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MARKING A MILESTONE – The Humber Valley Heritage Trail Association will formally mark its 30th anniversary at its Annual General Meeting set for April 9. For more on the event, see Page A6. Pictured here are Dan O'Reilly, HVHTA co-founder and former president; HVHTA vice president and cofounder Rodney Hautot; HVHTA president Carol Seglins; HVHTA treasurer Dan Petre; past-president at large Jerry Gorman; and trail maintenance director Pat Roche.

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Brampton requests help in fight against illegal land use

Mayor Groves says Caledon happy to be working with neighbour municipalities on issue

It's not just Caledon that's dealing with a rise in illegal land use. Recently, the City of Brampton, through its Mayor, Patrick Brown, sent a letter to Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting assistance in dealing with illegal land use — particularly when it comes to illegal truck storage yards.

"The increasing prevalence of illegal land use and land development for truck and trailer parking in our municipalities has reached an alarming and critical state," reads Brown's letter.

The letter explains that last fall, the Mayors of Brampton, Caledon, Milton, Vaughan and Halton Hills all met to discuss how each municipality was suffering from the negative impacts of illegal land use and discuss ways to address the problem.

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Bolton resident Kayla Emmerton was recently awarded a King Charles III Coronation Medal for her over 12 years of involvement with Peel 4-H, where she has consistently amplified the voices of local youth.

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4-H Ontario honours Emmerton with Coronation Medal

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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A Bolton resident has been recognized for winning a prestigious King Charles III Coronation Medal.

4-H Ontario is proud to share that Kayla Emmerton received the medal from Ontario Senator Rob Black in a March 22 ceremony at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel in Richmond Hill.

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Caledon residents will vote in either Brampton North–Caledon or Dufferin–Caledon

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The upcoming federal election will see Caledon residents voting in two different ridings.

In 2022, riding boundaries were redrawn. This means that as a Caledon resident, on April 28, you will either be voting in the Brampton North–Caledon or Dufferin–Caledon riding.

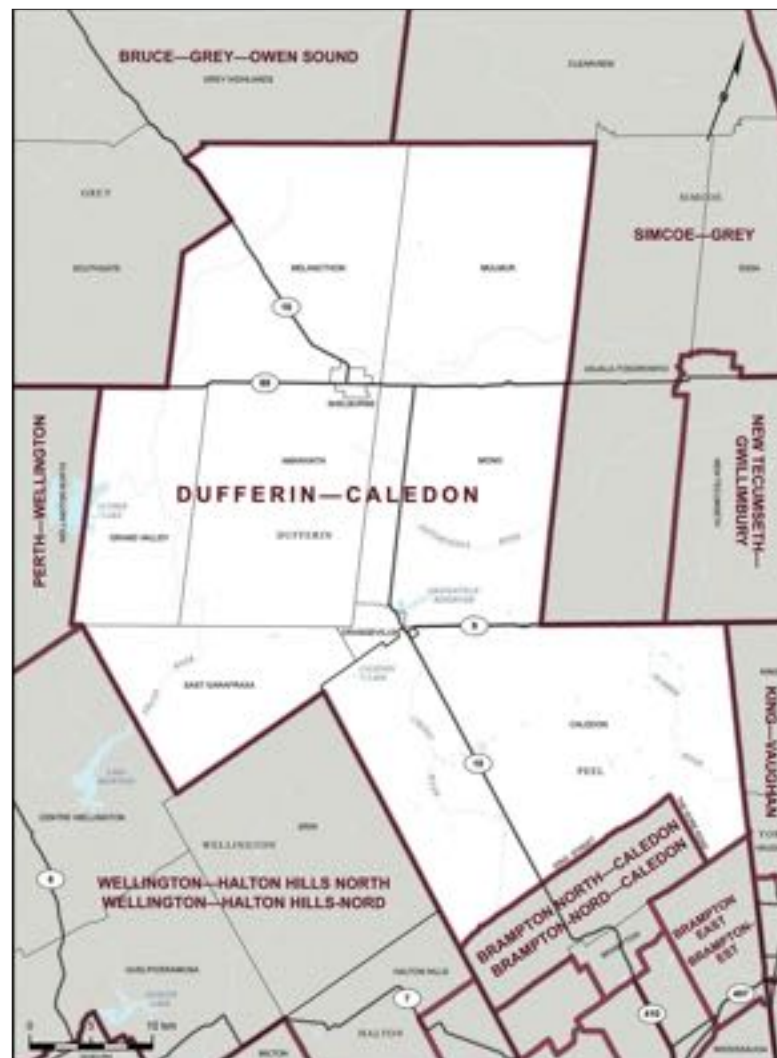
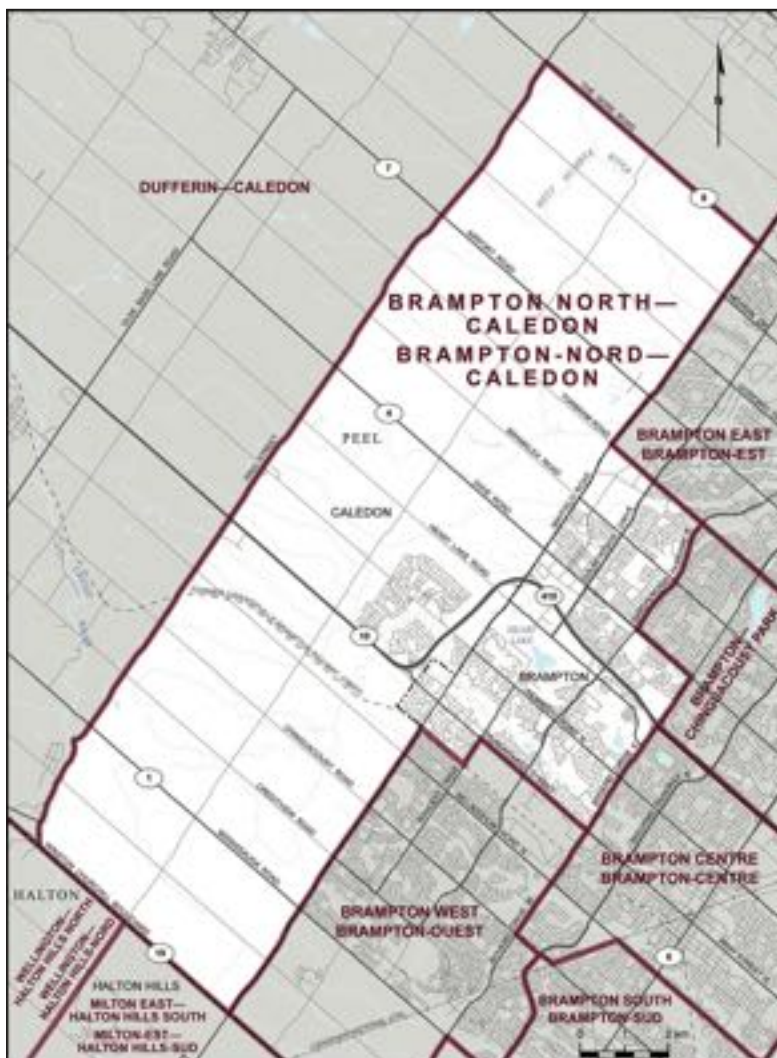
In Caledon, the Brampton North–Caledon riding is bounded by Mayfield Road to the south, King Street to the north, The Gore Road to the east, and Winston Churchill Boulevard to the west.

The Dufferin–Caledon riding includes the rest of Caledon not included in the Brampton–North Caledon riding boundaries.

The complete list of confirmed candidates for the upcoming election will be made available by elections Canada on April 9.

As of the morning of April 2 in Brampton North–Caledon, the only confirmed candidate is Amandeep Judge, Conservative Party of Canada.

As of the morning of April 2 in Dufferin–Caledon, confirmed candidates include: Kyle Seeback, Conservative Party of Canada; Malalai Halimi, Liberal Party of Canada; and Viktor Karklins, New Democratic Party.



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Town of Caledon hires new Director of Development planning

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Sandra DeMaria coming to Caledon from Richmond Hill, where she was Manager of Development

Caledon has hired another employee for a senior leadership role.

In a March 28 news release, the Town of Caledon announced it had hired Sandra DeMaria as its Director of Development Planning. Her first day with the Town will be April 15.

DeMaria has over 20 years of experience in the planning sector in both municipal and private roles. Her most recent job was Manager of Development for Richmond Hill, where she worked on projects like the creation of mid- and high-rise buildings along urban corridors.

DeMaria is a registered professional planner and a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners.

She said she's excited to join the Town of Caledon team.

"I look forward to working with the talented employees to support thoughtful, well-designed development that improves the quality of life for residents and businesses alike," said DeMaria.

Eric Lucic, Caledon's Commissioner of Planning and Development, said DeMaria brings a wealth of experience to the Town.

"As Caledon prepares for significant growth, Sandra's leadership and experience will be instrumental in creating a thriving, connected and well-planned community," said Lucic.

DeMaria will be responsible for providing strategic leadership and overseeing Caledon's development planners, urban designers and zoning staff while also providing planning administrative support.

"She will also play a key role in shaping the Town's growth by ensuring high-quality, sustainable development that aligns with Caledon's long-term vision," reads the news release.



Sandra DeMaria is Caledon's new Director of Development Planning. TOWN OF CALEDON IMAGE

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Alpha Dogs robotics team qualifies for Provincials

Team from Humberview Secondary School continues successful season

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A local high school's robotics team is continuing their successful season.

The Alpha Dogs robotics team, from Humberview Secondary School, just returned from their second tournament of the year. The tournament took place in North Bay, and the team went into it after an undefeated showing in their first tournament.

While the team didn't quite maintain its undefeated streak, it still did tremendously. The Alpha Dogs placed third by the end of qualifying, and ended up losing in the tournament's final match.

With their performance in North Bay, the Alpha Dogs team have now officially qualified for the Provincial Championships. The team is currently ranked 5th in Canada and 22nd worldwide.

Cole Cyr, a former Humberview student who helped found the Alpha Dogs in 2014, continues to volunteer with the team as a coach to this day.

"As time goes on, you start to see these kids that started in Grade 9 and over the years they de-

velop skills and grow as people... and you know, it's really awesome to see that," said Cyr.

Cyr and a few of his friends signed up for a summer robotics program at the University of Toronto when they were in Grade 11. At the program, they learned about First Robotics – this is the non-profit that organizes the robotics tournaments the Alpha Dogs play in.

When Cyr and his friends went back to school at Humberview after the summer, they asked some teachers if Humberview could start an official robotics team – and the rest is history.

Cyr was with the Alpha Dogs at their recent tournament in North Bay.

He explained after their undefeated performance at the year's first tournament, the team knew they would still need to upgrade their robot to make it more competitive for the Provincial (and hopefully World) championships. Between then and North Bay, the team worked hard on upgrades. As with any project, some upgrades worked perfectly and some didn't.

By the end of the North Bay tournament, the robot was working well, but it was a tad too late to secure a tournament win.

"We're really pumped about the robot we have and now we have a couple weeks to refine everything before we go to the Provincial Championships," said Cyr. "This year, the robot is pretty competitive so we're trying to be a score leader."

With their sights set on the World Championships later this year, be sure to keep an eye on the Alpha Dogs.

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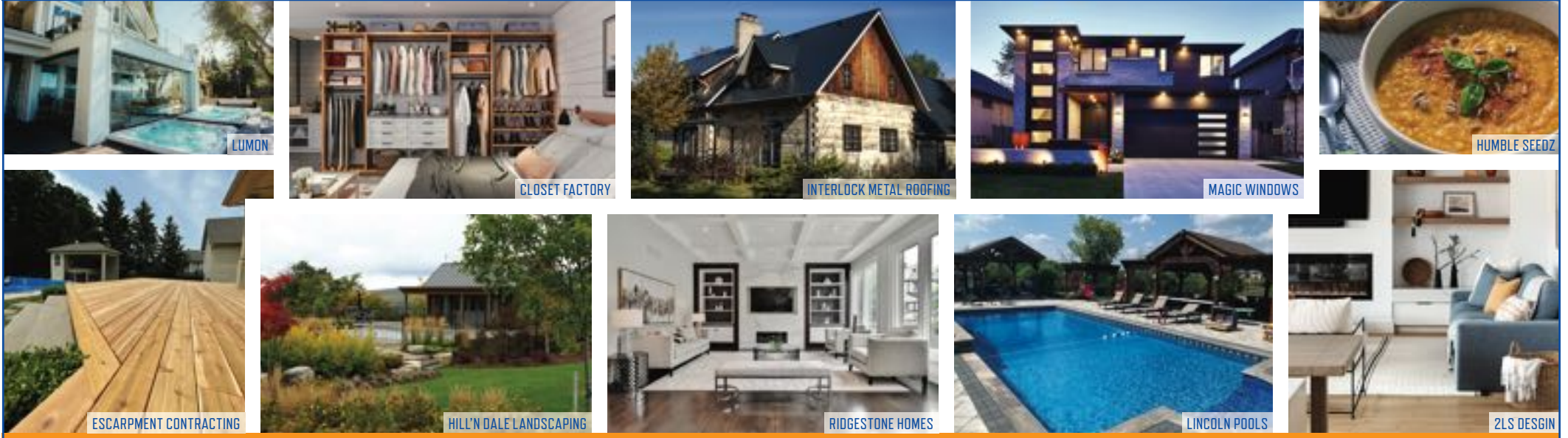
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HOME INVASION INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a home invasion in Bolton.

“On March 31, 2025, shortly before 5:00 a.m., officers responded to a home invasion at a residence Old King Road in Bolton,” say Police. “Four individuals were home at the time. The preliminary findings indicates that four male suspects entered the residence, and a firearm was displayed.

“After a confrontation with one of the occupants, they fled on foot. Minor injuries were sustained as a result of the incident.”

The investigation is ongoing by the Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit with the assistance from the OPP Forensic Identification Unit (FIS), OPP Central Region Canine Unit, and OPP Emergency Response Team. Anyone with information in relation to this incident is asked to contact the Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit 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.

STOLEN VEHICLE CHARGES

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have recovered a stolen vehicle identified by ALPR alerts and laid charges against two individuals.

“On March 25, 2025, a stolen vehicle was identified by the police vehicle’s Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR) system,” say Police. “Just after 2:00 p.m., it led officers to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle in the area of Innis Lake Road and Atchison Drive in Caledon East. The driver and passenger were placed under arrest.”

As a result of the investigation, Varindersingh Jobanpreetsingh, 23, of Brampton, and Sukhpreet Singh, 21, of Caledon, were both charged with possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000.

The accused are scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on April 24, 2025, to answer to their charge.

The charges have not been proven.

Over the last few years, there has been a surge in vehicle crime; auto thefts being the most prevalent. Members of the public are encouraged to remain vigilant and to report suspicious activity by calling 1-888-310-1122 or 9-1-1 in case of an emergency. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

recovered two stolen vehicles and charged two individuals.

“On March 27, 2025, a stolen vehicle investigation led officers to a residence on Old School Road, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “The Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) was engaged to assist.”

A search warrant was authored and executed on the same day and the following items were seized:

- Stolen 2024 Range Rover;
- Stolen 2017 Nissan M3S;
- A vehicle reprogramming computer.

Jagveer Singh, 21, and Kulwinder Singh, 24, both of Caledon, were charged with possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000.

The accused are scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on May 1, 2025, to answer to their charge.

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.

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If possible, share physical descriptions of the suspects and anything else that was observed, such as other vehicles in the area at the time of the theft. If you have a tracker installed in your vehicle, do not follow the suspects as doing so may pose a threat to your safety. Instead, relay the whereabouts of your vehicle to police.

IMPAIRED CHARGES

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged the driver of what was reported as a suspicious vehicle with impaired operation.

“On March 30, 2025, just before 4:00 a.m., officers responded to a suspicious vehicle on Old Church Road, near Highway 50,” say Police. “The vehicle was located. During the interaction, 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 of the investigation, Carlos Castro Paguaga, 23, of Tottenham, was charged with:

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

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on April 17, 2025, to answer to the charge.

The charge has not been proven.

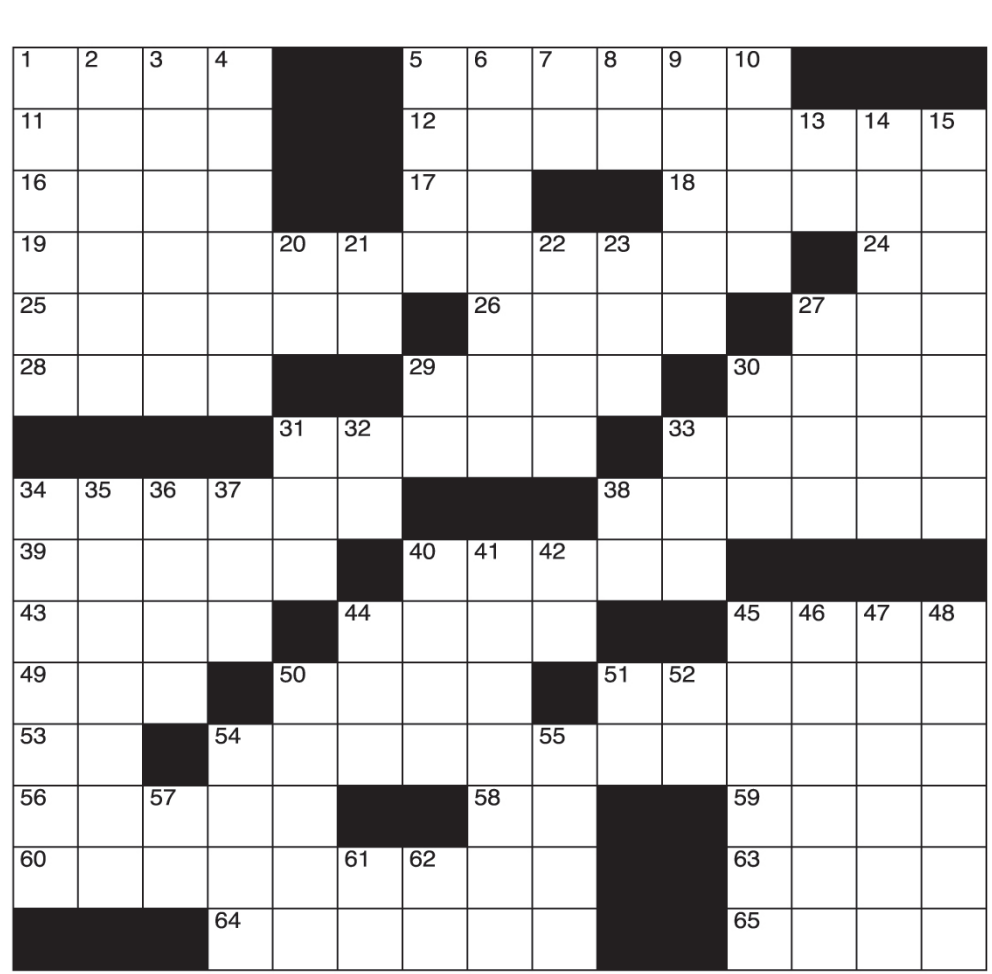
The driver’s licence was also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for seven.

STOLEN VEHICLES RECOVERED

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Narrow piece of wood
 - 5. African desert
 - 11. Waxy covering on birds’ beaks
 - 12. Sour
 - 16. Infrequent
 - 17. Former AL MVP Vaughn
 - 18. Policemen wear one
 - 19. Out of the question
 - 24. Used to chop
 - 25. Symptoms
 - 26. Not moving
 - 27. Folk singer DiFranco
 - 28. Comedian Arminen
 - 29. Quantitative fact
 - 30. Incline from vertical
 - 31. Scottish musician
 - 33. Rooney and Kate are two
 - 34. Positioned
 - 38. A very short time
 - 39. Tropical American shrubs
 - 40. Yemen capital
 - 43. Spanish municipality
 - 44. Medical professionals
 - 45. Fibrous material
 - 49. Confined condition (abbr.)
 - 50. Without covering
 - 51. “Mad Men” honcho Don
 - 53. Hockey position
 - 54. Taste property
 - 56. Fertile spots in a desert
 - 58. They precede C
 - 59. “Requiem for a Dream” actor Jared
 - 60. Try a criminal case
 - 63. Liberal rights organization
 - 64. Spoke
 - 65. Insect repellent
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Unshaven facial hair
 - 2. More thin
 - 3. Show up
 - 4. Seethed
 - 5. Ancient Greek city
 - 6. Poisonous plant
 - 7. Hello
 - 8. College sports official
 - 9. Monetary unit of Russia
 - 10. Wings
 - 13. Take too much of a substance
 - 14. A citizen of Uganda
 - 15. Most appealing
 - 20. Atomic #18
 - 21. Global investment bank (abbr.)
 - 22. Jewish calendar month
 - 23. Popular sandwich
 - 27. Swiss river
 - 29. Incorrect letters
 - 30. Popular entree
 - 31. Foot (Latin)
 - 32. A driver’s license is one form
 - 33. Extinct flightless
 - 34. Appetizer
 - 35. After battles
 - 36. It neutralizes alkalis
 - 37. Beverage container
 - 38. Partner to “Pa”
 - 40. Gray American rail
 - 41. Salt of acetic acid
 - 42. Canadian province
 - 44. Dish made with lentils
 - 45. Narrative poem of popular origin
 - 46. For each one
 - 47. Come to terms
 - 48. Test
 - 50. More dishonorable
 - 51. Unit of loudness
 - 52. The Ocean State
 - 54. Monetary unit in Mexico
 - 55. Lying down
 - 57. Thus
 - 61. Where LA is located
 - 62. Western State

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IMPAIRED CHARGES

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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. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

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

“SMISHING” WARNING

Cybercriminals are ramping up text-based scams to steal personal and banking information. This tactic, known as “smishing”, a combination of “SMS” (short message service) and phishing, relies on deceptive text messages to trick recipients into clicking malicious links or calling fraudulent numbers.

“Smishing messages often appear to come from financial institutions, courier companies, online retailers or government agencies,” say Police. “Clicking on these links can lead to identity theft, financial fraud or malware being installed on your device. Examples of smishing attempts are available in the additional content section to help Ontarians recognize these scams.”

In 2024, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) received almost 9,500 reports of identity fraud and over 3,900 reports of personal information theft.

How to Protect Yourself from Smishing Scams:

- Do not click on links, reply to messages or call numbers from unknown senders;
- Report suspicious texts by forwarding them to 7726 (SPAM);
- Delete all suspicious messages immediately;
- Keep your smartphone secure by updating your operating system and security software;
- Use multi-factor authentication for banking, social media and other sensitive accounts;
- Verify any unexpected text messages by checking official websites or contacting organizations directly.

For more information on fraud prevention, visit opp.ca and sfo.opp.ca.

If you suspect fraudulent activity or have been

a victim of fraud, report it immediately to your local police and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501.

CRYPTO SCAM WARNING

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Cyber-Enabled Fraud Team (CEFT) is warning the public about the risks of engaging private cryptocurrency tracing companies to recover funds lost to cyber-enabled fraud due to the increase of recovery scams.

“Some cryptocurrency tracing companies are not legitimate and target individuals who have already been victims of fraud, claiming they will be able to help get their money back. They may ask for payment for their services, resulting in further losses,” say Police.

“While some legitimate companies do provide cryptocurrency tracing services, it’s important to understand their limitations. These companies lack the legal authority to freeze or seize funds. Reports generated by some of these companies may not be suitable in court or at trial. Victims may face high fees for reports that ultimately direct them to seek help from law enforcement. These reports can also include inaccuracies, errors, or oversimplifications.

“It is recommended to always exercise caution and ensure thorough research before engaging in these services.”

If you’ve been a victim of cyber-enabled fraud, your first step is to report it to your local police service. The police have access to reliable cryptocurrency tracing tools designed for investigative purposes. Police must rely on law enforcement generated reports for conducting investigations.

How to Protect Yourself:

Beware of unexpected messages or calls. Individuals who commit fraud often reach out to victims who have publicly shared their cryptocurrency losses online or on social media platforms.

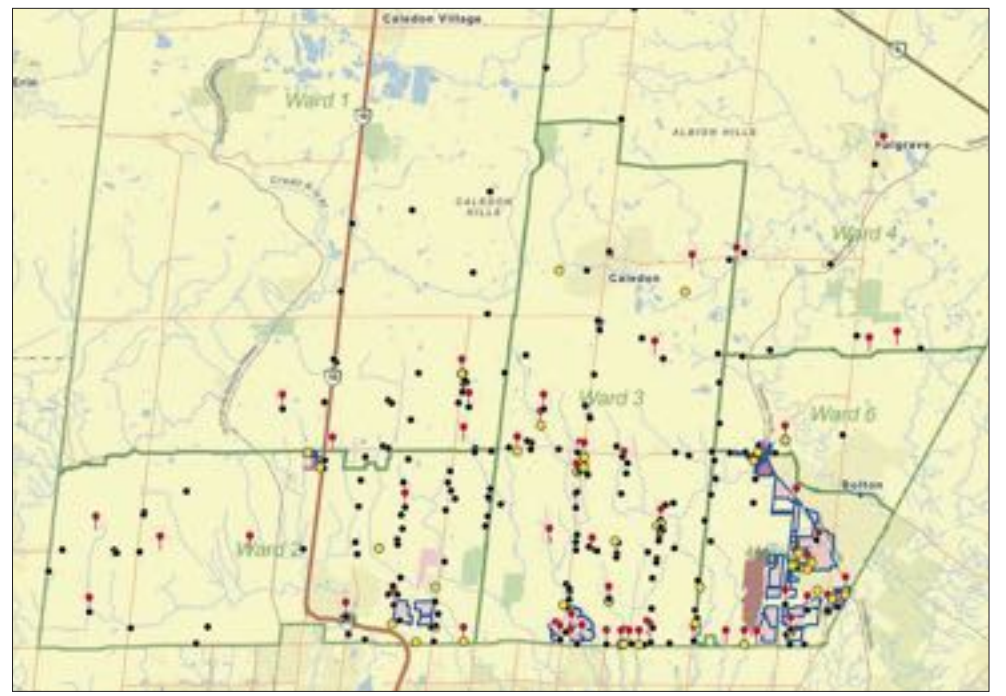
Be cautious of individuals who pressure you into acting quickly to recover lost cryptocurrency and who demand upfront fees.

Don’t provide anyone with sensitive information such as your wallet’s private key or seed phrase.

Be aware that some cryptocurrency tracing services appear as legitimate companies but provide false reports.

For more information on fraud prevention, visit opp.ca/fraud and sfo.opp.ca.

If you suspect fraudulent activity or have been a victim of fraud, report it immediately to your local police and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or online via the Fraud Reporting System.



Pictured is the Town of Caledon’s “Illegal Trucking Depot Complaints Map”, available online at caledon.ca. TOWN OF CALEDON IMAGE

Town touts success in securing convictions for illegal trucking operations

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon has been able to secure fines for owners of illegal trucking operations.

According to an April 2 news release, since June 2024, the Town of Caledon has “successfully secured several convictions for illegal trucking operations.”

The Town states that the convictions have resulted in over \$330,000 in fines issued to perpetrators.

Rebecca Carvalho, Manager of Strategic initiatives for the Town of Caledon and chair of Caledon’s Illegal Land Use Task Force, said the convictions send a “clear message” that illegal trucking operations will not be tolerated in Caledon.

“We will continue to take decisive action against those who disregard our regulations and put our community at risk,” said Carvalho.

The announcement stated that the Town’s efforts “show the Town’s commitment to identifying and addressing illegal land uses through enforcement and to make trucking operators comply with applicable bylaws.”

Residents who would like to report a trucking operation they believe to be illegal can call Service Caledon at 3-1-1 or send an email to info@caledon.ca.

When making a report, residents are asked to provide details about the property in question, including the address, if known, or a general description of the location if the address is not known.

Residents can submit any photos, videos or other relevant information in their report.

Submissions of note can include information relating to significant changes made to a property such as the addition of fill or alterations to land grade.

To learn more about illegal land use in Caledon, residents can visit the Town’s website, caledon.ca.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION



Proposed Draft Plan of Condominium Application

FILE NUMBER: 21CDM-24003C

RELATED FILE NUMBER(S): SPA 2022-0052 (associated 21CDM-24003C - Fernbrook Homes), SPA 2022-0051 (associated 21CDM-24002C - Zancor)

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

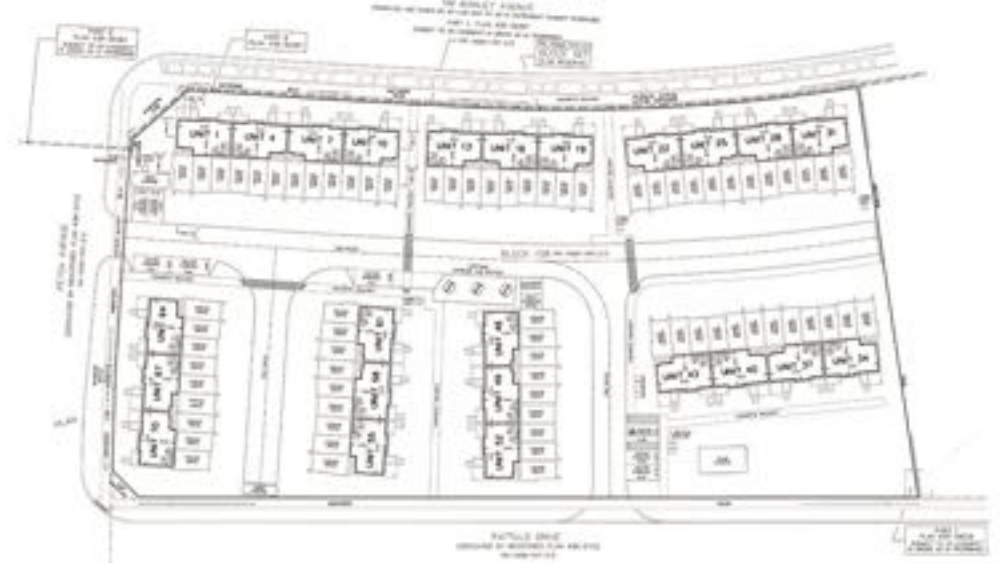
APPLICANT:
Fernbrook Homes

LOCATION:
0 Tim Manley Avenue, PLAN 43M2112 BLK 158

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has submitted a Draft Plan of Condominium application to facilitate a standard condominium with 72 stacked townhouse units, and parking spaces.

A copy of the proposed draft plan is attached for your review. Please note that this plan is proposed, under review and subject to change.



*The illustration is a conceptual plan for information purposes and it is subject to change. The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon.

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New exhibition, Challenging the Darkness, on at Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives

Exhibition is on in honour of Sikh Heritage Month

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
 LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

April is Sikh Heritage Month. The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA), through a partnership with the Sikh Heritage Month Foundation, has a number of events planned to celebrate the occasion.

PAMA is located at 9 Wellington Street East in Brampton and admission to it is free in April courtesy of the Sikh Foundation of Canada.

A new exhibition is running at PAMA from April 5 to June 29 called “Challenging the Darkness”. Through documents, testimonies, artwork and photographs it tells the story of Shaheed Bhai Jaswant Singh Khalra, a Sikh activist who exposed human rights abuses in the 1990s.

An opening event for the exhibition will be held on April 5 from 1 to 4 p.m.

From 1 to 3:30 p.m. on April 6 and 19, a calligraphy workshop will be held at PAMA. Participants will be able to practice the ancient technique of handwriting Gurbani.

From 2 to 4 p.m. on April 12, Gurmat San-



PHOTO COURTESY OF PAMA

geet will deliver a seminar exploring the origins, history and evolution of Sikh music from Guru Nanak Dev Ji to the present day.

From 2 to 4 p.m. on April 20, there will be a seminar for youth focusing on activism and community leadership.

Finally, a closing event will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. on April 29 that will include a series of discussion panels and performances.

COMMUNITY events

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

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.

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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

Saturday April 12th from 10 am till 1 pm at the President Bldg, Albion Bolton Fairgrounds.

Racks and racks of new /gently used apparel for men women and children all for a TOONIE !!
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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

Bolton United Church Fish Fry Dinner
 Good Friday April 18 2025 4:30 – 7 pm
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Humber Valley Heritage Trail Association inviting public to AGM

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
 LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local non-profit's annual general meeting will feature an interesting talk from a guest speaker and Caledon residents are invited to attend.

The Humber Valley Heritage Trail Association (HVHTA) will host its annual general meeting on April 9 at Rotary Place in Bolton (7 Rotarian Way).

The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m.

Rebecca Kolarich, Water Program Manager for the non-profit Environmental Defence, will deliver a talk called “Concrete Consequences”.

According to Dan O'Reilly of the HVHTA, the talk addresses the impact of infrastructure projects like the planned Highway 413 on aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems.

The HVHTA, according to its website, is a group of enthusiastic volunteers who have accepted the responsibility for developing and maintaining a pedestrian trail through the Humber River Valley from the Trans Canada Trail on Humber Station Road near Albion Hills Conservation Area in the Town of Caledon, through

Bolton, to Binder Twine Park in Kleinburg in the City of Vaughan.

Environmental Defence, according to its website, is a Canadian environmental advocacy organization that works with government, industry and individuals to defend clean water, a safe climate and healthy communities.

The upcoming HVHTA annual general meeting will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the association.

In the fall of 1994, a group of Bolton area residents began discussions with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority about creating a trail and began scouting a potential route.

O'Reilly explained that plans were then made to hold a public meeting at Humberview Secondary School where many members of the public attended to show their support for the idea.

One attendee was John Doughty, who became the first trail maintenance director of the HVHTA.

With the help of a number of committed volunteers, Doughty started construction of the trail in late 1995 and by the end of 1996, most of it was in place.

To learn more about the HVHTA, interested parties can visit humbertrail.org. For any inquiries, emails can be sent to hvtrail@gmail.com.

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Town hosting public meeting on potential new method of electing Regional Councillors

Regional Councillors currently elected by Ward, but system could be changed to an at-large system where voters pick two regional councillors from one list of all candidates

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon is considering changing the way it elects Regional Councillors.

Currently, Regional Councillors are elected by Ward. There's one Regional Councillor for Wards One, Two and Three; and, one for Wards Four, Five and Six.

Under the potential new system, voters from all wards would vote for two Regional Councillors from one list of candidates — Wards would not be factored into the equation.

There are several ways for residents to make their voices heard in discussion on the potential change.

On April 15 at 7 p.m., the Town is hosting a public meeting on the

topic in Council Chambers at Town Hall (6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East). Those interested in delegating at the meeting can email agenda@caledon.ca.

There is also a survey on the topic online at the following link: haveyoursaycaledon.ca/votingsurvey.

Residents can complete the survey until April 22.

Comments about the topic can also be sent by email to elections@caledon.ca.

At present, Town staff plan to bring a staff report on the potential voting method change to Caledon Council's May 6 General Committee meeting.

Caledon's next municipal election is scheduled for October 26, 2026.

MAYOR ANNETTE GROVES MAYOR GROVES' COLUMN



Waste Collection in Caledon

I wanted to take a moment to share some exciting updates about waste collection in Caledon.

Recently, the Councils of Caledon, Brampton, and Mississauga approved a resolution that directs Peel Regional Council to transition waste collection services from the Region of Peel. This change will take effect on January 1, 2026, and it's designed to make waste management smoother and more efficient at the local level.

I was pleased to champion this collaboration to help ensure there are no financial impacts to you, our residents and businesses. I thank Mayor Patrick Brown and Mayor Carolyn Parrish for their continued support through transition.

As part of this transition, Brampton and Caledon will work together to jointly deliver waste collection services to our communities. This collaboration is designed to ensure that our residents continue to receive the same level of service while keeping things cost-effective, stable, and reliable for the long term.

While residential waste collection services will be transferred to Brampton, community recycling centres will continue to be owned and operated by the Region of Peel. No disruption to existing services is anticipated as current contracts will remain in place.

Next, a team made up of staff from Peel Region, Brampton, Mississauga, and Caledon will form a working group to carefully plan the next steps. The goal of this team is to make sure everyone is on the same page when it comes to budgeting, service expectations, and the practical details, all while minimizing any impact on residents.

This shift is a return to how waste collec-

tion was managed at the municipal level before regionalization in the 1990s. By bringing this responsibility back, we will improve efficiency, streamline decision-making, and give Brampton and Caledon the flexibility to adapt waste services to meet the needs of our growing communities.

For our Caledon residents, I want to reassure you that curbside waste collection will continue as it does today. When the current regional waste contract expires in September 2027, Caledon will partner with Brampton to ensure uninterrupted service.

You can continue following your usual waste collection schedule and guidelines. For more details, please visit peelregion.ca/waste.

The Town of Caledon is dedicated to managing this change with care, and we're proud of our track record of fiscal responsibility. In fact, in 2024, we delivered a \$2 million surplus, giving more value to our taxpayers without compromising on service. Through smart financial planning and process improvements, we've found efficiencies that put us in a strong position as we prepare for the future.

We are reinvesting these funds into reserves, which help strengthen the Town's financial stability. These reserves will support capital and operational needs, covering unexpected costs like emergency repairs or rising fuel prices, and ensuring that the Town remains well-prepared for any situation.

We are excited about these changes and will keep you updated every step of the way.

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NEXT WEEKEND! APRIL 11-13 at the ALBION BOLTON COMMUNITY CENTRE



Get amazing insight from proudly-local vendors at the Home & Lifestyle Show

Home & Lifestyle Show running April 11 to 13 at Albion Bolton Community Centre



The Home & Lifestyle Show is coming soon and it's bigger and better than ever.

Show producer Liz Shaughnessy said the show floor is "full of the most top-tier exhibitors it's ever had."

She said more than ever, people are looking to support local and Canadian businesses — which the Home & Lifestyle Show is full of.

Many vendors at the show will be offering show-floor specials, and some are even holding draws for amazing prizes.

Shaughnessy explained the Province's Home Renovations Savings Program offers residents amazing rebates on projects that will make their home more energy efficient. Whether you need new windows, doors, or insulation, there's many ways to take advantage of the program.

"Save energy, lower your greenhouse gas emissions, and get a huge chunk of change back from the government: it's a win-win for everybody," said Shaughnessy.

Last year, the Home & Lifestyle Show featured a Green Living special and it's back again this year after it proved to be an amazingly successful initiative.

Lucrezia Chiappetta is the co-chair of local non-profit ecoCaledon and she said she's proud to help bring the Green Living feature back.

"As we embrace a more sustainable future, our goal is to equip our community with the knowledge and tools to make greener choices — choices that are good for our homes, our wallets and our planet."

Another exciting feature of the Home & Lifestyle Show is the "Ask the Experts" stage which features a packed lineup of guest speakers.

"The stage is just amazing this year," said Shaughnessy.

One of the best reasons to attend the show, said Shaughnessy, is the ability to chat one-on-one with experts whether it's someone on the stage or someone in a vendor booth. It's a beneficial experience that just can't be had

when online shopping.

The Home & Lifestyle Show is extremely proud to be supporting local non-profit Caledon Meals on Wheels (CMOW) again this year.

There's going to be a ticketed event on Friday evening called Sip n Savour. Tickets are \$35 each and all net proceeds from them will be going to CMOW. Attendees will be able to sample a wide variety of local wines, craft beers, and hard ciders. They'll also be able to sample gourmet fare from local restaurants and caterers, all while they walk around the show floor.

"I am so proud of Caledon Meals on Wheels and

what they are able to do for our community," said Shaughnessy. "We're really proud to support them."

The 2025 Home and Lifestyle Show will be held from April 11 to 13 at the Albion Bolton Community Centre.

Admission to the show is free if you sign up online on homeandlifestyleshow.ca, or \$5 cash at the door. Children ages 12 and under are free and the show is pet-friendly. Tickets for Sip n Savour can be purchased at the aforementioned link.

The show runs from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday (April 11), 10 to 5 p.m. on Saturday (April 12) and 10 to 4 p.m. on Sunday (April 13).



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There are no wrong answers.

If you define yourself by your job or vocation, it could be measured by the esteem in which you're held by your peers — such as a tenured professor, a family doctor that has served generations of the same family, or a member of a professional organization — or the impact you've had on the community you call home, or your industry, or your field.

Young athletes looking to hit that next level, for instance, might measure their success by whether or not they land a scholarship to an American university. That's nothing to sneeze at, mind you, but sometimes it seems that, as a result, great homegrown athletes who choose to study in Canada and either keep their eyes on professional sport or pursue a different vocation while keeping their sporting passion at the amateur level, are sometimes left just adjacent from the spotlight.

In our political life, it often seems like there are those who derive a feeling of success through serving their constituents in the community, at Queen's Park, or on Parliament Hill. But, by the same token, there are others who might measure the same success by whether or not they can make the leap to an office they see as higher, regardless of whether the mandate at hand — given to them by voters — has been completed. (Prime Ministers excepted because, as recent examples have shown, there is only one way to go once you're there!)

Then, of course, there is our cultural sector.

We don't have to go far to find examples of musicians, actors, or comedians who might not think they've truly "made it" until they become household names stateside or globally.

Yet, are those measures held just by those who feel the need to get out the ruler, or do we as Canadians hold them to others as well?

When you get down to it, we Canadians are curious creatures. As much as we support our homegrown talent in arts and entertainment — a possible exception being many elements of the music industry — the passion in which we do so is usually most evident while they are "on the way up." Yet, when they get there, all too often they're looked on by us as "just a Canadian" actor (for example) if they stay here and, if they leave our borders for the next chapter in their careers, many scoff and sniff, "Well, they thought they were too big for us."

Unless, of course, they achieve phenomenal fame on the international stage, then all is seemingly forgiven and, most importantly, forgotten!

I've heard Academy Award-winning British actress Kate Winslet describe this in an interview as "tall poppy syndrome" in which if one is deemed to be getting too high for the others, are patted back down — subtly or otherwise. Maybe it's a Commonwealth thing.

I was thinking about this just before set-

ting in at my desk to write this, but in the context of the medical field where so many of our homegrown doctors either pursue their degrees at American universities that have a particular prestige and stay there, or perhaps leave for the States after successfully establishing themselves in Canada.

The common view is this is always to maximize profits, but this is not always the case, as was highlighted Monday by the CBC.

Reporter Campbell MacDiarmid reports that Ottawa-based heart surgeon Marc Ruel was headed to the San Francisco campus of the University of California to lead their cardiac surgery department until last fall's Presidential election and the subsequent threats to Canada's sovereignty.

"Canada is under duress right now. I felt my role and duty at this point was to directly serve my country from within," he told the CBC.

MacDiarmid continues: "Ruel says he considers his skills a product of Canada, abilities that he was ready to share globally when he accepted the position...last year. 'In the western United States, no one does this more advanced, minimally invasive multiple bypass surgery,' he said.... 'I don't want to do politics, I'm a surgeon, I'm not a politician, and I respect every nation's choice to choose their own destiny.' But Trump's imposition of tariffs and threats to annex the country that's historically been its closest ally has made geopolitics an unavoidable issue.

"I had to most unfortunately change my decision," Ruel said. 'I say unfortunately because there were patients there in California, I can tell you, who were looking forward to having this type of surgery.' Given the broader context, Ruel says staying put was the best decision. 'I'm very happy to be here and serve, as well as I can, my fellow Canadians.'"

Doctors on the other side of the equation — that is, American doctors who are now looking at opportunities to bring their profession to Canada — declined to speak to the CBC on the record, but recruiter Michelle Flynn indicated enquiries to come north have "more than doubled over the last several months" and, by the same token, questions from Canadians looking to head south have been waning.

Canada has lived far too long with a brain drain, but in some respects, the tide might be turning. If — to quote Melanie Joly — the "psychodrama" inflicted upon us semi-monthly by President Trump has any positives, helping to plug the brain drain might be one positive we can hold onto in this mess. It might also be an economic boost as well!

In a recent conversation with Debra Wilson, Interim Executive Director of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, on the importance of spring home shows in our communities to underscore the idea of shopping local, she stressed that as important as the "Shop Local" principle is, "Support Local" is just as important, if less punchy-sounding.

That, in my view, is very true.

We send messages with our dollars — we have and we should continue to do so — but there are other ways to send messages and strengthen the home front: and that includes supporting, recognizing and fostering the talent we have at home, celebrating their successes. This also includes those talented ones who are proudly flying Brand Canada abroad and, in turn, doing us proud — even if some are loath for some reason to admit it!



Leaving a memorable legacy behind

by Mark Pavilons



Kids are like wind-up toy boats placed in a calm pond. Tighten the spring mechanism and let them loose. Watch as they navigate the waters, dashing to and fro. Sure, they will likely bump into things along the way, but ultimately, the ride is a fun one, while it lasts.

Of course, our children grow up quite quickly, almost too quickly. I blame it on the processed cheese slices and those delicious tiny white donuts.

Our 20-somethings still seem fragile to me. They seldom ask for advice. Sure, they're quick to ask for favours and other stuff, but advice, na, they think they know better.

I can't imagine being 20 these days, amidst conflict, uncertainty, a high cost of living, and almost unreachable home ownership.

Our eldest is off to the races, and through hard work and determination finished her master's degree and secured a solid job. She has also figured out the secret of a work-life balance and takes time to enjoy the outdoors, yoga, quiet time, reflection and faith.

Our son's head is quite literally filled with so many conflicting thoughts and ideas, I don't how he doesn't just blow. He's in tune with the current political climate, for the first time ever. He's engaged.

He's not a fan of "working for the man," and would rather be an entrepreneur. But when I tell him about all the rules, regulations, bank loans, taxes and consumer fickleness, he's gets dissuaded. While I don't mean to burst bubbles, it's my job as an adult to at least inform him of the pitfalls that await.

No, the current system is not fair, equitable or easy. Navigating the current and future waters will take a lot of skill. I don't envy them.

As for our youngest, I really don't know what it's like to be a young woman these days and it's been a few decades since I suffered from angst myself. I do sympathize and try to be supportive.

We have her back.

She's trying to find her way and select an enjoyable and fruitful career path.

Kim and I help, but the world changes constantly, so much so that it's hard to keep up sometimes. For me, being a dad consists of being grumpy and knowing things!

There are so many self-help books, videos and resources available to us. But maybe finding happiness is not our ultimate goal at all.

No, my friends, our "legacy" is not to have attained fame, fortune or happiness. It's to be useful, responsible, compassionate, empathetic, generous and more. It's about making a difference.

Just think how our society could blossom if we eliminated selfish, greedy pursuits, and concentrated on being better, raising better, contributing more and taking less.

My hope is that our children grasp these humanitarian concepts and carry them forward. They are the future. They may not fully realize the weight they will carry, but they are the movers, shakers, decision-makers, shapers and healers.

I'm not sure if I turned out the way my parents had hoped. It's moot at this point. I don't think I have many regrets and have but a few things left to say and impart.

Is love enough of an impact? I want people to remember me for being honest, genuine and yes, funny. I want people to smile when they think of me. I want my kids to regale theirs with tales of dad's adventures.

Legacy? Hell ya!

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Representation Matters

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TALK CALEDON



It seems we are still in “election mode,” or at the very least, still talking about matters of representation. While today’s focus is largely municipal, concerning a possible change to how our Regional Councillors are elected, for Caledon residents south of King, you may also want to pay attention to a change in your federal political boundaries.

Also related to voting and having your say in matters that impact all Caledon residents, is the forthcoming potential change to Town by-laws concerning short term rental housing. Speaking of housing, there’s the additional matter of a small housing development coming soon to Alton. In short, there’s a lot going on municipally and federally and representation matters, so make time in your busy schedules to have your say!

First things first, here’s a summary of the easiest change in case you missed it. The southern boundaries of Caledon have now been added to the northern boundaries of Brampton to create a new federal riding. That means those Caledon residents residing south of King, but north of Mayfield Road, and whose residences are located between Caledon’s eastern and western boundaries of The Gore Rd. and Winston Churchill Blvd., are now part of the “Brampton North-Caledon” riding.

Make sure you familiarize yourself with your local candidates so that you are not in for a shock when you get to the ballot box. You can visit “electionscanada.ca” to learn who your local candidates are. Of greater concern of course, might be how this shift in representation potentially impacts the interests of south Caledon residents, but I don’t think we were asked for our thoughts on that! One wonders about the logic behind fragmenting a town into two distinct federal ridings.

Representation matters, but not apparently by asking for our input.

Next up, and speaking of the potential for fragmentation, we have the recently proposed changes to how Regional Councillors might be elected by Caledon residents. You may have missed this announcement too – mostly because there wasn’t really an “announcement.”

Instead, a report to Council in early March provided an overview of the last municipal election process, including a cost summary. You may recall, the last election saw Caledon divided into new Ward boundaries, and also reflected changes at the Region of Peel

resulting in a reduced number of Regional Councillors representing Caledon.

Presumably, this report was done in part to assess the impacts of those two changes. However, for no particular reason that appeared obvious to this reader, the report then goes on to propose three possible changes to how Regional Councillors are elected in the future, suggesting an “alternative to the tri-ward regional representation would be to elect two Regional Councillors through a one Town-wide race, top two winner model. The top two candidates who receive the most “at-large” or Town-wide general votes would join the Mayor in representing the Town of Caledon.”

The report seems to lean heavily toward this model, instead of the current “tri-ward” method which, for clarification, means we vote for a Regional Councillor based on the ward we live in. Wards 1, 2 & 3 are represented by one Regional Councillor and Ward 4, 5, & 6 by a second one.

Not surprisingly, this potential change caused considerable debate amongst both our Ward and Regional representatives, specifically as to the merits of making such a change, and whether or not the public had (or should be) invited to comment on the matter.

Here’s why it matters. The unique nature of Caledon is that it’s both an urban and rural community. While Regional Councillors are rightly tasked with representing the interests of ALL Caledon residents at the Regional table, it’s imperative they also bring specific knowledge of the interests, issues and concerns of the wards they represent, and in Caledon those interests will be different based on where you are located.

Pointing, as some Councillors and our Mayor did, to areas like Vaughan and Mississauga as having “at large” voting processes in place is simply not relevant given those cities are both completely urbanized communities.

Throughout the debate, Councillors like Kiernan from Ward 1 pointed out that if “at large” voting takes place and both Regional Councillors are elected from the same ward, other town residents will feel under-represented. Meanwhile, Councillors Sheen and Maskell emphasized the importance of, and need for, public consultation in this matter, Maskell going so far as to suggest a public consultation process should be embedded into the bylaw process because “it’s a signifi-

cant change.” Councillor deBoer (and others) pointed out an obvious concern, that with “at large voting” potential candidates will concentrate their efforts where the numbers (votes) are, meaning smaller hamlets and communities that don’t have as many residents may never see or hear from a potential candidate, nor feel they have truly had their say in the voting process because sheer numbers of population in other wards will outweigh their vote.

Certainly throughout the debate all Councillors agreed that a Regional Councillor should represent all of Caledon, but some more specifically called for the process for selecting those Regional Councillors to also ensure everyone feels represented. To them, that means the current tri-ward (Wards 1, 2, & 3 and wards 4, 5, & 6) voting method helps to ensure there is equal weight applied to both rural and urban interests.

For those residents who do indeed want to have their say on this matter, thanks at least in part to Councillors, including Kiernan, Early, Maskell, Sheen and deBoer, you will now have the opportunity to do so on April 15.

As referenced at the outset of this column, other voting matters are also on the table that may have a direct impact on residents but as usual, I’ve carried on a bit too long and we’re running short on space. Let’s just say this; if you have concerns about “short-term rental housing” (otherwise, at least in part, known as Air BnBs) you might want to pay attention to the Council agenda for April 10. For those living in Alton and concerned about a new housing development, you too might want to attend or delegate at Council, and that meeting is taking place April 15.

Remember, representation matters as does the opportunity for residents to share and voice their concerns. It’s part of the democratic process and while you didn’t get a say in the federal riding demarcations, make sure you avail yourself of the opportunity to have your say at the local level.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn’t acknowledge the many acts of kindness by all of our neighbours, the community at large, local businesses, and the efforts of the town, in ensuring all Caledon residents were taken care of as best, and as quickly as possible during the recent ice storm.

From opening restaurants, golf courses, coffee shops and community centres, to neighbours helping neighbours, and all of the

hardworking hydro employees - thank you to everyone for helping to ensure no one felt abandoned.

Emmerton has been with Peel 4-H over 12 years

Continued from FRONT

With roots in rural communities, 4-H Ontario is a non-profit youth development organization which brings youth ages six to 21 and screened, engaged volunteer leaders together to learn through fun hands-on activities and mentorship.

4-H provides youth with a place they can be involved, accepted, valued and heard while developing valuable skills for leadership and life.

Emmerton has been with the Peel chapter of 4-H for over 12 years and has been instrumental in raising the voices of local youth. In addition to her work with 4-H, she’s also been a Director of the Albion Bolton Agricultural Society and co-chair of the youth volunteer committee.

“Kayla served as the 4-H Ontario Representative on the 4-H Canada Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) and through this role, also held the position of YAC representative on the Canadian 4-H Council,” noted a 4-H Ontario in a statement. “She was the founder of the 4-H Ontario Youth Voice Committee and as a 2024 4-H Ontario Ambassador, continues to encourage youth to speak up and share their voices.”

Three other Ontarians involved with 4-H were also recognized on March 22 — Brad Adams, Shannon Benner, and John Drummond.

Hugh Maynard, Interim CEO for 4-H Canada, and shared his view of the value 4-H brings to communities and individuals.

“Leadership is an essential ingredient in organizational success, and the communities served by 4-H Ontario know this more than anyone,” said Maynard. “The King Charles III Coronation Medal provides us with a rare opportunity to celebrate outstanding leadership and recognize four accomplished leaders who have made a significant contribution to the 4-H movement, and their communities, over the years.”



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Butter tart festival coming to Orangeville Fairgrounds early next month, featuring vendors throughout Ontario

BY JOSHUA DRAKES

Butter tart lovers, mark your calendars — Orangeville's Butter Tart Festival is set for May 3.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Alder Street Recreation Centre will be transformed into a market featuring vendors and bakers from across the province. Attendees can enjoy unique tart recipes and browse other goods available for purchase from local vendors. Admission is \$6.

Jackie Psutka, the festival's organizer and founder, said the event is all about highlighting bakers and vendors.

"The festival is bringing multiple bakers from all over Ontario to one location because everybody just seems to love butter tarts around Ontario and Canada," she said. "We're going to have a vendor marketplace, like a spring market, where people can shop among small businesses, looking for those spring décor items or Mother's Day gifts and stuff like that."

A competitive element will also be part of the festival. Participants will put their butter tarts to the test before a panel of judges, with winners taking home a trophy. Contestants will be judged on several different aspects, such as crust, filling, taste, and overall appearance.

Alongside the butter tart focus, the festival will feature a hot sauce component. Much like the tart vendors, local hot sauce makers will have a dedicated space to sell their homemade recipes.

"So we've got multiple hot sauce vendors at the event as well," Psutka said. "A lot of people love their hot sauces too, so it's kind of like a butter tart and a hot sauce festival all in one, but we're just calling it 'For The Love of Butter Tarts.'"

To entertain visitors and their kids, live



A Butter Tart Festival is coming to the Orangeville Fairgrounds on May 3, with a variety of vendors, focusing on butter tarts, pastries, hot sauce and artisan vendors from across Ontario. To entertain visitors and their kids, live music and family-friendly activities will be available on site. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

music and family-friendly activities will be available.

"We are also going to be having some live music," Psutka said. "We have a gentleman named Tyler Fry, from Elmira, and he's going to be playing from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the day of the event. We're also going to have a balloon twister there for the kids."

Additionally, the festival is partnering with the Orangeville Food Bank to provide donations in the form of both food and monetary support. Visitors who bring a non-perishable food item for donation will receive a discount on their admission fee.

"The cost of the event to go in is \$6, but if you bring a food donation, then you will

get \$1 off," Psutka said. "And then anybody who doesn't bring food or whatever, we will be donating \$1 to the food bank as well. So we're going to donate monetarily, regardless."

This festival is relatively new to the province but has been steadily growing. Psutka said the idea came to her after recognizing the demand for butter tart festivals, as well as the distance people had to travel to attend existing ones.

"People just love their butter tarts around here in Ontario — it's crazy," she said. "I got the idea of doing my own festival in our area after visiting the biggest butter tart festival in Midland. I thought, well, it's kind of

a far distance for us to drive."

Already working as an event planner, Psutka decided to bring the idea to life.

"Back in 2019, I thought I should try to recreate this, maybe on a bit of a smaller scale," she said. "So we did our first butter tart festival in Kitchener at Bingemans in 2019."

"And now we've had a lot of people ask us to bring it to Orangeville, so this will be our first year doing it in town," Psutka added.

With a mix of sweet treats, spicy flavors, live entertainment, and community support, the Orangeville Butter Tart Festival promises to be a fun-filled day for all ages.

Three Hours in Greenland

"We need to wake up from a failed, 40-year consensus that said we could ignore the encroachment of powerful countries as they expand their ambitions," said US Vice-President JD Vance during his brief visit to the US military base at Pituffik in northern Greenland. (It was brief because the Greenland authorities wouldn't let Vance go anywhere else.)

He then revealed that the real threat was the wily and evil Chinese: "We can't just bury our head in the sand — or in Greenland, bury our head in the snow — and pretend that the Chinese are not interested in this very large land-mass."

Back in the US, Donald Trump backed Vance up. "We need Greenland. Very important for international security; we have to have Greenland....There are Chinese and Russian ships all over the place." It's total nonsense, but we're not quite back to the 19th century yet and imperialists still need some plausible lies to justify their colonial acquisitions.

They're not very plausible, though. The nearest Russian naval base to Greenland is Murmansk in northern Russia (2,500 km.), and no Chinese base is nearer than China itself (8,000 km)

There have been a few approaches by Chinese firms to acquire mining conces-

sions or port facilities, but only one has been granted: a Chinese-Australian consortium producing uranium and rare earths in southern Greenland. There are no Russian investments.

If the United States feels for some reason that it needs more military bases in Greenland to establish control of Arctic waters, it is free to do so under an existing treaty with Denmark, which still controls Greenland's foreign and defence affairs. (The island's 56,000 people, 90% of whom are Inuit, already control their own domestic affairs)

The evidence that Washington doesn't really need such bases is obvious and irrefutable. The US can build as many bases as it wants anywhere in Greenland, with no obligations beyond informing the Danish government about what it's doing, and it has built precisely none.

During the Cold War there were 17 American bases in Greenland housing about 10,000 American troops. The one surviving US base, at Pituffik, has now dwindled to only 200 people. If you want to know the "strategic importance" of Greenland to the United States, there's your answer.

Besides, the US maintains 127 military bases in 47 other countries without requiring any of them to become American pos-

sessions, colonies or states. The American claim to Greenland is a straightforward land grab with no military or "security" justification whatever. It's not even clear why the United States would want to own it.

There are some interesting minerals in Greenland, just as there are under any other large tract of land, but harsh climate and long distances have so far discouraged most potential investors. It's hard to see how actually making it American land would alter those calculations, and it would certainly be cheaper to buy the minerals from existing producers elsewhere.

This leaves only the motive that you suspected was at play in the White House in the first place: vainglory. Donald Trump would very much like to go down in history as a president who expanded the territory of the United States for the first time since William McKinley in 1898. He may live in the 21st century, but his values and ambitions belong in the 19th.

We should presume, therefore, that his territorial ambitions with regard to Greenland, Panama, Canada, and even Gaza (probably in that order) are as seriously meant as McKinley's were for Puerto Rico, Guam, the Philippines and Hawaii. Greenland, Panama and Gaza will probably have

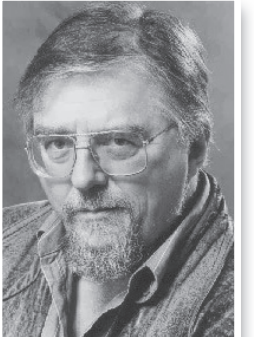
to submit, in the end, but Canada may face a dreadful choice.

Trump currently talks about making Canada the "51st state" and says that he will only use economic pressures to force Canadians to accept their fate. In reality he is building an authoritarian regime at home as fast as he can, and if crushing their economy does not bring Canadians to heel he may well resort to force in a couple of years.

In that event, Canadians would have to choose between resistance, knowing full well that they would probably lose in the end, or surrender without a fight to save lives. And by then it would be clear that their destination is not statehood and American citizenship, but some kind of subordinate colonial status. A big Puerto Rico, perhaps.

You think that's crazy talk? Consider what has happened to civil rights, the rule of law and respect for the constitution in the United States in just the past two months, and project those trends for another twenty or thirty months. They may not continue unchanged, but why not?

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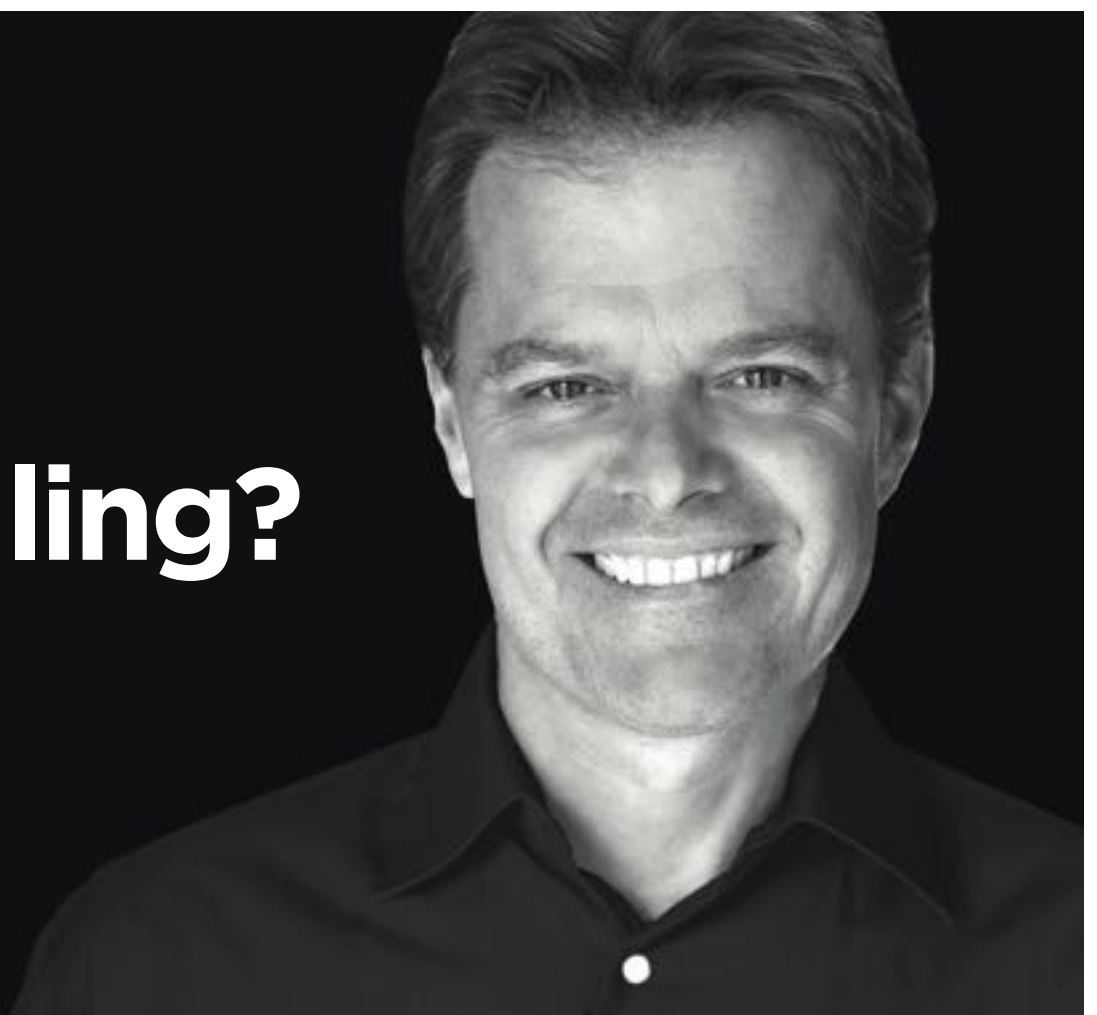
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From Ice Age to Present Day: A Journey Through the History of King Township



Ann Love and Sharon Bentley are pictured here with their History of King Township.

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BY KIM SILLCOX

Three years ago, at the outset of the King Township Historical Society's 50th anniversary year, local author and King resident Ann Love and King's retired deputy chief librarian Sharon Bentley, took on the monumental task of writing *The History of King Township: A Community Shaped by the Land*.

The book, which chronicles the fascinating evolution of King Township, will make its debut on Thursday, April 24 at 4:30 pm at a special book launch hosted by the KTHS at the Township Municipal Centre.

Entirely funded in advance by generous donors throughout the Township, this project faced significant challenges during the pandemic due to the closure of archives across the province.

Undeterred, Ann and Sharon embraced the challenge and proposed a fresh approach—one

that would explore the history of King through the lens of its landscape. Their vision was to delve into how the land and natural environment have transformed over time, and how people have adapted to and shaped it.

In their approach, Ann and Sharon made it clear that they wouldn't be retelling the stories of the growth of our villages and hamlets or focusing on landmarks like Eaton Hall or Mary Lake, as Elizabeth Gillham and Kelly Mathews had already done in previous books. Instead, they sought to offer a new narrative, one that would highlight the evolution of both the land and the community, using fresh perspectives on key events like Simcoe's legacy, the first settlements, and the Lloydtown Rebellion.

As the project progressed, the duo set an ambitious goal: to have the book completed in time for the Township's 175th anniversary year. For the next two years, Sharon scoured both online

and physical archives, utilizing digitized newspapers, community museums, university collections, and government records across Ontario and North America. She also organized research trips to the Ontario Archives and numerous visits with long-time King residents.

Meanwhile, Ann worked tirelessly on the writing, often uncovering fascinating stories she felt could not be left out of the book. To enrich the narrative, she has included vignettes by local authors—many of whom are no longer with us—that had previously been featured in the KTHS newsletter. These stories, shared by voices from King's past and present, offer intimate glimpses into the Township's history, including:

- Out of Sight by Margie Kenedy
- Responding to Need, Adapting to Change Part 1: The Wheat Barn by Phyllis Vernon
- What Happened to the Rank-and-File

- Rebels from King? by Patricia Blackstock
- Septimus Tyrwhitt by Bertrand Ducloux
- Henry Frost by Richard Vien
- Responding to Need, Adapting to Change Part 2: The Bank Barn by Phyllis Vernon
- Whatever Need Existed in the Community; the Institute Was There by Louise Di Iorio
- The Long-Lost Trail by Ken Carter
- The Mount St. Francis Catholic Land Settlement Corporation by Bev Flanagan
- The Lady in the Mud House: Blair's Story (1884 – 1985) by Gillian Watt
- Pine Farms Orchard by Tony Rolph
- The Pottageville Swamp: Zoological Studies Begin in Ontario by Vicki Hotte
- King Township Public Library by Gordon Craig and Sharon Bentley
- Hospice King by Susan Deschamps and Philomena Duley
- The Accidental Archives by Elsa-Ann Pickard

Throughout the writing process, Ann and Sharon continued to weave these vignettes into the book, enhancing its depth and richness. By the time the manuscript was complete, they had crafted rough drafts for three of the book's nine sections, covering the entire span of King's history—from the end of the Ice Age to the near future.

The KTHS is deeply grateful to Ann Love and Sharon Bentley for their dedication to *The History of King Township: A Community Shaped by the Land*. Their meticulous research and heartfelt storytelling have given us a treasure to enjoy for generations to come. This book is truly a labour of love, celebrating the unique history of King Township and the people who have called it home.

Pre-order your copy today and save! *The History of King Township* will be available for \$30 online and at the April book launch, where you can have it personally signed by the authors. After the launch, copies will be available for \$40 at www.kingtowshiphistoricalsociety.com and at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre.

Please join us on Thursday, April 24th at 4:30 pm at the King Township Municipal Centre for this remarkable milestone in King's history. We ask that you kindly RSVP to kinghistoricalsociety@gmail.com so we can prepare for the event.

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Bolton Rotary's annual charity golf tournament to be held May 22

Tournament will take place at Caledon Woods Golf Club

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local non-profit is getting ready for its annual charity golf tournament and Caledon residents are invited to swing for a cause.

Bolton Rotary will be hosting its annual charity golf tournament on May 22 at Caledon Woods Golf Club.

Tickets are \$200 per person and include 18 holes of golf with a cart, a barbeque lunch, on-course food sampling, a prime rib dinner and the chance to win great prizes.

On tournament day, golfers can put \$20 towards a "Powerpak" which gives them access to fun contests and perks like closest to the keg, closest to the line, a putting contest, hole-in-one prize, one mulligan, longest drive and birdie bonus.

As always, all funds raised will go towards the amazing causes Bolton Rotary supports.

Over the last 30 years, over \$2 million has been raised through Bolton Rotary's tournaments.



Every year, golfers enjoy friendly competition and raise money for amazing causes at Bolton Rotary's charity golf tournament.

BOLTON ROTARY PHOTO

Here are some of the places funds have gone: Headwaters Health Centre, Caledon Meals on Wheels, Caledon Community Services, William Osler Health Foundation, Bethell Hospice, Rotary Peace Park, Humberview Robotics, Matthews Hospice, Scouts Canada, Girl Guides, TRCA/Bolton Camp, Scientists in Schools, Caledon Seniors, Peel Paramedics Holiday Hope, and

the Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

Anyone looking to register for this year's tournament, or sponsor it, can visit boltonrotarygolf.ca.

On tournament day, registration and the putting contest both open at 10 a.m. and an hour later, the barbeque lunch will be served. At 12 noon, the tournament begins with a shotgun start. Following a great day

of golf, at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be served and there will be a cash bar and prizes given out.

Of particular note this year is an amazing prize: four tickets to Sunday at the RBC Canadian Open (June 8). The prestigious PGA Tour event is being held in Caledon for the first time at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley.

Local arts organizations pull ahead to secure three of the five Rotary Community Choice Grants

It was an exciting race to the top. In the hours and minutes leading up to the voting deadline on March 24, four organizations jockeyed for the lead in the Rotary Community Choice Grants.

In the end, all four – Theatre Orangeville, Joyful Sound Gospel Choir, Orangeville Show Chorus and the Orangeville Otters – all received a \$3,000 grant. The

final grant recipient, selected by the Rotary Club of Orangeville Highlands, was the Headwaters Food & Farming Alliance.

"Big congratulations to the five winners of this year's Rotary Community Choice Grants," said Len Meyer, President of Rotary Orangeville Highlands. "The top four really pulled out all the stops, getting their supporters, friends, families... the whole

community... to vote for them. It was inspirational to see the level of engagement this year."

"As far as we're concerned, every local charity and nonprofit that was nominated is a winner. Their outstanding service makes our community one of the best places to live and do business," added Meyer.

In total, almost 4,000 votes were cast. Here is what the five \$3,000 grants will be supporting:

Theatre Orangeville – Creative Partners On Stage – the grant will be used to engage neuro-diverse adults in partnership with Community Living Dufferin in performing original scripted work on stage in front of a live audience. www.theatreorangeville.ca.

Orangeville Show Chorus – Welcomes singers of all backgrounds and nationalities to join them in sharing the joy of barbershop harmony. The grant will be used to replace their 10-year-old costumes with new ones for their performances. osc.org.

choirgenius.com.

Joyful Sound Gospel Choir – The grant will fund this Orangeville-based gospel choir, made up of 40 members from all age groups and diverse cultures, as they perform for free at local events and places of worship. www.joyfulsoundgospel.ca.

Orangeville Otters Swim Club – The Para Program – the grant will assist with the purchase of necessary equipment and the development of unique training strategies to integrate current and new para swimmers into the club. www.gomotionapp.com/team/canoott/page/home.

Headwaters Food & Farming Alliance – Their Farm to School initiative offers experiential learning for Dufferin-Caledon students through programs that develop food literacy, kitchen skills and spark a lifelong positive relationship with food. headwatersfoodandfarming.ca.



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Estate of Helen Lucas partners with Aurora Cultural Centre for spring sale



The late Helen Lucas, left, is pictured with King artist Ernestine Tahedl at Lucas' 2018 solo exhibition at the Aurora Cultural Centre.

FILE PHOTO BY BROCK WEIR

BY BROCK WEIR

Sprouting flowers are synonymous with Spring's arrival, and, if you're a local art lover, there are fewer names more synonymous with flowers than Helen Lucas, the late King-based artist, who expressed herself through vivid herbaceous slashes of paint.

This spring, art lovers will have the opportunity to share in Lucas' legacy with a Spring Sale from the Estate of Helen Lucas, hosted by the Aurora Cultural Centre.

The sale will include more than 200 drawings, prints and paintings, which will be sold online May 22 through June 5 and in-person from May 29 and June 2 at Lucas' studio in King Township, which remains largely untouched since her death in November 2023.

The sale is being organized by Frank Simonetta, Lucas' son-in-law and the representative of her estate, and Samantha Jones, Gallery Manager for the Aurora Cultural Centre.

While Lucas held a solo show at the Centre

in 2018, it was before Jones arrived at the Centre. She first encountered Lucas' work when curating the 2024 exhibition, *Seven Masters*, featuring select pieces from the collection of the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture.

"As we were exhibiting her works from their collection, we wanted to make sure we were giving her her proper place in the show," says Jones. "There were three artworks by Helen Lucas in their collection, but it just didn't seem like enough."

Simonetta helped flesh out Lucas' presence in this posthumous exhibition and many others were thus able to learn about the popular artist and what fuelled her passion.

"I hadn't even heard about Helen Lucas really because I have only been here for three years," says Jones. "Just from being around her work and getting to work so closely with it, I can say she is probably my favourite artist of all time, just because of the journey she had and her practice. She came from a small town in Saskatchewan, came here as a young

woman, went to OCAD, went through some troubled relationships, but eventually found happiness. I think that's what's so compelling about her – just her resilience and her ability to express it through her art.

"She has very distinct eras – kind of a darker, sadder and trying-to-discover-yourself eras... and going into full flowers, which is just self-embracing and self-loving. Because her work is so expressive and so intimate, it's hard to believe she is a regional artist. You don't hear about these artists of southern Ontario making works like this. I call her the 'Georgia O'Keefe of Southern Ontario.' She's totally different, but I think she should be put in that calibre. What's really important right now is because she is such an important feminist artist, especially during the time she was creating work about her experience being in a relationship that was oppressive, then coming out of it and finding stability, I think it is really politically important right now with what we're seeing in the States and, I think,

the fear that is happening down in the United States. Canadians are being very conscious of their rights and especially women in particular. I would just love more people to see her work and see the fight that she fought, and maybe it will make them feel some comfort that she was able to overcome and find happiness."

The online sale begins Thursday, May 22, at 9 a.m., running to Thursday, June 5.

24-hour early access to the online sale will go to subscribers to the Flower Friends e-newsletter, which is facilitated by the Cultural Centre.

The in-person sale from Thursday, May 29 to Monday, June 2, will take place each day from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at Lucas' home and studio in King, the address to which will be announced May 28.

Lucas was born in Weyburn, SK, in 1931 to Greek immigrant parents.

"Her life-long artistic practice reflects a journey of both internal and external transformation," says the Centre. "Early works, often somber charcoal drawings, depicted sorrowful, subdued portraits reflective of womanhood within a patriarchal society. Over time, and following the separation from her first marriage, her style evolved into bold, joyful flower paintings that celebrate colour and life. Frequently working on a large scale, Lucas often painted entire canvases in a single day. In the 1970s, she became an influential figure in the feminist movement, using her art to speak out against the oppression of women within a patriarchal society and to express femininity through her work. From 1972 to 1979, she taught drawing and painting at the University of Toronto and Sheridan College, and she was a guest lecturer and artist at various universities, panels, TV and radio programs, and publications.

"Throughout her career, Lucas held over 50 solo exhibitions, both nationally and internationally, including *Why Do I Paint Flowers?*, her 2018 solo exhibition at the Aurora Cultural Centre. In 2003, her work was selected for exhibition at the Florence Biennale. Her art is represented in numerous collections, including The Canadian War Museum, The King City Municipal Offices, SickKids Hospital, The Sunnybrook Odette Cancer Centre, and the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture."

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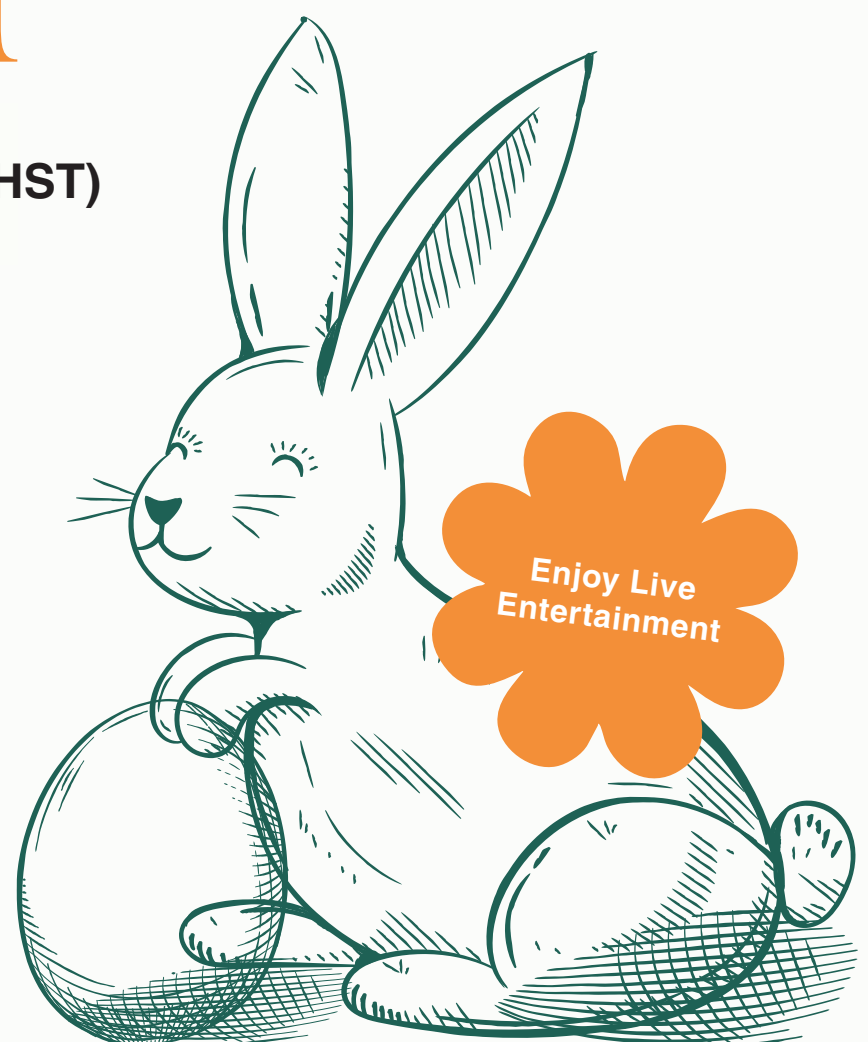
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Area man with Autism navigates the job market

BY JAMES MATTHEWS

Students will soon be beating the streets in search of summer jobs, and Sheri El-Sarraf remembers well the difficulty her son Sebastian faced in securing employment.

She said that difficulty was exacerbated by a perceived unwillingness to give the lad a chance. She's thankful he did eventually find a place among the Orangeville employed. But he's yet to find a place in the industry for which he went to college and studied, she said.

Sebastian studied at Sheridan college and obtained a diploma in computer systems technician for information technology infrastructure and services.

"So far it's been very challenging, to say the least," Sebastian said, and added that he still has a difficult time trying to fit in,

to socialize with people. "I find it to be a battle."

She said her son is basically like every other young man in his early 30s. He drives. He's had a steady part-time job the last three years and has always managed to find temporary work since he was 12 years old.

But there's indication that he's on the autism spectrum, she said. His social skills and a slight stutter when stressed betrays his difference.

"He tries his hardest to do his very best and as long as you do not overload him you will get his best," she said. "He is honest to a fault, and very reliable, and kind."

"He just wants the chance to work with his peers and utilize his newly earned diploma. Hopefully someone soon will give him that chance."



FIGHTING FOR A FUTURE: Sebastian El-Sarraf is a graduate of Sheridan College. He studied a program to become a computer systems technician for information technology infrastructure and services and graduated at age 30. Sebastian has autism, but hasn't let it limit him in completing his studies. He's hoping to gain employment in the field he studied, but has been unsuccessful so far. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Sebastian received a college diploma at 30 years old. She said that's some years longer than it could have taken to graduate. But he spent three years investigating other college programs and then he took a year off to re-examine his goals.

"Does this matter in the grand scheme of things," El-Sarraf said. "He can support himself proudly, he can drive, he has a few friends, he says he is happy and can't wait

to start working in his field."

It was an arduous road El-Sarraf tread with her boy, she said.

Sebastian agrees: "I wish people would be more accepting of others," he said.

Sebastian started at public schools under the umbrella of the Upper Grand District School Board before El-Sarraf felt he wasn't getting the resources required for him to get the most from education.

That led to virtual high school classes at Hillcrest Private School in Orangeville.

"Sebastian thrived at Hillcrest both academically and socially," she said. "Class sizes mattered greatly and were no more than 10 students per class."

"Sebastian did not need segregation. Just a smaller class size where there was a teacher accessible to him at all times in case he needed clarification as well as to keep him focused on the work at hand."

El-Sarraf said their objective now is for Sebastian to begin a career in the field he chose.

"Someone with a child needs to know how to navigate the school system," she said. "It's great to have what Sebastian is dealing with now as the ending."

It's shocking the growth of autism in our little but growing town, she said. Parents need better direction toward the resources needed to better help their children who are on the spectrum on the road to success.

Nowhere are those resources more needed than in education, she said.

"This determines whether or not they will be a productive member of society or a tax burden as this will definitely happen if the correct resources are not in place," she said. "He knows now the real hard work begins: Life."

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For the purpose(s) of: Properties contained hereto are required for the proposed ROW of Highway 413 and associated ramps at the Hurontario Street interchange, Transitway and Transit Station as well as the stormwater management pond at Highway 401/407ETR/413 interchange, and all other works related thereto.

Notice is hereby given that application has been made for approval to expropriate the land described in the schedule attached hereto.

The approving authority is the Minister of Transportation with an address of:

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The Assistant Deputy Minister must receive the comments within thirty days after the owner is served with this notice, or within thirty days after the first publication of the notice.

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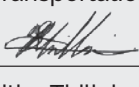
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Transportation and Infrastructure Management
Ministry of Transportation
4th Floor, Garden City Tower
301 St. Paul Street
St. Catharines, ON L2R 7R4

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The expropriating authority is the Minister of Transportation with an address of:

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Minister of Transportation

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SCHEDULE A

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2. Part of PIN 25026-0231 (LT), being Part of Lot 15, Concession 10, New Survey, Geographic Township of Trafalgar, shown as Part 3 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5150-0000 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Halton as Plan 20R-22687.

All right, title and interest in the following lands in the Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, Province of Ontario, being:

3. Part of PIN 14257-0053 (LT), being Part of Lot 24, Concession 1, West of Hurontario Street, Geographic Township of Chinguacousy, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5152-0020 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Peel as Plan 43R-41632.
4. ALL of PIN 14257-0051 (LT), being Part of Lot 23, Concession 1, West of Hurontario Street, Geographic Township of Chinguacousy, shown as Part 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5152-0019 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Peel as Plan 43R-41631.
5. ALL of PIN 14257-0050 (LT), being Part of Lot 23, Concession 1, West of Hurontario Street, Geographic Township of Chinguacousy, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5152-0019 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Peel as Plan 43R-41631.
6. ALL of PIN 14257-0299 (LT), being Part of Lot 23, Concession 1, West of Hurontario Street, Geographic Township of Chinguacousy, shown as Parts 2, 3 and 4 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5152-0020 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Peel as Plan 43R-41632.
7. Part of PIN 14297-0451 (LT), being Part of Lots 23 and 24, Concession 1, East of Hurontario Street, Geographic Township of Chinguacousy, shown as Parts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5152-0018 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Peel as Plan 43R-41665. Parts 7 and 8 subject to as easement as in CH32240.

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Mayor Groves says Caledon happy to be working with neighbour municipalities illegal use issue

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“Illegal operators also create an inequitable competitive environment for the legitimate businesses who follow the rules

to fairly operate in a vital and highly competitive industry.”

In a statement to The Citizen, Caledon Mayor Annette Groves said Caledon is happy to be working alongside neighbouring municipalities to fight against illegal land use.

She said modernizing the legal framework for enforcing local land use regulations will help ensure the development of safe, sustainable, and legally-compliant truck parking facilities.

Brown’s letter addresses a number of changes that municipalities would like to see made to Ontario laws.

“Current provincial legislation limits

the local government’s ability to effectively address these issues and deter illegal land development... the perception of impunity for illegal land use has significant consequences on broad provincial efforts to plan and govern its lands in a way that supports public safety, economic productivity, housing affordability, public health, and environmental protection,” reads the letter. “To mitigate these challenges, we urge the province to collaborate with municipalities to develop solutions that are tailored to local needs, beginning with provincial legislative amendments to empower local governments with stronger tools to enforce land use planning and

permit requirements.”

Examples of requested changes include: an amendment to the Planning Act to allow municipalities to undertake remedial work on a property with illegal land use and charge the work to the property owner’s tax roll; an amendment to the Municipal Act to allow for the creation of a licensing system for truck parking and storage businesses; an amendment to the Planning Act to allow a municipality to issue orders to discontinue a contravening activity; increasing fines for illegal land use; and allowing municipalities to close a business operating without a license or that is engaging in egregious illegal land uses.

Concert to commemorate lives of World War I soldiers at Grace Tipling Hall

BY PAULA BROWN

The month of April marks the anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge and local residents will have the opportunity to step back in time to the lives and experience of World War I soldiers through music.

Small Town Big Ideas, a speaker series organized by CanHist, will be welcoming Canadian acoustic folk band The Fugitives on April 30 at Grace Tipling Hall for a performance of their 90-minute musical tribute to the Battle of Vimy Ridge, entitled “Ridge.”

“I think we’re being faithful to the vision of what Small Town Big Ideas is all about. The vision always was that we bring in as many big ideas as we can that are current in the Canadian public discourse, whether those are ideas that are spoken from public intellectuals, authors or in this case, artists. It’s very important that we have discussion and really provocative insights,” said Neil Orford, founder of CanHist.

After seeing the band perform Ridge in Fergus late last year, Orford approached them about bringing the show to Shelburne.

“I got a very strong sense from the band of how committed they were to telling stories in music and song that are representative of the genuine words of people who were historical actors in important events,” said Orford. “Getting a chance to see it live myself, certainly opened my eyes to the need to pay close attention to how we talk about historical moments in Canada, like Vimy Ridge, and rededicate ourselves to listening as best we can across the ages to the words of the men who were actually there.”

The Fugitives are a Juno-nominated group consisting of songwriters Adrian Glynn and Brendan McLeod, who are joined by banjo player Chris Suen and violinist Carly Frey.

Ridge is a 90-minute musical tribute to the more than 10,000 Canadian casualties of Vimy Ridge. Through storytelling, theatre and music the show examines the

misconceptions and varying perspectives around the battle. Featuring musical interpretations of WWI soldier songs, often known as ‘trench songs’, Ridge also probes difficult and necessary questions about the wartime experience.

McLeod started writing the outline for Ridge in 2020 while he was exploring the history of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. During his research, he began to comb through songs written by soldiers about their experiences in the war.

“They were funny, they were poignant, they were beautiful and harrowing and really gave you a snapshot of the emotions they were going through,” said McLeod.

Speaking about why they wanted to explore the Battle of Vimy Ridge as the subject of the show, McLeod explained, “It’s one of those formative events in Canadian history and I was curious as to how much of what we’re told is real and how much of it lines up with the truth.

He added, “I was looking at the history of it and wanted to think of the soldier’s experience, not what the government tells us happened or what the military told us happened, but what the soldiers’ say happened.”

While the battle of Vimy Ridge occurred more than a century ago, McLeod said the themes brought up in Ridge continue to be relevant in the face of modern events.

“Every year we tour the show; it unfortunately gets more resonant with audiences. Since we’ve been doing it, the world has gone through so many different trajectories with everything happening in the Middle East, war breaking out in the Ukraine, and now we’re going on tour while there’s an economic trade war between Canada and the US with people talking about Canada’s sovereignty,” said McLeod. “I would never have anticipated five years ago that this is the curtain behind which we’re playing the show.”

Tickets for the show are \$40 and can be purchased by visiting the Small Town Big Ideas page on www.canhist.ca.

Sections of Bruce Trail closed due to hazards from ice storm

BY SAM ODROWSKI

The Bruce Trail Conservancy’s Dufferin Hi-Land trail has been temporarily closed for the safety of visitors and volunteers as a result of an ice storm over the weekend.

Several areas along the Bruce Trail have been heavily impacted by the storm, these include Mono Cliffs, Boyne Valley and Black Bank, which covers all associated side trails between Mono Centre and Lavender.

BTC staff and volunteers are in the process of assessing the damage and carefully planning for the removal of hazards.

During the assessment, other areas of the Bruce Trail may be temporarily closed. The BTC will provide further notices and updates about Trail closures and re-openings on its website, the Bruce Trail App and on the organization’s Facebook and Instagram accounts.

The damage in these areas includes downed trees and branches, and the destruction of infrastructure such as bridge-

es and boardwalks. In some sections, it may take several weeks to clear the hazards and debris to make the Bruce Trail safe and passable. Until that time, scheduled hikes and activities planned by Bruce Trail Clubs in these areas will be cancelled or postponed.

“As we work to restore the affected areas of Canada’s oldest and longest marked footpath, we are also thinking of our many friends and neighbours across Ontario who have been impacted by the storm,” said Michael McDonald, Bruce Trail Conservancy CEO.

“We are so grateful to our trail development and maintenance volunteers, staff and community partners, who will be working hard over the coming weeks to clear the Trail and make it safe to explore ahead of the summer hiking season.”

In addition to the Dufferin Hi-Land Section of the Bruce Trail being closed, the entire Blue Mountains Section, including the main Bruce Trail and all associated side trails between Lavender and Craighleith are closed.

PUBLIC NOTICE



Rescheduled: Notice of the Intention to Amend User Fee By-law 2024-106

2025 User Fees – Updates

The amendments to the User Fee By-law previously scheduled for consideration at the Planning and Development Committee meeting on **Tuesday, April 15, 2025**, has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Council Chambers located at the 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East, ON. The Committee will consider amendments to various schedules of User Fee By-law 2024-106, as amended, including:

- Schedule B - Building Services
- Schedule D – Planning
- Schedule G – Legal, Clerks & Provincial Offences Administration
- Schedule L - Engineering

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

Anyone interested in addressing Committee of Council on this matter may file a written submission, or request to delegate in person or remotely at the meeting, by emailing the Clerk’s Office at agenda@caledon.ca by **May 12, 2025**.

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

Dated at the Town of Caledon, April 3, 2025.

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Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week

High-scoring Xavier Evans sets personal record with 25 points to lead Hall to impressive win at Central Peel Junior Basketball tournament

BY JIM STEWART

Captain Xavier Evans fired 25 points and made seven steals to lead Robert F. Hall to a big victory in a recent tournament in Brampton, but the Honor Roll Student-Athlete derived much more joy from a Wolfpack victory just before the Break.

Hall's stunning 61-54 win over Aquinas in ROPSSA Junior Basketball action was satisfying for Evans.

"My most proud moment for our team so far was when we beat St. Thomas Aquinas by 7 points after initially losing by 50. Everyone expected us to lose again, but we showed up and got the win."

Wolfpack Head Coach Jason Eduful—who nominated Evans as the Student-Athlete of the Week—has been impressed by his Captain's exemplary role on the team.

"Xavier is an overall leader and a prime example of the extension of the coach. He is a well-rounded player. Xavier is a multi-sport athlete who excels in basketball and track & field. He displays enthusiasm for the game and maintains open and effective lines of communication with teammates and coaching staff."

Coach Eduful described Evans's qualities as a student-athlete at Robert F Hall CSS.

"Xavier has great rapport with his teachers and constantly seeks to improve his academics. His teachers have witnessed a unique level of commitment and determination that is unmatched for his cohort. His teachers have also mentioned that he thrives academically while balancing his educational goals, by fully participating and making a strong effort to help others along the way.

"As a coach, I have come to know him as a very motivated, conscientious, and dedicated learner. Particularly noteworthy is the fact that Xavier is an academically-strong student and manages to be a prominent student in extracurriculars."

What really impresses Coach Eduful is Evans's "tenacious grit on the court.

He accepts every challenge and refuses to make excuses. He's never missed practice and motivated his peers to be the best versions of themselves both in practice and in games. This is one of the reasons why he was selected as Captain for the Junior Boys basketball team. He effortlessly exhibits a strong leadership role among his peers."

Coach Eduful highlighted a key performance by Evans.

"We played at the Central Peel tournament in Brampton and Xavier led all scorers with 25 points and 7 steals in that game. However, what impressed the coaches most was his ability to communicate with his team on the defensive, directing the backcourt, and anchoring the defense. This energy translated to our last league game before the Break in which we defeated St. Thomas Aquinas 61-54."

Xavier Evans took time from his studies and his AAA rep basketball practices to respond to our interview questions:

Caledon Citizen: What qualities did

you demonstrate in your sports season to earn Student-Athlete of the Week honors?

Xavier Evans: "I demonstrated leadership, determination, and passion to the success of me, my teammates, and the team, encouraging my fellow players even when hope was low and giving a shine of light in times of darkness."

Caledon Citizen: What were your key statistics and performance moments from the 2024-25 season that you are most proud of?

Xavier Evans: "My personal moment I am most proud of is scoring 25 points in one game, breaking my scoring record in any form of organized basketball."

Caledon Citizen: In addition to your high school sports teams, what other community teams do you play for and at what level?

Xavier Evans: "Outside of high school sports, I play rep basketball at the AAA level, with some games being at the AAU level."

Caledon Citizen: How would you describe yourself as a student at Robert F. Hall? To which sports teams and clubs do you belong? Honor Roll?

Xavier Evans: "I would describe myself as a kind, intelligent person. Academically, I spend a lot of time working to keep my grades high with achieving Honor Roll being a personal goal. Outside of academics, I try to be kind and helpful to all students, assisting in any way I can. I received Honor Roll in Grade 9 and am on pace to receiving it this year as well."

Caledon Citizen: What are your post-secondary plans regarding prospective academic/athletic destinations?

Xavier Evans: "My post-secondary plans are to receive a scholarship to a D1 basketball university, my dream schools being UCONN and Texas Tech. At university, I will study law to earn a bachelor's degree. My ultimate goal is to win a championship for the school I attend and then be drafted to the NBA."

Caledon Citizen: Who is your role model in terms of the person you admire the most?

Xavier Evans: "The person I admire the most is a famous NBA player named Kyrie Irving. To me, basketball is more than just a sport – it's life. Not only have I modeled my style of basketball around Kyrie, but I also try to be a kind and caring person just as he is. As well, I would also like to thank my amazing coaches – Mr. De Paulo, Mr. Emanuele, and Mr. Eduful – for volunteering their time to our team."

Caledon Citizen: How do you feel about being nominated as the Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week?

Xavier Evans: "Being nominated as The Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week is a very surprising occurrence to me. I would have never expected it. Nonetheless, I am very thankful for this award."



XAVIER EVANS

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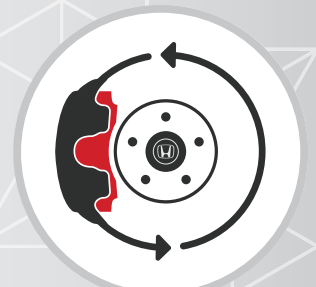
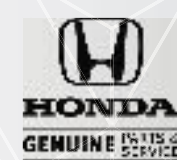
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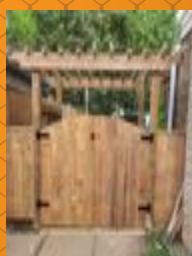
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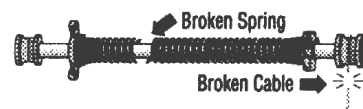
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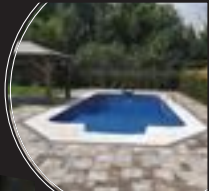


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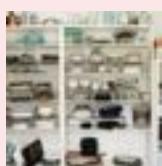
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BMW and TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley form new Partnership

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley, has formally announced “a multi- year partnership with BMW Group Canada, enhancing the experience offered to guests at one of Canada’s top golf destinations”

It was in 1992 that the original Heathlands course opened at Osprey Valley. Shortly after its launch in 1992, brothers Jerry and Roman Humeniuk purchased the property.

A decade later, two more courses, the North course and the Hoot course were added to create a total of 54 -hole run of the finest golfing calibre. An A-frame clubhouse was built, extending the welcome and enjoyment of Osprey Valley.

The three courses at Osprey Valley are each among the top 25 courses in Canada. This year, the Canadian Open will be hosted by TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley to be played on the North course.

To learn about the new partnership between TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley and BMW Group Canada, the Citizen had the chance for an interview with Vito Sacchetti, Head of Experiential Marketing, Partnerships and Sponsorships for BMW Canada and Barb Pitblado, Manager, Corporate Communications for BMW.

First up was to understand how the relationship between a golf course and a vehicle company works and Sacchetti was keen to explain.

“The connection overall is with how BMW is active in the golf space. Some of the greatest golfing is here,” he said. “Here is a luxury affinity, as one of the big reasons for elevating a great experience with the partnership with BMW.”

Osprey Valley is a hidden gem as Sacchetti observed, tucked away in Caledon, now with this investment, elevating the recently finished large Clubhouse they have invested in, engaging golfers with the BMW vehicles display.

Several chargers have been installed for

people driving electric vehicles. Golfers will have fully charged vehicles.

“That is good to begin with what we have to offer,” he pointed out.

There was a discussion as to how golfing is the sport that has definitely grown. It has become more relaxed, attracting the boarder audience. It can be seen as a past time beyond the course for having fun together with your friends, Sacchetti proposed.

Traditionally and still true, the golf course is a great place for doing business.

Sacchetti explained that BMW has come to have increased its focus on golf, looking to ways to be in the market around something that people love. He praised what the Osprey website shows about the TPC properties, noting again that three of the top courses in Canada are on this one property.

Added to that is the notion of “stay and play” to golf the different courses. In view of there being limited overnight accommodations in the area, Osprey has built fifteen villas or cabins, sleekly modern and beautifully appointed. Built with thoughtful placing, these are from one- to four-bedroom cabins, perfect for their purpose.

Located at Main Street, Alton and Charleston Sideroad, Osprey Valley is easily accessible by major roads and country routes from Toronto and many towns in the area.

It is a public not a private club, welcoming people who love to golf in the beautiful settings each of the courses provide.

Junior golfers are welcomed to try each course on the one property, which “is unique,” said Sacchetti and remarked, “the North course is host the Canadian Open, to offer to watch a championship golf tournament for golfing fans from among the world.”

Sacchetti is employed by BMW to build partnerships. He is a car enthusiast but admits humorously, “I do love golf but I am



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always shy of my skills.”

As TPC is public, no membership elevates the public course and can “absolutely demand a premium; there are a tons of rounds played on these three courses: over 50,000 rounds per year; there could be more now, with the advent of the stay and play villas.”

A Two Brothers restaurant has opened in the large Clubhouse, open to invite the public as well, “to grab a bite to eat.” The restaurant boasts a huge terrace overlooking the 18th hole.

Overall, Sacchetti, as a spokesperson, reckons the Osprey-BMW partnership is a great way to connect with golfers. BMW fans coming to enjoy everything will make it even better.

The Pro-shop has some the latest technology and lessons.

“What you can’t see is how excited about this partnership Vito is,” said Pitblado, “that out reaches to the connection of people. People love BMW.”

There will be a place to look at the vehicles is the promise.

Later was another conversation with Brian Decker, Director of Marketing and Communications TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley.

He described the partnership in part, as

“a mutual marketing partnership; electric charges have been added to benefit for anyone driving an electric vehicle. We engaged with BMW for a great tournament last year.”

TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley is 700-acre expanse of the three golf courses, Decker said, with the new Clubhouse and the restaurant. It is a one hundred per cent public facility, offering stay and play and Golf tournaments.

He talked about the Osprey and the Humeniuk family being involved in the local community. There has been promised a \$250,000 donation over the next few years for the new work in the Caledon Fairgrounds, for extensive re-building of the current facilities to accommodate the increase in people attending the major events, an office and more.

They supported Caledon Community Services during the pandemic and have contributed other donations. After eight years with Osprey, Decker commented, “It’s fortunate to have an ownership philanthropically inclined.

“We’re the focal of so much that is happening in Canadian golf,” Decker said.

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Provincial Junior Hockey League heads into provincial playoffs

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Provincial Junior Hockey League will head into playoffs for the Junior C Schmalz Cup when the final three division championships are decided. Five of the final series have already been completed.

There were a couple of surprises in this year's division playoffs.

In the North Carruthers Division, the Orillia Terriers topped the first-place Alliston Hornets in a series that went only five games.

The Hornets easily won over the Terriers in all six games they played in the regular season and were the favourites going into the championship series. The Hornets started the regular season with a 28-game winning streak and ended it with a 40-2 record.

In the championship series, the Terriers only lost one game to the Hornets and wrapped it up with a 5-4 overtime win in Game Five on March 28.

In the North Pollock Division, the first-place Hanover Barons dispatched the third-place Fergus Whalers in a series that went five games. This was the second year in a row that Hanover won the title.

In 2025, they went on to compete in the Schmalz Cup and lost in the semi-finals to the Clarington Eagles.

In the East Orr Division, the Clarington Eagles have claimed the Division championship for the second consecutive year. They won the title this year with a four-game sweep over the Georgina Ice.

Georgina finished the regular season in second place with an almost identical record to the Eagles.

The Grimsby Peach Kings finished in second place in the South Bloomfield Division, then turned it up a notch to knock out the first-place Dundas Blues in four games.

That series ended on March 25, with a 3-0 Grimsby shut-out.

In the South Doherty Division, the Wellesley Applejacks finished well back in fourth place but managed to battle their way back through the playoffs.

They were eliminated by the second-place New Hamburg Firebirds. This year's first-place team in the division, the Norwich Merchants, were eliminated in the semi-final round.

There are three division championships still to be decided.

In the Tod Division, the Frankford Huskies and the Napanee Raiders are tied 2-2.

The Petrolia Flyers are leading the Exeter Hawks 3-2 in the Yeck Division.

In the Stobbs Division, the Essex 73s are leading the Lakeshore Canadians 3-2.

All championship series will wrap up this week.

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

Plan out all your home improvement projects for the season in one place

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.

"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 Orangeville 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@orangevillions.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.

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