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Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones presented King Charles III Coronation Medals to local residents on Sunday, March 23 at the Orangeville Legion during a small ceremony. Coronation Medal recipients include, from left, Dr. David Brinkhurst, Murray Stewart, Dr. Stephanie Milone, Alethia O'Hara Stephenson, Kevin Junor, Fred von Veh, Marcel Babineau, Clarence Pinkney, Tom Reid, Derek Clark and Dr. Constance Stevens.

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## King's Coronation Medals awarded to Dufferin-Caledon residents

Medals awarded during March 20 ceremony at Mount Alverno

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Residents in Dufferin and Caledon who have made major contributions to their community and country were recognized last week.

On March 20, King Charles III Coronation Medals were handed out in a ceremony at Mount Alverno Luxury Resorts in Caledon.

The ceremony was emceed by Caledon's Regional Councillor for Wards 4, 5 and 6, Mario Russo. It was hosted by Kyle Seeback, Dufferin-Caledon MP at the time, in his last public event before the election was called.

Russo shared with attendees the context of the medals. He explained that in May 2023, to mark the coronation of King Charles III, it was announced that 30,000 Coronation Medals would be distributed across Canada to be awarded to people who have made a significant

contribution to their community, province/territory, or Canada.

"The medal is a way to recognize outstanding individuals of all ages and from all walks of life," said Russo. "Our shared sense of purpose as Canadians is strengthened when we collectively honour those who distinguish themselves by virtue of their talents, generosity, and service to their community and country."

Russo said residents of Dufferin and Caledon are extremely proud of, and grateful to, the medal winners.

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## Hike for Hospice sets \$255,000 fundraising goal

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local non-profit's highly-anticipated hike fundraiser is coming soon.

The 2025 Hike for Bethell Hospice will take place on May 4, starting at 8 a.m. at its usual location: the Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena in Inglewood.

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Many team captains for this year's Hike for Bethell Hospice came out to the Captain's Rally on March 19 in Caledon Village.

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# Inaugural Caledon Earth Hour event well-attended

Organizers happy with turnout and response to event at Caledon East Community Complex

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents enjoyed an evening out learning about ways they can fight climate change last weekend.

On Saturday, March 22, ecoCaledon and the Town of Caledon hosted an event to mark Earth Hour at the Caledon East Community Complex.

Lucrezia Chiappetta, co-chair of ecoCaledon, said she was very pleased with the turnout.

“It was very well-attended, we had a really incredible turnout,” she said. “The feedback I have heard from vendors, and from people attending, was all very positive.”

Chiappetta explained a wide variety of educational topics were covered at the event such as waste, energy conservation, and food and agriculture.

“I think everybody learned a lot – but it was done in a really fun way,” she said. “A lot of our vendors had their own activities and/or goodies to share with the community.”

A number of great family-friendly activities took place like flashlight storytime, a



Caledon residents enjoyed working on a paint-by-numbers mural together at ecoCaledon and the Town of Caledon's inaugural Earth Hour event.

PHOTO BY LUCREZIA CHIAPPETTA

guided walk on the Caledon Trailway, stargazing (with telescopes), yoga, and a magic show. There was even a paint-by-numbers mural that attendees contributed to, making one big, beautiful piece of art by the end of the evening. The mural will soon be displayed at a Town of Caledon facility – location to be determined.

Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell attended the event to share remarks and lead a countdown into Earth Hour, when all lights that could be were dimmed or shut off at Town

of Caledon facilities.

“Overall, it was not just well-attended but everybody had a good time – I think that’s most important,” said Chiappetta.

She and ecoCaledon hope that the event’s success will lead to it being an annual occasion to mark Earth Hour.

“Earth Hour is more than just turning off the lights – it’s a moment of unity that shines a spotlight on the urgent need to address climate change and protect our planet. Together, we can create a brighter, more sustain-

able future,” reads a Town news release sent out before the event.

Earth Hour is a global initiative that’s been taking place since 2007. Many people know it as the “lights off” movement, as each year people turn off all unnecessary lights and electronics for an hour to save energy. In recent years, the event has grown and people are encouraged to “give an hour” to the planet, whether by volunteering or undertaking some other sort of environmental initiative.

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## Caledon Community Services' community transportation program set to wrap

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local non-profit has an important update about one of its services.

On March 31, Caledon Community Services' (CCS) Community Transportation Pilot program will be coming to a close.

The program, which was funded by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), was launched in 2015 to provide residents ages eight to 59 the opportunity to connect with community services and cross-municipal-border transit lines when few other options were available.

CCS' accessible transportation services, which offer rides for seniors and individuals with disabilities, will continue to operate uninterrupted with no changes.

CCS is encouraging residents who used the

community transportation pilot program to check out the Town of Caledon's website to see alternative options.

CCS CEO Geraldine Aguiar reflected on the end of the pilot program.

“We are excited by the growing options for transportation available in the Town of Caledon that complement our long-held expertise in delivering accessible transportation for seniors 60 years of age and older, and individuals with disabilities 16 years of age and older,” said Aguiar. “The loss of funding for this pilot will bring us back to our roots at a time when the need for accessible transportation continues to grow and we are closely approaching pre-pandemic levels of demand.”

Those eligible for CCS' accessible transportation services can learn more and book a ride online at [ccs4u.org](http://ccs4u.org).

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# Samuel Lai, pharmacist in Caledon East for 38 years, to retire

Cake and refreshments served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 22 at Caledon East Guardian Pharmacy

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A well-loved pharmacist that's served Caledon East for 38 years will soon retire.

Samuel Lai established Caledon East Guardian Drugs on March 7, 1987 and has been working in the community ever since. His big impact on the community is being celebrated by some of his current and former employees.

Lina Salvatore is the front shop manager at the Caledon East Guardian Pharmacy and has worked with Lai since 1994. Lina's daughter, Rita, also worked at the pharmacy for around 10 years. They both said Lai has had a lasting impact on them, and wrote to The Citizen in order to recognize Lai on the occasion of his retirement.

"Sam has been more than just a pharmacist. He has been a trusted advisor, a caring mentor,

and a constant source of knowledge and support for patients and colleagues alike," said Rita and Lina. "It's the personal connections that truly define Sam's impact. He has been a trusted figure in our community, someone patients could turn to in times of need, offering comfort, guidance, and expertise. He has touched countless lives with his compassion, and for that, we are all deeply grateful. He has been a constant in this community, sponsoring and donating to countless community teams and events."

Rita and Lina said Lai has remained steadfast in his commitment to exceptional care over the years.

"While we will certainly miss his wisdom, his laughter, and his steady presence, we are also excited for him as he embarks on this next chapter of his life. May retirement bring him the joy and relaxation he so richly deserves," they said. "On behalf of everyone in the community, thank you, Sam, for your extraordinary service and dedication. You leave behind a legacy of care, compassion, and professionalism that will continue to inspire us all."

To celebrate Lai's retirement, the community is invited to Caledon East Guardian Pharmacy on April 22.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be cake and refreshments served, and residents will be able to meet Marina and Peter, the team that will be taking over the pharmacy.

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## FRAUD AND PUBLIC MISCHIEF CHARGES

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged two individuals with fraud and public mischief following two stolen vehicle investigations.

“On January 29, 2025, just after midnight, a vehicle was reported stolen on Old Church Road in Caledon East while unoccupied on the side of the road,” say Police. “On January 30, 2025, just after 9:00 a.m., a second vehicle was reported being taken from a residential driveway on Centreville Creek Road.

“The investigation was carried out by the Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit. Investigators found no evidence of thefts. However, grounds were formed to arrest and charge both complainants.”

Rajat Kumar, 31, and Aarshdeep Kaul, 27, both of Brampton, were both charged with:

- Public mischief;
- Fraud over \$5000.

The accused are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on April 10, 2025, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at <https://peelcrimestoppers.ca>. When you

contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

March is Fraud Prevention Month. Educate yourself to recognize the signs of fraud. The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre provides many resources, including information on all types of scams. Visit <https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca> for more details.

## IMPAIRED CHARGES

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

“On March 15, 2025, shortly before 3:00 a.m., an officer patrolling the area of McLaughlin Road and Tim Manley Avenue came across a single motor vehicle collision,” say Police. “During the investigation, the officer formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol, leading to the driver’s arrest.”

As a result, Prabveer Sangha, 18, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Operation while impaired - Blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Notice driver - B.A.C. above zero.

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on April 3, 2025, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

The driver’s licence was also suspended for 90

days, and the vehicle impounded for seven.

Under Ontario’s zero tolerance law for young, novice and commercial drivers, you cannot have any alcohol in your system if you are:

- Age 21 or under;
- A driver of any age who holds a G1, G2, M1, or M2 licence;
- Driving a vehicle that requires an A-F driver’s licence or Commercial Vehicle Operator’s Registration (CVOR);
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The OPP remains committed to ensuring Ontario roads are safe from impaired drivers. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it.

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## FENTANYL SEIZED

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) seized a quantity of drugs, including fentanyl, arrested an individual and executed a search warrant in Orangeville.

“On March 17, 2025, the Dufferin OPP began an investigation near Fead Street in Orangeville,” say Police.

On March 20, 2025, the Dufferin OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) arrested one male and executed a search warrant that resulted in the seizure of several items.

Cody Crawford, a 32-year-old from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Fail to Comply with Probation Order x 7;
- Poss of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking-Opioid (Fentanyl);
- Poss of a Schedule I Substance - Opioid (Fentanyl)

The charges have not been proven.

The following items were seized during the investigation:

- 19.7 grams of assorted coloured fentanyl;
- A note for a courier company to deliver the drugs to a mailbox;
- Cell phone

The investigation is ongoing into the supplier. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Dufferin OPP.

Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to ensuring public safety through proactive and innovative policing in partnership with the community. If you have any information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS), or visit [www.crimestoppersdm.com](http://www.crimestoppersdm.com).

## ONLINE SCAMS COST CANADIANS MILLIONS, SAY OPP

Social media is a powerful tool for communica-

tion, business and information sharing, but it is also being used to commit fraud. Fraudulent accounts, deceptive advertisements and impersonation tactics are being used to steal personal information, access financial accounts and pressure individuals into making payments, says the OPP.

These cyber-enabled crimes continue to evolve, costing Canadians millions each year.

### How Fraud Occurs on Social Media:

- Phishing fraud - Fraudulent accounts pose as friends, family members or trusted organizations to trick users into sharing personal information or sending money;
- Identity theft and fraud - Personal details and images are taken without consent to create fake profiles, apply for loans or sell counterfeit products under false pretences;
- Online shopping fraud - Deceptive sellers advertise products or rental properties that do not exist, leading individuals to send payments for goods or services that never arrive;
- Investment fraud - Social media posts promote fake cryptocurrency opportunities that promise high returns. Once funds are transferred, they become nearly impossible to recover.

### How to Protect Yourself

- Adjust your privacy settings from public to a more restricted option. Do not over-share sensitive information, including financial details or travel plans;
- Be cautious of friend requests from people you do not know. Beware of profiles with few connections or little activity;
- Ask specific questions and look for inconsistencies in responses. Be wary of individuals who always have an excuse for avoiding in-person meetings;
- Complete a reverse image search to check if a profile photo is being used elsewhere;
- Watch for bot-like accounts that post frequently but rarely engage in conversations;
- Spot fake accounts by looking for high follower counts but low engagement, rapid engagement rates or few original posts;
- Block and report any account that harasses or threatens you;
- Never send money, gift cards or cryptocurrency to someone you have never met;
- Use strong passwords or passphrases and never share your login details;
- Report fraud, abuse or spoofed profiles directly through the social media platform.

For more information on fraud prevention, visit [opp.ca](http://opp.ca) and [sfo.opp.ca](http://sfo.opp.ca).

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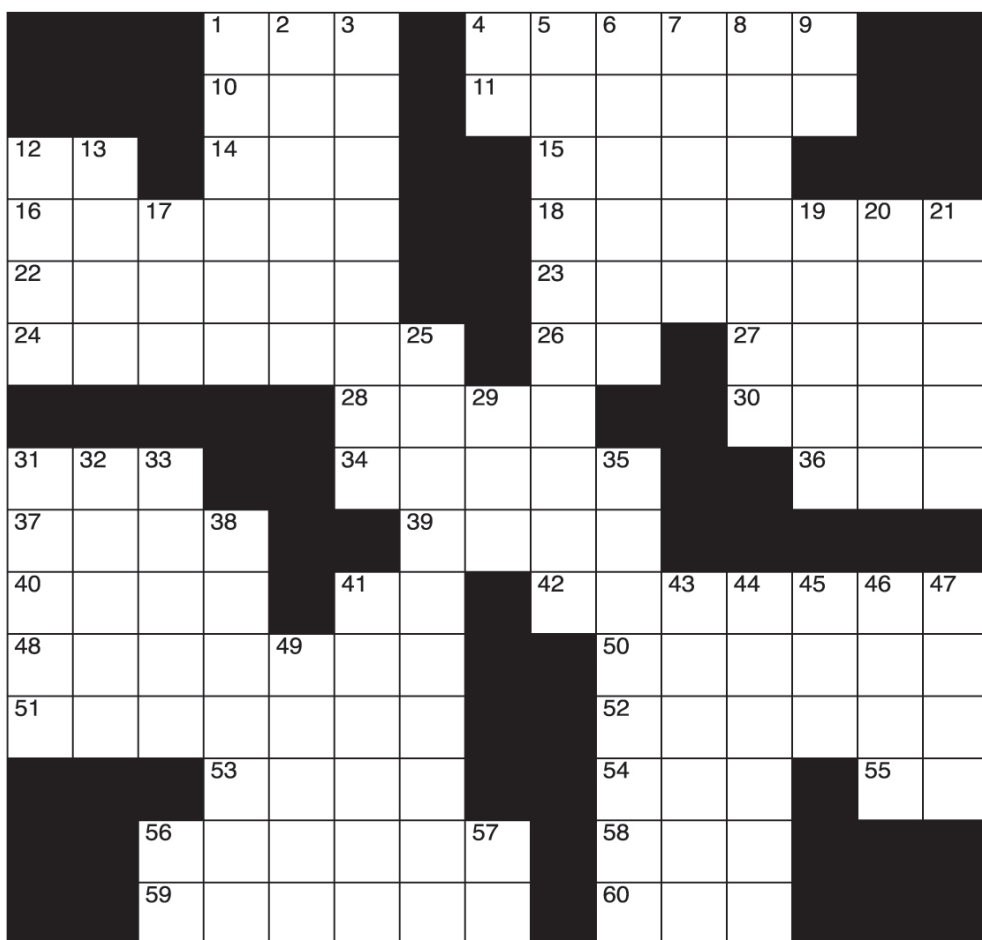
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- A bakery specializing in French pastry
- Talk incessantly
- Ethnic group of Nigeria
- Longtime NY Times film critic
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*No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.*



# Snap election called as federal government seeks mandate to respond U.S trade war

BY SAM ODROWSKI

A snap election has been called for April 28 by Canada's new Prime Minister Mark Carney.

Carney, 59, was named Liberal Party of Canada leader on March 9, replacing Justin Trudeau who announced on January 6 that he would resign as party leader and prime minister.

Carney took 89 per cent of the vote during the Liberal Leadership Race, with just under 152,000 party members voting.

The early election is seen by the major parties as a way of letting Canadians decide who is best equipped to respond to the ongoing trade war with the U.S.

Running in the Dufferin-Caledon riding is incumbent Conservative Kyle Seeback, NDP candidate Viktor Karklins and Liberal candidate Malalai Halimi.

Halimi is a business manager, entrepreneur and single mother of three teenagers, who resides in Orangeville.

She said she's thrilled to be running under Carney, and supports his plan "to grow our economy, make life more affordable and keep Canada strong."

"I know some of the challenges that residents are facing in Dufferin-Caledon. As a resident of Orangeville, I've seen the impacts Donald Trump's on-again-off-again tariff threats cause for our local economy. But I also know it takes experience to overcome some of the challenges we are facing today," Halimi said. "This is the most important election in our lifetime, because of the threats posed by Donald Trump. It's going to take strong, experienced leadership to protect our economy, our sovereignty, and everything we love about Canada."

Carney is an economist who served as the eighth governor of the Bank of Canada from 2008 to 2013. He also served as the 120th governor of the Bank of England from 2013 to 2020.

"Mark Carney and our Liberal team will stand up to Donald Trump and the national crisis that he poses — just like Mark Carney did while he was Governor of the Bank of Canada during the Great Reces-

sion," said Halimi.

After Carney was elected by Liberal Party of Canada members on March 9 and became prime minister, Seeback shared his thoughts with the Citizen.

"Despite [the Liberal Party] trying to make it look like Mark Carney is different than Justin Trudeau, he's advocated for the exact same policies that have stifled our per capita income over the last 10 years," he said.

From 2014 to 2024, Canada's GDP per capita growth was just 0.5 per cent, while the United States was 20.7 per cent, according to the IMF's World Economic Outlook report from October 2024.

"In 2015, there was a New York Times editorial saying Canada had the world's richest middle class, and we have now lost 20 per cent to United States over the last 10 years. Canadian workers are earning 20 per cent less than their American counterparts," said Seeback. "These are the policies Justin Trudeau bought forward and these are the policies that Mark Carney, as his economic advisor, supported."

Carney announced an end to the consumer carbon tax on March 14 in his first move as Canada's new prime minister. He remains supportive of the emissions cap on oil and gas pollution in Canada, with reduction targets spread out over several years.

Seeback said he and the Conservative Party of Canada oppose the emissions cap. He noted the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) of Canada's "Impact Assessment of the Oil and Gas Emissions Cap," published on March 12, highlights the economic impact of the policy.

The PBO's report found the required reduction in upstream oil and gas sector production levels will lower real gross domestic product (GDP) in Canada by 0.39 per cent in 2032 and reduce nominal GDP by \$20.5 billion. The report also found that the policy reduces economy-wide employment in Canada by 40,300 jobs or full-time equivalents by 54,400 in 2032. However, it is important to note, that the PBO's report does not factor in the presumed costs related to climate change or

the creation of jobs from decarbonizing the oil and gas sector.

"This [emissions cap] is so short-sighted, because the world needs Canadian oil and gas. For example, we could be selling it to Europe to get them off sending money to fund Vladimir Putin's war machine. We could be sending it into Southeast Asia to replace coal with LNG," Seeback said. "These are the kinds of things that are good for Canada and actually good for the environment, that the Trudeau government's been against, and Mark Carney has supported."

Seeback told the Citizen that producing oil and gas or extracting rare earth materials in Canada is better for the environment, due to the many regulations that exist here compared to other countries.

"When Justin Trudeau and Mark Carney prevent these [energy] developments from happening in Canada, these things still happen, they just happen in other countries where the greenhouse gas emissions will be higher," Seeback explained. "It's in countries where the environmental standards are lower, where human rights abuses take place, and where the employment standards or how they treat employees will be way lower. At the same time, we lose out on all the taxes that would be generated from these projects."

Seeback added, "What the Liberal government and Mark Carney's support is cleaning up Canada's balance sheet on greenhouse gasses, but actually making the world's balance sheet worse, because other countries with worse records produce [oil, gas and rare earth minerals] instead of us. It's actually the exact opposite of what you should do if you care about the environment."

Concerning oil and gas, Seeback said Canada should not be importing oil on the East Coast and should be energy independent.

"If we built the Energy East [pipeline], we would have all the oil we need in Canada, and we'd be refining it to sell it to other countries," he noted. "Over the last decade we have lost so many opportunities. Japan wanted an LNG agreement with

Canada but Justin Trudeau said there's no business case. Now the United States just signed a \$1 trillion deal to supply LNG to Japan. Think of what the revenues and the jobs and the taxes we could have collected if we would have signed that deal."

Creating energy independence would put Canada in a better position when negotiating trade with the United States, said Seeback.

"Imagine if we had built pipelines east and west before going into a negotiation with Donald Trump... we could say we'll just send our oil and gas to different places," Seeback explained. "Imagine if we were supplying the United States with most of their critical minerals and rare earth metals. What would our position be in negotiating? It would be so much stronger. But for a decade, we've had a government that has fought all of these things and has made our negotiating position with the United States weaker."

Now more than ever, Seeback said things must be built within Canada to make it independent and not dependent on other countries.

Halimi said Carney and the Liberal team are best suited to stand up to Donald Trump and his tariffs.

"The Liberal team will eliminate trade barriers within Canada, expand partnerships with our international allies, and grow the strongest economy in the G7," she said. "That's why we also have a plan to cut taxes for the middle-class, saving families up to \$825/year. Mark Carney and I will make life more affordable for Canadians and keep the programs that families rely on."

Halimi added, "While Pierre Poilievre and Kyle Seeback have vowed to cut programs like \$10-a-day child care, dental care for kids and uninsured adults, and national pharmacare, Mark Carney and I will fund the programs Dufferin-Caledon families rely on."

The federal election will be held April 28 and the Citizen will announce the full list of local candidates with their platforms once they are all confirmed by their respective parties.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING



## Alternative Voting Methods and Methods of Electing Regional Councillors

#### WHAT:

The Town is hosting a public meeting to gather input that will help inform Alternative Voting Methods and Methods of Electing Regional Councillors.

#### WHEN:

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 7 p.m.

#### WHERE:

Council Chambers of Town Hall, located at 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East, ON.

#### STAY INFORMED:

Information will be available one week before the meeting or by Wednesday April 9, 2025 on the Town's website.

To request in-person delegation or remotely, email [agenda@caledon.ca](mailto:agenda@caledon.ca) before the meeting.



Take our online survey. Scan the QR code or visit [www.haveyoursaycaledon.ca/votingsurvey](http://www.haveyoursaycaledon.ca/votingsurvey) until April 22, 2025 or submit comments in writing to [elections@caledon.ca](mailto:elections@caledon.ca).

The feedback received will help develop a staff report for the General Committee meeting on May 6, 2025.

For more information, email [elections@caledon.ca](mailto:elections@caledon.ca) or call 905-584-2272 ext: 2366.

Dated at the Town of Caledon, March 27, 2025.

Kevin Klingenberg, Municipal Clerk, Returning Officer  
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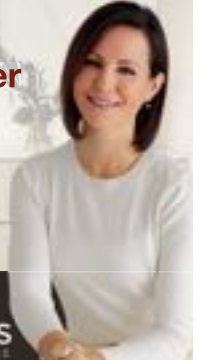
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Sap to Syrup participants in the Sugar Shack at Terra Cotta Conservation Area.

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## Unique maple-themed events coming to Terra Cotta Conservation Area

**Sap to Syrup: A Maple Syrup Making Experience and Lamplight: Maple Syrup After Dark running between March 29 and April 12**

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents are invited to enjoy the tradition of maple syrup-making this Spring.

From March 29 to April 12, two unique maple-themed events are running at Terra Cotta Conservation Area, hosted by Credit Valley Conservation (CVC).

The first event is titled "Sap to Syrup: A Maple Syrup Making Experience".

During this event, attendees can get up close and personal with the maple syrup-making process. They will be able to experience, hands on, the art of maple syrup production from tree tapping to the final steps in the process.

Sap to Syrup is a guided tour and workshop where attendees will learn how to identify and tap sugar maple trees; collect sap and use an evaporator to make maple syrup; learn how to measure sugar con-

tents and grade syrup; and sample maple syrup before preparing a bottle to take home for themselves.

Space is limited to 10 tickets per tour so guests will be able to have a personalized experience.

Guests must be 16 years of age or older to attend.

The second event CVC is hosting is titled "Lamplight: Maple Syrup After Dark".

It will take place in the sugarbush after dark and offer visitors "a magical evening that blends history, live music and maple-themed food and drink," per a CVC news release.

The event features a wagon ride through the forest to the illuminated sugarbush, where guests will learn about the history of maple syrup production in Canada.

The event includes maple taffy; a tasting menu featuring maple-themed food; a cocktail (or mocktail) in a signature souvenir glass; and live music by Rag Maple Music around a campfire.

This event will also offer an intimate experience as tickets are limited to 20 per evening. Guests must be 19 years of age or older to attend.

"These specialty events offer visitors an opportunity to immerse themselves in rich history and the sweet taste of maple syrup during production season," reads a CVC news release.

To purchase tickets or learn more about these upcoming events at Terra Cotta Conservation Area, those interested can visit [cvc.ca/mapleseason](http://cvc.ca/mapleseason).

## COMMUNITY events

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

**Friday, March 28, 2025 - Monthly Dinner**  
The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton will be hosting their Monthly Dinner on Friday, March 28.

Menu: Guinness Stew, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Bun, Guinness Chocolate Cake for dessert

Cost: \$16

P/U: 5:15 pm

Dine-in served at 5:30 pm

Local delivery available for \$2

Pre-registration required by Wed. March 26.

Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to purchase your tickets.

**Friday, April 4, 2025 - Spring Birdhouse Paint Night**

The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton will be having a Spring Birdhouse Paint Night on Friday, April 4 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm.

We will be painting spring designs on hand made, wooden birdhouses.

Tickets are \$30 which includes hors d'oeuvres, wine and cheese, birdhouses and paints.

Limited space available. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to purchase your tickets.

**Friday April 4 2025 - FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**

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**Saturday, April 5, 2025 - Income Tax Clinic**

The Caledon Seniors Centre will be hosting a free Income Tax Clinic on Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Qualifications are as follows: Single income up to \$45,000, Couple income up to \$55,000 and 3-Person Income up to \$57,500. This will be by appointment only. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to book your time.

Caledon Chamber Concerts presents:

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Saturday, April 5, 2025 - 7:30 pm

Great Hall - St. James Anglican Church - 6025 Old Church Road, Caledon East \$40 per adult

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**FREE COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Saturday, April 5th, 2025 from 8:30 am to 10:30 am.

Caledon East United Church, 6046 Old Church Rd.

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages,

yoghurt, fresh and frozen fruit, tea, coffee, juice. All are welcome!

An auction will also be held after the breakfast. All proceeds to the church

**Kinsmen Toonie Treasure Sale**

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**Albion Bolton Historical Society**

Monday, April 14, 2025, 7:30 - 9:30 PM meeting at the Albion Bolton Community Centre, 150 Queen Street South, Bolton, Meeting Room C, 2nd Floor. (Elevator available).

"The Hiking Experience: The Humber Valley Heritage Trail" presented by Jerry Gorman. Jerry will speak about many aspects of the HVHTA, including some river history. Questions, Nathan Hiller at 905-584-2801 or [nhillerphoto@bell.net](mailto:nhillerphoto@bell.net)

**Bolton United Church Fish Fry Dinner**

Good Friday April 18 2025 4:30 - 7 pm

Continuous seating or Take-out

All tickets sold at the door.

Adults \$20, Children 6-12 years \$8, Children 5 and under free

Menu includes Freshly caught & lightly battered Rainbow Trout from Georgian Bay, hash browns, coleslaw, potato salad, peas, carrot salad, rolls, assorted pies & beverages.

For further information contact Sandra @

905-857-2615 or e-mail

[office@boltonunitedchurch.com](mailto:office@boltonunitedchurch.com)

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# “Collaboratory” for musicians launched with new summer residency program

BY BROCK WEIR

If you are a performing artist looking to take your craft and career to the next level, a new summer residency program offered by the Aurora Cultural Centre might be the perfect opportunity.

The Cultural Centre has issued an Open Call for performing artists looking for coaching in stage presence, song-writing and career strategy. Dubbed the Brevik Collaboratory – a portmanteau of “collaboration” and “laboratory” – the eight-week residency program will see 15 selected musicians, vocalists and multidisciplinary performers come together to “elevate” their respective artistry.

“Whether you’re emerging or mid-career, this unique opportunity offers professional development, mentorship, and performance experience – all within a paid summer residency,” says the Cultural Centre. “The program includes 18 professional development sessions focused on stage craft, business skills, and music creation. Highlights include workshops on financial literacy, contracts, marketing, song-writing, music and more.”

The sessions, which are supported by the Canada Council for the Arts, will take place in the Centre’s restored Brevik Hall, which is part of the historic Church Street School complex now part of Aurora Town Square.

Selected artists will receive an honourarium, and attending the daily 90-minute training sessions Monday through Friday in July and August is a must. The residency will conclude with outdoor concerts at Aurora Town Square.

“We have developed this idea as a way to

enliven Brevik Hall and maximize its use by doing professional development,” says Derek Andrews, Performing Arts Manager for the Aurora Cultural Centre. “This is triggered in part by research that we have done around what York Region needs, what Aurora needs, for artists around professional development. Brevik Hall is going to become a place for many, many things, including this ‘collaboratory.’ The sessions will be in the afternoons Monday to Friday and it is designed for professional musicians so they might be gigging in the evenings or on weekends, and during the day they will be learning how to advance their careers.

“There will be collaborations encouraged between the artists but mostly they are going to be enjoying the benefit of senior professionals in the music industry who will talk about stagecraft, song-writing, grants, royalties, financial literacy, touring, publicity, music technology, recording, and the collaboration process is really where we’re going to entice them into performing with each other and seeing how that works.”

Applications for the 2025 Brevik Collaboratory are being accepted through April 18.

Artists are requested to provide a biography, CV, and Statement of Intent on how this opportunity will further their career. Selected artists will be notified the week of May 12.

The residency is open to Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents, and for individual artists – rather than bands and ensembles – only.

For more, visit [auroraculturalcentre.ca/brevik-collaboratory](http://auroraculturalcentre.ca/brevik-collaboratory).

## Kick-off spring right with Orangeville Lions Club’s 26th Annual Home & Garden Show

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Spring is here and with it comes the season of home improvement.

To assist residents of Orangeville and the surrounding area with their various improvement projects this spring, the Orangeville Lions Club is hosting its 26th Annual Home & Garden Show from April 4 to 6.

The three-day event will feature 135 exhibitors filling nearly 190 booths at the Orangeville Fairgrounds (247090 Five Sideroad).

“The Home & Garden Show gets people stepping out of hibernation and coming to meet vendors in the community to learn about what’s new

and what they can do to improve their home for the summer,” said John Lackey of the Orangeville Lions, who’s helping organize the event.

The Home & Garden Show runs from 5 to 9 p.m. on April 4, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 5 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 6.

Organizers anticipate 6,000 to 7,000 people will drop in over the three days.

Businesses focused on real estate, gardening, landscaping, home renovations, pools, doors, windows, home décor and interior design will make up much of the Home & Garden Show.

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### Proposed Humber Station Road Community Expansion Project Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Session

**The Study**  
Enbridge Gas Ontario (“Enbridge Gas”) has retained Dillon Consulting Limited (“Dillon”) to conduct an environmental study to support the proposed Humber Station Road Community Expansion Project located in the Town of Caledon, Region of Peel. The purpose of the project is to provide residents and businesses located in the Town of Caledon with access to safe, reliable and affordable natural gas distribution services (the “project”).

The preliminary preferred route (PPR) is proposed to include approximately 3 km of pipeline along Old Church Road to tie into Enbridge Gas’s existing network near the intersection of Old Church Road and Humber Trail and includes an additional 5 km of distribution pipelines within the community. The PPR involves a total of 8 km of 2-inch and 4-inch plastic pipelines. The PPR also involves a potential upgrade to an existing station located at Mount Hope Road and Old Church Road.

Two alternate routes to supply the community have been identified as follows:

Alternate Route 1 (AR 1) is proposed to include 8 km of pipeline along Humber Station Road to tie into the existing Enbridge Gas network near MTO Highway 9 and Humber Station Road and travel southeast to the community. The remaining 5 km of distribution pipe proposed in the PPR remains unchanged. A new station would be required at the location of the tie-in. The total proposed pipe involved with AR 1 is 13 km of 2-inch and 4-inch plastic pipelines.

Alternate Route 2 (AR 2) is proposed to include 5 km of pipeline along Castlederg Side Rd and Humber Station Road to tie-in to the existing Enbridge Gas network near the intersection of Castlederg Side Road and Highway 50. The remaining 5 km of distribution pipe in the community remains unchanged from the PPR. Station upgrades may be required at the existing Enbridge Gas station located at the intersection of Highway 50 and Castlederg Side Road. The total proposed pipe involved with AR 2 is 10 km of 2-inch and 4-inch plastic pipelines.

**The Process**  
The study will be conducted in accordance with the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) *Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction, and Operation of Hydrocarbon Projects and Facilities in Ontario, 8th Edition (2023)*.

The study will review the need and justification for the project; describe the existing environment (built, natural, socio-economic, and cultural); identify and assess potential adverse environmental impacts including cumulative effects; describe reasonable measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate adverse impacts; evaluate the potential routes; and select the preferred route. Once the study is complete, Enbridge Gas plans to file a Leave-to-Construct Exemption Application with the OEB in 2025. Pending approvals, construction is anticipated to begin in 2027.

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Note: The Environmental Assessment Study Area has been developed for the purposes of an assessment of potential environmental and socio-economic impacts and does not represent the final project scope/design that will provide access to natural gas to end-use customers. The routing within the Study Area is under development.

**LEGEND**

- Preliminary Preferred Route
- Alternate Route 1
- Alternate Route 2
- Study Area
- Distribution Area
- Highway
- Road
- Collector
- Railway
- Watercourse
- Waterbody
- Municipal Boundary

**Invitation to the Community**  
Stakeholder consultation and Indigenous engagement will be a key component of this study. Enbridge Gas and Dillon are hosting an in-person drop-in style public information session as well as a virtual public information session to provide you with an opportunity to review the project, ask questions, and provide input. Members of the public, regulatory agencies, Indigenous communities and other interested persons are invited to participate.

**In-Person Public Information Session:**  
**Location:** Banquet Hall  
Caledon East Community Complex  
6215 Old Church Rd., Caledon East

**Date and Time:** April 14, 2025  
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Virtual Public Information Session:** [www.HumberStationRoadProject.com](http://www.HumberStationRoadProject.com)  
**Website will be live for 2 weeks, beginning Monday, April 14, 2025 and ending Sunday, April 27, 2025**

Representatives from Enbridge Gas and Dillon will be in attendance to discuss the project and answer questions. Your input will be used to confirm the preferred route and inform mitigation plans that may be implemented during construction. If you are interested in participating, or would like to provide comments, please attend the meeting or contact one of the individuals listed here. **The last day to submit comments for consideration in the environmental study is May 24, 2025.** After this date, comments will still be accepted and may be integrated into project planning, as applicable.



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# Civic Crunch Time

Forging ahead into the first week of the 2025 Federal election, we're being asked to consider many factors from many different angles.

Once upon a time, it was a matter of simply picking the party that best represents your views, or the local candidate you feel, regardless of party lines, will best represent your interests in Ottawa.

Now, of course, it is significantly more complex situation.

Strategic voting may have always been a factor in our electoral deliberations, but, for some, I'd wager it's becoming more and more important as we weigh not only the government we want – that being, the one that best aligns with our respective visions for the future – but the government we need to address some of the most important issues of our time, particularly issues we wish were not key on the ballot this time around.

It was once a matter of simply comparing and contrasting our collective values, which set of ideals we each subscribe to, and which party, party leader, or local candidate for said party will help us get closer to the goals we want.

In addition to the perennial and recent issues of affordability, housing, and the rule of law, we have a different angle to consider this year: how our respective votes will help bolster our Canadian identity, independence, and the entire concept of our sovereignty as the government south of our border does its utmost to undermine and weaken almost every element of said identity, independence, and sovereignty.

It's an unenviable position to be in, yet while we're in uncharted territory as Canadians, we can look abroad to other nations that have faced similar threats from similar friends-cum-foes, and use this knowledge to make our own decisions – for our own betterment.

It's encouraging to see that, if anything, the threats from the United States have largely renewed our collective sense of identity, values and sovereignty across most party lines.

The days where people like Rick Mercer and his "Talking to Americans" kept us chuckling because our neighbours didn't know, for instance, that Peter Mansbridge is a journalist who made his name on Canada's public broadcaster rather than a piece of public infrastructure, are long-gone and seem so twee in retrospect.

Now, we're taking what they're presenting to us seriously and fighting back in any way we can, whether we're making a concerted effort to buy local from area independent retailers, ensuring we're buying Canadian – or non-American – at chain grocery stores, flying the flag just a little bit higher, or singing the national anthem at sports games with throats just a little bit fuller.

All of these things – and many others not listed here – are doing wonders for morale, and in standing firm on the international stage – but there is still some work to do.

While we know Peter Mansbridge isn't a means for cross-border travel and "tuque" is not part of a Regional way of counting to ten, I'm afraid we need a bit more introspection on who we are as a country and how our institutions operate.

I think it's safe to say that in one way or another we all have at least one misconception of either what Canada is or how it works.

Before this fight with the United States was provoked, I suspect a huge swath of our country was surprised that inter-provincial trade was not simply a matter of sending a flatbed

laden down with Ontario products westward to Manitoba or eastward to New Brunswick, and vice-versa.

Now, we realize that it's not the well-oiled machine we thought it was and work is taking place behind the scenes to break down unnecessary barriers.

Others, hopefully far fewer, may have puzzled over the fact that one of Mark Carney's first acts upon becoming Prime Minister was to visit King Charles III at Buckingham Palace. "Why would he visit the King of England before meeting with Trump?" one critic cried, before another rightly pointed out that he was meeting the King of this country as well. A show of sovereignty, anyone?

Others – long-time critics of the Liberal party, mostly – also vented their spleens at the idea that Carney was (a) an "illegal" Prime Minister as he had not been directly elected by the people, and/or (b) an "illegal" Prime Minister for the same reason, in a Canadian first.

This, despite the fact that Prime Ministers have been appointed rather than directly elected quite regularly in our history, rightly or wrongly.

Paul Martin, for example, became Prime Minister in 2003 when he won his party's leadership race. Kim Campbell became Prime Minister 10 years prior when she succeeded Brian Mulroney as Progressive Conservative leader in 1993.

The difference there is both Martin and Campbell had a seat in the House of Commons at the time, something Carney lacks, at least until voters decide next month. The last time Canada had a Prime Minister who won the Premiership through a party rather than a nation-wide vote and did not have a seat as a Member of Parliament was John Turner in 1984.

This is to say nothing in support, against, or in defence of the new and current Liberal leader, but just a statement of fact.

As the Liberals continue to close the wide lead the Conservatives had in national polling just a few short months ago, there will likely be talk of what happens if either party wins without seats to secure a majority in Parliament. The winning party can either try to govern alone or with the support of another party in the House of Commons, such as the Supply and Confidence agreement struck by the outgoing government with the NDP, or through a more formal coalition, such as the one mooted by the Liberals and the NDP – with support of the Bloc Quebecois – in 2008 during the Conservative government of Stephen Harper.

You might not like it, and you might not like prorogation, but that's how our system of government works at present, and none of these moves are illegal or necessarily a betrayal of voters. Should there be new safeguards and potentially other changes? Potentially, but that will be a long, drawn-out discussion for a different time.

In the meantime, however, particularly during election time, we should all be well-versed on our system of government, what's allowed and what's not allowed, and how we and the people can use it to our best advantage. Ignorance might be bliss, but misinformation is not – particularly in times of an existential crisis.

As far as systems go, there is always room for improvement, but it's the system we've got – and whether it is through enhanced civic education, or some self-led learning in the crunch time before April 28, it's incumbent upon us to all know who represents us, who our voices are, and how they fit into our electoral puzzle at all levels of government.



## It's not always easy to ask for help

by Mark Pavilons



lacked self-esteem. I envied those who breezed through life on their personalities, good looks and charm. To them, things came easy.

For most of us, they did not. Asking friends and peers for help was out of the question in the '70s and '80s. Even confiding in teachers or parents was limited. When our parents asked us how our days went – usually around the dinner table – the stock answer was "fine," with few details.

Many days were not fine, but filled with embarrassment, bullying, less than stellar performances on tests and exams. I spent a great deal of my high school days nervous and anxious.

But I never asked for help. Things improved throughout my college years, as like-minded students gathered to share thoughts, desires and ways to change the world. I encountered many characters who made me smile. I only hope that whenever I cross their minds, I make them smile, too.

Robbins also noted that the "secret to living is giving," and those who experience contribution as one of their top six human needs know this better than anyone. "If you have a need to contribute, you will likely make a big difference in your community."

Those who have this need tend to fulfill it by giving back, volunteering, mentoring, coaching and just showing up for others.

The closer the cause is to your heart, the more fulfilled you will feel.

Extending a helping hand is one thing, but opening ourselves up and asking for help is quite another.

When we are in need, we tend to be overwhelmed by our own worries and concerns. We don't always recognize that others are standing by, in our corner, ready to pitch in.

I have felt this way many times, often in fact, during my journey with cancer. My family members, while ready and willing to lend their support, can't possibly know what's rattling around in my head, or what I'm feeling on a given day. I don't want to inconvenience anyone, or ruin their positivity.

Truth is, I hate my situation. I am afraid. I am uncertain. I am not in control.

Who can help with any of these things?

I am confronted with an unlimited supply of uplifting quotes, memes, and comments on positive thinking, having a clear mind, and opening up my chakras.

I don't seek help, but I am dependent on the medical community for my survival.

I read about the benefits of this and that, and fill up my medicine bin with a vast array of herbal supplements meant to help combat cancer. I try to let things roll off my shoulders, down my arms and to the floor. I shy away from conflict and anger, but I will admit I have less tolerance these days for stupidity and ignorance.

We often hear the term "random acts of kindness," and I find it sad that it needs to be defined that way. Why aren't we committing daily acts of compassion? Why isn't helping one another the top of our list, not resting at the bottom?

So, back to the questions at the outset of this column. Do I need help? Yes – physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Do I ask for it? No. How do I plan to get it? I don't know.

What a conundrum.

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# Off to the polls... again!



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Canadian nationalism is at an all-time high and that's a good thing. The reasons for it being so, perhaps not so much. Facing an existential threat; certainly to our economy, and perhaps even to our very sovereignty, we have responded by rallying around the flag, our once quiet nationalism now on loud and proud display. Yay Canadians. But what else is now required of us during this time of crisis? First, as citizens of a free and democratic nation we absolutely MUST take our responsibility to vote seriously, and actually get out and vote. Just as important, as we prepare to head to the polls again, arguably choosing the most important prime minister to serve in modern times, we must practice discernment. In our increasingly online world, media literacy has never been more important.

From the time of the first mechanized printing press, by Johannes Gutenberg in the 1400s, until the more recent evolution of Mark Zuckerberg's social media tool (first used in 2004 as "The Facebook" and now known as Meta) the news, to some degree, has likely been shaped and influenced by the people producing it.

It wasn't until Marshall McLuhan, however, that we had a more formal understanding of this concept. McLuhan, a Canadian communications theorist, is known for the phrase "the medium is the message," which argues the medium through which information is communicated has just as much, if not more value (and/or perceived influence) than the message itself. I know I've talked about McLuhan's work in the past, but today I'll go one step further, and suggest a deeper understanding of his concept, applied to the influence of social media on the electoral process, has never been more important.

Media literacy requires us to be discerning consumers. It requires more from each and every one of us: to be savvy fact-checkers, to review the sources of the information that come across our social media feeds, and to question everything; from sensationalist click-bait headlines, to the veracity of photos purportedly showing unlikely scenarios while claiming them to be true.

Such examples range from the easily dismissed "news" showing the Statue of Liberty being overwhelmed by a tidal wave, to the more reprehensible, when real persons are photoshopped into questionable (even pornographic or otherwise horrific) situations.

As we consume the news during this election cycle, before you hit "share," check the source of the news you are sharing. Is it a reputable news organization with a long history of providing verifiable content or is it something your uncle heard while perusing Facebook Marketplace for a used lawn tractor. Are the sources independent and willing to be quoted or are they anonymous? Is the information easily verifiable by a multitude of other independent sources?

Are you sharing a link that you have actually opened, and read, or just from scrolling through content, "liking" and "sharing" without a thought as to its origin? Are you sharing a link from a known satirical publication? If so, you might want to explicitly state it because undoubtedly, somewhere along the line some-

one will misunderstand the satire as real. Perhaps the easiest litmus test of all is this: if it seems "too good to be true," or "too crazy to be credible," you are probably correct and if that's the case, stop the spread of misinformation by not sharing it further.

Now more than ever we need to be prepared to have some difficult conversations with our friends, our neighbours and even our families. Most of us avoid topics like religion or politics as too contentious, but as we have seen over and over again, not talking about, not seeking clarification, and not verifying information during a high-stakes political campaign can have very serious, long-term, real-world consequences. Think about and question who owns the source of media you are sharing and how might their goals influence the message. We can easily point fingers south of the border, but there are some here too. Reader beware.

Now more than ever we must be careful not to fall into the trap of so-called media outlets ramping up the level of fake news being seen across some networks. Already some Canadian law enforcement agencies are warning of a coordinated misinformation campaign against at least one of the candidates in this election and the allegations are outrageous. Yet what IS known, AND verifiable, is that one candidate continually refuses to obtain their national security clearance. Why?

Now more than ever we need leaders with experience, who are known on the world stage and dare I say it, maybe even have a degree of business acumen that may just come in handy when dealing with our current, and primary, trading partner.

We need leadership that is able to protect the best interests of all Canadians by obtaining the required security clearance to be able to effectively lead the nation.

Sure, we also need leaders who remind us of our responsibilities to one another, to the environment or climate change and leaders who remind us that programs like national pharmacare or dental care are part of what makes us Canadian.

This is the beauty of democracy: you get to decide which of these options is most important to you and vote accordingly. But now, more than ever, this race is also a potential choice between our future as a sovereign nation or "to the victor goes the spoils." That means it might be time to rethink everything, even your own long-standing political affiliations. Canada needs us, and each and every one of us can, and must, play a pivotal role in ensuring the future of our country.

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### "A Caring Community Starts Here" by Mariia Kupriianova, Chief Development Officer, Caledon Community Services



Mark\* never imagined he'd need a food bank.

A father of two, he's always been the one helping

others. Shoveling a neighbour's driveway. Dropping off groceries for a friend. Driving the kids to a hockey game. But this winter, after an unexpected job loss, he found himself at Caledon Community Services' (CCS) Exchange, our town's only full-service food bank.

"I never thought I'd be the one asking for help," he told us.

Mark's story isn't unique. In 2024, food bank visits to CCS' Exchange surged 35 per cent and new families continue to register for support. More parents are trying to stretch every dollar, more children are going to bed hungry and more seniors are forced to choose between medication and a meal.

The faces of need in our community are changing and they may look a lot like someone you know.

But here's the thing about Caledon: we don't just stand by, we show up!

When the needs increase, our community rises to the challenge.

You proved that again during the Coldest Night of the Year on February 22, showing up to walk in the cold, raising funds for those facing hurt, hunger and homelessness. To everyone who walked, donated, sponsored and volunteered - thank you. You are the heartbeat of our Caledon community.

If the latest headlines leave you feeling powerless, remember: your small acts of kindness matter. A financial gift, volunteering your time or picking up a few extra items at the grocery store - these moments of care add up, offering a lifeline for neighbours like Mark\*.

If you're doing okay, your gift can change a family's story. And if you're struggling, please call us. No one needs to face hardship alone. It's the Canadian way and it's the Caledon way. Our caring community starts here.

Please visit [www.ccs4u.org](http://www.ccs4u.org) or call 905-584-2300 to find help or to learn how you can support your community.

\*Pseudonym used to protect client confidentiality

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## Maverick Highlanders Girls' Rugby Team competes and learns during excursion to Wales and England

BY JIM STEWART

It's been said that "Travel is the best educator" and the March Break can offer terrific sporting and educational opportunities for local student-athletes. The Maverick Highlanders Girls' Rugby trip to the United Kingdom in mid-March provided regional athletes with the compelling opportunity to compete against excellent international competition and immerse themselves in the rich cultural history of Wales and England.

Mayfield Secondary School Rugby Head Coach Rhys Manning noted that there were "24 athletes in total on the excursion, and 22 were from the perennial powerhouse Mavericks: Sarah Adams, Tess Baird, Ella Barnhouse, Hailey Barth, Hannah Bell, Ariel Bough, Adelle Byrski, Brooklynn Corbett, Emma Jack, Jasmin Kang, Kayleigh McArthur, Charlotte Meek, Chloe Mulliss, Charlotte Rees, Mackenzie Smith, Ella Snyder, Sam Steadman, Natasha Stephens, Jessica Vella, Shalina Prasad, Iknor Sandhu, Marlee Smith, Excellencia Obonor, and Grier Forbes."

Coach Manning, the chief organizer of the excursion, explained the composition of the travel squad.

"The girls came from a variety of clubs

including North Halton Highlanders, Fergus Highland, Barrie Rugby Club, and the Caledon Cavaliers."

The veteran English teacher and Rugby coach felt that the competitive highlight of the excursion occurred in Wales.

"The girls played their first game at the historic Cardiff Arms Park. The team got to experience top level rugby in a professional setting. The girls had a very competitive middle half of the game where they matched their opponent's physicality and determination."

The most satisfying part of the excursion, according to Coach Manning, was the team unity that such an international trip inspires.

"As always, these tours allow for the team to create a close and lasting bond with one another. It strengthens the team. They also are immersed in the rich culture and history of Wales and England and get to experience all the wonderful traditions of rugby."

The Maverick Highlanders returned to Canada last week enlightened by the nine-day experience. The excursion was seen as an "adventure of a lifetime," according to Mavericks Coach Pamela Ireland who, along with Mayfield Coach Jon Forbes, comprised the three-person coaching and supervisory staff for the excursion.

Coach Ireland added that the Maverick Highlanders "represent[ed] Canada with pride; the team ventured to Wales and England, immersing themselves in the rich traditions and heritage of rugby while experiencing the vibrant local culture."

The Mayfield Secondary School coach acknowledged the benefits of the excursion were both off the field and on the field: "The trip was as much about growth off the field as it was about honing their skills on it."

"Starting in Wales, the team had the opportunity to play against skilled local squads, challenging themselves and gaining valuable experience. They visited Cardiff, the Welsh capital, where they explored the iconic Principality Stadium, learning about the nation's deep-rooted passion for rugby. They had the opportunity to play one of their games on the historic field of Cardiff Arms Park. The team also enjoyed some down time visiting sites including Cardiff Castle. The last three days of the tour brought the team to London, where they took in sights such as Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, and Big Ben."

In addition to competing against top-flight international teams and enjoying sight-seeing tours, Coach Ireland maintained that the excursion was an eye-opening experience

for the student-athletes in her care: "For many of the girls, the trip offered first-time experiences: traveling internationally, playing in a different rugby environment, and embracing new cultures. Beyond the tackles, scrums, and lineouts, the journey highlighted the unifying power of sport and the importance of cultural exchange in broadening horizons."

The sisterhood of rugby is well-known in sporting circles and Coach Ireland noted that this connectivity was strengthened by the 2025 excursion.

"The team returned home with memories to last a lifetime, they brought back not just lessons on the rugby field but also a deeper appreciation for the global rugby family and the cultural tapestry of the United Kingdom. They've promised to take the lessons learned to heart, both as athletes and as young ambassadors of their country."

Barely back in the country, Coach Ireland's enthusiasm for rugby and for sports excursions was evident in that she was already looking ahead to an expanded trip two years down the road.

"The Maverick Highlanders Rugby teams hope to continue this tour tradition with the addition of a boys' team travelling in March of 2027."

## Get ready to hike: 15th Annual Hike for Bethell Hospice takes place May 4

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It's the 15th anniversary of the hike, which raises money for the Bethell Hospice Foundation. The foundation raises funds year-round to ensure that the hospice care and community programs Bethell Hospice provides remain free to residents of Caledon and surrounding communities.

There's still time to register as a hiker, donate to a hiker or team, start your own team, or sponsor this year's hike. Links with more information can be found online at [bethellhospice.org](http://bethellhospice.org).

In the last five years alone, hikers and sponsors have raised over \$1.1 million

through the Hike for Bethell Hospice.

The fundraising goal this year is \$255,000 and hikers are well on their way to meeting it – but more support is always needed.

As of press time, 21 teams and 143 hikers are signed up for the hike and over \$76,000 has been raised.

Nora Martin, a captain of one of the teams in this year's hike, Girls in the Woods, has been hiking since the first Hike for Bethell Hospice and has always been a proud supporter.

Martin said she always looks forward to the hike and getting outside to raise money for a good cause.

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# Medals awarded during March 20 ceremony at Mount Alverno

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Here's a full list of medal winners, as noted in the medal ceremony program: Deep Singh Bains, Linda Banks, Alan Boughton, Beth Brown, Ed De Sousa, James Dick, Ajay Dugal, Patricia Franks, Bryan Peter Goustos, Peter Harold Harris, Steve Hayward, John Edward Ince, Martello Jones, Barbara Karasiuk, Larry Kurtz, Jasjot Singh Lamme, Bonnie Ledson, Sarah Mailhot, Randy McClelland, John McDermid, Jim Pattison, Brian Sheldon Price, Lori Schickedanz, Barrie Shepley, Chuck Simpson, Joe Tersigni, David Allan Tilson, and Wayne Townsend.

"Your time and efforts have significantly contributed to the betterment of our community. The selfless service you've consistently demonstrated has not gone unnoticed. We've gathered here tonight to recognize not only your achievements, but also the sacrifices you personally made for that service... tonight, we say thank you," said Russo.

Seeback explained that all the medal winners were nominated by members of the Dufferin-Caledon community and that he had the extremely difficult job of narrowing down the nominations to the number of medals he was allocated to award.

"You should feel honoured that the community has recognized you," said Seeback to the winners. "All of you here tonight have made contributions that have made our community stronger, so I want to absolutely thank you for what you've done."

Seeback said Dufferin and Caledon are lucky to have amazing community leaders.

"I'm so happy to be able to say that the sacrifices you've made for your community have been recognized, and you can accept that recognition tonight. So congratulations to each and every one of you," said Seeback.

He also commended the friends and family of the award winners for the important role they play.



Dufferin-Caledon residents who have made amazing contributions to our community and country were recognized with King Charles III Coronation Medals in a ceremony on March 20 at Mount Alverno Luxury Resorts. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

## MPP Jones awards Coronation medals to local residents

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Residents of Dufferin and Caledon who have dedicated their time to serving the community were recently recognized.

King Charles III Coronation Medals were awarded to 28 individuals by Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback at Mount Alverno Luxury Resorts in Caledon on Thursday, March 20.

"It was an honour to celebrate some of Dufferin-Caledon's community champions

who've selflessly dedicated themselves to serving our community and country. Their contributions have made our community a better place and by extension, our country better," said Seeback.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones held a similar ceremony to distribute 11 King Charles III Coronation Medals on Sunday, March 23, at the Orangeville Legion.

Dr. David Brinkhurst, Murray Stewart, Dr. Stephanie

Milone, Alethia O'Hara Stephenson, Kevin Junor, Fred von Veh, Marcel Babineau, Clarence Pinkney, Tom Reid, Derek Clark and Dr. Constance Stevens received King Charles III Coronation Medals from Jones.

"The King Charles III Coronation Medal recognizes outstanding Canadians for their talent, service, and achievement that have brought great benefit to our country, and to Ontario. It is an honour to present this award to members of our

community who have made a difference in the lives of many," said Jones.

Canada's Governor General granted permission for federal MPs and provincial MPPs to distribute an allotted number of medals to residents of their riding.

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Cherished Opa to 44 grandchildren, Lee-Anne (& Kevin), Jamie, Alex, John, Kaycee, Matthew, Reuben (& Jannel), Logan, Alayna (& Cohen), Sam, Norah, Elijah, Janaye, Silas, Gideon, Isaiah, Macrae, Gavin, Keaton, Jacob (& Leah), Mason, Dayna (& Justin), Cole, Chanelle, Doug, Luke, Brett (& Leah), Levi, Timera, Davis, Blake, Jodine, Jayden, Isaac, Kylee, Arianna, Mark, Grace, Georgia, Owen, Aurora, Lily, Dalton, Celia and 9 great grandchildren.

He is survived by and will be missed by his siblings Harold (+) & Grace Jonker, Luke & Ena Jonker, Albert (+) & Ali (+) Jonker, Hilda & Tom (+) Overbeek, Peter & Henrietta Jonker, Diane & Bert (+) Niezen, Mary & John VanEerde, John & Diane Jonker, Jenny & Jon (+) Groen, and Grace Jonker. And his in-laws John (+) and Wilhelmina Kottelenberg, Harris and Jo (+) Kottelenberg, Ben and Joan Kottelenberg.

The family will receive their friends for visitation at the Orangeville Canadian Reformed Church (55 C-line, Orangeville, ON) on Wednesday March 26, 2025, from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm & 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Funeral service will take place at the Orangeville Canadian Reformed Church (55 C-line, Orangeville, ON) on Thursday March 27, 2025 at 1:00 pm. Reception following. (Spring interment to take place at Greenwood Cemetery).

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# Theatre Orangeville promises to bring “wonder” to its stage for the 2025/26 season

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

At Theatre Orangeville’s recent Starlight Gala, associate artistic director Jennifer Stewart announced “the wonder” – the full season of shows coming up for 2025/26.

A selection was made between Stewart and artistic director David Nairn with Stewart’s theme of presenting “wonder” to this season’s schedule of delightful shows.

The annual “add-on” show is called “The Norm Effect,” for which Norm Foster is coming to Town to read three of his own plays, with other actors, in three separate performances from September 17 to 21.

A Zoom interview with Stewart, Nairn and Theatre Orangeville’s marketing strategist Amanda Doerrie, touched on these great plays.

“On a First Name Basis” features a crotchety but successful novelist, David, and his maid for the last 25 years, Lucy. Both have some news they are keeping from each other. One evening at the end of her shift, it occurs to David that he knows nothing about Lucy while she knows all about him. When he invites Lucy to stay for a drink, the ensuing conversation changes all that.

“The Writer” is a play that was slated to be produced in 2021 at Theatre Orangeville. When the pandemic put that on hold, Nairn and Foster agreed that it was too much for an online production. This is the story of how a playwright’s father and travel writer’s son cope when the aging father begins to fail.

“Jonas and Barry in the Home” is a play Foster wrote for himself and Nairn, of two very contrasting seniors meeting in a retirement home. Nairn plays Barry, a retired dentist, and Foster plays Jonas, a bon-vivant, with the dentist’s daughter, Rosie, trying to keep up with them. Foster and Nairn are back together reading this one.

A rare treat is this, for professional readings are quite diverse from acting the play out on a stage and a very novel way for audiences to appreciate the plays.

Best of all is having Norm Foster on stage reading his own work.

“The Wonder of it All,” running from October 9 to October 26, by Mark Weatherby was highlighted for us by Jennifer Stewart,

directing the play by saying, “After 25 years of marriage, this couple have lost the joy in their relationship!”

The husband, a gardener, retreats to his garden to see where he got lost. He is reminded the garden needs constant attention in order to thrive. Are there lessons here to heal what is lost with the wife he still loves?

“This is a poignant, funny play with a lot to connect,” Stewart assured us.

This will be a world premiere at Theatre Orangeville.

Returning to Theatre Orangeville, from November 27 to December 21, its growing traditional holiday time Panto.

Written by Debbie Collins and David Nairn this year for their take on the story of “Rapunzel – a Braid New World.” It comes to the theatre with a guarantee of 33 and 1/3 per cent more hi-jinks! Come prepared to laugh, love the songs – boo where demanded, cheer like crazy and have fun.

Please note that all the hair and products used in this production are Canadian, including the shampoo, conditioner and the moose!

In addition, the cast of last year’s Panto had so much fun they begged to come back for this Panto too, which was agreed! David Nairn is directing.

Moving into the New Year, 2026, following the seasonal “holidays” celebrations, we are back to enjoy the humour of “Common Ground” by John Spurway, from February 5 to February 22.

After merely four years of marriage, Pam’s husband leaves her a note, saying he is leaving her for another woman; devastated, with her pal Lizzy to lean on, Pam is surprised again when she gets a call from Jake, the husband of the woman for whom her husband left her.

Stir all these emotions with laughter as the spice to see just how much humour can come of such a soup. Jennifer Stewart is back directing this comedy about love.

From March 12 to March 29, 2026, “Murder at Ackerton Manor” by Steven Gallagher promises a despised Lord Ackerton, murdered on a stormy night yet, the rule of law must come first. This Agatha Christie murder mysteries spoof – with a tinge of Mel



Theatre Orangeville’s Associate Artistic Director Jennifer Stewart shares the exciting announcement of her first season playbill with attendees of the Starlight Gala on March 13. Subscriptions are on sale now with single show tickets will be available for April 14. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Brooks we were told – delivers all the twists with three actors portraying seven “zany characters,” including the only cool head, Detective Pierre Pierotte.

Stewart blessed it as “typical cliché fun about new money, old money.”

Who could possibly resist?

Last up for the mainstage productions of this 32nd season at Theatre Orangeville, feel free to wear your best “bib and tucker” for “The Wedding Party” by Kristen Thompson. The play is about the wedding we all love to dread of two families with opposing ideas about almost everything. Still, for the sake of the wedding, they try to get along. A riotously funny romp, with a myriad of hilarious characters could see them dancing in the aisles, as the actors play multiple roles, including a dog. Jennifer Stewart is directing this production, which was Dora Nominated for Outstanding New Play in 2017.

As the associate artistic director, coming

fully into the role on July 1, Stewart wanted this season to be full of laughter.

“Laughter puts things in perspective,” she said. “If we can laugh with family and friends.”

Stewart added, “All of these plays have moments that are very profound – that’s what makes them wonderful. Right now, after the isolation the pandemic put on us, we need to be in a room with other people.”

Directing three of these plays, Stewart is looking forward to being in the rehearsal hall.

As to why should we fill the halls for this new season, beginning in September, Jennifer Stewart was clear, “They are new, exciting, proudly Canadian with fantastic artists on and off the stage. They’ll make you laugh and feel alive and remember: Theatre Orangeville is where everything is special.

“This season is about laughter, love and heart,” said Stewart.



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# Region of Peel to prioritize Canadian goods and services in procurement

## Buy-Canadian approach comes in response to U.S. tariffs

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

In response to U.S. tariffs and tariff threats, the Region of Peel is moving to a buy-Canadian approach.

At Regional Council's March 20 meeting, Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown and Mississauga Mayor Carolyn Parrish put forward a motion requesting that Region of Peel staff "be directed to adopt procurement strategies that prioritize Canadian and other non-U.S. goods and services over those of the U.S. where feasible, during such time as U.S. tariffs are in effect."

The motion, which was unanimously supported, notes that Peel can "align its procurement strategies with any legislation or direction to municipalities that may be issued formally by the federal or provincial government in response to tariffs imposed by the U.S., to support a unified, cross-Canada approach that effectively leverages the considerable buying power of municipalities to support a broader trade and economic strategy in Canada."

Region of Peel chair and CEO Nando Iannicca said Peel Region staff have been monitoring the tariff situation closely, day-by-day.

"I believe in diplomacy, I believe in rational discussion... but when all else fails,

you want a street fight? We'll give you one," said Iannicca. "We didn't start the battle but we're happy to join the battle – and nobody's going to win in the end in my opinion... I'm still hoping calmer heads will prevail."

Brown said the motion is about making Peel's voice heard.

"If someone's being a bully, we need to

use all the tools at our disposal and municipal procurement is a significant tool," said Brown. "I really believe this is an important message we need to send."

The Region of Peel procured \$2.4 billion in goods and services in 2024, making it one of the largest procurers of goods and services among Ontario municipalities.



Solmaz Zia is Caledon's new Director of Engineering.

TOWN OF CALEDON PHOTO

## Town hires new Director of Engineering

### Solmaz Zia comes to Caledon from Region of Peel

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

There's a new Director of Engineering for the Town of Caledon.

In a March 20 news release, the Town announced it had hired Solmaz Zia as its new Director of Engineering. Her first day on the job will be April 7.

Zia is coming to the Town of Caledon from the Region of Peel, where her last role saw her manage and provide strategic leadership to a team "responsible for delivering a diverse portfolio of capital programs and overseeing contract administration for complex, high-profile infrastructure projects."

The Town states that in her municipal sector career of over two decades, "Solmaz has extensive experience in transportation engineering, which encompasses planning, design, and construction of capital projects."

Domenica D'Amico, Caledon's Commissioner of Engineering, Public Works and Transportation, said she's excited to welcome Zia to the Town of Caledon team.

"Her vast experience in engineering design and construction will strengthen our ability to deliver projects that not only meet the needs of our growing community but also align with our sustainable growth strategy," said D'Amico. "I look forward to her contributions as we bolster our position as an innovative and forward-thinking municipal leader in the province."

Zia will be responsible for overseeing capital design and construction, stormwater management, and development engineering for Caledon. She said she's looking forward to her new role.

"My years of experience have prepared me for this challenge and I look forward to making a meaningful contribution and being part of Caledon's future," said Zia.

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## NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION - Schedule B Class Environmental Assessment Watermain Replacement From Highway 50 to Hardwick Road, Town of Caledon

**Background:** Peel Region initiated a Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) study for the watermain replacement from Highway 50 to Hardwick Road, in the Town of Caledon. The existing 300mm diameter watermain is aging and requires replacement to improve water quality and reliability. The MCEA Study developed and evaluated a variety of watermain alignment alternatives that will consider the existing environment as well as stakeholder input.

Based on the evaluation of alternatives and input from interested and affected parties during the Study, the preferred solution is to replace the watermain following a new alignment through the Husky Property.

**Process:** The MCEA Study is being conducted in compliance with Schedule B of the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (October 2000, amended 2007, 2011, 2015, 2023 and 2024), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

**Project File Report:** The MCEA Project File Report has been prepared to document the planning process followed, including conclusions and recommendations, and how public input was received and considered. By this notice, the Project File Report is being placed on public record for a 30-calendar day review period starting **March 24, 2025** and ending April 23, 2025, in accordance with the requirements of the MCEA process. The Project File Report is available for public review on Peel's project website at [peelregion.ca/construction/environmental-assessments/highway-50-hardwick-road-watermain-replacement](http://peelregion.ca/construction/environmental-assessments/highway-50-hardwick-road-watermain-replacement).

Subject to comments received as a result of this notice, Peel intends to proceed with the detailed design and construction of the preferred solution as documented in the Project File Report.

**Your Input is Important:** Written comments or questions may be provided to Peel's Project Manager, Leo Chen, on or before April 23, 2025. In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study, or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Indigenous and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester's contact information and full name.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy potential adverse impacts on Indigenous and treaty rights, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the Ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request.

The request should be sent in writing by mail or by email to:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor Toronto, ON M7A 2J3 <a href="mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca">minister.mecp@ontario.ca</a>	Director, Environmental Assessment Branch Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 135 St. Clair Ave. West, 1st Floor Toronto, ON M4V 1P5 <a href="mailto:EABDirector@ontario.ca">EABDirector@ontario.ca</a>
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The request should also be copied to Peel's Project Manager by mail or by email.

**Leo Chen**  
Project Manager  
Region of Peel  
Tel: 905.791.7800 x4611  
Email: [leo.chen@peelregion.ca](mailto:leo.chen@peelregion.ca)

For more information on this study, please visit Peel's website at: [peelregion.ca/construction/environmental-assessments](http://peelregion.ca/construction/environmental-assessments) (Caledon)

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

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# AUTO MAINTENANCE



## Common car noises and what they might be indicating

**A**lthough there are many drivers who understand what goes on under the hood of a vehicle and the inner workings of car mechanics, there are plenty of others who might not know a spark plug from a dipstick. For the latter group, random noises when driving can be a cause for immediate alarm.

Certain noises can be innocuous and easily fixed, while others may be indicative of something more complex. Pinpointing where a noise is coming from can help vehicle owners identify the problem. Here's a list of some common sounds and what the causes might be, courtesy of Firestone, Geico and Nationwide.

### HIGH-PITCHED SQUEALING

Screeching or squealing coming from the tires when stepping on the brakes likely means that brake pads are wearing down and the indicator is rubbing against the

rotor. Although this is not an emergency situation, it does mean that brakes will need to be replaced sooner than later.

### RATTLING IN THE WHEEL

If you hear rattling inside of a wheel at low speeds which stops as you drive faster, it could mean there is a loose lug nut inside of the hub cap. That wheel wasn't tightened properly the last time it was removed and replaced. Bring the car to a mechanic as soon as possible.

### CLICKING

If you try to start the car and only hear a clicking sound instead of the car turning over, a dead battery is likely the cause. Such a noise also may indicate corroded battery terminals that are preventing the current from flowing. Terminals need to be cleaned. The battery should be checked and jumped, if necessary. If a battery is not holding a charge, a new one is needed.

### SQUEAKY OR SCRAPING WINDSHIELD WIPERS

Squeaking and scraping means the windshield wipers are wearing down or the windshield is dirty. Clean the windshield and inspect the wiper blades to make sure they are in working order. A bad wiper and dirty windshield can reduce visibility and make driving dangerous.

### CLUNKING SOUNDS

Clunking sounds may indicate a few different issues. A clunking sound might indicate worn out shock absorbers, which absorb vibrations from the wheels. Damaged struts also can cause clunking. Worn out leaf spring shackles that help in off-roading conditions, also can cause clunking when they bend or break.

### HUMMING, WHINING OR WHIRRING

These strange noises might have different origins. Check if the differential needs to be lubricated. A wheel

bearing also could be worn out and produce a noise. In more severe cases, the transmission could be failing. The best course of action is to get a professional opinion from a mechanic.

### FLAPPING NOISE

A broken belt typically is the culprit when a vehicle makes a flapping or slapping noise. Something also may be interfering with the fan. Driving with a broken belt may cause severe engine damage, so it's important to address the issue.

### SQUEALING UNDER THE HOOD

Squealing can indicate worn or loose accessory belts. In newer cars it might be the serpentine belt. Belts are relatively inexpensive and easy fixes. These are some of the sounds that vehicles can make when something is awry. Figuring out the issue can prevent further damage.

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# AUTO MAINTENANCE



## How to protect your vehicle's paint job

Drivers go to great lengths to ensure what's under the hood of their vehicles is well taken care of. But it's equally beneficial to tend to the exterior of a vehicle, including its paint job.

According to Popular Mechanics, oxidation can adversely affect iron-based metals. That can put vehicles in jeopardy and take significant time off their life expectancy. The good news is that rust and other issues that can affect a vehicle's paint job and appearance are typically avoidable. That should be music to

the ears of new vehicle owners, who likely need no reminder of the sizable financial investment required to drive off the lot with a fresh set of wheels. Drivers who want their cars and trucks to maintain their looks over the long haul can consider these simple strategies to protect their paint jobs.

### MAKE CAR WASHES PART OF YOUR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE ROUTINE

Seasoned drivers are undoubtedly familiar with the conventional wisdom surrounding oil change intervals, but those same motorists may not recognize the importance of routine car washes. Over time, contaminants such as pollen, dust and pollution can settle on a vehicle's exterior, potentially jeopardizing the paint job. Routine car washes can prevent such damage and help a car look like it was just driven off the lot.

### WAX THE EXTERIOR OF THE VEHICLE

The automotive experts at Carfax® report that waxing is a significant and simple way to protect vehicle paint. Carfax® notes that certain paste waxes contain mild abrasives that help remove fine scratches from painted

surfaces. Wax also can protect paint jobs from fading related to exposure to ultraviolet rays. That's especially noteworthy for drivers who do not routinely park their cars in a garage.

### USE A CAR COVER

Car covers may or may not be practical for cars drivers use every day, but they are an effective way to protect a paint job from the elements. Drivers who have a spare car they rarely drive or even those who do not drive their primary vehicle a lot each day can purchase a universal-fit car cover or a premium cover designed specifically for their vehicles. Car covers protect paint jobs from ultraviolet rays and the elements and may reduce the need for more frequent trips to the car wash.

### PARK IN THE SHADE, BUT CHOOSE SPOTS WISELY

Parking in the shade may protect vehicles from the ultraviolet rays of the sun, but it's important that drivers pick the right shady spot to park their cars and trucks. A shade tree might seem like a great ally to vehicle owners, but if birds nest or rest in the tree, drivers

could be exposing their cars to bird droppings. That's no small threat, as bird droppings are high in uric acid, which quickly damage a vehicle's exterior. Parking directly beneath a tree also might expose the paint job to sap or fallen leaves or berries, each of which can adversely affect vehicle exteriors. If you plan to park in the shade to protect the paint job, ideally choose a spot that is not directly beneath the tree.

A well-maintained paint job can improve the appearance and life expectancy of a vehicle, which is something drivers should keep in mind as they hope to get the most out of their automotive investment.



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# AUTO MAINTENANCE



## Auto interior maintenance and cleaning tips

**A** number of factors are involved in keeping a vehicle functioning and looking good. Ensuring a vehicle interior is clean and tidy is easily overlooked, but such efforts can improve the driving experience.

Drivers who want their cars and trucks to look their best should not forget their vehicle interiors. Drivers unsure where to start can spruce up their vehicle interiors in the following ways.

### REMOVE ANY TRASH

Wrappers, receipts, empty water bottles, and other items can quickly pile up inside a car, especially for drivers who have young children. Routinely go through the vehicle to gather and remove debris.

### VACUUM THE INTERIOR

Start off with a can of compressed air and blow out dust and any other dirt that has accumulated in tight crevices. Then use a high-powered vacuum to conduct

a thorough cleaning. Pay attention to the seams of car seats, door handles, armrests, floor mats (and under them), underneath child safety seats, and the trunk or cargo area. If you don't have a vacuum with a lot of suction, utilize one at a do-it-yourself car wash location.

### SCRUB FLOOR MATS

Drivers with rubber mats can remove them and make a mild cleaning solution of a few drops of dish soap and warm water. Use a soft-bristled brush to clean the mats. Upholstered mats can be shampooed using a carpet cleaner. Then rinse and hang to dry. All mats should be completely dry before being returned to the vehicle.

### CLEAN THE UPHOLSTERY

Seats can get dirty and dingy over time. For cloth vehicle seats, use a proper spray or foam upholstery cleaner. All-purpose cleaner can work on vinyl seats, but leather seats require a special leather soap and conditioner. Avoid products with silicone, which can stain your clothes and may make interior surfaces too slippery.

### ADDRESS GLASS SURFACES

Turn your attention to the windshield, windows and mirrors. You can use a store-bought glass cleaner on these surfaces and a lint-free cloth. Avoid products containing ammonia, which may damage tinting on windows.

### CONSIDER LINGERING ODORS

If the interior of the car has an odor, the cabin air filter may need to be changed, or there may be water entering the vehicle somewhere and creating a musty smell. Seek out any problems and address. A car air freshener can further improve the interior smell.

A thorough deep cleaning can be done at least once a month to keep a vehicle's interior fresh and clean. However, keeping up with interior cleaning and maintenance by doing small jobs regularly will reduce the need for routine deep cleaning.

### Signs it is time to replace brakes

Each component of a vehicle performs an important function that ensures the car runs safely and soundly. A working brake system is vital to vehicle safety, so any issues affecting the brakes merit attention. Fortunately, there are various warning signs that indicate to vehicle owners it is time to replace brakes.

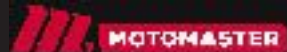
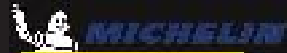
- **GRINDING SOUND:** Sun Auto Service says a deep grinding metal sound indicates that brakes are wearing down. Brake pads typically come equipped with tiny metal ridges on the bottom of the pads to alert the driver that the pads have worn down. Continuing to drive like this will put metal on metal, which can damage the rotors.
- **SQUEALING SOUND:** Some brake pads have built-in wear indicators. A driver may notice a squealing, screeching or whining noise when the brakes are engaged, says Bridgestone. Grinding or squealing often indicates that the brakes need to be replaced.
- **PULLING TO ONE SIDE:** When braking, drivers might notice the car pulling over to one side. This indicates brake pads are unevenly worn out, causing the car to pull to one side when braking.
- **VISIBLE WEAR AND TEAR:** A visual inspection of the brakes can give drivers an idea of their condition. If the pads are less than a quarter-inch thick, it is time to have them inspected or replaced.
- **BRAKE PEDAL VIBRATION:** When brakes are working properly, the vehicle will smoothly slow to a stop. If the brakes are worn out or if the rotors are damaged, the brake pedal can vibrate and the car may even buck as it comes to a stop. This means the brakes and possibly the rotors will need to be changed.
- **FAILURE TO STOP:** Of course, a clear indication that it could be time to replace the brakes is if the car does not respond promptly to braking when the brake pedal is pressed. A soft brake pedal or longer stop times might mean brake fluid is low or may indicate the need for a brake replacement.

Various signs may indicate it is time to replace a vehicle's brakes.



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# AUTO MAINTENANCE



## Daily steps to make a vehicle last longer

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Even though many vehicles are built to have increased longevity, it often is up to the driver to do his or her part to ensure cars and trucks can last for years and years. Here are some daily steps vehicle owners can take to achieve longer life spans for their cars or trucks.

### TAKE IT SLOW AND STEADY

Athletes do not hit the ground running at top speed, and neither should a vehicle. Let the car gradually acclimate to being on the move each day after sitting

overnight. Gently accelerate and afford the engine time to warm up and all of the components to get the fluids they require before you jump on the highway or require the vehicle to go all out. Most automotive experts warn against idling a car in the driveway to warm it up, but starting out at a slow and steady pace is key.

### DON'T BE EXTREME

Jerky turns, gunning the gas and braking hard, lead to unnecessary wear and tear on a vehicle. By smoothing out your driving, you'll put less stress on mechanical components and help prevent them from wearing out prematurely.

### CLEAN IT OUT DAILY

Accumulated debris often builds up inside a vehicle that is used all of the time. Taking a few minutes to clear out

trash or to wipe down the interior each day will prolong the interior components, not to mention make it easier to do a more thorough detailing when the time comes.

### FIND A TRUSTY FUEL STATION.

Bad gas can wreak havoc on a vehicle. Find a station that you trust, particularly one that takes care of their pumps and regularly changes their pump filters. It's worth it to spend a little more overall for good gas.

### READ YOUR OIL LEVEL

Oil is essential to maintain a properly operating engine and vehicle. AARP suggests routine reading of a car's oil level so that you can add lubricant as necessary. While this might not be a daily task, doing it regularly enough means you will keep on top of this important step.

### PARK IN THE SHADE OR A GARAGE.

The sun may feel good on a warm day, but the UV rays from the sun can take their toll on a vehicle's paint. Whenever possible, park out of direct sunlight so that the paint will not fade and the interior upholstery will not bleach. Those who need to park their vehicles for an extended period of time should choose a clean, dry, well-ventilated location, advises Wawanesa Insurance.

### BE ATTENTIVE

Listen to the sounds your vehicle is making and give it a visual inspection each time you get in or out of the car. The sooner you catch something that is out of the ordinary, the easier it becomes to fix problems before they become costly and damaging.






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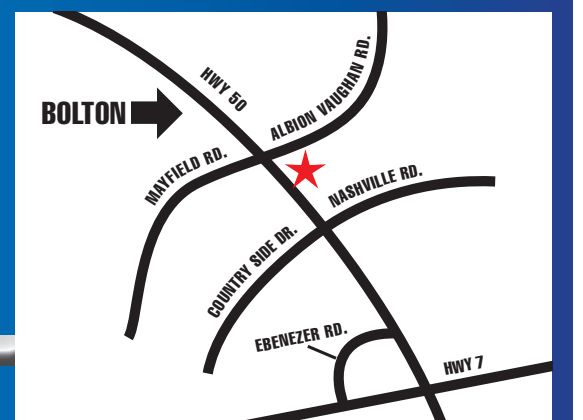
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“There’s quite a variety of businesses that come to the show, and I think it’s a great opportunity for the community to see what’s out there,” said Lackey.

There will also be nine not-for-profits organizations at the show and they’ll be educating attendees about the charitable work they do in the community.

“They’ll let people know what services they provide,” Lackey said. “That’s an important feature of the show as well. It gives the community some knowledge as to what services are out there and how they can support them.”

New this year is the Speakers Corner, which will be set up in the food court area of the fairgrounds on April 5 and 6. Vendors at the Home & Garden Show will be delivering presentations on a variety of topics geared toward attendees.

Georgian Shores Catering will be providing food options for breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks for the duration of the Home & Garden Show.

Admission and parking are free, but the event acts as a fundraiser for the Or-

angeville Lions Club. The not-for-profit takes in money from the businesses renting booths and hopes to raise over \$40,000 this year.

Funds raised through the event go towards community projects and supporting other charities in the community. The Orangeville Lions have used money raised at past fundraisers to build the Lions Club Sports Park on Diane Drive and the BMX Park next to the Alder Recreation Centre.

The Town of Orangeville and local Lions Club have partnered to make significant upgrades to the BMX Park, and are converting it into a Pump Track Park.

The Orangeville Lions have committed \$100,000 for the upgrades and conversion, featuring an all-new asphalt surface and modern design, allowing for a broad range of recreational activities.

Funds raised through the Home & Garden Show and other Orangeville Lions fundraisers enable the club to support projects like the BMX Park revitalization.

Some of the not-for-profit organizations that receive donations from the Orangeville Lions include minor sports teams, Skate Canada, Hospice Dufferin, Theatre

Orangeville, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin and District, Orangeville Food Bank, Alzheimer’s Society of Dufferin County and Bethell Hospice Foundation.

“There’s a whole raft of great charities in our community and we’re more than happy to support them,” said Lackey.

The Orangeville Lions Club recently celebrated 75 years in the community. The group was originally founded on April 12, 1949, with just 21 members. The Orangeville Lions now have well over 50.

The Lions will have a booth at the Home & Garden Show where attendees can learn about the organization’s work in the community and fill out a form to join.

If anyone is interested in joining the club but won’t be at the home show, they can email [membership@orangevillelions.org](mailto:membership@orangevillelions.org).

Lackey said he’d encourage everyone to stop by the Home & Garden show to support a good cause while seeing what’s available locally.

“Come and see what’s new for the Orangeville community,” Lackey smiled.

## Patient appreciation program honouring healthcare workers launches at Headwaters

BY PAULA BROWN

Have you, a family member or a friend received exceptional care at Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC), but didn’t know how to express gratitude?

Patients of Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) now have the opportunity to give thanks for the care received from staff, doctors, and volunteers, through a new appreciation program.

Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) announced the launch of its Grateful Patient Program, the Heart of Headwaters, on March 20.

“Through the Grateful Patient Program, we are creating a powerful way for patients to give back to the health care professionals who have touched their lives,” said K.C. Carruthers, CEO of Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

The Grateful Patient Program is designed to provide the community with a way to express their appreciation for the care and services received at Headwaters Hospital and celebrate the staff, doctors, and volunteers who helped with their care.

The Heart of Headwaters program allows individuals to make a donation in honour of a caregiver, a department, or a specific experience that has made a positive impact.

Each donation made through the Grateful Patient Program will be acknowledged with a personalized tribute card sent to the honouree. The recipient will be given a “Heart of Headwaters” lapel pin to display on their lanyard or scrubs.

“This program strengthens the bond between the hospital and the community and ensures that the hospital continues to provide exceptional healthcare, close to home. Every donation makes a significant difference in the quality of care we provide to our neighbors and loved ones,” said Carruthers.

The donations through the program will go directly towards supporting priority needs at the local hospital including access to equipment and technology to provide care to patients.

The Grateful Patient Program is open to all patients who have experienced care at Headwaters Health Care Centre, whether recently or in the past.

For more information about the Heart of Headwaters Grateful Patient Program or to donate, visit [www.hhcfoundation.com/ways-to-give/the-heart-of-headwaters](http://www.hhcfoundation.com/ways-to-give/the-heart-of-headwaters).

## Orangeville Lions to feature Speakers Corner for very first time at Home & Garden

BY SAM ODROWSKI

The Orangeville Lions Club is shaking things up at this year’s Home & Garden Show with a brand-new speaker series.

The Speakers Corner will run on Saturday, April 5, and Sunday, April 6, at the Orangeville Fairgrounds (247090 Five Sideroad), during the Lions’ 26th Annual Home & Garden Show.

Several of the vendors at the home show will participate in the Speakers’ Corner. The County of Dufferin, Shelburne Home Hardware, Don’s Heating and Cooling, Hear Well Be Well, Meadowood Tree Services and Deker Electric Ltd. will be presenting.

The presentations will take place on a stage in the food court area of the home show.

“It’s good to have something new and change things up a little bit,” said Orangeville Lion Club member John Kallay, who’s helping organize the Speakers Corner.

Shelburne Home Hardware will be discussing Beaver Homes, which is a premium service offered at select Home Hardware Building Centres across Canada. Beaver Homes provides customers with materials, blueprints and guidance to support them in their home or cottage build-ing project. There are over 100 models to choose from.

Other topics to be covered by Shelburne Home Hardware include HST/ building rebates and the permit/planning process for accessory dwelling units.

“If you wanted to put an apartment in your basement or a tiny home in your backyard, the presentation will cover what the regulations are and how to go about it,” said Kallay.

Shelburne Home Hardware’s presentation will run from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on April 5.

Hear Well Be Well will be up after Home Hardware, discussing hearing health from 1 to 1:30 p.m.

Meadowood Tree Service will share tips on tree care from 1:45 to 2:15 p.m.

The County of Dufferin will wrap up the Speakers Corner on April 5, with a discussion on business continuity planning. Business owners may want to lend an ear when this presentation takes place from 2:30 to 3 p.m.

Opening the Speakers Corner on April 6 is Deker Electric Ltd., with a presentation on stand-by generators from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

This presentation will be followed by a discussion from Don’s Heating and Cooling on heat pumps from 1 to 1:30 p.m., which will wrap up the Speakers Corner for the weekend.

Kallay said he got the idea for the Speakers Corner when attending larger home and cottage shows in Toronto. He noticed there was a space dedicated to guest speakers and thought it would be a nice addition to the Orangeville Home & Garden Show.

Kallay said if the Speakers Corner is well received this year, the Orangeville Lions will bring it back and build on it for next year.

The Orangeville Home & Garden Show runs from 5 to 9 p.m. on April 4, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 5 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 6.

The event is free to attend, and parking is free at the Orangeville Fairgrounds.

Learn more about the event by visiting [orangevillelions.org/homegardenshow](http://orangevillelions.org/homegardenshow) or the Orangeville Lions Facebook Page: [facebook.com/OrangevilleLions](https://facebook.com/OrangevilleLions).

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