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Nicole Noonan of the RCMP oversees Matthew Anderson's birdie putt on 18. The made putt put the 24-year-old from Mississauga even for his final round. (INSET) Ryan Fox captured the RBC Canadian Open in a four-hole playoff with Sam Burns. Full coverage begins on page B1. PHOTOS BY JIM STEWART AND BERNARD BRAULT/GOLF CANADA

Ryan Fox survives four-hole playoff over Burns to capture RBC Canadian Open in Caledon

BY JIM STEWART

Ryan Fox captured the RBC Canadian Open on Sunday afternoon in a four-hole playoff with Sam Burns.

Both were tied at 18 under par after 72 holes of play.

The 2025 champion offered a self-deprecating view of his playoff versus Burns—a five-time winner on the PGA Tour: “To be honest, Sam and I had a bit of a pillow fight for three holes. But that shot I hit on 18—that 3-wood—was probably the best shot

I’ve ever hit.”

The New Zealander’s impressive approach from the 18th fairway set him up for an eagle putt, but he settled for a birdie to vanquish Burns—the clubhouse leader and LSU product who held a one-stroke lead over the field for over two hours.

Burns shot a sizzling -8 on Sunday and it appeared that the Canadian Open Trophy would have his name inscribed on it. However, Fox birdied 13 and 14 on his way to the 18th where he rolled in his pressure-packed third birdie in six holes to

force the two-man playoff.

Fox’s gutsy charge and dramatic win at TPC Toronto Osprey Valley was his second PGA victory in five weeks. He captured the Myrtle Beach Classic in May—also in a playoff.

Nick Taylor of Abbotsford, BC was awarded The Rivermead Cup as the lowest-scoring Canadian at TPC Toronto. Taylor cobbled together a 3-under par 67 on Sunday to tie for 13th at 13 under par.

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A Legacy of Love:
Bethell Hospice celebrates 15 Years

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Bethell Hospice celebrated 15 years since opening its doors with a themed Garden Party.

Invitees were invited to bask in the history of Bethell Hospice palliative care and walk the surrounding therapeutic gardens.

Lorna Bethell, the driving force be-

hind Bethell Hospice in Caledon, during the event, was remembered for her unwavering belief that everyone deserves to die with dignity, surrounded by loved ones and free from pain.

Inspired by personal loss and her husband Tony’s experience as a survivor of The Great Escape during the Second World War, Lorna was determined that no one should face death alone.

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Caledon residents urge Osprey Valley to rethink quarry water deal

BY RILEY MURPHY
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“Say it clear, say it loud, leave our water in the ground!” rang out last week outside TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley on the second day of the RBC Canadian Open.

Forks of the Credit Preservation Group (FCPG) were protesting to urge Chris Humeniuk, the owner of TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley, not to accept the groundwater from a proposed Caledon mega quarry.

According to the group, Humeniuk has partnered with a Brazilian cement company called CBM to submit a proposal for a 700-acre mega-quarry just down the road.

“If that quarry is approved, the environmental and social impacts will be devastating,” said David Sylvester, Chair of FCPG.

Sylvester said this quarry will create a “host” of environmental issues, including traffic, air, and natural environment, and the issue focused on that day is water.

FCGP has previously protested against the proposed mega quarry.

The day’s demonstration focused on the millions of litres of excess water the golf course would potentially take into their own ponds.

Sylvester spoke about how the quarry proposal requires that the aggregate company continuously pump out or remove millions of litres of water from the quarry.

“That’s upwards of 500 million liters of water discharged from the quarry, and it has to go somewhere,” said Sylvester. “Chris Humeniuk has agreed to take the water onto the golf course property, dump it into one of their discharge ponds or holding ponds, where it will then run into the Credit River.”

Sylvester said the many issues this can cause in the credit, including the effect on Brook Trout.

Brook Trout can only survive in cold water, and dumping excess water will affect the climate of the credit.

He shared another major issue with the mega quarry will be the impact on residents in the northwest part of Caledon who rely on private wells.

Sylvester addressed the quarry application

documents that show a significant number of private wells for residents will be impacted.

“You just can’t live without water,” said Sylvester. “The CDM people claim to have a mitigation plan to help compensate local folks who don’t have water. That includes big plastic tanks on our front lawn, which are refilled maybe once a week. But that is absolutely unacceptable. It’s insulting to think that that’s an appropriate way to rectify or correct such a serious issue.”

FCPG shared that they are not against the RBC Canadian Open, and were there in hopes to bring more awareness to the public.

“We’re not against the Canadian Open, we’re not against the golf course, we’re against the golf course taking the water,” shared Debra Wilson, an FCPG volunteer.

She said that despite the rainy weather, they received much support.

“We decided we need more voices, and people said they’ll come out and say ‘we’re absolutely supporting you, we’re on the side with us,’” said Wilson.

“We would like to think that Chris Humeniuk and TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley will reconsider this decision they’ve made to take the water and do the right thing, be a good neighbor, and leave the water on site,” shared Sylvester.

In a statement to the Citizen, Chris Humeniuk, President of TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley, shared the following.

“I am tremendously grateful for the support we received as we celebrated the RBC Canadian Open with our friends, neighbours and over 130,000 visitors to Caledon. It is disappointing that the FCPG attempted to use the occasion and spotlight of the week to both attract attention to themselves and to undermine this historic event as it took place in Caledon for the first time.

“However, it is not surprising. Over the past several months, we have taken the initiative to engage them and offer the qualified consultants they claim to have retained the opportunity to attend the site and review reports submitted as part of the regulatory approval process.

“To date, our repeated invitations have been rejected.

“Rather than providing any qualified evidence to support their assertions, the FCPG has chosen to repeatedly mislead the public with inaccurate



Debra Wilson, an FCPG volunteer, on site outside the RBC Canadian Open. PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

speculation and attack me personally in an effort described on their own website as one designed to attract the attention of the ‘big media’ covering the RBC Canadian Open.

“From our perspective, the ball is in their court. The qualified reports upon which we are relying are all a matter of public record. We have invited the FCPG to share the findings and

reports of their qualified consultants that might differ with those submitted by CBM or the Town of Caledon’s review of the same. Nobody has more invested in our community than we do, and the last thing we desire is to harm the very place my family considers home. If they have real, qualified information then we want to know about it.”

Caledon welcomes Bliss Reliance Salon and Spa to the community



Kiran Gaylon with her family and team, Marion Upshall, Mayor Groves, and Councillors Early, Russo, and Napoli. PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

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Bliss Reliance Salon and Spa has now been officially welcomed to the Caledon community.

A ceremony was held this week to celebrate the opening of a new local business into the area.

Bliss Reliance Salon and Spa was founded back in 2009 in Mississauga’s Clarkson community.

Unfortunately, a global crisis temporarily paused their business operations.

Now, Kiran Gaylon and her skilled team are happy to open their doors to the Bolton community and provide a multitude of services.

With a blend of traditional techniques like threading and advanced medical aesthetics, they offer a range of services, including laser hair treatments, PRP, IPL, facials for acne, and various other treatments.

Gaylon, founder of Bliss Reliance Spa & Salon in Bolton, brings more than two decades of passion and experience in beauty and aesthetics to the local sector.

Her journey began in high school, mastering

the art of threading, and evolved into a full-time career after earning a Medical Aesthetics Certification in 2005.

From managing a Trade Secrets to running her own spa and salon in Clarkson, Gaylon has combined traditional techniques with advanced skincare.

With the launch of Bliss Reliance, she’s dedicated to helping residents feel confident, radiant, and refreshed.

At the opening ceremony Gaylon was joined by family, friends, residents, Mayor Annette Groves and members of Council, the Caledon Chamber of Commerce, and Caledon residents.

As lemonade and treats were passed around, Mayor Groves shared a few words prior to the ribbon cutting.

“To you and your family, thank you for being here. We are very proud of our local businesses. You help shape our town, and you strengthen our local economy,” said Mayor Groves. “The small businesses to medium-sized businesses, they are the backbone of the economy.”

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Bart MacDougall and Elizabeth Birnie stand with the anniversary cake.

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A Legacy of Love: Bethell Hospice celebrates 15 Years

Continued from FRONT

Her vision for a hospice residence was also shaped by her own experiences sleeping upright in a hospital chair beside her stepson, Jamie, and caring for Tony at home before his death from cancer in 2004.

Encouraged by her daughter Elizabeth, a VON (Victorian Order of Nurses) nurse who saw the need for hospice care firsthand, Lorna spearheaded the creation of the ten-bed Bethell Hospice residence.

Following its opening, she focused her efforts on ensuring hospice services remained free for residents and families, becoming a tireless advocate for fundraising and personally engaging with residents until she died in 2013.

Her legacy lives on through the care and comfort Bethell Hospice continues to provide.

Bethell opened its doors in the Inglewood community in April 2010.

Adrian Horwood shared during the event that over the 15 years, more than 2,000 people have resided in Bethell, and another 11,000 have been impacted by their community programs.

“I know that many of the supporters and staff and volunteers are here today because of a strong desire to contribute to all that Bethell stands for based on our personal understanding of the

hospice. Many of you were really fundamental to getting this organization going 15 years ago. Many are here who are essential to sustaining the ongoing work through your volunteerism and philanthropy and work,” shared Horwood. “To date, you and the community have raised over \$14 million to support Bethell.”

Bart MacDougall, Lorna’s brother, also shared a few words at the event.

“Nothing gives me more pleasure or makes me prouder than to be asked to pay tribute to your community for the creation of this wonderful place we know as Bethell Hospice. I’ve wanted the opportunity to do just that since it opened 15 years ago,” shared MacDougall.

MacDougall shared that what makes Bethell special is the team of approximately 145 volunteers who provide support for those employed there and help prepare meals, sit with residents, and maintain the garden.

“Dare I suggest that you are the envy of any community that is aware of your accomplishment. You have earned the thanks and admiration of those you have served. You are to be congratulated as a community for creating a model hospice facility that deserves ongoing support in the years ahead,” said MacDougall.

He also shared that the genesis of the hospice rests with Lorna’s daughter, Elizabeth.

Elizabeth Birnie served on the Residences Building and Design Committee, and then as Chair of the Bethell Hospice Foundation Board from 2011 to 2013.

Since retiring as a Board Member, Birnie continues her involvement with Bethell Hospice as a kitchen volunteer, cooking and serving meals to residents and their families.

Birnie, wearing the same purple jacket she wore 15 years ago on opening day, addressed the room of friends, families, volunteers, and other attendees.

She told stories of how Bethell began as a 10,000-square-foot house in a hay field with a few apple trees and mostly rocks and gravel on site.

“This landscaping committee, over the course of 15 years, have taken this four-acre property and turned it into this most magnificent oasis where our families and people can come out in their beds and experience the surroundings,” shared Birnie.

Birnie said her mother loved high tea, thus sparking the idea for the Garden Party High Tea event that day.

Bethell Hospice also acknowledged the Foundation team and the volunteers and staff who brought Bethell to where it is today.

Caledon Fair: From Seed to Table is here this weekend

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Clear your calendars!

The Caledon Agricultural Society has a plethora of activities for this weekend, and you won’t want to miss a single one.

June 13, 14, and 15 marks the 2025 Caledon Fair, with this year’s theme being “From Seed to Table.”

Kicking it off on Friday is the Good Times Truck Pullers Truck and Tractor Pull, starting at 6 p.m.

If the truck and tractor pull isn’t up your alley, the Inflatable Kids Play Park also opens at 6 p.m.

On Saturday, the events will begin as early as 7 a.m., with the food booths and vendor village opening shortly after at 8 a.m.

The day will include the All British/Classic Car Show, Inflatable Kids Play Park, Glendale Pony Rides, and Petting Zoo.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 12 noon, with ambassador awards and a home-baking charity auction.

Mom’s Motorsports Demolition Derby will be rounding out the day, starting at 5:30 p.m.

As Ed Taccone, President of the Caledon Agricultural Society, shared, it’ll go until there’s nothing left to demolish.

Attendees can also catch the Muir Family Band at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Completing the weekend will be another full schedule of events on Sunday.

Again, the food booths will open at 7 a.m., with the vendor village opening at 8.

Following that will be the Welsh Pony Show, Cheval Canadien Horse Show, Inflatable Kids Play Park, Ag Awareness Open, Beef and Dairy Show, R&R Pet Paradise Agility Dogs and Wellington 4H Square Dancers.

The Awards Ceremony will begin at 3 p.m., with the grounds closing at 6 p.m.

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MULTIPLE CHARGES FOLLOWING POLICE INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Caledon OPP have identified and laid numerous charges upon an individual responsible for multiple criminal involvements over the span of two days.

“On June 2, 2025, at approximately 2:30 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a report of an assault at a local grocery store in the area of Highway 50 and Queensgate Boulevard, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “Officers responded and after a thorough investigation determined the victim was assaulted with a weapon by an unknown individual. The suspect was described as a Caucasian male with short dark hair, wearing dark pants, a red and grey sweat-shirt, black backpack, and carrying a green bag.

“On June 3, 2025, at approximately 3:00 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a report of a mischief in a parking lot in the area of McEwan Drive East and Highway 50, in the Town of Caledon. Investigators learned that an unknown individual approached the victim’s vehicle, slashed one of the tires, and fled the scene. The suspect description provided in this report was similar to the one acquired in the incident the



ARRESTS MADE IN CONNECTION TO DISTRACTION THEFTS

Members of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Central Region Intelligence Unit and the Nottawasaga Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), have arrested an individual in connection with a series of distraction thefts in the Nottawasaga and surrounding areas.

“On June 6, 2025, a search warrant was executed at a residence in Alliston,” say Police.

As a result of the investigation, Pimentel Gonzales, 40, of Alliston, was arrested and charged with:

- Theft of credit card;
- Possession, use, or trafficking of a stolen or forged credit card;
- Possession of property obtained by crime;
- Laundering proceeds of crime;
- Fraud under \$5,000;
- Fail to comply with probation order.

The charges have not been proven.

“The OPP is reminding the public to remain vigilant as organized crime groups continue to target individuals at ATMs and retail points-of-sale,” say Police. “These distraction thefts typically involve two or more suspects who observe victims entering their PIN codes, then use distraction techniques to steal their banking cards. The OPP urges all members of the public to be aware of their personal safety and to shield their PIN when using ATMs or payment terminals. If you suspect suspicious activity, report it immediately to police.”

Anyone who believes they may have been a victim of a distraction theft, or anyone who has information regarding these thefts, is encouraged to contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122. To remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

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The investigation is ongoing. Anyone who may have information regarding the identity of these two individuals is asked to contact the 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.peelcrimestoppers.ca.

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As temperatures rise across Ontario, the OPP is reminding the public of the life-threatening risks of leaving children or pets unattended in parked vehicles.

“Even on a mild day, the temperature inside a vehicle can rise rapidly posing a serious risk of heatstroke, brain damage, or death,” say Police. “Within 10 minutes, the interior of a car can become 20 degrees hotter than the outside temperature, even with windows slightly open. Children and pets are especially vulnerable as they cannot regulate their body temperature effectively.”

Prevention is simple:

- Never leave children or pets unattended in a vehicle, even for a short time;
- Always check the back seat before locking your car;
- Use reminders like placing a personal item in the back seat to avoid forgetting;
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Type of bread

5. Range of mountains

10. Ended

12. Musical forms with a recurring theme

14. On the nature of being

16. Law enforcement agency

18. Australian flightless bird

19. Subway rodent

20. More dried-up

22. A beaver might build one

23. Suggestive of the supernatural

25. Art __, around 1920

26. American rocker Snider

27. Not or

28. Earliest human: __-Magnon Man

30. Firearm

31. Tough outer skin of fruit

33. Alternative form of

a gene

35. Low shrub some call “fat pork”

37. Plants in the chamomile tribe

38. Revolutionary War era spy

40. Portion of a book

41. Hoover’s office

42. Title of respect

44. Tax collector

45. Cool!

48. Real estate

50. Boy’s name

52. Airborne (abbr.)

53. Strongly recommends

55. Hit lightly

56. Bar bill

57. Atomic #54

58. Devotes again

63. Fish sauce

65. French stock market

66. Things that consist of two elements or parts

67. Tense

CLUES DOWN

1. Retired game show host Sajak

2. Equal (prefix)

3. Israeli city __ Aviv

4. Loved

5. A type of analyst

6. Ad __

7. Gasteyer and de Armas are two

8. Ran without moving

9. Opposite of yes

10. Diffuse clouds of gas

11. Mentioning one by one

13. Instruments used to dilate

15. Freshwater fish

17. Remotely-manned flying objects

18. Doctor of Education

21. Renews

23. Not the start

24. Pitching stat

27. Small water buffaloes

29. Ceramic jars

32. I (German)

34. Something to toss on a fire

35. The process of flowing in

36. A series of acts at a night club

39. Egg of a louse

40. Inquire too closely

43. Travelers

44. Drink

46. Behave in a way that degrades

47. Electronic music style

49. Northern Ireland city

51. Upset

54. Stiff structure resembling a hair

59. Father

60. North Atlantic fish

61. 8th month (abbr.)

62. Make an effort

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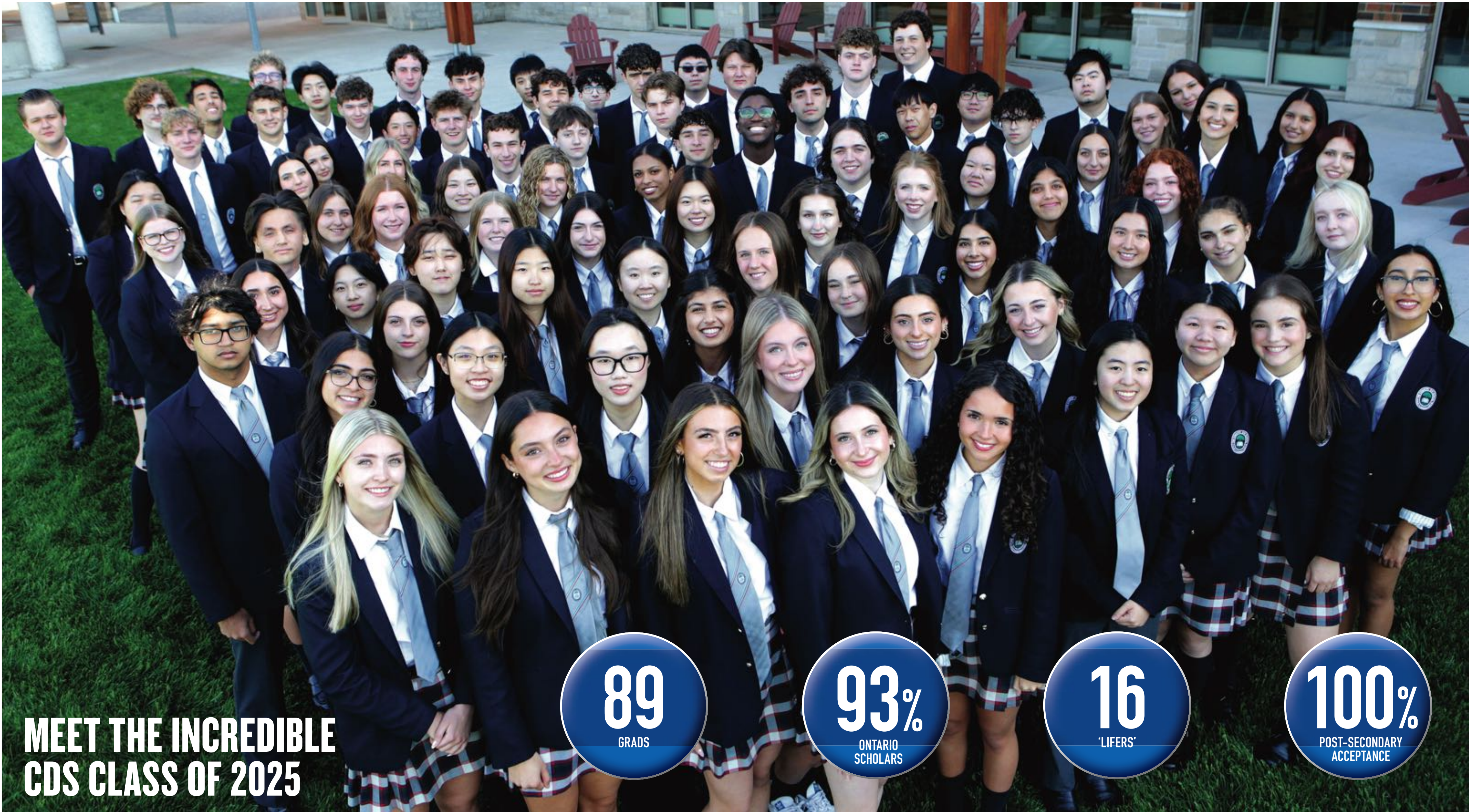
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NBSE Showcase demonstrates PDSB’s leadership as new Black History curriculum nears

BY RILEY MURPHY
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The Network of Black Studies Educators (NBSE) Elementary community showcase was presented last week by the Peel District School Board (PDSB).

The showcase provided the opportunity to show how PDSB educators lead the way in integrating Black history into the curriculum.

NBSE is a diverse group of PDSB educators and system leaders committed to infusing Black historical and contemporary contributions into all areas of the curriculum from K-12.

One example shared at the showcase is a Grade Five class at Floradale Public School, one of the 36 NBSE elementary pilot schools, sharing their work on Geometry in African Cultures.

Students explored African textiles as a part of the Grade Five mathematics curriculum.

“You’re building students’ confidence and empowering them to take a more active role in their learning and futures,” said Rashmi Swarup, Director of Education to the Board at Peel District School Board, at the showcase. “Affirming student identity helps address the disparities and disproportionalities facing black students and inspires high levels of achievement and excellence. NBSE is offering a model of how schools can meaningfully embed black histories and contributions into all subject areas.”

Superintendent of Equity, Indigenous Education & Community Engagement Atheia Grant shared in a statement to the Citizen that system implementation



Julie Rowe is pictured speaking at the NBSE Showcase.

PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

would not have been possible without the strong support of the Directors Office that provided financial support for professional learning and approved the NBSE Three Year Strategic Action Plan.

Director Rashmi Swarup continues to provide strong support and leverage the influence of the Director’s Office to expand the

work system-wide.

“Seeing the NBSE showcase come to fruition was an incredibly powerful experience. It was a moment filled with pride, not just in the community of educators in Peel District School Board who worked so passionately to bring it all together, but in the strength, brilliance, and resilience of the Black community as a whole,” said Grant.

“Watching the learning that is happening in our classrooms on display, it was clear that this was more than just an event, it was a celebration of strong leadership and system commitment, from the Director’s Office, Peel Association of African Canadian Educators, Superintendents, Principals, Instructional coaches, teachers and the Network of Black Studies Educators, to excellence, wellbeing and achievement,” said Grant.

Grant said it highlighted the deep contributions Black individuals continue to make in education, leadership, the arts, and beyond.

She said seeing students shine, educators uplifted, and the community so strongly represented created a sense of unity and purpose.

During the Ministry Review of Peel District School Board and after having extensive conversations with Black parents, families and community members, as an administrator, Grant had the opportunity to hire staff, deliver professional learning, develop and offer courses, curate resources, and shape a curriculum that was more reflective of the students and families that they serve, thus beginning NBSE in 2021. “We created a sustainable model

through the principles of LEAD. LEARN. SHARE,” said Grant.

Spoken of at the event is the arrival of a brand new curriculum.

For the first time, starting in September 2025, Grades 7, 8 and 10 history classes will include mandatory learning with an emphasis on elevating Black history as Canadian history by highlighting the various Black communities that emerged, developed and contributed to the development of Canada, including pre-and post-Confederation, as stated in a media release from the Ontario government.

Julie Rowe, Coordinator of Instructional Student Success at Peel District School Board, said that the work done in their schools has set them up for success with the new curriculum that’s coming.

“We are very well prepared as a board to support this new curriculum,” said Rowe. “There are rich contributions that students will be learning about, historical and contemporary. PDSB has led the way in our province with our black focused curriculum starting in high school and now in elementary as well.”

Shared Grant: “A reflective, equitable and culturally responsive curriculum helps students feel that they matter and when students feel they matter, they learn better, develop a love for education and school in general. PDSB can continue to ensure students see themselves reflected in the curriculum, continue to support the work of the NBSE, continue focusing on the Black Student Success Strategy and all other strategies to support marginalized students that still deserve and need to be centered in this board.”

COMMUNITY events

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Caledon Community Services’ 2024/2025 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 7:00 pm
Humber River Centre, 28 Ann St. Bolton, ON L7E 1B9
Come and hear **Captain (Ret’d) Kevin Junior**, a 2025 King Charles III Coronation Medal Honoree speak about community from his lens as a trailblazing leader with almost 40 years of service in the Canadian Arms Forces Reserves. Capt Junior was a Regimental Sergeant Major of the Toronto Scottish Regiment, her later became a commissioned officer in the Queen’s Own Rifles. Kevin is an Order of Ontario recipient with demonstrated commitment to community wellbeing, diversity, inclusion, and preserving military history. Light refreshments will be served.

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Trunk Sale - Saturday, June 14, 2025

The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is having a Trunk Sale from 8 am to 1 pm. Book your rental space (2 parking spots-\$35),

sell your goods and make some money! Also breakfast - peameal bacon on a bun and BBQ is available! Order your MacGregors seafood and meat for your summer barbecues and pick up your Krispy Kreme Donut order! For more information or to book your spot, call the Centre at 905-951-6114.

Special Lunch - Wed. June 18, 2025

The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is having a Special Lunch - dine-in or take-out. The menu is Quiche, Kale Salad and Rhubarb Crisp for dessert. Cost is \$11. Pick-up time is 11:45 am, dine-in served at 12:00 pm. Local delivery is available for \$2. Order deadline is Monday, June 16. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to place your order.

Fit For Life Wellness Expo – Friday, June 20, 2025

Discover an event focused on health, wellness and lifestyle solutions tailored for today’s mature adults at Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton on Friday June 20 from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Enjoy a FREE lunch, check out a variety of local exhibitors, guest speakers, program demonstrations, prizes and much more! Call the Caledon Seniors Centre at 905-951-6114 to register.

Fit Mind Activities – Monday, June 23, 2025

Join us at the Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton for some engaging, brain stimulating activities designed to promote cognitive health and mental well-being on Monday, June 23 at 11 am. This is a free activity that is hosted by Chartwell-Montgomery Village. Registration is required. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to register by June 17.

Strawberry Social - Thursday, June 26, 2025

The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is having an Afternoon Strawberry Social from 2 to 4 pm. Enjoy homemade cake with fresh strawberries and cream, tea, coffee and entertainment. This is a free event sponsored by the Town of Caledon. Limited spaces available. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to reserve your seats.

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Camp Molly bringing services to Caledon, area

BY RILEY MURPHY
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Camp Molly is a free, four-day camp for young women and non-binary youth aged 15-18, providing a hands-on firefighting experience – and this year, it’s coming to Caledon and will be held at the state-of-the-art training facility in Caledon Village.

The camp aims to showcase a career in the fire service as a viable and rewarding option.

It imparts a wide array of information from firefighting, medical, communications, education, and more.

Monique Belair, President and Founder of Camp Molly, was Deputy Fire Chief in Oakville, when she prioritized fostering female talent in firefighting and founded Camp Molly in 2019.

By 2024, Camp Molly had expanded to Ontario, Quebec, and Saskatchewan and partnered with the National Indigenous Fire Safety Council.

Belair said it all began when she ran a leadership program with the local high schools to allow some girls to come out and try the training campus.

During the program, one of the girls shared that she almost wasn’t allowed to participate because a family member told her not to waste her career day because “women can’t be firefighters.”

Belair faced adversity when she first started in fire service and said hearing that women were still told this isn’t an option for them 35 years later sparked a light bulb for her.

After that, she ran the first Camp Molly and now runs about 10 camps yearly.

The camp’s vision is “Be prepared to be challenged, be prepared to be empowered, be prepared to change the way you see yourself.”

Belair shared that one of the things that shaped that vision was statistics regarding how young women in Grades 6 to 10 see themselves.

She said that after working with campers, it completely changed her vision for the camp.

“It’s not just about a career in fire services, Camp Molly is about how we feel inside of ourselves,” said Belair.

“If I could describe to you what a girl looks like when she starts on Thursday morning to when she ends on Sunday, it’s indescribable. Every volunteer, every instructor that comes to Camp Molly says how much it changes these girls, but until you see it firsthand, you have no idea what we’ve done for these girls.”

Belair shared how much the camp has had an impact on her.

“When I see these girls and we interact with them and we see their smiles and the sense of accomplishment, it’s life-changing. It’s the best thing I’ve ever done in the fire service.”

The camp will take approximately 35 campers and will run from September 4 to 7.

Registration for the camp is on now.

Belair shared that one of the things she is adamant about is ensuring a camper never has to say they cannot attend because they can’t afford it.

All PPE is supplied, including bunker gear, helmets, gloves, masks, lunches, t-shirts, water bottles, and gym bags; everything is done through fundraising.

“Just come and try,” shared Belair. “Don’t put expectations on yourself. Never let your size or your ethnicity or your gender be the reason you said, ‘if only’.”

Dufferin County to host event on 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusivity this Pride Month

Join Dufferin County this June for a free, educational and meaningful conversation on improving 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusivity in Dufferin County and beyond.

In collaboration with the Equity Events Working Group, Dufferin County will be hosting “Don’t Rain on My Parade: Combatting 2SLGBTQIA+ Hate, Celebrating Community, and Taking Action Towards a More Inclusive World” in recognition of Pride Month.

This free community event will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25 at the Monora Park Pavilion.

Speaking from broad professional, personal and educational experiences, keynote speaker Prasanna Ranganathan will explore notions of identity and connection with a view to creating community, shattering stereotypes and combatting the rampant hate and discrimination that 2SLGBTQIA+ communities face worldwide. With a blend of personal stories, human rights considerations and inclusion best practices, Prasanna will underscore how we can, individually and collectively, create workplaces, organizations and civic spaces where 2SLGBTQIA+ community members not only feel safe, but included, valued, respected and celebrated.

“Dufferin County Council has proclaimed June Pride Month in Dufferin County to spotlight and celebrate the contributions of Dufferin’s 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. County Council invites our residents and stakeholders to join us in recognizing and celebrating Pride Season this summer, and encourages everyone to join us at this meaningful event to learn how we can create inclusive spaces for

2SLGBTQIA+ communities,” said Janet Horner, Warden of Dufferin County.

Registration is required for the event here. Register online at eventbrite.ca/e/dont-rain-on-my-parade-community-conversation-tickets-1397240075679.

Prasanna Ranganathan is a documentary producer, human rights lawyer, diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility and belonging (DEIAB) consultant/advisor, speaker, author, correspondent, writer and arts columnist.

Proudly claiming his identity as a racialized, queer person with a disability (blindness), Prasanna is a board member of the Disability Screen Office and a past board member of Inside Out (the largest LGBTQ2+ film festival in Canada).

Prasanna is a seasoned speaker, providing the annual Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) inclusion and accessibility workshop, speaking at the TIFF Industry Conference, delivering anti-bias and accessibility training to the Sundance Institute, and serving as a Guest Lecturer at the University of Southern California Annenberg Inclusion Initiative on inclusive storytelling.

“Dufferin County is excited to host the Don’t Rain on My Parade Pride event in collaboration with the Equity Events Working Group this month! Our team is committed to starting conversation and driving change, so that our residents can learn more about Dufferin’s diverse communities. We look forward to learning more about how we can create a more inclusive world for 2SLGBTQIA+ communities this Pride season, together,” said Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer of Dufferin County.



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June is Recreation and Parks Month in Caledon with Free Activities and Events



The Town invites residents of all ages to enjoy free, drop-in activities across Caledon including:

- **June 13 at Caledon Centre for Recreation & Wellness:**
Free public swim, youth night, and fitness facility access.
- **June 21 at Southfields Community Centre & Skate Park:**
Free public swim, adapted swim, skatepark event (3-5 p.m.) with music and contests, and fitness facility access.

Use the Recreation App to check in your digital membership card, or make a transaction and, you could win one of four great prizes of a Recreation 10x Pass!

Full details at [Caledon.ca/JRPM](https://caledon.ca/JRPM).

Summer Program Registration

Summer program registration also takes place during June is Recreation and Parks Month.

Mark your calendars:

- Resident registration: Wednesday, June 11 at 7 a.m.
- Non-resident registration: Wednesday, June 18 at 7 a.m.
- View the programs and register using the Caledon Recreation App!



JUNE IS SENIORS MONTH

Celebrate Seniors Month in Caledon!

This June, residents aged 55+ can enjoy FREE access to Caledon recreation centres and drop-in activities. Whether you love to swim, skate, walk, or simply connect with others — there’s something for everyone!

We’ve also teamed up with community partners to offer even more free programs and events throughout the month.

Visit caledon.ca/seniorsmonth for details.

Food and Friends: 55+ Social Breakfast Program

Join us for a free breakfast and meet fellow seniors in Caledon! Breakfast will be served at the Town Hall Café (6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East) on select Friday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Be sure to check the schedule before arriving!

Registration is required. Visit caledon.ca/adult55 for schedule and information.



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Italian Heritage celebrated in Bolton

Downtown Bolton was alive with the spirit of Italia on Saturday as it played host to the Caledon Italian Heritage Day. Held from 3 p.m. into the night, the event featured live music, food, and activities for the entire family. The festival also featured food trucks, a vendor market hosted in the Humber River Centre by Escape Your Reality Creativity, and authentic Italian gelato by Gelato Mio Bolton.

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Delegation to Italy intended to strengthen business ties, Sister City links

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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At Council’s June 3 General Committee meeting, Amanda St. John, Manager of Business Attraction & Investment, presented a memorandum regarding an update on Business Attraction & Investment Division plans and objectives to support the upcoming Town of Caledon Trade Delegation and Sister City Exchange to Italy.

The Town is expanding on its existing Sister City partnership with Isola del Liri, Italy, through a formal trade delegation from June 18 to 24 in Italy to explore “mutual opportunities” in the agrifood and food processing industries.

The Sister City Agreement is committed to continued and ongoing initiatives to advance culture, tourism, economic development, and educational collaboration.

A delegation report will be presented to the Council in September.

The report will include a detailed overview of prequalified meeting discussions and outcomes, with an assessment of the level of opportunity represented through continued foreign direct investment activity in Italy.

“Our relationship with Italy goes beyond cultural exchange—it’s an opportunity to connect with businesses that share our values and sector strengths,” said Mayor Annette Groves in a media release. “This delegation is about showcasing Caledon as a competitive, welcoming destination for investment while strengthening our sister-city bonds.”

The delegation is supported by the Government of Canada’s CanExport Community Investments Program, the Canadian Trade Commissioner Service team and the Italian Chamber of Commerce of Ontario Canada (ICCO).

\$18,600 will be coming from CanExport, the bulk of which will go towards consulting fees.

The consultant’s role is to develop all aspects of the in-market program, from planning to evaluation.

St. John said they do the leg work in market by meeting with companies, providing business cases, and setting up meetings with businesses interested in expanding into Canada and Caledon.

Their role also contributes to the post-delegation analysis, and consultants will provide recommendations on whether they should continue efforts in this delegation.

The total cost of the trip with travel and delegation expenses comes to \$68,000. CanExport’s funding of \$18,600 brings the Town commitment to \$49,000.

These funds will come from the Business Attraction and Investment Division’s existing marketing budget.

The individual travel expenses are being charged back to their respective division.

St. John shared, from their perspective, they are getting a lot of value in terms of marketing and utilizing that portion of the budget for this initiative.

“We have developed a strong relationship with the trade commissioners office and the Italian Chamber of Commerce of Ontario. Now we have these representatives who have our value proposition, and they are doing this marketing for us in market and even around Ontario,” said St. John. “Now the federal government knows that we are out in market promoting investment opportunities.”

St. John also shared that there are no anticipated additional costs for taxpayers.

Regarding measuring the delegation’s success, St. John shared that increasing their return on investment was a huge priority for them with this delegation.

“We’ve really worked to expand beyond the successes that have been achieved with the sister city agreement to date,” said St. John.

She said that they relied on research from Global Affairs Canada and their guidance to help develop a strategic focus for this mission, which helped them identify agrifood and food and beverage processing as targets beyond tourism and cultural development activities.

Caledon and Italy have shared opportunities and advantages in this respect, with proven success in Caledon with food and beverage companies.

“It’s a real opportunity for us, we have green space, we have talent, our strategic location makes us competitive in that area,” said St. John.

Regarding return on investment, St. John said that it typically takes about four years for a new company considering a relocation to invest internationally. Because of this, they have developed short and medium-term goals to help measure success.

For the short term, they are looking at opportunities for Caledon businesses to partner with Italian-based companies and strengthen that tie as we are “facing changing trade relationships with the United States,” said St. John.

“With the Humber River Centre and the Town’s new partnership with DMZ, there is an opportunity to attract entrepreneurs to Caledon as a landing spot,” she added.

She said that they are focused on job creation for their medium-term goals and big priority.

They hope to meet with companies that have expressed an interest in constructing a facility in Canada and will pitch Caledon as an option.

St. John added that another significant part of this is economic diversification.

“We’ve seen a lot of development in Caledon on the logistics front and while that’s great we’re also looking to bring in other sectors that have a natural advantage that creates high quality jobs for residents,” she said. “We

have a packed agenda of meetings, we’re looking to come out of this with 40 contacts and bringing those back and nurturing rela-

tionships along their investment pipeline so we can hopefully land some of those investments for Caledon.”

Changes would give Caledon control over regional roads and waste collection

The Ontario government has re-introduced legislation that would, if passed, protect communities by transferring the delivery of two public works services from Peel Region to Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon, giving these municipalities the tools they need to provide high-quality services to local taxpayers as they continue to grow.

The Peel Transition Implementation Act, 2025, if passed, would transfer jurisdiction over regional roads — including related stormwater infrastructure — from Peel Region to Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon. The Act would also transfer jurisdiction over waste collection from Peel Region to the three lower-tier municipalities.

“Our government is taking decisive action by giving Mississauga, Brampton, and Caledon the tools they need to deliver high-quality services that reflect the unique needs of their communities,” said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “This legislation was drafted in collaboration with all four municipalities, stakeholders, and experts to strengthen local governance in Peel Region.”

The proposed changes align with a recent local decision to transfer waste collection to the lower-tier municipalities. In addition, as announced with the Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025, the government is exploring transferring water and wastewater services with any future outcome maintaining public ownership.

To support the Region of Peel and its lower-tier municipalities through this important transition, Ontario’s Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator will work with municipalities to facilitate the process of transferring regional roads, including the transfer of assets and liabilities.

Regional roads and related stormwater infrastructure would transfer from Peel Region to Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon on July 1, 2026.

Waste collection services would transfer from Peel Region to Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon on January 1, 2026, to align with the locally led decision.

This legislation builds on previous actions, like transferring land-use planning from Peel Region to the three lower-tier municipalities on July 1, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice of Intention to Pass Amending By-law to Remove a Holding Symbol (“H”)

FILE NUMBER: RZ 2025-0013

The Town of Caledon offers a hybrid meeting model with multiple ways for members of the public to participate and engage with Council.

Earliest Town Council Meeting Date: July 8, 2025

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Attend In-Person: Members of the public may attend a meeting in-person and provide verbal comments (through delegation) regarding the proposed application or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting. For a delegation to be heard, registration is required. To do so, please complete the Participation Request Form available at www.caledon.ca/speak-at-council
- Submit a Written Comment: Members of the public may submit a written comment regarding the proposed application by completing the Participation Request Form, available at www.caledon.ca/speak-at-council
- Virtually: Members of the public are welcome to delegate virtually through WebEx upon request. For a delegation to be heard, registration is required. To do so, please complete the Participation Request Form, available at www.caledon.ca/speak-at-council. In addition, members of the public can watch meetings through the live stream available on the Town’s website.

APPLICANT:

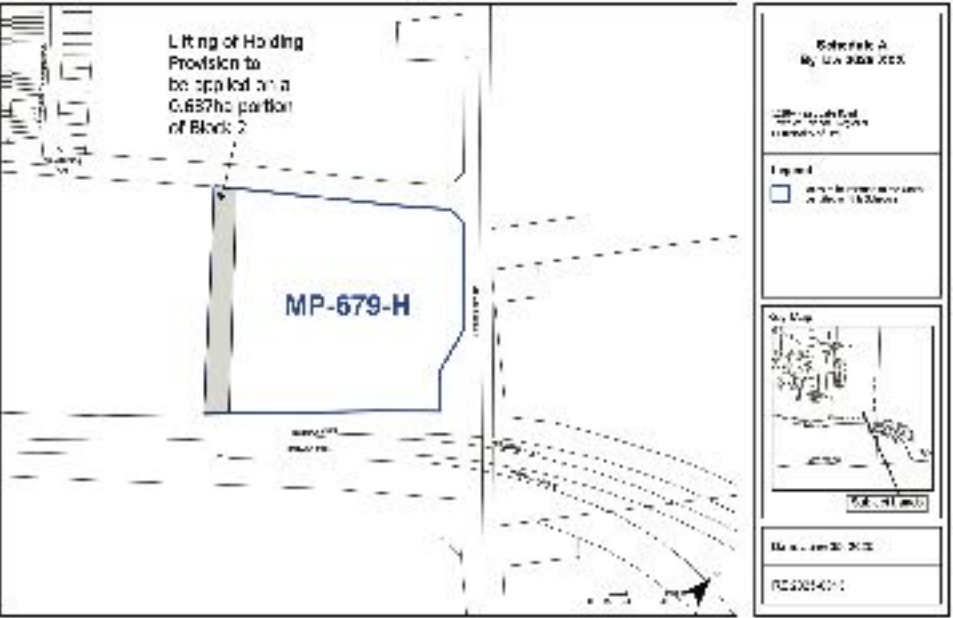
Robert Tran, NOVATECH, Engineers, Planners & Landscape Architects (applicant)
on behalf of 12304 Heart Lake Road Limited Partnership c/o Broccolini

LOCATION:

12304 Heart Lake Road, Block 2, Registered Plan 43M-2171, Ward Two

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has applied for a Zoning By-law Amendment (Lifting of Holding Symbol (“H”)) to remove the Holding Symbol (“MP-679-H36”), on the subject lands for lands zoned Prestige Industrial Exception 679 Holding Symbol 36 (MP-679-H36) as per Zoning By-law 2006-50, as amended. Removal of the Holding Symbols (“H36”) will allow for industrial uses on these lands subject to Town approvals.



LEAD PLANNER:

Chris Bean
Community Planner, Planning Services
and Zoning, Planning & Development
Department
905-584-2272 ext. 4265
chris.bean@caledon.ca

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information about this matter, including a copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application, additional information and material, please visit www.caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner at 905-584-2272 ext. 4997 from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

APPEAL PROCEDURE:

Under Section 36(3) of the Planning Act, only the applicant has appeal rights with respect to the removal of a Holding (H) symbol. There are no third-party rights to appeal the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

ACCESSIBILITY:

If you require an accessibility accommodation to attend or participate in this Council Meeting, or to access any materials related to this item in an alternate format please contact Council and Committee Services by phone at 905-584-2272 x.2366 or via email at agenda@caledon.ca.

Requests should be submitted at least 10 days before the Council Meeting.

Multi-Tenant Landowners: Please post this notice in a visible location to all residents of the land.

Notice Date: June 12, 2025



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Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land

Form 2
Expropriations Act, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 363



IN THE MATTER OF an application by The Regional Municipality of Peel for approval to expropriate the lands, as set out in Schedule “A” herein, in the Town of Caledon, in the Regional Municipality of Peel being:

- Permanent Feedermain Easement:** Limited Interest in Perpetuity for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed permanent easement in gross or rights in the nature of a permanent easement in gross to enter, occupy and re-enter by The Regional Municipality of Peel including its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors and workers, with all necessary material, including, but not limited to, vehicles, machinery, supplies and equipment at all times in, on, over, through, under, above, along and upon the applicable lands for the municipal purpose of constructing, installing, operating, maintaining, inspecting, altering, removing, replacing, reconstructing, enlarging and repairing watermain, feedermain and related appurtenances, including without limiting the foregoing removal of trees, shrubs, bushes, branches, stumps and roots and prevention or control of the growth of same, and the removal of any other material or object which may interfere with the use and enjoyment of this easement or damage the infrastructure within the easement area (“**Permanent Feedermain Easement**”)

For the municipal purpose of the West Caledon (Zone 7) Transmission Main and Storage Facility project, in the Town of Caledon together with works ancillary thereto.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the interests herein described in the lands described hereinbefore.

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

- in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty (30) days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice;
- in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice.

The approving authority is:
The Council of The Regional Municipality of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive,
Brampton, ON L6T 4B9

Name of expropriating authority:
The Regional Municipality of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive,
Brampton, ON L6T 4B9

The Regional Municipality of Peel
Aretha Adams, Regional Clerk

THIS NOTICE FIRST PUBLISHED ON JUNE 5TH, 2025

SCHEDULE “A”

Those lands in the Town of Caledon in the Regional Municipality of Peel described as follows:

- Permanent Feedermain Easement**
Part of PIN 14255-0100 (LT)
Part of Lot 19, Concession 4, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Chinguacousy), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 43R-41868
- Permanent Feedermain Easement**
Part of PIN 14255-0135 (LT)
Part of Lot 19, Concession 4, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Chinguacousy), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 43R-41869

BROCK WEIR
BROCK'S BANTER

Creature Comforts (and Discomforts)

A couple of weekends ago, I made the mistake of dressing for typical May weather.

Setting out that Saturday, I thought nothing of wearing a short-sleeved button-up – after all, spring was allegedly in full swing.

It was an early start, so when I made my sartorial selection, I figured it would warm significantly once the sun came out to play and felt confident leaving the house with my selection, with a cardigan just in case.

Except, amid the flurry that resulted from nearly forgetting my camera before setting out, the cardigan didn't join me for the complete journey. The sun, as it happened, didn't join me, either, so there I sat in an outdoor tent in single-digit degrees, in short sleeves, waiting for a military parade to begin as I daydreamed diving into a large swimming pool of warm tea to get full feeling back into my limbs.

Needless to say, I didn't quite feel my best the next day and whether or not it was psychosomatic, I felt a little bit fluish and went back to bed midday for a nap. Sleep, apparently, wasn't in the offing, so after about an hour of staring at the ceiling hoping to bore myself into slumber, I popped in a DVD of a favourite TV show and not only did I feel almost instantly better, I was lulled into a bit of a nap soon enough.

It was, to me, a prime example of just how nice it is to have a "comfort show" in your life.

A comfort show is generally described as a piece of entertainment one can turn to for solace, joy, or, as the name suggests, simple comfort – and that's nothing to sneeze at.

Some criticize such things as an escape hatch that keeps you from dealing with important, challenging things in life, but that's not always the case.

There's nothing wrong with having a warm blanket to envelope you when it's needed, even if it's about as far removed from a quilt or duvet as you can possibly be. And I'd wager we all have just such a blanket in one way or another, whether we realize it or not – a favourite book, a favourite film, a favourite television show, a favourite nature walk, sport, or drive.

As beneficial as these outlets can be, it's important to remember that seeking comfort doesn't necessarily mean being complacent to whatever is causing you to seek it in the first place.

That said, however, some can seek comfort with a bit too much zeal.

On Thursday, I had the pleasure of attending a screening of Walking Through the Fire, a remarkable "visual album" led by the Sultans of String, in collaboration with Indigenous musicians, artists and storytellers, created in response to one of the 94 Calls to Action outlined by the National Commission on Truth and Reconciliation ten years ago.

The "visual album," which can be described as a collection of evocative music videos, each woven into the last through a very strong narrative, touched upon a several difficult subjects, and was followed by a question-and-answer session with three of the participating artists – Shannon Thunderbird, Kate Dickson, and Chris McKhool, the latter of whom led the project

Their words were uniformly insightful, but one of Dickson's comments struck a particular chord with me.

On the subject of each individual's perception, she shared: "You tap into an ancient brain going back generations and generations. We've all done it. You realize that you're allowed to feel what you feel. You know, there's that old phrase, 'Knowing sets you free.' I'm not so sure how it sets you

free. However, you have to know about just about everything, no matter how awful it might be, no matter how unpleasant it makes you feel, because being unsettled spurs you to action."

Dickson might have been speaking about the very difficult and harrowing experiences of our Indigenous peoples, experiences that many of us of non-Indigenous descent can't begin to fully understand, but I feel the sentiments she expressed are universal.

One of my favourite comfort shows, Bewitched, has an episode where the neighbours, mostly concerned mothers, are hand-wringing about the impending closure of their kids' favourite park; a prevailing sentiment amongst the general population – at least until a few nose-twitches got involved – was, "you can't fight city hall!"

Thankfully, in my experience, this sentiment has largely faded into the ether as residents of our communities rarely shy away from filling Council Chambers to fight for the issues close to their hearts. In other areas, however, the quest for action quite often takes a hit in the quest for comfort.

Books that have educated, informed, and indeed entertained readers for generations, and have had profound impacts on the way we've thought and seen the world for decades, are being tossed aside after a chapter or two – or, worse, being left on the shelf altogether – because they're products of their time and some of the sentiments contained within their covers can make some readers feel "uncomfortable" through modern sensibilities.

If it makes you think about where we are today, versus the time in which it was written, it sounds to me like the book is still doing exactly as it was intended to do.

Films continue to experience a similar phenomenon.

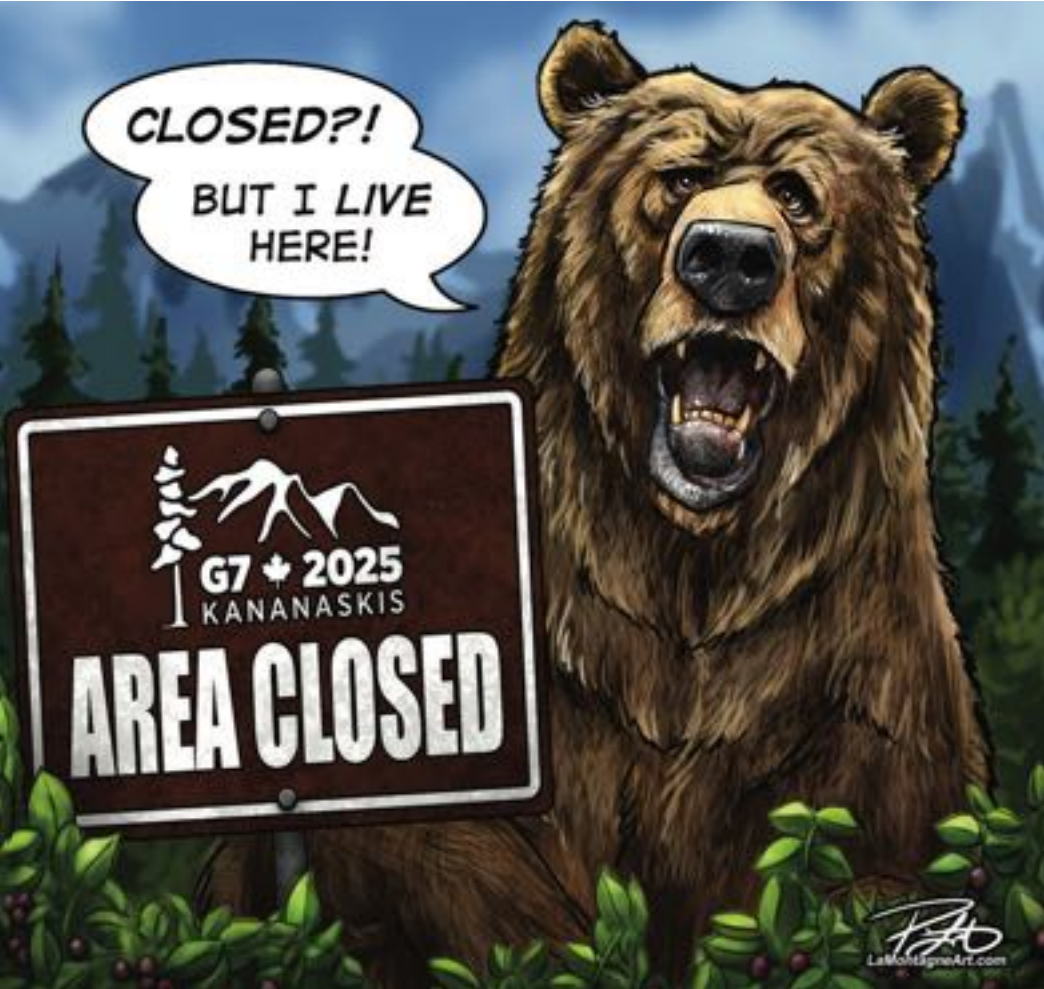
A couple of years ago, a friend of mine set a challenge for himself to watch every single film to win the Academy Award for Best Picture since Oscar's inception in 1929. Things were going great until they got to 1939 and that year's winner, Gone with The Wind, and its highly romanticized view of the American south before, during, and immediately after their Civil War. I'm not sure what they were expecting given the fact it's one of the most famous and widely-seen movies of all time, and its themes have been widely known (and criticized) for more than 80 years, but that was the end of achieving a clean Best Picture sweep – all in the name of "discomfort."

To my mind, rather than discomfort, it was an opportunity for a critical viewing that was ultimately lost. Alas. We're living in an increasingly challenging and divided world, and, inevitably, this is reflected in our news and current affairs, no matter where you happen to tap into them. If you happen to tap into them at all.

There are no shortage of things happening right now at home and abroad that can be disheartening, discomforting, and perhaps overwhelming. You might feel a desire to close the paper, turn off the TV news, close your apps, and power down your devices, to wrap yourself in the warm metaphorical blanket of your choice, but knowledge, if not fully emancipating, is power indeed.

And who knows? Armed with knowledge, and the example of others, you could too be inspired to make a difference – if only you give yourself a chance.

It would be easier with a nose twitch, of course, but we can all make due with what's inside all of us.



Stupid is as stupid does is our modern MO

by Mark Pavilons



"Lately things seem extraordinarily stupid," says Canada's leading environmentalist David Suzuki.

Lately?

It's kind of funny that we are at our peak of knowledge and technological process, yet we're dumb as posts in some ways.

Given this, it takes a lot of work today to remain ignorant. And yet, it's still difficult to convince the masses.

According to my trusty lexicon, ignorance is a lack of knowledge, where stupidity is just, well, the state of being stupid!

"The highest form of ignorance is when you reject something you don't know anything about," Wayne Dyer said.

Quite right.

Many leaders, entrepreneurs and industry experts aren't blind to the facts and mountains of research. They just don't care. It's not a lack of knowledge, it's downright rejection of the facts. Being in the "facts" business, I just can't fathom that approach.

Neither ignorance nor avarice is much of an excuse. And they're both choices.

I have often thought that instead of testing people for performance-enhancing drugs, we should test them for stupidity, ignorance, greed and love of power.

There's no question that ignorance and stupidity can do more damage to our society – and our planet – than all the knowledge and good intentions combined. Sad, but true.

According to research, a substantial portion of the population (just under half) engages in "willful ignorance" to act selfishly.

According to authors Linh Vu and Margarita Leib in Scientific American, sometimes people engage in altruistic behaviors because they feel pressure to do what is expected of them. When the consequences of choices are made clear, people may feel obliged to make a small sacrifice and be generous to others. But when given a chance, they may want to ignore the consequences of their actions. Ignorance shields people from knowing how their actions harm others and makes them feel less like a bad person.

The bottom line is if you know what's really going on, you will have to make harder choices to be a good person.

In our world of limitless information, we can feel overwhelmed and bombarded. We start to find it hard to tell the difference between fact and fiction. Social media and well-known websites have veered far from their original purposes, to present a lot of confusing misinformation. Ultimately, this makes it harder for average people to form a valid opinion on

something.

Conspiracy theories, misinformation, black-and-white thinking, personal attacks, and confirmation bias are common.

Pop culture and social media tend to over-simplify things and seldom offer up any in-depth, critical discussions, forums or exchanges of information.

It's almost like centuries past, when average people and academia kept to themselves, never sharing new-found discoveries with the masses. Were the common folk purposely kept in the dark? Of course!

The key to rooting out our shortcomings, many experts believe, is to become aware of our own ignorance, embrace it and learn from our mistakes. Our ego should have nothing to do with moving forward.

Sad to think that our insecurity is one of the causes of denial, racism and hatred.

I've always been a proponent of teaching our kids self-esteem and self-respect in school. If they can learn and embrace those at an early age, they will be much further ahead in life, "free" to explore, debate, learn and discover. Alas, from all the psychological studies on ignorance, it seems our education system churns out mediocre consumers, not thinkers, philosophers or leaders.

Ignorant types, it seems, cling to their opinions, regardless of how irrational they may be. We may have witnessed this in recent months from various politicians.

Mark Twain warned us to never argue with a stupid person because they're much better at it than we are. Arguing with them only reinforces them.

The problem comes down to the fact we're emotional human beings. We're not purely rational and are still somewhat dominated by our primitive self-survival instincts.

We have cognitive biases, in which we rely on our own environment, upbringing and limited knowledge to make our decisions. They may be irrational, but they seem perfectly logical to us. Some also tend to be overconfident, appearing to know everything, but upon examination, only scratch the surface on any subject matter. It's frustrating.

Again, heading back to basics may provide some answers. We all need to be more reflective in our thinking and more self-aware. We should be grounded and more genuine with others.

Exposing our weaknesses may just be the ticket to the brain train.

That's life, but reality is a bit different.

In my line of work, I hear very passionate, credible arguments from all sides in an issue. They all seem intelligent, well informed and well, right. And yet, they all can't be right.

When we listen to politicians or lobby groups, it's important to know intent. Are they intentionally misleading someone, or do they genuinely believe in their cause and their solution? Again, it's a tricky area because both will fight tooth and nail to the end.

And that makes it even harder for the public to decipher between facts and rhetoric, truth versus self-serving interests.

Martin Luther King, Jr. said "nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."

Who wants to lead the way in eliminating stupidity, ignorance and bias? Raise your hands!

Our Readers Write

Carney must present a budget, says MP

During the election, Mark Carney said that a plan beats no plan. A budget is a plan, and Canadians need a plan now more than ever. Instead, he's saddling Canadians with more debt, more bureaucracy, and more inflation.

Last week, Mark Carney introduced half-a-trillion dollars of spending with no budget. It's the first time outside of COVID that has occurred in decades. His proposal would increase government spending by eight per cent with much of this spending going towards bureaucracy, consultants, and contractors. This makes Mark Carney even more expensive than Justin Trudeau. Under Carney, consultant spending will skyrocket 37 per cent, costing Canadians \$26 billion a year.

Mark Carney's spending bill will drive up inflation and interest rates above and beyond what they would otherwise be. He's doing this at a time when

Canada is witnessing a record increase in the number of people who are unable to pay their bills.

Conservatives urged Mark Carney and his Liberal government to introduce a budget before the House of Commons rises for the summer, outlining how he will pay for all this spending. He promised that he had a plan ready to go during the campaign and he now refuses to introduce one, making it a year since Canadians received a clear look at the government's finances.

Canadians cannot afford an even more expensive Liberal government. It's time for Mark Carney to present a plan to lower government spending and the cost of living for Canadians.

KYLE SEEBACK, M.P.
DUFFERIN-CALEDON

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Wilson Lands Development:
A Gift for Caledon’s Future

I’m thrilled to share some wonderful news about an inspiring milestone for our community. The Region of Peel has officially formalized a donation agreement with the Wilson family of Caledon, leading to the acquisition of 20 acres of land at 13344 Humber Station Road — right at the northwest corner of Humber Station and Healey Road.

This generous gift marks the beginning of an exciting initiative to help meet the growing health and social service needs of Caledon. I’ve been proud to champion this project from day one. These are the types of services that truly matter — services that support our seniors, families, and all members of our community as we continue to grow.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Wilson family for their remarkable vision and generosity. Their donation is more than just land — it’s a legacy that will benefit Caledon for generations to come.

We officially launched a project to create a “Strategic Roadmap” for the development of these donated lands in 2024. This roadmap is a high-level plan that outlines the vision for the site and the best approach to bring that vision to life.

The project has been guided by an Advisory Committee made up of dedicated leaders from Peel Region, the Town of Caledon, Headwaters Health Care Centre, William Osler Health System, and the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team. Their insights and expertise have helped shape a thoughtful, forward-looking strategy.

After over a year of collaboration, research, and meaningful dialogue, the Strategic Roadmap was completed. At its heart is a powerful vision: “Community access to care and services, where and when it’s needed.”

The key focus areas identified for the site include:

- An Integrated Health Centre;
- A Seniors Centre, including long-term care;
- A Community Hub that integrates a wide range of community supports and services.

On May 22, Regional Council endorsed the Strategic Roadmap as a guiding framework to move this work forward. This marks an important step in bringing this vision to life.

Looking ahead to 2025 and 2026, the next phase of the project will include:

- Forming a core project management team with staff from both Peel Region and the Town of Caledon;
- Deepening engagement with residents and stakeholders to ensure community needs are at the heart of the plan;
- Exploring partnerships and funding opportunities;
- Undertaking a detailed feasibility assessment to ensure the site is ready for the intended development.

We know that full development of the site will take time — this is a multi-year journey. But every step brings us closer to a healthier, stronger, and more connected Caledon.

Thank you again to the Wilson family for their extraordinary gift, and to everyone who continues to support this vital work. Together, we’re building something truly meaningful for our community — for today, and for the future.

Let’s keep moving forward — for our seniors, our families, and the generations yet to come.

Headwaters Acquired
Brain Injury Group
marks Brain Injury
Awareness Month

BY SAM ODROWSKI

In a single moment, life can change forever.

Whether it’s a motor vehicle accident, slip and fall, a concussion from sports or health complications, an acquired brain injury can severely alter how a person interacts with the world.

The 165,000 Canadians who endure a serious brain injury each year, according to Brain Injury Canada, can be left disabled or cognitively impaired for the rest of their life.

With June marking Brain Injury Awareness Month, a local not-for-profit support group is celebrating the people it serves with a community barbecue.

Headwaters Acquired Brain Injury Group (HABI) holds the barbecue each year as an opportunity for its members, as well as their family and friends, to enjoy camaraderie, support and a celebration of the group’s success.

HABI is a Dufferin County-based support group, founded in 2009, and operated under the umbrella of the Ontario Brain Injury Association.

“HABI is committed to providing support to those impacted by brain injury and is dedicated to raising awareness about the impact that brain injury has on so many,” reads a press release from HABI.

“HABI hosts monthly support groups, which provide members with opportunities to support each other, listen to guest speakers, and form social connections.”

HABI hosts social activities as well. There is no cost to attend HABI and all community members are welcome.

There is no waitlist to attend HABI gatherings, which take place on the first Thursday of each month, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at The Centre (375 Hansen Blvd., Orangeville).

The group currently has 75 active members and 15-25 people usually attend each gathering at The Centre.

HABI members have shared that they enjoy coming to a group where everyone knows what they are going through and they don’t have to explain their symptoms. While many members noted they were nervous when first joining the group, they have found HABI to be a very welcoming and positive outlet for them.

Everyone fits in – whether someone is living with a mild concussion or a more severe brain injury.

HABI members also enjoy the fact that the group is run by and for people with brain injuries.

The Ontario Brain Injury Association (OBIA) is using this month to highlight brain injury caused by oxygen deprivation related to non-fatal overdose.

According to OBIA, “Research suggests that for every one fatality due to overdose, there are approximately 15 non-fatal overdoses, many resulting in hypoxic or anoxic brain injuries. These injuries are often invisible and remain undiagnosed, yet they can significantly affect a person’s memory, focus, emotional regulation, and mobility.”

The OBIA continued, “Between 2016 and 2021, more than 27,000 opioid poisoning hospitalizations occurred in Canada. The majority were non-fatal, yet the long-term impact on survivors often goes unnoticed. Many are discharged from hospital care without any assessment or follow-up for possible brain injury.”

For more information, check out HABI’s website at headwatersabi.ca and Facebook page @Headwaters Acquired Brain Injury Group - HABI.

Information about OBIA can be found at obia.ca.

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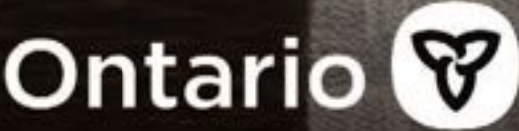
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A Ruined Walk with Rory amid raucous revelry at “The Rink”



Rory McIlroy and Ludvig Aberg peer off the teeblock on Friday. McIlroy shot a 78 and missed the cut for the first time in a year.

PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

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Rory McIlroy—two-time Canadian Open champion and a favorite of Canadian golf fans—strode to the first tee deck on Friday and must have felt like Caledon’s Osprey Valley was a home away from home.

McIlroy even donned Canadian colors for the adoring throng.

Northern Ireland’s favorite son and Canada’s favorite golfer sported the national colors—a bright red golf shirt and white hat.

His partners in Friday’s grouping – the dynamic duo of Sweden’s Ludvig Aberg and US College star Luke Clanton—are rising stars in the sport and soaked in the warm crowd’s encouragement.

As McIlroy met the media, Aberg and Clanton got a master class lesson on the theme of gratitude. McIlroy—whose Masters’ victory in April was celebrated nationwide – extolled the virtues of the RBC Canadian Open: “The tournament has grown from strength to strength over the last few years and that’s a lot to do with Golf Canada and RBC and everyone behind it. They should be proud of what they’ve built.”

McIlroy also cited the value of playing in the Canadian Open as a warmup to the US Open.

“Before playing in this event—in 2016, 2017, and 2018—I missed three cuts in a row at the US Open and since playing in the Canadian Open the week before, I’ve had six Top Tens in a row so there’s something to that.”

It was clear that McIlroy was encouraging PGA players to play in the Canadian Open and he expressed his appreciation to the fans in attendance: “Obviously playing in front of the Canadian fans and everything that goes along with that and the enthusiasm and you know – you guys only get to see this sort of golf once a year. So, I think once it does come along, it’s really appreciated. And then I think that atmosphere is really appreciated by the players that get to play in front of those fans.”

McIlroy stepped into that friendly, supportive atmosphere on Friday afternoon, but his usual brilliant game did not accompany him down the first fairway.

It’s evident that McIlroy’s “Everyman” appeal endears him with his fans, but his slipups on the course remind us of our own frustrations when the little white ball won’t do our bidding.

The ball did not do his bidding at Osprey Valley as Thursday’s soggy conditions led to a +1 71, but the mist and mire of Round One gave way to sunny and hazy conditions that should have generated good scoring opportunities for the world’s second-best golfer. Alas, they did not.

McIlroy, Aberg, and Clanton played their way through the smoky wildfire airborne resi-

due that shrouded the treetops and hills of Caledon. Amid the miasma that served as a kind of murky foreshadowing, leather-lunged supporters exhorted McIlroy with “Let’s Go, Rory!” and “You’ve Got this, Rory!”

However, the red-shirted, white-capped two-time tournament champ could not etch enough red marks on his card. When he reefed his drive into the woods on #3, the cut-line of -2 became an even more distant possibility for McIlroy as he was forced to play out of Osprey Valley’s lush red and white fescue-laden rough.

But hope often springs eternal and spectators were lined up five-deep along the roped barriers that ring the Par 3 4th hole to witness a great comeback. McIlroy’s legion of fans roared their encouragement when McIlroy sunk his two-foot par putt and stopped the “bleeding.”

However, disaster struck on the Par 4 5th hole when McIlroy inscribed a snowman on his card. The second-ranked player in the Rolex standings air-mailed his second shot over the green and out of play. McIlroy’s second shot sailed over the green, his resultant pitch went long, and after chipping back on to the green, he two-putted for a quadruple-bogey. Superman and Everyman seemed wrapped into one as McIlroy headed to the tee box at 6.

With McIlroy sinking out of contention in a round best described as a “Good Walk Ruined,” this scribe sought refuge at the nearby “Rink” and its tented grandstand behind the 14th green. Recalibrating and hydrating in the shade, enjoying some scoreboard-watching, and witnessing pro golfers struggle with the subtleties of a very challenging green was just the tonic required to offset the disappointment of Rory’s round.

The setup and atmosphere of the 14th at Toronto TPC-Osprey Valley is worth the price of admission. Players are greeted with wild enthusiasm by the thousands of spectators above and along the tee deck which is surrounded by hockey boards. These wooden frames are thumped by the fans to create an authentic Canadian experience.

However, the loudest cheering is reserved for the Canadian golfers in the field.

Accordingly, Roger Sloan’s arrival roused the denizens and he rewarded their warm welcome by dropping his soaring approach on the apron—pin high. Sloan strode up the fairway to plenty of support and almost chipped it in from twenty feet before settling for a par that was cheered by his countrymen.

The volume was raised when Ben Silverman and the 2003 Masters champion Mike Weir ascended the tee block. The fans’ patriotism went into overdrive to greet a rising Canadian star and a Canadian legend.

A spontaneous version of “O Canada” was delivered by the throaty patrons as Silverman

and the Weir prepared to launch their tee shots. When the two Canadians tapped in their pars, the spectators at “The Rink” roared their approval and both were cheered all the way to the 15th tee block.

On this day, the raucous spectators reserved their heartiest welcome for a trio of Canadians who played starring roles in this year’s Open: Taylor Pendrith, Mackenzie Hughes, and 2023 champion Nick Taylor.

When the Pendrith-Hughes-Taylor juggernaut ascended the 14th tee block, they were serenaded with an even lustier version of the anthem and three of Canada’s top players responded in kind to the love-in.

Taylor, at -9 and in second place in the tournament, dialed in his approach to within ten feet. Sitting at -7 and solidly in contention, Pendrith launched a ball into orbit. It bit into the back of the green and settled to eight feet above the hole. Hughes, at -5, fired his tee shot pin high on the apron—17 feet off the target. All three birdie putts were agonizingly close—eliciting groans from the supportive crowd. Although Taylor missed his birdie putt, he carded six birdies prior to his reception at “The Rink” and added another at #18. Perhaps there was a carry-over of good feeling – due to a round of appreciative applause Taylor and his valiant compatriots enjoyed as they exited the 14th green en-route to adjacent 15th tee.

This scribe’s viewing day commenced with Rory and closed with Rory as the fan favorite ascended the tee box of “The Rink” with Aberg and Clanton. The young US collegiate champ dropped a 27-foot putt for birdie which exhilarated a crowd starved for birdies. Clanton’s brilliant effort was the best of the trio as Aberg slid his 11-footer two feet past the hole and settled for par. McIlroy lined up his 22-foot putt, but the subtleties of the 14th escaped him on this day—much to the disappointment of the crowd that was looking for a reason to whoop up their appreciation of a much-loved golfer. The two-time Canadian Open champ rolled in a 2-footer for par and soldiered on to the 15th tee – wrapped in warm applause that served as solace for a missed cut. It was McIlroy’s first such misadventure since The Open championship last July.

Bolton Brewers crush Creemore Padres in NDBL action at North Hill Park

BY JIM STEWART

The Bolton Brewers defeated the Creemore Padres 10-4 on Thursday night at North Hill Park.

The potent Brewers’ offence has produced 29 runs in its last two games, including a 19-4 dismantling of the NDBL champion Owen Sound Baysox last Sunday.

Brett Chater, Ben Sterritt, Drew Volkey, and Dan Accardo paced the Brewers’ offense versus Creemore with two hits each.

Accardo, Volkey, and newly-acquired first baseman Reid Deibert scored two runs each against the Padres. Logan Hart led Bolton with two RBI.

Starting pitcher Matteo Stothers picked up the win by scattering seven hits and yielding four earned runs over six innings of work. Sterritt shifted from centerfield to the mound to pitch a scoreless seventh.

Anson Dupuis scored two runs, picked up two hits, and drove in a run to lead the Padres’ offence.

The lop-sided outcome was not a given over the first three innings of play. The Padres jumped out to a 2-0 lead after the second and tacked on two more in the third to increase the home side’s deficit to four at the top of the inning.

However, the Brewers offence woke from its Spring evening slumber and scored ten unanswered runs—three in the third, two more in the fourth, three in the fifth, and two more for good measure in the sixth to provide the six-run margin of victory.

With the win, the fifth-place Brewers improved their North Dufferin Baseball League Senior Division record to 5-3-1 while the ninth-place Padres dropped to 3-4-0.

Outfielder Chris Falfalios continues to lead the Brewers in hitting with 16 knocks and a .593 batting average, followed by Playing Coach Mike Wallace (.538), and First Baseman Reid Deibert (.500). Catcher Carter Burnside leads the team in runs scored with 12 and ranks second in hits with 12. Falfalios and shortstop Brett Chater are the home run leaders. The Brewers’ Bash Brothers have two taters each.

The Brewers’ next home game is Thursday, June 19 when they host the Barrie Angels. First pitch is 7:30 p.m. at North Hill Park.



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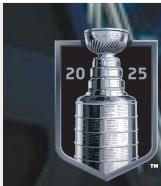
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Ryan Fox survives four-hole playoff over Burns to capture RBC Canadian Open in Caledon

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The 2023 Canadian Open champion expressed disappointment about his final round performance, but was appreciative of the award.

“I’ll take some pride in that. It stings with the finish today, but I’m happy I gave it a run. It didn’t pan out this time, but if that’s a consolation prize, it’s nice. I thought 17-under would be in a playoff potentially, but being given a chance with a few holes to go is what you’re looking for.”

The RBC Canadian Open at TPC Toronto Osprey Valley was all a golf fan could be looking for, even though a native son such as Taylor did not hoist the trophy in 2025. It was a thrill to watch eight Canadians march up the 18th fairway to appreciative applause from the thousands of fans ringing the final hole.

A record-tying number of Canadians made the cut and their play showed the

depth of golf talent in this country.

Matthew Anderson of Mississauga, ON, was the first Canuck to embrace the 18th hole “homecoming.”

The fans assembled around the green and the three adjacent grandstands were not as rowdy as “The Rink” denizens over on the 14th, but they were equally enthusiastic at welcoming each of the Canadian players to their 72nd green of the tournament.

Anderson—after his playing partner Jeremy Paul dialed in his approach within two feet of the pin—wedged his approach less than 8 feet of the target. The 24-year-old made no mistake on his putt—jarring his birdie with Mounties Nicole Noonan and Murray Farrow overseeing his fine effort and offering their congratulations as he exited the sun-drenched 18th. Anderson’s birdie pulled him even for a Final Round of 70 and he tied for 47th place at 7 under par.

Listowel’s Corey Conners strolled up



Steve, the “Leprechaun from Belfast”, is flanked by Mounties Nicole Noonan and Murray Farrow. PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

the 18th to much louder applause and responded in kind by firing a dart to within two feet aside the pin. Conners did not disappoint the crowd—he jarred his birdie to finish the day on a high note.

The PGA veteran finished the Final Round with a 68 and tied for 28th place at 10 under par.

Ben Silverman of Thornhill followed Conners’ lead, flew his approach on 18 exactly two feet from the hole and rolled in his birdie, too—punctuating the made putt with a wee fist pump that endeared the 37-year-old to the Canadian fans. Silverman’s birdie gave him a -1 final round and he accrued a -9 over the tournament to finish in a tie for 36th.

Richard T. Lee—who is not a PGA player

but is currently ranked third on The Asian Tour – followed Conners and Silverman in a parade of Canadians up the 18th.

The 34-year-old, born in Richmond Hill and raised in Vancouver, created a birdie opportunity with his approach shot, but his 18-footer leaked left for a tap-in par. Lee rose as high as a tie for third place after the second round of the Canadian Open during which he fired a 66 and exploded into the consciousness of Canadian golf fans. His score of 70 on Sunday dropped him into a tie with Silverman for 36th with a 9 under par for the tournament.

As Shane Lowry meandered up the 18th, Steve the Leprechaun stirred to life in his front row, greenside chair, but there was no luck of the Irish on Sunday as Lowry bogeyed both 17 and 18 to fall out of contention.

The combustible Lowry’s playing partner on Sunday was Taylor, who rocketed a fairway wood to within ten feet above the 18th pin. The crowd saluted Taylor’s long effort with hearty applause, but the 2023 champ rolled his birdie effort a little left for a tap-in par.

The crowd reserved its loudest cheer for the Dynamic Canadian Duo of the day. Playing partners Adam Hadwin of Abbotsford, BC and Taylor Pendrith of Richmond Hill, both parred the 18th and finished Round Four with 70. Hadwin and Pendrith finished in a tie for 28th at 10 strokes under par.

MacKenzie Hughes rounded out the Canadian contingent of eight and was greeted with warm applause as he stepped on to the green at 18 and tapped in his par to end a frustrating day on the links. The Dundas, ON, native shot a +1 on Sunday and finished at -11 for the tournament in a tie for 24th.

Although no Canadian made a big final round charge nor finished in the Top Ten at this year’s national professional tournament, it’s evident that there is a Golden Age of Golf emerging in Canada.

It was equally evident that TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley is a perfect place to host the RBC Canadian Open with its sprawling, picturesque, and hilly track.

Golf Canada seems to have a similarly favourable impression of the golf course and its splendid facilities. Luckily for locals, the RBC Canadian Open is slated for a return to northwest Caledon in 2026—a delightful turn of events for golfers, spectators, and media alike.

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“Terrific Trio” of Pendrith, Hughes, and Taylor put on sparkling display on drizzly day at RBC Canadian Open



The Terrific Canadian Trio of Taylor, Hughes and Pendrith exit the 19th green to thunderous ap-please from the gallery. PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

BY JIM STEWART

One thing became evident during this week’s coverage of The RBC Canadian Open in north-west Caledon: It’s the Golden Age of Canadian golf.

During Rounds 1 and 2, 24 Canadians teed it up at the sprawling and picturesque North Course of TPC Toronto Osprey Valley.

After play on Friday, eight Canadians—Nick Taylor, Richard T. Lee, Taylor Pendrith, Mackenzie Hughes, Adam Hadwin, Matthew Anderson, Corey Connors, and Ben Silverman—made the cut at -3 and matched the record set in 2023 at Oakdale GCC and Hamilton GCC in 2024.

Just missing the cut by one stroke were Matthew Scobie and Ashton McColloch.

Mike Weir, Roger Sloan, AJ Ewart, Cougar Collins, Sudarshan Yellamaraju, Brett Webster, Adam Swensson, Wes Hoffermand, Mark Hoffmann, and David Hearn missed the cut, but received much adulation from the thousands of Canadian fans assembled.

Of the dozens of Canadian golfers compet-

ing in Caledon, one trio was grouped conveniently for Canadian golf fans on Thursday and Friday. “The Terrific Triumvirate” of Pendrith, Hughes, and 2023 Canadian Open champ Taylor engaged the crowds and gave the congregants much to cheer about over their 36 holes of play together.

As the trio came off the 18th tee and ascended the 1st Hole tee block to start their back nine on Thursday, they were surrounded by an appreciative and patriotic pro-Canadian gallery that braved the opening round’s soggy conditions.

An ambulatory group of 500, that cheered the trio’s drives on the 1st hole, swelled to a gallery of 2,000 on the 6th hole, arranged two-to-three deep along the rope barriers from tee block to green. The colorful collection of folks, bedecked in Team Canada and Edmonton Oilers jerseys, maple leaf-patterned Bermuda shorts with mini-maple leaf flags in golf caps, cheered Pendrith, Taylor, and Hughes to strong opening rounds of -5, -4, and -2, respectively.

Taylor—of Abbotsford, BC—set the tone for the group’s back nine with a birdie on the 1st green. The 2023 champ credited the vociferous

fans as a contributor to the trio’s success on Thursday.

“I thought the crowd was great. They built over time once the rain went away, so that was fun and we got off to a decent start. After the turn, we really picked it up. It was fun to feed off each other. Everyone played well.”

All three members were dialed in during the back nine.

Despite the mushy and misty conditions, the Canadian Contingent rolled our red scores and brightened a gloomy day with their stellar play. Pendrith, who shot a 65, rolled in four birdies on the back nine on Thursday, much to the delight of the gallery. The native of Richmond Hill enjoyed the support of the crowd.

“It was great out there. The crowd really filled in on the back nine. Nick was making some birdies and Mack holed a six-iron on 5, so it was a lot of fun and the crowd was into it. It was nice to see a lot of people here on a rainy day. We had a blast out there and we all played well out there, too.”

As Pendrith noted, the trio’s shot of the day was Mackenzie Hughes’s eagle on the fifth

hole. After booming a 297-yard drive on to the right side of the fairway, the Dundas, ON, native banged a 194-yard 6-iron that holed out after rolling back into the hole. When Hughes’s approach spun on to the green and rolled back two feet into the hole, a thunderous ovation served as a congratulatory backdrop for the mid-fairway celebration by Hughes, Pendrith, and Taylor.

By the time Hughes took the 6th tee, the gallery had swelled to a group that could fill a junior hockey arena and boisterous cheers of “Elbows Up” pushed the trio to sustained success.

Much to the crowd’s delight, Pendrith kept pace and treated the crowd to a skillful birdie on the undulating and damp sixth green.

Taylor pleased the red and white gallery when he dropped an eighteen-foot putt on the ninth green after going to school on Pendrith and Hughes’ prior putts. Taylor’s climactic birdie elicited whoops from the gallery as he dropped to -4 for the day.

The highlight of the trio’s second day together on the links was the thunderous ovation they received on Friday afternoon at “The Rink”. There was a surge of recognition of the three by the fans wrapped around the tee block and subsequent cheers by the thousands of fans ringing the 14th hole Par 3. Pendrith, Hughes, and Taylor were serenaded to a rousing rendition of “O Canada” as they ascended the tee block. As Taylor took his place between the tee blocks, he had pulled into second place in the tournament with a stellar -10. The three beloved native sons came up a wee bit short on their valiant birdie attempts on the very tricky 14th green that yielded few birdies on either day. Each of their narrow misses elicited empathetic groans from the thousands of fans around and above the green in the grandstand.

Nonetheless, The Terrific Triumvirate was sent off to the 15th tee by the boisterous crowd with an encouraging round of applause and supportive shouts. Former tournament champ Taylor finished the second round at -9 while Pendrith and Hughes rolled out scores of -7 and -6, respectively.


It was a golden good time following The Terrific Triumvirate on Thursday and Friday at TPC Toronto as Taylor, Pendrith, and Hughes played brilliantly to their appreciative and supportive fans.

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It is with much sadness that I announce the peaceful passing of my brother, Wayne, at Headwaters Health Care Centre, Orangeville on Monday June 2nd, 2025 at the age of 71. He is predeceased by our mother, Yvonne DeRepentigny, our father, Russell Thorndyke and our sister, Patricia. He is survived by me, his sister, Cheri Niven and my husband Bruce Niven.



Wayne was born and raised in Toronto but spent the majority of his time residing in Orangeville, ON.

Wayne was such a kind, generous and thoughtful person and always a joker. He will be greatly missed by his many friends. Wayne had a passion for Harley Davidson motorcycles, building his first custom bike at the age of 16. He thoroughly enjoyed travelling down the highway on his bike particularly through the Blue Ridge Mountains, Lake Placid, and throughout Ontario and Quebec. He also enjoyed golfing, billiards and was a hockey player and coach and sponsor of several hockey teams including the Orangeville Hardnights and in Brampton, Thor-way Trux.

My brother faced significant health challenges for many, many years and he faced those challenges head on and bravely through the toughest times. I am so proud of him.

The bond between brother and sister is never broken, even by death. I will miss you every day Wayne. Until we meet up again.....enjoy riding your Harley along that big, beautiful highway in the sky.

No memorial service or funeral is planned as Wayne preferred to enjoy his family and friends at his Living Celebration of Life held in February 2025.

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Our beloved Howard passed away peacefully at The Village of Sandlewood Park in Brampton.

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Howard was born in Nova Scotia and over the years also lived with his family on Air Force bases in the Yukon and Manitoba. He settled in Toronto, later moving to Caledon and finally to Brampton. He loved to socialize and chat up friends and neighbours and enjoyed his Caledon coffee shops with buddies and was a loyal euchre player. He loved to drive everything from Jaguars to Big Rigs and was fortunate to have various jobs behind the wheel. He loved big dogs and later in life agreed that big cats too were good company. For several years he and Lorene spent part of the winter in the sunny south - warm beaches and country music were a winning duo for him. He was an avid sports fan - hockey, baseball, football, car and horse racing, made all the better if watching from home sipping on Jack Daniels. As per his wishes, there was not a funeral visitation. A private family gathering and internment of ashes will take place at the Old Brampton Cemetery on June 21, 2025.

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Impact? Too soon to tell

For residents of Ward 1, and specifically Alton, a very busy few days has come to an end. After months (probably years) of planning, the RBC Canadian Open has come and gone and the impact on this quaint little village that played host? It's probably a bit too soon to tell.

Perhaps you heard about the big event or even watched some on TV? Maybe you were lucky enough to attend, and not get stuck in traffic! TPC Osprey Valley, located in Alton, was the centre of all the RBC Canadian Open action this past weekend, and with promises of an economic boom for the community, for Caledon, and for the surrounding area, local businesses were hopeful.

Residents of Ward 1 are probably glad to see these very busy few days come to an end but I'm not exactly sure how our small business owners might be feeling. That's because many of them made plans for extra staff, ordered in extra food and beverage supplies, and in some cases even made physical alterations to their locations. This was all in an effort to ensure they could cope with, and serve, in true Caledon style, the anticipated hoards of people. It seems that a few of those businesses at least, didn't end up seeing them.

Residents of the area were given the option of a free pass to tour the facilities before they opened. I was able to attend and the undertaking appeared to be well-organized and massive. One thing was evident, that a vast array of food and beverage choices would be made available to spectators, within the compound of the golf event itself. While that's no real surprise, some of the vendors included The Keg and Burger's Priest (hardly local) AND with parking lots located as far away as the Brampton Fairgrounds, and spectators shuffled by bus to the event, perhaps it's no surprise to anyone that potential customers for local businesses simply didn't material-

ize. I would imagine after a long, hot day watching golf and with no immediate access to one's car, after being ferried back to their vehicles via shuttle most people simply headed home. To make matters worse, it seems like even some locals stayed away, sensing businesses would be overrun with spectators. Economic boom? Only time will tell.

One assumes in an effort to ensure things go smoothly next year, there will be a significant debrief about what worked well and what didn't. On the aforementioned tour, we ended up having to evacuate due to an impending storm. Kudos to all the staff and volunteers who, given the enormous volume of people present, emptied the course safely and quickly. Luckily nothing happened during the event itself, but at least one part of the planning appeared to work well. Impact? Planning works, but luckily wasn't needed.

As for traffic and illegally parked cars? It seems no one got hurt but sure, there was some damage and aggravation. Bylaw was out in full force tagging and towing vehicles, but area residents were given special passes to avoid any issues. Traffic was bad on the first day as we understand the weather played a role in making some of the planned parking lots into swamps instead. To be fair though, while I'm not sure the estimated 125,000 attendees all turned up, other than Main St. north and south heading in and out of the golf course, traffic wasn't really all that horrific. All one had to do was plan accordingly by allowing a little extra time, or by taking an alternate route, and residents weren't impacted as much as might have been expected.

That said, it was interesting to read the complaints on social media about how "surprised" some folks were about what was happening around town. Apparently all the many different kinds of signage posted throughout not only Alton, but the surround-

ing area, not to mention media coverage and notices from the Town of Caledon to local residents wasn't enough! In terms of impact, score one for Caledon for mostly good planning, as long as we ensure we take heed of the lessons learned this year and change up some of the parking locations for next year. Also, Caledon OPP may I respectfully suggest you don't just rely on parked cruisers with lights flashing to control traffic and instead occasionally step out and help direct the traffic.

Some local residents, including members of the Forks of the Credit Preservation Group, took to the side of the road with protest signage, calling attention to the significant risks to local wells and their water supply (not to mention to the Credit River) brought about by the proposed plan to pump groundwater from a proposed quarry site, to the TPC Osprey Valley course. From there, the dirty groundwater could end up in the Credit River system "endangering local drinking water and one of Southern Ontario's last remaining Brook trout populations."

Why protest during the Canadian Open? TPC Osprey Valley is owned by Chris Humeniuk, who has also leased some of the land of the proposed quarry site to CBM Aggregates, a subsidiary of the Brazilian conglomerate Votorantim Cimentos who would be mining the quarry if its approved. Like the comment about economic impact, it's too soon to tell if the ensuing media coverage the small group of protestors attracted will have a long-term positive impact on any decisions made about the quarry or the use of the pumped groundwater.

One unintended consequence that WAS of significant impact? For the entire duration of June 2 through 8, the road signage about the event seems to have led to significantly fewer (as in next to nil) 18-wheelers trucking up and down Main St. Alton putting young lives at risk as they pass within just

a few yards of the local elementary school. That just goes to show there ARE alternative routes available because apparently the trucks were using them. Let's hope the long-term impact of this is the removal of the "Strategic Goods Movement Network" label from Main St. Alton, eliminating truck traffic from this small village where it has no business travelling in the first place

Finally, I'll try not to always be so cynical and end on a high note. Was it fun throughout the event to listen to the roar of the crowds and to hear the music from Friday and Saturday nights entertainment? For sure. And was it exciting to know that this world class event was being held right here in our own little corner of Caledon? Absolutely. Have we already heard some great suggestions for how to improve things next year? Yes indeed, including this one which potentially not only would generate an economic impact during the event, but for long after as well: If there is a continued reliance on shuttle services to move spectators to and from the golf course, perhaps the Town of Caledon could operate some of those shuttles (or add in others) as "TourCaledon" busses, taking visitors for a spin around the area and maybe even scheduling stops at the local businesses who were supposed to feel the economic impact first hand. I'm only speaking personally of course, and I do think the event was mostly well done and well planned, but I question the promised economic boom to our local economy and small businesses. That I am not so sure about. Perhaps it's too soon to tell.



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Area athletes do well at Special Olympics School Championships

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Several local athletes competed at the Special Olympics Ontario School Championships held in Ottawa from June 3 to 5.

The School Championships are the flagship event of the Unified Champions Schools Program that is dedicated to promoting inclusion, acceptance, and positive change in schools across Ontario.

The event is hosted by the Ottawa Police Service and features track and field events, basketball, bocce, soccer, and floorball competitions.

More than 10,000 high school athletes from across the province competed for the honour of representing their school and community at this year's provincial event.

Over 1,100 qualifying athletes and coaches from Ontario high schools as well as three out-of-prov-

ince high schools arrived at this year's Special Olympics Ontario for three days of competition, with some fun events to make it a memorable experience.

This includes Unified athletes who are without intellectual disabilities and are partnered with Special Olympics Athletes.

Day One of the competition included preliminaries and track and field events.

Day Two wrapped up with more track and field and the final playoffs for basketball, bocce, soccer, and floorball.

Several Shelburne residents representing Centre Dufferin District High School and Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School competed at the event and were given a "good luck" send-off by local residents, Dufferin OPP, and local town councillors when they departed for the games on Monday, June

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The CDDHS basketball team won the bronze medal after putting in a good effort on the basketball court.

The CDDHS floorball team also did well in the competition.

Robert F. Hall student Yazmine Wilson-Daponte won bronze in the 200-meter dash. Yazmine also placed 6th in the 100-meter dash, 5th in shotput, and 4th in standing long jump.

Robert F. Hall Unified athlete Aszzura Barnett had an outstanding competition, winning four medals.

Aszzura won gold in the 100-meter dash, gold in shotput, silver in the 200-meter dash, and silver in the standing long jump.

These two local athletes' hard work paid off in the provincial competition.

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Billet families needed to support out-of-town Admirals players

BY JIM STEWART

The Caledon Admirals' 2025-26 season may be months away, but the OJHL club is busy preparing its roster for the upcoming campaign.

One of the team's more pressing needs, according to General Manager Ken Jeysman, is securing local families who would billet the Admirals' out-of-town players.

"We're looking for 3-4 billet families and have our families in place by mid-July. What's different this year is that we're the OJHL affiliate with the Oshawa Generals so we're going to have at least two or three of their prospects on our roster for the 2025-26 season. They could be from the US or further away in Ontario. The guys will be arriving in mid-August for training camp."

"Last year, we had the youngest team in Canada and, after a

rough start to the season, we played .500 hockey after December 1. Due to our mid-to-late season success, we were able to retain most of our players and we have the possibility of eighteen players returning," added the upbeat veteran hockey administrator, who is actively searching for players to top up and upgrade his roster. Many of those prospective upgrades require a billet family.

Jeysman delineated the benefits of billeting Admirals players: "Billet families receive \$600 per month and two tickets to every home game. We're asking them to provide a home-away-from-home and a supportive environment for our players. We ask our billet families to provide healthy meals for our players when they are at home and a good place to sleep."

If you're interested in serving as a billet for an out-of-town Caledon Admiral player, please contact Ken Jeysman at 289-260-4220 or email the Admirals' GM at jeysman1050@gmail.com.

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