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Monty Laskin, outgoing CEO of Caledon Community Services, stands in front of The Exchange. The creation of this building and the services it offers is one of the things Laskin says he's most proud of helping to achieve during his time as CEO.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

## Laskin stepping down as CEO of Caledon Community Services: “A joyful ride”

Laskin’s last day on the job will be April 28

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The head of Caledon’s largest non-profit will be leaving his post after more than decade-and-a-half of working to help those in need in the community.

Monty Laskin, CEO of Caledon Community Services (CCS), will be stepping down from his job on April 28. He gave a long period of notice

in order to ensure a seamless transition to whoever will be the organization’s next CEO.

CCS’ Operating Budget more than doubled in size during Laskin’s tenure as CEO, and a plethora of new services were added to CCS’ catalogue.

Before coming to CCS, Laskin worked for Ontario’s Ministry of the Attorney General, where he had a chance to see the province make important decisions on what they were going to prioritize. Specifically, his work was with Ontario Victim Services, so Laskin got to see the work of and be inspired by hundreds of different non-profit organizations across the

province.

Prior to working in government, Laskin worked for various community organizations in Toronto, where he did, and still, lives.

“After a while in government, I wanted to return to community where my heart is,” said Laskin. He explained that his predecessor, former CCS CEO Susan Cameron, gave him a call and let him know she was stepping down and that he should interview for the position. Laskin said Cameron was a fantastic CEO and built a strong foundation for CCS.

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**Free menstrual products now available at Town of Caledon facilities**

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon has taken a step towards addressing period poverty.

On February 8, the Town announced it was now offering free menstrual products at Town-operated facilities.

“Dispensers providing free tampons and pads can be found in many washrooms across the municipality,” said the Town of Caledon in a statement. “Need one? Take one.”

The move is in support of “The Red Mvmnt”, a youth-led non-profit that’s focused on advancing sustainable menstrual equity across the Greater Toronto Area.

In the Town’s announcement, Mayor Annette Groves explained Canadian women spend over \$6,000 on menstrual products in their lifetime, which is a financial obstacle for many. Groves said offering free products in Town facilities is one way to provide period poverty relief.

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# Peel sends letter to province expressing concern about removal of Greenbelt lands

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Peel Councillors are concerned with the provincial government removing land from the Greenbelt.

Ontario’s Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing recently amended the Greenbelt Plan, Greenbelt area boundary regulation, and Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. In doing this, it removed 3,000 hectares of Greenbelt land in 15 areas outside of Peel Region. At the same time, the Ministry added 3,800 hectares to the Greenbelt, also outside of Peel Region.

While the Ministry’s move did not directly impact Peel, the Region’s Councillors are still concerned about the precedent the move sets. At Regional Council’s February 9 meeting, Council passed on consent a recommendation to send a letter to the Ministry “communicating the importance of permanently protecting the Greenbelt.” Peel Councillors first instructed Region of Peel staff to write the letter at their January 12 meeting.

The Greenbelt was formally established in 2005 to protect water, natural areas,

and agricultural lands. The Greenbelt Plan states that it “identifies where urbanization should not occur in order to provide permanent protection to the agricultural land base and the ecological and hydrological features, areas and functions occurring on this landscape.”

According to the province, the reason it changed the Greenbelt Plan was to accommodate growth and support the building of housing.

“The Province has indicated the lands would result in the construction of approximately 50,000 or more new homes with the expectation that planning approvals would be significantly advanced in 2023 and construction would begin by no later than 2025,” reads a Region of Peel staff report. “The Province indicates that if these conditions are not met, the government will begin the process to return the properties back to the Greenbelt.”

According to a February 2022 report from the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force, a shortage of land is not the root cause of Ontario’s housing issues. The report states land is available in ex-

isting built-up areas and developed land outside of the Greenbelt.

As reported in The Narwhal, Victor Doyle, a former provincial planner who helped implement the Greenbelt, said many briefing notes were written that land swaps were not envisioned for the Greenbelt.

“The argument that you could take land out, particularly along the southern edge, and add it on the outer edge as they’re proposing would mean in the fullness of time, the Greenbelt will migrate. It’ll end up in northern Simcoe County if this pattern is continued,” said Doyle in a November 8, 2022 article written by Emma McIntosh.

In the Region of Peel’s letter to Steve Clark, Ontario’s Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Regional Chair Nando Iannicca said Peel has “significant concern with the Province’s recent decision to amend the Greenbelt Plan.”

Iannicca’s letter says that removing previously protected lands undermines the integrity and permanence that was intended for the Greenbelt. He said the protected Greenbelt lands provide crucial ecosystem

functions like reducing greenhouse gases and mitigating impacts of downstream flooding.

“Allowing for development in the Greenbelt encourages urban sprawl and inefficient development patterns. This type of growth is discouraged through the Province’s own policies in the Planning Act, Provincial Policy Statement, Growth Plan and Greenbelt Plan,” said Iannicca. “The Province has not provided evidence to support the conclusion that Greenbelt lands are required for housing development.”

While Iannicca noted Peel shares the province’s commitment to increase housing supply and affordability, it does not approve of removal of lands from the protected Greenbelt area to reach that goal.

Iannicca said Peel “strongly recommends that the Province take a comprehensive approach to identifying the most appropriate lands for housing based on an integrated consideration of environmental, economic and social criteria and comprehensive analysis.”

# Caledon Townhall Players bringing “Jenny’s House of Joy” to the stage beginning Thursday

Play is by renowned Canadian playwright Norm Foster

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Caledon Townhall Players’ latest performance will bring the Wild West to Town.

Beginning on February 17, performances of “Jenny’s House of Joy” will begin at the Old Caledon Township Hall in Caledon Village. Jenny’s House of Joy is a comedy written by well-known and loved Canadian playwright Norm Foster.

“Jenny runs the best little house of ill-repute in her corner of the old Wild West in the 1800s... this witty comedy (is) about the oldest profession and making ends meet,” reads the play’s description.

Rose Brown is directing the play, her first time directing with The Caledon Townhall Players (CTHP).

Brown has performed in a few CTHP plays before, and directed and performed in numerous other community theatres. She and the rest of the CTHP team have been working hard to bring Jenny’s House of Joy to life.

Without giving away too much, Brown shared some information about the play’s



setting and its interesting cast.

The play is set in 1851 in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Jenny runs a brothel, her house of joy, where she takes in women who have nowhere else to go and are willing to do the world’s oldest profession to make ends meet: sex work.

Jenny began her working life as a sex worker before realizing she had the brains and savviness to run her own brothel. Then there’s Francis, the “experienced one”

who’s been working for Jenny for a long time. The next character is Anita — who began working for Jenny because she was bored — and has big dreams of moving up in society.

The next character is Natalie, who’s brand-new at the job. She came to Jenny’s because she was escaping an abusive relationship. Finally, there’s Clara, whose husband paid a visit to the brothel, and she wants to know why.

Brown said all the actors have been re-

ally enthusiastic and have been willing to do whatever it takes to portray these characters and bring them to life.

“They’re all having a lot of fun with this,” said Brown. “It’s not just a comedy, there are some poignant scenes as well.”

When Brown first read the script for Jenny’s House of Joy, she knew she wanted to do it because it was risqué and would be a lot of fun. Due to the play’s subject matter, it is naturally geared towards an adult audience.

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# Caledon educator championing inclusion for Sikh boys with “The Patka Box”

Rosey Kaur wants to bring diversity to the forefront in the community

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A patka is a head covering worn by Sikh boys that’s an important part of their faith. However, many people do not know very much about the patka, even though in Peel schools there are many students wearing them.

A Caledon woman is trying to change that with her new educational tool, “The Patka Box.”

Rosey Kaur is an educator in Valleywood, where she runs a Montessori-based school called Concept1 Learning Centre. She also runs a business, Early Concepts, where she hand-makes early-learning materials for children.

Kaur’s latest creation, The Patka Box, is useful for all ages. Here’s what you’ll find inside each one: two patkas, two wooden patka crafts, a story about the patka, a comprehensive guide on what the patka represents, a step-by-step tutorial on how to tie the patka, and information on the significance of wearing a patka.

The idea to create the patka box came to Kaur after she received a call from a teacher friend. The friend had a Sikh boy in her class, and his patka had come undone and he was crying. Kaur instructed her teacher friend on how to tie the patka via a video call, and once she was done, she realized how beneficial an educational resource about the patka would be.

“I started to think... what can I do?” said Kaur. “Maybe this was a calling for me.”

Kaur said 500 patka boxes are being created right now, and that the response to them has been amazing.

She’s received messages about the patka box from teachers and schools not only locally, but across the country and even in the US and UK. Kaur said in the Sikh commu-



nity some parents who did not previously know how to tie a patka are learning now.

Two patkas are included in the box so students have a chance to see what the patka feels like.

Since the patka is a religious article of faith, it should never be touched when it’s on someone’s head. By allowing kids to touch a patka on its own, Kaur said it satisfies their curiosity as some just want to know what it feels like. The wooden patka crafts are included so children have a chance to colour and design their own boy wearing a patka.

Kaur said she is all about diversity and inclusion, and that she’s thinking about making more educational boxes. For example, the next box she makes might be about the hijab. A Sikh herself, Kaur said diversity is

about including everyone.

“I was raised to love everyone,” said Kaur, whose family was the first Punjabi Sikh family to move to Brantford in 1973. Kaur’s brothers were the first students in schools there to wear patkas.

April is Sikh heritage month and Kaur is hoping to spread the word about her patka boxes before then.

“I want patkas to be known... bringing inclusivity and diversity into our community is my main focus,” said Kaur. “I want to bring this into awareness in the community.” Those interested in learning more about the patka box and Kaur’s work can email [concept1learningcentre@gmail.com](mailto:concept1learningcentre@gmail.com) or direct message [@early\\_concepts](https://www.instagram.com/early_concepts) on Instagram.



(TOP) Kaur’s patka boxes include a detailed guide on how to tie a patka. (RIGHT) One of Kaur’s students proudly wearing his patka. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

## Tim Hortons in conceptual plan for downtown Caledon East property

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A company is looking to rezone property on Airport Road in Caledon East to permit a one-storey restaurant with a drive-through service facility — and plans, which are subject to change, show it might be a Tim Hortons.

Weston Consulting has submitted an official plan amendment and zoning bylaw amendment application to the Town of Caledon on behalf of Ganni Properties Inc. for 16054, 16060, and 16068 Airport Road in Caledon’s Ward 3.

According to the Town of Caledon, Ganni Properties wants to permit a “one-storey restaurant with a drive-through service facility, and two retail/commercial units.”

The company wants to change the zoning of the designated properties

from village commercial to “village commercial site-specific exemption” to enable their proposed development.

In 2020, a similar amendment request was submitted by Ganni Properties, and a public meeting about it was held on September 15 of that year where some Caledon East residents expressed their concerns about having a Tim Hortons in town. In June and August of 2022, Ganni Properties submitted a revised amendment request that included 16068 Airport Road, which was not included in the 2020 amendment request.

A Town of Caledon public meeting is being held on February 21 at 7 p.m. to consider Ganni Properties’ most recent amendment request, and the public is welcome to attend virtually, send written comments, or show up in person at Town Hall to provide their feedback on the proposed development.

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# MP to hold town hall meeting addressing federal firearms legislation

**BY BRIAN LOCKHART**

Legal firearms owners will have their chance to voice an opinion about the controversial federal Bill C-21 during a town hall meeting in Mono.

Bill C-21 is legislation introduced by the federal government that would ban a large number of rifles and shotguns used by hunters and sports shooters.

The Bill immediately came under fire from many groups, including hunting and sporting groups and opposition parties, that said the Bill goes too far and will ban rifles used for target sports and hunting.

Hunting associations have said hunting isn't just a proud Canadian tradition, it's a way of life for communities across this county.

The Liberal government backtracked and is now making changes to the Bill after opposition from groups across the county, including opposition from within the Liberal party that said the sweeping ban went too far.

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback is organizing a Town Hall meeting to discuss the Bill.

The meeting is open to the public.

The meeting will be held at the Dufferin Northern Peel Anglers & Hunters Association on Tuesday, February 21, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Association is located at 246147 Dufferin Road 16, in Mono.

Seating is limited and on a first come, first serve basis.

# SCHOMBERG SHOOTING

Investigators with the York Regional Police #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau are releasing video and seeking suspects and witnesses following a drive-by shooting in the Town of Schomberg.

“On Sunday, February 12, 2023, at approximately 8:40 a.m., police responded to reports of a weapons call after a male was shot on Centre Street between Rebellion Way and Church Street,” say Police. “When officers arrived, they located a 65-year-old male victim who has been transported to hospital with serious gunshot injuries.

“The victim had been walking his dog when a car passed him at a high rate of speed on a quiet residential road. The victim gestured at the vehicle. The driver then turned around and drove back to the victim. Multiple gunshots were fired from the vehicle and the man was struck several times.”

At least two suspects were in the vehicle, which was a white SUV. They fled the area at a high rate of speed travelling west on Centre Street.

A link to a video showing the suspect vehicle is here: <https://youtu.be/1X-Tcn721yE4>

The investigation is ongoing.

Investigators are appealing for witnesses to come forward who may have been in the area at the time of the incident and have not yet spoken to police. Investigators are also seeking any video surveillance from the area or anyone that may have captured dashcam video on the roadways.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7141, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at [www.1800222tips.com](http://www.1800222tips.com).

# DOOR-TO-DOOR SCAM WARNING

Ontario’s Serious Fraud Office (SFO) is shining a light on a multi-layered door-to-door sales scam, which leaves victims with poor renovations, liens or a mortgage on their homes.

Despite rules banning door-to-door sales, criminals have not stopped. Those involved in these frauds are persuasive and persistent. They continue to visit the homes of vulnerable individuals and endear themselves, giving the impression they are a friendly helper.

# HOW DOES THIS FRAUD UNFOLD?

Fraudsters approach individuals at the door of their home or by phone and use compelling tactics to persuade the homeowner that a new appliance, contract or service is required; something that was never asked for or needed. These have included: air cleaners, air conditioners, air purifiers, duct cleaning, furnaces, water filters, water heaters, water treatment devices or even bundles of these goods and services.

After the service has been completed or device installed, a few things can happen to make a bad situation even worse.

Whether by phone or in person:

The victim is contacted by someone claiming to be from a law firm offering assistance to exit previously signed contracts, remove possible liens and consolidate incurred debts. Victims are told they may be eligible to receive a grant for a significant amount of money if they agree to exit the contract.

If a grant was offered, the victim is contacted by a home renovation company and is persuaded to sign a contract and speak with a finance company on the phone. They are led to believe this is required to comply with the grant, but it is actually the process to have a mortgage approved on their home.

The funds are then deposited into the victim’s bank account, leading the victim to believe they have received the grant, but it is actually funds from the home equity mortgage taken out on their home.

The victim is told not to touch the money, as it must go toward renovations, as well as to the payments they were making for installed equipment.

# TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF/YOUR LOVED ONES

- Answer your door only if you are expecting an invited guest;
- Do not allow unsolicited visitors into your home;
- Hang up on unsolicited phone calls;
- Never share personal information or copies of any bills or financial statements;
- Do not make a decision on the spot;
- Do not sign blank documents;
- Take the time to understand what you are signing and ask questions;

# RED FLAGS

- The person visiting you says you have won a class-action lawsuit regarding the installation of your equipment and the money can only be used towards renovations to your home;
- You are told your home is now a “green home” after the installation of some equipment and therefore you qualify for a grant. A condition of the grant is that you can only use the money to do renovations or add more equipment;
- A financial company approaches you, unsolicited, indicating they can help you get out of payments or to consolidate your debt;
- If you are told renovations are free;
- If you do not have input on the renovations a company does or what materials they use
- If you are pressured to have renovations started right away;
- Renovations in these frauds have included: flooring, painting, smart thermostats, vanities, sinks, toilets, showers, kitchens cabinets and insulation. They are often poor quality and are left unfinished.

If you believe you have become a victim of fraud, contact your local police service and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 (toll-free) or report online on the Fraud Reporting System (FRS). You can also call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or report the incident online at [www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca](http://www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca).

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## CLUES ACROSS

1. River in Tuscany  
5. A way to represent  
8. Rocker’s guitar  
12. Civil Rights group  
14. Brew  
15. Scratch  
16. W. Asian country  
18. The Eye Network  
19. Clarified butter  
20. Part of the Cascade Range  
21. Downwind  
22. A way to steer  
23. Loop  
26. Not ingested  
30. Swampy coniferous forest  
31. Musician  
32. Signing  
33. Containing iron  
34. Part of a theorem or proof

## CLUES DOWN

39. Veterans battleground (slang)  
42. Of enormous proportions  
44. Italian city  
46. Come before  
47. Balm  
49. Undergarments  
50. Male parent  
51. Ropes  
56. Ear part  
57. Investment vehicle  
58. Dictator  
59. Cain and \_\_\_  
60. A type of code  
61. Border river along India and Nepal  
62. It’s what’s for dinner  
63. Consume  
64. Christian \_\_\_, designer

## Solution in CLASSIFIEDS

1. Cuckoos	35. Keyboard key
2. Skin issue	36. Woman (French)
3. City in central Japan	37. In the middle of
4. Sorrels	38. Score perfectly
5. Twinned diamond	40. Coat a metal with an oxide coat
6. Canadian province	41. Deadly disease
7. Monetary units	42. A place to dock a boat (abbr.)
8. Head honcho	43. Belch
9. Goddess of wisdom	44. Member of U.S. Navy
10. Part of a play	45. “In ___”: separate from others
11. Get rid of	47. Examine extensively
13. Applicant	48. Adjust
17. Bowling alleys	49. Tattle
24. Explosive	52. Actor Pitt
25. “The Say Hey Kid”	53. Gulls
26. Ultrahigh frequency	54. Within
27. No (Scottish)	55. Exceptionally talented performer
28. Make a mistake	
29. Credit card term	

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# Latest Headwaters Arts show celebrates overcoming dark times

Dark Into Light on now  
until March 19 at  
Alton Mill Arts Centre

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The darkness of Winter can be a strain on many people’s mental health and wellbeing.

Headwaters Arts, a non-profit with the mission of promoting the development, appreciation, and enjoyment of all arts in the Hills of Headwaters Region, is now presenting its second members’ exhibit of the year: Dark Into Light.

“Many can’t wait for longer days and more sunshine,” writes Susan Powell, Headwaters Arts’ Board Chair of Communications. “Dark Into Light presents a stunning and visceral visual commentary (and/or experience) of overcoming darkness.”

There will be an opening reception for Dark Into Light on February 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Headwaters Arts gallery at the Alton Mill Arts Centre. The exhibit will then be on display at the gallery until March 19.

There will be 40 carefully-selected pieces of art on display for the exhibit, in mediums such as oil, watercolour, acrylic, pastels, textiles, wax, alcohol ink, and mixed media.



Agnes Bellegris’ “When the Light Shines” is featured in Headwaters Arts’ poster for the upcoming Dark Into Light exhibition at the Alton Mill Arts Centre. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Agnes Bellegris is one of the artists whose work will be on display for Dark Into Light. She said she cherishes the interplay between light and dark, and uses brushes, pallet knives and her fingers to create her art.

“With every layer of colour, I bring to life a vibrant and energetic subject... be it a beloved pet, an idyllic scene or a vibrant bouquet, my goal is to impart joy, serenity or perhaps nostalgia in the most positive of

ways,” said Bellegris.

Bellegris’ piece, entitled “When the light Shines”, is going to be exhibited during Dark Into Light.

An artist from Alton, Jaime Nevitt, will have her work shown during Dark Into Light as well.

Nevitt has a strong emotional connection with her piece, “Dark of Night”, because of the recent death of her mom. This piece of art from Nevitt is all about transitioning from the darkness of grief to the light of life.

“It’s about survival and continuance, knowing there is light and brightness following darkly-weighted days,” said Nevitt of her art. “The Dark of Night represents the blanket of darkness after the storm, when all is quiet. Peace ensues, bringing with it the light.”

Those interested in learning more about this upcoming show can visit Headwaters Arts’ website, headwatersarts.org, or look for the organization on Instagram and Facebook.

## Caledon’s first “Seedy Saturday” event happening February 25

Seed exchange, bake and book sales, presentations happening at event

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon residents can enjoy a day dedicated to environmentally-responsible gardening, great local food, seeds and more later this month.

On February 25, Caledon’s first-ever “Seedy Saturday” event is being held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 34 Pine Avenue in Palgrave. The event is a collaboration between the Palgrave United Community Kitchen (PUCK), Caledon Public Library (CPL), and Albion Hills Community Farm.

At the event, there will be a planting station, seed sharing, vendor and community tables, and a cafe. There will also be a Friends of the Caledon Public Library book sale, with books specifically about gardening.

The following presentations will also take place at the event: from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Christopher Bialek will present “Gardening for Pollinators” on behalf of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority; from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Julia Dimakos will present “Tea Gardening for Beginners”; from 12:30 to 1 p.m., Jocelyn Molyneux will present on regenerative growing; and from 1:30 to 2 p.m., Caledon Peel District School Board trustee Stan Cameron will present on the Caledon school vegetable garden project.

A big part of Seedy Saturday will, of course, be the seed sharing. Seeds will be available from Glen Echo Nurseries, West Coast Seeds, Davis Farm & Feed, Seeds

of Diversity Canada, and the CPL’s seed library.

Karen Hutchinson, president of the Albion Hills Community Farm, explained Seedy Saturday events started in 1990 in British Columbia.

“The idea was people who collect seeds could exchange and learn more about seeds,” said Hutchinson. “They (grew) to become a sort of winter festival for gardeners.”

Hutchinson said the event being held in late February is perfect as it’s a time when gardeners are getting excited about starting seeds.

“It’s the time to come together and get inspired for the coming season,” said Hutchinson.

Of special interest to Caledon gardeners might be sungold tomato seeds from West Coast Seeds, said Hutchinson.

“They are an amazing cherry tomato... they’re coveted seeds,” she said. “It’s an orange cherry tomato that’s sweet like no tomorrow.”

The Albion Hills Community Farm is bringing some milkweed seeds to Seedy Saturday. Milkweed is the preferred plant of Monarch Butterflies, and is a must-plant for anyone interested in helping out the pollinators.

Hutchinson said she’s excited to see all the amazing gardeners in Caledon out at the event.

“It will be a really good mix of devoted people,” she said.

Barb Imrie of PUCK said attendees of the event can look forward to freshly-baked pies, including apple pies with apples from a local orchard.

“People are going to find out more about seeds and the organizations in Caledon that are planting good things,” said Imrie.



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Denise Grant speaks on the TEDx stage in Caledon last year.

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# Big lineup of educational and inspirational speakers coming to Caledon for TEDx Talk

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A Caledon woman is organizing an insightful night of knowledge sharing next month.

On March 11, Denise Grant will bring 18 speakers together for a jam-packed evening of presentations at the Albion Bolton Community Centre.

The event will be part of the TEDx Program, which is affiliated with TED Talks. “TEDx is a grassroots initiative, created in the spirit of TED’s overall mission to research and discover ‘ideas worth spreading.’... these events are organized by passionate individuals who seek to uncover new ideas and to share the latest research in their local areas that spark conversations in their communities,” said the TED organization.

That’s exactly what Denise Grant is hoping to do. Grant is an author, having published the book *Racism: Rising Above the Discomfort of Difficult Conversations*.

She now works with government and business groups to help transform their office cultures for the better. Grant herself did a TEDx talk last year in Caledon, but this time around she’s taking an organizer role.

“The event I’m hosting, the theme is ‘re-imagine potential,’” said Grant. “We have a lineup of speakers coming from all over the world — some local, too — to share their creative genius. The idea is to put fresh ideas to work on old and new problems.”

Grant said public speaking is very empowering and that it’s great to listen to other people’s stories and

experiences as they’re all unique. She said when you put yourself out there you will learn about topics you may not normally find.

Of the 18 speakers who are presenting, five are local to the Caledon area. She said the event will help to put Caledon on the map in the global TEDx community. Each presentation will be around 10 to 20 minutes depending on the speaker.

Some of the local presentations will be “The Art of Intentional Decision-Making” by Rishma Walji and “Co-creating a Life Economy” by Sonia Molodecky.

On March 11, presentations will begin at 5 p.m. and people can purchase tickets or sponsor the event by contacting Grant directly by email at [denisegrant@riseoverrace.com](mailto:denisegrant@riseoverrace.com) or by phone at 416-735-4124.

## Town supporting youth-led non-profit, The Red Mvmnt, to reduce period poverty

Continued from FRONT

“I’m proud to announce our participation in The Red Mvmnt,” said Groves.

The United Nations describes period poverty as “the struggle many low-income women and girls face while trying to afford menstrual products.”

Period poverty also refers to the increased financial burden placed on women due to the cost of menstrual supplies.

In 2022, Caledon Council approved a staff report that recommended Caledon offer free menstrual products. The report noted the estimated operating costs to offer the products per year would be about \$40,000, if at each dispenser location in Town a product was taken five times a day.

The City of Brampton and City of Mississauga already have free menstrual products available at their Town facilities. Caledon now offering free menstrual products means each Peel municipality is now on board with The Red Mvmnt.

Kevin Kyle, Caledon’s Manager of Community Facilities, said in the announcement the Town is excited to be supporting The Red Mvmnt.

“When all the installations are completed, dispensers will be available providing free products to those in need at 22 Town-operated facilities,” said Kyle.

Free menstrual products are now available at the following Town of Caledon facilities: Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness, Albion Bolton Community Centre, Mayfield Recreation Complex, Southfields Community Centre, Caledon East Community Complex, Cheltenham Community Room, Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena, and Inglewood Community Centre.

The Town also plans to install free menstrual product dispensers in park washroom facilities across Town by this Spring.

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- **Volunteer Service Awards** recognize Caledon residents whose efforts have made significant impact towards the development and advancement of recreational sports, arts and culture, environmental leadership or community and social services.
- **Citizen Achievement Awards** are designed to recognize Caledon residents who have competed or have been recognized at the Provincial, National or International levels in the areas of sport and arts and culture.

One recipient will be selected for the Community Champion Award, chosen from all nominees by the Selection Committee. This award is based on the significance of their community involvement and years of service!

This is your chance to nominate those individuals or groups who have shown exceptional commitment to their community.

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.



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Information about the 2023 Budget can be found on [HaveYourSayCaledon.ca](https://HaveYourSayCaledon.ca).

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Caledon Senior of the Year Award 2023

Nominations close on February 24, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

This annual award is given by the Town to an outstanding senior who, after age 65, enriches the social, cultural or civic life of the community.

For details on eligibility and how to nominate a deserving Caledon resident visit [caledon.ca/adult55](https://caledon.ca/adult55).



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Standing Up and Standing Out

In these days of extremely polarized views, we're all too often in my view bombarded with cases of people being lionized, or even framing themselves, for who they aren't rather than who they are.

Similarly, and particularly in the age of social media, even more try to identify themselves and form an identity based on what they are not or what they oppose, rather than what they're for or, once again, who they are.

As I'm writing this on Valentine's Day, I sometimes joke to friends that the key to a successful relationship these days, unlike in days of yore, is to have more common dislikes than likes as that will save both time and a lot of hurt and disappointment further down the road. And, for better or worse (worse, trust me), social media is better at whittling down potential suitors and suitresses (I looked it up) than the best advertised dating services that claim to have finally nailed down the perfect romantic formula after millennia. What a time to be alive!

But as much as I joke about it, I still think there's some kernel of truth in it.

If you happened to have a blind date on Tuesday night, how disappointing it must have been if, after things were going oh-so-well you found out you and your dining companion had opposing views over vaccines – or, heaven forbid, find out your date blames the incumbent Prime Minister on everything from their hangnail to the Halifax Explosion... well, where do you go from there?

You go directly back to the original point of this column.

When Justin Trudeau was tapped to lead the Federal Liberals ten years ago this year, for party members who weren't swayed by his then-bright and reasonably unblemished star-wattage were won over by the fact that he was, basically, not his predecessor Stephane Dion.

By the time he won his first mandate from the Canadian people just over two years later, voters who neither bled "Liberal red" nor were likely to be starstruck simply shrugged, "Well, he's better than Stephen Harper."

Two Provincial elections ago, the Progressive Conservatives swept into majority power at Queen's Park after running a campaign focusing squarely on then-premier Kathleen Wynne, seeming to attribute all of the Province's ills to her and the previous years of Liberal government under Dalton McGuinty, under whom she served.

The tactic worked to an extent that – not to take away anything from Doug Ford or any of the PC leadership candidates who ran alongside him – the Progressive Conservatives likely could have run seemingly anyone against Wynne to victory.

Despite not being in power for nearly four years by the time last year's Provincial Election rolled around, it felt like the Progressive Conservatives were still running on the idea that Doug Ford was not Wynne, and that his candidates did not serve under Wynne, with about the same weight as their own four-year record at the helm – and there were indeed some achievements to tout!

I'm not sure if that's more of a statement on Wynne or what they hoped would be their legacy in the event Ontario voters threw things back to the Liberals or the NDP.

The stories, and therefore the legacies, of

Trudeau and Ford are yet to be written, but to their supporters they each have a number of accomplishments under their belts that can provide a decent foundation for a legacy well beyond not being Stephen Harper or Kathleen Wynne, but what of John Tory, the Toronto Mayor who announced his resignation last Friday night after admitting to a relationship with a now-former staffer.

The announcement came after a less-than-stellar few weeks at City Hall, in particular its continued war against the unhoused and the remarkable decision against funding emergency warming shelters 24/7 in the middle of winter.

"I think it is important as I always have for the Office of the Mayor not to in any way be tarnished and not to see the city government put itself through a prolonged period of controversy arising out of this error of judgement on my part, especially in light of the challenges we face as a city," he told reporters while announcing his resignation.

Later in the same speech, he added: "I want to thank the people of Toronto for trusting me as mayor. It has been the job of a lifetime and while I have let them and my family down in this instance, I have nonetheless been deeply honoured by the opportunity to serve the people of this wonderful city and I believe I did some good for the city, that I did make a positive difference for the city that I truly love, particularly during the pandemic."

While Tory might truly love Toronto, and he did indeed manage the City of Toronto well during the height of the pandemic (and, yes, this is yet another gentle reminder that the pandemic is not over), and while he did make a positive difference at the helm, much of the assessment from Toronto's talking heads since the surprise announcement praised Tory for... well, for not being his controversial predecessor.

That, in itself, is a sad state of affairs and not a laurel upon which anyone should rest.

In these extremely divisive times, it's become more commonplace to tout what we aren't rather than what we are. It's not enough for a politician like Pierre Poilievre to win the hearts and minds of people by touting the obvious fact that he's not Justin Trudeau.

Nor is it enough for Doug Ford to underscore that he's not a once or future Liberal.

Nor will it be enough for the next Ontario Liberal leader to whip up support by reminding voters that they're not Doug Ford.

Our leaders, and all of us when you really get down to it, need to have a sure sense of who they are, what they stand for, and what they hope their legacy might be. It might be an uncomfortable process, but we'll be the richer for it.

And it's not hard to find a good blueprint.

Love her or not, the eulogies given to former Mississauga mayor were a testament to the venerable leader having a true sense of herself and the city she fostered.

Also look to our community leaders at large whose work is rightly taking centre-stage during Black History Month

The persons leading these valuable community commemorations and fostering community connections not only have strong senses of self, but are very clear what they're fighting for rather than just what they're fighting against.



Kindness is something we have in abundance

by Mark Pavilons



"Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love." – Lao Tzu

We are at a tipping point in society today.

After years of doom and gloom, and lingering pain, we need a guiding light, a ray of sunshine.

Mental health issues are at an all-time high among all age groups. And so is personal debt.

There are more awful soundbites each day than good news stories.

Often, it's hard to help ourselves. But that shouldn't stop us from helping others.

A kind word, gesture, smile and nod may make someone's day. It could mean all the difference in the world.

The other day I received an anonymous photo in the mail. It was a picture of sign in the shape of a penguin, at a lakeside park. On the penguin it read: "Smiling is contagious, send a smile out into the world today!"

It worked. I smiled. Okay, I was a little surprised, but I can understand the fully appreciate the gesture.

It's meaningful on several levels. Someone took the time to print off the photo, stick in an oversized envelope and drop it in the mail.

That's effort! And for that I thank you, whoever you are. Right back at you!

We refer to these as random acts of kindness, but I'd like to encourage their use, so they're no longer "random," but become part of our every-day routine.

I come across dozens of cute and meaningful sayings on the Internet each day. Some are great, and others I jot down, and keep a growing list. Some I used here on this page in the paper. They're meant to not only evoke thought, but perhaps make someone smile. And boy do we need more of those.

I read one of those quotes recently that says you should compliment someone if you see something special in them.

I often tell total strangers they sport a cool look or have fantastic hair or tattoos. Self-expression is wonderful and if it makes me smile, I like to tell them.

My wife finds my conversations with strangers a bit odd, but hey, I'm just sharing the warmth.

I've been watching videos online recently that depict purposeful acts of kindness. They range from helping the homeless to rewarding kindness. Many are from social influencers who raise money from followers and pass it along to

those who need it most.

I'm amazed at how gestures, even tiny ones, are received with wide eyes, smiles and joy. A \$5 donation to a Nigerian labourer is welcomed with bright eyes, smiles and hugs. Giving strangers gift cards and covering people's groceries is met with confusion, then amazement, then total appreciation.

Some YouTubers ask strangers what makes them happy or what message they would like to share with the world. Many tell the viewers to be kind, compassionate and share love. Many of the homeless recipients turn around and share their new-found bounty with another. They praise the Lord.

And many are just thankful that someone stopped to say hello, to recognize their very existence.

That's both sad and great at the same time.

Some online influencers I follow just ask people if they can sit down and chat. They're almost always welcome to join and share.

We don't need free laptops or \$100 bills to feel good. While helpful, we don't require windfalls to be grateful or feel special.

Of course, there are those who are a bit apprehensive when strangers approach. Good Samaritans are sometimes viewed with a suspecting glance.

I say to hell with it. Cut through the clouds and negativity and spread some joy.

My ultimate desire, should I win the lottery or become wealthy, is to go on a mission, and help everyone I encounter. From handing out ridiculous tips to fast food employees to building "tiny homes" for the homeless, I'd want to help.

For those who are approaching, or in, retirement, they need something to do. After working our entire lives, what's next?

Yes, some of us have to continue working. Others volunteer to fill the hours. Some are lucky enough to stretch their long legs on sandy beaches.

But if you're lucky enough, and in good health, to enjoy a long retirement, why not give back?

As I mentioned, if I was blessed with mountains cash, I'd be quick to set up a foundation of some sort and get to work spreading goodwill here at home and abroad. I'd form a team of like-minded adults and youth and create another avenue of change.

There's no glamour in this, or recognition. I see it as a civic duty, a responsibility to others. When I see how others live and struggle in horrible conditions, it breaks my heart. When I know that a pair of shoes is worth more than a car, I am motivated to pitch in.

I accompanied my son on a school mission to the Dominican a few years back, assisting Haitian field workers. I didn't necessarily feel sorry for them, but I wanted to run into those very fields, roll up my sleeves and work alongside them. Admittedly, I wouldn't last more than an hour in those conditions.

The need may be huge, even overwhelming. But it's not insurmountable or out of our reach. There are so many ways to help.

And it all starts with sending a smile out into the world!

Our Readers Write

"Welcome Back Doug Ford Party" set

Want to attend a party—a family friendly party with the purpose of voicing opposition to the Doug Ford Conservative agenda? Then circle Saturday, February 25 in your calendar and attend the Welcome Back Party at Queen's Park from approximately 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. that day. It's been timed to coincide with the opening of the Legislature earlier that week.

This event is being spearheaded the Greenbelt Guardians with the active support of a broad-based coalition of environmentalists, teachers, nurses, trade unions, CUPE, and other organizations and individuals who are alarmed at the direction Doug Ford is leading this province in. The motto is I HEED - Indigenous peoples, Health, Education, the Environment and Democracy.

Its purpose to voice opposition to this government's truly awful policies such as Highway 413, the attack on the Greenbelt, the neutering of conservation authorities, and a long list of other issues, such as capping nurses and overworked medical workers pay to one per cent per annum under Bill 124.

Although this is very much a protest, the organizers stress it will also very much a fun-filled occasion with music, singing, and dancing. A website has been created to publicize the party and will be updated as more details are ironed out. Here is the official website [www.welcomebackdoug.com](http://www.welcomebackdoug.com).

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# Ojibway Elder Garry Sault to present historical teachings in Caledon

## Sault visiting Southfields Village Branch of Caledon Public Library

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The historical teachings of Wampum and Paper Treaties will be discussed at an upcoming presentation in Town.

On February 25 at 1 p.m., Ojibway Elder Garry Sault will visit the Southfields Village Branch of the Caledon Public Library (CPL) for a presentation on treaties.

Sault is a member of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and his people signed over 20 pre-confederation treaties with the Crown, which cover most of the Golden Horseshoe.

People can register to attend Sault’s presentation in person on the CPL’s website. They can also register to attend it virtually on Zoom. Important to note is

the presentation will not be recorded for future viewing.

Sault told the Citizen at his presentation you’ll learn about history you won’t find anywhere else.

“I did the research so that I would know what happened to my people in the past,” said Sault, noting there’s a lack of understanding around treaties in general.

Sault said Wampum Belts and what they represent are very important.

Sault has done presentations in many places before such as Burlington, Oakville, and Brampton. He said it’s so critical for people to learn about treaties so they will know their responsibilities towards the people that first occupied the land they now live on.

“They made treaties with us. They made promises... as the years went by, they stopped doing the things that were set out in the treaties,” said Sault.

Sault’s presentation is part of the CPL’s Indigenous series, and the CPL thanks the Brampton and Caledon Community Foundation for its funding support of the series.

# Caledon Day returning to Caledon East this year

## Canadian rock band The Sheepdogs to headline event

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

After cancellations due to the pandemic, and then a changed location and date, Caledon Day is returning to its usual time and place this year.

This Father’s Day weekend, on June 17, Caledon Day will take place at the Caledon East Community Complex.

Caledon Day began back in 2008, and over the years the musical headliner has always been a major draw to the event. In 2023, Juno Award-winning rock band The Sheepdogs will be headlining Caledon Day, bringing their classic rock-influenced music to Town.

Caledon Day this year is going to feature a beer and cider tent, great food, fireworks, and, of course, arts, crafts and games for kids and their families.

The Town of Caledon will be announcing more about the event as it draws nearer.

In a media release announcing the event, Mayor Annette Groves said the Town is excited to bring Caledon Day back to its usual time and location.

“I encourage everyone to save the date and come on out for this fun, family-friendly celebration,” said Groves.

The Town of Caledon is looking for parties interested in sponsoring this year’s Caledon Day, and those interested can visit the Town’s website. Vendors will be welcomed too, though applications are not yet open.

Town of Caledon staff recommended the move back to the Caledon East Community Complex at Council’s December 6, 2022 meeting. A report with the recommendation was submitted by Jessica Stovin, Caledon’s Manager of Community Recreation.

It was approved on consent at the December 6 meeting and received final approval at the Town’s December 13 Council meeting.

Stovin’s report noted Caledon Day’s biggest draw is the musical headliner, who is often a Canadian rock legend. The report said Town staff would like to leverage the return to Caledon East to explore a higher-calibre of Canadian headliners, and the plan has worked — The Sheepdogs were the first unsigned band to ever make the cover of Rolling Stone magazine and are one of Canada’s most successful bands. They have nearly 400,000 monthly listeners on the music-streaming platform Spotify.

Caledon Community Services (CCS) will once again be hosting their annual cycling fundraiser, Velocity, in conjunction with Caledon Day on June 17. The ride will start from Town Hall that day, and its goal is to raise money for Caledon Seniors so they can enjoy a fulfilling and engaged lifestyle.

Early bird registration is already open for the event, and teams and individuals interested in signing up to fundraise can already do so.

Last year, Velocity was a great success as cyclists participating in the event surpassed CCS’ fundraising goal of \$50,000, raising almost \$58,000. Riders of all ages and skill levels participated in the event, and chose from routes of 10, 25, 50, or 100 kilometres in length.

# Headwaters hospital seeking board members

BY PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
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Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) is looking for applicants who reside in the area to join their volunteer board of directors.

As a member of the board of directors, candidates will provide governance oversight and monitoring of the health centre’s performance goals. Directors are also accountable for giving feedback and guidance to the CEO and serve as a link between the health centre and the communities Headwaters Health Care Centre serves.

The board is seeking candidates with diverse representation, both in experience such as finance, legal, clinical, and health system as well as background. They also strive for inclusivity to reflect the perspective of the community they serve.

Applicants will be looked at for having strong communication skills with the ability to listen and raise questions constructively, personal and professional integrity

when dealing with diverse perspectives and ideas, and the time and support to commit to the community hospital.

Board members, both incoming and current, will have access to further education and development opportunities in health care governance through the Ontario Hospital Association and other organizations via seminars, webinars, presentations, reading and special projects. Directors are expected to devote 10 to 15 hours per year to health care governance development.

As a part of HHCC’s board of directors, members are expected to participate in board meetings (about three hours per month, excluding summer months), belong to at least one committee, attend two-hour monthly/bi-monthly committee meetings (excluding summer months), including preparation in advance of all meetings, and support the Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

Those interested in joining the volunteer board of directors can send an expression of interest to [info@headwatershealth.ca](mailto:info@headwatershealth.ca) by 9 a.m. on March 31.

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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 6:00-6:30 followed by a meeting. The initial annual fee incl. a bi-monthly magazine and starter kit is \$59, and monthly dues are \$20. Today is the best day to make changes to your lifestyle! If you have weight to lose and/or want to improve your health, we can help! We promote healthy eating and support the efforts of all our members, and your first meeting is free. Come join us. 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/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).

Caledon Church of Canada. Every Sunday morning @ 10 am. Monday prayer meeting @ 7 pm. Resources: Prayer counselling, Baby/child dedication, Visit the sick, Wedding Services, Food bank and more! For all your pastoral services: Call – 647-891-9400 Email: [caledoncoc@gmail.com](mailto:caledoncoc@gmail.com) Location: 34 Nixon Rd., Bolton

The Peel Regional Aquarium Club (PRAC) welcomes new members! Do you have a fish tank or are interested in keeping fish, shrimp, snails or live plants? Join us monthly to learn more about the hobby, get tips from other hobbyists and participate in our mini monthly auctions! We meet in person on the third Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Please see our website for more details on speakers and location. [www.peelaquariumclub.org](http://www.peelaquariumclub.org)

We encourage those attending to bring items to sell in our mini monthly auctions and a fish/plant or other aquatic species to show in our monthly bowl shows. This is great practise in learning how to show fish and practise judging as is done in the larger competitions. Join us in person!

Pancake and Sausage Supper. Tuesday Feb. 21st. 5:30 - 7:00.

St. John’s Church hall - 3907 Hwy. 9 Caledon. 3 km east of hwy 10.

Adults \$10, 12 and under \$5, family rate \$25. Call 519-941-1950 for tickets.

The next Bolton Kin Toonie Sale is on Saturday, March 4 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).

Bolton United Church Friday February 24, 2023 Free Community Event Let’s Talk ... Black History Online via Zoom (see website for link) 6 pm Dinner via Zoom 7 pm Guest Speaker followed by discussion For more information call 905-857-2516 or e-mail [office@boltonunitedchurch.com](mailto:office@boltonunitedchurch.com) [www.boltonunitedchurch.com](http://www.boltonunitedchurch.com)



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# Hall Wolfpack running back Roy Van der Veen signs Letter of Intent with the University of Waterloo Warriors

Although Coach Beresford stopped short of describing Van der Veen as the “strong, silent type”, he was impressed with “how hard Roy worked day in and day out in

On Friday afternoon, Van der Veen's teammates, coaching staff, family mem-



PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

Prior to the signing ceremony attended by over 100 teammates, coaches, students, and family members in Robert F. Hall CSS's cafeteria on Friday afternoon, Roy took time from his studies and training to answer our interview questions:

**Roy Van der Veen:** I tried my best to be a leader. Although I'm quiet, I demonstrated being a leader by going 100% in reps during practice and giving it my all in games.

**Roy Van der Veen:** The game that I was most proud of was the semi-finals game. Although I did not pass my personal best for yards or touchdowns, it was the coldest and hardest game of the year. We had to earn each yard and first down as we played on the muddy field.

**Roy Van der Veen:** The people I admire the most are my parents. They are the most hard-working people I know. They started with nothing back in Holland and now they own a successful business. I learned from them that hard work can get you very far in life.

*If you are a community or high school coach who would like to nominate a Caledon-based student-athlete for The Caledon Citizen's Student Athlete of the Week, please email me at [jim@lpcmedia.ca](mailto:jim@lpcmedia.ca).*



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- Southfields Community Centre

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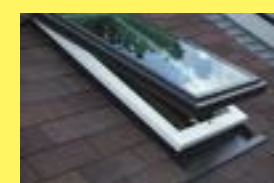
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**WORRY, MARILYN DIANE (NEE JEMMETT)**

Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre, Orangeville on February 9th, 2023 at the age of 81. Beloved wife of the late Stanley Worry (2006). Dear mother of Patti (Gary). Cherished grandmother of Nick Yates (Morgan), Jon Yates (Kendra) and Zack Yates. Loving Granny to Sterling, Charlotte, Madison and Oliver. Marilyn will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.



Visitation will be held at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, 21 First St., Orangeville on Saturday February 18th, 2023 from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm. Funeral Service will be held in the chapel on Sunday February 19th, 2023 at 1:00 pm with visitation beginning at 12:00 pm. Spring interment - St. Johns Cemetery, Mono.

A tree will be planted in memory of Marilyn in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. 21st Annual Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.dodsandmcnair.com](http://www.dodsandmcnair.com)

OBITUARIES

**HOOD, ROSE (NEE HUMPHRIES)**

Suddenly at Headwaters Health Care Centre, Orangeville on Tuesday February 14th, 2023 at the age of 70. Beloved wife of Bill Hood. Dear mother of Cameron (Megan) and Ryan (Bernedette). Cherished grandmother of John, Jacob, Emily, Grace, Evan and Lila. Remembered by her sister Florence Knee (Jeff). Predeceased by her parents Evelyn & Jack and her brother Peter Humphries. Rose will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.



Memorial visitation will be held at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, 21 First St., Orangeville on Monday February 20th, 2023 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Memorial donations to your local OSPCA or the Scott Mission would be appreciated by the family.

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*Municipal Act, 2001*  
 Ontario Regulation 181/03  
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**From: The Corporation of The Township of Amaranth**  

Name of Municipality or Board

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on March 23, 2023 at 374028 6th Line, Amaranth, ON L9W 0M6

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at  
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Time and Place

**Description of land(s):** (provide the street address and municipality in which the land is located, or if there is no street address, the location of the land; and, the property identifier number (PIN) assigned to the land in Ontario's land registration system)  
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# Monty Laskin stepping down as CEO of Caledon Community Services

Continued from FRONT

Prior to getting the job at CCS, Laskin actually didn't know a lot about Caledon, the place in which he'd become a key figure in the coming years. In his job interview preparations back in 2006, Laskin remembers thinking CCS was an amazing opportunity to get involved in all kinds of different sectors; and, that CCS was becoming a real go-to organization in Caledon.

Laskin said he saw opportunities to add settlement services, youth services and employment services to name a few, all of which CCS now offers.

"It's been such a joyful ride to watch the community grow and watch CCS grow alongside it, in ways that in 2006, I couldn't have imagined," said Laskin. "Any growth of a community organization requires an exceptionally hard-working staff team and a community that wants to come together and make things happen."

A team performance is always required, said Laskin, explaining that launching new services always requires capital and sustainable funding. He said CCS always has to put itself forward in a way that proves it has the capacity to do its charitable work and that the work will have the intended positive impacts on residents in the community.

Laskin said he's always thought it is CCS' role to bring forward the perspectives and needs of people that use CCS' services to Council and other non-profits in the community. He said working together to ensure their needs aren't forgotten amongst competing priorities in a growing community is key.

Something Laskin is really proud of working on in his time in CCS is developing an extremely strong and passionate staff. With a strong staff group, Laskin said much more can get done for the community.

"My team... are all people that I just love going into battle with, planning and brainstorming," said Laskin. "Figuring out what we need and how we can get it... it's been the most satisfying to watch them grow and grow alongside them."

Another item Laskin is particularly proud of is the planning and building of The Exchange in Bolton.

"It's been a real game-changer for the community because it's provided a hub, a safe, welcoming and really attractive place for all people of Caledon to come to," said Laskin. Whether it's for food support, a yoga class, or a cooking class, different people go to the exchange for different things and that was the goal.

Before The Exchange existed, CCS delivered food support by handing out pre-packed food hampers out of a closet. It was a necessary service, but the organization knew it didn't match its vision and that a better model could be created.

Laskin said all kinds of things came together over an 18-month period to make The Exchange a reality: a generous builder, generous architect, generous people and more. Now, The Exchange receives over 12,000 visits a year. Laskin noted the need for food support in Caledon has more than doubled from this time last year, as well as the fact there's often mornings when The Exchange opens and there are people waiting outside who have lived rough the night before.

"It is unquestionable that (The Exchange) is serving a really important purpose," said Laskin.

"Hardship in life is never about one thing... when you're challenged in one way, it often creates other kinds of challenges. So, the value of someone coming for food is that a caseworker can learn really quickly: "What's going on here? How did this evolve for you? And what are you missing right now, to secure some independence and a life that you want to live?"

Laskin said CCS can then make all kinds of referrals internally to help someone, whether it's assisting them with job support, health issues, transportation, mental health or something else.

"I think that's why (CCS has) become such a diamond in this community," said Laskin.

For whoever will be CCS' next CEO, Laskin said his advice would be that they should rely on the skills and passion that got them the job. The other thing he said is that the new CEO will be able to rely on CCS' amazing staff while they spend time getting to know CCS and Caledon.

Laskin said one of the most important things he did in his first year on the job was really get to know the "heart of Caledon." Former board chairs and members were key in helping Laskin do this.

Laskin is always quick to credit the "exceptional" people of Caledon who spend their time on events, committees, programs, and everything else CCS does that needs volunteers. He also credits other organizations in Caledon like service clubs, faith groups, schools, and others that he said have been a pleasure to work with over the years.

"Over 17 years, I've learned so much, and I've had so many opportunities to do things that have brought me a lot of joy in my life," said Laskin. He said the next CEO will have a chance to set the vision for the next decade and make important choices as Caledon continues to grow — an enticing offer for someone looking to provide leadership in community development.

Laskin said Caledon is seeing significant growth in more diverse demographics and that there's opportunities for CCS to get even more involved in settlement services for newcomers.

"It's important for Caledon to welcome (diversity) in word and in deed," said Laskin.

Also important to note in the coming years is the number of "newly-vulnerable" people who were hit hard by the pandemic and need support for the first time to make ends meet.

Oftentimes these are families where parents have jobs and it's still not enough to be sustainable.

"On matters of poverty, CCS has to remain strong," said Laskin. "It is the only organization in Caledon that has a specific mandate on poverty reduction."

Finally, Laskin said a needs assessment done by CCS last year indicates that people are using the services offered by CCS and that they should all be continued. Sustaining the services' operation in an economy where costs are rising significantly will be an important task.

January 31 is when CCS' Board of Directors officially announced Laskin would be stepping down on April 28, and they did so with a media release. In the release, Board Chair Wanda Buote said Laskin provided visionary leadership during his tenure as CEO.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors and our entire organization, I want to extend our deepest gratitude to Monty for his leadership, commitment to excellence for CCS and for Caledon and for the diligence with which he worked on behalf of our organization," said Buote.

The statement said Laskin is leaving CCS positioned well to meet the growing needs of Caledon and that he developed strong relationships with "all levels of government, the United Way of Greater Toronto, foundations, private donors and generous Caledon businesses and residents which will serve the agency well into the future."

## Great Backyard Bird Count Provides Global Purpose on February 17-20

BY JIM STEWART

It's a busy time of year for The Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Birds Canada, and the National Audubon Society.

On February 17, 18, 19, and 20, these three esteemed conservation organizations will be encouraging nature lovers across the world to watch birds in their backyards or other favorite settings and report their findings.

The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual event that invites participants to take a break from their hectic lives and count the birds. It provides a welcome break from the winter blahs often associated with February and is a perfect activity for Family Day 2023. However, the main reason February is chosen is that most birds around the world have not begun their spring migration and the international bird population is at its most stationary.

Kristen Martyn, who is the owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, is a local proponent of the Great Backyard Bird Count and related conservation measures to protect avian populations. Kristen took time from her busy schedule of caring for her newborn twins, managing her store, and being a conservation activist to respond to our interview questions:

**The Caledon Citizen:** How can local residents participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count 2023?

**Kristen Martyn:** Participation is easy and free. All you need to do is identify and count the birds you see in your yard (or any other location you wish) for at least 15 mins February 17-20, 2023. You can participate on all days or whichever day(s) you are available to do so. After your count is complete, you upload your results on eBird (registration is free). If you are new to bird identification, the Merlin Bird ID app is a great tool. If you have participated in the count before, you can upload your results

CCS' Board of Directors has established a hiring plan and engaged an executive search firm to undergo a rigorous search for CCS' next CEO.

Buote said Laskin's pursuit of excellence at CCS has made the organization strong for the years to come.

"Please join me in extending to Monty all good wishes in the way ahead and continued successes as he embraces new opportunities in this next chapter of his career," said Buote.

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**The Caledon Citizen:** Why is the Bird Count an important event that local residents should care about?

**Kristen Martyn:** By participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count, you are participating in the world's largest biodiversity-related community science project. Your information becomes part of an extensive database that is analyzed by scientists to better understand important trends in bird populations, range expansions, habitat changes, and shifts in migration patterns. Tragically, recent studies have shown that we have lost 2.9 billion birds in North America since 1970. Participating in community science projects is an easy way for anyone to take action and help birds.

**The Caledon Citizen:** Any words of encouragement to aspiring birders as the Big Day arrives?

**Kristen Martyn:** Absolutely! If you are new to bird identification and bird watching, this is a great event to get you started. The birding community is so welcoming, and we encourage all skill levels to participate. If you need help with bird ID feel free to visit us in store, send an email or post on our social communities. We would be more than happy to help and there are also many other online groups and resources to assist you as well. This is the perfect event to get kids interested in the nature in their own backyards. So, I would strongly encourage parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, community leaders, and others to invite children to participate with them and to get them involved. Lastly, remember that birds really need our help and with as little as 15 minutes of your time, you can directly assist with bird conservation! Is there any better motivation than that?! Happy counting everyone!

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