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## ***How Should I Vote?***

Dear Dufferin-Caledon,

There are many bills making their way through Parliament in every session, some originating in the Senate and others introduced in the House of Commons by individual Members of Parliament. These are also known as Private Members' Bills.

I review every bill as it comes up and listen to debates before making a decision on how I will vote. Part of this process is receiving important feedback from my constituents on these bills to ensure I'm representing your interests.

I've listed a dozen bills from this parliamentary session on the next page covering various issues, ranging from implementing a framework to create and adopt a national policy on autism, to lowering the federal voting age from 18 to 16 years of age.

You can also learn more details about each of these bills at [parl.ca/legisinfo/](http://parl.ca/legisinfo/)

I want your input on how I should vote on all of the bills listed here. Please review the list and complete my online questionnaire available at [kyleseeback.ca/howshouldivote](http://kyleseeback.ca/howshouldivote)

I look forward to hearing from you.

***Sincerely,***

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## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS

**BILL C-201** - An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services)

This bill seeks to increase the tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and search and rescue responders from \$3,000 to \$10,000 in the tax code.



**BILL C-203** - An Act respecting soil conservation and soil health (Soil Conservation Act)



This bill aims to establish a national strategy to promote efforts across the country to conserve and improve the health of our soils. The intent of the strategy is to help maintain, enhance, and rebuild the capacity of soils to produce food and fuel for years to come.

**BILL C-220** - An Act to amend the Criminal Code (assault against a health care worker)

This bill proposes to amend the Criminal Code to require a court to consider the fact that the victim of an assault is a health care worker as an aggravating circumstance for the purposes of sentencing.



**BILL C-223** - An Act to develop a national framework for a guaranteed livable basic income (National Framework for a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income Act)

This bill proposes a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income for all people living in Canada over the age of 17.



**BILL C-230** - An Act to amend the Criminal Code (intimidation of health care professionals)

This bill proposes an amendment to the Criminal Code that would protect medical professionals from intimidation or coercion to participate in medically assisted suicide.

**BILL C-233** - An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Judges Act (violence against an intimate partner)

This bill seeks to protect women against intimate partner violence. If passed, it would amend the Criminal Code to require a justice to consider whether it's desirable to include as a condition, before making a release order, that the accused wear an electronic monitoring device when the offence they are charged with is against their intimate partner. The bill would also amend the Judges Act to provide for continuing education seminars for judges on matters related to intimate partner violence and coercive control.

**BILL C-243** - An Act respecting the elimination of the use of forced labour and child labour in supply chains (Ending the Use of Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act)

If passed, this bill would require big companies to look into their supply chains and file a public report yearly identifying the parts of the supply chains where there is a risk of child labour or forced labour. It would also require companies to report what they've done to address those risks.

**BILL C-248** - An Act to amend the Canada National Parks Act (Ojibway National Urban Park of Canada)

This bill seeks to create a national urban park - the Ojibway National Urban Park. If passed, six parks would be combined to become a 900-acre national urban park in West Windsor.



**BILL C-257** - An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act (protecting against discrimination based on political belief)

This bill would expand human rights protection in Canada by making political belief and activity prohibited grounds of discrimination in the Canadian Human Rights Act. If passed, the bill would align federal human rights codes with the human rights codes in most provinces.

## SENATE BILLS



**BILL S-201** - An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Regulation Adapting the Canada Elections Act for the Purposes of a Referendum (voting age)

This bill seeks to lower the federal voting age from 18 years of age to 16 years of age.

**BILL S-203** - An Act respecting a federal framework on autism spectrum disorder (Federal Framework on Autism Spectrum Disorder Act)

The bill calls upon the government to implement the framework proposed in 2007 in the Senate, to create and adopt a national policy on autism, within a specified time frame, with the expressed intention of working with the provinces and territories while respecting provincial and territorial jurisdictions.

**BILL S-233** - An Act to develop a national framework for a guaranteed livable basic income (National Framework for a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income Act)

This bill calls for the implementation of a framework to make a guaranteed livable basic income a reality. If passed, such a program would provide direct amounts of income support and be accessible to anyone in Canada over the age of 17 below the poverty line.

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**“PIXIE PROPERTIES” IMPACT COMMUNITY** - Peggy Dickey sits next to an array of her Pixie Properties on her front porch, on April 11. Mostly made from found material, the Pixie Properties have not only spread joy throughout the community but have raised some much-needed funds for Bethell Hospice. For more, see Page A10.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

## Caledon residents offer input on Town's Official Plan at open house

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon residents were offered a chance to share their thoughts on the Town's draft Official Plan on Monday, April 11.

The plan is a comprehensive policy document that will guide Caledon's growth until 2051, according to Town staff.

An open house was held at the Town's civic campus in Caledon East from 5 to 6 p.m. on the 11th, with a public planning and development

meeting that focused on the “Future Caledon Draft Official Plan” starting immediately after.

The room was full at the open house, with those in attendance walking around the room viewing informational posters about the Official Plan and asking questions to Town staff. Feedback forms were distributed by Town staff for people to fill out, as well as sticky notes which could be placed directly on the posters to provide feedback on that poster's content.

The plan has been in development since

2019; the Town was mandated to create it by the provincial government, which also mandates how much growth municipalities are required to prepare for. In Caledon's case, the Town is expected to prepare for a population increase to 300,000 residents by 2051.

The Town's draft Official Plan at the time of the open house was 409 pages long and can be found on the Caledon's civic engagement website, [haveyoursaycaledon.ca](http://haveyoursaycaledon.ca).

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## Council to vote on bylaw that would ban personal use of fireworks

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Depending on who you ask, the Town of Caledon's proposed ban on the personal use of fireworks is cause for celebration.

While Caledon's Mayor and Council have expressed support for the ban, the Canadian National Fireworks Association (CFNA) has publicly expressed its opposition.

Town of Caledon staff first brought a report on updating the Town's fireworks bylaw to Council at a November 30, 2021

General Committee meeting. The report presented three options to Council, one of which was to implement a formal ban on the discharging of fireworks — with the exception of events and theatrical pyrotechnics.

Council will vote on a bylaw that would implement that option at its April 26 meeting. The other two options were to ban fireworks in the Town altogether, or to limit their use to residents with a property a half-acre in size or larger.

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# “Everyone is a reader”: Caledon students share their love of books on TikTok

Three teens are earning volunteer hours as ambassadors for the Caledon Public Library

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Depending on what generation you’re from, hearing “TikTok” could make you think of the sound a clock makes, a multi-platinum single by recording artist Kesha, or a social media app.

Three Caledon teens are using the latter to promote their passion for reading to their peers, while earning volunteer hours with the Caledon Public Library (CPL) in the process.

Maya DeJesus, Claire Vanniejenhuis and Ma-yan Correia are the CPL’s official ambassadors on TikTok. They produce TikTok videos on a variety of topics such as new book arrivals, book and movie recommendations, and library news. On April 12, DeJesus and Vanniejenhuis were free to share their experiences with the Citizen.

All three social media-savvy ambassadors are students at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School in Caledon East, which happens to have a CPL branch in it. The librarian there told DeJesus the library needed help with its @teensofcpl TikTok account.

“I was like instantly, ‘I want to do that’ because I love the library and I love everyone here,” said DeJesus. Vanniejenhuis was with DeJesus at the time and decided to join as well.

“We both love books and we just wanted to share that passion with other people,” said Vanniejenhuis, who found her love for reading when the world first locked down due to COVID-19. She read an entire book series as something to do and was instantly hooked.

DeJesus said she’s always read, but wasn’t a “reader reader” until she joined a book club at school. It was then she started reading more voraciously, and after going through her first series of books she was hooked as well.

The pair agreed that a good way for one to start their reading journey is with a book series, as when one finishes one book they want to start the next right away.

“I think that everyone is a reader, you just gotta find the right book,” said DeJesus. Books can



Claire Vanniejenhuis, left, and Maya DeJesus, stand in front of a Libraries Are For Everyone sign at the Caledon Public Library's Caledon East Branch on April 12, 2022. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

help with your vocabulary, school work, escaping reality for a bit, and more, she added.

Vanniejenhuis said she was also going to point out how books can be a great escape from reality.

“People today, we’re all so focused on technology. So, I think it’s important to go to a different side of entertainment and read,” she said. “I love it so much and I just want other people to feel the same love I have for books.”

For DeJesus and Vanniejenhuis, inspiration for their TikToks comes from many places. DeJesus said when new books come into the library, she tries to think of the most interesting and visual ways of presenting them to potential readers. Vanniejenhuis finds inspiration on TikTok itself, as well as from her friends who are also avid readers. They’ll send her suggestions and ideas for book-related TikToks.

Speaking of book-related TikToks, the hashtag “booktok” (#booktok) is a great source of inspiration, said DeJesus and Vanniejenhuis. A TikTok user can search that hashtag in the app, and see TikToks about books from creators all over the world.

DeJesus was not nervous at all to put herself out there online as an ambassador for CPL.

“I’m a very outgoing person... if I like it, I’m gonna do it,” she said. The only thing she was

a little nervous about was using the app itself, as she’d never filmed TikToks before. Now, it’s second nature to her.

Vanniejenhuis was nervous to start making TikToks for the library but excited too. She already filmed non-book-related TikToks and jumped at the chance to express herself in a different way.

The CPL’s TikTok ambassadors get one hour of community service per TikTok they make. They said it’s a great and fun way to work towards the 40 hours of community service students need to graduate from high school.

DeJesus and Vanniejenhuis have both received positive feedback from friends about their creativity on TikTok. Some friends will even send them screenshots of videos they liked, or suggest a part two of a TikTok be made.

“By doing this, it’s kind of to make it more fun and enjoyable, opening (the library) up to more people,” said DeJesus.

Natalie Spaan, CPL’s youth services coordinator, says she’s impressed with the ambassadors’ work and the way they’ve been able to put themselves out there.

“We’re just really excited that we can have teens representing Caledon... representing their experience, and promoting the library in ways that we might not have thought of,” said Spaan. “Seeing the library through their eyes has been a really neat experience.”

Spaan said she’s seen concrete evidence of the ambassadors’ TikToks increasing teen participation with the CPL. One example she mentioned was a TikTok made about a survey, which then saw a rise in responses.

## Headwaters updates diagnostic services as it addresses backlog

BY PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) has announced updates to diagnostic imaging services at the local hospital amidst plans to address backlog.

The local hospital issued a press release on April 7, providing an update on how they plan to deal with waitlists for diagnostic imaging procedures brought on by the pandemic.

“There are many appointments that have needed to be rescheduled, and we have a plan in place to do that,” said Anna-Marie Sutherland, Vice President, Patient Experience, Health Integration and Chief Nursing and Health Disciplines Executive. “We are working closely with physicians’ offices to ensure that patients are reassured they haven’t been forgotten and that appointments are being scheduled as quickly as possible.”

Headwaters’ plan to address the backlog includes extending operating days and hours, hiring additional staff to ensure full shift coverage, and enhancing their booking system efficiency.

“While we know that waiting for an appointment at Headwaters or seeking service elsewhere is a personal choice, best made in consultation with a specialist, we will do everything we can to ensure that our patients health care needs are met in a timely fashion,” said Sutherland.

Jennifer Hamilton, director of communications and stakeholder relations at HHCC, said there is an estimated 2,700 exams on the waitlist for mammograms, ultrasounds, CT and bone mineral density at the hospital.

“This is not a unique patient number as some patients may require more than one exam,” said Hamilton.

Headwaters Hospital has also received a number of new diagnostic imaging equipment, which they said will enhance their ability to provide services.

The new diagnostic equipment includes a thyroid update system, which helps diagnose concerns with the thyroid; a newly installed mammography machine with advanced imaging capability to improve breast screening; and two new ultrasound machines that are now in steady use.

Hamilton said the wait times for non-urgent scheduled appointment vary from three to twelve weeks depending on the procedure. She noted that ultrasound and mammography appointments have the longest wait times while CT scans have the shortest.

There is no waitlist for nuclear medicine and x-ray procedures.

“We appreciate the patience and support our community has shown throughout the pandemic. Our staff have continued to work hard to provide the excellent health care we are known for and will continue to do so as we address the lingering effects of the pandemic on our services,” said Sutherland.

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A group of concerned Caledon residents on top of the Oak Ridges Moraine on April 11, 2022, showing their support for an upcoming protest against the proposed Highway 413.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

# Protest against Highway 413 to be held in Bolton on April 23

Concerned Caledon residents want to promote their message ahead of provincial election

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A protest against the proposed Highway 413 will be part of a larger weekend of action for the environment in Ontario.

The upcoming protest will be held at 2 p.m. at the intersection of King and Queen streets in Bolton on April 23. It's part of the "yours to protect" weekend of action being promoted by Environmental Defence, an advocacy organization that's goal is to work with government, industry and individuals to defend clean water, a safe climate and healthy communities.

Dan O'Reilly, a Caledon-based activist against the 413 who helped organize the Bolton protest, said anyone is welcome to come. People can bring their own signs, but some will be available at the protest site too, he said.

"It's just a case of driving the message home, that (the 413) is a bad idea," said O'Reilly.

He said the highway will be a major catalyst for sprawl, warehouses, and will drive more traffic to local roads.

O'Reilly was pleased with previous protests against the 413 he helped organize and said with Ontario's upcoming election in June, he expects the best turnout yet. He wants to make stopping the highway an election priority.

Lana Goldberg, Environmental Defence's Ontario Climate Program Manager, said the Highway 413 protest being held in Caledon is especially important, as Caledon's Mayor and Council have been supportive of the Highway. At a February 15 Town of Caledon planning and development meeting, a motion from Councillor Annette Groves for the Town to reconsider its support of the 413 was voted down.

"It's important for residents who will be impacted by the highway to express their disagreement with the proposal, and communicate that both to their Council and to the provincial government," said Goldberg.

"Residents and municipalities along the route are opposed to the 413 because they know it won't resolve congestion and will actually lead to more traffic... and, of course, pave over the greenbelt and farms."


Goldberg said the weekend of action is being held to let politicians from all parties know Ontarians care deeply about the environment. She hopes protests and actions taken on April 22, 23 and 24 will show politicians that people want a government that will protect nature, build sustainable communities and tackle climate change.

"People overall are gathering for various reasons, such as stopping sprawl, stopping Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass, keeping lakes and rivers clean, protecting conservation

areas," said Goldberg.

Over 40 events are planned across the province, with around 10 being held to specifically protest Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass, according to Goldberg.

One such protest will be held at Ontario Minister of Transportation Caroline Mulroney's office.



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### ARREST IN STOLEN TRUCK INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid charges and seized stolen property stemming from a truck and trailer theft investigation.

“On February 10, 2022, officers responded to a call for service regarding the theft of two stolen transport trucks (tractors and trailers) from a trucking lot in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “The trailers were reportedly filled with televisions.

“In April 2022, the ongoing investigation revealed that at least one of the TVs was being sold at a store in Mississauga. With the assistance of the Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit, a judicial authorization was obtained for the retail store.

“On April 8, 2022, police attended the store and conducted their search. As a result, four 55-inch TVs, thousands of dollars’ worth of

men’s and women’s fragrances, and thousands of dollars of wallets and articles of clothing from Burberry manufacturer were seized.”

Ali Shirzad, 31, of Mississauga was charged with:

- Possession property obtained by crime under \$5000
- Trafficking in property obtained by crime

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton on June 24, 2022.

The charges have not been proven.

For anyone with additional information are asked to contact the Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit at 905-284-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [www.peelcrimestoppers.ca](http://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca). When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anon-

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### MULTIPLE AUTO THEFTS

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating five new vehicle thefts in the Bolton area.

“In the early morning hours of April 5, 2022, five Toyota vehicles (three Highlanders and two 4Runners) were stolen from residential drive-ways where they were parked for the night,” say Police. “One of these thefts was captured by video surveillance and shows two male suspects entering a vehicle and leaving shortly thereafter. A few minutes later, two different males entered the vehicle again, and then left. Approximately 35 minutes later, the two original males are seen returning to the vehicle and one enters and drives the vehicle away while the other male leaves the scene on foot.

“Once in a vehicle and connected to its data port, thieves are able to retrieve vehicle information. The data is then taken to another location where a new key fob is created. They then return with a new fob able to start your vehicle and drive away.

“Another methodology used is what is referred as ‘relay thefts.’ Technology is used to boost the signal from the fob you have in your residence. That signal is used to unlock your vehicle, start the engine, and drive away.”

Below is a list of crime prevention measures that offer protection from both practices above:

- Ensure your vehicle keys are kept well away from doors and windows;
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- Turn off the keyless fob wireless signal at night - refer to your car manual for instructions;
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- Park in the garage (if possible); and,
- Insert a car tracker - unusual activity is monitored and car can be tracked using GPS if stolen

“If you have any information regarding this or other incidents, please contact the Caledon OPP Street Crime Unit at 905-584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [www.peelcrimestoppers.ca](http://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca). When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive

a cash reward of up to \$2000 upon an arrest.

“Call 911 if you observe any suspicious activity in your neighbourhood.”

### IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged two drivers with impaired operation over this past weekend.

“On April 9, 2022, at approximately 3:10 a.m., a resident on Morra Street in Bolton contacted the OPP to report a suspicious vehicle in the neighbourhood,” say Police. “Officers attended and located the vehicle and spoke to the driver. Officers suspected that the driver’s abilities were impaired and they were asked for a sample of their breath into an Approved Road-side Screening Device. As a result of the investigation, the driver was arrested for impaired operation and taken to a nearby police station where further breath tests were conducted.”

As a result, Ragavi Ragulan, 18, of Brampton, was charged with:

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

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on June 23, 2022, to answer to the charge.

The charge has not been proven.

“Later that same day, at approximately 4:33 p.m., the OPP received another report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Old Church Road and Highway 50. Officers attended and formed grounds to arrest the driver for impaired operation by drugs. Further testing was conducted by a Drug Recognition Expert.”

As a result of the investigation, Kyle Revell, 31, of Caledon was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – drugs
- Possession of a Schedule I substance – heroin


The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on June 20, 2022, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

“In addition to having to attend court, the two involved vehicles were impounded for seven days and the driver’s licences were suspended for a period of 90 days,” say Police. “The OPP relies on the public to report crime. Impaired driving is a crime that should be treated no differently. Caledon OPP would like to thank the two members of the public for reporting these incidences.

“If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it.”

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# The Citizen CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Runs PCs

4. An entertaining, eccentric person

7. Small, faint constellation

8. Indigo bush

10. Not excessive

12. African antelope

13. A way to fly a glider

14. Tough softly

16. In the course of

17. Early Mesoamerican people

19. A way to drop down

20. Mistake!

21. Housing developments

25. Baseball stat

26. No (Scottish)

27. Type of cuisine

29. British Army infantrymen (abbr.)

### CLUES DOWN

1. Small, purple-

30. Marry

31. Buffer solution

32. Legendary rock band

39. Recording industry show

41. A way to consume

42. Lake in Botswana

43. Political action committee

44. Field force unit (abbr.)

45. Very eager

46. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues

48. Nocturnal insect

49. Challenged to perform

50. Thus far

51. Famed NYC arena

52. Commercials

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### Solution in CLASSIFIEDS

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2. Baltimore	24. Clumsy person
ballplayer	27. Figures
3. Highly seasoned	28. Polish Baltic
sausage	coast peninsula
4. Split pulses	29. Old cloth
5. Northwestern	31. Explosive
Mexico town	32. Automobiles
6. Edible fruit	33. 007’s creator
8. Upper-class	34. The Volunteer State
southern young woman	35. Old Irish alphabet
9. Sums up	36. Japanese city
11. The most worthless part	37. Portrayed
14. Dash	emotion
15. Sufferings	38. Observers
18. Clearinghouse (abbr.)	39. Mimicked
19. Indian title of respect	40. Polite reference to a woman
20. Poems meant to be sung	44. Male parent
22. Actor Cooper	47. Peter Griffin’s daughter
23. Luke’s mentor	

No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.







PUBLIC NOTICE

New Fireworks Bylaw  
proposed by Town Council



The proposed bylaw means that as of April 26, 2022, the discharge of fireworks for personal use - as well as the sale of consumer fireworks - will be banned

The new bylaw will introduce a permit system for large fireworks displays such as community events, motion picture and theatrical pyrotechnics. The permit will require:

- minimum safe distances of 300m from all vulnerable occupancies (schools, nursing and care facilities), industrial, fuel dispensing facilities and agricultural facilities containing livestock;
- displays be discharged by a licensed Display Supervisor;
- sufficient insurance for liability purposes;
- inspections for safety; and
- fireworks be planned for acceptable times and locations from dusk to 11 p.m. unless otherwise approved.

The permit system will be the responsibility of the Fire Chief and designates.

COUNCIL MEETING

Participate in or watch the Council meeting on April 26, 2022 at 6 p.m. to learn more about this bylaw.

Watch the livestream at [caledon.ca/agenda](https://caledon.ca/agenda) or visit [caledon.ca/fireworks](https://caledon.ca/fireworks) for more information.



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Decision on controversial fireworks bylaw  
set to be made at April 26 Council meeting

Continued from FRONT

The staff report on fireworks was created after the Town received repeated complaints about firework usage from residents.

They complained of fireworks causing excessive noise and property damage.

According to the report, residents also complained of fireworks being discharged when not allowed, and that the fireworks were creating debris.

“This type of activity is impacting the enjoyment of area residents and causing concern to

residents with pets and livestock,” reads the report.

CFNA president Perry Logan wrote a letter to the Town denouncing all three new fireworks bylaw options presented in the staff report at the November 30, 2021 meeting.

Logan said he and CFNA were disappointed in the Town bringing the ideas forward, claiming “99.9 per cent” of fireworks users follow safety regulations.

“We are seeing another staff report that highlights concerns and very little in the way of solutions,” wrote Logan.

He also said a fireworks ban has never been successful in any community in Canada due to people in power not understanding what the problem with the misuse of fireworks actually is.

“Banning fireworks will not stop delinquent use as proven in other communities. Better education and public awareness campaigns at the retail location is proving to be successful.”

Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson has said even the education is not working.

He said the litter and mess the Town had seen that year from fireworks was the worst ever and that people had set off fireworks under school buses and cars.

“It’s not burning down the neighbourhood but it’s the next thing to it. If we can somehow show that fireworks can be discharged in a group setting in a controlled manner in a safe way, I’m all for it, but right now, it’s the wild west,” said Thompson at the time.

In Logan’s letter, he wrote that the CFNA understands the use of fireworks increased during the pandemic. He said this has led the CFNA to “push harder for better education and training requirements at the point of sale.”

A public notice from the Town regarding the vote on its new fireworks bylaw was published the week of April 7.

The notice said if the proposed bylaw is passed, not only will the discharge of fireworks for personal use be banned in Caledon, but the sale of consumer fireworks will be banned as well. If passed, a permit system will be implemented for large fireworks displays at community events and for motion picture and theatrical pyrotechnics.

According to the notice, the following rules would apply for such displays: a minimum safe distance of 300 metres must be kept from schools, nursing and care facilities, industrial, fuel dispensing facilities and agricultural facilities containing livestock; a licensed display supervisor must be present; sufficient liability insurance must be obtained; safety inspections must be performed; and fireworks must be planned for acceptable times and locations from dusk to 11 p.m. unless otherwise approved.



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Celebrate Caledon!  
JULY 1, 2022

ALBION HILLS CONSERVATION AREA

Now accepting sponsor, performer and vendor applications.

Two popular Caledon events will combine for the first time on July 1, 2022: Caledon Day and TRCA's Caledon Canada Day. Join us at our new location on a new date! To submit your application and for more information visit [caledon.ca/celebrate](https://caledon.ca/celebrate).

HAPPY EASTER!  
CALEDON!



Wishing you and yours a happy Easter weekend.

For a full list of closures, visit [caledon.ca/news](https://caledon.ca/news).

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Spongy (LDD) Moth  
Burlap bands

As we head into warmer months, spongy moth caterpillars will begin to hatch.

In the heat of the day, spongy moth caterpillars will seek shelter by climbing down the trunk of the tree. By placing a burlap band or tree barrier band around a tree, you will trap caterpillars in an accessible location for scraping and/or removal.

To support residents with managing spongy moths on their property, FREE burlap bands are available for pickup at Town Hall as of April 18 at 9 a.m.

No appointment is needed, and burlap is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Maximum two burlap bands per household. Instructions will be included with the burlap.

Learn more about managing the spongy moth on your property at: [caledon.ca/spongy](https://caledon.ca/spongy).



Thinking of running or advertising  
in the 2022 Municipal  
and School Board Election?

The Town is hosting an information session to help you better understand the role and requirements for candidates and third-party advertisers participating in the upcoming Municipal and School Board election. The session is hosted in partnership with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to provide an overview of the requirements of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, APRIL 22 FROM 5 – 7 P.M.

The session is being held in a hybrid format offering both virtual or in-person participation in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, located at 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East. The session will be streamed live on the Town’s website at [caledon.ca/agenda](https://caledon.ca/agenda).

Please register for the session in advance by visiting [caledon.ca/election](https://caledon.ca/election) and viewing the Candidates information page. For questions, please contact [legislative.services@caledon.ca](mailto:legislative.services@caledon.ca) or call 905.584.2272 x. 2366.



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# Caledon MP unimpressed with federal budget

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback says the Liberal government’s recently released budget was “more of the same.”

On April 7, the Government of Canada’s Department of Finance released its 2022 budget, titled “A Plan to Grow Our Economy and Make Life More Affordable.”

Some promises made by the Trudeau government in the budget include the banning of foreign investment in the Canadian housing market for two years; investment in affordable child care; and the creation of a critical minerals strategy to “capitalize on a growing need for the minerals used in everything from phones to electric cars.”

In an April 8 media release, Seeback offered his thoughts on the budget and said Canadians looking for relief from inflation would not find it in the Liberals’ budget.

“Sadly, what they received was more of the same from the Trudeau government — spending at 30 per cent above pre-pandemic levels threatening the financial security of Canadians by raising taxes on hard-working Canadians to pay for it,” said Seeback.

The Liberal government said its budget will make life more affordable for Canadians through a \$5.3 billion investment in dental care for lower-income families, doubling the first-time home-buyer’s tax credit, and a one-time \$500 credit to those facing housing affordability challenges.

Seeback said he was looking for controlled spending to curb inflation, substantial action on increasing housing supply, and the lowering of taxes for hard-working Canadians.

“But that didn’t happen,” said Seeback. “What Canadians received instead was a big spending NDP budget.”

Seeback was also critical of the Liberal government’s dental care announcement, which was made possible due to a deal Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and NDP leader Jagmeet Singh made — in which the NDP pledged to support the Liberals in exchange for movement on key NDP priorities, such as the aforementioned dental care.

Seeback said the dentacare announcement was short on details and left more questions than answers.

According to the Liberals’ 2022 budget, the \$5.3 billion it’s investing in dentacare will be used to provide dental care for Canadians with family incomes of less than \$90,000 annually. It will start covering children 12 years and under in 2022; expand to people aged 18 and under, seniors, and persons living with a disability in 2023; and be fully implemented by 2025, according to the budget announcement.

In a quote released alongside the 2022 budget, Canada’s Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland said the budget won’t leave anyone behind.

“Our plan is responsible and considered, and it is going to mean more homes and good-paying jobs for Canadians; cleaner air and cleaner water for our children; and a stronger and more resilient economy for years to come,” said Freeland.

Seeback argued many are going to be left behind by the 2022 budget.

“Dufferin-Caledon families struggling to pay bills have been let down. Seniors on fixed incomes struggling to keep up with increased costs have been ignored; and small businesses still recovering from the pandemic received next to nothing,” he said.

According to the Liberals’ budget announcement, several measures are being taken in 2022 to address climate change, including: \$3 billion towards making zero-emission vehicles more affordable and a national network of charging stations; investments to protect land, lakes, and oceans; and the creation of a “Canada Growth Fund” to try and attract billions of dollars of private capital to build a net-zero economy by 2050.

Seeback contests all that plan does is push targets and project realization down the road, calling it “not a real plan.”

“Spending billions on new bureaucratic agencies and advisory councils will not see Canada reach its targets,” said Seeback.

He said the Liberals’ 2022 budget is not responsible and that he wants to see targeted investments and policies that improve Canada’s “competitiveness in the global marketplace.”

“For example, we wanted to see policies that improve Canada’s lagging investment performance, delivery of rural broadband, the elimination of interprovincial trade barriers, improved supply chain resiliency, and a robust innovation agenda,” said Seeback.

“We also expected the NDP-Liberal government to implement a real debt management strategy that includes a firm fiscal anchor and a measurable path to returning to balance.”

According to the Liberals’ budget announcement, “Canada entered the pandemic with the lowest net debt-to-GDP ratio of all G7 countries, an advantage that has since increased relative to other countries.”

It contests the 2022 budget will see Canada maintain its leading position and that the budget “upholds the government’s fiscal anchor — a declining debt-to-GDP ratio and the unwinding of COVID-19-related deficits, which will ensure that Canada’s finances remain sustainable in the long-term.”

## PUBLIC NOTICE



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

3728 Mayfield Road, 12097 Kennedy Road,  
12141 Kennedy Road, 0 Heart Lake Road, 0 Kennedy Road

### Proposed Official Plan Amendment

**FILE NUMBER:** POPA 2021-0010

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

Please be advised that the Town of Caledon is now offering a Hybrid Committee and Council Meeting model offering many ways for you to engage with Council, including in-person or virtual opportunities.

**Meeting Date:** May 10, 2022  
**Public Meeting Start Time:** 7 p.m.

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Attend In-Person: Members of the public may register to delegate in-person and speak to an item listed on the agenda or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting. Those registering to attend in-person must show proof of full vaccination and government issued identification, wear a face mask at all times unless delegating, and successfully complete the Town’s COVID-19 screening prior to entering Town Hall.
- Virtually: Members of the public are welcome to participate via phone or WebEx Meeting upon request. For more information on how to participate, please visit <http://www.caledon.ca/notice> or contact the Planning Department. Please note that there are deadlines by which the request to participate need to be made.

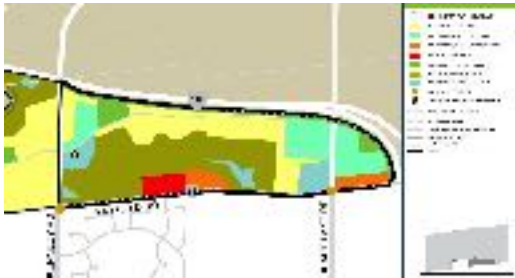
**APPLICANT:** Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc. on behalf of Snell’s Hollow Developers Group

**LOCATION:** 3728 Mayfield Road, 12097 Kennedy Road, 12141 Kennedy Road, 0 Heart Lake Road, 0 Kennedy Road Parts of Lot 18, Concession 2 and 3 EHS (Chinguacousy)  
All properties north of Mayfield Road, east of Kennedy Road south and west of Highway 410 including the properties on both sides of Heart Lake Road.  
Ward 2

#### PROPOSED CHANGES:

To amend the Official Plan designation of the subject lands from Residential Policy Area A and Environmental Policy Area to establish a Snell’s Hollow East Secondary Plan Area permitting a mixture of residential densities (low, medium and high), commercial, open space, storm water management ponds uses, and municipal road network.

The Official Plan Amendment would change the designation of the subject lands from Residential Policy Area A and Environmental Policy Area - Mayfield West Land Use Plan to Snell’s Hollow East Secondary Plan Area - Mayfield West Land Use Plan allowing for mixture of residential densities (low, medium and high), commercial, open space, storm water management ponds uses, and municipal roads.



*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:

April 14, 2022

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

#### ACCESSIBILITY:

If you require an accessibility accommodation to access any materials related to this item in an alternate format please contact Records and Information Services by phone at 905-584-2272 x.2366 or via email at [accessibility@caledon.ca](mailto:accessibility@caledon.ca).  
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## Notice of Nomination for Office 2022 Municipal and School Board Election

**Notice is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the Town of Caledon:**

**Anyone considering running for office in the municipal election to be held on October 24, 2022 for the Town of Caledon may file a nomination for the offices of:**

#### MAYOR\*\*

- one to be elected by all voters of the municipality

#### REGIONAL COUNCILLORS\*\*:

- one to be elected for Ward 1, 2 and 3
- one to be elected for Ward 4, 5 and 6

#### COUNCILLORS\*\*

- one to be elected for Ward 1
- one to be elected for Ward 2
- one to be elected for Ward 3
- one to be elected for Ward 4
- one to be elected for Ward 5
- one to be elected for Ward 6

\*\*Nominations for the offices of Mayor, Councillor and Regional Councillor must be accompanied by the signatures of 25 eligible Caledon electors supporting the nomination.

Nominations for the above offices may be made by completing and filing nominations of the prescribed form and accompanied by the prescribed nomination filing fee of \$200.00 for the office of Mayor and \$100.00 for all other offices. The filing fee is payable by cash, certified cheque or money order.

A nomination must be signed by the candidate and may be filed in person or by an agent during regular business hours between May 2, 2022 and August 19, 2022 and between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on August 19, 2022 (Nomination Day).

\*\*Candidates are strongly encouraged to book an appointment with the Town Clerk to file their nomination form.

#### SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES:

- Trustee, Peel District School Board
- Trustee, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
- Trustee, Conseil scolaire de Viamonde (Nominations are accepted at the City of Mississauga)
- Trustee, Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir (Nominations are accepted at the City of Brampton)

**Please note: No person who proposes to be a candidate may solicit or accept contributions for election purposes or incur campaign expenses until they have filed a nomination paper.**

For additional information regarding the Municipal and School Board Election, please call Legislative Services at 905.584.2272 x 2366 or 1.888.CALEDON (1.888.225.3366) or visit [caledon.ca/election](http://caledon.ca/election).

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## Avis de déclaration de candidature Élections municipales at conseil scolaire de 2022

**Par les présentes, AVIS est donné aux électeurs municipaux de la Ville de Caledon :**

**Toute personne qui souhaite se présenter à l’élection municipale qui aura lieu le 24 octobre 2022 pour la Ville de Caledon peut déposer une candidature aux postes de:**

#### MAIRE, MAIRESSE\*\*

- un à élire by pas tous les électeurs de la commune

#### CONSEILLERS RÉGIONAL\*\*:

- un à élire pour quartier 1, 2 and 3
- un à élire pour quartier 4, 5 and 6

#### CONSEILLERS \*\*

- un à élire pour quartier 1
- un à élire pour quartier 2
- un à élire pour quartier 3
- un à élire pour quartier 4
- un à élire pour quartier 5
- un à élire pour quartier 6

\*\* Les déclarations de candidature pour les postes de maire, de conseiller de secteur et de conseiller régional doivent être accompagnées des signatures de 25 électeurs de Caledon admissibles à l’appui de la candidature.

Les déclarations de candidature pour les postes susmentionnés peuvent être faites en remplissant et en déposant le formulaire prescrit accompagné du coût forfaitaire prescrit, à savoir 200,00 \$ pour une déclaration de candidature pour le poste de maire et de 100,00 \$ pour tous autres postes. Le coût forfaitaire d’une déclaration de candidature est payable en espèces, par chèque certifié ou par mandat poste.

La déclaration de candidature doit être signée par le candidat ou la candidate et peut être déposée en personne ou par mandataire pendant les heures normales de bureau, du 2e mai au 19 août 2022, et de 9 h à 14 h le 19 août 2022 (jour des déclarations).

#### CONSEILLERS SCOLAIRE:

- Conseiller scolaire, Peel District School Board
- Conseiller scolaire, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
- Conseiller scolaire, Conseil scolaire de district du Centre-Sud-Ouest (Les candidatur sont acceptées à la Ville de Mississauga)
- Conseiller scolaire, Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud (Les candidatures sont acceptées à la Ville de Brampton)

\*\* Les candidats sont fortement encouragés à prendre rendez-vous avec le greffier pour déposer leur formulaire de nomination.

**Veuillez noter : Toute personne qui se propose comme candidat ne peut ni solliciter ni accepter de contributions aux fins d’élection, ni engager de dépenses sans avoir déposé au préalable une déclaration de candidature.**

Pour plus d’information concernant les élections municipales at conseil scolaire, veuillez appeler les Services législatifs au 905.584.2272, poste 2366 ou 1.888.CALEDON (1.888.225.3366) ou visitez [www.caledon.ca/election](http://www.caledon.ca/election).

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Brock’s Banter

Hope springs eternal - but that ain’t easy

BY BROCK WEIR

It’s often said that some people believe if they repeat something loud enough, and often enough, that some people will find a grain of truth therein – or, at the very least, you’ll be able to convince enough people of it.

While it might seem like a world away right now, it wasn’t really all that long ago that then-U.S. President George W. Bush stood on the deck of an aircraft carrier to unveil a red-white-and-blue’d banner proclaiming “Mission Accomplished!”

Some bought into the message, but thankfully far more people saw this as a public relations exercise at best or, at worst, a very dangerous game of wishful thinking.

As the war raged on, the image almost became synonymous with some of the most bumbling acts of a bumbling eight-year administration. It was, of course, nearly 20 years before U.S. troops left Afghanistan, in another bungled exercise, the mission being anything but accomplished.

I can’t help but think that 20 years from now we’ll be looking back at the times we’re living through as now our own “Mission Accomplished” moment.

It’s been a few weeks since Premier Ford lifted most of the remaining public health restrictions, including mask mandates in the vast majority of possible settings. Ford, of course, isn’t the only Canadian premier to have done this very thing, but in keeping our focus strictly on Ontario, it feels as if many politicians and residents alike seem to think that COVID was ended with the stroke of a pen with a little extra flourish from a magic wand.

The pandemic rages on, yet politicians and many Ontarians seem to be of the mindset that we’re now living in a “post-COVID” world. This as the Province sees significant spikes in new cases, with very little formal testing, few resources, and essentially shifting isolation and quarantine rules over to the honour system.

What could possibly go wrong?  
Well, we know the answer.  
New modelling has taken out the guesswork. So has our collective experience of the last two years.

Easter is a season of hope and renewal and that’s something that will sustain us for a while, if nothing else. But as this observance approaches I find myself looking more and more back to the first such holiday of the pandemic with a degree of sentimentality.

Mine is a family that, for better or worse, takes such occasions very seriously and, like most everyone else, 2020 was the first Easter gathering I could remember that didn’t involve a reunion of some kind.

Instead of the traditional dinner with the full cast of characters, it was a fish and chip dinner for three as we socially isolated and decided to dine local with some takeout. Togetherness was achieved through a brief Zoom call, but it didn’t go very far in fostering those warm and fuzzy feelings.

By the second COVID Easter, expectations were more or less managed.

A similar gathering of three took place, but the Zoom get-together simply didn’t happen as we’d settled into our new normal and found new ways throughout the year to renew the ties

that continue to bind.  
This time, although many gatherings are set to return almost as normal, it will be more of the same here. I’m not, of course, wistful for those early terrifying days of the pandemic when so much was unknown and there was a genuine fear that even a walk outdoors could bring something unwanted into the home. Instead, I’m thinking about those early days of rediscovering what community is all about.  
It was difficult not to cast my mind backward on a trail walk last week.

As Easter approached in 2020, a stroll along the same path had a few more pops of colour along the way as countless residents dusted off their paint brushes and grabbed some rocks and stones to leave poignant messages of hope and solidarity for every passer-by.

This was a trend that continued through Easter of 2021 with dozens more rocks of hope now augmented with similarly emblazoned seashells dangling from tree branches by colourful ribbons or near-invisible fishing line.

Not so last week. Most of the rocks had, one can only surmise, been collected by their creators, souvenir hunters or carried away by the elements – one or two I could see catching the light of the sunset underneath the surface of a river – and what was left was only memories.

So too, it feels, is the solidarity in our community in the face of an invisible enemy: mere memories.

It was a period of moving armadas of vehicles passing by our local hospitals with signs of strength to and appreciation for the doctors, nurses, and other frontline workers keeping us safe. Now, tragically, these very same heroes are all too often subject to abuse and resentment by people who are either misinformed or myopic.

It was a time when the world was collectively rooting for doctors and scientists who almost uniformly dropped what they were doing to focus their considerable knowledge and talents in developing a vaccine that would help bring an end to the horrors we were all experiencing. Now, in some quarters, these very same people are sadly derided, condemned, or swept into ludicrous conspiracy theories by individuals who have been caught on a downward slope made slick from the snake oil still being peddled through Drs. Facebook and YouTube.

Although there was still so much information yet to uncover, it was a time when the rules were clear and those who refused to follow them – not, mind you, the ones who were unable to follow them, and there’s a very clear difference – were called out. On the other hand, it was also a time when those who were following the rules were subject to not-insignificant abuse from the scofflaws. Now, we’re living in an era where we’re encouraged every day to bend over backwards to accommodate the same people, even if it means being locked into an unending cycle of public health setbacks.

Don’t mind me if this Easter season I am more than a little bit sentimental for the days of cooperation, unity and common sense – not to mention the hope that an actual post-COVID world, perhaps even a resurrection of life prior to March of 2020, seemed like a relatively short-term goal and the mission would be accomplished sooner rather than later.

Where can I borrow that pen and wand?



Time to alter our nagging to-do lists

by Mark Pavilons



“We need to do a better job of putting ourselves higher on our own ‘to-do’ list.” – Michelle Obama

Just how did our wonderful lives become one massive to-do list?

Most of us working stiff – the 9-to-5ers – have fallen into crippling routines. We set our alarms, get up, head into work and put in a day’s worth of wage-earning duties.

The day may be fully planned or booked, with back-to-back meetings or appointments. In the “lulls” we grab a quick bite, maybe run across the street for a coffee, then back at it.

During our drive home, we try to decompress, gather our thoughts and relax.

Awaiting us are a few more chores, preparing dinner, tidying up the kitchen. If we’re lucky, we find a nice surprise in the mailbox or on the doorstep courtesy of Amazon.

We settle in, clean up after dinner and watch the high-definition screen, catching up on reality TV and getting our fill on commercials with messages about how ugly we are and why we need limited-time-only burgers.

We let our guard down, just long enough to be lulled into a false sense of security. Then the late-night news comes in, smacking us the face with the harsh realities of the day – the tragedies, conflict and multitude of reasons our lives will be challenging for the next few days or weeks.

And the circle starts anew the next morning.

On weekends, we catch a few extra Zs, and try to scratch off a few items on our list. We stare at the ominous to-do list wondering just where to start.

To borrow from Jim Carry in The Grinch, part of my to-do list involves making time for self-loathing and staring into the abyss. Then there’s talking to myself, but I can always cancel that and reschedule.

And this, in a nutshell, is many of our lives. Was this how the Almighty intended us to live?

Unfortunately, most westerners just don’t get it, and this will be our undoing. It’s been reported that the majority of Canadians don’t even take the vacation time given to them. I know I don’t.

Our European cousins, for instance, make sure they take their full holidays. In many countries their days progress at a much slower pace, and the afternoons bring a siesta

or extended lunch breaks. They commonly stretch for three hours in Spain and Greece. They enjoy their food, the camaraderie and count their blessings

I’m not sure what types of things are on their to-do lists, but you can bet they’re nowhere near as long as ours.

We Canucks look forward to our week or two at the cottage or in the backyard pool.

I love summer, and even grabbing 20 minutes at the start or end of each day.

To me, it’s like Mother Nature is giving us a great big hug, embracing us with her riches.

Summer is teeming with life, sights and sounds that undoubtedly trigger joy hormones to be released.

Our biggest organ – our skin – can’t wait to shed the encumbrances of long pants and shirts, in favour of the much more fashionable shorts, Hawaiian shirts (my absolute favourite) and sandals.

In the summer when we used to venture north, I remember not having socks on for the entire trip.

So, for just a few brief moments each year we shed our burdens and let them melt away, just like the ice in our tropical drinks. Our breathing deepens and our chests swell. We smile, for no reason at all.

And we toss our to-do lists in the trash, deciding they’re simply irrelevant.

It’s quite the bumper returning to a “normal” routine after a vacation.

We tense up, and stress begins to flow again, creeping over us like a rash from poison ivy.

We look around – while we may enjoy our lavish homes, we miss the simplicity of the wide open spaces, of being within arm’s reach of nature.

Often, the first thing I do is grab a cold one and head outside to the back yard, refusing to give in to reality and what lies waiting past the end of the driveway. To heck with it, I say.

I don’t really need expensive lake toys, a dock or drinks with umbrellas in them. At my age, I’m forced to look for carb-reduced beer and make sure I use sunscreen.

Simple pleasures are just fine by me.

Give me one endless summer so I can truly live. Give me an endless supply of propane, food for the grill and more colourful shirts than I can count. Give me a lawn that remains lush and green for the entire season. Give me serenity.

It’s tough to simply take a step back and just “be.” We are conditioned to be busy, to make sure things get done and to badger our kids. We have to cook constantly, or be faced with the dreaded comment: “there’s nothing to eat!”

We feel it necessary to give advice and perhaps intervene now and again.

We wish the best for our kids, but have trouble keeping our thoughts to ourselves.

We take on everyone else’s to-do list, too! Maybe we should revamp our to-do lists to include: Be thankful, count blessings, smile at strangers, hug family members and hum a favourite song.

Our Readers Write

Vote out supporters of 413, says former candidate

Blame Sprawl on “The Growth Plan.” It’s “The Province.” We hear this over and over from our elected municipal councillors. “We can’t change anything because these numbers are from the Province. It’s not us.”

It’s not their fault, they’ll tell you, approving rezoning farmland from prime agricultural to prime industrial. It’s not their fault corporate planners now design the Town of Caledon’s Official Plan (OP). It couldn’t be their fault that elected councillors sitting week in and week out listening to development applications and refusing to consider the cost of sprawling onto the Peel Plain and Greenbelt instead of holding the urban boundary exactly where it is, have now become the drive thru, one-stop shop for mas-

sive logistics and heavy freight operations.

Or is it?

The Growth Plan does not justify sprawl. It never did. It was written for exactly the opposite purpose. It’s a GROWTH PLAN which was authored with the intention to direct intensification into existing urban areas.

At the Caledon “public meeting” on Monday April 11, 2022, which was a meeting that was heavily attended by developers all making their land bids, many members of the public raised their concerns about the lack of planning in the Caledon OP and the loss of rural community we are witnessing.

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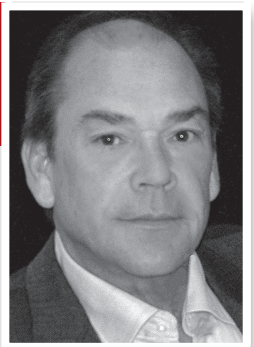


# Summer road trip?

Are we almost there yet?  
If you ever went on a summer road trip as a kid, I can pretty much guarantee you used that phrase at least a few times.  
I know I did.  
When you're a kid, being in the back seat of a car for a long trip can be agonizing. It's like you're trapped in this little room with no escape, and for some reason watching the scenery just isn't going to cut it.  
Time seems to go a lot slower when you're smaller.  
It's possible that the pain of being a backseat rider may have been eased over the last few years since many vehicles now come with in-vehicle screens that can play movies or games. Also, a kid can play a game on a laptop for hours without realizing they just travelled 500 miles.  
With summer approaching, I'm sure many people are already planning a vacation.  
I'm on the road a lot but usually just day trips so my scope of travel throughout the year is usually within three hours – maybe longer if there is something special going on.

It's been a few years since I took a really long car trip but I'm starting to get that feeling that it's time to hit the open road.  
The question is – is it east or west? I guess I could do both but that's getting a little pricey to do in a relatively short summer span.  
I started researching a trip to Prince Edward Island with side trips to New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and up into the Gaspé Peninsula.  
I've been to Gaspé, many years ago, and recall driving through New Brunswick but we were only passing through.  
I'd like to visit P.E.I., just because it's there and I would like to drive across the Confederation Bridge.  
A quick check reveals it's 1755 km from my place to Charlottetown – a total of 17 hours and 50 minutes driving time, according to Mapquest.com, not including stops for gas and something to eat along the way.  
I did a calculation based on a vehicle using 8.5 litres of fuel for every 100 km, and found that a return trip would cost around \$462 to go directly there and back. Adding on side trips would add another \$100 or more, so that's almost \$600 in fuel by today's prices.

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Although I'm not sure my calculations are 100 per cent accurate.  
I then tried to find the average hotel room price, along the route. I wouldn't be staying at the Ritz and wearing a tuxedo in the dining room for dinner, so a reasonably priced place along the highway would do fine. Most places are around \$110 to \$149, depending on the room, which isn't bad.  
But this trip is starting to add up in costs, especially when I haven't figured in the extras like meals, and paying for other stuff along the way like the \$50 toll to cross the Northumberland Strait.  
I started rethinking my options because that stretch of highway between Toronto and Montreal is pretty straight and boring.  
Maybe taking an RV and camping along the way would be fun, but I'm not sure I would be into that lifestyle. A quick check on RV rentals shows it wouldn't be any less expensive. In fact, depending on the unit you rent, it can be double the price of a hotel if you rent by the day, then there's gas on top of that.  
So now I'm considering the third option – flying.

I could eliminate the boring part of the trip which would be 15 hours of driving a straight highway by flying over it all in the comfort of an airliner, while sipping a bourbon and coke.  
I could fly to the east coast, rent a car, and start the road trip from there.  
It seems airlines had a rough time during time during the pandemic and are now offering seats at reduced prices. It would cost less to fly to P.E.I. in three hours than it would to drive to Montreal and back - if you choose the right airline.  
Maybe this is the right combination to expedite a road trip by eliminating the part where the seat is getting hot because you've been driving eight straight hours and have only seen pavement and the occasional off-ramp.  
The summer road trip is both a tradition and enjoyable even if the kids keep asking, "Are we there yet?"

# What Wave?

I keep hearing about an alleged sixth wave pummeling Ontario but I don't see any evidence of it. I've seen plenty of evidence to the contrary, from large, in-person events and celebrations where most remain maskless, to video clips from stadiums full of people cheering on their favourite teams – also maskless. I watch news reports from the head of the science table, Dr. Peter Juni, strongly suggesting it would be prudent to wear a mask at indoor locations where lots of people are gathered and then I see first-hand how so many of us have dropped this simple piece of protective cloth and are living life without a care in the world. Is there a sixth wave? What should we do about the sixth wave? What wave?  
In conversations with friends and business associates, the common refrain is, "it's a complicated situation." We know that so many of us are eager to resume "real life." We want to gather with friends and family and we don't want to have to run back to the car to grab the mask we invariably forgot there. Nicer weather is coming and patio season is something to look forward to but if I also understand, and Dr. Moore finally emerged from hiding (in the Caribbean apparently) to confirm it, we are indeed the midst of another wave.  
In my humble opinion, it could have been an entirely different wave with much of the illness we are seeing now completely preventable for the sake of a simple mask.

Perhaps I'm the simple one because I truly don't get it.  
I simply don't understand how wearing a mask has become such an enormous and polarizing force. Plenty of people have commented that it's the messaging that was all wrong from the beginning; that mask wearing should have been about "prevention," not "restriction."  
Perhaps they're right, but I suppose I also naively believed in the concept of community spirit – that no matter what the messaging was – surely we'd all agree that wearing a mask was for the greater good? I suppose, too, that I also believed in common sense and to me, that meant simple logic should dictate wearing a mask, especially in schools, for at least several more weeks after March Break when people had travelled and met with friends, just made sense. You would think at my advanced age I would know better by now.  
The good doctors and epidemiologists, Public Health Ontario and others who sit at the Science Table have all recommended the return of a mask mandate but we saw on Monday what Dr. Moore thinks of that. Roundly rejected in one sentence, while also acknowledging that the BA.2 variant is circulating widely and will continue to do so for at least several more weeks, he then urged Ontarians to consider wearing a mask in public and in crowded indoor spaces AND then, horribly, acknowledged the deaths of children from COVID

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In these last few weeks as contributable to comorbidities.  
So, to summarize - yes we are in a 6th wave, no masks aren't mandated, yes you should wear a mask and no, kids aren't dying from COVID but from some "other" problem they already had, but were apparently living with just fine before COVID.  
Does anyone other than me have a problem with this? Did anyone other than me read this fascinating fact recently, "the proportion of samples identified as BA.2 rose from 12.3% the week of February 13 to 54% the week of March 13? In other words, this variant is spreading exponentially at an alarming rate. Masks might not stop all of the spread but I'm pretty darn sure masks could help slow it significantly.  
You know what else might have helped to slow the spread? Easy – and early – access to rapid tests. I know, I know, "here she goes," but you didn't think I'd write a whole article without mentioning the breaking news that our Premier distributed for free (read, taxpayer funded) rapid tests to private schools en masse well before he ever sent them to the schools (read, taxpayer funded) that the rest of us attend. When we did get them, we were allocated a resounding two per child. Have we already forgotten the early morning line-ups at LCBOs of all places, to receive a box of five? How short are our collective memories that while rapid tests are

now (and finally) readily available, we are prepared to forget that mere weeks ago we were lining up for them all while those amongst us who can afford to pay exorbitant fees to send their children to private school were being given full boxes for free?  
At least the good news is we now have access to rapid tests that will prove we are indeed in the middle of a sixth wave. Virtually everyone I know at this point, even the most cautious amongst us, has experienced or know someone who has experienced COVID. Whatever this latest variant is called it's significantly more transmissible and while it might be mild for you, there are health care workers still struggling on the front lines every day who will assure you it's not mild for everyone. You know what might have helped prevent such easy transmission? A mask. A few weeks ago I asked everyone to be kind regardless of the choice to wear or not wear one. Today, if YOU believe there is a sixth wave, I'm simply asking you to reconsider wearing one while you grocery shop or intermingle in public spaces. In other words, I'm still asking you to be kind. In the annals of history are we really willing to be nothing but a footnote that acknowledges our demise arose from the refusal to wear a simple piece of protective cloth?

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# Crafting for a cause: Peggy Dickey’s “Pixie Properties” benefit Bethell Hospice

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Peggy Dickey began making “Pixie Properties” as Christmas presents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The properties are unique pieces of art that look like doors into the magical worlds you read about in fairy tales and fantasy novels.

They’re made using recycled and found materials and Dickey says she enjoys the challenge of using unusual objects in her work.

She first got the idea for her properties from the local magazine In The Hills.

“I was having so much fun, I wanted to make more,” said Dickey.

Her husband suggested selling the Pixie

Properties for charity, to which Dickey said, “yeah right” — she didn’t think people would buy the properties as she doesn’t consider herself to be an artist by any means.

“I love doing crafts, I used to be a teacher, so this is sort of Grade 3 art,” Dickey said with a laugh.

However, it’s clear that people think otherwise.

Dickey has now sold enough of the properties at \$20 each that she’s been able to donate over \$4,000 to Bethell Hospice.

According to Bethell Hospice’s website, it’s a residential hospice facility that’s free for its residents and “provides compassionate, respectful care to enhance the quality of life for individuals facing a life-limiting ill-



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*events*

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TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON 1344 Bolton – Real People, Real Weight Loss is a non-profit group. We meet weekly on Wed. evenings in the basement of Bolton United Church. Weigh-ins are 6:15-6:45 followed by a meeting. The initial annual fee incl. a bi-monthly magazine and starter kit is \$59, and monthly dues are only \$15. If you have weight to lose and/or want to improve your health, we can help! We promote healthy eating and your first meeting is free. Come join us! Now that the COVID19 protocols are starting to ease, it's a good time to make any necessary changes to your eating habits. For more information call Marion at 905-857-5191 or see [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org). Online memberships are also available.

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

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Saturday April 23rd  
Time: 7:30 pm  
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Tickets to each concert are \$35 for adults and \$15 for students 16 years and under. We accept cash and cheques at the door. Etransfers to [gordonkmorton@gmail.com](mailto:gordonkmorton@gmail.com) are accepted up to the day before the concert. Please contact Gordon Morton for further information.

TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) - Caledon Village. Real people, real weight loss is a non-profit group. We meet weekly on Wednesdays at the Knox United Church from 6:00 - 6:30 to be weighed with a meeting to follow. The annual fee of \$ 59.00 which covers a bi-monthly magazine and our monthly dues are \$10.00. The first meeting is free! For more information call Barb at 519-927-3078.

ness and their families.”

Some people have paid “over asking” for Dickey’s Pixie Properties as they know 100 per cent of their money is going to a good cause.

Dickey has a well-organized studio set up in her house for creating her Pixie Properties.

There are little baskets of supplies: everything from buttons and jewelry to shower-curtain hooks and pieces of purses. Knick-knacks like these go on a base of wood, which can include reclaimed wood, tree bark, or even cedar shake. The end result is a one-of-a-kind creation that looks like what the front of a pixie’s house might be.

Doors, windows and decorations come together to create a magical and mystical aesthetic.

One might ask how Dickey gets her creations to stay together, and the answer is a combination of things.

“Wood glue, exterior wood glue. And, you know, I Varathane a lot. A lot of things are attached with a wire,” said Dickey.

Also useful for Dickey’s creations has been her husband’s workshop, which has a drill press and band saw.

Dickey likes to experiment with items people give her, things she finds, and tries not to buy anything to create her Pixie Properties.

She’s made over 250 of them and the first ones she sold were to her friends from the Inglewood Schoolhouse Performers.

Since Dickey is very familiar with Inglewood, she knew Bethell Hospice would be a great place to donate to as it’s right there in the community.

“It’s something that you see the results of,” said Dickey. “People have come and said... a relative or, you know, so and so was there and what a wonderful place (Bethell Hospice) is.”

Dickey said the idea is for people to leave their Pixie Properties in their gardens, “as an entrance to the magical underground world of fairies, pixies and the like.”

While she said the properties should survive outside, it’s best to keep them on a covered porch or patio, put them “out when the grandkids come”, or put them on a bookshelf, for example.

Anyone who wants to buy a Pixie Property can reach out to Dickey via email at the following address: [pixiepropertiesbypeggy@gmail.com](mailto:pixiepropertiesbypeggy@gmail.com). When someone drops by Dickey’s house to buy a property, Dickey will display a bunch of the properties on her front porch. She said it was a great way to meet people and sell during the pandemic, as people were not worried about meeting outside to make a purchase.



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## Gibson Centre and Tec We Gwill Women's Institute to host High Tea to mark Queen's Platinum Jubilee

BY WENDY GABREK

The Gibson Centre for Arts & Culture in Alliston has partnered with the Tec We Gwill Women's Institute to co-host Afternoon Tea in honour of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee on May 29.

The event is the 70-year celebration of reign of Elizabeth II, who is President of Sandringham Women's Institute.

"Our partnership on this event is very fitting," said Gibson Centre Executive Director Jennifer Fortin, speaking on the elegant setting of the Gibson.

The Platinum Jubilee Celebration Tea will take place from 2 – 5 p.m. and will be a historic, once-in-a-lifetime event.

"We are celebrating the 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth II, and all are welcome," said Fortin. "We encourage guests to wear hats, gloves, fascinators, and their favourite dress."

Fortin says women might also wear dressy tops, with a skirt, and men – who are also welcome – should wear a seasonal sports coat or blazer, with slacks and a dress shirt or casual button-down shirt or a polo shirt. Ties are optional.

Leading up to the event, The Gibson is looking for donations of china teacups and saucers. To donate, please call 705-435-2828.

This is the first High Tea the Gibson has held, and proceeds will be shared by both Gibson Centre and Tec We Gwill Women's Institute.

Fortin says although there are no "royal rules" per say, she knows the Tea will be a "very civilized and fun event".

Look to The Citizen for more information as it becomes available, including ticket prices, and registration information, or visit gibsoncentre.ca anytime.

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# Campbell to carry Green Party banner in provincial election

BY MARK PAVILONS

A lack of political will has led Laura Campbell to run for office as a Green Party candidate in Dufferin-Caledon.

Campbell, a local business owner, and a mother of two, holds a Master of Science from the London School of Economics and Politics, and a Bachelor of Arts from Western University.

Campbell said she has a deep understanding of the important local issues facing Dufferin-Caledon and previously ran as a candidate in 2018.

She currently holds the post of Critic on Advanced Education and Skills Development on the Green Party of Ontario’s (GPO) shadow cabinet.

“I have always been deeply engaged in politics, both around issues of biodiversity and our ongoing climate crisis, and also in areas such as education, social justice, and affordable housing,” Laura said. “Over the past decade, I have advocated strongly for local food, and against large infrastructure or resource extraction projects that only benefit a select few rather than the hard-working people of this riding.”

“I’m very excited to have Laura join our team,” stated Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario. “Her perspective as a fellow small business owner will be greatly appreciated as well as her passion and advocacy for action on critical issues like local food and the climate crisis.”

Laura has been an environmental activist since she was a young child.

She was raised in the country where her neighbours have always been farmers, observing their wisdom and also their struggles. Her political engagement began as an undergraduate student where she became involved in environmental advocacy groups because she was deeply concerned about the lack of commitment on behalf of all governments on meeting the Kyoto Protocol targets.

By representing the Green Party, Laura hopes to show others that we must be bold and imaginative in how we go about making these changes.

The status quo has failed us, she contends. Laura says she believes that the people in her community and across Ontario deserve better leadership. We need a government that works for the people – in earnest.

The 2018 campaign put fuel in her tank and she’s ready for this year’s election with renewed vigor.

“Like so many citizens, I’m increasingly dismayed by the lack of political will among our leaders to make Ontario a caring and prosperous place. I love my home riding. What happens here matters to me greatly. I ran in the 2018 provincial election here in Dufferin-Caledon, and I was encouraged by my community to do so again.”

Campbell stresses that she has no interest in “playing politics.”

“I’m a working parent who often struggles just like everyone else. I want to be a team player, and work with our leader, Mike Schreiner, to create an Ontario where we have high quality services, funded by a robust economy where no one is left behind. I want to help build an Ontario that is prosperous again. Where everyone feels that prosperity.”

If elected, she vows to work collaboratively with other parties to embrace Green solutions to our most pressing problems.

“Instead of blaming and shaming the other elected members, I would show them how Ontario can build livable and affordable communities, preserve farmland, invest in the innovative entrepreneurs among us, and improve our frontline services so we can avoid the many tragedies we’ve seen throughout the pandemic.”

Some of the most pressing issues in our province today, she said, are the lack of affordable housing, climate change and how it has already begun to impact our everyday lives. She also wants to address what she sees as “the slow and steady erosion” of our public services. This last part is crucial.

“Whether healthcare, mental healthcare or education, – all have been neglected and underfunded by past governments. These public services need to be comprehensive for all of us to thrive.”

As a small business owner, Campbell says she sees the impact of the affordability crisis first hand.

“One of the number one issues I hear from colleagues in the small business community is just how hard it is to find staff. One of the reasons why staffing challenges are so immense these days is because most workers cannot afford to pay for housing in the communities where they work.

“Whether in downtown Toronto, or Or-



LAURA CAMPBELL

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angeville, the cost of a mortgage or even rent is beyond reach for most folks. This reality makes it hard to recruit and retain high quality staff that are crucial assets in any business. This isn’t just true for the business community – it’s also the case for other essential services, like long term care.

“The affordability crisis means young people can’t afford to permanently settle in communities of their choice, and the older working population can’t afford to retire or downsize.

“These are the everyday issues that keep us from pursuing climate action in earnest. We are so busy dealing with crisis after crisis that we haven’t had a chance to plan for an uncertain future. But climate change will soon make life entirely unaffordable: home insurance will be through the roof, gas even more unaffordable, and health impacts that our system cannot bear.”

The Green Party, she says, has a realistic, detailed, and comprehensive plan to address the housing crisis. By building gentle density within existing urban boundaries (think duplexes, triplexes, nanny suites, garden suites, laneway housing all with access to transit), we can increase

the housing stock closer to where people work. We need the “missing middle” in our housing market.

“We are also the first political party to have a standalone mental health platform. We believe mental health IS health. In a Green caring economy, mental health services would be covered under OHIP and children wouldn’t have to wait 9-18 months to access mental health care.

“And no surprise, we have a fantastic climate action plan that is rooted in creating prosperity through the new climate economy. We want to make Ontario a leader in clean tech. The billions in revenue from transitioning to a clean economy would help fund the frontline services Ontarians deserve.

“Finally, we want to restore water and nature. By expanding the Greenbelt and adding a ‘Bluebelt’ to protect our drinking water, we will ensure our food and water security as we enter into a volatile climate future. As an aside, access to nature is also a key element of our collective mental health. We can’t live without it.”

The Orangeville native owns a restaurant and has been “talking to folks every day for the last 12 years since we’ve opened about the issues of the day.”

“I share their love of our green spaces, our hiking trails, our restaurants, and our arts scene. It’s truly a special place.”

Campbell said she’s also passionate about the arts community, calling them a “crucial part of the fibre of our community.”

She’s an admitted horseback rider turned cyclist. There is a big cycling community up here: road, gravel, and mountain biking.

As Greens, they don’t believe in hyper-partisan politics.

“We believe in working across party lines, all hands on deck, to address the most pressing issues facing our society today. We want to make Ontario a place where everyone can reach their maximum potential. Where homes are affordable, where climate action creates prosperity and the jobs of the future, where racial and gender inequity are a thing of the past.

“I am working hard to be your voice at Queen’s Park, because so many people in our community are struggling. They can’t afford to live here anymore. Affordability is a major problem that we have to address immediately – not via one-time payments for a license plate sticker refund, but by creating the conditions for a major economic boom in the new climate economy (like places around the world are already doing).

“We are standing on prime farmland, the Headwaters of the GTA, among Forests and wetlands which are home to some of the world’s most important at-risk species. Communities in every hamlet have been fighting their conservative MPP to save these things for decades. I personally know activists who have given over all of the time to fighting zoning changes, day in, day out.

“Our representatives have not been listening to the people. Our citizens don’t need or want massive homes. They want to enjoy pristine natural places with their families and have a place to call home that they can afford. They want to be able to pay for the kids to play hockey and soccer. They want to be able to go on a vacation and make some memories with their families. They want to have paid sick days so they don’t have to worry about missing work. They want to be able to save for their kids’ education, and their own retirement.”

As a supporter of the Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance, she cares about the land. That’s why she’s been active in the campaign to stop the 413, “as it’s set to destroy 2000 acres of class 1 farmland.”

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# Mono resident returning to Ukraine to continue helping animals

BY SAM ODROWSKI

A local man is continuing his efforts to rescue as many animals as possible from shelled areas in Ukraine.

Owner of 10 and 10 Garden Centre, Nishan Kooner, was operating out of the Ukraine and Romania border, transporting supplies to animal shelters and rescuing pets from ones that have been abandoned.

Kooner arrived in Ukraine in mid-March and spent two weeks there before returning to Mono early last week to help prepare the 10 and 10 Garden Centre for the spring season.

During that time, he helped save over 1,000 animals, which were mostly cats and dogs, but he also assisted with rescuing a lion, grizzly bear, foxes, and wolves from Kiev Zoo.

“The bear was a dancing and performing bear, so its life was not a nice life,” he said. “It wasn’t treated well, but now we’ve gotten it out of Ukraine and he is at an animal sanctuary, so all that’s behind him. He’s in a better place and he’s being taken care of.”

Kooner, meanwhile, caught a flight heading back to Ukraine yesterday to continue supporting animals in need.

“I’ll be going to some of the cities that are now free of war, but weren’t a few weeks ago,” he said. “Some of the cities that were hit pretty hard, we’ll need to go in and help animal shelters and people in search and rescue and all that kind of stuff.”

Kooner’s going to be working with a sanctuary in Romania called Laika Animal Rescue to transport animals out of areas that have been attacked by Russian forces but have since been cleared.

He said there’s a lot of places that were active war zones and inaccessible last time he was in Ukraine, so those areas will be the focus for

rescue and resupply missions.

When speaking with the Citizen shortly after his return from Ukraine, Kooner said his time spent overseas gave him perspective and furthered his gratitude for being Canadian.

“You feel a lot more purpose out there,” he said. “There’s a lot of things you take for granted until you visit a country where – especially during war, but even without war – they don’t have the security, the infrastructure and the quality of life that we have here.”

Kooner added that the most impactful part of his trip was each time animals were transported across the Romania border into safety.

“That’s the best feeling for me... actually physically getting these animals out of Ukraine,” he noted.

The local community, meanwhile, has been rallying behind Kooner since he announced that he would be travelling to Ukraine to provide aid.

To date, more than \$10,000 has been raised through an online fundraiser and just under \$8,000 was raised through a silent auction held April 2 and 3.

The funds help with the purchase of equipment and supplies for rescuing animals.

To make a donation, visit: [shorturl.at/hGMU0](https://shorturl.at/hGMU0)

Kooner plans to return from Ukraine on May 1 to be at 10 and 10 Garden Centre for the spring rush.

A few 10 and 10 Garden Centre customers who have been following Kooner’s journey have been inspired to volunteer in Ukraine themselves.

They plan to work with an animal shelter in Romania where animals are being transported from Ukraine.

Follow 10 and 10 Garden Centre on social media to stay up to date with Kooner’s efforts in Ukraine: [facebook.com/10and10gardencentre](https://facebook.com/10and10gardencentre).



Kathleen Wilson, left, and Rima Dornfelde, attended the Town of Caledon’s open house regarding its Future Caledon Draft Official Plan and offered their input on April 11, 2022.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

# Policy document will guide Caledon’s growth until the year 2051

Continued from FRONT

Some major points from it include: The Town’s plan to keep 80 per cent of Caledon’s land protected and free from urban growth, the setting of a net-zero greenhouse gas emission target for 2050, and the plan accounting for the proposed Highway 413 being built.

According to a presentation on the Official Plan given by Town staff, it was prepared “through the view of five lenses”: Protection, rural community preservation, climate change, urban growth management, and equity and inclusion.

Matthew Cory, a planner with Malone Given Parsons Ltd., spoke at the planning meeting held after the open house.

“As robust and very well-written as the OP (Official Plan) is, as a seasoned planner, I had a very hard time reading the whole thing, it’s quite long,” he said, after speaking on a different topic on behalf of a project management company that owns lands in Mayfield West. “I wanted to suggest if in any way possible, if it could be made as succinct as possible. I just worry about usability for anybody but a trained planner in using the document at the length that it’s at.”

Caledon’s chief planner, Antonietta Minichillo, said she agreed, and her and her team will be endeavouring to shorten the document.

“We have already begun that process to remove any duplications, make it shorter, remove what doesn’t need to be in there and, frankly, just make it more palatable so that everyone really understands what’s in the documents,” said Minichillo.

Kathleen Wilson, a Caledon resident who attended the open house, shared her thoughts on the Official Plan.

“There’s a lot of policies and vision and goals, yet I see little to no plan to actually execute them,” said Wilson. “There’s a huge disconnect between what is actually happening in Caledon to what’s going into the Official Plan.”

Wilson said it was unfair of the province to expect municipalities to plan until 2051 during the middle of a pandemic. She said the pandemic made it harder for people to engage with their governments.

Rima Dornfelde, another Caledon resident who attended the open house, said she was there because she believes strongly in civic engagement.

“Some people say there’s no point to coming out to these meetings, it’s

all a done deal, but it’s like voting. It’s your freedom to come and be informed and to say you disagree with certain things the way they’re being done,” said Dornfelde. “It’s your right. That’s part of being a citizen, you have to get involved at some point.”

Bella Ceremuga, a Brampton resident who has always wanted to live in Caledon, is a planner by trade, and attended the open house because she wanted to see what direction Caledon is heading in.

“I like it because of the conservation areas... a lot of green spaces, it’s rural but it’s also close to the city,” she said, adding she wants to see Caledon developed intelligently to preserve green space and protect the environment. If it’s not, she said she “might as well just live in Mississauga.”

A handout distributed to open house attendees, and that’s available online, outlines next steps in the Town’s Official Plan process. Written comments about the plan must be submitted to [opreview@caledon.ca](mailto:opreview@caledon.ca) by April 20 to ensure Town staff can address them prior to finalizing the Official Plan.

The plan is targeted for council adoption in “late spring” 2022.




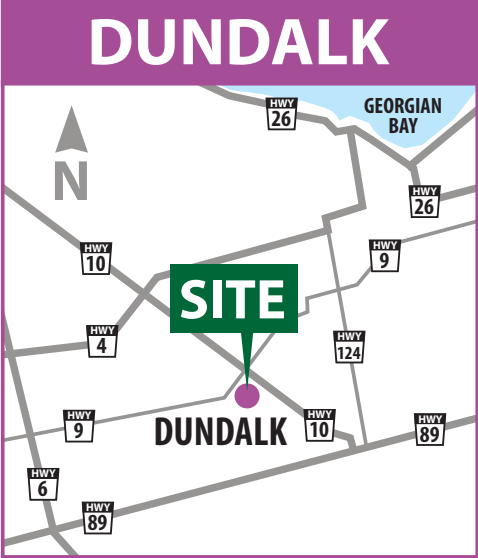


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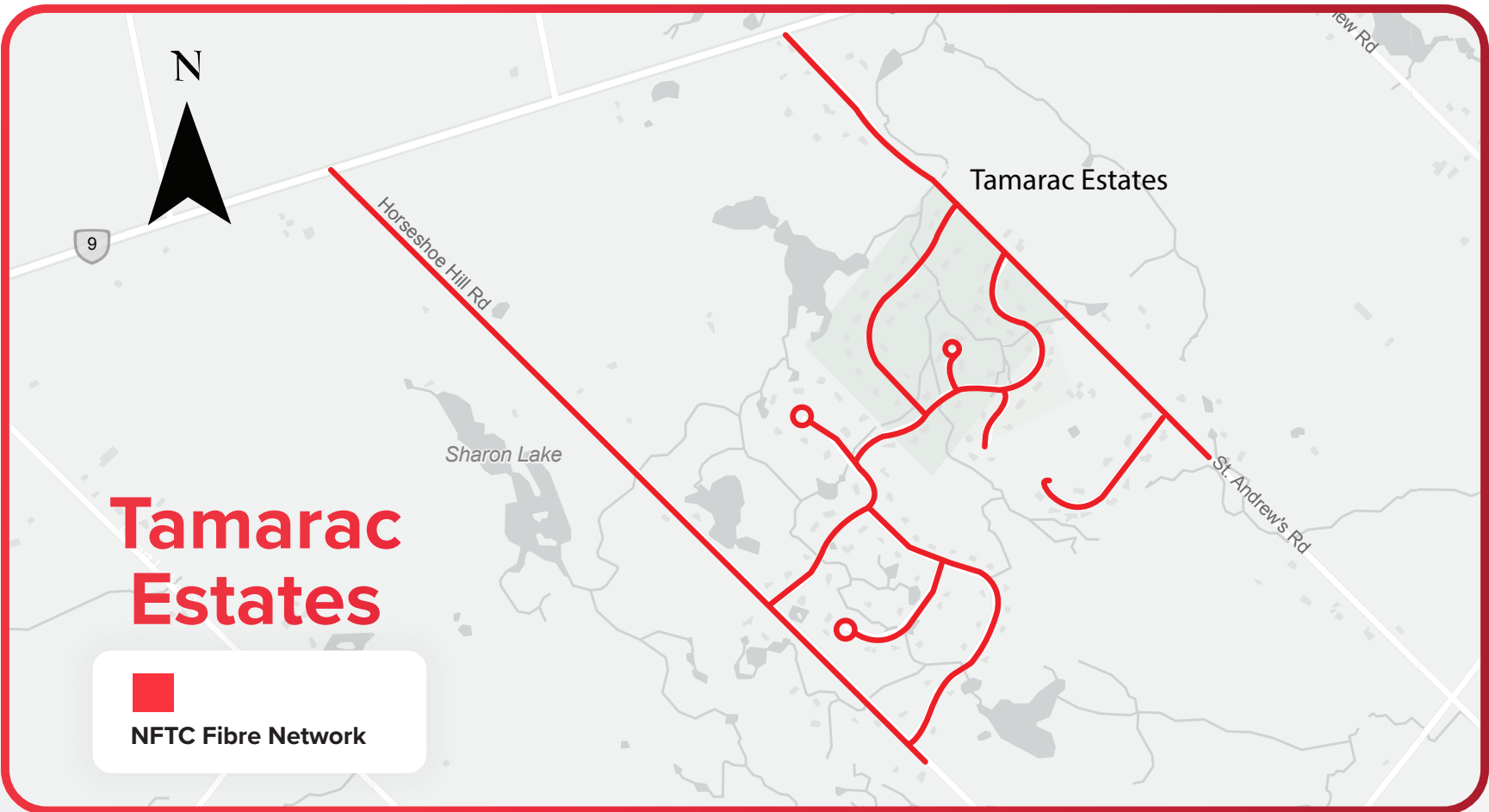
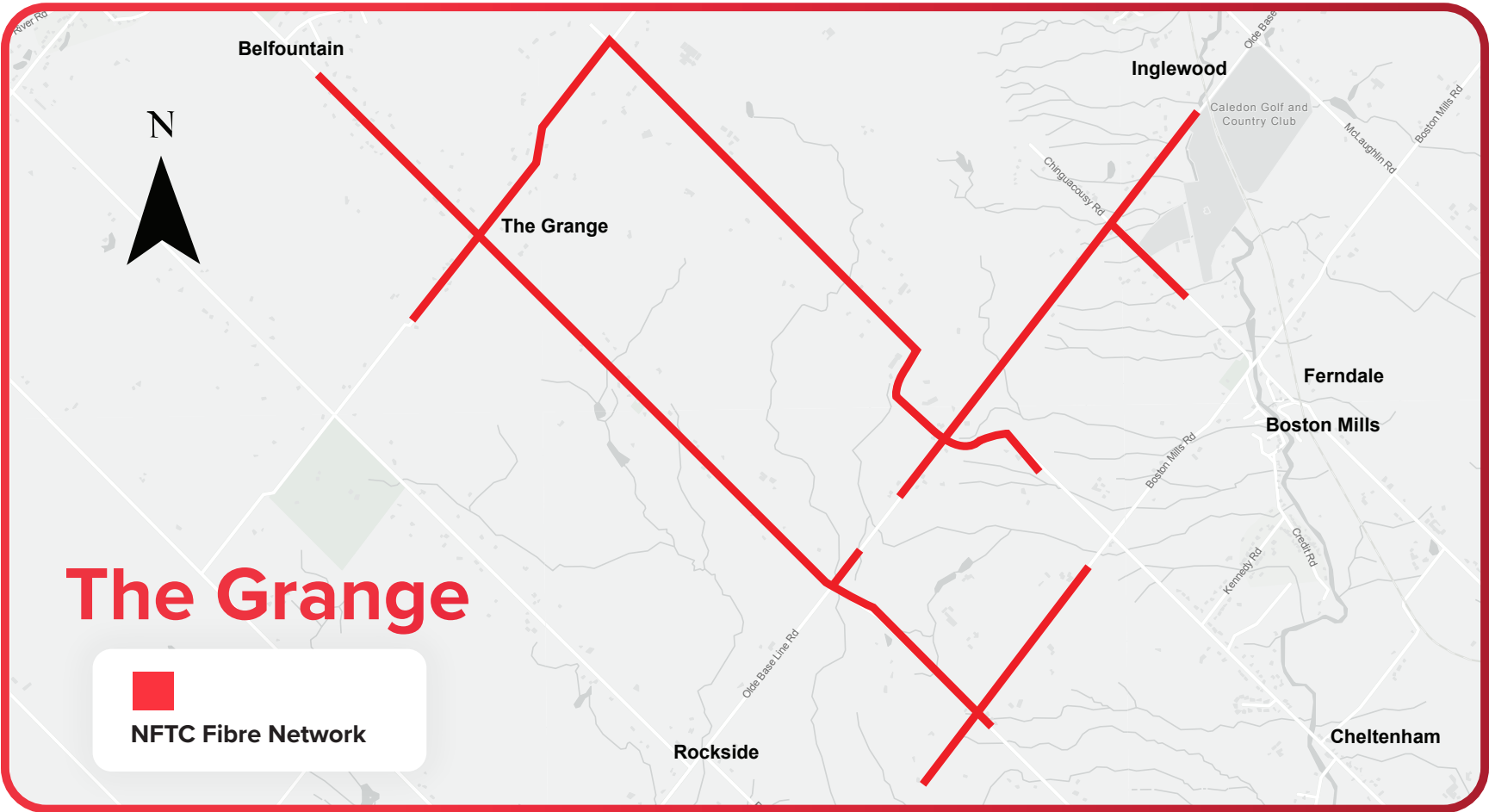
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# Southlake expansion plans get \$5 million boost from Province



King-Vaughan MPP and Education Minister Stephen Lecce welcomed Friday’s announcement at Southlake as hospital President & CEO Arden Krystal looks on. **PHOTO BY BROCK WEIR**

**BY BROCK WEIR**

Plans to build a new campus for Southlake Regional Health Centre and transform its current base in Newmarket received a significant shot in the arm last week.

On Friday afternoon, Health Minister Christine Elliott was joined by cabinet colleagues, Arden Krystal, President & CEO of Southlake Regional Health Centre, and area mayors to announce the Province has committed \$5 million towards the hospital’s expansion plan.

According to Ms. Krystal, due to significant growth in York Region and South Simcoe, Southlake is “one of Ontario’s most overcrowded hospitals” and expansion is critically important.

“Today’s announcement brings more than just a promise of a new state-of-the-art hospital and the redevelopment of our Davis Drive site; it brings hope – hope for the nearly 6,000 staff, physicians, volunteers and learners who, despite working in

an aging and undersized facility, provide leading-edge care with compassion every day. [It brings] hope for patients, caregivers and families in the diverse communities that we serve. They have experienced hallway healthcare for far too long and today’s announcement gives them assurance that a new Southlake is on the horizon.

“This news is especially important for Southlake’s dedicated staff and physicians. In the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges, they have continued to deliver a response to the pandemic that our communities will be proud of for generations to come. Today signals new beginnings and optimism for the future: a future where the environment for care can match the quality of care and the outstanding people providing it.”

The “outstanding” people that have been providing healthcare within Southlake’s walls were given special mention by Ms. Elliott, MPP for Newmarket-Aurora.

“For the last decade, this hospital has provided exceptional care to patients and

families in York Region and Simcoe County, first as York County Hospital and now as Southlake,” she said. “The dedication of healthcare workers, staff and volunteers has been truly inspiring both past and present. Long before any of us had heard of COVID-19, our government made a commitment to end hallway health care. The last two years have only reinforced how important it is to build a stronger, more resilient healthcare system. Our world-class healthcare workers need more help though to continue to provide high-quality health care to patients and to continue to build on Southlake’s 100-year legacy.

“That is why it [gives] me great pleasure to announce...that our government is extending \$5 million to expand Southlake. This marks the first significant acute care expansion at the hospital since 2003, despite the fact it serves some of the fastest-growing communities in the entire Province... This investment will help Southlake plan its phased expansion to become a two-site hospital system that will meet the needs of patients and families now and for generations to come. This expansion plans to build a new state-of-the-art hospital and redevelopment of the existing site.”

Through this project, 100 new inpatient beds are expected to be added to Southlake, bringing their total number of beds to over 600. Services, including acute and post-acute care, critical and emergency care, and mental health and addiction care, will be further expanded as well.

“As phases of the plan are completed, families will be able to look forward to increased access to the high-quality care and services that they need and deserve,” Ms. Elliott concluded. “Thank you to everyone who has come together to support Southlake’s expansion. Together, we’re building a stronger, more resilient healthcare system and a hospital that is truly by the community’s side.”

This theme of Southlake being “by the community’s side” was echoed by York-Simcoe MPP Caroline Mulroney, who said the \$5 million investment is a “win” for the community.

“By building a new state-of-the-art hospital and redeveloping existing infrastructure, our PC government is making sure that the needs of our rapidly-growing region continue to be met by high-quality care,” she said. “That is something we can all be proud of.”

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan

added this was an “exceptionally positive step” for the community.

“I am here to echo a message of gratitude [and] express our shared commitment to getting this project done and moving it forward in a positive way for families across York and the GTA,” he said. “Today’s announcement gives tremendous hope to families who for so long have wanted to access care in their community. With this expansion of hospitals right across the GTHA, including right here in York, this project will build tremendous confidence, hope and opportunity for the best care available in Ontario.”

Southlake, noted Newmarket Mayor John Taylor, is “our community’s most important asset without question” and thousands upon thousands of families have relied on the hospital and its team.

“The tricky part is we’ve relied on it for many, many years and we have got such an exceptional level of service, but we’re growing very rapidly in this area,” said Mayor Taylor. “Southlake finds itself in the unenviable position of having one of the busiest emergency rooms in Ontario. They have had to unfortunately become experts in areas you shouldn’t need expertise in: hallway healthcare.”

Added Ms. Krystal: “It takes a village to get a project of this size approved and everyone you see in this room today has leant their voice to a call for a new Southlake. It was mentioned before at Southlake our tagline is ‘By Your Side.’ Today’s announcement reassures everyone in our hospital family and our communities that our Provincial government is also by our side. I know you’re all as excited as I am to complete the next steps of planning and to get shovels in the ground as quickly as we can.”

A new campus for Southlake Regional Health Centre was identified in its most recent master plan.

Several options were considered to meet the current and future demands of the community, with an option to keep ambulatory care at the current Davis Drive site and shift acute inpatient services to a new site.

This was the preferred option, the hospital said, because it “maximizes use of existing assets over time; aligns best with emerging trends in healthcare; minimizes service delivery disruption and impacts on patients, families, staff and our community;” and it is the lowest-cost option.

For more on Southlake’s future plan, visit [anewsouthlake.ca](http://anewsouthlake.ca).

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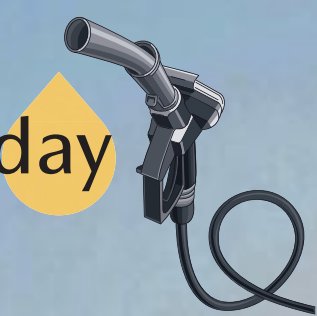
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PHOTO BY ROBERT BELARDI

## York United fall 1-0 in first outing under Martin Nash

BY ROBERT BELARDI

Just a day before the Canadian Premier League season opener between the HFX Wanderers and York United, there was a positive energy at York Lions Stadium.

In training, there was laughter fused with the element of seriousness.

It was the dawn of a new era for York United and general manager Angus McNab.

The club brought in wondrous international talents such as Brazilian fullback Eduardo Jesus and his compatriot William Wallace. It was the first time the club introduced Argentinian talents Lisandro Cabrera (who the club is still waiting for) and Mateo Hernandez to the squad following loan stints in Costa Rica.

There were a few others, but notable stand-outs include 18-year-old CF Montreal Academy forward Mouhamadou Kane and son of former Toronto FC man Dwayne De Rosario, Osaze De Rosario to the team.

And then, of course, bringing in former Cavalry FC assistant coach and brother of the head coach of the Brooklyn Nets, Martin Nash, introduced a new identity to the team. His intention is for the players to dictate the tempo with more possession and with an emphasis on creativity.

Since arriving from Cavalry FC, Nash said it has been easy for the players to understand what he wants.

"I think it was quite easy. I came in and right away, gave a presentation on the way I wanted to play and the why I wanted to play it. So far, they're all buying in and all working hard. It's a still a work in progress, obviously it still being early, trying to change their mindset being more on the front foot, trying to dictate the tempo of the game, instead of letting the other team do it," Nash said, after the team's final preseason training session.

"It's exciting times. Now, we get to watch them put it in action."

It's also exciting from a managerial perspective. York United partnered with Woodbine Entertainment at the end of March, to construct a stadium the club can call their own. This 8,000-seater stadium is set to be built right beside Woodbine Racetrack with hopes to be completed by 2023.

"Guys here (York University) are great. They're very good partners. It's just, as we look to the long term in the future, it's important to

build something that's ours and something we can really build off of," said General Manager Angus McNab.

"Everything we look to do there is ours, permanent long-term roots, but also just a phenomenally accessible site. With everything going in there from Metrolinx, proximity to the airport, it just makes a lot of sense."

With full steam ahead and with the tailwind of the Canadian Men's National team World Cup qualification on their backs, the club was extremely excited to hit the ground running, hosting the HFX Wanderers last Thursday.

Last season, York United had not lost against the Wanderers, winning once and drawing four times.

In the first few minutes of the match, leading scorer last season Joao Morelli's cross ticked off the top of the crossbar, surprising United goalkeeper Niko Giantsopoulos in the process.

As the half went on, United began asking questions. Roger Thompson, who missed most of last season, had a chance off of a corner kick from the top of the box.

In the same breath, the Wanderers began showing some warning signs for United on the back end. Cory Bent was attacking Eduardo Jesus on the flank.

United forward Lowell Wright, who was announced to the U-20 Canada roster for the CONCACAF Championship this summer, fancied a long-range effort on the stroke of half-time. Although his shot rose above the bar, it gave the home fans an extra buzz leading into the second half.

In the second half, Thompson fouled Bent in the box and the Wanderers are awarded a penalty kick. In the 53-minute, Morelli stepped up to the spot and tucked it home.

Despite getting back into the game, playing considerably well, United could not get any luck.

Lowell Wright hit the post and moments later, York should have been awarded a penalty kick for a handball in the box by Jérémy Gagnon-Laparé

At the end of the game, Mateo Hernández was given a straight red card for controlling the ball with his arm to add salt to the wound on opening day.

York United are on the road Friday night to take on FC Edmonton.

Kick-off is at 9 p.m. EST.

## Caledon Cavaliers featured in community spotlight

BY ROBERT BELARDI

Rugby Ontario's newest initiative "Community Spotlight" officially began on April 6.

This new social media campaign is intended to showcase the latest programs and events club held throughout the 2021 campaign.

Rugby Ontario's press release announced the Town of Caledon and the Caledon Cavaliers RFC have been nominated for their outstanding community efforts.

"The Town of Caledon has put five Caledon Cavaliers coaches through the strict onboarding process to become official recreational program coaches who are each employed by the Town specifically to allow the Rookie Rugby program to be run and hosted by them," said the statement.

The Cavaliers' Rookie Rugby program, introduced multiple volunteer positions within the club and also attracted 14 registrants over the course of eight weeks.

Every player in the program was awarded a mini-Gilbert Rugby Ball and boot bag with some stickers.

"We were extremely happy to see that Rugby Ontario had shared our progress. The feature was aimed on community spotlight and to put suggestions/nominations forward

to them for projects that had worked during 2021 to help develop rugby within the community. The Cavaliers wanted to express its appreciation for the Town of Caledon and the work it has done in Partnership with us to get the program up and running," said Cavaliers president, Michele Iacovelli.

"We have recently put our coaches through mixed abilities training that will allow us to open up the club to anyone and everyone regardless of abilities who is interested in taking part with us. We also plan to hold adult touch rugby in tandem on Mondays and Wednesdays also aimed to get anyone to come have a run about and without the contact."

As of now, the Town of Caledon and the Cavaliers are running their second Rookie Rugby Program for young players between the ages of five and 12 as well.

The program is running each Saturday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Iacovelli, also said the club is planning on hosting a try-rugby-free event on Friday, April 22 for anyone who is curious about the sport and wishes to know more.

The event will run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Humberview Secondary School.

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# Cause for the Paws gala proceeds could help 1,000 animals in need

BY WENDY GABREK

Cause for the Paws, a fundraiser and silent auction to benefit the Alliston & District Humane Society (ADHS) is being held at the Gibson Centre, at 63 Tupper Street West in Alliston, on Saturday May 7.

Cocktails start at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$65 per person and can be purchased at Brisco's Furniture in Alliston, Pet Grocer Alliston, in person at the ADHS Shelter and online [www.allistonhumane.com](http://www.allistonhumane.com)

This is the first Cause for the Paws Gala the ADHS has hosted, although the event was originally set to take place in 2020 and cancelled two years in a row due to COVID-19 restrictions.

"The Gala we are hoping for will be our biggest fundraiser of the year for the ADHS," Sherri Wilson, ADHS volunteer told The Times. "It's very important to us as ADHS is strictly a volunteer run organization and solely depends on donations from the community and our fundraising events to keep the doors open and continue to help animals in need."

The ADHS provides shelter for stray and unwanted animals with priority given to abused and neglected animals.

"We strive for a one hundred per cent adoption rate, and have a 'No Kill' policy in effect," said Wilson. "Currently, we are taking in over 1,000 animals a year and the number keeps climbing."

The ADHS hopes to raise \$15,000 from the Cause for the Paws event, with all proceeds to the animals in care, especially veterinary costs – the shelter's largest annual expense.

Food and general care of the animals, and the basic needs of the shelter and managing it to keep the doors open are other ongoing costs mentioned by Wilson.

During the gala, Wilson says event-goers can expect a fun-filled evening with a catered dinner and live entertainment by the SideWinders, in addition to a silent auction.

"Our emcee for the evening will be Nick Birnie from the morning show at FM 92 South Simcoe Radio station," said Wilson. "We will have a 50/50 draw and raffles throughout the evening too."

Wilson told The Times that silent auction items are already coming in, and include an introductory flight lesson, parachuting, golfing package, and Niagara on the Lake wine tour for ten people.

"We also have a camping experience and a Napoleon barbecue – with more great items that people will enjoy," said Wilson.

Although tax receipts for the ticket price won't be issued, Wilson says anyone who wants to make a donation to the shelter is eligible for a receipt.

In addition to money, the ADHS has other immediate needs:

Dogs: Puppy Performatrin wet and dry food, puppy pee pads, Adult Performatrin Dog Food – chicken and beef flavoured, wet and dry food, all sizes of Martingale collars

Cats: non-clumping cat litter, wet cat food, small cat beds, wand string toys, Royal Canin Mother and Kitten Food, Science Diet kitten food, Science Diet Adult cat food, baby chicken broth food, KMR Mile Replacement and Nutri-Cal Vitamin Paste



ADHS volunteer Sherri Wilson holding "Teddy" an eight-year old Chihuahua rescued from a kill shelter in Southern California.

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Small Animals: Oxbow Essential Adult Rabbit Food, Oxbow Young Adult Rabbit Food, Rabbit safe toys, softwood shavings,

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Shelter: hand sanitizer, liquid laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, garbage bags, liquid dishwashing soap, plastic grocery bags, vinegar, Canadian Tire Money, gift cards for grocery stores or pet supply stores

The ADHS is located at 5545 Concession Road 4 in Everett, and serves the Town of New Tecumseth (Alliston, Beeton, Tottenham), Mulmur Township (Mansfield) and Adjala-Tosorontio Township (Everett, Lisle, Glencairn, Loretto), as well as the villages of Cookstown, Rosemont, Hockley, and the Town of Schomberg.

They have been saving animals for 33 years.

Due to COVID-19 the ADHS has not been hosting Saturday Adoption open houses, however the large amount of dogs, cats and small animals in care may see this change sometime in April.

Volunteers are currently planning other events for the ADHS, including: the Woof Walk, which takes place at Earl Rowe Provincial Park in June; Family & Pet photos in the fall; and Pet Photos with Santa at the end of November.

They also plan to host a mid-summer online auction.

For more information about the ADHS call 705 458-9038 or visit [www.allistonhumane.com](http://www.allistonhumane.com). For more information about Cause for the Paws call 647 882-2908 or email [causeforthepaws@outlook.com](mailto:causeforthepaws@outlook.com).

## Our Readers Write

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The response from Mayor Thompson was to once again blame the provincial Growth Plan, not his consistent push for the 413 highway. The Mayor has at different points in time during his term used various tactics to negate what the impact of a 400-series highway will have cutting Caledon in two. That he blames the province for the "growth" numbers and tells residents that growth is coming no matter what, completely ignores his responsibility to coherently direct appropriate growth, appropriate industry and sustainable planning in an agricultural area.

Another Councillor wanted to know how long the whitebelt was "a thing" Apparently longevity of a particular colour on a map matters more than the loss of prime farmland and flood mitigation when that land is paved over for sprawl.

Other Caledon councillors not present

have also blamed the growth plan, immigration, market demands and have never acknowledged that other municipalities have these factors in their planning too and yet have managed land planning far more intelligently. Halton and Hamilton have refused to expand their boundary, saving thousands of acres of farmland.

The public is more informed than these councillors are prepared to acknowledge and the politeness with which they rely on us to stay silent as we sit and listen to their excuses on why they are allowing thousands of acres to be lost for private and international interests, has run out.

In October remember which Councillor told you their decisions were because of the Growth Plan. Vote them out.

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## Canada falls to 15th in international ranking of "happiness"

BY MARK PAVILONS

Canada has dropped to an all-time low on the happiness metre.

According to the World Happiness Report 2022, Canada ranks 15th in the world.

Finland leads the way on top for the fifth year in a row. Five Nordic countries are in the top 10.

Denmark, Iceland, Switzerland, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Sweden and Norway all follow suit.

Israel occupies 9th spot, followed by New Zealand, Austria, Australia, Ireland and Germany.

Canada is ahead of the United States (16th) and United Kingdom (17th).

This marks a substantial fall for Canada, which was 5th in the first World Happiness Report, published in 2012.

The Nordic countries all boast high levels of personal and institutional trust. They have also had COVID-19 death rates only one-third as high as elsewhere in Western Europe during 2020 and 2021 – 27 per 100,000 in the Nordic countries compared to 80 in the rest of Western Europe.

The report noted that overall levels of life evaluations have been fairly stable during two years of COVID-19, matched by modest changes in the global rankings.

Trends over the past 15 years show slight growth in life evaluations for the typical country until 2011 and reductions since. The three countries with the greatest growth in average life evaluations over the past 10 years were Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania, with gains averaging 1.4

points on the 0 to 10 scale, or more than 20% of their levels in the 2008-2012 period.

Among the six variables used to explain these levels, there has been general growth in real GDP per capita and healthy life expectancy, generally declining perceptions of corruption and freedom, declining generosity (until 2020), and fairly constant overall levels of social support.

By far, the largest changes were in three types of benevolent actions, especially in 2021.

The report notes there was a substantial increase in help given to strangers but no substantial change in donations and volunteering. In 2021, all three types of activity were much higher than in 2017-2019, having an increase averaging about 25% of baseline activity.

Worry and sadness were both significantly higher than baseline in 2020, with about 3% more of the population feeling each of these emotions. This is equal to about 10% of people feeling these emotions pre-pandemic.

Negative affect as a whole was about 8% above its pre-pandemic value in 2020, falling almost completely back to baseline in 2021. Similarly, perceived stress was higher by 8% of its pre-pandemic frequency in 2020 but has also fallen back to baseline in 2021.

Main factors in the ranking are GDP per capita, life expectancy, social support, freedoms, generosity, perception of corruption, positive effect (daily enjoyment) and negative effect (worry and sadness).

The reports have been the product of cooperation among Canadian and U.S. universities and research institutes.

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