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TAKING THE PLUNGE FOR HOSPICE – Councillor Dave Sheen was just one of the dignitaries who took on the dunk tank to raise money for local hospice care at the annual Valleywood Block Party. The initiative raised more than \$1,200 for the Bethell Hospice Foundation. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Residents and Councillors go all-in for Valleywood Block Party

Dignitaries take on dunk tank for Hospice

BY BROCK WEIR

Residents and dignitaries alike took the plunge all in good fun at the recent Valleywood Block Party. Held Saturday, August 24, the annual event

was bigger and better than ever. A particular highlight for 2024 was the dunk tank where guests had the chance to dunk Councillors Dave Sheen and Mario Russo all for a good cause. The dunk tank raised more than \$1,200 for the Bethell Hospice Foundation.

“Hundreds of residents from Valleywood and surrounding areas gathered to enjoy the festivities, which featured a Kids Zone, live entertainment, a diverse food and vendor market, and a

dunk tank that proved to be a crowd favorite,” said Sonia D’Alimonte, Volunteer Event Organizer. “The Kids Zone was a hub of excitement, sponsored by Making Waves Swim School. Children enjoyed a variety of activities that kept them entertained throughout the day. Ms. Marianne’s Power of Performing Arts ensured the entertainment was top-notch, with performances that captivated audiences of all ages.

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Wolfpack teams have high hopes for season ahead

BY JIM STEWART

There's a distinct chill in the Fall air on Labour Day 2024. The CFL's classic rivalries, pitting the Argos against the Ticats at Tim Hortons Field, and the Blue Bombers battling the Roughriders at sold-out Mosaic, are in the consciousness of Canadian sports fans. Family barbecues and return trips from the cottage are completed. Within this Long Weekend context, thousands of students in Caledon are preparing to return to school.

The convergence of these early-September traditions is a signal that high school football season is right around the corner.

As the final day of Wolfpack training camp wound down at the East Caledon high school on Wednesday afternoon, Robert F. Hall Senior Football Head Coach Jonathan Beresford surveilled the situation on the field and liked what he saw as over 85 athletes vied for positions on the school's junior and senior football teams.

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Peel's 50th anniversary celebrations continue with PAMA event next week

Culture Days event set for September 28

BY BROCK WEIR

The Region of Peel is marking its 50th anniversary this year and celebrations are set to continue next week at the Peel Art Gallery, Museum & Archives (PAMA).

On Thursday, September 12, the Archives will throw open its doors from 6.30 – 8.30 p.m. with Treasures from the Vaults.

"It's Peel Region's 50th anniversary – but did you know there is a much older story to the Region?" say event organizers. "Discover the story of Peel and its predecessor, County of Peel – created more than 170 years ago! Join Regional Archivist Kyle Neill and explore a range of rarely-seen treasures found in Peel's



archival vaults, each shedding a light on the important work of the County as well as the early days of its regional successor."

While this event is free to members of the public, admission to PAMA itself is required.

The Treasures from the Vaults event is the start of a busy fall season for PAMA, with a full roster of activities and workshops planned, including a range of initiatives to mark Culture Days, an Ontario-wide initiative.

On September 14, from 1 – 3 p.m., PAMA will host Sofia Mian in a Henna Workshop.

"Discover the beauty and history of henna design and application," says PAMA. "Get hands-on experience as you explore beginner henna techniques and tips, practice applying a design, and leave with a sample henna application the professional henna artist. Continue the celebration through exploring Banquets and Belonging and explore moments of celebration and joy across different cultures in the GTA."

Running through February 2, Banquets and Belonging, curated by Sneha Mandhan, celebrates gatherings that are so important to immigrant cultures in the GTA, and encourages members of the public to submit their images from such events for inclusion in the exhibition.

"These celebrations allow family and friends to come together, to pass on cultural traditions to younger generations, to participate in ritual and ceremony, and to create new memories and belonging in new places," says PAMA. "This crowdsourced photo exhibition tells the stories of these moments of celebration and joy across a broad cultural diaspora."

Finding one's place in the world will also be explored through a drop-in activity on September 21, entitled Vessels, Identity and Belonging, and hosted in partnership with the Mississauga Arts Council.

"Participate in a drop-in activity organized by the Mississauga-based Dreamland Project exploring place, culture, and identity through a special hands-on activity. Engage in creative design and thought-provoking reflection. Paint and decorate your own ceramic vessel then uncover the ways these objects can be keepers of memory and tradition for different cultures around the world."

As part of Culture Days, on September 28, the spotlight will be shined on local African history in a free-admission event running from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"In partnership with organizers of the future African History Museum and Cultural Centre, this Culture Days explore African history and traditions in this program happening in the heart of Brampton. Discover African heritage through talks on language, history, and the impacts of colonialism on the continent then and now. Enjoy a performance from Master Drummer Griot Amadou Kienou and reflect on culture and community building in the exhibition Stories of Home, Finding Community and Belonging in Peel."

For more information on these and other upcoming offerings from PAMA, visit pama.peelregion.ca.

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CALEDON 2025 BUDGET

Caledon seeks public's input ahead of Budget process

Budget "one of the most important responsibilities of Council," says Mayor

BY BROCK WEIR

As Council returns from its summer recess, focus will soon turn to the development of the 2025 Budget – and the Town wants to hear from you.

Public input on the Town's 2025 Budget is now being sought through Monday, September 30, via the Town's engagement portal at haveyoursaycaledon.ca/budget2025.

The online survey is looking for feedback on how residents have been impacted by inflation, including utility costs, home expenses and supplies, groceries, childcare and education, and recreation; how residents rank Town services in order of importance; municipal services residents think should have a greater or lesser financial investment, or status quo; and ranking the guiding principles of Enhanced

Transportation and Mobility, Community Vitality and Livability, Environmental Leadership, and Service Excellence and Accountability.

"The Budget is one of the most important responsibilities for Council and the municipality," said Mayor Annette Groves in a statement. "It is a reflection of Caledon's priorities and values. Your feedback is crucial to ensuring we allocate resources in a way that truly reflects the needs and aspirations of our residents. Please take a moment to complete the survey and together we can build Caledon's future."

Added Robert Cummings, Caledon's Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer: "Moving into the back-half of the year, our team continues to develop and review our financial plans to continue to build off our momentum. We recognize the importance of community input and encourage everyone in Caledon to share their feedback. By participating in the survey, residents and businesses can play a key role in helping us create a budget that delivers the best of rural and urban life for all of Caledon."

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HISTORIC SEXUAL ASSAULT CHARGES

The Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Major Crime Unit has charged an individual in relation to a historical sexual assault.

“In November 2022, an investigation began after a victim reported a sexual assault that occurred in 2002,” say Police. “At the time, the accused was a teacher in Caledon.”

As a result of the investigation, Luigi Di Tomasso, 64, of Stoney Creek, was charged with:

- Sexual assault;
- Sexual interference;
- Invitation to sexual touching under 16 years of age.

The accused was scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on August 29, 2024, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

“Until June 2024, the accused was a teacher in Caledon, Brampton, and Mississauga,” Police say.

Anyone with information about this or a similar incident is urged to call the Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or your local police service. 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.

There is no statute of limitations on sexual offences and a report can be made to police at any time, regardless of how much time has passed. If you do not wish to make a report to police or need more time and support to make that decision, there are community partners available to help.

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ARRESTS IN STOLEN VEHICLE INVESTIGATION

Members of the Caledon Detachment of

the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid charges in connection to a stolen vehicle investigation.

“On August 23, 2024, Caledon OPP received information from the Town of Caledon By-Law Enforcement on a ‘chop shop’ with a stolen 2021 Lexus RX350 in pieces at a rural property on The Gore Road in the Town of Caledon,” Police say. “On August 29, 2024, the Caledon and Nottawasaga Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), Caledon Community Response Unit (CRU), Provincial Auto Theft and Towing (PATT) Team and with the assistance of the Equite Association (Formerly the Insurance Bureau of Canada) executed a search warrant at the property and recovered the stolen Lexus RX350 and a stolen 2022 Toyota Tundra also in pieces, as well as offence related property was seized. As a result, three parties were arrested, and the estimated value of property recovered was \$120,000.”

Afamefuna Okorie, 38, of Mississauga was charged with:

- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime over \$5000 - two counts
- Sochima Ugwuagbo, 24, of Mississauga was charged with:
- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime over \$5000 - two counts
- Chidera Ogbu, 44, of Etobicoke was charged with:
- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime over \$5000 - two counts

The accused parties are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on October 3, 2024, for their first appearance.

The charges have not been proven.

If you suspect illegal activity in your neighbourhood, call 1-888-310-1122 or 911 for emergencies. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca.

LONG WEEKEND TRAFFIC CHARGES

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers across Central Region laid over 2,000 charges during Labour Day weekend traf-

fic initiative, which ran from August 30 to September 2. “A total of 2,034 charges were laid across the region, with this number potentially increasing as additional reports are added,” Police say.

These charges include

- Speeding: 986
- Seatbelt Charges: 130
- Distracted Driving: 8
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The remainder of the charges fall under the Highway Traffic Act, Liquor License Act, Off Road Vehicles Act, Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act and Criminal Code.

Officers also issued 410 warnings.

The OPP reminds the motoring public about the central role they play in reducing the number of lives lost on roads, waterways and trails by being safe, responsible drivers (and passengers) with a shared goal of making it to and from every destination safely.

SEARCH CONTINUES FOR SONIA VARASCHIN'S KILLER AFTER 14 YEARS

It has been 14 years since the murder of 42-year-old Sonia VARASCHIN, and investigators remain relentless in the search for her killer. The OPP is once again urging the public to come forward with any information, no matter how minor.

“On August 30, 2010, officers from the former Orangeville Police Service (OPS) began an investigation after Sonia Varaschin’s white Toyota Corolla was found abandoned behind a business on Broadway in downtown Orangeville. On the same day, OPS requested assistance from the OPP. On September 5, 2010, Sonia Varaschin’s remains were found in a wooded area just off Beech Grove Sideroad in Caledon.

“Fourteen years later, the OPP continue to investigate the murder of Sonia Varaschin under the direction of the Criminal Investigation Branch. Investigators believe that someone has the missing piece of information that will help identify the person(s) responsible for Sonia’s murder and bring resolution to her family. The OPP will never close an unsolved homicide.”

A \$50,000 continues to be offered for the information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of Sonia Varaschin. Anyone with information is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestoppersdm.com.

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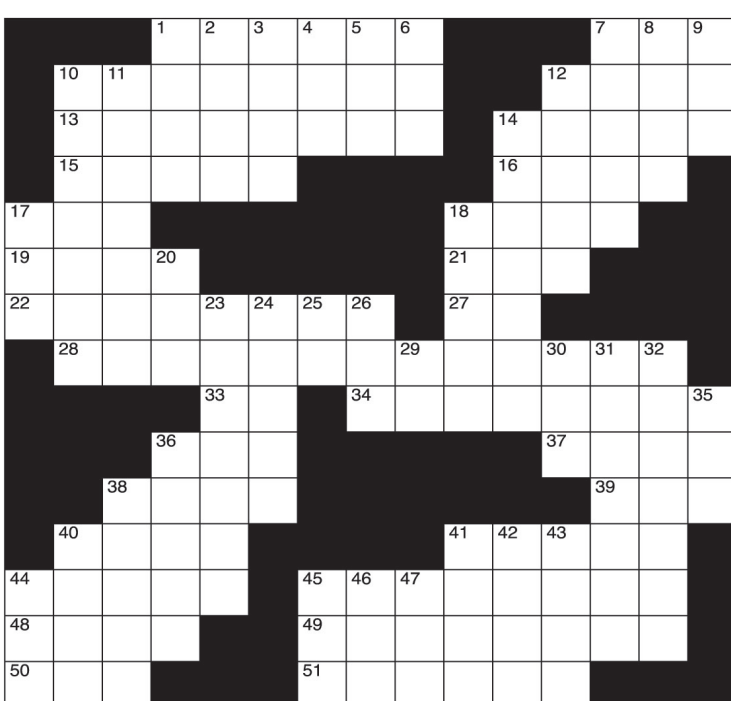
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The company's various lunar vehicle programs are in full swing – they are building prototypes of lunar agriculture systems, and has a lunar science instrument on the launch pad for a NASA mission. The company now has nine of its NASA cameras on the lunar surface, delivered by U.S. and Japanese missions, with another 25 cameras manifested on various other upcoming lunar missions.

Canadensys signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Consolidated Safety Services (CSS) to collaborate on CSS's NASA Research, Engineering, Mission Integration Services (REMIS-2) contract. This strategic partnership marks a significant milestone in enhancing the support for NASA's critical space station operations.

"We are thrilled to join forces with Consolidated Safety Services, Inc.," said Dr. Christian Sallaberger, CEO and president of Canadensys. "We perfectly complement CSS's commitment to excellence in space missions. Together, we will drive advancements that contribute to the success of NASA's programs and further our shared goal of enhancing space exploration."

CSS, known for its exceptional safety and operational support in space missions, will benefit from Canadensys' advanced engineering design and operational support expertise. This partnership will focus on providing top-tier solutions to ensure the reliability and efficiency of exploration systems and missions, supporting NASA's objectives for research, innovation, and long-term human presence in space.

"This MoU represents a key development in our mission to provide superior support for NASA's space programs," stated Dr. Alain Berinstain, Chief Strategy Officer of CSS. "Canadensys' capabilities and experience are invaluable assets to our team, and we are confident that this collaboration will lead to outstanding results for NASA and the broader space community."



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The MoU signifies a commitment from both organizations to work closely together, combining their strengths to deliver exceptional services and solutions. The partnership underscores Canadensys' dedication to contributing to pioneering space exploration efforts and supporting NASA's critical missions.

Canadensys Aerospace Corporation is an innovative space systems and advanced vehicle development company serving customers around the world. They blend advanced space hardware capabilities with smart, rugged designs to develop unique solutions for planetary, orbital and terrestrial environments. Their modern, commercial business approach enables effective space program and mission development for both commercial and government customers.

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Transformation of old Bolton Fire Hall recognized for economic impact

Humber River Centre opened in February

BY BROCK WEIR

Caledon's Humber River Centre has been formally recognized for its economic impact and potential.

The Humber River Centre, which was created out of the Bolton Fire Hall, was awarded Bronze by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) as part of their 2024 Excellence in Economic Development program.

The Centre's honour came in the category of Real Estate Development and Re-use and the facility was singled out as a "catalyst for job creation and economic growth."

Since its opening in February, The Humber River Centre has become a commu-

nity hub boasting co-working spaces for the local business community, a full roster of workshops and events catered to small business and entrepreneurship, and it also serves as a base for the Caledon Chamber of Commerce and the Town's Economic Development Team.

"This project exemplifies how working together can develop long-lasting solutions to community needs," said Eric Lucic, Commissioner of Planning and Development. "This award belongs to Caledon's entire team of staff who made this project a success, from Economic Development to Recreation and Culture, Project Management, Facilities, and beyond."

Kudos also came from Mayor Annette Groves, who said in a statement that the Centre is a testament to community collaboration.

"The transformation of the Bolton Fire Hall into the new Humber River Centre is a shining example of Caledon's commit-



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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 Al-Anon Group has recently moved the regular meeting location to the Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy Street (across from Bolton Post Office). We still meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is/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.

Caledon Church of Canada. Every Sunday morning @ 10 am. Monday prayer meeting @ 7 pm. Resources: Prayer counselling, Baby/child dedication, Visit the sick, Wedding Services, Food bank and more. For all your pastoral services: 647-891-9400 • caledoncoc@gmail.com Location: 34 Nixon Rd., Bolton

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SPREADING HOPE, CHANGING LIVES

The Kin Club of Bolton are holding another Toonie Treasure Sale Saturday Sept 7th from 10 am till 1 pm at the Albion Bolton Fairgrounds President building. RACKS and RACKS of fabulous new and gently used women, men, children apparel.. and yes, all for a toonie! All proceeds go to community needs.

Caledon Seniors Centre 3rd Annual Golf Tournament

The John Rogers Memorial
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Special Lunch - Wed. Sept 11

Join us for a special lunch at the Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton on Wed. September 11! The menu is hamburgers or hot dogs, green salad and ice-cream sandwich dessert. Cost is \$11. Pick-up at 11:30 am, Dine-in served at 12:00 pm, Local delivery available for \$2. Call the Centre by Monday, Sept. 9 to place your orders! Everyone is welcome!

Woodbine Racetrack Trip

The Caledon Seniors Centre is having a Day at the Races Trip on Friday, September 13 from 12 noon to 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$95 each which includes a gourmet lunch in the post parade dining room, a tour of the Woodbine paddock, at the rail tour, a

betting tutorial and more. Transportation is not included - ticket holders must get themselves to Woodbine Racetrack. Tickets must be purchased in advance before September 9th. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to purchase your tickets!

Spooky Paint Night - Friday, Sep. 13

Bring your creativity and join us at the Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton for a fun night of painting! We will be painting spooky designs on glass bottles to be lit up with a cascade of small lights. Tickets are \$30 which includes hors d'oeuvres, wine and cheese, bottles and paints. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Limited space is available. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to register!

Bingo & Lunch - Saturday, Sept. 14

The Caledon Seniors Centre is hosting a Bingo & Brunch on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at Rotary Place in Bolton. Check-in starts at 9:30 am, Bingo starts at 10:00 am and lunch is served at 12:00 pm. Costs are as follows: Bingo & Lunch: \$22, Bingo Only: \$17, Lunch Only: \$16. The lunch menu is quiche, kale salad and carrot cake. Costs include 3 Bingo cards, lunch and prizes! Pre-registration is required by Thursday, Sept. 12. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to register.

Men's Lunch - Tuesday, Sept. 17

The Caledon Seniors Centre is hosting their Men's Lunch on Tuesday, September 17 at Rotary Place in Bolton. Lunch menu is Guinness stew, mashed potatoes and apple crisp for dessert. Cost is \$11. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to purchase your tickets.

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!

FREE HEALTH SEMINAR

Bolton Seventh-day Adventist Church
The Bolton Seventh-day Adventist Church presents a FREE HEALTH SEMINAR on Heart Health, Diabetes and High Blood Pressure. Date: September 7th, 2024
Time: 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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E: boltonsda@outlook.com
YouTube: BOLTONSDA:
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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/>

ment to innovation and collaboration," said Mayor Groves. "The facility exemplifies the benefits that can be achieved when community organizations and all levels of government work hand-in-hand. I am pleased that the Town's efforts to revitalize the facility have received international recognition from the IEDC."

The Centre, says the Town, is Caledon's most energy-efficient municipal building. The transformation of the fire hall was supported financially by the Government of Canada.

"Since opening in February 2024, the HRC has hosted more than 50 in person and virtual events, vendor markets, workshops and job fairs, and is home to a growing community of entrepreneurs," said the Town. "Programming delivered at

the HRC is led by the Town of Caledon in partnership with community groups like the Caledon Chamber of Commerce and Jobs Caledon."

The recent recognition is fulfilment of the vision voiced by Mayor Groves ahead of the Centre's grand opening this past winter.

"In our strategic plan, we committed to supporting a thriving local economy and the growth of local businesses," said Groves at the time. "The Humber River Centre is one of many ways we are acting on that commitment, as this business and culture hub will play a pivotal role in supporting the aspirations of our residents."

With files from Zachary Roman



Looking for an opportunity to actively engage with the vibrant Caledon East Community?

The Town of Caledon is currently seeking two (2) community-minded residents and/or business owners within the downtown Caledon East area interested in bringing their knowledge and passion to support the Caledon East Community. This Task Force is dedicated to the recommendation and implementation of local activities, events, projects and beautification initiatives that support the revitalization of downtown Caledon East.

Interested residents can learn more and apply by visiting caledon.ca/committees.

Applications are due September 13, 2024 by 4:30 p.m.

Should you require the application in an alternative format, please contact Council and Committee Services at 905.584.2272 x 2366 or agenda@caledon.ca





Mayor and Council met with Paul Calandra, Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, at the recent AMO conference. **TOWN OF CALEDON PHOTO**

Caledon Council, delegates call for Provincial funding at conference

Association of Municipalities of Ontario meeting was held in Ottawa

BY BROCK WEIR

Caledon called on the Province of Ontario to take action on illegal land use at a recent conference held in Ottawa.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario met in the National Capital Region last month and Caledon sent its largest-ever delegation to the conference to make the Town's priorities clear.

The local delegation, which included Council members and municipal staff, was led by Mayor Annette Groves and Caledon CAO Nathan Hyde, and together they "discussed several priorities including growth and development in areas such as transit, parkland development, age-friendly communities, energy infrastructure, recreation, court administration and economic development," said the Town.

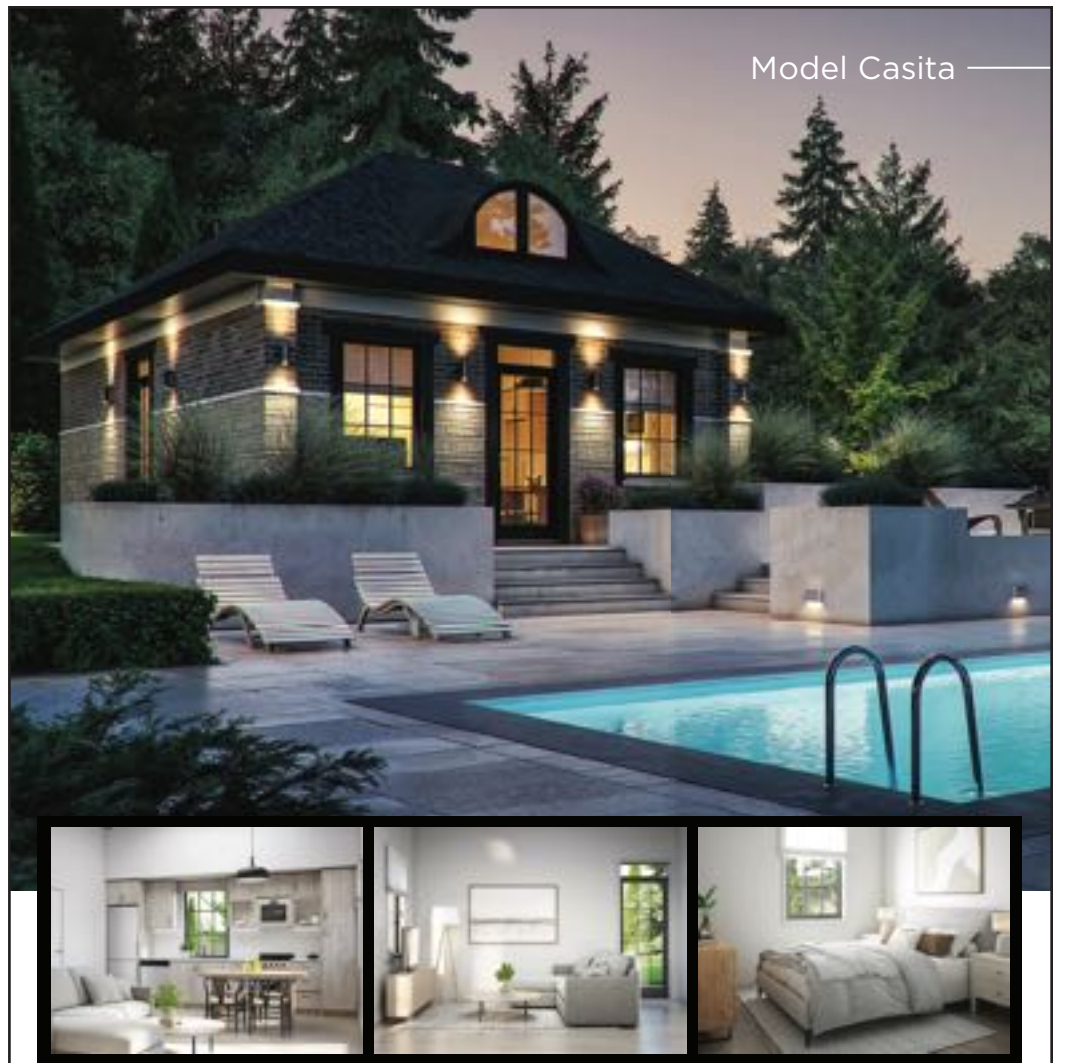
Specific priorities voiced to the Province included action on illegal land use,

including boosting municipal enforcement powers, the advancement of the Caledon-Vaughan GO Line proposal "with an in-service date before 2041," and improved safety on Highway 10.

Such safety measures requests for Highway 10 include additional turn lanes, active warning signs, a red light camera pilot program at Olde Base Line Road, and lighting improvements.

"I am so proud of our staff who worked tirelessly to prepare for AMO to ensure we had time with our provincial partners to advocate for what Caledon needs and what matters most to our residents," said Mayor Groves following the conference. "I want to thank the Province for listening to our requests regarding illegal land use, traffic safety, Highway 10 and Highway 50. I look forward to us continuing to work together to find solutions that will continue to propel Caledon forward."

Added Hyde: "This year's AMO conference was very successful for Caledon. We participated in 13 delegations with provincial partners where we advocated for not only what Caledon needs to ensure we can meet our growth targets, but also what Caledon has achieved in the past year demonstrating why we are ready to grow."



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Flip-flops and first impressions

It's often said you have just one chance to make a first impression.

That is, of course, undoubtedly true, but what does that really mean and why are first impressions held with such value?

In both professional and personal contexts, there have been plenty of examples where first impressions have been just that – and not very informative.

Some people very adept at making stellar first impressions, making one feel welcome and appreciated, and maybe even part of some sort of kinship based on common interests or maybe even a common mission. But this feeling could change depending on a divergence of interests, a change in mission or alignment, or a change of perspective that doesn't necessarily dovetail with your own.

Back in 2003, for instance, when I left Newmarket for Ottawa to study journalism, my very first lecture was an experience I doubt I'll ever forget.

The professor strode purposefully into the lecture hall with a big stack of binders, found their place at the lectern, and slammed the binders down on the counter with such force that the hall's acoustics were put to the test.

They began the lecture with a few pertinent facts about themselves, each bolder than the last, some contradictory, and with each point brought to the fore I could sense my eyes, and those of my peers, getting wider and wider with every passing word.

"This isn't going to be easy," said the Professor, getting down to the nitty-gritty of the course following that eye-opening introduction. No kidding.

It certainly wasn't going to be a walk in the park; they made that much perfectly clear going through the syllabus, digressing into sidebars about how tough each segment was going to be. I didn't think our collective eyes could get any wider, but I suspect by the time we were dismissed we all had eyestrain to some degree.

They were going to be a tough customer, we thought, and we weren't necessarily incorrect.

For the following three years, we didn't get anything to dispel this first impression, or the impressions made over the several months that followed the introductory seminar. So, by the time it came to pick my electives for the fourth year, one course particularly intrigued me until I saw who was set to lead this area of study. You guessed it.

But, I bit the proverbial bullet and signed up. Here, there were about 20 students in the class compared to the 250-or-so in that first-year lecture, and despite the person at the head of the class it was an entirely different experience – warm, personal, and it was clear how much they cared for each of their students.

Perhaps that initial course was designed to be something of a trial by fire, weeding out the students who couldn't stand the heat. Maybe respect, integral in any learning experience, was earned by how well one could indeed withstand it, and if you made it to the fourth of four years, you had passed an invisible test?

I never brought it up with them, but I suspect the points above hold some degree of truth. Nevertheless, it was a great feeling that late in the undergraduate game to discover that my first impression of them was just that. It was surface-deep, likely by design on their part, and the more information that was gathered the more complex and accurate the "whole" became.

This, in my view, is how it should be.

I would hate to be judged by first impression alone, and I think we all would dislike it as well.

You've got to get to know someone before drawing any concrete conclusion, and everything you get to know about a person is another byte of information that helps form that.

It seems, however, that some hold this information-gathering process in less esteem than they previously had.

If you change your mind on anything, more and more often I get the impression that people somehow see it as either a weakness or a lack of conviction.

This was particularly evident at the height of the Global Pandemic when both so much and so little was known about the virus sweeping the world.

Given the novelty of the illness and what was causing it, precautions were initially taken given protocols on comparable viruses and, as far as the unknowns were concerned, best guesses and models of most likely outcomes. The longer we lived with it, and the longer the science and medical communities studied it, the more knowledge we gained and protocols were adjusted accordingly.

We had to re-learn a few things, adapt to new approaches to the procedures many of us were following in a bid to stay safe and healthy, and we adjusted to more "new normals" than we ever cared to encounter. Yet, some cited these changing responses in light of a flood of new information as evidence we were being "lied" to by the powers-that-be at the beginning of it all.

No, it was a matter of knowledge being power – and, in a time where we all felt relatively powerless, it was important to gain as much as we could.

More recently in the United States, Democratic candidate VP Kamala Harris has been criticized by her opponents as "flip-flopping" on a few issues. An article published last week by LeMonde following the Harris and Walz's first interview on CNN, was just one of dozens that zeroed in on the issues of immigration and energy.

"Harris has faced criticism from Republicans after reversing an earlier opposition to fracking, a violently disruptive underground oil and gas extraction technique. Sitting behind a table...with Walz beside her, Harris told CNN that despite that she believed the 'climate crisis was real' and she was looking at other ways of dealing with it.

"On immigration, Harris defended moving towards tougher policies to stop illegal crossings over the Mexican border, as Trump hammers her on the issue. 'I think the most important and most significant aspect of my policy perspective and decisions is my values have not changed,' Harris said, but noted she would enforce the law for migrants illegally crossing the Mexican border, acknowledging that the issue, which Republicans have used to attack her, is a 'problem.'"

It might, for some, be disconcerting on the surface to see a person who has wielded considerable power over the last four years change their position on issues – issues which I will not weigh in on in this space – but her views, and that of any other person who has held the VP position, has been influenced by the information they have on hand – and that kind of evolution is not a bad thing.

In any context, I believe the ability to keep an open mind, assess a situation, and be flexible in re-assessing one's position is a strength rather than a weakness. If you intentionally set your views in stone, particularly in a rapidly changing world, you're dooming it – and maybe even yourself – to atrophy.



Paperwork, protocols part of treatment

by Mark Pavilons



It's funny how human beings have the ability to cut to the chase, and look at the very nuts and bolts of things.

We are emotional, spontaneous, spiritual creatures, and yet so much in our lives is cut and dried, and revolves around straightforward forms, documents, calls and emails.

In our world of connectivity, I've also become accustomed to many online forms, DocuSign, PDF fillable pages, consent forms, the list goes on.

Yes, it's all very convenient and time-saving, but all so cold.

I'm half-way through my chemo treatment at Southlake and between referrals, appointments and drug authorizations, I've been inundated with pages and pages of forms to fill. Yes, it's all necessary and I suppose it makes things much easier than in-person visits and driving all over southern Ontario.

That's the gift technology has given us.

I'm astonished that forms actually exist for unique and individual applications. I suppose I'm by no means alone in all of this, and there are countless souls going through the same.

And dealing with insurance companies, patient support agencies, and pharmacies is all part of the process.

And yet, I don't think all of the burden should be placed on the patient, who's often not at their best, and can't really handle such added stress.

Being on hold, especially when the call is regarding important medication, is also frustrating. "Your call is important to us ..." Or maybe it isn't, judging by the run-around and choice of muzak.

Going for treatment, especially cancer treatment, should be fairly simple, orderly, efficient.

Sure, today's technology affords us "patient portals" that contain all of our records, appointments and reminders. Great if you are tech savvy, but I can't help but think of the seniors (who make up a large portion of cancer patients) who may not be able to access and understand the information.

Also, getting test and bloodwork results are also great, if you're versed in bio-chemistry and understand what the numbers mean.

Once, when I received some test results, I went on Google to decipher what they meant, and I went down a very depressing and misleading rabbit hole. Not useful at all – the opposite, in fact.

That's why I always left such things to my physicians, and in-person consultations.

I had a bit of a not-so-merry-go-round with one of my medications. It seems the cancer centre's

protocol is to issue a prescription the day I see the physician, often two days prior to my chemo treatment. Alas, that turned out to be too short notice for Shoppers Specialty Pharmacy to process it, get it to a courier and shipped to my house. Once it was two days' late. In my case, this wasn't life-saving medication, but it was part of my treatment routine. I can't see why, after all the mounds of paperwork and approvals, this can't be done more efficiently.

Then it dawned on me. The pharmacy wants the prescription so it can get paid (even though the insurance company said it was covered for an extended period). And the courier wants payment, too. Why no one trusts one another, or can't do a regular run on good faith, is beyond me. In the "good, old days," pharmacists would front you the pills and go out of their way to help.

Again, what if you're a senior who can't wait for important meds, and don't know who to call or email when the chips are down? I harassed everyone on my list of contacts for two days, and while they all received my pointed messages, the end result was the same.

Just when my faith in the medical and pharmaceutical systems rose, it fell again.

From physicians, cancer centres, hospital administrators, patient support services and drug suppliers, the system is multi-pronged. It's great when all these moving parts come together and work in harmony. It's disappointing (to say the least) when something, somewhere breaks down.

And there are few apologies, only the standard "we'll look into it" response. If you're at the top of the managerial food chain, shouldn't you know the reason?

I'm just a lowly journalist and newspaper editor and when someone calls me with a question that I don't know the answer to, I get it, often within the hour.

And I'm not in the business of saving lives.

There are, of course, upsides to the modern medical network.

I am still being monitored by physicians at Princess Margaret, who share info with staff at Southlake. How cool is that?

While there have been glitches and calls and emails, this networking, boosted by technology is just amazing. There are times when I feel a "village" is actually taking interest in little old me.

Staff at Southlake always respond to my concerns and work hard to solve my issues. I am impressed with their dedication.

The care at the Cancer Centre is also top-notch, and runs like a Swiss watch.

The nurses, nurse practitioners and doctors are well versed and up to speed on the latest developments in care.

You really can't ask for more.

I can't remember just how many times I repeated my name and date of birth in the past year or so.

I'm confident new systems and technology will make everything from treatment, scheduling and securing medications run perfectly.

And if that ends up saving lives, all the better.

Our Readers Write

Tackling global and local poverty

Poverty is common among the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), where individuals face poverty challenges. Growing up in the GTA has allowed me to encounter people who have encountered the struggles that result from this problem. Although a local problem, this issue extends to individuals around the world. The non-profit organization, The Borgen Project, has enriched my knowledge regarding poverty and the efforts Canadian citizens can take to alleviate it, through advocacy campaigns. This organization obtains the aim of advocating for the world's poor and how legislation from Canada, the U.S. and the UK can assist heavily in limiting the repercussions poverty imposes on those globally.

In Canada, our nation obtains legislation called

the Official Development Assistance Budget (ODA), which provides funding to developing countries in need. However, The Borgen Project has brought to my attention that advocacy efforts are needed to increase this spending since it has been reported to be decreasing. With that said, in addition to the efforts the GTA community aims to implement to alleviate local poverty our society can also assist in actions to limit the effects people globally face, by contacting government and advocating for the voices that are not heard worldwide.

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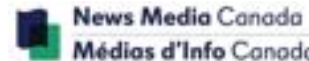
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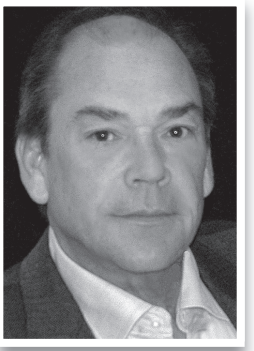
Who's minding the gate?

Two Toronto men, a father and son, have been arrested in Richmond Hill on terror-related charges. RCMP report the men were in the "advanced stages" of planning a violent attack. That's right – in a Canadian city. Who knows who would have been injured or murdered in the planned attacks? These two idiots face a total of nine charges including conspiracy to commit murder for the benefit or at the direction of a terrorist group – namely ISIS. They were arrested in a hotel room in Richmond Hill after a month-long investigation that involved multiple police services. They also face weapons charges for having an axe and a machete which they had with them at the hotel when they were arrested. What a nightmare this would have been, if police had not discovered their intentions. What kind of a sick mind would even consider using a machete on another person? Especially a stranger. What kind of a sick person would allegedly encourage his son to engage in the murder of innocent people – in a peaceful country, that gave them refuge? At age 62, this guy has ruined his life, as well as the life of his son, who will no doubt,

if convicted, be spending the majority of his best years behind prison bars. The questions regarding this case go a lot deeper with the big question being: Why are they even here? Going even deeper, the question must be, are there more of them in this country who have slipped through the gates and planning more attacks? Where was the failure in the process that scrutinizes who is allowed to land on our shores? It has been revealed that the father in this case, previously appeared in a video with his terrorist friends, dismembering a prisoner. After this, he arrived on Canadian shores in 2018 and made a refugee claim, which was accepted. Apparently, they didn't check him out quite enough. I'd be worried living next door to a guy who was previously involved with a terrorist group, and who enjoyed it so much he took part in a nefarious video, which showed him committing a terrorist and criminal act. Even worse, this idiot was granted Canadian citizenship in May 2024. I guess, the oath for citizenship, which reads, "I swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance

to His Majesty King Charles III, King of Canada, His heirs and successors and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including the constitution which recognizes and affirms the aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples, and fulfill my duties as a Canadian Citizen," didn't register with him. He failed at all of those requirements and duties. If there ever was a case where a person's citizenship should be revoked, this is it. It has been reported that there was an unspecified "risk indicator" four months after he arrived in Canada, however, he was still given a work permit and allowed to stay. The son, who is 26 years old, is an Egyptian citizen, and apparently as stupid and backwards as his father. He applied for a study permit in 2019, and was rejected. He then entered the county on a U.S. student visa and applied for asylum. Terrorists aren't lone-wolf type people. If this guy was living among us, there is little doubt that he has friends and associates that think the same way. I'm pretty sure authorities are well aware of this and are now taking a good look who he has been hanging out with over the past several years.

It is reported that this terror plot was in the "late stages," meaning they were ready to go ahead with it. It could have been you, or one of your family members who got a machete across the back of your head in a random attack, or whatever these idiots were planning. Everything reported, at this point, is "alleged." That's just a way of saying the charges haven't been proven in a court of law. If there is one case that should be followed by every Canadian, it's this one. And if the alleged charges are proven in court, the punishment should be severe. Canadians should be questioning who is the gate keeper at the border? Who is keeping our country safe from criminals claiming asylum? This should be a wake-up call to the federal ministry that controls who is allowed to arrive on our shores, because in this case, they made what could have been a very fatal mistake.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

Time to get to work

It's not just the kids that are returning to a regular routine, for many adults (or those pretending to be) September is the start of a "new year" for us as well. The month of September represents the chance to refocus our energy and attention on important matters, after trying to make the most of the summer weather. From the perspective of Caledon's Mayor and Councillors, while they did have some meetings throughout the summer and recently attended AMO, September should also be considered a time to refocus and get back to the work of managing the Town of Caledon. Two hot button topics for residents, that are being addressed during the first few weeks of September, are pits/quarries and parking. In a Town that is largely vehicle dependent, with little to no access to public transportation, perhaps this shouldn't come as any surprise. First up, on the topic of pits and quarries, a meeting was held September 3 and another is planned for September 17, both addressing the Town's new draft official plan and zoning by-law amendments for the "Caledon Supplementary Aggregate Policy Study." These meetings are meant to provide an opportunity for residents to weigh in on the policy and recommendations contained therein. On quick review, the document is peppered throughout with heartening references to the "building of bypasses around settlement areas" and to ensuring a "blast impact assessment, including a blast design report and protocol. Flyrock management plan and

vibration management plan" are all part of the Official Plan. Further, the draft plan states: "an application for a mineral aggregate operation or wayside pit with respect to land in a Natural Linkage Area within the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area shall not be approved unless the applicant demonstrates ... ii) there will be no extraction within 1.5 metres of the water table" and such "mineral aggregate extraction shall have no adverse effects on private wells." These are great statements and represent lofty goals, but I have to ask who will be collecting and reporting on such data? The Town? Or are we relying on the aggregate industry to provide reports? What workarounds might inadvertently be baked into the plan that potentially favour rich companies like Votarantim Cimentos and their high-priced team of lawyers? Such questions are valid because when the draft official plan includes current maps that show aggregate routes travelling through small villages like Alton and Caledon Village and hurtling through Caledon East via Airport Road we have to acknowledge traffic safety is also an important part of any pit/quarry discussion. Further, when that plan seems to include a caveat statement that while "The Town of Caledon will cooperate with aggregate producers to achieve a mutual agreement on alternative traffic measures to relieve existing traffic problems within Caledon Village," but then states, "Lack of such an agreement will not by itself constitute a reason to deny an application for

aggregate extraction," residents, rightly so, must still be very concerned. We will be relying upon the work of our elected officials to deny future pit/quarry applications such as the proposed blasting quarry in Alton, or to do their absolute best to mitigate the potential impacts on residents, area roads, and the environment. Madam Mayor and Council, we're asking you to do as the official plan promises: "To maintain and enhance the health, safety, and quality of life of our residents, our natural environment and water resources, and our community." Speaking of mitigation strategies and promises, the Parking Strategy Study for the Southfields Village Community is also a critical September agenda item in terms of supporting the quality-of-life experience, and the safety of thousands of Caledon residents. For some time now, those who live in Southfields have been dealing with challenging traffic safety issues, exacerbated by severe limitations in terms of easy access to viable parking alternatives. In what the parking strategy study identifies as a "high auto dependency" community with an "increasing demand for additional parking opportunities," the Town is inviting area residents to provide urgent feedback on how best to address these issues. Noting that "the high demand for residential parking" has resulted in an increase in on-street parking, vehicles parked on boulevards, vehicles overhanging sidewalks and even front lawns being paved over to accommodate vehicles, the Town is hoping to create

and implement a strategy that looks to "address the additional parking demand while minimizing negative impacts on the neighbourhood." It doesn't matter what the reasons for all these cars are, or who we point fingers at in a game of blame. Finger-pointing solves nothing and only exacerbates the problem. What matters now is addressing the issue, and finding viable alternatives to fixing it. Oh yes, and also this: the Town, Mayor and Councillors must use the Southfields resident experience as a learning opportunity on how not to make the same mistakes in new housing developments. You know, because instead of 13,000 homes coming soon to a corner near you, apparently we're going to have 30,000 new homes instead. Southfields residents, please attend the open house on September 19 at Southfields Community Centre to ensure your voices are heard. September is a new start. I sincerely hope our Mayor and Councillors share this "upbeat" attitude and are ready to get back to work planning for a better, brighter future for all of Caledon. But friends, they cannot do it alone. Community input is sought and even if you're not entirely sure your voice will be heard, isn't it better to at least try?



SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON

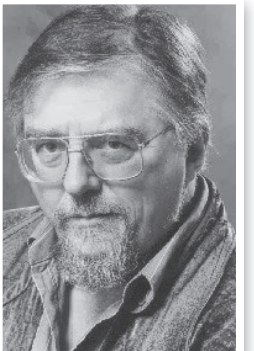
Walls and Deportations

Fortress America and Festung Europa (Fortress Europe) are just starting to take shape; bare outlines of what they will have grown into ten years from now. But the trend is almost unstoppable, and it will be very ugly when it's finished. Some sort of turning point was reached in Germany, where the public was horrified by a knife attack in the western city of Solingen in the midst of the celebrations for the city's 650th anniversary. Three people were killed and eight injured, allegedly by a lone knifeman from Syria who had sought asylum in Germany as a refugee. There has been no official word on the killer's motives, but the fact that he shouted "Allahu Akbar" throughout the attack was a useful clue. As you would expect, Friedrich Merz, the leader of the opposition Christian Democrats (CDU), called for an end to Germany's "naive" immigration policy. There's a state election underway in Saxony at the moment, and Merz took the opportunity to present Chancellor Olaf Scholz with a list of demands that included a complete and immediate ban on letting asylum-seekers from Syria and Afghanistan enter Germany. This is a first: targeting specific nationalities for exclusion.

Merz didn't actually say "International law be damned! This is serious!", but that was the general tenor of his remarks. Scholz, under pressure, promised to speed up deportations of asylum-seekers whose applications have been refused (roughly half). It probably won't be enough, and his coalition is likely to lose the federal elections next year. On the same day, on the other side of the Atlantic, Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris was making peace with harsher popular attitudes towards immigration in the United States. In 2017, she denounced Donald Trump's beloved "Wall" along the border with Mexico as "a stupid waste of money". Now her TV ads show images of the same wall. It's still a stupid waste of money, but it's the image that counts and she needs to show willing. Moreover, the brutal truth is that it's entirely possible to close borders to unwanted people. Fences and walls don't work, but killing only a few would-be illegal immigrants will deter all but a few of the rest from taking the same route. Migrants are not being killed yet in either Germany or the United States, although it's getting pretty close in the Mediterranean. The Italian and Greek authorities in particular do not always strive to rescue people whose

flimsy, overloaded boats get into trouble while trying to cross from North Africa to Europe. (1,341 deaths so far this year.) It's just a foretaste of what is to come, and a somewhat misleading foretaste at that. Probably around half of the current flows of migrants crossing Europe's borders are genuine refugees from war, famine or political or religious persecution. Most of the rest are so-called "economic migrants", seeking to raise their living standards and/or earn money to send home. Only a small minority of those who are coming now are "climate refugees": people whose farms dried up and blew away, or are now permanently underwater, or victims of half a dozen other ways that climate change can destroy your livelihood. But this is the category of migrants whose numbers are certain to grow and grow. The minuscule number of migrants who just want to murder infidels will continue to come too, and the fear and hate they spread will coarsen the debate in all the European destination countries. The response may continue to be somewhat less cruel in the United States, where the main source countries for the migration in Latin America and the Caribbean do not include this fanatical element, but it won't be pretty along America's southern border either.

Those who are paid to think about such things have long been deeply pessimistic about how we will handle these waves of refugees. This is from a 2008 interview with Leon Fuerth, a former national security adviser in the Clinton administration: "Governments with resources will be forced to engage in long, nightmarish episodes of triage, deciding what and who can be salvaged from engulfment by a disordered environment. The choices will need to be made primarily among the poorest, not just abroad but at home. "At progressively more extreme levels, the decisions will be increasingly harsh: morally agonising to those who must make and execute them – but in the end, morally deadening." Even the rich countries will be having a very hard time when the average global temperature is +2°C. So how much concern will be shown for the needs of desperate foreigners hammering on the gates when such conditions prevail even inside them. The gates will stay firmly closed, and those outside them will die.



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Form 2 Expropriations Act

Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land

IN THE MATTER OF an application by the Ministry of Transportation for approval to expropriate land, pursuant to s.11(2) and subsection 11.1(3) of the *Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act*, being in the Geographic Township of Orillia, Township of Oro-Medonte, County of Simcoe, Province of Ontario and the Geographic Township of Adjala, County of Simcoe, Province of Ontario and the Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel.

FOR THE PURPOSE(S) OF to provide access to the contractor and work zone required for trenchless replacement of center-line culverts and all other works related thereto.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the land described in the schedule attached hereto.

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

Minister of Transportation
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 1Z8
416-327-9200

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given, who desires to comment on the proposed expropriation of the land for the described purpose(s) may do so by submitting the comment within the time stated herein to the Assistant Deputy Minister, Transportation Infrastructure Management Division, Ministry of Transportation, in writing.

SCHEDULE A

A limited interest from March 1, 2025, to December 1, 2025, in the nature of a free right and easement for the Minister of Transportation, successors, and assigns, and any representative of the Minister of Transportation to enter with all necessary vehicles, machinery and equipment over and upon the lands described as follows:

In the Township of Oro-Medonte; County of Simcoe; Province of Ontario, being:

1. Part of PIN 58523-0523 (LT), being Part of Lot 12, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Medonte; shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-3346-0164 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44520.

2. Part of PIN 58523-0529 (LT), being Part of Lot 13, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Medonte; shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-3346-0165 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44528.

A limited interest from August 1, 2025, to December 1, 2025, in the nature of a free right and easement for the Minister of Transportation, successors, and assigns, and any representative of the Minister of Transportation to enter with all necessary vehicles, machinery and equipment over and upon the lands described as follows:

In the Town of Caledon; Regional Municipality of Peel, and Township of Adjala-Tosoronto; County of Simcoe; Province of Ontario, being:

3. Part of PIN 14346-0227 (LT), being Part of Block 8, Plan 43M-1441; shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2199-0094 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Peel as Plan 43R-41357.

4. Part of PIN 58172-0016 (LT), being Part of Lot 1, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Adjala; shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2247-0054 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44521.

THIS NOTICE WAS FIRST PUBLISHED ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2024.

The Ministry will review the comments for their technical/engineering information, having regard to the need for the land for the purposes of the project.

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

The comments must be sent:

By e-mail to: Property.Process@ontario.ca

Or by mail to: Assistant Deputy Minister
Transportation and Infrastructure Management
Ministry of Transportation
4th Floor, Garden City Tower
301 St. Paul Street
St. Catharines, ON L2R 7R4

Please include the municipal address of the land in the comment.

The expropriating authority is the Minister of Transportation with an address of:
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 1Z8
416 327-9200

Minister of Transportation

Per:
c/o Brighitha Thillainadarajah
Conveyancing Supervisor
159 Sir William Hearst Avenue
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“Meanwhile, the vendor market, sponsored by Attrell Toyota, showcased a range of local businesses, offering everything from delicious food to unique handcrafted items.

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“As the day came to a close, the sentiment was clear—Valleywood Block Party 2024 was a proud moment for the community, and plans are already underway to make next year’s event even bigger and better. The organizers and sponsors expressed their gratitude to everyone who attended and supported the event, and they are excited to continue this beloved tradition in the years to come.”



Electrify Caledon brought a number of environmentally-conscious groups together for an educational day at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness last month.

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Residents learn “watts” new in the world of electric vehicles at Electrify Caledon

Event held outside the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Caledon chapter of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Society, ecoCaledon, and Town of Caledon recently held an event titled “Electrify Caledon” outside the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness in Bolton.

The event ran from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and was the second Electrify Caledon event ever held, with the first being held in 2022.

Attendees were able to learn all about the world of EVs at various information sessions, enjoyed a barbecue lunch provided by Bolton Rotary, and even test drive EVs from a variety of local dealerships.

Lucrezia Chiappetta, co-chair of ecoCaledon, said it’s important for people to focus on climate solutions on a large scale

— but also on things they can do themselves.

“We all know that there’s these really large climate solutions that are going to need government involvement and policy, but there are certainly so many different solutions that residents can take on themselves at home and transportation is definitely one of those. That’s why we like to team up with the Electric Vehicle Society and promote energy efficient vehicles, completely electric vehicles, transit and things like that,” she said.

Chiappetta said the people that came out to the event seemed really interested in EVs and were seriously considering getting one.

“This is obviously not something that is new to them. They’re very close to making their purchase of an electric vehicle. So, this was just an opportunity for them to talk to a couple of different manufacturers and talk to electric vehicle owners to get the day-to-day experience. So you could tell that they were very serious about making an EV their next vehicle purchase,” she said.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION UNDER THE AGGREGATE RESOURCES ACT

Pit 3 Extension
Town of Caledon, Region of Peel

Name of Applicant:
Lafarge Canada Inc.

Application Details:
This application is for an Aggregate Resources Act New Licence to permit an extension of an existing licenced pit.

This application proposes a Class A licence to excavate no more than 1,000,000 tonnes of aggregate each year (annual limit) from a below the ground water table with pit that is located adjacent to Aggregate Resources Act Licence No. 6525. Extraction will occur within 1.5 metres of the established groundwater table and therefore MNR considers this a below water pit. No extraction will occur below the established water table. The licenced area for the proposed extension is 25.6 hectares in size and is proposed to be located at Part of Lot 13, Concession 5 West Side of Centre Road or Communication Street, Geographic Township of Caledon, Town of Caledon, Region of Peel.

Public Information Session
An in-person Public Information Session will be held on September 18th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Caledon Village Place.

Digital copies of the detailed site plan and reports for the proposal are available at <https://www.lafarge.ca/en/pit-3-extension>

Applicant Contact Information:
For more information about the Application or the Public Information Session, please contact:

Lafarge Canada Inc.
(c/o Mal Wensierski)
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malgorzata.wensierski@lafarge.com

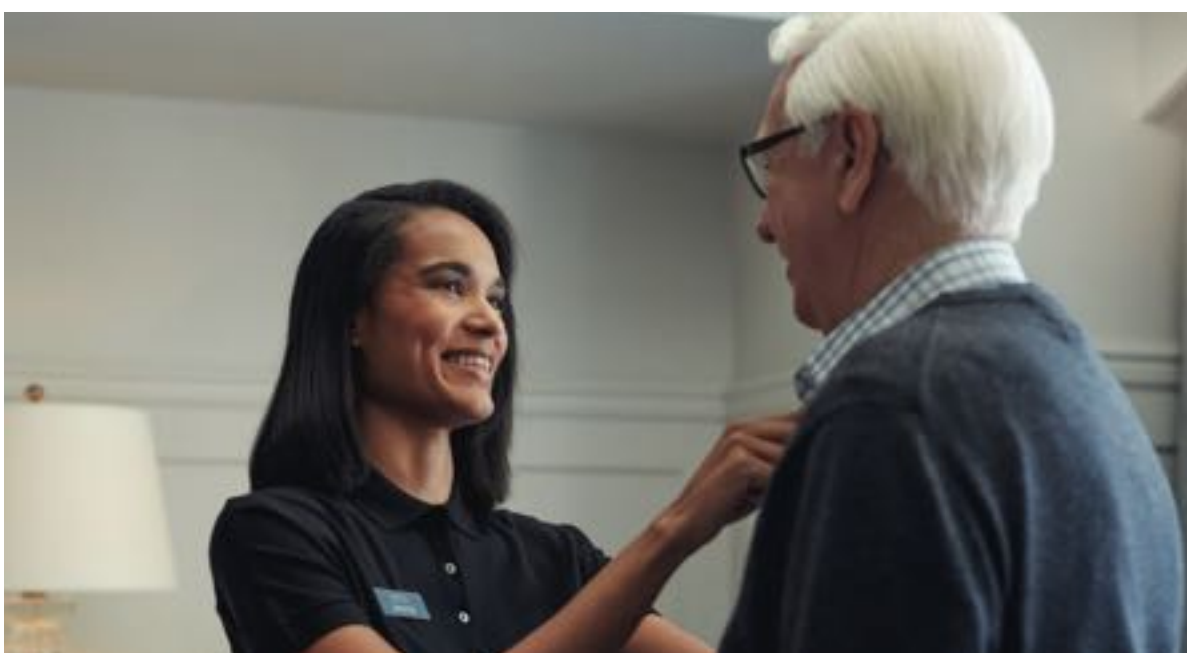
Providing Comments on the Application:
Any person(s) wishing to comment on this application must send, in writing, their comments to the Applicant (at the address above) and send a copy to: ARAApprovals@ontario.ca or if email is not available, Aggregate Section, Ministry of Natural Resources, 300 Water Street, Peterborough ON K9J 3C7.

The last day on which comment(s) may be filed with the **Applicant** and **Ministry** is:
The **4th** day of **November 2024**.

Note: If you choose to participate in the Aggregates Resources Act (ARA) notification and consultation process, all personal information (PI) you provide may be subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA), whether provided to the Applicant or MNR at any point during the consultation process. The MNR collects your PI under the authority of s. 11, s.13.1, s.23, s. 35 and other provisions of the ARA and maintains it for the purposes of ensuring consultation and other requirements in the ARA are met. Under the authority of s. 11(2), s.13.1(3), s.23(7), s.35(2) of the ARA, your name and address will form part of the public record (that is available to the general public as described in s 37 of FIPPA) and will appear with your comments, unless you request in your submission that your name and address be kept confidential. If you have any questions about the collection and use of your personal information, please contact Ministry of Natural Resources, Natural Resources Information and Support Centre (NRISC) 300 Water Street Peterborough ON K9J 3C7 Toll free: 1-800-667-1940

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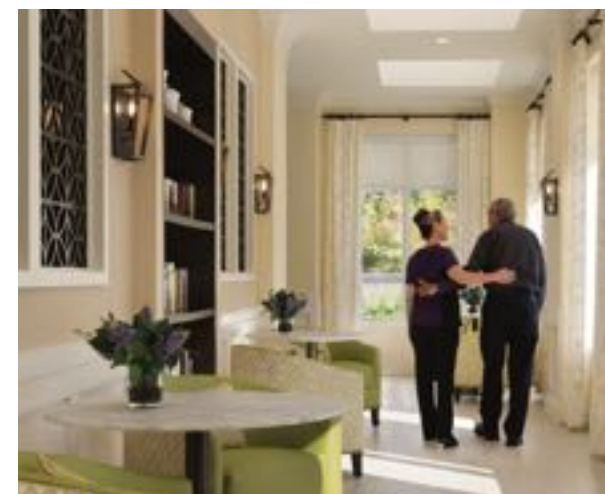
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AGENDA

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REMEMBER TO SHOP LOCALLY!

Where newcomers and empty-nesters find new connections: CFUW Headwaters

BY MARTINA ROWLEY
OPINION

When I was a fresh newcomer to Orangeville in 2017, I knew exactly one person in my new hometown! With plans to immerse myself in the community quickly to make new friends and feel at home, I first heard about CFUW, a local women's group, at the weekly farmers' market beside the beautiful, historic Town Hall building.

Asking a very friendly representative at one of the vendor tables, "What is CFUW and what do you do?" I made my first and lasting connection with one of the club's members. It sounded interesting and as luck had it, their Annual Meet and Greet was less than a week away. I did not know the meeting location or how to get there without a car, "No problem," she said, "I can arrange for one of our members to pick you up." And the rest, as they say, is history.

Speaking of history, the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) is a non-partisan, voluntary, self-funded organization with over 100 clubs across Canada. Founded in 1919, membership was originally for women with a degree but that is no longer a requirement. That said, you will certainly meet very friendly and smart women there.

The mandate of CFUW is twofold: Provincially and nationally, to advocate to promote social justice and the status of women and girls (including promoting human rights, public education and peace). In fact, CFUW—the federal entity—holds a special consultative status with the United Nations and belongs to the Education Committee of the Canadian Commission to UNESCO. Closer to home, the club supports and runs internal fundraising events to provide scholarships for promising female students heading into post-secondary education at one of the high schools in our area.

Locally, CFUW is a women's social club; meant to bring women from all walks of life together to meet, share some fun hours, make new friends, feel supported and share meals and outings. It is about fun, support and companionship and that is what drew me to joining all those years ago. Having access to several month-

ly get-togethers with my chosen interest groups was instrumental in meeting many lovely individuals and making new friends in a short time—many of whom were as new to Orangeville as I was, and others who had lived "up here" for decades.

It meant it took me no time at all to feel very much at home and not isolated in Orangeville.

Members can sign up for as many of the interest groups as they want, with options ranging from various food clubs (breakfast or dining out, potluck soup & salad club, vegan cooking), a Friday night social, or active living (e.g. hiking, bowling, skating or snowshoeing), to art and book clubs, travel discussion and day-tripping, needle arts or Women in Action activism.

On September 18, CFUW Headwaters are holding their annual Meet & Greet Social at The Centre, 375 Hansen Boulevard, Orangeville, from 7 p.m. Attendance is free and women from all walks of life from the Headwaters area are invited, no pre-registration required. The event is to introduce the year's new executive team, register new members and open sign-ups for these interest groups, which always fill up fast. Two guest speakers will talk about the important programs they lead to support our community: Carrie-Anne DeCaprio, Donor Engagement and Outreach Manager at the Orangeville Food Bank, and Martina Rowley, member of Sustainable Orangeville and coordinator of the Orangeville Urban Harvest Program.

Annual membership is affordable at \$100 (\$25 of which goes towards the Club's Scholarship Fund) and includes a monthly newsletter, monthly general meetings with interesting guest speakers and CFUW membership discount programs with some companies.

At this year's event, there will be some nice door prizes too—for new visitors who register at the event, as well as existing members! New visitors will receive one ticket for the door prizes' draw, and existing members who bring a guest will get two tickets. I remember the day I signed up and won a gorgeous, purple potted chrysanthemum. You can find out more about CFUW at www.cfuwheadwaters.com or email info@cfuwheadwaters.com if you can't attend on September 18.

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Caledon Town Hall Players Present: The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFELD

The Brothers Grimm are attributed with 209 stories.

As Spectaculathon zips through them, 14 cast members playing 40 roles at the Caledon Town Hall Players (CTHP) are ready to rocket audiences through a hilarious couple of hours of fun.

The show is on at the theatre in Caledon Village over the weekend of September 7 to 8 and 13 to 14.

"This is part of our September Series," CTHP director Chris Bailey told the Citizen this week.

The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon is a free-form comedy, as he explained, a "cool style of comedy, a little panto – character work and improv, where actors play multiple roles."

The September series, like fringe theatre, is an opportunity to do shows that are different from their regular season of mystery, and comedy plays, usually with smaller casts of defined roles.

"We were looking for something to give our audiences a show that is different and, for our actors, a different creative opportunity to have some fun and even to be silly," he said.

There is such a wealth of inspiration from the Grimm fairy tales. They are not Disney but edgier and darker. The material is pretty light but there is a darker side and a variety of characters thrown in together. The actors go from a prince to a wolf, a talking fish; some are single lines and others are speeches. Drama and comedy are parts of it, but definitely packaged up in a different kind of theatre for the audiences.

CTHP's scheduling is typically two weekends of Saturday and Sunday matinee and evening performances, taking away the Friday performance. Opening with a Saturday matinee, with a good crowd sets the tone for the whole run, Bailey pointed out.

Rehearsals have run through the summer.

"Theatre is a hobby just like sports," he remarked. "Audiences don't always think of the hours involved, but like any sports, you work with your teammates and people share this great hobby. As a community theatre, we also provide engagement with our members."

Two lead roles are Narrator One and Narrator Two, and Bailey likes this consistent factor.

The narrators guide and present the stories, keeping the audience and even the actors on track.

The stories actually jump back and forth between the actors and the audience.

"There so many things I like but that makes it shine," he said. "When I read the show, I said I would love to direct this. The narrators really keep it on track."

The comedy in Spectaculathon is not particularly slapstick but more pantomime.

"Slapstick is different comedy but loses the drama," he observed.

The show's biggest draw is the revamped traditional fairy tales.

People like surprises, we were told, and Chris Bailey knows this show is going to surprise everybody – it still surprises him.

There is the possibility to go over the top and as director, Bailey had to make his cast feel safe, to bring them back. It is okay during rehearsal to go over the top but to stop and review, to grab the motivation, and keep it just right at the top.

"You need to push that," as he knows.

There is a BBQ between two shows on September 7 to welcome audience members and get to know their community.

After the matinee, people can stick around or come early for the meal before the evening show.

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Energy procurement will ensure long-term affordability as electricity demand forecasts to rise 60 per cent by 2050

The Ontario government is launching the largest competitive energy procurement in the province's history, focused on generating affordable electricity for families and businesses.

This builds on the province's plan to procure up to 5,000 megawatts (MW) of energy through a series of procurements to help foster economic prosperity and meet the growing demand for clean and reliable energy.

Making the announcement in King last week, Minister of Energy and Electrification Stephen Lecce noted the plan of action calls for more affordable energy, supporting Ontario's diverse supply mix including nuclear, hydroelectric, renewables, natural gas, and biomass.

"With energy demand growing rapidly, our government is stepping up by advancing our largest energy procurement in our history. Our 'all-of-the-above' energy resource approach will expand access to affordable electricity to families and businesses across Ontario while opposing the regressive carbon tax," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification.

The Minister's letter to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) outlines that the procurement should be transparent, competitive, and cost-effective to secure technology-agnostic energy resources, including wind and solar. This includes explicit directions to protect prime agricultural areas. The Minister is also requesting that the IESO bring options to expedite delivery of the procurement to help meet growing demand.

"I was pleased to attend Minister Lecce's announcement at Kinghaven Farms, where the province unveiled plans for Ontario's largest-ever competitive energy procurement. Kinghaven Farms is a true renewable energy champion, leading the way right here in Ward 2, King Township. I was fortunate to tour their state-of-the-art greenhouse under construction and was blown away by the sustainable energy innovations they've integrated into their operations," said Councillor David Boyd.

The Second Long-Term Procurement (LT2) will plan future energy initiatives in communities that provide consent while protecting prime agricultural areas, including:

- Requiring energy project developers to receive municipal support resolutions to ensure local support and consent for new projects;
- Prohibiting all projects in specialty crop areas and ground-mounted solar in prime agricultural areas to prevent solar farms;
- Incentivizing projects located in northern Ontario and those which avoid prime agricultural areas, along with a plan to unlock Crown Lands for renewable energy;
- Incentivizing economic opportunities for projects with or by Indigenous communities on whose traditional territory the projects are proposed;
- Requiring Agricultural Impact Assessments for projects that are permitted on all prime agricultural areas.

"This historic plan will deliver the new electricity our dynamic province and growing agricultural sector will need while protecting farmland," said Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food, and

Agribusiness. "By requiring municipal support resolutions and Agricultural Impact Assessments for new energy projects, banning solar farms on prime farmland and crop areas, and promoting new projects in the North, we've secured a four-tier lock to ensure a balance between our energy needs and the needs of our farmers."

To advance Ontario's expanded electricity needs, the IESO is expected to report back with a procurement design framework by September 20 and consider how to conclude energy and capacity procurements by February 28, 2026. The accelerated timelines will ensure that Ontario can continue to support large-scale investments that require a clean and reliable energy supply to create well-paying jobs across the province.

By launching a competitive procurement framework, the government is ensuring long-term affordability for Ontario's ratepayers and businesses. This procurement also builds on the government's recent procurement of nearly 3,000 MW of new battery storage projects ranging from five to over 400 MW in capacity.

"Our forecasts show that Ontario will need more resources to meet demand as our population and economy grows and continues to electrify," said Lesley Gallinger, Chief Executive Officer of the Independent Electricity System Operator. "We've been engaging with the sector and communities, and with this accelerated timeline, we are ready to move quickly to secure supply from all eligible technologies."

The IESO has forecast that by 2050, Ontario's electricity consumption will rise by 60 per cent. This demand stems primarily from Ontario's rapid increase in population, new manufacturing facilities, advanced technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) data centres, the electrification of industry, and the charging energy required for electric vehicles.

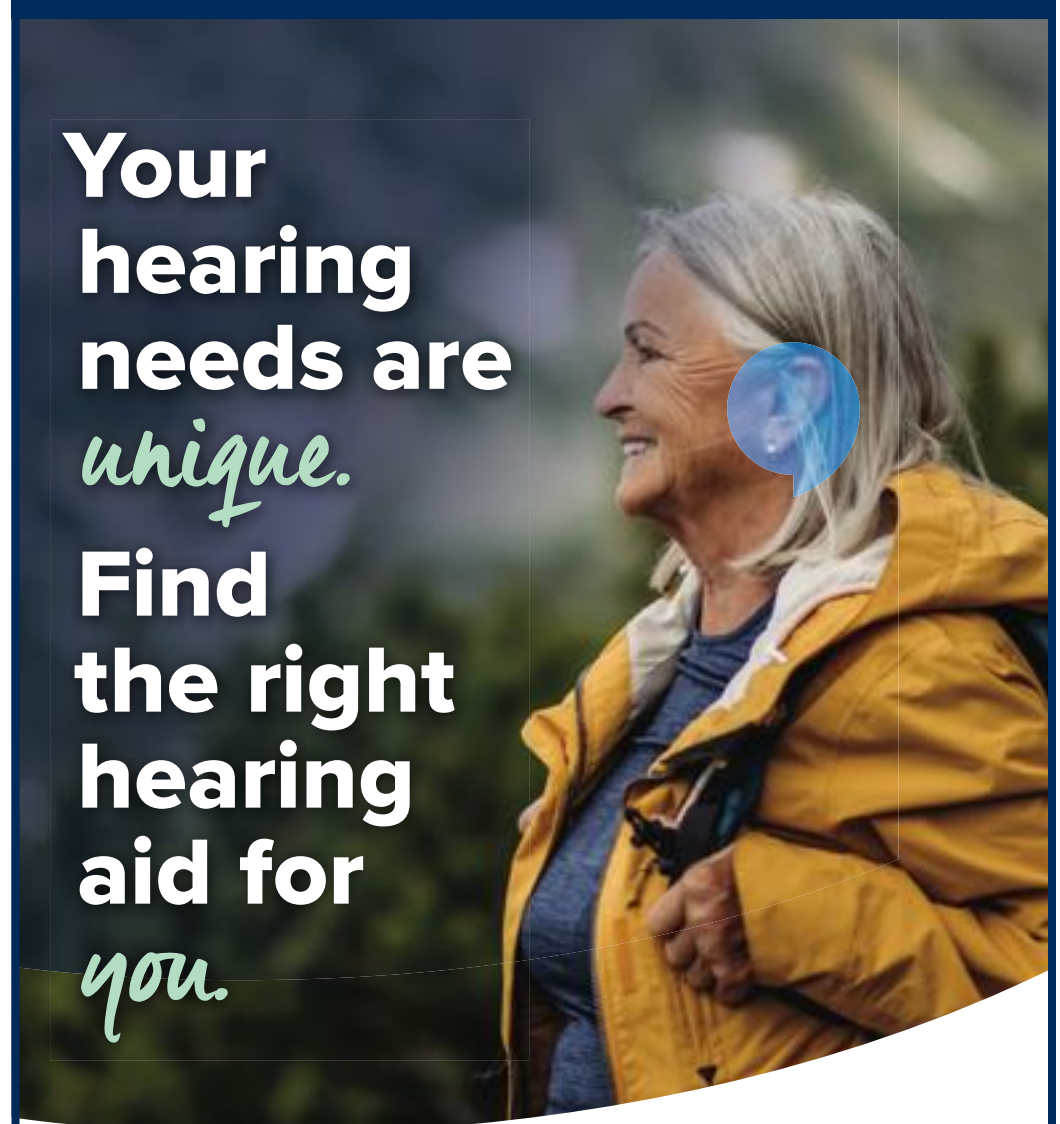
The IESO has recommended cadenced procurements of approximately 5,000 MW of new electricity resources to be procured by 2034.

"AMO commends the province for investing in clean energy and empowering municipalities to assess the suitability of energy projects for our communities. Energy is essential for our prosperity. Municipalities look forward to seeing the IESO's procurements deliver the clean, reliable and affordable energy needed to power more homes and businesses," said Robin Jones, AMO president and Mayor of Westport.

"CanREA welcomes Minister Lecce's announcement. The coming procurement of 5GW of new energy projects—including wind and solar—is great news. Low-cost, quickly deployable and reliable non-emitting projects are a critical part of the solution for Ontario's growing energy needs. Across Canada, CanREA members have been successful in building and operating renewable energy and energy storage projects—in partnership with project stakeholders and rights holders, including Indigenous communities, municipalities, landowners and farmers. Together, we will build the affordable, reliable and clean energy system that Ontarians need, expect and deserve," added Vittoria Bellissimo, president and CEO, Canadian Renewable Energy Association (CanREA).

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Bolton Brewers bow out of NDBL semi-finals in stunning 6-5 upset loss in Game 5 to Ivy Rangers

Brewers' big bats can't take full advantage of bases-loaded opportunities in 5th, 6th, and 7th innings

BY JIM STEWART

The Bolton Brewers had an excellent regular season en-route to the 2024 NDBL pennant.

Their sparkling 19-5 record and 211 runs scored made them prohibitive favorites for the league championship. The Brewers' quarterfinal playoff performance was equally impressive as they swept the Orillia Majors in three games—outscoring their eighth-place opponent 32-8.

Apparently, the fourth-place Ivy Rangers didn't read the press clippings and were unimpressed by the Brewers' regular season accomplishments or the first-round dismantling of Orillia. Instead, the upstart Rangers sent the regular season champs to the sidelines on Thursday night at North Hill Park with a narrow 6-5 victory in Game 5 of their hard-fought and entertaining semifinal series.

The Brewers appeared poised for one of their patented walk-off wins as a three-run seventh inning rally pulled the hard-hitting Bolton squad to within one run of the visitors.

After Brett Chater, Carter Burnside, and Ben Sterritt got aboard on an E5, single, and HBP, respectively, Stephen Warden struck out on a Jamie Gillespie sweeper, but Josh Hickey drew a walk off Gillespie to pull Bolton to within three of the visitors.

John Hutchinson's hard shot through the Rangers' infield into right field plated Burnside to make it 6-4 and hope was springing eternally at North Hill. Chris Fafalios's sacrifice fly plated the Brewers' fifth run and Bolton appeared poised to deadlock the game. However, an aggressive base-running mistake led to the Brewers making the last out at third base.

Bolton's Dan Accardo broke for third on a dropped transfer on Fafalios's sacrifice fly as the Brewers' fifth run crossed the plate. According to veteran umpire Falco Scheida, who works both IBL and NDBL games, "the baserunner was out by a yard."

Instead of a clamorous walk-off win at North Hill and a third consecutive trip to the NDBL championship finals for the Brewers, it was the upstart Rangers squad that dashed out of their dugout to celebrate their outstanding fortune as Bolton ran itself out of the playoffs.

Brewers Head Coach Mike Wallace explained the play: "There was a bit of confusion as the sac fly catch was dropped on transfer and Dan tried to get the tying run even closer. He's an excellent baserunner and Ivy made the play."

Coach Wallace was congratulatory regarding Ivy's performance in the series: "Give Ivy full credit. They're a good



Brewers slugger John Hutchinson lashes an RBI single versus the Ivy Rangers in Bolton's 6-5 semifinal loss at North Hill Park on Thursday night.

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team. In all honesty, they don't play like a fourth or fifth place team and they are not a team you want to face in the playoffs. They seemed to score the runs they needed in the series and we left a few guys on base. They also got two excellent pitching performances from Matt Barr. This is a different series without Barr on the mound for Ivy."

The Rangers took an early 1-0 lead in a game that produced a single run through four innings of play. As Coach Wallace noted, the scoreless five-inning performance logged by Ivy starter Matt Barr was a significant factor. The fire-balling rightly—with a tailing fast-ball and darting off-speed stuff—neutralized the Brewers' mighty offence during the fifteen outs he procured. It was no easy feat by Barr, given that Bolton averaged almost eight runs a game.

Even when Barr was in deep trouble after walking the bases loaded in the fifth, the Rangers' starter reached back and struck out hard-hitting shortstop Brett Chater to preserve his shutout and retain Ivy's four-run lead.

Due to Barr's work on the bump, Bolton's high-octane offence was eerily quiet for the first four innings and it was Ivy's offence that woke first in the decisive semifinal game. At the top of the fifth, with Ivy clinging to its one-run lead, Craig Speers launched a three-run homer over the left field fence that plated Josh Williams and Kirby Smith.

The big blast was followed by a single, but Brewers' veteran pitcher Victor Moguel notched a strikeout and induced a fly ball to centerfield to limit his team's deficit to four runs.

In a playoff contest filled with late-game opportunities, the Brewers loaded the bases in the fifth, sixth, and seventh innings.

In the fifth inning, John Hutchinson, Chris Fafalios, and Nate Drury worked walks to load 'em up, but Brett Chater struck out swinging at a 2-2 Barr pitch that preserved the four-run Ranger lead.

It was at the bottom of the sixth when Bolton's offence cast off its nocturnal slumber and tallied 2 runs.

Carter Burnside led off with a hard shot to shortstop and an E6 secured his place at first. Ben Sterritt singled, and after cleanup hitter Stephen Warden flew out to centerfield, Josh Hickey drew a walk to load the bases, John Hutchinson produced a groundout RBI, Chris Fafalios was hit by a pitch, and

Amin Juarez worked a bases loaded walk to force in a run.

With Rangers' relief pitcher Wes Kobbelca on the ropes, Ivy Coach Jarrett Vanderpost brought in veteran pitcher Jamie Gillespie with the bases juiced. Nate Drury popped up Gillespie's first pitch just behind

second base to limit the rally to two runs.

Despite his team's disappointing semifinal exit, Coach Wallace was satisfied with his team's 24-8 overall record in 2024, its regular season pennant, and its .750 winning percentage.

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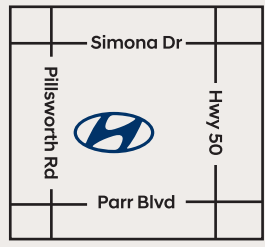


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DEBORAH FRANCES RICCI (NEE DEBBIE CHISHOLM)

MARCH 16, 1952 – AUGUST 31, 2024

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved matriarch, Deborah ("Debbie") Frances Ricci on August 31, 2024 at the age of 72 at Southlake Regional Health Centre with her husband by her side.



Debbie is survived by her loving husband Joseph ("Joe") of 48 years, her daughter Ashlee, her son Taylor (Bryer) and her granddaughters Elliot & Lily. She will be deeply missed by her brother David (Janet), her sisters-in-law Toni (Frank), Rita, Nancy (Nick) and many nieces and nephews. Also, her favourite "grand pets" Monty, Stuart, Olive and Olsen.

Debbie was born in Toronto on March 16, 1952 to James Archibald ("Archie") and Lillian Chisholm (Stearne). She was raised in the loving home that her grandfather built in the Borough of York. At an early age, Debbie consolidated her piano playing skills to a high level and achieved her Grade 8 piano certificate and then never played again.

Attended grade school at Fairbank Public School and high school at Vaughan Road Collegiate where she graduated with Honours and as an Ontario Scholar scoring the second highest marks, in the high nineties, in the three maths! Debbie was also a member of the synchronized swim team with her best friend Sharon Sample while achieving this high academic achievement.

Off to the University of Toronto where, once again, she graduated with Honours Bachelor of Science, Physiotherapy. She started her working career at Queensway General Hospital but quickly moved to the Homecare Program of Metro Toronto where she catered to many patients in their homes after various surgeries. Debbie was a vibrant outgoing individual who loved meeting new people regardless of race, religion or colour. She treated everyone as individuals and could not tolerate racism or bigotry. She would always say "we all came from somewhere" so this career as a Homecare Therapist was right up her alley.

Debbie met Joe at house party with friends at the age of 14. Their connection was instantaneous. They went steady for 9 years, through different high schools and universities and were married a year after they both graduated on August 7, 1976.

Moved to Bolton Ontario in 1978 where they bought their first starter house and after many renovations remained there to this day. Debbie dedicated her life to family and made their house into a loving home with days filled with laughter, love, respect and many fond memories. Her heart was filled with the accompaniment of her beloved dog, Murphy.

Debbie and Joe were blessed with two loving, caring and generous children, Ashlee in 1980 and Taylor in 1983. Taylor married Bryer in 2015 and two wonderful granddaughters Elliot and Lily arrived in 2017 and 2021 respectively.

Debbie and Joe were fortunate enough to travel to the East and West coast of Canada, Montreal regularly, Barbados, Dominican Republic, London, France (Paris & Avignon & Nice), Switzerland and Italy. Debbie was infatuated with Italy and they traveled there every year since 2011 with the exception of the two covid years. They traveled through the 20 regions of Italy for 6 to 7 weeks at a time and were in love with Florence. They had plans for longer term stays in Florence when her sickness occurred.

Debbie was a voracious reader and could consume a book in days, an exceptional gourmet cook and exceptional hostess. Most of all Debbie was a brilliant, loving, caring, dedicated wife and mother and was constantly smiling and looking on the positive side of life. She was an accomplished and committed swimmer with the Vaughan Aquatic Masters Club and afterward continued to swim 2km a day well into her 70s. A testament to her life long commitment to an active lifestyle. That bright smile and witty sense of humour will be dearly missed by all who new her. Especially her 8-life long girlfriends from elementary school who got together for a weekend every September for the sacred "girls' weekend."

Debbie's life was a testament to love, kindness and unwavering support. She was the heartbeat of our family, full of grace and hope and we are all better people for having her in our lives.

The family would like to thank all the Doctors and nurses at the Southlake Regional Health Centre, especially Dr. Amin and Dr. Shaqil Kassam and Dr. Tatiana Conrad of the Stronach Cancer Centre for their guidance and support through this very difficult process.

The family will receive their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street South (Hwy 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Thursday afternoon 1 to 4 and evening 6 to 8 o'clock. Memorial service will be held in the chapel on Friday morning, September 6 at 11 o'clock. Interment of cremated remains will take place at a later date.

Debbie loved flowers and she also loved pets so a donation or flowers would be gratefully appreciated. Donations to the Cancer Society would also be appropriate. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

JOAN CRAWFORD

Peacefully at her daughter's home in Burlington on Thurs. Aug. 29, 2024 in her 79th year. Dear mother of Shauna Crawford of Burlington. Cherished grandma of Shennique, Keenan, Jordan (Victoria) and Noah (Kloe), all of Burlington. Survived by her sisters Margaret Smith of Orangeville and Lynn (George) Bailey of Fergus, and her brothers Bill (Jen) of Waterloo, Murray (Cathy) of Shelburne and David (Sue) of Elora. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. As per Joan's wishes, cremation has taken place and she will be buried with her parents Jack and Mina Crawford in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Orangeville at a later date.



PAMELA MARIE (BORRETT) MCINTOSH

Pamela Marie (Borrett) McIntosh, aged 77, passed away on Thursday, August 15, 2024 at Nanaimo Regional District Hospital. She was a beloved wife of Don, mother of Jonathan (& Jennifer) Longworth, grandmother of Nate and Brady, stepmother of Dean (& Carolyn) and Todd McIntosh and stepgrandmother of Samantha, Jazmin and Mandy.



Pam was born on October 13th, 1946 in Emsworth, England, moving to Canada when she was only five years old. She spent her early years in Woodbridge, Ontario and went on to attend Lakeshore Teachers' College. Pam began her teaching career in North York, and then continued in Dufferin County until her retirement in 1998.

In her retirement, Pam and Don moved to Vancouver Island. This move not only brought her closer to her family, but also the ocean, which she dearly loved. She became active in her Qualicum Beach community, volunteering for the Cancer Society and Community Meals programs. Pam and Don also volunteered for BC & Alberta Guide Dogs, where they fostered and trained 16 dogs to support veterans.

But more than anything, Pam was devoted to her family and friends. She loved spending time with those closest to her, sharing stories, making memories and building traditions.

Knowing Pam was to know her brilliant smile and positive outlook. She brought joy to every room she entered and was always looking out for those in need of an encouraging hug. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.



GORDON DOUGLAS STEVENSON

Gordon Douglas Stevenson – age 87, of the Meadows Home for Special Care, Yarmouth, N.S. passed away peacefully at the Meadows on August 24, 2024. Born in Toronto, Ontario, on April 17, 1937, he was a son to the late Douglas and Aleda Stevenson. Gordon was a loving husband and supportive father. He was a hard worker throughout his life and took great pride in his family. In his later years, he struggled with dementia but gave all he had to continue and do what he could for the family. Family members include son, Alex (Kim); daughter, Lisa; daughter-in-law, Debbie; brothers, James, Al, Ross, Grant, Paul, Hugh and Stewart; sisters Norma, Barbara, Gwen; his grandchildren, Ryan, Jordan, Melinda and Amber; and great-grandchildren. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Marion and son Bruce. As per his wishes, cremation has taken place under the care of Sweeney's Funeral Home and Crematorium. A funeral service will be held on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 3 p.m. at the Sweeney's Funeral Home Chapel. Interment at a later date. Donations in memory may be made to the Alzheimer Society or a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made at: www.sweeneysfuneralhome.net



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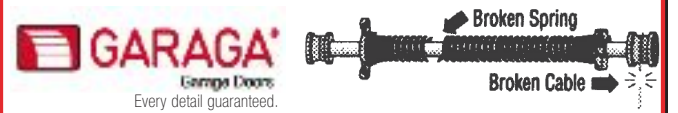
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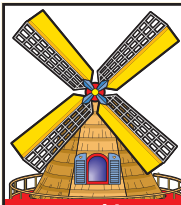
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Hall Wolfpack football teams break training camp with high hopes for triumphant ROPSSA Seasons

Continued from FRONT

The veteran coach explained how Hall has transitioned from a Tier 2 football program to a Tier 1 program that lost a heartbreaker to Suzuki Secondary School at the ROPSAA Tier 1 Finals last Fall.

“We won two Tier 2 championships as we re-grew our football program. We went to the Tier 1 Finals last year with very few guys having played summer football. Heading into this season, we had 37 guys who played in the Brampton Bulldogs or Peel Panthers programs. We’re building a positive relationship with both clubs and now our graduating players are being recruited by OUA football teams.”

Two of Beresford’s senior players spoke glowingly about the leadership of their Head Coach.

Grade 12 Centre and Co-Captain Tyler Fagan elaborated on Coach Beresford’s qualities.

“He’s a great guy. Really motivational. He lives an hour away from our school, but he’s always here ready to lead us and help us be better players.”

Grade 12 Linebacker and Co-Captain Mason Burke amplified his teammate’s remarks.

“Coach loves the sport. We’d run through a wall for him. He’s taught us to be there for the group.”

Both senior student-athletes also appreciate playing sports at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School.

Fagan attributed the success of the Wolfpack’s athletics program to quality of coaching.

“Our coaches are so dedicated and they know what they’re talking about. The players respect their knowledge.”

Burke offered a broader perspective to explain the success of the sports teams at Hall: “It’s a winning culture, not just at the school, but in the Region. The sports culture is really good in Peel. You’re heavily involved in sports from the day you’re born in Peel.”

Fagan, a leader on the Wolfpack’s offensive line, embraces not only the sports culture at Hall, but the responsibilities that come with his pivotal position.

“There’s always pressure at Centre. I make the calls regarding defensive formations. I really like to put a [defensive lineman] on his back.”

Burke, a rangy linebacker and Wolfpack hockey player in the Winter season, agreed with his teammate’s love of the hard hitting connected with football.

“I love the contact. At linebacker, you have to know what you’re doing, too, and call plays. It’s about building community with the guys on the field and the guys on the whole team.”

Both Captain Burke and Captain Fagan have set lofty goals for the 2024 football team. Burke feels the Wolfpack “needs to get back to the Finals and we need to get better so we have a better result this season in the championship game.”

Fagan reflected on last year’s narrow loss and offered a recipe of better success: “Everyone needs to focus on the playbook. Everyone needs to be focused. We need to execute better and everyone has to trust their teammate—that he knows his routes and responsibilities.”

Burke and Fagan’s outstanding focus during our sideline conversation, with almost 100 senior and junior football players and coaches going through drills as a backdrop, is a testament to Coach Beresford’s lofty expectations at this year’s training camp.

Beresford did his own professional coaching development this summer.

“I attended the UT Training Camp as a Guest Coach. The Blues are becoming a much better program. They beat the Waterloo Warriors to start the season. We have at least six guys this year that are competing for OUA scholarships.”

Under Coach Beresford’s inspirational leadership, the Hall Wolfpack football program is on the rise and creating post-secondary opportunities for its players like Co-Captains Tyler Fagan and Mason Burke.



Hall Wolfpack Captains Mason Burke and Tyler Fagan are ready to lead their football team to a ROPSSA title.

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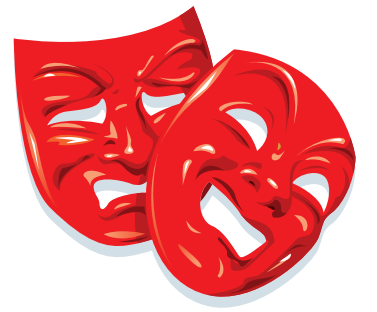
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Derek Marshall to bring Vegas Knights concert to Theatre Orangeville



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BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Derek Marshall is bringing his delightful Vegas Knights concert to Theatre Orangeville, for the first time, from September 19 to 22 at the Orangeville Opera House.

This suave, handsome and talented Marshall brings us the days of the Rat Pack, of the crooners and the jokes so beloved through the 1950s to the 70s.

Such names as Sammy Davis Jr., Dean Martin, and Frank Sinatra, as Vegas Knights are naturally part of the show but Marshall takes us on a much fuller collection of names, to include many more of the great soloists.

In a multi-person Google get-together with the Citizen were Marshall, Chris McHarge his manager/director, co-creator of this show with Marshall and much more, and Theatre Orangeville's Amanda Doerrie, and Head of Marketing and Artistic Director David Naim.

They began by talking about the five-piece band that is accompanying Marshall for the show.

"We brought in a couple of horns for this band," McHarge told us.

"There is a lot of flow – it's amazing how he pulls it out."

For every production they book, they call on top musicians to play "well in advance," said Marshall and they remarked how lucky they feel to have so many talented musicians that they can call.

As a lighting and sound designer too, McHarge is the man backstage and Marshall is the man on the stage. The collaboration between Marshall and McHarge in writing this show has been a dream come true for the singer. They have toured the show in Canada and the US, taking it as well overseas to Germany.

Coming up with the idea of Vegas Knights, they wanted to include such luminaries as Tony Bennett, Elvis Presley, and Bobby Darin. About Bobby Darin, Marshall had an interesting story; in 1960, Darin came to Vegas at the age of 24. He performed at the Copacabana and "crushed" the records for attendance set by all the very famous crooners and singers who had been there before.

What does it take to sing the music of so many brilliant and so famous a list of celebrities as these?

Naim offered humorously, "Only Derek has the ego to play them – it comes from love," he added sincerely.

Telling the essence of it, Marshall told us all that he tries to be true to the music; that it means something.

"When I put it out, I have to be true to it. Then, I feel this love and think – man, we did it."

People love this music that is still a strong memory for so many. They heard the music from their parents maybe, and now even the grandchildren know the old songs and the musicians who sang them from hearing them being played at home.

The music may still be heard for generations, they agreed. It is not just the music, these were "our favourite shows" where so many of these stars sang them, as McHarge pointed out.

Derek Marshall grew up in Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia, just outside Halifax. He attended Dalhousie University for his Bachelor of Arts but wanted very much to be on stage. He liked to sing but was "pretty shy," he told us when he and Nicholas Arnold were doing "Dean and Jerry: What Might Have Been" as Theatre Orangeville's season add-on show in 2019.

Coming from Nova Scotia to Ontario, he earned his Diploma of Applied Arts in the prestigious Musical Theatre Program at

Sheridan College in Oakville.

He recalled working with David Naim in 1996 at the Oakville Summer Theatre.

He was in "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" and told us how in awe he was of the man.

"People were laughing and laughing through the show," he said.

Another old connection to Theatre Orangeville from Marshall: years ago, he played Dean in the Rat Pack here.

Marshall told us he feels honoured to be back at Theatre Orangeville, and that there is something really special about the theatre. He is looking forward to opening the show with Fly Me to the Moon - that first song – those first new notes coming from the stage to thrill the audience.

They remembered Marshall did a Valentine's special here. He informed us that Paul Anka wrote "My Way" for Frank Sinatra as a translation from the song in French.

As to why we should fill the theatre to see this show, McHarge was clear: "This is the best mu-

sic ever recorded...by the greatest stars that ever performed."

Marshall promised an honest interpretation of the music.

He was supported by David Naim, who said, "Derek Marshall is one of the finest interpreters of this show. Really, it is our honour to have him doing this show here."

McHarge added, "Derek understands this

music."

Vegas Knights is this year's "add-on" to the regular season, which as David Naim says, "is to remind people it's time to go back to the theatre!"

Running over an extended weekend, September 19 to 22, tickets are available at www.theatreorangeville.ca or by calling the Box Office at 519-942-3423.

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