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WALK OF REFLECTION – Stacey Mortimer, Maurica Connell, Jenni Le Forestier, John Rutter, and Ken Cowling were joined by other residents of Caledon and surrounding areas on Wednesday for a “walk of reflection.” The focus of the walk was to reflect on the land use and development that’s happening and how, they believe, it is negatively impacting the area. For more, see Page 3.

PHOTO BY ROB PAUL

Official Plan talks continue with focus on employment, communication with residents

BY ROB PAUL

With the Town of Caledon’s Official Plan needing to be finalized by the end of the year, Town Staff met with Council for an update on the Official Plan and where things stand in the process of planning for the future.

The session was intended to be an engaged, open dialogue with Councillors regarding key aspects of the Official Plan Review.

The Town is currently in Phase 2 of the Official Plan Review, which is the preparation of proposed policy directions report. Phase 1 focused on background and visioning—and it’s

expected to be completed by the end of Q1 in 2022 (Phase 3 will be the draft of the Official Plan and Phase 4 the finalization of the plan which is expected by the end of 2022).

Acting Chief Planning Officer Ed Sajecki and Senior Planner Bailey Loverock first provided an update to Council regarding the progress Staff has made on the Official Plan.

“The purpose of the policy directions report is to provide direction that the new Official Plan will take based on all information and feedback received to date (from agencies, stakeholders, and the public) since early 2019,” Loverock said. “It’s also informed by

provincial legislation and the direction coming from the Region of Peel through their Official Plan Review. This report helps provide an understanding of the strategies that the Official Plan will employ to address the substantial challenges of growth and change that Caledon will be addressing over the next 30 years.”

There are five overarching lenses that have been considered in the development of these key policy directions. The lenses are Climate change, equity and inclusion, protection, rural community preservation, and urban growth management.

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Black History Month programs planned throughout February

BY ROB PAUL

February is Black History Month and, throughout the community, there will be programs to both celebrate and learn about Black history.

Black History Month is a time of reflection and recognition for those of African and Caribbean decent that have helped shape both Canada and the world.

The theme for Black History Month this year is February and Forever: Celebrating Black History today and every day—which focuses

on recognizing the daily contributions that Black Canadians make to Canada.

Peel Art Gallery, Museum, and Archives (PAMA) has a few different programs planned to bring awareness and provide learning opportunities for Black History Month.

There will be a virtual panel discussion with the Brampton Museum of African History and Culture on February 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The conversation will also touch on the making of a museum.

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100 WOMEN WHO CARE – 100 Women Who Care Caledon donated the proceeds from its fourth and final meeting of 2021 to Palgrave Rotary. The local service club has received \$5,400 towards its programs. Rotary supports such events and initiatives as The Terry Fox Run, the Caledon Volunteer Fire Department, Bethell Hospice and more. 100 Women Who Care (100WWCC) next meets on February 24. For more information, visit 100womenwhocarealedon.com. Pictured here are: Karen McDonald(100WWCC), Dennis Voss (Palgrave Rotary President), Ross Farrelly (Palgrave Rotary Founding Member), Angie McDowell (Palgrave Rotary Member), Solveig Voss (Palgrave Rotary Community Service Director).

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Peel brings back “Doses after Dark” as vaccine coverage continues to rise

BY ROB PAUL

As Peel continues to aim for higher vaccine coverage in the Region, Peel Public Health has announced the return of “Doses after Dark.”

It’s a COVID-19 vaccine clinic that increases access to Peel residents who are unable to get vaccinated during regular clinic hours.

The extended clinic hours will offer all eligible residents the flexibility to get their booster dose (or their first and second doses) during hours that fit their schedule.

No appointment are needed — residents can walk in to get their choice of vaccine for their first, second or booster dose — the clinics will also provide first and second doses to children five to 11 years old.

There will be two Doses after Dark dates with the first beginning at 1 p.m. on February 5 at the Save Max Sports Centre in Brampton and running until midnight. The second clinic will be at the Rockwood Mall Clinic in Mississauga on February 12 and run from 1 p.m. to midnight.

“Vaccination remains the cornerstone of

protection for our residents against severe outcomes related to COVID-19,” said Dr. Lawrence Loh, Medical Officer of Health for Peel. “With our community starting to reopen as the Omicron wave resolves, it’s critical for everyone who is eligible to get their best protection: two doses and a booster. We recognize that many Peel residents work in jobs where traditional clinic hours don’t align with their personal schedules; Doses after Dark aims to address this situation by extending hours to make it easier to get protected. I encourage all eligible residents to get vaccinated and boosted as quickly as possible.”

Vaccine coverage and third booster shots have continued to rise in Peel where 3,169,443 doses have been administered. 1,396,190 individuals have one dose, 1,249,026 have both doses, and 521,991 have received their third dose booster.

The Region now has 79.5 per cent of all residents with two dose coverage and 85 per cent with single dose. 90.4 per cent of those 12 and older are double vaccinated and 93.5 per cent have initiated the vaccination process. 83.9 per cent of all eligible

residents (5+) have both doses and 89.7 per cent have one.

In Peel, there have been 2,777 new COVID-19 cases in the last week—nearly 4,000 less cases than the previous weeks new total—to bring the total to 169,089. The Region’s death count has now risen to 1,109 with 17 new deaths since last week.

Caledon has seen 121 new cases over the last week to bring the Town total to 7,307. There was also one new death this week with the count rising to 25.

To book a vaccine in the Region of Peel, visit www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/book-appointment. To schedule a third dose booster, visit covid19.ontario-health.ca/.

To download or print a copy of your proof of vaccination, visit covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccine-booking-support#proof-of-vaccination.

To learn more about the official QR code system Ontario has implemented and to access yours, visit covid-19.ontario.ca/get-proof/.

“Walk of Reflection focuses on land use planning

BY ROB PAUL

On Wednesday, a group of considered residents met up at Belfountain Public School to take a walk. That walk was birthed out of the need to reflect on the ways in which Caledon’s land, and surrounding land, is being used for development.

The “Walk of Reflection” was organized by Caledon environmental activist Jenni Le Forestier as an opportunity to continue the conversation about what’s happening in the area as well as chance to reflect on the importance of the First Nations and the need to increase communications with them when developing land.

This walk was not a protest, just a chance to connect with others who are concerned about Caledon and the decisions being made with its vast lands.

“A few of us have been talking about the issues in this neighbourhood and the increasing stresses with the different applications,” said Le Forestier. “And also, how could we bring in dialogue about other groups that would be interested, like First Nations, who we don’t think have been consulted enough. We decided rather to impose anything on anyone, we would just take a walk and have a moment to reflect on all these things. This walk is to reflect on how the lands and waters have held us up and how it’s time to have some introspection on our collective duty to reciprocate and honour them. They’ve been the subject of traumas from unchecked extraction and development and it’s time to reflect on how to bring them to a point where they can heal. We’re just going to walk the area and talk; we feel it’s the least we can do.”

Multiple environmental groups in the area were involved in the walk of reflection, and though they’re championing different issues, they all align on the topic of protecting the lands.

“People who’ve been working on the water treatment plant issue (in Erin), Forks of the Credit Preservation group, and other people who are passionate from the area,” said Le Forestier. “It’s not a protest, we just want to reflect. We’re concerned and we want to talk about what we might do next to advocate, but really it’s about connecting and figuring out what we should do as a group to help make change.”

Doses after dark is back!

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CHARGE RELATED TO HOMICIDE

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged one person in relation to a homicide in Bolton.

“On January 18, 2021, at approximately 12:30 p.m., officers from the Caledon Detachment of the OPP responded to a reported shooting in the area of Harvest Moon Drive, Bolton, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “Officers located a deceased male at the scene, who was identified as Giovanni Costa, age 65, of Bolton.

“On January 27, 2022, with the assistance of the OPP Tactics and Rescue Unit, a person was taken into custody in Scarborough, in relation to this investigation. Jordan Andall, age 20, of Scarborough has

been charged contrary to section 240 of the Criminal Code with Accessory After the Fact to Murder.”

The accused was held for a bail hearing. The charge has not been proven.

The investigation by the Caledon Detachment Major Crime Unit, under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch, in continuing.

Anyone with information regarding this homicide is asked to contact the Caledon OPP at (905) 584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122. There is a \$50,000 reward for information leading to arrest(s) and conviction of those responsible.

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POLICE SEEK PUBLIC’S HELP FOLLOWING ROBBERY OF DELIVERY DRIVER

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating the robbery of a delivery driver on McLaughlin Road in the Town of Caledon.

“On Monday, January 31, 2022 at approximately 12:00 p.m. a delivery driver was traveling on McLaughlin Road near Boston Mills Road in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “At this time the driver was boxed in by two vehicles. Occupants of the vehicles exited and a firearm was brandished. Items were removed from [the] delivery vehicle and the delivery driver was secured before being left in the ditch. The delivery driver was not injured in the robbery.

“The two suspect vehicles are described as a black Dodge caravan and a silver Chevrolet sedan. The Chevrolet should have moderate to heavy front end damage.”

Police describe the suspects as black males.

Anyone with information regarding or dash camera footage from the area roads around the time of the incident is asked to contact the Caledon OPP Detachment at 905-584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

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- Mid 20s
- Grey Sweatpants
- Light green hoodie
- Black Toque
- Red Ram pick-up
- Tinted windows
- Plastic license plate covers

There was a female passenger with blonde hair in the vehicle, say Police.

“On Sunday, January 30, 2022 at approximately 8:43 p.m. two individuals entered a gas station near the intersection of Highway 10 and Travelled Road in Caledon Village. The individuals removed several bottles of alcohol and left without paying. The individuals entered a waiting white sedan driven by another individual.”

The suspects and vehicle are described as:

SUSPECT 1

- South Asian Male
- Grey pants
- Black jacket
- Black baseball cap

SUSPECT 2

- South Asian Male
- Black jacket
- Red sweater
- Black toque


VEHICLE

- White Chevrolet Sedan
- License plates removed

“On Sunday, January 30, 2022 at approximately 10:14 p.m., an individual attended a gas station at the corner of Highway 10 and King Road. The individual walked into the store and removed alcohol from the shelves before walking out without paying. The male then got into a motor vehicle and drove away.”

The individual and vehicle are described as:




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CALEDON THEFTS

Members of the Caledon OPP Detachment are asking for the public’s assistance in identifying several persons and vehicle involved in theft in the Town of Caledon over this past weekend.

“Caledon OPP officers were called to several theft from businesses on Highway 10,” say Police. “Surveillance footage was captured of the suspects in these thefts and the public’s assistance is requested to identify the persons and vehicles involved.

“On Friday, January 28, 2022 at approximately 8:03 p.m. an individual attended a gas station near the intersection of Highway 10 and King Road. The individual pumped gas and then entered the store where packages of cigarettes were stolen.”

The suspect and vehicle are described as:

- Caucasian Male

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The Citizen CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

1. __ de Mornay, actress

8. Surrenders

13. Omission

14. The white poplar

15. They become butterflies

19. Used to chop

20. Select

21. Volcanic craters

22. Consumer price index

23. Utilize

24. “True Blood” actress Paquin

25. Got up

26. Sank in

30. Retail

31. Giants

32. Most bald

33. Changes color

34. Unit of loudness

35. Undresses

38. Fathers

39. Learned skill

40. Remove

qualification

44. Covered with frost

45. Speak up

46. Nowhere to be found

47. Part of surgery (abbr.)

48. Type of wrap

49. Church seating

50. Mathematical figure

51. College football conference

55. Turkish officer title

57. Organized body of knowledge

58. Smooth and glossy

59. Left

CLUES DOWN

1. Get back

2. Pass or go by

3. Having a sharp taste

4. Midway between

east and southeast

5. Cairo Regional Airport

6. Peace officer

7. Brings to life

8. Automotive vehicles

9. One point south of due east

10. Football position

11. Goes by

12. Most attractive

16. Road divisions

17. Not the sea

18. Small, faint constellation

22. Cabbage

25. Least frequent

27. Change slightly

28. A country in NE Africa

29. Metric units of measure

30. More coherent

32. Make uninteresting

34. Nausea

35. Institution of Oceanography

36. Of little value

37. Hindu model of the ideal man

38. Biblical exclamation

40. You throw it at a board

41. Be about to happen

42. Brutal

43. Opened one’s mouth widely

45. 19th letter of Greek alphabet

48. Saturate

51. The woman

52. Someone who is highly skilled

53. A way to launch an attack on

54. Where golfers begin

56. Atomic number

58

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**SLEEPING OCCUPANTS ARRESTED
IN STOLEN VEHICLE**

Officers from the Caledon OPP arrested two persons found sleeping in a stolen vehicle in the Town of Caledon.

“On Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 8:49 a.m., officers responded to a motor vehicle stopped in a live lane near the intersection of Mayfield Road and Highway 10,” say Police. “The occupants of the vehicle were sleeping. Officers learned that the motor vehicle had been reported as stolen from Peel Region. Officers surrounded the vehicle and awakened the occupants. When awoken, the driver attempted to flee the scene.”

Two persons were taken into custody at the scene.

A 23-year-old from Brampton has been charged with:

- Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime
- Possession of Break-In Instruments
- Interfere with Traffic
- Fail to Surrender License

A 23-year-old from North York has been charged with:

- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime
- Possession of Break-In Instruments

Both accuseds are scheduled to appear in Orangeville Provincial Court in April, 2022

The charges have not been proven.

The investigation is continuing into the theft of the vehicle.

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STUNT DRIVING CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) continue to conduct speed enforcement and remove those who drive at excessive speeds from the roadways of Caledon.

“Over the past week several drivers have chosen to drive at excessively high rates

of speed on roadways in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “Drivers stopped and charged with Stunt Driving receive an immediate 14-day vehicle impound and 30-day drivers’ license suspension.

“On Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 12:25 a.m. a driver was stopped on Airport Road at Old School Road for travelling at 146kmh in the 80kmh zone. A 20-year-old Caledon resident was charged with Stunt Driving. On Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 3:14 p.m., a driver was stopped on Horseshoe Hill Road near the Grange Sideroad for travelling 118kmh in a 60kmh zone. A 33-year-old Stayner resident was charged with Stunt Driving.

“Again on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 11:07 p.m. officers stopped a vehicle on Highway 10 for going 150kmh in a 80kmh zone. A 25-year-old Brantford resident was charged with Stunt Driving.”

If convicted, the accused drivers face a minimum of \$2,000 fine and/or a 6-month period of incarceration. A further driver’s license suspension can be imposed by the court as well.

The charges have not been proven.

COLLISION INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Caledon Detachment are investigating a serious motor vehicle collision that occurred in the intersection of Highway 50 and Mayfield Road, in the Town of Caledon.

“On Saturday, January 29, 2022 at approximately 6:54 p.m., officers responded to the report of a serious multi-vehicle collision,” say Police. “For unknown reasons a northbound vehicle and southbound vehicle on Highway 50 collided head-on in the intersection. One driver was transported to Sunnybrook Hospital with serious injuries. The second driver sustained minor injuries.

“Collision Reconstructionists from the OPP Central Region and Highway Safety Division Traffic Incident Management and Enforcement Teams assisted with the investigation. The intersection of Highway 50 and Mayfield Road was closed for several hours for the investigation.”

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or who has dash camera footage is asked to contact the OPP Caledon Detachment - (905) 584-2241.

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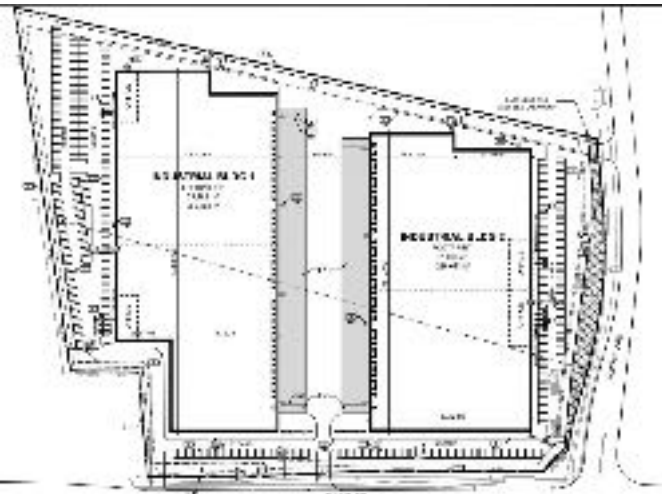
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The Official Plan Amendment would change the designation of the subject lands from “Highway Commercial” (subject to OPA 239) and “General Industrial” to “Highway Commercial” with site specific policies to allow additional employment uses. The Zoning By-law Amendment would rezone the property from Highway Commercial with a Holding provision (CH-556-H19 and CH-480-H13) and Service Industrial (MS-483-H13) to Highway Commercial with and Exception and Holding Provision (CH XXX-HXX).



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.

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For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, additional information and material,

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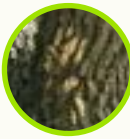
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Official Plan talks continue with focus on employment, communication with residents

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“There’s a specific policy direction related to climate change, but each policy direction is to be considered in that context as we work to achieve the targets set out in the Resilient Caledon Plan,” said Loverock. “This lens looks to the need to grow in a way that allows us to adapt to climate change impacts. Equity and inclusion, our plan needs to consider the impact it will have upon groups who are most at risk of exclusion. The plan will aim to foster an inclusive and accessible community for all. Planning for equity contributes to a sustainable, resilient, and health community by more effectively and schematically addressing community well-being.

“The protection lens recognizes that there are things in Caledon that we want to ensure are protected so that the 80 per cent of Caledon within the Greenbelt and features such as culture heritage, agriculture, and the environment must all be considered from that protection lens. Rural community preservation, we have to recognize the roles of our villages and hamlets and make sure that those areas are protected. Urban growth management, there will be a major transformation in Caledon as we plan for an increase in population and jobs and we need to manage this growth well to help with being environmentally, socially, and economically prosperous over the long term. We want new growth areas to have a strong identity and quality of life.”

Overall, 13 policy directions have been identified by Town Staff that will dictate the Official Plan. Addressing climate change in everything they do, protecting the agricultural lands, preserving the environmental areas, conserving the culture heritage, managing the aggregate resources, protecting and nurturing the rural communities, managing and supporting growth for the long-term benefit, creating healthy and complete neighbourhoods, designing great urban places, creating high quality mobility options, pursuing housing affordability, supporting strategic and innovative economic opportunities, and strategically managing the civic infrastructure.

“First we’ll address climate change through mitigation,” she said. “We will

take every opportunity to mitigate our impacts on climate change, this includes actions related to reductions and emissions, seizing intensification opportunities, and integrating green infrastructure into our neighbourhoods. The other side of it is adaptation. We will understand and prepare our Town for the impacts that will come with climate change. This includes actions like enhancing storm water management practices, diversifying the energy supply, and ensuring our transportation system can support alternatives to vehicles. We’ll protect our agricultural lands so they’re sustainable and productive over the long-term (including identifying agricultural lands, supporting diversified uses, agrotourism, research and innovation). We’ll preserve and restore our natural heritage and water resource systems so that they are healthy and sustainable over the long-term.

“We’ll conserve and celebrate our heritage buildings, sites, districts, landscapes and our archaeological resources so that they share the story of our history with future generations. We’ll identify and conserve our mineral aggregate resources, manage their extraction, minimize their impacts and progressively rehabilitate operations. We’ll recognize our rural roots, protect and nurture the character, economy and quality of our rural communities. We will manage and support growth so we can maximize our prosperity over the long-term. We’ll plan for healthy and complete neighbourhoods that offer a mix of housing opportunities, a wide range of community amenities and easy access to the goods and services we require daily without using a car.

“We’ll plan and design the urban area of Caledon so that it becomes a mosaic of vibrant, well designed and fulfilling urban places. We’ll create an effective transportation system that supports all forms of mobility, with an emphasis on creating great walking, cycling and transit infrastructure so Caledon residents are not car dependent. We’ll take actions to improve the affordability of housing across Caledon and foster the development of various forms of affordable housing to serve those in our community who need it. We’ll act strategi-



cally to develop our employment lands for businesses that maximize our long-term job growth and economic prosperity; we will support the retention and expansion of businesses and revitalization of our main streets. Together with the Region, we will manage our municipal infrastructure, so it creates growth opportunities while being effective, affordable and sustainable over the long-term.”

The key policy directions help develop a town structure for the Official Plan. A town structure provides a framework to guide and influence where growth is to be directed in a municipality and serves as basis for other policies and sections in the Official Plan.

“As part of the town structure we’ve identified two urban centres as key locations for significant levels of growth,” Loverock said. “These would serve as key transit hubs and also would offer a variety of amenities (Bolton and Mayfield West). Within some existing residential areas there are key locations that would make sense as neighbourhood centres as mixed-use areas to accommodate higher density uses. We’ve also identified key corridors—places for movement, living, and commerce that are intrinsically linked to the mobility systems that connect the Town. Together these three categories indicate some of the main areas we’d look to connect with transit and provide a great number of amenities.”

Mayor Allan Thompson’s top inquiry regarding the current trajectory of the Official Plan was how it might align with Peel’s official plan—which is expected to be finalized in early 2022—and if it will have support from the Region.

“At the staff level we’ve been working regularly and closely with the (Region’s) staff,” said Sajecki. “With most issues we’re on the same page, there will always be points of disagreement, but they’re work-

ing with the guidance of their own Council as we are working within the guidance from you. We’ve put in comments to the Region on the draft of the Regional plan and we’re working through those and they’re taking our points under consideration. We’ve strongly made the argument for more employment lands to be designated and I think the Regional staff are really listening to us. I’m not saying we’re completely there with them, but I think we’re making headway.”

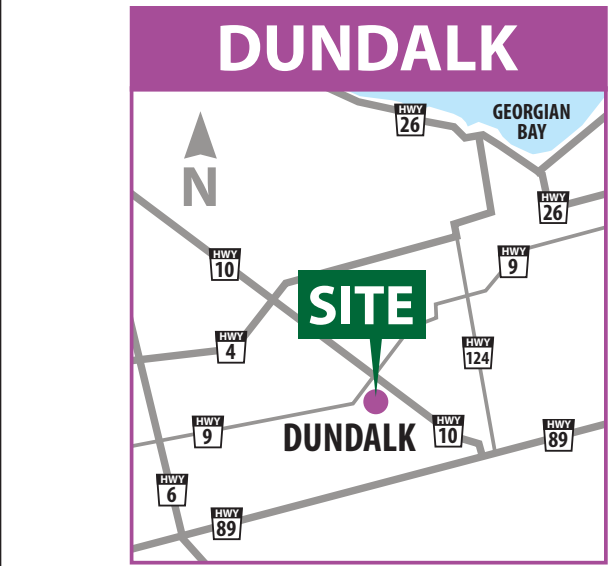
“The policy directions specifically, I don’t see them in conflict with the draft the Region has proposed,” said Loverock. “There’s always issues that we’re working through but broadly we’re in alignment with Regional and Provincial direction.”

One of the most frequently commented pieces from Councillors throughout the sessions was the need for more communication to residents regarding the Official Plan. Councillors Nick deBoer, Johanna Downey, and Tony Rosa all asked that the Town’s Communications department help get the message out to residents and various groups in Caledon about the 80/20 split in terms of land being developed and land being preserved.

“80 per cent of Caledon is not going to change,” said Sajecki. “It’s protected by the Oak Ridges Moraine legislation and protected by the Greenbelt legislation. To have the type of community that I think a lot of people want to have, we’re looking at developing only about 20 per cent of the geography of Caledon.”

The next steps include providing a video resource series online for residents, focus groups with stakeholders, and to return to Council with a draft Official Plan in the next month.

To learn more about the Official Plan and to provide feedback, visit <https://haveyour-saycaledon.ca/welcome-to-future-caledon>.



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Black History Month programs planned throughout February

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Co-chairs Myrna Adams and Charles Matthews will discuss the importance of building this museum to help the community learn from the past, take action in the present, and look to the future. The panel will teach attendees about the journey thus far, the museum themes, the plans for further action and how the community can get involved.

PAMA will run a program called “Unearth Uncover,” a community showcase created by students from Cawthra Park Secondary School that will take guests on a virtual tour of plaques throughout the area that commemorate important pieces of Black history.

The Unearth Uncover Historical Plaque Project began as an act of protest. In the summer and fall of 2021, signs appeared throughout Toronto and Brampton, commemorating significant people, places and events in Black Canadian history.

A passionate group of teachers and students created the signs to shine a light on Black Canadian history. Specifically, the group wanted to bring attention to lesser-known histories not being taught in schools, and to the Black scholars and activists who, for decades, have been working to elevate Black history.

Finally, PAMA will run “Our Voices, Our Journeys: Black Communities in Peel.” It’s a celebration of one of many Black communities in Peel Region.

It highlights the personal journeys of leaders and mentors from the North Peel Community Church congregation. Their photos and objects illustrate stories of immigration, resilience, and family life, and how they established a community of faith in Caledon.

For more information, or to register for PAMA’s Black History Month programs visit, pama.peelregion.ca/en/index.asp.

The Caledon Parent-Child Centre has provided a list of books for children that are easy to read and will help them learn more about Black history this month. The books are aimed at children between the

ages of three and five.

The list comes from Charnaie Gordon of “Here We Read,” who is a prominent reading advocate and children’s book author. The list of books can be found at Gordon’s website hereweeread.com.

“This year, I decided to focus on a few board books and picture books for the younger readers,” she said. “If you’ve been looking for excellent quality historical books about prominent Black people from the past and present, I hope you’ll enjoy this list. I recommend these books because they are not overly wordy and don’t dwell strictly on oppression, slavery, pain, or struggle.”

On February 17, Canadian Heritage will be host a Black History Month virtual celebration on Facebook Live at 7 p.m. This live virtual event highlighting this year’s theme will feature performances, tributes, interviews, and more (to tune into the virtual celebration, visit www.facebook.com/CdnHeritage).

For Black History Month, Peel District School Board (PDSB) will focus on the theme of “Black flourishing.” Black flourishing is a multifaceted concept that refers to a state of well-being where Black students and staff can thrive, grow and prosper unencumbered.

The ability to flourish is consistent with one’s sense of self-worth and possibility. As Black students, staff and families flourish, their sense of pride and belonging grows.

As part of PDSB’s theme of Black flourishing, there will be a virtual family engagement with Nadine Williams, a native of St. Mary Parish, Jamaica, award-winning poet, author, and entrepreneur. The four-part event will take place Thursdays, February 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Sunny View Middle School and the University of Toronto Mississauga will also host a Black Access to Educational Excellence event on Tuesday, February 8, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information on the events or to register, visit peelschools.org.

MP Kyle Seeback supports “Freedom Convoy”

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Dufferin–Caledon MP Kyle Seeback recently penned a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau asking that he reverse the federal government’s decision to require cross-border truckers to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

The policy came into effect January 15, and is expected to ground 26,000 of the 160,000 trucker drivers who make regular cross border trips.

“This will inevitably have a devastating impact not only on the livelihoods of thousands of truck drivers, but will also contribute to the existing shortage of drivers. Supply chains are already stretched,” wrote Seeback in his letter. “Canadians who are struggling with the increasing costs of goods like produce, will now feel an additional pinch at the checkout, as shipping costs will be forced to rise. Canadians can’t afford more price increases or endure anymore empty shelves. Your government must immediately reverse this policy. Canadians and our economy can’t afford it.”

Seeback told The Citizen the policy won’t make a difference with the Omicron variant, as it has already travelled widely across the world, and forcing more truckers to get vaccinated won’t fix the problem.

While speaking with the newspaper, he also expressed support for the “Freedom Convoy,” consisting of tens of thousands of trucks that travelled across Canada, and arrived at Parliament Hill last Saturday, January 29, to protest vaccine mandates and other COVID-19 restrictions.

Seeback attended the protest himself over the weekend and called it an impressive display.

“I think it’s a massive movement of people who are frustrated with the last two years, and I think they want an end to the lockdowns and restrictions,” said Seeback.

“We’re seeing this happening more and more, not just around the world, but certainly across Canada. More and more doctors, and medical officers are saying COVID is now something we have to live with because we will never get to COVID Zero. So, I think these folks are trying to really push that message.”

Seeback noted that all the protestors he

observed were well behaved and polite, while he was at Parliament Hill.

With respect to hate symbols or protesters disrespecting monuments, Seeback said a small group shouldn’t detract from the overall message that was being positively spread through the “Freedom Convoy.”

Those who commit horrible acts should be held accountable on an individual basis

“There were a very tiny number of bad actors, and those people should be condemned, but they are responsible for their actions, not everyone else who was there,” said Seeback. “In fact, what we’re seeing is that people who are there are trying to make up for the actions of those few despicable people. And that really should be the story, not those few people that came there to do those kinds of things.”

Seeback noted that with every negative incident, there was an overwhelming response from good, peaceful people, trying to offset those actions with positivity and acts of kindness. This was seen with protestors feeding the homeless after an incident at an Ottawa soup kitchen, standing on guard over the Terry Fox after it was tampered with, and laying countless bouquets of flowers at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier statue after a lone women danced on it.

With respect to the “no jab, no job” vaccine mandates, Seeback noted that he and his party have always supported a rapid antigen testing and were never in favour of people being fired over their COVID-19 vaccination status. He said it’s now becoming increasingly apparent that those policies are unnecessary and ineffective.

“I think the vaccine mandates are turning out to be less and less useful,” he told the Citizen. “Someone with two shots, I think, is 20 per cent protected against Omicron. Sure, maybe you could get a third shot, but there’s already a new variant that’s coming in. And we don’t know how effective two shots or three shots would be with that.”

Seeback also noted the endemic nature of the COVID-19 virus.

“I think we’re in the never-ending cycle where you can never get 100 per cent ahead of it, which is why I think we do have to get to the point where we will live with COVID, and people are going to have to manage their risk.”



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Brock’s Banter

The elusive call of “Freedom”

BY BROCK WEIR

The sound of the honks was unmistakable as they got closer. You could feel the energy coming just as they appeared on the horizon.

The closer they got, the louder the distant honks got as people joined in support.

As the noise reached a crescendo, you could see the messages they were carrying.

Some painted them onto flags they waved proudly from the fronts of their trucks. Others took their markers to vividly-coloured pieces of posterboard, gleefully waving them from their windows as they drove by, still honking, still smiling, united by a common cause.

These are the images that I’d prefer come to mind when I think of a convoy: the men, women and children who, less than two years ago, took to the streets to send a powerful message of solidarity with our healthcare workers, the people who tirelessly and without complaint answered the call of their profession and bravely found their place on the frontlines of our shared fright at the beginning of every shift.

People from across the country loaded into trucks and SUVs emblazoned with displays of gratitude for the herculean efforts of doctors and nurses – their friends, family and neighbours – behind the walls of every Canadian hospital, all in the face of danger, to keep the wider community healthy and safe amid a host of unknowns.

A lot has changed over the course of the last two years. We know more about what we’re fighting. We have tried and tested methods now on the table to help us get through to the other side. Lockdowns have come and gone a few times over, but we know what’s at stake and, for better or worse, we’ve learned how to adapt and pivot if the wind changes against us.

What hasn’t changed is the diligence of these frontline heroes in continuing the fight when so many have, unfortunately, shifted focus elsewhere.

These convoys in support of the people who come into work each day to help members of the community hardest hit by COVID-19 come back from the brink have, sadly, stopped. Many of the signs which decorated lawns across the community with messages of solidary and hope in our first pandemic spring have long since been packed away.

What have they been replaced with? Frustration at our current situation and the inescapable feeling that each step forward brings us half a step back has taken our focus away from the common goal and re-focused it towards improving the lots of ourselves and no one else.

A lot of focus this past week was taken up by the trucker convoy which, after a cross-country trip, set up shop on Parliament Hill on Saturday ostensibly to fight for our “freedom” against vaccine mandates.

Its cause, as we know, mushroomed from originally-stated intent to demonstrate against mandates for cross-border truckers and, if that wasn’t enough, others with questionable ideas of “freedom” glommed onto the root cause for reasons that are not too hard to fathom.

In the lead-up to the event, close to \$9 million was raised for the procession by members of the public through the Go Fund Me platform.

Organizers said the money raised was to

be dispersed to truckers to help them with the cost of their journey such as the cost of fuel (which, presumably, was delivered to gas stations by truckers who decided to stay on the job) and to purchase food along the way (which, presumably, was delivered to grocery stores, convenience stores and the aforementioned gas stations by truckers who decided to stay on the job), and for shelter along the way.

But the money was also to further the message: “We are a peaceful country that has helped protect nations across the globe from tyrannical governments who oppressed their people, and now it seems it is happening here.”

While I wonder how many of the participants have ever lived through actual tyranny, what we saw over the weekend was, if nothing else, a dilution of a specific message and the furthering of a misconception that any level of government is forcing anyone to get vaccinated. Perhaps it was a demonstration against consequences of choices, but that too was lost in the cacophony.

Now, don’t get me wrong: one of the beautiful things about living in Canada is the right to assemble, the freedom to express one’s self, and the freedom to speak up for or against what you do and do not believe in. I’m all in favour of that. I’m also all in favour of people having complete autonomy over their own bodies.

Yet, in an alleged demonstration of our collective “freedom,” when people align themselves with the few who were brandishing swastikas, harassing soup kitchen volunteers for grub, and stomping on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the very symbol of every man and woman who fought and died for the freedoms demonstrators claimed they were apparently so intent on preserving, any good motives became questionable.

“The Royal Canadian Legion strongly condemns the shocking actions of protestors who encroached upon the National War Memorial in Ottawa on Sunday,” said the Legion in a statement. “They jumped on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and parked vehicles on the surrounding grounds. This sacred memorial site commemorates those who fought and fell for the very freedoms that allow people in Canada the right to protest peacefully. We are dismayed and saddened by this overt lack of respect.”

When you’ve earned the condemnation of the organization dedicated to preserving the legacies of the men and women who fought for the freedoms we hold so dear in an alleged “freedom” protest, maybe that’s reason enough to re-assess your choices – and the mandate you’ve given yourselves.

If this was truly about “freedom,” can we expect the same numbers of people to return to Parliament Hill to fight for the inherent right our Indigenous peoples have to access clean water or against systemic racism that infringes on the freedoms of other groups? Somehow, I doubt it.

But, in the meantime, let’s salute the 85 – 90 per cent of the trucking industry who continued to step up to the plate, as they have since the start of the pandemic, to ensure we have groceries on our shelves, that our small businesses have the supplies they need to keep going in these horrendously challenging times, and to materially support the other 10 – 15 per cent of their colleagues were able to pick up supplies on the road to promote the ultimately muddled message in Ottawa.



Can we ever pull our own strings?

by Mark Pavilons



We’re all performers, whether we’d like to admit it or not.

Shakespeare once wrote that “All the world’s a stage, And all the men and women merely players; They have their exits and their entrances ...”

Puppet or puppet master?

Ah, there’s the rub, as the Bard put it.

I think we play both roles during the many stages of our lives. But mostly, in our capitalistic society, I believe we’re players, puppets of flesh and bone, being pulled this way and that. We’re manipulated, not by some unseen force, but by our own devices. We’re at the mercy of society.

Our lives, now more than ever, are carved, like a clear path in the woods. Our journey is more on asphalt and painted lanes than through uncharted wilderness. We’re guided, or led, by the ties that bind, by convention. We may have wanted desperately to buck tradition, dance to the beat of our drum, and rebel when it suited us. Fact is, we’re somewhat hog-tied, constrained by normalcy.

Unlike Hemingway, who escaped to the Florida Keys to write, ponder and drink, most of us have to follow clearly defined path, a route that’s somewhat limited and confined.

In other words, most of us can’t live the adventurous lives that books are made of.

Sure, we’d like to think we make our own decisions, choices, and reach for the stars, but we’re really followers. We follow the rules, follow our hearts, follow what we’re told.

If we stray, we almost always find our way back to the straight and narrow.

When I was 19, I chose to study journalism at college. My guidance counsellor at the time said I was suited for that, or becoming an English teacher. I may already be retired with a great pension had I chose the latter.

Was this all of my doing, or was it fate, perhaps even destiny? Maybe all of the above. People aren’t like salmon, who instinctively know they have to fight the current and swim upstream, just to spawn. Crazy how strong these drives are in creatures great and small. Bees can communicate the exact location of a food source through their dancing, a dance that is completely instinctive.

Dogs are ready to discover diseases like cancer and polygenic disease and warn humans of pending heart attacks and strokes.

And yet my Labs will eat a bug for no apparent reason. Are they in charge of their own destiny?

For us frail humans, years turn into decades, and there comes a time when our best years are behind us. Does that mean our worst lay ahead?

I hope not.

Fortunately, God gave us senses that deteriorate over time, so we’re not reminded of the stupid blunders we made in our 20s, or the bad choices we made in our 30s. No, my brain is perfectly wired to give me happy thoughts, echoes of laughter and mental photo albums of good times.

Why would I want to remember putting dad’s car in the ditch or getting the silent treatment from mom over a hurtful comment? No, my mind sets me free from all that. It has also hidden all those strategically placed bread crumbs along the way. Just where would I find my way back to anyway?

“Back there” no longer exists. I hope I enjoyed it while it lasted.

I am here now, and it took some doing, let me tell you. But if I were to dwell too long on my would-haves or could-haves, I’d sink deep into despair.

But aren’t I blessed, playing the part of the leading man in my own story? Yes. My wife and I built our stage together and we created some fine productions. We also gathered quite the troupe of players – our children. They are their own puppet masters now, and I wish them Godspeed and all the luck of the Irish.

If they ask, I’m ready to dispense some snippets of wisdom – many “don’ts” to keep in mind. But they seldom ask. Maybe that will come.

I plan to stock up on a lot of stale bread, so these little ones can indeed find their way home. They’re always welcome.

Here’s a little twist on things, some alternate food for thought. Quantum mechanics is dependent on the observer so it postulates that for every decision that a person makes in their life, every path that they have chosen, there is the alternate path that exists in a virtual state. However, this virtual state or states could actually be parallel worlds.

So, my friends, this theory is like the ripple effect in a pond. Toss in a rock, and watch the ripples spread far and wide. Could human “ripples” actually impact time and space? Are there other Marks in other universes, pondering the same things? It’s mind-boggling.

Regrets, I have a few, but what playwright doesn’t?

It’s weird because we humans take so much for granted, it’s hard (even today) to put things in perspective.

Like our solar system, we bring friends into our “orbit,” get to know them and enjoy their talents and good qualities. While our orbits change over the years, hopefully we remember their place in our lives.

My “celestial body” was drawn to my wife and our worlds collided. We zigged and zagged and found our rhythm. We evolved together and formed a family.

Nothing adventurous or “living on the edge,” but a rather normal progression. The small victories do matter. I don’t ever recall running around with a copy of the playbill in my back pocket, all rolled up and crinkled. Maybe some unseen force is constantly scribbling lines, acts and scenes in this comedy.

For most, finishing the play to rave reviews is tops on our bucket list.

If we’ve done our job, despite the strings, our off-spring can dart out, explore, think for themselves, protest if they want. They can learn, seek and enjoy.

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The Many Faces Of Freedom

We can't help but weigh in on a heavy topic: the "Freedom Convoy" that took place this past weekend which, at time of writing at least, was still very much an ongoing affair.

I'll wade in regardless of the risk of offense, if only to "walk the talk" that while I believe in the right to freedom of speech, I believe even more in the idea that there is a level of responsibility that comes with that right.

Therein lies the problem when anyone discusses freedom or rights, and that is, whose version of freedom are we discussing? Whose version of freedom is correct? On at least one version of "freedom" however, I would have hoped we could all agree – that no one should have the freedom to walk freely while bearing a flag with either Nazi or Confederate symbolism. And yet – they did. Oh, the many faces of freedom indeed.

I'll start by clarifying that I have now, and always have had, the utmost respect for truck drivers as a profession. They are correctly called front line workers and heroes for getting goods to market throughout this pandemic. Close to 90% of these hard-working

people are vaccinated and continue to support each and every one of us through their efforts. Unfortunately, what we saw this past weekend was a small handful of individuals who have co-opted a cause to use as their own personal platform for spewing hate, intolerance and engaging in civil disobedience – seemingly without consequence - and that's a freedom that no one should have any right to engage in.

The truth of the matter is the City of Ottawa is currently being held hostage by a minority fringe group who have very little to do with truckers and vaccine mandates. While these individuals revel in their right to protest, they are, in fact, disabling the rights of every other citizen to move freely about the city, to open their businesses (already suffering greatly from the very lockdowns they are protesting) or even at last report, to attend school safely.

Paramedics have had rocks hurled at them, the statue of a TRUE Canadian hero has been desecrated and the treatment of both the National War Memorial and the National Aboriginal Veterans Monument is beyond abom-

inable. Does anyone – anyone at all – think that urinating on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is an appropriate way to honour the memory of REAL heroes who actually fought and died for us? If you do, SHAME on you.

Despite raising millions of dollars for their cause, these same fringe groups have attempted (and succeeded) in obtaining food meant for people experiencing homelessness and now the Ottawa police are handing out blankets. Blankets! I actually have to wonder who is in charge right now, the police or the protestors? My Dad had an expression and I'm sure your family had something similar; "the tail is wagging the dog" and at this point, frankly it's time the dog was returned to its kennel.

Why are we not forcibly removing protestors like we do homeless encampments? Why do we tolerate the events in Ottawa but send in the RCMP to remove Indigenous persons protesting on their own land? Why have some politicians waded freely into this crowd, posed for pictures and continued to enable them?

Of course, you might answer it's because we have the right to freedom of expression,

which includes the freedom to protest, but I would ask another question why are these freedoms ok but BIPOC, homeless or Indigenous "freedoms" are not?

This protest should have been shut down the moment a Nazi flag appeared. That these groups exist is bad enough but allowing them to freely participate and move about the capitol – on the very grounds where preserving democracy is practiced is unacceptable. The individuals trashing sacred ground should have been arrested. That we are now handing out blankets in an attempt to peacefully "encourage" protestors to go home is so very Canadian. Sadly, so too are the terrible behaviours we've seen by many of those same protestors. To those who say, "This isn't Canada," I have news for you; it is and we should be ashamed, no matter which style of "freedom" you believe in.



SHERALYN ROMAN
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Look in your own backyard

During the current time, there's a lot of people lamenting the fact that they can't travel.

That is understandable. For many people, travel is a way of life and something they really enjoy.

However, it seems many people in Ontario always need to travel outside of the province to get away.

I'm sure there are a lot of Ontarians who don't realize exactly how big this province is. In fact, I'll bet that most of the population of Toronto doesn't even realize towns and cities exist past Highway 7.

At 1,076,395 square kilometres, Ontario is larger than Venezuela, Germany, France, and a whole lot of other countries.

Much of it, however, is uninhabited. Just do a search on Google Earth and go north of Sudbury.

Trees, thousands and thousands of lakes, and a lot of granite, is pretty much all you're going to see. But you'll never see it if you don't go there.

There is plenty to see and do in this province. Even if you like to play only in populated areas, the drive in the most heavily populated area in

the province, between Windsor and Ottawa, is an 800-kilometre stretch that will take though several major centres as well as small towns.

I have been fortunate enough to have visited more towns in Ontario than anyone I know. This is due to a combination of compassless road trips, and a couple of jobs that I've had that routinely sent me to many towns I had never even heard of.

There is always something different to see. Along the north shoreline of Lake Erie there is a lot to see and do. From water sports, camping, and discovering strange new places, it and the nearby towns are one of my favourite regions.

Traveling north up along the shore of Lake Huron, the water is beautiful and so are the towns.

In the east end of the province, there are plenty of places to visit. Ottawa is a terrific city with lots of museums, galleries, and points of interest.

I was lucky enough to be on a film crew that travelling in an old steam train from Ottawa up through the Gatineau hills.

In between these points are a huge number of small towns, each with their history and quirks.

I've been in some hamlets that were so small I

think I met the entire town in one afternoon, but every place has something different and interesting if you look for it.

If I'm on a road trip and see a sign for the "world's largest ball of twine" or some local history museum, more often than not I'll pull over to take a look. You meet some very interesting people at those type of places.

Heading north, to most people in southern Ontario, means going to Muskoka or the Kawarthas.

Being "in the north" at your cottage means you have barely even entered Northern Ontario. There's still another 900 kilometres to go before you hit the northern border, and that's a place almost no Ontarians will ever see.

A trip to Thunder Bay will be almost as long as a drive as heading south to Florida. Once you're there, you've entered a whole different world.

You can take a detour and visit Ouimet Canyon – a huge gorge with 100 metre sheer cliffs and spectacular views. Ask anyone in Southern Ontario, and most people have never even heard of this outstanding provincial park.

While you're in the area you can explore the

wild and untamed north shore of Lake Superior.

One trip on my bucket list is to visit Moosonee on the shores of James Bay. It isn't even accessible by road. You have to take the train or fly in to get to the town.

If you visit Moosonee, don't expect to be staying at the Ritz or eating at a five-star restaurant.

It's not the kind of trip for people who insist on luxury all the time.

However, you will be visiting a place that few people have experienced on the only salt water port in the province. That is pretty close to being in in Arctic territory.

If the travel bug is biting you and you feel the need to break away from the pandemic and do some exploring, it's all here in your own backyard.

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Caledon Soccer Club adopts a whole new look and new name



BY ROBERT BELARDI

Caledon Soccer Club has rebranded their

logo with a new slogan in support of all their competitive programs.

The club, which is still known as Cale-

don SC at the grassroots level, is being branded under the name Caledon United Football Club for the competitive level.

“You’ll see a lot of soccer clubs now branding their competitive part. So, this is just for our U8 development team, our U12 development and then for our U13 competitive right up to our senior men and senior women that play in the club,” said Technical Director and coach Terry Madison.

“One vision, one club, one community – we are united.”

Coming off a historic season having won five competitive league championships last season, the club is also applying for the National Youth License under Canada Soccer.

The hope is, Caledon SC will be known as one of few clubs across Canada to hold such a high-level license.

Previously, all competitive Caledon United FC teams each held their own individual names. Coaches and managers each assigned separate names. But this new rebrand will have all teams play under the same name and logo moving forward.

Representatives within the club reached a three-year deal with Adidas to provide brand new kits, practice uniforms, bags, track suits, t-shirts and sweaters.

“Adidas has this thing called miTeam where you design your own (uniform). You go and design it and it’s exclusively yours. So, that’s what we did,” Madison said.

“Teal and black is the home uniform. The white with black shorts is the away. The red is a practice shirt.”

The logo of the club, drew inspiration from the Town of Caledon logo.

In other news on top of a new rebranding, Madison said the club is going to see an indoor facility built at Mayfield Secondary School. It will be a full-size turf field with a dome.

Madison said the club has been speaking with Councillors and the Town for years. He also mentioned it will be available for any sporting entity in the town if they wish to rent it.

Registration is now open for Caledon SC and Caledon United FC. For more information to register, please visit caledonsc.e2esoccer.com/.

Robert’s Rant:
Bengals upset Chiefs, Rams end losing streak to 49ers

BY ROBERT BELARDI
OPINION

The National Football League conference championships were nothing short of exciting.

The Cincinnati Bengals, against all odds, went to Arrowhead Stadium and took down Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs.

The Los Angeles Rams ended their six-game losing streak against the San Francisco

49ers as the host stadium of the Super Bowl will see the host team take part.

Kansas City blew 18-point lead

Kansas City were flooring the Cincinnati Bengals. By halftime it was 21-3 and everything had seemed as if the Chiefs would make their third consecutive Super Bowl appearance.

Immediately when the second half began the tables had turned. The Bengals defence had stifled Patrick Mahomes. Travis Kelce was completely taken out of the game and Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow was rolling on offence.

The Bengals stormed back and scored 24 unanswered points. But Mahomes gave the Chiefs a chance to tie and kicker Harrison Butker sent the game to overtime.

The Chiefs won the toss and Mahomes threw an interception. Burrow gave sensational rookie kicker Evan MacPherson the chance to send the Bengals to the franchise’s third Super Bowl appearance ever and he fired it right between the pipes.

There were two incidents in this match-up that baffled viewers. On the cusp of halftime, The Chiefs found themselves on the one-yard line. Mahomes tried to score a touchdown, passing the ball to wideout Tyreek Hill. But the Bengals prevented that, and it seemed as if it took the wind right out of the Chiefs’ offence.

The second incident was the entirety of

the second half. The Chiefs accrued only 83 yards of total offence and Mahomes was held to 16 pass yards. Mahomes could not decide what to do pretty much on every play and was forced to run in circles around the pocket.

On the other end, the former Heisman Trophy winner and college national champion with LSU will become the first quarterback taken No. 1 overall to reach the Super Bowl within his first two years in the league.

The Ohio native becomes the second quarterback to defeat Mahomes in the playoffs and the third quarterback in franchise history to reach the Super Bowl.

Rams erased 10-point deficit in fourth quarter

On a day of comebacks, the Rams stormed back in the fourth quarter to end their six-game losing streak against the San Francisco 49ers.

For the second consecutive year, the host team of the Super Bowl will take part in the big dance. Last year the Tampa Bay Buccaneers hosted the Super Bowl and won.

In a game that looked to be all but over thanks to a George Kittle touchdown, the Rams, who were struggling on offence all game simply found a way to break down a tough 49ers defence.

Stafford found triple-crown winner Cooper Kupp wide open in the end zone on third and one at the beginning of the fourth quarter. In what could have been a game changing interception, down 17-14, Stafford threw the ball right to 49ers safety Jaquiski Tart who dropped the ball with nobody around. That led to a game-tying field goal and then eventually another field goal from Matt Gay with just under two minutes left.

On the ensuing 49ers drive, 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo threw an unwarranted interception while being tackled down to the ground giving the Rams the victory.

On the anniversary of being traded to the Rams one year ago, this moment was particularly special for Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford.

Stafford spent eleven years with the Detroit Lions, having never won a playoff game. In his first year as a Ram, Stafford is heading to the Super Bowl.

It will be the battle of the first-overall picks. Stafford was chosen by the Detroit Lions first overall in 2009. Burrow was selected first overall by the Bengals in 2020.

In what should be an enthralling Super Bowl bout between the underdog and the favourite, I see the Los Angeles Rams taking home the Super Bowl.

Prediction: 28-24 Rams.



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Area artist’s work showcased in OFL March 8 Project

BY MARK PAVILONS

A King artist’s work is highlighting female empowerment stories. Schomburg’s Giovannina Colalillo has applied her talents to promotional art for the Ontario Federation of Labour once again.

The OFL’s March 8 Project has been supporting women’s organizations across Ontario as they rise, resist, and organize for equality across our province.

This is the 12th year of the March 8 project. The project was developed by the Ontario Federation of Labour Women’s Committee to celebrate International Women’s Day. This year’s theme is HERstory!

According to the organization, it has been an unprecedented two years for everyone around the globe. The pandemic has exposed the hard truth that people getting harmed the most are the people already facing the worst inequities, especially women, who are predominantly our front-line workers, our lifelines.

“We are in a time of crisis and we need to reset our norms to focus on a system of care, a care society. Women are making HERstory everyday as ‘she-heroes’ during the pandemic. Celebrate women and their stories of survival, persistence and strength this International Women’s Day by wearing an OFL 2022 HERstory lapel pin in solidarity and sisterhood.”

These pewter pins and posters are works of art that members and community partners will value for many years to come. Both products are proudly union-made in Canada.

Colalillo said the concept for the Her-Story poster and pin is about women telling their own story, their history/herstory from the female perspective. The stories of these last few years, how the pandemic has affected women in their work and roles as women, at work and at home, are especially important.

The art in the poster represents women’s faces – various ages and ethnicities. In the piece, women together with strength, support, solidarity, look

straight ahead stare at viewer. Colalillo said it’s like “looking through and getting through,” the many various roles and jobs they had to do before during and after the pandemic.

Ideas that run through the art include recovery, renewal, resurgence, rising up, solidarity and strength.

“Women gave up lower paying jobs to watch kids at home,” she said.

The art also shows women’s ability to work and watch kids – balancing work and family.

Colalillo noted in the poster and pin each woman has a rose embedded on her.

On the poster, you can find the roses from left to right and top to bottom: as a pin on the hijab, ties for the braids, earrings, button on shirt collar, centre collar of shirt, hairline of forehead, corner of glasses, dangling earring, necklace/collar.

The rose represents the rise from a special poem during the suffrage movement.

“Bread and Roses” is a political slogan as well as the name of an associated poem and song. It originated from a speech given by American women’s suffrage activist Helen Todd. A line in that speech about “bread for all, and roses too” inspired the title of the poem Bread and Roses by James Oppenheim.

The poem was first published in The American Magazine in December 1911.

The phrase is commonly associated with the successful textile strike in Lawrence, Massachusetts, between January and March 1912, now often referred to as the “Bread and Roses strike.”

The slogan pairing bread and roses, appealing for both fair wages and dignified conditions, found resonance as transcending “the sometimes tedious struggles for marginal economic advances” in the “light of labor struggles as based on striving for dignity and respect,” as Robert J. S. Ross wrote in 2013.

“I have incorporated a rose in all the posters and pin for the past 11 years. It’s like finding Waldo,” she said.

Local Green candidate Laura Campbell shares firsthand why small business needs more COVID-19 support

BY ROB PAUL

On Monday, Ontario Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner and Dufferin-Caledon candidate Laura Campbell, who is also a small business owner in the area, spoke out about the need for more support in the way of grants from the provincial government for small businesses impacted by the pandemic.

“Small businesses in Ontario are struggling,” said Schreiner. “Today is the first step of reopening and while it’s going to be welcome news for many small businesses, the reality is that many are still struggling, and many will be operating at 50 per cent capacity. Which means they will still, in many cases, be operating at a loss.”

According to the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB), only 28 per cent of Ontario small businesses are operating at normal revenues and 19 per cent are actively considering bankruptcy. The average COVID-19 debt for small businesses across the province is over \$190,000.

“When Premier Ford announced the most recent round of health measures on January 3, I called for immediate support to help small businesses that would be required to close their doors in the name of public health and safety, which most small business owners I’ve spoken to support,” said Schreiner. “The bottom line is small businesses shouldn’t be penalized for doing the right thing. All the Premier offered was empty platitudes and a little bit of support that might be delivered a month later. I can tell you as a long-time small business owner that cashflow is critical to being able to pay bills and being able to maintain staying open. Doug Ford continues to delay and be dollars short in delivering the support that small businesses need.

“That’s why the Ontario Greens are calling on the government to immediately expand eligibility for the new Ontario COVID-19 Small Business Relief Grant to all impacted businesses, even if they’re not fully closed, and to add another round of funding for February given that many sectors will still be operating at below 100 per cent capacity. Increasing the amount of available funds and expanding the Staycation Tax Credit to include indoor dining at restaurants and adding additional sector specific support for businesses that have been hardest hit, such as gyms and restaurants, which have been closed for over 400 days. There will not be an economic recovery without small businesses and Premier has left many small businesses out to dry throughout the pandemic. That’s why the Ontario Greens will continue to fight for supports for small businesses, which provide the vibrancy in our downtowns and main streets across the province. We need to ensure that small businesses can survive so our communities can thrive.”

Campbell is the co-owner of Pia’s on Broadway in Orangeville and has dealt firsthand with the impacts of the pandemic on small business owners and she doesn’t think there’s a plausible way for businesses to continue on without more support.

“I’ve been in business here since 2009, so we’re very well established here in the community and our community has supported us so much while we’ve been takeout only for a long time,” said Campbell. “We fully acknowledge that we had to close our dining room as Omicron raged through our neighbourhood as much as across the province. The issue really is the support that Doug Ford has announced is almost too little, too late. So many businesses are already so behind, and they really needed the holiday period, including into early January, to make up the losses that they’ve experienced throughout the pandemic. It really did start to feel like things were starting to go back to normal.

“There was a small catchup period, but that was quickly snuffed out. As the cost of goods that we’re purchasing to run restaurant in particular go up and up, the impact of the small business support grant that is coming is going to be much less. This includes the fact that a lot of small businesses have almost familiar relationships with their staff and layoffs are almost impossible. It makes it really difficult to adjust because small businesses want to keep folks on payroll. There’s a lot of challenges and there’s been difficulties pivoting. It’s been incredibly challenging across the hard-hit sectors and that’s what I’ve been hearing from my community. You see the community support and the rallying happening, but the Ford Government needs to acknowledge the support coming isn’t going to be enough for many businesses.”

When asked about businesses bouncing back when the pandemic does slow down, Campbell explained that small businesses are already so far behind, and COVID-19 is so unpredictable that the only hope for a bounce back is more help from the government.

“No, I don’t think so,” she said. “In particular because amongst the public there are a lot of folks who are very much recognizing that the virus is airborne and the risk is still there and that regardless of their vaccination status, because of the way in which our healthcare system is so burdened right now, if we have another wave it could impact all kinds of people – vulnerable folks who have medical conditions could be at a real risk. The last time we reopened our dining room, we didn’t see people rushing back, so a lot of businesses are still having to really get creative in how they’re paying their bills and how they’re making ends meet.

“The other part of that too is now we’re living through the economic consequences of the last two years, whether it’s inflation or low consumer confidence because perhaps there will be another variant or another wave. People are in debt and so it’s unsure whether or not this bounce back will be the answer because across the province our citizens have very different conceptions of personal safety and whether or not they can afford to go on living life the way they did before the pandemic began. This is why Ontario brains continue to call for other income supplements and supports, so that people can continue living life in a way where they can make ends meet.”

Residents gather to support Convoy along Highway 10

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Hundreds of Orangeville residents lined Highway 10 despite the -34°C wind chill last Friday, January 28, holding up signs of support as a convoy of over 100 vehicles, led by big rigs, headed to Ottawa.

In the morning, every few vehicles that passed by honked their horns in support of the protestors, until the convoy arrived around 12 noon, a little behind schedule.

Despite the hold-up, hundreds of the convoy supporters didn’t budge and braved the cold for well over an hour, with a common goal of ending vaccine mandates, along with other COVID-19 restrictions.

“I’d like to see people get their jobs back. It doesn’t matter the vaccinated or unvaccinated, they need their jobs back. They need to provide for their family,” said Krystin Lucas, who supported the “Freedom Convoy” along Highway 10 and noted that she’s double vaccinated against COVID-19.

“I don’t see what the point is with putting all these restrictions on people over the vaccine when you can still contract the virus and pass it on.”

The trucks in the local convoy started in Owen Sound and joined a larger convoy of vehicles in Belleville before heading to Parliament Hill.

What originally spurred the “Freedom Convoy”, which has raised \$10 million in two weeks from over 120,000 donors on GoFundMe, was Justin Trudeau’s vaccine mandate for truckers.

Up to 32,000 or about 20 per cent of the 160,000 American and Canadian cross-border truckers are being taken off the roads because of the COVID-19 mandates, estimated the Canadian Trucker Alliance (CTA). The CTA, which represents 4,500 truckers, said it condemns the protest or any demonstration on public roadways, highways and bridges out of disruption and safety concerns.



PHOTO BY PETE RICHARDSON

all followed the rules, and it’s time to open everything back up.”

Vitanyi stressed that she doesn’t want to see another shut-down of the schools, forcing her granddaughter, who’s in kindergarten, to lose more of her early years to the pandemic.

“They’ve lost two years and kids are dropping their grades, they can’t do anything online because they’re not understanding it. They need to be in person,” she remarked.

Brent Hostrawser, who’s a father of two, was lined up behind Highway 10 to support the truckers rolling through Orangeville, and said his main message is to leave the kids alone.

“They’re the ones hurting the most out of all of this,” he said.

Hostrawser noted that he wants youth sports and in-person schooling return back to normal.

He also shared his support for the convoy’s truckers that headed up to Parliament Hill.

“Just a big thank you to the truckers for doing this. Someone’s finally standing up for everyone,” said Hostrawser.

Vaccinated and unvaccinated standing against mandates

Meanwhile, Vitanyi, who emphasized that she’s double vaccinated for COVID-19, told the Citizen she’s tired of the negative rhetoric around those who made a different medical choice, and didn’t get the jab.

“People are saying the unvaccinated are creating more people being sick. That’s not true. I could get it, and I could give it to you, doesn’t matter whether I’m vaccinated or not,” she said. “The only thing is that hopefully, with the vaccinations, you won’t maybe get as sick. But that’s a person’s choice, that’s an individual’s choice, whether you get it or not.”

Melissa Cairney, fellow supporter of the trucker convoy that came down Highway 10, who was there with her children, said she is there to support the right to choose with respect to COVID-19 vaccines.

“We just feel that, this is a pandemic, for sure. Everything is as it seems, but freedom of choice is the most important thing, and I just won’t give it up,” Cairney told the Citizen. “Vaccinated or unvaccinated I think people should have the right to choose, especially with the situation, with a vaccine that doesn’t stop the spread. I feel that it’s medical discrimination.”

Cairney said if the vaccine worked as they do traditionally, and eradicated the illness, she could see things differently, but that unfortunately isn’t the case.

Convoy supporters see boost in “Canadian Spirit”

Meanwhile, Derek Barnett, who was supporting the convoy roll along Highway 10, said the division through the pandemic motivated him to get outside and take a stand.

“I think Canadians are fed up and we just want our country back. We want Canada to be what it is, a free loving country, welcoming everyone of all ethnicities, origins and just where we’re a caring peaceful people. That’s what we want. That’s all we want. We just want to live our lives and be left alone.”

A common sentiment, shared by Barnett and countless others, was that for the last two years he wasn’t very proud to be Canadian, but the Freedom Convoy has reinvigorated his Canadian spirit.

Cairney said, “It’s been two years, and I haven’t felt proud to be Canadian until this started... It’s just amazing to see all the people

that felt alone come together, and people who have taken the vaccine stand up to support the other people’s freedoms as well.”

Barnett noted there’s always going to be people who say inflammatory things or have negative intentions, and it shouldn’t be representative of the entire convoy.

“We should take those people separately, and let them have the consequences,” he said.

“I believe in Canadians; I believe that they are a peaceful people.”

Cairney shared a similar perspective.

“Anyone who knows me knows that I’m a good person, and I would never support something that was nefarious or whatever, but I just can’t understand how people can’t see what this is about,” she told the Citizen.

Meanwhile, Orangeville Mayor Sandy Brown has condemned the Freedom Convoy.

“I think there are people that are listening to misinformation, and I just wish everybody would just get vaccinated and accept that this is the proper course of action,” he said.

OPP’s observations of the convoy

Dufferin OPP say they did not encounter any issues with the people participating in the convoy or anyone that assembled to view the convoy.

No roads were closed, but police did momentarily block traffic in Shelburne and Orangeville in order to facilitate safe movement of the general public and the convoy through Dufferin County.

“The OPP respects the right of everyone to have freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. Our role is to ensure public and road safety and to keep the peace,” said Jennifer Roach, community liaison for the Dufferin OPP Detachment.



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A private funeral service was held at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S., Bolton (905-857-2213) on Tuesday morning, February 1 at 11 o'clock. Interment Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton. If desired, memorial donations can be made to Essa Public Library Thornton Branch, 34 Robert Street, Thornton L0L 2N0 or Stevenson Memorial Hospital, 200 Fletcher Crescent, P.O. Box 4000, Alliston L9R 1W7. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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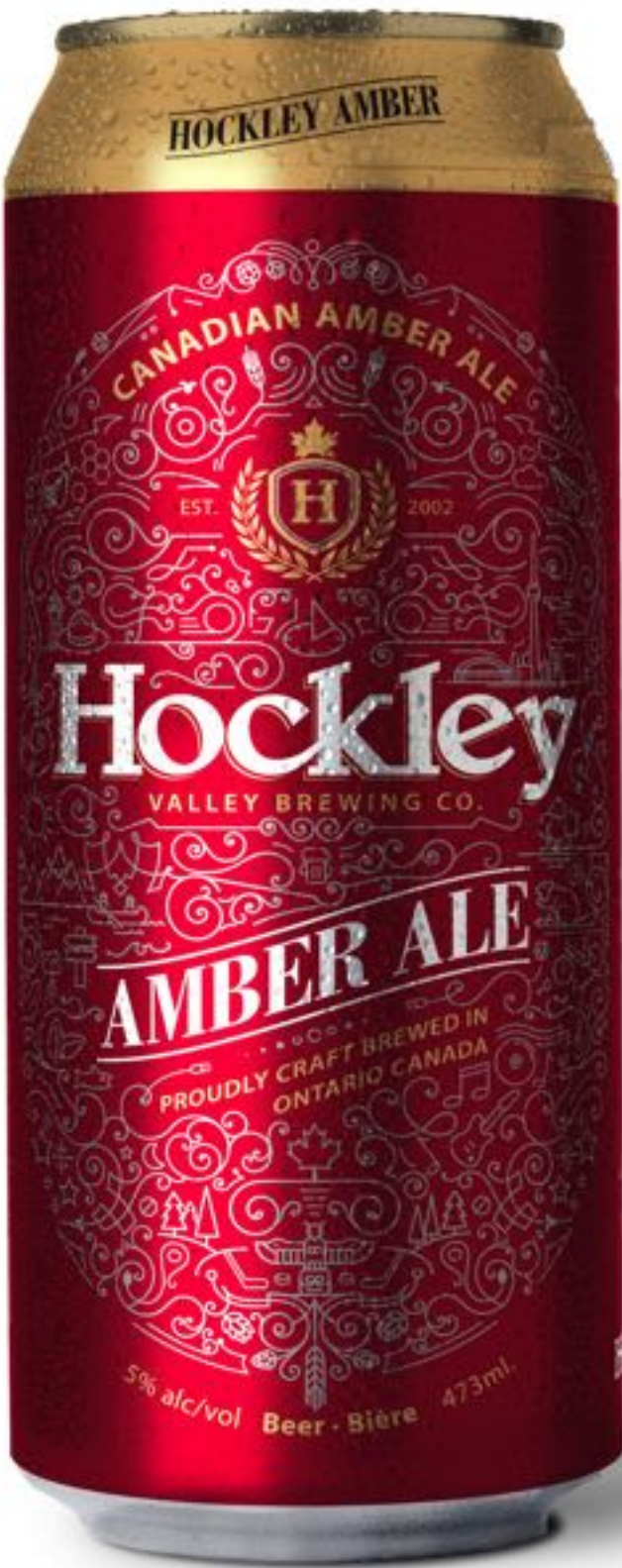
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Wanting to be a role model for women is what led Johanna Downey to run for Caledon Council



Councillor Johanna Downey

BY ROB PAUL

Some people grow up with a drive to get into politics, others find themselves engrossed in it out of the sheer love they have for their community.

Johanna Downey didn't initially plan to run for Caledon Council, but the Ward 2 Regional Councillor is now in the last year of her second term, and it all began nearly a decade ago when fellow Councillor Jennifer Innis approached her about the idea.

"She came to me and said that the Regional seat in Ward 2 will be open and that I should really consider running," she said. "At the time, Councillor Innis worked for the Mayor as an executive assistant before running for Council—she has a much more political background and me not so much. After she approached me, a number of my neighbours in the Ward 2 community started approaching me to tell me I'd be very good for this. My first instinct was to think it's an old white guy job because historically, if you looked at our Council that's what it looked like, even despite having a number of female mayors, there was a disparity.

"That thought stayed in my head and I started to think about my two daughters, and I looked at the homogenous council of old white men and thought, 'how could they possibly represent their community?' Their community doesn't all look like that; maybe at a time it did, but it doesn't now. The short answer is that I wanted to put myself in a position so that my daughters wouldn't ever think that role isn't for me. That was a horrible thing for me to think, that I couldn't be in that position because people that look like me weren't, and so I just thought I needed to put myself there so my daughters and other women and minorities will see those positions are for them and that a Council should represent its community in many ways."

Born and raised in Bolton, Downey moved to the west side of Caledon after she got married to raise a family, which has only strengthened her passion for the community.

"My father moved to Bolton in 1961. He was an elementary school principal and he was very involved in Bolton Rotary, and a lot of community events," she said. "I think that I'm the same, I have the same love for being active in the community. Not everyone steps out their front door and really takes advantage of what their community has, but I love that we have everything that we have in Caledon. Caledon is an amazing place to live because it has so much to offer. People will maybe go to Brampton for a restaurant for example and I'll always say, 'Hey, wait, there's an actually really great independent restaurant up in Alton you should check out.' It's because maybe if you live in Cheltenham or Bolton, you don't really consider taking the drive within your own town. I'm always telling people we have everything you need here, and I really just love where I live. I think it's really important to be active and out in the community. I'm a social person, I love coaching soccer, being involved in community

events, and volunteering—that's what builds community. It's so easy to say your community doesn't have something and be negative, and I always look at it with the mentality that if something's missing in your community, then do it, build it."

Downey has always wanted to ensure there are diverse options for all demographics in Caledon and that's why one of her biggest accomplishments, she says, was getting a community hub for an area that was in dire need of one.

"On a local level the community hub in Southfields Village is something I'm very proud of," she said. "It's still in its infancy, but the concept is quite brilliant and aligns with the Provincial mandate of having a true community hub—having services that families need, fitness, library, pool, seniors' space, children space, social services. It gives us the possibility of having everything under one roof. When I started, that community literally had nothing. You couldn't even host a meeting unless you rented the school gym. The phone calls I would get were around seniors and supporting young families. Those were the gaps I saw, and I'm really pleased they've been addressed."

As important as the community hub for Southfields was, the achievement that stands out most to her in her time on Council is the work she's done to help stop human trafficking in the region, a plan that has had a wide scale impact and will help influence other Region's in the future.

"On a regional level, my proudest accomplishment is the strategy to address human trafficking in Peel," she said. "Peel's municipalities are the only ones to have a strategy, no other municipality in Ontario had endorsed, or written their own strategy. The Province has basically aligned their strategy with ours so there's quite a few similarities. On top of that strategy, the more tangible piece is that in four short years the strategy was endorsed and we now have two houses in Peel for survivors. Honestly, people tell me all the time I need to talk about my accomplishment, and I always tell them it's about the team, but I will say that it was 100 per cent me getting that on the table. I'll take full credit for bringing it to the table, but there was a huge team behind it in terms of actually getting the work done.

"That work had been happening, but they didn't have the political guidance in order to bring it to the finish line and I'm very proud that I could see where they needed to put themselves and I was able to put them there. Now we have amazing houses operated by Elizabeth Fry (Society of Peel-Halton), the board oversight is Peel Regional Police, and it's phenomenal. Now other municipalities are modelling after us."

Going forward, there's two particularly important initiatives for her as a Councillor; the first is figuring out the illegal land use issues as a result of trucking in the area and the other is keeping students in Peel safe when they get off the bus.

"There's this idea that we're trying to shut down trucking and that couldn't be further from the truth. There's a policy deficit in how we address the logistics industry. Peel is the goods movement hub of Ontario, if not Canada, it's a huge driver and we're the engine. Yet, when we calculate in planning and calculate our employment lands, there isn't an accurate equation for the number of trips a business generates. It's great if your municipality has big businesses but we're not calculating for the trucks on the road and where they stay at night. It's now turned into a huge problem with trucks being stored on agricultural land. That's big on my radar at this moment.

"Stop-arm cameras on school buses is getting to the finish line for September 2022. Now all the jerks that drive by school bus stops are going to get tickets. That's four years in the making because three different ministries funnel into it but because they're bringing automatic monetary penalties, they're giving us access to use the system—it won't have to go through the court, literally if you pass a school bus stop there's no contesting it. In Peel we have 1,600 buses on the road and there's 20 bus stop blow-bys per day on average. In Caledon our issue is bigger because the faster a car is going obviously there's higher chance of it being a fatality (due to more rural routes)."

One of the important aspects of being a councillor in Downey's opinion is having the ability to stay fluid and adapt policies as the community and its needs change to better serve residents.

"I think that being able to address the needs of your community in a way that is productive and fulsome," she said. "When I first started, I had a friend in a new neighbourhood who had put up a pool cabana and she ended up having to go to Committee of Adjustments because it didn't meet the building criteria—their contractor was from Brampton and followed Brampton rules. They ended up having to pay a fine and for a lot line adjustment and she was out of pocket something like \$3,000. I told her that I couldn't un-ring the bell on the situation because I can't change things case by case, but as a legislator I can make sure that the policy is changed so nobody else has to go through it.

"The reality of our job is to create good policy and legislate so that everything works for everyone. We create rules and policy that can be applied to our entire community and at the time Caledon didn't have a lot of experience with high density communities, so our rules were written for low density lots. It was about changing policies so that not everyone would have to go through committee of adjustment. It's about changing policy as the community changes for the betterment of residents."

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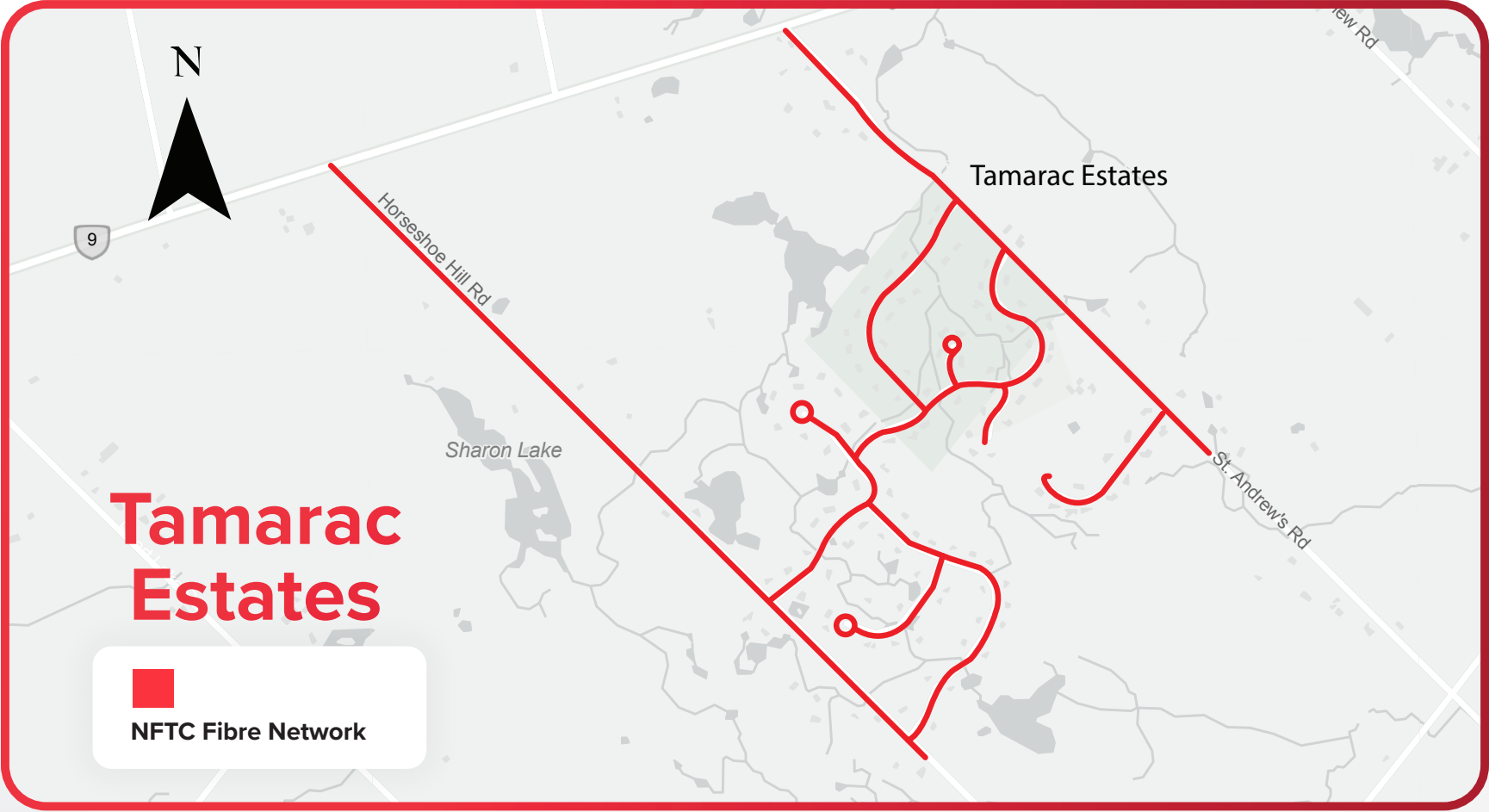
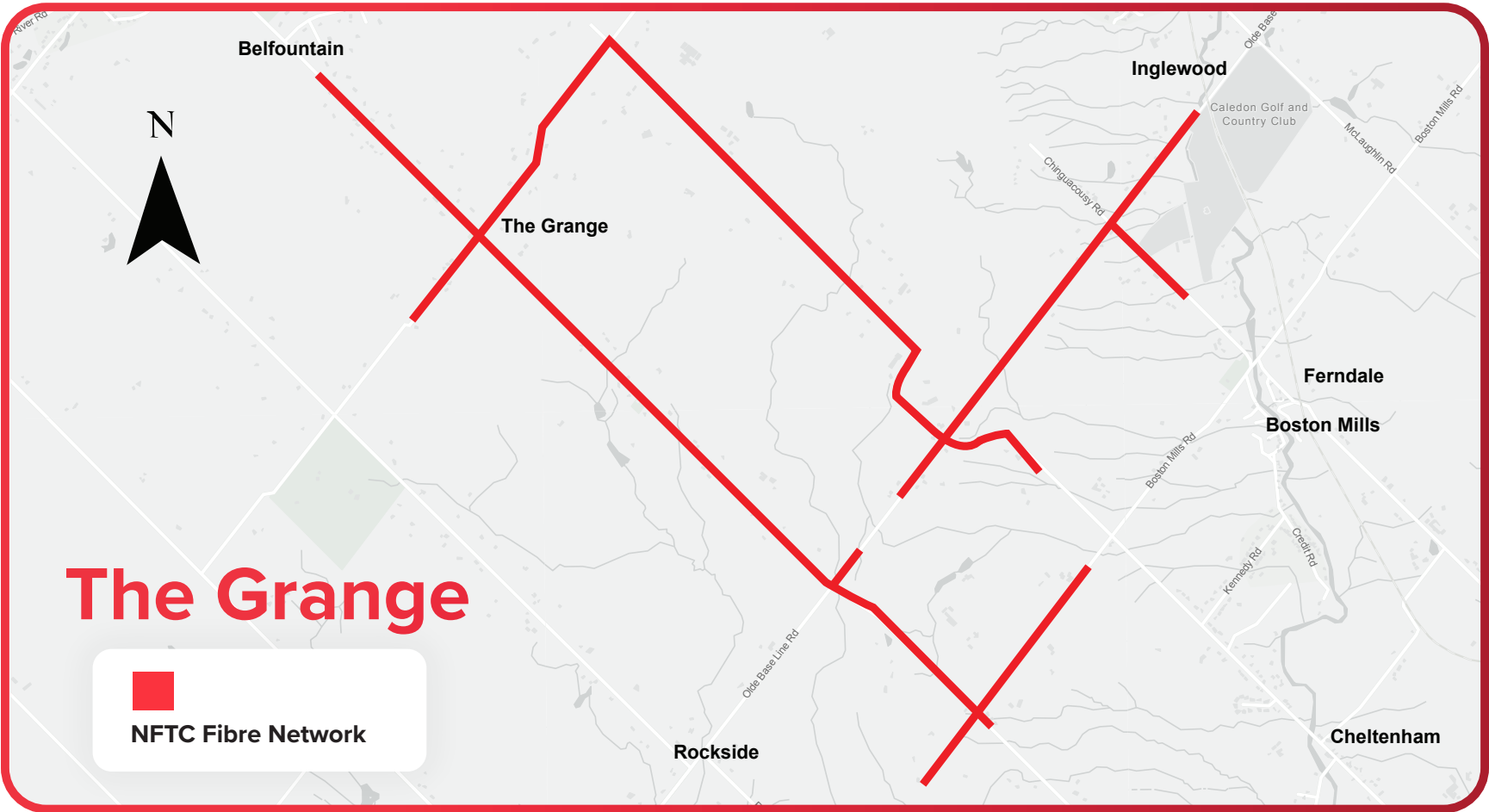
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