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**COMMUNITY VISION** — Grade 12 students in Lisa Radenovic's design and technology class presented their plans for the Humber River Centre to Town of Caledon staff on January 18. The students had been working together as a team to create plans for the interior of the new community space that's set to open this fall. They designed a recreation room, innovation space for businesses, study space for students, incorporated Indigenous culture, and made sure their plans were accessible for everyone. For more, see Page 5.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

# Council votes down Mayor's motion to rescind Council compensation increase

Previous Caledon Council approved 24.5 per cent raise for lawmakers

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon Council's compensation increase is here to stay.  
At Caledon Council's January 17 General Committee meeting, Mayor Annette Groves

tabled a motion to rescind a raise for Mayor and Council approved by Caledon's previous term of Council.  
At its General Committee meeting held on July 12, 2022, Caledon's previous Council approved a Town of Caledon staff report recommendation that the Mayor's salary be increased to \$116,830 (from \$98,625) and Councillors' salary be increased to \$49,841 (from \$40,080).  
At that meeting, all councillors except Groves (then Ward 5 Regional Councillor) and

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa voted in favour of the recommendation. At the time, Groves said she didn't think it was the right time for an increase and that the next term of Council should make a decision on any pay raises.  
During her 2022 campaign for Mayor, Groves promised she would bring a motion to Council asking to revert the pay increase, a promise she followed through with at the January 17, 2023 meeting.

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**Caledon Special Olympics welcoming new athletes and volunteers**

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

There's an organization in Caledon that's dedicated to enriching the lives of those with intellectual disabilities through sport: Caledon Special Olympics.  
A division of Special Olympics Ontario, which in turn is part of Special Olympics Canada, Caledon Special Olympics provides a variety of great sports programs and initiatives to individuals in our community.  
The group was recently at Caledon's 2023 Winterfest event to share information about what they do with the community — and Special Olympics athletes were participating in the free skating and swimming offered that day.

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# Ontario reducing wait times for surgeries and procedures

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Ontario government has announced it is going to make it easier and faster for people to access the publicly-funded surgeries and procedures they need by further leveraging community surgical and diagnostic centres to eliminate surgical backlogs and reduce wait times.

The announcement said the government will significantly expand the number of surgeries being done through community surgical and diagnostic centres and do so with measures in place to protect the stability of health human resources at public hospitals, including requiring new facilities to provide detailed staffing plans as part of their application and requiring a number of physicians at these centres to have active privileges at local hospitals.

“When it comes to your health, the status quo is no longer acceptable,” said Ontario Premier Doug Ford. “Our government is taking bold action to reduce wait times for surgeries, all while ensuring Ontarians use their OHIP card to get the care they need, never their credit card.”

Community surgical and diagnostic centres have been partners in responding to the pandemic and addressing the pandemic-related backlog in surgeries. The announcement said increasing community delivery of surgeries has proven to increase patient and provider satisfaction and reduces the risk of a rescheduled appointment.

Surgeries performed at these centres will be publicly funded.

The process will be to use a three-step plan that integrates and uses state-of-the-art facilities to speed up how quickly people are able to get surgeries and procedures using their health care.

With cataract surgeries currently having one of the longest wait times for procedures, new partnerships with community surgical and diagnostic centres in Windsor, Kitchener-Waterloo, and Ottawa, will add 14,000 additional cataract surgeries that will be performed each year. These centres will perform the additional 14,000 surgeries with existing health human resources.

To further reduce wait times, the government is expanding the scope of community surgical and diagnostic centres to address regional needs with a continued focus on cataracts as well as MRI and CT imaging and colonoscopy and endoscopy procedures. Beginning in 2023,

these procedures will be non-urgent, low-risk, and minimally invasive and in addition to shortened wait times, will allow hospitals to focus their efforts and resources on more complex and high-risk surgeries.

Since early detection and diagnosis of a health issue has a benefit on a patient’s quality of life, prognosis, and treatment, the government will introduce legislation in February, that will, if passed, allow existing community diagnostic centres to conduct more MRI and CT scanning s people can access publicly funded diagnostic services faster and closer to home. The next step will also expand surgeries for hip and knee replacements.

As the province expands the role of community surgical and diagnostic centres, Ontario Health and the Ministry of Health will continue to work with system partners and clinical experts to put in place the highest standards of quality and safety.

“Timely and convenient access to surgery and diagnostic imaging is critical to keeping people healthy,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “This plan will boost the availability of publicly funded health services in Ontario, ensuring that Ontarians currently waiting for specialized surgeries will have greater access to the world class care they need, where and when they need it.”

As waits times are shortened, Ontario Health must ensure that these centres are included in regional health system planning. Funding agreements with new community surgical and diagnostic centres will require these facilities to work with local public hospitals to ensure health system integration and linkages, including connection and reporting into the province’s wait times information system.

Community surgical and diagnostic centres will also coordinate with local public hospitals to accept patients that are being referred, ensuring people get the surgery they need as quickly as possible.

There are currently 206,000 people estimated to be waiting for surgical procedures in Ontario.

Community surgical and diagnostic centres licensed under the independent Health Facilities Act, currently perform around 26,000 OPIP insured surgeries and procedures annually.

# Caledon begins planning for impacts of Bill 23

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon has announced its initial plan to mitigate the impacts of the province’s Bill 23.

In a January 18 media release, Town staff said Caledon is responding to the bill with “immediate action items” to address the impacts of the bill and ensure Caledon’s success. The Town is also asking the province to engage in further communication with municipalities and Indigenous communities before all parts of the bill come into effect.

Bill 23 is the More Homes Built Faster Act from Doug Ford’s Progressive Conservatives, and it was passed on November 28, 2022. On November 25, 2022, Caledon Mayor Annette Groves called a special meeting of Council and Council unanimously passed a motion asking the province to halt Bill 23 until more fulsome consultations were completed. Groves said at the time that Bill 23 would leave Caledon unable to meet the needs of its growing community.

Town of Caledon staff have noted the bill would severely impact environmental protection, heritage preservation, public participation, parkland, and Caledon’s ability to provide future services, amenities and infrastructure. Staff also said the Bill could negatively impact residents’ quality of life and residential tax rates.

In the statement of January 18, Groves said there’s many layers of change under Bill 23

and Caledon is working through them carefully to see what they mean for Caledon’s future growth.

“Our concerns remain with impacts to our environment, heritage, parkland and ability to plan and fund the infrastructure needed to meet the Province’s housing targets,” said Groves. “We are doing the work now to help prepare Caledon for a prosperous and successful future, and we will need support from all levels of government, residents and stakeholders to plan for what is important to Caledon.”

Antonietta Minichillo, Caledon’s Chief Planner, presented to Council at its January 17 Planning and Development Committee meeting on Caledon’s initial response to Bill 23. She said the bill would impact Caledon’s planning process, and that growth in Caledon requires significant investment in transit, water, wastewater, and infrastructure. She said the Town will look to work with the province on finding funding and creating solutions, as the Province wants Caledon to have 13,000 new residential units by 2031.

Myuran Palasandiran, Caledon’s Chief Financial Officer, said Bill 23 presents Caledon with financial challenges, especially as it embarks on its journey of growth.

“The Province has indicated they understand these impacts and will offer new financial tools to assist municipalities with housing-enabling infrastructure funding. Caledon is eager to learn what those tools are,” he said.



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## Brampton Brick donates \$50,000 to help Caledon residents in need

### Company donated to CCS’ Season of Hope campaign

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A local clay manufacturing company recently stepped up to donate a significant sum to help Caledon families in need.

On January 17, Caledon Community Services’ (CCS) Chief Development Officer Mariia Kupriianova shared news that Brampton Brick had donated \$50,000 to CCS’ Season of Hope campaign. Kupriianova said the donation was made as part of Brampton Brick’s commit-

ment to giving back to the communities it works in.

Kupriianova explained that since 2002, Brampton Brick has donated over \$180,000 to CCS to help them provide resources and services to Caledon families, youth, children and seniors in need.

Monty Laskin, CCS’ Chief Executive Officer, said Brampton Brick has been an outstanding community champion for many years.

“Their exceptional generosity has a profound impact on hundreds upon hundreds of lives right here at home,” said Laskin. “Their philanthropic generosity inspires us and our clients amid very challenging times. We are grateful beyond words for their investment in our work.”

The President of Brampton

Brick, David Carter, said he and his company are very fortunate to be able to give back to the communities they live and work in.

“This year, we are excited to donate \$50,000 to Caledon Community Services and we look forward to seeing the people of Caledon continue to benefit and thrive through the many life-changing programs and services that (CCS) provides,” said Carter.

Kupriianova said in 2022, the number of new clients that registered to receive food support at CCS more than doubled, and that the need in Caledon for nutritious food and home heating is only continuing to grow.

She said anyone looking to donate to CCS now or in the future can visit [ccs4u.org/donate](https://ccs4u.org/donate) or call 905-584-2300.

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The Stafford Group presented a cheque for \$10,000 to Caledon Meals on Wheels as part of its 2022 Match Our Meals initiative.

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# Community, local Tim Hortons restaurants raise over \$42,000 for Meals on Wheels

## Annual “Match Our Meals” campaign a success

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Each December, Bolton Tim Hortons restaurants challenge Caledon residents to raise money for Caledon Meals on Wheels.

In December 2022 the Bolton Tim Hortons Restaurants, owned by The Stafford Group, began the “Match Our Meals” campaign. Residents were challenged to raise \$7,500 in donations to Caledon Meals on Wheels (CMOW), which The Stafford Group would then match.

Christine Sevigny, Executive Director of CMOW, said by the end of December the \$7,500 goal was smashed as the community had raised over \$32,000. This led The Stafford Group to increase their matching donation to \$10,000, thus bringing the final total of funds raised to over \$42,000.

“Our local community support was amazing,” said Sevigny.

Brad Stafford, owner of the Bolton Tim Hortons restaurants, said Match Our Meals was started in 2016 when he and his company wanted to support good nutrition for seniors in the community.

“Unfortunately, there are many people with low incomes in our community who need the food, and Match Our Meals was our way of supporting seniors with financial challenges,” said Stafford. “Our Match Our Meals Initiative each December hopes to inspire our community to donate to help seniors and people with disabilities get the programs and services they need.”

Seigny explained CMOW assists low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities in getting hot or frozen meals delivered to their door. She said in 2021 and 2022, CMOW was able to deliver over 29,000 meals to those in need thanks to the generous support of the community.

CMOW then also provided an additional \$30,000 in meal subsidies to

those in financial need.

"We are so grateful to The Stafford Group who own the Bolton Tim Hortons. They launched

Match our Meals with a \$7500 challenge, and once again increased their match level to \$10,000

in response to the community's generosity," said Sevigny in a media release. "Thanks to the collective support of our friends and donors, we continue to be able to offer the range and reach of programs and services across the community. Caledon Meals on Wheels believes that everyone regardless of age, or income level, should have access to nutritious food, social connections and activities for the mind and body to encourage healthy aging, and support living independently in their own homes for as long as possible."

Those who are interested in learning more about CMOW, or know of a senior or

a person with a disability who could benefit from some additional support, can call 905-857-7651 or visit [cmow.org](http://cmow.org).

# Caledon Public Library preparing to celebrate Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day  
is observed on January 27

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Caledon Public Library is inviting Caledon families to have fun celebrating Family Literacy Day this month.

Family Literacy Day takes place each year on January 27 with the goal of raising awareness of the importance of reading, and other literacy-based activities, as a family.

According to a study completed by Monique Sénéchal for the National Center for Family Literacy, children whose parents are involved with them in family literacy activities score 10 points higher on standardized reading tests.

The Caledon Public Library (CPL) has a variety of activities planned for the big day, the largest of which is happening at the Southfields Village branch and Southfields Community Centre.

In conjunction with the Southfields EarlyON Centre and Town of Caledon's aquatics team, CPL is hosting an event called "Stories, Crafts and a Swim." The event begins with a storytime at 10:30 a.m. and the swimming will take place from 11 to 11:55 a.m. The CPL will have crafts available and will be showcasing some of the best new children's books available to be taken out from the library.

Laurie Groe, the CPL's Manager of Youth Services, said Family Literacy Day is a time to acknowledge the importance of literacy and a time to celebrate being able to read and having access to materials to read. She said the CPL supports parents and caregivers reading with their kids as early as possible and that it leads to a child's lifelong love of reading.

"Family Literacy Day is another great day for the family to read together," said Groe. "We promote that you do it every day, but this is a special day."

The CPL is also creating a Family Literacy Day art exhibit with the help of Caledon community members. Families can drop into their local CPL branch to design their very own book cover, or download a template from the CPL's website. They can then submit photos of their masterpieces to [drilling@caledon.library.on.ca](mailto:drilling@caledon.library.on.ca) to be featured in the CPL's gallery.

At the CPL's Albion Bolton branch, there's space on the wall in the kids section for displaying book covers created by the community. Already, over 40 book covers have been submitted to that branch alone.

“We have a new art display in the children’s area... (the covers) will be slipped into frames and go on the wall,” said Groe. “It makes it more formal than taping something to the wall or pinning it to a cork board.”

Groe said some of the CPL's core values include lifelong learning and early literacy, both of which Family Literacy Day promotes.

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FATAL COLLISION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a fatal collision.

“On January 15, 2023, at approximately 7:05 a.m., officers and emergency crews responded to a two-vehicle collision in the intersection of The Gore Road and Healy Road in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “One driver has since been pronounced deceased. The name has not been released to allow for family notifications. The driver and occupants of the other vehicle were uninjured.”

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage are asked to contact Caledon OPP at 905-584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122.

MAN CHARGED IN  
STOLEN VEHICLE  
INVESTIGATION

The Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid multiple changes in connection to a stolen vehicle investigation.

In December 2022 and January 2023, Caledon OPP received several calls for service in relation to a variety of offences at a local Bolton business, including stolen vehicles, assault with a weapon, and fail to stop for police. The Caledon Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) was engaged and began their investigation.

On January 11, 2023, while continuing to conduct the investigation, a suspect was arrested.

As a result, the following items were seized:

- Stolen tools
- Stolen identity documents
- Stolen credit cards
- Stolen licence plates
- Stolen mail
- Suspected heroin
- Suspected methamphetamine

Sewak Singh, 26, of Mississauga, was subsequently charged with the following Criminal Code offences:

- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000, two counts
- Possession of identity document, seven counts
- Possession of credit card, two counts
- Possession of break in instruments
- Theft under \$5000
- Possession of a Schedule 1 substance - heroin
- Possession of a Schedule 1 substance - methamphetamine



The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on February 2, 2023. These charges have not been proven in court. The charges have not been proven.

If you suspect illegal activity in your neighbourhood, call 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.

CHARGES STEMMING  
FROM TRAFFIC STOP

The Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid criminal charges stemming from a traffic stop.

“On January 12, 2023, at approximately 12:38 a.m., officers were conducting a general patrol on Mayfield Road, near Heart Lake Road, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “At that time, a vehicle was observed driving without any headlights, which subsequently led to a traffic stop. An investigation began and the driver was consequently arrested.”

- Rajinder Singh, 24, of Brampton, was charged with:
- Possession of identify document
- Possession property obtained by crime
- Drive without proper headlights

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on February 9, 2023.

The charges have not been proven.

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BREAK AND ENTER CHARGES

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU)

have charged a suspect responsible for eight separate break and enters over the last month in the Town of Orangeville.

“On January 13, 2023, as a result of an ongoing investigation, Dufferin OPP CSCU officers caught the suspect of several break and enters in the act,” say Police. “The suspect was arrested at the scene of a home he broke into on Margaret Street in Orangeville. The suspect was found in possession of several items from inside the home, including jewelry, and liquor. He has been linked to a total of eight break and enters in Orangeville from December 2022 - January 2023.”

As a result of the investigation Jeremy Flear, 46, from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Break and enter a place - with intent to commit indictable offence - (eight counts)
- Possession of break in instruments
- Property obtained by crime - Over \$5000
- Property obtained by crime - Under \$5000

The accused was transported to the Dufferin Detachment where he was held for a bail hearing.

The charges have not been proven.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also submit your information online at <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/>.

POLICE ISSUE \$100,000  
REWARD IN ELNAZ HAJTAMIRI  
ABDUCTION CASE

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), in conjunction with York Regional Police (YRP), are offering a \$100,000 reward to anyone with information that will lead to the location of Elnaz HAJTAMIRI.

“The 37-year-old Elnaz - who also goes by the surname Tamiri - was abducted at approximately 8:32 p.m. on January 12, 2022 from a residence on Trailwood Place in Wasaga Beach, Ontario by three suspects dressed in police gear, but not actual uniforms,” say Police. “They drove away in what is believed to be a white Lexus RX sport utility vehicle.

- Suspect #1: The first suspect is described as approximately 6’0” tall, very skinny, lighter black skin, with a long narrow face. He had a thick

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black belt with an attached hand-cuff pouch and holstered black gun with a magazine inside. The gun appeared to have been worn, with metal areas exposed.

- Suspect #2: The second suspect is described as approximately 5’9” tall with lighter black skin. He is stocky with skinny legs, wearing white/cream shoes with a plastic toe cap, cotton black gloves and in possession of imitation handcuffs.
- Suspect #3: The third suspect is approximately 5’9” tall, lighter coloured skin, possibly Middle Eastern and thin. It was suspected that he had a firearm in his jacket.

“Elnaz Hajtamiri stands approximately 160 cm (5’3”) tall. She is of slim build and had shoulder-length black hair until it had been cut to a shorter length before she was abducted. Elnaz emigrated from Iran to Canada less than five years ago.

“A year later, the victim has yet to be located and the family and police continue to appeal for any information from the public.”

Anyone with any information is asked to call the OPP non-emergency line at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit tips online at [ontariocrimestoppers.ca/submit-a-tip](http://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/submit-a-tip). Members of the public are strongly urged to help share previously released social media information and photos of Elnaz Hajtamiri using the hashtag #BringElnazHome.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Not invited  
6. Whale ship captain  
10. One point south of southwest  
14. Small cavity in a rock  
15. Recidivists  
17. City of Angels hoopster  
19. A way to mark with one’s signature  
20. OJ trial judge  
21. Rice cooked in broth  
22. One point east of due south  
23. One point east of southeast  
24. Complements an entree  
26. Grouped by twos  
29. Disfigure  
31. Woods  
32. Political action committee  
34. Longer of 2 bones in the forearm  
35. Kin groups

37. Philippine Island  
38. Contrary to  
39. Bluish-gray fur  
40. Comprehend the written word  
41. Natural depressions  
43. Felines  
45. Breathe noisily  
46. Taxi  
47. Pancake made from buckwheat flour  
49. Swiss river  
50. Foot (Latin)  
53. Have surgery  
57. Formal withdrawal  
58. Monetary units of Peru  
59. Greek war god  
60. 2,000 lbs.  
61. High points

CLUES DOWN

1. Green and yellow citrus fruit  
2. A bright color  
3. Thicket  
4. Journalist Tarbell  
5. A place to work

or relax  
6. Sharp mountain ridge  
7. Helicopter  
8. Mimic  
9. Suggests  
10. More musty  
11. Large, flightless rail  
12. Make beer  
13. Soviet Socialist Republic  
16. People who can account for you  
18. Taunt  
22. South Dakota  
23. Cover the entirety of  
24. Kids’ favorite visitor  
25. A way to save for retirement  
27. Fencing swords  
28. C. China  
mountain range  
29. Type of sandwich  
30. Team  
31. Paddle  
33. Partly digested

food  
35. Most cagey  
36. Shoppers make one  
37. Cathode-ray tube  
39. Food supplies  
42. Backbones  
43. Concern  
44. Blood group  
46. Broadway songwriter Sammy  
47. Dutch colonist  
48. Full-grown pike fish  
49. Deity of a monotheistic cult  
50. Type of bread  
51. S. Nigerian people  
52. Scottish tax  
53. Young women’s association  
54. Brazilian city  
55. Hide of a young animal  
56. Midway between north and northeast

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Among the design visions shared by students with municipal staff this week..



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# Bolton high school seniors present plans for Humber River Centre to Town staff

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa helped organize project for Design and Technology class

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

High school students from St. Michael Catholic Secondary School are playing a part in the design of the Humber River Centre.

The Humber River Centre is going to be a unique new multipurpose community space in Downtown Bolton. The Old Bolton Fire Station is being extensively renovated to become the Humber River Centre, and according to the Town of Caledon it will be opening this Fall.

Grade 12 students in Lisa Radenovic's Design and Technology class were tasked with creating plans for the Humber River Centre as a culminating project worth 25 per cent of their final grade.

The project was made possible thanks to a connection made between Radenovic, Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa, and the

Town of Caledon.

"Students are in a university-level Grade 12 course, looking to pursue a career in design in some capacity," said Rosa. "The idea is that they have to sit down to solve a design problem as their culminating activity... in a technological studies program, we don't rely on written exams to be the heaviest evaluation, we believe that the knowledge and understanding of the program should be seen through a project."

Rosa explained that, in curriculum documents, it suggests that the work students do should be connected to their community. He said in conversations with Radenovic, she brought up the Humber River Centre renovations, and asked Rosa if a project could be arranged. Rosa said it's always great for students when they can work on a project with real-world implications.

"Every day, they bring forward their ideas and put them together," said Rosa, noting the students worked on the project as one big team with different students taking on different roles.

On January 18, Town of Caledon staff visited St. Michael's to hear a presentation from the students on their plans for the centre.

In attendance were Sandra Sharpe, Manager of the Mayor and Council's office; Tom Darlow, Manager of Corporate Facilities; and Sherry Brake, Supervisor of Capital Projects. They heard the students' presentation and then offered advice and asked questions. When the presentation concluded, Brake noted the plans the students came up with were quite similar to what the Town has planned for the Humber River Centre.

The students suggested the Town name rooms at the Humber River Centre based on the history of Bolton, as well as Indigenous groups from the area, in order to give the rooms some character. The students imagined many groups of Caledon residents using the centre, such as businesses, students, children, and seniors. They then designed specific elements to meet the needs of these groups, such as a private study room for students and an innovation space with 3D printers and computers for businesses.

The students also made sure their designs were accessible to everyone, including critical features like braille and wheelchair accessibility. For the old fire station doors, the students imagined linking outdoor space with indoor space when they're open

for a large community space.

When thinking about the lobby, the students designed it to be as inviting as possible with the reception desk visible when one walks in, in case they have any questions or require assistance. They also suggested placing an Indigenous mural in a prominent location in the lobby.

The students presented plans for a recreation room, meeting rooms, study rooms and more as part of their comprehensive presentation to Town staff.

Brake said the designs the students made were quite similar to designs an architect would present to the Town.

"The roll-up doors in the event space, greenery, natural light," said Brake. "Kudos to you, that's great work."

Darlow said he loved the students' ideas for naming the rooms, adding it's something the Town can easily implement in the project.

Students in the St. Michael's hospitality and tourism program have been undertaking work connected to their community too, as they've been preparing food for The Exchange, Caledon's source of food support for families in need that's run by Caledon Community Services.

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# Previous Caledon Council approved 24.5 per cent raise for lawmakers

Continued from FRONT

Her motion at the meeting asked that “the base salary for members of Council be adjusted to reflect the amount captured prior to the adjustment made in 2022... (and) that these changes take effect for the next pay cycle, February 10, 2023.”

Before Groves’ motion was tabled, several Caledon community members delegated to Council showing their support for Groves’ motion and opposition to the raise.

Enzo Villa told Council that by supporting Groves’ motion they’d be showing their fellow Caledon residents that they stand with them.

“Whose best interests will you be looking out for?” he asked.

Cheryl Connors, who ran for Ward 4 Councillor in 2022 and lost to long-time Ward 3/4 incumbent Nick deBoer by 120 votes, was another of the delegates at the meeting and brought with her a Powerpoint presentation. She too was against the raise and asked Caledon Council to “do the right thing” by supporting Groves’ motion, noting that taxpayers would be watching their decision.

John Rutter said many people he talked to about the raise in Caledon were unaware it had even happened, and upon finding out about it were shocked and became opposed to it. Rutter said growth coming to Caledon will come in phases and that raises to Council should be phased in, too. He said he and many residents are not against an increase but that the timing and amount of the raise that was approved was quite offensive.

Mayor Groves said she was thankful for the support of her motion from delegates, and said she tabled her motion for many of the reasons delegates brought forward. She said she hoped her Council colleagues would support her motion after hearing from residents.

“My motion wasn’t intended to divide our Council,” said Groves, noting she’s not opposed to a modest increase to reflect cost of living changes. “But we need to lead by example and put ourselves in the shoes of residents who are struggling... many of our (Caledon) families are living paycheque to paycheque.”

Ward 4 Councillor Nick deBoer said he would not be supporting Mayor Groves’ motion, stating his opinion hadn’t changed from 2022 when he voted in favour of the raise. He said when he started on Caledon Council 19 years ago, it was a part-time role, but that now he puts in 40 to 50 hours per week — which got him jeers from some residents attending the meeting.

Regional Councillor Christina Early, who chaired the meeting, had to remind residents in attendance to maintain composure and be respectful. deBoer said having a properly-compensated Council helps position Caledon for the future, as it will soon be the fastest growing area in the province.

Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell said he was in support of Groves’ motion and said when he was campaigning, many residents were astonished to hear of the raise approved in 2022.

“Tough times require tough decisions,” said Maskell. “I would ask my fellow Councillors to consider what delegates said... these are times when it’s unconscionable to have a 24.5 per cent raise.”

Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen said it was unfortunate that Mayor Groves brought forward her motion so early into the new Council’s term. He said people want the new Council to be united but that no topic is more polarizing than the raise. Sheen said the raise did not come up when he was campaigning in the 2022 election, and that he doesn’t see a reason to resurrect the issue.

Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan said she agreed with Sheen and explained there are some people in her ward who do in fact support the raise. She said her constituents would rather she work on furthering highway safety and mitigating the impacts of Bill 23 than discuss a raise that was already approved. Kiernan said she felt as though delegates did not value the work Councillors do, and that the raise was “used by a slate” as a provocative topic in the 2022 election.

Rosa, who did not support the raise when it was tabled in 2022, said his opinion has not changed and that he’d be supporting Groves’ motion to rescind the raise. He said even though being a councillor is a full-time job and requires 24/7 effort to

truly support constituents, there should have been more conversation before Council approved a raise in 2022.

Regional Councillor Mario Russo said he’d been spending a lot of time thinking about Groves’ motion recently. He echoed Sheen’s sentiment that he did not hear about the raise on the campaign trail, and said he could not support Groves’ motion as it was tabled. Instead, he said he’d be willing to motion to defer it for 60 days for more consideration.

Early said she wanted to thank the delegates for their presentations and for all the people that reached out to her in support of or against the raise. Early said Caledon has a complexity that Brampton and Mississauga don’t have and while she respects Groves for bringing her motion forward, she would not

be supporting it.

Russo’s motion to defer Groves’ motion for 60 days failed to pass. Groves’ motion to rescind the raise failed to pass by a vote of five to four. Voting to rescind the raise were Groves, Rosa, Maskell, and Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli. Voting to keep the raise in effect were Kiernan, Early, Russo, Sheen, and deBoer.

At the time of the 2022 salary adjustment, the last time salaries for Caledon’s Mayor and Council were reviewed (other than for annual cost of living adjustments) was in 2015.

Town staff said they initiated a salary review because of Caledon’s recent ward boundary review, the decrease of Caledon Regional Councillors from four to two, and to have Caledon be in line with similar municipalities.

## Peel designates \$203,000 for temporary storage of PAMA collection

### Artifacts will slowly return to PAMA after mould remediation work

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Soon, artifacts will begin returning to the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) after some time away.

During regular maintenance and inspection in May 2019, level one mould was discovered in PAMA’s museum storage. It unfortunately impacted about 18,000 artifacts in the museum’s collection and something had to be done.

In 2021, a contract was awarded to a company called Museum Pros for completion of mould remediation and storage of PAMA’s collection. The 18,000 artifacts were transported to Museum Pros for cleaning, and the company then began mould remediation work and HVAC upgrades at PAMA.

The mould remediation work and HVAC upgrades at PAMA were completed in December of 2022, while mould remediation of the PAMA collection is scheduled to be complete at the end of this month. Once artifacts in the collection are ready to be returned for storage at PAMA, they must be individually catalogued, photographed, and packaged.

“Due to the intensive return process and limited onsite processing space, the collection must continue to be stored offsite

and returned to PAMA incrementally,” reads a staff report from Gary Kent, Region of Peel Chief Financial Officer, presented to Regional Council at its January 12 meeting. “Incremental return of the collection will begin in February 2023 and is projected to take 2.5 years to complete.”

At the January 12 meeting, Regional Council approved on consent a motion to award a contract for the supply of storage services for PAMA’s historical collection be awarded to Museum Pros “in the estimated amount of \$203,000.00 (excluding applicable taxes), for a contract period of 30 months pursuant to Procurement By-law 30-2018, as amended.”

Region of Peel staff considered storing the artifacts temporarily at region-owned facilities, however the cost of security and HVAC upgrades needed to properly store the artifacts would have been too high to make it worth it. As well, it would have taken too long to implement the necessary upgrades. In Kent’s report, he noted that museum artifacts would suffer significant degradation if they were not stored in the proper climate-controlled conditions.

Funding for the Museum Pros contract will be provided through the Region’s operating budget in an interim period, as the Region’s 2023 budget is not yet approved.

“Staff have determined that the cost of continued offsite storage for the PAMA museum collection represents fair value to the Region of Peel,” reads the report. “Staff will work closely with Museum Pros to ensure that the return of artifacts is completed to the highest standards, within the projected budget and timeline.”



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**NOTICE OF STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Mill Street Class Environmental Assessment Study  
Mississauga Road to Creditview Road**

**THE STUDY**

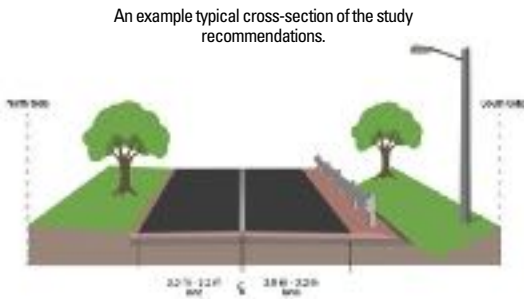
The Town of Caledon is currently undertaking an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the reconstruction of Mill Street between Mississauga Road and Creditview Road. The project is being completed as a *Schedule “B”* project in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015).



**PUBLIC INPUT AND STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Preliminary recommendations were presented at the first Public Information Centre (PIC), October 5, 2021, with additional alternatives for pedestrian accommodations presented at the second PIC, June 15, 2022. In consideration of the feedback received during and following PIC # 2, recommendations for Mill Street have been developed including:

- maintain existing roadway pavement width and slightly widen at curves to accommodate truck and snow plow turning movements;
- maintain the existing road alignment, including the S-curve;
- maintain rural roadway characteristic with curb and gutter reinstated only in existing locations;
- maintain existing ditches with new subdrain, soak away pits to improve drainage;
- cross culvert improvement;
- no designated pedestrian facility (Option #1 presented at PIC #2 and shown below);
- pedestrian crossing improvements at the Caledon Trailway;
- new guiderail where required by standards;
- minimize property/tree impact during the road enhancement where possible;
- streetlighting improvements (types and locations to be confirmed); and
- additional traffic calming measures to be recommended during detailed design.



**PIC SUMMARY REPORT**

A detailed summary of the comments received at and following the second PIC, and how these comments were incorporated into the development of the study recommendations, is presented in the PIC Summary Report on the Town's website at [caledon.ca/en/news/mill-street-ea.aspx](https://caledon.ca/en/news/mill-street-ea.aspx).

To provide comments, questions, or concerns on the study recommendations, or the PIC Summary Report, contact the below by February 2, 2023.

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**NEXT STEPS**

Upon completion of the PIC Summary Report comment period, a Project File Report (PFR), containing details of the Municipal Class EA planning and decision-making process, public consultation process and study recommendations will be made available for a 30-day public review period, concluding the EA study. A Notice of Completion will be issued at that stage.

Once this EA study is complete, the Town will move forward to the detailed design stage. Due to utility relocation and permitting consideration, the anticipated road construction is expected in 2025, subject to budget approval.

This notice was first issued January 12, 2023.



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For more details on the award criteria and to nominate a resident today, please visit [caledon.ca/communityrecognition](https://caledon.ca/communityrecognition). Nominations close on February 19, 2023.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1**

**Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study  
Glasgow Road from Chickadee Lane to Deer Valley Drive  
and Deer Valley Drive to Bambi Trail**

**THE STUDY**

In response to continued population growth and increased wear and tear on existing infrastructure through increased traffic, development, new infrastructure, and increased expectations as to the type and quality of services the Town provides, the Town of Caledon has identified the need for improvements to Glasgow Road, from Chickadee Lane to Deer Valley Drive. Through subsequent review of the original study area and discussions with the Town, the study area and limits of the preliminary design have been extended to include an additional 300 m of Deer Valley Drive, from Glasgow Road to Bambi Trail, to address a missing link in the Town's active transportation network. The active transportation facility will provide better pedestrian and cyclist connectivity, enhance bicycle and pedestrian travel, and ultimately improve livability in communities.



**KEY PLAN**

The project was initiated as a Schedule A+ Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, however, has since been elevated to a Schedule “B” project in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015). As such, public and technical agency consultation will play a key role in developing the study recommendations. The purpose of this Schedule “B” Municipal Class Environmental Assessment is to identify the required improvements to the roadway, enhance safety, improve traffic operations, and better accommodate pedestrians and cyclists.

**ONLINE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE**

The Town invites you to join us for an Online Public Information Centre (PIC) via WebEx webinar. The webinar will allow the project team to share information and receive input from the public on the study to date, including the problem / opportunity, existing conditions, and identify the alternative solutions being considered. The PIC material will be made available for review and comment from January 19th to February 3rd, 2023.

To listen to the Meeting, you may call 1-416-216-5643, Meeting Access Code: 2631 481 1337

To watch the meeting through WebEx online and to learn more about the project, visit: [caledon.ca/en/news/glasgow-road-environmental-assessment.aspx](https://caledon.ca/en/news/glasgow-road-environmental-assessment.aspx)

**Meeting date: Monday, January 30, 2023**

**Time: 6 – 7 p.m. | Presentation to commence at 6:10 p.m. and question-and-answer period to follow.**

Anyone unavailable to attend the virtual meeting, a recording of the PIC presentation will be made available for review following the meeting. To be added to the project mailing list, and for any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact:

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Godspeed, David Onley

It feels these days there are few areas on which everyone can agree.

We only have to look as far as social media to see that if you have an opinion, however pedestrian, on even the most inconsequential things, sharing that view could result in an endless war of words.

We can see it in our corridors of power, where the quest for the aforementioned power can make hay out of the minutia with the big picture getting lost in the weeds, and everyday citizens left out in the cold.

Just about everywhere you look there is division of some sort, so when something comes up that just about everyone can agree with, it's something you notice and sit up and pay attention to.

Such was the case this past Saturday when Lieutenant-Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell, the King's representative in Ontario, announced the death of her immediate predecessor, David Onley.

Through his capacity as Colonel of the Regiment for the Aurora-based Queen's York Rangers regiment, I came to know him and his wife, Ruth Ann, just a little bit better than some public figures. Through their extensive work with the Regiment and, in Mrs. Onley's case, through volunteerism with local organizations, their names and faces frequently graced our pages.

First approached by the Prime Minister's Office in 2006 to let his name be up for consideration as the next Lieutenant-Governor, Onley, who battled polio as a child, saw this as a way to further his personal mandate to be a visible and vocal advocate for accessibility issues and concerns.

But only after what he described as an "intellectual wrestling match."

"It was a matter of weighing what I thought might be some of the negatives versus what I really hoped I would achieve if I was appointed," Onley told me in a 2014 interview as his term of office, the longest in Ontario up until that point, was coming to an end. "In my letter (to let my name stand) I was very specific in saying it was time for a person with a disability who was otherwise capable of doing the job... to hold that position and I was that person.

"By definition, I was going to be creating an awareness just wherever I went because it would be such a visible visual signal to people, and it certainly has been. I think it has changed the dialogue where at the beginning [of my term] we were talking in terms of accessibility in a physical sense and, in a matter of a couple of years, it transitioned to a whole process for employment for people with disabilities because unemployment levels are so catastrophically higher than it is for the general population."

At that point, he had hoped to have many more opportunities to continue the dialogue once his term had wrapped, and he did just that – maintaining a high profile over the next eight years in a variety of capacities in the public eye, all of which harkened back to that original mandate he gave himself, not only in his career as a broadcaster, not only in representing the late Queen at the Provincial level, but in his day-to-day life.

"As Lieutenant-Governor, and throughout his life, he worked tirelessly to raise public awareness about accessibility issues, encouraging people to 'see the abili-

ty, rather than the disability,'" said Premier Ford in a statement. "He was also a great champion of expanding reconciliation efforts between Ontario's Indigenous peoples in his role as representative of the Crown, work that continues to this day. His contributions to the province and his unwavering commitment to public service will long be remembered and celebrated."

Added Ontario NDP leader Marit Stiles via Twitter, "[Onley's] work to break down barriers for people with disabilities will have a lasting impact on our province. We can honour him by continuing his work to build a truly accessible Ontario."

"David C. Onley was a champion and advocate for the rights of people with disabilities," noted Ontario Liberal interim leader John Fraser. "His dedication and commitment to his cause has made a difference in the lives of many."

Former premier Kathleen Wynne also shared her insights, praising him as an advocate and leader.

"He was such a man of dignity and so respectful of the political process and the need to analyse what was going on," Wynne told The CBC over the weekend. "I have such a deep respect for him. It was so clear that he was thrilled to be in the role of Lieutenant-Governor, but his passion was to demonstrate that everyone should have a chance to live their fullest."

And it's safe to say that he more than fulfilled his mission, one which will live on for generations to come.

David Onley changed Ontario for the better, using his profile on television and at Queen's Park to look beyond himself and what he could gain from his position to improving the lives of people who saw him fulfilling his role using a mobility device and perhaps thought, "That looks like me," or "If he can do it, so can I."

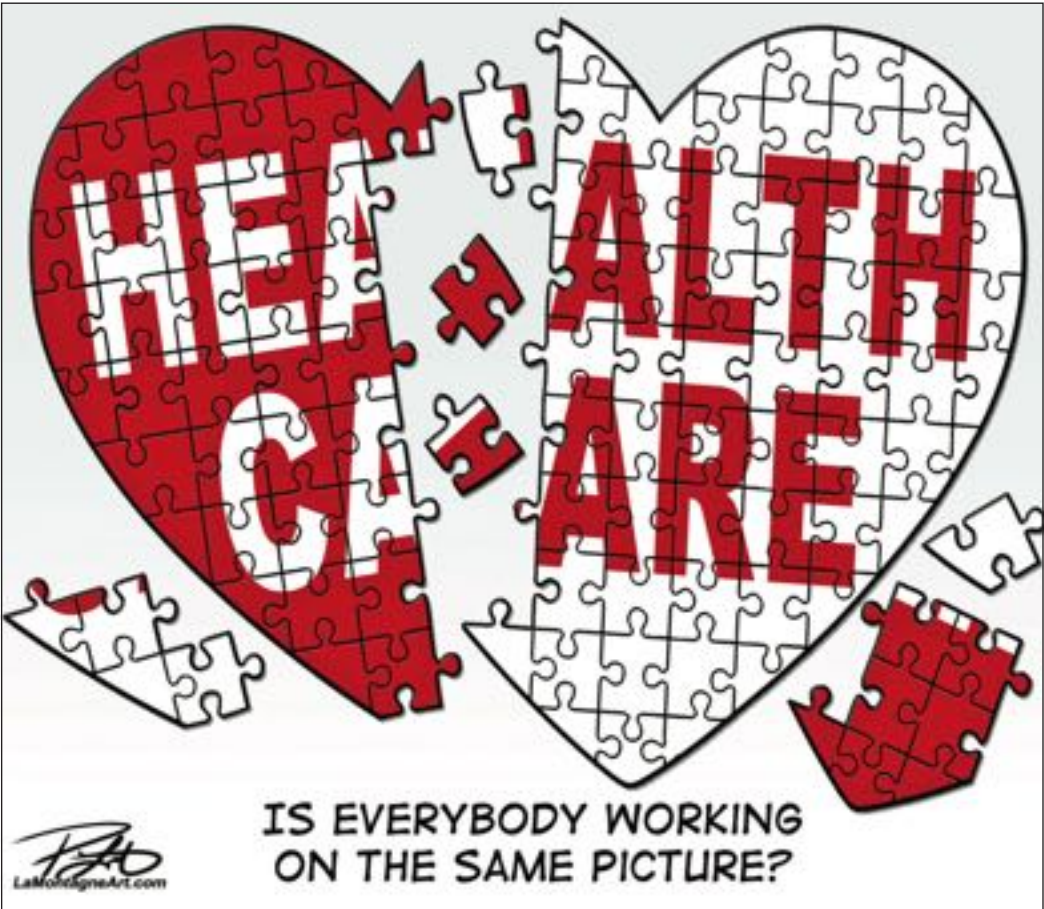
And all that without the political burden that comes with elected office – no need to grandstand to lawmakers on both sides of the corridors of power, score political points for some ill-defined "base," or having to please political donors who invested in a campaign.

That is, in my opinion, one of the beauties of having an apolitical person in an apolitical role, representing the Crown, which in and of itself is intended to be above politics.

"It was somewhat overwhelming when you just realize how many protocol factors were at work determining where you could speak, who you could speak to, what you could speak about, how you had to remain apolitical," he told me on the same occasion. "As a former reporter and political science student, I was used to making comments about political matters and had to suddenly stop that."

As he got deeper into the role, Onley said he saw some people in Ontario had some misconceptions about the role of the Lieutenant-Governor which he tried to address head-on in an effort to "enhance the relevance" of the office both to the community and to the "culture of Ontario."

Judging by the outpouring of love from all corners of Ontario upon news of his death, from all political stripes, from people with all abilities, I think he did just that and we're all the richer for it.



Making do, or making progress?



"Problems are not stop signs, they are guidelines." – Robert H. Schuller

Ok, Robert, but what if the sign says "Bridge Out?"

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It's just math, really, and the odds. While many of these "problems" are due to external, uncontrollable circumstances, many are of our own making.

Here in comfortable North America, arguably the best place in the world, we still have our fair share of issues.

The Dalai Lama said everyone has a responsibility to develop a happier world: "We need, ultimately, to have a greater concern for others' well-being. In other words, kindness or compassion, which is lacking now. We must pay more attention to our inner values. We must look inside."

I would add that we should all make peace with ourselves and our past.

Forgive yourself first and then you can move on, move forward. The world is waiting.

We may be insignificant specks in the infinite universe, but we are very much significant to our loved ones, friends, and acquaintances.

There are many people out there – front line emergency personnel, health care workers, surgeons, pastors and just good samaritans – who have literally saved lives.

You and I, leading rather "normal" lives, may not have directly saved anyone, but we have helped make countless cloudy days a bit brighter for some. We may have lifted spirits when they were at their lowest.

That, my friends, is far from insignificant. As strong and potentially magnificent as we are, we tend to dwell, ponder, sulk and even sink.

There are times when I find my life a little boring, perhaps even lacklustre. Maybe that's my fault for not finding beauty and joy in every little thing.

I think at one point in our lives, likely after "middle age," we settle in to our roles and situations.

It's like sinking into our comfy couch, preferring to chill and take a load off, rather than springing to our feet, peppy and ready for action.

Yes, we "first worlders" have created a society, a system that slots us into various positions. We go to school, get a job, get married, have children and then what?

Average Canadians, with bills and mortgages to pay, often don't have the luxury of travel, eating out and spoiling themselves.

So, we make do. But does "making do," mean giving in and becoming lazy? I know that life and circumstances

by Mark Pavilons

can take their toll, suck the energy from our very minds and bodies. We're susceptible to many things that slow our progress, and curb our giant leaps into simple baby steps.

But we can always spice things up, experience new wonders, take a drive, hike, play, and enjoy the simple things – movie night or a home-cooked meal.

As we age, our bodies no longer respond the way we want them to.

Jumping off the garage roof and crashing my bike used to hurt my back when I was much younger. Now, putting on my shoes and sneezing have the same effect!

I avoid looking in the mirror so I can't tell just how much I've aged. I still feel relatively okay inside, but I know I have limitations. And I hate that.

We were meant to forever play road hockey, build unstable tree forts and eat way too many Pop Rocks. In my youth, in rural Caledon, I used to think those long summer days, filled with gentle breezes, would never end.

But they have. I recently found out that my former family homestead on Duffy's Lane is up for sale, for a little over \$2 million! While you can't put a price tag on memories, I would have to win the lottery to get this place back in the family. Looking at the realtor photos, my heart glowed, then sank. I quietly wept from the emotions the images created in my mind.

I can still picture the many amazing moments spent there in my life. I still like the quiet times Canadian summers provide.

But this coming summer will likely present some obstacles for me. And yet I must make time to stop and smell the flowers.

Like almost everyone out there, I am hoping that 2023 is a remarkable, memorable, amazing year. Whether by chance, luck or tremendous effort, we have to make it so.

Sometimes, when your boots are stuck in the mud so long, they become cemented, rooted.

Our mental health has taken it on the chin in recent years.

But recently, I've tried to catch those great feelings, reeling them in like the catch of the day.

Sure, sometimes I feel like Daniel-san trying to snatch a fly out of the air with chopsticks, but alas, my aim is getting better.

Robert Schuller said the "hardest struggle of all is to be something different from what the average man is."

Some cycles, like stationary bikes, we need to ride. Others, like the cycle of depression and anxiety, we need to recognize and break.

We've been dealing with our issues alone for so long, we are like that boot left behind in the quagmire.

But the lifesaver is there, all around us. Grab it and pull yourself out and up.

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## Robert’s Rant: Writing for your community was an honour and privilege I will hold dear

BY ROBERT BELARDI  
OPINION

I will never forget the day I received the phone call.

It was at my grandfather’s funeral viewing, no less. A suggested name “Zach Shoub” was displayed on my phone screen as the phone rang. My girlfriend – now fiancée – pointed out to me that it was for the sports and general interest reporter job I had so desperately desired.

I walked out of the room and answered the call. I received the position, to be the next guy at the helm of everything sport for The Auroran, the King Weekly Sentinel and Caledon Citizen.

I wasn’t sure where to begin to process it. I was consumed by grief and mourning, all fused together with happiness and jubilation. Emotions churned inside of me like butter and I couldn’t believe that I had finally found something in my field and my dream job to boot.

I was always a lover of sport since I was young and I always dreamed of being on television one day. I wanted to be a morning anchor on TSN. So, in my youth, while playing video games, I would turn off the commentary and do it myself. I attempted to mimic the announcers and would point to in-game statistics and make sure I was saying everything right. I had to be credible, you know – even to myself in the moment.

After spending two years at Wilfrid Laurier University studying journalism, I returned home and transferred to Humber College. That is where my experience truly lifted off. I joined Rogers TV and commentated soccer games. I became a co-editor of a magazine called “SWEAT”. I studied sports journalism in Cheltenham, UK on exchange at the University of Gloucestershire and I joined Sportsnet 590 The Fan as an intern.

Everything I had strived for finally led to this. The start of what I had always wanted. But now, this chapter is coming to an end, after three years of serving your community.

I have had the pleasure of interviewing professional athletes from a wide range of leagues throughout my time. From the OJHL, NHL, AHL, MLS, CPL, NCAA, Olympics, different Formula divisions and other pro leagues around

the planet, I have spoken to many players that have come from your community in an effort to showcase to these professionals, on what it means to come from a town that cherishes and loves them.

And of course, it isn’t just about them. I have had the pleasure of interviewing young up and coming athletes trying to make a name for themselves. Young high schoolers aspiring to be something great. Young children who have won tournament donning their town’s colours. Former volunteers that dedicated years of free service to ensure that local leagues run smoothly.

I take pride in also being a part of that process and being a part of sharing these people’s stories with your town. Because they are all deserving of having that exposure and recognition even if they might not see it that way. That was my job. It was about making other people great and I had the honour and the privilege of doing that.

Every single week, these articles would be published and distributed to 49,500 readers across all three townships. To me, this is something I will always cherish in my life. It is something I will never let go of.

But as I now move on – to a completely different career, in fact – as your sports and general interest reporter for one final time, I’d like to take a moment to thank each and every one of you. Thank you, to you, the citizens, who have supported this local newspaper and continue to do so. Without you, this newspaper would not be anywhere.

Thank you goes out, to each and every one of you that have supported me, believed in me over and trusted me these last three years. You have helped me in this journey and many of you from this journey, I can now call my friends.

And thank you, to my editors Mark Pavilons, Brock Weir and former editor Mike Baker, and to everyone at London Publishing Corporation for taking a chance on me and for believing in me from the very beginning.

Although my name might pop up in the near future in some freelance work, of course that is not nearly the same.

Robert Belardi, sounding off. Ciao.



The Robert F. Hall Wolfpack defeated Humberview Secondary School 5-4 in OT to be crowned Tier 1 ROPSSAA champions last week.  
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## Wolfpack basketball fall in finals of Dufferin tournament

BY ROBERT BELARDI

The Robert F. Hall Wolfpack fell to Lo-El-len Park Secondary School from Sudbury ON., 75-60 in the finals of last weekend’s tournament held in Shelburne and Orangeville.

In this short tournament, the Wolfpack opened up their first and only round robin game against Collingwood Collegiate Institute, defeating them by a score of 50-35.

Gabriel Chocano led the way with 15 points in the victory.

In the semi-finals against the Nottawasaga Pines, Lucas Macklem led the way with 21 points as the Wolfpack trounced their opponents 59-35.

Of course, in the finals, the Wolfpack went

up against a very tough group. Macklem led the way again with 20 points in the finals but the boys ultimately came up short.

In total games this year, head coach Michael Mackenzie said the team is now 10-4 in all competitions this season.

It has been a great year for a program that is new to the division. In tier one play, the Wolfpack are currently 3-3 and will have a tough matchup next.

The Wolfpack’s next game will be on February 8 against Heart Lake Secondary School. This will be the final game of the regular season.

With 321 points forward and 324 points against throughout their regular season campaign, the Wolfpack will most certainly need a victory to give them the best odds in making the postseason.

## Alliston Hornets blank Golden Hawks 7-0

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Alliston Hornets picked up another two points on the weekend when they hosted the Caledon Golden Hawks at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, January 13.

It was a slow start to the game with the Hornets leading 2-0 at the end of the first period.

Hornets goals came from Jakob Power and Parker Mills.

After a scoreless second period, the Hornets returned for the third frame and unleashed a fury scoring five unanswered goals to end the game 7-0.

Alliston third period goals came from Jack Micone, Owen Fralick, Andrew Maltby, and Cole Turcotte for two.

“We were working them all down the ice, and not giving them any chances,” said Hornets rookie goalie Kevin Halloran, who got his first junior hockey shut-out in the game. “We knew if we kept doing, what we were doing, they would eventually get tired of giving up chances, and that’s what happened.”

Caledon arrived at the arena as a seventh-place team, but the Hornets still had to take them as a serious opponent.

“Our coaches are always telling us to work hard no matter what team it is,” Halloran said.

After the weekend, the Hornets have a 21-5-1 record including one overtime loss and are in second place with 44 points.

The Stayner Siskins remain in first place taking only one loss after 25 times on the ice.

The Schomberg Cougars are in third place with 36 points.

The Innisfil Spartans are in fourth place followed by the Orillia Terriers and the Huntsville Otters.

With 12 games on the regular schedule, Stayner is still the team to beat this season. The Hornets will face the Siskins two more times this season and will be out to deliver Stayner their second loss of the season.

The Hornets will return to home ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Saturday, February 4, when they will host the Stayner Siskins.

Game time is 4:00 p.m.



The Alliston Hornets took on the Caledon Golden Hawks at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, January 13. The Hornets blanked the Hawks 7-0 to improve their record to 12-5-1 for the season.

PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

## COMMUNITY events

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# Lions' annual polar plunge sees record turnout

**BY JAMES MATTHEWS**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
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New Year's Day marked the return of the Grand Valley Lions Club polar bear dip into the freezing Grand River. And almost 50 people turned out to take the plunge, weather the cold shock to the body, and support the Grand Valley Food Bank.

Randy McClelland, the club's secretary, said 48 people dipped into the river as spectators watched and as many as 15 Lions helped out.

The club raised \$5,337.50 for the food bank. Besides the money, dippers and spectators donated more than 300 pounds of non-perishables to the food bank.

“Usually, it’s hard to get \$1,000,” he said. “We had a couple who really went out and tried to get pledges. They stirred the community up and one young lady got \$2,520 in pledges. That’s a great job.

This was the annual dip's first year after a pandemic-induced hiatus. McClelland said there were some reservations about the river ice early in the day.

“But it went out about an hour or two hours before the dip,” he said. “Everything was good. The water was a little high, but we managed well.”

While the number of participants varies each outing, the club drew more people this year than usual.

"Usually, we average in the mid-30s," he said.

McClelland praised the efforts of club members, spectators, and those who weathered the bone-chilling-jaw-tightening water.

"You're cold down there, standing around watching the dippers. It makes you feel good when you sit down and realize what you did," he said.



PHOTO BY PETER RICHARDSON



The Caledon Special Olympics Team was well-represented at Winterfest earlier this month...

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

## Swimming, Bocce, and Basketball among sports offered by Special Olympics

Continued from FRONT

Caledon gained its own chapter of Special Olympics not too long before the COVID-19 pandemic hit. Now that the world is opening back up, Caledon Special Olympics wants to let the local community know sports programs are being held every week and that new athletes are welcome to join. With more athletes will also come a need for more volunteers, and Caledon Special Olympics also wants to let the community know there's room for more volunteers too.

Some sports offered by Caledon Special Olympics include Wednesday bocce, Thursday basketball, and Sunday swimming. There's also golf and soccer with dates to be announced, and track and field that takes place in the summer.

For full information on programs and how to register, those interested can visit [caledon.specialolympicsontario.ca](http://caledon.specialolympicsontario.ca). This website also

contains information on how to become a volunteer with Caledon Special Olympics.

Bocce is a great introduction to Special Olympics for new athletes and can be played by those of all abilities. Caledon Special Olympics athlete representative Jason Scordia describes bocce as a cross between bowling and curling. It's played at the new Di Gregorio Bocce Centre at 125 Pembroke Street in Bolton, and athletes say the new centre is great for the sport.

Caledon Special Olympics is a non-profit and survives on fundraising in order to keep costs minimal for athletes. Most sports programs cost just \$35 for registration, with the exception of swimming as the organization has to cover the cost of the pool.

Athletes who participate in Caledon Special Olympics have the opportunity to compete in tournaments if they desire more competition and adventure, and athletes

from Caledon have competed at the Provincial and National levels. Athletes have traveled to places like Vancouver and Nova Scotia to compete in sports like track and field.

Athletes are able to take sports as casually or as seriously as they want when they participate in Caledon Special Olympics.

“The benefit as a parent is the friendships that I’ve made and the knowledge that I’ve acquired through having my son participate in Special Olympics,” said one parent at Winterfest. “My son, 100 per cent his independence has improved, his ability to communicate, his connection to other people has improved and all of that I wouldn’t have had without Special Olympics — and that’s something I think that a lot of parents have found. It’s provided me with my own community as well as my son’s own community.”



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Growing up Wayne spent years playing, hockey, lacrosse and baseball.

As a young man Wayne went to Alberta. There he worked on the railway, oil rigs and graduated from the Western School of Auctioneering. He returned to Ontario a few years later.

Wayne was a kind, generous person and always had a joke to tell you. Wayne never forgot a birthday.

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Arrangements entrusted to Jack & Thompson Funeral Home. A private family service will take place and there will be a Celebration of Tom's Life at the Royal Canadian Legion (Museum Room), 203 William Street, Shelburne on Sunday, January 22, 2023 from 1-4 p.m. Spring interment at Shelburne Cemetery. If desired, donations to the Shelburne Curling Club, Canadian Cancer Society or Matthews House Hospice would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy.

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# Bolton and District Probus club looking to grow membership in 2023

## Club wants to raise its visibility in the community

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Retired and semi-retired people looking to socialize, learn, and be engaged in their community can check out a Bolton Probus club meeting.

The Bolton and District Probus club has been around since 1996; its inception took place on May 9 of that year. This May will mark 27 years of Bolton Probus. Current club president Larry O'Donnell said the organization has been expanding its membership lately and is looking to further this trend in the coming year.

"We want to promote our club, a lot of people aren't aware of the club in Town," said O'Donnell, who noted that membership in the club is open to any and all retired and semi-retired people. "We're inclusive and inviting."

Probus clubs are volunteer-based non-profit fellowship organizations, and are offshoots of Rotary clubs. There's over 4,000 Probus clubs worldwide and 255 in Canada. While Rotary clubs take on a fundraising focus, Probus clubs focus on fellowship, learning, socializing, and fun.

The Bolton Probus club elects a Board of Directors each year that manage the club's operations. There's a president and vice-president, secretary, treasurer, past president, membership chairperson, social activities chairperson, speakers committee chairperson, and member at large on the board.

Visiting speakers are a big draw for Bolton Probus club members. The club is proud to attract a wide range of interesting speakers who give free presentations to club members on a variety of topics. For example, the club recently featured Dr. Tara Paton, head of the genetic program at Sick Kids Hospital, who educated listeners on advances being made at the hospital.

"We have terrific guest speakers... we invite people from all different professions to come present to us," said

O'Donnell.

Bolton Probus club meetings take place at the Albion Bolton Community Centre in the second-floor auditorium. The club meets on the second Thursday of each month from September until June, with the exception of December when it meets on the first Thursday of the month.

The meetings usually start at 9:30 or 10 a.m. and guest speakers present for around 45 minutes. Following the speaker, there's time for questions from the audience. Then the club's business meeting takes place, finishing around noon.

For first time guests, there's a \$5 fee to attend a meeting, and those who are then interested in becoming a Bolton Probus member pay a reasonable yearly membership fee.

In addition to meetings, O'Donnell explained the club has greatly expanded its social clubs and activities. There's currently two book clubs running through the group, as well as movie nights and excursions to places like galleries.

"It's really taken off," said O'Donnell. "It's a really fun group of people."

Due to the age range of Bolton Probus members (55-89 at present), the club does still require mandatory masking at its meetings. O'Donnell said this decision remains in place for the time being to ensure the health and well-being of all Probus members who enjoy coming out to meetings.

O'Donnell said it's really important for seniors to socialize and get out in the community, and that, for him, Bolton Probus has been great for that. He said he enjoys keeping active with the club, and as president he's often on phone calls or working on various club-related activities.

For those looking to learn more about Bolton Probus, become a member, or ask any questions about it, O'Donnell is the point of contact. His phone number is 905-857-0800 and his email is lodonn516@rogers.com. There's also the Bolton Probus website that interested parties can visit at probusbolton.ca.



Genetic expert Tara Paton answers questions from Bolton Probus Club members at the club's January 2023 meeting.

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# Take an "Enchanted Journey" at The Blackhorse Theatre



Cast members Melanie Burgess, Rachel Whipple, Ginny Cathcart and Sandra Tamm, rehearse a scene for the upcoming Blackhorse presentation of "The Enchanted Journey" written by Cristina L. White.

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BY ZACHARY ROMAN

## Performances begin January 21

Local thespians are bringing a fantastic fairytale story to the stage of The Blackhorse Theatre this month.

The theatre is all set to open performances of "The Enchanted Journey", a children's play that was written by Cristina L. White. The play was first performed in January of 1975 and is being performed as the second production in The Blackhorse Theatre's 50th anniversary season.

In the play, a young prince has to set out on an adventure in order to rescue a princess who has been taken prisoner by a giant. On the young prince's journey, he'll encounter a musical jester, a fairy godmother, and two wicked witch sisters. The story has all the classic elements of a fairytale story: friendship, courage, and magic.

The cast of the play features Melanie Burgess, Ginny and Ivor Cathcart, Michelle La-

noue-Williams, Robert Redden, Sandra Tamm, Rachel Whipple and Colleen O'Connell. The play is being directed by Cheryl Phillips.

The first performances of The Enchanted Journey will be on January 21, when two matinees (beginning at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.) and an evening show (beginning at 6:30 p.m.) will take place. Performances will continue on January 22, 28, and 29, and tickets for all performances are available online at blackhorsetheatre.ca.

The Blackhorse Theatre is volunteer-based and is a non-profit charitable organization. All ticket proceeds go directly back to the theatre and it's always grateful for the continued support of patrons.

Performances start on Saturday January 21 with two matinees and an evening show, and continues on the 22, 28, with the closing performance on Sunday January 29th, 2023. Tickets are available for purchase online. For more information on curtain times, ticket prices, or to reserve your seats, please visit: www.blackhorsetheatre.ca

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