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FAMILY DAY DEDICATION – On Family Day, February 20, Mayor Annette Groves and Council members joined local residents for Family Day fun at John Clarkson Park and the dedication of the John Clarkson Park Skate Loop. It's hoped the Loop will provide more opportunities for residents to skate in the great outdoors through March Break. For more on the new public space, see Page 13. **PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF**

Council set to approve 2.03% tax increase next week as Budget talks conclude

BY BROCK WEIR

Caledon residents can expect to see the municipal portion of their tax bills rise by 2.03 per cent this year as Council prepares to sign off on the 2023 Budget.

Final budget approval is set for the February 28 Council meeting.


The final numbers are a result of a series of meetings which started with a projected budget increase of 3.68 per cent.

In a statement last week, the Town said the goal of last week's General Committee meeting was set with a "goal of keeping the tax increase as minimal as possible while maintaining service levels and preparing for growth."

"I am very pleased with the work and results of our 2023 Budget at this point," said Mayor Annette Groves in a statement. "As a Council, we sharpened our pencils and worked with staff to bring the budget down to

a 2.03 per cent increase from the Town. This achieves a balance between providing the services our residents and businesses depend on daily and keeping the tax increase as low as possible. I applaud our leadership team for helping us prepare a budget that serves the Town as a whole, helps us prepare for growth and manage the many legislative changes and financial impacts we are experiencing."

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MP addresses controversial firearms Bill at town hall meeting

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seebach held a town hall-style meeting at the Dufferin Northern-Peel Anglers & Hunters Association in Mono on Tuesday, February 21, to discuss the controversial federal Bill C-21.

Bill C-21 is a bill proposed by the federal Liberal government that will ban a variety of firearms including rifles and shotguns. The Bill has come under fire by many hunters, sports shooting groups, and Indigenous groups.

Opponents to the Bill say it goes too far and bans firearms that are routinely used by hunters, shooters, and Indigenous people and will turn legal firearm owners into criminals if they fail to comply with the new regulations.

The event was well attended with a standing room only audience. While the meeting was open to the general public, the majority of persons who attended were legal firearms owners with a vested interest in Bill C-21.

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Museum hosts exhibit led by Indigenous artists

BY PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Museum of Dufferin (MoD) and the Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle (DCCRC) have partnered together to present a new Indigenous art exhibit at the local museum.

The new exhibit, called Our Story: Past & Present, will feature artwork from Indigenous artists Josh Morley, Sharon Rigby, Josy Thomas, and Janice Toulouse. The Indigenous artists are presented by Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle (DCCRC).

The exhibit will be on display from March 3 to 29 in the MoD’s Lodge Gallery.

“Wow, the Indigenous artwork the audience gets to discover are ‘terrific’, as my late mom used to say. She was a residential school survivor,” said Elder Karen Vandenberg of the Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle.

The local museum will welcome Indigenous Community Elder Karen Vandenberg, B.E.S, and her daughter Skye Vandenberg, B.Sc., M.E.S, to discuss climate challenges from an Indigenous perspective. The climate conversation will take place at the museum on March 25 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased through the MoD’s website.

“The MoD is very pleased to be working with the Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle, and we look forward to future collaborations,” said the MoD in a press release.

The project is funded, in part, by the federal government through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario.

To find out more information about the exhibit, visit dufferinmuseum.com.



Jason Schildroth, winner of the Young Professional Influencer Award, at the latest Economic Developers Council of Ontario conference. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON

Caledon’s Manager of Economic Development recognized with award at provincial conference

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon’s Economic Development team was a finalist for an Award of Excellence at the annual Economic Developers Council of Ontario conference.

On February 10, the Town announced the news, alongside the fact that Jason Schildroth, Caledon’s Manager of Economic Development, took home the Young Professional Influencer Award at the conference.

The Economic Development team was an Award of Excellence finalist for their “successful execution of the Downtown Bolton Revitalization Plan and leadership in the economic development field,” according to the Town.

Similarly, the Town said Schildroth took home the Young Professional Influencer Award for his “integral role in the success of the Downtown Bolton Revitalization Plan and his dedication to community engagement, relationship building and problem solving.”

The Downtown Bolton Revitalization Plan was first adopted by Caledon Council in March of 2021 and has been a collaborative effort between the community and the Town to implement.

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves said in statement that as one of Canada’s fastest-growing municipalities, local economic development remains a priority.

“With the leadership of this team, I

know this priority will be supported,” said Groves. “I am proud that our Economic Development team has been recognized on the provincial stage for their success with the Downtown Bolton Revitalization Plan and beyond.”

The Economic Developers Council of Ontario conference took place from February 7 to 9, and is held each year to establish best practices in the province’s economic development community through collaboration and discussion.

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(Blackjack, Roulette, Crown & Anchor Tables)

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COMMUNITY events

This column is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce up-coming events. Please contact the Caledon Citizen by calling (905) 857-6626 if you wish to have an announcement published.

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. Online memberships are also available.

The Bolton Al-Anon Group has recently moved the regular meeting location to the Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy Street (across from Bolton Post Office). We still meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is/or has been affected by someone who has problem with alcohol. If you have any questions please come any Thursday evening or email: boltonalanon@gmail.com.

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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!

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.

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Headwaters Arts exhibit interprets Dark into Light

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The theme Dark into Light is the focus of Headwaters Arts exhibit currently on display at the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

Forty works are presented representing 27 artists. Works were juried before being allowed to hang in the gallery. The pieces represented a variety of mediums used by the artists.

The show’s theme offers a wide latitude when it comes to interpreting what those words mean to different artists.

“The concept is up for interpretation,” explained Headwaters Arts president Margi Taylor-Self. “Every artist looks at these themes, because every show is themed. You could have taken a spiritual connotation on it, for example, or you could have taken something very basic, like it’s been a long winter, very grey, and now we’re coming into spring, and that’s the light.”

Some visitors thought the theme might have to do with the pandemic; however, that was just a secondary thought from the artist. Although if they wanted, they could have used the pandemic as inspiration.

“Part of it is COVID,” Ms. Taylor-Self said. “We’ve come through a grueling time, and we’ve managed as an organization to continue showing and exhibiting our work. This is a juried show.

Members submit their work, and we have a committee that goes through each of the submissions and see how it relates to the theme and decide whether it should be exhibited or not. We’re trying to achieve a certain standard. We also want to be inclusive. We want to include those artists that are just starting and those artists that have been doing it for a long time, so there’s a gentle process.”

Artist Marnie Cooke has three works of art in the exhibit.

“I did of course consider the theme, but I didn’t lose [the concept] what I wanted to do,” Marnie explained of her exhibited works. “The thing about abstract is I never know how it’s going to go. I’m always tweaking and moving things around. I may have a theme in mind, but it’s not my focus.



The Headwaters Arts exhibit, title Dark into Light, is currently on display at the Alton Mill Arts Centre in Alton. Artist, Marnie Cooke has three works that are currently in the gallery. The Dark into Light exhibit running through to March 19. PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

I have my work, and I’m always fixing it. It’s when you can’t fix it any more – I get to a point where I don’t want to change anything, and I know it’s right.”

A walk through the exhibit features a wide

range of works that see the theme in different ways. Artists used their own imagination when interpreting the theme and creating their own style of art that represents their thought and vision.

The exhibit had an opening reception on Saturday, February 18.

The Headwaters Arts Dark into Light exhibit will be on display at the Alton Mill Arts Centre through to March 19.

Unearth Uncover exhibit marks Black History Month

The Town of Caledon, in collaboration with the City of Mississauga and the Peel District School Board, is pleased to host pieces from the Unearth Uncover exhibit created by Cawthra Park Secondary School students.

Residents are encouraged to visit the exhibition which runs through March 17 at Caledon Centre for Recreation, Caledon East Community Centre and/or Southfields Community Centre.

This exhibition features student-made artwork featuring prominent Black Canadians which highlight the exclusion and erasure of Black History in Canadian curriculum.

“I encourage you to check out the powerful artwork on display in our recreation

facilities,” said Mayor Annette Groves. “However, recognizing Black culture in Canada does not end in February. As our community grows, we continue to take action on social topics and demonstrate awareness of important cultural initiatives”.

The Town’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) program, developed in 2021, guides efforts in fostering all cultures and communities that call Caledon home.

The staff-led Diversity Equity and Inclusion Roundtable have also been working to provide social and educational opportunities to Town staff such as lunch and learns, documentary screenings, webinars and more.



A selection of the students’ work on display..

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STOLEN VEHICLES SEIZED

A total of 16 stolen vehicles worth almost \$1,000,000 have been seized after the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) in Central Region executed a series of search warrants at two addresses in Caledon and Brampton.

On February 16, 2023, the Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) received information regarding stolen motor vehicles.

As a result of this information, the Caledon CSCU, with assistance from members of the Caledon OPP, the Southern Georgian Bay, Muskoka, Nottawasaga, Orillia, Dufferin, Collingwood CSCU, Central Region Regional Support Team, OPP Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau, OPP and Peel Regional Police Forensic Identification Services, accompanied by Peel Regional Police Auto Theft Unit, Halton Regional Police Auto Theft Unit, the Canadian Border Service Agency, and the Equite Association seized the following items:

- 10 RAM pickup trucks
- 2 Toyota Highlander SUVs
- 1 Lexus RX35 SUV
- 1 Chevrolet Suburban SUV
- 1 Volkswagen Passat
- 1 Jeep Grand Cherokee SUV

The investigation remains ongoing. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

The Ontario Provincial Police is warning owners of newer model pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles (SUVs) to be aware that groups of organized criminals are targeting these vehicles in thefts across the province.

The criminals may scout a neighbourhood days beforehand, recording vehicle identification numbers (VIN), searching for alarm systems, and identifying vehicles to steal. The criminals will then return under the cover of darkness, often committing the thefts during evening and early morning hours.

The current tools being used are high-tech and can circumvent the existing anti-theft technologies on vehicles in a very short amount of time. Thieves may amplify or copy the frequency of the key fob, which are usually left by the front door, start your vehicle, and drive away.

By being aware and following a few crime prevention tips, vehicle owners can reduce their chances of becoming a victim:

- Report suspicious activity in your neighbourhood;
- Park your vehicle in a well-lit area;

- Place your keys in a “faraday bag” and do not store them by your front door or in front of windows. This bag will isolate your fob’s signal and prevent its frequency from being copied or amplified;
- If you have access to a garage, park your vehicle indoors;
- Consider installing a security camera at your residence. This can alert you, often in real time, to suspicious activity occurring on your property;
- A steering wheel lock, such as “The Club,” can make your vehicle a less desirable target;
- Install a secondary audible alarm. These alarms can alert you or your neighbours to suspicious activity or attempted threats on your property;
- Use temporary means to cover the VIN displayed on the front windshield of your vehicle. Do not alter it or modify it;
- Store your vehicle ownership, proof of insurance, and any other sensitive documents in your wallet or purse, not your glove box.

ARREST FOLLOWING ROBBERY

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have arrested and charged a suspect following an armed robbery in Bolton.

“On February 16, 2023, at approximately 6:30 p.m., Caledon OPP was alerted of an armed robbery in progress at a business establishment on Queen Street South in Bolton,” say Police. “It was further reported that a suspect was being restrained. Officers arrived and arrested the individual. Minor injuries were reported as a result of this incident.”

As a result of the investigation, Dushyant Sunder, 22, of Brampton, was charged with armed robbery and seven other related criminal code offences.

The suspect was held for a Bail Hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville. The charges have not been proven.

The investigation is ongoing by the Caledon Detachment Major Crime Unit. Investigators are looking for any potentially relevant videos or photographs that were taken of the incident. Images and video can be submitted by visiting: ontarioprovincialpolice.ca/evidence.com/axon/citizen/public/e230192570

Anyone with any other information that might assist the investigation should contact the Caledon OPP at 905-584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. 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.

IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

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

“On February 17, 2023, at approximately 6:00 a.m., officers were dispatched to a vehicle into the ditch on Airport Road, near Mayfield Road,” say Police. “During the investigation, grounds were formed that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol, and the driver was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, Oscar Carpio, 50, of North York, was charged with:

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

The accused driver’s licence was suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle was impounded for a period of seven days.

The charge has not been proven.

“On February 20, 2023, at approximately 12:29 a.m., an officer was conducting a general patrol in the area of Queen Street North and Stern Street in Bolton. At that time, a vehicle was observed failing to stop at a red light. The officer conducted a traffic stop and met with the driver. Since the officer formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol, the accused was arrested.”

As a result of the investigation, Jose Amara, 54, of Alliston, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Operation while prohibited;
- Operate motor vehicle without insurance;
- Red light - fail to stop.

The accused driver’s licence was suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle was impounded for a period of 45 days. The charges have not been proven.

Both accused from the two separate inci-

dents are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on March 9, 2023, to answer to the charges.

The OPP remains committed to taking alcohol/drug-impaired drivers off our roads through enforcement and public education. If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture. If you suspect a driver to be impaired, call 9-1-1. For more information about penalties, visit: www.ontario.ca/page/impaired-driving.

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING STRATEGY

The Provincial Human Trafficking Intelligence-led Joint Forces Strategy (IJFS) members from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Toronto Police Service (TPS), Greater Sudbury Police Service (GSPS) and Treaty Three Police Service (T3PS) shared human trafficking statistics to show the cooperative work of the strategy and the complexity of human trafficking investigations.

Since the IJFS was created in December 2021, the 21 police services have:

- Conducted 65 investigations;
- Assisted 61 victims;
- Laid 72 human trafficking charges;
- Laid 167 additional charges; and,
- Charged 28 people.

“The victims ranged from 12 to 47 years old, while accused ranged from 18 to 44 years old,” say Police. “All victims were provided services and support through the OPP IJFS Victim Specialist or local victim services. Assistance was also provided by the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC).”

“Human trafficking investigations are complex and often require a cross-jurisdictional approach as they may cross into other areas of Ontario. The median length of time to complete a human trafficking case is 382 days (according to Statistics Canada, 2021).”

If you or someone you know is being trafficked, call your local police. The Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking has resources available for victims and survivors of human trafficking on their website at canadiancentretoendhumantrafficking.ca. A national hotline is also available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-833-900-1010.

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9. A way to delight

11. Appetizers

13. Ancient heralds’ wands

15. Make a booking

16. ‘__ death do us part

17. Pearl Jam frontman

19. Spider genus

21. Fill with high spirits

22. A major division of geological time

23. Catch

25. An independent ruler or chieftain

26. Electronic music style (abbr.)

27. Influential Spanish cubist painter

29. Illegally persuades

31. A way to derive

33. British School

34. Appear alongside

36. Surely (archaic)

38. Harsh cry of a crow

39. A day in the middle

41. Kansas hoops coach Bill

43. The longest division of geological time

44. The first sign of the zodiac

46. Appetizer

48. Link together in a chain

52. A bacterium

53. In a way, forces apart

54. Cheese dish

56. Combines

57. In an inferior way

58. Colors clothes

59. Dried-up

CLUES DOWN

1. Gastropods

2. Confusing

3. Romanian monetary unit

4. The rate at which something proceeds

5. A prosperous state of well-being

6. Asked for forgiveness

7. Makes less soft

8. Part of speech

9. Outside

10. Advice or counsel

11. Badness

12. Protein-rich liquids

14. Not moving

15. Call it a career

18. Poetry term

20. Not wide

24. Pastries

26. Turns away

28. Satisfies

30. Gift adornments

32. San Diego ballplayers

34. Manufacturing plant

35. Check or guide

37. Dogs do it

38. Chilled

40. Scorch

42. Unproductive of success

43. Electronic counter-countermeasures

45. Attack with a knife

47. Feel bad for

49. Enclosure

50. Assert

51. Geological times

55. Midway between east and southeast

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



Kyle Seeback, MP for Dufferin-Caledon, addresses an audience at the Dufferin Northern-Peel Anglers & Hunters Association in Mono on Tuesday, February 21. Mr. Seeback was speaking against propped federal Bill-C21, a Liberal government Bill, which would ban a wide number of rifles and shotguns.

PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Seeback addresses controversial firearms Bill at town hall meeting

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Seeback gave an opening preamble in which he provided some statistics about gun crime in Canada.

“The Conservative Party position on Bill C-21 is we are against Bill C-21,” he said. “That’s my position as well. This is a difficult Bill. The other opposition parties are in favour of the Bill, so we’re going to have a hard time not having this Bill pass.”

He said that, according to police, of gun crimes committed last year, 86 per cent of those firearms were smuggled into the country from the United States, and that trend is increasing.

The number of firearms seized at the border more than doubled in 2021 from the previous year, with gang-related homicides increasing by 92 per cent.

Seeback also criticized the justice system, saying “Many experts believe

that the increase in violent crime is worsened by the revolving door of our criminal justice system due to Bill C-75, which drastically weakened the ability of judges to impose stricter sentences on violent criminals and deny bail to violent criminals.”

He cited, OPP Commissioner, Thomas Carrique, who stated, “Just three days ago (February 12, 2023) we had an offender that had been released on bail for possession of a firearm, within days of being released on bail was arrested in the possession of numerous firearms yet again.”

In relation to other firearms legislation, Bill C-71, created in 2020, is a proposed firearms buyback program that Mr. Seeback said, is just not feasible.

“The Government originally estimated the buyback program would cost \$200 million. However, the Parliamentary Budget Officer estimates

reimbursing gun owners will cost up to \$756 million without accounting for administrative of staffing costs. Others have costed the program at upwards of \$6.7 billion. If we’re going to spend \$6.7 billion, why don’t we put that money into two things – guns and gangs task forces – they have great results. Number two, why don’t we look at investing in border security?”

Seeback also acknowledged that if a gun buyback were put in place, not everyone would voluntarily give up their firearms, requiring police resources to go to people’s homes searching for guns rather than doing regular police work on more important issues.

The floor was opened up for questions and comments from the audience.

There was overwhelming support from those in attendance who are against Bill C-21 and do not want to see this Bill passed.

Town endorses Housing Pledge

At this week’s Planning and Development Committee meeting, Town of Caledon Council endorsed a Housing Pledge for Caledon.

The pledge outlines how the Town will meet its housing target of 13,000 residential units by 2031 as set by the Province, and the support it will need to achieve it.

“We welcome responsible growth to make Caledon the most livable and sustainable rural-urban community in Canada,” said Mayor Annette Groves. “We’re committed to our share of the housing targets set by the Province and ensuring the integrity of our current and future communities. We’ve outlined our concerns in our Housing Pledge about our greenfield development needs being different from those with established communities and the financial impacts from growth coming to areas where we do not yet have roads or infrastructure.”

The pledge asks the province to work with the Town to understand the impacts and supports needed to grow in a sustainable and affordable way.

Currently, The Town of Caledon is working on its new Official Plan Review with a made-in-Caledon Growth Concept to 2051 and embarking on a Growth Management and Phasing Plan.

“Delivering Caledon’s housing target is a partnership between the Town, the Province, the Region, the Development industry and many other stakeholders” said Antonietta Minichillo, Director of Planning. “As we move forward, we are committed to embracing collaboration and innovation and approached our housing pledge with this in mind.

“It is important that we do our part to address the housing crisis while not compromising on the quality of communities we want to see developed in Caledon. Growth in Caledon will be in greenfield areas (rural/farm land) and it requires different considerations which we put forward in our Housing Pledge as action items for the Province to consider.”

The Town of Caledon has made four key requests of the Province to deliver its housing targets:

- Funding tools for all growth-related (greenfield areas with no services for housing) infrastructure, public amenities;
- Respect for Caledon’s growth phasing plans and secondary planning processes to help Caledon plan for Caledon;
- A stop to Ministerial Zoning Orders (MZOs) so Caledon’s pledge is not compromised;
- Restricting appeals on planning applications that are premature and not supported by the Town.



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“Supporting your employment journey is our passion!”
by Cathy Perennec McLean, Director, Employment and Training



January Statistics Canada data shows employment continues its upward trend, with the unemployment rate holding steady. Gains were led by wholesale and retail trade, health care and social assistance and educational services industries.

Despite current gains and a steady unemployment rate month to month, we know the job market continues to change rapidly and job seekers need to be adaptive. Whether you're new to the labour market or returning to the workforce, sometimes a helping hand can be just what you need. This was the case for Darrian.

A Caledon resident, Darrian spent more than 15 years happily employed in a management role at a large company. He was looking ahead to retirement, planning to finish his career in a company he loved and where he had built so much of his professional life. However, difficult times forced the company to close its doors, leaving Darrian unemployed and struggling to find his feet in today's job market.

His resume was outdated, his computer skills required polishing and he was unsure of how to move forward. But being a Caledon resident, he knew where to find help. Darrian connected with Caledon Community Services' (CCS)

Employment and Training team for the support he needed.

Darrian worked one-on-one with a job coach, who helped him optimize his resume, prepare for job interviews and provide access to workshops and free online training resources to help him improve his computer skills.

Darrian was able to land a contract position and his extensive business experience coupled with his new skills enabled him to transition the role into a permanent position until his retirement several years later.

"Connecting with CCS really helped me," said Darrian. "The opportunity to attend workshops, the ability to talk with staff and access job search resources all provided support to my job search. Thank you."

If you feel you can benefit from support in your career journey, connect with CCS to learn how you can take advantage of one-on-one career planning, job search advice and training, personalized employment action plans, skills training and development, referrals to community support services and more at no cost.

Our employment and training services are available virtually, Monday-Friday or in-person by appointment on Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. Call 905-584-2300 ext. 200 to book an appointment today or learn more by visiting www.ccs4u.org.

**Name/details have been changed to protect client privacy.*

How Do You See It?

Tell us how you see it.
Cathy Perennec McLean, Director, Employment and Training, Caledon Community Services at 905-584-2300 ext. 220 or cmclean@ccs4u.org

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Addiction Services opens treatment beds in partnership with community groups

BY BROCK WEIR

GTA residents looking to overcome addiction have an expanded path to recovery thanks to the Aurora-based Addiction Services Central Ontario and community partners.

Addiction Services Central Ontario (ASCO), in partnership with the Krasman Centre and Caritas School of Life, have launched a new pilot program – a newly-opened withdrawal management centre in York Region.

Located in Vaughan, the centre offers six beds and will work with various community leaders to expand service for community members living with substance use concerns, including drop-in programs, peer support, counselling, case management, harm reduction, psychoeducation, and more.

The Centre is funded by Ontario’s Addiction Recovery Fund and organizers say its opening “marks an important step in expanding the continuum of equitable, accessible, publicly-funded services” in the communities they serve.

“We’re one of the largest providers of addiction services in Ontario and we have been providing a suite of services [such as] counselling, treatment, addictions, medicine, case management, peer support, information, referral, education awareness, and we also provide court support and a very specific program for women who are pregnant and who are at risk of using substances, who might be parenting and are at risk of using substances,” says Penny Marrett, Executive Director of Addiction Services Central Ontario. “As part of this, we’re saying there’s a continuum of services and some people may decide they wish to withdraw or reduce their consumption of substances. They may be able to stay at home, but for others they need that additional support, to have that opportunity to have a stay in withdrawal management centre, also known as ‘detox’, gives them that [chance].”

The closest detox centres for anyone who lives in York Region or South Simcoe are in Barrie or Toronto, and being able to offer this kind of care closer to home has long been a goal for ASCO – and has long been an ask to funders.

That funding came following the Provincial Government’s 2021 announcement of

the Addictions Recovery Fund, a fund that is in place for three years. It enabled ASCO to partner with both the Krasman and Caritas to make these six beds a reality.

They can’t do it alone, adds Marrett, and The Krasman Centre’s peer support organization and Caritas’ clinical supports have all come to the table to make this happen.

It’s what she describes as a “24/5” service in that it operates Monday through Friday, giving those who avail themselves of the program a chance to figure out their next steps.

“What happens is during those five days they’re there is clinicians are all working to help them determine what their next steps will be,” she says. “We’re not discharging them into oblivion...some people will have decided they want to go to longer-term live-in treatment but they need to be in a detox centre before they can go and be stabilized. Individuals may decide they have supports at home and it’s safe for them to go back, or individuals may decide they want to do addictions counselling. They will be at home with a referral to an addictions counsellor like our own staff.

“We have other community agencies we have relationships where we can actually do a warm referral to them so they can then come and pick them up and provide the supports for that next phase in their life. For us, the real important piece is during the five days they have a chance to decide their next step in their recovery and where do they want to go. There’s no judgement about where it is, we don’t tell anybody where they should be going. What do you want to achieve? What’s your goal? How do we support you in reaching that goal?”

The 24/5 structure is the model simply due to current resources, notes Marrett, but they will work to connect people with the supports they need.

“We’re really trying to build a program that will be able to offer a number of different things, but right now we don’t have the funding to do all of what we want to do, but we’re talking and we’re hoping to have more funding to be able to do more comprehensive withdrawal management centre. Some people may require more immediate addictions 24/7. We know who has space...because we don’t want you to call 10 different places. We keep



The newly-opened facility, featured above, is accessible to people across the GTA..
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

in touch to know who has space and then you can decide if that is where you want to take your referral or not.”

ASCO and its partners have this funding in place until March 31, 2024 and, during this window, will monitor the number of people served and the services used in order to keep building.

“We suspect six beds aren’t going to be enough in the end for our region, but it is a start and that’s the important thing for us. We believe that between the number of individuals served and the outputs and the outcomes more generally speaking will demonstrate the

real importance. This has been a service that even individuals who are clients of ours have been asking for years and years. Some people can afford a private detox but the majority of people can’t. For us, part of the continuum is we need to have a publicly-funded withdrawal management centre for individuals who are looking for that service, so we’re really pleased to be able to offer it – very excited.”

For more information on the program, call 905-758-2270. Services can also be accessed through ConnexOntario at connexontario.ca or toll-free though 1-866-531-2600.





Marcus Nicholas, a photographer from Loretto, has always loved and been inspired by Caledon's landscapes. **PHOTO BY MARCUS NICHOLAS**

Local author and photographer finds inspiration in Caledon's landscapes

Marcus Nicholas' journal emphasizes the importance of self-reflection

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The pandemic was a test of faith for Marcus Nicholas. Like many people in the pandemic, Nicholas was dealing with the mental health challenges that come with isolation. Then, he lost his father. Throughout challenging times, Nicholas found that moments of silence and self-reflection, as well as getting outside, helped him get by. This led Nicholas, a photographer by trade, to create a 90-day journal for tracking and improving one's wellbeing. The journal features many landscape photos from all across Caledon and surrounding areas.

"Being stuck inside, I was thinking about all the people that were struggling," said Nicholas. While Nicholas used bible verses in his journal, he explained the journal could be used by someone of any faith, as it's all about self-reflection. "No matter what nationality or religion you are, during COVID we all struggled," said Nicholas. "The journal is meant to inspire." Nicholas said he knows he was not alone in losing someone during the pandemic. He said it was especially tough to lose a loved one and not be able to have a large funeral ceremony. Nicholas, who lives just north of Caledon in Loretto, said he's always loved Caledon and came here to take pictures. He said you can always find peace when you are walking on a nature trail in Caledon, and it's something that's never changed over the years. "I have always been into the beauty of Caledon," said Nicholas. "Nature always has a way of making us at peace, and helping us understand our purpose."

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Proposed Official Plan Amendment

FILE NUMBER(S): POPA 2023-0001

A Public Meeting will be held to consider a proposed Town initiated Official Plan Amendment. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

Meeting Date: March 21, 2023
Public Meeting Start Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Virtual & Council Chambers
Town Hall
6311 Old Church Road
Caledon East L7C 1J6

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

The Town of Caledon offers a hybrid meeting model with multiple ways for members of the public to participate and engage with Council.

- Attend In-Person**
Members of the public may attend a meeting in-person and provide verbal comments regarding a proposed application(s) or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting. Although registration is not mandatory, members of the public are encouraged to complete the Participation Request Form, available at <http://www.caledon.ca/speak-at-council>
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APPLICANT: The Corporation of the Town of Caledon
LOCATION: Applies to all lands within the limits of the Town of Caledon

PROPOSED CHANGES:
To amend the Town of Caledon's Official Plan as it relates to pre-consultation and complete application requirements to align with the Town's current development application process and Pre-Consultation By-law, and resulting from Bill 109, The More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
For more information about this matter, including a copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, additional information and material, please visit www.caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

APPEAL PROCEDURE:
If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Caledon to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

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Notice Date: February 23, 2023



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Building on Success

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Approval of the proposed 2023 Budget is set for February 28, 2023 Council meeting at 7 p.m.

You can watch in-person in the Council Chamber at Town Hall or remotely. To ask a question in-person or virtually complete the participation form. For full details, visit caledon.ca/agenda.

Information about the 2023 Budget can be found on haveyoursaycaledon.ca.

Interim Property Taxes are Due

Property tax due dates are **Thursday, March 2** and **Thursday, May 4, 2023**.

Regular late payment fees apply.

For payment options visit: caledon.ca/tax.



Older Adult Home Safety Program



Caledon Fire and Emergency Services and Age-Friendly Caledon have launched the Older Adult Home Safety Program, a free program providing education and home safety check-ups for residents aged 65+.

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Registration for Spring Programs and Summer Camps opens at 8 a.m.:
March 1, 2023 for Caledon residents
March 8, 2023 for non-residents

To view the guide, visit caledon.ca/recprograms

Take a pawse and tell us your thoughts



Town of Caledon is seeking your input on Animal Services

The Town of Caledon is reviewing its Animal Services department's programs and services. The review will help to meet new customer service demands and facility space requirements for our growing community.

The survey can be found at haveyoursaycaledon.ca until March 17, 2023



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BROCK WEIR
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Standing on guard

It's often said that the more you learn the less you know.

In the course of finding, absorbing, and analysing what might be inelegantly described as “new” knowledge, there's always a chance that the new factoids you're trying to file away somewhere might dislodge or overwrite some other bit of once-useful info that your has, for reasons best known to it, deemed less relevant than something else.

If only there was a rhyme or reason for it all.

Over the course of the holiday season, for instance, CTV and a host of other networks dusted off the holiday staple, The Sound of Music, for eager audiences young and old. A favourite of mine as both a youngster and a non-youngster, I was reminded within just a few minutes that my brain has committed every line of dialogue and lyric contained therein to the extent that I could, if I wanted (and, in the interest of fill disclosure, I never will want to outside the comfort of home) recite the picture in real time along with Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer, and their hearty brood.

Now, ask me about my high school-level Spanish.

Once upon a time, I could have a reasonably decent debate with my Spanish teacher in the language of the classroom whether or not eggs were dairy products (don't ask). Now, simply due to lack of opportunity to use what I gleaned over the last 20-odd years, I'd be lucky if I could string together more than the most rudimentary sentences of the beautiful language.

Yet, we're always learning, always finding out more, having our eyes opened to new perspectives, and new ways of thinking – and unless you have a photographic memory, the process will lead to a few more things getting nudged to a less-accessible recess of the mind.

But that's not necessarily a bad thing. New learnings and new perspectives might render whatever is fading outmoded or even irrelevant, even when it comes to language – and a prime example of this cropped up this past week.

Our national anthem has often been a linguistic hot potato.

Its lyrics were first penned in French in 1880 by Adolphe-Basile Routhier before its 1908 translation by Stanley Weir, which made this ditty, first written as a march, accessible to English-speaking Canada.

As it wasn't formally adopted as our anthem until 1980, others, depending on where you lived and the circumstances of the events at hand, may have found other ditties embraced in the hearts and minds of the nation – The Maple Leaf Forever, anyone? – and what Routhier and Weir came up with has often been a source of debate.

There have been efforts over the years – actually, across three distinct centuries – to get the words just right. Efforts to remove religious language from the lyrics have been largely successful. In the 1990s, a radio station held a contest for a re-written O Canada that everyone could agree on; surprisingly or not, the winning overhaul sounded like an ode to our weather above anything else and failed to set the country on fire.

One drive which did gain traction came fol-

lowing a private member's bill in the House of Commons from late Liberal MP Mauril Belanger to modify the anthem from “In all thy sons command” to “In all of us command” to be gender-neutral. A noble effort in my view, but the grammar enthusiast in me rendered my support for this awkward-sounding change slightly grudging...but I adapted.

As did most others whose complaints regarding the change, unfortunately, was seated deeper than mere grammar. But some are still clinging onto “thy sons” like they were getting ready to leave home for the first time.

Fast forward to Sunday night when Canadian singer Jully Black performed the national anthem at the NBA All-Star Game in Salt Lake City.

As she prepared to take the microphone, Black says she consulted with Indigenous Canadians and other groups about whether taking on what was undoubtedly a nerve-wracking gig already was the best move.

The result was powerful in its simplicity. Just one pointed word.

“Our home and native land” was suddenly “Our home on native land.”

No muss, no fuss.

“I reached out to some Indigenous friends to say, first of all, ‘How do you feel about me doing this anthem?’” Black told TSN afterward. “And I got some feedback, and so I really dissected the lyrics, to really sing it with intention. Now I'm singing it in a whole other meaningful way.”

She certainly is.

In the immediate days after the performance, I was heartened to see that so much of the feedback, at least compared to the last official change to the anthem, was largely received positively.

Who would have thought that changing “and” to “on” would have such an impact? Well, anyone who previously bristled at the official lyrics – and not for reasons unfounded.

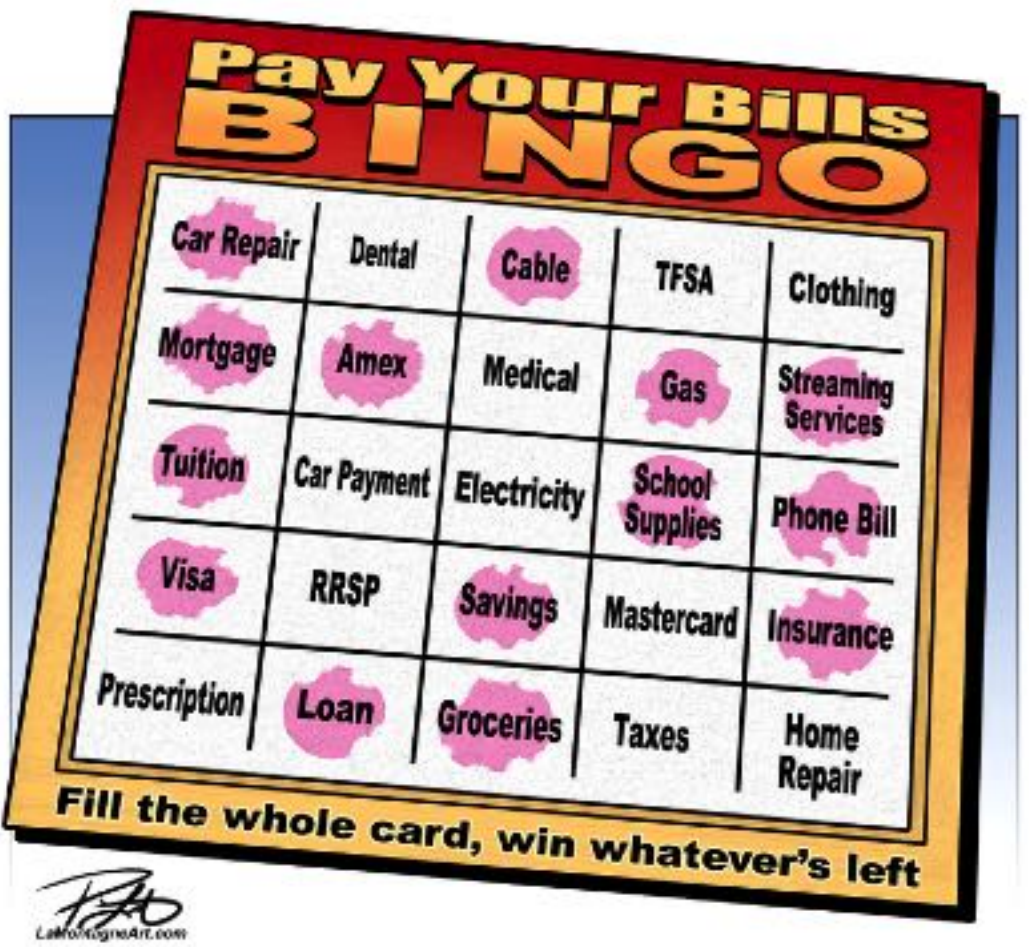
Not all reaction was positive, of course; we have, after all, been taught to think that O Canada is etched in stone and is the embodiment of our country – a remarkable mindset for something that's been enshrined in legislation for only roughly 28 per cent of this country's existence.

But, let's be real: as proud as I am every time I have the opportunity to sing the national anthem when the occasion calls for it, the English version of the song, despite four references to the country in the first verse that we typically sing, is hardly tailor-made to our country beyond the five words of “True North strong and free.”

With just one simple word change, the lyric might represent an uncomfortable truth to some, but it goes a long way in illustrating the Canadian story thus far and could very well serve as a benchmark for where we need to be.

If we can get used to “all of us” in place of “all thy sons,” it's not a huge learning curve.

And it will certainly provide all those in the future whose first encounter with the national anthem is standing up in their classroom and singing it with full heart and voice a gateway to, and foundation of, learning that will only stand the test of time.



For the love of “man’s best friend”

by Mark Pavilons



Charles Schulz once said that happiness is a warm puppy?

Ain't it the truth? Okay, kittens are cute too, but come on, puppies!

February 20 was not only Family Day in Ontario, but it was also National Pet Day.

Okay, we really don't need a day singled out to love our pets – they often bring us joy every minute of every day.

A recent survey found eight out of the 10 provinces preferred dogs. The cat-loving places were Newfoundland and Labrador and Saskatchewan.

I'm happy to be part of the canine group.

I've been lucky enough to have had dogs ever since I was a teen and we currently have two yellow Labs.

Dog owners know full well these critters love us way more than we love ourselves. And only love can make them wag their tails.

There are times, more often lately, that I just look at them, deep into their eyes. I wonder what they're thinking and what's going on in there. Then I just laugh, convinced their heads are filled with thoughts of food, pats, those long stretches and who's at the door.

Posting photos of pets on social media is now the norm and you can find dozens of them every day. Yes, I admit it, I am lured by the antics of those furry friends.

Part of the Canadian survey asked if people post pictures of their pets online. More than half (64.9%) share photos of their pets, while 35% don't.

Survey organizers also looked at which animal gets posted the most on social media and it's a tie folks – 50/50 for dogs and cats. But if you ask me the dog ones are more exciting, more action-packed, while the cat ones are just a tad weird.

Millennials share the most pet pictures on social media (52.9%).

I have had conversations with my dogs and let me tell you, they appreciate my genius! They get me.

When they look at you, they're not judging you or making fun of you. They don't think your last joke was stupid, even if they didn't get the punchline.

Dogs live for the day, the hour, the moment. They can go from deep sleep to jumping on the furniture in a flash. They can accelerate to a full run in a split second. Heck, they even run in their sleep! Even after all these years of watching my dogs sleep, I still find this so weird and so interesting.

There's no question having a dog in your life makes it richer, fuller and even healthier.

Studies have found dog owners, when compared to non-owners, had a 24 percent reduced risk of “all-cause mortality,” a 65 percent reduced risk of death after a heart attack, and a 31 reduced risk of mortality “due to cardiovascular-related issues.”

Improvements in mental health, including lower rates of depression, decreased loneliness, and increased self-esteem, are also noticed in canine lovers.

Dog lovers know this, without mountains of research data. When we're down, they sense it, and often come to our side. They will offer a paw or tongue anytime you need one!

Of course, our busy lives sometimes hinder our full appreciation of this animal, who simply loves getting out and exploring. I'm not sure if they're just curious, or they need to know what's going on in front of every house or near every tree or lamp post.

They love chasing things, even though they should realize they can never catch them. I'm not sure what my dogs are saying when they bark at a squirrel or bird.

They tend to love everything and everyone – any other breed of dog, other strange animals, even their nemesis, cats.

I've always preferred the medium-sized breeds – something you can wrestle with, tease, and really grab onto. Of course, the drawback of medium and large breeds is the pain they inflict when they jump on your stomach or decide to recline on your head!

But you take it in stride because you're a dog owner.

I grew up just outside of Bolton on our 4-acre parcel. There, our dogs had plenty of room to explore. There were times we wouldn't see our Sammy for days.

We've been in Town for years now, and while we don't have a huge property, the back yard is decent, and we take them out on walks as often as we can. We always took them to lakes and cottages when we had the chance.

That's where they come to life and you can see just how much they love this world of ours.

They're free and boy do they make use of it. Our youngest trouble-maker loved chasing water fowl. I'm sure she wouldn't even know what would happen if she ever caught up with one.

Our dogs are in their senior years and our oldest, Marley, has trouble with stairs. And yet she never turns down a walk.

I can't think of a life without dogs. I don't want to.

Sure, the pitter patter of little feet is that much louder. And they are extra mouths to feed. I read that it costs roughly \$20,000 to care for a dog through its lifetime. But that's a deal when compared to kids!

There are times when we're sick as a dog and would prefer to let sleeping dogs lie. When we're dog tired we often grab a dog-eared book and cheer for the underdog. When we work like a dog in a dog-eat-dog world, we just can't wait to get home and see those puppy dog eyes.

Alas, when you love a dog, you have countless good days. And one very bad day.

But we dog-lovers wouldn't trade it for anything on the planet.

Our Readers Write

Bundle up for Coldest Night of the Year

It's definitely cold out there! I cannot imagine wandering the Caledon countryside late at night with no place to sleep. Or moving from friend-to-friend kind enough to loan out their sofa to me for a few nights. And when I think about those in our community who are “living rough,” I remind myself they are someone's child, a brother or sister, a grandchild to someone. If I had a family member living like this, I'd move mountains to support them.

I'm a real estate agent. For years I have helped people move into their dream home and create their safe and welcoming place for themselves and their family. It is my honor and privilege to be the Lead Sponsor of Coldest Night of the Year, a Caledon Community Services fundraiser that strives to do exactly the same thing – help people create a safe and welcoming home for themselves and their family.

Without housing everything is a challenge. Many real estate brokers and agents in Caledon

don know that all too well and are stepping up as sponsors as are many other local businesses. There are almost 200 residents who are walking on Saturday, February 25, to support people in our community who are homeless or challenged with precarious housing situations.

Please, join us in this effort and visit the Caledon CNOY webpage at cnoy.org/location/caledon to donate to your favorite team, set up a team, sign up as a walker and/or to reach out to your family and friends for pledges. The funds you raise will mean a world of difference for so many in Caledon.

We are a blessed community in so many ways. Let's extend those blessings to our neighbors who need our help to support their search for a safe and secure place to live and pursue their dreams.

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Vince’s Market picks CHATS for Community Product Initiative 2023

Portion of proceeds at Tottenham store will benefit area seniors programs

BY BROCK WEIR

The purchase of some of your favourite grocery items will help provide services to local seniors, thanks to Vince’s Market’s Community Product Initiative.

Each year, Vince’s, which has locations in Tottenham, Newmarket, Sharon and Uxbridge, picks a local charity or non-profit for which a portion of the sales of selected products will benefit the organization.

This year’s beneficiary is the Aurora-based CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors), serving older residents of York Region and South Simcoe, helping them age in place as long as possible through a variety of programs.

“CHATS serves many communities, so that’s why we were excited to choose them,” said Maria Ciarlandini, Community Support Ambassador for Vince’s Market.



From left: Vince’s President Giancarlo Trimarchi, Darlene Morrison (CHATS), CHATS Vice President Kelly Broome, CHATS Board Chair Mary Bayliss, Vince’s Community Ambassador Maria Ciarlandini, Andrea Sheppard (CHATS), and Mona Shafer (CHATS).

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“We wanted to learn a lot more about the organization throughout the year, which we’re excited about, and while learning ourselves we’re going to share that with the community so they are also aware of the opportunities and programs that CHATS serves.”

From the perspective of CHATS President and CEO Christina Bisanz, this is a “great example” of how “community-based businesses do support local organizations and can directly support the people who live in the communities that help support those businesses as well.”

“We are so grateful to be selected by Vince’s as the recipient of the funding that will be raised through this initiative,” said Bisanz. “We do have increasing demands for supports and services with an aging population in York Region and South Simcoe, and funding like this helps us to provide subsidies to those who may not be able to otherwise afford the program fees [where applicable]. It’s a valuable opportunity for us to use those funds in a way to provide more access to more people.”

“The second benefit of this that we’re really thrilled about is it is helping us to have more profile in the community because Vince’s is a popular local grocery store in a number of different communities in South Simcoe and York Region. By having the poster that is talking about CHATS, it helps to increase awareness of us as an organization and the services that we provide. It’s really a twofold benefit for us.”

The pandemic, she added, has had “a dramatic impact” on the lives of seniors in all communities they serve and, in addition to the challenges around social isolation and economic challenges, the demand for food and housing security and transportation is increasing.

“The ability for the most vulnerable in those communities to be able to afford those services is significantly constrained,” said Bisanz. “Funding like this does help us offset the cost so that no senior gets left behind because of an inability to pay.”

Representatives from CHATS were at the Sharon location recently for the announcement, alongside representatives of the Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region and South Simcoe, who were the beneficiaries of the 2022 Community Product Initiative.

For the first time, Vince’s raised \$30,000 for their chosen partner and, cumulatively, they have now passed the \$100,000 mark in funds raised.

“We’re all about giving back to the community, which is why I have my job as the ambassador,” said Ciarlandini. “A big part of the Community Product Initiative is bringing in the grocery industry and suppliers to join us to give back to our community and I think that domino effect is why the community partners are getting more spotlight and people are noticing it more. It has become an annual initiative that people are aware of and want to be a part of.”

Girls Night Out event returns for International Women’s Day

BY BROCK WEIR

Female leaders and their businesses will be celebrated this International Women’s Day as NewRoads Automotive hosts its 12th annual Girls Night Out.

Taking over the NewRoads Performing Arts Centre (formerly Newmarket Theatre) on Wednesday, March 8, Girls Night Out will feature a local vendor market and special guest speaker Jennifer Klotz-Ritter, President & CEO of the Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation.

“We’re going back to what this used to be before the pandemic, which is a really fun evening that supports women-owned businesses in the community as well as providing a fun

environment for everyone to come together,” says Jennifer Hawtin, Community & Brand Manager for NewRoads. “It’s a celebration and we at NewRoads believe that when we support our community and businesses that our businesses will all drive together.”

“There are so many amazing small businesses, especially since [2020] that came from the pandemic and have grown through the pandemic and we have some really exciting vendors. One example that came from the pandemic, Market Candle Company. She started her business in 2019 and through the pandemic, she’s grown from doing it at her house, and she now has a commercial space.”

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Added Myuran Palasandiran, Caledon’s Chief Financial Officer: “In this budget we looked at our operational needs, legislative changes, and the longer-term growth needs on the horizon. An increase below two per cent would have had a negative impact on our service levels. We’re using our reserves strategically to fund our capital program and lessen the impact on our taxpayers as well as to be ready for the unexpected.”

In addition to tapping into reserves, other factors which helped lessen the impact include the removal of a two per cent cost of living salary increase proposed for Mayor and Council, and savings with some recreation projects. On the flipside, a

boost has been given to support programs for low-income seniors and persons with disabilities.

“This budget ensures our infrastructure such as stormwater and roads continue to operate smoothly for our residents as we grow,” said Carey Herd, CAO for the Town of Caledon. “We’re committed to efficiency and finding funding opportunities as we face ongoing challenges from new legislation, inflation and continued growth and the expectations that come with it. I thank our Town Council and senior staff for their support in preparing this budget.”

The approval of the municipal budget follows the approval of the Region’s on February 2. The Region’s budget includes a property tax increase of 2.8 per cent for their portion of the tax bill.

Orangeville Legion to host Wounded Warriors information sessions

Orangeville’s Royal Canadian Legion Branch 233 will host an information session in association with Wounded Warriors Canada on Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m.

The session is open without cost to all Canadian veterans and first responders and their families.

Wounded Warriors Canada is a national mental health service provider helping Canada’s veterans, first responders, and their families feel safe, supported and understood.

More detailed information about the organization is available at wounded-warriors.ca.

The session will provide valuable

information about the many programs that Wounded Warriors Canada delivers at no cost to participants, such as PTSD Service Dogs, Couples Overcoming PTSD Every Day, Trauma Recovery and others.

All those interested in attending are invited to RSVP with the branch at 519-942-4895 or Tammy.middleton@rogers.com, indicating name, number of guests and contact information.

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
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Alessandra Facciola and her daughters, Gabriella and Valentina, enjoy The Loop on a radiant Family Day.

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Family Day fun as skate loop in John Clarkson Park officially opens

Staff hope to keep it going through March Break

BY JIM STEWART

The Town of Caledon’s \$500,000 Ice Skating Loop was opened officially during a Family Day ribbon-cutting ceremony at John Clarkson Park on Monday morning.

More than 150 residents attended the ceremony in optimal late-February conditions and helped themselves to free hot chocolate under the pavilion between laps around The Loop.

Life-long Caledon resident Alessandra Facciolo enjoyed skating the Loop with her daughters, Gabriella and Valentina. During her hot chocolate break, Ms. Facciolo expressed her gratitude regarding this neighborhood improvement.

“It’s nice to have something like this so close to home. We can walk over to The Loop after school to work on our skating skills. I like seeing resources being used for these purposes. The ice conditions are great today and it’s a fun Family Day for us.”

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves praised The Loop as “multi-seasonal and versatile—skating in the winter and a jogging surface for the other three seasons.”

She was also pleased to see it being used by young residents.

“Seeing all the kids skating on the ice makes it all worth it. This is an investment in people and a legacy we’d like to expand. It’s important for government to make good use of public space,” she said.

Mayor Groves added that, “These kinds of projects are so important for our communities.”

“We all need healthy outdoor activities and it makes me feel great to see families using the 125-meter Loop.”

Town of Caledon Facility Maintenance Workers Antonio Lucente, Danny Pereira, and Kevin Kyle were also pleased to see the fruits of their labour being used by some many skaters. They explained the capacity of the compressor and the efficacy of the new tractor that cleans the surface of The Loop.

Lucente noted that “the maximum air temperature we can continue to make ice is around 13 degrees. At that point, the compressor is working really hard to refrigerate the track. Today, the ice is nice and hard. We hope to keep it open through the March Break.”

Both the Maintenance Team and Mayor Groves stressed the importance of these kinds of recreational projects.

Before she went for her own inaugural lap around The Loop, Mayor Groves extolled the virtues of outdoor recreation and the optimal skating conditions on a sunny Family Day.

“These are safe places for families. We invite everyone to skate outdoors on a beautiful day and enjoy The Loop.”



Town of Caledon Facility Maintenance Specialists Kevin Kyle, Antonio Lucente, and Danny Pereira

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How do you write an obituary for someone who preferred not to be centre stage and always worked tirelessly behind the scenes? On February 15, 2023, (Harry Arthur) Lynn Gibson passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones. There are many words that could be used to describe him and the legacy he leaves behind. Among them are: thoughtful, brilliant, humble, generous, kind, principled, loving and witty. Lynn was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to the late Harry Robert Lynn Gibson and Wanda Ada (Schick) Gibson. He grew up alongside his sister Wanda Jane (Berndy). From Saskatoon, the family briefly moved to Toronto and finally settled in Cooksville, Ontario, where Lynn spent much of his childhood and youth. Lynn was a loving and devoted husband to his best friend and high school sweetheart, Janice, with whom he shared nearly 55 years of marriage. He was an incredibly proud and loving father to his son, Lynn (Lisa), and daughters, Rachael (Mike) and Sarah. He was an adoring grandfather to Carleah, Alex, Nick, Aaron, Noa, Skya, Livia, and Griffin. Together, with his wife Janice, Lynn thought deeply and carefully about every path he took in life. All of his choices were pursued with the ultimate goal of creating a happy and fulfilling life for himself and his family. Lynn and Janice moved from Cooksville to Orangeville, and then to Mono to raise their family, where they were welcomed by wonderful neighbours that soon became dear and treasured friends. Lynn derived great pleasure from books, music, art, and nature. Some of his happiest moments were spent with loved ones at his peaceful and tranquil home on the Blind Line, as well as summers on Lake Couchiching. Lynn completed his B.A. in English and Sociology at Akron University. After attending one year of studies at Osgoode Hall Law School, Lynn decided to return to his love of English literature at the University of Toronto and McMaster University, where he earned his Masters degree. Lynn's sharp intellect and extraordinary work ethic led him to succeed in a wide range of areas. He began his professional career at Goodyear and became an account executive to Canadian Tire. He dabbled in farming, and thoroughly enjoyed lambing season at a neighbouring farm. Lynn had a passion for politics and, over the years, worked at all three levels of government. At the local level, he served as a councillor and then Mayor of Mono. At the provincial level, Lynn worked as Executive Assistant to former Ontario Premier Ernie Eves and then, at the federal level, with MP David Tilson. Lynn was an integral part of the community and devoted to public service. In addition to his work in politics, Lynn served on multiple committees and associations, including the Niagara Escarpment Commission and the Credit Valley Conservation. He also served as President of the Orangeville Fair. Along with many friends and colleagues, Lynn (Chairman of the Board), Nancy Ross and Dr. Gord Willans completed the project to build our new hospital, the present Headwaters Health Centre. Lynn's contributions were greatly valued by his colleagues and his tremendous service to the community was recognized through multiple awards and certificates of appreciation. Lynn captured the hearts of everyone he knew with his gentleness, humility, kindness, wit, and deep love for his family and friends. He lived life to the fullest and will be missed beyond measure by all who knew him. The family is deeply grateful to the many people who provided special care to Lynn: Dr. Rodriguez, Dr. Laine-Smith, Dr. Arunasalam, Dr. Joshi, Dr. Cheema and team, the ambulance paramedics, and the very special nurses and PSW's in Wing F. A private family service has already taken place and a burial service at Elmvale Cemetary will be held in the Spring. A Celebration of Life will follow and be publicly announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations to Headwaters Health Care, The Cancer Society, or The Heart and Stroke foundation would be appreciated. Arrangements have been entrusted to Dods & McNair, where online condolences may be given.



Hall, William (Bill)

Bill Hall passed away peacefully at his home in Tottenham on Sunday, February 12, 2023, at the age of 94, surrounded by those he cherished. He was the loving husband of wife Neta to whom he was married for 58 years; father to Billy (late Sandy), Norman (Laurie-Anne), son-in-law Todd and his doting daughter and biggest fan, Connie. Bill worked much of his adult years in the produce department at Loblaws Supermarkets. He kept in touch with many of his former colleagues and was very proud to have worked there. At the tender age of 11, his father passed and his mother took the boys on holiday to Shadow Lake. The lure of this lake draws many to return. He then purchased a cottage on the lake followed by a summer resort he named 'Shadow Lake Cottages' (formerly known as 'Gold Rock') with his brother-in-law, Jimmy, wife Neta, and daughter Connie in tow. Shadow Lake was the only place in the entire world that Bill ever had any desire to travel to. This was his place of solitude, puttering, fishing and chatting with neighbours who became life-long friends. Bill was a humorous, kind, polite and caring man who touched so many. The well-being of all peoples mattered to him. Family, friends and even mere acquaintances felt that they were always 'important' when chatting with Bill. Many, whom he (informally) mentored, referred to him as their "2nd Dad" and his many nieces and nephews, loved their "Uncle Bill". His later new-found roles and titles of Grandpa, Great Grandpa, and Poppy were something he could never keep straight when having to recite them, but certainly ever so much, delighted in. As Bill's cognitive abilities began to decline, those who knew him best, supported him in caring and unconditional ways. Anyone who could still make connection with him experienced feelings that were magical. Having outlived an 'artificial' heart valve by 4 years, one could say he was on borrowed time. Bill never took time for granted (nor did he even take naps!). He will be forever missed by so many. Special thanks to his caregivers Martha and Adriana, the PSWs at St. Elizabeth, community care nurses, first responders as well as Rod & Laura at Abrams. Their professionalism, patience, empathy, care and kindness, were second to none. As Bill laid down to sleep, rest assured he would have been "God blessing you all". His wishes were private cremation followed by a Celebration of Life (to be further announced). Bill didn't want "folks to visit him if and when they were sad" (his words). His final resting place will be very close to Shadow Lake. Condolences may be offered at Rod Abrams Funeral home, Tottenham. Donations to the Alzheimers Society and/or the Heart & Stroke Foundation are appreciated.



STAN JANES

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of the leader of our band. Stan Janes passed away suddenly at Brampton Civic Hospital on Tuesday, February 7th, 2023 at the age of 67. Stan leaves behind his treasured best friend, partner and band mate of 25 years Diane Tolstoy, adoring children Errin Janes, Sasha (Natasha) Tolstoy, Jolene (Braden) Coles, Kim (Mike) Janes, Anton Tolstoy, and Liane (Jon) Janes. Proud grandfather to Sarah, Caitlyn, Naomi, Stella and Nathan. Predeceased by his mother Beverly and step-father John, Stan leaves behind his father Stanley Sr., step-mother Lois, siblings Joanna, Danny (Lucie), Kimberlye (David), Dawn (Jim), Jim (Janice), Gloria, Duane (Cindy), Cindy, a giant family and many friends especially his best friend Dave "Bart" Bartnik. 67 years doesn't seem long enough...but Stan packed a huge life into those years. He was a self-taught gifted musician... sharing his craft in local bands, living room jam sessions and countless duets with Diane. He could be found tinkering in his barn, brewing up all sorts of concoctions, hunting and enjoying the outdoors. He was a notably talented handy-man who would find a way to repair and restore anything that crossed his path. Cremation has taken place. A celebration to share stories and songs was held at the Niagara on the Lake Community Centre, 14 Anderson Lane, Niagara-on-the Lake from on Sunday, February 12, 2023. A memorial will be held at a later date in Caledon, Ontario. In lieu of flowers donations to the Canadian Music Therapy Fund would be appreciated by the family. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

APPS, DR. ROBERT CHARLES (DOCTOR, WORLD TRAVELER & GOLFER)

Passed peacefully on Saturday, February 18th, 2023 at the age of 81. Beloved husband of Lee Apps. Dear father of Eric (Lisa), Steve (Maria) and Jennifer. Step-father of Ember (Brian). Cherished grandfather of Sam. Remembered by his sister Judy (Peter) and his brother David (Mary). Bob 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 Sunday, February 26th, 2023 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Society or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

A tree will be planted in memory of Bob 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

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Municipal Act, 2001
Ontario Regulation 181/03
Municipal Tax Sales Rules

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Neil White – President

Andrea Stoddart – Secretary-Treasurer

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Century Church Theatre brings in Deathtrap on March 5



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BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Century Church Theatre in Hillsburgh is back with a thriller-comedy. Deathtrap, by Ira Levin, opens for the first of three Sunday matinees on March 5 and running over the following two week-ends. Evening performances are on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and matinees on the Sundays at 2:30 p.m. The last show is March 19, the Sunday matinee. Everything we love about the genre,

Deathtrap is a fine wash of threats and counter-threats and counter those ones too. In this story, set in 1970, Sidney Bruhl is a well-weathered playwright of murder thrillers who has hit a dry spell and has bumped well and truly into a time of writer's block. Rescue, it seems, has arrived by mail in the form of a draft play that is the very thing needed – yet not Sidney's work. After a debate between Sidney and his wife, Myra, on the matter of proposed theft

of the new script and possible disposal of a young playwright, the fun begins and who knows where it will end? Not the audience for sure, as they are pushed and prodded by this very entertaining and clever show. "It's really an interesting 1970 play," said Erin Montgomery of Century Church Theatre, and producer and Stage Manager. "Greg [Allen as Clifford] is great to watch and Keith [Assoun in the role of Sidney] is older and they get along so well. Angie [Sapalovski as Myra Bruhl] plays an older person who is not dumb and Nick [Farrow, playing Porter Milgrim] has acted before a number of times on this stage." There are nice coincidences within the cast and director too, that add an interesting background note. Carol McCone Day, performing the role of eccentric psychic Helga ten Dorp with a Dutch accent, has done this play before. Brigida Scholten, as director, has played the role of Helga in a previous production elsewhere, offering rich dynamics for the Helga role. Ms. Montgomery told the Citizen that rehearsals are going really well and the cast is "well-seasoned."

Members of Century Church Theatre were very sad to announce the passing of co-founder Jo Phenix late in 2022. Together with her husband, Neville Worsnop, they founded the Erin Arts Foundation Inc. and the Century Theatre Guild, based at the Century Church Theatre. "Jo mentored both me and Brigida for many years," said Montgomery. "That makes this production all that much more special that we get to work together. All of us miss her – she had the answer to everything and she could build anything and could always find the right prop." Jo Phenix knew how to bring out the best in everyone; she possessed special insight. She was a teacher, seeing the gift in everybody which she would mentor and mould. "She gave enough rope, never screaming, the calm centre. All these years later this theatre is thriving; she loved the theatre," said Montgomery. Erin Montgomery has been with Century Church Theatre for 11 years. As stage manager for this production, she says "putting all the pieces together, a paranoid control freak makes a very good stage manager."

"If you like thrillers and great talent, beautiful sets and you want to be entertained by the strange or mysterious, this is the show," she adds. "Half the actors are theatre award winners." This production of Deathtrap is dedicated to Jo Phenix. Still mindful of COVID, masks are suggested while attending the show. For the time being, the concession in the theatre is not open; bringing water is permitted. For all the times and details and to purchase tickets, call the Box Office from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., 7 days a week at (519) 855-4586, with VISA or Mastercard. E-Trans-

Girls Night Out event returns for International Women's Day

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Market Candle Company is also collaborating with NewRoads on an exclusive scent that will feature in the goodie bags of all ticket-holders, which Hawtin describes as reminiscent of "a prosecco cocktail mixed with vanilla and raspberry." This year's event, which runs from 6.30 – 9.30 p.m., benefits Girls Inc. of York Region, which empowers girls between the ages of six and 18 "to seek the highest quality life possible" through a variety of programs that give girls the opportunity to explore topics and activities that interest them in a safe, inclusive environment. "For me personally it's important to support the next generation – and I know they can use the help," says Hawtin, adding it is also important for participants to hear from Klotz-Ritter about the work South-lake does in the community. Hawtin says she first heard the South-lake Foundation leader speak at an Aurora Chamber of Commerce event last year and she was left "inspired" by what she had to say as a woman in business. "She has such an incredible role in the community but is also a mom; she has a lot of wisdom and advice to pass on to us. I reached out to them and they agreed to have her speak. I am not a mom myself, but I have a lot of colleagues who are and

they're interested in hearing how you can balance a full-time career and being a present mom. I know that is really important to some people I know who are coming. Personally, I have this one question that's about as women we face different types of roadblocks whether it's inclusivity, imposter syndrome, and I am interested to hear her take on how they can progress forward while dealing with these types of situations. "I have a few moms who are bringing their daughters, my mom is coming, and she is bringing all of her friends. It's a really fun evening. We're going to have a large indoor market to shop for food, drinks. It's going to be super-fun with all women-owned business, a photo booth, raffle prizes, and we have a really amazing speaker who is super-inspiring and it's going to be a really fun night – it's for International Women's Day, but everyone is welcome." To reserve your tickets to Girls Night Out 2023, visit newroadsno.com. Vendors include Market Candle Company, Sweets By Justine, Sharon Croxon Design, Travino Wine Compnay, Lo & Co, A Million Mouthfuls, Irv at George, Two Girls One Stage, Coconut Village Nails Spa, Timeless Harmony Spa, Deb's Dips, My Indie Coffee, Cloud Girl Vintage, Artfullaura, and more.

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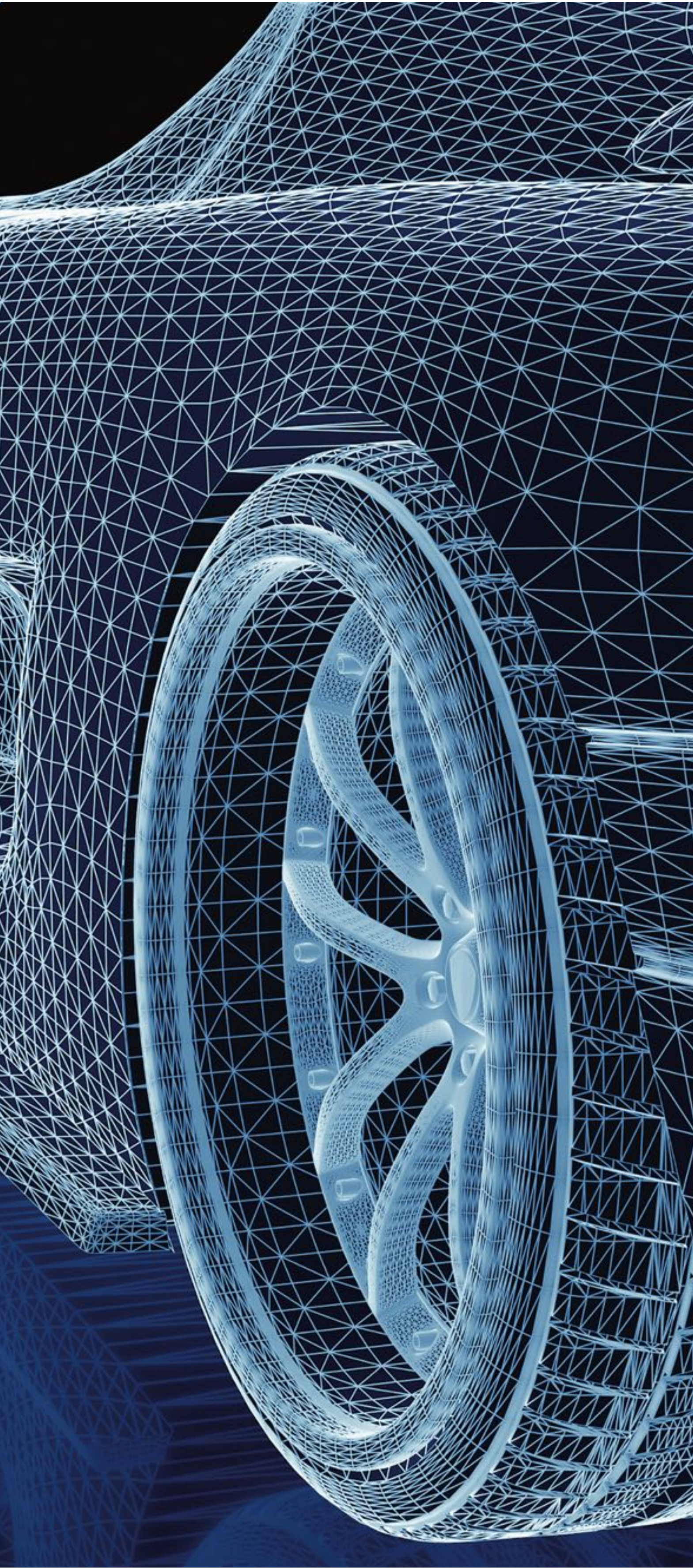
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2023 GENESIS GV70

2023 Genesis GV70 is a premium urban SUV that maximizes athletic elegance with a dynamic driving experience.

The 2023 Genesis GV70 combines a dynamic driving experience and a luxury interior with state-of-the-art technology.

On the outside, the GV70 is refined yet bold, with beautifully sculpted lines and body contours. I

The iconic Crest Front Grille has been designed to be lower than the Quad Lamps to reflect the vehicle's sporty nature.

The parabolic line design of the GV70's profile creates a sleek and elegant roof-line that gives this vehicle an outstanding silhouette on any street or highway.

Inside, the GV70 offers the ultimate driving experience in a luxury setting. There is plenty of room, and exquisite attention given to even the smallest details in the passenger cabin.

The GV70 comes in two versions – gas and fully electric.

The gas version comes with a 2.5 L, Turbo gasoline engine that produces 300 horsepower and 311 lb.-ft. of torque. You can step up to the 3.5 L Turbo V6 gasoline engine that produces a whopping 375 horsepower and 391 lb.-ft. of torque.

The fully electric version of the GV70 provides the power you need while you benefit from the efficiency of emissions-free electricity. The electric version pro-

vides 429 horsepower and a huge 516 lb.-ft. of torque.

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The 2023 Genesis GV70 is a luxury mid-size SUV that combines outstanding style with an exceptional driving experience.

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2023 GENESIS GV80

It is an SUV with an innovative design that combines elegance and confidence with luxury.

The 2023 Genesis GV80 provides an outstanding driving experience with state-of-the-art technology.

With a sleek and sporty design, the GV80 looks good on any street or highway. Its bold and progressive shape and contours create an impressive silhouette.

From the G-Matrix Crest Front Grille and signature Quad Lamps to the sloping roof line, the GV80 is beautifully-designed with smooth lines and an athletic stance.

Taking your place behind the wheel, you will appreciate the thoughtful attention given to every detail that surround you. The passenger cabin is roomy and crafted with premium materials.

When driving, all controls are within easy reach, and you are surrounded by technology when you are on the road.

The standard 14.5-inch centre console display provides touch-screen climate control, as well as phone connectivity and navigation.

There is an advanced suite of safety and convenience features that help guide you on your journey.

Driver assist functions include Forward Collision-Avoidance Assist, Forward Attention Warning, Smart Cruise Control, Navigation-Based SCC, Parking Collision-Avoidance Assist, and Remote Parking Assist.

Under the hood, the 2.5 L, Turbo gasoline engine has an improved cooling and injection systems, provides 300 horsepower and 311 lb.-ft. of torque.

The electronically controlled suspension with Road Preview actively adjusts the GV80's performance characteristics to deliver the smoothest possible ride.

The 2023 Genesis GV80 is the SUV that provides capability and performance with luxury features in a beautifully designed vehicle.

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As the newest addition to the luxury vehicle market, Genesis has taken the automotive world by storm with its line-up of outstanding cars and SUVs with superior engineering, luxury features, and beautiful design.

Genesis Brampton is Ontario's first stand-alone distributorship of Genesis vehicles. Its brand-new Coachworks Crescent facility is clean, bright – and welcoming, staffed by automotive professionals who provide personalized service. Genesis vehicles are designed to go above the ordinary and provide a luxury experience in comfort, style, and engineering. The Genesis business model is unlike any other automotive brand. It is designed to let the customer have a stress and hassle-free experience while receiving the support of an automotive professional who will help guide you through a purchase from start to finish and even after you leave in your new vehicle.

Genesis locations are not dealerships – they are distributorships – and that makes an important difference when you are searching for a new vehicle. "The Genesis model is not a conventional way of selling cars," explained Rohit Grover, Genesis Brampton General Manager. "In a dealership model, there is an inconsistency in price at different dealerships. Genesis has eliminated that way of doing things. At a Genesis distributorship, we facilitate the sale, and the Genesis pricing is the same everywhere. This takes out the negotiation and inconvenience for our guests. Our customers don't have to worry if there are going to get a better price somewhere else.



The idea is to provide exceptional service to all of our guests." This method of selling vehicles means the customer experience is totally transparent from the minute they walk into the showroom. You won't experience that awkward "I have to go speak to my manager" moment that you have been through at most dealerships. Every Genesis vehicle comes with a five-year complimentary valet service, and scheduled maintenance for the first five years is included in the purchase price. "Genesis vehicles have a very desirable design

and a very competitive price," said Dane Jeong, Genesis Brampton General Sales Manager. "Our vehicles have everything it takes to challenge the big three German luxury brands. We are proving to our guests that a Genesis vehicle is not only a desirable design with a competitive price, it is a very dependable car. Our service covers you for five years or 100,000 kilometres. The structure of our sales department is not like an ordinary car dealership. We don't have sales representatives – we have Genesis Experience Managers. There is one interaction with one guest. The Genesis Experience Manager takes you all the way through

a purchase and will be the main contact with you from start to finish. It's a personal experience." The Genesis experience extends to test drives from your home or business. A valet will bring a vehicle to you, and you can take it for a drive. The Genesis line-up includes eight models of luxury cars and SUVs including three fully electric vehicles that have been well received and are in high demand. Brampton Genesis is located at 70 Coachworks Crescent in Brampton. You can learn more about Genesis Brampton by visiting online at: www.genesisbrampton.ca.



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It is all new for 2023 and pushes the boundaries of SUV design and technology.

The 2023 Kia Sportage combines technology with refinement while delivering all the comforts and connectivity a modern adventure requires.

Beautifully styled with smooth contours and lines, attention to detail gives the Sportage a classic – yet refined exterior design. From its 'boomerang' LED daytime running lights and mesh design front grille to the styled taillights, the Sportage turns heads on any street or highway.

Inside, the Sportage features a driver-centric cockpit with an available 24.5-inch high-definition display that integrates dual panoramic screens behind a single, curved expanse of glass.

Roomy and well-crafted, the passenger cabin is comfortable with attention given to even the smallest details of interior design.

An available 12.3-inch centre console touch-screen provides at-a-glance control over infotainment and climate control functions. An available wireless charging pad on the centre console is convenient and allows easy charging for your devices.

With Kia Connect, you can use your smartphone and stay connected to the world while you're on the road. This feature also allows for a secure and intuitive

way to remotely control engine start-up, cabin temperature, and other features before you even step outside.

When it's time to load up your gear for a weekend trip, the Sportage has plenty of cargo space in the rear, and with the folding rear seats you can store long or large items. The available hands-free Smart Power Liftgate provides easy access when your hands are full.

The Sportage is designed for drivers who really like to be behind the wheel and enjoy the available technology that makes every trip a pleasure well as the added knowledge that you have driver assist features that will help you get to your destination safely.

Available driver assist functions to include Blind View Monitor, Rear Cross-Traffic Collision Avoidance Assist, Reverse Parking Collision Avoidance Assist, and Surround View Monitor.

The standard Smart Cruise Control with Stop & Go automatically maintains a safe distance from the vehicle ahead and can bring you to a stop in traffic when necessary.

Powered by an efficient 2.5L 4-cylinder engine that provides 187 horsepower, the powertrain is complete with an 8-speed transmission for easy cruising on the highway or agile performance on city streets.

Coming soon, the Sportage will be available with a plug-in hybrid option. The Sportage HEV pairs a 1.6 L turbocharged engine with a potent 44.2 kW Hybrid System motor to deliver all-electric propulsion in certain driving situations.

This produces a combined 227 horsepower and 258 lb.-ft. of torque.

The Sportage PHEV version, charges up in approximately two hours – so you can drive in all-electric mode for most in-town driving. When you need it – the system seamlessly links the electric motor with the turbocharged engine.

The Sportage HEV and PHEV models make driving easy with quick-shifting electronic Shift By Wire technology and standard Drive Mode Select, which adjusts transmission, throttle, and steering response to the driver's preferred performance setting.

The 2023 Kia Sportage is a mid-size SUV that combines style with driving comfort and technology for the best ride on any street or highway.



The 2023 Kia Seltos is a compact SUV that features a bold design, advanced technology and adaptability.

An SUV that is equally adept at navigating urban streets as it is on rural roads when you decide it's time for some weekend adventure.

The Seltos is designed to be sporty, yet refined, with a modern SUV shape. Smooth curves and beautiful contours provide an athletic appearance.

From its unique front grille and fascia and LED daytime running lights, over the sloping roof to a well-designed back end, the Seltos provides a nice profile on any street or highway. The exterior package is capped with 16-inch alloy wheels and body-coloured side-view mirrors.

There are eight exciting colours to choose from that have been chosen specifically to highlight the body design and contours.

Inside, the Seltos has a surprising amount of room for both the driver and passengers.

With heated front seats – and a tilt and telescopic

steering wheel, you will find just the right place in the driver's seat and be comfortable all the time. Instruments are easily readable, and controls are all within easy reach of the driver.

The passenger cabin is well appointed with attention given to even the smallest details inside.

There is plenty of space in the cargo area, and the 60 / 40 split rear seats allow you to utilize even more space when you need it for long or bulky items.

With the available 10.25-inch navigation screen on the centre console, you can see everything you need is displayed in high definition. With the split-screen mode, you can see your navigation and connected features at the same time.

The available Heads-Up display projects information directly on the windshield so you can check

things like your speed with just a glance while keeping focused on the road ahead of you.

A wireless cellphone charger allows you to charge up just by simply placing it on the tray. There is Bluetooth hands-free cell phone connectivity, and Apple CarPlay and Android Auto smartphone integration allow you to access your favourite apps when you are on the road.

Advanced technology will help you get to your destination safely.

Available driver assist functions include Blind-Spot Collision Warning, Rear Cross-Traffic Alert, Rearview Camera, and Safe Exit Assist.

When it comes to performance and power, the Seltos delivers what you need for an exciting and safe journey.

The available All-Wheel Drive system provides better traction and handling in any driving condition.

Under the hood, the Seltos has a 2.0 L, 4-cylinder, Multi Point Injection engine that produces 146 horsepower and 132 lb.-ft. of torque, that is mated with an Intelligent Variable Transmission.

This combination provides fuel economy of 8.2 L / 100 km in the city and 7.1 L / 100 km on the highway.

With six trim levels to choose from, you can select the version that has the features you really want.

The 2023 Kia Seltos is a compact SUV that provides capability, a stylish design, and modern technology and is adaptable to city streets, highways, or rural roads.

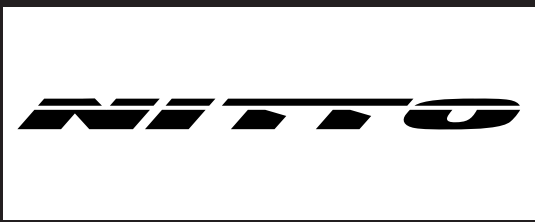


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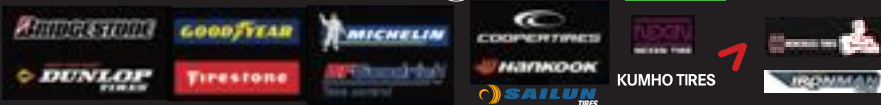
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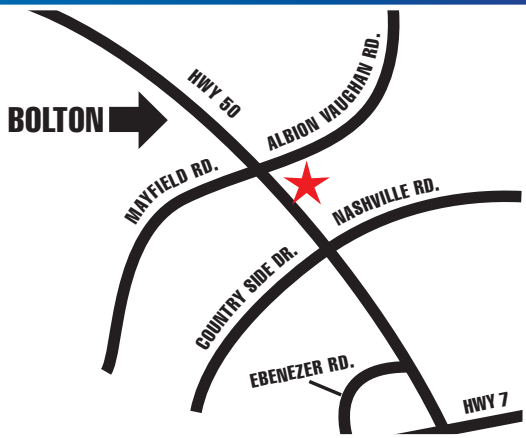
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2023 MAZDA CX-5

It is a mid-sized SUV engineered and crafted for head-turning style and performance.

The 2023 Mazda CX-5 has been purpose-designed to deliver a dynamic driving experience for someone who really enjoys getting behind the wheel.

Beautifully designed with bold and stylish body contours and smooth lines, the CX-5 attracts attention on any street or highway.

From the styled front grille – and wrap-around headlights and across its sloping roof, the CX-5 creates a stunning silhouette with a sporty yet refined appearance.

The CX-5 is available in eight colours, each selected to enhance and compliment its body lines and design.

With a range of safety and driver assist functions, the CX-5 not only looks good, but is also engineered to be a safe ride in any situation.

Standard technology includes Mazda Radar Cruise Control with Stop and Go function, Smart Brake Support, Distance Recognition Support System, Forward Obstruction Warning, Lane Departure Warning System, Lane-keep Assist System, and High Beam Control System.

With Mazda Connected Services, you can stay connected to your vehicle's performance and within reach of safety services.

When you are behind the wheel, you will enjoy a driver-centric cockpit with attention to even the smallest details. All controls are within easy reach, and the instrument cluster and infotainment centre will keep you informed of your vehicle's performance and allow you to use your iPhone with the Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

You are connected through a 10.25-inch full-colour centre display screen.

Under the hood, there is plenty of power. The CX-5 comes with a Skyactive-G 2.5 L, 4-cylinder engine that puts out 187 horsepower and 186 lb.-ft. of torque, and it comes with a standard i-Activ AWD.

The 2023 Mazda CX-5 is a mid-size SUV designed and engineered to provide aesthetically pleasing looks while offering capability and performance.



2023 MAZDA CX-50

These are two new exciting offerings from Mazda for 2023.

The 2023 Mazda CX-50 is the AWD crossover that is purpose-built to drive beyond paved and enjoy nature's unpredictable contours and dynamic terrain.

The CX-50 features Mazda's latest generation of driving technology and is engineered to create responsive, intuitive, and consistent driving dynamics across every terrain.

It comes with four driving modes including Normal Drive for performance and fuel economy, Sport Mode for a more responsive drive, Off-Road Mode to maximize traction, and the available Towing Mode, which compensates for additional weight.

The CX-50 is powered by a Skyactiv-G 2.5 L, 4-cylinder engine that produces 187 horsepower and 186 lbs.-ft. of torque.

The CX-50 comes in four exciting trim levels.

The advanced safety features are reactive and proactive and help you avoid collisions or lessen the impact.

Stand driver-assist features to include Driver Attention Alert and Distance Recognition Support System.



2024 MAZDA CX-90

The 2024 Mazda CX-90 is a beautifully designed and engineered three-row mid-sized SUV that comes with a plug-in hybrid powertrain.

This vehicle also introduces a new first – Mazda's first-ever turbocharged in-line 6-engine, available with up to 340 horsepower and 369 lb.-ft. of torque.

A combination of gas and electric power provides outstanding responsive performance and efficiency.

The CX-90 is brand new and is already creating a buzz in the automotive world because of its beautiful design, hybrid package, and a new engine.

The all-new Mazda CX-50 and CX-90 are built on the leading edge of Mazda ingenuity and technology and combine stunning good looks with capability and superior engineering.

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THE AUTO SHOW

Creating Future Enthusiasts

The Auto Show is an annual event that brings automakers together to showcase their latest and greatest vehicles in the market – but also allows manufacturers to showcase the future through concepts and technology.

The Auto Show is not just a place to sell cars – but also a place to create dreams and inspire the crowd and future consumers. Some automakers are losing sight in the past decade and have been pulling out of auto shows. Their absence from auto shows and events shows a larger care towards immediate profitability – rather than the consumer and more importantly, the enthusiast. The automotive enthusiast is one of the best consumers a company can have, often with incredible brand loyalty, showing devotion to the brand even comparable to religion (i.e. Ferrari/Porsche). These enthusiasts will often never purchase another vehicle from a different brand, a loyalty created by the company through its products. Auto Shows are a place for manufacturers to create enthusiasts and create loyalty through inspiring new products.



Early auto shows were strictly a marketplace to put the world on wheels as the invention was still new and the technology itself was new and inspiring enough. Early automobiles were much more utilitarian, save for the exception of motorsports, and didn't transition towards being as much of a fashion statement until automotive design was introduced to the mass market by Harley J. Earl in 1927 with LaSalle and General Motors. In 1936, this shift of the automobile from being strictly utilitarian towards something that would help innovate, shape the future and look good was much more apparent with GM's Parade of Progress. The Parade of Progress utilized a fleet of futuristic and styled buses that carried displays of General Motors' new products as well as ideas of the future in many aspects of daily life. With the introduction of the concept car, the Buick Y-Job, auto manufacturers now created these special cars to draw consumer interest in previewing potential future products as well as igniting dreams. After World War II, General Motors held an annual travelling show called Motorama which previewed the latest and wildest concepts and future products, sparking dreams, ideas and large amounts of public interest (i.e. the GM Firebird concepts of the 50s). This generation of public interest also helped inspire and shape the minds of future consumers and enthusiasts through the dream of owning that specific automobile that they saw at the show. Auto Shows allow people of all ages to see new products and appeal to all of their senses through sight, sound and



smell. This is an important experience that is lost in the digital world.

From my personal experience, I can say the Auto Show, specifically the Toronto Auto Show (Canadian International Auto Show), shaped me into the car crazy enthusiast that I am today. My father took me to my first Toronto Auto Show in February 1991 when I was two months old. I have never missed the show in Toronto since then, attending every year. It was the highlight of my young years, and it inspired me to work in automotive and go through school for automotive design. My father is a car guy as well, but I didn't grow up with the influence of having any special cars at home. Our driveway consisted of a Dodge Dynasty for most of my growing years and various Windstars. The place that inspired my love for cars was not in my own driveway but in the dream cars and sports cars that I would see at the Auto Show. The Auto Show also gave me access to bring home brochures to learn the cars and provided me with posters to put on my wall, the Dodge Viper and the Corvette.

With some automakers shifting focus from Auto Shows towards the digital landscape and consumer electronic shows, I am deeply concerned for the future state of those companies. While younger generations have grown up with technology, the internet and phones, their interest in vehicles is not as lost as some automakers may think. The Auto Show is still necessary to shape future generations and consumers, igniting automotive dreams. The automakers that choose to be absent from an event that is geared towards their direct product are shooting themselves in the foot. Automakers, your enthusiasts and your most loyal customer base are often created by you and your products! Help shape future enthusiasts in an event where you aren't competing against a cell phone. Congratulations to the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year! CIAS, keep providing a place for enthusiasts and buyers to come and see the latest and greatest in automotive, but more importantly, provide a place where we can take our children to help ignite their love of cars and spark dreams!

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2024 FORD MUSTANG DARK HORSE

Designed to look track ready, and with new materials, colours, patterns, and finishes, it fits the style of a high-performance racing machine.

The seventh-generation Ford Mustang Dark Horse is aggressive – and some say a little sinister in appearance.

From the beginning, the Mustang design team decided this vehicle needed a signature paint colour – they came up with a Blue Ember metallic paint that uses a deep blue infused with a warm amber hue for a highly dramatic colour shift in different lights and angles.

On the inside, the details have made this vehicle even more driver-centric, with a cockpit that provides even more craftsmanship and an exclusive athletic appearance.

Unique to the Dark Horse, the interior is lined with cooler shades of Indigo Blue accents – and it also comes with a signature blue titanium shift ball with the manual transmission.

A flat-bottomed steering wheel adds a unique touch and is wrapped in performance suede for added grip. The wheel also provides a digital experience with buttons that control vehicle functions like drive mode selection, the instrument cluster, and a 13.2-inch SYNC 4 centre stack that is angled toward the driver.

Under the hood, the Dark Horse has a Ford 5.0 L, V8 Coyote engine that puts out a whopping 500 horsepower and 418 ft.-lb. of torque. The powertrain is completed with a six-speed Tremec manual transmission.

New upgrades include unique chassis tuning, larger rear sway bars, and heavy-duty front shocks.

As a final touch, each Mustang Dark Horse features an instrument panel badge that includes the vehicle's chassis number.

The 2024 Ford Mustang Dark Horse edition is street legal – but track-ready, with a head-turning design and absolute power.



2023 FORD SUPER DUTY

This is the truck built for super capability and rugged performance.

The 2023 Ford Super Duty is the pickup truck built to go the distance, haul the heavy loads, and tow the big trailers.

Behind that super-duty capability is a superpower. The 2023 Super Duty is equipped with the new 6.7 L, High Output Power Stroke V8 Turbo Diesel engine that offers the most horsepower, ever, in a Super Duty.

The commercial grade 7.3 L, 2V DEVCT NA PFI V8 engine delivers outstanding gas engine performance.

When it comes to towing, Super Duty has simplified towing by introducing advanced features to help with those tough towing and hauling jobs.

The Super Duty is designed to make the job site a whole lot easier, and the Super Duty truck features functions that will make a workday that much more capable.

You can use your power tools with the available Pro Power Onboard, which allows you to plug right in. It delivers 2.0 KW to keep you working.

For those jobs that keep you jumping in and out of a truck bed, an available retractable tailgate step has been lowered 3 inches to help you access the bed of the truck with little effort.

Just because you're in a truck designed and engineered for the big jobs doesn't mean you won't be comfortable. There is plenty of room, and the seats are designed to keep you comfortable even on long rides.

Equipped with 5G technology, the 2023 Super Duty helps keep productivity moving with the most advanced in-vehicle connectivity so you can stay in contact when you're on the road.

Right in front of you, a configurable digital instrument cluster delivers vital data. A new available head-up display projects real-time information directly on the windshield so you can keep your eyes focused on the road.

The 2023 Ford Super Duty is a pickup truck engineered and designed for tough jobs when nothing less will do.



2023 FORD BRONCO RAPTOR

It's bold, aggressive and built to take on any road or terrain you may find yourself on.

The 2023 Ford Bronco Raptor – is designed to look like no other vehicle on the road. Its rugged and stylized exterior will capture your imagination of how an off-road style vehicle should look.

With a tough-looking front end and exaggerated fender flares, the Raptor is hard to miss no matter where you are.

The exterior is capped off with massive 37-inch all-terrain tires on 17-inch alloy wheels that allow you to cover challenging ground easily and with confidence.

Under the hood, a 3.0 L EcoBoost Direct Injection V6 engine produces a ferocious 418 horsepower and 440 lb.-ft of torque. The powertrain is completed with a rugged 10-speed automatic transmission.

On a nice day, you can really experience outdoor fun with the removable doors and top.

Just because you might be experiencing rugged terrain, it doesn't mean you won't be comfortable while navigating an off-the-beaten-path type of trail.

The Bronco Raptor is designed for passenger comfort – and there are conveniences surrounding you like Intelligent Access with Push Button Start, Remote Keyless Access, Auto-dimming review mirror,

dual smart charging USB ports, and an AC power outlet. The front seats are heated to make cold winter days that much warmer.

Driver's assist features help you in tough situations. These include Adaptive Cruise Control, Front Parking Sensors, Reverse Sensing System, Pre-Collision Assist with Automatic Emergency Braking, and a Lane-Keeping System.

There is wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto Compatibility – so you can access your favourite apps. You can listen to your favourite music on the B&O 10-speaker sound system, including a subwoofer.

The 2023 Ford Bronco Raptor is a bold and aggressive vehicle engineered and built to take you to wherever you want to go.



2023 FORD ESCAPE

It is the mid-size SUV that lives up to its name.

The 2023 Ford Escape meets the needs of those planning on spending time on urban streets as well as those who like a little more flexibility in their weekend plans.

Ford has given the Escape SUV a handsome new makeover for 2023 which includes a new hood, front grille, headlamps, and wheel designs.

The previous model S, SE, SEL, and Titanium trim levels have been adjusted to include Base, Active, Platinum, and PHEV trims, as well as a sporty-looking ST-Line model.

On the outside, the Escape is beautifully sculpted with clean lines and contours. Its signature front grille and fascia with wrap-around headlights create a stunning picture, while the sloping roof and smooth lines provide a distinct profile.

Inside, the Escape is designed for people who get real pleasure out of driving. The contoured bucket seats are both comfortable and stylish. The standard sliding second-row seats can move back for additional legroom or fold down for extra cargo space.

There is plenty of room in the rear cargo space to store your gear when you take the Escape out for a weekend romp.

When you're on the road you are surrounded by technology that makes communication easy and

features that help you navigate the trip safely.

An available 360-degree camera system gives you a bird's eye view of your vehicle.

With the available 13.2-inch Centre Stack Screen, you easily read vehicle information and navigate while using intuitive technology. With Apple CarPlay and Android Auto compatibility, you can seamlessly connect to your favourite apps.

With Ford Co-Pilot360 technology, you have a backup driver even when you're alone. Driver assist functions include Pre-Collision Assist with Automatic Emergency Braking and Blind Spot Information System with Cross-Traffic Alert.

The 2023 Ford Escape is a mid-size SUV that is convenient and capable with a modern and stylish appeal.





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