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**COMMUNITY LINKS** - Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson and Vaughan Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua welcomed the Province's commitment to building the Caledon-Vaughan GO Rail Line last week.

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## Province commits to building Caledon-Vaughan GO Rail Line in new transportation plan

BY ROB PAUL

Last week, Premier Doug Ford announced Ontario's transportation plans for the Great Golden Horseshoe to help manage the expected growth over the next 30 years.

Ford was joined by Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson and Vaughan Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, and, as part of the plan, the Ontario Government publicly committed to multiple new transportation options for Caledon, including the long-awaited Caledon-Vaughan GO rail line.

This builds on the Ministry of Transportation's

move in January to direct Metrolinx to advance the business case for the new GO rail service.

Caledon Council, alongside its counterparts in the Cities of Vaughan and Brampton, have been actively pursuing this vital regional link for years as they prepare for significant expected growth over the next three decades.

"As a municipality projected to grow to 300,000 people and 125,000 jobs by 2051, advancing GO train service to Caledon now is smart, forward-looking planning. It's a critical step in our pursuit of multiple transportation options for Caledon," said Thompson.

"GO train service will help preserve Caledon's quality of life, protect our environment and greenspaces, and reduce traffic congestion. We thank Premier Doug Ford and Minister of Transportation Caroline Mulroney for taking this important next step. We also recognize the efforts of our MPP, Sylvia Jones, who has been a strong advocate for this exciting project."

A Caledon-Vaughan GO line would serve a catchment of approximately 1.3 million people, encompassing an area from Toronto to Caledon, Vaughan and Brampton.

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**Bolton Rotary launches Bolton200 game to celebrate bicentennial**

BY ROB PAUL

To celebrate Bolton's bicentennial, the Rotary Club of Bolton has launched the Bolton200 Discovery Game.

It's a family-focused game that's free for all to join and play.

It will challenge participants to find mystery locations and intriguing history within Bolton.

People can enter at any time during the game.

The Rotary Club of Bolton will announce "high points" teams on social media but the game is ultimately for fun, physical outdoor activity and learning about the community's history.

The game is run through a mobile app called "GooseChase," where you will see the list of challenges and be able to upload your photos and videos. The game launched on March 1 and will run until June 3.

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# Headwaters reflects on anniversary of pandemic as it continues to focus on safety of staff and patients

BY ROB PAUL

With the passing of the two-year anniversary of the World Health Organization (WHO) declaring COVID-19 a pandemic (March 11, 2020), Headwaters Health Care Centre remains alert to the threat of the virus to the community.

When the pandemic began, Headwaters mobilized to prepare for the challenges to come and continues to stay prepared for more after 24 months of dealing with COVID-19.

“We established an Emergency Operations Centre on March 13 (2020) and spent the next week adapting and ramping up Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) protocols and supplies, adjusting service delivery levels, and organizing our resources to respond to the ever changing information available and demands on the health care system,” said Kim Delahunt, Headwaters President and CEO, and Dr Peter Cino, Chief of Staff and VP of Medical affairs. “By March 19, 2020, along with our community partners, we had our first external COVID-19 Assessment Centre set up in the parking lot to administer COVID-19 tests.

“As we took these steps to secure our ability to continue to meet the health care needs of our community, we received an extraordinary outpouring of support from those we serve. Businesses and individuals came forward with much-needed PPE for staff and patients, deliveries of food for staff who were working long hours ‘magically’ appeared and donations to the Headwaters Health Care Foundation to support our efforts to respond to the pandemic rolled in. That community support has been unwavering for the past two years

and we are truly grateful to operate in such a generous and caring community.

“We also strengthened and established new connections with our community health care and social services partners. Those partnerships remain invaluable as we continue to face pandemic-related challenges along with the ongoing evolution of health care in Ontario. We are incredibly appreciative of the collaboration and partnerships with those organizations and agencies.

Over the last two years, the primary areas Headwaters serves (Dufferin County and Caledon) have seen over 11,000 cases of COVID-19 which has made the protection of patients and staff that much more difficult. To date, Headwaters has seen the death of 25 patients due to COVID-19 and 171 members and physicians test positive.

“There have been many ups and downs as COVID-19 variants led to surges in cases placing a strain on health care and community resources and as situations changed rapidly,” said Delahunt and Cino. “We have adjusted our services and adapted in a myriad of ways to ensure continuity of health care. It hasn’t been easy, and the toll it has taken on the mental health of both our community and staff cannot be understated. We know it has been hard and we have done our best to ensure that those we serve can continue to rely on Headwaters for the quality health care for which we are known. We are resilient and we continue to persevere.

“The ability to continue to care for patients as we have would not have been possible without the dedication, professionalism and strength of the Headwaters staff and physicians. From those behind the scenes to those providing direct care to patients, each member of the Headwaters team has gone to extraordinary lengths and endured exceptional circumstances to do so. We have relied tremendously on our staff and physicians to take on extra duties and shifts. We know this had added pressures at work and at home. We extend heartfelt thanks to all of them.”

With the Government of Ontario no longer requiring proof of vaccination for specific indoor settings as of March 1 and planning to remove mask mandates on March 21, Headwaters will continue to follow clear health and safety measures to keep staff and patients safe as it begins to return to its pre-pandemic protocol.

“As we look ahead to another new phase of the pandemic, with easing of mask mandates and proof of vaccination protocols, we are cautiously optimistic about the year ahead,” said Delahunt and Cino. “Headwaters will maintain mask and screening protocols until further notice. We are, however, extremely pleased to welcome back our in-hospital volunteers in a gradual and phased approach later this month. We have also updated our visitor policy but are not yet able to offer open visitation.

“We continue to urge caution in the community. Please follow hand washing guidelines and any COVID-19 safety protocols that are recommended. It is also completely acceptable to continue wearing a mask in situations where you feel more comfortable even if it isn’t required. If you aren’t vaccinated, please talk to your doctor or another health care professional about the benefits of vaccination; we know they have helped turn the tide of the pandemic.”

At press time, three confirmed inpatients with COVID-19 and 305 inpatients who have tested positive to date, as a result, Headwaters will continue to treat the pandemic with the utmost caution.

“At Headwaters, we will continue to remain vigilant in protecting our patients and staff against the virus,” Delahunt and Cino said. “The hospital is a safe place to be if you need to visit or stay with us, and we will continue to do everything we can to stay that way. Thank you for your ongoing support as we recognize this milestone date of the pandemic.”

For more information on protocol at Headwaters Health Care Centre, visit [www.headwatershealth.ca/](http://www.headwatershealth.ca/).

## OPP and Headwaters collaborate to expand mobile crisis response teams

BY PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
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The Ontario Government is working to improve how law enforcement supports people in crisis with funding granted to numerous police services to expand mobile crisis response teams.

Solicitor General and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones announced last Friday, March 11, at the Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) headquarters in Primrose, that the provincial government would be investing more than \$4 million over two years to expand mobile crisis response teams.

“Increasingly, police are confronted with the need to assist with vulnerable people in acute crisis situations that may be impacted by mental health and/or addiction issues, a promising solution is to recreate mobile crisis response teams,” said Jones during Friday’s announcement.

The Dufferin OPP is among 28 communities receiving a maximum funding of \$120,000 per fiscal year for a total of \$240,000 over two years.

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) and the Dufferin OPP as recipients of the two-year grant will partner in providing

mobile support for individuals experiencing a moderate to severe mental health or addiction crisis in the community.

“We are excited about this new partnership and what it will mean for our community,” said Kim Delahunt, president and CEO of Headwaters hospital. “The team will be able to provide assistance, where it’s needed, which may not be in a hospital setting.”

The Dufferin Mobile Crisis Response Team (D-MCRT) will consist of a police officer and a crisis worker who will collaborate on responding to calls where mental health or addictions may be a factor. Crisis workers – registered nurses, social workers, or counselors – will determine if an individual should be sent to the emergency department for treatment and connected to community programming to address their physical and mental well-being.

“This partnership will enhance our response to the community. We are building on existing services and taking our service delivery to the next level,” said Dufferin OPP Inspector Terry Ward.

One of the goals of the D-MCRT is reducing the number of emergency department visits and inpatient admissions in crisis situations.

Headwaters Hospital reports an average of 1,529 visits to the emergency department annually for mental health and addiction services equating to over four visits each day.


On Friday, Delahunt noted that 30 per cent of all emergency department visits for mental health and substance use are the first point of contact.

“The mobile crisis response team allows for a crisis specialist and the police to intervene early and connect to community resources ensuring that the first point of contact is in the community and not at the hospital,” she said.

Delahunt added that only 26 per cent of all mental health and substance use clients coming into Headwaters hospital’s emergency department are admitted.

“This shows that if these individuals are assessed and supported in the community by the appropriate supports, it is likely they could avoid hospitalization,” she said.

The OPP reports an average of 74.5 mental health and addiction calls each month with most requiring an average of two and a half hours of response time.




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# Ontario set to end mask mandate on Monday

BY ROB PAUL

As of Monday, March 21, the Government of Ontario will no longer require masks in specific indoor settings.

Businesses, like with vaccine passports, may still require it independent of the province's decision.

Premier Doug Ford recently addressed some of the concerns over removing mask mandates despite some health organizations and experts objecting to the decision without further data to support the move.

"I've always listened to the recommendations of (Ontario Chief Medical Officer) Dr. (Kieran) Moore," said Ford. "Dr. Moore has put our recommendations forward, and I believe in him. He's done an incredible job and has brought us this far through the pandemic. We're going to continue to be cautious and always be cautious, and when it comes to masks, if someone wants to wear a mask then all the power to them. It's going to be their option and however they feel about it, it's going to be their decision."

"I've always followed Dr. Moore's direction, and it's going to be a choice for people. If I'm going into long-term care to see my mother-in-law, I'm wearing a mask or if I'm visiting someone in the hospital, I'm going to wear a mask. People are going to have a choice and Dr. Moore said we're at the point where people are going to have to determine if they want to wear a mask or not. I encourage everyone moving forward to support each other, no matter if you're wearing a mask or you aren't. Let's be united and respect each and every person's decision."

When asked about the protection of children under five who aren't eligible for vaccination and also aren't required to mask being at risk with those around them no longer needing to mask, Ford was adamant it's about choice.

"If they're uncomfortable, wear a mask," he said. "It's not being forced

on anyone, it's their choice. If they're nervous, then keep their masks on. It's up to the parents (to mask their children), nobody is going to force anyone to take a mask off or put a mask on. The parents understand the situations within their family and with their child and it's going to be their choice."

Ford ended his announcement by clarifying that every person running for the PC Party of Ontario is vaccinated.

With Monday marking the end of mask mandates in Ontario, vaccine coverage and third booster shots continue to increase in the Region.

Peel has now administered 3,282,456 doses of the vaccine—1,403,611 individuals have one dose, 1,276,714 have both doses, and 597,191 have received their third dose booster.

The Region now has 82 per cent of all residents with two dose coverage and single dose coverage remaining at 86.1. 91.7 per cent of those 12 and older are double vaccinated and 94.4 per cent have initiated the vaccination process—86.5 per cent of all eligible residents (5+) have both doses and 90.9 per cent have one.

In Peel, the COVID-19 case total has dropped below 1,000 once again after last week's spike to over 2,000 new cases. The Region has seen 824 new cases since last week with the total rising to 177,353 and the death count rising to 1,284 with 33 new deaths since last week.

Caledon's seen 37 new cases over the last week to bring the Town total to 7,708. There was one new death this week with the count rising to 28.

To book a vaccine in the Region of Peel, visit [www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/book-appointment/](http://www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/book-appointment/). To schedule a third dose booster, visit [covid19.ontariohealth.ca/](http://covid19.ontariohealth.ca/).

To download or print a copy of your proof of vaccination (which some businesses continue to require), visit [covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccine-booking-support#proof-of-vaccination](http://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccine-booking-support#proof-of-vaccination).

## Caledon East's NPCC to host "EndeavHER," a forum focused on empowering women

BY ROB PAUL

North Peel Community Church (NPCC) in Caledon East will host a virtual discussion on March 26, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The forum, titled "EndeavHER," will take place on Zoom and include keynote speaker Dr. Brenda Rowdy.

NPCC is hosting the event in an effort to celebrate the history, influence, and power of women while uplifting the voices of women and having important discussions.

The forum is free, and all are welcome.

"The reason is to celebrate women, not only in ministry but in our community," said NPCC's Nerrissa Myers. "We know that sometimes women get left behind and they start off from behind. So, we want to celebrate all the women in our community for all the work they do. There's a saying that says, 'behind every good man there's a strong woman,' and we can see that. Even during the pandemic so many women stepped forward on the frontline and at home. We want to take time to acknowledge them."

"We chose different women from various generations and walks of life to speak and give their input. We'll have questions such as, 'if you had the opportunity to change something in this world, what would it be and what would it look like?' It's really a forum to gather women together and have those discussions to empower, celebrate, and lift each other up. It's not only for women either, we're inviting men to participate because we want them to come out and share and ask questions as well."

The EndeavHER forum isn't limited to those in the community either, NPCC's has speakers from across North America set to participate to allow for different voices with varying experiences to contribute to the conversation.

"One of our leaders had the idea to celebrate and recognize women," she said. "We'll have speakers participating from the U.S., that's the advantage of doing it virtually on Zoom, and we'll have speakers from here sharing their stories too. We'll look at the past and present and how some of them have been upholding and the struggles they've gone through. We also want to touch on intimate violence because sometimes the church doesn't discuss those things, but we want to acknowledge



North Peel Community Church

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it—especially because during the pandemic we know there's been more domestic violence. We have a professional who will speak to that topic, and we have someone from law enforcement too."

The idea for the forum came together when those involved at NPCC wanted to have open up to the community for the ability to have a discussion about important topics related to women.

"We started brainstorming and we looked at what's essential and relevant to what's happening in our society right now," Myers said. "We looked at the struggles and difficulties people are dealing with, particularly women. And our brainstorming produced the idea for this forum."

The goal of EndeavHER is to start and continue important conversations about women but also to empower them and allow them to connect over similar experiences.

"We want to highlight things that are happening," said Myers. "Some things are swept under the carpet, or nobody wants to take about certain things that are happening, and this gives us an opportunity to come together to refresh, connect, and share ideas while talking about your own story. We also want to focus on the piece of showing those who need help that there are resources in the community available to them."

For more information about NPCC's EndeavHER forum, contact [SphereNPCC@outlook.com](mailto:SphereNPCC@outlook.com) or call Nerrissa Myers (647-972-7035) or Beverley Blair (647-924-7181).

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Officers from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Caledon Detachment are investigating a serious motor vehicle collision that occurred on Humber Station Road, in the Town of Caledon.

“On Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at approximately 8:38 p.m., officers attended a serious multi-vehicle collision on Humber Station Road north of King Street,” say Police. “Three southbound vehicles became involved in a collision for unknown reasons. One driver was transported to a trauma centre with life-threatening injuries.

“Collision Reconstructionists from the OPP Highway Safety Division Traffic Incident Management and Enforcement Team are assisting with the investigation.”

Anyone who may have witnessed the

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

### PUBLIC MISCHIEF CHARGE

The Caledon Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) and uniformed members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), with the assistance of the Dufferin CSCU, executed a public safety warrant at a local property. It led to an arrest, weapons and ammunition seizures, and multiple criminal charges.

“In November 2021, uniformed officers began an investigation for the offence of Mischief and requested the Caledon CSCU to assist,” say Police. “It led to the belief that the accused was in possession of firearms and ammunition, posing a threat to

public safety. On March 2, 2022, the warrant was executed. A number of firearms, prohibited magazines, and a quantity of ammunition were seized.”

As a result, John Nielson, 64, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Criminal Harassment
- Mischief
- Careless storage of firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition (9 counts)
- Public mischief
- Possession of a prohibited device or ammunition (6 counts)
- Unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on May 19, 2022, to answer to the charges. The charges have not been proven.

any information regarding the incident, please contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

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### AMAZON FRAUD WARNING


The South Simcoe Police Service wants to make the public aware of recent scams involving fake Amazon employees.

“One complainant received an email that appeared legitimate from ‘Amazon’ stating the person had a refund and requesting her banking information and Social Insurance Number,” say Police. “Another victim received an automated phone call from ‘Amazon’ asking if she had made a particular purchase. The call instructed the victim to press 1 for yes and 2 for no. The victim pressed 2 and was told by a fake investigator to transfer money to an overseas account to help catch culprits who had supposedly hacked her account.”

March is Fraud Prevention Month. Here are some tips to help protect yourself from scams:

- If it feels wrong, it probably is. Hang up or delete.
- Do not press a number or click on a link before verifying the source.
- Never provide personal information to an unknown caller or email.
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### POLICE SEEK HELP IDENTIFYING ROBBERY SUSPECTS

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a robbery and are seeking assistance in identifying the two suspects.

“On March 11, 2022, at approximately 1:00 a.m., police received a call from a local business in the area of Dawson Road and Townline in Orangeville,” say Police. “Two males entered the business and demanded cigarettes and cash. One male brandished a hand gun. The two males left on foot with the cigarettes and cash prior to police arrival.

**Suspect # 1**

- Male, white, early 20s, thin build, 6’2, dark hair
- Tear drop under his left eye, blue in colour, approximately pea sized
- Wearing a grey puffer style jacket, grey toque, white mask, dark pants & black gloves

**Suspect # 2**

- Male, white, mid to late 30s, medium build, 5’11, scruffy facial hair, dark hair
- Beige plaid jacket, a white toque with stripes and a black mask

If you can identify the suspects or have

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24. London soccer team  
27. Score perfectly  
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35. Unwanted attic “decor”  
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38. Broad, shallow crater  
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10. Arabic given name  
11. Music awards  
12. “The Immoralist” author  
13. Area units  
21. Units of loudness  
23. Political action committee  
25. Bar bill  
26. Witch  
27. A theatrical performer  
28. 2-door car  
29. \_\_\_ and flowed  
32. Papier-\_\_\_, art

medium  
33. City in Georgia  
34. Irregular  
36. College sports conference  
37. Angry  
38. Partner to cheese  
40. S. American mammal  
41. Self-immolation by fire rituals  
43. Split pulses  
44. Disfigure  
46. Cow noise  
47. Erase  
49. Chadic language  
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51. Paid TV  
52. Millisecond  
53. Other  
54. Colombian city  
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No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.

## Bolton United to focus on elder abuse in its next “Let’s Talk” seminar

BY ROB PAUL

This Friday, Bolton United Church will continue its “Let’s Talk” series with a discussion focused on elder abuse.

The free Zoom discussion will begin at 6:30 p.m.

For the event, Bolton United is bringing in guest speaker Mary Shkoury. Shkoury has been working in Health and Wellness sectors for the last 15 years with a focus on seniors’ health and safety.

Having graduated from York University with a Specialized Honors BA in Sociology, Shkoury completed her studies in gerontology through Queens University.

Her passion and commitment to caring for Canadian seniors rights has led her to her role with Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario (EAPO), where her mission is to see the province continue to be a safe place for our seniors to live, be heard and be free from Elder Abuse.

EAPO is a provincial charitable, non-profit organization focused on supporting the implementation of the Ontario Strategy to Combat Elder Abuse and has been doing so since 2002.

The framework of the strategy focuses on service coordination, building local capacity of front-line workers, caregivers, and community networks, by providing public education and training of professionals/service providers and families of seniors, to raise awareness around elder abuse issues.

Shkoury’s credentials and association with EAPO made her an obvious choice for Bolton United to reach out to for the elder abuse discussion.

“Mary is from Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario, a respected organization which has been educating Ontarians on the topic for many years,” said Sandra Hautot of Bolton United. “We’re grateful that Mary Shkoury is able to join us and share her vast knowledge in this area.”

According to EAPO, elder abuse is not just physical and can show in other forms of abuse including psychological, financial, sexual, and neglect. Approximately eight to 10 per cent of senior experience some form of elder abuse in Canada each year.

What landed Bolton United on the topic of elder abuse was the churches commitment to the senior population in Caledon and the importance of educating the community on the impact of elder abuse.

“We have four topics of focus for our seminar series. Seniors, health, the environment, and social justice,” Hautot said. “This was a topic which we felt was important to seniors. We’re hoping to generate awareness in our community of what constitutes elder abuse, how to prevent it and what to do if you witness it.”

Although Bolton United’s “Let’s Talk” seminars have lost some of the social aspect that allowed the congregation and community to connect, the move to virtual as a result of the pandemic has also allowed the discussions to reach people all over the country—including guest speakers who may otherwise not be available to come in person.

“‘Let’s Talk’ seminars have been going on since 2018 and when we held them in person, we used to provide a free dinner,” said Hautot. “We have had interest from our Bolton United congregation, the Bolton community, and from individuals from the surrounding local communities of Palgrave, Caledon East, King City, and as far away as Montreal, Vancouver, Halifax and many other places where Zoom has allowed people to dial in from.”

To access the Zoom link for the “Let’s Talk” seminar, visit [www.boltonunitedchurch.net/](http://www.boltonunitedchurch.net/). For more information, call 905-857-2615 or email [office@boltonunitedchurch.com](mailto:office@boltonunitedchurch.com).

## Mono resident leaves for Ukraine to provide aid

BY SAM ODROWSKI

The horrifying images of war stemming from the Russia invasion of Ukraine has led a local business owner to travel to the region to provide humanitarian aid.

Mono resident Nishan Kooner, who owns 10 and 10 Garden Centre, has been following the conflict since it started in late February and said he can no longer watch from afar.

“I see hundreds of thousands or millions of people and animals suffering because of the decisions of very few people,” said Kooner. “I’m seeing animal shelters being abandoned with 100 or 200 dogs, or even animal shelters where one or two [people] stay behind and their hydro’s being lost, and their pipes are freezing, and they can’t get food for the animals.”

“The animals didn’t really do anything. They just exist, and because they exist, they’re going to suffer,” he added.

Kooner said 10 and 10 Garden Centre supports animal rescue organizations locally and seeing that the situation is more desperate in the Ukraine, he felt compelled to provide assistance.

“We’re just switching our focus basically from rescues here to rescues there,” he noted.

Kooner told the Citizen he doesn’t agree with war and isn’t going there to fight, instead he plans to bring pet food and other supplies to animals and people in need.

“Since it started, I’ve been following it, hoping it will end, hoping there’ll be peace, that there’ll be a humanitarian corridor or something... and nothing happened. It’s only getting worse, so it just came to the point where I couldn’t really watch anymore,” he said.

“I wasn’t sleeping, I wasn’t eating properly; I was very stressed and emotional. I wasn’t conducting business properly, so it came to a point I just had to [book my flight], I felt obligated to go. I needed to go. There’s really no other explanation.”

Kooner caught a flight to London last night, March 16, and today he’s making his way into France, where he’ll road trip to Hungary before reaching Ukraine.

A trailer will be hitched to his vehicle, which will be filled supplies to give to the people of Ukraine.

The trailer will also be used to transport people and animals out of Ukraine when he exits the country. Supplies are at the border of Ukraine in Poland, so Kooner will be travelling back and forth to get resources to those in need.

“Our main goal is to get pet food and pet items into the country,” said Kooner. “People are donating millions of dollars’ worth of stuff, but there [are] very few people to actually transport it into the country. So, a lot of it is in warehouses, and people just don’t really have access to what’s being donated.”

Kooner is in contact with several humanitarian organizations such as Red Cross, which is transporting supplies into Ukraine, as well as Doctors Without Borders. He plans on connecting with other volunteers who he’ll be working with to provide aid.

“I don’t intend to go into a warzone, we will try to stay as safe as possible. The entire country is not safe, but there are some areas that are obviously less safe than others,” Kooner noted. “Our goal is purely humanitarian: get people and animals supplies.”

Kooner’s family worries for his well-being, going to an active war in Ukraine, but are supportive of his mission to provide humanitarian aid.


He told the Citizen his wife is very into animal rescues and would be with him if they didn’t have to take care of their garden centre business and other responsibilities here at home.

Kooner is running an online fundraiser where donations will be distributed to various humanitarian and animal rescue groups such as the Red Cross for Ukraine. Some of the funds will be given directly to be people fleeing the war by Kooner, and the remaining portion of donations will go towards equipment used in the defense of Ukraine.

“If this [conflict] ever happens in our home, we would all beg the world to help us, and we would expect help,” he said. “These people are no different than us. They need assistance on a global scale, and anybody with the means to do so should help.”

For updates on Kooner’s trip, watch the 10 and 10 Garden Centre Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/10and10GC](http://www.facebook.com/10and10GC).

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# Ford announces GGH transit plan that includes moving forward with Highway 413

BY ROB PAUL

On March 10, Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced in Woodbridge, at one of the future sites of Highway 413, the province’s transportation plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

Among those joining Ford for the announcement were Minister of Transportation Caroline Mulroney, Vaughan-Woodbridge MPP Michael Tibollo, and Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson.

With the population of the Greater Golden Horseshoe to grow to nearly 15 million people over the next three decades, Ford announced details around “Connecting the GGH: A Transportation Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.”

Included in the plan are over 100 immediate and near-term actions that include building Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass.

“Our government has a plan for growing a stronger economy, an economy that works for everyone,” said Ford. “It’s a plan that will attract investment to create good jobs in our auto and manufacturing sectors. It’s a plan that is connecting resources and industries in Northern Ontario to the future of clean steel and electric vehicles. And it’s a plan that’s building roads, bridges, and highways, expanding subways and public transit, and constructing more homes, allowing for a growing province.”

Though Highway 413 is expected to cost around \$6 billion and is estimated to save commuters 30 to 60 seconds in average travel time across the region, the Ford government is adamant it is needed to deal with growth without increasing gridlock.

“To the people of Ontario, I’ve heard you,” he said. “I know you don’t want to be trapped in gridlock for hours during your daily commute. And you know that our growing province needs more subways, it needs more roads, highways, and more options to get around. That’s exactly where we’re putting your money, it’s exactly what we’re doing. A province growing as fast as ours needs the transportation infrastructure to support it. That’s why our government is saying yes to finally building badly needed new highways like the Bradford Bypass and a new highway for Vaughan, Brampton, Caledon, and Mississauga, the 413.”

Along with building the new highways, the province is planning to move forward with the largest subway build in Canadian history alongside the expansion of regional passenger rail services. This is to help ensure the province delivers on its mandate of two-way, all-day, 15-minute service.

“We’re saying yes to expanding regional passenger rail options and bringing new bus service to the areas underserved by local transit. We’re saying yes to the largest slate of subway builds in Canadian history with over 40 kilometres of new tunnel. It’s why we’re now launching our plan for transportation in the Greater Golden Horseshoe.”

To help connect the province while bolstering the economy, Ford’s government sees the transportation plan as a way to both help people move more efficiently while also creating jobs.

“The Greater Golden Horseshoe, stretching from Niagara in the west to Northumberland in the east, is vital to Ontario’s economic health,” he said. “\$1.16 trillion in goods move through the region annually. It is home to 10 million Ontarians and adding 200,000 new residents each year. Our 30-year plan is designed to not only address today’s transit needs but to put proactive solutions in place to prepare for generations that will follow. We’re not just building for today; we’re building for the next 50 to 100 years. Our plan will also create good jobs and boost Ontario’s competitiveness as a North American business hub. It’s all part of our government’s \$28.5 billion investment in transit infrastructure.

Neither Ford nor Mulroney mentioned the cost of the two highways but rather focused on the necessity of them to deal with growth and gridlock.

“Our government is building roads, highways and transit to connect communities, fight gridlock and keep goods and people moving across the province, including in Ontario’s economic engine, the Greater Golden Horseshoe,” said Mulroney. “No matter how you choose to move, we are building all forms of transportation infrastructure to help you get to where you need to go more safely, quickly, and conveniently. Our bold vision will create jobs, boost Ontario’s competitiveness and meet the demands of people in this rapidly growing region.”

Although some Councils (such as Markham’s) have come out against Highway 413, Caledon Council has continued to support it and as part of the transportation plan, the Caledon-Vaughan Go line will move forward.

“Multiple transit options are critically needed to support the significant growth in the Greater Golden Horseshoe and that includes the 413 and the future Caledon Vaughan Go Rail Line,” said Mayor Thompson. “The 413 will move goods and people across the GGH and will take traffic off our local Caledon roads; the Caledon Vaughan Go Rail Line will help to create transit-oriented communities. Thank you, Minister Mulroney and the provincial government, for moving forward in building modern multimodal transportation infrastructure to serve our growing communities.”

Caledon Ward 3 and 4 Regional Councillor Jennifer Innis came out in support of the plan because of what it will mean for transportation efficiency for the residents of Caledon.

“I am pleased that the current provincial government has recognized that a transformational Greater Golden Horseshoe Transportation Plan is essential to support the anticipated growth that this region will experience over the next 30 years,” she said. “Proposed infrastructure such as a Caledon-

Vaughan GO Line and the GTA West Transportation Corridor being implemented together demonstrates this government’s understanding of the complex issue facing us all.

“It is particularly important that our residents are provided with the appropriate transportation options that suit their needs and lifestyles, while at the same time ensuring that connectivity between neighbouring communities is enhanced to foster the region’s economic growth in the decades to come. I believe this Greater Golden Horseshoe Transportation Plan provides the opportunity to achieve that goal.”

Ontario Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner made a statement in response to Ford’s announcement on the Greater Golden Horseshoe transportation plan.

“Doug Ford’s transportation plan will pave over our children’s future,” he said. “Highway 413 and the Holland Marsh Highway are climate and fiscal disasters. Yet today, Premier Ford and Minister Mulroney doubled down and said the two multi-billion-dollar Greenbelt highways are a ‘critical part’ of their transportation plan. Doug Ford thinks that

the road to the future should supercharge expensive sprawl, ramp up climate pollution, pave over farmland and wetlands, and pollute Lake Simcoe. He has it completely backwards. Just last week, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released the bleakest warning to date on the impacts of the climate emergency. We need to urgently crush climate pollution and protect the nature that protects us from climate disasters like flooding. That means building livable and affordable communities that are connected by clean, accessible transit. Not more expensive sprawl. Doug Ford will make your life more expensive and pave over the places we love.”

According to Environmental Defence—a Canadian environmental organization—based on the current mix of vehicles on the road in Ontario, Highway 413 will create approximately 17.4 million tonnes of carbon dioxide total by 2050, approximately 700,000 tonnes of annual vehicle emissions (the same impact as energy use from 81,000 homes in one year), approximately 100,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide from highway highway construction and maintenance, and over \$1.4 billion in cumulative damages from air pollution.

## Bolton Rotary launches Bolton200 game to celebrate bicentennial

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To get involved, participants must download the GooseChase app on your phone, look for the game name “Bolton200” or use the code “8Z66MZ,” go to the “missions” and see which of them you want to participate in, and finally, upload your photos and videos of your adventures and answers.

If you get stumped on a challenge, email [admin@boltonrotary.ca](mailto:admin@boltonrotary.ca) for clarification, directions, or answers.

“Our goal is to help you find mystery locations and intriguing bits of history about your Bolton community,” said Karen Fast of Bolton Rotary. “Points are just for fun and to challenge yourself or another team. There are no prizes, just the satisfaction of having fun, physical outdoor exercise and knowledge about your neighbourhood. We ask that you select one person as the team or family ‘captain’ and register the group on GooseChase app. We ask you to follow all Covid-19 protocols and safety precautions of many of the local parks and facilities. Have fun and stay safe.”

You can make a donation at any time at [boltonrotary.ca](http://boltonrotary.ca).

All donations go to causes in the local community or to designated international projects.

Throughout the pandemic, Bolton Rotary has met virtually to stay involved in local activities.

To make a difference in the community, Bolton Rotary has distributed over 18,000 masks, contributed \$17,500 toward grocery gifts, \$2,000 to Caledon Meals on Wheel, volunteered at the TRCA holiday Forgetful Elf drive-thru, sponsored food for 260 Caledon Seniors Centre meals, sponsored 400 egg decorating kits for local children, run a Water First fundraiser for \$20,000 toward Indigenous Water Operator certification, distributed plants to first responders and essential workers in Bolton in appreciation for their ongoing efforts to keep the community safe.

To continue to make an impact, Bolton Rotary will also be running a Peace Park cleanup, working on Highway 50 planters, hosting summer barbeques, a golf tournament, a haunted hill run/walk, and other bicentennial projects including a park bandshell, and more.



# Province commits to building Caledon-Vaughan GO Rail Line in new transportation plan

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“Caledon is a community in need of public transportation options that address the needs of the traveling public, and our government recognizes the need to plan for the future,” said Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon. “Bringing GO rail service to Caledon is one way we are doing that in an environmentally responsible way. Rail service, in addition to new connections for passenger vehicles, allow us to provide residents with a variety of convenient transportation options that support their needs and preserve our community’s quality of life.”

Once built, the Caledon-Vaughan GO line would be the first new GO rail line constructed since 1982.

“I am pleased to welcome today’s announcement that the Province of Ontario has committed to advancing the Caledon-Vaughan GO rail line as part of the Greater Golden Horseshoe Transportation Plan,” said Bevilacqua. “The Caledon-Vaughan GO rail line is a strategic location to expand the regional transportation network because of its location within the Vaughan Enterprise Zone. Encompassing more than 3,800 acres, or approximately 1,566 hectares of employment land, the Vaughan Enterprise Zone is one of the largest employment areas in the GTA, projected to accommodate 60,000 jobs over the next 20 years. We look forward to continuing our strong partnership with the Province of Ontario and Metrolinx to maximize the economic and social benefits of the Caledon-Vaughan GO line.”

The need for commuter rail service between Caledon, Vaughan, and Toronto’s Union Station has been identified and established through many studies, including the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan (RTP-2008), MoveOntario 2020 and GO 2020 Strategic Plan as a desired service in the near-to-medium (15 years) timeline.

“This is great news for our region, which is seeing tremendous growth. Improved transit service is important for long-term growth and for healthy and livable communities,” said Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown. “I was pleased to support the efforts of Mayor Thompson and Mayor Bevilacqua.”

In 2010, Metrolinx investigated and completed the Bolton (Caledon) Commuter Rail Service Feasibility Study, which reconfirmed the need for commuter GO rail service based

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on the growth in population and employment and high potential demand for rail ridership.

Moving forward with better public transit options is expected to help with the congestion commuters face in the Region. As part of the transportation plan, Ontario will also be building the Bradford Bypass and Highway 413.

Environmental groups like Environmental Defence have referenced the damage the highways will do in the long-term while recommending focusing solely on developing public transit across the province.

“Providing better public transit options could relieve a lot of the congestion commuters in the region face,” started Environmental Defence. “The Province could better support these communities by spending \$6 billion (the expected cost of Highway 413) on transit. By placing stations in Bolton, Vaughan and Toronto, the new train line would remove thousands of daily commuters off already congested Highways 27 and 427.

“There is no better way to grow and shape our suburbs and alleviate car dependency than commuter rail infrastructure. Building Bolton’s future around a new train station would help shape its future growth from sprawling, car-dependent subdivisions to a more vibrant mixed use and walkable community. In fact, Peel Region would be able to allocate higher growth numbers within Bolton and alleviate pressures to expand in other more environmentally sensitive areas.”

## PUBLIC NOTICE



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES AND STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING

## Caledon’s Draft Official Plan Ready for Review

Attend the open houses or the public meeting to share your feedback on the draft Official Plan.

Visit [haveyoursaycaledon.ca](https://haveyoursaycaledon.ca) and pre-register to join the Open House sessions and to view the draft Official Plan.

The Official Plan is an overarching policy document consisting of goals, objectives, policies and maps that will guide Caledon’s growth and development to the year 2051. It strives to maintain a high quality of life for residents and sets out the expectations for future community and employment areas, transportation and municipal services, and use of land.

Caledon’s plan focuses on:

- natural resources and agriculture;
- tourism, heritage, healthy communities and culture;
- transportation, technology and infrastructure;
- growth, settlement, housing and employment; and
- climate change.

The draft Official Plan will apply to all lands within the municipal boundary of the Town of Caledon. However, secondary plan areas will be addressed through a separate review and public consultation process.



**Community input is a key component of developing the Official Plan. There are four ways you can provide input on the draft:**

#### OPEN HOUSES

- **In-Person Only**  
Monday, March 28, 2022  
From 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Albion Bolton Community Centre  
150 Queen Street South,  
Bolton, L7E 1E3
- **Virtual Only (via Zoom)**  
Wednesday, March 30, 2022  
From 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Details to be provided on [haveyoursaycaledon.ca](https://haveyoursaycaledon.ca).
- **In-Person Only**  
Monday, April 11, 2022  
From 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Atrium, Town Hall  
6311 Old Church Road,  
Caledon, L7C 1J6

Note, the same materials will be presented at each of these Open Houses.

#### STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING

- **Hybrid (In-Person/Virtual)**  
Monday, April 11, 2022  
6 p.m.  
Council Chamber,  
Town Hall / via Cisco WebEx  
6311 Old Church Road,  
Caledon, ON L7C 1J6
- To listen to the meeting, dial 1-833-311-4101 and enter the meeting access code followed by the pound (#) key: 2631 416 3249#. In addition, the meeting will be streamed live. To attend the public meeting in person, pre-registration is encouraged. For meeting details and to pre-register, visit [caledon.ca/agenda](https://caledon.ca/agenda).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The draft Official Plan, policy directions, past consultation, supporting technical background studies, and related information will be available on March 21:

- On the Official Plan webpage of [haveyoursaycaledon.ca](https://haveyoursaycaledon.ca); or
- Upon request by contacting the Town Clerk by email to [agenda@caledon.ca](mailto:agenda@caledon.ca) or contacting the Official Plan Review team by email to [opreview@caledon.ca](mailto:opreview@caledon.ca).

If you require an accessibility accommodation or to access information in an alternate format, please contact Council & Committee Services at 905.584.2272 x.2366 or by e-mail to [agenda@caledon.ca](mailto:agenda@caledon.ca). Requests should be submitted at least 10 days prior to a scheduled open house or public meeting.

#### NOTICE OF DECISION

1. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Caledon on the proposed new Official Plan, you must make a written request to:  
Laura Hall, Director, Corporate Services / Town Clerk  
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2. If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of The Corporation of the Town of Caledon to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to The Corporation of the Town of Caledon before the proposed new official plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

3. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to The Corporation of the Town of Caledon before the proposed new official plan is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, contact the Town Clerk by email to [agenda@caledon.ca](mailto:agenda@caledon.ca) or by phone to 905-584-2272, ext. 2366. This notice is pursuant to Section 17 and Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.



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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

## 2068 Mayfield Road

### Draft Plan of Subdivision

#### FILE NUMBER: 21T-21003C

A Public Meeting will be held to consider proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision application. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

**Meeting Date:** April 12, 2022  
**Public Meeting Start Time:** 7 p.m.

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- Contacting Planning staff or the Lead Planner during office hours by phone or email.
- Booking an appointment to visit Town Hall to speak with Planning staff. Visit [caledon.ca/development](https://caledon.ca/development) for more information.

#### APPLICANT:

Glen Schnarr & Associates on behalf of Mayfield Station Developments Inc.

#### WARD 2 LOCATION:

2068 Mayfield Road  
Part Lot 18, Concession 2 WHS  
Northeast corner of Mayfield Road and Chinguacousy Road

#### PROPOSED CHANGES:

The Applicant has applied for a Draft Plan of Subdivision on the subject lands. The current proposal is for 551 residential units in various built forms; with a mixture of single-detached dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, rear-lane townhouses and townhouses. The proposal also includes the construction of a mixed-use block at the intersection of Chinguacousy Road and Mayfield Road, along with a Stormwater Management Pond along Mayfield Road.

One road connection is proposed along the southerly portion of the subject lands to Mayfield Road and two road connections are proposed along the westerly portion of the subject lands to Chinguacousy Road. Eight roads and 2 laneways are proposed to provide internal connections to the rest of the development. A walkway is also proposed along Mayfield Road which are generally located at the northeast intersection of Mayfield Road and Chinguacousy Road.



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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**Notice Date:** March 17, 2022

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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# Disarming foes without a shot being fired



by Mark Pavilons

thoritarian dictators will never be able to. And that’s the power of media, virtual or otherwise. Leaders can be elevated to heroic status instantly, and Zelenskyy is the new poster boy for politicians with a sense of humanity. Others, like members of the Russian oligarchy, can be instantly stripped of credibility, contact and even financial security. Given my profession, I’ve always believed the “pen is mightier than the sword.” Words can hurt and they can heal. Other famous activists and authors have died for their convictions, by merely writing about them. They become literary martyrs. Today, public opinion and virtual perception is mightier than any tank or rifle. In fact, continued pressure over the airwaves and through the atmosphere may win this war for the good guys.

We are definitely living in sobering times. The conflict in Ukraine, and response from around the world, shows just how important social media, and “instant” messages are these days.

We get to see, almost instantly, the massive crowds gathered in the streets of Toronto, London, Tokyo, Riga, even Moscow, in opposition to aggression.

Here in Ontario, these protests and various levels of government response have been lightning-fast. Large-scale protests and rallies are organized and carried out in hours.

It’s like someone lit a fire and it has spread across the world, in a matter of minutes.

And that’s all thanks to technology and social media platforms.

Posts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube are showing us sights and sounds from Ukraine continually. We are listening to Ukraine President Zelenskyy and his brave, passionate speeches, calling on his citizens to protect what’s dear to them.

Some of his cries for assistance have been answered, some within hours.

Elon Musk activated Starlink in Ukraine – roughly 10 hours after a plea from officials.

Musk launched thousands of Starlink satellites around the globe, which increase broadband service and provide data links to areas of Ukraine that lost internet access.

U.S. President Biden’s State of the Union Address was broadcast live, and it featured a condemnation of Russia’s aggression. Biden, too, was passionate in expressing democratic resolve in the face of aggression.

He undoubtedly sparked a great deal of patriotism.

The internet is literally blowing up with daily accounts from the Ukraine, and reports of devastation, bravery, iron will and, yes, sadness and death.

It’s all very moving and all too real.

This would have been impossible just a few short years ago. In an age before smart phones, uploading images was unheard of. Before social media, spreading the word was slow and painful.

What this means goes way beyond technology and innovation. It’s about bringing human beings together.

We have seen an amazing, almost unbelievable coming together of like-minded people – not unlike you and I – from around the world. Citizens from countries far removed from the conflict are standing up, standing out, shouting loudly.

That’s what free speech, individual rights and common good is all about.

Whatever the outcome, President Zelenskyy has given the world a hero to root for and he won over the hearts of people in a way that au-



## Brock’s Banter

# Shoulder to Shoulder

BY BROCK WEIR

Heeding the call to don blue and yellow, the national colours of Ukraine, scores of people braced for the blustery snow slowly began to gather at the Aurora Cenotaph on Sunday afternoon to stand in solidarity with the people of the Eastern European nation who have been living through its horrific and ongoing invasion.

Young and old, they stood shoulder to shoulder with a clear message: an attack on any country’s freedom is an attack on all of ours.

It was a poignant message and one that never wavered as the crowds flooded the sidewalks leading up to Yonge Street towards an area park where a rally was set to take place.

Despite the cold and the snow whipping against our respective spaces, the hearts of people who came out for the vigil were warmed by the myriad honks from passing drivers that penetrated the brisk atmosphere in a spontaneous show of solidarity.

By the time the crowd reached the rally point and local leaders delivered poignant words on just what the whole afternoon was all about, a silence descended in the park after a pastor led the group in a brief prayer followed by a few minutes of silent reflection.

This time for silent reflection, something that would do us all a world of good whether or not it came on the heels of a religious sentiment, turned out to be anything but.

Those honks, which were but a few minutes before a show of solidarity for people under siege, were of a distinctly different variety. They were the honks of another small group making its way north, proudly waving flags with vulgar messages directed at our Head of Government, calling for mandates to be lifted despite the fact that such deadlines have already been announced, and decorating every vacant space on their vehicles with maple leaves in a sure sign of insecure patriotism.

Much ink has been spilled in recent weeks – yes, even in this column – comparing such groups’ ideas of “freedom” which are, in my opinion, woefully misplaced compared to the heroic efforts of Ukrainians who are actually fighting every day for freedoms that are truly under siege.

If it wasn’t so disappointing, and if this weren’t real life, the irony of self-appointed freedom fighters nearly – and, it must said in all fairness, most likely inadvertently – drowning out a moment of silence in honour of those who have either died defending their country and its freedoms, and in solidarity with those who are getting up every morning to fight Russian aggression, would be almost satirical.

Yet, there we were – but it didn’t spoil the moment.

I got the sense that as the rallying group dispersed, some wearing new Blue and Yellow buttons distributed by a local student who has raised thousands of dollars for the Red Cross by selling them in his school and social networks, they were nothing but galvanized – and, like the first batch of honks that were part and parcel of Sunday afternoon, that was heartening.

There has been a lot of analysis in recent days on the state of unity in our country, particularly in light of the global pandemic. While we have been talking about this issue for quite

some time, dialogue accentuated during the Ottawa occupation, the most recent chapter in this discussion has been spurred by a recent Angus Reid/CBC survey that has found four in five Canadians say the country has been pulled further apart by the pandemic.

“Polarization in Canada on the issue of COVID-19 was not always a reality,” say the pollsters. “In the early months of the pandemic, Canadians were concerned about potentially making others sick and applauding government leadership. Disagreement over restrictions and dissatisfaction with leaders in many parts of the country led to increasing angst in Canada, most prominently on display in recent ‘Freedom Convoy’ protests.

“Asked how they would describe the change they have seen in the country over the past two years, Canadians are much more likely to see the country as further apart rather than closer together. These opinions are remarkably consistent across age and gender, as well as region by region.

“Canadians have sacrificed greatly over the past two years. Nine in ten of those five years of age and over have had at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, and millions stayed home, wore masks, and respected the wishes of their compatriots who were concerned about illness. Despite this, Canadians on the whole are more likely to say that the pandemic brought out the worst in people.”

The survey report notes that Canadians in the prairies are “more likely to say that the pandemic has had a negative effect on people in the country, led by Alberta, where nine-in-ten say this.”

The results are, of course, a snapshot of the nation’s current pulse.

That is naturally the purpose of the poll, but we’re living in a situation where our collective blood pressure is high as we get used to yet another new normal where many people are at different levels as to what they’re ready for and indeed on what they feel is overdue.

While some Canadians might be louder than others, I simply don’t see a country that has been pulled further apart. Almost invariably across the country, vaccination rates stand in the neighbourhood of 90 per cent or upwards, a pretty damn good showing of unity, as far as I am concerned.

Most people’s views on public health restrictions vary, but, if you take the “convoy” out of the equation, these differences are not nearly wide enough to be unbridgeable.

Every day from this position I see people who have had time to reflect on what matters in life, their goals, their wants out of whatever the ultimate “new normal” is.

As far as I can see, most people seem to be on a similar page – even if they’re not trumpeting from the rooftops.

Covering the event for our sister paper, standing amongst the people standing shoulder to shoulder on Sunday afternoon, I did not see division, I did not see people coming out just for a walk in the park, I saw people united towards a common cause and people standing in solidarity with a fresh appreciation for the freedoms many of us take for granted each and every day.

And that is something we shouldn’t lose sight of.

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# With or Without, Please Be Kind

There is no doubt that the last two years have been contentious.

The reasons are many, but, of course, the primary one, as I'm sure you'd all agree, has arisen as a direct result of the pandemic. First there was fear, some hoarding of toilet paper, schools closing and then a rallying cry in support of our front line workers. We were told masks weren't necessary and then, that they were. Next we settled in to a period of concern but with a level of trust that the government had our backs. Sure some folks were questioning lockdowns and civil liberties being curtailed but no one was protesting in the streets. Now, with over two years under our collective belts, it's fair to say that instead those rallying cries have turned into a war of words.

On March 21, will you be ditching your mask? Whether you will continue to go out WITH a mask on, or you plan to ditch it and go WITHOUT, please be kind.

We have already seen over these past few months a great deal of vitriol directed by both anti-vaxxers and the vaccinated.

One the one side, we had people expressing disdain for masks, refusing to lock down their businesses and refusing to get vaccinated. On the other, there were the vaccinated. These were the people frustrated by the unvaccinated, who retreated behind closed doors as requested by the government and who consistently called anti-vaxxers selfish for refusing to get "jabbed."

Twitter, Tik Tok and Facebook have been filled

with images of people with and without masks, both making spectacles of themselves as they berate each other in public. Each felt righteous indignation. For many months, science backed research and falling COVID numbers, supported the masked crusaders. More recently, as the deadline for COVID to magically disappear hurtles towards us, anti-maskers now herald their victory over "sheeple," secure in the knowledge the government and CMOH has their back by announcing masks are no longer required after March 21. Not just masks either, but vaccines and vaccine passports too. The government is basically telling us it's time to put COVID behind us and to "move on."

You may be surprised to read that for once, I agree with them — just perhaps not for the same reasons.

I'd like to move on to a world where we're reminded fondly of the lessons learned early on in the pandemic; specifically that period between the fear and hoarding and before we moved on to conspiracy theories, lengthy vaccine line-ups and yelling AT, not FOR, health care workers.

Perhaps you've forgotten there was a time we collectively all learned how to sew and made masks when mass-produced ones were in short supply. When we dropped off food on our neighbours doorstep, did a senior citizen's groceries while we did our own to save them from having to venture out and when we "met" with our friends on Zoom or in parking lots, visiting while collectively contributing to the general welfare of us all.

# Planning a new development

Progress and development is going to happen.

There is always going to be something new that is built or a new highway being engineered and planned.

In a place as large as North America, you could build steadily for a hundred years and still have hundreds of thousands or even millions of square kilometres that are empty.

If you've ever flown over the prairies in an aircraft, you know what I'm talking about.

In Southern Ontario, the build is on — especially in regions north of the GTA.

I'm not sure why everyone is moving north. South is not an option, but there are plenty of points east and west that are available, however there doesn't seem to be a rush to the Windsor area.

The Provincial government has designated some regions as "growth areas" whether they like it or not.

Municipalities don't really have a lot of say about what is going to happen in their town.

I recall having a conversation with a mayor of one of the designated growth areas where there was considerable opposition to planned sprawling new subdivisions.

He told me that growth is "going to happen whether people like it or not," and followed up by telling me, "that's the way the Province wants it."

In other words, the Province tells municipalities what they are going to do.

Some people in many smaller towns don't want the growth to happen. They like the charm and appeal of their town and don't see 1,000 new cookie cutter, repeat every three models homes, built in a former corn field, as any type of welcome addition.

I can understand this. I'm no fan of urban sprawl, and I'm certainly no fan of the current way of designing many new subdivisions.

The fact that many communities have been designated as growth areas means developers will be arriving to start building.

If you're lucky enough to own a farm that has been in your family for generations and is in a prime area, you could end up being quite wealthy if you decide it's time to sell and move somewhere else.

Normally there is a whole process behind deciding where to build a new development.

Not all areas are suitable for housing. You have to consider the type of soil, the amount of rock in the area, especially in northern Ontario, and envi-

## SHERALYN ROMAN TALK CALEDON



If we saw someone who had forgotten their mask, we politely motioned to remind them and stores sometimes provided them at the entrance. There was a level of civility, even in our disagreement and I fear that is gone now. Now we are once again drawing battle lines especially in places like schools where they have been mandated to ditch masks even though many teachers, parents and students vow to continue wearing them.

Some school boards including Hamilton are vowing to disobey provincial orders. Some private schools, like the alma mater of our MOE, Stephen Lecce, will continue to require masks be worn.

Premier Ford has told publicly funded education they cannot disobey but not a word to private schools. Meanwhile, earlier this week, a woman featured prominently on social media for berating young girls on a playground for wearing masks and flipping the bird to the parent who tried to intervene.

Who picks on children? I fear we will see more of this pro- and anti-mask hatred over the coming weeks and it just makes me sad. I had truly hoped that ALL of us, having lived through the same ordeal of pandemic restrictions, would have learned a similar lesson about the basic values of human kindness, compassion and empathy.

I, like the government, would love to move on from COVID but I fear COVID is not ready to move on and so I fear the consequences — physically

(the virus spreads) emotionally, (bullying) and mentally (we're all so damn tired.) I don't think we've learned our lessons yet.

On March 15, Angus Reid released a poll detailing both local and national feelings on continued masking. Nationally, 73% of Canadians supported the continued wearing of masks and 64% said they would still support proof of vaccination at restaurants. Over half of all respondents also shared they would avoid large venues and large crowds for the time being. It would seem that while governments are done with COVID, the majority of Canadians are not. Does a classroom constitute a large venue? Could we not have waited at least a further two weeks post March Break to ensure that along with souvenirs, no one brings Covid back from their vacations? More than anything and no matter what side of the masking issue you support — can we please, please just all be kind to one another?

Like a war with weapons is never really "won" by either side, same too with a war of words. The war of words has largely been about autonomy. "My body, my choice," is the common refrain. Agreed. So let's all make a conscious effort to respect the choice others have made.

## BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



ronmental factors.

You can't just decide to build over a stream or river and expect the water to go somewhere else. You can't just build on an area where the soil is not suitable only to have houses start to lean and foundations crack after a few years.

A subdivision must have a clean water supply and a source for that water.

All these things are normally considered when a developer makes an application to build in a municipality.

However, that is all changing as more and more developers are applying for, and receiving a Minister's Zoning Order.

An MZO is a green light given to a developer, by the provincial government, that allows them to go around municipal red tape.

An MZO did have a purpose. It was designed for northern communities where there was a small population or lack of a municipal structure to make development decisions. In this case, the Province would make the decision when no one else could.

However, a change in legislation a few years ago, opened the opportunity for developers to

petition for an MZO anywhere across the province.

The problem is, the Province does not place any restrictions when granting an MZO.

The ministry simply says, "yes" or "no." It does not consider environmental issues like wetlands, arable farm land, or anything else, when granting an MZO. It just stamps the order as approved.

This has caused considerable concern among environmental groups who say the MZO's are allowing developers to build on sensitive areas like flood plains and wetlands. It is also a concern for residents who are opposed to urban sprawl.

Growth is going to happen — it is just a part of accommodating a growing population. People have to live somewhere.

At the same time, growth should be well planned and well thought out.

It doesn't make sense to cut the ribbon during a ceremony to start a new development if that project is going to poison your water down the road.

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## Golden Hawks down 3-1 in first-round series against Schomberg

BY ROBERT BELARDI

The Caledon Golden Hawks fell behind 3-1 in their first round against their cross-town rivals, the Schomberg Cougars.

Beginning last Thursday at the Trisan Centre, the Golden Hawks ran into a brick wall.

The boys were completely shut down and outplayed by the Cougars. The Cougars took game one 4-1, outshooting the Golden Hawks 42-18.

But in Game Two, fans in the Trisan Centre witnessed a very different affair. The Golden Hawks were vastly more prepared than in Game One, stymieing the Cougars' potent offence.

The Golden Hawks relentless forecheck and their tenaciousness to regain possession ultimately separated the two sides in this game. In this valiant effort, the Hawks were rewarded.

Late in the first period, Justin Calisto scored his first goal of the series, assisted by Darius Lasola.

Moving into the second period, Noah Crispo stripped the puck off of a Cougars defenceman and jammed it past Tristan Szymanowski to make it 2-0 heading into the third. The Hawks, held the Cougars to only 26 shots on target.



Noah Crispo jams it home for the second goal of the game in Game 2 of the series.

PHOTO BY ROBERT BELARDI

Hawks netminder Mason Kameka was a stud in goal.

At the beginning of the third, knowing that the Cougars were going to press, the Hawks

began the frame on the offensive side of the puck.

Elias Najem caught the opposition off guard with a goal just under two minutes into the game.

In response, the Cougars began fighting back.

The Cougars forced Kameka to cough up rebounds. On one play, Jordyn Palazzo capitalized.

Just five minutes later, former Golden Hawk Marc Bottero rifled a shot from the point that found its way through traffic and into the back of the net to put the game within one.

But Kameka continued to shine and Kyle Church sealed the game with an empty net goal. Church finished the game with one goal and two assists.

On Sunday, in the first playoff game at Mayfield Arena, the Golden Hawks fell into trouble immediately. The Hawks conceded five penalties inside the first period.

The boys fell 2-0 after the first.

And the same story continued in the second.

The Hawks conceded another five penalties. The Cougars scored another three goals.

In total, the Golden Hawks visited the sin bin 12 times in Game Three. The boys fell to the Cougars 7-1.

After the game, Cougars head coach Stan Kondrotas praised Kameka's effort in goal. Kameka stopped 36 of 43 shots. The Golden Hawks were outshot 43-12.

In Game Four, Brett McCully gave the nod to back-up netminder Markus Stoikos.

The Golden Hawks came out to play in this one, but Cougars netminder Matteo Tarantino stood on his head, stopping 29 of 33 shots.

Nobody could stop Cougars forward Christian Taylor who recorded three goals and two assists on the night. The Cougars thrashed the Golden Hawks 9-3.

With their season on the line, the Golden Hawks are on the road Thursday at the Trisan Centre for Game Four.

Puck drop in Schomberg, is at 7:30 p.m.

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## Tips for March Break hockey players

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
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March Break offers students and parents a chance to step back from the rigours of a daily schedule and relax a little bit.

For some, a trip away from home can be an annual event, while for others, just relaxing around the house is the break they need.

For hockey players, March Break often means of the final tournaments of the season. Depending on where your team is in the provincial qualifiers, this could mean the final week on the ice this season.

The Ontario Minor Hockey Association is offering tips to hockey players if they will be hitting the road to take part in a tournament.

First off – check, and double check your hockey equipment before you hit the road. You don't want to spend hours on the road driving to a tournament only to realize that you forgot to pack in important piece of equipment.

Those few minutes will be worth the effort and may save you hours of time or finding yourself unable to play in the game.

You should plan to eat properly when

on the road.

It can be tough to eat healthy with every meal when on the road, but planning ahead of time will spare the headache of trying to find nutritious food.

Many hotels offer a mini fridge in the room that have enough room for fruits and other pre-made snacks. You can also bring a cooler with you to keep food fresh.

It's important to eat the right food that will pack a boost of energy to help you perform your best on the ice.

Use your time wisely.

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With a week off from school, there aren't many excuses for returning to class with incomplete work.

Finally – have fun.

The tournament could be one of the last times that your team spends together as a group on the ice.

End the season on a positive note. Always work to achieve your goals and enjoy your time with the team. Quite often it is the pizza parties and mini-stick tournaments that you will remember most fondly.

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# York University and York Region Lions working to increase low-cost access to football

BY ROBERT BELARDI

There are times when we all need a saviour. It might arrive in a different form other than mom and dad. It could be a video game that helps you decompress. It could be a book, that sucks you into its fictional realm. Or it could be something that you want so desperately, such as a sport. But what if the sport is too expensive to play? And your child is crying out that he/she wants to play? Pressure continues to grow. It becomes an entirely different story when your child has challenges or is on the autism spectrum. How can you change their life?

For one mother, her son felt he had no reason to belong. But when he saw football, it changed everything.

“I bring him out to the field and this coach proceeds to spend three months with my kid coaxing him. Out of the car, to the grass. From the grass, to the track. From the track, to the edge of the turf. To the field. Then putting on a helmet. Then shoulder pads. This coach put him in a base layer, and convinced him that nobody was touching him,” said Jodi Tavares, current President at York Region Lions and employee at York University.

Five years ago, the York Region Lions partnered with York University. The non-profit football program adopted the York University colours and coaches and executives connected with the players for football and academic opportunities.

Current head coach of the York University Lions Warren Craney is the man responsible for bringing in Tavares’ son Hagan Douglass at the age of 13.

Douglass learned very quickly that if he simply did his job on the field everyone liked him. There are 87 jobs on the football field at any given time, so everyone has responsibilities that are crucial to the team. As a defensive tackle, Douglass played exceptionally well and players on the team began taking care of him.

Some made sure he wasn’t in the changeroom alone and another player insisted on escorting him to semi-formal in his first year in high school. Douglass no longer felt the world had shut him out. Football was the gateway into having a place in this world.

“Football has changed his life and changed mine. And changed his sister’s. It’s given him a reason to belong that he didn’t have before, and it wouldn’t have happened if Warren hadn’t taken him for those three months,” Tavares said.

Douglass is now at York University. He engages in his classes and plays as a defensive tackle for the varsity football team.



Selfie time with Retsen Daley.

The same situation occurred for the now-vice president of the York Region Lions Michelle Trelford. Her older son couldn’t seem to find a sport to love until she brought him to this game.

“No other sport was working for him. It wasn’t a good fit. So, we found the York Region Lions and we went out to a community camp day. He instantly fell in love,” Trelford said.

“I was just a mom in the stands for a season. By the second season, I wanted to help. So, I joined the board back in 2018. My other son now, Jackson, he’s five, and he wanted to play because big brother played. And he’s met some of the York University coaches. It’s shock and awe. This person is famous to him because they play football.”

For the past few weeks, the Lions held the Lions Winter Academy, recently hosted by the Aurora Sports Dome. Youth from six all the way to 19-years-old, came to the dome from Sunday, February 13 to March 6. York U varsity players were there to work with the youth.

Last Sunday, the held a CFL-like combine event. Punter for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers who played with the York Region Lions, Marc Lieghio, came out. Cameron End from UofT, York U quarterback Noah Craney and UofT receiver Nolan Lovegrove all came out as well.

“You can guarantee that any person of any ability, of any knowledge, has a job on that field. I’ve seen kids grow that have never been given an opportunity in sport before. Because it’s less inclusive. Whether it be by physical ability or any other

hindrance or possible hinderance to them,” Trelford said emotionally.

“[Our club has] run programs in the community for different groups. We have partnered with Autism Ontario before to run programs for them, to let kids come out and give them an opportunity. You cannot be more inclusive than football.”

Ahead of the 2022 season, both Tavares and Trelford said football is a cost-effective sport. Thanks to this program, all equipment is provided to the players. There are programs in place to also purchase cleats.

And with a cost-effective program, both Ta-

vares and Trelford hope this promotes the youth to join at the grassroots level. They also hope it begins to expose local clubs all around the GTA.

The more the grassroots level grows, the more pathways are created for players looking to go to university and college. And maybe into the CFL.

“Now what we need is a really robust partnership with the CFL. It’s simple community engagement; that’s all that needs to be done,” Tavares said.

To learn more about the York Lions program, please email Tavares at [jodine.tavares@gmail.com](mailto:jodine.tavares@gmail.com) and Trelford at [yrfa.vp@gmail.com](mailto:yrfa.vp@gmail.com).

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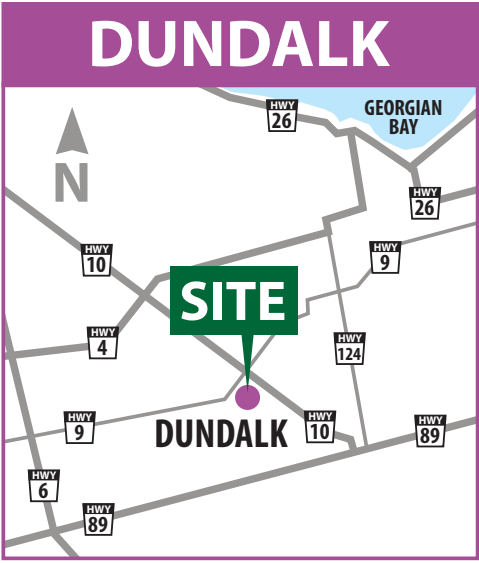
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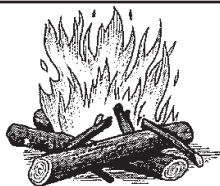
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Visitation will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Monday, March 14, 2022 from 10:00 to 11:00 am. followed by the Funeral Service at 11:00 am. A webcast of the funeral will also be available to be viewed.

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Debora studied Culinary Arts at George Brown College. This led her to discover the craft of creating fine chocolates. After gaining experience working in the chocolate shop in Forest Hill Village. Debora became a chocolate maker of the highest standards. She and John established a small manufacturing facility and sold their chocolates to local Toronto shops. They opened a chocolate boutique at Crawford's Pine Valley Farms in Norval. The success of this operation led them to open their first store and manufacturing centre in Erin. Another store on Broadway Avenue in Orangeville was opened later. Both were thriving businesses. In time both stores were sold to new owners. The Erin store remains operating under the name, Debora's Chocolates and the Orangeville store operates under the name, The Chocolate Shop.

Debora and John lived in Shelburne for a time, until his death in 2001. Debora then moved to a small bungalow in Orangeville until health issues brought her back to Shelburne in 2005.

In her late 20s, Debora was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. After John's death, the effects of the disease made independent living more difficult. Fortunately, the new March of Dimes' McKelvie Burnside facility had just opened. Debora loved her new home and the activities of daily-living assistance and support she received from the staff.

Debora's unit affectionately became known as Studio 12, reflecting her passion for painting. Debora inherited her mother's flair for decorating. In the 16 years of her residency, Debora rejoiced in the changing seasons by beautifying Studio 12 with flair and artistry, thanks to décor sourced from local businesses.

Throughout her years in Shelburne, and in all weathers, Debora could be seen zipping about town in her wheelchair she had named, Nuisance. Debora's was a familiar face in many local businesses.

Debora became a strong advocate for wheelchair accessibility when the stairs of several local establishments barred her entry. Kudos to the two businesses who went out of their way to provide portable ramps: the TD Bank and the Beyond the Gate restaurant.

Deepest and most heartfelt thanks to Kelly Semple, Community Support Leader, and the Personal Support Workers of McKelvie Burnside residence whose kindness, patience and care allowed Debora to live life to the fullest.

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Debora is survived by her brother, Stuart (Monica), nieces Lauryn and Katie, and nephew Cameron.

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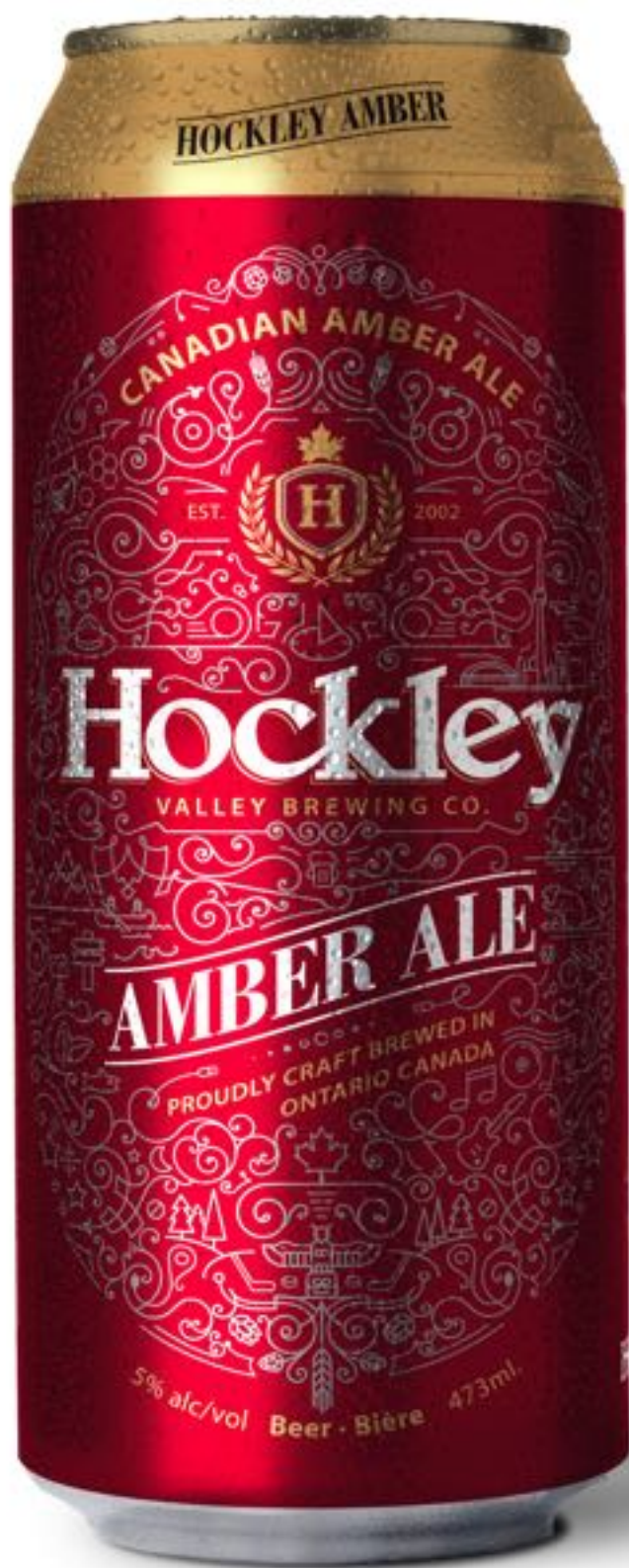


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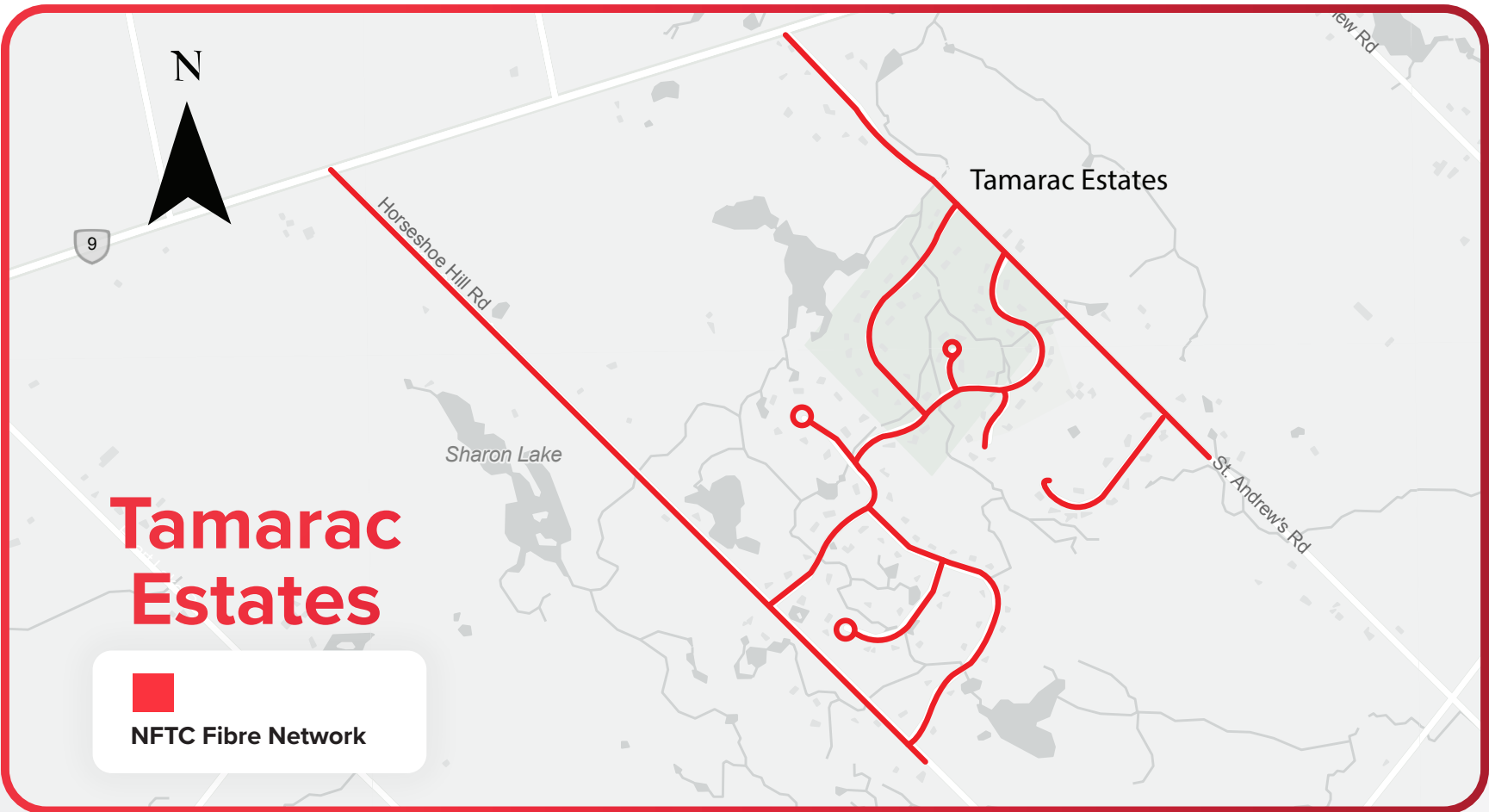
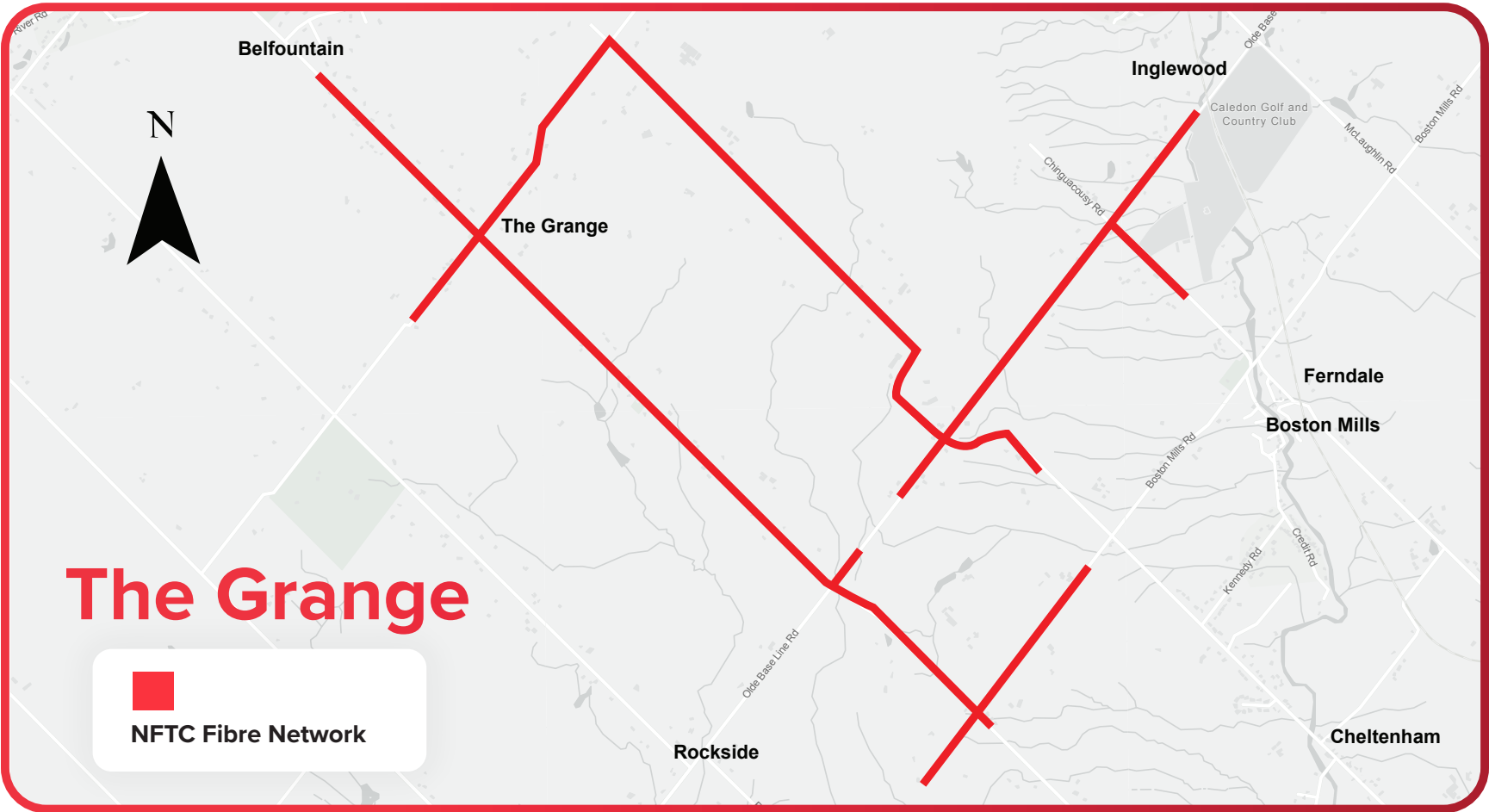
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