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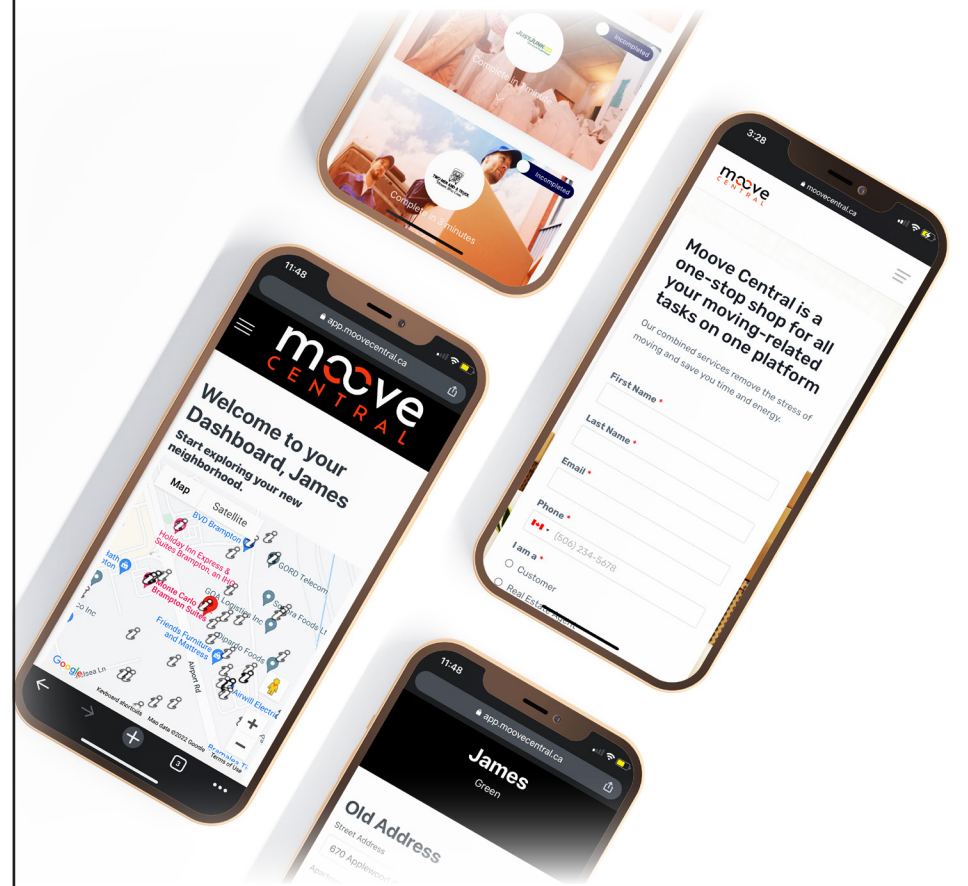
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Alton's bicentennial was extra-special for Caledon's Town Crier Andrew Welch, as he's a resident of the village. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

## Community spirit plentiful at Alton bicentennial celebration

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The bell of the old Alton Public School was once a familiar sound. It rang for the first time in a long while on September 17 when Alton community members celebrated their village's 200th birthday outside of the iconic school, which many Alton residents remember attending or teaching in. The day's festivities began around 10:30 a.m. when Steve Turner, also known as The

Wedding Piper, piped in special guests, including Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, and Ward 1 Area Councillor Lynn Kiernan. They walked to a podium in front of the old Alton Public School, where Caledon's Town Crier Andrew Welch gave a proclamation. Welch said this proclamation was extra-special, since he lives in Alton. Welch, formerly the top Town Crier in the whole province, skipped the 2022 On-

tario Guild of Town Criers competition as it would have conflicted with his duties at the Alton bicentennial. Welch's cry at the Alton bicentennial was also his first since the death of Queen Elizabeth II, meaning it ended with "God Save the King." Jones spoke at the bicentennial, noting the passion that Caledon residents show in their loyalty to their communities is commendable.

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**Bolton Fall Fair returns this weekend**

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Bolton Fall Fair will be running for the 164th time this weekend, with the theme of "Memories of Bolton Past."

Held annually at the Albion Bolton Fairgrounds at 150 Queen Street South, the fair is a cornerstone of the Caledon community.

This year's fair runs from Friday, September 23 to Sunday, September 25, though Thursday night toonie midway rides are available from 6 to 10:30 p.m. on September 22. Admission to the fairgrounds is free on Thursday night. Tickets to the fair for adults are \$20 if purchased online at boltontractorpull.ca. Tickets can be purchased at the gate to the fair as well, but will cost \$25. Tickets for children 12 and under, accompanied by an adult, are \$10, and preschoolers are free.

On Sunday, ticket prices drop to \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under accompanied by an adult.

The highlight of Friday night will be the truck and tractor pull, which begins at 6 p.m. on the track. Buildings will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, and the midway rides will be available from 4 to 10:30 p.m.

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Attendees of Caledon’s first-ever Motionball event said it was a huge success. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

# Fundraising goal beaten at inaugural Motionball Caledon event

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Caledon community came out in

full force to support Special Olympics last weekend. On September 17, the first ever Motion-

ball event in Caledon was held. Motionball is a national non-profit that raises funds and awareness for the Special Olympics movement through social and sporting events. Founded in 2002, Motionball has grown immensely over the years. Across Canada, Motionball supporters have raised over \$14,000,000 for Special Olympics. The Bolton Village Residents Association (BVRA) worked with Motionball to bring an event to Caledon, setting a fundraising goal of \$15,000. In total, attendees and sponsors raised \$16,700. The event was held at Eidelweiss Park in Bolton, and a variety of sports were played such as soccer, bench ball, cornhole, and

frisbee. Sharan Basran of the BVRA explained there were eight teams participating in the Motionball event, including teams from the Peel Regional Police, Caledon OPP, Caledon Fire and Emergency Services, and UPS. “The cool part is we have Special Olympics athletes on all of the teams,” said Basran. “The idea is to have a really friendly model... for everyone to be interacting with one another as one happy family.” Basran said she wanted to thank Ward 5 Regional Councillor Annette Groves for her leadership and hard work bringing the “beautiful national event” to Caledon, and explained she’s hoping to make it an annual tradition that grows each year.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

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40M LATTICE TRI-POLE TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER

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**Location:** 13079 Dixie Road, Caledon, ON.  
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**Safety Code 6:** All carriers placing their equipment on the tower must adhere to Health Canada's Safety Code 6 regarding radiofrequencies and maximum power input.  
**Site:** The site will provide improved wireless voice and data services for the surrounding area.

**APPLICANT CONTACT:**  
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**KEY MAP (NOT TO SCALE):**

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## Full weekend of Fair fun has been planned



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Saturday is the biggest and longest day of the fair, as things get started at 8 a.m. and don’t finish until 10 p.m. There’s a massive amount of things to see and do on Saturday, including: Cow plop bingo, sheep shearing demonstrations, canine watersports, the midway, local bands, a craft beer festival, free pony rides, demolition derby, open dairy show, kiddie pedal pull, spaghetti eating contest, arm wrestling competition, and more.

The fun begins at 8 a.m. again on Sunday with a pancake breakfast followed by a 9:30 a.m. community church service. Another full day is planned, with attractions such as: The baby show, goat demonstrations, milking competition, pet show, tug of war, Tiger Paws Petting Zoo, midway, and more. The times listed in this article are from the schedule available on the Albion & Bolton Agricultural Society website, which notes all show times and events are subject to change.

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# Day of fun followed official ceremony in front of old public school

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“It speaks to how important friends, family, and neighbourhoods are,” said Jones. “It is an honour as your Provincial Member of Parliament to, on behalf of the residents of Dufferin-Caledon, recognize Alton on the occasion of your bicentennial celebration. In a village with a strong, water-powered industrial heritage, Alton now is home to many attractions where residents and visitors can appreciate its beauty, 200 years in the making.”

Kiernan spoke at the event on behalf of Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback, who couldn’t make it to the celebration. Kiernan noted she felt honoured to be speaking in front of the old Alton Public School, as her brother and sister attended it.

“This is an impressive milestone and worthy of this fabulous celebration. We’re gathered here today to look back on the rich history of the village of Alton and towards an exciting future for our beautiful community,” said Seeback in his statement read by Kiernan. “Alton is a village full of historic charm, which can be seen in the large number of 19th century buildings spread across the village. These buildings tell an exciting story from the days of being a thriving industrial centre to becoming a vibrant arts and culture destination, offering residents and visitors alike outstanding experiences. Alton may be a small community, but it has made it a significant mark on the map.”

Mayor Thompson was the next to speak, and he said he wanted to thank everybody who was part of putting on Alton’s bicentennial celebration.

He led the crowd in attendance in a round of applause for all of the volunteers who made Alton’s bicentennial possible — and for those who made all the bicentennials that happened or will be happening in Caledon this year possible.

Thompson said he was happy to see so many people out for Alton’s bicentennial.

“That’s what we’re all about. That, as mayor, makes me proud to see what we have here. We never want to lose it and that’s what we want to build for the future,” said Thompson.

“Congratulations on your bicentennial. Alton is a vital historic community in the Town of Caledon, and we look forward to

its growth and prosperity in the years to come.”

Sally Drummond, the Town of Caledon’s heritage resource officer, spoke at the bicentennial on behalf of Heritage Caledon. She said nothing makes a heritage committee happier than seeing a whole community out to celebrate their history, and that Alton “has it all.”

“You have an incredible natural setting... standing history in terms of all the historic buildings you have around... and you villagers, the many generations that have been through this very school,” said Drummond. “What other community is renowned in the 19th century for its woolen long underwear, in the 20th century for its balloon and condom production, and in the 21st century as an artistic hub and the home of a third-generation bakery and bistro? The geography, the history, and you people are what really make this community an endearing place.”

Nancy Early, branch supervisor of the Alton branch of the Caledon Public Library, wrote a children’s book in honour of Alton’s bicentennial. At the celebration, she took to the podium to thank everyone who made the book possible, and was greeted with loud cheers.

Following the official bicentennial ceremony, there was a day of fun to be had all



Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones presented Alton Village Association members Eric Wood and Mary Cooney with a gift to commemorate Alton’s bicentennial. **PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN**

throughout Alton. Historic walking tours, local food and drinks, art gallery open houses and historic displays were just some of the many things that residents and visitors alike enjoyed on the occasion of Alton’s 200th birthday.

## Town seeking new volunteer firefighters: Application period opens on October 12

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Town of Caledon is looking to hire more volunteer firefighters. On September 20, the Town announced it was launching a recruitment drive to encourage more Caledon residents to join the Caledon Fire and Emergency Services family. Volunteer firefighters in Caledon answer emergency and non-emergency calls such as fires, medical emergencies, vehicle collisions and more.

In order to become a firefighter in Caledon, a resident has to be

over the age of 18, have a valid Class G Driver’s License, and live within eight kilometres of a Caledon Fire Station. Interested residents must also attend one of the following mandatory information sessions before applying: October 4 at 7 p.m. at the Southfields Community Centre; October 6 at 10 a.m. at the Albion Bolton Community Centre; or October 12 at 7 p.m. at Station 303 on Old Church Road.

Residents must register in advance for these information sessions online at [caledon.ca/fire-recruitment](https://caledon.ca/fire-recruitment).

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Caledon’s Fire Chief, Dave Forfar, said volunteer firefighters are everyday Caledon residents with full time careers that make the choice to help their community. He explained volunteer firefighters are compensated financially for their time while answering calls.

“They receive valuable medical training, fire ground training, emergency management experience and life skills,” said Forfar. “You also gain an extended family with Caledon Fire and Emergency

Services. We are excited to welcome new community-minded recruits to our team and look forward to working with the successful applicants.”

The application period for new volunteer firefighters will open on October 12 after the completion of the last information session, and will be open until October 31.

The Town of Caledon most recently welcomed 16 new volunteer firefighters to its ranks in June of this year. At that time, it was announced further recruitment would begin in the Fall.

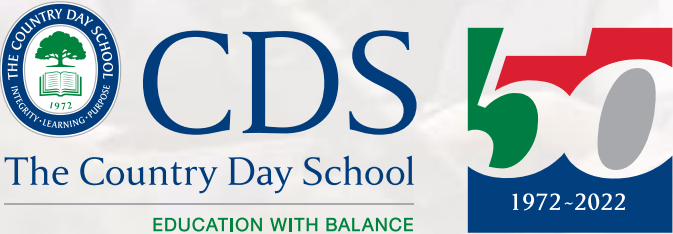
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### WORKSITE FATALITY

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are were on the scene last week assisting with a worksite fatality.

“On September 14, 2022, at approximately 12:41 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a report of an unresponsive male outside a residential property on Castlederg Side Road in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “The initial investigation revealed that a male worker was hit by a heavy piece of equipment. The male was pronounced deceased at the scene.

“The name of the deceased has not yet been released to allow for family notifications.”

The Ontario Ministry of Labour (MOL) and the Federal Department of Labour were notified and are investigating. The Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario and OPP Forensic Identification Unit (FIS) are assisting with the investigation.

### LOADED GUN SEIZED

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) seized a loaded hand-

gun during a routine traffic stop.

“On September 15, 2022, at approximately 12:41 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop while on regular patrol in the area of Larson Peak Road near Learmont Avenue,” say Police. “The preliminary investigation led officers to search the vehicle for cannabis. A loaded handgun was subsequently located. All four occupants were placed under arrest for the unlawful possession of a firearm.”

As a result of the investigation, Ravjit Sanghera, 20, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Obstruct peace officer
- Unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm
- Possession of a firearm knowing serial number has been tampered with
- Possession of loaded prohibited or restricted firearm
- Possession of firearms or ammunition contrary to prohibition order, two counts
- Fail to comply with probation order

Jaisal Kumaraguru, 18, of Mississauga, was charged with:

- Obstruct peace officer
- Possessing cannabis for the purpose of selling
- Unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm
- Possession of a firearm knowing serial number has been tampered with
- Possession of loaded prohibited or restricted firearm

Jelani Griffith, 18, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Obstruct peace officer
- Unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm
- Possession of a firearm knowing serial number has been tampered with
- Possession of loaded prohibited or restricted firearm
- Failure to comply with release order
- Failure to comply with undertaking

All three accused were held for a Bail Hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville. The charges have not been proven.

A fourth occupant, a 17-year-old male from Brampton, was also charged with:

- Unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm
- Possession of a firearm knowing serial number has been tampered with
- Possession of loaded prohibited or restricted firearm
- Have care or control of vehicle with cannabis in open original packaging

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on November 28, 2022, to answer to the charges. A general provision of the Youth Criminal Justice Act (Y.C.J.A) prohibits the release of the name of a Young Person and therefore, the identity of the Young Person involved in this investigation will be withheld.

The charges have not been proven.

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### NUMEROUS CHARGES FOLLOWING SEARCH WARRANT

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) seized a quantity of cocaine and charged two individuals with drug related charges as a result of an ongoing drug trafficking investigation in Dufferin County.

“On September 14, 2022, members of the Dufferin Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with the assistance of both the Nottawasaga (CSCU) and Caledon (CSCU), Central Emergency Response Team (ERT) and Central Region Canine Services executed two search warrants, one in the Town of Bolton and the other in Adjala-Tosorontio,” say Police. “In addition

to the warrants, an individual identified as a suspect in the investigation was arrested in the Town of Orangeville by the Central Region Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU).”

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

- Cocaine
- \$50,000 Canadian Currency (approximately)
- Loaded .22 calibre rifle with a loaded magazine
- Ammunition
- Vacuum sealer with bags
- Scale and packaging materials
- 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT8 (approx. value \$70,000) - seized as proceeds of crime

In addition to the seizure, two people were charged with the following offences.

Corey Byer, 38, from Bolton has been charged with:

- Traffick in Schedule I substance – Cocaine
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking
- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime - over \$5000

Ryan Croft, 39, from Adjala-Tosorontio has been charged with:

- Careless storage of firearm
- Unauthorized possession of firearm
- Possession of proceeds obtained by crime - over \$5000

Both accused are scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a future date in November 2022 to answer to their charges.

The charges have not been proven.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation of any other criminal activity is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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### NEW DETACHMENT COMMANDER

The Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is excited to announce and welcome their new Detachment Commander, Inspector MaryLouise Kearns.

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“Inspector Kearns holds a Bachelor of Arts (Criminology) from the University of Toronto and is the recipient of the Police Exemplary Service Medal. Inspector Kearns possesses diverse investigative experience along with extensive Detachment knowledge. She is very passionate and will be a great addition to not only the Caledon Detachment, but to the whole community.”

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11. A superior grade of black tea  
13. Wrath  
14. Eating house  
15. Delay leaving a place  
16. People now inhabiting Myanmar  
17. Canadian flyers  
18. Walks back and forth  
20. Frequently  
21. Humans have two  
22. Surrounds with armed forces  
25. Made proper  
30. Medical buildings  
31. Patty Hearst's captors  
32. Hits with a drop shot  
33. Italy's PM 1919-20  
38. Promotions  
41. En \_\_:

### CLUES DOWN

1. Parts per thousand (abbr.)  
2. Jump  
3. Eaten as a

incidentally  
43. Queens baseball team  
45. Commoner  
47. Expenses in insurance world (abbr.)  
49. Payroll firm  
50. Broadway actress  
55. Skipper butterflies  
56. Hint  
57. Daniel \_\_, French composer  
59. English children's author Blyton  
60. Midway between east and southeast  
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation  
62. Patriotic women's group  
63. The woman  
64. Tall, slender-leaved plant

vegetable  
4. Residual paresis after anesthesia  
5. Brunchtime staple  
6. Makes money off of  
7. Refined  
8. Nocturnal S.  
American rodents  
9. From a distance  
10. Officials  
12. It helps you see  
14. Central Canadian indigenous person  
19. Invests in little enterprises  
23. They help in tough situations  
24. Industrial port in Poland  
25. Type of screen  
26. Peyton's little brother  
27. Alcoholic beverage  
28. Newspapers need it  
29. Herbal tea  
34. Distinctive practice

35. Exercise system \_\_-bo  
36. Explosive  
37. Belonging to a thing  
39. Presidential candidates engage in them  
40. Of the Swedes  
41. Meadow-grass  
42. "Rule, Britannia" composer  
44. Hooray!  
45. Greek city  
46. One way to do it by example  
47. Imitated  
48. "Game of Thrones" actress  
Headley  
51. Swiss river  
52. Drought-resistant plant  
53. A French abbot  
54. One point east of northeast  
58. Get free of

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



**Doug Maskell**  
running for  
**Ward 3**  
**Councillor**

Maskell says he's bringing specific plans to the table, not just generalities

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A portrait of a middle-aged man with dark hair, glasses, and a mustache. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. He is wearing a dark blue or black vest over a maroon polo shirt. The vest has a small white logo on the left chest that reads "Columbia". The background is a dense, out-of-focus green foliage, suggesting an outdoor setting.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Doug Maskell is running for Ward 3 Councillor in Caledon's October municipal election.

Doug Maskell is a man with plans.

The Ward 3 Councillor candidate has lived in Caledon's Ward 3 for 22 years with his wife, and raised his two daughters here.

Maskell has worked as a teacher for 33 years and, if all goes to plan, he's going to be retiring at the end of the current school year. It's one of the reasons he decided to run for Ward 3 Councillor this election, since he'll be able to dedicate himself to the role full time for the majority of the term.

Maskell ran for Council once before in 2014, but was unsuccessful. He said it was a great learning experience as he'd never run a political campaign before.

Maskell said he has strong roots in the Caledon community. He has been a teacher and guidance counsellor at Humberview Secondary School since 2007, was a volunteer coach for his daughter's hockey and soccer teams, and was an executive with EcoCaledon and the Friends of the Caledon Public Library.

In his career, Maskell said he's always had to be accountable to students and their parents. During his time as head of a guidance department, he explained no one ever called when things were going well.

"I spent the last 10 years, 15 really, just solving problems and calling people back," said Maskell.

Whether it's the answer someone wants or not, Maskell said he always does the research and gets back to them. He said he'll bring this same level of preparation and dedication to the Councillor role, if elected.

Maskell said with the amount of money Caledon Councillors make (\$49,841 after their recent 24 per cent compensation increase) they are not consistent with Councillors in nearby municipalities like Orangeville.

If elected, Maskell said one of the first things he'd do is advocate for the compensation increase to be reversed. He said the raise is unfair to front line workers and others who suffered during the pandemic, and that the new Council deserves to vote on any matters related to their salary once elected.

“For me, it’s a sign of the arrogance of many of the people who are running, that they believe they can get away with anything and the people aren’t going to notice,” said Maskell. “That is unconscionable that somebody gave themselves a 24-and-a-half per cent raise... and only two Councillors had the guts not to [vote for it].”

Maskell said something many Caledon residents may not realize is the taxes they're paying on their homes are based on the homes' 2016 assessed value. The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's 2020 assessment was delayed due to the pandemic, and delayed again in 2021 and 2022, said Maskell.

Since property values have increased since 2016, Maskell said when the 2023 assessment is released, Caledon residents' property taxes could increase dramatically.

If elected, Maskell said he'd look to adjust the Town of Caledon's property tax mill rate to ensure residents aren't hit with an unexpected tax increase. He also wants to advocate for doubling the Caledon Older Adults or Persons With Disabilities Tax Assistance Program to \$1,050, and broaden its reach to all taxpayers with a net family income of less than \$50,000.

"You got to protect people from that kind of a [tax] increase... no one in these times we're living in can endure that kind of an increase," said Maskell.

Caledon has healthy reserve funds (about \$50 million), a large amount of deferred development charge revenue (about \$85 million), and a significant amount of cash and cash equivalents (about

\$165 million) said Maskell, referencing the Town's 2021 financial statements which are accessible to the public on the Town's website.

He said because of these numbers, he's surprised residents' taxes were increased during the pandemic.

Maskell said he understands the importance of keeping reserves, but that less could be kept by the Town and more given back to the taxpayer who has put the Town in a good position.

If elected, Maskell said he'd advocate for collecting development charge revenue immediately, rebating 75 per cent of the tax portion of any Town of Caledon budget surplus, and investing the \$165 million of cash and cash equivalents into the Town and/or using it to pay off any debts.

In Ward 3, Maskell said he wants to see the speed limit reduced in the community safety zones on Airport and Old Church roads. He also wants more automated speed enforcement cameras throughout community safety zones in the whole of the Town of Caledon.

Maskell said trucks will often use Airport Road as they want to avoid the scale on Highway 10, but if the Town makes it so that Airport Road is a slow route for truckers to take by reducing the speed limit and enforcing it more, they'll no longer want to come through Caledon East.

"I did my own little personal traffic study over the summer... I sat outside the LCBO on a chair on the grass there and counted on the trucks that went through that intersection in an hour," said Maskell. "In one hour on a Wednesday afternoon, it was 74 trucks. I thought, 'Well, maybe that was a bad day,' so I came back on the Friday morning... 74 (again)."

Maskell said he'd like to advocate for more police enforcement on traffic safety too, in hopes of preventing a traffic tragedy in Ward 3.

Maskell said long-time residents of Caledon will remember when Caledon was proclaimed to be the Greenest Town in Ontario in 2003. Maskell said Caledon would absolutely not be in the running for that title anymore in 2022, something he said can be attributed to the people running the Town since then.

"I think they talk about caring for the environment and do exactly the opposite," said Maskell. "How could you possibly be a farmer and be for the 413 which is going to destroy... the best farmland in the country? If you're a farmer, you'd be saying, 'you got to protect that land.'"

Maskell said decisions need to be made with future generations in mind, and that by compromising Caledon's farmland and natural environment, we would be destroying what makes Caledon so special.

If elected, Maskell said he's going to support the Town's request for the Federal Environmental Impact Assessment on the 413, as well as try and unify Council against the 413 to make the Town stronger in the face of the Provincial Government.

In the 2022 municipal election, Maskell said Ward 3 residents have a chance to do something they haven't in a long time: vote for a Councillor in their ward to represent them (Wards 3 and 4 will no longer be combined following this October's election).

Maskell said a disturbing trend in Caledon's 2022 municipal election is people running for office in wards they don't live in, something he said defeats the entire purpose of the ward system.

"I just really fundamentally believe that this election is a crossroads election for the town... we have really stark choices to make here as to what our future is going to look like," said Maskell. "I'm a committed member of the community, I live here and I want to make this place a better place. That's what I've always wanted to do, in whatever position I've been in."



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# Day of community action against Highway 413 planned

## Harvest Ontario Walk and Bike to be held on October 1

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

People across Ontario will be gathering on October 1 to advocate for a complete Federal Environmental Impact Assessment on the proposed Highway 413 route.

Grassroots organizers will be hosting the Harvest Ontario Walk that day to raise awareness about the irreplaceable farmland that the highway would pave over.

A rally and farmer’s market at the Brampton Fairgrounds will serve as a central place for those interested in participating to meet.

From 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Harvest Ontario Walk (and bike) will take place along the route, or as close to along the route as

possible, of the proposed Highway 413.

EcoCaledon will host a walk beginning at Countryside and Clarkway Boulevard, while the Ontario Greens and ClimateFast will host a walk beginning and ending at the Brampton Fairgrounds on Heart Lake Road.

A full map of walk start and end points, and more details about each walk, can be found online at [environmentaldefence.ca/howtostop413/](http://environmentaldefence.ca/howtostop413/).

Ontario Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner and NDP Environment, Conservation and Parks critic Sandy Shaw will be participating in the Brampton Fairgrounds rally from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. — and event organizers are inviting any Caledon municipal

election candidates opposed to Highway 413 to participate in the rally.

Susan Berry, Chair of the Harvest Ontario Walk coalition, said building new highways does nothing to alleviate traffic congestion, and that it in fact increases it instead. She said Ontario already has the 407, and that a much more environmentally friendly and cost-effective solution to traffic congestion than the 413 would be to subsidize tolls for truckers on the 407.

Berry said she doesn’t want the upcoming day of action to be an angry and “in your face” protest, rather something healthy and active that’s “creating joyful noise” about saving Ontario’s farmland and environment.

# “It’s extremely important”: Mayor Thompson on voting in October’s municipal election

## Interview with Allan Thompson continued from last week’s edition of The Caledon Citizen

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Despite his winning of Caledon’s 2018 municipal election, Mayor Allan Thompson said the 32 per cent voter turnout for that election hurt.

The now-outgoing Mayor said since he and his team hit just about every house in Caledon and had some great conversations, he expected more people to be hitting the polls.

“I think people come out when they want change, but they need to realize that everything they do and touch every day is the responsibility of their local municipality,” said Thompson. “Yes, I’m accountable to both the province and federal government, I’ve got my parameters. But your garbage, your snow plowing, your recreation... it’s done by municipalities. Here’s your chance to get out and vote on the person who’s making the best decision.”

It’s important for the general public to know why Caledon Council is making a given decision, said Thompson, and that’s why sometimes in a council meeting he’ll ask a question he may already know the answer to. By doing this, Thompson said he can have Town staff or a Councillor explain a topic to the public before Council votes on it.

“A lot of times, they don’t know the backstory... how we’ve got to the decision we’ve made,” said Thompson.

He said it takes him a long time to get through the grocery store as often people will pull him aside to ask a question about a Council topic, but that it is always worth it to explain to a constituent what is going on.

As a Mayor, Thompson said you have to be willing to engage with the public at any time. He said visiting different coffee shops and restaurants around Town allows him to hear the “word of mouth” of how people are feeling around Caledon.

While he believes social media is important, Thompson said person-to-person conversation is critical. He joked that his staff go nuts because he shares his cell phone number with everyone.

Thompson said he does his best to get back to people as soon as possible when they

call. He added it’s a nice break from all of the dense reading required of the job when somebody calls to talk.

For the amount of hours Thompson said he puts into Mayor’s duties, Thompson said he’d make more doing a minimum wage job. Then again, he added, he was never in it for the money.

Caledon Council recently approved a 24 per cent compensation increase for itself, something a few Councillors and current Councillor candidates have spoken out against. Thompson said, in his opinion, there would be nothing worse than putting a new Council in place then asking them to vote on their salary.

He said it’s the current Council’s responsibility to set the tone, and that even with the raise Caledon’s new Mayor and Council salaries will only be 10 per cent above the median salaries of similar municipalities’ Mayor and Councils.

Thompson said the raise is the first step towards Caledon’s Councillors really being able to do the job full time without any other work, something he said will become necessary as Caledon continues to grow.

“If you want to get good people, you’ve got to give them something for the time and effort they’re putting into it,” said Thompson. “If you can’t stand up for yourself...how are you going to stand up for your community?”

Included in the motion that granted Council a compensation increase was a budget increase for hiring more Town of Caledon staff. Thompson said more staff are needed to meet the demands of residents in a timely manner, considering how much pressure the current Town staff are already under.

In the next term of Caledon Council, there will be two less Regional Councillors, as well as a new Ward Councillor for the newly-created Ward 6.

Thompson said the two Regional Councillors (one for Wards 1, 2 and 3 and one for Wards 4, 5, and 6) will be extremely busy, but he feels things will still be okay.

Thompson said he likes how each ward will now have a champion for their specific community.

However, he emphasized that communication between the Regional and Ward Councillors will be critical to make sure everyone has the information they need to make informed decisions.

Thompson said he’s never lost sleep over a decision he’s made in his political career. With a laugh, he added that he certainly does lose sleep considering decisions and thinking about Council business.

“My dad gave me advice when I first got on Council: Make sure (with) the decision you make that you can sleep good at night,” said Thompson. “I have to say that I have been very satisfied on everything that we’ve done.”

Thompson said he’s absolutely going to miss being Mayor, and he’s grateful for the support of his family through it all. Now, he said it’s time for him to spend time with family, and it’s the reason he’s not running for office again.

Thompson said he’s thankful for his good friends that have kept him humble as Mayor, and that losing sight of being humble and grounded is one of the most dangerous things a politician can do.

“You get people craving... power and control and it just consumes them and they turn into these political animals,” said Thompson. “It’s almost like an addiction, and I’ve watched really good people crumble under that. You just got to keep yourself grounded and disciplined.”

Thompson said he remembered one Councillor he worked with in the past who he admired and said was a great Councillor. But that Councillor, come election time, said they would not be running again as they didn’t like the type of person they were becoming as a politician.

Thompson said he really took that moment to heart, and said his two kids also play a key role in keeping him accountable.

Thompson now has two grandsons and said retiring from politics will allow him to be really present in their lives.



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# Rob Ricciardi running for Ward 5 Councillor

Ricciardi says he feels  
residents' concerns are  
not being addressed

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Rob Ricciardi said a Councillor is the ears of the community.

“You’re not the decision-maker, you’re the ears. Everyone likes to think that you’re the mouth, the voice of the community,” said Ricciardi. “You’re not; the community is the voice, you’re the ear to listen. You, as an elected official, the only time that voice comes into action is when you have to translate what the community is saying.”

Ricciardi has been living in Bolton for about a decade, initially Downtown and now in the South Hill area. He’s married and has three kids, and moved to Bolton from Vaughan. Ricciardi is an operating engineer for civil works, and also runs a small business where he sells safes.

He decided to run for Ward 5 Councillor because he caught himself saying, “If I had the opportunity to do something, I’d do it this way.”

Ricciardi said a lot of people have those thoughts but never act on them, and that he wanted to try and better his community. He first got involved with the Bolton Village Residents Association, working on projects such as advocating for the revamp of a park and road repairs. After a few successes, Ricciardi said he realized he could make change on a larger scale by running for office.

Ricciardi said the two biggest issues Ward 5 residents face are traffic and taxes, and that they’re both of equal importance.

“That’s what everybody is saying, and I don’t disagree with them,” said Ricciardi. “Taxes have been raised three out of the past four years from this past Council. Traffic, as you know, has never been great here in this ward, let alone all of Caledon.”

Ricciardi said he will never make a promise unless it’s one he’s 100 per cent sure he

can keep.

He said, if elected, what he can promise residents is that they will always get a response and an answer from him, even if their issue is not one that can be resolved right away.

“You need to follow through with what you’re saying, and if you don’t have the means to follow through, then don’t promise it,” said Ricciardi. “We have that issue here in Caledon, we have a lot of Councillors who say one thing and do nothing, and we need to fix that.”

Accountability as a Councillor is important to Ricciardi, and he said there’s not enough of it when it comes to mistakes. He said in the social media age, people are quick to post successes but are silent if a mistake is made. Ricciardi said if we teach our children accountability, but do not practice it ourselves, it sets a bad example.

“To piggyback on accountability, the other biggest change we need is... resident service, you need to service your residents,” said Ricciardi. He said a Councillor should be the middle person between a resident with an issue and the appropriate Town staff member that can resolve it.

Ricciardi said it is a Councillor’s job to guide residents through the process of bringing their ideas or issues to the Town.

If elected, Ricciardi said he’s going to be voting no to any tax raises for Caledon residents, and even introducing a motion to try and freeze taxes for the entire 2022-2026 term.

“We will come up with a very creative way to make up that money, there’s a lot of other ways to create money,” said Ricciardi. “There’s a corporate tax rate that can go up, the corporations that thrive in Caledon can help the residents that live in Caledon... that’s the way it’s supposed to work.”

Housing in Ward 5 is a touchy subject, said Ricciardi, since there are still places left to put housing, but not many. He said a balance needs to be found in the amount and type of houses built, as well as the proper infrastructure being implemented before their completion. He said creating walkable communities is important, as simple things like walking down to the grocery store to get a few things and saying hello to people on the way make people feel good.

“That’s what we’re striving for: community, simple life,” said Ricciardi. “We have to be the boss with how our land is developed. There is obviously a give and take... without developers, you’re not going to get homes.... [but] we can’t just keep putting up homes and not have anything accessible to those people that live in those homes after.”

With regards to traffic, Ricciardi said he would like to look into more bypass roads being created for the safety of residents and truckers alike. While he said there’s no magic solution for traffic issues, there’s ways to alleviate the danger that Bolton drivers face.



Rob Ricciardi is running for Ward 5 Councillor in Caledon's municipal election. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

At the end of the day, Ricciardi said being a Councillor is all about community and supporting everyday community projects. He said there’s a lot of opportunity in Ward 5 to use up space that hasn’t yet been used for housing or commercial projects.

One thing he said Ward 5 desperately needs is a dog park in the South Hill area to accommodate the large dog community. Ricciardi said people move to Caledon because they love the green space and nature, so it’s only natural there’s such a large amount of pet lovers in Town.

Ricciardi also said existing parks in Ward 5 could use a revamp, adding a total teardown is not necessary. He said the parks have been well-loved and now need to be freshened up so a new generation can love them as well.

Ricciardi said he also sees opportunities for green spaces attached to parks to be used for things like tennis courts rather than just big empty spaces. Ricciardi said these spaces could also be used for community gardens,

which are a great asset to a community.

He added any extra produce grown in the garden could be donated to local food banks to assist those in need.

“You’re helping more people just by using up space we already have,” said Ricciardi. “Gardening, it gets people together, talking with each other and getting to know each other.”

Having people come together as a community is of utmost importance to Ricciardi.

“Leaders, in my opinion, listen. My leadership style is I take in information, I ask questions, and I don’t jump the gun. I take my time, I understand what the actual issue is from residents, then [I’d] bring that to Council,” said Ricciardi. “There’s a time to be loud and fight against injustices, but when we’re talking about every day Ward 5 issues, it’s all about listening to what (the constituents) want. They know what’s wrong with their ward, they live it every day. As a resident, even me, I felt I was never listened to.”



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My family kept many mementos over the years.

Family photos were cherished keepsakes. Letters written back home from Europe during the Second World War and in the decade that followed were invaluable insights into what my grandparents and their friends were doing during these tumultuous years. Odds and ends, and gizmos whose practical uses were long lost to the mists of time, were either on display or lovingly packed away as reminders of a particular snapshot in time.

Personal items all, but there were few things kept on momentous world events. One exception to this were various clippings, magazines, and tchotchkes related to the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Another was a sheet of stamps commemorating the marriage of Prince Rainier of Monaco to movie star Grace Kelly. If I wanted to see what people kept of, say, the Moon Landing or the Summit Series I was on my own.

So, whether I was conscious of it or not, I set out to fill in the blanks.

As a kid, I was a frequent flyer at a used bookstore at Yonge and Wellington in Aurora. Filled to the rafters with all manner of paper, each visit was like an archaeological dig; you had no idea what you were going to find, but whatever you found was bound to be worthwhile.

One of the things that instantly caught my eye was a small cache of clippings from The Toronto Star, the Globe and Mail, the Toronto Telegraph and more, commemorating the death of King George VI and the immediate accession of his daughter, Queen Elizabeth II.

The black and white images stuck with me from the outset. Preserved in black and white photography on newspapers that had become yellowed and fragile, it was a moment of history, of time frozen, and, it seemed very much an occasion of its time.

Perhaps it speaks to the longevity and unstinting service provided by Elizabeth II, but as silly as it sounds, I never fully appreciated that at some point or another the scenes would be more or less repeated at the next transition.

Yet, there we were for the last two weeks, watching the same scenes repeated almost identically as they last took place more than 70 years ago, with a few concessions to the more modern world in which we're living.

Watching the events happening in the United Kingdom in real time was not, of course, a luxury afforded to those who were able to see and remember the events of 1952, but so much of our world has changed under the reign of Elizabeth II.

From the time the Palace announced on the morning of September 8 (our time) that the Queen was under medical supervision to the announcement of her death a few hours later, the world was able to tune in to see all the rites and rituals associated with such a historical occasion unfold before our eyes.

We were able to see the flags be lowered in all corners of the Commonwealth as it happened, and to experience the strikingly beautiful Scottish countryside from street level, and with a bird's eye view, as the Queen's coffin, accompanied by Princess Anne, made its long, six-hour trip from Balmoral Castle to the heart of Scottish civic life in Edinburgh.

The procession from Holyrood to St. Giles' Cathedral, although never seen before, had an immediacy to it. As did the first round of vigils at Edinburgh's highest kirk. As did the Queen's final flight to London and simple

procession in a hearse through the dark and rainy streets of the capital before the tried and tested ceremonials began the following day.

Out of all the millions of images that came out of the first length of the mourning period, one of the images that struck me the hardest was the raindrop-covered coffin passing through throngs of thousands on the way back to Buckingham Palace.

Make and model of the hearse aside, converted to black and white, it was a tableau that could have been captured in 1952... if not for the equally multiple phone screens in the foreground of the shot trained on the late monarch, each person wanting some personal reminder of the woman who served them quite likely for all of their lives.

It was a potent symbol of just how much the world had changed throughout the reign of Queen Elizabeth II; although she kept pace with the times and tweaked her role and the way she carried out her duties accordingly – such as embracing the role of “virtual monarch” through the Global Pandemic, allowing her to engage with the myriad causes she supported in Canada and Australia, for instance, as conveniently and efficiently has she was able to do with those in the United Kingdom – hers was a steady, reliable presence on the world stage, particularly in these times of uncertainty.

While I am confident that King Charles will embody many of these qualities in what will undoubtedly be a reign much shorter than 70 years, when all was said and done on Monday night and Her Majesty was laid to rest alongside her beloved husband, Prince Philip, her parents, and her sister, I suddenly found myself wondering just what was being mourned.

Were we mourning the Queen herself? An ordinary woman who had an extraordinary role thrust upon her and rose to the challenge in a way greater than she – and us – could have foreseen in 1952?

Were we mourning, as well as celebrating, a legacy of unparalleled public service?

Were we mourning the end of a chapter? An era? An idea? An integral piece of our governmental structure?

In the end, I think the answer is yes to all of those things, but I think there's another intangible element: a constant presence in all of our lives, who, as revered as she was, has never been too far away, whether our grandparents had a cup and saucer with her image on it, whether our parents (or we ourselves) made the effort to see her in person, or even in an act as simple as digging into our pockets for change.

“Today, our system might appear anachronistic to some, I understand, but to others who constitute, in my judgement, the overwhelming majority of Canadians, the role of the monarchy, and in particular the irreplicable role played by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for seventy years was absolutely indispensable in our country's impressive achievements and contributions to peace, prosperity and stability at home and around the world,” said former prime minister Brian Mulroney at a National Service for the Queen following her funeral.

“Her Majesty's brilliant service and contributions over seven decades did so much to sustain and elevate the golden concepts of freedom, liberty and democracy that have brought such honour to Canada and all of our people.”



A sense of calm is important for us all



by Mark Pavilons

This physical and mental reaction impacts our bodies, emotions, intelligence and decision making.

Research suggests that reducing this and injecting calmness into our lives will give us more energy, attention and creativity.

When we're calmer, we literally see more things. We notice both things and people around and we are much more aware.

When we're calm, we also manage energy because we're not running in overdrive.

Research also suggests that our most creative ideas come in moments when we're not actively focused or stressed. We are most creative when our brain is in alpha wave mode, which is a relaxed state of mind.

Let's face it, friends, life can be hard. In fact, every day brings new challenges. It's often said it's how we react to stressful or traumatic situations that matters. And that's true. But here's something else to consider. People say it's the struggles, traumas and illness that make us strong. No, these things make us weak and afraid. It's the fight for survival, the perseverance, the love, that make us stronger.

And yes, we frail humans are a resilient lot. It's amazing how we can “bounce back” from horrible, life-changing events and carry on. Suffering seldom makes you stronger. But it can make you more aware, more compassionate, more sensitive to others. And these are very good qualities indeed.

My son made an interesting observation recently. He noted that humans should be in tune or in sync with everything else on the planet – all the flora and fauna. Our ancestors likely were, and our Indigenous brethren are, too. So, when did we lose this ability, this harmony with nature? What would happen if we got it back?

Very good questions. How would we benefit by allowing the calmness of each wave of life gently wash us up the shore?

I'd love to find out.

Some King residents have found it, whether through walks along numerous hiking trails, some outdoor painting, street fairs and events. That sense of community we enjoy in King is priceless. Composure, patience, tranquility, peace. We should carry these in our pockets, right next to our cell phones.

I was never a big fan of those trite quotes, silly sentiments or photos of cats just “hanging in there.”

But I will say there's a pinch of truth in all of them. Quietening the mind and reducing anxiety and worry are paramount these days.

There are many ways to achieve this – from yoga and meditation to deep breathing and walks in the forests.

A colleague and good friend of mine died of a heart attack at 60. He was in good shape and good spirits, but was stressed at work.

Stress shouldn't be the reason we leave this planet. It shouldn't dominate our hearts, minds and bodies.

I am trying to manage my stress, blood pressure and anxiety. They're all being put to the test lately.

But now my sense of calm is no longer an ideal, but a feeling, a constant companion. It's my job to exercise this positivity so it becomes stronger and chases my demons away.

I think I can do it.

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# Working in the trades

One of the most stressful times in life has got to be when you are finishing your final year of high school, and you realize that when you graduate, it's going to be a whole new life situation.

At the end of Grade 12, many students, and I was in that same boat, simply have no idea what career they want to try to get into. It can be very daunting to think you have to choose something that will possibly define the rest of your life.

How do you choose a career path if you have no experience in that job, and really don't know if you will like it, until you actually start doing the job?

Some students, and I know a couple, had clearly defined goals, started preparing in high school, and went on to achieve those goals and are very happy.

I know others that have taken a year off and have basic jobs to earn money, but just don't know what to do next. It can be a tough couple of years figuring it all out.

Most people do not really follow their passions and real interests.

No little kid, when asked, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" ever replied, "I

want to be an accountant."

I attended a skilled trades event recently in Orangeville that was geared towards graduating students and introduced them to possible career opportunities after school.

There was a lot of heavy machinery and examples of different jobs in the trades that provide on-the-job training and apprenticeships. There were also service groups like the military, police, and fire fighters.

For a while, I just observed and watched how students were attracted to different displays and took a real interest in what was going on.

During the last half of the 20th century and into the 2000s, the trades tended to be regarded as jobs for people who couldn't get into university.

A lot of that attitude comes directly out of the education system, where students were taught that if you don't go to university you are a failure. I knew a lot of kids who were told by their "guidance counsellor", "You don't have the grades, you'll never amount to anything."

For some reason, the education system determined that you are only getting educated if you are sitting in a classroom taking notes.

The truth is, every time you take a piano les-

son, you are being educated. Every time you read a history book on your own time, you are being educated. Every martial arts class you take, and every athletic game you compete in, teaches you something. Every time your grandfather took you fishing, you learned something. Every farm kid receives training that they won't get anywhere else.

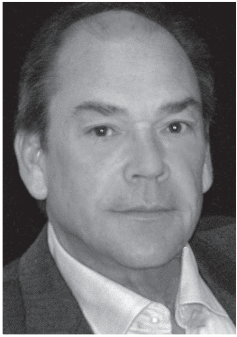
Every job you have gives you an education, and it's likely the on-the-job training you receive will serve you better than sitting in a classroom trying to figure out calculus.

My Grade 8 homeroom teacher was a person who probably should have chosen a different career path. She already had a reputation as a loud-mouthed child hater well before I had the misfortune of being assigned to her class.

After a full year of being yelled at every day and told how stupid we all were on a daily, basis, she handed out the forms we needed to select our courses for our first year in high school.

Her words of encouragement to our class were, "If you don't choose the right classes in Grade Nine, and follow through for the next four years, and go to university like her, and become a 'professional' like her, we would be failures for the rest of our lives."

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



The thought of turning out "like her" did not inspire me or any of my classmates to follow much of her advice.

The schools seem to be taking a different approach now. I guess someone finally realized that you can be successful and not have a degree, and that education goes far beyond the walls of a school.

Students must now have volunteer hours as part of the requirement to graduate. Schools realized that experience volunteering with organizations is a valuable lesson.

They also realized that going into the trades can provide a solid career and a healthy income, and more schools are now promoting those options to students.

A smart teacher should recognize that fact that although a student is not good in math, they have other aptitudes and natural skills that should be explored and encouraged.

A smart school will help guide students to post-secondary life, not discourage them because they struggle to find the answer to "x=y."

# Planetary Defence

On Monday, about eleven million kilometres from Earth, the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) will make the first attempt to divert an asteroid from its orbit. But forget Don't Look Up, Deep Impact, Armageddon, and all the other movies about planet-killing asteroids: this asteroid is only 160 metres wide, and it isn't coming anywhere near us, even if the experiment fails.

On the other hand, there are about 18,000 asteroids of that size or bigger in orbit around the Sun. If Dimorphos (the asteroid in the NASA experiment) did hit Earth, then the impact would have the energy of a hundred-megaton hydrogen bomb, enough to devastate a city the size of New York or Lagos.

More than that, in fact, because Dimorphos orbits a much bigger asteroid called Didymos which is 780 metres in diameter, and they would arrive together. Now we're talking about almost nobody surviving in a city the size of Tokyo, and devastation for a hundred kilometres around.

These things don't happen often, of course,

but they do happen. The Lunar and Planetary Laboratory at the University of Arizona estimates that there are more than three million impact craters larger than 1 kilometre in diameter on Earth, although the great majority are buried under subsequent sediment.

The biggest asteroid to hit the planet, Chicxulub on Mexico's Yucatan peninsula 66 million years ago, was ten kilometres in diameter. It caused the last great extinction: the world-wide firestorms and the five-or ten-year "asteroid winter" that followed (due to the ash blocking out the sun) killed off all the non-avian dinosaurs and let the mammals take over.

According to the Planetary Society, the odds on an asteroid the size of Dimorphos hitting Earth are one in a hundred every century. Moreover, we don't even know where 40% of those asteroids are.

Drop to asteroids of 30-140 metres, still big enough to kill a city, and there are about a million of them out there. We have good data on less than 2% of them, but we know that at least one will hit the planet every century. So, NASA

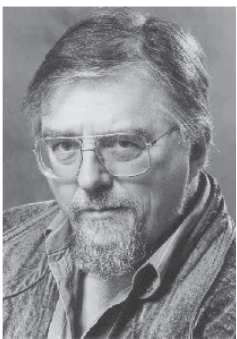
and the European Space Agency (ESA) both have "Planetary Defence" offices – and they're now running the first big experiment.

NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test, or DART, is a spacecraft weighing about 500 kilograms fully fueled, but it will weight a lot less than that when it does a kamikaze dive into Dimorphos on Monday. On the other hand, it will be moving at six kilometres a second, so the energy it transfers to the asteroid will not be negligible.

The primary aim of the exercise is to see how much that can shift the smaller asteroid's orbit around its primary, Didymos. It won't be a lot, because Dimorphos's mass is an estimated 4.8 billion kilogrammes, but it should be enough to be detectable within weeks by big telescopes.

Then, four years from now, when the ESA's Hera mission arrives at Dimorphos, we should know how big the crater is, and what shape. That will confirm or refute the growing suspicion that most smaller asteroids, at least, are really not solid boulders but just clumps of rubble weakly held together by micro-gravity.

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If they are, they would be a lot easier to move, because then the collision will not just push the asteroid in the desired direction. It will also spurt out a lot of rubble in the reverse direction, which would magnify the total momentum transferred to the asteroid as much as fivefold.

One step at a time. It will probably be a couple of decades before we can divert even a Dimorphos-sized asteroid from hitting the Earth and be confident that it will go where we want it to instead.

Larger but much rarer ones, which are more likely to be solid rock, will take a lot longer to get a handle on. Nevertheless, before the end of this century we may be able to protect the planet from all but the very biggest asteroids.

A good planetary defence system will probably take a century to build, but at least we are moving from theory to practical experiments.



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# One final showdown as New Lowell and Bolton go to Game Seven

BY ROBERT BELARDI

The Bolton Brewers took Game Five at home last Wednesday 2-1 and the New Lowell Knights took down the Brewers 10-0 in game six this past Saturday.

Sunday, was supposed to be the final game for all of the marbles, but due to rainy conditions, the final game had to be postponed and is rescheduled for this upcoming Saturday.

It could work out in the Brewers’ favour, to say the least. After suffering a 10-0 defeat, it shuts down any momentum in the Knights’ favour.

“I guess it’s probably a good thing. Anytime you get beaten that bad, the other team obviously has the momentum going. Maybe the week off kills their momentum a little bit. Let’s us get a little more re-focused and a little healthier. We get setup for the big game on Saturday,” said head coach Mike Wallace.

In Game Five, down 1-0 with Trent Barwick pitching a clinic on the mound, the Brewers needed something, or someone to spark the offence.

With runners on first and third, Greg Keenan’s sac fly brought home Carson Burns to tie the game. Drew Volkey comes to the plate and cranks a triple to bring home Amin Juracz which proved to be the game-winning run.

Coming into this Saturday, Wallace says he believes the start to this game will prove to be the difference.

“It seems as this series goes, New Lowell tends to get up on us in parts of the game where we seem to be coming back a lot. You can only come back so many times against New Lowell before it just doesn’t happen,” Wallace said.

“We have to come out and establish we’re going to hit the ball and make them chase us. Have good bats early.”

For anyone planning to attend the game, first pitch is scheduled to be thrown at 1:00p.m. in New Lowell.



Brewers took the lead in the bottom of the fifth thanks to Drew Volkey’s triple. The Brewers went on to win to take a 3-2 series lead.  
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# Admirals searching for answers through first few weeks of the OJHL season

BY ROBERT BELARDI

The Caledon Admirals continue to search for answers at the start of the 2022/2023 OJHL (Jr. A) season.

The Admirals remain winless through their first six outings, conceding a whopping 37 goals in total, the most in the league thus far.

Having been in Cobourg this week for the OJHL Showcase, Admirals players had the pleasure of playing in front of scouts travelling from parts of Canada and from south of the border.

The annual Showcase, is always planned to be situated in one place and mid-week, to prevent any conflict with scouts’ schedules and to make it easier for everyone to attend.

Despite a difficult 7-3 loss this past Tuesday night against the Cobourg Cougars, there are a few Admirals players that have played fairly well that may have had a great opportunity to get a look.

Russian winger Daniil Kononov only amassed 21 points in 46 outings with the Admirals last season. However, this year, Kononov, leads the team in scoring with 10 points in the first six games and well on pace to surpass his previous record.

The same also goes for Sebastian Bulovs.

The Brampton, ON, native recorded his first hat-trick of the season in an 8-7 loss against the North York Rangers earlier in the year.

One of the Ad-

mirals top forwards last year, Bulovs has nine points in five games and will look to surpass his 37-point season just a year ago.

The Admirals will return home to look for their first win of the new campaign. The boys host the Oakville Blades this Saturday at Mayfield Arena. Puck drop is at 7:30 p.m.

In the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League (Jr. B), the Caledon Bombers were having a similar beginning to their 2022/2023 season before this past Sunday.

Having dropped the first four games of the season and only tallying six goals in total, the

Bombers blew up the Brantford Bandits 5-1 on the road. Marko Laurencic led the way with two goals on the night. Ethan Finlason recorded three assists.

The Bombers will be in Pelham, ON, this weekend for the GOJHL showcase. The Bombers will be taking on the Thorold Black-

hawks tomorrow morning at 11:00 a.m. and the LaSalle Vipers on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

In the Provincial Junior Hockey League (Jr. C), the Caledon Golden Hawks dropped their opening two games of the year against the Huntsville Otters and the Alliston Hornets.

The Golden Hawks are on the road tonight to take on the North Caruthers Division finalists, Schomberg Cougars at the Trislan Centre. The boys will head out on the road Saturday night to take on newcomers to the division the Innisfil Spartans and Sunday afternoon, they will return home to Mayfield arena for a date with the Orillia Terriers at 2:00 p.m.



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Angela Panacci is campaigning to be Caledon's Ward 6 Councillor. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

# Angela Panacci running for Ward 6 Councillor

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Angela Panacci said advocacy doesn't stop when the election stops. Panacci, a candidate for Ward 6 Councillor, has lived in Caledon for 12 years with her husband and they have three sons. She has a degree in economics and, in 2020, she completed a postgraduate human resources program. In 2018, Panacci ran for Ward 5 Regional Councillor but was unsuccessful, and is now running for the newly-created Ward 6 Councillor position. While she lives just outside of the Ward 6 boundaries, Panacci said her life and community involvement has been centred in Bolton and that's the reason she's running for office there. Panacci said leading resistance to an asphalt plant and delegating to Council against removing Regional Councillor positions are two of the ways she's been involved in advocating for her community before. She's a member of the board of directors of Caledon Community Services, the largest non-profit organization in Caledon. "I've always liked to be involved in my community," said Panacci. "Being at the table where decisions are made, that's where I can really best serve." She said Caledon's ward boundary update gives Bolton a chance to have a stronger voice at the Council table. Panacci said her history of advocacy and her being unafraid to go against the grain makes her a good candidate to be one of those voices. Panacci wants to continue with the revitalization of Downtown Bolton if elected as she said it's a vital gathering point that's important now more than ever. Downtown Bolton, she said, should be a place where businesses are thriving, that's bike and pedestrian friendly, and attracts people to stop and park and check it out. "We need to introduce more activities and

engagement... by people coming to Downtown Bolton, you're uniting the community, but you're also contributing to the wellbeing of the businesses by spending your money locally," said Panacci. Panacci said she likes to put a strong emphasis on the arts because they're great for the community and mental health. She said the new Humber River Centre could be used to host concerts, vendor markets, and more when it's opened and that she'd advocate for those sorts of things if elected. "[We can] increase community engagement through social activities; concerts and local events," said Panacci. "Caledon has a large population of seniors, and young families, and we need to be able to have a community that fits the whole group." Housing is a problem in Caledon, said Panacci, and she said building strong relationships with the provincial and federal governments is key in fixing it. She explained Caledon does not yet have the infrastructure in place it needs to accommodate the growth that's being mandated by the Province, nor does it have the social programs. Panacci said growth is good, but it needs to be done in a responsible manner. Panacci said she has a very friendly nature as a person, and because of this her leadership style is collaborative. She said if elected, it's as though the constituents of Ward 6 hired her to do a job and get things done for them. "They're not asking me to be besties with anyone... but I do need to be able to be professional enough to put the needs of my community first," said Panacci. "I have a very collaborative approach. I would like to say that I'm aware of body language and what people are thinking and feeling, and have the ability to be able to anticipate any roadblocks, so that I can mitigate some of the setbacks."

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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](mailto:boltonalanon@gmail.com).

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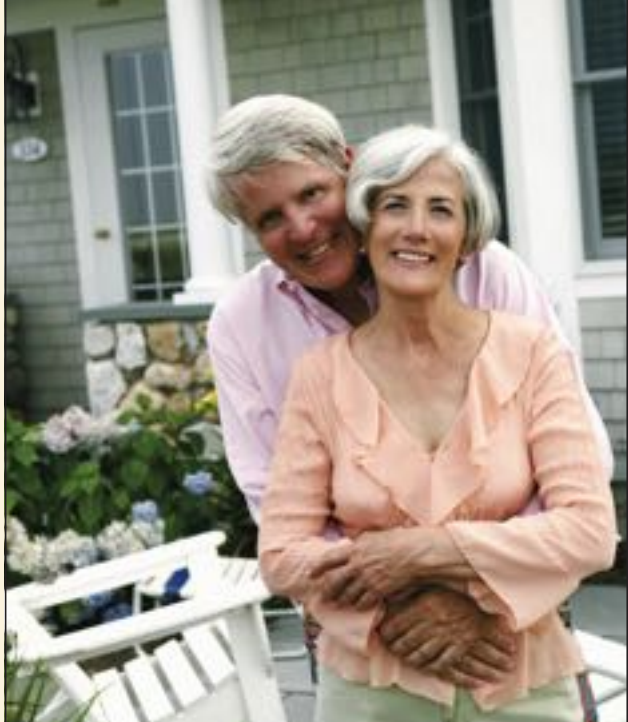
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# Autism Speaks Walk returns to Orangeville this weekend

BY SAM ODROWSKI

The annual Autism Speaks Canada Walk is returning to Orangeville after the event was held as a car parade in 2021 due to the pandemic.

The fun-filled event is in its sixth year and takes place this Sunday, September 25, at Fendley Park from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The walk is roughly three kilometres long and is open for everyone to enjoy and support, not just individuals with a personal connection to autism.

“You don’t have to have an autism connection,” said Walk organizer Karrie Daponte. “People assume they shouldn’t come because they don’t have connection but that’s what this event is for... the walk is all about learning to accept them [people with autism]. Not just include them, but accept them.”

For the event, Fendley Park will feature 13 fun mascots like Marshall from Paw Patrol and Elmo, race car drivers with their vehicles, several vendors, food trucks, emergency vehicle tours, prize draws, live music, and free food/refreshments.

The park will also feature a children’s area with face painting, Music Together Orangeville running activities, and karate demonstrations.

Dance Ability Movement, which teaches dance to individuals who are neurodiverse, will be at the event for a performance.

TSN Towing and charitable motorcycle group, Qwest Riders, who participated in the local Walk on Wheels Car Parade for Autism Speaks Canada in 2021 will be at the event as well.

Daponte said that the Autism Speaks Canada Walk is a judgement free space and a great opportunity for children with disabilities to feel welcome and have fun.

“A lot of parents don’t feel comfortable taking the kids up in the community... but this is somewhere where everybody can go,” she noted.

Daponte’s daughter, Yazime Wilson-Daponte is this year’s Autism Speaks Canada ambassador for Orangeville and the surrounding area.

She’s been fundraising for this year’s walk since February through bottle drives, Bubly stands, raffles, and a “Ce-

lebrity Server Night” at Boston Pizza. So far, Wilson-Daponte has generated around \$1,000.

Her team shirt for the Autism Walk reads “Born to Stand Out”, and her message with respect to inclusion and acceptance of people with special needs is “Don’t judge me by my cover.”

“Don’t judge. Don’t stare. That’s it,” Wilson-Daponte told the Citizen.

The walk has been made possible through many generous sponsors in the community who have both donated monetarily and offered products in-kind.

Tim Hortons, McDonalds, PepsiCo, and Pure Water Canada are providing free drinks, Lavender Blue Catering is providing free snacks, and Toppers Pizza Orangeville will be handing out free pizza.

Goodie bags filled with coupons and items from local businesses and crafters are also being provided to the first 200 attendees.

“It’s a fun filled family event and it’s a community event for everyone... all ages,” Daponte noted.

The event is rain or shine.

## Angela Panacci running for Ward 6 Councillor

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Panacci said she’s willing to listen to the concerns of the community and that it’s important for a Councillor to always hear a constituent out, even if there’s not immediately a way to solve their problem.

Given the unprecedented times of the COVID-19 pandemic, Panacci said Caledon’s current Council did a good job of uniting and doing what they thought was best for the community.

While she said you’ll never find someone who was 100 per cent happy with a term of Council, she felt those at the table for the current term were there working with the best of intentions.

On the flipside, Panacci said she felt there was too much bickering and “school yard” behaviour on Council at times. “As a community, we all expect our leaders to behave with the highest standards,” she said. “I think that more could have been achieved for Bolton if less bickering happened.”

Panacci explained there doesn’t need to be an “us vs. them” approach when it comes to Bolton and the rest of Caledon’s villages and hamlets. She said Caledon is all one community, and that if one community succeeds, it only means good things for the others in Town too.

As Caledon grows, Panacci said it’s important for it to maintain its small-town feel, and that municipal government plays a big role in that. Through recreation and community events, Panacci said municipal governments can be instrumental in bringing together neighbours living in new developments.

“It’s our job as leaders to ensure that we welcome those that are coming to our community, and that they integrate well into our community,” said Panacci.

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