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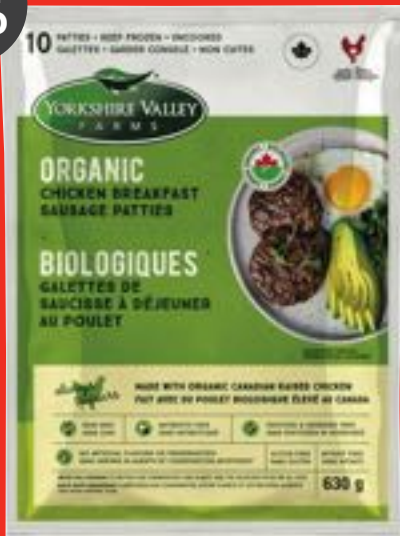
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**SWIFTIES STEAL HEARTS** – Bolton's Rosie Maria Trimboli got into the spirit of Taylor Swift's Toronto concert series as Southlake Regional Health Centre's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit dressed babies in outfits inspired by the Eras Tour. Trimboli, who was born at Headwaters on November 10, represented the Speak Now Era. Mom Nicole Maglioni said, "We have received nothing but exceptional care here and everyone has been absolutely fantastic. We love Taylor Swift, so it was exciting to see the nurses working so hard to get the Eras costumes together and having Rosie be a part of it." For more, see Page B2.

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## Brampton teens charged following weapon "incident" at Robert F. Hall

### School placed on lockdown Tuesday

BY BROCK WEIR

Two 16-year-olds from Brampton are facing multiple charges following a "weapon-related incident" at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School on Tuesday.

"On November 19, 2024, shortly after 1:00

p.m., officers responded to a weapon-related incident involving two youths at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School," said the Caledon OPP in a statement. "To ensure everyone's continued safety, the school was placed into lockdown shortly after 1:30 p.m. No injuries were sustained as a result of the situation.

"The Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit, Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit, OPP Central Region Canine Unit, and OPP Emergency Response Team, are assisting with the investi-

gation. Two youths were taken into custody. The lockdown was lifted just before 3:30 p.m."

Following the investigation, two teens were charged.

The first is facing the following charges: possession of a weapon for dangerous purpose; trafficking in firearm, weapon, device or ammunition; unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm; and failure to comply with undertaking.

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**CCS' Home for the Holidays Gala set for November 29**

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A spectacular gala will soon be held to raise money for a good cause. On November 29, Caledon Community Services (CCS) will put on its annual Home for the Holidays Gala at the Royal Ambassador Event Centre in Caledon East.

The theme for this year's gala is "Stories Unmasked" and serves as a powerful reminder of the stories of people whose lives have been touched by CCS.

The theme also ties in with the recent launch of CCS' Stories Portal, an online tool that shares the stories of CCS clients, volunteers, staff, community partners and more.

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# Rally against Bill 212 to be held in Orangeville this Thursday

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
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against the Province's recently-introduced legislation, Bill 212.

The rally, organized by Headwaters Stops the 413, will be held at 12 noon on November 22 outside Dufferin-Caledon MPP Syl-

via Jones' office at 180 Broadway Street in Orangeville.

The non-profit Environmental Defence is supporting the rally and sending a speaker to it.

Bill 212 is the Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, and includes the Building Highways Faster and Highway 413 acts.

Among other things, Bill 212 exempts Highway 413 from the Environmental Assessment Act and removes certain rights of landowners whose properties would be expropriated to build the highway — such as their ability to apply for an adjustment to the day their property would be expropriated.

Sharon Sommerville, a volunteer with Headwaters Stops the 413, said there's deeply-frightening anti-democratic items in Bill 212 to make sure the 413 gets built.

"It illustrates a deep disregard for procedures built up over decades to protect things like species at risk," said Sommerville.

She said one major thing she doesn't like about Bill 212 is that it gives the Province the power to keep studies and reports about cultural and natural heritage sites it deems to be sensitive completely secret.

"It gives the Province so much power," she said, adding that the bill, at its heart, allows the Province to do what it wants when it comes to the 413.

Sommerville is a proponent of alternative ideas to reduce gridlock, such as allowing

transport trucks to use the existing Highway 407 toll-free. She said this would reduce gridlock instantly without costing taxpayers billions of dollars and disrupting environmentally sensitive areas and farmland.

"We don't need the 413 and therefore we don't need Bill 212," said Sommerville. "We want (the Province) to protect our environment, invest in more public transit, and be fiscally responsible."

Sommerville said if people can't make the November 22 rally and are in opposition to Bill 212, they should call or email Sylvia Jones' office to share their thoughts.

"Make your voice heard," said Sommerville.

In an October 21 news release, the Province said Bill 212 will "get shovels in the ground faster on Highway 413 and save drivers up to \$72 million."

Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria was quoted in the release.

"With this proposed legislation, we're also speeding up approvals on early works for Highway 413 so we can get shovels in the ground as soon as possible," said Sarkaria.

On November 12, Caledon Councillors unanimously voted to share their opposition to Bill 212 with the Province.

Mayor Annette Groves said Bill 212 seems heavy-handed and that the Province dropped the ball by introducing the bill.

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## Teens charged after incident at Caledon high school

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the provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

The second teen was charged with: possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, trafficking in firearm, weapon device or ammunition; unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 1-888-310-1122 or Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) to remain anonymous.

The charges have not been proven.

"The OPP take all public safety threats seriously and provide resources necessary to assess and respond to such threats. Caledon OPP would like to thank the community for their patience during this stressful situation."

At press time, the teens remained in custody ahead of a bail hearing on Wednesday.

As the individuals charged are under the age of 18, their names are withheld under

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CAFFI Housing recently held a fundraising raffle at Coffee Time. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

# CAFFI Housing hosts fundraising raffle at Coffee Time in Bolton

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
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A local non-profit recently raised money for its unique housing project.

From November 12 to 17, CAFFI Housing — a registered non-profit related to Caledon Area Families for Inclusion — held a fundraising raffle at Coffee Time in Bolton.

Generous local donors contributed items to be raffled off, and raffle participants bought tickets and placed them in boxes in front of gift baskets full of items they'd like to win.

Patricia Franks, a volunteer with CAFFI Housing, explained the charity's goal is to help adults with differing abilities attain affordable independent living opportunities in their own community.

One of the ways it has done this is through Shiloh House, a completely-renovated historic church located north of Bolton on Toronto and Region Conservation Authority land.

The house was renovated with help from a number of community partners and another charity, Raising the Roof.

The shared living house offers truly affordable rent and independent living to its tenants, which are individuals with differing abilities. It houses three people.

In March, the house will mark its fifth anniversary.

"We've had a couple of people living there

long-term, and four others living there at different periods of time... they've been very happy living there, it's great," said Franks.

Twice a year, CAFFI Housing brings in school youth and community volunteers to do some yard work and cleanup on the property to help maintain it. CAFFI Housing is responsible for internal maintenance of the home and making sure everything runs smoothly.

"We do little things like run fire drills, make sure all the appliances are running properly," said Franks.

Franks said she wanted to extend a sincere thanks to Coffee Time for allowing CAFFI Housing to use its space for its fundraising raffle.

"It's such a comfortable, welcoming and warm place. We're very happy to support the business and it's been extremely supportive to us," said Franks.

Franks shared that CAFFI Housing would love to be able to expand and create more affordable, accessible housing in the future.

"People want to stay in Caledon, their natural support system is here... they can feel safe and comfortable, that is what we want for our adults," said Franks. "They were born here, they went to school here, it should not be required for them to move away to get support, we should be able to facilitate that within our own town borders."

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**HOMICIDE UPDATE**

The Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has charged two individuals and identified the deceased in relation to an ongoing homicide investigation.

“Officers were called to a residence on Deer Ridge Trail shortly before 10:00 p.m. on November 9, 2024, where one person was located injured and later pronounced deceased at the hospital,” say Police.

The deceased has been identified as Rabinder Malhi, 52, of Brampton.

As a result of the ongoing investigation, members of the Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit charged Rajinder Kumar, 47, of Caledon, with second degree murder, section 235(1) of the Criminal Code (CC).

The charge has not been proven. The accused remains in custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on November 18, 2024.

Additionally, Sheetal Verma, 35, of Caledon, was charged with obstruct justice, section 139(2) CC.

The charge has not been proven. The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on December 12, 2024.

The Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit is continuing the investigation under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch, with assistance from OPP Forensic Identification Services, in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner and

Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.

Anyone with any information that may assist the investigation is asked to please contact the Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or [ontariocrimestoppers.ca](http://ontariocrimestoppers.ca).

**IMPAIRED CHARGES**

Officers from the Caledon OPP have charged two drivers with impaired operation within an hour.

“On November 16, 2024, just after 8:00 p.m., an officer on patrol located a two-vehicle collision on Mayfield Road, near Kennedy Road,” say Police. “No injuries were sustained. During the investigation, grounds were formed that one of the drivers’ ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

Harpreet Multani, 22, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Dangerous operation;
- Novice driver - B.A.C. above zero.

The charges have not been proven.

“Shortly after on the same day, just before 9:00 p.m., officers responded to a traffic complaint on Innis Lake Road. The vehicle was located. The investigation led officers to arrest the driver.”

Jennifer Perlov, 43, of Caledon, was charged with:

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

The charge has not been proven.

Both accused are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date to answer to their charges. The driver’s licences were also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicles were impounded for seven.

Under Ontario’s zero tolerance law for young, novice and commercial drivers, you cannot have any alcohol in your system if you are:

- age 21 or under;
- a driver of any age who holds a G1, G2, M1, or M2 licence;
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**BEWARE OF PORCH PIRATES**

The Central Region of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has some helpful tips to keep porch pirates at bay this festive season.

With the busy shopping season here, parcels will be arriving fast and furious to front porches everywhere. Criminals know this as well. Often referred to as “porch pirates,” these thieves steal packages when no one is at home to accept the parcel. Follow these tips to stay safe from porch pirates:

- Request a signature on delivery;
- Ship the package to a trusted neighbour or relative who will be home;
- Have the packages delivered to your work, if allowed by the employer;
- Track your deliveries online so you know when they’re slated to arrive and plan to be home upon delivery;
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- Install video cameras and post signage to indicate surveillance is in effect;
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If packages are stolen from your home, report the incident to your local police and the shipping company. If you see suspicious activity in your neighbourhood, contact OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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A drug trafficking investigation with ties to the Niagara Region and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) has resulted in the arrest of two individuals for numerous charges under the Criminal Code (CC) and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA), as well as the seizure of controlled substances and five firearms.

“The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)-led Provincial Joint Forces Guns and Gangs Enforcement Team (PGNG), and the Niagara Regional Police

Service (NRPS) began this investigation in April 2024 as a result of drug trafficking activity within the Niagara Region,” say Police. “Investigators were able to identify a drug trafficking network that stemmed into the GTA, responsible for trafficking suspected cocaine and fentanyl as well as other illegal drugs.”

As a result of this investigation, the following was seized:

- Four handguns;
- One shotgun;
- Approximately 2.7 kilograms of suspected fentanyl;
- Approximately 1.2 kilograms of suspected cocaine;
- Approximately 330 grams of suspected MDMA;
- Approximately 11 grams of suspected methamphetamine;
- 113 suspected oxycodone tablets;
- 50 suspected hydromorphone tablets;
- More than 845 rounds of ammunition;
- A prohibited magazine;
- More than \$316,000 in Canadian currency.

Michael Navarro, 29, of Brampton, has been charged with the following 27 offences contrary to the CC and CDSA:

- Firearms trafficking - three counts;
- Possession of a firearm knowing its possession is unauthorized - two counts;
- Possession of a prohibited device or ammunition;
- Possession of prohibited or restricted firearm with ammunition - two counts;
- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime over \$5,000 - four counts;
- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 - four counts;
- Fail to comply with prohibition order;
- Trafficking - fentanyl - six counts;
- Trafficking - cocaine - two counts;
- Possession - MDMA - two counts.

The accused was remanded into custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Toronto on November 21, 2024.

The charges have not been proven.

Kathy Ann Samuels, 32, of Brampton, has been charged with the following two offences contrary to the CDSA:

- Possession for the purpose of trafficking – cocaine;
- Possession for the purpose of trafficking - fentanyl.

The charges have not been proven.

The accused was released from custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Toronto on December 5, 2024.

Anyone with any information about illegal firearms or the possession, manufacturing or trafficking of illegal drugs should contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or [ontariocrimestoppers.ca](http://ontariocrimestoppers.ca).

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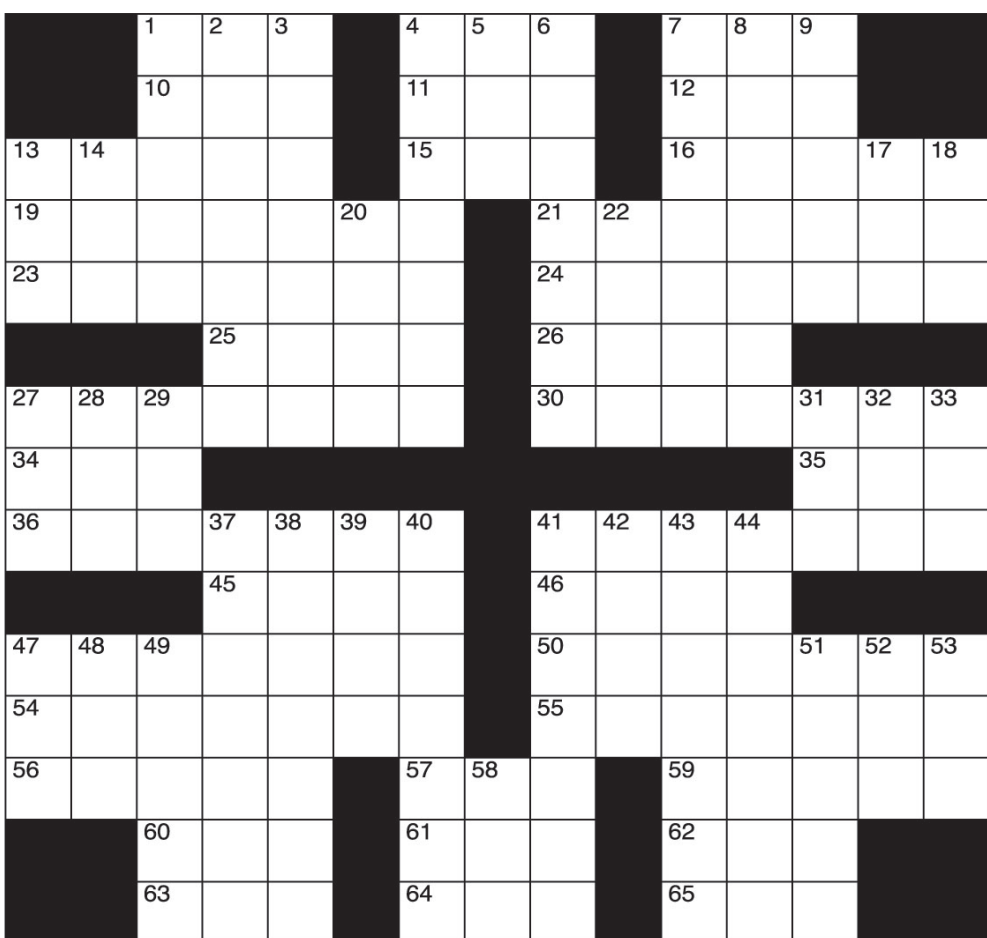


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10. Unit of liquid capacity
11. It comes before two
12. Male child
13. Type of wheat
15. One’s mother
16. Upper side of an organism
19. United is one
21. Extraction process
23. A being with lesser divine status
24. People living together in a community
25. Luxury automaker
26. This (Spanish)
27. Semitic language
30. Period for a defined purpose
34. Wander aimlessly in search of pleasure
35. Up in the air (abbr.)

36. American marsupial
41. Decadent dessert
45. Aquatic plant
46. About aviation
47. Summer footwear
50. Rugged mountain ranges
54. With tin
55. Cut on the surface of a hard object
56. Wrapped in cloth
57. Defensive nuclear weapon
59. “American Idol” contestant Clay
60. Midway between east and southeast
61. Court decision “\_\_\_ v. Wade”
62. Born of
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. Actress \_\_\_-Margaret
65. Not even

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Heat unit
2. \_\_\_ Faulkner, American writer
3. Guatemalan town
4. Of funny things
5. Actress \_\_\_ de Armas
6. Agents of one’s downfall
7. Takes forcibly
8. Body lice
9. Large nest of a bird of prey
13. Unhappy
14. Popular holiday dessert
17. Habitual drunkard
18. Used of a number or amount not specified
20. Complications
22. Fail to win
27. Before the present
28. Musical genre
29. Flurry
31. 007’s creator
32. Indiana Pacer Toppin
33. Midway between north and northeast
37. Feeling
38. Damage another’s reputation
39. Mottled citrus fruit
40. Beauty product
41. They man first, second and third
42. Harness
43. Herb
44. Expressed concern
47. Mississippi scientific area (abbr.)
48. Consumed
49. Nostrils
51. Gathered fallen leaves
52. Express good wishes
53. Monetary unit of Brunei
58. Japanese Buddhist festival

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# Peel marks 50 years of early years and child care services



A discussion group at the Chinguacousy Child Development Centre in 1982.

REGION OF PEEL PHOTO

## Region shares stories of two long-term employees

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
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The Region of Peel marked its 50th anniversary in 2024.

It also marked the 50th anniversary of its Early Years and Child Care Services (EYCCS), and recently shared the stories of two of its long-term employees to celebrate the occasion.

Tammy Birdgeneau, a Children's Services Worker on Peel's Child Care Subsidy Team, worked for the Region while studying at Sheridan College and graduated in 1985. In 1987, she began working for Peel full-time.

Johanna Irvine is an Early Years Specialist on Peel's system quality and partnerships team. She also worked for Peel while she studied; she went to Toronto Metropolitan University (then Ryerson University).

She started working for Peel in a casual role in 1997 before landing a full-time position.

When Peel was founded in 1974, it de-

livered child care through its regional child development centres. These were later renamed Learn.Play.Care Centres. The region also developed agreements with some private child care centres.

Irvine said the centres were a great model for what an ideal child care program should be. She put her own daughter in one of the programs, and said she was always proud to work for them.

In 2014, Peel stopped directly delivering child care and transferred operation of the child development centres to community partners. Irvine said it was a chance to empower Peel's community partners and service providers.

"It is great to be able to support from the accountability and quality lens, and the funding perspective, to support providers to deliver services that are more accessible broadly to families in Peel," said Irvine.

Peel's population has grown immensely and become much more diverse since 1974. Peel provides child care subsidies to families, and the number of subsidies provided has grown alongside the region.

In 1998, subsidies were given to around 2,000 families. At present, almost 7,000 families receive help from Peel's subsidy program.

"Our goal has always been to make services more accessible. Peel itself has grown and evolved significantly, and I think as a service system manager we've always had a focus of trying to meet the needs of an ever-evolving system," said Irvine.

Birdgeneau said it's great that there are so many child care options for Peel families these days.

"Now there are more choices, and there are a lot more options and most people have choices in their neighborhood — they don't have to drive that far, so in those terms it's more accessible," she said. "When I look back at how far we've come, I can't imagine how much more growth there's going to be in the future."

Irvine said she looks forward to continuing to work to meet the needs of Peel children and families.

"Children and family needs have become more complex, there are more things to consider, a lot of diversity... so I'd love to see that ability to continue to evolve and change to meet the needs of the communi-

ty," said Irvine.

Irvine began working in early years and child care because her mother worked in the field and she saw how rewarding it could be.

"It's really rewarding to work with children, to see the development of children over the years. Knowing that the activities we plan, the interactions, the attachment and all those things are so fundamental to the foundation of their learning journey through to adults," said Irvine. "...I feel grateful to have had the opportunity to support children and families directly, supporting educators, operators, and the system as a whole, from a policy lens."

Birdgeneau said she loves working with Peel's diverse children and families.

"I love what I do. I love the interactions and connections I make with the clients on my caseload. I get to offer resources for newcomers that come, just being able to help them transition and acclimatize themselves into the Region of Peel and the community," she said.



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# Light & Love at Bethell Hospice



Bethell Hospice is hosting its annual Light & Love tree lighting ceremony on December 5. FILE PHOTO

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## Bethell Hospice to host annual Light & Love tree lighting ceremony

Event also serves as a fundraiser for the Bethell Hospice Foundation

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
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An upcoming tree lighting ceremony will raise funds for local hospice care.

On December 5, Bethell Hospice will host its annual Light & Love tree lighting ceremony. The event also serves as a fundraiser for the Bethell Hospice Foundation, a non-profit that ensures Bethell Hospice services remain free to all who access them.

At 7 p.m. guests are invited to gather at the Inglewood Community Centre and listen to the Mayfield Secondary School Jazz Studies Chorus sing holiday carols. The chorus is led by teacher Jennifer Moon.

At 7:15 p.m., a candlelit procession will leave from the Community centre, led by bagpiper Robin McCallum, and head to Bethell Hospice.

At Bethell Hospice, holiday lights will be illuminated and the names of people being remembered will be read aloud by a Bethell Hospice volunteer.

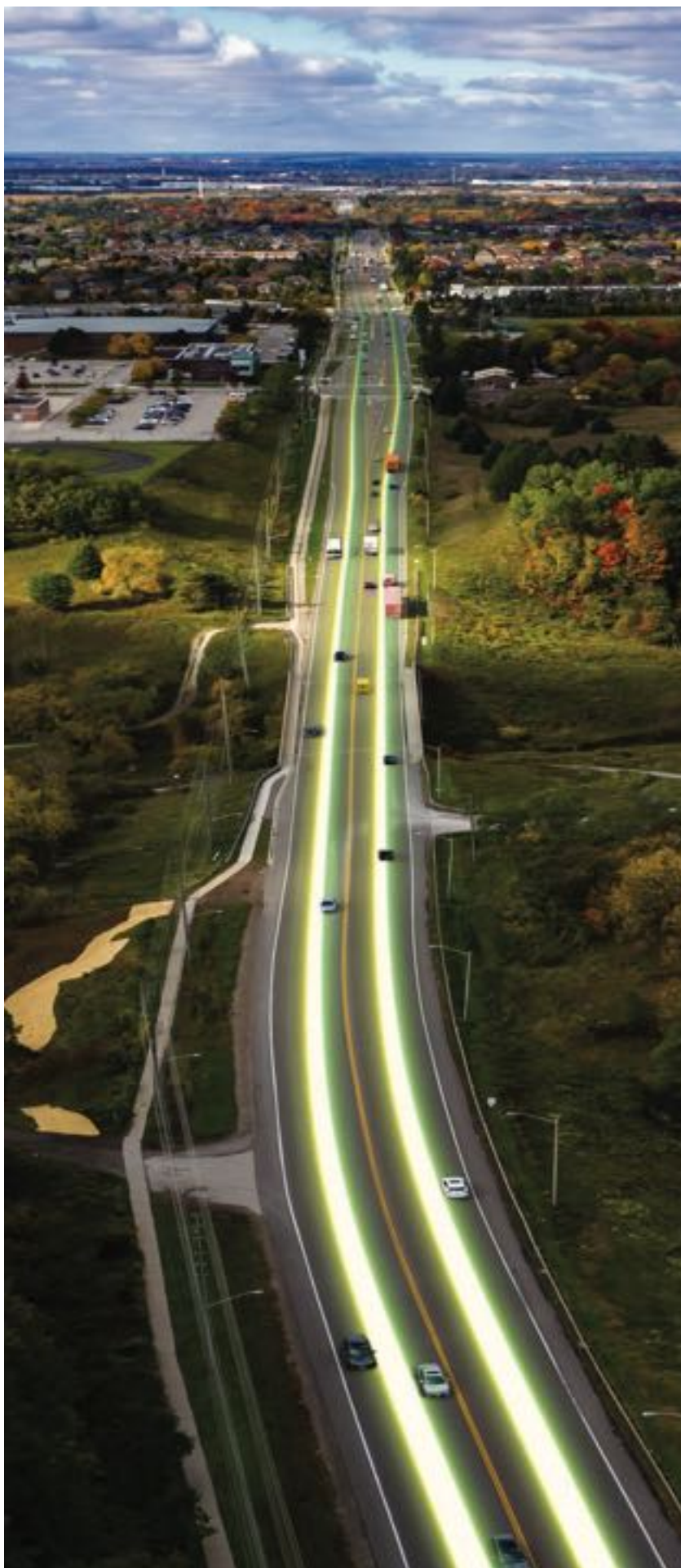
Ahead of the event, residents can make a donation to Light & Love in memory of someone. If they do, that person's name will be read aloud at the ceremony.

Kelly Stronach, Bethell Hospice's Senior Manager of Marketing and Communications, shared the impact of the event.

"With each Light & Love donation, Bethell Hospice Foundation will illuminate a light on their tree. Every light on the tree represents a life — and memories that will live on forever," said Stronach. "Each gift may be made in memory, or in honour, of a family member or friend. While many of those remembered are individuals whose lives have been directly touched by Bethell Hospice, many members of the community take the opportunity to remember special people in their lives. Each Light & Love participant makes a real difference and helps to welcome the holiday season in a very meaningful way."

Last year's Light & Love event was a great fundraising success as more than \$242,000 was raised. Over 400 names were read aloud during the tree lighting ceremony.

Due to the current Canada Post strike, Bethell Hospice is asking that donors use one of the following options to donate to Light & Love this year: phone at 905-838-3534 extension 2248; online at [bethellhospicelightandlove.ca](http://bethellhospicelightandlove.ca); or in person at 15835 McLaughlin Road.



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# First 2025 Budget meeting set for December 2

## Final approval of budget expected on December 17

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
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Residents looking to make their voices heard in Caledon's 2025 Budget discussions will want to take note of some upcoming important dates.

At Caledon Council's December 2 General Committee meeting, Town of Caledon staff will present an overview of Caledon's proposed 2025 budget to Councillors and the public.

According to the Town, a copy of the 2025 budget will be made available online at [caledon.ca/budget](http://caledon.ca/budget) in time for the meeting. As of November 18, the proposed budget was not yet available on the site.

The December 2 meeting will take place at Town Hall (6311 Old Church Road) and will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Residents may attend the meeting in person or online via the Town's website.

According to the Town, the December 2 meeting will serve "as a primer to identify the needs and pressures the town faces in the coming fiscal year."

At 2:30 p.m. on December 10, another General Committee meeting will be held where Council-

lors will debate and discuss proposed amendments to the 2025 Budget. Caledon's Fees and Charges bylaw will also be discussed at the meeting — each year, fees and charges are updated during the Budget process.

At Caledon Council's December 17 meeting, with open session beginning at 7 p.m., recommended amendments to the 2025 Budget will be presented to council for final approval.

The December 10 and 17 meetings will also be

held at Town Hall and be viewable online on the Town's website.

Earlier this month, Caledon released results of its 2025 budget survey, in which around 300 people participated.

Residents who completed the survey noted fire and emergency services, roads operations, municipal law enforcement, and parks, recreation and community services were their top priorities.

## Town to fight development application for Caledon East Tim Hortons at Ontario Land Tribunal

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
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The Town of Caledon intends to continue opposing a development application for a Tim Hortons with a drive-through in Caledon East.

On November 25, the Town will attend the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) to defend its opposition to a development application for a Tim Hortons restaurant and other commercial buildings at 16054, 16060 and 16068 Airport Road.

According to the Town, it originally denied the development application, which is from a company called Ganni Properties, as it would create traffic and site access issues and require the demolition of two heritage properties.

"In addition, there were issues related to pedestrian and vehicle circulation and safety, noise, landscaping, and compatibility of the proposed design with the existing built form and heritage character of the village that remain unresolved," said the Town in a November 19 statement.

Mayor Annette Groves said in the news release that Caledon Council, Town staff, and residents have stood together in opposition to the application since 2020.

"The proposed location simply isn't suitable for a commercial drive-through," said Groves.

Doug Maskell is Caledon's Ward 3 councillor; Caledon East is in his ward.

"Caledon East sees more than 70 trucks pass through every hour, and both pedestrian and vehicle safety are mounting concerns within the village," said Maskell in the release. "A busy drive-through will create more congestion and risk because of access issues and increased traffic volumes."

Ganni Properties has appealed Caledon's decision to oppose its original development application. It has also appealed the Town's bylaws it enacted to protect the heritage properties.

The appeal will be heard at the OLT from November 25 to December 6, and there's no set time for a decision following the hearing.

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## Fact-finding on paper trails

Over the weekend, I went on a rather unusual fact-finding mission.

As a long-time admirer of comedic character actor Gale Gordon, I've collected a not insubstantial archive of his work, from television appearances lovingly restored and committed to DVD to more ephemeral objects like theatre programs, letters back to fans, and even drinking glasses sold by the homegrown Stage West dinner theatres in Calgary and Mississauga, where he often appeared.

As a prolific actor, however, there are many blanks of "career" I still need to fill – one of which was a mysterious one-season wonder sitcom in which he starred from 1956-57. Beyond photographs and just a couple of very brief clips posted online, CBS' "The Brothers", an unlikely show involving a sibling duo running a San Francisco photography studio, has alluded me and many other fans.

But recently I logged onto eBay and, to my astonishment, found a complete bound set of scripts up for bids. I couldn't let this golden opportunity to solve a mystery pass, so I watched the auction unfold for several days before jumping into the race. After ultimately placing the winning bid – again, to my astonishment – a series of circumstances led to a family road trip to upstate New York on Saturday morning to pick them up.

Although it's unlikely I'll SEE the episodes in question any time soon, I can now at least read along and get a feel for the show, including why it didn't go the distance, using my mind's eye to fill in the blanks.

As a fan, I was so happy that this paper trail existed to help shine a light on an admittedly niche piece of entertainment history, but, at the same time, it made me a bit wistful for the lack of paper trail we're collectively leaving today. I don't say this simply as the editor of a newspaper that exists both in the physical and online realms, but as someone who has learned and understands the importance of learning from those who have come before us.

As we have reported in previous editions, one Aurora couple is underscoring the impact of simple letter writing, an exercise which has become something of a lost art in recent years. Their mission has been to encourage communities across the GTHA to pick up a greeting card, or just a plain piece of paper, and jotting down simple but poignant thoughts and messages of support to our serving Canadian soldiers during the holiday season.

Simple, effective, time-tested – and, if the words particularly touch the heart of a man or woman serving overseas, likely to be saved by the recipient not only for themselves, but a treasured memento that might be one piece of a much broader story of service ready to be discovered by their descendants or people of tomorrow.

It's not an onerous task to write the letter, but one that doesn't provide the instant gratification we're so accustomed to these days that perhaps it seems like an intimidating process, but it doesn't need to be.

One regret I live with is not following my grandmother's advice when I embarked on an internship in East Africa not long after graduating from university. As a woman who travelled extensively in her retirement, she bought me a travel diary to record all the interesting and mundane along the way. I knew the value of this, as I had read some of the diaries she completed in Europe and North

Africa, and was determined to follow her example.

When I arrived in Rwanda in August of 2007, I was a diligent diary keeper – at least for the first week, writing down just about every observation I had. But, somewhere along the line, my diligence dropped off as I got into the rhythm of life there and set out to make the most of it, leaving precious little time for the pen. While photos and videos are wonderful reminders of this interlude in my life, a more comprehensive record would be so helpful in rekindling some of the day-to-day stuff that may have seemed boring at the time, but would only serve to enrich the tapestry of my memory.

In my case, this one example of a paper trail would have recorded many happy memories, but oftentimes can serve as poignant reminders of the past – good and bad.

Samuel Pepys diary, a remarkable survivor from the 17th century, gives us an unparalleled view into life – glorious and mediocre – at the time of the Restoration, a volume that historians have drawn upon for centuries in painting a vivid picture of where we've collectively been.

The journal left behind by Anne Frank, only discovered after her horrific death in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp and posthumously published by her father as *The Diary of a Young Girl*, remains a benchmark of diary-keeping and has served to inspire and warn generations since. Frank wasn't alone, of course, in keeping a diary during this very dark period in history and I count myself lucky to have had the opportunity to meet Holocaust survivors who kept diaries of their own and grateful they had the wherewithal not only to write their thoughts in the first place but share it with the world.

Could these types of writings be due for an unwelcome comeback?

I was struck by these thoughts on Monday morning when an American friend who is quite concerned about the results of the recent U.S. election threw a suggestion out to the world via social media. The suggestion was simple in and of itself, but the context, however, made me feel rather uneasy.

"I am going to make a suggestion," wrote B.G. "We're about to go through an extraordinarily significant time in the history of the world. If you've ever thought about journaling, this may be the time to start. You see, your journal, your thoughts, your record of the events that are about to unfold may be an important historical record someday. It may also help you keep some perspective as darkness unfolds us. I've found, myself, I was able to stick to a rule of writing something each day. I started every morning by putting the date at the top of the page, and then, during the day, I found time to put something, some thought, some perspective, some experience [on] paper."

"Perhaps you prefer to write only once a week or a couple of times a month. Whatever works for you. On the other hand, if you find yourself unable to put your thoughts down, that's quite understandable, too. But I ask you to consider it. As I said, experience could end up being very important to history."

Indeed, there's a significant chance it could be and if some of the more dire predictions come to pass, could serve as testaments for what needs to be done to prevent it from ever happening again.

On this side of the border, we can only hope for the best – and maybe record our own observations from afar.



## The "village" is here to help one another

by Mark Pavilons



We're all familiar with the phrase, "it takes a village to raise a child."

And it's here to help adults, too.

Originally an African proverb, the phrase picked up steam here in North America following Hillary Clinton's 1996 book, "It Takes a Village."

The former First Lady says it's about our network of relationships and values that connect and bind us together.

But what does it really mean? Well, it's a message about a communal, shared responsibility applied to parenting. We've expanded it to emphasize that a child's upbringing goes beyond the family unit, and includes neighbours, the community at large, teachers, etc.

"We are a tribe of future makers. So, let's support each other," said Marissa Hermer.

I have always believed moms are the strongest humans on the planet. It takes someone very brave to be a mother and someone special to love someone else more than herself.

While references to this phrase centre around child-raising, it goes beyond our little ones.

The "village model" has expanded to become a partnership in independent living communities for our senior population. For those who are familiar with retirement facilities, it's like a micro-community where everyone shares, gathers, chats over communal meals. It's about camaraderie and looking after each other.

That's something many typical communities or even subdivision neighbourhoods have forgotten.

I grew up in rural Caledon just outside Bolton and we tended to know our neighbours and visit them regularly, often to see if they needed anything. When I moved to Bolton, I carried that sentiment with my apartment building neighbours, always being cordial and well, neighbourly.

It even permeated our first community, a townhouse condo complex, where we often gathered with our neighbours and friends.

That has waned over the years and other than pleasantries and waves, our current neighbourhood isn't as cohesive and bonded.

My father-in-law mentioned they used to have neighbourhood BBQs and even street dances "back in the day." They would close the street and all the neighbours would gather, celebrate and catch up. A great idea, one that needs to be resurrected today.

It's hard to pin-point where it all changed and when we all parted and went our separate ways.

Sure, raising children is a consuming task and, in our case, we relied on friends, family and the trusty "What to Expect" series of books. Early tribulations were quickly handled because doctors were more accessible and even emergency departments were fast and efficient, especially where children were concerned.

The care in this province is exceptional and yes, we were part of that proverbial village.

Being a community journalist, I always felt con-

nected to the areas I served. In reality, I work for the residents and respond to their needs, not unlike a civil servant of sorts. I did even run for Peel Regional Council back in 2010 and finished second in a four-person race.

Through my work, I fostered many connections, links and ties to various groups, associations, local volunteers and average citizens. Still to this day, people approach me and my wife, commenting on my weekly column (that appears in both the *King Weekly Sentinel* and *Caledon Citizen*).

It's in King that I had a sort of "homecoming." That community has made me feel welcome from day one, and I worked hard to gain people's trust and respect. I think I have done a decent job.

When I received the Non-Resident Volunteer Award in 2023, I felt particularly honoured.

I mentioned in my thank-you that I'd become an honorary King citizen in a heartbeat.

When I attended the recent awards gala put on by the King Chamber of Commerce, it was a bit bittersweet. I hadn't seen many of my "regulars" since I began my chemo and people seemed genuinely happy to see me. I have represented the paper at this event for more than a decade, and I wasn't going to miss this one.

The evening was great, but when I saw some photos of myself taken that night, I felt old, worn, and a bit of a dunsel. I hope my mug didn't ruin any official photos.

That feeling from my own self-esteem and not from anything else.

I have openly written about my cancer journey in my column for more than a year. I have received many emails, calls and posts on Facebook. These earnest sentiments went beyond the typical "be strong" clichés to offers of help, support, even drives to appointments.

Some of these were unexpected and I was actually taken aback. I didn't how to react to such expressions of compassion and, well, love.

One local volunteer powerhouse calls me frequently, offering help. He has said, more than once, that the community has my back.

Cancer is much more than an inconvenience, one that requires all hands on deck.

There are times when I'm surrounded by positive energy and the recipient of thoughts and prayers. And there are other times when I'm alone in my own head, pondering "Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, Or to take arms against a sea of troubles ..."

All the positive thoughts and "you can do it" attitude won't change the outcome. All the supplements, tuning fork sessions and electrical frequency gizmos may not turn the tide of this sea of troubles. Sometimes, it's like I'm in a row boat, battling the waves in the middle of a dark and threatening ocean. The best I can do is keep rowing.

And yet, I'm reminded by local residents that I'm on a much larger vessel with a bigger community. I'm at the captain's table, sharing a meal with my friends, acquaintances and loved ones. I'm on a pleasure cruise, not a "voyage of the damned."

Every little morsel helps.

I thank everyone who thinks about me and has offered words of encouragement. You don't know how much that means.

And I will be forever grateful.

It takes a village to shore up the sea walls and stand, arm-in-arm, in support of one another.

### Our Readers Write

#### Reader agrees with open letter to MPP

I read Nicola Ross's open letter to Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones (November 14) with great interest and am in complete agreement with the positions that Ms. Ross takes about the lack of engagement of our MPP with residents on the many crises besetting this constituency.

From housing affordability to over-the-top truck traffic to proposals for massive urban expansions that affect our prime farmland and natural areas to the downloading of some public infrastructure from Peel Region to Caledon, our town needs a strong voice at Queen's Park on provincial matters because make no mistake -- there is a provincial role in all of these issues. Yet much of the time, Sylvia Jones is "absent without leave."

Certainly, MPP Jones has huge responsibilities at Queen's Park as Minister of Health and Deputy Premier. But she also has huge responsibilities to represent her constituents on provin-

cial matters. We must not be shortchanged by our MPP.

In the past, I worked for four years in the offices of two Cabinet ministers at a provincial legislature in Canada as a senior policy adviser. I saw how hard these politicians worked -- both in their Cabinet roles and as members for their constituencies. Yet I never saw them short-change their constituents' needs and priorities in favour of their Cabinet responsibilities, as I believe MPP Jones is doing.

Ms. Ross is right -- we need our MPP to hold town hall meetings to discuss with Dufferin-Caledon residents the many crises here and work with us on solutions to protect our beautiful yet fragile rural/urban constituency from the many assaults that it is experiencing.

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# From “Greenest” Town to Truck Town

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Caledon, once voted the Greenest Town in Ontario, is rapidly devolving into truck town – a place not unlike the wild, wild west of the 1800s where people ventured out on to the frontier, claiming land as they saw fit and paying little mind to the law as they did so. With over 700 square kilometres of what was once prime farmland being rapidly paved over, infilled with potentially toxic waste, or zoned for a completely unnecessary highway, and our own municipal government staggering under the weight of trying to keep up with law breakers without any provincial support, law abiding citizens would be forgiven for thinking this town has “gone to the trucks.” Inroads are being made (pun intended) but I think we’re in for the long haul (yeah, that one too) before we see meaningful change.

It’s not all negative though. Positive action is happening across Caledon, but most specifically in Bolton with the hard work of the Caledon Community Road Safety Advocacy Group, a coalition of residents whose movement seems to be gaining traction (let’s face it, there’s a lot of pavement-related puns) not just in Caledon but at the Region of Peel, in Vaughan and the surrounding area. This group has been invited to return to the table where they’ve already delegated once, to speak with representatives from the Region of Peel. That’s a good sign, and since their inception, we have seen a marked increase in MTO and OPP Blitzes on major roadways

like hwy#50 and hwy#10, resulting in unsafe vehicles and improperly licensed drivers being taken off the road.

The CCRSA are not the only ones expressing concerns about traffic, truck safety and illegal trucking yards. The battle continues in Alton and Caledon Village where the potential for a blasting quarry will add thousands of trucks onto local roads ill equipped and/or entirely unsuitable to deal with them. I respectfully suggest that each of the various groups fighting change must take note of the others to ensure that their cumulative voice is heard and that maximum impact for change on ALL of our local roads is made possible. Working in silos, on specific issues makes sense in terms of providing true local impact stories, but let’s face it, this trucking and traffic issue impacts every Caledon resident (and frankly, communities well beyond our borders too) whether the root cause is increased quarry activity, increased freight traffic as a result of rampant consumerism, or poor controls over licensing and driver testing.

In more good news, ongoing protests outside of illegal trucking yards are happening frequently and it appears even the Trucking Associations are becoming more vocal in their request for regulations around licensing and training for drivers. Keep making noise, Caledon – local officials are hearing you, even if our provincial government rep-

resentatives have remained remarkably mute on the subject. In fact, their radio silence is deafening. And disappointing. For those interested in helping draw our MPPs attention to the issue, a protest is being organized outside their office in downtown Orangeville tomorrow, Friday, November 22, at noon.

Related to truck and traffic safety, we’ve also noted some small but significant steps forward in the battle against Highway 413, as alluded to last week in this space. Councillor Doug Maskell was successful in a motion he put before council to “clearly state, to the residents of Caledon and to the Province, that it (Council) does not support the construction of Highway 413 as outlined in the legislation contained in Bill 212.” Raising grave concerns about due process, removing people’s right to appeal, the right to use of force when it comes to land expropriation AND concerned about the significant environmental impacts of this potential highway, he asked for – and received – the support of council in a unanimous vote.

In an email from HeadwatersStops-The#413, Caledon Council was thanked for “taking a stand against this anti-democratic legislation,” and the Mississauga’s of the Credit First Nation have expressed concern that the Bill allows accelerated “early works” to take place without consultation and at great risk of harming wildlife and fish habitats. These are each positive, if incremental,

steps forward in an attempt to prevent Caledon from becoming nothing but a parking lot for trucks and/or a community that said trucks simply barrel through at breakneck speeds.

Change is inevitable, we all understand that on some level, but I am heartened by those who refuse to be steamrolled under (yeah, I know, I couldn’t resist) by so-called progress. I have great respect for those citizens who are protesting, organizing, delegating and who are driven (enough puns already!) to succeed in the fight against illegal trucking, dangerous roads and the entirely dubious “need” for a stretch of highway running just 52 km east/west when another, stretching over 150 km and running in the same direction exists just a few miles south of us.

Without any apparent support from our provincial representatives, local residents, and our Mayor and Council, are taking a stand not against progress, but process. They are asking for support to fight against Caledon’s slow and steady decimation from the “greenest” town in Ontario to one where in the words of a song, they’ve “paved paradise and put up a parking lot,” many of them, and often illegal ones at that.

## Public Notice



### NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION Snow Storage Sites Analysis and Conceptual Design Project

#### Background:

Peel Region has completed a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate snow storage opportunities at selected Peel Region (are one Town of Caledon) owned properties. The snow storage sites identified will provide near and long-term snow storage solutions that are environmentally sound and acceptable for the Region and its area municipalities. Facility design and construction of preferred snow storage facilities is to be determined by the Region on an individual basis.



#### Process:

Snow storage facilities are “Schedule A” or pre-approved projects in accordance with the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) Class LA document (as amended in 2015). The Region has elected to follow a process similar to the Schedule B Municipal Class LA planning framework for this study to allow for the evaluation of snow storage siting opportunities in consultation with key stakeholders, regulatory agencies, and the public.

#### Your Input is Important:

Your input is important to this study. A Project File documenting the Class EA process will be available on the Peel Region website for a 30-day public review period starting November 21, 2024 and ending December 23, 2024.

#### Project File Report

Content available starting November 21, 2024 at:

<https://peelregion.ca/construction/environmental-assessments/municipal-class-environmental-assessment-study-snow-storage-sites>

As the proposed snow storage sites qualify as Schedule A projects, no Section 16 Order request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP or Ministry) for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e., requiring an individual/comprehensive Environmental Assessment approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights.

#### Contact the Team:

Interested persons are requested to provide written comments concerning this study’s Project File directly to the Region’s Program Manager by December 23, 2024.

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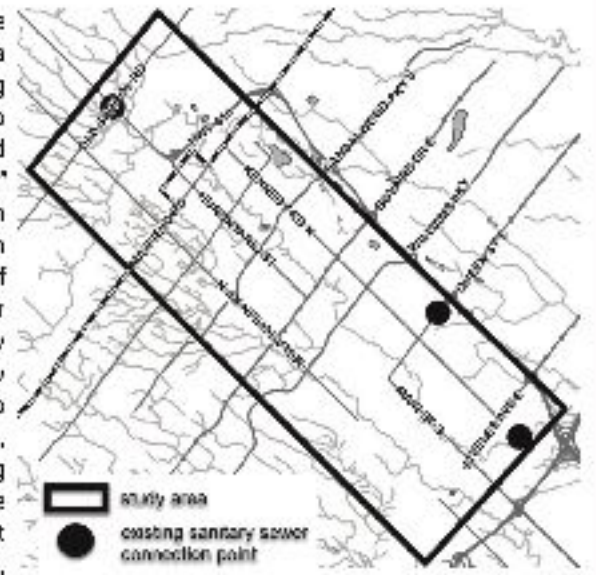
## Public Notice



### NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT and PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1 Schedule C Class Environmental Assessment Kennedy Road Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project

#### Background:

To help make new homes available faster, Peel Region has taken a significant step toward building the water infrastructure needed to meet the housing targets outlined in the “More Homes Built Faster Act” (Bill 23). By adopting a program management approach, Peel Region is expediting the construction of essential water and wastewater infrastructure to meet community and provincial needs, both now and into the future. Committed to supporting a growing population, Peel Region is focused on creating a thriving, inclusive, and sustainable community that promotes robust infrastructure, economic growth, environmental resilience, and overall well-being.



To help achieve this goal, Peel Region is initiating a variety of projects, including a Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) Study for the Kennedy Road Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project. The Project will help ensure sewage capacity requirements are met by 2051 to support growth in Peel Region.

#### Study Area:

The LA for the Kennedy Road Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project will be taking place in the area between Old School Road in the Town of Caledon and at Utobikoke Creek and Kennedy Road South (north of Highway 407) in the City of Brampton. The Project will also include a connection from the existing Rutherford North Sanitary Trunk Sewer at Queen Street East.

#### Process:

This study will follow the 2023 process for a Schedule “C” MCEA project, which includes:

- Indigenous community engagement and public and stakeholder consultation
- Background studies
- Development and evaluation of sewer route options: impact assessment, and mitigation measures.
- Selection of the preferred sewer route including design, and schedule.

#### Your Input is Important, We Want to Hear from You:

Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held to present the findings of the MCEA study and provide opportunities to give feedback to the project team. Community engagement is key to the MCEA process. Early discussions will help identify ways to reduce project impacts on residents, businesses, and commuters.

#### About PIC #1

Peel Region invites all interested community members to join the first online PIC to learn more about the Kennedy Road Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project. This PIC will be held in an online format with a narrated video and online comment form:

**When:** December 4th, 2024

**Where:** Visit the Kennedy Road Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project webpage at:

<https://peelregion.ca/construction/environmental-assessments> under Brampton

The information presented at PIC #1 will be available for the duration of the study. A second PIC will be held in early 2025 with similar notification. Once the study is complete, results will be published in an Environmental Study Report (ESR) and will be made available for public review and comment.

#### Contact the Team:

To be added to the mailing list or to receive further information about the study, please contact:

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# New digital platform aims to combat systemic discrimination in Peel

Platform launched by Anti-Black Racism and Systemic Discrimination Collective

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A new online tool has been launched with a goal of uniting Peel residents in dismantling systemic discrimination and building a more just community.

On November 4, the Anti-Black Racism and Systemic Discrimination Collective (ABR-SD) launched a new digital platform — it can be found at the following link: [abrsdpeel.ca/forum](http://abrsdpeel.ca/forum).

ABR-SD is made up of over 25 community agencies and leaders in Peel and was founded during the COVID-19 pandemic. The ABR-SD says the pandemic made racial and social disparities much more apparent.

Since its inception, ABR-SD has written papers, conducted research, and hosted forums to bring attention to systemic inequities in health care, policing, and education.

In a press release, ABR-SD administrative coordinator Chelsea Antwi described the purpose of the new online forum.

“This initiative invites anyone who lives, works or accesses services in the region to participate in interactive discussions, provide positive and meaningful feedback, and advocate for change while building a culture of equity and social justice,” said Antwi. “This digital space is open to anyone who shares the commitment to advancing equity and creating a region where every individual can thrive free from discrimination and bias.”

According to the release, the new digital platform was created as a recommendation from 2023 research on rethinking community safety in Peel. It says the forum will create a space for community-driven



content, engage users in open discussions on issues that impact their livelihood, and “encourage positive comments that can be shared with system leaders.”

The new platform is being supported by the Region of Peel’s Community Safety and Well-Being Table and Roots Community Services.

Roots Community Services is a multi-service charitable organization that’s recognized as a leader in Black, African and Caribbean communities. It provides culturally-sensitive and affirming programs and services to address the needs of the communities it serves. It’s especially known for its work addressing inequity in the health care, education and justice systems.

Peel’s Community Safety and Well-Being Table is a group of over 25 organizations in sectors like education, emergency services, health care, social services, and government. It promotes cross-sector partnerships with a goal of ensuring access to essential services that enhance safety and well-being. It does this by focusing on three key areas: systemic discrimination, family violence, and mental health and addictions.



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## Ontario Streams celebrates 2024's conservation projects including Atlantic Salmon hatchery and planting 12,713 native trees and shrubs



Ontario Streams hosted their AGM in Caledon East on Saturday.

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More than 60 diligent conservationists—an amalgam of restoration ecologists, biologists, hunters, anglers, business owners, award winners, podcast personalities, urban activists, forest managers, and community volunteers—attended the Ontario Streams' AGM at the Islington Sportsmen's Club in Caledon East on Saturday.

Madeline Michaud, Project Biologist for Ontario Streams, explained how the group's conservation efforts in 2024 targeted the restoration of habitat for four endangered species: Redside Dace—described by Michaud as “the canary in the coalmine”; Atlantic Salmon—“an ecologically-significant species”; Brook Trout—“a cold water fish that is suffering due to warming waters”; and the Jefferson Salamander which Ontario Streams has “helped since 2022 by closing roads to protect it from a fragmented habitat due to road construction.”

Michaud also presented six significant numbers to encapsulate the success of Ontario Streams' initiatives over the last twelve months:

- 305—contractor garbage bags full of litter removed from riparian habitat; items taken from river or creek banks included five shopping carts, treated lumber, and furniture;
- 12,713—native trees and shrubs planted over 6.2 hectares over three regions from Brampton to Whitby representing a 5% increase over 2023 planting initiatives;
- 78—habitat enhancement structures were built to improve 855 meters of riverbanks, including the use of 2,706 donated live Christmas trees that were used to shore up banks and encourage natural plant growth along the river;
- 20—detrimental in-stream blockages were removed to prevent backwater flooding and sediment loss;
- 3750—community members engaged in over 100 stewardship and outreach programs;
- 8915—square miles of habitat enhanced for native species by removing invasive species such as European Blackthorn, Japanese Knotwood, and Phragmites.

Another key initiative announced by Michaud was Ontario Streams' new partnership struck with the University of Toronto during 2025 and she continued her engaging “conservation by the numbers” seminar by explaining her organization's two more important rehabilitation programs pertaining to the Atlantic Salmon and the Jefferson Salamander.

Michaud provided insights and data into the Atlantic Salmon Rehabilitation Program during which “736 fry were released from incubation tubes which had a 15% survival rate, four schools were engaged in a classroom hatchery program which produced a 33% survival rate, 321 yearlings were released as part of a 2023 pilot project, with more yearlings to

be released in four weeks—and more fry to be released in 2025.”

The Ontario Streams biologist provided updates on the Jefferson Salamander rehabilitation program which included “monitoring the effectiveness of eco-passages to support safe migration and reduce road mortality.” Ontario Streams also “collaborated with the University of Guelph to take tail tip samples to create genetic profiles of the salamander population” and differentiate the Jefferson Salamander from two similar-looking salamanders that share habitat.

Keynote speaker Demiesha Dennis, founder and director of Brown Girl Outdoor World, offered insights into the importance of outdoor recreation and conservation programs for marginalized communities.

The accomplished fly angler indicated, “That the stickers on my laptop tell you that I love fishing” and she noted humorously that “I recently got my hunting license because the apocalypse is coming and I need to be prepared.”

The charming conservationist, who founded BGOW in Toronto in 2018, discussed her organization's simple origins as a hiking group that enjoyed the outdoors at conservation parks in the GTA.

Dennis noted that BGOW has engaged in invasive species removal including buckthorn at a recent Ontario Streams tree-planting session.

“We show up at events to create relationships.”

Dennis also related to attendees the joys associated by her group's recent trout fishing trip to Temagami, but focused on BGOW's enduring objectives.

“We're building trust with conservation organizations—to work alongside you to create a positive impact. We want to do work that is long-term, sustainable, and leads to future growth.”

Dennis's spirit of conservation was evident to those gathered at the Islington Sportsman Club's clubhouse as she noted somberly, “I saw the decline of trout and turtles in the Humber” and called for unity among conservationists.

“The work of conservationists is not a solo story. It's important to tell folks that they have a lot in common. We are all part of nature and we need to work together to protect it.”

Three groups were recognized by Ontario Streams Communications Coordinator Kat Lucas for their part in protecting nature. The 2024 Volunteer Award was given to Construct—Blue Door. The 2024 Partnership Award was given to the Islington Sportsmen's Club and Lucas noted that “Ontario Streams has worked with ISC since 2010.”

The final plaque—the 2024 Stewardship Award—was presented to representatives from York Regional Forestry who, Lucas observed, “have planted 20,000 trees in York Region.”

The highlight of the AGM was the on-site tour of the Atlantic Salmon hatchery.

Ontario Streams General Manager and Restoration Ecologist Doug Forder introduced the five

pillars of the Atlantic Salmon restocking program. Forder explained that Ontario Streams has “selected three genetic variants of Atlantic Salmon that are suited to hatchery life and surviving in the river”—all were on display in the hatchery.

He also noted his organization's role in “maintaining water quality in the Humber and enhancement of the habitat for Atlantic Salmon” and pointed out the third pillar is to encourage “the natural reproduction of the Atlantic Salmon to show the Humber River can be a sustainable habitat.”

Forder added that “education and outreach programs,” along with “monitoring via electrifishing to find fish from different classes” are the fourth and fifth pillars of Ontario Streams' Atlantic Salmon program.

The conservationist discussed the urgency to restock the Atlantic Salmon—hundreds of which swam in tanks in the hatchery prior to their intro-

duction to the headwaters of the Humber.

“The Atlantic Salmon was one of the first species to disappear from Lake Ontario. They are in decline globally and even in places like Scotland where they used to dominate waterways, they might be gone in ten years. The Atlantic Salmon is important ecologically—they bring their energy and nutrient recycling as they swim upstream.”

Forder thanked Cabela's Canada and Bass Pro Shops—two significant sponsors whose financial support has been used to improve the infrastructure of the hatchery. The new equipment and pools were on display as conservationists were able to see the stages of growth of a fish that at one time filled the Great Lakes.

The restoration ecologist delineated the crucial weeks ahead: “Lots of fine work has to go into this program to make sure that the fish have a good chance to survive.”

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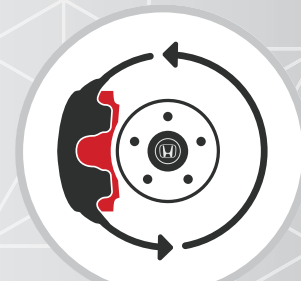
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BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
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A fun, family-friendly winter event is coming soon.

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon on November 30, BrightStart Caledon Family Centre will host its annual Snowflake Social event at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness.

The theme for this year's event is "Arctic Freeze" and Shelly Ives, BrightStart Caledon Manager of Community Relations and Volunteers, said there are many cool activities planned.

Admission to the event is \$10 per person, and infants under one year old can enter for

free. All proceeds from the event go towards BrightStart Caledon's early learning and family support programs.

Admission includes crafts, reindeer games, cookie decorating, photos with Santa, warm drinks, a scavenger hunt and more.

Tickets for the event can be purchased online at [brightstartcaledon.com](http://brightstartcaledon.com).

Ives said the Snowflake Social has always been a very popular event, and that it's always been generously supported by local business Silcotech. This year, the Bolton Coffee Time and the Town of Caledon are also supporting the event.

"The fundraising component is that much more successful with the help of those sponsors and we really, truly appreciate them," said Ives.

With the amount Caledon is growing and the number of families with young children moving in, Ives said fundraising is more important than ever. BrightStart Caledon offers all kinds of programs and services for families with young children such as: pre- and post-natal support, child development, early learning, parent and caregiver co-learning



Families got crafty at last year's event.

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and connection, family support and more.

Ives said the Snowflake Social is a great way to make BrightStart Caledon more well-known in the community.

"Hopefully word will get around to the new people in the community that there is this wonderful organization for families and children between zero and six; that our programs and services are all free," she said.

Ives said BrightStart Caledon's event plan-

ning committee is a small but mighty force that deserves much praise for their hard work setting up amazing events for the community.

"They have so much fun coming up with creative ideas for activities that are fun, intriguing and interesting for the kids," she said.

There are still tickets left for the Snowflake Social but they are going fast so Ives encourages anyone interested in attending to get their tickets soon.

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**LOCAL SWIFTIES** - Toronto's Rogers Centre was the place to be for Taylor Swift fans over the past week as the superstar brought her Eras Tour to Canada. The local community was well-represented at the concert series and among the Swifties there for the show were Caledon's Tatum Bennett and Tottenham's Karlee Knie.

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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](mailto:admin@caledoncitizen.com) if you wish to have an announcement published.

**Bethell Hospice Foundation Holiday Bazaar** - Friday, November 22 and Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Christmas greenery, potted plants and centerpieces, homemade baking and jams, unique crafts, vintage items, and silent auction. Inglewood Community Centre, 15825 McLaughlin Rd., Inglewood. All proceeds support Bethell Hospice Foundation.

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# Annual event is one of the non-profit's largest fundraisers

Continued from FRONT

Donna Cragg, CCS' Director of Marketing and Communications, said the gala has been coming together amazingly and that the volunteer committee in charge of organizing it has done an outstanding job.

"There's going to be a speaker from our Life for Youth program who will speak to its impact on his life," said Cragg. "The stories portal will be presented in a unique way with stories throughout the venue."

As is tradition, the gala will feature top-line live entertainment, which this year includes performances from award-winning dancers. There will also be a silent auction and the gala's signature live auction. The

Royal Ambassador will be beautifully decorated with black, white and gold for this year's theme colours. And of course, there will be dinner, drinks and dancing.

"I'm so excited to get to the venue this year and see what our talented decor committee has come up with," said Cragg.

Cragg said the gala is a wonderful way to launch the holiday season with the feeling of warmth and good will.

Tickets for the gala are nearly sold out, and anyone interested in attending can call 905-584-2300, extension 260, to inquire about any potential tickets left for sale.

Since the gala's inception in 1998, it has raised nearly \$3 million for CCS.

## Nominations open for Caledon Civic Awards

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

If you know an exceptional Caledon citizen, you might want to nominate them for a Civic Award from the Town.

On November 15, the Town of Caledon announced that the nomination period for its Civic Awards Program had opened.

Civic Awards are handed out annually by the Town to recognize residents who "have made a significant impact towards the development and advancement of recreational sports, arts, culture, environmental leadership or community and social services."

In a statement, Mayor Annette Groves said she encourages residents to submit nominations for those who strive to constantly improve Caledon and make it a great place to live.

"This is the time of year for residents to come together and nominate someone they think deserves to be recognized for their efforts to better our community," said Groves.

There are two types of awards in the program:

volunteer service awards and citizen achievement awards.

As its name implies, volunteer service awards recognize Caledon residents who have made an amazing positive impact on their community through volunteerism.

Citizen achievement awards recognize residents who have competed or have been recognized at the provincial, national, or international levels in sports, arts and culture. The citizen achievement award category includes the Town's Distinguished Citizen and Community Champion awards.

The winners of this year's Civic Awards will be determined by Caledon's Community Recognition Task Force. The Task Force consists of five volunteers, all with experience supporting the Caledon community. The Task Force will review all nominations and make recommendations on award winners to Caledon Council for approval.

Residents may nominate someone for an award at the following link: [caledon.ca/civicawardsprogram](http://caledon.ca/civicawardsprogram).

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

## 7904 Mayfield Road Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment – Temporary Use

FILE NUMBER: RZ 2024-0027

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received a Zoning By-law Amendment (Temporary Use) application. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

**APPLICANT AND LOCATION:**

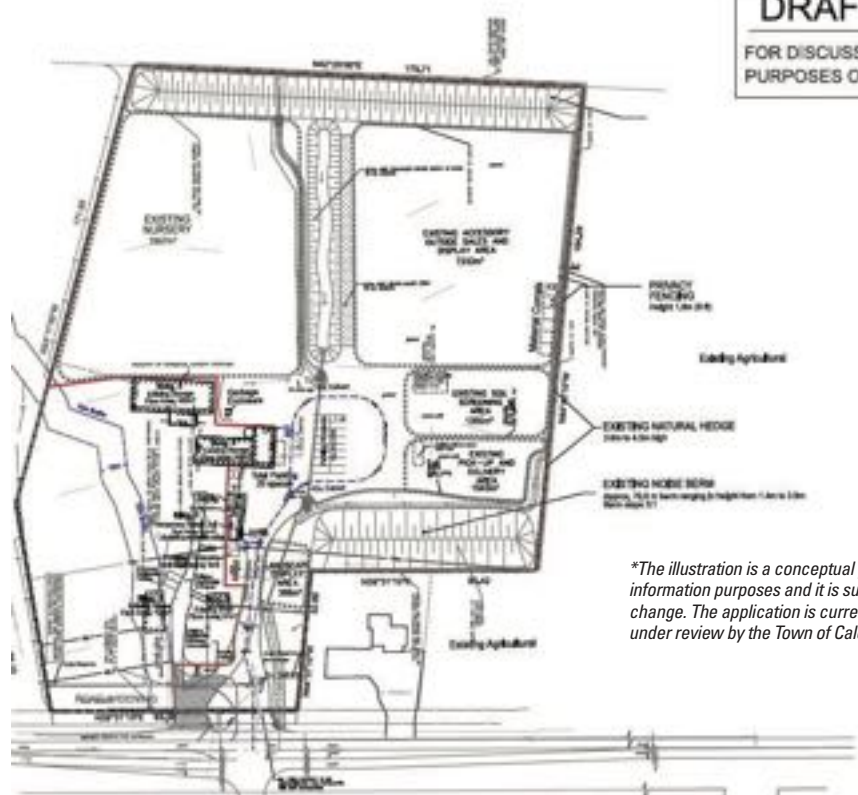
Applicant: Weston Consulting on behalf of Tarpa Construction Co. Ltd.

Location: 7904 Mayfield Road, Town of Caledon.

**PROPOSED CHANGES:**

The purpose of the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment (extension of a temporary use) is to permit the continued operation of an existing commercial nursery and garden supply center for a period of three (3) additional years.

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

**LEAD PLANNER:**

Muhammad Shahid Mughal, MCIP, RPP  
Community Planner  
(905) 584-2272 ext. 4557 or  
[muhammad.mughal@caledon.ca](mailto:muhammad.mughal@caledon.ca)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

For more information about this matter, including appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, or submitted material, please visit [www.caledon.ca/notices](http://www.caledon.ca/notices) or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**ACCESSIBILITY:**

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Born on November 24th, 1962, Rosemary was born in Rutherglen, Scotland to Rosemary and William McAllister, and as a family later moved to Bramalea where she grew up with her sisters Janine (David) and Adrienne (Neil). Rosemary attended Holy Name of Mary in Mississauga, where she made many lifelong friendships.

Brendan and Rosemary were married in 1992, and later had their daughter Sarah. As a family they lived in Brampton for a number of years, until later moving to Caledon. After many wonderful years spent in Caledon, they retired and moved to Collingwood where they enjoyed hiking, snow shoeing, bike riding, swimming and boating.

Rosemary and Brendan were avid travelers throughout their lives together, though she particularly enjoyed her time in Florida, Portugal, Spain, Italy, England, Scotland and many Caribbean islands. Dear friends and family remember her fondly, especially for her kind heart, warmth, light, and her love for those around her. We remember her love of music, singing, dancing, travel, endless cups of tea, and the latest gossip on Coronation Street.

Brendan and Sarah would like to thank the health care workers at both Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre and Hospice Georgian Triangle, who had cared for Rosemary through her cancer journey.

Funeral Mass will be held at St. John Fisher Catholic Church, 300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, at 10:30am on November 23rd 2024, followed by a reception and celebration of her life at the Brampton Golf Club, 7700 Kennedy Road, Brampton, from 12:30-2:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society in Rosemary's memory. To sign Rosemary's Book of Memories, please visit [www.chattersonfuneralhome.com](http://www.chattersonfuneralhome.com)



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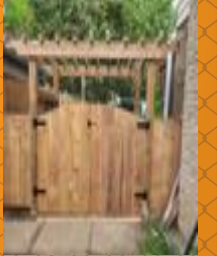


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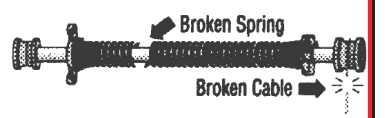
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# Orangeville-based business marks 100 years in the community

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Being in business for 20 years is quite an accomplishment.

Staying in business for 30 years is rare and means someone has put a lot of hard work into keeping a business viable.

Bryan's Fuel in Orangeville is celebrating an anniversary that places them in a very exclusive club. The company is celebrating 100 years in the community this year.

In 1924, Roy D. Bryan, an Amaranth farmer, purchased a livery stable and blacksmith shop in Orangeville. From this location, Roy started an automotive dealership and garage selling Star & Durant, Essex, and Hudson cars and Rugby trucks. As a smart entrepreneur, he also started selling BA gasoline to keep those vehicles running.

Expanding his operation, Roy's brother Wilson joined the business which grew to include the buying and selling of hay and grain.

Bryan trucks were making regular trips to Toronto. To make the return trip profitable, they started coming back from Toronto with

trucks filled with coal – the predominant home heating method of the time.

A devastating fire on Christmas Day in 1934 destroyed the Bryan's Fuel building as well as the family's home, which was the apartment above the business's garage. Undeterred, Roy and Wilson rebuilt and expanded the operation.

The 1950s saw a big change in the business. After six years as a bomber pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force, Roy's son Glen returned to Orangeville and joined the family business.

The post-war decade saw a lot of change and with it, prosperity. Glen realized the opportunity was available to expand to include the delivery of home heating oil.

"In 1956, I bought a used oil truck with an 800-gallon tank from Milnes Fuel in Toronto," Glen said. "My first customer was Keith Hunter who wanted the tank filled at his new home on Elizabeth Street. The tank truck wasn't ready, so we delivered the oil in pails."

Over the next few decades, Bryan's Fuel



Local business Bryan's Fuel is celebrating 100 years as a business serving Orangeville and the surrounding area. Graham, Roy, and Laura Bryan head the team of 70 employees who not only deliver fuel but provide customers with everything home comfort. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

stayed on top of trends in the market with a visionary business model. This included offering service and installation for the units they routinely filled with fuel.

In 1983, the company established itself as a Lennox Dealer, a partnership that exists to this day.

As Glen transitioned to semi-retirement, his sons Greg and Roy took over the business.

During the 1990s, Bryan's Fuel experienced significant growth by expanding its customer base, fleet, and workforce. In 1997, the company relocated to its current location on Richardson Road.

Entering the 2000s, the company again expanded to include propane and propane equipment as well as Geothermal heating.

Expansion included the construction of a propane bulk plant.

In 2007, Greg retired, and Roy carried on the family tradition.

Today, the company is run by Roy, his son Graham, and his daughter Laura.

As a business, Bryan's Fuel has always stayed on top of the trends when it comes to the needs of consumers. This forward-looking approach to business has kept them at the

top of their game as they adapt to change in the industry.

Today, the company has 70 employees – many long-term, including several who have careers at Bryan's Fuel of over 30 years. In addition to delivering fuel, they offer all things home comfort, including furnaces, heat pumps, air conditioning, boilers, water heaters, geothermal, and indoor air quality products.

"Everything home comfort, we provide," Laura said. "We spend a lot of time finding great staff and training them to ensure we can continue to install and service equipment. We also invest back into the community. We do that by volunteering and making sure we are supporting local causes. What is important to us is, your business can't last 100 years unless you have a community around you that supports you, and in turn, we do the same. We are very active members of our community. When the community supports you, in turn, you support them back – and that's how you get people to trust you."

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# Nationwide postal strike to impact Headwaters Health Care Foundation

The ongoing nationwide postal strike is bringing chaos to end-of-year fundraising campaigns at charitable organizations across the country, and Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) is no different. In years prior, the HHCF holiday appeal would be landing in mailboxes around this time, with stories of outstanding health care, enabled by community donations, and a request for a generous donation. In light of the nationwide postal strike, Headwaters holiday appeal will not be reaching thousands of mailboxes as expected.

Nearly 100% of hospital equipment is funded by generous donors, not the government. So as the postal strike is sure to cause disruptions for Headwaters, the need for support has never been greater. Headwaters Health Care Centre relies on donations to fund the vital medical equipment that doctors and nurses need to be able to provide exceptional care, close to home for the community.

The postal strike is expected to disrupt the delivery of mail and packages, ultimately causing delays in receiving donations that are mailed in. This delay could have a significant impact on the Foundation's ability to fund essential medical equipment.

"Despite the challenges posed by the postal strike, the need for support for Headwaters Health Care Foundation has never been greater. Medical services are in high demand, and every donation makes a difference in the lives of patients and their families. The public's support helps to ensure that vital medical equipment is funded, even in the face of unforeseen ob-

stacles like a postal strike," said K.C. Caruthers, HHCF CEO.

With the uncertainty surrounding the postal service, many supporters may be left wondering how they can continue to show their support for Headwaters Health Care Foundation during these challenging times.

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FILE NUMBERS: POPA 2024-0007 and RZ 2024-0024

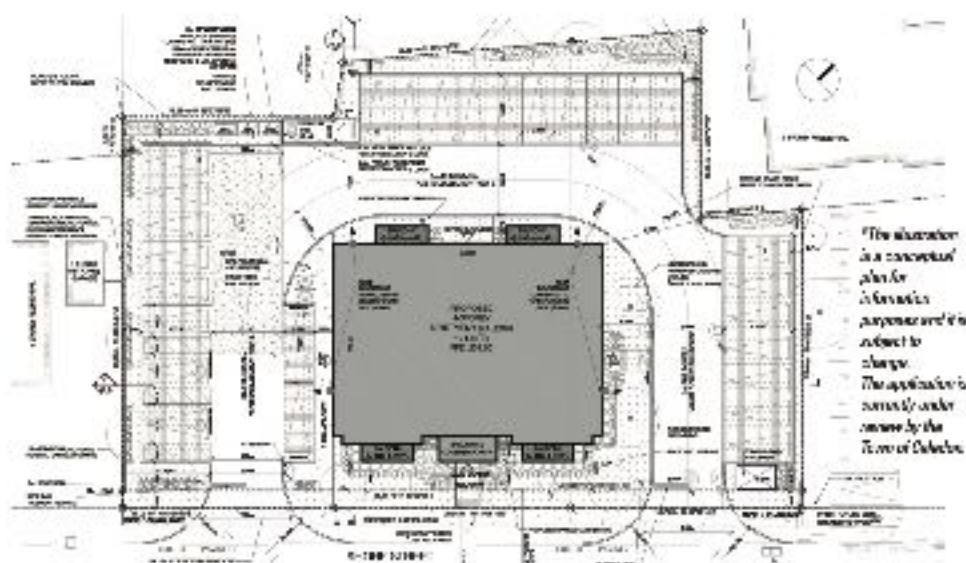
This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received applications for an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

**Applicant:** Blackthorn Development Corp. (Maurizio Rogato) on behalf of Roscan Management Ltd. (Mark Cancian) & Trican Estates Ltd.

**Location:** 15, 21 and 27 Shore Street, Town of Caledon  
West of Queen Street South and North of Ulwood Drive West  
Part Lots 10 to 13, Designated as Block 6 on Plan B0L-7  
Ward 5

### PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has applied for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications to facilitate the creation of a four storey apartment building with 19 apartment dwelling units, 27 surface parking spaces, bicycle parking, accessed by an internal U-shaped lane off of Shore Street. The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment is to re-designate the lands from Low-Density Residential to High-Density Residential with a site-specific policy to permit a 4-storey Apartment Building with a net density of 96 units per hectare. The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment is to re-zone the lands from Residential One (R1) to a site-specific Multiple Residential (RM-XXI) Zone.



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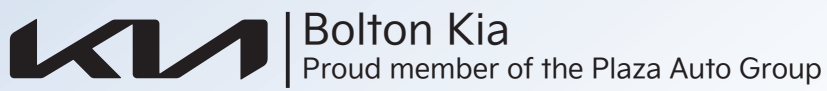
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