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Mayor Annette Groves is pictured taking the oath of office at the inaugural meeting of the 2022-2026 Council term on Tuesday night. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

## Mayor Groves and Caledon's new Council sworn in for 2022-2026 term

Family, friends, and community members attend November 15 Council meeting

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The 2022 – 2026 term of Caledon Council has begun.

At the November 15 Council meeting, Mayor Annette Groves; Regional Councillors Christina Early and Mario Russo; and Councillors Lynn Kiernan, Dave Sheen, Doug Maskell, Nick deBoer, Tony Rosa, and Cosimo Napoli

were officially sworn into office.

The meeting took place in a packed room at the Caledon East Community Complex, and began with a procession, land acknowledgement, the singing of Canada's national anthem, and a prayer.

Town Clerk Laura Hall began the meeting and said it was an honour to introduce all the new members of Council. She joked that it was a Town Clerk's dream to see so many people in attendance at one Council meeting.

Caledon's Mayor and Council were sworn in by a Justice of the Peace, and a dedicatory address was given to the new Mayor and Council by Sara Clarkson, Downtown Bolton Task Force member and daughter of former Caledon mayor John Clarkson, who served from 1976 to 1985).

Clarkson said she has a real passion for Caledon and that a lot has changed since her dad was Mayor — so much so that she noted where the November 15 meeting took place used to be the outdoor Caledon community pool.

"We all have something in common as we sit here today in this room: we call Caledon home," said Clarkson. "Our newly-elected Council and Mayor will be facing many challenges. Protecting the environment, land development, infrastructure, housing, aggregate pits, meeting at the Region with less representation... we (the community) elected you to represent us and for you to do the best for our home. Let us be a voice in your journey, let us help you."

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**"Diamond" in the Hills saluted at fashion show**

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Bethell Hospice is the "diamond" in the hills of Caledon.

Bonnie Ledson, one of the six self-titled "divas" who organize the annual Diamond in the Hills Fashion Show in support of Bethell Hospice, said that's how she and her team came up with the name for their event.

The 2022 show was held at The Arlington Estate in Kleinburg on November 13,

in front of a sold-out crowd of over 400 women.

Ledson explained there used to be seven divas, but one retired from organizing at 85. The remaining six divas — Ledson, Debbie Glover, Barb Gough, Barb Goodhand, Danila Maric, and Judy Petursson — are all between the ages of 67 and 83, and had been planning the event since September.

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# Hundreds of butterflies take over Inglewood coffee shop

Art installation a joint project between Bethell Hospice and Caledon Public Library

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Colourful butterflies created by Caledon residents currently line the walls of Coywolf Coffee in Inglewood.

It's the culmination of a project in the works since October, when Bethell Hospice and the Caledon Public Library teamed up to host a series of workshops to create paper butterflies to mark National Grief and Bereavement Day — which was November 15.

The butterflies will be on display until November 21.

Natalie Talma, Bethell Hospice's psychosocial spiritual care team lead, created a butterfly for the art installation in memory of her Oma, who passed away two months ago. She said the initiative came at the right time for her, as creating the butterfly was a truly healing project.

"I really savoured my time thinking about what colors I wanted to represent her with, and I wrote her name on it," said Talma. "I wrote some of the things that I will remember about her, like the way she makes Dutch coffee and how comforting her touch was with her hugs. It was a really special way of keeping her legacy alive for me."

Talma explained that while the art installation is a way to honour the people we have loved and lost, it's also a way to remind the general public that those who are grieving need a little extra compassion.

Talma said each butterfly created is special and has its own story.

"The butterfly is used as a symbol for grief and bereavement for many organizations because it's the idea of this beautiful transformation," said Talma. "A lot of people believe that when they see butterflies, it's a reminder that their loved ones are close... When you sit here and you see all the love that went into each one of these, and that they are each representing somebody that we've loved and lost, it's a very



Kelly Doig, Caledon Public Library's Coordinator of Community & Creation; Kaylen Leonienko, Bethell Hospice residential social worker; Megan Haynes, Coywolf Coffee manager; Aldona Morrison, Bethell Hospice counsellor; Natalie Talma, Bethell Hospice psychosocial spiritual care team lead; and Louise Sallese, Bethell Hospice psychosocial spiritual care coordinator at Coywolf Coffee on November 14. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

powerful statement."

Coywolf Coffee was chosen as the location for the exhibit because it's been a great supporter of Bethell Hospice, is close by to the hospice, and has a lot of foot traffic going in and out of it on any given day. Talma said the community support for the project has been incredible, and that as soon as Bethell Hospice asked to use Coywolf Coffee's space, permission was granted.

Talma said she really hopes the art installation will encourage people to talk about grief, as while it is something everyone experiences, it's a tough topic for many to discuss.

"This is really an opportunity to open up a dialogue about grief and bereavement. It's also an opportunity for us to share with the community that Bethell Hospice does bereavement support," said Talma. "We have a comprehensive bereavement pro-

gram where we offer one-to-one counseling; we have support groups, art therapy, music therapy, children's programs, and a lot of people don't know that we do that at Bethell."

Bethell Hospice's grief and bereavement

support is free, and Talma wants people to know they can seek out support in their time of need. She said Bethell Hospice recognizes the significant impact grief and loss can have on one's life, and wants to be there to support the community.

## Caledon residents raise over \$37,000 for Meals on Wheels through Smile Cookie initiative

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A whole lot of smile cookies were eaten in Caledon this year.

To be precise, 37,138 of them went down the hatch. That means Caledon residents raised \$37,138 for Caledon Meals on Wheels, which was the charity chosen to benefit from Tim Hortons restaurants' annual Smile Cookie initiative.

Each year, Tim Hortons restaurants sell smile cookies for a dollar, with 100 per cent of the proceeds from them going to charities in the communities the restaurants are located in. Across Canada this year, a record number of smile cookies were sold, and over \$15 million was raised for over 600 different charities in Canada.

In Caledon, Tim Hortons owners Brad and Liz Stafford, Jay MacDonald, and Leonard and Cindy Scianitti participated in the charitable initiative, selling Smile Cookies at their restaurants. Over the eight years the Smile Cookie initiative has run in Caledon, over \$177,000 has been raised from the over 177,000 smile cook-

ies bought by Caledon residents.

Caledon Meals on Wheels (CMOW) provides many services to Caledon seniors and people with disabilities, such as the delivery of nutritious hot or frozen meals, friendly visits, and health and wellness programs. All of these services serve to help people continue to live independently in their homes. CMOW's Executive Director Christine Sevigny said, on behalf of the organization, that she's truly thankful for the support CMOW has received.

"We are so grateful for the support of our local Tim Hortons restaurant owners, their staff and our community for their efforts year after year," said Sevigny. "They see the value in what we do and the difference that each cookie purchase makes."

Tim Hortons restaurants' smile cookie campaign first began in 1996 to raise funds for the Hamilton Children's Hospital. Since then, it's expanded and has raised over \$75 million for charities selected by restaurant owners, \$12.2 million of which was raised in 2021.

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# Large crowd gathers at Caledon’s Town Hall for Remembrance Day ceremony



BY ZACHARY ROMAN

On November 11 at 11 a.m. Caledon residents paused for a moment of silence to remember those who gave their lives for our freedom.

A Remembrance Day ceremony held then at Caledon’s Town Hall was the final event in a series of ceremonies that had been happening throughout the area. In the communities of Mono Mills, Alton, and Bolton, ceremonies were held in the weeks leading up to Remembrance Day.

Students from Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School attended the ceremony, with members of the school’s football team holding a banner that said “Robert F. Hall Remembers.” Music students played the Last Post and Reveille, and a bagpiper also played at the ceremony.

Many wreaths were laid at the foot of the Town Hall cenotaph, including by Caledon’s fire chief Dave Forfar; the Caledon O.P.P.; and Caledon Mayor Annette Groves (who was Mayor-Elect at the time of the ceremony).

Former Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson (who was Mayor at the time of the ceremony) thanked everyone who attended, and said Remembrance Day is a time to show thanks and gratitude for our freedom.



(Clockwise from Top) Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School football team members held a banner at the Town Hall Remembrance Day Ceremony. The Caledon Fire and Emergency Services Honour Guard was stationed around the Town Hall cenotaph during the ceremony. Caledon Mayor Annette Groves, then Mayor-elect, laid a wreath. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN



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A description of qualifications and applications are available at [peelregion.ca/planning/paawg.asp](https://peelregion.ca/planning/paawg.asp) or paper copies by request at the contact below.

Applications will be accepted by mail, e-mail, online or in-person at Region of Peel, Access Peel, 10 Peel Centre, Brampton, ON, L6T 4B9, until 4:30 p.m. on **November 30, 2022**.

Only those selected will be contacted. Please note that the appointments to PAAWG and its role and mandate will be subject to Regional review, further to the proposed enactment and implementation of Ontario Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*.

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### STOLEN VEHICLE RECOVERED

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid charges in connection to a recovered motor vehicle.

“On November 9, 2022, at approximately 5:10 p.m., a monitoring agency alerted Caledon OPP of a stolen 2021 Chevrolet Silverado being tracked and entering the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “The vehicle had been stolen in the Toronto area earlier that same day. By working together, the officer located and stopped the vehicle on Albion Vaughan Road. The driver was subsequently arrested.”

As a result of the investigation, Qorban Noori, 33, of Alliston, was charged with:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000 - 2 counts

The accused is scheduled to appear

at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangethorpe on January 19, 2023, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

“Caledon OPP is working actively with its various partners to combat the growing trend of auto thefts in the Region and across the province. If you observe unusual activity in your community, report it immediately to police by calling 911. 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.peelcrimestoppers.ca](http://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca). When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to \$2000 upon an arrest.

*Auto theft crime prevention tips:*

Today’s auto thieves are increasingly

turning to technology that bypasses security systems allowing vehicles to be stolen. Electronic auto theft is on the rise as more vehicles are equipped with technology such as keyless entry fobs. In fact, the insurance industry has seen the growing trend that thieves are able to copy fob information and steal cars right from your driveway. The term “relay thefts” involves the use of equipment designed to boost and exploit the signals sent out by a vehicle’s legitimate key fob. This allows for a thief to unlock and start an engine of a vehicle remotely.

Residents can help protect their vehicles by taking any of the following crime prevention measures:

- Ensure your vehicle keys are kept well away from doors and windows;
- Use a signal blocking pouch/box - they can block your key fob from transmitting its code to the vehicle as the pouch is lined with layers or metallic material;
- Turn off the keyless fob wireless signal at night (refer to your car manual for instructions);
- Use a steering wheel lock or car alarm - this could add a significantly delay or be a deterrent for thieves;
- Consider a secondary audible car alarm - which works by using sensors placed in different points of your vehicle;
- Park in the garage (if possible);
- Insert a car tracker - unusual activity is monitored, and car can be tracked using GPS if stolen

Police and its insurance industry partners also want to raise public awareness about the opportunities for criminals who intend to steal personal identification from unsecured vehicles. Licenses, insurance, vehicle ownerships, passports, as well as mobile devices or laptops, offer criminals the opportunity to further victimize individuals who do not lock their vehicles, or who leave their valuables in plain view.

Vehicle owners/passengers can do simple things to decrease the risk of being victimized, such as:

- Never leave a running vehicle unattended;
- Lock your doors;
- Roll up your windows;
- Keep valuables out of sight;

- Keep your registration and proof of insurance in your wallet or purse, not in the glove box;
- Pocket your keys;
- At night or during extended parking periods, always park in a well-lit area.

### POLICE INVESTIGATE ALLEGED FRAUD

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating an alleged fraudulent contractor transaction and are urging residents to be vigilant and asking for other potential victims to come forward.


“On October 23, 2022, a resident on Craftsman Road in the Town of Caledon reported a fraud to Caledon OPP,” say Police. “A \$12,000 deposit was paid to a contractor to complete an interlocking job. After delaying the project for nearly two years, the contractor is no longer returning phone calls. The work was never completed. Investigators have information to believe that there may be additional victims locally and in other jurisdictions.”

The investigation is ongoing. If you have additional information or have been victimized yourself, please contact Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [www.peelcrimestoppers.ca](http://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca). When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000 upon an arrest.

Anyone who suspects they have been the victim of cybercrime or fraud should report it to their local police and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre’s online reporting system or by phone at 1-888-495-8501. If not a victim but an attempt was made, report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre anyway.

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1. India’s “City of Lakes”

7. Large marine mammals

13. Used to carry belongings when traveling

14. Rechristens

16. Equally

17. Heavy plant-eating mammals

19. Millihenry

20. Japanese immigrant to N. America

22. Deep, red-brown sea bream

23. Norse gods

25. Peppermint and pekoe are two

26. Auguste \_\_, founder of positivism

28. Self-immolation by fire ritual

29. High-resolution microscope (abbr.)

30. Wide metal vessel used in cooking

31. V-shaped open trough

33. People of

southern Benin

34. People of southern Ghana

36. It’s a significant creed

38. Period between eclipses

40. Furies

41. Emerged

43. Philippine Island

44. Where wrestlers battle

45. Unhappy

47. Central European river

48. Language

51. Semitransparent gemstone

53. Forming in a bottom layer

55. Distinct region

56. Broad blades

58. Leavened bread

59. Influential cosmetics exec

60. Exclamation of surprise

61. Era free of war

64. One who helps professors

65. Idealistic

67. Ornamental plants

69. Grouped

70. Kids love this street

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Beloved hound

2. Equal to 100 grams

3. S-shaped moldings

4. Hawaiian cliff

5. Everyone has one

6. Subatomic particle

7. Ghost

8. Adult female bird

9. Greek temple pillars

10. Emits coherent radiation

11. Measures the width of printed matter

12. Musical interval

13. Tantalizes

15. Places of worship

18. An unskilled actor who overacts

21. One who volunteers to help

24. Precaution

26. Beverage holder

27. Very long period of time

30. Bullfighting

maneuvers

32. More critical

35. Sends packing in a boxing match

37. Taxi

38. Decorative Russian tea urn

39. North American Great Plains natives

42. Seize

43. A passage with access only at one end

46. Cut a rug

47. Devil rays

49. Bubble up

50. Veranda

52. Outcast

54. Car mechanics group

55. Realm

57. A place to get off your feet

59. Popular music awards show

62. Consumed

63. A way to make cooler

66. Thus

68. Indicates it’s been registered

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# Diamonds shine in fashion show, raising \$225,000 for Bethell Hospice

Diamond in the Hills Fashion Show is hosted annually by “The Divas”

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“They’re all dynamic people, they’re all good workers, they all have their own roles and we get along really well,” said Ledson, adding that when the work’s done the divas love to party together too. “We all really believe in Bethell.”

Ledson said sponsors play a huge part in fundraising for the fashion show, so much so that before the show even began she knew that \$202,000 had been raised. Ledson said the divas were able to lock in 12 different sponsors at the \$10,000 tier which was a big help. Adding to the fundraising totals on the day of the fashion show itself were silent and live auctions. Fundraising involves a lot of legwork, and Ledson explained the divas toured the entire industrial area of Bolton in search of sponsors.

“We really appreciate our wonderful sponsors and donors, and Ramy Sallal, owner of Arlington Estate, who lives in Caledon and is so very supportive of our event,” said Ledson.

Ledson said her love of fashion came from a time when she sewed all her own clothes because she couldn’t afford to do anything else.

She said herself and the other divas all love to dress up in stylish clothes. Each year, the divas try to make the fashion show bigger and better, and raise more money too. The first time the show ran, \$41,000 was raised, but they knew they could do better. Now, the fashion show is a major part of Bethell Hospice’s yearly fundraising.

Bethell Hospice Foundation Executive Director Nicole Hand said she was extremely grateful for the diva’s outstanding work in organizing a successful event.

“Community events are extremely important to Bethell Hospice Foundation, especially during the current post-pandemic situation,” said Hand. “The committee’s belief in the importance of palliative care in the community is truly appreciated.”



Models walked the runway in front of a sold-out crowd of over 400 women at the fifth-annual Diamond in the Hills Fashion Show in support of Bethell Hospice on November 13. **PHOTOS BY ZACHARY ROMAN**

## Memorial Fund established for Constable Devon Northrup

The family of Police Constable Devon Northrup has established a memorial fund in loving memory of Devon to honour his service and the ultimate sacrifice he made in the line of duty on October 11, 2022.

“Constable Northrup, 33, was a beloved spouse, son, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, and friend to many,” say South Simcoe Police. “He was a cherished member of the South Simcoe Police Service who accomplished so much during his six years as an officer through his work in specialized units and commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.

“One of Devon’s passions was the annual National Peace Officers’ Memorial Run also known as the ‘Run to Remem-

ber.’ Devon took on the role of team captain for the South Simcoe run team and was an annual participant in the run from Toronto to Ottawa which honours officers who gave their lives protecting their communities. Tragically, Devon will now be recognized among those fallen heroes.”

To continue Devon’s legacy of helping others, proceeds from the Devon Northrup Memorial Fund will benefit causes close to Devon’s heart. The fund has been set up through the Innisfil Community Foundation.

Donations in honour of Devon Northrup can be made here: [innisfilcommunity-foundation.ca/devon-northrup-memorial-fund](https://innisfilcommunity-foundation.ca/devon-northrup-memorial-fund).



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## COMMUNITY events

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

The Bolton Al-Anon Group has recently moved the regular meeting location to the Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy Street (across from Bolton Post Office). We still meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is/or has been affected

by someone who has problem with alcohol. If you have any questions please come any Thursday evening or email: [boltonalanon@gmail.com](mailto:boltonalanon@gmail.com).

Open to all - Electric Vehicle Society Caledon Chapter meetings. Come out to learn from the expertise of electric vehicle owners and enthusiasts about helping Canadians transition to electric transportation through education and advocacy. Local meetings are held in the Southfields Community Centre Community Room on the third Thursdays of the month from 7pm-9pm. Next Meeting Dates: November 17 & December 15. Meetings are free. For more info: <https://evsociety.ca/caledon/> or email [Kenneth.bokor@evsociety.ca](mailto:Kenneth.bokor@evsociety.ca)

The last Toone Sale until 2023 is scheduled for Saturday, November 26 from 10 am to 1 pm in the President's building at the Bolton Fairgrounds. Check it out at [www.boltonkin.com/toonie-sale](http://www.boltonkin.com/toonie-sale).



# Caledon residents gather in support of inclusion

## Bolton event marks relaunch of Caledon Area Families for Inclusion

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A local group has taken the first step towards building a strong network of support for families with loved ones with differing abilities.

On November 13, Caledon Area Families for Inclusion (CAFFI) hosted their relaunch event at Christ Church in Bolton. The casual, drop-in event was attended by many families and served as a chance for them to both meet each other and CAFFI’s leadership team. There was free coffee and treats, and the sound of chatting and music filled the room.

One of the reasons CAFFI held the event was to learn what families in the community are seeking in terms of support for themselves and their loved ones.

Around the room, there were important topics posted on the wall, and sticky notes where people could submit their ideas on the topics. Some of the topics were: Circles of support; support workers; finance; active living; workshops and speakers; visibility and inclusion; and the community. Families left suggestions for things like: mom and dad support groups; youth working for special needs; needs-based funding; after-school programs; integrated social events; employment; and day programs in Caledon.

CAFFI coordinator Patricia Franks said it was lovely to see many younger families out at the event.

Since the agencies that support children are different from the ones that support adults, she explained it can be hard for families with loved ones of different ages to connect. Being able to speak with a family with an older loved one is especially important, as they can share valuable advice to those with a younger loved one.

“We are a network, we’re not a top-down organization,” said Franks. “We want to help facilitate, we want to help you get started.”

Michael Brunetto, another of CAFFI’s coordinators, said when groups come together it’s a key step in influencing policy change. By learning what the community is looking for at the relaunch event, Brunetto said CAFFI can then present those ideas to Caledon’s Town Council moving forward.



Many families attended CAFFI’s relaunch event at Christ Church in Bolton on November 13.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

“It’s beneficial for the Town to understand exactly what we’re dealing with, and how they can better budget and better plan for these types of activities to become more sustainable,” said Brunetto. “Less one-off situa-

tions, because there’s so much commonality that we’re trying to identify.”

December 3 is the International Day of Persons with disabilities, as declared by the United Nations. As this day approaches, CAFFI’s

coordinators stressed the importance of striving for inclusion within Caledon and beyond.

Brunetto said while December 3 is just one day, recognition of people with differing abilities should happen year-round.

## Branching Out holding spice drive for area food bank

BY SAM ODROWSKI

The Orangeville Food Bank receives lots of non-perishable food donations through the holiday season, but a common staple for any kitchen that’s rarely on their shelves is spices.

This issue was recently recognized by Nicole Fortin, participant of Branching Out Support Services (BOSS), which offers programming to people who have neurodiversities.

The people that BOSS serves volunteer at the local food bank on Wednesdays and in speaking with the food manager there, Fortin learned that all they have is pepper

and salt for their clients.

This sparked her idea of running a Spice Drive, similar to a food drive but for spices, running now until December 15.

Anybody who has new or sealed spices in their cupboards is encouraged to drop them off at Branching Out Support Services, 5A First Street, in the brown box between their doors.

When developing the Spice Drive fundraiser, Fortin said she thought of all the spices she uses that might be needed by users of the local food bank, and how they make food taste a lot better.

“They don’t want a plain chilli or soup or nachos or tacos that they’re making that

day... it’s boring,” she told the Citizen. “You want the taste to be good, make the food more flavourful.”

Some of the spices she recommends for donation include dill, oregano, chilli powder, turmeric, taco seasoning, bay leaves, nutmeg and cayenne but all spices are welcome – sweet or savoury.

The spice drive is a team effort by the participants at Branching Out and a continuation of the work they do to help the community.

All of the spices collected by Branching Out, now through December 15, will be delivered to the Orangeville Food Bank.

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# Family, friends, and community members attend inaugural Council meeting



Caledon's new Mayor and Council: Tony Rosa, Dave Sheen, Nick deBoer, Christina Early, Annette Groves, Cosimo Napoli, Mario Russo, Lynn Kiernan, and Doug Maskell.

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Clarkson said when she looks at Caledon's new leadership, she feels very hopeful for the Town's future. She said if Council could take one thing away from her speech, it's that she wants them to work together for the people of Caledon, in the best interests of the people of Caledon.

Mayor Annette Groves then gave her inaugural address to the crowd, first acknowledging the former mayors in attendance at the meeting: Emil Kolb, Carol Seglins, and Allan Thompson.

Groves said it was an honour and privilege to be standing in front of the people of Caledon for the first time as Mayor.

She thanked her campaign team for their tireless effort during the election, and gave a special thanks to her son Tyler, who she said has been her rock.

"He has been an amazing son, I am truly blessed to have Tyler," said Groves. "He kept our home going and he was a pillar of strength for me. I am truly blessed and grateful to be your mom."

Groves went on to thank the residents of Caledon for placing their trust and confidence in her to lead the Town.

"You have my sincere assurance that together with the new council, we'll be committed to providing quality service that will move us forward. We will work together in the best interests of all our villages and hamlets across the Town," said Groves. "We will put our personal interests aside and work in the spirit of collaboration, cooperation and integrity. The residents of Caledon deserve this."

Groves welcomed back returning Councillors

and said she's looking forward to the fresh perspective and input of new Councillors.

The Mayor said the next four years will be challenging, but with Council and Town staff working together great results will be achieved. Groves said growth must pay for growth, that Caledon must plan Caledon, and that protecting the environment and managing aggregate in Town is critical.

Another major priority will be working on road safety in Town, said Groves, adding she'd like to work with Town staff to create a Caledon-wide traffic calming strategy, alongside advocating for more traffic enforcement.

Mayor Groves said she's committed to transparency and that the doors to Caledon's Town Hall will be unlocked. She also stressed the importance of engaging Caledon residents in major decisions that will impact their quality of life.

"Understanding the unique needs of each community that makes up Caledon will be my top priority; ending divisiveness and promoting a unified Caledon that focuses on fair share for all will ensure that no community is left behind," said Groves. "Together, we will experience a much stronger and more prosperous Caledon. Together, we will build up Caledon for future generations. Together, we will make Caledon the crown jewel of the Greater Toronto Area."

Following Groves' inaugural address, Caledon's new Council was also given a chance to address the crowd.

Regional Councillor, Wards 1, 2 and 3 Christina Early said it was great to see so many people in attendance to support Caledon's new Mayor and

Council, and that she's honoured to have received the trust and faith of the residents who voted for her. She said she takes her position very seriously and is excited to work with Mayor Groves and Regional Councillor Mario Russo to advocate for Caledon at the Region of Peel table. Early gave a huge thank you to the many people who helped during her campaign knocking on doors and putting up signs.

Regional Councillor, Wards 4, 5 and 6 Mario Russo said he wanted to thank all of his family and friends for their support during his campaign, and for the support of his volunteers and voters too. He said he loved having conversations with Caledon residents at their door, and explained he told people he will never make a promise he can't keep. What Russo said he can promise is that he'll be there to answer Caledon residents' calls when they need him. Russo also said he was thinking of his dad, who passed away 11 years ago, as he was being sworn in. He said with his dad as a sounding board, he knows he'll make the best decisions for the people of Caledon.

Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan said she remembers how daunting it felt when she was a new councillor four years ago, and that she'll be there to help new councillors. Kiernan said she's excited to work with the new Mayor and Council and is very thankful for all the people who supported and believed in her. Kiernan said as someone who is loyal and duty-bound, she doesn't take her Councillor position lightly. She thanked Town of Caledon staff for putting a great event together, and said it felt a bit like New Year's Eve.

"Tomorrow is our new year... we now recommit

to you and the community to work together for the betterment of Caledon, something that's very important to me," said Kiernan. "I've lived here my whole life, and it is the people and the community and Caledon itself that has shaped who I am."

Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen said it was an honour to be elected and that he's very excited to take on the challenge of being Councillor. Sheen was emotional during his speech, thanking all of his family and friends who were a great support to him on the long journey of election season, explaining he could not have done it without them. Sheen also thanked Town of Caledon staff for putting on a great event to celebrate the new Mayor and Council.

Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell said his journey to becoming a Councillor began 11 years ago when his mom was sick with cancer. She told him to follow his dreams because you never know when life will get in the way. That led Maskell to run for Councillor, and while he was unsuccessful the first time he ran, this year he was. Maskell thanked all of the voters who came out to support him, and all the people who took the time to have conversations with him when he was out door knocking. Maskell thanked his family, friends and campaign team too.

Ward 4 Councillor Nick deBoer said he wanted to thank his daughters and son-in-laws for keeping the farm going while he was out knocking on doors during the election. He said that's the part of campaigning he likes most, and that some days he didn't get many doors finished because he spent a long time at each one. deBoer said he's always humbled by the support he receives and congratulated Groves on becoming Mayor as they've worked together on Council for a long time.

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa congratulated Groves and his new Council colleagues before saying he looks forward to another four years working in the best interests of Caledon residents. Rosa thanked his family for stepping up to support him, as well as his large campaign team of 45 volunteers.

Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli said he's looking forward to working with Caledon residents, Council, and Town staff to move Caledon in a positive and prosperous direction. He thanked his family and friends for attending the meeting and gave a special shoutout to his campaign manager, Terry Groves, for his hard work.

After the meeting concluded, all in attendance were invited to enjoy local food and drinks at a reception hosted by the Town. Caledon's new Mayor and Council will be participating in numerous workshops held by Town staff in the coming weeks to learn how the Town functions before official Council business begins.



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\*Note: Additional qualifications are outlined in the application form.

If you are interested in applying, please complete the online application form [caledon.ca/committees](https://caledon.ca/committees).

Completed application forms are to be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on November 25, 2022. Should you require the application in an alternative format, please contact Council and Committee Services 905.584.2272 x.2366 or [agenda@caledon.ca](mailto:agenda@caledon.ca).

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# The merits of leaving a paper trail

Just before I left to work overseas for a time in 2007, I was given a small wad of \$5 bills by my grandmother.

As I was bound for East Africa, I wasn't sure at first what her intention was in handing over a fistful of Wilfrid Laurier portraits, or how far they would get me over there, but it wasn't too long before she explained her idea.

I now had one more task before packing my bags: to get a travel diary.

Of course, this was before the days of Instagram, so we were still some ways away from being able to update our visual "travel diary" in real time with the results instantly accessible to friends and followers wherever they might be in the world.

A physical diary would have to do and by the time she offered her suggestion and the cash to make it happen, I became familiar with the red and navy diaries she had filled with every detail of her trip through the Alps more than a decade before.

For this particular job experience, part of the assignment was to write blog entries illustrating our experiences for people back home, so heaping another task on my plate wasn't exactly at the top of my priority list.

"You'll want to look back on it later," she said with a decisiveness that came with age.

I could see her point, so I did what was asked of me, found an appropriately compact volume in which to set down my experience, thoughts, and feelings, and used the change to get a couple of pens that just might be more reliable than the free swag we were offered as part of the trip.

As the trip commenced and continued, I found myself often writing in the book, recording thoughts on the people I met, the places we visited, and some of the work that was done. Revisiting the book more recently, however, I was dismayed by some of the observations. Don't get me wrong, they were valuable insights, if only for me, but I found I recorded the broad strokes of the experience rather than what I may have considered "mundane" at the time.

I was disappointed by my lack of detail, gaps on some of the people I worked with or simply encountered on my travels, and the fine details of the places I visited above and beyond just what I felt and places of joy and, in some instances, places of unspeakable tragedy.

15 years on, I was left with more questions than answers.

Memories are funny things. Some might be accurate in your mind's eye, others might have been clouded by other experiences, or sometimes even conflated with different events. These memories might be more reflective of what you would have preferred happen rather than what actually did, or maybe recorded with personal biases you may have had at the time (such as perspectives on one or two people on the trip that, given the benefit of time, no longer hold true).

But, once these memories are gone, they're gone.

The rediscovery of the diary is not the only factor that prompted these thoughts; it was never far from my mind this year as we marked Remembrance Day in many ways in

the lead-up to November 11.

On the Saturday before the eleventh day of the eleventh month, I was honoured to attend the Aurora branch of the Royal Canadian Legion's first Remembrance Dinner since the start of the global pandemic. Always a poignant evening in which bread is broken with friend and neighbour for a common cause with a guest speaker to share their own personal stories of service, there was a marked shift in the crowd this year.

While we sadly lose veterans, particularly those who served in the Second World War and the Korean War, all too often due to the ravages of time that none of us are immune to, the intervening weeks, months and years of COVID-19 made the loss all the more felt this first time we had been able to gather since.

The ones who departed since the last dinner in 2019 are in their well-earned rest, but, although they often say you can't take it with you, they took with them their memories of conflict, the all-too-real and indelible emotions that came as a result, and the wisdom that comes with hindsight on the true cost of war and what we must do to never allow it to happen again.

With so few veterans of long-ago conflicts now either gone or unable to share their insights on such pivotal efforts in human history, the very real costs of war might feel that much further removed from our contemporary lives – but, as we see today in Europe and other parts of the world, this is far from the case.

We can all be grateful that many historical societies and heritage-minded bodies took on the task of spearheading oral history projects with these singular individuals before it was too late; recording their insights, some still raw despite the passage of time, for generations today and for generations to come.

We often hear that those who forget history are doomed to repeat it, but thanks to these efforts, the everyday, the seemingly mundane, and thoughts bottled up for generations just waiting for someone to ask have been kept for posterity and we're all richer for it.

But, for the rest of us, what are the lived experiences, singular to each and every one of us, that we should set down on paper? Big, flashy current events like how we saw each other cope during the height of the pandemic might be felt as something worth preserving, but I'd hazard a guess that generations will be more interested in the everyday, the things not necessarily committed to history through the pages of a newspaper or magazine, online archives where old websites go to die, or committed to a limited number of characters on a social media platform that will undoubtedly be seen as a relic by the time future generations are prepared to care.

What's important to you now?

What do you want your children, grandchildren, friends and other loved ones to know about you when they're unable to ask?

What are the experiences that helped shape you for better or worse? What's worth leaving a paper trail?

If you stop to think, the answers might surprise you.



# Are we linked to the patterns of the cosmos?



"Nov. 08, 2022 – Few signs can appreciate all the beauty and the wonders of the world quite like you can, Virgo, and that's a very good thing. For one, it gives you the chance to stand out, and two, it gives you something of an edge on the competition because your unique viewpoint is so different from everyone else's.

"This isn't about making you stand out, but rather drawing attention to the real fact that you've got a way of seeing things, a way of doing things, that ought to be admired. You haven't put so much effort into yourself for nothing, and you won't always be on the shelf, certainly not much longer if that's how things feel.

"Get ready, because your time is coming and the world needs to know just how special your ideas truly are – not to mention how valuable they are, to boot."

Wow, I'm not bragging but boy did my internet astrological reading get it bang on!

Virgos, according to astrology, are smart, sophisticated, and kind. Virgo "gets the job done" without complaining. Well, maybe a bit of complaining. Virgos are amazing friends, always there to lend a hand and also lend advice. Advice, sure. We have high standards which can also make us overly judgmental and critical towards others. But we can be especially set in our ways. We're creative, reliable, kind, humble and, yes, affectionate, critical, stubborn, picky, uptight.

Okay, enough negative traits, I refer you back to the top of this column.

Some people swear by astrology and others see it as complete bunk.

I'm always open to things and figure if it's harmless, what the heck.

Astrology grew out of observations of the cosmos and actually helped drive the development of astronomy. In a broad sense, it's the search for human meaning in the night sky. Can the universe, planets and stars affect human behaviour or influence each and every one of us?

Who knows? But I'm all for finding deeper meaning in all things.

Astrology began as observing the heavens, keeping track of the change of seasons, lunar cycles and the moon's influence on tides and rivers.

What we know of some ancient cultures is they conducted in-depth studies of the universe and even aligned their temples (pyramids) in accordance with celestial happenings and positions of the stars.

It all began with a belief in celestial omens, and being graced by gods and the constellations. The gods were also believed to present themselves in

by Mark Pavilons

the celestial images of the planets or stars. The ancient text, Enuma Anu Enlil, contains 70 cuneiform tablets comprising 7,000 celestial omens.

Astrology dates back as far as 3,000 B.C. and horoscopic astrology, from the 6th century BC.

In Hermetic thought, the movements of the planets are believed to have meaning beyond the laws of physics and actually hold metaphorical value as symbols in the mind of the almighty.

Wisdom is gained when we know what these influences are and how to deal with them, and this wisdom is astrology, or the operation of the stars.

The discovery of astrology is attributed to Zoroaster, who is said to have discovered this part of the wisdom of the whole universe and taught it to man.

Almost every culture, every time period of our history, had a fascination with astronomy and astrology.

Mayan astrologer-priests would cast a person's horoscope to see what his profession was to be: soldier, priest, civil servant or get this, sacrificial victim. Can you imagine? I've heard of crappy jobs, but come on!

Mayan rulers often planned their battles to coincide with when Venus rose. There is evidence that the Maya also tracked the movements of Mercury, Mars and Jupiter, and possessed a zodiac of some kind.

Whether you consider it a pseudo-science or total quackery, the choice is yours.

The sales of horoscope books and online readings tell a definite tale of human interest.

But, like most things in life, humans are simply trying to figure things out, and determine their place in the world. It's that simple.

Why am I here? What is the meaning of life? Do Virgos and Pisceans make a good match? Why do I prefer the toilet paper to roll over the top?

I am still amazed by the sights in the night sky and the images brought to us on a weekly basis by Hubble and James Webb telescopes. The marvels of the universe are just opening up to us. Science can document such things, but still cannot explain the hows or whys. We don't know how the universe operates the way it does, and what it all means.

So, my friends, if you want to believe in Mercury rising, have at it.

If you want to know your lucky stars, go for it. Astrology is fun and harmless. If it makes a few of us human beings smile, it's great.

There's no question that there's some huge synchronicity to the entire universe. The fact our planets spin and orbit in just the right way and not bump into each other is beyond coincidence.

The way everything – stars, planets, galaxies – are laid out is simply breath-taking.

If nebulae could speak!

I am a believer in a grand scheme of things; that there is a definite design to things.

Whether it's due to divine intervention, again, the jury is still out on that for some people.

But the planets and constellations we see in the night sky still watch over us, as they have for billions of years.

A lot of people say things in life depend on timing. Well, if the day and year I was born have any significance at all, I will take it.

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# No place to hide

It's always been a long-standing thing in movies that criminals "wipe down" the crime scene so they don't leave finger prints.

The truth is most criminals aren't that thoughtful. If you've just done something in haste, that may result in you going to prison, most people who have just committed a serious crime leave the scene quickly, and don't resort to housekeeping while putting their loot in over-sized duffle bags.

For starters, most criminals don't conveniently have a handkerchief in their pocket, and after committing a burglary and rifling through people's private belongs, a criminal won't remember all that he touched in the first place.

I've seen criminal cases where people have been convicted of a serious crime based on a single fingerprint.

The problem with fingerprint technology is you have to have a suspect in order to match a print.

Unless the guy has committed other crimes, has been fingerprinted, and that print is in a database, you still need to find the perpetrator to match that finger print with to ensure you've got the right guy.

If the guy never commits another crime, there's a good chance he will never be caught using fingerprint technology.

However, it's a new era in forensic crime technology.

In the past few months alone, several arrests have been made in several long-cold murder cases in the U.S.

Several of the crimes were committed over 40 years ago. One murder investigation went cold decades ago, but was passed on to a new generation of investigators resulting in the arrest of a man in a case that happened over 50 years ago.

This past week, police in Edmonton arrested a man for the sexual assault of a 15-year-old girl that happened in 1981. The suspect is now 65-years-old. I'm sure he figured he had gotten away with it, but this guy is going to spend his golden years peering out from behind a set of bars.

DNA evidence is pretty damning if it happens to be your DNA left at the scene of a crime. DNA profiling has only been around since 1984, and it took a while for police and related agencies to figure it all out.

The good thing about old cold cases, is that if police agencies did their due diligence, evidence collected at a crime scene years ago can still be used for DNA tests during present day investigations. If you left evidence behind four decades ago, it still may come back to haunt you.

DNA profiling is too complicated to print an explanation here. Even after reading much information, I don't really understand how it all works.

However, it is known that your DNA is unique to you, so if yours shows up at a crime scene, your chances for a successful alibi are greatly reduced.

Many of the recently solved cases happened because investigators found similarities of DNA in public databases to that of the sample they had for evidence. Family members share certain markers that indicate that a close relative may be the one they are looking for.

Investigators can work from this evidence to narrow down the search for a suspect.

In the case of the Edmonton sexual assault, police said they "used investigative genetic genealogy, which compares a crime scene DNA sample with profiles in public commercial databases."

While all this hard police work is very valuable and well done, it does raise the possibility, and it has been suggested, that people should volunteer their DNA to a database.

It is already done in some military forces to replace old style dog tags in the event a body is recovered and identification is difficult. However, does the military hang on to your DNA profile indefinitely or is it destroyed once you leave?

I'm not sure I want my DNA in some database.

A lot of people give the argument, that if you've done nothing wrong, why should you care if your DNA is on a list somewhere?

The counter-argument is, if I haven't done anything wrong, why should my DNA be in a database like I'm a suspect?

It has been common over the past few years for people to have DNA testing while doing genealogical research to find out their family history.

Personally, I'm not sure the results given by these commercial companies are 100 per cent accurate as too many people are being told they have a relation to some pretty obscure and unlikely ancestors. I think sometimes the researchers at the mass-produced genealogical sites fill in a blank off the top of their head before going out for lunch.

Either way, once you submit a DNA sample, it's out there on record and may come back to haunt you later, if you haven't lived your life the best way possible.

# BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



# How Did We Become So Broken?

Many of us were anticipating an announcement this past Monday, although exactly what each of us were anticipating may have actually been quite different.

Some, distressingly few actually, were probably hoping for some type of mask mandate to be put back in place – at the very least in our schools – where children sit, for a large number of hours each day in a confined environment and subject to all manner of contagions.

Others no doubt were hoping to have their "freedom" maintained, allowing them to continue moving about the world, "without a care in the world," for anyone other than themselves. It appears the latter group won this round. How did we become so broken that we care not a whit for a six-month-old baby struggling to breathe or about a school-aged child who is now sedated, intubated and fighting for their life?

I am not oblivious to the fact that masks have long since been forgotten. As I venture out and about I wear one regularly but I am very much a lone wolf. That's fine, I don't care because I am doing what is right for me – and in my opinion – what is right for society. I understand that you may have a different opinion. I often talk about the importance of dialogue and recently asked why we have to be "this OR that," instead of trying to find a way to be "this AND that." So today, I'm asking an honest question that isn't an either/or mask scenario at all but rather this: Can we all agree that children are our most vulnerable citizens

who look to us for guidance in all things, and that as parents – and indeed a village – we are charged with their care and keeping? If so, could we perhaps also agree that caring for them means protecting them from illness? Surely the health and welfare of our next generation is of equal value to all of us, whether we are parents or not? Surely everyone, somewhere along the line has a favourite niece or nephew? Their best friend's newborn whom they think is the cutest baby? Your cousin's kid who at 8 or 9 years of age worships you and tries to emulate your every move because they think you are cool? Have we become so broken as a society that even for their sake we will not, ever, under any circumstances wear a mask? If we have – why? How? Please explain to me, without using swear words or the term "face diaper" (because just, ewwww) why on earth we can't wear a mask when we know we are sick, if for no other reason than to protect a child from dying?

For the Covid deniers, I freely acknowledge I am NOT just talking about Covid. No doubt you have heard the words "triple threat" uttered in the last several weeks. It isn't just Covid taking our kids off to the hospital, it is the flu and respiratory RSVs, and Covid. So, this is nothing to do with your opposition to a Covid vaccination – it is about coughing and sneezing and spreading germs period. Germs, that with the help of a simple mask, might not spread as far, as quickly, or with such devastating consequences as those we

are seeing right now.

Children's health is suffering because we have zero access to medicines to control fever and pain creating situations where their health deteriorates faster and with more severe consequences. What tools we do have available (masks, vaccines, stay at home if you have Covid) have become nothing more than flash-points in a war of words no one will ever win.

Meanwhile, casualties are mounting.

Children's ICUs (PICU - Pediatric Intensive Care Units) aren't just full, they are significantly over capacity. In some instances, they have double the children they can properly care for. They are shipping teens and pre-teens to adult facilities who aren't properly equipped to handle them and who are already struggling themselves.

We don't have many tools left in the toolbox to support our kids but masking is one of them. Our Chief Medical Officer of Health is now "strongly recommending" masks in all indoor settings "including in schools and childcare settings" and stresses that "Ontarians need to get back to using all the layers of protection that have proven to work over the course of the pandemic." We know masking reduces transmission. We know it is a non-invasive opportunity to protect ourselves and those around us. Masking isn't asking you to "take the jab," or inject something into your body that you fundamentally disagree with. It's simply a mask. It's like adding a layer of clothing

in winter (like a hat or a parka) to protect you from the cold, or visiting the dentist to have preventative oral health care so you won't get a cavity. It's just a damn mask.

I'm asking – why can't we all agree to have "this AND that?" Let's agree to disagree on a vaccine but in return, agree to work together to minimize exposure for our most vulnerable citizens by wearing a mask. It's called a compromise. If you don't want to be vaccinated, so be it but do you think you could just slap a mask on your face while you do your groceries? Could you maybe hold off on seeing the latest movie release until you've stopped coughing and sneezing? I've spent far too much time at Sick Kids in my life. Walking the halls with your child while they receive treatments, miss out on holidays or swallow their fears as they are strapped onto a board and slid in and out of an enormous and frighteningly loud MRI machine is no parent's dream when they cradle their child in their arms. I can't imagine doing all of that while ALSO watching them fight for every breath. Is that what you want for your niece, your best friend's baby or your own child – all because you can't be bothered to wear a mask? Please tell me we aren't that broken.

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# Holiday adoption campaign kicks off at SPCA

BY PAULA BROWN

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society have launched their holiday adoption campaign in the hopes of changing the lives of many animals this festive season.

The annual holiday initiative, “iAdopt for the Holidays”, kicked off on Monday, November 14, at Ontario SPCA and Humane Society animal centres across the province, and looks to give as many animals as possible the gift of a forever loving home.

“There are so many ways to get involved in iAdopt for the Holidays and change the life of an animal this holiday season,” said Dawn Lyons, Manager for the Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre.

“If you aren’t in a position to adopt, you can make a real difference in [an] animal’s life by making a donation to help provide them with the care, shelter, and love they deserve.”

With many people enjoying time off during the holidays and families home together, the SPCA said the holiday season is the perfect time to welcome an animal and help them settle into their new home.

According to the Ontario SPCA, last year close to 600 animals from across the province found loving homes during the iAdopt for the Holidays campaign.

As part of the holiday adoption campaign, the Ontario SPCA has partnered with Swiffer to provide every adopter with a “Get Pet Ready Guide”, that features tips and tricks on how to care for your new furry friend. Adopters will also be given the Swiffer Duster Pet Heavy Duty Starter Kit to help get their homes ready.

Individuals who have already adopted an animal can still take part in the holiday campaign by helping promote the benefits of adoptions through entering Ontario’s Cutest Adopted Animal Photo Contest.

Participants will be eligible to win weekly prizes, items from Swiffer, and a grand prize awarded to the pet with the most votes. Pet photos can be entered at [www.iadopt.ca](http://www.iadopt.ca).

Those interested can also help change an animals life this holiday season by donating to the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society, or, new this year, adopt-it-forward by covering the adoption fee for an animal who may be overlooked by potential adopters because they are a senior or have special needs.

The SPCA’s holiday adoption campaign will run until December 25.

To change an animal’s life during iAdopt for the Holidays, visit [www.iadopt.ca](http://www.iadopt.ca).



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### NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION Stormwater Servicing Master Plan for Regional Road Infrastructure

#### Background

The Region of Peel has completed a strategic and integrated infrastructure planning initiative to develop a Stormwater Servicing Master Plan for Regional Roads. The process provided the Region with a basis to make sound decisions to service current and future growth that also addressed existing issues and the expected impacts of climate change. The Stormwater Servicing Master Plan provides a strategic, economical, and optimized vision that will guide the Region of Peel’s management of stormwater assets into the 2041 horizon year.

#### Process

This study was undertaken in accordance with the Master Planning process (Approach #1) as set out in Section A.2.7 of the Municipal Engineer Association (MEA) Class EA (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011& 2015). This approach involved the preparation of a Master Plan document at the conclusion of Phase 1 and 2 of the Class EA process.

#### Master Plan Report

The Master Plan Report will be available for a 30-day public review period starting November 17, 2022, and ending December 17, 2022, in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class EA process. An electronic copy of the Master Plan Report will be available on the Region of Peel website project webpage at: <https://www.peelregion.ca/pw/transportation/residents/sw-road-infrastructure.asp>.

#### Comments and/or Concerns

If you wish to submit your comments and/or concerns on this project, please first contact the Project Managers listed below.

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A copy of the request should also be sent to the Region of Peel’s Project Manager. All requests must be received within the 30-day public review period.

The Region of Peel is committed to ensure that all Regional services, programs, and facilities are inclusive and accessible for persons with disabilities. Please contact the Project Manager if you need any accommodations to provide comments or feedback for this study.

This notice was first issued on November 17, 2022.

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## Caledon Hockey Update: Golden Hawks, Bombers, Admirals all earn wins this week



BY ROBERT BELARDI

All Caledon hockey clubs earned themselves a win each this week, completing a wonderful trifecta midway through the month of November.

Kicking things off in the Provincial Junior Hockey League, the Caledon Golden Hawks knocked out the Penetang Kings this past Sunday with an animated 5-4 victory.

Despite Bradley Giovannetti opening the scoring for the Kings, the returned the blow twice with goals from Joey Furlano and Andrew McClure to make it 2-1 at the end of the first.

McClure and Furlano both added goals in the second period again along with Michael Kruger to put the game out of reach.

The Kings did add three goals of their own making it close, but it was the Golden Hawks who came out on top. The boys move up to seventh spot in the North Carruthers Division.

In the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League, after losing 9-1 to the Elmira Sugar Kings at home, the Bombers retaliated with a 3-1 victory on the road against the Brantford Bandits.

After Carter Niall opened the scoring for the Bandits, the

Bombers went full throttle for the rest of the game. Jeremy Alexander scored his third of the year to tie things up late in the second period. Ethan Tierman and Nathan Catalano scored in the third period to cruise to the victory.

The Bombers are now 4-18 on the year.

In the Ontario Junior Hockey League, the Admirals defeated the Mississauga Chargers 10-6 for their largest victory of the season.

The Admirals outshot the Chargers 48-31 and went three for seven on the man advantage.

Jake Barkley led the Admirals with three goals and three assists on the night.

Dawson Hettiarachchi recorded one goal and five assists and Daniil Kononov also had five assists as well in the victory.

The third period was an eventful one, with goals and with plenty of fights to boot. Four fighting majors and game misconducts were handed out.

The following game after the Admirals won, the Admirals fell 5-2 to the Trenton Golden Hawks.

To keep an eye out on all three schedules, head to thephjhl.ca, gojhl.ca and the ojhl.ca respectively.

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## Robert's Rant: Canada names final squad, gears up for Belgium next Wednesday

BY ROBERT BELARDI  
OPINION

If you're currently over 40 years old, you might have some memory of Canada making the World Cup. If you're over 45 to 50, then surely you might recall the 1986 World Cup in Mexico, when Canada made their first ever World Cup Finals.

It was an incredible time for the men's national team. Canada took on France and lost only 1-0. Don't forget who was on the other side of the pitch at time: probably the best midfielder in the world in Michel Platini.

For many people like us – and by that, I mean anyone under the age of 35 – we have no memory of that year.

At the time in 1986, soccer might not have been as popular as it is today. So maybe there are many people who don't remember it because in those times they simply didn't pay attention.

"Super excited to have Canada in the World Cup!! Yes, well over 40 & I totally remember Canada in Mexico '86," said resident in Caledon Martin Bates, in response to The Citizen's inquiry to the Bolton/Caledon Ontario Community – Friends and Neighbours Group.

"As for this year's tournament, I'm sure the Toby Jug will have the games on. Fantastic football supporters regularly watch matches there! Let's go Canada!"

Another fan on the Facebook page, Stephanie Bava, wrote, "It'll be very cool to finally get to watch my country play in the World Cup! Super excited! Go Canada go!"

It's been a long 36-year wait and the time, also may have arrived earlier than expected. With Canada as co-hosts for the 2026 World Cup, there may have been a few of us that said that would be the year we will have finally seen Canada don the red and white in the most illustrious tournament on the planet.

But many of us – including myself – were very happily wrong. Because next Wednesday, Canada will take on Belgium to kick things off.

On Monday, Canada officially unveiled their 26-man roster and, of course, the obvious names are on there.

FC Bayern Munich player Alphonso Davies and LOSC Lille forward Jonathan David might be the biggest names this country has on the global stage. But there are other names on the roster to take note of.

Like Atiba Hutchinson for instance. The 39-year-old Brampton native has been with the se-

nior men's national team since 2003, appearing 97 times.

And should his boots touch down on the pitch, he will make World Cup history next Wednesday, to be the oldest player to ever appear in a World Cup Finals match at 39 years, nine months and three days.

The player who previously held that feat was Argentina's Angel Labruna in 1958, having been 39 years, eight months and 18 days old.

That's only one guy. Another player is Leamington, Ont., native Stephen Eustáquio. The Porto FC midfielder has been lights out in his past five games in all competitions, scoring three times against Boavista F.C., Atlético de Madrid and Club Brugge KV.

There's even Alistair Johnston, who has been exceptional at fullback for Canada. There's Club Brugge midfielder Tajon Buchanan and forward Cyle Larin, who have been having amazing seasons in the Belgium First Division A this year.

There's also 35-year-old Croatian born goaltender Milan Borjan, who has been part of the heart and soul of this roster, even all throughout CONCACAF Qualifying.

Since coming out of World Cup Qualifying on top of the group, with amazing victories against Mexico and even the United States along the way, Canada has a belief under head coach John Herdman and a sense of unity that this country has never seen before in their national soccer team.

And they will need the unity of our great nation beginning next Wednesday. Because with everyone backing Canada, maybe they can take the world by surprise like they just did in qualifying. Maybe they can make noise in a tough group with Belgium, Croatia and Morocco.

Who said it was going to be easy? Nobody did, that's for sure. But mind over matter, right? That's how things get done. It's not all on the skill. It's the will to win and Canada will bring that in every minute of this World Cup. The last time Canada made it, our men's national team didn't score a single goal. This time surely, one player will make Canadian history to be the first man to score in the world cup final.

Their tournament kicks off against Belgium next Wednesday, November 23 at 2:00 p.m. EST. The Canadians will then take on Croatia next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and then Morocco on December 1 at 10:00 a.m.



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## Record support for 2nd annual tournament

BY MARK PAVILONS

The 2nd annual Andrew Robinson memorial golf tournament, supporting The Vitanova Foundation and the Andrew Robinson scholarship, was a huge success.

Held at Harbour View Golf Course in September, the event raised more than \$70,000.

According to organizer and former Caledon resident Vera Robinson, of that amount, \$43,150 will go towards a sponsorship at Vitanova, and another \$26,904.98 is for the Andrew Robinson Scholarship.

Proceeds from the raffle, silent auction and live auction, supported by LIUNA Local 183 and Local 793 International Union of Operating Engineers, both contributed \$5,000 each to the Andrew Robinson scholarship and \$5,000 to Vitanova via sponsorship at the tournament.

"We need more of this type of support. It certainly gives hope to anyone entering a program or someone who has worked to overcome mental health issues and wants to further their education," Robinson said.

Robinson noted Andrew was a victim of the opioid crisis. He was a natural athlete, intelligent young man with hopes and dreams. Andrew was a kind-hearted, well-intentioned sensitive soul who worked hard and volunteered his time to inspire and support others.

He passed away in 2020.

"Andrew came into the world wide-eyed and inquisitive in 1987 and he died in Sep-

tember 2020. To quote from his eulogy those intervening years were spent simply living life, being many things to many people; treasured son, beloved brother, playful uncle, pet parent, loyal friend, teammate, colleague, sports enthusiast, songwriter, local union member and it would be remiss of me not to mention an avid golfer! A kind-hearted boy who grew into a well-intentioned man who struggled for many years with addiction, an illness that ultimately took his life,” Robinson said in her speech at the event.

They officially launched the Andrew Robinson Scholarship Fund and Robinson is "overjoyed" that they have already fully funded schooling for one young lady in recovery and have the funds available to support a couple more.

“This is a project I would love to see flourish and encourage you all to spread the word far and wide so we can continue to help people rebuild their lives.”

You can contact Robinson for more at [zena\\_tkw@hotmail.com](mailto:zena_tkw@hotmail.com) or 416-998-6495.

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# Local veterans speak of lessons learned while serving country

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Canada has been instrumental in peace-keeping missions around the globe and the many veterans who fought to protect the country’s interests are top of mind for many Canadians as Remembrance Day approaches.

But remembering and honouring their sacrifices is a focus 365 days a year for local veterans and Royal Canadian Legion Orangeville Branch 233 members Chuck Simpson, Barry Kimber and Bryan Goustos.

The Citizen recently spoke with these veterans, who shared some of the important life lessons and values they learned while serving in the Canadian Armed Forces. Lessons that have carried on with them to this day.

Simpson, who served for a little over 37 years in missions across the Middle East, including Israel, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt and Cyprus, said serving in the military set him on the right path in life.

“I was straying,” he told the Citizen. “Let’s just say I wasn’t a nice kid and I was working towards being an even worse kid, but the military saved me.”

Simpson said he learned the importance of being physically and mentally fit, respect, the value of hard work, discipline, and comradery.

“It was an eye-opener,” Simpson said. “That hard work doesn’t hurt, respect is good to have, and to treat people as you would like to be treated yourself.”

From day one, you learn about the importance of teamwork, said Kimber, who served for three years on a radar base.

“You grow up very quickly because you find out about the realities of the world. You learn to respect each other and the capabilities of each other, and you’re always



Bryan Goustos (left), Barry Kimber (centre) and Chuck Simpson (right), who all served for the Canadian Armed Forces, shared some of the lessons they learned while serving their country. PHOTO BY SAM ODROWSKI

preparing for the day when you’re going to be called upon in order to do something special,” Kimber remarked.

Goustos, who served for 25 years, going on tours in Cyprus, Iraq-Kuwait and Bosnia, said he learned that you can push yourself a lot harder than you realize.

“You don’t always need eight hours sleep,” he noted.

His son, who’s a combat engineer, has also learned that lesson firsthand. In his training as a combat engineer, he did exercises that would go for roughly 28 hours before getting 20 minutes to sleep and doing it all over again, Goustos told the Citizen.

Kimber, Goustos and Simpson say they never regret the day they joined the military and would encourage young people to

join if they have an interest.

“If people are not sure what they want to do in their lives, or they just want to experience some life lessons. It’s a marvellous way to find that out,” said Simpson. “I can tell you right now, the military is looking for people, they’re advertising like crazy.”

The Orangeville Legion, which has 276 members, is important to Simpson, Goustos and Kimber, especially as veterans themselves. They say having an organization that’s dedicated to helping others who have served, in addition to supporting the community at large, is critical.

“I think the Legion is an organization that does a lot of marvellous things for veterans and their families,” said Kimber. “I’m currently also the service officer so I directly work with veterans in the area, and even during

my lunchtime today, I had somebody call me about getting some help for somebody that requires help, who’s a veteran, through social services and things like that. It’s an amazing, gratifying thing to help somebody who served our country, and we’re here to support that.”

Money raised through the Poppy Campaign directly supports veterans and their families, and Simpson, who is chair of the campaign. He told the Citizen he encourages veterans to reach out to the Legion for any assistance they may need.

Other ways the local Legion supports the community is by donating to not-for-profit organizations like Family Transition Place, Big Brothers and Big Sisters Dufferin, Alzheimer Society of Dufferin, Orangeville Food Bank, Headwaters Hospital, and Orangeville Fire Services.

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