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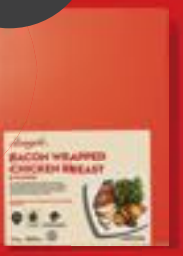
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**SPRING ACTIVITIES** — Spring is in full swing and so are seasonal programs at the Caledon Public Library. (Main) Youngsters recently got crafty creating DIY Teddy Bear T-Shirts. (Inset) Over at the Recipe Club, this month's theme was "Make it with Maple" and participants made everything from popcorn, to salad, to ice cream. For a full roster of CPL activities, visit [caledon.library.on.ca](http://caledon.library.on.ca). CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

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## Caledon will continue to prohibit retail cannabis stores

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Those looking to purchase legal cannabis must continue to do so outside of Caledon.

At Caledon Council's April 9 General Committee meeting, Councillors nearly unanimously voted to continue to opt out of having legal cannabis retail stores in Town.

Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell was the lone voice of support for allowing the stores.

When cannabis was made legal by the Federal Government in 2018, it gave municipalities the option to opt in or out of allowing stores within their boundaries. In January of 2019, Caledon councillors chose to opt out.

Since then, a new term of Council has begun. In October 2023, a motion from Maskell asking Town staff to review the feasibility of permitting cannabis retail stores in Caledon was passed by Council. The motion directed Town of Caledon staff to report back to Council in the first quarter of 2024, which they did at the April 9 meeting.

The report from staff included data from a recent survey conducted by the Town on the topic.

In 2024, 56 per cent of survey respondents were against allowing cannabis stores, while 41 per cent were in support and two per cent were undecided. 323 people participated in the survey.

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**Council reverses funding cut for Caledon Public Library strategic plan**

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon Councillors have decided to fund an item that was previously cut from Caledon's 2024 budget.

At Caledon Council's April 9 General Committee meeting, Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli brought forward a motion asking that Council support the Caledon Public Library's (CPL) strategic plan in the initially-requested amount of \$50,000.

The plan was proposed in Caledon's 2024 budget and discussed by Council at a February 14 General Committee meeting. It was removed from the budget at that meeting after Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell brought forward a motion suggesting the creation of the plan could wait a year and happen in 2025, as the CPL had recently presented its comprehensive growth plan to Council.

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# Petition supporting proposed spiritual centre garners nearly 1,300 signatures

## Caledon Council deferred vote on allowing centre after planning staff recommended refusal

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A petition supporting a proposed spiritual centre in Caledon had received 1,295 signatures as of April 9.

Bhavesh Patel, a Caledon resident, started a petition in support of the proposed SMVS Swaminarayan Spiritual Centre after Caledon Councillors deferred a vote on Official Plan and bylaw amendments that would permit the centre's construction at a February 13 Planning and Development Committee meeting.

A Town of Caledon staff report submitted to Council at the meeting recommended refusal of the amendments. As a result of the deferral, the amendments are now set to come back to council this spring.

Rushi Patel, a volunteer for SMVS, which stands for Swaminarayan Mandir Vasna Sanstha, explained that it's an international socio-spiritual and charitable organization that's committed to sharing the principles of Lord Swaminarayan.

"The principles revolve around the vision that every individual should lead a life in harmony with themselves, their families and community... they should strive to attain inner peace amongst the uncertainty of life and become the best version of themselves" said Rushi.

Rushi said SMVS has weekly assemblies for children, youth, and adults that focus on personal growth and learning. This is done currently at its Canadian headquarters in North York, as well as at its locations across the world. SMVS also hosts community activities such as sports and speech competitions for youth, food drives, and yoga and meditation sessions. Rushi said SMVS is looking to build

a spiritual centre in Caledon as it did a survey of its community and many of its members live in Caledon or surrounding municipalities. While SMVS is a Hindu faith organization, Rushi said its spiritual centres and programs are open to anyone, regardless of their faith. He also noted there is no cost associated with attending the centre.

"The spiritual centre is the pinnacle of the vision... a lasting solution to focus on inner peace and mental health," said Rushi.

He said Caledon is the perfect place for a spiritual centre as its rural nature allows people to experience inner peace and tranquility.

Bhavesh said he was inspired to start his petition in support of the temple as there's

currently nowhere in Caledon for followers of the Hindu faith to gather, despite a clear need for it. He said Caledon residents who follow the Hindu faith have to travel to places like Brampton and Mississauga to practice.

The Caledon SMVS Swaminarayan Spiritual Centre is proposed to be built at 6939 King Street, which is where King Street intersects with Centreville Creek Road.

"It's a beautiful location... such a centre would fill a crucial gap in our Town's cultural landscape," said Bhavesh.

He said support for the petition has been heartwarming to see and that the spiritual centre would serve as a vital hub for spiritual fulfilment, cultural exchange, and community cohesion.

"The primary goal of the petition is to urge Caledon Council to consider the proposal positively and demonstrate the community's collective needs for such a centre," said Bhavesh.

Kapil Vaidya, a volunteer for SMVS and said if the spiritual centre is permitted, it will make Caledon a more complete community. He said SMVS wants the spiritual centre to be a beautiful place for the community to gather for long into the future.

"You plant the mango tree not for yourself, but for the generations to come," said Vaidya. "We see Caledon as an opportunity for us to develop a place where people can come and have that mental peace, which is very much needed in this world."

## Mayor Groves set to host Spring Business Breakfast

### Event to be held May 7 in Bolton

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon's Mayor is hosting a spring business breakfast next month.

The event is being held on May 7 at Caesar's Centre in Bolton (12495 Highway 50).

Doors open for the event at 7:30 a.m. and from 8:15 to 8:30 a.m., there will be a welcome from Caledon's Manager of Business Attraction, Amanda St. John, and opening remarks from Mayor Annette Groves.

The event's keynote speaker is Caledon resident Kulbir Colin Singh Dhillon, who is president of consulting firm ImagineQ Inc. and Chief Technical Officer at Canada's Automotive Parts Manufacturers' Association — among many other pursuits. His

speech, from 8:30 to 9 a.m., will focus on the business breakfast's theme: innovation.

Groves said business breakfasts are a great way to get people together and connect the business community.

"We want to reach out to them and let them know we are here to work with them," said Groves. "It's a good way for us to keep open communication with the community."

Groves said Caledon has an amazing economic development team, and they'll be at the breakfast. She said the team loves to help businesses in whatever way they can, whether that be applying for grants or helping them through the process of an expansion or renovation.

"It's important for us to have a strong partnership with the business community," said Groves.

The new Humber River Centre in Bolton, which has dedicated space for entrepreneurs to meet and a home for the Caledon Chamber of Commerce, is something Groves wants to highlight for the business community.

Groves also wants to use the business breakfast as a way to thank local businesses for all of the good they do in Caledon.

"They are the ones who... sponsor events, non-profits and sports teams," said Groves. "They are here sponsoring all of these community groups."

Business growth in Caledon is key for strengthening the local economy, said Groves, adding that the more Caledon can offer, the more its residents will spend their money here rather than going elsewhere.

Groves says she is looking forward to Dhillon's speech.

"He's a very dynamic speaker... he's a local resident which is extremely important," said Groves. "He's been speaking globally, we're proud to have him... he's a very informative speaker, we will learn a lot from what he's speaking about... it will be very beneficial to those attending the breakfast whether you're a resident or a business."

Tickets for the breakfast are \$70 and are available on eventbrite.ca.



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# Headwaters Health Care announces five-year Strategic Plan

BY PAULA BROWN

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) has unveiled its new plan to develop the hospital's operations over the next five years.

The local hospital announced the launch of its official 2024-2029 Strategic Plan in a press release on Monday, April 8. The new five-year plan will act as a roadmap for developing the hospital with an aim at addressing the evolving health care needs of the growing community.

"The strategic plan epitomizes our unwavering dedication to the people we serve and to everyone who works and volunteers at our hospital," said Kim Delahunt, President and CEO of Headwaters Hospital. "It reflects our shared values and our commitment to delivering excellent care that makes a meaningful difference in people's lives."

Headwaters began the process of developing the five-year strategic plan in July of 2023, and over the months received input from nearly 3,000 individuals including staff, physicians, volunteers, patients, families and community members.

"I really believe that it reflects our shared commitment," said Delahunt about the official plan.

The plan outlines four key strategic directions that will guide advancements in the hospital's operations over the next five years. The four key strategies are:

- Empower Our People
- Deliver Patient Centred Quality Care
- Get Even Better
- Connect Through Partnerships.

"We are proud to endorse our hospital's new strategic plan, which reflects our commitment to excellence in healthcare delivery. This plan charts a bold course forward. With commitment of the staff, physicians and the support of our community, we are confident that this plan will position Headwaters for continued success in providing excellent care to all those we serve," said Dr. Hugh O'Brodivich, Chair of Headwater's Board of Directors.

### Empower Our People

Through the 'Empower Our People' strategy, the hospital will look to attract, retain and recognize existing staff members and

teams. The strategy also looks to provide staff and teams with resources and tools to help deliver quality care.

One specific project the hospital will be implementing for the "Empower Our People" strategy will be the addition of four awards, which will be handed out during their annual general meeting in June. The new awards will consist of a quality improvement award for a team or individual, a position-specific award, a Rising Leader Award, and a Rising Hero Award.

"We're really trying to support that recognition and provide more opportunities for staff to be recognized," said Delahunt.

### Get Even Better

A continuation of the previous Strategic Plan, the "Get Even Better" strategy is focused on expansion opportunities for the hospital to support the needs of the growing community.

A project for this strategy, expected to launch later this year, will be the unveiling of the hospital's new magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine. Another project will be the completed renovation of their new dialysis unit.

### Connect Through Partnerships.

With the "Connect Through Partnerships" strategy, Headwaters will be concentrating on establishing more partnerships with local organizations that will help expand their support abilities of patients.

Next year, Headwaters Health Care Centre will be launching a new academic affiliation that will go live during the second year of the strategic plan.

### Deliver Patient Centred Quality Care

The hospital will focus on gathering more information from patients and their families to further support specific needs. To do this, the hospital will look to expand the number of patient and family advisors with the goal of having one on each of their individual unit teams.

Delahunt said that the hospital has roughly 13 patient and family advisors and is looking to double the number within the next year.

"As a patient family advisor, I believe that

with this strategic plan, our hospital will continue to improve patient care and patient family experience by creating an environment where patients and families feel truly

valued and heard," said Pat Spencer.

The 2024-2029 Strategic Plan is available to view on the Headwaters Hospital website at [www.headwatershealth.ca](http://www.headwatershealth.ca).

## Town seeking resident feedback on land use, parking

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon is surveying residents about illegal land use in the municipality, and a new parking strategy in Southfields Village.

### Illegal Land use

On April 8, the Town launched

an online survey about illegal land use on its civic engagement website, [haveyoursaycaledon.ca](http://haveyoursaycaledon.ca). The survey will be available until April 26.

Town staff said input from residents will help support enforcement initiatives around illegal land use — specifically with regards to illegal trucking operations.

Caledon launched an "Illegal

Land Use Task Force" in 2019 to address what staff call growing land-use issues related to the parking and storage of tractor-trailers and commercial vehicles.

"In the last few years, more than 300 properties in Caledon have been investigated for potential illegal truck storage violations," said staff in a media release.

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**COLLISION INVESTIGATION CONTINUES**

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) continue to investigate a fail to remain collision where two pedestrians were hit.

“On November 21, 2023, shortly after 5:30 p.m., officers responded to two injured pedestrians on Albion Vaughan Road, near Queensgate Boulevard,” say Police. “It was reported that both were walking southbound at approximately 4:30 p.m., when they were hit from behind by a vehicle. A 14-year-old male sustained minor injuries and a 16-year-old female sustained life-threatening injuries. Both parties are expected to make a full recovery.”

“While at scene, investigators collected crucial evidence, inclusive of an after-market right side mirror, believed to have been from an early-2000’s model light brown or grey Toyota Camry or Corolla. It is important to note, the vehicle would have also sustained damage to the front right corner and headlight area.”

The Caledon OPP are encouraging the driver and any passengers to come forward and speak with investigators regarding the collision.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 905-584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [www.peel-crimestoppers.ca](http://www.peel-crimestoppers.ca). When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

**IMPAIRED CHARGES**

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged five different motorists with alcohol related offences between March 27 and March 30, 2024.

“On March 27, 2024, Caledon OPP officers were conducting a RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot check near Highway 410 and Valleywood Boulevard, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “Just after 11:00 p.m., a vehicle entered the area and officers subsequently formed grounds that driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and they were arrested.”

As a result, Harsis Tiwana, 32, of Mississauga, was charged with:

- Failure or refusal to comply with demand

The accused was held in police custody for a bail hearing, to answer to the charges.

The charge has not been proven.

“On March 28, 2024, shortly after 10:30 p.m., officers located a two-vehicle collision on Highway 10, near The Grange Sideroad, in the Town of Caledon. No injuries were reported. During the course of the investigation, officers formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result of the investigation, Karl Tubera, 25, of Mississauga, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Novice driver - blood alcohol concentration above zero.

The charges have not been proven.

“On March 29, 2024, just before 3:00 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop while patrolling the area of Charleston Sideroad and Airport Road, in the Town of Caledon. Officers formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, Koree Wait, 32, of Milton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Having care or control of a motor vehicle with liquor readily available.

The charges have not been proven.

“On March 29, 2024, just before 7:00 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop while patrolling the area of Mayfield Road and Chinguacousy Road, in the Town of Caledon. Officers formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, Aleena Arshad, 34, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Novice driver - blood alcohol concentration above zero.

The charges have not been proven.

“On March 30, 2024, just before 3:00 a.m., Caledon OPP received a report from a motorist expressing concern as to how a motor vehicle was being operated. Officers located the vehicle on Airport Road, near Old School Road, in the Town of Caledon. Officers formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, Andre Brown, 29, of Hamilton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;

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

The charges have not been proven.

Four of the five drivers have been scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on April 18, 2024, to answer to their charges. Additionally, all five drivers had their vehicles impounded for a period of seven days, and their driver’s licence suspended for a period of 90 days.

“On April 3, 2024, just before 12:00 a.m., Caledon OPP officers conducted a traffic stop upon a motor vehicle, while patrolling the area of Airport Road and Olde Base Line Road, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “Officers formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, David Baldwin, 48, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Novice driver - blood alcohol concentration above zero.

The charges have not been proven.

“On April 7, 2024, shortly after 12:00 a.m., Caledon OPP officers conducted a traffic stop upon a motor vehicle, while patrolling the area of Mayfield Road and McLaughlin Road, in the Town of Caledon. Officers formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, Gurwinder Dhaliwal, 24, of Brampton, was charged with:

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

The charge has not been proven.

Both drivers are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on April 25, 2024, to answer to the charges. Additionally, both vehicles were impounded for a period of seven days, and their driver’s licence suspended for a period of 90 days.

“The OPP remains committed to keeping our communities safe through enforcement and public education. Drivers who are impaired by drugs or alcohol continue to pose a significant threat on Ontario roads. Whether a driver is impaired by alcohol or drugs, impaired is impaired, and impaired driving is dangerous regardless of the source of impairment. Ontario has a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to driver’s consuming alcohol that are; age 21 years or younger, a driver of any age who holds a G1, G2, M1, or M2 licence, or driving a vehicle that requires an A-F driver’s licence or Commercial Vehicle Operator’s Registration (CVOR).”

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

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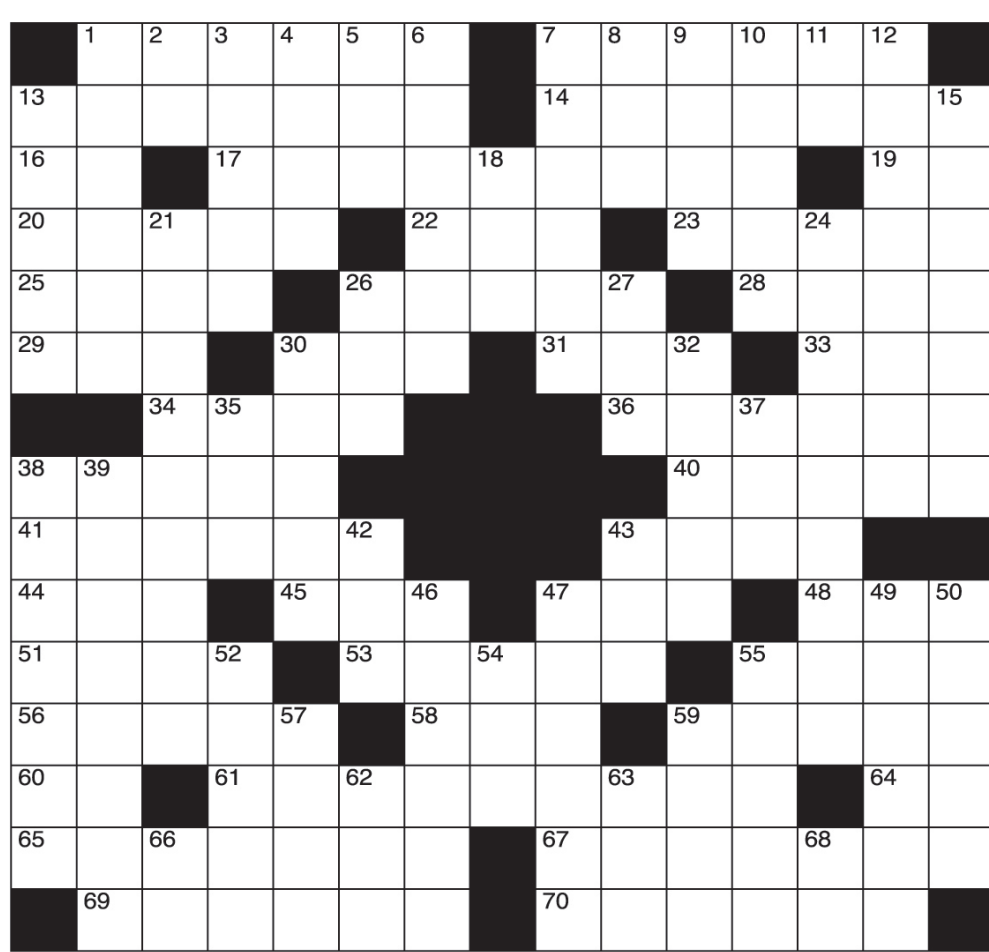
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  19. Military policeman
  20. Ornamental stone
  22. Garland
  23. Process that produces ammonia
  25. Mousses
  26. Music notation “dal \_”
  28. Fail to win
  29. Peyton’s little brother
  30. Not near
  31. Some cars still need it
  33. Lizard genus
  34. An idiot (Brit.)
  36. Postponed
  38. African country
  40. Gazes unpleasantly
  41. In a way, traveled
  43. Ukraine’s capital
  44. Appropriate
  45. Dash
  47. Twitch
  48. Swiss river
  51. Data file with computer animations
  53. City in S. Korea
  55. Particular region
  56. They have eyes and noses
  58. Tear
  59. Large Madagascan lemur
  60. Not out
  61. Ornamental saddle covering
  64. A driver’s license is one
  65. Latin term for charity
  67. Rechristens
  69. Objects from an earlier time
  70. Hindu male religious teachers
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Used as a weapon
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  3. Makes a map of
  4. An established ceremony prescribed by a religion
  5. Unnilhexium
  6. Merchant
  7. Playing the field
  8. Folk singer DiFranco
  9. Something to scratch
  10. Mexican agave
  11. Equal to one quintillion bytes
  12. Session
  13. North American people
  15. Ranches
  18. Electroencephalograph
  21. A type of compound
  24. Avenue
  26. High schoolers’ test
  27. A type of meal
  30. Gradually disappeared
  32. Ancient Frankish law code
  35. Popular pickup truck
  37. Buzzing insect
  38. Deal illegally
  39. Lying in the same plane
  42. Obstruct
  43. Related
  46. Challenge aggressively
  47. Nocturnal hoofed animals
  49. Bird’s nests
  50. Forays
  52. \_\_\_ B. de Mille, filmmaker
  54. Title of respect
  55. One-time name of Vietnam
  57. Self-immolation by fire ritual
  59. Private school in New York
  62. Political action committee
  63. A way to fashion
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# Mental health, bereavement supports for first responders announced by MPP Jones

BY BROCK WEIR  
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INITIATIVE REPORTER

More than \$3 million will be invested by the Ontario government to support families of first responders and public safety personnel who are killed in the line of duty or have died by suicide, said Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones at an Aurora announcement on Friday morning.

Minister Jones outlined funding for the Ontario Immediate Family Wellness Program at Central York Fire Services' Station 4-5 on April 5.

Before members of the local fire department, York Regional Police, and other first responders, Jones, who also serves as Minister of Health and MPP For Dufferin Caledon, said Ontario's first responders go "above and beyond every day, sometimes putting their lives on the line to provide safety, care and

support" across the Province.

"Through our government's investment in this new program, we are ensuring that loved ones of fallen paramedics, and all first responders, have access to the compassionate supports they need to begin their journey towards healing."

The new program will allow family members to access mental health services like crisis support, counselling, and therapy online or over the phone. Services will be offered through a three-step care model which will include, "professionals who provide crisis and care planning 24-hours a day, seven days a week; comprehensive mental health services, including rapid access to counselling; and proactive care that supports families regardless of location or services required."

"Families of our first responders and public safety personnel face unique mental health and addictions challenges when coping with the death of a loved one in the line of duty," said Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of

Mental Health and Addictions, in a statement. "The new Ontario Immediate Family Wellness Program will provide reliable services to families of our frontline heroes who lost their lives while on duty or by suicide. This program aligns with our Roadmap to Wellness plan which is treating mental health with the seriousness it deserves and building a world-class mental health and addictions system."

On behalf of police officers, John Cerasuolo, President of the OPP Police Association said the trauma and grief from a death in the line of duty or a member suicide is far reaching within and beyond the traditional family.

"In dealing with the loved ones left behind, we often learn of people deeply impacted who are not immediate family, many who are not covered under traditional benefit plans for professional services," he said. "We welcome the creation of a program to help the people closest to our members and thank the Ontario government for the additional support to help

all loved ones of our members to grieve and heal from unspeakable tragedies."

Added Greg Horton, President of the Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association: "First responders are routinely exposed to disasters and emergencies that often leave an imprint. Firefighters struggle with mental illness and suicide rates at levels that are much higher than what is found in the general population. It is estimated that suicide is three times more likely to happen in a fire department than a line of duty death. In the wake of a line of duty death or suicide, the family and friends of the victim often experience great loss and grief, with little support or counselling. We applaud this government for not only investing in firefighter health and safety, but for taking the necessary steps to care for the ones left behind when tragedy strikes."

The news was welcomed by announcement host, Acting CYFS Fire Chief Rocco Volpe, who said he was "moved" by support from Queen's Park in "addressing the mental health challenges that affect the families of our fallen public safety heroes."

"This funding represents a pledge to the journey of healing and well-being of the families that have already sacrificed so much," he said. "This support acknowledges the unique burdens our families bear and underscores our collective commitment to their well-being as they navigate this difficult journey. Together, we're providing unwavering support and commitment that will echo through our organizations for future generations of first responders."

## Council voted on whether to opt in to allowing the stores at an April 9 meeting

Continued from FRONT

A similar survey conducted by the Town in 2019 found that 52 per cent of residents supported allowing cannabis stores, while 43 per cent were against them and three per cent were undecided. 602 people participated in that survey.

Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan said neighbouring municipalities that have opted in and allowed cannabis stores have seen negative ramifications from the decision. She said she doesn't like how once a municipality opts in to allowing the stores, they can't choose to opt out again.

"I'm not against cannabis... but I don't think we need shops in Caledon," said Kiernan.

Regional Councillor Mario Russo said he doesn't like how the Province

would be in charge of everything surrounding the stores. Municipalities do not have jurisdiction, enforcement or licensing authority in the retail cannabis industry — this is all under the control of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission and the police.

"It takes away the autonomy of the municipality to decide certain bylaw restrictions that we're allowed with every other business out there," said Russo.

Ward 4 Councillor Nick de Boer said the residents he's been speaking to haven't said they want Caledon to opt in to allowing cannabis stores.

Maskell said he believes a cannabis store is a business just like any other and should be treated as such. He said the market for the stores would regulate itself.

"If they're selling a product that

people want, then they'll stay in business. If they're not selling a product that people want then they'll go out of business," he said. "We're missing the boat because we're not actually looking at this in the way it needs to be looked at, which is a purely business decision. I'm shocked that we're actually turning business away in this Town and turning away places that would rent a store."

Maskell said Caledon residents are purchasing cannabis anyways in other municipalities.

"Why don't we bring it here and allow people in Caledon to purchase a legal product in their community?" he asked.

Council's decision to continue to not allow retail cannabis stores will come up for final approval at Council's April 30 meeting.

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## Library will now get the \$50,000 it requested to create plan

Continued from FRONT

Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan, Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen, Ward 4 Councillor Nick de Boer, and Regional Councillor Christina Early were against cutting the strategic plan from the budget at the time.

Napoli, Maskell, Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa, Regional Councillor Mario Russo, and Mayor Annette Groves supported cutting the strategic plan from the budget at the February 14 meeting.

At the April 6 session, Kiernan said she was happy to see Napoli bring the strategic plan item back for consideration.

"I'm happy to support this, I was very much in favour of this the first time around," said Kiernan.

Russo said he was also happy to see it brought back. He said during budget time, Councillors are trying to find efficiencies, but since then it became clear how important the strategic plan was to the CPL.

"We want to make sure that we're being as efficient as possible, but we don't want to be creating shortfalls or challenges for our community groups," said Russo.

At the April 9 meeting, Council unanimously voted to fund the CPL's strategic plan.

Back in February, CPL CEO Colleen Lipp explained the strategic plan is an essential part of the CPL board's governance of library actions.

"What we are looking to do with the assistance of consultants is cater a plan that is specific to the needs of Caledon," said Lipp. "The comprehensive growth plan is that long range vision, the strategic plan is the baby steps that allow us to ultimately get there in a manner that is effective and efficient."

## Democracy Caledon to host meeting on Mayor's housing decision

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A group of Caledon residents are concerned about a recent mayoral decision.

Democracy Caledon, a volunteer group made up of citizens with a long record of civic engagement, is planning to host a citizens' forum at 6 p.m. on April 17 at St. James Anglican Church in Caledon East (6025 Old Church Road). All are welcome to attend.

There, they will discuss Mayor Annette Groves' March 26 decision to advance zoning bylaws for 12 development applications slated to bring 35,000 housing units to Caledon over time.

Groves issued the decision using her provincially-appointed Strong Mayor powers. There will be a single public meeting held by the Town about the 12 applications on April 25. They will then come to Caledon Council at its April 30 meeting, where they will be approved if one-third of Councillors support Groves' decision.

In a written statement, Democracy Caledon volunteers said the decision is an affront to the democratic process and good planning.

"Caledon is at a pivotal crossroads and its residents are on the precipice of losing any say in how the Town is planned and governed," said the volunteers.

Debbe Crandall, a member of Democracy Caledon, said the group felt they had to speak up

after Groves' recent decision.

"This advanced rezoning, I'm calling it a Strong Mayor's zoning order," said Crandall. "It cuts out all public consultation... it's so worrying."

Crandall said she's very concerned the applications can be approved if only one third of Councillors support them.

"We have to stand up and say to Mayor Groves, 'this is not right'," said Crandall.

She said she hopes the upcoming citizens' forum will get people talking about the recent mayoral decision and sharing the news with their friends and family. Crandall said Democracy Caledon wants to get as many people engaged as possible.

"If we fill that Council chamber and get enough people asking questions, maybe, just maybe, (Groves) might say, 'We're rushing things too much here'," said Crandall. "What's the rush? Please explain to us why you are doing this."

In their statement, Democracy Caledon volunteers said there are many unsettling questions that remain unanswered as a result of Groves' decision.

"At stake here is not just that these developments will proceed with little citizen input, but that Mayor Groves is willing to use these Strong Mayor powers in the first place," they said.

Democracy Caledon volunteers said the purpose of their April 17 forum is to create aware-

ness of Groves' decision, move people to action, and present options that might be able to influence Caledon Council's decision on the 12 applications. There will also be a question-and-answer session at the forum.

"This is a critical issue of concern to all residents, no matter what part of Caledon they live in," said Democracy Caledon volunteers in their statement. "If Strong Mayor powers can be used to push through development in one area, those same powers can be used in other areas."

Groves previously told The Citizen she made the decision to get ahead of growth and take a proactive approach to development.

Town of Caledon staff said Groves' decision is expected to expedite planning procedures by one to two years for the 12 development applications, which are generally in the areas of Mayfield West, Tullamore, Alloa, Wildfield and Bolton.

"This is to streamline the process... having said that, this is not a final approval... there are holding provisions within the bylaws," said Groves, adding the development applications will still have to go through a secondary planning process.

The Town's public meeting about the applications is being held at 7 p.m. on April 25 and residents can attend it online at [caledon.ca](http://caledon.ca) or in person at Caledon Town Hall (6311 Old Church Road).

## Town seeking resident feedback on land use, parking

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Staff said illegal land use in Caledon is causing damage to sensitive soil and water; resulting in farmland being paved over; increases in air, noise, and light pollution; increasing large-truck traffic on residential roads; making Caledon look unwelcoming; impacting property values; and discouraging potential residents from moving to Caledon.

The town's survey asks residents a number of questions, including how illegal land use has impacted them and their community.

Caledon's municipal law enforcement staff will host a workshop for Caledon Council on May 1 to discuss illegal land use in Caledon and the next steps they will be taking. The town is also encouraging residents to report sus-

pected illegal trucking operations whenever they see them. Residents who see a property where they believe trucks are being illegally, improperly, or unsafely stored can contact Service Caledon by calling 311 or emailing [info@caledon.ca](mailto:info@caledon.ca)

### Southfields Village Parking Strategy

On April 5, Town staff announced that they had initiated a parking strategy study for the community of Southfields Village.

Town staff said Southfields Village is a relatively-new community that has a high auto dependency, and therefore an increasing demand for additional parking.

"This high demand for residential parking has resulted in an increase in on-street parking, vehicles being parked on boulevards overhanging onto sidewalks or roadways, widening driveways, paving front yards, and removing

landscaping to be used as additional parking spaces, which negatively affects the community," said Staff in a statement.

Staff said the Town is looking to develop a parking strategy to minimize negative effects in the Southfields Village community. Staff said a study will be undertaken to assess demand and identify actions to take to address increased demand for parking.

During the study process, residents are invited to share their feedback on parking in Southfields Village by completing a survey on the Town's civic engagement website, [haveyoursaycaledon.ca](http://haveyoursaycaledon.ca).

The Town will also host two public open houses on the issue, though the dates and times of the open houses have yet to be announced.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

# Proposed Zoning By-law Amendments

Pursuant to the direction of the Mayor delivered at the regular meeting of Council on March 26, 2024, a Public Meeting will be held to consider twelve (12) proposed Zoning By-law Amendments that, in the opinion of the Mayor and Council, would advance the provincial housing priority of building 1.5 million new residential units by December 2031, and Caledon's Housing Pledge to meet the target of 13,000 new homes by 2031

RZ 2024-0008 (A1 on the map)	RZ 2024-0007 (A7 on the map)
RZ 2024-0013 (A2 on the map)	RZ 2024-0006 (A8 on the map)
RZ 2024-0010 (A3 on the map)	RZ 2024-0004 (A9 on the map)
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RZ 2024-0009 (A5 on the map)	RZ 2024-0005 (A11 on the map)
RZ 2024-0012 (A6 on the map)	RZ 2024-0011 (A12 on the map)

**Meeting Date:** April 25, 2024  
**Public Meeting Start Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Meeting Location:** Council Chamber, Town Hall, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon.

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**HOW TO PARTICIPATE:**

- Attend In-Person: Members of the public may register to delegate in-person and speak to an item listed on the agenda or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting.
- Submit a Written Comment: Members of the public may submit a written comment regarding the proposed application(s) by completing the Participation Request Form, available at [www.caledon.ca/speak-at-council](http://www.caledon.ca/speak-at-council)
- Virtually: Members of the public are welcome to participate via phone or WebEx Meeting upon request. For more information on how to participate, please visit [www.caledon.ca/notice](http://www.caledon.ca/notice) or contact the Planning Department. Please note that there are deadlines by which the request to participate need to be made.

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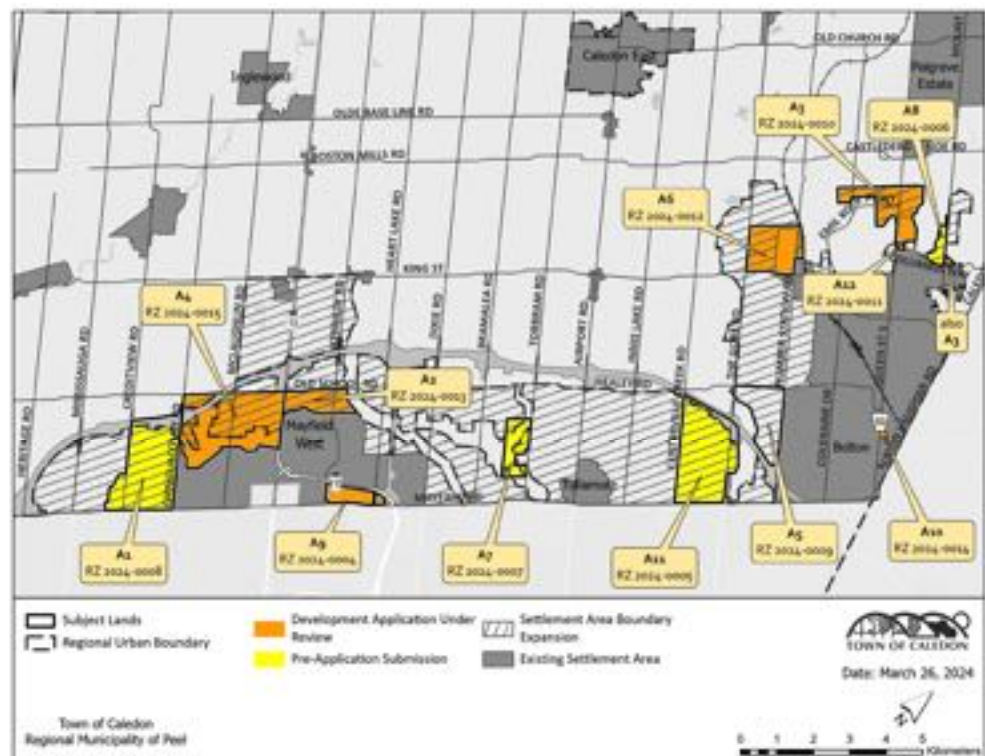
- Submitting written correspondence as soon as possible to [agenda@caledon.ca](mailto:agenda@caledon.ca) and [planning@caledon.ca](mailto:planning@caledon.ca) for consideration during the Public Meeting. Please note that all other written comments are due no later than 12:00pm on Friday April 26, 2024 and will form part of the public record.
- Booking an appointment to visit Town Hall to speak with Planning staff. Visit [caledon.ca/development](http://caledon.ca/development) for more information.

**LOCATION:**

There are twelve (12) sites the subject of a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, illustrated on the map below and numbered A1 to A12 (the "Subject Lands"). The Subject Lands are either within the existing Town of Caledon settlement area or in the settlement area boundary expansion in the Council adopted Future Caledon Official Plan.

**PROPOSED CHANGES:**

The Zoning By-law Amendments propose to rezone the Subject Lands into an appropriate residential mixed use zone category to facilitate the future development of residential lots, residential mixed-use buildings and commercial uses together with the protection of environmental policy areas. While each of the Zoning By-law Amendments proposes its own specific range of zone categories, in general terms the purpose and intent of the amendments is to re-zone the Subject Lands from the existing uses, which includes Agricultural, Small Agricultural Holdings, Environmental Policy Area 2, Rural Residential, Institutional, Bolton Highway Commercial and General Commercial to appropriate zone categories to facilitate future development, including Mixed Density Residential, Environmental Policy Area 1, Urban Corridor, Neighbourhood Centre, Multiple Residential, and General Commercial.



\*The illustration is a conceptual plan for information purposes and it is subject to change. The proposed Zoning By-laws are currently under review by the Town of Caledon and its consultants.

**FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENTS:**

The Town of Caledon has retained the services of outside legal and planning consultants to assist with the Zoning By-law Amendments being proposed. If you have questions about the proposed zoning, please contact either:

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Zoning By-law (O.Reg. 545/06)

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Town of Caledon to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Caledon before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Caledon before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so. For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and additional information and material, please visit [www.caledon.ca/notices](http://www.caledon.ca/notices) or contact the Town Clerk via Email: [info@caledon.ca](mailto:info@caledon.ca) or Tel: 905-584-2272 ext. 2366 from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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**Notice Date:** April 4, 2024



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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

# Proposed Draft Plan of Condominium Application

**FILE NUMBER(S):** 21CDM-24001C

**Related File Number:** 21CDM-21002C, 21CDM-21003C, and SPA 2018-0078

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

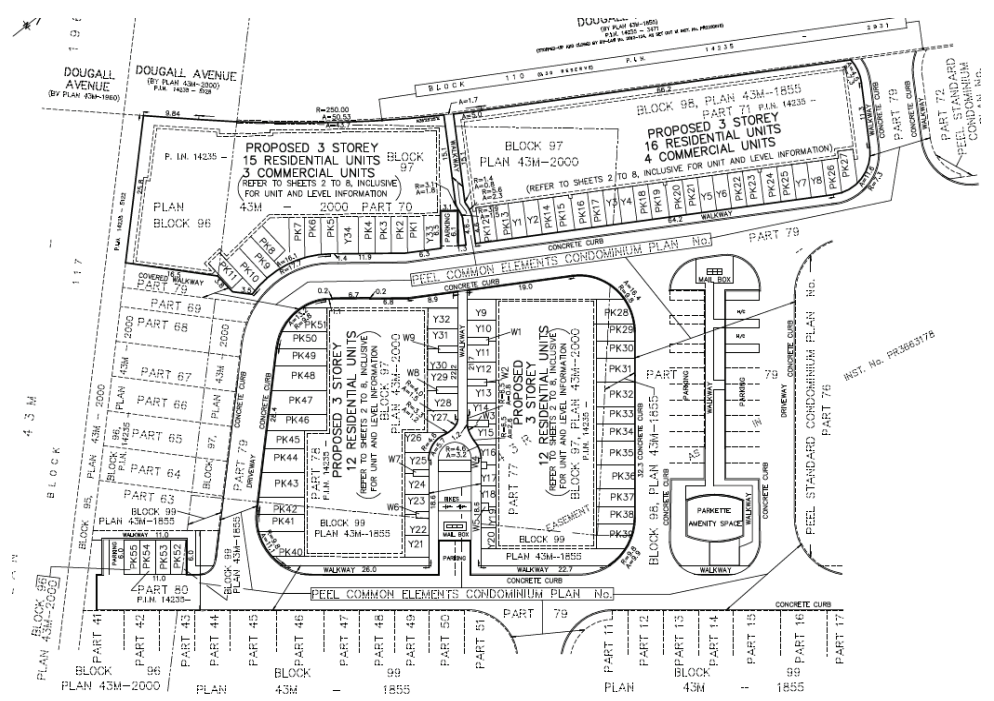
**APPLICANT:**

Glen Schnarr and Associates Inc. on behalf of Cedarcove Developments Inc.

**LOCATION:**

0 Kennedy Road  
 Blocks 98 and 99 on Plan 43M-1855 and Blocks 96 and 97 on Plan 43M-2000  
 South-West Corner of Kennedy Road and Dougall Avenue

Ward 2



**PROPOSED CHANGES:**

To establish one draft plan of condominium as follows:

- A standard plan of condominium with parcels of tied land to establish 24 townhouses, 22 townhouse units in the mixed-use building, 9 apartment-style units, 7 commercial units, parking spaces and exclusive use spaces.

A copy of the proposed draft plans and related site plan can be viewed by visiting [www.caledon.ca/notices](http://www.caledon.ca/notices) or by contacting the Planning & Development Department at the [planning@caledon.ca](mailto:planning@caledon.ca) or 905.584.2272 x. 7338.

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## Cosmic Common Sense

Some people, at this particular snapshot in time, might think I'm a bit foolish for writing this week's column before the noon hour on Monday.

As far as Mondays go, this one is generally pretty run-of-the-mill.

Although a bit cool for my taste, there's nothing particularly distinguishable about it. Sure, we had glorious sunshine and warmth on Sunday, but there's nothing particularly surprising about April clouds; after all, those April showers that are supposed to beget May flowers need to come from somewhere – no matter how diligent you are with your garden hose or lawn sprinkler.

In fact, the only thing that really distinguishes this April Monday from the one that kick-started the month, aside from the prescribed tomfoolery that is a hallmark of April 1, is the countdown to this afternoon's solar eclipse.

Eclipses both solar and lunar have, of course, been part of our everyday lives throughout our recorded history, and naturally, long before that.

Excitement was in the air for the last solar eclipse I covered for our newspapers, but truth be told the interest in this one, despite the less-than-favourable forecast, is something else again.

While this eclipse is rarer than most of us have seen before, people are travelling far distances for the chance to see... something.

Hotels in a city in upstate New York where we have been taking an annual family holiday for decades raised their room rates by nearly 300 per cent to reap the benefits of eclipse-seekers.

Students in many jurisdictions had the day off of school ostensibly to take it all in – safely, under the watchful eyes of their parents and away from any school liability should a student happen to look up without protective gear.

Whatever is propelling people in this direction, it was a feeling that was certainly catching, and, with just a few hours to go before the darkness temporarily settles in, the excitement is still there regardless of the fact the weather will render the experience to little more than someone bumping into a dimmer switch when they're leaving the room.

In some quarters, however, there is a degree of trepidation.

Despite these astrological phenomena occurring with measurable and consistent regularity since humankind developed the ability to measure such things, there have been those who have taken the stage, playing directly to the balcony, that this eclipse is everything from a "man-made effort to control the weather," to a fabricated way for some mysterious entity or group thereof to test any kind of nefarious form of government or government-related measure, to nothing short of a harbinger for at least one of the horsemen of the apocalypse.

These claims, of course, are being fettered by the festering world of social media and echo chambers that are becoming and less and less extricable part of the world.

Many of those who offer such outlandish viewpoints do so through a very political lens and as a means to an end. Through their unfounded bluster and their attempts to validate the viewpoints of their followers in a bid to amass followers, they're foregoing any opportunity to inform or educate because, let's be real, that's not what their followers are there for.

Run-of-the-mill astronomy might seem dull in comparison to a government plot or a coming rapture. People want the excitement, the drama, the feeling of having the inside track – even if

they are being wilfully led down the garden path.

It is a win-win for the follower and the influencer, I suppose, but an unfortunate dent in our society. And it's a win-win for the misinformation peddler, too; if nothing happens, they can simply move the goalposts and blame whatever entity, fictional or otherwise, for getting in the way of their forecast coming to pass.

It wasn't all that long ago when most people entering public life, whether they were a politician, an educator, or anyone with a pulpit, did so to, as the old saying went, "win the hearts and minds of the people." Increasingly, however, it feels that it's less of a matter of winning hearts and minds than meeting those hearts and minds where they live and even governing one's self accordingly.

Maybe I'm old fashioned, but I've never been one to vote for someone at any level of government solely because I could see myself sitting down with them for a beer and chin wag.

Don't get me wrong, face-to-face voter engagement is invaluable, but my vote has always gone to (a) the person or party that best represents the direction I would like to see the community, province or country move over the duration of the job they're applying for, and/or (b) the person that's best equipped to deliver on that vision. If the promise is status quo, or looking in the rear-view mirror, why bother?

It's important to recognize that no one candidate can do it alone. No one person is the elusive magic bullet that can solve all the ills they've identified. Instead, it's essential that in addition to the skills, experiences and gifts they bring to the table themselves, they surround themselves with the people who have the skills, experienced and gifts needed to fill in the gaps – including experts and people with relevant knowledge.

To this end, I was dismayed, and even bewildered, by an email from the Conservative Party of Canada last week deriding just that.

"We aren't going to be taking advice from so-called 'experts,'" they boasted. "Those are the same 'experts' who were telling us that inflation was 'transitory' and interest rates would stay low forever! Now, these 'experts' are living comfortably while forcing a 23 per cent hike on Canadians already struggling to pay the bills.

"We are done listening to the so-called 'experts.' Conservatives will always listen to the common sense of the common people."

Listening is always important, particularly to electors – although I am still unsure just who they mean by "the common people" – but it doesn't have to be at the expense of experts, no matter what the political football of the day is. (In this case, the football in question was carbon pricing) They have put in the hard work, they have invaluable knowledge to impart, knowledge that used to be placed at a much higher value than it is today, alas, and any decision that is made in a vacuum is almost always a terrible one.

On a day like today, I'm more than happy to listen to the so-called experts – here, meteorologists and astronomers – that have been tracking movements in our solar system for millennia in favour of preparing for any of the doomsday scenarios being perpetuated by certain elements masquerading as "common sense," something which feels in shorter and shorter supply these days.

If you're reading this, congrats on coming through to the other side with me.

Now, let's get back to work celebrating facts, knowledge, and true common sense.



## Fate, choice, destiny or divine intervention?

by Mark Pavilons



we're helpless, at the whim of fate? Or is there more to it?

We always question ourselves and wonder what would have happened if we said yes instead of no, if we veered left instead of right.

Some contend it would make no difference; what was pre-destined would not have changed one iota.

The "law" contends that what happens is the only thing that could have happened and it had to have been so in order for us to learn that lesson and move on.

"Each and every one of the situations that happen to us in our lives are perfect, even if our mind and our ego resist and do not want to accept it."

Wow. That's a lot to digest.

I'm not totally sold on this, but one has to wonder why certain things happened.

My father-in-law was in a serious car accident many years ago. That morning, he left the house, but turned around because he forgot his wallet. Had he not done so, he would have missed the oncoming car entirely. Or so we're led to believe.

My daughter recently received a great career opportunity, through a series of coincidences and interactions. Again, were these meant to happen?

What about lottery winners? What brought them into the store at that exact moment to purchase a winning ticket?

The third "law" states: "Anytime it starts is the right time."

Everything starts at the right time, neither before nor after. When we are ready for something new to start in our lives, that is when it will begin.

Again, I am floored by this assumption. Of course, every adventure starts with that very important first step, and a motivation. We may not know the direction we're headed, but we sure want to go, as affirmed by Seuss's "Oh, the Places You'll Go!"

"You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So...get on your way!"

And, as always, the final law attests "when something ends, it ends."

Just like that. If something ended in our lives, it is for our evolution, therefore it is better to leave it, move on and advance, already enriched by that experience.

Seems obvious, and yet we humans often have trouble moving on – from relationships, sorrow and grief and loss of any kind.

Humans push boundaries and we're not satisfied when someone says it's the end, or it's over. But some things just end. They just do, often too soon.

Are these things, incidents, occurrences, experiences meant to go on forever? No. What's important is what we take away, what we embrace and learn from everything we encounter, good, bad and ugly.

If we must look back, keep one foot on the gas, I say.

I think these "laws" or statements are aimed at helping us understand that life is a very amazing thing. It's beautiful, wonderful and also confusing, painful and depressing at times.

If every snowflake falls just where it's intended, then we humans should be assured that all is right in the world.

I'm with Forrest Gump when he noted: "I don't know if we each have a destiny, or if we're all just floatin' around accidental-like on a breeze. But I, I think maybe it's both."

Perhaps, everything is just as it should be.

## Our Readers Write

### School bus cameras needed: reader

I understand there was supposed to be cameras on all school busses in Peel and activated when the bus is stopped, red lights activated and the stop sign out on the bus. The cameras would capture all traffic in front and behind the bus and would record anyone not stopping for the bus.

I live on a very busy area of Dixie Road just North of Mayfield and I am usually out with my son as he gets his five- and seven-year-old boys on and off the bus every morning at 8.40 a.m. and afternoon at 4 p.m.

We have witnesses many cars and trucks failing to even slowdown when the bus is stopped and all lights flashing. And we were so glad to hear about these cameras coming and now so disappointed to hear they are not.

If it is a budget issue, put a price on our children.

And this morning was the absolute worst, as a short school bus was southbound on Dixie and our bus was in the northbound lane of Dixie, stopped, all lights flashing and this bus blew by us without even slowing. This was very dangerous, and after it passed my son crossed the street with his boys and got them on the bus where our bus driver said this is not the first time a bus from this company has blown by a stopped school bus.

Solution, reconsider those cameras we were promised.

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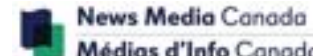
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## I'm the tax man

*"If you drive a car, I'll tax the street,  
If you try to sit, I'll tax your seat,  
If you get too cold, I'll tax the heat,  
If you take a walk, I'll tax your feet."*

In case you don't recognize those lyrics, they are from the song Taxman, written by George Harrison and released on the Beatles album "Revolver" in 1966.

At the time, the Beatles were making a lot of money, and most of it was disappearing in taxes thanks to the progressive tax system in the U.K. at the time.

I've never understood why people who make more money must pay more of a percentage of their money in taxes. Why is a person penalized for being successful?

The thought process by the government is, if you make more, you can afford to pay more of a percentage of your earnings.

If there is going to be an income tax, it should be a fair, across the board rate.

Several years ago, a poverty group in Toronto staged a protest in the Forest Hill neighbourhood.

For some reason, they decided to protest

against affluent people who had a lot of money, and blame them for others not having as much.

The protest pretty much fell flat, because it made no sense to blame others for being successful.

One home owner, who wasn't too happy about having protesters in front of his house blaming him for their situation, had a good response.

He stated, that he and his neighbours, were wealthy because they worked hard for 30 years building a business, and also employed a lot of people who relied on them to feed their families.

Taxes are necessary to keep our society functioning and pay for things like roads, parks, infrastructure, defence, and government programs.

However, there comes a point where you are just crushing your citizens under the tax burden.

You are taxed before you even collect your pay cheque when your basic income is reduced by taxes before the money is even in your bank account. And that's just the start of it.

Everything you do, just to live, is taxed in some way or another.

Buy a car to get to work? You'll pay 13 per cent extra on that vehicle, then pay taxes on the

required insurance, tax on auto repairs to keep it running, and a huge amount of tax just to put gas in the tank – and you haven't even driven to work yet.

You're taxed on the home you live in, the insurance you pay to protect it, and all necessary repairs to keep a roof over your head. You are even taxed on a lot of food items. Why is there a tax on a hamburger just because someone else prepared it for you? You still have to eat regardless of where the food comes from. Then the business that sold the hamburger is taxed on the few dollars they made for putting a slice of tomato and some lettuce on that burger.

Then there's the hidden taxes you probably don't even know about.

During race season, I enjoy going to Woodbine Race Track to watch the thoroughbreds compete. I don't bet a lot, but I know enough about it to come out even or a few bucks ahead every week.

Every time a bet is placed at a racetrack, the government gets a piece of the action through the provincial Race Track Tax. Every bet has a percentage deducted by the race track and paid in tax.

You're being taxed on something that may or may not happen in your favour, and produces no real product. You're being taxed for having some fun.

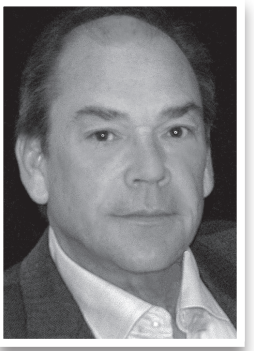
Then there are the huge taxes on things like liquor, beer, and tobacco, called "sin-taxes." That's why a bottle of Jack Daniels is so expensive. It seems your rate of punishment is determined by how much you enjoy something.

Canada is a wealthy nation with much of the government's income coming directly from its residents.

For the most part, those taxes are spent responsibly and there are enough checks and balances to make sure those dollars are well spent.

However, it is still the responsibility of all of us to be aware of government spending and how all of our money is used.

When we are paying as much tax as we are, it is every citizen's responsibility to be aware of where that money goes.



**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW

## Want to fix the economy? Start by fixing our tax system

For most Canadians, April is the time of year when frustration and anger over our convoluted, loophole-ridden tax system is at its highest.

For those looking for tax relief this year, there's not much hope. On the contrary, Canadians got hit with several tax hikes earlier this month, including payroll tax increases and an increase to the carbon tax levied on gas and home heating fuel.

Those hoping for simpler, easier-to-fill-out forms will also be disappointed. With each passing year, the tax system gets more complicated, with new forms and new layers of tax credits for everyone from remote workers to families who add a second living unit to their home.

Everyone knows the tax system is broken and needs to be fixed, but nothing ever gets done to make it simpler, fairer and easier.

Over the years Canada's personal income tax code has swelled in size and gotten more complex with thousands of mind-boggling passages like the following:

"Subsection 18.1(10) applies where (a) a tax-

payer's particular right to receive production to which a matchable expenditure (other than an expenditure no portion of which would, if this section were read without reference to subsections 18.1(7) and 18.1(10), be deductible under subsection 18.1(3) in computing the taxpayer's income) relates has expired or the taxpayer has disposed of all of the right (otherwise than in a disposition to which subsection 87(1) or 88(1) applies)."

As the example above shows, the current tax system is far too tangled to ever unknot. It needs to be scrapped and replaced with something far less complicated.

In terms of personal income, I would create a dead-simple, black-and-white income tax formula with a clear progression in tax rates. Like the current system, those making more would pay more. The main difference, however, is there would be no loopholes or write-offs, and the tax rates would be much lower for the majority of Canadians.

Come tax filing time, to figure out how much you owe, all you would need are two numbers –

the tax rate for your income bracket and the exact amount of income you earned.

The end result of this proposed reform is that our personal income tax system would be straightforward, clear-cut and easy to understand. Most Canadians would pay less. And because of the elimination of all exemptions, loopholes and write-offs, the very rich would end up paying more.

I would further overhaul the tax system by undertaking a number of other major reforms.

The most important of these would apply to small businesses, the main drivers of economic prosperity and job creation in Canada. I propose completely eliminating corporate income tax for small businesses with fewer than 300 employees.

For large and medium-sized companies with more than 300 employees, I would replace the current corporate income tax with a corporate sales tax and eliminate all deductions, tax credits and exemptions. The new tax rate would be somewhere between two to eight percent and would be applied only on annual sales.

The one guiding principle with all of these tax reforms is simplify, simplify, simplify.

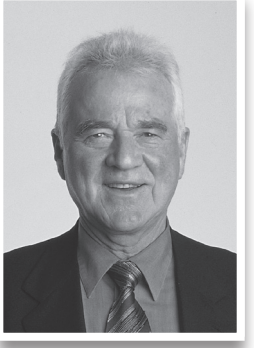
The proposed reforms, if enacted, would also make our tax system fairer. Instead of doling out breaks to the rich and other special interests, the system would provide badly needed tax relief to the average working Canadian and small businesses.

If we want to get our economy firing on all cylinders, we need to first fix our tax system.

To learn more about how we can improve Canada's economy and increase living standards, email me at [info@economiccharter.ca](mailto:info@economiccharter.ca).

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## Climate: The Anomaly

It was bound to happen sometime, and the time could well be now. We know that when there was strong warming on our planet (like at the end of the last Ice Age around 11,000 years ago), there were sudden big leaps in the global temperature. It wasn't a smooth process at all.

The worrisome part of the current warming is not just that it has given us the hottest year on record. We've been breaking old records for some time now, as you would expect when you keep putting forty billion tonnes of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere every year. It's the scale of the rise in temperature this year: two-tenths of a degree Celsius (0.2°C).

Climate scientists are calling it an "anomaly", which is not so much an explanation as an admission that they can't explain it. Changes in average global temperature from one year to another tend to be quite small. This one is gigantic.

Through all the decades since the 1950s, as the carbon dioxide, methane and other warming gases piled up, the actual rise was calculated to be 0.18 of a degree C per decade. Not per year, per decade.

Renowned climate scientist James Hansen recently claimed that around 2010 the rate of warming increased to 0.27 of a degree per de-

cade – a 50% acceleration in the warming, and well worth worrying about. But Hansen's number still implies that it would take almost four decades to raise average global temperature by one full degree.

Whereas if this year's rate of warming persists, it would give us two full degrees of extra warming by 2034. Add the warming we have already caused (1.5 degrees), and average global temperature in 2034 would be 3.5 degrees C higher. That's mass dieback at the very least, and probably the collapse of our current civilisation.

I'm not trying to scare you, and I don't think we are really on that catastrophic track. But it is clearly a very big deal, and the climate scientists have no ready explanation for why this is happening at all.

There are also other signs that something big is happening to the climate. The sea surface temperature over much of the world has also been hotter than ever before – by a full degree or more, and for the entire past year.

There is a list of likely tipping points that covers all the known contingencies – permafrost thawing, Amazon rainforest dieback, loss of the West Antarctic ice sheet, etc – but this anomaly doesn't fit any of the known categories.

Scientists simply don't know what is causing the anomaly, and they don't like making guesses. However, a recent hypothesis by James Hansen may be relevant, even though he wrote his latest paper before the scale and longevity of the anomaly became clear.

Hansen suggested that cleaning up sulfur dioxide emissions over the past 10-15 years both in industrial cities, especially in China, and in emissions at sea from 60,000 large commercial vessels has been too successful. The sulfurous clouds were hard on people's health, but they also reflected a lot of sunlight back into space and cooled the climate.

Cutting the sulfur emissions considerably worsened the planet's energy imbalance (more energy coming in than going out again), and that translates directly into more heat. Whether that is a big enough change to account for the current anomaly remains to be seen, because measuring cloud effects is a murky business, but that would be a reassuring answer.

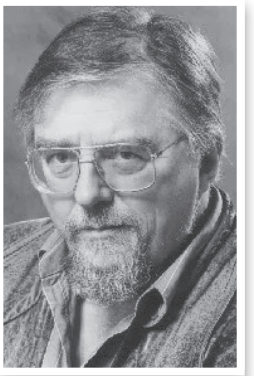
If it's the sulfur dioxide, then at least it's a known and self-limiting event. We could choose to live with it, or we could try to get that lost cooling back by putting some alternative, harmless aerosol into the air, but either way it's not

a world-changing phenomenon.

If, on the other hand, it's not the lost sulfur dioxide, then it could mean practically anything, including even large and rapid jumps in global temperature. The brutal truth is that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the United Nations' main instrument for dealing with the climate crisis, has systematically downplayed the risks we are running.

The predictions it makes are almost all based on the assumption that global warming will be a slow, smooth, predictable process, whereas everybody there knows that it is unlikely to be true. The tipping points are real, they may be quite abrupt, and sooner or later we are bound to trip over them if emissions are not cut drastically in the near future.

As Gavin Schmidt, the director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, wrote recently: "If the anomaly does not stabilise by August, then the world will be in uncharted territory."



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# ARTS & CULTURE



## Caledon artist Maher debuts solo exhibition “Cadence”

Show is on until mid-May at the Alton Mill Arts Centre

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
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A local photographer and painter launched a solo art exhibition last weekend.

On April 6, Patty Maher held an opening reception for “Cadence”, her new exhibition at the Alton Mill Arts Centre. The exhibition is located on the first floor of the centre and can be seen right when one walks through the main entrance.

Maher has been doing photography since 2010, when she started snapping pics on a whim for a 365-day project. It was a way for her to take pictures every day and start to look at the world a little differently.

After uploading her pictures to social media, Maher began making friends in the photography community. She said this inspired her to work harder and try different things, as she saw all the unique things other photographers were doing. When Maher, who used to live in Toronto, moved to Caledon, something clicked.

“I was inspired by the landscapes... I was just moved by all the space and all the beauty,” said Maher.

While she started with landscape photography, Maher soon discovered she wanted to add more to her photos.

“I had this feeling — what if I put a person in there and was telling a bit of a story?” she said. “I’ve been doing that ever since and I find it really enjoyable.”

Something unique about Maher’s photos is that she never shows her subject’s faces. Even more unique is that she started this practice unintentionally, and had it pointed out to her.

“I wasn’t consciously not showing their fac-

es... I had to really think about why I don’t show faces and I realized, I like the photos to be anonymous because when you show a face, it immediately closes the story,” said Maher. “When you don’t show the face, it could be anybody.”

Maher said she likes her photos to be open; for people to be able to see them and say “that could be me, it could be my sister or my daughter.”

She said she often gets messages from people who say they identify with the feelings evoked from her photos.

“It’s amazing how much emotion you can evoke just by the posture,” said Maher. “When I take photos, I have the shutter just clicking, clicking, clicking because I want to capture that right moment.”

Not showing faces in photos has the added benefit of it not being hard to find models to work with. Maher said when people learn they do not have to show their face, they are excited to model for her. She said most of her friends have modeled for her over the years.

“They can be a part of the art... they don’t feel like I’m taking a picture of them,” said Maher.

Maher has been painting for years, but really started to get deeper into the art form during the pandemic. With lockdowns in place and not much to do, Maher found that painting was an amazing way to spend her time. For her current exhibition, Maher said she wanted to paint a lot of flowers to celebrate spring.

“Painting flowers is really joyful,” she said.

Maher said she was excited to have a solo show at the Alton Mill Arts Centre and said it is an amazing opportunity. She said she loves the environment there and that it’s a beautiful place to be.

“It’s great to meet everybody and get people’s feedback, people are so nice,” she said. “It’s been a wonderful experience.”

Cadence can be viewed until mid-May at the Alton Mill Arts Centre, and all the art from the exhibition is for sale. Maher plans to be there on the weekends for anyone interested in meeting her and chatting about art.



“Home” is a photograph taken in Alton, and features a prop from a local antique store.

PATTY MAHER IMAGE

## Bolton Community Crew hosting concert series at Humber River Centre

Paul Fracassi latest artist to perform

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
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Community groups are beginning to use the new Humber River Centre in downtown Bolton.

On April 5, the Bolton Community Crew hosted artist Paul Fracassi for a Frankie Valli and Roy Orbison tribute concert at the centre.

The concert was part of the crew’s CrossCurrents Cafe series, which it took over from the Bolton United Church.

Sarah Leslie, a Bolton Community Crew volunteer, said Fracassi was “amazing.”

“He was incredible, his voice was incredible,” said Leslie. “He sang all the classics that everyone knows... people got up and danced and it was all very well received.”

Leslie said the CrossCurrents Cafe is a monthly event that gives local artists an opportunity to perform to the Caledon community. It’s held on the first Friday every month at the Humber River Centre, and artists are already booked until the end of this year.

The CrossCurrents Cafe will break for the months of July and August.

“There’s a lot of great feedback and a lot of people want to perform,” said Leslie.

She said the Humber River is beautiful and an amazing space to host concerts in.

“It’s absolutely perfect for community events such as this,” said Leslie. “I do want to speak on my appreciation for town staff — they’ve been really accommodating to us, and very supportive with this CrossCurrents Cafe.”

Leslie said around 90 people came out to last Friday’s CrossCurrents Cafe, a great turnout that was very close to a full house. She explained that all money raised from CrossCurrents Cafe tickets goes towards future Bolton Community Crew events.

Leslie said she wanted to give a special thanks to long-time CrossCurrents Cafe volunteer Bob Romanyk, who does all the sound and lighting for the events.

“He has so kindly been helping us every single month,” said Leslie. “There’s a lot of support for these events... it’s not just the Bolton Community Crew.”



Paul Fracassi performed hits from Frankie Valli and Roy Orbison at the Humber River Centre last Friday.

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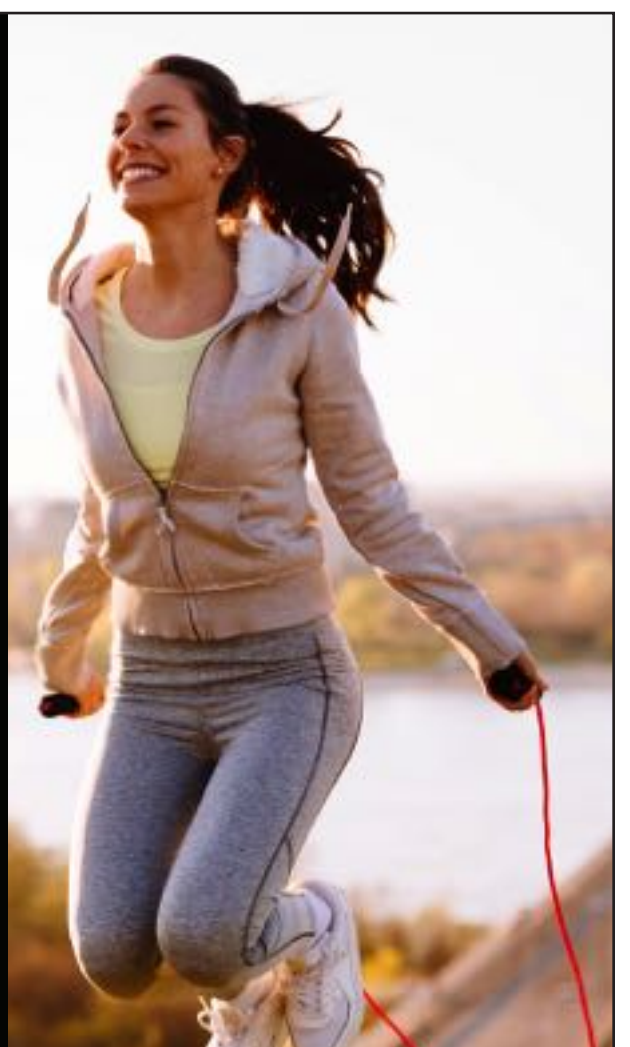
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Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week:

## Wolfpack Captain Athena Mancini spikes and serves her way to volleyball leadership at Robert F. Hall



The Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week is Wolfpack Volleyball Captain Athena Mancini. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

BY JIM STEWART

Grade 9 Student-Athlete Athena Mancini has made quite an impact on her school community in her freshman year.

Her Volleyball Coach, Tania Knappich, nominated the dynamic Mancini as our newspaper's Student-Athlete of the Week because "she is committed, works hard, is highly skilled, and is a leader who leads by example. Despite her high skill level, she is always trying to improve and become better. She strives for excellence."

In addition to these superior athletic traits, Coach Knappich also praised the first-year high school student's diligence in the classroom.

"Athena is also an exceptional student. Her teachers describe her as respectful

and hard-working – always trying to find ways to do better and improve. She is responsible and a great role model for everyone around her."

Mancini's distinctive on-court performance for the Wolfpack caught the attention of the veteran volleyball coach: "I have coached many great volleyball players in my career, but Athena stands out from the rest because she is always trying to improve, despite how good she is at her sport. She is humble and gives 100% to everything she does."

It's evident that Mancini is a rising star on the high school volleyball court, based on her promotion to captain in her first year at Robert F. Hall, as well as her success with U15 Newmarket Caspian — a rep team headed to the Ontario Division 1 Finals this Spring.

Athena Mancini took time from her second semester studies at Robert F. Hall CSS, as well as her on-court preparations for the Provincial Rep. Volleyball Championships, to respond to our interview questions:

**Caledon Citizen:** What qualities did you demonstrate in your sports season to earn Student-Athlete of the Week honours?

**Athena Mancini:** "I demonstrated leadership by being the captain of our volleyball team and being a positive role model and supporting my teammates through wins and losses."

**Caledon Citizen:** What were your key statistics and performance moments from the 2023-24 season that you are most proud of?

**Athena Mancini:** "During our last match, that we unfortunately lost and it took us out of the next round in playoffs – even though the team struggled to stay positive as this was the first time we had lost a set, I persevered

and got many points under a lot of pressure and made sure that we stayed close in the match."

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

**Athena Mancini:** "I play club volleyball at Caspian in Newmarket for their U15 A team. We are going into provincials in Division 1!"

**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?

**Athena Mancini:** "I'm in Grade 9 this year and I'm on the path to achieving honor roll and to earn high academic marks through my high school career."

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

**Athena Mancini:** "I would like to continue in my volleyball career throughout post-secondary school. Although I am unsure of my future career and plans, I am

sure that I want to get into a good University and chase my dreams."

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

**Athena Mancini:** "I admire my mom the most because she is extremely successful and is a very hard worker. She always supports me through thick and thin and is my biggest fan when I'm on the volleyball court. She always helps me with school when I need it and pushes me to be my best self both personally and academically."

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

**Athena Mancini:** "I feel extremely honored and happy that I was thought of for this award and to know that my coaches see this potential in me for greater things."

*If you would like to nominate a local student-athlete to be featured in our newspaper, please email Jim Stewart at jim@lp-media.ca or at jm\_stewart@rogers.com.*

## Cassie's Place to host second annual charity golf tournament this summer

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

With some golf courses open and others opening soon, local charities are starting to look ahead to their annual golf tournaments, which are often major fundraisers.

Cassie's Place will be hosting a charity golf tournament for the second time this summer after experiencing great success with their first one last summer.

Cassie's Place is a home away from home for individuals with differing abilities. It offers a wide variety of programs for its participants such as summer programs, day camps and a bowling league.

Cassie's Place's second annual golf tournament will be held on August 6 at Glen Eagle Golf Club in Bolton (15731 Regional Road 50).

The event begins at 11 a.m. when registration opens and at 12 noon there will be a barbecue lunch. The golfing begins with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. and after 18 holes of golf, attendees will get a three-course dinner at 6 p.m. followed by an awards ceremony.

Over the course of the day, there will be contests, raffles, prizes, and a silent auction. Contests include closest to the pin, longest drive, and best and worst scoring team.

Tickets for the tournament are \$225 per person or \$800 for a foursome. Early bird pricing is in effect until April 15, so until that date, singles are \$200 and foursomes are \$750.

Cassie's Place is looking for sponsors to the tournament, and there's opportunities from Hole Sponsor all the way up to Presenting Sponsor.

Joe Sassine, a volunteer with Cassie's Place, said he's excited to build a bigger and stronger tournament this year after last year's event sold out.

"We're looking to raise some extra funds for lots of extra things to do with the kids," said Sassine. "With the funds we made last year, we were able to not charge our participants for swimming, yoga, dance and music lessons."

Sassine said he's so passionate about fundraising because he and his fellow volunteers want to maximize benefits for those they serve at Cassie's Place.

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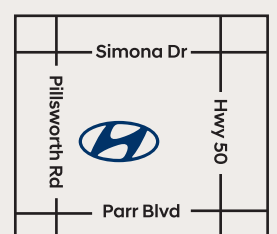
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**OBITUARIES**

**MILLER, WILLIAM DAVID**

Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Saturday, April 6th, 2024 at the age of 75. Loving father of Linda Miller, Nancy Richards (Ken Curtis) and Howard Miller (Jennifer Shulba). Cherished grandfather of Anita Pelley, Tucker Miller and Danika Miller. Beloved brother of Glen Miller (Dorothy), Gordon Miller (Marie--deceased). Predeceased by his brother Allan Miller (Patricia). David will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.



Visitation will be held at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, 21 First St., Orangeville on Friday, April 19th, 2024 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Funeral Service will be held in the chapel on Saturday, April 20th, 2024 at 11:00 am. with visitation beginning at 10:00 am. Spring interment - Greenwood Cemetery, Orangeville.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

**STRUTT, DEAN**

Peacefully at home on Thursday, April 4th, 2024 at the age of 84. Beloved husband of Lois Strutt. Dear father of Deanna Storey (Wayne), Dave (Debbie) and Darren (Lisa). Cherished grandfather of Jason (Monique), Jennifer (Chris), Rob, Jacob, Jillian. Loving great-grandfather of Kaylee, Tristan, Nolan, Leaha, Myles and Landon. Remembered by his sister Beryl and his brother Larry. Predeceased by his siblings Gerald, Melvin, Iva and Don. Dean will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.



Visitation will be held at the **Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre**, 21 First St., Orangeville on Thursday, April 18th, 2024 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Funeral Service will be held in the chapel on Friday, April 19th, 2024 at 3:00 pm. with visitation beginning at 2:00 pm. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

A tree will be planted in memory of Dean in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. 22nd Annual Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

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**WILFRED ROLAND DUPONT**

Sadly, we announce the passing of Justice Wilfred R. Dupont (retired) on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at the age of 98. Wilf was predeceased by his brother Dave, his two sisters Wilma and Lillian as well as his daughter Louise (Eric) and grandson Jason. Wilf is survived by Jeannine, his wife of 68 years, his sister Dorothy, his remaining children Linda (Tom), Julie, Dave (Linda), Denise and Richard. He also leaves behind 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Wilf was born in Foley, Ontario to Alex and Aldea Dupont and was raised along with his three sisters and brother in Northern Ontario. As a young teenager, Wilfred worked in the mines of South Porcupine, became a radio announcer in Rouyn, Quebec and enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force where he became a navigator and received an officer's commission. At the end of the war, Wilf obtained his high school diploma through correspondence and was later admitted to Osgoode Hall Law School from which he graduated in 1951. He began his legal career with Greg Evans law firm in Timmins, Ontario and went on to establish his own legal practice in Cochrane, where he also served as Crown Attorney for the District of Cochrane. On February 11, 1956, Wilf married Jeannine Levesque of Hearst, Ontario. Together they raised 6 children in Cochrane. At age 40, Wilf was appointed as a federal judge for the District of Cochrane. During his time in Cochrane, Wilf was very involved with the local catholic school board, Timmins police board as well as the Chamber of Commerce. As well as his love of the law and for his family, Wilf loved to fly his airplane. He would fly to many remote locations for hunting and fishing as well as to his cottage. Wilf also had a love of trees and nature. In his youth he played guitar in a band. At home he shared his love of blues, semi classics, and bluegrass music, always encouraging his children to play instruments themselves. In 1978, Wilf was appointed to the Supreme Court of Ontario and moved to Toronto. He was also a member of the Ontario Review Board. After retiring from the bench in 1988, Wilf was appointed to the Canadian Transportation Safety Board, as well as being a participant in cases to the International Criminal Court. The family will be forever grateful for the loving care of Medha, Sandeep, Angela and the other psw's, as well as Joyce, all from Elcare Health Services, who made it possible for Wilf to remain comfortable in his own home for the past few years. Cremation has taken place. A Funeral Mass will be held in St. John the Evangelist Church, 16066 The Gore Road., Caledon, Ontario, on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 11:00 am. The service will be followed by a small reception at Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street South, Bolton, Ontario. Those wishing to make a donation in memory of Wilf are asked to consider I Have Resolve Foundation (IHaveResolve.com), a charity created in the memory of his grandson Jason, to help others with muscular dystrophy. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com



**TERESA (TERRY) ROSE BABIN**

At Holland Christian Homes, Faith Manor, Brampton, on Thursday, April 4, 2024, Terry Babin (nee Doucette), at the age of 95 years, beloved wife of the late Ron Babin (February 2008), passed peacefully with family at her side. Originally from Charlottetown, PEI, she was a true original Bolton villager since the 50's. After supporting husband Ron at the family business (Bolton Plumbing & Heating) for a number of years she went on to be a loyal Canadian Tire employee starting at the original downtown location (Queen & Mill) where she met a crew of new friends. Loved to play cards, bingo and hit the casino once in a while (with her purse full with her \$30). Loving mother of Mike (Linda), Bruce (Anita), Steve, and Susan (Steve Ceballo). Lovingly remembered by her grandchildren Jennifer, Danielle, Brooke, Daniel, Nicole, Courtney, Jeffery, Hailey, Matthew, Stephen, Kaila, and Tyler, and twelve great-grandchildren. Dear sister of the late Henry, Edgar (Enid), and Thelma (Earl Spinner). Terry will also be greatly missed by her remaining close friends from the Bolton area and extended family in PEI. Many thanks for the loving support (including many walks) from all the great staff on the Windmill home care team at Faith Manor, Holland Christian Homes in Brampton. The family received their family and friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen St. S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton on Tuesday morning, April 9th from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass in Holy Family Roman Catholic Church at 11 o'clock. Interment Laurel Hill Cemetery. Celebration of Life reception followed at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to express their sympathy are encouraged to consider donating to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com.



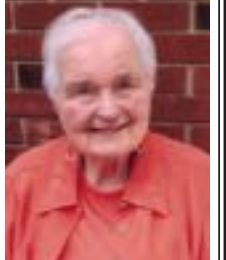
**ANNA GERTRUDE SHEARDOWN (NEE BURTON)**

SEPTEMBER 21, 1934 - MARCH 29, 2024  
Anna Sheardown (nee Burton), passed away peacefully on Friday, March 29, 2024, at Brampton Civic Hospital, surrounded by loved ones. She grew up on the family farm near Castlemore. Upon attaining a secretarial degree from Brampton High School, she worked for a time with A.V. Roe Canada in Malton before raising her growing family of five children. Anna was a devoted mother in a busy household. She generously assisted the Bolton Figure Skating Club and Bolton District Minor Hockey Association, among many other local organizations. Later in life, she lovingly worked for 25 years tending to the gardens of the Caledon Seniors Centre. Anna took great pride in how the blooming gardens welcomed visitors to the Centre. She took a keen interest in genealogy and local history, and received recognition for her many years of service as an avid volunteer and historian. Anna enjoyed travelling with her family and friends. She treasured her memories and photographs from around the world, including the Caribbean, Japan, China, Sweden, Paris, London, Walt Disney World and many other locations in the USA and Canada. Loving mother of Vicki, Karen Mulder (Marcel), Keith (Lisa), and Mark (Michelle). Grandmother of Dana, Blake, Nicholas, Alec, Nate, Nolan, Kate and Amy. Great-grandmother of Califer and Emma. Predeceased by Donald Sheardown and son Wayne Sheardown, sister Lenore Burton, brother Bill Burton and her parents Orville Imrie and Martha Susannah Burton (nee King). Many thanks to the medical staff at the Brampton Civic Hospital and Southbrook Retirement Residence, for the exceptional care they provided. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Caledon Seniors Centre, 7 Rotarian Way, Bolton on Sunday, April 28 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to express their sympathy are encouraged to consider donating to the Caledon Seniors Centre, Bolton (www.caledonseniors.ca). Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com



**PERRY, SHIRLEY ANITA**  
**JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> 1929 - APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> 2024**

Our beloved Mother passed away peacefully at Dufferin Oaks with her family by her side on Easter Monday, April 1st 2024 in her 95th year. Shirley was the beautiful face behind the counter at Universal Rental where together with our Father they provided a service to the community for many years. She was born and raised in Hopewell Cape New Brunswick and moved to Ontario where she began her life long ambition to enrich the lives of others through her 60 years of volunteer work with the Canadian Cancer Society. She was a devoted and life long member of Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church. Shirley was predeceased by her loving husband and soulmate Keith in 2003. She is survived by her three children...Kent (Lynne), Wendy (Tony) and Mark (Aurora). Meme will be greatly missed by all her adoring Grandchildren David and Greg (Shizuka) Perry, T.J., Tyler (Mandy) and Katy (Michael) Marotta, Mark Jr. and Justin Perry and her darling Great Grandchildren Luca, Ava and Jaxon Marotta. Shirley will be greatly missed by her sisters Phyllis, Thelma (Clayton), Marg and Marelyn and many nephews and nieces. The family would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the staff who took such excellent care of our dear Mother at Bethsaida Retirement home and Dufferin Oaks long term care facility. The family would also like to acknowledge her niece Diane Gray for all her wonderful care and compassion towards our Mother in her later years. A private family burial will take place at Caledon East Public Cemetery. Celebration of Shirley's life will be held on June 1st, 2024 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, at the **Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre** 21 First St. Orangeville. In lieu of flowers, donations would be greatly appreciated to the Tweedsmuir Memorial Presbyterian Church and Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Facility. Shirley will always be remembered for her positive attitude and her optimistic outlook on life. She will truly be loved and missed beyond words and measure. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com



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**ARMSTRONG, DON**

Peacefully at Leacock Care Centre Orillia, on Monday, April 1st, 2024 at the age of 94. Beloved husband of Jean Armstrong. Dear father of Scott (Rosemarie) and Shirley (Steve). Cherished grandfather of Bob (Ashley), Nat (Luke), Ed (Ashleigh), and Jenna. Loving great grandfather of Charlotte, Everett, Theo, Isla, Keltie, Brooklyn, Wesley and Alora. Predeceased by his siblings brother of Harold (Dorothy), Isabel (Elmo) Ewing, George (Marion), Marie (Gordon) Moorhead and Catherine (Charles) Cousins. Don will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.



A Celebration of Don's life will be held at the **Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre**, 21 First St., Orangeville on April 19th, 2024 at 11:00 am with visitation beginning at 10:00 am. Reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers donations to Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital or Mariposa Hospice, would be appreciated by the family. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

**BOYS, RONALD JAMES**

Peacefully at South Bruce Grey Health Centre-Chesley on April 1, 2024 in his 85th year. Beloved husband of the late Jean Boys. Treasured father of Kevin (Bonnie), Kenny (Gail), Kelly, Kimmy (Terry) and Kent (Kerri-Lynn). Grandfather of 9. Loving brother to Marlene Wivell. Ron was born in Fergus and spent most of his growing up days in Hillsburg. He was a hardworking man, working in the trucking industry and later becoming the founder of Ron Boys Skid Steer Rental. Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held on April 28, 2024 from 1pm-4pm at the Shelburne Legion, 203 William Street, Shelburne Branch 220. Spring interment to take place at Greenwood Cemetery, Orangeville. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be greatly appreciated. Online Condolences and tributes available at www.fawcettfuneralhome.ca



**BANKS, BONNAR**

Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Sunday, April 7th, 2024 at the age of 86. Beloved husband of Merilyn Banks. Dear father of Stephen Banks and Scott Banks. Cherished grandfather of Kelsey (Billy), Jacob (Emily) and Liam (Morgan). Predeceased by his father William Banks - 1976 and his mother Hilda Banks - 1999, his brother Emerson Banks - 1998 and his wife Lois - 1994 and his sister Diane Banks - 1957. Bonnar will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.



Funeral Service will be held at **Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre** 21 First St Orangeville, Ontario on Saturday, April 13th, 2024 at 2:30 pm. with visitation beginning at 1:30 pm. Memorial donations to High Country United Church or Headwaters Health Care Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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James March and his sons Justin and Jonathan are the owners of new metal supply business Dotcom Metals. PHOTO BY VICKI MEISNER

## New family business Dotcom Metals aims to be Caledon's go-to metal supplier

### James March and sons Justin and Jonathan open business in Bolton

#### CALEDON CITIZEN STAFF

Caledon has a new metal supplier. On January 1, James March and sons Justin and Jonathan officially opened their new business, Dotcom Metals, in Bolton. March explained the business is a micro-distributor of metal that stocks a wide variety of metals in a wide variety of shapes — and they can all be cut to size based on the customer's needs. March said business has been going well so far, and, as word has spread that Dotcom Metals' services are available in Caledon, more and more people are reaching out. Dotcom Metals recently joined the Caledon Chamber of Commerce, and March said it has been a great way to network and get the word out about the business. "Helping small businesses get their name out there is awesome," said March. "We're also now sponsors for the Bolton Truck and Tractor Pull... hopefully we will continue to

grow our community involvement." March has been working in the manufacturing industry for nearly 25 years and has a close friend who was in the metal supply business who helped him and his sons get started. "I knew metal is an opportunity... we saw there was a need in Bolton, an area that's growing," said March. March said the core differentiator for Dotcom Metals is they will cut your metals to size and there's no minimum order size. "Whether you need six inches, six feet or 20 feet, we'll get it to you," said March. "We're trying to be the stock of metal for the local area to consume... we'd love to build partnerships with other businesses and the do-it-yourselfers at home." March said by partnering with other local businesses, Dotcom Metals can tailor its stock to their specific needs. "Those partnerships are important," said March. March said anyone curious about the business is always welcome to come by, meet him and his sons, and see what Dotcom Metals is all about. Dotcom Metals is located at 8841 George Bolton Parkway, and is in Unit 2 in Building C. It's open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

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# COMMUNITY events

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**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON 1344 Bolton** – Real People, Real Weight Loss is a non-profit group. We meet weekly on Wed. evenings in the basement of Bolton United Church. Weigh-ins are 6:00-6:30 followed by a meeting. The initial annual fee incl. a bi-monthly magazine and starter kit is \$59, and monthly dues are \$20. Today is the best day to make changes to your lifestyle! If you have weight to lose and/or want to improve your health, we can help! We promote healthy eating and support the efforts of all our members, and your first meeting is free. Come join us. For more information call Marion at 905-857-5191 or see www.tops.org. Online memberships are also available.

The Bolton Al-Anon Group has recently moved the regular meeting location to the Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy Street (across from Bolton Post Office). We still meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is/or has been affected by someone who has problem with alcohol. If you have any questions please come any Thursday evening or email: boltonalanon@gmail.com.

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The Albion Bolton Historical Society is hosting a meeting on Monday, April 15th at 7:30 PM at the Albion Bolton Community Centre, meeting room C. Titled 'An evening with Archivists' Alesha and Jacob, two Region of Peel archivists will discuss archival work and highlight collections tied to the Albion area. Together we will explore new donations showcasing records that provide a glimpse into the area's history. A night of thrills! The evening will also include an activity of sharing images in the hopes of identifying individuals.  
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Saturday, April 13 – Luncheon & Euchre Tournament

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Saturday, April 20 – Income Tax Clinic

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Friday, April 26 – Monthly Dinner & Entertainment

The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is hosting their Monthly Dinner on Friday, April 26th.  
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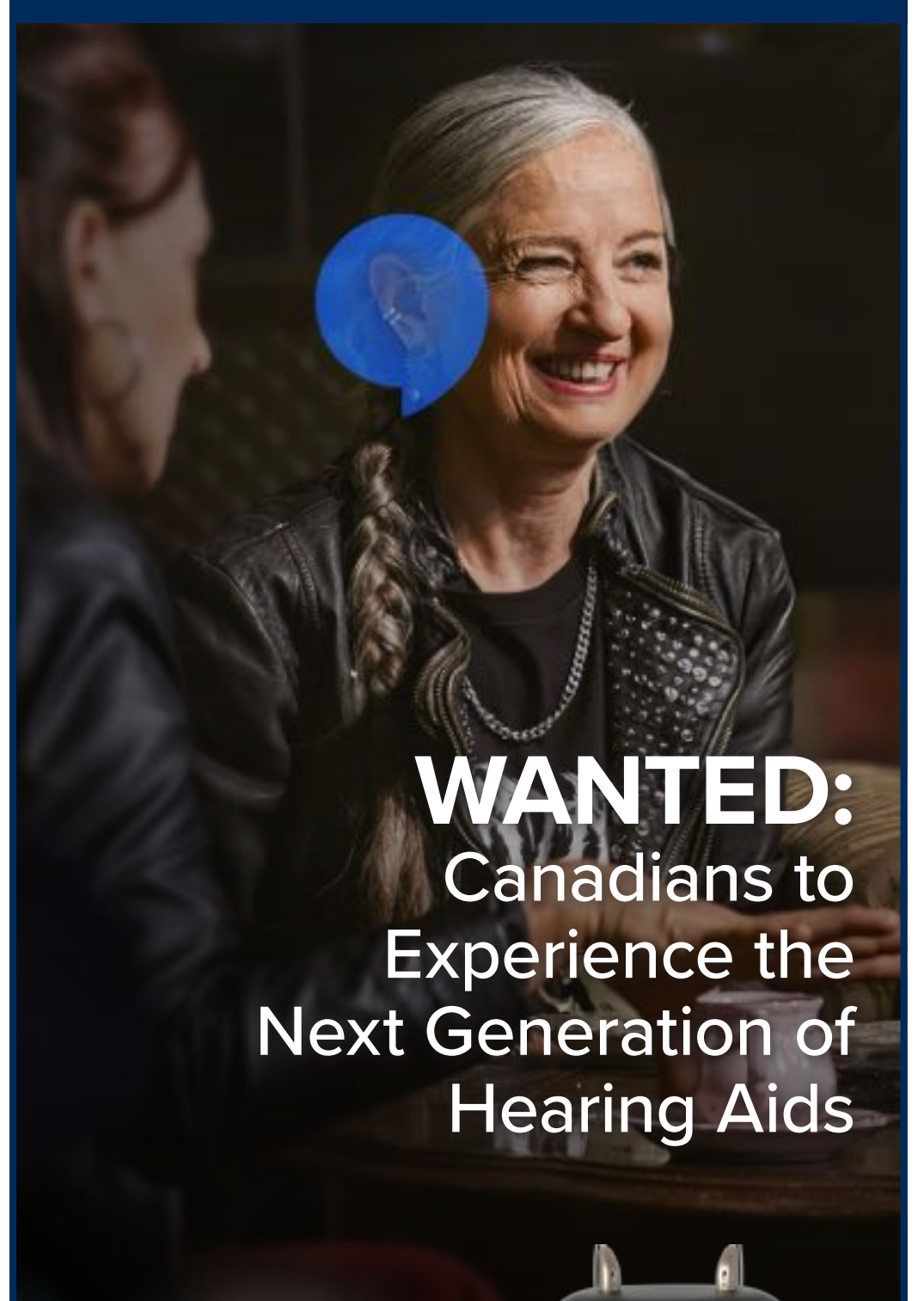
Saturday, April 27 – Antique Appraisal Event

The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is hosting an Antique Appraisal Event on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.  
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 Ataulfo Mangoes  
 Product of Mexico

**SAVE \$1.00**

Longo's Frozen  
 Tempura Shrimp or  
 Coconut Breaded Shrimp  
 500g pkg  
**11<sup>99</sup>**  
**SAVE \$1**

**FRESH DELI SERVED**

**24<sup>9</sup>** /100G  
 Chicago 58 Roast Beef  
 or Pastrami

**FAMILY VALUE**

Longo's Dips  
 227g pkg  
 Individual \$3.49  
 selected varieties

**2 FOR \$6**

**3<sup>99</sup>**  
 Longo's Seriously  
 Sweet Grape Tomatoes  
 Product of  
 Canada or U.S.A.  
 225g pkg

**SAVE \$4.98 ON 2**

Maple Leaf Natural  
 Selections Sliced or  
 Shaved Deli Meats  
 150-250g pkg  
 Individual \$7.99  
 selected varieties

**2 FOR \$12**

**FRESH DELI SERVED**

**34<sup>9</sup>** /100G  
 Cuddy Oven Roasted  
 Turkey Breast  
 selected varieties

Longo's  
 Mini Croissants  
 selected varieties

**4<sup>99</sup>**

**THANK YOU EARN 50 POINTS**

**7<sup>99</sup>**  
 Longo's Chocolate  
 Chip Cookies  
 20 pack

**SAVE 50¢**

De Cecco Pasta  
 454g pkg  
 selected varieties

**24<sup>9</sup>**

**SAVE \$1.00**

Longo's Frozen  
 Pasta  
 900g pkg  
 selected varieties

**7<sup>99</sup>**

**SAVE UP TO \$3.97 ON 3**

Unico Tuna in Oil  
 198g can  
 Individual \$2.49

**3 FOR \$5**

**SAVE UP TO \$3.38 ON 2**

Villaggio Bread  
 570-675g pkg,  
 Villaggio Buns  
 4-8ct or  
 Dempster's Bagels  
 375-450g pkg  
 Individual \$3.49  
 selected varieties

**2 FOR \$6**

**SAVE \$1.00**

Longo's Sparkling Water  
 6x1L bottles  
 selected varieties

**54<sup>9</sup>**

**SAVE \$3.00**

ORGANIC MEADOW  
 1%  
 2%  
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 1%  
 2%

**7<sup>99</sup>**  
 Organic Meadow Milk  
 4L bag  
 selected varieties

**SAVE UP TO \$3.50**

Longo's or Simply  
 Orange Juice,  
 Simply Drinks or  
 Lemonade  
 1.54L bottle  
 selected varieties

**34<sup>9</sup>**

**SAVE \$3.00**

Mazola Corn Oil  
 1.18L jug

**5<sup>99</sup>**