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CELEBRATING CALEDON’S HERITAGE — Heritage Caledon gave out its 2019 Award of Excellence at an August 18 ceremony that was delayed due to the pandemic. Jimmy Poutney and Luci Verdille were recipients of the award for their significant contribution to the preservation of Caledon’s heritage in Bolton’s downtown core. They restored their storefront, located at 11 Queen St. North, which was part of the “iconic” 1886 Rutherford Block. They restored the brickwork and woodwork of their building true to its origins, according to Heritage Caledon. Heritage Caledon noted that Poutney and Verdille have been inspiring others near them to begin the “challenging but rewarding restoration process” by actively helping them with sourcing materials, applying for funding and creating designs.

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Candidates for Caledon municipal and school board election finalized

Here’s what you need to know about Caledon’s upcoming election

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A total of 34 people have registered as candidates in the 2022 Town of Caledon municipal and school board election.

The final day for candidates to register was August 19, ending a registration period that began on May 2.

Laura Hall, the Town of Caledon’s clerk, has certified all of the candidates that registered by making sure they are qualified and meet the requirements set out in the Municipal Elections Act.

The election will be taking place on October 24, and Caledon residents will be able to vote for a Mayor, a Councillor in their local ward, a Regional Councillor that represents their local ward and two others, and a school board trustee based on which school system they support.

Caledon residents will be able to vote at any of the voting locations in Town, but can only vote for Councillor candidates running in the ward they reside or own property in.

Caledon’s Ward structure has changed for this year’s election, as has the amount of Regional Councillors that will be elected. There will now be six wards in Caledon, compared to the five it has currently.

An updated ward boundary map is available on the Town of Caledon’s website so residents can find out if they will vote in a different ward. Caledon will be voting in two less regional councillors, and will have two sitting at the regional table after October 24 compared to the four it has now.

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Cheltenham residents mark village’s bicentennial with day of fun

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Bicentennial celebrations have been taking place all across Caledon this summer, and more are on the way, such as the Caledon East bicentennial celebration that’s taking place this Saturday.

Before Caledon East’s bicentennial takes place this weekend, The Citizen spoke to a member of the Cheltenham Area Residents Association (CARA) to discuss Cheltenham’s bicentennial celebration, which occurred earlier this summer.

Holly Monkman, CARA’s secretary, worked to combine bicentennial celebrations with Cheltenham’s famous Cheltenham Day event on July 9.

“I was doing the communication with the heritage group and town crier,” Monkman explained. “When I saw the (history) display board, it was huge for how small our little village is, it was a lot.”

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Bicentennial celebrations coincided with annual Cheltenham Day event

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To mark the bicentennial, Mayor Allan Thompson and Town Crier Andrew Welch attended a plaque unveiling ceremony at the Beryl Bland Parkette. The Sandhill Pipes and Drums played for those in attendance, and cookies and cupcakes were served. Posters detailing the history of Cheltenham were displayed so people could learn about the history of their village. Other fun activities took place throughout the day for Cheltenham day, such as street hockey, a tube race, and a duck race.

“We revealed the plaque... then all the kids were welcomed into the park and we had bouncy castles and prizes and games and bubbles and stuff for them to do there,” said Monkman. “While that was going on, there was also a street sale... and the fire department did a barbecue.”

The fire department was also involved in the bike parade that happened at the start of the day, where kids from Cheltenham rode behind a fire truck through the village. Cheltenham Day also included live music, a silent auction, a beer garden, and more.

Cheltenham, much like Caledon’s other villages and hamlets, is situated on land that has been occupied and used for millennia by Indigenous peoples, including the Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee. It’s situated in the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, which was acquired by the British in October 1818.

The first settler to live in what’s now Cheltenham was British immigrant Charles Haines. After attending a land fair in York in 1820 to seek a mill site, he was granted 100 acres split in half by the Credit River in Chinguacousy Township. He cut through the bush to get there with his nine-year-old son, and built a log shanty on the land. Two years later, in 1822, Haines’ wife and the rest of his children moved there too.

By 1827, Haines’ mill was in operation, and it provided flour for his growing family and settlers in the surrounding area. The mill was accessed by a riverside trail that’s now Mill Street, and the mill became a focal point for development in the area.

In 1842, Haines’ son Frederick opened a store, and in 1845 a man named Charles Spencer opened a tavern. Both of these businesses were on Creditview Road, which became Cheltenham’s commercial core.



Cheltenham youngsters Norah DeBartolo, Charlie DeBartolo, Stevie Defreitas, Lauren McCarthy, Olivia Valve, and Grace DeBartolo joined Councillor Christina Early, Mayor Allan Thompson, Councillor Annette Groves, and Town Crier Andrew Welch for a plaque unveiling to mark Cheltenham’s bicentennial on July 9.

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Haines upgraded his mill in 1847 using lumber from his son Ebenezer’s sawmill. He called the upgraded mill the Cheltenham Mill, after his birthplace, and the name was adopted by the community. Cheltenham would grow rapidly in the coming years, becoming one of the largest wheat-producing Townships. Six short years later, Cheltenham had three hotels, a post office, blacksmith, schoolhouse, general store, church, druggist, and more.

Railways that were routed near Cheltenham helped the village grow, as grain production could increase. But in 1887, disaster struck: a fire destroyed much of Cheltenham’s commercial block. Residents learned from this, and important buildings were rebuilt with stone and brick, some of which are still standing to this day.

Fast-forward to 1900, and Cheltenham’s main agricultural focus had shifted to dairy

production from wheat production. In 1914, the Cheltenham Brickworks was opened, providing another boost to Cheltenham’s economy. It was in business until the late 1950s.

Many of Cheltenham’s early homes and commercial buildings are still standing today, and the village continues to thrive in the beautiful Credit River valley.

Popular Wines of the World Event returning to Palgrave

Tickets on sale for event hosted by Palgrave Rotary Club

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Whether you’re a sommelier, enjoy a glass of red wine with dinner, or love a white wine in the summer heat, there’s going to be something for you at the upcoming Wines of the World Event in Palgrave.

The fundraising event is hosted each year by the Rotary Club of Palgrave, and this year’s event takes place on September 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Caledon Equestrian Park.

Tickets are available for Wines of the World at www.rotarywow.com and are \$75, all-inclusive.

Until August 31, there’s a special deal on groups of 10 tickets: they can be purchased for just \$650. The Rotary Club of Palgrave uses all the money it raises from the event through tickets, donations, and sponsorships to support its many initiatives in the community.

At previous Wines of the World events, upwards of 800 people have attended. Over 50 different kinds of wine, and even beer and cider, will be waiting for event attendees to try.

There will also be food available, and live music.

Jessica Sole, a local country music artist from Shelburne who has played Wines of the World before, will be returning as the entertainer this year after the Rotary Club of Palgrave received many requests to have her back.

At Wines of the World, each wine tasting station is sponsored by a local business, and the Rotary Club of Palgrave said without the businesses’ support the event wouldn’t be possible.

A wine list of what’s going to be at this year’s event is coming soon to the website mentioned above. Also on tap is Caledon Hills Brewing, which has registered as a drink donor for the event.

Lavender Blue Catering will be the primary food purveyors at Wines of the World this year.

The business opened in 2013, and has been known to support many non-profit organizations such as Soup Sisters Orangeville/Dufferin, Dufferin Child and Family Services, Family Transition Place and Habitat for Humanity Canada.

The Rotary Club of Palgrave is thanking the Caledon East Foodland, Bolton Zehrs, and Bolton Garden Foods for their food donations.

This year’s Wines of the World is the 23rd edition of the event, and over the years over \$500,000 has been raised for community initiatives from it.

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Caledon delegation focuses on planning, transit, and more at AMO conference

Mayor, Councillors attend AMO conference in Ottawa

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Mayor Allan Thompson, accompanied by members of Caledon Council, recently visited Ottawa.

While Canada’s capital is a popular tourist destination, the trip they took was all business.

Thompson — and Councillors Lynn Kieran, Johanna Downey, Christina Early, Jennifer Innis and Tony Rosa — attended the Association of Municipalities of Ontario’s (AMO) annual conference in Ottawa from August 14 to 17.

There, they brought forward Council-approved positions on the following topics: Securing a Caledon-Vaughan GO Line; directing local planning matters; supporting municipal action on climate change; developing a framework for municipal financial stability; investing in public infrastructure, specifically roads, servicing, and stormwater; and ensuring access to affordable high-speed internet.

AMO is a non-profit organization that represents nearly all of the 444 municipalities in Ontario.

The goal of its yearly conference is to connect municipal leaders with provincial ministers and opposition parties, so the municipal leaders can bring their issues to their attention.

Thompson said he and the Caledon delegation brought pressing issues with them to the conference, including Caledon’s need to be able to direct its own planning.

“This forum gave us the opportunity to discuss our needs and priorities with our provincial partners and provide a local lens,” said Thompson. “We benefit greatly when we share our priorities and work together to advance what is most important to us as a Town.”

Thompson was not immediately available for an interview about AMO, though he did post a reflection on the conference on his personal blog. There, he wrote that he’s been attending AMO conferences for the better part of 20 years. In that time, he said

he’s led delegations and meetings, asked tough questions of provincial leaders, and came home with some wins and some disappointments.

Mayor Thompson explained this year’s AMO conference was the first one to be held in person since 2019 due to the pandemic. He thanked the members of Council who attended with him, for taking the time away from their families and communities for the big conference.

“I’m proud of all we accomplished together,” wrote Thompson. “As a team, we met and sat down at a table with Minister Piccini, Minister Mulroney and Parliamentary Assistant Sandhu. I also had the opportunity to meet with Federal Minister Gудie Hutchings on the broadband expansion file which I’m hopeful we will see a positive outcome on soon.”

When it came time for Thompson to leave AMO, he said he felt a bittersweet feeling as he knew it would be the last time he’d be there representing the community of Caledon.

“When I look back on this conference and the many others, what I know for certain is that building strong relationships with the Provincial government and connecting with municipal colleagues from across Ontario is an important part of the work we do,” wrote Thompson.

The Town’s website elaborates further on the positions Caledon’s political leaders brought with them to AMO.


In the case of the Caledon-Vaughan GO Line, their goal is to support the line’s business case to completion, and include Caledon-Vaughan rail service in the next Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan Update — with an in-service date of before 2041.

With regards to local planning, the delegation sought equity in control of planning matters with respect to growth, settlement areas, boundary expansions, transit areas, and employment lands. The delegation also asked for investment in Caledon’s infrastructure, such as roads, transit, and active transportation.

Caledon’s delegation also advocated for accelerating the allocation of broadband funding to address broadband gaps in Caledon, to ensure affordable broadband rates for residents and businesses.

For more information on AMO and the Town of Caledon’s advocacy efforts, residents can visit caledon.ca/en/government/advocacy.


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by Mary Falcone, Manager, Youth Programs



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STOLEN VEHICLE INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have recovered stolen vehicles and laid charges stemming from two ongoing auto theft investigations.

“From August 3 to August 15, 2022, eight RAM trucks were stolen from the Bolton area,” say Police. “They were all taken from residential driveways between the hours of approximately 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. The Caledon Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) investigated and located potential suspects in the Toronto area. On August 18, 2022, the Caledon CSCU arrested these suspects in Brampton.”

As a result of the investigation, the following individuals were charged:

- Yassine Dendane, 19, of Montreal, with:
 - Possession of Property Obtained by Crime
 - Fail to comply with Probation Order

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on November 3, 2022, to answer to the charges. The charges have not been proven.

Mohamed Zahed, 19, of Montreal, with:

- Possession of Cocaine

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton on October 3, 2022, to answer to the charge. The charge has not been proven.

The RAM pick up trucks remain outstanding. The investigation is ongoing.

“On August 18, 2022, Caledon OPP was alerted of a stolen vehicle tracked to a shipping yard in Bolton, say Police. “Once on scene, the investigation led officers to a specific shipping container scheduled to be shipped overseas. Once opened, two vehicles were found inside:

- 2021 Ranger Rover HSE - valued at approximately \$115,000
- 2020 Lexus RX350 - valued at approximately \$50,000

Both had been reported stolen, one to Toronto Police Service and the other to Peel Regional Police.

“Caledon OPP is working actively with its various partners to combat the growing trend of auto thefts in the Region and across the province. Both investigations are ongoing. If you have any information, please contact police by calling 905-584-2241. Additionally, if you observe unusual activity in your community, report it immediately to police. Make note of vehicle licence plates if you can. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peel-crimestoppers.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.”

IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

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

“The first incident occurred on August 19, 2022, at approximately 10:26 p.m., when a concerned motorist contacted the OPP to report a vehicle being driven erratically,” say Police. “Officers located and stopped the vehicle on Highway 10 near Escarpment Side Road. Since it was suspected that the driver’s abilities were impaired, a breath sample into an Approved Screening Device (ASD) was demanded. As a result, the driver was arrested for impaired operation and transported to an OPP Detachment where further breath tests were conducted.

Jacques Dorval, 25, of Shelburne, was charged with:

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

The involved vehicle was impounded for seven days, and the driver’s licence was suspended for a period of 90 days. The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on October 20, 2022, to answer to the charge. The charge has not been proven.

“On August 20, 2022, at approximately 2:12 a.m., while an officer was conducting a general patrol in the area of Olde Base Line Road and Dixie Road, a vehicle was observed traveling at a high rate of speed,” say Police. “A traffic stop was subsequently initiated. During the interaction, the officer suspected that the driver’s abilities were impaired and demanded a breath sample into an ASD. As a result, the driver was arrested for impaired operation and transported to an OPP Detachment where further breath tests were conducted.

Sarang Powar, 18, of Caledon East, was charged with:

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

The charge has not been proven.

“The third incident occurred on August 20, 2022, at approximately 9:14 p.m., when Caledon OPP responded to another traffic complaint from a concerned motorist in the area of Innis Lake Road and Castlederg Side Road. Officers located and stopped the vehicle. Since it was suspected that the driver’s abilities were impaired, a breath sample was provided in an ADS. As a result, the driver was arrested for impaired operation and transported to an OPP Detachment where further breath tests were conducted.”

Antonio Panetta, 55, of Toronto, was charged with:

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

The charge has not been proven.

“Lastly, on August 21, 2022, at approximately 12:02 a.m., Caledon OPP responded to a collision where one vehicle failed to remain at the scene on Old School Road near Creditview Road. The failed to remain vehicle was later reported in a ditch just a short distance away. After a search of the immediate area, the driver was located in the field near the collision scene. The officer formed grounds to believe that their abilities were impaired and arrested the driver for impaired operation. The accused was then transported to an OPP Detachment where breath tests were conducted.”


As a result, Vikramjeep Singh, 26, of Dathmouth, Nova Scotia, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Failure to stop after accident
- Careless driving
- Drive motor vehicle - no licence

The last three involved vehicles were impounded for seven days, and the driver’s licences were suspended for a period of 90 days. The three accused are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on November 3, 2022, to answer to the charges.

“The OPP remains committed to taking alcohol/drug-impaired drivers off our roads through enforcement and public education. Drivers are reminded that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it. Driving under the influence of either alcohol or drugs is a criminal offence.”

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CLUES ACROSS

1. One point north of due west

4. Indigenous peoples of northern Scandinavia

9. Popular California/Nevada lake

14. Go quickly

15. Fatty acid in soaps

16. Brand of fuel stations

17. State of fuss

18. Romance novelist

20. Members of a household

22. Asserts to be the case

23. Type of infection

24. With metal inlays

28. Chinese philosophic principle

29. Early multimedia

30. Employee stock ownership plan

31. He investigated Clinton administration

33. Shells

37. Six

38. Snakelike fish

39. Capital of Kenya

41. Influential group (abbr.)

42. Used to chop

43. It comes as a case

44. Challenges

46. Small amounts

49. The Golden State

50. Peyton’s little brother

51. For walking in Alaska

55. Buddhist honorific titles

58. Lively ballroom dance

59. Capital of Albania

60. Late night host

64. Draw from

65. A way to utilise

66. One who is not native Hawaiian

67. A power to perceive

68. Bulky

69. Horse mackerels

70. Proclaim out loud

CLUES DOWN

1. Hits

2. Bathroom accessory

3. Young

4. Beef cattle

5. It’s often in soap

6. For each

7. Innermost membrane

enveloping the brain

8. A way to leave

9. Emaciation

10. Punish with a fine

11. Steeds

12. Having eight

13. Greek goddess of the dawn

19. Mature reproductive cells

21. Armadillo species

24. Ancient country in what is now Romania

25. Extreme greed

26. Stars

27. Poems

31. Places to sit

32. One from the Lone Star State

34. Small rails

35. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)

36. Where coaches work

40. Indicates position

41. Mammals

45. Resembling a wing

47. Beliefs

48. Hindu male religious teachers

52. Mischievously

53. Where athletes want to end up (abbr.)

54. Large, deep-bodied fish

56. Horned squash bug genus

57. Excessively sentimental

59. Shared verbally

60. You can put it on toast

61. Data mining methodology (abbr.)

62. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects

63. Mauna ___, Hawaiian volcano

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Anthony Caputo running for Regional Councillor, Wards 4, 5 and 6

Caputo is the former president of the Caledon Chamber of Commerce

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Anthony Caputo says Caledon is everything to him.

Having moved a lot when he was younger, Caputo has now been in the community for more than 32 years. He says he loves the Town and wants to keep it “amazing” as he’s raising his four kids here.

Caputo was president of the Caledon Chamber of Commerce before resigning to focus on his run for Regional Councillor, Wards 4, 5 and 6. He’s also the owner of the Caputo Group Real Estate, which has its office in Bolton’s downtown core.

“I’m doing it for my family. I want my family to live in the same community that I grew up in,” says Caputo. “I really believe in the community, I believe in Caledon and what it has to offer.”

Caputo says that Caledon’s residents are amazing and contribute to the Town having a “hometown, small town” feel where people still want to help each other out. He says Caledon’s community groups are fantastic and if elected, he’d do everything he can to support them in continuing what they do.

“I think that’s a great way of uniting all of Caledon,” he explains. “If we can get everyone to join together... I think we’re only going to be better off.”

If elected as Regional Councillor, Caputo says he’d have more say than if he was an Area Councillor, which is one of the reasons why he’s vying for the Regional role. He says his networking skills would serve him well in the position, and that he’s got a knack for getting to know people and working together with them to complete goals.

“Working together actually gets things done, rather than being divided all the time,” says Caputo.

Caputo says he has a respect for others and a huge heart for the people he serves. He adds one of the main reasons he’s been so successful in his real estate business is the fact he genuinely cares about his clients’ wellbeing.

Caputo says Wards 4, 5, and 6 — and Caledon as a whole — need a more diverse range of businesses being built so that the Town doesn’t become just a warehousing destination.

“There’s no reason why we can’t have a university come here, or a college... why can’t we have a financial institution set up shop here in Caledon?” says Caputo. “Google is setting up shop in Toronto, why can’t we have a company like that come to Caledon? The sky’s the limit, the opportunities are there.”

Financially, Caputo says the Town could be saving a lot of money by changing some things. He explained he believes the Town has wasted a lot of money on paying consultants and lawyers to fight unwinnable battles.

“Let’s concentrate on the battles we know we can win, and work around that,” says Caputo, adding the caveat that he understands he’s still viewing things from the lens of a constituent.

He says when dealing with taxpayer’s hard-earned money, it’s important to respect it. If elected, Caputo says his number one priority is always going to be his constituents’ problems.

Transportation and road safety are a top priority for Caputo, and he says he’d like to work towards getting transport trucks off of Highway 50 in Bolton. He wants to continue advocating for the extension of Highway 427 up to Highway 9, something that Caledon councillors recently advocated for at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference this month.

Caputo says Caledon can’t have the amount of provincially-mandated growth it’s slated for without having the proper infrastructure in place first.

He says there’s lots to be learned from the way former Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion guided her city planning, in that infrastructure was ready there before growth happened. To be a good leader, Caputo says someone has to be adaptable to work with people with all kinds of different personalities. He says he always changes his approach for each person that he’s working with in order to get the best results.

Something Caputo says he wants candidates to ask themselves, and constituents to ask of candidates, is why they are running. He says living in the community you’re running for a position in — like he does — is important, because it means that you care about and are invested in that community.

Caputo wants to encourage more people to vote in this October’s elections, as he says it’s



Anthony Caputo is running for Regional Councillor, Wards 4, 5 and 6. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

important for everyone’s voice to be heard in a democracy. He says people often feel as though their vote doesn’t matter, but that he’s talked to enough people with that opinion, that if they just all voted it would matter.

Caputo says the voices of the people of Wards 4, 5 and 6 are important in Caledon and can impact change in the Town.

A change in Town that Caputo has welcomed is the revitalization of Downtown Bolton, and it’s something that he wants to continue doing if elected. Caputo says people can’t always rely on the government to fix things, so it’s important for councillors to engage local businesses and community groups to get things done.

“It’s got to be government, private and public, working together,” says Caputo.

Housing in Caledon is an issue Caputo wants to address, and through his work as a real estate agent, he knows there’s usually only about 50 or 60 houses on the market in Bolton at any given time, for example. He says it’s rare to see people move in the Town because there aren’t many options, and with Caledon’s aging population, more options are becoming necessary.

“There’s a lot of builders out there now that... will put a bedroom on the main floor with its own closet and bathroom... that gives families an opportunity to take care of their parents, they’re able to have their parents on the main floor so they don’t have to bring them up and down the stairs,” says Caputo. “I think townhome bungalows are a good option [too] because, you know, you still have everything on the main floor.”

Ultimately, Caputo says Caledon needs more housing options than just single-family homes, and developments like condos in Caledon’s designated growth areas will be great options.

Caputo says he applies his people-first mentality to everything he does in life, and that it’s been the key to his success.

“That’s what it comes down to. If you care about the people you’re serving, the sky’s the limit,” says Caputo. “If you don’t care and you’re in it for the wrong reasons, it’s going to show and it’s going to come out.”

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Mario Russo is running to be Caledon's Regional Councillor for Wards 4, 5 and 6. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Mario Russo running for Regional Councillor, Wards 4, 5 and 6

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Mario Russo says his resume makes him a good candidate for Regional Councillor, Wards 4, 5 and 6. Russo resigned from his job at the Ontario Land Tribunal, where he adjudicated on planning decisions, to focus full time on his Council run. He's lived in Mississauga, Brampton, and now Caledon, and says this would benefit him if elected to the Regional position. While he lives in Ward 2, Russo says one of the reasons he's running for Regional Councillor in Wards 4, 5 and 6 is his skill set and desire to be involved in important land planning decisions in the area. He says while Caledon cannot fight the growth that's been mandated by the Province — an estimated population increase to 300,000 by 2051 — it can guide where and how the growth is implemented. Russo says Caledon's new Official Plan, which will be voted on by next term's Mayor and Council, is an extremely strong tool for doing just that. "For me, what I'd love to see is good, sustainable, quality growth. I do not want Caledon to become a 'Brampton 2.0' — and

that's not a knock to Brampton," says Russo. "Brampton has grown to 700,000 people now, and we very likely are never going to get there, nor should we get there. We're 80 per cent protected in Caledon; what's important to us is how we grow in that 20 per cent." Russo says it's important for people to not become disengaged or disenfranchised from municipal politics. He says if they do, and don't vote, their distaste for it will become a self-fulfilling prophecy as nothing will change. Russo wants to get more people out voting, and is dedicating himself to his campaign full-time during election season. He says he's going to be door knocking and trying to meet as many people as possible, trying to get them invested in the election. Russo says he's asking people to be their voice at council, and that, if elected, it's going to be his responsibility to "do the homework" and vote in his constituents' best interests. He says he doesn't see the boundaries of Wards 4, 5, and 6 as the limit of where he'll stop advocating, and that he wants to see the "silo approach" to politics taken away.

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Russo has most recently worked at Ontario Land Tribunal

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A major goal for Russo is getting Caledon a GO Train station, and he says while it may not happen right away, the Town needs to continue planning and advocating for it. Russo says Caledon can learn from the positive ways Brampton and Mississauga have grown, while getting rid of the negative aspects of growth in those municipalities.

“You cannot have this rapid growth that has occurred in Peel, and then infrastructure built afterwards,” says Russo. Timing matters when it comes to housing development too, Russo says, giving the example of how he’d like to see larger five to 10 storey housing developments in Ward 6 — once there’s a GO station there. He says building a big tower in one of Caledon’s small villages makes no sense, but that intensified housing developments will not just be needed, but necessary, in Caledon’s urban growth areas.

“One of the biggest concerns environmentally throughout the province, and everybody complains about it and rightfully so, is urban sprawl,” says Russo. “You cannot deviate or eliminate urban sprawl unless you increase your intensification in the appropriate areas.”

Russo says he is not one to make promises that he can’t keep, and that he thinks it’s an obligation for elected officials to be honest with people when they don’t know the answer to a question.

“The only thing I can promise, and this is what I stand behind, is that if you ever need it, I’ll be open and be at your door to hear your concern and do my best to get the results,” says Russo. “Because if I’m already promising something before understanding the issue, before understanding the dynamic of who’s going to be there at Council, both at the municipal and the regional level... you’re doing a disservice to that person by saying ‘I’m going to take care of it.’”

One of Russo’s goals, if elected, is to continue the revitalization of Downtown Bolton, and he used this to demonstrate his philosophy. He says it’s not a promise, but a goal and a plan.

“It’s something that we need to work on collaboratively. And what my definition of

revitalization is may not be your definition, so let’s have that dialogue,” says Russo.

Russo says chairing Brampton’s committee of adjustment for four years was great experience in the world of zoning and planning. He says he brings a well-rounded approach to the table, and that he’s just as comfortable talking to someone in the trades as he is to someone with a PhD.

In addition to the work already mentioned here, Russo has been a massage therapist, ran a cafe and dessert shop, and been a property manager during his working life. He has a university degree in biology and psychology.

“I understand the whole aspect of dealing with staff and dealing with the public, having chaired the Committee of Adjustment, having sat at the Ontario Land Tribunal. But I also understand the guy who has a small business that can’t keep the lights on,” says Russo. “I think that’s something that’s vital and is an asset to me.”

Russo says he’d like to bring a proactive, rather than reactionary, approach to politics. He says the Town needs to think far ahead, giving the example of bringing higher education to Caledon.

While it may not yet make sense to have a university or college here, he says the conversations about it must begin so that when Caledon is ready to support it, the wheels are already in motion.

“I want to be your voice, and I believe I have the tools to be your voice. There’s a lot of people that are vying in these elections that I think are great people. And I think they’re there for genuine reasons. I think that’s the most important thing... but then the second part of that, is do you have the skillset in order to deliver? I’m not arrogant to say that I’m going to deliver on everything, but at least I know the avenues to try and get there,” says Russo. “This is a job interview, and I’m asking for people’s vote. And I’m telling them, this is my background: I’ve run small businesses, I’ve been in the private sector, I’ve been in the public sector, and this is how I want to advocate for you. And I’m a tireless worker — when people are asleep, I’m still reading.”

Active Transportation Master Plan Notice of Commencement

The Town of Caledon is developing an Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP). The ATMP will identify a well-connected and safe active transportation network and its implementation strategy. The ATMP will encourage residents and visitors to walk, bike, hike, and become more active as they live, work and play within the community.

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Public input is a key component of the Caledon Active Transportation Master Plan. As part of the project, the Town will be hosting several consultation and engagement activities and opportunities including public information open houses, as well as pop-up events at various locations, and online. Your input is important to us. The study team wants to hear your comments, ideas, and questions on the current state and the future of active transportation in Caledon.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The Town of Caledon will be posting information about upcoming public workshops through:

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2. An online survey which is hosted on the project website where you can provide your comments and feedback for consideration by the project team.
3. Public open house sessions as well as pop-ups throughout the community to discuss the project with residents and stakeholders.
4. Workshop sessions with key agencies and stakeholders to review project outcomes and recommendations

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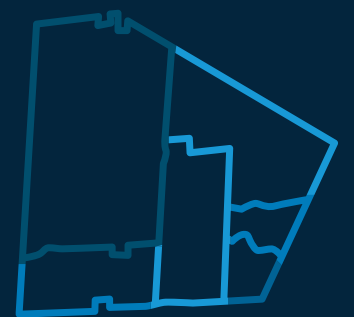


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Sparking conversation
and avoiding new pitfalls

When the world all but shut down in March of 2020, I anticipated it would be a struggle to fill these pages because so many of the events we had covered with regularity ground to a halt and the issues that were ordinarily front-of-mind were pushed to the backburner, making room for those that were more pertinent and, in some cases, scarier.

It turned out to be anything but a slowdown. From an editorial perspective, we were busier than ever as everyone adjusted to the first of many “new normals” and figured out ways to ensure that the old adage of “the show must go on” held true.

It was a learning curve, but people everywhere found ways to carry on, move business forward, and keep the conversation going.

But most of that talking for the better part of a year took place behind our screens in various forms, whether it was “face-to-face” over Zoom, through various platforms that were born out of sheer necessity, or even through a renewed appreciation via email or a messenger service.

Sitting literally face-to-face was a luxury that would have to wait for a bit and, in the meantime, I think some of the muscles we use exclusively for that task, particularly what Hercule Poirot so famously dubbed “the little grey cells,” may have atrophied.

I certainly felt this to a certain degree when a year-and-a-half into COVID I had to cover one of our first large-scale community events since the ominously named “before times.”

Here, there were generally two groups of people: those who were maybe just a little bit over-eager to leap back into the conversation game and those who suddenly found themselves wallflowers trying to remember how to navigate a situation that was at once familiar and foreign.

Some were able to get those feelings back again and were able to quickly cross the threshold to the other side. For others, it was a bit of a longer slog and they weren’t quite back in the game until it was time for the “see you soon” at the end of the evening.

I’ll freely admit to being among the second group.

After so much time working at home communicating through the screen, the muscle memory didn’t come back as quickly as I’d like, nor did my mental rolodex of the hundreds of people one meets in the community each year. For lack of a better phrase, a bit of lint had collected in the old and once-reliable information retrieval system up top.

Thankfully after this the “cobweb clearing” was able to continue unabated.

Or, so I thought.

The pandemic has changed people’s comfort levels and some still feel more at ease meeting up over Zoom or talking over the phone, so each week has been a mixture of in-person and virtual; a balance that had been fairly consistent ever since.

Last week though was a different story.

With a municipal election coming up, the work week that was consisted of back-to-back-to-back in-person interviews, more than I have had in one week since February of 2020, and, by the end, it was a rather draining experience. Don’t get me wrong, the interactions were great, informative, and exciting, but those atrophied muscles somehow felt overworked.

The good news is that this was an unexpected hurdle that’s now cleared and by Saturday I felt recharged and ready to roll into a

new week of the same. But further, and very different, interactions later that day made me question whether further, and very different, kinks still need to be worked out.

During a visit to Toronto that afternoon, fate conspired to create an unusual situation where in quick succession I bumped into not one, not two, but five people with whom I’ve had great conversations, and even interviews with – but strictly over social media.

These were contacts made during the pandemic and, in these five cases, no face-to-face interactions had ever taken place.

In almost all of these instances, the recognition was clear when we saw each other, and it seemed rather welcome, but when it was time to speak...very little happened. Whereas communication through Facebook, Messenger, and Instagram usually came fast and furious, everything was very tentative, almost as if each was looking for the other to make the first conversational move and break the ice.

What was the appropriate greeting?

Would you be invading their space?

Would it just be weird to give an in-person hello to someone you know only through your phone?

“Quick, think back to previous conversations to remember potential pitfalls! What else should be avoided beyond religion and politics? Is health a good way to go? That could open up a can of worms. What if...”

It was unexpectedly unfamiliar territory – and it made me wonder whether our generally accepted etiquette has evolved or even taken a hit over the last two-and-a-half years.

If noted social arbiter Emily Post hadn’t died more than 60 years ago, she would have had a field day redefining what is and isn’t appropriate today.

Forget which fork to use in which situation, the type of suit or dress you should wear depending on the occasion and time of day, the proper length of time to wait after a party before sending your thank-you card, or what time of year is best to stop wearing white as the fall approaches; the real money might now be in redefining those social mores that were once so accepted they might not have even merited a mention in those earlier definitive writings.

What’s an accepted length of time for an in-person conversation when virtual options are available?

When is a virtual meeting acceptable now over a face-to-face interaction? And vice-versa?

How “familiar” is appropriate when you finally come face-to-face with someone you’ve only known virtually? Does the virtual encounter really, truly count as “met?”

In what circumstances can you let your guard down on the distance rule of six feet while also avoiding the feeling you’re putting someone in peril?

Generally speaking, “the weather and everybody’s health” (to borrow Professor Higgins’ advice to Eliza Doolittle) were seen as safe and appropriate areas of conversation, but now even those once-benign talking points run the risk of sparking fierce debates on everything from climate change to the efficacy of vaccines.

There are now landmines around just about every corner.

A few generally accepted pointers would be welcome in this brave new world we’re calling our own.

What would you suggest? Send your thoughts to brock@lpcmedia.ca.



Adults find joy in the simplest things

by Mark Pavilons



Those who’ve spent any time at all in “adulthood” know the drawbacks and pitfalls.

Bob Newhart once warned us not to run into adulthood: “It isn’t all that much fun.”

Canadian band The Pursuit of Happiness (I’m an Adult Now, 1985) pointed out when we’re adults we don’t hate our parents anymore and we have our own reasons to drink. While we can sleep in any time we want, we don’t because there’s too much to do.

When we reach a certain level of “maturity,” we think back with fondness of simpler, less stressful times. Most of us had decent childhoods and enjoyed the fashion and music fads through several decades. Yes, we’ve seen it all!

When we became serious adults, our perspective changed. Sure, it may have taken some of us longer to evolve from the 20-something mindset, but we did eventually.

We Boomers are an interesting lot. We went to flea markets and second-hand stores. We collected old records, books and trinkets. We were easily amused.

Some of our kind went kicking and screaming into adulthood and then, like the passing of a summer thunderstorm, all was quiet and wet.

Our shoulders broadened, and our female counterparts, well they adjusted better and just knew what to do as moms. They’re a tough bunch.

A lot of us Boomers followed the traditional route – we found someone special, got married, had kids, settled in and hunkered down for the long haul.

We raised three amazing children, who are mostly adults now. Weird, looking at these offspring, who only resemble their parents in looks and blood type. Totally different crop, this generation.

Our needs and desires took a back seat to our children, as parents have to be on call 24/7.

My wife is the classic stay-up-late mom who ensures her charges arrive home safely. She’s also the first up, ensuring everyone gets off in the morning in fine fashion.

Me, not so much. It’s as if my mind hangs out a “do not disturb” sign once a certain hour hits.

I often say I quickly reach my “best before” time most evenings by 11.

I’m also starting to really believe in the phrase that things can wait. The older I get, the more I understand Garfield.

As homeowners who try to keep our households in order, my wife revels in a clean kitchen and clutter-free home. I try to accommodate by doing dishes and keeping countertops tidy.

But she’s adamant about maintaining order in that nasty plastic container cupboard, where snap-on lids run wild and nothing fits. Can you imagine your 20-something self ever being concerned over Tupperware?

She is also constantly telling us all that if we take something, put it back in its place. Sounds easy enough in practice.

When our children were younger, we had much more patience, tolerance, and yes, energy.

As I near, and crest 60, things have changed. I still engage in discussions and debates, but have a time limit on things. My attention span isn’t what it once was.

Our needs have dwindled to life’s simple moments, much like our youth. I no longer reach for the stars – I’m happy if the chips and TV remote are in reach!

So, we moms, dads and grandparents have earned our stripes and now just want things to work out. We want the huge see-saw to tip in our favour. We find comfort in the smallest, often weirdest, of places

As an adult I enjoy “my spot” on the couch, much like Sheldon in The Big Bang Theory.

I love it when plans get cancelled, and I can sink deeper into my spot on the couch.

My wife loves pens, and writing with a nice one. Not that she really does, but every time I bring home a new pen, she snatches it up and adds it to her collection.

She loves freshly cleaned sheets and laundry, that have to smell just right. The dryer lint screen has to be kept clean.

My wife also loves having her morning coffee early, when no one else is awake. This is her “me” time.

While I once demanded the toilet paper flow over the top, and the paper towel run clockwise off the spool, I have backed off. But I still switch it when no one is looking.

Do you have a favourite utensil or spatula or coffee mug? Yes, that’s a sign you’ve matured!

We are concerned about whether it’s trash day or recycling week, and we Boomers are still amazed that when you order something online, it arrives on the doorstep the next day. That makes us happy.

We adults have witnessed a lot of change in our years, and there are more on the way. We’re entering a new era of electric everything – electric cars, scooters, personal hovercraft, even driverless cabs and helicopters. Now, I doubt I’ll be taking full advantage of such things, but my kids will.

For them, running out of gas at the side of the road will no longer be in their vocabulary. Calling an “Uber” will be a whole new thing. Virtual jobs, virtual vacations and virtual everything will rule the future.

They won’t have to get frustrated finding AAAs when the remote dies. They will never do dishes or take out the trash – robots will do it for them.

They may very well avoid all those adult chores that we so love!

Let us mature adults revel in our favourite spoon and just getting out of bed in the morning!

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Go west young man!

In the two or three years after I graduated high school, there was a mass exodus of Ontarians heading west.

Thousands of people from the province decided the grass was greener at the foothills of the Rockies.

I'm not really sure what started it all, although at the time, the local economy was pretty bad and jobs were scarce.

Where I grew up, I recall factories and business putting out signs that said "we are NOT taking applications for employment."

Several guys I knew told me you could go to Alberta and make big bucks working in the oil fields. Working on a dirty drilling rig had no appeal to me at all. But thousands of people headed west.

Plenty of people from my high school made the trip and tried to make a go of it out there. They mostly went to Calgary with some going further north to Edmonton.

I finally decided to head out there myself to see what was going on. My plan was to visit a friend and stay for a couple of weeks.

When I got off the plane in the middle of January at the Calgary airport, I was expecting some

pretty cold weather, however it was around 60 F, degrees. There was a Chinook Wind blowing down from the Rockies that made Calgary rather balmy considering the season. I wore only a light jacket for the first week that I was there.

The second week, things were back to a more normal temperature.

I was impressed with the city. It's big and modern, and there is a lot of things to do.

One night I decided to go to a local club to see a band. The waitress came to my table, and she was a girl I had gone to high school with.

The next day, I was walking along a downtown street and met another girl I knew from my hometown.

One friend of mine was visiting the city and he saw a newspaper advertisement that said a band from our home town – five guys we all knew – were playing at a local venue, and he decided to go and see them perform.

When he arrived, he said it was like being at a high school reunion. Many people from my high school, now living in Calgary, had turned out to see the band.

I'm not sure how many of those people stayed

out west, and how many came back. The guys that I knew well, all stayed out there and still live in Calgary and Edmonton.

One friend returned a couple of years ago when his mother passed away. I went to the funeral and spoke with him for a few minutes.

He said that after living there for so long, the town he lived in was now home to him. He also married a girl from Edmonton, so he had made a lifelong commitment.

Now, Alberta is calling Ontario again. There must be a labour shortage or declining population, because Alberta is now advertising in Ontario asking residents to pack up and move west.

A Toronto radio station is currently running the ads.

One advertisement features a guy saying how life is so great out there, with plenty to see and do, great restaurants, and plenty of space.

The other ad I heard has a guy talking about making the move from Ontario and how it is more affordable and how he bought a house for only around \$400,000.

Alberta is a big place with lots of open land and a population of around 4.5 million – less than Met-

ropolitan Toronto.

The only drawback I can see when it comes to moving west is the winter weather. I'm not sure I want to live in a place where you have to plug your car in when you go to work to make sure it will actually start when it's time to go home.

It seems a lot of people are moving out of Ontario. Many are heading to the east coast where houses are cheap – well cheap compared to Ontario – or maybe west to the wide expanses of the prairie.

More people live in the strip of real estate between Windsor and Ottawa than anywhere else in the country. There's still a lot of wide-open space out there.

Maybe for some younger people who see a bleak future in a province where housing prices have made home ownership almost an impossible dream, a trip west might be worth it.

The thing is, our province shouldn't be operating on a trajectory that makes people want to leave.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

What shall we do with the climate refugees?

You wait ages for the bus, and then three come along at once. Books are a bit like that, too, although in this case it's only a pair of them, both tackling the question of what to do about all the "climate refugees." (The UN's International Organisation for Migration estimates that 1.5 billion people may be forced to move in the next thirty years alone.)

First up is Gaia Vince, a British environmental journalist who has interviewed a great many climate scientists. Her book is "Nomad Century: How Climate Migration Will Reshape Our World", and she has certainly grasped the key political problem in a rapidly heating world: some people will be hurt a great deal more than others.

It's mainly a question of distance from the equator. Countries in the tropics and the sub-tropics will be experiencing intolerable temperatures, accompanied by monster storms, droughts and floods, well before mid-century, while those in the temperate latitudes will suffer inconvenience and discomfort but far less actual damage.

In particular, they will still have an adequate food supply, while those nearer to the equator will be seeing their agriculture collapse. That's what will start the refugees moving in their millions – and 70% of the world's population lives in these vulnerable re-

gions. The only places for them to go for safety is to the richer countries farther north or farther south.

The refugees will feel entitled to settle in those privileged countries, too, since the rich, industrialised countries are responsible for the great majority of the "greenhouse gas" emissions (carbon dioxide, methane, etc.) that have caused the warming. It is astoundingly unfair that the culprits get off lightly while the innocent are ruined – and the innocent know it.

The mass movement of climate refugees from poor, hot countries to rich, temperate ones is the political dynamite that could destroy global cooperation on stopping the emissions and the warming. Everybody who has been paying attention knows that, but Gaia Vince has a suggestion for dealing with it.

What we need, she says, is "a planned and deliberate migration of the kind humanity has never before undertaken," in which several billion refugees from the worst-hit regions are resettled in the richer, cooler parts of the world. After all, most of the latter countries have falling birth rates, and they'll need someone to look after them when they're old.

And then we have James Crawford's new book, "The Edge of the Plain: How Borders Make and

Break Our World." He sees the same problem of mass migration, and offers an even more radical solution: the abolition of borders. Away with the fusty rules of the Westphalian system, in which each state has absolute sovereignty within fixed frontiers.

Crawford likes anything that undermines or dissolves those rigid borders, like the "nation" of Sapmi that sort of unites the Lapps of Russia, Finland, Sweden and Norway, or the "climate mobility" advocated by Simon Kofe, foreign minister of Tuvalu.

Kofe's tiny island country will be the first to disappear as the sea level rises, but he wants its sovereignty to continue even though all its citizens must live elsewhere. The sovereignty of the countries that give homes to Tuvaluans and refugees from a hundred other countries would also survive, but shared with the many sovereignties of the new arrivals.

Vince and Crawford are sincere and intelligent people taking on a genuinely existential problem: how can we cooperate to make it through the climate crisis when the pain and the blame are so unequally shared?

Vince writes about having to "shed some of our tribal identities and embrace a pan-species identity", but both authors must know that what they are

proposing is unrealistic and unlikely. Bits of that transition are already stirring, but it's hard to believe that it can supplant the traditional loyalties in the next thirty to fifty years, which is the relevant time-frame.

There's also a hidden defeatism here. Both authors assume that the heating will be big and long-lasting enough to force the refugees to move. That's effectively writing off a lot of the planet as a human abode at least for a long time, if not forever.

Vince is well aware of all the partial techno-fixes to the climate crisis that are being discussed or investigated. She does not dismiss "geoengineering" out of hand, but she doesn't see its real potential either.

Holding the temperature down artificially, if it can be made to work safely, is a patch designed to win us time to get our emissions down without a disaster, not a permanent solution to the problem. But the biggest disaster it would forestall is the climate refugee crisis: if the heating stops not far from where it is now, the refugees never start to move.



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Brewers defeat Rangers, advance to championship series

BY ROBERT BELARDI

The Bolton Brewers defeated the Ivy Rangers 6-0 in game five this past Tuesday to advance to the North Dufferin Baseball League championship series.

Nick Pettinaro put in 6.3 innings of solid work, allowing just one hit and striking out four.

Offensively, the Brewers recorded eight hits as a team with Josh Hickey, Carson Burns and John Hutchinson recording multiple hits on the night.

The Brewers will take on the New Lowell Knights in the finals, in what will be an interesting rematch of last year's bout for the NDBL Strother Cup. The Brewers will look to defend their crown as the Knights will look to get their revenge.

It was quite another topsy-turvy playoff series, much like the first-round matchup against the Barrie Angels.

The Brewers, lost 4-2 in their opening game on the road in Ivy, but stormed back to a 9-2 victory returning home to Bolton August 18.

In Game Three, the Brewers defeated the Rangers 6-1, opening the floodgates with a four-run inning in the bottom of the fifth.

Carter Burnside recorded three singles on the day along with one RBI and Steve War-

den was responsible for two RBIs on the day, going along with a single and a double.

Not much luck came to the Brewers in Game Four, having suffered a 9-4 victory on the road. So, it all came down to a battle at North Hill in Bolton that saw the Brewers end the series comfortably.

On the other hand, the Knights took down their semi-final's opponents, the Midland Mariners, in three straight games. The Knights, defeated the Mariners 4-2, 13-1 and 8-1 respectively.

The Knights finished in first place with a 21-3-0 record on the year. The Brewers held the second-best regular season record at 17-6-1.

Speaking with Mike Wallace last week, the Brewers' skipper was concerned with injuries on his team. But, as it stands, the Brewers are dealing with the injury bug as best as they can and it doesn't really seem to be slowing them down too much.

Statistically, the Knights have the second-best offence amongst all senior division clubs and the top-ranked defence in the league. The Knights recorded 197 runs for on the year and 80 runs against.

The Brewers, have the top-ranked offence and the fourth best defence. The Brewers scored 231 runs this year while conceding 104.

It will take quite an effort to take down the Knights, who will be entering this year's finals seeking to serve a cold dish of revenge.

The finals – now a best of seven series - will begin this Saturday, August 27. Further details can be available online at leaguelineup.com.



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First annual ladies' polo tournament coming to Kettleby this Saturday

BY ROBERT BELARDI

Just imagine playing hockey on a horse. Now that you've done that, that is what will be happening in Kettleby this Saturday, August 27.

Because at Bancroft Farm, The Toronto Polo Club will host the first annual Polo Canada Women's Invitational, featuring two action-packed games between the best players this country has to offer.

"Toronto has had a charity ladies' polo tournament for 15 years. But it raises money for breast cancer charities. This is the first year they've held a second ladies' tournament and it's held through the Canadian Polo Association," said Emily Hurst, Manager of Polo Management Services at the Toronto Polo School, and organizer of this event.

"This raises money to fund a national women's polo team. That's the ultimate goal. But it's more competition-based."

The Toronto Polo School is hosting a one-day event just for this year. Next year, they plan on hosting a multi-day event along with international players on the premises.

Hurst, who recently just returned from Germany, said women's polo is the fastest growing demographic in all of women's sports. Although this sport is co-ed, there has been a surge of women the past five or six years, registering and playing the sport.

"When you see girls playing it – it's no surprise a guy can control an animal at those speeds. For the most part, it looks, exactly like you'd imagine," Hurst explained.

"When you see girls and a lot of times they're smaller; even the horses are smaller too but not proportionate to the size of the girls, it raises questions about, 'this is really interesting, how do girls do this?'"

Known as the "Sport of Kings," the game of polo, is played across four or six chukkers – or more commonly known as periods - that are seven and a half minutes long. The team who scores the most goals by the end of the match wins.

Patrons can either purchase tickets on the Toronto Polo Club website, or they may purchase tickets right at the gate. Viewers are permitted to bring their own chairs and belongings on site.

Tickets are \$15 each and there will be an after-party barbecue held, which is an added \$15 charge per person for food.

With some great viewers, young girls who might be interested in the game and sponsorships in attendance, Hurst said the hope is to push this as a national idea.

"My hope is definitely to push the national series idea. There are women's polo tournaments all across Canada. Some of them are pretty small. They can be like the other one held in July here as an exhibition style and for charity," Hurst said.

"So, the idea is through the Canadian Polo Association and this template, they can pick this up and have this in Montreal and in Calgary. And because it is through the association, I can go to Calgary and play it, or Calgary can come here. You get some movement and the players start to interact. At its heart, that's what polo is about. You have to have the network."

Stemming from that, you can travel around the globe.

Hurst explained there is nothing to unify the players in the country. She hopes this event on Saturday does that.

Bancroft Farm is located at 16555 Keele Street. The games will run from 3-5 p.m.



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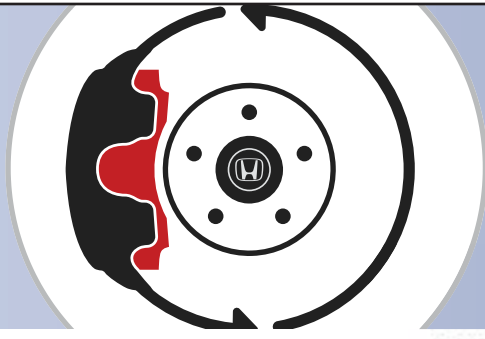
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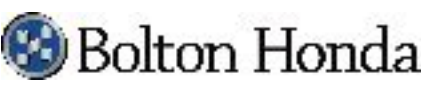
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Funds raised for Kidz in Caledon initiative in memory of Orangeville teen

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

An Orangeville family organized a beautiful fundraiser alongside a Caledon East farm in memory of their late son. Edward Malette-Matthews was killed in a car crash in 2020 when he was just 16.

After the tragic accident, his mom came to Rock Garden Farms in Caledon East looking for flowers for his burial site.

Rock Garden Farms manager Margaret Galati gave her flowers and strawberries, and this year, Malette-Matthews' mom returned to the farm with money. The pair decided to put it towards a fundraiser for Caledon Community Services' (CCS) Kidz in Caledon initiative, held in Malette-Matthews' memory.

On July 3, a portion of all u-pick strawberry and pre-picked strawberry sales at Rock Garden Farms went to Kidz in Caledon. This totaled \$600, a number that Rock Garden Farms then matched.

Malette-Matthews' family, and former employer, each contributed \$100 more to bring the total money raised to \$1,400, said Galati.

Kidz in Caledon is an initiative to ensure Caledon children are not left out of summer camps or organized sports. It also ensures children have the nutritious food they need to enjoy the aforementioned activities so they can make friends and memories.

Galati said the fundraiser went well and that it was heartwarming to know Malette-Matthews' memory inspired people to help out other kids. She said Malette-Matthews was the type of person who was always trying to help others and that the Kidz in Caledon initiative represents him well.

Caledon Community Services' Director of Communications and Marketing, Donna Cragg, said it was wonderful to see Malette-Matthews' family pass on some goodness to other children in the Caledon community.

Cragg said Kidz in Caledon lets kids be kids. She told the story of how someone who once benefited from Kidz in Caledon came back later in life to thank CCS for alleviating the stress on their single mother and allowing them to just be a kid.

Caledon is a very caring community, said Cragg, and it's not uncommon for people to host fundraising events such as the one at Rock Garden Farms. She explained that CCS has what's called its Changemakers program, which gives any Caledon resident the tools they need to host a fundraiser of their own.

She also said she was not surprised to hear that Rock Garden Farms was doing a fundraiser, as she said they have always supported a variety of different charitable causes in Caledon.

COMMUNITY
events

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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.

Summer is almost over and it is time for the KinToonie sales again. The next sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 10 from 10 am to 1 pm in the President's building at the Bolton

Fairgrounds. Check it out at www.boltonkin.com/toonie-sale.

This popular community social offers patrons a chance to sip and savour wines from around the world while enjoying live music and a stunning view from the grounds of the Caledon Equestrian Park. We typically feature 50+ different wines, local craft beer and cider paired with a variety of delicious foods. All proceeds are directed to Rotary Club of Palgrave projects. Date: Friday, September 23, 2022 Time: 6:00 – 9:00PM Cost: \$75 per person or 10 for \$650 Hosted by: Rotary Club of Palgrave Event Website: www.rotarywow.com

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Karen Elizabeth Hamilton
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FLANIGAN, Patrick Harold
Surrounded by his girls at Bethell Hospice on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at the age of 79. Beloved Husband of the late Christiana Flanigan (2022). Dear father Shara Flanigan (2009), Tamara Flanigan, Wendy Stiperski (Wade), Natalie Middlehurst (Jay). Cherished grandfather of Austin, Renée, Kyle, Brody, Bradley, Carter. Remembered by his brother Ron Flanigan (Marian) and his sister Cecile Hale (Tom). Predeceased by his sister Helen Hayes (Mike). Pat will be greatly missed by other relatives and friends. Funeral Service will be held at Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre 21 First St Orangeville on Saturday, August 27th, 2022 at 11:00 am. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am. Interment to follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Memorial donations to Bethell Hospice Foundation would be appreciated by the family. A tree will be planted in memory of Pat in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. 20th Annual Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsdandmcnair.com

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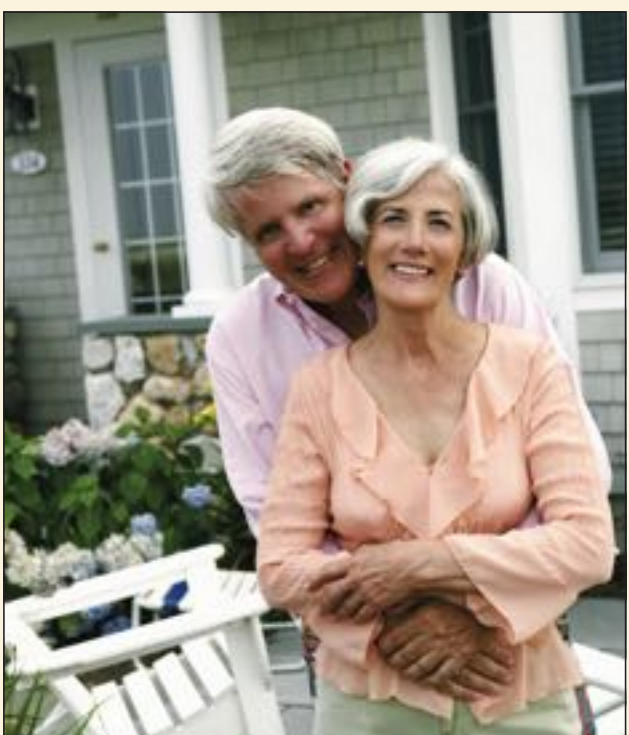
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Block party to be held in Valleywood

“Ultimately, we want to make it something that’s an annual event for Valleywood to look forward to”

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

This Saturday, there’s a party at the park in Valleywood.

Valleywood residents Sonia D’Alimonte, Abhiraj Kumar, and Prashant Upreti have worked together to organize the Valleywood Block Party, which is being held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on August 27 at Lina Marino Park.

Kumar and Upreti are real estate agents, and the presenting sponsors for the event.

Many other local businesses got involved with the event as sponsors or as vendors, and have been highlighted on an Instagram page D’Alimonte created: @valleywoodcommunityevents. There’s a full day of events planned for the party, and the event organizers are excited to be bringing the Valleywood community together.

“The main point is that we wanted the community to come out and reconnect, especially after COVID,” said D’Alimonte. “We’re fundraising for Caledon Meals on Wheels, and we’re going to have food vendors, product vendors and a full Kids Zone. We’re going to

have a family yoga in the park session at 11:30 a.m. that’s free and drop in; we’re going have a dog trick show at two o’clock; and we have a young singer-songwriter performing, she’ll be performing from 12:30 until 1:30 p.m.”

There’s three ways the block party will be fundraising for Caledon Meals on Wheels.

The first is by a direct internet link that residents can find on the Instagram mentioned above.

The second is by a silent auction, where residents can bid on items donated by local businesses and residents.

The third and perhaps most fun way is the dunk tank that’s going to be at the park.

Residents can donate \$2 to get three chances to try and dunk some of the brave Valleywood Block Party volunteers and get them soaked.

Last October, Kumar and Upreti held a “Pick a Pumpkin” event in Valleywood that was well-received. D’Alimonte, who is a neighbour of theirs, approached them with the idea of hosting a big, fun party in the summer and they agreed it would be a great idea. From that point on, the planning began.

“It’s supposed to be a nice weekend, so fingers crossed the weather works out for us and it’s a good crowd — because ultimately, we want to make it something that’s an annual event for Valleywood to look forward to,” said D’Alimonte. “Valleywood, even just Mayfield West as a growing community with all the new subdivisions and stuff going up, we need stuff that’s local to us that we can attend... it’d be really nice for South Caledon to have more community events rolling through.”

Here’s what you need to know about Caledon’s upcoming election

Continued from FRONT

One Regional Councillor will be elected to represent Wards 1, 2 and 3, and another will be elected to represent Wards 4, 5, and 6.

There will be multiple early voting days in the October election if residents are not available to vote on October 24. These dates are October 8, 14, 15 and 21 — but it is important to note that not every early voting day is available in every ward.

Caledon residents are encouraged to visit caledon.ca/en/government/election-landing-page.aspx for updated information on when and where they can vote, and the times that voting locations are open.

In Ward 1, voting will take place at Caledon Central Public School, the Alton Library, Inglewood Community Centre, and Cheltenham Community Centre. In Ward 2, voting can be done at the Margaret Dunn Library, Southfields Community Centre, and Brampton Fairgrounds. In Ward 3, voters can visit the Caledon East Community Complex; and Ward 4 voting locations include the Victoria Parks Community Centre and Palgrave Public School. Places to vote in Ward 5 are St. John the Baptist Elementary School, St. Nicholas Elementary School, and the Albion Bolton Community Centre. Finally, in Ward 6, residents can vote at

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In mid-September, residents on the list can expect to receive a voter notification card in the mail and are asked to bring it with them when they go to vote to make the process faster and easier. Voters must also bring with them a piece of identification that has their name and address on it.

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In 2018, just 16,528 of Caledon’s 51,190 registered electors cast their ballots in that year’s municipal election. That means the voter turnout was 32.8 per cent. Several candidates already interviewed by The Citizen this year have indicated they think it’s important for voter turnout to increase in the 2022 election.

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