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Culture Days kicks off with colourful tribute to Caledon's milestone

Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen, Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell, Mayor Annette Groves and local artist Nikita Mistry unveiled a mural to celebrate Caledon's 50th anniversary on September 20. For more on Culture Days 2024, see Page 12. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN



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Concerns about Caledon's proposed new aggregate policies raised at public meeting

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon will soon have new aggregate extraction policies, and some residents have raised concerns about whether they'll be good enough.

On September 17, the Town of Caledon held a public meeting about proposed updates to its aggregate policies. No Council decisions or recommendations are made at public meetings; Caledon Council will

vote on the policies at a later date.

At the meeting, planning professional Joe Nethery gave a presentation on the work Caledon's been doing to update its aggregate policies and the policies themselves.

He said meetings have been taking place with Caledon's Aggregate Resources Community Working Group; 13 main meetings and 10 subgroup meetings. The Town has also liaised with the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (OSSGA) and Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), and

had conversations with Ontario's Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Nethery said a number of topics have been of concern to residents, including but not limited to: water protection, impact on wildlife, traffic, setbacks, flyrock, air quality, and setbacks.

He said aggregate industry representatives have said commenting periods have been too brief and that some proposed policies go beyond what is mandated.

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Fairgrounds packed for 166th Annual Bolton Fall Fair

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents came out in droves to enjoy the Bolton Fall Fair.

From September 19 to 22, the 166th Annual Bolton Fall Fair was held at the Albi-on-Bolton Fairgrounds.

Thursday saw the midway open for toonie ride night, and Friday drew huge crowds for the Rawhide Rodeo performance and barn

dance featuring band Hillbilly Martini.

There was another rodeo performance on Saturday and a number of Super-Dogs shows. Corn and pie-eating contests were held, and contestants duked it out in arm-wrestling and lip sync competitions. In the evening, fairgoers enjoyed the demolition derby and music from bands Ramblin Soul and Van Hillert.

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Rodeo and Demolition Derby excite crowds at Fair

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Sunday featured a car show and antique tractor and farm equipment display. There was a pet show, baby show, and community

church service.

In addition to the events listed here there were many more things for people to see and do at the fair.

There was great food from many food

trucks, and a beer garden featuring local brewery Caledon Hills.

The fair is made possible each year thanks to the hard work of volunteers from the Albion & Bolton Agricultural Society, and spon-

sorships from businesses in the community.

A food drive was held at the fair this year, and, as a result, nearly 2,000 pounds of food was able to be donated to Caledon Community Services for those in need.



(Above) Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Second Vice President of the Albion & Bolton Agricultural Society Heather French, Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen, and president of the Albion & Bolton Agricultural Society Robert Matson at the Bolton Fall Fair.

FACEBOOK/DAVE SHEEN



(Above and Below) The rodeo at this year's Bolton Fall Fair drew huge crowds that were wowed by the skills of the riders competing in it. Contestants competed in barrel racing, pole bending, bull riding and more.

PHOTOS BY JOHNNY LITTLE



Over 1,950 pounds of food was donated to Caledon Community Services as a result of a food drive at this year's Bolton Fall Fair.

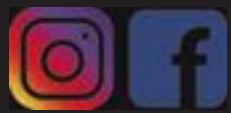
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Area doctor helping recruit physicians in Dufferin-Caledon

BY PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local family doctor is taking on the role of helping recruit more physicians to Dufferin County and the Town of Caledon.

The Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team (HOHC OHT) announced on September 17 that Orangeville-based physician Dr. Lydia MacFarland would be taking on the new role of physician recruiter.

In the new role, Dr. MacFarland will be tasked with leading the recruitment of new doctors as well as continuing efforts to support existing physicians.

"I have a great love for family medicine and believe that a strong physician and primary care foundation is at the core of a thriving community. My husband and I moved to Orangeville three years ago and we cannot imagine practicing or raising our young family anywhere else," said Dr. MacFarland. "My hope is to acknowledge and build on the incredible foundation established by the doctors who came before us while finding creative solutions to the challenges that health care professionals are currently facing."

The physician recruiter position was created through partnerships between local government representatives, family physicians, health providers and community members. They joined together to form the HOHC OHT's Physician Recruitment and Retention Task Force. The task force's goal is to add to and support existing primary care and physician services in Dufferin County and the Town of Caledon.

Over the first three months, Dr. MacFarland will focus on initiatives to strengthen local physician recruitment, including developing strategies to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the current recruitment process for the local hospital.

"From the beginning, this OHT has been committed to improving access to care for all while improving the patient and provider experience. We are confident that Dr.

MacFarland will enable these efforts and improve health outcomes in our community," said Dave Pearson, Executive Director of HOHC OHT.

The recruitment efforts will aim to address physician shortages in the community and needs within the hospital.

According to the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team, the estimated number of community members needing access to primary and team-based care was over 15,000 as of March 2022.

With the population of the area projected to increase 37 per cent by 2031, Dufferin County and Caledon would require 43 additional family physicians – 14 for Dufferin County and 29 for Caledon – in the next seven years to keep up with population growth.

To help with retaining more physicians in the area, the County of Dufferin, along with the Town of Caledon and Headwaters Health Care Center (HHCC), have committed a combined funding of up to \$150,000 to support recruitment and retention efforts.

"With many Ontarians lacking access to a family physician, the state of health care is in crisis in our province, including in Dufferin County. Many of our residents are unable to access quality, timely care, which is why Dufferin County partnered with the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team, Headwaters Health Care Centre and the Town of Caledon for physician recruitment efforts," said Darren White, Warden of Dufferin County. "We are pleased to announce that Dr. Lydia MacFarland has taken on the physician recruiter role in Dufferin/Caledon and look forward to seeing improved health outcomes in our community."

President and CEO of Headwaters Hospital Kim Delahunt said, "Dr. MacFarland's role as physician recruiter marks a significant milestone in our collective commitment to ensuring that our community benefits from the best possible medical expertise."

For more information on the work being done by Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team, visit www.hillsofheadwaterscollaborative.ca.



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FATAL COLLISIONS

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a fatal collision on King Street, in the Town of Caledon.

“On September 22, 2024, shortly after 8:00 a.m., Caledon OPP responded to a single motor vehicle collision on King Street, near Creditview Road,” say Police. “The collision occurred between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. The driver and lone occupant of the vehicle, a 60-year-old of Brampton, was pronounced deceased at the scene.”

King Street Between Creditview Road and Chinguacousy Road was closed for several hours while the OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionists assisted with the investigation.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

Officers from the Caledon OPP are also investigating a fatal collision on Highway 9, in the Town of Caledon.

“On September 24, 2024, shortly before 6:00 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a three-vehicle collision on Highway 9, near The Gore Road,” say Police. “One driver, a 36-year-old of Amaranth, was pronounced deceased at the scene. No other injuries were reported.”

Highway 9 Between Airport Road and Concession Road 3 was closed for several hours while the OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionists assisted with the investigation. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

If you are affected by these incidents or witnessed the collisions and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

CHARGES LAID IN SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

The Caledon OPP have arrested and charged an individual in relation to a shooting incident in the Town of Caledon.

“On August 11, 2024, shortly before 12:00 a.m., officers were called to a large house party, known as ‘Shark Tank,’ at a residence on Castleberg Sideroad,” say Police. “One person was located injured and transported to a Toronto-area trauma centre with an apparent gunshot wound.”

“On September 19, 2024, one person was arrested by the Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit, under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch, with assistance from the OPP Central Region Tactics and Rescue Unit, the OPP Central Region Emergency Response Team, and the Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit.”

As a result of the investigation, a 17-year-old from Markham was charged with the following Criminal Code offences:

- Aggravated assault, section 268;
- Discharge firearm with intent, section 244(1);
- Carrying a concealed weapon, section 90;
- Unauthorized possession of a firearm, section 91(1);
- Possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, section 88;
- Knowledge of unauthorized possession of firearm, section 92(1);
- Possession of loaded prohibited or restricted firearm, section 95(1);
- Possession of firearm or ammunition contrary to prohibition order - two counts, section 117.01(1).

The accused remains in custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on September 20, 2024.

The charges have not been proven. The name of the accused will be withheld under the provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

Anyone with any information in relation to this investigation is urged to contact the Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Videos that can assist this investigation, including but not limited to dash cam, cell phone, and social media captured at the scene between 11:00 p.m. on August 11, 2024, and 2:00 a.m. on August 12, 2024, can be up-

loaded using the attached QR code. Information can also be provided anonymously through the Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or peelcrimestoppers.ca.

DRUG TRAFFICKING INVESTIGATION

As a result of an ongoing police investigation, officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) charged a local male with trafficking drugs.

“On September 19, 2024, member of the Dufferin Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with the assistance of Caledon CSCU, Central Region K-9 and Dufferin platoon members, executed a search warrant on Madison Avenue in the Town of Orangeville,” say Police. “As a result of the search, a local resident faces multiple drug related charges.”

Joshua Anderson Trudeau, 35, from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000;
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking- Cocaine;
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking- Methamphetamine;
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking- Opioid;
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking- Fentanyl;
- Traffick in Schedule I substance- Cocaine;
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose;
- Possession of a Schedule II substance for the purpose of Trafficking (two counts).

The charges have not been proven.

As a result of the investigation the following was recovered:

- 62 grams of Cocaine;
- 18 Hydromorphone Pills;
- 4 grams Fentanyl;
- 7 Acid Tabs;
- 6 Morphine Pills;
- 2.5 grams Methamphetamine;
- 4.7 grams Psilocybin;
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The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, to answer to the charges.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation or any other criminal activity is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also submit your information online at ontario-crimestoppers.ca.

ROLLOVER INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged the driver involved in a rollover collision with failure or refusal to comply with demand.

“On September 19, 2024, shortly after 2 p.m., officers responded to a single motor vehicle collision in the area of Old School Road and Airport Road, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “During the investigation, officers formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

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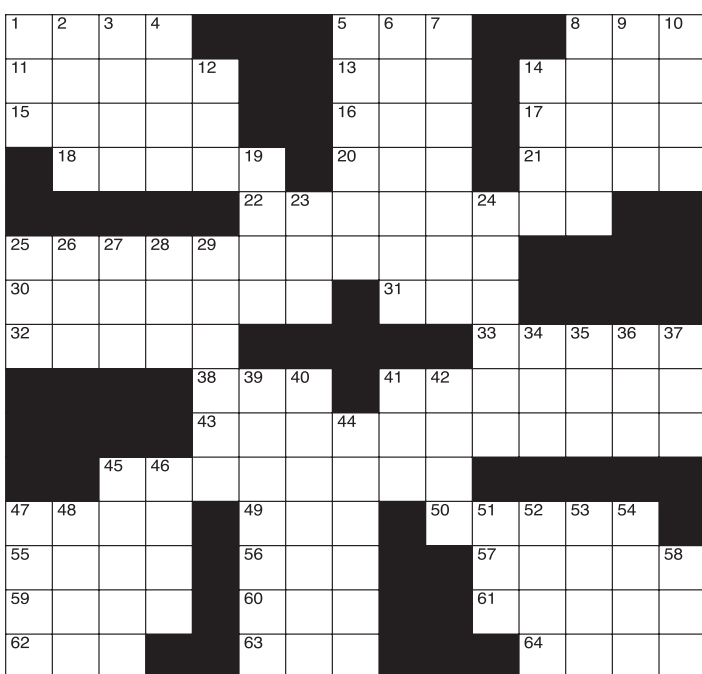


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1. Unequaled
5. _-fi (slang)
8. Synthetic resin
11. Chadic language Bura-__
13. Influential come Election Day
14. Bucket
15. European river
16. Earn a perfect score
17. Horizontal passage
18. Barely sufficient
20. Dekaliter
21. Goo Goo Dolls hit
22. Australian city
25. Female servants
30. Plumbing fixtures
31. Tooth caregiver
32. Book of Esther antagonist
33. Say aloud
38. Thyrotrophic hormone
41. Absolute

43. Untimely
45. Area or neighborhood
47. Juicy fruit
49. Expresses distaste, disapproval
50. S. American rodents
55. Swedish rock group
56. Influential American president
57. Volume
59. Begged
60. Resinlike substance secreted by certain lac insects
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. Good friend
63. Body part
64. Tableland

CLUES DOWN

1. Barrels per day (abbr.)
2. Body parts

3. Invests in little enterprises
4. Rock legend Turner
5. Dug into
6. Laughed
7. Northern European nation
8. San Diego ballplayer
9. Eight
10. Substitutes (abbr.)
12. Moved swiftly on foot
14. Compensated
19. Volcano in the Philippines
23. Speak ill of
24. One who publishes
25. Expression of bafflement
26. Macaws
27. Matchstick game
28. We all have our own
29. Divinatory

34. Explosive
35. Follows sigma
36. Sea eagle
37. Type of bread
39. Bit used with a set of reins
40. Time away from work
41. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
42. Lots on your plate (abbr.)
44. Actor Brosnan
45. It’s part of packaging
46. Towards the oral region
47. Public Theater creator Joseph
48. Ancient Syrian city
51. Swiss river
52. Mollusk
53. A French abbot
54. Hoagies
58. Not present (slang)

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Women's hockey legend Angela James and author Maria Quinto attended a book signing in Caledon East last Wednesday. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Hockey legend Angela James attends book signing in Caledon East

Maria Quinto has written books about Angela James, Geraldine Heaney, and Cassie Campbell

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Caledon residents had the chance to meet hockey royalty last week.

On September 18, four-time world champion hockey player Angela James attended a book signing event at Glen Echo Nurseries in Caledon East.

She was there to sign books written by Maria Quinto, her former manager

when she played with the Aeros women's hockey team.

Quinto and James have maintained a great relationship ever since their time with the Aeros, and this led to Quinto writing a story about James' childhood for her children's book series on women's hockey legends.

Quinto has written books about James, Geraldine Heaney, and Cassie Campbell.

"After I left the hockey world, it was important for me to teach kids about these three amazing individuals who have been inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame," said Quinto.

Each of Quinto's books talk of the players' lives when they were young and struggles they overcame.

Quinto works at Glen Echo Nurseries, and said her employer was happy and excited to host the book signing event with James.

James said Quinto's books are great and give young kids the opportunity to dream and think anything is possible.

"It's cool to be able to have your life, your legacy, out there in books, especially for children," said James.

James is one of five children and grew up in Toronto. She said her family didn't have a lot back then, and that her mom worked very hard to support her family. James said she loved her neighbourhood and that it was a great community; she learned to skate on an outdoor rink near her home.

James explained the Aeros, which Quinto managed, were the equivalent to what Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL) teams are today.

"We were very successful... we would go to a lot of championships and a lot of our players would represent Team Canada," said James.

Residents encouraged to test their smoke alarms this Saturday

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Caledon residents are encouraged to keep fire safety top of mind this weekend.

This Saturday, September 28, is "Test Your Smoke Alarm Day" and Caledon Fire and Emergency Services is calling on residents to test their alarms.

Test Your Smoke Alarm Day is an initiative that was launched to inspire Ontarians to learn more about smoke alarms, fire safety, and home fire escape planning. All three are important and can be the difference between life and death in a fire situation.

In 2023, there were 111 fatal fires in Ontario that resulted in the death of 123 people. In over 50 per cent of these fires, the homes affected did not have working smoke alarms on every storey.

Ontario's Office of the Fire Marshal leads Test Your Smoke Alarm Day and the corresponding

"Saved by the Beep" education and awareness campaign. It does so in partnership with communities, agencies and sponsors across the province.

As part of the campaign, volunteer fire educators from Caledon Fire and Emergency Services will be visiting residences across town on the 28th.

Residents can have their smoke alarms tested by a local firefighter, receive a Saved by the Beep lawn sign, and a coupon to a local business for their participation.

Caledon's fire chief, Dave Pelayo, notes that a few simple chores today can save your life tomorrow.

"A working smoke alarm is integral to give you and your family the time you need to escape a fire," said Pelayo. "Testing your smoke alarms at least once a month, replacing the batteries once a year, and replacing smoke alarms older than 10 years are all important maintenance activities to keep smoke alarms functioning properly."

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“A Letter to Our Community: Please Come Home for the Holidays”
by Laura Boughen, Stephen Julian & Jacqui Viaene, Gala Co-Chairs



Will you join us at this year’s Home for the Holidays Gala?

Our theme, “Stories Unmasked,” invites us to share the heartfelt stories

that connect us to Caledon, a community we are so proud to call home.

Each of us has a unique story that ties us deeply to this special place. Growing up or raising a family here, we’ve experienced the kindness, generosity, and support that define Caledon.

“Being part of this community means everything to me,” says Laura Boughen. “As a lifelong resident of Caledon, I know firsthand how we look out for each other. It’s more than just where we live—it’s who we are. That’s why giving back is so important to me”

From childhood memories of holiday gatherings to the countless ways we’ve seen neighbours helping neighbours, these stories have shaped who we are and why we feel so passionately about giving back.

“When I faced health challenges, this community was my lifeline,” says Stephen Julian. “The support, kindness and care I received nurtured me back to health. Caledon isn’t just my home; it’s a place where neighbours become family, always ready to lift each other up.”

For almost three decades our volunteered Gala has been and continues to be a celebration of stories just like these.

As we come together at the exquisite Royal Ambassador Event Centre on Friday, November 29, 2024, we’ll share laughter, enjoy a delicious meal and reflect on the many ways our community has supported each other through thick and thin.

“Transforming the Gala into a night of magic is my way of honouring Caledon’s incredible spirit,” says Jacqui Viaene. “Beyond the beauty of the event, it’s about creating an experience that inspires generosity and brings our community’s impact to life. Nutritious meals, warm homes, a path to health and independence – this is what the Gala brings to Caledon, beyond all the glamour of the evening .”

Whether it is your company sponsorship, a generous donation or your family table at the Gala – we hope you’ll be a part of this journey with us. We can’t wait to hear your stories and celebrate the true spirit of Caledon together!

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How Do You See It?

Tell us how you see it.

Mariia Kupriianova, Chief Development Officer, Caledon Community Services at 905-584-2300 ext. 269 or mkupriianova@ccs4u.org

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Stories Unmasked: Caledon Community Services announces theme of annual gala

Home for the Holidays Gala will be held on November 29 at the Royal Ambassador

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A major charity event is coming soon. On November 29, Caledon Community Services (CCS) will host its annual Home for the Holidays Gala at the Royal Ambassador Event Centre in Caledon East.

In a September 23 media release from Donna Cragg, CCS’ Director of Marketing and Communications, the non-profit announced the theme for this year’s gala is “Stories Unmasked.”

“This year’s theme promises to unveil powerful, heartwarming stories of hope, compassion, and community spirit,” reads the release.

For the third year in a row, development firm Tribal Partners will be the platinum sponsor for the gala.

“Their steadfast gala support since 2022 helps ensure that the gala continues to uplift our neighbours in meaningful ways,” said CCS.

The gala will feature live entertainment, silent and live auctions, a beautifully-decorated hall and a menu of delicious food and drinks.

“Featured this year will be the stories highlighting the profound impact the funds raised each year have in supporting Caledon’s families, youth, children, and seniors.”

Geraldine Aguiar, CEO of CCS, said she’s inviting all Caledon residents to come out and be a part of the magic of this year’s gala.

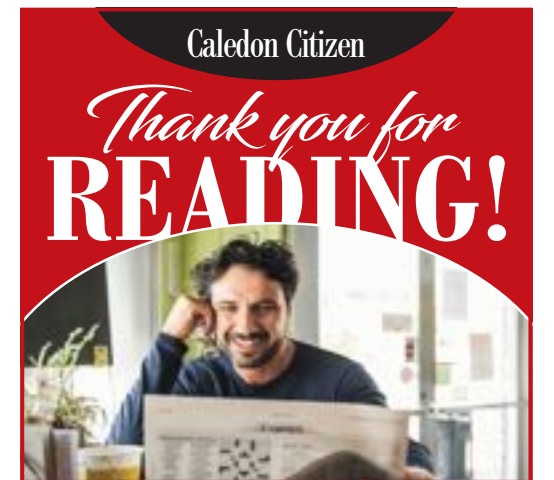
“(The) Home for the Holidays Gala is a night where the masks come off, revealing the true stories of kindness, resilience, and courage in the community we are all proud to call home,” said Aguiar. “Since 1998, this legendary volunteer-led event has raised nearly \$3 million, transforming hardship into hope for countless Caledon families.”

Lance Trumble, Managing Director of, and a founding partner at, Tribal Partners, said the business is proud to support the gala each year.

“(The) Home for the Holidays Gala is more than just giving back; it’s an opportunity to connect with a network of like-minded leaders, amplify our commitment to social responsibility and align with a cause that reflects our values. We’re proud to partner with Caledon Community Services to fuel positive change and build a brighter future for our community,” said Trumble.

Tickets for this year’s gala are \$199 and a table of 10 is \$2,500. Tickets include an antipasto bar and three-course dinner, an open bar, access to the live and silent auctions, live entertainment, and a DJ after-party with dancing.

To learn more about the gala or buy tickets to it, interested parties can visit the following link: ccshome4theholidays.com.



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Community Recognition Task Force

The Town of Caledon is looking to recruit residents to be part of the new Community Recognition Task Force. The task force will consist of five community volunteers (four members and one chair) with experience supporting various initiatives within Caledon and will be responsible for recommending award winners to Council for the Caledon Civic Awards Program and Caledon’s Walk of Fame.

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Culture Days 2024!

We welcome back the annual celebration of Culture Days! This national celebration of arts, culture and heritage is on from **September 20 to October 13** across Caledon and seeks to eliminate barriers, engage residents and attract visitors while celebrating vibrancy in our communities. During this month-long event, the Town invites the community to participate in **FREE** “behind the scenes” activities to discover Caledon artists, creators, performers and heritage for our 50th anniversary.

For full event details, visit caledon.ca/culturedays



Animal Shelter Open House

If you’ve never visited the Caledon Animal Shelter before, you’ll want to stop by our **Open House on October 5** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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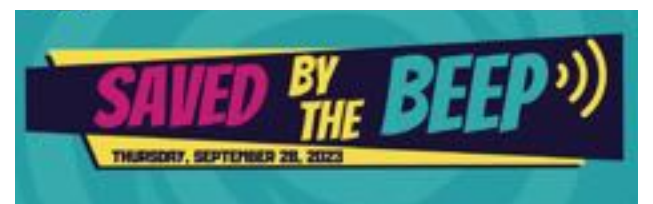
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Test your smoke alarms, be “Saved by the Beep”

Caledon Fire and Emergency Services is joining communities across Ontario and calling on residents to test their smoke alarms on September 28 – **Test Your Smoke Alarm Day.**

In recognition of this occasion, Caledon’s Volunteer Fire Educators will be visiting homes in Caledon on September 28. If you are visited, you can opt to have your smoke alarm tested and display a Saved by the Beep sign on your lawn. Participants will receive a coupon to a local Caledon business.



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Residents share desire for clear, prescriptive, and science-based policies

Continued from FRONT

Nethery's presentation, which went into detail on the policy-making process and the Town's powers and limitations, is now available on the Town of Caledon's website. It can be found in the Council section of the site in the post agenda of the September 17 public meeting.

When Nethery's presentation was complete, people attending the meeting had a chance to delegate.

Anthony Fairclough, a Board member of the Forks of the Credit Presentation Group (FCPG), advocated for clear, prescriptive, and science-based policies that will protect Caledon residents and the environment.

He said Caledon's draft policies are not strong enough in the areas of air quality and water resources.

"As the climate crisis deepens, it is imperative that protective and proactive science-based policies are in place to prevent further environmental degradation," said Fairclough. "You may hear from the aggregate industry tonight that such a policy direction that we are suggesting may be too restrictive or prohibitively expensive. I would respond with, well, that's the cost of doing business."

Debra Wilson, who is also a member of the FCPG and delegated at the meeting as well.

"Our speed limit signs say 80 kilometers per hour. They do not say, don't drive too fast. Our aggregate policies need to be the same... I didn't see all the clear, prescriptive, science-based policies that are needed to protect the health and well-being of Caledon residents and visitors," she said.

Mike McSweeney of the OSSGA delegated next and said it's not clear why Caledon would implement policies that could push costs up on basic building materials when it has big plans for growth in the coming years. He said the OSSGA is happy to work with residents and community groups to address their concerns and that every decision the aggregate industry makes is backed by science and data.

McSweeney said some of Caledon's proposed policy changes overstep municipal authority.

"The proposed amendments are being intro-

duced on top of an already robust aggregate regulatory framework," he said. "Let's work together, the municipality, the Province, our industry and the residents to find solutions that will benefit everyone. By collaborating, we can ensure aggregates are developed sustainably and responsibly and safeguarding Ontario's future while protecting the local environment."

Albert Carwana, president of the local Chapter of Trout Unlimited Canada, advocated for protection of groundwater entering the Credit River. He said it's critical for the survival of the brook trout that call the river home.

Tony Sevelka delegated about the dangers of blasting quarries generating flyrock and how there's not nearly enough regulatory framework surrounding it.

"Every blast generates flyrock... the only thing that's in doubt is how far it will go and whether it will damage equipment, whether it will damage vehicles, and whether it will harm, permanently injure, or kill human or non-human life," he said.

David Sylvester, president of the FCPG, said a number of Caledon's draft policies include vague and ambiguous terminology. He said the words "encouraged" and "may" are seen too often in the policies.

Caledon began the process of updating its aggregate policies in 2022 after the FCPG advocated that Caledon implement an Interim Control Bylaw (ICBL) to prevent any new pits and quarries.

The FCPG had commissioned a report that found Caledon had the weakest aggregate policies out of the top ten aggregate producing municipalities in Ontario.

Caledon implemented its ICBL against new pits and quarries on October 18, 2022 and renewed it for one year — the maximum allowed — in 2023. The ICBL will expire on October 18 of this year.

If Caledon passes any new aggregate policies, they must be sent to the Province's Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (with comment from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry).

The Ministry can then approve, modify, or deny the policy updates.

Peel launches ambitious construction program

Peel Region has taken a large step toward building the necessary enabling infrastructure to support provincial housing targets outlined in Bill 23.

To accelerate project timelines and ensure the availability of expert resources, approximately 35 current water and wastewater capital projects in the city of Brampton are being implemented together as one large-scale construction program.

To ensure the successful outcome of the construction program, Peel has procured the single largest, long-term design assignment for enabling infrastructure in its history. Peel is partnering with AECOM, as consultant and program manager, to implement this work and the planning stages are underway.

The construction program covers an approximate geographical area from Steeles Avenue in the south, Williams Parkway in the north, Mississauga Road in the west,

and Torbram Road to the east. While some individual projects in the program have already begun, others will begin construction in 2025. New projects will be added as Peel continues to plan for the assets needed to support more housing.

Using a Program approach to oversee large-scale capital projects is one of many of the methods being used by Peel to support growth and is planned for future use in the City of Mississauga and the Town of Caledon. Peel is also exploring alternative project delivery methodologies to advance capital delivery and anticipates more large-scale projects in 2025.

Peel Region staff continue to work closely with the local municipalities on effectively planning for growth and are updating the Water and Wastewater Master Servicing Plan to align with the 2051 Official Plan and Bill 23 housing targets.

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Watching history unfold and keeping it at the forefront

Many of my peers have spoken about not feeling like they had real, true roots wherever they lived because, as they grew up, they were bounced around from place to place and school to school.

While we didn't move around all that much when I was a kid – with a few brief interludes, most of my life up until I left for university in 2003 was spent in Newmarket – for one reason or another, I had to play a couple of not-so-rousing games of Musical Schools.

At the time, Newmarket was a far more rural community than it is today, yet it was a community in transition. The Town grew significantly as I went through my formative years and, as such, it was a simple matter of school boundaries being redrawn to ensure a largely equal distribution of students to teachers.

My first public school experience was at Prince Charles Public School, a place of learning built in the 1950s and named to commemorate the present monarch who, at the time of its opening, was still a few years away from being named Prince of Wales.

That was my educational home up until Grade 2, when the lines were redrawn and I became a student at Bogart Public School the following year. It was its first season of welcoming students, so it felt like we were sort of trailblazers as we were able to leave our stamp on the new, much fancier digs. We had the opportunity to leave something behind, too, as a tree sculpture was erected in its grand new foyer, its branches eventually groaning under the weight of birds each of us made from a heap of scrap metal that was brought in for such a creative exercise.

Three years later, the powers-that-be brought out the eraser and once again re-drew lines, redistributing many of us to a school that was, at the time, not yet complete – and without a formal name.

Before we took our places there, households were sent a survey asking what each family thought the name should be called. One option was an uninspired testament to local environmental features. Another suggestion was to name the school after the subdivision in which it sat – again, not particularly creative. The third suggestion was to name the school after a York Region teacher who recently passed and evidently meant a lot to the students she left behind, not to mention her family and friends.

Coming from a school that was named after an identifiable individual, and another that was named with the two-barrelled purpose of honouring Bogartown, a largely forgotten village that was eventually swallowed up by Newmarket, as well as the founding family after which the hamlet was dubbed, naming the school after this impactful woman was my first choice as it would ensure her legacy would live on.

Alas, other families within the catchment area felt differently and opted to name it after the new subdivision and thus, the uninspired Stonehaven Elementary School came to be.

In the first two examples, at least from my perspective, history and heritage were clear and it inspired me to dig a little bit beyond the surface.

Perhaps, looking on, it helped foster my love of history and that feeling of being even a minute part of it. And, truth be told, it also fostered a sense of place amid a lot of change.

On Saturday, while covering a very important community event in Aurora, I wondered whether the children that were quickly assem-

bling for a related event a short time later at the same venue, would have the same sense of place in future years.

We had gathered at the Central York Fire Services' newest station to witness its re-dedication in honour of Ian Laing, who served as Chief of the CYFS from 2010 until his untimely and sudden death last November.

Community leaders stepped up to pay tribute to the Late Chief, from all levels of government, and having known Chief Laing myself, it was moving to hear these reminiscences about the man whose passion for the community, and, of course, safety, was clear even if you had the briefest of moments in his company.

One reflection, however, particularly stuck with me, and that came from his successor, Chief Rocco Volpe.

"Every time we step through these doors will be a reminder of the standard he set, the impact he had, and the difference he made in the lives of so many," said Volpe. "Today, we do more than name a station – we honour a great man whose service will continue to guide us, inspire us, and remind us why we do and what we do."

I can only hope that it will do the same for every community member, not just those who had that lived experience with him – and that, in the end, is why these dedications are important.

A short time later was another historic event in Aurora's history – the opening of Aurora Town Square.

While I have written previously in this space that I found the name ultimately chosen for the space rather uninspiring as at least two existing local landmarks begin with "Aurora Town," the impact of the incredible downtown revitalization project was clear from the outset.

Walking through its doors on Friday evening, the night before the grand opening day itself, was an almost overwhelming feeling. As the Town of Aurora debated for the better part of four decades on what to do with the land on which it now stands, it was a surreal moment to realize it was finally here and filled with people, all of whom were bubbling over with excitement.

Part of that excitement, at least for me, was how perfectly the new builds dovetailed with the Victorian schoolhouse that has been a community hub since it opened its own doors in 1886.

And that excitement continued on Saturday as hundreds gathered to see the result, one which will be enjoyed by the community for generations to come.

There have been, of course, naysayers along the way, as there are with any big community projects, but given the reactions this past weekend, I'm confident the community as a whole will soon see its value and it will continue to be a hub of learning, discovery and growth for at least another 138 years.

For the Town of Aurora, it was a historic weekend and, for those who live beyond, a reminder of how much history and heritage is all around us if you take the time to look.

It also underscored the importance of paying tribute to the people, places and things that have come to define us, whether it's a facility named after a remarkable individual, or a brand spankin' new community space that is ushering in a bright new future – all while paying the utmost respect to the heritage that is at its heart.

Therein lie some strong roots.



Sometimes "doing nothing" is something

by Mark Pavilons



"Never underestimate the value of doing nothing, of just going along, listening to the things you can't hear, and not bothering." – A.A. Milne

"Il dolce far niente" is an Italian phrase, and philosophy, that roughly translates as "the sweetness of doing nothing."

To them, it can mean having a cup of coffee with a friend, heading to the beach or sitting idly on a bench watching people go by.

The Dutch call it "niksen," literally doing nothing or being idle. They embrace the idea of sitting in a chair and just looking out a window.

How many of us here in hectic southern Ontario have spent much time watching the world go by? Zhuangzi once said doing nothing is the "ultimate happiness."

I concur, and yet who has the time to just chill, or sit at the dock of the bay wasting time?

Maybe some of you enjoyed those moments over the summer, but play time is over!

The crazy thing is the real world, and all of its stresses, is just outside our door. From chemo to car insurance, I have my hands full.

But I do envy our counterparts all over the world, who take advantage of the sweetness of life, and even those mid-day siestas.

Siestas are historically common throughout the Mediterranean and Southern Europe, the Middle East, mainland China and India. The Spanish word siesta derives originally from the Latin phrase "hora sexta," sixth counting from dawn, hence "mid-day rest."

Sad, but in modern Spain, the mid-day nap during the working week is being gradually abandoned among the adult working population. According to a 2009 survey, 16.2% of Spaniards polled claimed to take a nap "daily," whereas 22% did so "sometimes," and 58.6% "never."

The average Spaniard works longer hours than almost all their European counterparts – typically 11-hour days, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In Southern Italy, the siesta is called "controra," a magical time of the day, in which the world comes back into the possession of ghosts and spirits.

In coastal Croatia, the traditional afternoon nap is known as pizolot and in Egypt (as with other Middle Eastern countries), government workers typically work for six hours a day, six days a week. Due to this schedule, workers do not eat lunch at work, but instead leave work around 2 p.m. and eat their main meal, which is the heaviest, at lunch time. Following the heavy lunch, they take a "taaseela" or nap and have tea upon waking up.

In China, taking a nap after lunch, known as

"noon sleep," is a common practice. Surveys indicate that about two-thirds of the Chinese population habitually takes afternoon naps, with the average duration being approximately 30 minutes.

In over-stressed North America and parts of Europe, we refer to such things as "power naps," if we can grab one. Who hasn't felt the urge to nod off at the office?

The timing of sleep-in humans depends upon a balance between homeostatic sleep and the circadian signal for wakefulness.

The good news is the siesta habit has been associated with a 37 per cent reduction in coronary mortality, possibly due to reduced cardiovascular stress mediated by daytime sleep. But concrete findings are still in doubt.

Carrie Snow once wrote that "no day is so bad it can't be fixed with a nap."

One American study found that employees' most productive times are between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. and fall off after that. Some 80% experience an "afternoon crash," and 25% admit to falling asleep at work.

More companies are recognizing this and are actually allowing employees to take power naps. Hats off to them!

While doing nothing seems to be counter-intuitive for us busy bees, there's a lot to be said for letting go and doing nothing. All those in favour?

I love the idea, but do see the challenges. In my daily bouts of idleness at home, I will often find something to clean up, pick up or straighten from the couch to the kitchen to the table. Dishes need to be put away.

Millennials are embracing the concept of "slow living," a hashtag that encourages a mindful, sustainable, slowing lifestyle. The idea of a four-day work week is also gaining traction, likely sparked by the pandemic.

Some are fighting back against the goal-oriented mind set where we're valued only for our productivity.

Is our time best spent at work churning our widgets, or in our free time with our hobbies, family and pets? The answer is obvious, but maybe not practical.

I know lately, I look forward to returning home and seeing my dogs as they eagerly dash to greet me. Just seeing their faces makes me all the difference in the world.

While dealing with cancer, I've changed my attitude several times. I now make it a point of trying to reach a place – a calm relaxing spot – every day. It can be on the couch, with the TV news turned down low; engaging in my hobby of model airplane building; taking a drive, not for errands but for pleasure. Serenity can be found almost anywhere, you just have to look for it.

I have long thought our European counterparts have figured out life better than us. Aside from siestas, they do tend to take everything a bit slower and easier. They enjoy their meals and soak up camaraderie at every opportunity. They bask in the sunshine. There is more to life than increasing its speed!

Ikigai is a Japanese concept of discovering your purpose through exploring what you love, what you're good at, what the world needs, and what you can be paid for.

"Slow down and everything you are chasing will come around and catch you." – John DePaola

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The world has always been pretty innovative when it comes to thinking up new ways to kill your neighbour.

First, it was a rock or club, then likely some kind of edged weapon. Pretty much every society on earth figured out the bow and arrow, which actually is a pretty complicated weapon when you think about it.

The thing about war is that when you are attacking your neighbours, innocent people suffer right along with soldiers in the battlefield. In fact, in many wars, if not most these days, civilian deaths are higher than combat deaths.

It's not easy to drop bombs on a factory without killing the people who live next door.

In military terms this is called "collateral damage." That's a nice way of saying they dropped a bomb on a hospital or school or senior's home.

No general will take part in a press conference describing a military action and say they knowingly ordered airstrikes on civilian targets – 20 dead children killed while at recess at school are referred to as collateral damage.

There are some weapons that have been deemed too cruel, even for warfare.

Expanding, soft nose bullets, also known

as "dumdum" bullets were declared illegal in warfare because they were considered "cruel." I guess instead of shooting your enemy with a dumdum bullet, ridding him with several rounds from an AK-47, won't kill him quite the same way.

Landmines are another great invention designed to kill and maim.

They are easy to use, and very effective at blowing up anyone who has the misfortune of stepping on one, or in some cases, just getting close to it.

At one time, landmines were designed to kill. There were several versions.

One version, called the Bouncing Betty, was a hugely powerful mine that would pop up from the ground when triggered, leaving only a red mist floating in the air from anyone who happened to be nearby. Other mines were very powerful and designed to disable tanks.

New versions of landmines are no longer designed to kill people. They are designed only to maim – usually by blowing someone's foot off – and there is a good reason for this.

When a soldier is maimed, he is out of action. However, you need at least two other soldiers to get him off the battlefield, and others

are needed to transport him. You then need medical personnel to treat him.

The idea is by maiming one guy rather than killing him, your enemy now has to use valuable resources, eliminating more of them.

Cluster bombs are another way of causing mayhem. A cluster bomb releases a number of smaller bombs before detonation. This is an effective way of destroying aircraft on a runway or killing troops hiding in trenches.

The real problem with these devices is no one ever goes back and retrieves the leftovers once a war is over. They are left there in the dirt. They are a hazard to any innocent person who has the misfortune of stepping on one.

A landmine will kill a child, a young mother, a teenager, or a dog. A lot of people have been maimed or killed by these devices years after a war had ended.

The hand-held device attack in Lebanon was an act of terror no matter how you look at it.

As an act of terror, it was genius. Hand-held devices all exploded simultaneously, killing 37, and wounding several thousand people.

How this happened is still not known. How did they get all these devices into the country and into the hands of the people they wanted

to kill? Were the devices implanted with a timer that set off the explosions or was it some kind of radio transmitter or similar that sent out a signal to detonate?

No one has claimed responsibility for this attack.

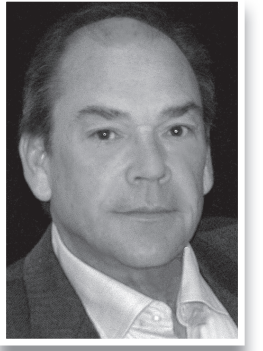
This is a new level of warfare. How would the attacker know if a man was holding his young child when the device exploded? How would they know if the device exploded when someone was visiting a sick family member in a hospital?

This is just indiscriminate killing of innocent people.

The attackers will say it's collateral damage, but tell that to a woman who has brought her maimed or dying child into a hospital after a hand-held device exploded in their face.

No one can justify using weapons and technology to kill innocent people.

But that's the Middle East for you – where life is cheap and war is a way of life.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

Skunk at a Garden Party

Actively encouraging residents to come out and take part in democracy, in guiding the future of our community, is something that has been covered in this space before. One group in particular (Forks of the Credit Preservation Group FCPG) has been doing it well for some time now. Recently, at a packed Council meeting, with many more residents spilling into the overflow area, the importance of this group's efforts and the collective community voice was loud and clear. Unfortunately, while an encouraging sign, and I'd like to hope an influential one, for this audience member, the loudest voice of all seemed to be the thinly veiled threat spoken by the self-proclaimed "skunk at the garden party."

By now, unless you've been living under a rock (the kind of rock the Brazilian firm Votorantim wants to blast to kingdom come) you'll know what I am talking about. A public meeting to roll out proposed new aggregate policies took place last week, meant to be forward-thinking, environmentally responsible and to be policies that pave the way (irony intended) for future responsible aggregate extraction. I'm not sure there is ever a way to "responsibly" source an excess of aggregate when we already have multiple pits and quarries dotting the Caledon landscape, particularly a quarry that proposes to blast below the water table, but nonetheless, that's what residents and Council had gathered to hear more about.

There is much to be written about the aggregate policy and no doubt my formally trained journalism colleagues will do so. Here's what

stood out for me: at least initially, there was talk of some amendments that suggest hope for more sound policy and planning is on the horizon, but upon deeper reflection, I'm just not sure that's the case. Many of the delegates, including those from FCPG, expressed concerns that the draft policy around air quality is not clear enough, and that when it comes to water (with some area homes at risk of losing their well water supply and various of our watersheds and species within them at risk) the use of policy language that states aggregate operators would be held "to an appropriate standard" is clearly not specific enough. In my opinion, perhaps even purposefully vague.

Delegates like Tony Sevelka spoke at length about the dangers of flyrock and the fact that no licence is required for those in charge of blasting. That seems about right for a process that involves ammonium nitrate and fuel oil that is capable of producing thousands of tons of broken stone at any one time. Yes, I am being sarcastic. Further concerns were expressed around the increased volume of truck traffic on already overcrowded, single-lane roads like Charleston Sideroad, never designed for truck traffic in the first place and further, on Highway 10 which already sees well over 3,000 trucks per day. OPP statistics have verified a significant increase in traffic accidents has already occurred – what happens when yet more gravel trucks are on the road? Sure, the proposed new policy references the construction of "alternate routes," and by-passes, but the consultant himself, during his presentation of the proposed new policies, remarked, "but those will be ex-

pensive to build." Two thoughts come to mind; charge a road tax to the industry who need the trucks to transport their goods and/or if we're really all that concerned about costs – how do you place a value on human life when lost to a tragic accident with a gravel truck?

Most of all, however, what raised the ire of myself and others, was the self-proclaimed "skunk at a garden party," who delegated at length on behalf of the aggregate industry. Accusing area residents of "dismissing aggregate because you already have a house," while trying to greenwash us into believing yet more aggregate in Caledon is good for the environment because it represents "close to market aggregate extraction," (presumably inferring less travel time/gas emissions or other so called environmentally friendly outcomes) is demeaning and dismissive. It assumes this is a simple case of "NIMBYism" rather than representative of a careful, well-researched and coordinated effort by a group of dedicated residents concerned about the long-term environmental, species at risk and human costs of increasing aggregate capacity.

His other comments included a reminder to Caledon Council and residents of how much the aggregate industry "contributes to the Caledon budget" (one figure quoted was a mere \$1.5 million) and there was certainly no reference to how many millions are taken in profit and not re-invested into the community.

Worse still, to this observer, was the comment that whatever action Caledon might attempt to

take would have a trickle down impact on other municipalities across the province (that could be a good thing, no?) followed by the thinly veiled threat that the aggregate industry "would not allow" Caledon to subvert the Province. The implication was clear to listeners that any effort made by our local Council to enact measures contrary to the rest of the Province would be fought by the industry and overruled at the Provincial level. When it looks like a skunk, smells like a skunk and spreads malodorous vile like a skunk, rest assured it's a skunk at a garden party indeed.

One last comment of note. Those engaged in current aggregate extraction taking place throughout Caledon have "unlimited extraction rights," meaning there is no end in sight to their pits and quarries and their ability to continue mining them. Another delegate, Nicola Ross, pointed out there is a current application by Lafarge (a pit already in existence) to expand their efforts resulting, conservatively, in an increase of 400+ more trucks on area roads each day. That's just one application, from just one of the 20+ existing licensed pits/quarries already operating in Caledon and before any consideration of the Votorantim application! It's numerically absurd and the statistics further suggest we already have 13x more aggregate that we will conceivably need over the next 100 years. Tell me again why we need a blasting quarry?



SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON

Animal Consciousness

A bit behind the curve (it was first posted last April), I have stumbled across The New York Declaration on Animal Consciousness. It is a brave attempt by a coalition of 40 prominent scientists in relevant fields (evolutionary biology, neural science, psychology, etc.) to promote the idea that non-human animals are actually conscious.

Anybody who lives or works with animals assumes that they are conscious, but that's not how the science works. Scientists' default assumption for centuries has been that only human beings are really conscious. Until proven otherwise, other living things are just clockwork biological machines with no inner life.

If you are in the process of reducing most other animal life on the planet to subservience, as we were doing when we built our civilisation, this is a comforting opinion to hold. What we are doing to the animals does not hurt them, because there's no 'I' inside them that can feel pain or fear or loss.

Eight billion human beings, by weight, now account for 36% of the mammalian life on the land surface of the planet. Our domesticated livestock, bred, raised, slaughtered and eaten by human beings, account for fully 60% of the total (and "wild" animals only for 4%). So, it is obviously preferable to see our animals as a non-conscious asset, not a vast slave empire.

This required a great shift in our viewpoint. Human hunter-gatherers "knew" that animals were conscious and had rituals of apology when they killed them. But the reassuring doctrine of human exceptionalism triumphed everywhere in the "civilized" world – and the scientists, people of their time, just went along with it.

This was always willful blindness. It's perfectly true that we have no direct evidence for the consciousness of animals, but neither do we have any direct evidence for the consciousness of other human beings. We simply assume the latter by observing their actions. Why would we not do the same with animals, at least as our default assumption?

Well, it took a few centuries, but some scientists are finally noticing the hypocrisy of the orthodox position on consciousness. They are going up against a long and strong tradition so their language is cautious and tentative, but they are challenging the whole structure of denial head-on.

Here's what the Declaration on Animal Consciousness says: "First, there is strong scientific support for attributions of conscious experience to other mammals and to birds."

For example, many species recognise themselves in mirrors and seem aware that the reflection is not a different animal but just an image of themselves.

"Second, the empirical evidence indicates at least a realistic possibility of conscious experience in all vertebrates (including reptiles, amphibians, and fishes) and many invertebrates (including, at minimum, cephalopod mollusks, decapod crustaceans, and insects)."

This is very bold, especially when it comes to creatures like flies, lobsters and octopus. But once again, the evidence of consciousness is there – not conclusive, but strongly indicative. And then comes the killer conclusion.

"Third, when there is a realistic possibility of conscious experience in an animal, it is irresponsible to ignore that possibility in decisions affecting that animal. We should consider welfare risks and use the evidence to inform our responses to these risks."

In other words, don't kill animals for food.

He advocates for recognising animal consciousness are being deliberately vague here. They are well aware that if we acknowledge our shared consciousness, then perhaps we must apply similar moral standards to our behaviour and not kill other conscious beings. It's too soon to have that conversation, but everybody knows it's out there waiting.

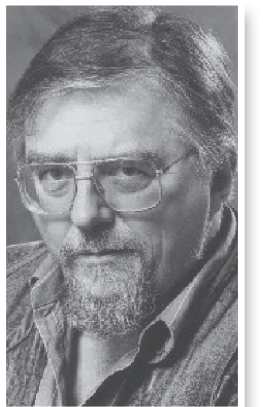
Happily, this may ultimately prove to be a less agonising moral dilemma than it seems. The crisis in biodiversity, linked to the climate crisis

and almost as grave, is going to impose its own priorities on the present system of food production.

In order to preserve the minimum biodiversity necessary for the long-term health of the biosphere, the human race must restore at least half the land currently used for growing crops to its original ecosystem functions over the next several generations. Fortunately, a new technology is making that a realistic possibility.

Precision fermentation or "food from the sky" – protein grown in vats from microbes that double their numbers every three hours given only hydrogen, carbon dioxide, water and light – is already being produced in volume in Solar Food's prototype factory in Finland. It requires a modest amount of energy, but it takes almost no land.

People may be disturbed by the microbial origins of this kind of food, but farm animals certainly won't mind eating it. It will doubtless be a long and turbulent transition, but this is our best opportunity to repair our relationship with the biosphere. In the long run, we might not even have to kill so many conscious entities.



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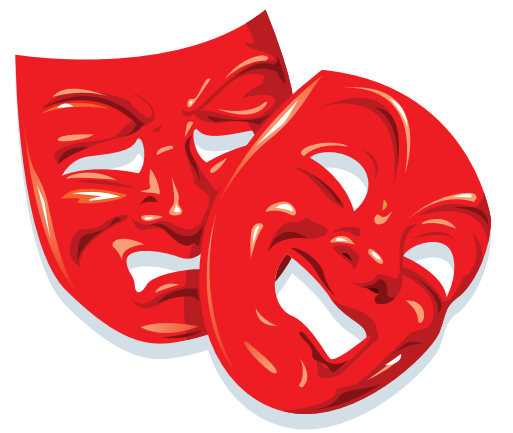
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ARTS & CULTURE



Alton Mill Arts Centre packed for opening night of Headwaters Arts' annual Fall Festival

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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Caledon's art scene is thriving.

On September 19, nearly 200 people filled the Alton Mill Arts Centre for the opening night reception of Headwaters Arts' annual Fall Festival, Juried Art Show and Sale.

Photographer Samantha Hurley's piece, "What We're Made Of", was on display at the show.

She's been a photographer for 10 years and loves taking photos with a cinematic flair.

"I love photos that look like they have a story built into them," said Hurley.

An experienced Photoshop user, Hurley uses the platform to edit and combine photos, thus continuing the creative process even after the shutter has snapped.

What We're Made Of is a combination of photographs taken in Paris of art in galleries and on church ceilings. It's then overlaid onto an image of a woman of European descent.

"It's about your cultural heritage and how it's all built together," said Hurley.

Courtney Chard, a pipe fitter by trade, uses her skills in metalworking to create sculptures. Her sculpture of a whale, "Into the Blue", won third prize at the show.

Chard said she was always creative growing up, but pursued the trades in order to ensure a stable living. For the past five years, she's been getting back in touch with her creative side by making metal sculptures.

"I like to make pieces that have movement, life, and fluidity," said Chard. "I use a lot of cutting discs, torches, and plasma cutters. I use welding machines and grinders too."

Patty Maher is an intuitive painter and she won the best in show award at this year's Fall Festival. Her piece, "Flowing Like the Sky", was a return

to her abstract roots.

Maher said whenever she paints an abstract painting, she can see a landscape in it.

"I was super excited, happy, and shocked because there's so many great artists here," said Maher of winning best in show. "I feel super honoured, it's still settling in."

Nancy Kluger, event committee chair for Headwaters Arts, said she was really pleased with the turnout for the show. She said the Alton Mill Arts Centre is the perfect venue and always inspires artists.

With Maher winning best in show and Chard winning third prize, the remaining winners are as follows: Gita Karkins, second prize for "Dark Sky and Leaning Elm"; and Michele Taras, honourable mention for "Camouflage".

Headwaters Arts, which is a non-profit, gives out scholarships each year at its Fall Festival.

This year, Naomi Cameron was the winner of a visual arts scholarship. Cameron attended Centre Dufferin District High School and was involved in music, fashion, and visual art. She sang with the Orangeville Music Theatre, taught arts at the STREAMS Community Hub, and led the creation of a mural at her school.

Cameron has been accepted at Sheridan College where she will be working towards an Honours Bachelor of Art degree and specializing in textiles. She hopes to become an art therapist.

This year's winner of Headwaters Arts' film and media scholarship was Charlotte Payne. She also attended Centre Dufferin District High School and was involved in drama, writing, and media arts. She worked at a photography studio and also volunteered at the STREAMS Community Hub.

Payne will be attending McMaster University to study humanities and media arts, with a goal of working in filmmaking, film and video editing, and videography.

Charlotte Faulkner was the recipient of a schol-



Painter Patty Maher won best in show for "Flowing Like the Sky". PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

arship for acting. She attended Mayfield Secondary School for its arts program and specialized in drama. Faulkner directed a one-act play, competed in the Canadian Improv Games, and rehearsed for the lead role in a local play. She also found time to work for Haunted Orangeville Walking Tours.

Faulkner will attend Dalhousie University, working towards her Bachelor of Arts degree with honours in theatre. Her goal is to act professionally in festival theatres and eventually in Mirvish and Broadway productions.

Another winner of a scholarship for acting was Isabel LeGallais. She attended Orangeville District Secondary School and was involved with

Theatre Orangeville and her school's own productions. She also trained as an actor at Second City.

LeGallais will be going to the University of Windsor to get a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. Her goal is to work as a professional actor.

The final scholarship winner of 2024 was Danielle Hawkins, who received a scholarship for visual arts. Hawkins attended Orangeville District Secondary School and focused on visual arts. She earned a dual credit at Humber College by completing a life drawing class.

Hawkins will attend OCAD University where she will be studying illustration. Her dream is to be a professional illustrator for comics and graphic novels.



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Caledon Concert Band hosting special 50th anniversary performance



The Caledon Concert Band has been hard at work rehearsing for its upcoming 50th anniversary concert. FILE PHOTO

Dinner will precede concert, which is being held at the Caledon Hills Fellowship Baptist Church

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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A local concert band is celebrating its rich history with a special performance.

On October 26, the Caledon Concert Band will host its 50th anniversary gala — a dinner and concert — at the Caledon Hills Fellowship Baptist Church (16595 Airport Road).

The event begins with a meet and greet at 4 p.m. and dinner will be served an hour later. The concert will begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the dinner and concert are \$80, or \$560 for a table of eight. For children under 12, tickets are \$40. For those looking to attend just the concert, tickets are \$20. Tickets can be purchased online at caledonconcertband.ca or in person from a band member.

David Finch plays clarinet with the band and explained the 50th anniversary concert has been in the works for a year. It will feature popular songs, both old and new, that the band has played throughout its history.

Finch said the band has reached out to as

many former members of the band as it can to invite them to celebrate the special milestone.

With 50 great years behind them, the Caledon Concert Band is looking to the future too. New members are always welcome, and there's no audition required to join. The band has a tradition of mentoring young musicians, and has seen many of its members go on to be successful musicians.

Finch said he began learning the clarinet 20 years ago and loves playing in the band.

"It's more fun playing with other people," said Finch, adding that being in a band gives you great motivation to practice because you want to be the best musician you can be for your fellow band members.

"You rise to the level of the people around you, it pushed me a lot," he said.

The Caledon Concert Band rehearses at 7 p.m. every Wednesday and puts on four concerts per year. It also travels around to perform gigs in surrounding areas.

"We have played at the Strawberry Festival for many years... this year we played in Stratford for the Concerts in the Park series," said Finch, naming some examples.

The band typically has between 20 and 30 members at any given time, with members playing all kinds of instruments.

"It's an enthusiastic band and a great group of people," said Finch.

As it's a charity, the band relies on partners like the Town of Caledon and ticket sales to fund itself.



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Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell, Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen and Mayor Annette Groves raised the Culture Days flag at Town Hall on September 20.
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Question: I am the estate trustee for my mother's estate. My mother had assets that she dealt with outside of her estate, including a cottage that she transferred to my brother and me, a few years ago. My sister is pressuring me to include the cottage as an asset of the estate, but I don't believe that it is.

Answer: If your mother transferred the cottage entirely, prior to any incapacity or some other person acting on a power of attorney, your sister will have a difficult time convincing a court that the cottage is properly an asset of the estate. She has the onus to prove that someone unduly influenced your mother in her decision. If your mother put you and your brother on title to the cottage jointly with her, then there is a question as to whether it was a gift, or are you holding the interest in trust for your mother? In such a case, it is initially presumed that you hold an interest in the property in trust. The presumption is rebuttable, and one way to do so is to properly document the arrangement at the time you are placed on title.

An estate trustee has an obligation to fully account for the estate, and act in a transparent manner. However, even though they are not required to account for assets that fall outside of the estate, it is not uncommon for disputes to arise regarding assets outside the estate. Ultimately, the estate trustee may be required, or choose to go through a process known as passing estate accounts. This passing of accounts amounts to the court's approval of the administration of the estate.

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Town of Caledon kicks off Culture Days with flag raising at Town Hall

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It's time to celebrate arts and culture in Caledon. On September 20, Caledon Mayor Annette Groves proclaimed September 20 to October 13 as Culture Days in Caledon at a flag raising event out front of Town Hall.

Culture Days is a celebration of arts, culture and heritage that happens in communities across Canada each year. It engages communities with free and pay-what-you-can activities like studio tours, performances, festivals, workshops, classes and more. There will be nearly 100 events happening for Culture Days this year in Caledon.

Groves said Caledon has so much to offer in the world of arts and culture. She said arts are fundamental to the Caledon community.

"We have many creative artists, businesses and venues to discover and celebrate during Culture Days," said Groves. "Cultural participation and activity enriches and defines the identity of the Town of Caledon."

Groves said the Culture Days celebration will

enhance the connections between citizens of diverse interests, abilities and cultures.

"Culture Days exists as a catalyst that connects individuals and creators, eliminates barriers, and stimulates understanding, appreciation and exploration of arts, culture and heritage," said Groves.

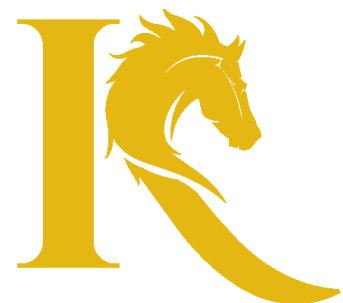
After the flag raising, a special mural from artist Nikita Mistry was unveiled to celebrate Caledon's 50th anniversary. The mural was made with the help of Caledon residents at Caledon Day, and features many of Caledon's iconic landmarks like the Cheltenham Badlands and Alton Mill Arts Centre.

The mural is now on display at the Caledon East Community Complex.

To take a closer look at the massive amount of events planned for Culture Days, Caledon residents can check out the following link: caledon.ca/culturedays

The Town's website has a schedule of all the events planned.

With files from last week's story, "Culture Days coming to Caledon"



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Caledon residents enjoyed looking at cool cars and supporting local non-profit Meaghan's Music Room at a car show last weekend. PHOTO COURTESY OF MARY BALINOV

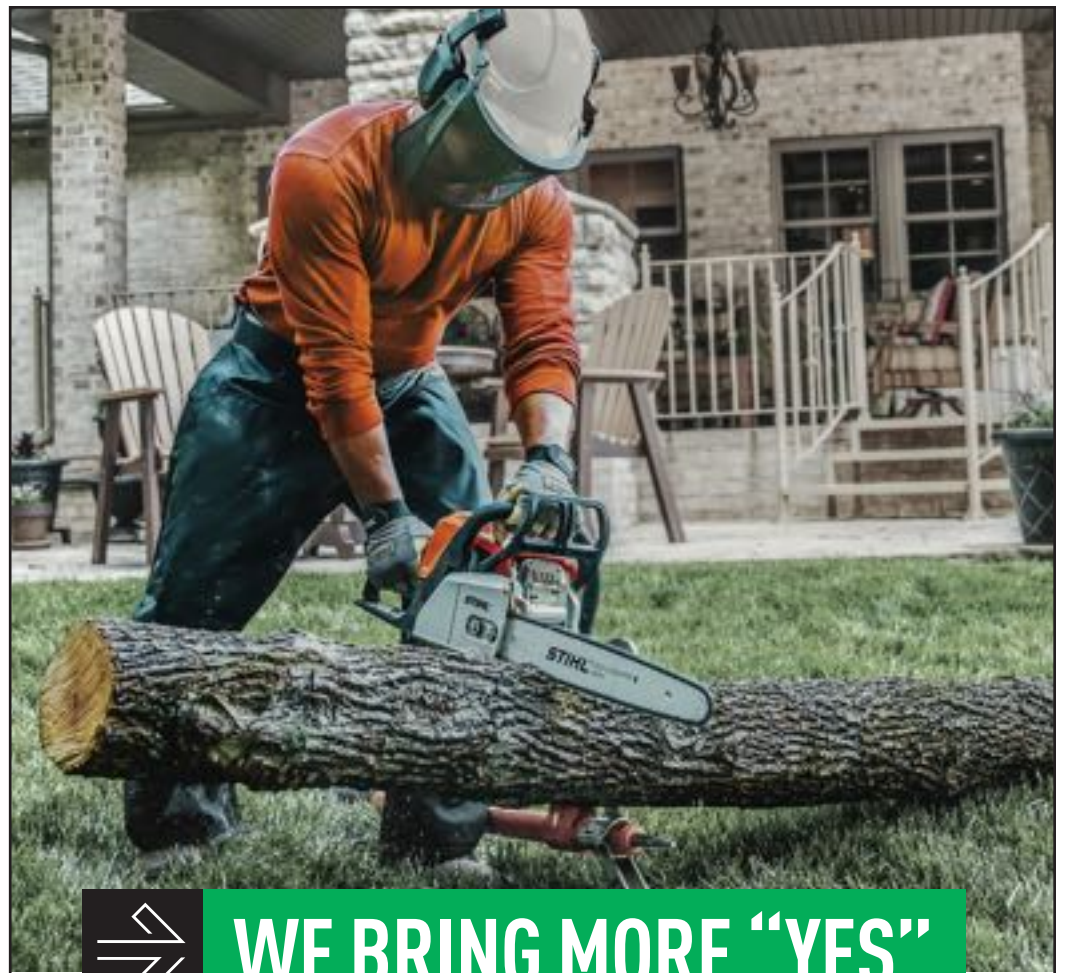
Charity car show raises \$10,000 for Meaghan's Music Room

Show held on September 15 in Bolton

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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Old-school rides and powerful new sports cars graced the streets of Bolton last weekend. On September 15, Sorrento Retirement Residence held its second-annual charity car show in support of Meaghan's Music Room. Live music, refreshments, vendors, and all sorts of amazing vehicles were a part of the event held in Downtown Bolton at the Humber River Centre and Ann & Samuel Sterne Municipal Parking Lot. Meaghan's Music Room operates out of Bolton music school Tisho's Music Academy and provides subsidized music and dance classes to individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities.

Mary Balinov, Administrative Manager for Meaghan's Music Room, helped organize the car show. While final figures are not yet in, she estimated approximately \$10,000 was raised through the event. A highlight of the day, said Balinov, was when Meaghan's Music Room participant Dawn Janes performed a song and dance for attendees. She said it was a beautiful example of how the non-profit helps those who attend its classes. "It was a great afternoon, people were walking around with their pizza and drinks and really enjoying the car show," said Balinov. Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa attended the event and acted as master of ceremonies, and Mayor Annette Groves also came to give a speech in support of Meaghan's Music Room. "We're very pleased with the outcome," said Balinov. "Each year we host the show, we think of ideas to make next year's even better." Balinov said the weather was perfect for the show and that it was a great day to be outside and supporting a good cause.



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ROLLOVER INVESTIGATION

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As a result of the investigation, Ilaria Bove, 58, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Failure or refusal to comply with demand
- The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on October 10, 2024, to answer to the charge.
- The charge has not been proven.
- The driver's licence was also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for seven.

Caledon OPP would like to take this opportunity to remind motorists that failure or refusal to comply with a demand in an impaired operation investigation is a criminal offence. Furthermore, the consequences an individual will face are the same as being charged with impaired operation.

If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

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

RISE IN COPPER THEFTS

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are reporting a rise in copper thefts in the Town of Caledon.

The Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) are currently investigating six separate copper thefts that were reported in August. Telephone wires are the target, and thefts are occurring in rural areas in the middle of the night. It has been observed that the wires are cut from poles, dragged to the side of the road, and recovered a day or two later.

If you witness a suspicious vehicle on the shoulder and potentially in the process of cutting and/or taking wires, please report it to police immediately by calling 911. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca.

IMPAIRED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver with Impaired Operation following a call for service at a local residence.

"On September 11, 2024, just before 9:00 p.m., officers received a report of a verbal dispute at a residence in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "Upon arrival, two individuals were located, and one was observed with a minor injury. During the investigation, officers discovered that the injury

was sustained while being on the lap of a driver operating a skid steer. Grounds were also formed that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested."

As a result of the investigation, a 55-year-old of Caledon was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date, to answer to the charge.

The charge has not been proven.

"As a reminder, regardless of where you are located operating any type of conveyance (in this case was a skid steer on private property) while impaired by alcohol or drugs is as unlawful as driving a motor vehicle on the roadway and carries the same impaired driving penalties.

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

"On September 17, 2024, shortly before 5:00 p.m., police were dispatched to a report of a vehicle that had collided with several parked cars on Kentbridge Court in Bolton," say Police. "Shortly after, officers also received a report advising that youths were seen passed out with a 'bong' at a park near Cherry Lane in Bolton. Police attended to investigate.

As a result of the investigation, an 18-year-old of Bolton was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - drugs;
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance;
- Fail to Remain;
- Novice driver - presence of drug.

"The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on October 7, 2024, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

Their driver's license was also suspended for a period of 90 days and the vehicle was impounded for seven.

"The OPP remains committed to keeping our communities safe through enforcement and public education. Drivers who are impaired by drugs or alcohol continue to pose a significant threat on Ontario roads," say Police. "Whether a driver is impaired by alcohol or drugs, impaired is impaired, and impaired driving is dangerous regardless of the source of impairment. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it.

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

DOOR-TO-DOOR WARNING

Members of Ontario's Serious Fraud Office (SFO) have arrested two individuals and Canada-wide arrest warrants have been issued for three others following a criminal investigation linked to

a door-to-door sales fraud which victimized over 200 people across Ontario.

In summer 2021, Collingwood OPP began an investigation, which was later referred to the OPP Serious Fraud Office in February 2022 at which time Project Nettle commenced.

During this investigation, it was discovered salespeople were directed to attend the homes of older adults and vulnerable people to initiate frauds where victims unknowingly entered into home service and/or renovation agreements at exorbitant prices. Many victims believed they were getting services/installations and renovations for free through government grants or rebates.

Organizers of this fraud then used the fake agreements to register Notice of Security Interest's (NOSIs) which are similar to liens against victims' homes without their knowledge. Later, these NOSIs were paid off to the benefit of the fraud organizers using fraudulent, high-interest mortgages against the victims' homes. In many cases, this fraud left the victims in financial peril; and in some cases, forced the victims to sell their homes.

The SFO conducted more than 230 interviews during the investigation. It is evident this fraud has been financially, emotionally, and physically devastating for many victims across the province. Victims of this fraud were provided support from investigators and SFO victim support services

throughout the investigation.

You can check for any NOSIs against your home by purchasing a copy of your parcel register through the Ontario Land Registry Access at www.onland.ca. If you find a NOSI against your home, the newly enacted Homeowner Protection Act deems all consumer NOSIs registered before June 6, 2024, to be expired and allows them to be removed by registering an application to delete an expired NOSI through a lawyer.

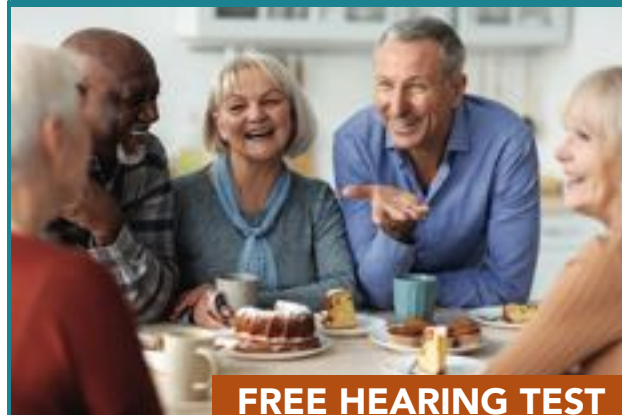
The Consumer Protection Act also allows you to withdraw from a contract within one year and get a full refund if a business or individual has misrepresented a product or service. Products or services sold door-to-door also have a 'cooling off period' that allows you to cancel an agreement within 10 days.

Investigators are asking anyone with additional information regarding this fraud to call the dedicated tip line at 1 (833) 941-5865 or email OPP.Nettle@opp.ca.

Anyone who suspects they have been the victim of any other fraud is urged to contact their local police or anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222- 8477 (TIPS) or online at www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca. You should also report to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or through their online reporting system. For resources on scams and fraud, visit antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.

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KEVIN FLAHERTY

Navigating the challenges of a slowing real estate market

Since entering the world of real estate over 30+ years ago, Kevin Flaherty has gained a reputation of being a trusted, reliable, and knowledgeable Broker.

Kevin was the overall #1 top producing agent in the company he was previously with, based on gross sales, over 1,800 agents for 10 straight years.

Kevin is a two-time ICON Agent – eXp Realty’s Highest Production Award, has six years of international coaching experience helping agents, teams and brokerages grow, and has over ten years of experience as a broker / manager/ team leader.

Kevin emphasizes the importance of recognizing the distinct differences between REALTORS® in terms of

the services they offer and the results they achieve. “One of the biggest mistakes sellers make is assuming that all REALTORS® are the same,” he notes. He explains that a REALTOR®’s role is to highlight a home’s key features and benefits effectively. Failure to do so may result in buyers perceiving the home as overpriced and dismissing it from consideration.

Kevin adds, “People lead busy lives, and not all buyers are local.” This is where his team’s expertise comes into play.

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calls, and more. Kevin invites sellers to explore his marketing plan at www.SeeTheBest.ca, highlighting that “Marketing matters, and there’s a reason many agents don’t publish their marketing plans anywhere.”

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9 MOST COMMON MORTGAGE QUESTIONS

1) WHAT'S THE BEST RATE I CAN GET?

Your credit score plays a big part in the interest rate for which you will qualify, as the riskier you appear as a borrower, the higher your rate will be. Rate is definitely not the most important aspect of a mortgage, however, as many rock-bottom rates often come from no frills mortgage products. In other words, even if you qualify for the lowest rate, you often have to give up other things such as prepayments and porting privileges when opting for the lowest-rate product.

2) WHAT'S THE MAXIMUM MORTGAGE AMOUNT FOR WHICH I CAN QUALIFY?

To determine the amount for which you will qualify, there are two calculations you'll need to complete. The first is your Gross Debt Service (GDS) ratio. GDS looks at your proposed new housing costs (mortgage payments, taxes, heating costs and 50% of strata/condo fees, if applicable). Generally speaking, this amount should be no more than 32% of your gross monthly income. For example, if your gross monthly income is \$4,000, you should not be spending more than \$1,280 in monthly housing expenses. Second, you will need to calculate your Total Debt Service (TDS) ratio. The TDS ratio measures your total debt obligations (including housing costs, loans, car payments and credit card bills). Generally speaking, your TDS ratio should be no more than 40% of your gross monthly income. Keep in mind that these numbers are prescribed maximums and that you should strive for lower ratios for a more affordable lifestyle. Before falling in love with a potential new home, you may want to obtain a pre-approved mortgage. This will help you stay within your price range and spend your time looking at homes you can reasonably afford.

3) HOW MUCH MONEY DO I NEED FOR A DOWN PAYMENT?

The minimum down payment required is 5% of the purchase price of the home. And in order to avoid

paying mortgage default insurance, you need to have at least a 20% down payment.

4) WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T HAVE THE FULL DOWN PAYMENT AMOUNT?

There are programs available that enable you to use other forms of down payment, such as from your RRSPs, a cash-back product, or a gift.

5) WHAT WILL A LENDER LOOK AT WHEN QUALIFYING ME FOR A MORTGAGE?

Most lenders look at five factors when determining whether you qualify for a mortgage:

- 1) Income;
- 2) Debts;
- 3) Employment History;
- 4) Credit history; and
- 5) Value of the Property you wish to purchase.

One of the first things a lender will consider is how much of your total income you'll be spending on housing. This helps the lender decide whether you can comfortably afford a house. A lender will then look at your debts, which generally include monthly house payments as well as payments on all loans, credit cards, child support, etc. A history of steady employment, usually within the same job for several years, helps you qualify. But a short history in your current job shouldn't prevent you from getting a mortgage, as long as there have been no gaps in income over the past two years. Good credit is also very important in qualifying for a mortgage. The lender will also want to know that the house is worth the price you plan to pay.

6) WHAT CREDIT SCORE DO I NEED TO QUALIFY?

Generally speaking, you're a prime candidate for a mortgage if your credit score is 680 and above. The higher you can get above 700 the better, as you will

qualify for the lowest rates. These days almost anyone can obtain a mortgage, but the key for those with lower credit scores is the size of the down payment. If you have a sufficient down payment, you can reduce the risk to the lender providing you with the mortgage. Statistics show that default rates on mortgages decline as the down payment increases.

7) WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CREDIT SCORE ISN'T GREAT?

There are several things you can do to boost your credit fairly quickly. Following are five steps you can use to help attain a speedy credit score boost:

1) Pay down credit cards. The number one way to increase your credit score is to pay down your credit cards so they're below 70% of your limits. Revolving credit like credit cards seems to have a more significant impact on credit scores than car loans, lines of credit, and so on.

2) Limit the use of credit cards. Racking up a large amount and then paying it off in monthly instalments can hurt your credit score. If there is a balance at the end of the month, this affects your score – credit formulas don't take into account the fact that you may have paid the balance off the next month.

3) Check credit limits. If your lender is slower at reporting monthly transactions, this can have a significant impact on how other lenders view your file. Ensure everything's up to date as old bills that have been paid can come back to haunt you. Some financial institutions don't even report your maximum limits. As such, the credit bureau is left to only use the balance that's on hand. The problem is, if you consistently charge the same amount each month – say \$1,000 to \$1,500 – it may appear to the credit-scoring agencies that you're regularly maxing out your cards. The best bet is to pay your balances down or off before your statement periods close.

4) Keep old cards. Older credit is better credit. If you stop using older credit cards, the issuers may stop updating your accounts. As such, the cards can lose their weight in the credit formula and, therefore, may not be as valuable – even though you have had the cards for a long time. Use these cards periodically and then pay them off.

8) HOW MUCH WILL I HAVE TO PAY FOR CLOSING COSTS?

As a general rule of thumb, it's recommended that you put aside at least 1.5% of the purchase price (in addition to the down payment) strictly to cover closing costs. There are several items you should budget for when it comes to closing costs. Property Transfer Tax is charged whenever a property is purchased. The tax will vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, but I can help with the calculation. GST/HST is only charged on new homes, and does not affect homes priced at less than \$400,000. Even homes that exceed the price threshold are only taxed on the portion that exceeds \$400,000. Certain conditions may apply. Please contact your lawyer/notary for more detailed information. Your lawyer/notary will charge you a fee for drawing up the mortgage and conveyance of title. The amount of the fee will depend on the individual that you use. The typical cost is \$900. If you're purchasing a single-family home, you'll need to give your lender a survey certificate showing where the property sits within the property lines. Some exceptions are made, however, on low loan-to-value deals and acreage properties.

9) HOW MUCH WILL MY MORTGAGE PAYMENTS BE?

Monthly mortgage payments vary based on several factors, including: the size of your mortgage; whether you're paying mortgage default insurance; your mortgage amortization; your interest rate; and your frequency of making mortgage payments. You can view some useful calculators to find out your specific mortgage payments: <http://www.mortgagecentre.com/useful-tools>

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Liability insurance: 7 questions and answers

There are many situations where you may be liable for damage caused to others. Liability insurance provides coverage against such situations. Here are some answers to your most frequently asked questions.

1. What is liability?

If you're involved in a loss or collision, a victim or victims may hold you accountable for the damage caused and ask for compensation. In the case of events causing major damage or bodily injury, the amount claimed may be extremely high. For example, if a fire breaks out in your home and spreads to your neighbours', their insurer may demand that you refund the amount they paid out in compensation.

Liability insurance protects you from financial consequences for which you may be held responsible. If you're found liable, it generally covers your defence expenses and, if necessary, compensation for the person suing you.

2. Is liability insurance mandatory?

In Canada, the law requires all owners of a motor vehicle to have liability insurance that's valid in Canada and the United States. The law doesn't require owners and renters of residential buildings to have liability insurance.

3. What does liability insurance included with auto insurance cover?

Damage to other people's property is also covered, for example, if you lost control on a slippery road and damaged someone's fence. It also covers injuries to other people who aren't already covered by a public insurance plan.

4. What does liability insurance included with home insurance cover?

It protects your home, your belongings and the members of your family against unexpected events. For example, strong winds causing your garden furniture to blow away and break a window on a neighbouring property, or your pet biting a delivery person.

5. How much liability insurance do I need?

The minimum amount of coverage offered with home insurance is usually \$1 million. But it may vary, and you could need more, depending on your situation.

6. Does liability insurance provide coverage outside Canada?

Liability insurance included with home insurance follows you wherever you go. So, if you rent a vacation home in Mexico and cause water damage because you forgot to turn off the tap, your insurer will cover the claim.

The coverage included with auto insurance is only valid in Canada and the United States.

7. What's NOT covered by liability insurance?

Some types of damage aren't covered, like any damage caused intentionally or resulting from criminal activity on the part of the insured person.

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MARKET UPDATE

Orangeville Statistics - August

	August, 2024	August, 2023	% Change
# of Active Listings	130	75	73.33%
# of Homes Listed	76	72	4.11%
# of Sales	28	30	-15.33%
List Price vs. Sale Price Ratio	98%	99%	-1.02%
Average Days on Market	34	27	25.93%
Average Sale Price	\$338,856	\$313,556	-7.93%

Orangeville Statistics - Year to Date

	Jan - Aug, 2024	Jan - Aug, 2023	% Change
# of Homes Listed	318	288	10.76%
# of Sales	104	113	-8.85%
List Price vs. Sale Price Ratio	98%	99%	-1.01%
Average Days on Market	27	18	42.11%
Average Sale Price	\$324,264	\$324,086	-0.05%

Buyers Market vs. Sellers Market

Current Number of Homes for Sale: 130
 Divided by Sales per Month: 28
 Months of Inventory: 5.0

There is currently 5.0 months of inventory on the market in Orangeville. In a Buyers Market, there is normally more than 6 months worth of inventory.

Peel - Caledon Statistics - August

	August, 2024	August, 2023	% Change
# of Active Listings	393	292	34.59%
# of Homes Listed	177	178	-0.56%
# of Sales	53	44	20.45%
List Price vs. Sale Price Ratio	96%	96%	0.00%
Average Days on Market	29	25	16.00%
Average Sale Price	\$1,221,318	\$1,557,870	-21.59%

Peel - Caledon Statistics - Year to Date

	Jan - Aug, 2024	Jan - Aug, 2023	% Change
# of Homes Listed	1,033	1,399	-26.16%
# of Sales	569	577	-1.39%
List Price vs. Sale Price Ratio	96%	96%	0.00%
Average Days on Market	28	21	33.33%
Average Sale Price	\$1,332,758	\$1,504,287	-11.34%

Buyers Market vs. Sellers Market

Current Number of Homes for Sale: 598
 Divided by Sales per Month: 68
 Months of Inventory: 8.8

There is currently 8.8 months of inventory on the market in Caledon. In a Buyers Market, there is normally more than 6 months worth of inventory.

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"At eXp Realty, agents are incentivized to assist each other," Kevin says. "As company owners, their success is tied to the success of their colleagues." Agents who join eXp Realty do so under a sponsor, and selecting the right sponsor is crucial. Kevin, a member of the Honey Badgers Metaverse group within eXp, provides agents with tools, training, and even sets up their marketing and systems at no cost. Honey Badgers is one of the strongest groups within eXp, boasting over 13,000 agents, including some of North America's top producers.

Kevin believes that success in real estate is about "getting in the room with the highest producing agents in an environment where they are willing to share." Since joining eXp three years ago, Kevin has personally sponsored 158 agents into the company. REALTORS® interested in learning more can visit www.HoneyBadgerAgents.ca.

The collaborative culture at eXp Realty not only benefits agents but also enhances the experience for clients. As agents grow in their careers, they build ownership and share in the company's revenue. "eXp's model is so popular and growing so fast that it's one of the few real estate companies showing a profit during the current economic downturn," Kevin explains.

Reflecting on his career, Kevin shares that his greatest joy is working alongside his son, Adam Flaherty, now a full broker.

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- Written by Brian Lockhart



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Tips for renewing your mortgage

(NC) Is your current mortgage term coming to an end?

If you still owe money on the mortgage, you will need to renew it. The process is easier when you know the steps to follow.

1 REVIEW YOUR MORTGAGE RENEWAL STATEMENT

A federally regulated lender like a bank must provide you with a mortgage renewal statement at least 21 days before the term ends. The statement must contain the following information:

- the balance or remaining principal at the renewal date
- the interest rate
- the payment frequency
- the term
- any charges or fees that apply

The renewal statement must also specify that the interest rate will not increase until your renewal date. Beware that the renewal of your mortgage term may be automatic. If your lender plans on automatically renewing your mortgage, it must say so in the renewal statement.

2 REVIEW YOUR MORTGAGE NEEDS

Make sure you have the right mortgage product. For example, some mortgages allow flexible payments, which can help you pay off your mortgage sooner. Look for features like being able to:

- increase payments
- change payment frequency
- make additional payments

3 SHOP AROUND

You do not have to accept the interest rate in your renewal letter. And, you don't have to renew your mortgage with the same lender. Start shopping around before your mortgage term ends. Contact various lenders and mortgage brokers to see what interest rates and mortgage options they can offer. Tell your lender about the offers from other lenders.

4 SWITCHING TO ANOTHER LENDER

If you decide to switch your mortgage to another lender, the new lender will need to approve your mortgage application. There may also be costs associated with switching lenders, such as setup and appraisal fees. Ask if your new lender is willing to pay for some or all your costs to switch.

Learn more about renewing your mortgage at canada.ca/money.

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What are the differences between fixed and variable-rate mortgages?

(NC) For many people, buying a home is the single biggest purchase they will ever make.

While the excitement of finding your dream home can be exhilarating, those feelings can sometimes give way to stress and confusion when it comes time to apply for a mortgage.

Whether you're a first-time homebuyer or are looking for a new place to call home, it's important to understand the terms of a mortgage agreement and how the mortgage process works.

To help you get started, here's a breakdown of some of the key terms you should know.

What are the differences between fixed and variable interest rates?

A key step towards homeownership is deciding what type of interest rate works best for you and your family. You'll need to decide between a fixed-rate or a variable-rate mortgage. As part of this process, you may want to speak to your lender to help you decide which option works for your specific needs and how comfortable you are with the possibility that your interest rate could change during the term of your mortgage.

FIXED RATE

For fixed-interest-rate mortgages the rate will not change over the course of a term, regardless of prime rate fluctuations. As your interest rate is locked in, fixed-rate mortgages offer the security of knowing your payments will not change over the term of your mortgage. However, you may see the impact of changes to rates when you renew.

VARIABLE RATE

The interest on a variable-interest-rate mortgage can fluctuate with changes to the lender's prime rate. However, the amount of each payment generally stays the same.

If the prime rate rises, then typically more of each payment will go towards paying the interest, and a

smaller portion will go towards paying the outstanding balance. This means your payments may increase if you change your payment schedule during the term or at the time of renewal to get you back to your original repayment schedule (i.e., your amortization period).

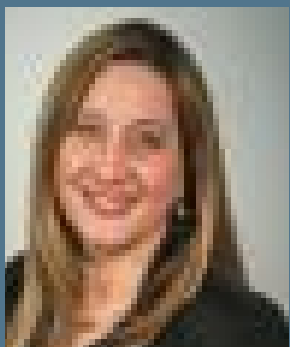
While you're not required to make changes when your interest rate increases, you do have options, which may include making a lump-sum payment, increasing your payment amount or converting to a fixed-rate mortgage. Connecting with a mortgage specialist may help you to figure out what may work best for your unique needs.

When interest rates increase and the payment doesn't change, the payment amount may no longer cover the interest charged on a variable-interest-rate mortgage. This means you have passed the trigger rate.

After you pass the trigger rate on a variable interest rate mortgage, unpaid interest will start to increase the amount owing. At a certain point, you may reach what's called the trigger point, and you will then be required to adjust your payments, make a prepayment or convert to a fixed-rate mortgage.

Learn more about the different types of mortgages and options you have at td.com.

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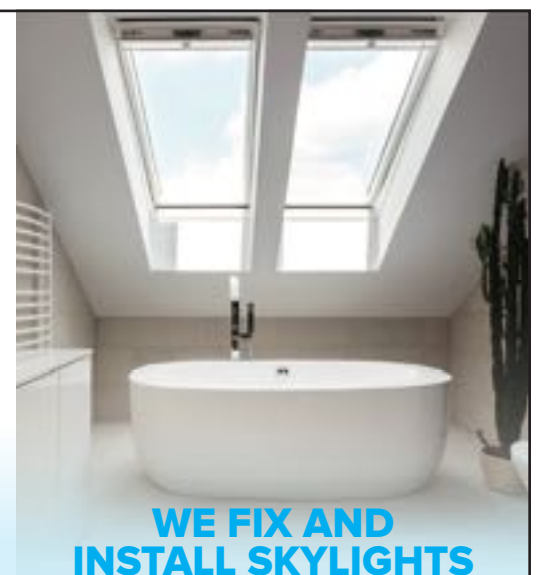


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The other things you should think of when buying a house

When looking for a new place to live, most potential home buyers typically focus on certain features of a house that they are considering.

They will likely ask about the age of the roof and if it has been replaced in recent years. Modern kitchens and bathrooms are also a bonus for many potential buyers.

The age of the furnace and hot water heater are also taken into consideration as a buyer will be thinking ahead about future replacement.

While all these concerns are valid, there are many other things you should consider when looking for a new house.

Do you have more than one automobile? If so, parking can be a real issue.

A home with a sidewalk out front, will limit your ability to park more than one car on your driveway.

At the same time, a street with limited parking quite often results in more people parking on the street. This can sometimes be a headache when you are trying to navigate through traffic when trying to get out of your subdivision.

This also occurs if you happen to purchase a home in a school zone. Both in the morning and mid afternoon, you may find your street filled to capacity with cars dropping off or picking up students.



The amount of traffic on the street should also be noted. Some roadways generate a lot of traffic which can be bothersome for some people.

More than one home owner has been frustrated to find the rural property they have moved to is also a favourite summer route for motorcycles – and a lot of them.

The direction your house faces, may have an impact on the enjoyment of your home. A north facing house may mean you are still scraping off the ice on the windshield because your car is in the shade, while the sun has already melted the ice on your neighbour's car because their house across the street faces the south.

For more rural properties, this will also mean the difference between a sunset view or just darkness on the horizon.

When it comes to rural properties, there is a lot to consider.

You may find a nice property with acreage, nice gardens and plenty of trees, that looks like an idyllic place to live. However, all that property needs to be maintained or you will quickly have an overgrown mess.

An in-ground pool may be a nice asset, but it is also something that requires daily maintenance. If you have a lot of trees, be prepared to spend time cleaning leaves out of your pool.

You must consider if you are willing to spend the time and effort needed to maintain a property of that size.

Rural living also could mean the road to your new home isn't paved. For some people this can be a real issue. If you are the type of person who likes a clean car, or you have that special vintage showcase

automobile, a gravel road may provide more dust and dirt than you want.

Buying a new house in the country next to a nicely flowing creek or river sounds like a pastoral setting. However, creeks and rivers can flood. Be careful of buying a property that does not have the needed elevation so you don't have to worry about a flooded basement in the future.

If you are moving from one house to another, most likely you will be bringing your furniture with you.

But will your furniture fit in the new house?

You may have a bedroom big enough for a king size bed, but your new home may not be suitable for a bed that size. The same thing goes for things like a pool table.

In this case, you have to make a decision. If the house is right for you, you may consider purchasing new furniture to fit the new house.

Quite often, if someone is buying your home, and the furniture is right for the house, they will consider buying it as part of the deal.

Finally, take note of the overall cleanliness of a home. Pride of ownership speaks volumes about how well a home has been maintained by its current owner.

A home owner who takes care of the small things and maintains a property, is more likely to have maintained the home over-all and kept things in good shape over the years.

When you are considering purchasing a home, try to look beyond the usual things people look for and consider the bigger picture.

These other things may help with your decision to purchase.

Dufferin Real Estate Market Update

Dufferin Statistics (excluding Orangeville) - August			
	August, 2024	August, 2023	% Change
# of Active Listings	256	224	15.18%
# of Sales	39	42	-7.14%
Average Sale Price	\$305,047	\$1,112,514	11.48%

Dufferin Statistics (excluding Orangeville) - Year to Date			
	Jan - Aug, 2024	Jan - Aug, 2023	% Change
# of Sales	300	297	1.01%
Average Sale Price	\$1,047,376	\$1,316,890	2.72%

Buyers Market vs. Sellers Market

Current Number of Homes for Sale	558
Divided by Sales per Month	12
Months of Inventory	6.1

There is currently 6.1 months of inventory on the market in Dufferin (excluding Orangeville). In a Buyers Market, there is normally more than 8 months worth of inventory.

August 2024 vs. August 2023

The number of active listings in Dufferin (excluding Orangeville) increased by 15.18% in August 2024 over the same month in 2023. The number of homes sold decreased by 3 homes or 7.14% in August 2024. Average sale prices decreased by 11.46%.

Year to Date 2024 vs. Year to Date 2023

The number of homes sold in Dufferin (excluding Orangeville), year-to-date increased from 297 to 300, which is an increase of 1.01%. Average sale prices were down by 2.72%.

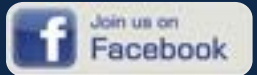


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Baysox, swept by the Bolton Brewers in the regular season, capture first NDBL title with 9-6 win over Ivy Rangers



NDBL Secretary Scott Anderson presents the 2024 Strother Cup to Owen Sound Baysox Head Coach Don Bartley and Pitcher Ryan Bartley after their 9-6 Game 5 victory over the Rangers in Ivy on Saturday afternoon.

PHOTO BY DAVE ANDERSON

Post-season interview with Brewers' seven-time NDBL champion player-coach Mike Wallace

BY JIM STEWART

Mike Wallace's powerhouse Bolton Brewers won the 2024 North Dufferin Baseball League pennant with a 19-5-0 record – one of the most impressive regular season records in the club's 21-year history.

The Brewers pummeled their ten opponents throughout the Spring and Summer, scoring 211 runs in 24 games. The Bolton squad appeared to be on a pathway to win the Strother Cup for the first time since 2021, and looked ready to avenge two narrow defeats at the hands of the New Lowell Knights in the 2022 and 2023 Finals.

However, it was the upstart second-place Baysox (17-5-2) that won the NDBL championship on Saturday afternoon in Ivy.

Owen Sound, in only its third year of operation, defeated the Rangers 9-6 in Game 5 to capture the seven-game series 4-1 and inscribe the Town's name on the Strother Cup for the first time.

By comparison, Bolton has won the NDBL title seven times since it joined the League in 2004, including a Dynastic Era of consecutive titles in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013, as well as subsequent championships in 2017 and 2021.

The coveted Strother Cup, awarded 88 times since 1931, is one of the oldest athletic trophies in Ontario.

In Game 5 of the 2024 Finals in Ivy on Saturday afternoon, Baysox ace Trevor Smith outdueled Ranger ace Matt Barr. Smith pitched a complete game—giving up six runs on six hits and struck out six Rangers.

League Secretary Scott Anderson presented the Strother Cup to Owen Sound's unique father-son duo of Head Coach Don Bartley and two-way player Ryan Bartley. The Paul Car-

ruthers Award for Playoff MVP was won by Owen Sound's Greg Slater who led the Baysox offensively, including multiple-hit performances in Games 1 and 5 of the championship series.

The Baysox championship run was not overly surprising. Owen Sound was the most improved squad over the course of the regular season in the 11-team loop. They demonstrated that improvement and their status as a contender in a key two-game series on the regular season's final weekend versus the seven-time champion Brewers.

Although the Brewers swept both games against the Baysox, both contests were "nail biters" and had a playoff feel to them. Bolton walked off the Baysox 5-4 on July 25 at North Hill Park and eked out a 12-11 win four nights later at Tom Williams Baseball Field in Owen Sound to clinch the NDBL pennant on the last day of the regular season. The Brewers dismantled eighth-place Orillia in the first round of the playoffs and seemed en-route to an eighth championship, but the Ivy Rangers eliminated the Brewers from Strother Cup contention in a shocking semifinal upset to punch their ticket to the championship series.

Brewers' Head Coach Mike Wallace, who has been a player and coach for all of the franchise's seven championships, weighed in on the Baysox victory and the difficulty of winning titles in the NDBL: "It's incredibly hard to win the Senior championship in the NDBL."

"It's been won by either Bolton, Creemore, New Lowell, or Ivy for around the last thirty years. This Baysox team has upset the apple cart, but I couldn't be happier for them. I have had the pleasure of playing against Bart Sr. and Bart Jr. [Owen Sound's father-son combo Don and Ryan Bartley] over the years."

Coach Wallace reflected on the incredible success he's had with the Brewers—including a stretch when Bolton captured seven championships in eleven years from 2009 to 2021, not including the Pandemic-cancelled 2020 season. When asked about the secret to the Brewers' sustained success, including the Dynastic title run of five in a row (2009-2013), the veteran player-coach acknowledged "the team that is going to win multiple championships in the NDBL

COMMUNITY events

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

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

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

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Monthly Dinner – Sept. 27

The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is having their Monthly Dinner on Friday, September 27. The menu is lasagna, caesar salad, garlic bread and chocolate eclair dessert. Cost is \$16.

Pick-up at 5:15 pm, dine-in served at 5:30 pm, local delivery available for \$2. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 by Wed. September 25 at 3:30 pm to buy your tickets! Everyone is welcome!

The Small Change Fund is hosting a barn dance fundraiser with great food & beverages, much of which is locally sourced, a performance by Ken Whitley, children's activities, interactive art and nature walks. The event is Sept. 29th from noon to 5pm at Bela Farm, 5760 6th Line in Hillsburgh. Tickets are \$54.48 and children are free. For more information: https://smallchangefund.ca/dance-for-the-greenbelt/

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definitely has to have an incredible core."
"We've had a strong core of players for all those championships—Brett Chater, John Hutchison, Steve Warden, Greg Keenan, and myself—but many of the players from our earlier championship teams have retired. We had an incredible run and after the five championships in a row, we played a hybrid NDBL and GTBL schedule during which we had almost 80 games per year

for two years, including tournaments, two sets of playoffs, and Canadian Elimination events. It was a lot of winning baseball that included an Ontario championship for Bolton in 2009."

It's true that Bolton, New Lowell, Creemore, and Ivy have dominated the 96-year-old NDBL for the last three decades, but Owen Sound has worked its way into the winners' circle with an impressive title run in 2024.

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OBITUARIES



JOHN K. DEVINS

It is with heavy hearts we share the passing of John K. Devins, born April 15th, 1949 to Sara and Ken Devins. After a lengthy illness, John died on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, surrounded by family.

John is survived by his wife Helen (nee Shaw). His partner in love, life and business for over 53 years. He leaves behind his daughter, Margaret Devins Rahn and her husband Andrew Rahn. His son Steven Devins and his wife Linde Devins. John adored all 5 of his grandchildren: Mackenzie, Owen and Tyson Rahn; Emma and Nick Devins. He will be missed by his sister Judy (Don) Nelson and sisters in law Jeannette (Lloyd) Mason, Sylvia and Bill Jackson, Roberta and Clair Murray. John will be fondly remembered by many other family members and friends.

John was a successful business owner in the Town of Caledon for over 40 years. At the age of 18 while still attending High School, John started his first business: Sandhill Water Supply. Later adding Sandhill Disposal & Recycling, followed by the Dufferin Area Transfer Station.

During his lifetime John was a member of many organizations and held various executive positions. Most notably President of the Ontario Waste Management Association, President of the Tecumseh Shrine Club and Treasurer of Salem United Church.

He participated in many activities: Sandhill Pipe Band, hockey and baseball, (playing and coaching), snowmobiling, flying, horseshoes, golf and curling. John will always be remembered for his devotion to his family and his strength and determination to carry on no matter where life might lead.

The family would like to thank the many caring PSW's from Comfort Keepers who assisted in his care. Thank you to the VON Adult Day program and the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County. Thank you to Dr. D. Tang-Wai of the UHN Network for your kindness and knowledge. Thank you to all the PSW's at Amica in Georgetown on the Memory Care Floor. Thank you to Bethell Hospice for the care given to John in his last days. Allowing him to die with dignity gave his family an immeasurable sense of peace. Thank you to Dr. Michael Gagnon for his assistance with John's initial diagnosis in 2010 right through to the end. No words can express how grateful we are.

Please join the family in celebrating John's life and legacy at Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S., Bolton, on Friday, September 27th from 2-4pm and 6-8pm. Funeral service will be held in the chapel on Saturday, September 28th at 2pm. Interment Providence Cemetery, Caledon East.

If you wish to make a donation in John's memory, please consider: Bethell Hospice Foundation, Shrine Hospitals for Children Canada, Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County or UHN (University Health Network) Foundation

Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

OBITUARIES

JOHN LUKE JONKER

August 20, 1965 - September 20, 2024

Matthew 11: 28, 29. "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."



John Luke (JL) passed away on the evening of September 20, 2024, at Hospice Wellington at the age of 59. He was the dear husband of Diane Jonker and loving father and grandfather of Tiffany and Kyle Kamphuis, Liam, Roman, Joseph and Alysha Jonker, Jack, Charlotte, Klaas and Annalise Antuma, Diedrick, Matthijs.

John Luke was the beloved son of Harm and Grace Jonker and dear brother of Jane and Dan VanLeeuwen, Marian and Rob DeVries, Alida Jonker.

He was a much loved son-in-law to Willem and Roelie Smith and dear brother-in-law to Bert and Marlene Smith, John Smith, Angela and Leen Blok, Harold and Elizabeth Smith, Frank and Christa Smith, Eric and Trish Smith, Walter and Shelley Smith, Ryan and Alida Smith.

He is also fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. John Luke was predeceased by Alida Jonker, Harm Jonker, Daniel DeVries and Angela Blok.

The family will receive friends on Thursday September 26, 2024, from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM, at the Grand Valley Canadian Reformed Church (173354 County Rd 25, Grand Valley, ON L9W 0L7).

Funeral Service will take place on Friday September 27, 2024, at the Grand Valley Canadian Reformed Church at 11:00 AM.

Interment to be held for the family following the service at Grand Valley Union Cemetery.

Light reception to follow the service at the Grand Valley Canadian Reformed Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hospice Wellington.

Online condolences may be made at www.imfunerals.com

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OBITUARIES

HERBERT ARNOLD MOFFATT

September 1, 1930 - August 17, 2024

It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of Herb. Loving husband and best friend to Joan Moffatt (nee Cotton) for 45 years. Especially remembered and loved by Joan's children, Darlene (Ron), Jeff (Debbie), and by Billy Avison (predeceased 2002) for his wisdom, strong work ethics and caring ways. Poppa Herbie was well loved and will be dearly missed by his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Loving brother of Evelyn Gibbons (nee Moffatt). Father of 3 sons.



Cremation has already taken place, and no service will be held as per his request.

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Fred Kolb

After an enjoyable day of volunteering and visiting with family and friends at the Bolton Fall Fair (one of his favourite things), Fred passed away suddenly but peacefully with his family by his side on Sunday, September 22, 2024. Loving husband of Pat for over 62 years, cherished father of David, Donna (deceased) (Nick) and Dan (Laurie), adored grandfather of Kori (Jason), Casie (Tom), Caitlyn (Ryan), Matthew, Victoria and Joseph and proud great grandfather of Oakley, Bowen and Kent who will all miss his "Grandpa road trips". Dear brother of Josephine (Albert), Katherine (Ken deceased), and Emil (Beryle). Cherished by many brothers and sisters-in-law. Loved "Uncle Fred" to his nieces and nephews.

Fred was a devoted family man and community member who always had time for his friends and community. He was an active volunteer with Caledon Meals on Wheels and Albion-Bolton Agricultural Society for over 40 years. As a lifelong farmer, Fred was also involved with Peel Soil and Crop, Peel Milk Committee and Peel Federation of Agriculture.

Fred continued to be vibrant and active up until his passing. He loved any project (safe or unsafe?) or problem to solve (there was nothing he couldn't fix), his chickens, playing cards, Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, the Blue Jays and any kind of pie or dessert. But most of all, he loved telling a good story and the company of others. Fred lived in the area for over 85 years and was a pillar of the community, always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. Fred will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

The family will receive their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S., Bolton, on Thursday afternoon 2 - 4 and evening 6 - 8 o'clock. Funeral Mass will be held in Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, 60 Allan Drive, Bolton on Friday morning, September 27 at 11 o'clock. Interment Morningside Cemetery, Palgrave.

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Friends and family were received at the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne on Monday, September 23, 2024 from 12-1 p.m. The funeral service followed in the funeral home chapel at 1:00 p.m. Interment took place at Shelburne Cemetery. If desired, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. Online condolences and donations may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

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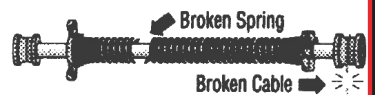
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“Marathon of Sport” happening this Saturday in Bolton

There’s still time to register for Caledon’s largest Special Olympics fundraiser

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A celebration of sport and inclusion will be held in Caledon this weekend, and it’s not too late to be a part of it.

Motionball Marathon of Sport is a charitable event held in communities across Canada that raises money for Special Olympics. Teams come together to play a variety of different sports with Special Olympics athletes and collect pledges to fundraise.

On September 28, the annual Motionball Caledon Marathon of Sport event will be held at Edelweiss Park in Bolton.

Jason Scordia is a decorated Special Olympics athlete from Caledon and is very excited for this year’s event. He said it’s a fun-filled day where the community comes together through sport to reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

Eddie Domingues, a Special Olympics volunteer and the parent of a Special Olympics athlete, said the Marathon of Sport is a very important event.

“It gives athletes, like my daughter, the opportunity to find strengths and abilities within themselves as well as build self-esteem and confidence that they can apply in



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their daily lives,” said Domingues. “Being involved with the Special Olympics not only provides an opportunity to stay physically active, but athletes make many long-lasting friendships for them and their families and create a wonderful support system.”

This year’s Motionball Caledon Marathon of Sport is the third to be held in town and

organizers hope to raise \$20,000 from it. Amazon is the presenting sponsor for the event.

Lucrezia Chiappetta, a volunteer with Motionball Caledon, said so far eight teams and 21 Special Olympics athletes are signed up for the event. She hopes to see more people join in.

“This is going to be Caledon’s biggest Motionball event yet, we’re very happy about that,” she said.

For more information about the event or to register for it, residents interested can check out Motionball Caledon’s official website at the following link: motionball.com/Caledon.

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Inglewood resident Janet Harrison presented a cheque for \$400 to Bethell Hospice Foundation Executive Director Nicole Hand on September 23. The money was raised for Bethell Hospice at a recent reunion of Inglewood residents.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Inglewood residents raise money for Bethell Hospice at village reunion

\$400 donated to local hospice after event at GoodLot Farmstead Brewery

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A recent celebration of Inglewood and community connection turned into an impromptu fundraiser for Bethell Hospice.

From 3 to 8 p.m on September 4, at Good-Lot Farmstead Brewery, an Inglewood Reunion party was held.

Current and past residents of the small village came together to catch up, share stories, and make new friends. Some residents also participated in a classic car ride to the brewery together.

Janet Harrison, an Inglewood resident who helped organize the reunion, explained that at the event some residents began to collect donations for Bethell Hospice.

Bethell Hospice is a non-profit residential hospice in Inglewood that provides free hospice care and community programs. Inglewood residents take pride in the hospice and many residents are actively involved in fundraising or volunteering for it.

A total of \$400 was raised at the reunion, and Harrison presented it to Bethell Hospice in a small ceremony on September 23.

Nicole Hand, Executive Director of the Bethell Hospice Foundation, said it was amazing to hear the event inspired people to donate to Bethell Hospice.

Hand said the event was a great example of all the good that can come from communities coming together.

In addition to Harrison, the Inglewood Reunion was organized by Steve Stephens, Erik Peterson, David Morris, Mary Brock, Doris Wozencroft Billing, and Dawn Bryson Phippen.

Headwaters Hospital opens beds, resources to stuffie patients

BY JAMES MATTHEWS

It's something children and Headwaters Health Care Centre professionals have long known: Stuffedies need care and attention, too.

The Orangeville hospital hosted this year's edition of the annual Teddy Bear Clinic on September 21.

The Teddy Bear Clinic is an annual, carnival-style event where children can bring their teddy bears or stuffies to the hospital for care, diagnosis, and treatment from real doctors and health care providers at Headwaters.

This year's clinic had much to help take children's minds off the health of their beloved stuffies. Activities like face painting, lawn games, barbecue, and live entertainment assuaged visitors' concern for Teddy.

The clinic was billed as an educational and fun-filled day where children learned about what happens during a typical hospital visit and the work of emergency first responders, including the Dufferin County Paramedic Service, OPP Dufferin Detachment, and personnel from the Orangeville Fire Department.

"We know how important the Headwaters experience is for our youngest of patients: children," said Juliann McArthur, the hospital's Patient Experience Manager.

"Giving kids a chance to experience what it's like to visit Headwaters for an emergency can help reduce anxiety and increase their familiarity with health care among friendly faces of Headwaters' health care team."

The event last weekend offered participants an expanded Teddy Bear Clinic that included Teddy Stretch and Teddy Nutrition in addition to Teddy Diagnostic Imaging, a Teddy Pharmacy, and Teddy Treatment.

"The Teddy Bear Clinic also gives children inspiration for a career in healthcare and a chance to meet real doctors, nurses, and allied health professionals," McArthur said.

There was also plenty of swag available from official Headwaters Health Care Centre teddy bears, and Teddy Bear Clinic T-shirts.

All funds raised during the Teddy Bear Clinic will be used to improve children's experiences at Headwaters Health Care Centre.

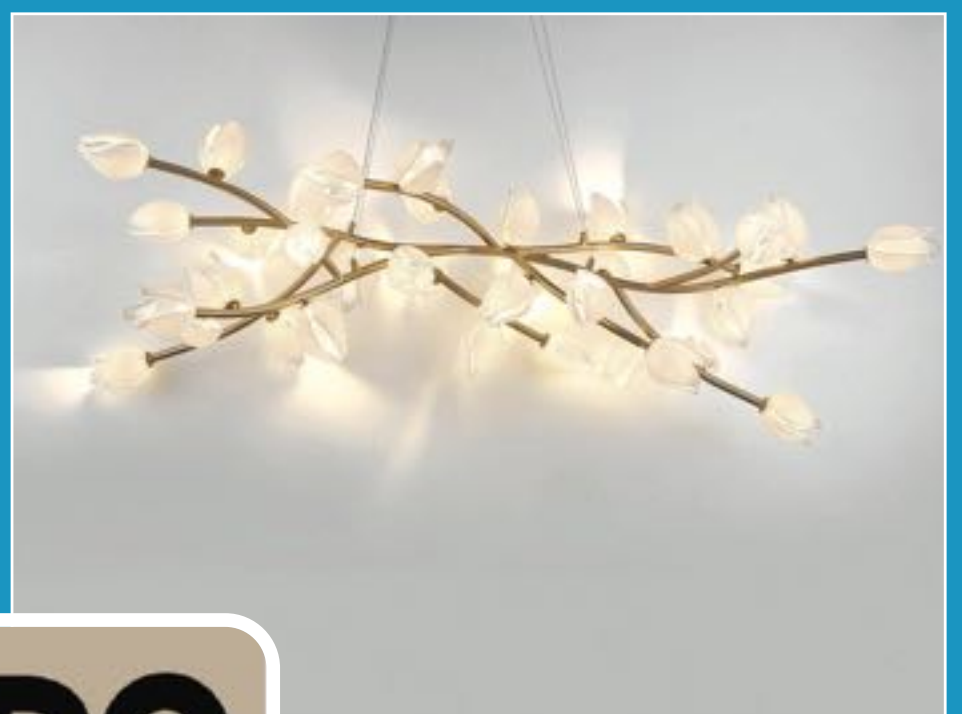
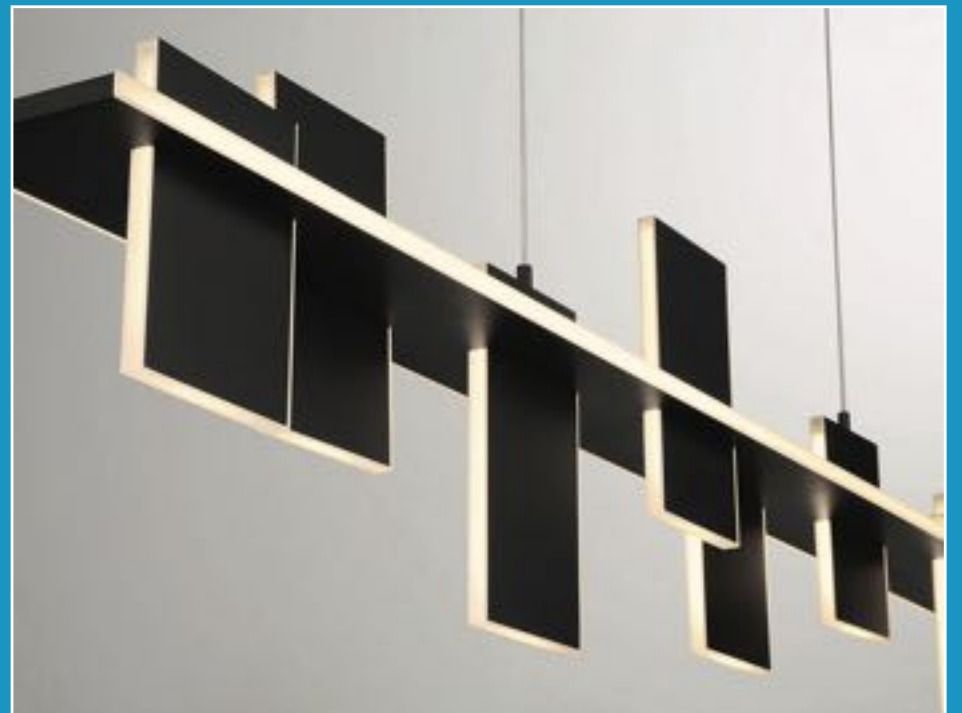
"Our Clinical Priority Plan shows us that there is a growing number of young families in Dufferin-Caledon," said Annette Jones, the hospital's Vice President of Patient Experience.

"Community events like Headwaters' Teddy Bear Clinic help to grow our children's patient experience program and prepare children and parents for what-if health emergencies from their local hospital," she added.



Four-year-old Kinsley Zelisko enjoys face painting during Headwaters Health Care Centre's Teddy Bear Clinic on September 21. She brought her stuffie to the event, which also had much to offer visitors, including face painting, lawn games, a barbecue, and live entertainment.

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