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**IN BLOOM** — Steve McElroy, Albion Hills Community Farm (AHCF) board member; Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon MPP; Karen Hutchinson, AHCF president; and Stan Cameron, Peel District School Board trustee for Caledon, are pictured at the AHCF Spring Festival and Plant Sale on Saturday, May 13. MPP and Deputy Premier Jones's visit to the Farm was also a chance to see how the Farm has put recent funding to good use. For more, see Page 5.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

# Caledon set to implement official process for dealing with Ministerial Zoning Orders

Ultimately, Province can still bypass Caledon's new process if desired

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Town of Caledon is going to establish an official procedure for Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) and Community Infrastructure and Housing (CIHA) requests.

At Caledon Council's May 16 Planning

and Development meeting, a presentation was given about a new procedure for MZO and CIHA requests. Bindu Shah, a strategic lead in Caledon's Planning department, delivered the presentation before Council voted in favour of the new procedure.

Shah explained Council first asked Town Staff to develop a procedure for dealing with MZOs in February 2022. Since then, the Provincial Government has introduced CIHAs, which Shah said are a "more transparent and improved version of the MZO."

Staff took the liberty of including CIHAs in its new procedure process as well.

Shah noted that while staff developed the new procedure for dealing with MZO and CIHA requests, it does not encourage the use of them in Caledon. She said the requests should only be used in extraordinary circumstances. By developing a procedure for dealing with MZO and CIHA requests, Shah said Caledon's interests will be better accounted for when processing the requests.

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**Premier indicates separation of Peel Region is coming**

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Region of Peel might soon be dissolved. At a May 15 press conference, Ontario Premier Doug Ford said he's "always been for an independent Mississauga."

This came after a reporter asked the Premier if he'd made up his mind about separating Peel Region and having an independent Mississauga.

Ford said Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie has been a great partner in building Mississauga, and that even before he was elected, he'd had conversations with former Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion about an independent Mississauga.

Ford said you can't have a city the size of Mississauga, which has a population of close to 800,000, continue to grow while being tied into other jurisdictions.

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# World-famous singer Pupo to headline Caledon Italian Heritage Day event June 3

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A joyful celebration of Italian culture is taking place next month.

On June 3, the Bolton Italian Cultural Centre is hosting “Caledon Italian Heritage Day” from 3 to 11 p.m. at the Albion Bolton Fairgrounds. The event will feature delicious food, musical performances, art, exhibits and a chance to celebrate and learn more about Italian culture.

The Bolton Italian Cultural Centre is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, and is doing so with a name change. Moving forward, the non-profit community group will be known as the Caledon Italian Cultural Centre, to better represent how it’s inclusive of people from all around Caledon.

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa explained that in 2017, the Government of Canada designated June as Italian Heritage Month in Canada, as an opportunity to celebrate and recognize the contributions of Italian Canadians.

Rosa said 40 per cent of Caledon’s population

is of Italian descent.

Pupo is a famous Italian vocalist who’s on a world tour right now, and Rosa said it’s quite an honour to have him come to Caledon and perform for Caledon Italian Heritage Day. He said it’s cool to look at Pupo’s list of cities on his tour and see Bolton in there.

Anna Meo, president of the Bolton Italian Cultural Centre, said having Pupo perform at Caledon Italian Heritage Day will put Bolton on the map.

Also performing at the event will be Roberta Battaglia, a local singer who had great success on the TV show America’s Got Talent, where she won the Golden Buzzer. Rosa explained the costs for her performance are being sponsored by the new Fortinos grocery store that’s going to be in Bolton by the end of this year.

“It was a very generous offer they made to us,” said Rosa.

Opening ceremonies will begin on the 3rd at 3:15 p.m. and will feature a traditional Italian procession from the Toronto Italian Marching



Word-famous vocalist Pupo, and local talent Roberta Battaglia, will be the headlining music performances at Caledon Italian Heritage Day on June 3.

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“There will be festivities throughout the day, all kinds of culinary delights, and different performances throughout the day,” said Rosa. “The headliners will start around 8:30 p.m. in the evening.”

Everyone is welcome to come to Caledon Italian Heritage Day, and people who aren’t of Italian descent are especially encouraged to come.

“It’s wonderful for us as Italian Canadians to celebrate, but we’d love to share the rich culture and heritage of our ancestors with the rest of the community,” said Rosa. “We’re super excited to bring this festival to the community.”

A crowd in the thousands is expected to pass through the event throughout the day, no doubt some travelling in to see Pupo. Appropriate measures are in place and there will be lots of parking available for guests.

Many local dignitaries will be at the event, such as Caledon Mayor Annette Groves, Vaughan Mayor Steven Del Duca, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, and Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback.

Rosa himself will be performing music as part of the Trio Kings with Sebastian Carubia and Marco Marrone.

Volunteers are always welcome for the event, and anyone interested in volunteering at Caledon Italian Heritage Day can call 647-531-4975. Tickets for the event are available online at eventbrite.ca or by calling the number above.

Tickets for adults are \$43.45; tickets for seniors (65+) and students (13-17) are \$38.15; and tickets for children 12 and under are \$22.23.

## Headwaters Health Care Centre celebrated National Nursing Week

BY PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) celebrated its nursing staff during National Nursing Week.

National Nursing Week is an annual celebration from May 8 to May 14, held in honour of nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale. The week is designed to increase awareness of the many contributions nursing makes to the well-being of Canadians.

This year, the theme of National Nursing Week is “Our Nurses. Our Future.” It showcases the many roles nurses have in a patient’s health care experience.

“Nurses are the heartbeat of our hospital – without them, we simply wouldn’t be able to deliver quality patient-centred care. They are a key team member throughout our interprofessional practice,” said Headwaters President and CEO Kim Delahunt.

During National Nursing Week, Headwaters Hospital is celebrating the work of its 281 nursing staff, including this year’s 27 new nurses. With the recent nursing recruitment at the local hospital, the Headwaters nursing team consists of both long-standing and next-generation nurses.

“Whether supporting a patient in the Emergency Department, assisting with a surgery or birth in Obstetrics, or providing inpatient or outpatient cares, nurses are an important and irreplaceable part of our hospital,” said Dr. Grace Want, Chief of Staff and vice president of medical affairs.

To help work through the rapidly changing technology and equipment in the health-care system, Headwaters has created a Nursing Education Scholarship Fund.

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# Caledon set to implement official process for dealing with Ministerial Zoning Orders

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MZOs can be used to expedite development by bypassing consultation and public notice requirements. They are given out by Ontario’s Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark. CIHAs are also used to expedite development, but require a Council resolution and public consultation before they’re implemented.

Shah said when the Town receives an MZO request in the future, they’ll see if it can be converted to a CIHA as a first step.

“We want to streamline expectations for the development industry, Council, and the public... we want to align any applications we receive with whatever secondary planning and growth-facing work that’s ongoing,” said Shah. “We have also included a cost recovery mechanism when we process these applications.”

Currently, the Town isn’t able to collect any fees from MZO and CIHA applications. Under the new procedure, Caledon would collect a full cost recovery, plus a 20 per cent administration fee, for any and all services performed by Town staff for a MZO or CIHA application.

Shah said in talking to Provincial Government staff, Town staff found there’s no guideline for when MZOs will be used versus when CIHAs will be used. Shah said Provincial staff assume MZOs will be issued for Provincial priorities and CIHAs issued for municipal priorities. Ultimately, the final decision to implement an MZO lies solely with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

“All we can do is send a resolution to them, and then the Minister can make a decision,” said Shah. Important to note is that if Council does not support a CIHA with a resolution, it won’t be sent to the Minister.

There is no legislative requirement for Council to provide its support for a MZO through a resolution. However, Clark has publicly stated that he wants a resolution to be included when a municipal Council requests an MZO. Town staff are recommending that a Council resolution be passed for all future MZOs.

A municipal Council’s decision to request, or refuse, a MZO or CIHA cannot

be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT).

Town staff said any MZO or CIHA requests should be forwarded directly to them right away going forward.

“Any requests for a CIHA or MZO should be forwarded to staff, whether they are received directly by a developer to Council... or come from the Province to Council,” said Shah, adding this will ensure the Town’s interests are considered.

Shah explained Town staff have come up with a detailed list of criteria to evaluate MZO and CIHA requests against, including things like Caledon’s strategic plan priorities, Caledon’s Official Plan, and community needs.

Shah said going forward, within 10 days of receiving a MZO or CIHA request, planning staff will provide notification to and initiate consultation with the public through typical means like a public meeting, mailouts, signage, and a webpage.

The five steps in Caledon’s new MZO and CIHA request process are: request

made or received; notice and consultation; staff recommendation report; Council decision; and notification to the applicant and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Regional Councillor, Wards 4, 5 and 6 Mario Russo said while Caledon is choosing to be a leader in developing policies to deal with MZOs and CIHAs, Minister Clark can still choose to grant an MZO without notifying Caledon Council if he so desires.

“If it doesn’t come through us, the process... can’t be adhered to,” said Russo. “We’re spending a lot of time developing these processes, and it’s important to have, but they can be circumvented.”

Caledon’s Chief Planner, Antonietta Minichillo, said MZOs issued without public consultation are egregious to the community. She also said MZOs are “absolutely onerous” on Town staff as it takes them away from their other priorities.

“The Province could still do this to us... but they cannot say there’s no other option

in Caledon,” said Minichillo of the new process. “We would prefer if you’re going to do an MZO, work with us. That’s why you developed this tool, Province. Here is [our] path that is more expeditious in nature, but still allows us to have some meaningful public consultation... and some ability to recoup costs that are quite significant to the municipality.”

Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen echoed Russo’s remarks and said there’s going to be times when the Province thinks its priorities trump Caledon’s.

“There’s all kinds of things where the Province can jump in and thwart our plans... I’m just trying to be really clear about where the authority lies, and when it comes to MZOs it lies with the Minister,” said Sheen.

Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell said while Caledon’s new process doesn’t level the playing field, it does at least “put (Caledon) on the playing field somewhat.”

Council unanimously supported implementing the new MZO and CIHA request procedure.

## Blog claims Caledon is the happiest of Canada’s 100 largest cities

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon is the happiest place in Canada, according to one real estate blog.

Point2, the blog in question, recently created a “happiness index” for Canada’s 100 largest cities.

It did this by analyzing 30 “happiness-related metrics” such as median after-tax income, poverty rate, perceived health, sense of belonging, commute time, rainfall and air quality.

The cities in question (Town, in Caledon’s case) were then given a

score out of 100. The blog noted none of Canada’s largest cities ranked high in every metric, meaning Caledon was highest with a score of 67.

The blog found that the top five happiest cities in Canada are all in Ontario. Caledon tops the list, with Milton, Halton Hills, Clarington and Burlington following.

Out of the top 100 happiest cities, here’s how Caledon ranked in the blog’s four happiness categories: Economy and real estate, 12th place; location and demographics, 11th place; health and wellbeing, 12th place; community and environment,

11th place.

While Caledon didn’t quite rank in the top ten for any one category, it did do well across the board.

“Those who’ve been to rural Caledon know how stunning the experience can be,” writes Point2. “Expansive, green landscapes, perfumed orchards, wellness retreats, and a pinch of conserved 19th-century architecture make Caledon a postcard come to life.”

Caledon’s Mayor Annette Groves has been proud to announce the happy news, mentioning it at her inaugural spring business lunch and at several recent business openings.

## YourWaste

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### Collision with pickup truck claims lives of two motorcyclists from Orangeville

BY SAM ODROWSKI

A pickup truck struck two motorcyclists along Highway 9 near Tottenham Rd. last Thursday evening, May 11, in a collision that killed two people from Orangeville.

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to the fatal collision around 9 p.m., which is currently under investigation.

The three-vehicle collision claimed the life of a 51-year-old motorcycle driver from Orangeville, pronounced deceased at the scene.

A 52-year-old female from Orangeville was airlifted to a Toronto-area trauma centre after the collision but succumbed to her injuries on Sunday, May 14.

Highway 9 between Mount Wolfe Road and Caledon/King Townline was closed from 9 p.m. on May 11 to 6:20 a.m. on May 12 while technical collision investigators and reconstructionists assisted with the investigation.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage can contact Caledon OPP at 905-584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122, as the investigation is ongoing.

Anyone affected by this incident or who witnessed the collision and wishes to speak to victim services, can reach Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services at 905-951-3838.

### FATAL CRASH IN NEW TEC

Members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision in New Tecumseth.

“On May 7, 2023, just after 7:30 p.m., police were dispatched to a head-on collision involving two passenger vehicles on Tottenham Road between 5th and 6th line in New Tecumseth,” say Police. “One person was pronounced deceased at the scene. A second person was transported to a Toronto-area trauma centre with serious injuries and a third person was transported to a local hospital, where they were treated and released.”

The deceased has been identified as a 16-year-old female of Innisfil.

The OPP Traffic Collision Investigators attended the scene to investigate. The road was closed for several hours for the investigation and has since reopened.

The investigation is ongoing.

“Members of Nottawasaga OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you have information that may be helpful, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestopperssdm.com.”

### GRANDPARENT SCAM

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a fraud incident where a Caledon resident fell victim to a grandparent scam.

“On April 21, 2023, Caledon OPP responded to a report of a fraud incident,” say Police. “During the investigation, it was discovered that the victim had received calls from an individual claiming to be a police officer. A name and badge number were provided. The individual advised the victim that their nephew had been arrested and that a payment was required to pay for his bail and to avoid further legal action.

“A second person came on the line, crying, pretending to be the nephew and saying they were scared. A ‘courier service’ was sent to the residence to pick up the money. Additional funds were later requested since the nephew was now facing additional charges. Between April 19 and April 20, 2023, a large amount of money was lost as a result of this scam.”

This investigation is ongoing by the

Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit. Anyone with information that may assist with the investigation is asked to contact the Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Peel Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or <https://peelcrimestoppers.ca>.

To avoid becoming a victim to the “Grandparent Scam”, keep these simple tips in mind and share with your loved ones.

- If you receive a call with someone identifying themselves as a friend or family member urgently in need of money...slow things down.
- Confirm that it is the person that they say they are;
- Text or call them on a number that you have for them or ask them a question that only they would know the answer to;
- Do not provide your home address;
- Do not provide any banking or personal information;
- Ask for a number to call them back;
- If you are told that they have been arrested and are in custody, ask for the address of the police station or the courthouse where they are being held at;
- Contact your local police service and report the incident immediately.

If you know an elderly person, please reach out to them, and have a conversation on what to do if they get a similar phone call.

For more information on this and other common scams in Canada, review the Competition Bureau Canada’s The Little Black Book of Scams: <https://www.competitionbureau.gc.ca/eic/site/cb-bc.nsf/eng/04333.html>

For additional information on ongoing scams in Canada and to report fraud, contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or <https://www.antifraud-centre-centreantifraude.ca>.

If you believe you have been a victim of fraud, please contact your local police service.

reduced asphalt services,” say Police. “They are representing themselves by the name of ‘Icon’ or ‘Ikon.’ Upon entering into a verbal agreement, these individuals may begin working or damaging the current driveway.

“The scammers are skilled at communicating quickly in a tactic to make the consumer feel rushed into a decision to purchase the asphalt. They are offering low-cost paving as they have a ‘surplus’ of asphalt from roadwork. They are giving estimates and then completing the jobs without paperwork or providing written quotes or receipts. The crew is comprised of all males who are operating newer model dark Ford F150 pick-up trucks. Anyone who may have camera footage of them is encouraged to report it to police.”

Police remind citizens that they should follow a few simple steps when getting home renovations:

- Always read over thoroughly all written contracts before signing them. Get a family member to review them;
- Get references from other customers to ensure quality of the work;
- Do some research before you pay for product or service and consider getting numerous quotes;
- Thoroughly understand what product or service you are purchasing, the process any guarantees and complaint process if you do not receive the product or service you paid for;
- Inspect all work prior to making payment and ensure work has been completed properly and that the service you received was what you had paid for in your business contract;
- Legitimate businesses will be happy to provide you with information on their services;
- Always be careful about providing confidential personal information especially banking and credit card details unless you are certain that the company is legitimate.

“Nottawasaga OPP believe that there may be others victims within our community, and encourage calling us at 1-888-310-1122 to report the fraud,” say Police. “If you have any information about crime in our community, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit your information online at [www.crimestopperssdm.com](http://www.crimestopperssdm.com). Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display, and you will remain anonymous. You will not testify in court and your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.”

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)

4. Chinese philosophical principle

7. Branch

8. Jewish spiritual leader

10. Slang for requests

12. “So Human An Animal” author

13. Rocker Billy

14. British Air Aces

16. Type of tree

17. “Tough Little Boys” singer Gary

19. State attorneys

20. Goddess of fertility

21. Localities

25. Beloved singer Charles

26. Clue

27. Ridge of jagged rock below sea

### CLUES DOWN

29. Helsinki neighborhood

30. Farm resident

31. Ocean

32. Where ballplayers work

39. Unable to hear

41. Cool!

42. Cape Verde capital

43. One point north of due east

44. Kilo yard (abbr.)

45. Middle Eastern nation

46. It yields Manila hemp

48. People operate it (abbr.)

49. Regenerate

50. Not healthy

51. Chinese sword

52. Mild expression of surprise

### Solution in CLASSIFIEDS

1. Unit of angle	24. Belonging to us
2. Headgear to control a horse	27. Canadian flyers
3. Clots	28. Greek goddess of the dawn
4. Follows sigma	29. Snakelike fish
5. A woman who is the superior of a group of nuns	31. Unhappy
6. Greek units of weight	32. Fruit
8. Radio direction finder (abbr.)	33. Not good
9. Systems, doctrines, theories	34. Zero degrees Celsius
11. Stony waste matter	35. Goo Goo Dolls’ hit
14. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!	36. Crawls into the head (folklore)
15. Hostile to others	37. Legally responsible
18. U.S. State	38. Move in a playful way
19. Not wet	39. Regarded with deep affection
20. Something one thinks up	40. Partner to flowed
22. Where beer is made	44. Native American tribe
23. Clumsy person	47. Head honcho

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Caledon residents shopped for plants and more at the Albion Hills Community Farm's Annual Spring Festival and Plant Sale. **PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN**

# Albion Hills Community Farm hosts annual Spring Festival and Plant Sale

## Local non-profit also celebrating receipt of \$119,700 grant

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A local community farm is growing, just like its gardens.

On May 13, the Albion Hills Community Farm (AHCf) hosted its annual Spring Festival and Plant Sale at 16555 Humber Station Road.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones was in attendance to receive a tour of the AHCf and see the results of a government grant the organization recently received.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), an agency of the Government of Ontario, gave the AHCf \$119,700 to improve farm infrastructure and improve education opportunities.

The grant has also enabled the AHCf to support the Caledon school vegetable garden project, an ongoing project to have every public school in Caledon get a student and volunteer-run vegetable garden.

Jones said the AHCf has provided opportunities for the Dufferin-Caledon community to learn about farming, conservation, and sustainable agriculture since 2011. She said the funding the non-profit recently received will help it grow, hire new staff, and continue to develop programs and spaces to connect “families to farming.”

Karen Hutchinson, president of the AHCf, said the impact of the OTF grant can’t be overstated.

“As we have recovered from COVID, the grant has allowed us to rebuild and strengthen our education programs for the community, especially for students and youth,” said Hutchin-

son. “It is at a time in which there is increased demand for getting kids outside and learning about food as part of their personal health and wellness... at the end of the day, we just love seeing kids get outside in nature and eating fresh, healthy local food.”

Hutchinson explained the Spring Festival and Plant Sale is all about getting together to share plants and ideas; and this year, it was also to fundraise for the Caledon school vegetable garden project.

The whole AHCf was open for festival attendees to explore, from the chicken coop and beehives to the market garden and greenhouse. Later this year, the AHCf will host weekly farmers markets at its farm. For updates and more information, those interested can visit [albionhillscommunityfarm.org](http://albionhillscommunityfarm.org).

Steve McElroy is a member of the AHCf Board of Directors. Amongst other roles at the farm, he gives educational tours and is the farm’s resident beekeeper. He said more and more, people are realizing the benefits of outdoor education. He said people that do it always knew, but now there’s scientific research to back it up.

He showcased one of the recent developments at the AHCf, which is a new roof for the farm’s barn, and showed where there’s going to be some new shaded sitting areas too. McElroy said on a hot day people gravitate to the shade anyways, and the new rest areas will provide a great view of the whole farm.

McElroy explained allotment gardens are a big part of the AHCf and that many people like to garden there because it’s such a beautiful place and the soil is great. The AHCf also raises and releases monarch butterflies in the summer.

The AHCf always welcomes visitors and is looking for new volunteers too. For more information, interested parties can visit the link mentioned earlier in this story.



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# COMMUNITY events

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**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON 1344 Bolton – Real People, Real Weight Loss** is a non-profit group. We meet weekly on Wed. evenings in the basement of Bolton United Church. Weigh-ins are 6:00-6:30 followed by a meeting. The initial annual fee incl. a bi-monthly magazine and starter kit is \$59, and monthly dues are \$20. Today is the best day to make changes to your lifestyle! If you have weight to lose and/or want to improve your health, we can help! We promote healthy eating and support the efforts of all our members, and your first meeting is free. Come join us. For more information call Marion at 905-857-5191 or see [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org). Online memberships are also available.

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

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416-475-5063 – Doug  
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519-938-8605 – Marie  
Or by bank e-transfer to:  
[knoxunitedcaledon@gmail.com](mailto:knoxunitedcaledon@gmail.com)  
Proceeds to the United Church in Caledon Village, Ont.

Thursday May 25 2023  
Free Community Event  
Let's Talk ... Birds and Blooms  
In Person with Plant Exchange  
Also, online via zoom (see website for link)  
6:30 pm Plant Exchange  
7 pm Guest Speaker Taya Kehler, The Riverwood Conservancy via Zoom  
Followed by discussion  
Bolton United Church, 8 Nancy Street, Bolton, L7E 1C7  
For more information call 905-857-2615 or e-mail: [office@boltonunitedchurch.com](mailto:office@boltonunitedchurch.com)  
Boston Mills Cemetery Remembrance Service.

The Board of Directors of Boston Mills Cemetery invites the community to share in its 73rd Remembrance Service and the 200th Anniversary of the Cemetery on Sunday June 11, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.  
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# SNC-Lavalin awarded contract to plan Mayfield Road improvements

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Professional services and project management company SNC-Lavalin will be in charge of engineering improvements to Mayfield Road.

The company won a contract from the Region of Peel to complete the work, and announced it in a May 12 media release.

The company said in recent years the Region has been experiencing significant traffic growth due to development in Brampton and Caledon.

SNC-Lavalin added the project will address the need for increased capacity on Mayfield Road, as well as supporting infrastructure and utilities. It claims the project will improve active transportation, traffic operations, and safety. Further, it said the road improvements will boost economic development in Peel.

Ben Almond, SNC-Lavalin's CEO of Engineering Services in Canada, said it was a privilege for his company to be chosen, and noted it has done many similar projects for the Region of Peel in the past.

"We bring strong knowledge of the Region's expectations and requirements. Our local teams also have in-depth understanding of the surrounding project and the mit-

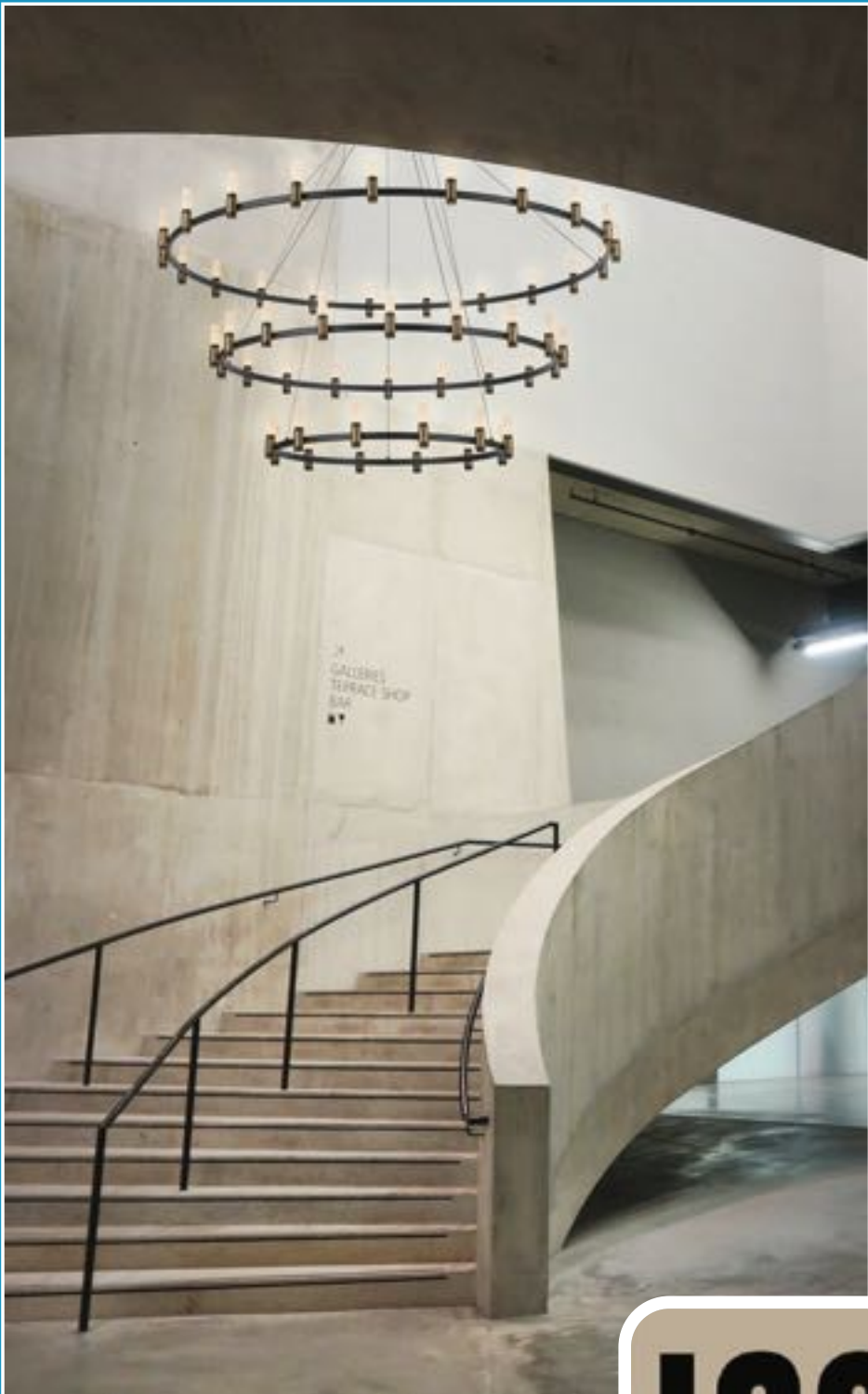
igating issues brought forth by the major stakeholders in this area," said Almond. "We look forward to working with Peel Region and helping them improve mobility for the people living in the region."

SNC-Lavalin is being asked by the Region to address deficiencies in road geometry and capacity; provide a solution for a full build-out of the Mayfield Road corridor; considering all users of the road, from pedestrians to transport trucks; and addressing the needs of key local stakeholders.

At Region of Peel Council's March 9 meeting, Councillors approved a staff recommendation to award a contract to SNC-Lavalin for consulting engineering services to widen Mayfield Road between Hurontario Street and Heart Lake Road.

The company will be paid \$4,400,014 for detailed design, contract administration, and construction inspection services related to the road widening. The capital project to widen Mayfield Road between Hurontario Street and Heart Lake Road was originally approved in the Region's 2021 capital budget.

According to the Region of Peel, Mayfield Road will be widened to six lanes between Chinguacousy and Heart Lake roads in the future.



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# Town to distribute nearly \$50,000 in grant funding for restoration of heritage properties

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Some heritage properties in Caledon will soon have preservation work done thanks to funding from the Town.

At Caledon Council’s May 16 Planning and Development meeting, Council approved on consent a staff report which recommended approval of designated heritage property grant funding for ten recipients.

The report was submitted to Council by Cassandra Jasinski, Heritage Planner at the Town of Caledon.

Jasinski’s report explained that Caledon’s Designated Heritage Property Grant (DHPG) program “provides financial assistance to owners of properties designated under Part IV or Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act for the conservation of their cultural heritage resources.”

Each year, in the Spring and Fall, Caledon accepts applications to the DHPG program. If a property owner applies for funding twice in a year, they can’t apply again the next year.

The program provides property owners with 50 per cent of eligible preservation work costs, up to a maximum of \$6,000 per grant.

The 2023 budget for the DHPG program is \$80,000. There’s also an additional \$8,617.21 available from the Town’s 2022 Heritage Property Reserve.

Of the 10 property owners that submitted applications for grant funding this spring, five of their applications were eligible as submitted and another five were eligible with conditions. The applications totalled over \$208,000 of private investment into cultural heritage resources in Caledon.

Between the ten recipients, \$46,238.18 of grant funding will be distributed this spring.

A total of \$2,514.25 is going towards work at the Boston Mills Cemetery to hand-clean headstones using brushes and chemicals that will not harm stonework. The goal is to stop deterioration of monuments by removing lichen moss and dirt.

The maximum amount of \$6,000 is going to a property on Chapel Street to remove vines, and repair original elements of the building like doors and windows.

The Hector McLeish House on Horse-shoe Hill Road is having \$2,751.55 dedicated to installing custom wooden doors to replace unoriginal metal screen doors.

A total of \$4,500 is being dedicated to work on a property on King Street West in Bolton. The money is going towards repair of exterior brickwork that will match the building’s original brickwork.

The maximum amount of \$6,000 is being dedicated to work on the Alton Baptist Church. The grant funding will be used to replace the existing metal roof with a new standing seam metal roof.

Meanwhile, \$1,949.25 is going towards work on the Bolton United Church. It needs its eavestroughs and downspouts replaced as they were previously patched and are now beyond repair.

For two properties on Queen Street North, \$6,000 and \$4,873.13 respectively will go towards restorations like doors, windows, and roofs.

The Wright-Didd House on Queen Street East will see \$6,000 coming its way to aid in repainting original exterior elements of the house, as well as repairing dry rot on wooden elements prior to painting.

Finally, \$5,650 will be heading to the Robin Hill Farm on The Grange Side Road to replace a historic porch, building the new one in the same style with hand-hewn wood.

The DHPG program first began in 2010, and has seen a few iterations since then to increase the amount of funding available for recipients and the breadth of work that can be completed under it.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING



### Proposed Official Plan Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Expanded Site Area

FILE NUMBER(S): POPA 2021-0007 and 21T-21002C

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

**MEETING DATE:** JUNE 13, 2023  
**PUBLIC MEETING START TIME:** 7 P.M.

**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 the 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 [caledon.ca/speak-at-council](https://caledon.ca/speak-at-council)
- Submit a Written Comment Members of the public may submit a written comment regarding the proposed application(s) by completing the Participation Request Form, available at [caledon.ca/speak-at-council](https://caledon.ca/speak-at-council)
- Virtually Members of the public are welcome to participate via telephone or video conference through WebEx upon request. For more information on how to participate, please complete the Participation Request Form, available at [caledon.ca/speak-at-council](https://caledon.ca/speak-at-council) In addition, members of the public can watch meetings through the live stream available on the Town’s website.

You can also ask questions or provide comments by:

- Submitting written correspondence to [agenda@caledon.ca](mailto:agenda@caledon.ca) and [planning@caledon.ca](mailto:planning@caledon.ca) for consideration during the Public Meeting. Please note that written comments will form part of the public record.
- Contacting Planning staff or the Lead Planner during office hours by phone or email.
- Booking an appointment to visit Town Hall to speak with Planning staff. Visit [caledon.ca/development](https://caledon.ca/development) for more information.

**APPLICANT:** Rice Commercial Group on behalf of Tullamore Industrial GP Limited.

**LOCATION:**

**0 and 12245 Torbram Road, 12542 Airport Road** Part of Lots 17 and 20, Concession 6 (EHS), Road Allowance Between Lots 17 & 18, Concession 6 (EHS), Part of Lot 18, Concession 6 (EHS), Part of Lot 19, Concession 6 (EHS), Part of Lot 20, Concession 6 (EHS), Except Parts 7 - 18 of Plan 43R-9315, Part 1 of Plan 43R-12084, Parts 1 & 2 of Plan 43R-1832, Parts 1,2,3 & 4 of Plan 43R-5852, Parts 1,3,4 & 9 of Plan 43R-1415, Parts 1 & 2 of Plan 43R-13428, Parts 1,2,3 & 4 of Plan 43R-15152, Part 1 of Plan 43R-15403, Parts 1 & 2 of Plan 43R-18964, Parts 3 & 5 of Plan 43R-19786, Part 1 of Plan 43R-27937, Parts 1 & 2 of Plan 43R-29084, Parts 1,2,4 & 5 Expropriation Plan PR-2385790

North side of Mayfield Road, east of Torbram Road and west of Airport Road  
Ward 3

**PROPOSED CHANGES:**

The applicant has applied for an Official Plan Amendment to expand the settlement boundary and re-designate the lands from Prime Agricultural Area and Environmental Policy Area to Prestige Industrial, General Industrial, Rural and Environmental Policy Area. The proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision seeks to facilitate the development of an industrial park consisting of 20 industrial blocks, stormwater management blocks, environmental blocks, and internal streets. In total, the development is planned to include 11 industrial, warehouse and distribution buildings, with a total area of approximately 562,381 m2 (6,053,419 ft2). The lands are subject to a Ministers Zoning Order (O. Reg. 483/22)

**LEAD PLANNER:**

Aleah Clarke On Behalf of  
Development, Planning Department,  
Town of Caledon  
905-584-2272 x.7338  
[aclarke@mnhcpplan.com](mailto:aclarke@mnhcpplan.com)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision, additional information and material, please visit [caledon.ca/notices](https://caledon.ca/notices) or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Notice Date: May 18, 2023



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## Upcoming Event



Presented by Dreamers Entertainment & Stage Academy Theatre Association, in support of Caledon Public Library, is the re-creation of the 1970 opening show that Elvis performed at the Las Vegas Hilton and the full-scale concert of Aloha from Hawaii.

**June 2, 2023 from 7:30 – 10 p.m.**

Seating outside (weather permitting) in the Fairgrounds parking lot at the Albion Bolton branch.

Tickets can be purchased at CPL’s Albion Bolton branch or online at [caledon.library.on.ca/elvis](https://caledon.library.on.ca/elvis)



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# Victoria Day Renewal

It's always a nice feeling at the end of the day to know it has been a full one. You might not be an early-to-bed early-to-rise kind of person despite promises of health, wealth, and wisdom, but when you can rouse yourself accordingly to seize the day, it's amazing what you can really accomplish.

But what if you cram two days' worth into one? Well, I guess it depends on your stamina.

In my last week from undergrad, for instance, I hit a bottleneck of things that needed to be done. Several assignments were due around the same time, a part-time job was being balanced, and the apparent fun of a department formal was in the offing.

Things were going well until just after the formal, which I remember as being held on a Wednesday evening. When I returned from it in the wee hours of Thursday morning, it dawned on me I misunderstood the assignment of my final essay and, with eight hours to go, had to start from scratch at that very moment – research and all.

By the time I slipped the finished paper into my professor's box, finished what needed to be done at my paying gig, and helped do a bit of housekeeping related to the formal, I had been up for around 55 hours.

At that age, the only ill-effects seemed to be a feeling of dehydration and, of course, fatigue, but a good 12-hour night's sleep after that was enough for a bounce-back.

More than 15 years on, even when dealing with just half the time, one night's rest wasn't enough for me to bounce back from Coronation Day.

As you may have noticed by my admission in a column a few weeks ago, I was more than just a little bit excited to see how the day would unfold. Images from the previous Coronations in 1953 and 1937, for instance, had been seared in my brain from a very young age, and how the event would be tailored for today's sensibilities was very much front-of-mind.

The result, I think, was a good balance of history and modernity – in as much as an event involving equipment from the 14th century and garments from the 17th can be.

It was wonderful to see those participating reflective of the Commonwealth's diversity rather than simply determined by rank in the aristocracy, as was the blend of new compositions to complement tried and tested Coronation anthems.

Seeing the Canadian delegation walk into Westminster Abbey, led by astronaut Jeremy Hansen, who next year, if all goes according to plan, will be the first Canadian – and first non-American – to fly to the Moon filled me with pride. As did seeing the warm and enthusiastic reception the King and Queen received after the ceremony – reassuring to say the least.

“As the Coronation weekend draws to a close, my wife and I just wanted to share our most sincere and heartfelt thanks to all those who have helped me this such a special occasion,” said the King in a statement a couple of days after receiving the crown. “We pay particular tribute to the countless people who have given their time and dedication to ensuring that the celebrations in London, Windsor and further afield were happy, safe and enjoyable as possible.

“To those who joined in the celebrations – whether at home, at street parties and lunches, or by volunteering in communities – we thank you, each and every one. To know that

we have your support and encouragement, and to witness your kindness expressed in so many different ways, has been the greatest possible Coronation gift as we now rededicate our lives to serving the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and Commonwealth.”

It will be interesting to see how this life of service will take shape in the new reign.

A few days before the Coronation, in an interview with the CBC, Governor General Mary Simon made a few interesting observations.

“If there is any talk of whether there should be a king at the head of our country, then we have to have some very serious discussions in Canada about what we want,” she said. “What are the solid examples of where we would want to go if we were to get out of the Commonwealth. I haven't heard those discussions take place. I have heard a lot of individuals say they don't support...the polling has said they don't support the king, but at the same time I think we need to give him a chance. I think we need to give him a chance to show he is a good leader and has been an important player in the international community in terms of inclusiveness, in terms of environmental issues, and I think we need to give him that opportunity.”

I'm inclined to agree. Over his lengthy stint as Heir to the Throne, longer than any Heir in our history, the King has consistently been ahead of the curve in the aforementioned areas of inclusivity, environment and sustainability and I think this is recognized in many sectors.

Despite getting up just after 3.30 a.m. on May 6 to see the events unfold live from London, I did my best to put the resulting fatigue aside from what already felt like a full day – not as easy as it was in my undergrad! – and headed into Toronto for a second round to take in some of the Coronation festivities at Queen's Park.

Plans for the day included a flag raising and ceremony recognizing volunteers, and free food and drink showcasing some of the best Ontario producers have to offer, and a chance to visit many of our best museums free of charge in celebration of the day.

While the promise free food and drink always brings people out to party, I wasn't prepared for the sheer numbers of individuals who turned out to take part, representing every age bracket and walk of life imaginable. Yes, some were there for the grub, but so many people were overheard talking about the day's events and what it means – and, in my view, this bodes well for people giving Charles III a chance to show how he will put his own personal stamp on the Canadian crown.

One can only hope the Federal Government will give him the chance to do so sooner rather than later. By convention, the Monarch and the immediate Heir to the Throne, come to Canada by invitation of the Government, rather than other members of the Royal Family who are here comparatively frequently at the invitation of the charities, military units, and so forth, they help represent.

As Victoria Day, the Sovereign's official birthday in Canada, approaches this weekend, it's time to move this along. While Charles is familiar to Canadians after more than half-a-century of visits as Prince of Wales. It's high time to meet him as King of Canada to witness how he will put this re-dedicated life of service into action.



# Post-pandemic mental health issues remain

by Mark Pavilons



What's wrong with the current picture of our society?

I'm talking about the big picture lens of society, which is plagued with problems, exacerbated by mental health issues.

In our post-pandemic world, few are still talking about the COVID impacts – the loss, displacement, upheaval. The last virus has been handled, so let's move on.

Well, let me tell you folks, it's not that easy, for any of us.

I didn't lose anyone during to COVID, but many, many people lost parents and loves ones, all in a matter of months. I can't fathom losing both parents to a single disease at the same time. Just how are those adults supposed to carry on?

Unfortunately, our species is one of current events and what's out of sight is out of mind. Yet the post-COVID healing is far from over.

We also think our youngsters are quite resilient and tough. They seemed to handle the pandemic well at home with online learning. Okay, their social activities were limited, but they seemed to bounce back.

Or did they? I can tell you the impacts were like a delayed reaction, a sudden burst of emotion and pent-up frustration.

We parents were ill equipped to deal with a lot of these things because it was new to everyone.

Everyone was simply “playing it by ear” and taking things one day at a time.

But that doesn't mean we handled it well at all.

As a parent of a teen who's wrapping up high school, this transition was a bit of a challenge. And for her, getting back into the swing of things was even more difficult.

According to one local teenager: “The worldwide pandemic changed a lot in today's world, and for a teenager trying to find their way – after being isolated for such a long time – creates further fear and anxiety. We've been trained to learn digitally, how have we been taught to talk to people?”

Pediatric centres have seen increases in hospitalizations and emergency room visits for mental health conditions such as eating disorders, anxiety and suicide attempts since the pandemic began. The Canadian healthcare system was already struggling to meet the mental health needs of young people before the pandemic, and they continue to rise.

Experts say Canada needs a national mental health strategy for children and youth, and universal, school-based programs to help children develop social and emotional capacity.

I spoke to a local family physician recently, and he said the incidence of mental health is reaching alarming rates and he sees 3-4 mental health cases per day – an unprecedented rate.

It was a “perfect storm” of factors that have led to this increase. The stresses of the pandemic, along with job security and social anxiety have all come together to weigh heavy on people. But COVID-19, the doctor noted, definitely pushed people over the edge.

School boards and the ministry are playing catch-up to implement some sort of mental health support.

Only time will tell if any of these measures prove effective.

Quite possibly, the long-term of pandemic-related mental issues may well define the current generation. They may linger and fester for another decade.

The teenager added:

“How do we decide how we want to grow, when we've been so sheltered and hidden. How do we present ourselves to the general public, when we've been hiding behind a screen? How do we find acceptance and build trusting relationships when our views are so skewed by what is the latest trend?”

My own children suffer from various mental health issues, and I've been taking anti-depressants for some time.

I also spoke with a work colleague, an “old school” gentleman who wasn't familiar with mental health issues, until he encountered them himself. He admitted it was an eye-opener.

I tend to believe that the post-pandemic “recovery,” or lack thereof, is one of the factors or the current rise in crimes, violent and otherwise. Senseless stabbings, robberies, car jackings and more are perhaps desperate moves by seemingly “normal” people. I may be wrong, but I do believe many have been pushed over the edge.

We've seen a dramatic rise in grocery thefts, in the face of sky-high food prices. Shoplifting is on the rise, too.

For those who work in retail, you may have noticed a rise in unruly customers. Most are irritable and impatient, but some do take it to whole new level.

Again, it's hard to say where this comes from, but some of it can be attributed to post-pandemic blues.

Some say we've lost a lot of our social graces since we were largely “covered” during the pandemic. Do you recall, wandering around doing errands with a mask on, keeping your eyes down and not talking to anyone?

Some say we've forgotten how to smile. In fact, you can take “smiling lessons” in Tokyo to help regain your social charm!

A person's smile is a beautiful thing.

Despite my own personal challenges, I am one to smile and laugh as often as I can. There's nothing like spreading joy, especially when it's out of thin air.

We've been “under cover” for too long, so much so that it's hurt us in many ways.

I think we all need to up our game a bit, and be overly helpful, congenial, polite and compassionate, to make up for lost time.

It's like fuel in our empty tanks. A smile or goodwill gesture from a stranger can put a bounce in your step. Just ask Tigger!

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# Don't quote me on that

I have never understood the practice of quoting famous people and reprinting the words as if one person's phrase is so profound we should all live by it.

Wouldn't you rather make up your own profound saying or pass on some wisdom from your own grandfather?

Lately I have been getting a lot of these on my Facebook feed. For some reason, there's a recent trend of quoting famous actors. Half the time the quote isn't even really attributed to the actor, there's just a photo and a quote underneath.

Tom Cruise is known as being pretty nice guy and a well-known actor, but I'm not sure he's known as a profound thinker. Yet, the other day there's a photo of Tom with a quote underneath.

Actor Morgan Freeman pops up with quotes quite often as well. He's a likable person known for his smooth vocal delivery, but does being born with a great voice qualify a person as a noted intellectual?

Quoting a famous politician is about as phony as you can get.

The famous quotes from well-known political figures aren't their words of wisdom - they are the

words of some backroom writer or team of writers who have spent days, maybe weeks, or sometimes longer, working on a speech for the politician to deliver at some notable occasion.

JFK's famous "ask not what your country can do for you speech," is quoted quite often.

However, he didn't think that up - his team of speech writers thought it up, he just had the opportunity to say it in public.

With all that being said, I did find a quote on my Facebook page the other day, that really did ring a bell of sanity and common sense that can be applied to modern society - even though it was written over 150 years ago.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, was an American essayist lecturer, and philosopher, who became a notable figure in his own time and his reputation continues 141 years after his death. Emerson is widely quoted. His words are in his own hand, written in his journals and essays.

The Emerson quote is: "Let me never fall into the vulgar mistake of dreaming that I am persecuted whenever I am contradicted."

Our society has fallen into a trap described in this quote. It is a trap that is fueled by media,

special interest groups, and organizations with an agenda to promote ideologies of their own design.

There seems to be a "one way" means of thinking among many groups, where discussion, contradictions, other opinions, and even facts are not allowed or considered.

Being open minded has become wrong in many groups and organizations. It has become a "we are right" situation, no matter what other input or information is available.

I saw a group in the U.S., who's way of dealing with other opinions was to scream as loud as they could, every time another person spoke. Instead of dealing with a contrary opinion with intelligent dialogue, they reduced themselves to looking like idiots, rather than consider another opinion.

The recent coronation of King Charles, was obviously a big news story that week. As I followed the news feeds about this historic occasion, I noticed a trend. There were more stories about groups, people, and organizations, that were against the monarchy, than there were about the coronation itself.

This included stories from the U.K. as well as other Commonwealth countries.

One story focused on a group who oppose the

monarchy, and were planning on disrupting the event. The story went into great detail as to why the monarchy should be abolished.

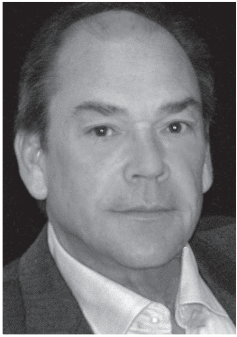
It didn't take much searching to find out that this group was less than 20 people holding cheap cardboard signs, yet the story overshadowed the actual coronation story by the same media outlet.

A person with a different opinion doesn't mean they are wrong. More likely it means the person who thinks they are absolutely right, hasn't considered all the information and is too closed minded to accept other options as valid.

Emerson was saying you should never consider yourself right, all the time. If you do, you have missed out on some great opportunities.

As far as other great quotes, I always liked: "A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing."

Ya gotta love Emo Phillips.



**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW

# By what standard?

Perhaps you heard the news? Recently, according to reports, Caledon was voted the "happiest town in Canada." Yay us! I mean, that's good news, right? Obviously, we must be doing something right here in Caledon. Maybe you see this as just one more piece of good news in a long line of accolades including our former designation as the "greenest town in Ontario?" We sure seem to "get" the designations easily enough but keeping them? That's another story. As for this latest one I have to ask, by what standard are we measuring happiness? Who decides what "happy" means, especially when it applies to an entire community? Will we always be the happiest town? I don't like our chances.

If you missed it, according to a recent survey conducted by Point2 Homes, (a real estate company) "Caledon ranked first as the happiest city in Canada, scoring 67.41 on the happiness index. The report alludes to the city's green landscapes, wellness retreats and 19th century architecture as the reasons why Caledon residents are happiest."

Well sure - if you measure happiness by my pro-

imity to the Millcroft Inn I'm about to get even happier than I already am. If, however, you measure it by my ability to afford regular visits to wellness retreats, that's a whole different story. As for "greenscapes," we've already lost that designation and with massive industrial developments along Mayfield Rd., a proposed highway paving over said greenscapes and a proposed blasting quarry in our future, you'll forgive me for being cynical about that particular metric. Sadly, as much as I do actually love parts of Caledon, I also have to wonder about that "19th century architecture" metric - where exactly might I find some examples of that these days other than boarded up examples in Caledon East?

A number of other metrics factored into the study as well including: "median after-tax income, poverty rate, perceived health, and a sense of belonging, as well as practical factors such as commute time, rainfall, and air quality."

Apparently, these are "happiness factors." You may not be surprised to learn that my first question is, "According to whom?" If my median after-tax income is

good and I live in a community with a low poverty rate that must mean that I am relatively wealthy and thankfully not surrounded by those who are not. Ergo, I must be happy in my privileged middle-class existence. (Please, please know that I am being extremely sarcastic here) Is NIMBYism what makes people happy?

I wonder, did the real estate company, whose focus (and bias one must assume) is to sell homes, ask the same questions of every resident - including those who are renting because they cannot afford a home in Caledon? Did they speak with young adults or single parent families paying exorbitant prices for basement apartments? How about low-income seniors who have literally been priced out of the market and for whom affordable senior apartments or condos are virtually non-existent? Alternatively, what about those seniors who have spent their entire lives in Caledon, and might even have planned for a well-funded retirement but who cannot find a smaller home to downsize to because "monster homes are us" appears to be Caledon's new motto?

It turns out, rather than conducting some kind of survey or poll, Point2 Homes relied upon data from the most recent census. The methodology is described as follows: the study "considered the 100 largest Census Subdivisions (Cities) based on the most recent data from Statistics Canada 2021 Census of Population. The report uses a combination of ranking scores and weighted averages."

There's more technical language and I certainly don't purport to be a statistician but one thing I feel like we all learned in school is that we can manipulate the stats, graphs and percentages in such a way as to show us just about any outcome we seek. So, if we are a community allowing thousands of homes

to be developed across thousands of acres (whether or not appropriate infrastructure exists) then the only folks in Caledon who might truly be happy right now are the politicians supporting such growth. As for metrics like commute time, sense of belonging, spending less than 30% of income on housing or walk score - I'm fairly certain some Caledon citizens might have a different view.

If instead a survey was to ask residents directly, you might hear some different responses. The people at Caledon Community Services might share stories of how many families The Exchange supports with food each week, how many seniors rely on their transportation services to get to and from appointments (often out of Caledon because there are not exactly a plethora of doctors here) or how many children they are sponsoring to join soccer or baseball leagues this summer because after paying rent or a mortgage there is simply no money left for such extras.

If they surveyed the families who live in Southfields right now and which, ironically, was used as the stock photo image for the story by several news outlets, about whether they love Caledon they might mention having nowhere to park their cars, a lengthy commute that starts with only one way in and out of the neighbourhood, and while the walk score is probably pretty good - the traffic safety score leaves much to be desired. Are Caledon residents in fact the happiest in Canada? Frankly, I'm doubtful and I think it depends entirely on who you are asking - or, more specifically, who you aren't.



**SHERALYN ROMAN**  
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# Erasing Canada's History

The Trudeau government recently unveiled its new Canadian passport. Ministers Fraser and Gould proudly proclaimed it includes improved security features and new artwork to better reflect Canada.

The addition of this new artwork meant the removal of key moments and people in our shared Canadian history. For example, the Vimy Ridge Memorial, which represents a defining moment in Canadian history that saw our country emerge as a unified nation, has been removed from the new Canadian passport. The Royal Canadian Legion rightfully spoke out against the change, saying the very freedom the Canadian passport gives us to travel around the world is due to the sacrifices made by those who served Canada.

Canadian hero and humanitarian, Terry Fox, who embarked on a run across Canada to raise awareness and funds for cancer research, has been removed from the new Canadian passport. Nellie McClung, one of Canada's most respected and well-known suffragists, an activist for women's rights, has also been removed.

It's baffling these iconic images would be removed from the Canadian passport. It's even more baffling the Trudeau government would dedicate this much time and energy on changing graphics when there are so many other pressing priorities for Canadians.

We know an undertaking like this doesn't happen overnight. It's a process that's been in the works for some time now. It means when Canadians were struggling to have their passport applications processed so they could finally travel again, this is what the Trudeau government was focused on. Instead of working on the immigration backlog of 1,000,000 applications, they were spending their time on "new artwork" for their new Canadian passport.

Minister Fraser himself has admitted during their consultation process that, "no feedback we received that people found our history offensive."

Sadly, this recent example of the Trudeau government losing the plot so terribly isn't surprising at this point. It's exactly what Canadians have come to expect under the leadership of Justin Trudeau.

After becoming Canada's Prime Minister in 2015, Justin Trudeau said Canada was a "post-national state." Canadians are asking themselves if the recent removal of Canada's history (and symbols of our shared Canadian values) from the Canadian passport, confirms that he views Canada as no longer being a nation?

Canadians are proud of our more than 150 years history as a nation. There's absolutely no need to erase it. Justin Trudeau and his Liberal government need a reality check and fast.

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# Community donates over \$20,000 and new roof to area family battling brain cancer

BY SAM ODROWSKI

The community has rallied together to support a father of three young children in Grand Valley, recently diagnosed with late-stage brain cancer.

George Raynard is unable to work as he undergoes chemotherapy, and since he’s the sole provider for his family, a GoFundMe was started to help cover the cost of food and his mortgage. The online fundraiser has already raised over \$20,000 since it was created on April 30 with donations coming in from private donors, community groups, and local businesses.

George Raynard’s sister Helen Cox started the fundraiser with her brother Thomas and mother Dawn Raynard.

Cox said George and his wife Ashley have been overwhelmed by the support they’ve received through the GoFundMe over the last two and a half weeks, and they are incredibly grateful.

“George is so overwhelmed. He’s said, ‘I just cannot believe that all these people are taking an interest in my family and trying to help us when I don’t even know them,’” said Cox. “It’s been incredible.”

Since George was diagnosed with a brain tumour five years ago, the financial burden of being unable to work consistently and now having to stop entirely has become unmanageable.

“At first George was really just trying to do it on his own, and he is the sole provider for his family, so he was trying to work through this. Even when he was having seizures, and in and out of the hospital and, he just kept going to work, and he was just so focused on that,” said Cox.

But with George unable to work and not as physically strong due to brain cancer, some home maintenance fell behind. His roof was leaking, but on May 11, All Pro Roofing agreed to replace it at no cost to the family.

All Pro Roofing owner Jamie Bates said with May being Brain Cancer Awareness Month and a local family needing a new roof, he felt compelled to use his resources to make it happen.

“Out of all people, we understand how important a roof over your head is,” Bates

noted. “With the considerable challenges the family is going through, we thought it was the right thing to do.”

Gibson Building Supplies provided All Pro Roofing with some of the materials for the roof free of charge, and Green For Life (GFL) donated a disposal bin for the project, while the Circle K in Grand Valley brought refreshments and pizza to those replacing the roof.

“It’s very important for the community to come together and do things like this,” said Bates.

A new roof for George’s family would have cost almost \$10,000 if they had to pay for it outright.

“If we can save that expense, then the family can contribute that money elsewhere, where it’s more important,” Bates noted.

Cox said George and his family have been blown away by the community’s support. The Grand Valley Lions Club dropped off money, the Grand Valley Minor Soccer Club waived registration fees for George’s daughters, Clover Farms in Grand Valley collected donations, and Project Linus donated handmade quilts.

Project Linus recently established a chapter in Dufferin County, and its members make quilts by hand and donate them to children undergoing crisis or difficult situations.

George was first diagnosed with a brain tumour in November of 2018 when his wife was four months pregnant with his youngest daughter, and he had an unexpected seizure at home.

The ambulance rushed him to the hospital, and after brain scans, the doctors said they wouldn’t know if the tumour was dangerous unless they did an operation that required cutting into his skull. The doctors also mentioned they likely wouldn’t be able to remove the entire tumour if they did operate, and additional treatment would be needed.

After careful consideration, the family and doctors decided it would be best to wait and monitor the tumour, as George’s wife would soon be giving birth and in need of support.

However, he suffered a seizure that



The Raynard family – George, Ashley and their three daughters Arya, Violet and Lilah – are incredibly grateful to the many people who have donated to their GoFundMe while George battles brain cancer. The fundraiser has raised \$21,741 as of press time. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

caused two dislocated shoulders, making George unable to work for six months. During that time, the family spent most of their savings as they had no income.

Over the next four years, the family spent lots of time together camping, fishing and hiking to create memories, as every day they get to spend together is a blessing due to the uncertainty of George’s condition.

In July 2022, George had another seizure, and an MRI showed his brain tumour was changing. Doctors said it was time to do surgery to remove it and determine what was happening.

The family hoped the outcome of the surgery would be that the tumour was benign, but this, unfortunately, wasn’t the case. After surgeons cut into his skull, resulting in 44 staples, they determined the tumour was cancerous, and they could not remove it entirely.

The Raynard family learned the tumour is Grade 3 Oligodendroglioma, which has low survival and high reinfection rates.

Six weeks of aggressive chemotherapy started in March of this year and has now switched to once a month.

George is receiving an MRI brain scan this weekend to see if the chemotherapy is

working and determine his next steps.

Right now, George is weak and sick from the chemotherapy but maintains a positive attitude as he undergoes treatment, said Cox.

“He’s just spending the time with his daughters and spending every minute that he can with them, making memories.” Cox explained. “That’s really what he’s been doing for the past five years. He feels like he’s been living on borrowed time, so he tries to make sure that every minute, every day, he does something special with them.”

George and his family live a minimalist lifestyle, focusing on nature and the environment.

“They’re not a wasteful family. Every dollar they get is literally going to food and shelter, maybe going camping. That’s all they do,” said Cox, who stressed the family’s appreciation for all the support they’ve received.

“We just want to make sure that everybody in the community knows how thankful they are, how grateful he and Ashley are.”

To support George financially, visit the GoFundMe page at [gofund.me/eb87c657](https://gofund.me/eb87c657).

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# Addiction Services marks 40 years of impact in Central Ontario

BY BROCK WEIR

Over the last 40 years, recognizing and treating addictions has come a long way – and at the forefront of tackling these challenges in the community has been Addiction Services Central Ontario.

Previously Addiction Services of York Region, the organization, which serves York Region, South Simcoe, and North York, celebrated the start of its special anniversary year last Monday, May 8, with a special reception held at the historic Aurora Armoury.

The anniversary is a time to not only celebrate the strides that have been made, but how they have grown and developed to serve a community that has done the same.

"As we looked at things, 40 years ago is quite a while for an organization to be around and to be providing services and programs," says Addiction Services Central Ontario Executive Director Penny Marrett. "I think COVID really told us about how important the work that we were doing was to individuals. Particularly if you think about the first 12 to 18 months that social isolation that many people felt, the challenges because you were basically told to shelter at home as much as possible unless you were an essential worker and we had more calls and we knew that people really needed help and needed support.

"It really brought home, I think, that the services that we provided are critical to the communities that we serve. 40 years for us is really a terrific milestone to demonstrate that we were important when we first started and we are just as important now."

Since its inception, the goal of Addiction Services has been to support individuals with addictions, but 40 years ago there was a concerted focus on substance use and what Marrett describes as “problem gambling.” Those two areas are still under their umbrella but the areas they tackle have become increasingly complex and numerous.

"Our clients have always been complex, but I think there is an increasing number of individuals," she says. "I think, actually, that some people who maybe before the pandemic may not have reached out for a variety of personal reasons started to reach out. There is a little bit more, I think, who realized they needed the support to be able to continue their own journey."

"We continued all our services throughout the pandemic, but we also saw that there were so many different issues that people were facing. People who perhaps had a job and lost their job during COVID; at the height of the pandemic, people who perhaps had more precarious jobs, those jobs became even more precarious if that is even possible; and we also had individuals who, because we obviously started to offer virtual services, wouldn't have been able to come to one of our satellite clinics, or to our main office for clinics, who were calling

because they could do it for free. We hadn't done virtual in the way that we did during the pandemic and that will continue."

An aspect of Addictions Services Marrett says she's particularly proud of is the fact their services are "wrap-around." An individual may come to them to reduce or stop using substances and, in turn, they're able to provide community withdrawal management services so people can still be at home in a safe place while they work with a counsellor. Individual counselling is available, but so is group counselling and after care. It's a "full piece to enable someone to really be able to take the time they need to look at the issues" and set goals – and they work in conjunction with each individual's list of objectives.

When she looks ahead to the future, Marrett says they will continue to respond to the needs of the community – and that recognizes “it’s not always about people coming to us, it’s about us going to people.”

"We might not be 'just' our four walls, whether it is a satellite office or clinic, but we will be in the community. We received money for and have purchased a van for a mobile addictions clinic and we may have more of those. Many of our clients need primary care, they need that addiction support, but primary care, and there's not a lot of primary care available to Ontarians these days. We have a lot of people who are retiring who are primary care providers and we might be able to partner and provide some of that for our clients. During COVID we had a number of clients for whom food security was a huge issue for them so we partnered with food banks and with other organizations for the delivery of the food hampers we purchased. We had received funding to be able to do that. One of the things that people don't realize is substance use and substance health, it's from all socio-economic levels. It's not only one specific group of people, it's everybody.

"The Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addictions recently came out with updated low-risk guidelines so we're looking at that to see how do we incorporate that research into some of the psychoeducation pieces. We offer court support in two courts – Newmarket and Bradford, primarily, but we know there are other courts in the areas we work in. Are we going to be able to expand that program? Are we going to be able to continue to support youth and families? It's a really important group.

"I think much of what we'll be doing over the next 10, 20, 30 years is really expanding and strengthening the work we're doing today and making sure that we're also continuing to respond to the needs of the community. That may mean we pivot instead of getting the community to pivot. We're ready to pivot to best respond to the community. We're thrilled we have been able to serve the communities and we look forward to being able to continue that and responding to the needs of the community at the same time."



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# Tapestry of Art and Music fundraiser coming soon

May 27 event is  
being held to support  
Headwaters Arts

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The local art community has answered the call to support Headwaters Arts, a non-profit dedicated to supporting local artists right back.

On May 27, Headwaters Arts is hosting its Tapestry of Art and Music fundraiser.

If you missed the Citizen's first article on the event, here's how it works: In April, Headwaters Arts asked local artists to register and receive a six-by-six inch blank canvas, on which they would create a piece of art depicting how art inspires them.

These pieces were subsequently donated to Headwaters Arts, and they'll be put on display as a large mosaic on the 27th — and they'll be for sale too.

All funds raised from the sale, which is being held at the Alton Mill Arts Centre, will go to Headwaters Arts.

The canvases will be displayed as a large mosaic from 1 to 5 p.m. on May 27 at the Alton Mill Arts Centre, where they will all be for sale at the same price with proceeds going towards Headwaters Arts.

Here's the agenda for the day of art, music,

food and drink, and fun: from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the mosaic will be previewed; from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. the Achill Choral Society will perform; and from 3:30 to 5 p.m. there will be a reception and sales of the art will begin. The day's events will all be happening outside in the tented annex outside the Arts Centre.

Attendees can purchase one canvas for \$40 or two for \$75. Attendees can also enter a free raffle to win one of the canvases.

Nancy Kluger, Chair of Headwaters Arts' Events Committee, said the response from artists for the Tapestry of Art and Music event has been overwhelming.

"We are just so grateful for their generosity and for all to see this beautiful tapestry wall of artwork," said Kluger.

Over 60 artists responded to Headwaters Arts' call.

Sue Powell, Headwaters Arts' Marketing Lead, said Headwaters Arts' goal from the fundraiser is to be resilient and continue to grow its year-round shows, as well as publish its first-ever members directory. The non-profit also wants to increase its membership and offer new opportunities for local artists.

Margi Taylor, Headwaters Arts' Acting President, said the non-profit is excited to celebrate and shine a light on the talent of local artists. Taylor thanked Dufferin County for its funding that's supporting the event this month.

For more information about the upcoming fundraiser, those interested can visit [headwatersarts.org](http://headwatersarts.org).



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Caledon Citizen’s Student Athlete of the Week

## Tomas Scorzafave excels on the volleyball court, soccer pitch at Humberview SS

BY JIM STEWART

Tomas Scorzafave has made the most of his junior year by earning Honor Roll status as a two-sport athlete at Humberview Secondary School.

The Grade 11 student-athlete—who has his sights on a US College soccer scholarship, a Kinesiology degree, and is currently studying for his SATs – has led the Huskies on both the volleyball court in the Fall and the soccer pitch this Spring.

Scorzafave’s leadership and athletic acumen have impressed Senior Boys Soccer Coach Gerald Watt.

“Tomas encourages his teammates, always gives 110%, displays exceptional technical abilities, and his hard work has greatly contributed to the early successes experienced so far this season.”

Aya Utahara, Humberview SS’s Senior Boys Volleyball coach, echoes his colleague’s assessments about Scorzafave’s aptitude and attitude as a sportsman.

“His quickness and intelligent plays. Tomas’s dedication to improve his skills is evident as is his leadership on and off the court.”

The faculty at Humberview provided a similarly-glowing academic profile of the Huskies’ volleyball/soccer player.

Kendall Volpe, Scorzafave’s Grade 11 University Biology teacher and Humberview’s Athletic Director, noted that “Tomas is such a ray of light. He always has a positive attitude, he is determined, and a very hard worker. He is an absolute pleasure to teach.”

Amanda Bourdon, Tomas’s SHSM teacher, also extolled the Grade 11’s attributes as a learner.

“As a Health and Wellness SHSM student, Tomas was dedicated, hardworking, and a great leader for his classmates and peers.”

Against this backdrop of academic superlatives, Coach Watt elaborated on what impresses him the most about Scorzafave as a soccer player.

“He’s a natural leader. Tomas takes initiative with setting up practice drills, leading warmups, and communicating tactics with teammates. Most of all, he’s driven to succeed.”

Huskies Coach Utahara complimented Tomas’s “leadership on the volleyball court. Tomas leads by example and inspires his teammates to work hard to achieve excellence.”

Two key performance moments so far in Scorzafave’s soccer season were recounted by Coach Watt: “Tomas played phenomenally throughout our first four games. He has consistently been one of our best performers this season. He scored two bangers in back-to-back games against Louise Arbour and Central Peel.”

Our Student Athlete of the Week Tomas Scorzafave took a break from banging in goals for the Huskies and also took some time from his second semester SHSM studies and SAT preparation to answer our interview questions:

**Caledon Citizen:** What qualities did you demonstrate in your sports season to



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KENDALL VOLPE

earn Student-Athlete of the Week honours?

**Tomas Scorzafave:** “I showed qualities such as determination, good work ethic, leadership, and sportsmanship to earn Student-Athlete of the Week.”

**Caledon Citizen:** What were your key statistics and performance moments from the 2022-23 season that you are most proud of?

**Tomas Scorzafave:** “I have many moments from my 2022-23 season that I am proud of from playing on both the soccer and volleyball teams. These moments include making it to ROPSSAA playoffs for volleyball, and scoring the first goal of the soccer season and being awarded ‘Man of the Match’ in that game.”

**Caledon Citizen:** In addition to your high school sports team(s), what other community teams do you play for and at what level?

**Tomas Scorzafave:** “I play soccer on North Mississauga Soccer Club’s under 19 League One Reserve team.”

**Caledon Citizen:** How would you describe yourself as a student at Humberview SS? To which sports teams and clubs do you belong? Honor Roll?

**Tomas Scorzafave:** “I have been on the Honor Roll throughout elementary and high school. I find my studies important for my future and I try to be as good of a student as possible. In the classroom, I am attentive, a good participant, and disciplined. I played on Humberview’s Senior Boys Volleyball team, the Senior Boys Soccer team, and I am in the Health and Wellness Specialist High Skills Major program.”

**Caledon Citizen:** What are your post-secondary plans regarding prospective academic/athletic destinations?

**Tomas Scorzafave:** “I am thinking about going to university for Kinesiology and I am in the process of studying for my SATs to be able to apply to school both in Canada and the United States. I would love to be able to get a great education while continuing to play soccer at a high level.”

**Caledon Citizen:** Who is your role model in terms of the person you admire the most?

**Tomas Scorzafave:** “I have many different role models in my life: my mother, father, and sister. My mother and father are my role models because of everything they have done for me and being there for me throughout every single one of my accomplishments. I also look up to my sister because of everything she has taught me, from being a good person to working hard for the things I want.”

**Caledon Citizen:** How do you feel about being nominated as The Caledon Citizen’s Student-Athlete of the Week?

**Tomas Scorzafave:** “I feel honoured and proud being nominated by my teachers and to be able to receive The Caledon Citizen’s Student-Athlete of the week. I’m very grateful for the recognition of my hard work and will continue to work harder in the future.”

*If you are a community coach and/or teacher that would like to nominate a Caledon student-athlete as our Caledon Citizen’s Student-Athlete of the Week, please contact Sports Reporter Jim Stewart at jim@lpcmedia.ca.*

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KORECKI, MARGARET  
LYDIA

After an arduous battle with cancer, Margaret Lydia Korecki passed away at Headwaters Health Care Center on Monday May 8th, 2023.



Margaret was loved by all that knew her, making friends of strangers who came through her door. An avid cook, baker, and canner, Margaret loved food and loved even more to share it, making sure no one was shy to ask for seconds around her table.



Margaret will be missed by her Husband of 51 years, Myron, her two sons Kevin and Jonathan, her daughter in law Sandra and grandchildren Benedict and Caleb, her brothers John and Alfred, her sister Anita, her cousin Irene, and sisters in law Olga and Luba, along with all of their families and all others who were blessed to know her.

Margaret's faith gave her strength and courage throughout her life, finding solace in her daily devotions.

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In Loving Memory  
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CHARLES

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Passed away peacefully at the age of 78 in the presence of his loving family at the Renfrew Victoria Hospital on Tuesday April 11, 2023 with his wife and partner of near 50 years Zita (Turcotte Paquette) holding his hand. He will be fondly remembered by his step-daughters Shirley-Anne Staal (Harold), Brenda Brazeau (Ronald), Suzanne Ruiter (Bert), Catherine Fortin (Ronald), Theresa Poitier (Roland) and their families.



Robert was born and raised in Orangeville, Ontario and was the son of the late Murray and Mary (Galbraith) Simpson of Orangeville, Ontario. He is survived by his twin brother Russell (Susan), Betty Bryan (late Tom), Jeannie Brookes (Colin), Peggy Wiegert (Peter), (Allan Glassford), and his many nieces and nephews and his special cousin John Houston. Predeceased by his siblings Sheila Murray (Bob), Harry (Marg), Bill, Heather Brown (Doug) and Frances Glassford.

Robert retired eight years ago from his career as a professional long haul driver. He loved to work hard outdoors in the dirtiest of circumstances but you could also find him indoors creating his fabulous tea biscuits, using his Mom's recipe. He was also known to help anyone that was in need. The family would like to thank the Bayshore care team, the nurses at the Renfrew Victoria Hospital for the exemplary care that was provided to him and his family and special thanks to his oncologist Dr. Vickers and Dr. Nixon from the Renfrew Victoria Hospital. May this wonderful man Rest In Peace. His presence will be missed. Donations in his memory may be made to the Renfrew Victoria Hospital or the charity of your choice. At Robert's request no services were held. Arrangements entrusted to the care of the Goulet Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.gouletfuneralhome.com

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# Premier Ford made comments at May 15 press conference in Mississauga

Continued from FRONT

Ford said his government would continue to support Mississauga and make sure its citizens get the best government services possible.

Crombie said she was delighted to hear Ford publicly say he's on the way to separating Peel. She said he's fulfilling a promise to McCallion and her, and that it makes sense for Mississauga, Brampton, and Caledon to go their separate ways.

Crombie said separating Peel is more cost effective for all parties, and that it would allow her taxpayers to invest money back into their city rather than support growth of other municipalities.

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves responded to this news by saying losing Regional support would have impacts in Caledon.

"Regional government was developed to service municipalities as they grew, and in Peel that work is not yet finished," said Groves. "Caledon is currently experiencing the growth that (the municipalities of) Mississauga and much of Brampton have already experienced and benefited from."

Groves said Caledon is a special and unique municipality, noting its recent ranking as the happiest place in Canada from a study of 30 happiness-related metrics. She said residents often tell her their preference is for Caledon to remain as Caledon and that there's no appetite among residents to lose Caledon's special identity.

Further, Groves said a new governance structure would mean taking on debt and transitional costs.

"Growth in Caledon is in greenfield areas (rural/farmland). We don't have existing infrastructure to build on to, or intensify. We are building new communities from scratch," said Groves. "Support is needed for all growth-related infrastructure like roads and water, and public amenities like schools and emergency services."

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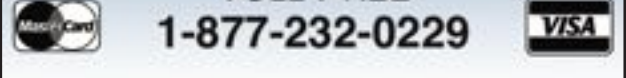
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