "cut hospital wait times," and

make "housing more affordable," were all campaign promises too. I don't know about you but I haven't noticed any of those changes yet. So, I ask this with all due respect Madam Mayor, do you believe in magic? Or do you know something we don't know about how Premier Ford and Metrolinx, perhaps along with some friendly developers, are going to somehow magically, finally, make good on the promise of a train? I hope I'm wrong, and I applaud both current and previous Councils for continuing to advocate for public transit, but surely you must see this for what it is, a blatant attempt to distract us with a big, shiny announcement about nothing?

As for cutting gridlock by building more highways, I don't think anyone with an ounce of common sense believes that boring a hole through the earth, under an already existing highway that sees close to 360,000 vehicles travelling across it daily, is what anyone had in mind! And the cost of such misadventure? Not that Mr. Ford has an answer to that question. When asked, he deflected by citing a cost "in the billions" (\$50+ billion apparently) a number that only represents the "lost productivity" of people stuck in traffic. It's another piece of magic, a fictional number and surely one that pales in comparison to any actual cost of building a tunnel. But I'm getting ahead of myself. The cost is irrelevant because we still don't know if such a project is even feasible because the feasibility study hasn't been completed yet! Not that this has, in any way, hampered the Premier from making a magical election promise to build it. I'm beginning to wonder what colour the sky is in Mr. Ford's world?

Hands up if you believe in magic, dear readers, because if you do this past week was a banner one for magical announcements. The reality is a different story. If you're commuting to work, I wouldn't plan on taking the train any time soon, nor using google maps to reroute your trip through a tunnel. You'd be better off throwing some magical pixie dust in the air to get to work on time.

On January 17, a letter signed by 160 Leaders of Faith was sent to Doug Ford. The group, including Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist and Unitarian organizations expressed concerns about Bill 212 - Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act. The Faith group warns that Bill 212 will have devastating consequences for the environment, public safety, food systems and Indigenous rights. They were compelled to speak out when Government decisions threatened the integrity of the environment and the well-being of present and future generations. The Faith group warned that the Ford Government is prioritizing short term economic interests over long - term sustainability by expediting the construction of Highway 413

So what's the answer to preventing this environmental catastrophe? Highway 407 is the obvious answer; by providing low/no cost tolls to all commercial truck traffic it will immediately relieve congestion on Highways 401, 410, 403, 427 and Hwy 7. The 407 runs at less than 50% capacity at the same time the 401 is running far above capacity. Why? Well, most trucking outfits can't afford expensive 407 tolls. So they are forced to jam up all the routes the 407 was intended to ease when it was built.

In fact, when planned in the late 1950s, the 407 was intended to be a truck by pass. It is sad to say now it's a highway for commuters who can afford the most expensive tolls in the world. Low or no cost tolls for trucks will ease the tremendous congestion in the GTHA right now! The 407 would be much more effective than the destructive 413 could ever achieve.

Furthermore, we have 17,000kms of roads in Ontario already with most of them in Southern Ontario. Upgrading our existing roads would preserve our prime farmland, forests and wetlands, forever. We must be the caretakers of the land and water, not just takers.

Farmlands, trees, wildflowers and bees
The birdsong and coyote cry,
Our wetlands and dragonfly,
Chorus frogs and red side dace,
The Greenbelt is their rightful place!

We must stop the 413.
Our future generations will be forever grateful.

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ARREST FOLLOWING FRAUD INVESTIGATION

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As a result of an ongoing police investigation, members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Crime Reduction Unit (CRU), and Emergency Response Team (ERT) have arrested and charged two individuals in connection to a fraud investigation.

“On June 9 2024, officers responded to a report of a fraud at a residence on Hwy 9 in the Town of New Tecumseth,” say Police. “The complainant reported that the ownerships of two high end vintage vehicles had been fraudulently registered in someone else’s name. During the initial investigation, it was determined that the keys for the vehicles were

also missing from the complainant’s home. The value for these two vehicles is over \$500,000.

“On January 30, 2025 several search warrants were executed and two individuals were arrested. The key fobs and ownerships were recovered during the search. Items seized during the search consisted of: 11 long guns, 768 grams of Cocaine, a 2012 Chevrolet Silverado, a 2010 Mercedes Benz, drug paraphernalia, ammunition, 3 knives, 4 cell phones, 2 iPads, 5 sets of vehicle keys, and a large sum of Canadian Currency.”

As a result of the investigation, Anthony Fasullo, 30, of Vaughan was arrested at an address on Innisfil Beach Road, and charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule 1 substance for the Purpose of Trafficking (cocaine);
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5000.00;

- Fraud over \$5000.00 - Two Counts;
- Use, deals, Acts on Forged documents- Two Counts;
- Failing to comply with release order- Three Counts;
- Possession of Proceeds of Crime Over \$5000.00;
- Resist Peace Officer.

The accused was held for a bail hearing and is to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on February 7, 2025.

The charges have not been proven.

Morgan Crouse, 25, of Tottenham was charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking – Cocaine;
- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime over \$5000 - in Canada;

- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000 - in Canada;
- Trafficking in Schedule I substance- Cocaine.

The accused has been released and is to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on February 20, 2025.

The charges have not been proven.

This investigation is ongoing. If you have any information in relation to this investigation, please call the Nottawasaga OPP Detachment at 1-888-310-1122, Report Number (E240736122). You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit your information online at <https://ontariocrimes-toppers.ca>.

Public Notice



NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND

Form 2

Expropriations Act, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 363

IN THE MATTER OF an application by The Regional Municipality of Peel for approval to expropriate the lands being described in Schedule “A” attached hereto, for the municipal purpose of facilitating the reconstruction and improvement of Bush Street and Mississauga Road from Winston Churchill Boulevard to just east of Shaws Creek Road and from Caledon Mountain Drive to Olde Base Line Road, and Olde Base Line Road from Winston Churchill Boulevard to Mississauga Road, in the Town of Caledon, together with works ancillary thereto.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the interests in the lands described in Schedule “A”.

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires a hearing into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing,

(a) in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty (30) days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice;

(b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice.

The approving authority is:

The Council of The Regional Municipality of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton, Ontario L6T 4B9

The expropriating authority is:

The Regional Municipality of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton, Ontario L6T 4B9

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Aretha Adams, Regional Clerk

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Schedule “A”

Fee Simple: All right, title and interest in the land.

Permanent Drainage Easement: Limited Interests in Perpetuity for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed permanent easement in gross or rights in the nature of a permanent easement in gross to enter, occupy and re-enter by The Regional Municipality of Peel including its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors and workers, with all necessary material, including, but not limited to, vehicles, machinery, supplies and equipment at all times in, on, over, through, under, above, along and upon the applicable lands for the municipal purpose of constructing, installing, operating, maintaining, inspecting, altering, removing, replacing, reconstructing, enlarging and repairing storm water sewers, culverts, drainage ditches, drainage facilities, and related appurtenances and side slopes and grading appurtenant to road improvements on Bush Street and Mississauga Road, including without limiting the foregoing removal of trees, shrubs, bushes, branches, stumps and roots and prevention or control of growth of same (“**Permanent Drainage Easement**”).

Temporary Construction Easement: Temporary Limited Interests for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed temporary easement in gross or rights in the nature of a temporary easement in gross, on an exclusive basis as necessary, for four (4) years commencing upon the date of registration of the plan of expropriation for the purposes of entering upon and occupying the lands by The Regional Municipality of Peel including its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors and workers with all necessary vehicles, machinery, equipment, material and supplies required to facilitate the reconstruction and improvement of Bush Street and Mississauga Road, grading and other works ancillary thereto (“**Temporary Construction Easement**”).

1. **Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14266-0089 (LT)
Part of Lot 1, Concession 4, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 43R-41283

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6. **Fee Simple**
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7. **Fee Simple**
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8. **Temporary Construction Easement**
Part of 14266-0066 (LT)
Part of Lot 4, Concession 5, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41438

9. **Temporary Construction Easement**
Part of PIN 14266-0065 (LT)
Part of Lot 3, Concession 5, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41295

10. **Fee Simple**
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11. **Fee Simple**
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12. **Fee Simple**
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Network of Peel non-profits launches campaign to close funding gap

Metamorphosis Network says Peel gets less than half of every dollar Toronto gets to fund municipal social services

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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A network of over 100 Peel non-profits are hoping to use the Provincial election

to address support service funding issues in the region.

On February 12, the Metamorphosis Network launched its “Cut in Half” campaign which urges MPP candidates across Peel to pledge to solve “a crisis in funding for support services across Mississauga, Brampton, and Caledon.”

The Metamorphosis Network’s goal with the campaign is to raise awareness about deteriorating services.

“Although the population in Peel is growing, provincial funding for community social services is not – and as a result, per capita funding is far less than in other regions,” said Metamorphosis Network in

a release. “Peel gets \$868 million less than other communities, with every person in Peel getting \$578 less for services.”

The Cut in Half campaign will be featured in ads across Peel Region, featuring images that are deliberately cut in half to emphasize the consequences of the funding gap.

For example, one ad displays half a plate of food and the words “Families go hungry when Ontario starves community funding”.

“The Metamorphosis Network is not just raising awareness; they are calling for Provincial candidates to sign their pledge recognizing that the Province of Ontario

underfunds community services in Peel Region, and to commit to solving the problem,” reads the news release. “Through signing the pledge, Metamorphosis is asking candidates to promise to create a working table with the province, municipalities, and non-profits from Peel Region to ensure that all community services are properly funded.”

Gurpreet Malhotra, of the non-profit Indus Community Services, said Peel residents deserve the same services people get elsewhere in Ontario.

“It is not fair that people in our communities get less and wait longer for services. We want Provincial candidates to pledge their support and commit to making a real plan to

solve the problem,” said Malhotra.

Raymond Applebaum, of the non-profit Peel Senior Link, said Peel’s most vulnerable populations are suffering as wait lists grow for critical health and social services.

“The impact has a ripple effect on those who are in need of support to enable them to live independently with services in their community of choice. The Pandemic has caused significant issues and left so many seniors and youth isolated and experiencing loneliness and depression. We are calling upon candidates from all parties to sign a pledge of their support and commitment to collaborate with us to find solutions together to this collective challenge,” said Applebaum.

DCCBA to mark 5th anniversary of Black History Month celebrations at Theatre Orangeville



BY SAM ODROWSKI

The Dufferin County Canadian Black Association (DCCBA) is celebrating five years of hosting Black History Month events in Dufferin County with a milestone celebration at Theatre Orangeville (87 Broadway) on March 1.

The event gets underway at 5 p.m., and this year’s theme is “Black Legacy & Leadership: Celebrating Canadian History.” The theme will highlight the resilience, achievements, and contributions of Black Canadians while also setting the stage for a future of unity, empowerment, and progress.

“To commemorate this significant milestone, the event will feature an electrifying performance by Juno Award-winning recording artist and actor Sean Jones, whose soulful voice has captivated audiences worldwide,” said DCCBA in a press release on February 12. “With a career spanning sold-out concerts, high-profile collaborations, and a unique role as WestJet’s first-ever musical ambassador, Sean Jones promises an unforgettable performance.”

In addition, there will be a keynote address by Warrant Officer Patrick Philippeaux, a decorated Canadian Armed Forces leader. He will share his personal journey of leadership, service, and the role

of Black Canadians in shaping national history.

There will also be a special guest appearance by HRH King Nana Yaw Osam I – honouring African heritage and leadership on the global stage.

As well, the 5th anniversary event will feature cultural performances and community engagement, including vibrant African drumming, dance performances, and reflections on Black excellence.

A post-event reception will wrap up the evening in the atrium at Theatre Orangeville, catered by Soulyve Catering, offering a culinary celebration of Caribbean heritage.

This landmark event is hosted in collaboration with Orangeville Public Library, Town of Orangeville EDI, Theatre Orangeville, Town of Shelburne, Town of Shelburne DEI Committee, and the International Center for Capacity Development (ICCD).

“Five years ago, we began this journey to bring Black History Month celebrations to Dufferin County, creating a space for learning, appreciation, and connection,” says Alethia O’Hara-Stephenson, Founder of DCCBA. “This year, we are honored to mark this milestone at Theatre Orangeville, reflecting on our achievements and looking forward to a future of even greater impact.”

The cost to attend the event is \$20 for adults, and students are free, but registration is required.

Anyone interested in attending must register at Theatreorangeville.ca

“Join us as we celebrate five years of history, culture, and leadership—and take the next step toward an even brighter future for Black excellence in Canada,” said the DCCBA in a press release.

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18. **Fee Simple**

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“The Blue Hour”: Caledon artist Patty Maher debuts new solo exhibition

Exhibition on
now until March 9
at Alton Mill Arts Centre

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A Caledon artist’s new solo exhibition explores the quiet, liminal spaces between moments.

On February 12, photographer and painter Patty Maher opened “The Blue Hour” for viewing at the Alton Mill Arts Centre. It can be viewed until March 9.

Maher said through conceptual photography, abstract paintings, and natural imagery, she “seeks to capture the subtle yet profound beauty found in the spaces between light and dark, activity and rest, the known and the unknown.”

Maher explained the “blue hour” is the time just before sunrise and after sunset, and it’s a time when photographers can capture stunning images while the world is bathed in soft, tranquil hues.

“In my photography, I focus on the tension of transition: the pause before something changes, the anticipation that lingers in the air, and the serenity that comes with simply existing in the present,” said Maher. “Each image is a meditation on waiting, on being, and on the delicate beauty that exists in those fleeting in-between times.”

Accompanying Maher’s photographic art in the exhibition are abstract and nature-inspired paintings.

“Through color and form, I attempt to evoke a sense of peace and connection to the natural world, offering viewers a space for quiet reflection. My floral works speak to the delicate, transient nature of life, while my tree paintings stand as symbols of strength, rootedness, and resilience,” said Maher. “The abstracts serve as invitations to pause and take in the stillness that surrounds us, often overlooked in the rush of daily life.”

Maher said she’s so glad to be back showing her work at the Alton Mill Arts Centre as it’s a beautiful place to display art. In 2024, she held an art exhibition there called “Cadence.”



Caledon artist Patty Maher stands next to her piece “The Power of Silence” at the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN



(ABOVE LEFT) Row Houses, an oil painting by Janis Dixon.

JANIS DIXON IMAGE



(ABOVE RIGHT) Allsorts, an oil painting by Haley Marfleet.

HALEY MARFLEET IMAGE

“Colour”: Headwaters Arts’ latest show opens this Saturday

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local arts non-profit’s latest show celebrates the wide world of colour.

From 1 to 3 p.m. on February 15, Headwaters Arts will host an opening reception for its new exhibition, “Colour”, at the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

A total of 38 works of art, created by 28 different artists, will be on display at the show.

The show features artwork in a variety of mediums including: acrylic, clay, textured sculpted paper, watercolour, oil, dye on silk,

textiles, glass mosaic, mixed media mosaic, fibre, and mixed media.

Haley Marfleet, an artist from Amaranth, is featured in the show.

“Colour is the most important component in my work. Without it, my paintings would not provide the same emotion and feel. It is what draws people in and captures their attention. I love working with bright, vibrant colours in my work to convey happiness and joy,” said Marfleet.

“Colour” runs from February 12 to March 16 in the Headwaters Arts gallery at the Alton Mill Arts Centre. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday.

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 if you wish to have an announcement published.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON 1344 Bolton is a non-profit group. We meet weekly on Wed. evenings in the basement of Bolton United Church. Weigh-in is from 6:00-6:30PM, followed by a meeting. If you have weight to lose and/or want to improve your health, we can help. We promote healthy eating, and support the efforts of all our members. Your first meeting is free. Annual fee including a starter kit is \$70 USD. Monthly chapter dues are \$15.00 CAD. Come join us! For more information, visit www.tops.org or call Marion at 905-857-5191.

Lunch & Bid Euchre Tourn - Sat. February 15, 2025
The Caledon Seniors Centre is hosting a Lunch & Bid Euchre Tournament on Saturday, February 15, 2025 at Rotary Place in Bolton. Check-in starts at 11:30 am, lunch served at 12:00 pm and bid euchre tournament starts at 1:00 pm. Costs are as follows: Lunch & Tournament: \$20, Lunch Only: \$16, Tournament Only: \$15. The lunch menu is Spaghetti Bolognese, Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad and Lemon Meringue Pie for dessert. Pre-registration is required by Thursday February 13. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to buy your tickets.

Men’s Lunch - Tuesday, February 18, 2025
The Caledon Seniors Centre is hosting their Men’s Lunch on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at Rotary Place in Bolton. Speaker Ken Boker from the EV Society of Caledon will be presenting EV101: Everything You Wanted To Know About Electric Cars. Lunch menu is Chicken Caesar Wraps,

Potato Salad, Chocolate Brownie and Ice-Cream for dessert. Cost is \$11. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to purchase your tickets.

Active Living Fair – Thursday, February 20, 2025

The Caledon Seniors Centre is hosting their 55+ Active Living & Wellness Fair at 7 Rotarian Way, Bolton. Come experience an event dedicated to health and wellness and services for the Older Adult. Enjoy a free lunch and entertainment, a variety of local exhibitors, guest speakers, program demonstrations, prizes and much more! Admission is free. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to register.

Monthly Dinner – February 28, 2025

The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is having a Monthly Dinner on Friday, February 28, 2025. The menu is stuffed chicken breast, roasted potatoes, kale salad, ice-cream sandwich dessert. Cost is \$16. Pick-up at 5:15 pm, dine-in served at 5:30 pm, local delivery available for \$2. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to buy your tickets! Everyone welcome!

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“Enthusiasm makes the most of opportunity” BookLore celebrates 35th anniversary



Nancy Frater owner of BookLore stands on the steps of her book store addressing everyone at the 35th Anniversary of BookLore.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Nancy Frater’s beautiful BookLore, recipient of the Best Canadian Independent Book in 2013 and considered a cornerstone of the arts community in Orangeville, celebrated 35 years of business in the same location.

“We were jammed wall to wall,” said Nancy Frater about the anniversary celebration held on February 8. “We had a collage of what it was like and over the years, there was young Margaret Atwood. We went through over 100 flutes of champagne.”

In an early morning interview with Nancy Frater, BookLore’s co-founder and owner, she told the Citizen some of the history and the philosophy behind it that has brought it to this fabulous anniversary.

It was with her friend, Ellen Clare in 1989 that they were able to open the bookstore they had been wanting.

“Ellen and I were friends,” she said. “We wanted to open a business – a book store. We went away for a women’s weekend and the idea was reborn.”

Originally, the plan was to open in a location that was central in town but the new development there was not quite finished.

So, they spoke to Doc Gillies who had built the Creek Side Mall on First Street and there was one unit left. Coles Book store was in the Orangeville Mall. They thought they would have different books.

“Enthusiasm,” she said, “makes the most of opportunity.”

“We always got along with the people at Coles,” Frater said. “We had a different array and wanted to be involved in the community.”

Books were the market but the focus was on people and the arts within the community, she called their model “people-centred.”

The first contribution was when they formed a group with two other people and called it Readings for Resources, designed to work for charities, to bring in many authors for the reading. Among these was hosted “a young Margaret Atwood,” Rohinton Mistry and June Callwood.

Another thing was to be part of the Headwaters Arts Festival Gala, which was held in the SGI Centre for some years and was moved to the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

In partnership with the Mill Street Library, they started Dufferin Reads - One Book, One County. Then, began the tremendous series of Authors on Stage, an ongoing collaboration with Theatre Orangeville in support of its New Play Development

program, which has brought many luminaries. They include Carol Off, Marc Gameau, Chris Hatfield, and many more.

A beautiful event, Theatre Orangeville featured Michael McCreary and Roland Kirouac, which entailed comedy about his autism from McCreary; sweet repertoire and elegant dance and movement by Kirouac – produced by Sophie Webber.

There was some electricity for a book signing at the store with Adam Copeland, a famous wrestler with the WWE, whose fight name is Edge. Copeland grew up in Orangeville and wanted to do a book signing at BookLore.

“Three hundred people showed up on a cold November afternoon to congratulate him and the WWE sent eight security guards with him. He was a big deal,” Frater told us.

Yet, she added, “He was one of the most erudite people I ever met.”

By 2 p.m., it was standing room only for the 35th Anniversary party. It warmed her heart, Frater commented, to see so many people. It has been a “wonderful ride – that’s for sure.”

Knowing people will always find comfort in reading, it is important to keep up with knowing what they want to read. Frater told us that social media comes into play; TikTok is a big influence for young readers and there is a growing trend for “Romantasy,” a combination of romance and fantasy, as well as autobiographies.

“I have never been a person who plans far ahead but I have always been people centred. We have publishing reps that come. They know the vibes in our store and what’s happening in the world,” Frater remarked.

Frater and her staff learn about new books from new orders. They can spark interest in a book they do not know about. They learn a lot from their customers.

“It’s a two-way street,” said Frater.

During a further telephone conversation with David Naim, Theatre Orangeville’s artistic director, he told the Citizen that BookLore’s story is an essential part of the local arts scene.

Firstly, he opined, “it is the finest book store in Canada – a marvel.” The staff are so up to speed; one can ask about any author and they would have it right there.

It was really the friendship and their partnership, “which is without equal,” Naim said. “The incredible authors Nancy has curated has brought funds to our new play development, so what every new play and playwright gets is the developmental process which would not be possible without Nancy. Those authors on stage, and we are having one to be announced, they have been the best of the best of the most remarkable authors, that have come and are supporting the process of creating new work.”

It is the ethos that Nancy has to support writers, through the series, which “is primarily supported by BookLore” as Naim put it, “to provide them with the means to sit in a dark corner and write.”

With all that it takes to produce a new play: in part, draft readings, re-writes; and full readings with professional actors bring the community together.

It is not just Theatre Orangeville that Frater supports but all the other arts in the area, he explained. She sells tickets, puts posters in the shop windows, advocates for any arts and is a huge advocate for the cultural scene in theatre, dance and film.

Naim made it clear: BookLore was a real part of whatever sparked that launched a number of new arts organizations, at about the same time: Theatre Orangeville itself (established in 1994), Headwaters Arts, In the Hills Magazine as founding estab-

lishments of what the arts community is today.

Frater had praise for the couple who have recently opened Plant.ed – a plant-forward cafe, right next door. They are concentrated on health, so she said. “Perfect, as long as I don’t have to cook.”

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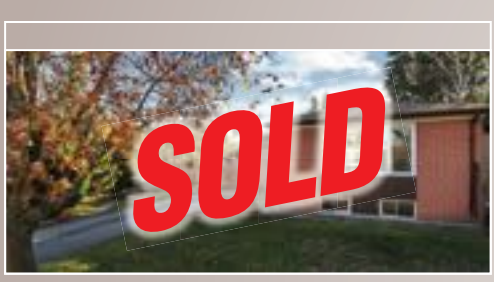
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Freeman fires two goals to pace Admirals' 5-3 win over Raiders

BY JIM STEWART

Curtis Freeman fired two goals and Cam Lang, Ash Mitchelmore, and Jack Fang added one each in Caledon's 5-3 win over Georgetown in OJHL play at the Mayfield Recreation Complex.

The Admirals continued their late-season role of spoiler on Thursday night by applying a pin to the Raiders' playoff balloon. OJHL Rookies accounted for all of Caledon's goals versus Georgetown.

Freeman opened the scoring five minutes into the first period and Lang beat Raiders' goaltender Roman Batih at 16:56 to give the home side a 2-0 lead.

Clarence Allain earned his 25th assist of the season on Lang's marker. Lang is Caledon's scoring leader with 11 goals and 28 assists.

Nolan Keeler reduced the Raiders' deficit to 2-1 when he beat Admirals' netminder Blake Sloan at 2:06, but Ash Mitchelmore restored Caledon's two-goal margin three minutes later. Freeman notched his second of the game on the power play at 7:18 with helpers from Alain and Deacon King to make it 4-1.

Andrew Robinson of the Raiders and Eric He of the Admirals dropped the flippers to punctuate a penalty-filled second period. The dustup earned the combatants a pair of fighting majors and game misconducts.

John Mitchell's power play goal at 9:07 and James Wong's 18th of the season exactly three minutes later pulled Georgetown to within one, but Jack Fang gave the Admirals some breathing space at 18:26 to provide the margin of victory.

A scoreless third period featured the puck-stopping skills of Sloan. The nimble netminder repelled all 13 shots he faced in the final frame to preserve the Admirals' tenth win of the season and end Caledon's four-game losing streak.

Sloan earned the W by making 32 saves.

It's clear that Head Coach Chris Taylor's young junior hockey team relishes its role as spoiler.

The Admirals' 5-3 victory complicated ninth-place Georgetown's playoff plans.

The Raiders' recent woes were compounded by a 10-2 home ice loss at the hands of the first-place Leamington Flyers on Saturday.

The one-sided result left Georgetown (18-22-2-4) four points behind the King Rebellion (20-22-1-5) for the final playoff spot in the OJHL West. The Raiders remained winless in February.

The feisty Admirals—with seven games left on their 2024-25 schedule—host the Oakville Blades on Thursday, February 13. Puck drop at the Mayfield Recreation Complex is 7:30 p.m.

Admirals' Top Eight Scorers after 49 Games

The Caledon Admirals rookie-laden lineup reveals the team's promise for the 2025-26 season with first-year OJHL players comprising 75% of the club's top scorers' list.

1. Cam Lang (Rookie)—11 goals and 28 assists for 39 points;
2. Clarence Allain (Rookie)—9 goals and 26 assists for 35 points;
3. Curtis Freeman (Rookie)—8 goals and 21 assists for 29 points;
4. Deacon King—11 goals and 12 assists for 23 points;
5. Nasser Abou-Marie (Rookie)—14 goals and 6 assists for 20 points.
6. Eric He—9 goals and 9 assists for 18 points;
7. Owen Meli (Rookie)—9 goals and 9 assists for 18 points;
8. Henry Brady (Rookie)—12 goals and 5 assists for 17 points.



Ayden Agius earned his 14th assist of the season on Caledon's insurance goal versus Georgetown on Thursday. Agius is the top-scoring Admirals' defenceman.

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Orangeville Curling Club hosts stick curling championship

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

For some curlers, bending down on your knees to throw a rock may present a problem.

Someone with bad knees or hips, or some other disability may find tossing a rock on the ice sheet to be a real problem. The solution is stick curling.

In this type of curling, the player can launch the rock with a long stick that has a special fitting that allows it to work around the handle of a rock so a person can throw

while still standing.

All the same curling rules apply when you're on the ice sheet but using a stick.

The Orangeville Curling Club hosted the Stick Curling Championship on Saturday, Feb. 1, with the finals on Sunday, Feb. 2.

"This is the Ontario Provincial Stick Curling Championship," explained the Orangeville Curling Club's head ice technician. "It's open to people who use a stick delivery rather than a traditional slide delivery. For one reason or another, they are unable to do a slide delivery. We have

one competitor who is wheelchair bound and she's able to play in this tournament because she delivers with a stick. There's one provincial championship for this every year. It's an open qualify so you don't need to win a tournament to qualify to be here. The stick delivery started being developed around 20 years ago."

The event was sanctioned by Curling Ontario.

Bona Lea Allard represented Curling Ontario at the event and was the head umpire at the Orangeville championship.

"I enter all the scores, and if they have issues on the ice and they need an official ruling they will call me out to do that," Al-

lard explained. "There are 11 teams here today. This is a provincial event called the Four Person Stick. You have to use a stick, that's a key part of the tournament. The rule of play is the same. Our rules for Curling Ontario are governed by World Curling, and they are governed by World Curling. The rule book is the same. This is round-robin play. The winners today will go to the semi-finals tomorrow (Sunday) and championship game."

Curling is a very competitive but 'gentlemanly' sport.

At the start of each match, players wish opponents good luck, and at the end, it is customary to say "thanks for the game."



The Orangeville Curling Club hosted the Ontario Provincial Stick Curling Championships on Saturday, Feb. 1, at its Orangeville curling arena. Competitors use a stick to deliver a rock rather than the usual sliding delivery. Stick curling is popular with people who have difficulty bending down on their knees or have some kind of disability that makes kneeling a problem. Using the stick allows many people to continue with the sport.

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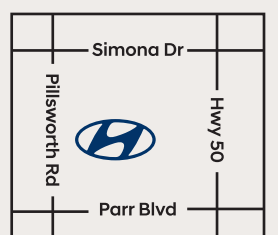
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JEAN ELEANOR PROCTOR

Peacefully, at Brampton Civic Hospital, on Thursday, February 6, 2025, Jean Proctor at the age of 95 years, beloved wife of the late Douglas Proctor. Loving mother of Larry and Margaret Proctor, and Diane Proctor. Cherished grandmother of Jeremy and Alex, Laura and Matt. Dear sister of Lorne and Bernice Sheardown (both deceased), John and Helen Sheardown (both deceased), Audrey and Fred (deceased) Jones, Mary (deceased) and Ted Troyer, Ruth and Jack Wood, Donald (deceased) and Glenna Sheardown and predeceased by her sisters-in-law Ruth and Anna. Fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews. The family will receive their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen St. S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Thursday afternoon 2 - 4 and evening 6 - 8 o'clock and on Friday morning, February 14 from 10:30 until time of funeral service in the chapel at 11 o'clock, followed by a reception at the funeral home. Spring interment Caledon East Public Cemetery. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Caledon East United Church, 6046 Old Church Road, Caledon East L7C 1H8 or Caledon Trailway, Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon L7C 1J6 for a bench in memory of Jean. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com



EDWARD (TED) TROYER

Peacefully, at Matthews House Hospice, Alliston on Monday, February 10, 2025, Ted Troyer, at the age of 101 years, loving partner of Mary Sheardown and beloved husband of the late Mary Troyer. Proud father of David Troyer and Kathy Pfundt, Debbie Lynn and John Oostyen. Cherished grandfather of Jennifer Lynn Oostyen and Allan Bellissimo. Dear brother of Gord (Vi) (Shirley) (all deceased), Marion (Howard) (Gord) (all deceased), Dorothy (Ron), Lorna (Bryce), (Donald), Norm (deceased) (Norma), Shirley (Mel, deceased), Donna (Fred), Garnet (Barb), Susanne (Stephen). Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. The family will receive their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen St. S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton on Tuesday morning, February 18 from 10 o'clock until time of funeral service in the chapel at 11 o'clock. Following a reception at the funeral home, interment Glendale Memorial Gardens, 1810 Albion Road, Etobicoke. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation (transformingstevenson.ca), Alliston or Matthews House Hospice, (matthews.house), Alliston. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com



The women of "The Beaver Club" are excited to be performing the play at Theatre Orangeville. The cast, from left: Melanie Janzen as Radiance, Blythe Wilson as Karen, Mary Pitt as Yvette and Debbie Collins as Eunice.

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Enjoy several events and productions at Theatre Orangeville through the spring

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

"The Beaver Club" has been a stunning success at Theatre Orangeville as it has been in other theatres where it has played here in Ontario. Stunningly successful for a first full play by Barb Scheffler, theatres and audiences will be looking to her for more fun in the future.

At Theatre Orangeville, matinees for "The Beaver Club" are selling out and the evening performances are doing extremely well.

Four frankly eccentric ladies, but not at all alike decide on impulse to travel together in one car from Toronto to Dildo, Newfoundland – what could possibly go wrong?

"The Beaver Club" is running until Feb. 23.

Following the tremendous success of The Beaver Club is an extra intensive schedule over the spring months for Theatre Orangeville with recent additions to the originally posted collection of plays, from late March through to mid-May.

First up on March 27 is Drag Music Bingo coming to the Atrium of Town Hall. A great favourite at Theatre Orangeville's Summer Arts Fest, it is being staged with all the fun and laughs, featuring Fluffy Souffle & TroyBoy Entertainment. This is a first step to hosting and bringing the Summer Arts Fest into town and everyone is happy about this very exciting move.

Adult entertainment at its best is Drag Music Bingo, there are only 100 tickets, of which 50 are already sold. If you have not bought your tickets and you are a fan, hurry to get them now. Drag Music Bingo is presented in partnership with Celebrate Your Awesome, a local not-for-profit that holds an annual celebration of pride and diversity in Dufferin County.

Coming on March 1 to Theatre Orangeville, but as an independent production is the Dufferin County Canadian Black Association's (DCCBA) Annual Black History Month Event. It is an evening dedicated to honouring Black legacy, leadership, and contributions to Canadian history. This inspiring event will feature distinguished speakers, cultural performances and entertainment including Sean Jones.

The DCCBA has moved this event to the Orangeville Town Hall Opera House as they are growing and looking to host more people to celebrate this annual occasion.

From the DCCBA, Alethia O'Hara-Stephenson sent a note to say, "I'm thrilled to host this special event at the beautiful Theatre Orangeville, as we celebrate our five-year anniversary... By hosting this event in Orangeville for the first time, we aim to ensure greater accessibility for residents across Dufferin County."

A post-event reception, catered by Soulyve is aimed at fostering unity and reflection on the impact of Black Canadians.

Starlight Celebration will be held on Thursday, March 13, with the preview opener of "Bed and Breakfast" by Mark Crawford. This is a Theatre Orangeville fundraiser that celebrates the local community, performing arts, and their pro-

gramming. A wonderful dinner with one or another of the four restaurant partners begins the evening. Moving into the theatre, where dessert and coffee await us, we have the single chance of the year to see associate artistic director, Jennifer Stewart announce the 2025-26 season.

Season subscriptions are already on sale. The Starlight Celebration plays a significant role in helping to raise funds to support Theatre Orangeville's playwrights, local artists, youth programs and inclusive programming supporting the neuro-diverse community.

Then, it is time to take our seats and enjoy Crawford's comic play about Brett and Drew deciding to move to Brett's inherited home in a small town. When they got the idea to open a Bed and Breakfast, they could not have anticipated how their new neighbours might react. Dozens of hilarious characters played by just the two actors keep it very funny.

Running from Thursday, April 3 to Sunday, April 6 is "One Step at a Time," written, composed and performed by Andrew Prashad; direction and dramaturgy by Scott Hurst; and music direction by Jeanie Wyse.

Subtitled "A Father's Journey of Hope," this show tells Andrew's story using monologues, original songs, improvisational tap dance, and multimedia video. This is his and his wife's personal journey of caring for a son with spina bifida and hydrocephalus while raising two daughters. This takes place all while maintaining his career as a professional actor, singer, and dancer. Andrew has been performing this intensely moving production since its debut in 2018, as an intimate piece that has "heartened audiences across the country with its powerful message of finding love, joy, and balance every step along the way."

Friday, April 11 to Sunday, April 13, The Creative Partners on Stage (C.P.O.S.) Festival is back for the second year after its triumphant inaugural festival last year. With two shows, "Cruise Control" and "All You Need is Love." There will also be an artisan market. The weekend will be a great treat for one and all. In a partnership with Theatre Orangeville and Community Living Dufferin, C.P.O.S. along with their support team of playwrights and directors produce plays that approach theatre with an entirely soul-warming style – all their own.

Patrons will be treated first to "All You Need is Love"; an extended intermission will give them time to browse and buy at the market before heading back into the theatre for "Cruise Control."

If you have never seen a Creative Partners on Stage production, do yourself a favour and get tickets for the shows over this weekend.

You will be swept away. Details and tickets for any and all of this impressive array of entertainment and more can and should be purchased at www.theatreorangeville.ca or you can call the Box Office at 519-942-3423.

RODNEY JAMES PAVER

After 79 years of telling classic dad jokes to anyone within earshot (and even those who weren't), Rodney James Paver has passed away after a hard-fought battle with illness, leaving behind a legacy of laughter, love, and a toolbox no one else quite knows how to use.



Rod was born in England and brought his quick wit and hardworking spirit to Canada, where he built a life as a farmer and later as a machine operator. He had an uncanny ability to know someone everywhere he went, turning every outing into a social event. More than that, Rod was an incredible person to be around, someone who made life a little lighter with his humor and kindness. He loved his family quietly but fiercely, always showing up in the ways that mattered most.

Rod's passing leaves an immeasurable void in the lives of those who loved him. He is survived by his life partner, Marilyn; daughter, Lisa (Alvin); stepdaughter, Kathy (Dale); grandchildren, Jenna, Aidan, Mason, Trevor (Libby), Ryan (Britney), and Kristen (Rene); and great-grandchildren, Jude, Jacob, and Addison. He also leaves behind countless friends and his siblings, Barbara, Cheryl, Gary, and David. He was predeceased by his father, Denys; his mother, Joan; and his brother, Noel.

A celebration of his life will be held on February 22, 2025, from 2-4 p.m. at 60 C-Line, Orangeville. In honor of Rod, tell a bad joke today, shake hands with a stranger, and spread kindness wherever you go.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Rest easy, Rod. You've earned it.

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Kay MacGregor

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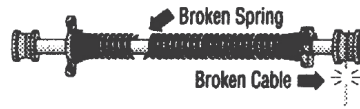


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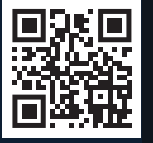
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