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I wish you and your loved ones a safe and very Happy Canada Day, and a terrific summer!

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Winners will be selected by random draw.

Good luck and have fun! Remember to post your photo to **#CanadaDayDC23** (or e-mail to kyle.seeback@parl.gc.ca) **by 11:59 p.m. July 1st**. Winners will be announced on July 05, 2023 on Kyle's Facebook page.



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Carol Seglins received the 2023 Caledon Senior of the Year award from Mayor Annette Groves, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, and members of Caledon Council.

TOWN OF CALEDON IMAGE

Carol Seglins is Caledon’s 2023 Senior of the Year

Former Caledon Mayor keeps busy volunteering with a variety of community organizations

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

On June 20, Mayor Annette Groves and Caledon Council presented Caledon resi-

dent of over 50 years, Carol Seglins, with the Senior of the Year Award.

According to the Town of Caledon, each year the award is handed out to a senior “who, after age 65, enriches the social, cultural, or civic life of the community.”

In handing out the award, Groves gave her sincerest congratulations to Seglins and said it’s active and involved community members like her that make Caledon such a great place to live.

Seglins said she was surprised but honoured to receive the award.

Seglins is a former Mayor of Caledon, having served three terms from 1994 to 2003. She is currently the president of the Humber Valley Heritage Trail Association (HVHTA) and a director of the Albion Bolton Historical Society (ABHS).

With the HVHTA, Seglins leads maintenance initiatives, promotes the trail to the community, and works closely with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

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Caledon’s Mayor to have strong mayor powers as of July 1

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Provincial Government is significantly expanding strong mayor powers across Ontario.

On June 16, the Province announced it was giving strong mayor powers to the mayors of 26 different municipalities — and Caledon is among them. The powers will come into effect on July 1.

Strong mayor powers allow mayors to do things like appoint a Chief Administrative Officer; hire department heads; establish and reorganize municipal departments; create Council committees and appoint their leaders; propose municipal budgets (subject to Council amendments and a veto/Council override process); veto bylaws if they believe they interfere with a provincial priority; and bring forward matters that advance Provincial priorities.

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Caregivers from Caledon and Dufferin celebrated in Mono

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Chances are, you or someone you know is an unpaid caregiver.

According to Statistics Canada, more than 8.1 million Canadians are unpaid caregivers who provide mental, physical, or emotional support to a family member, friend, or neighbour. While so many Canadians are caregivers, they are not often recognized for the work they do.

On June 25, the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team (HOHCOHT) hosted an appreciation day for unpaid caregivers at the Monora Park Pavilion in Mono.

The event featured workshops for caregivers, speakers, complimentary lunch and refreshments, music, local vendors, and booths set up by various community organizations.

The appreciation event was part of the HOHCOHT’s Caregivers in the Hills program, which aims to provide support to, and validate the role of, unpaid caregivers in Dufferin and Caledon.

Tracy Coffin, Executive Director of the HOHCOHT, explained that in 2020, the HOHCOHT collected recommendations from caregivers in the community to start its caregiver support program. One of the first things it did was create an identification badge program,

where any caregiver can apply for a badge that will formally identify them as a caregiver.

“When you’re a caregiver, you go to a lot of medical appointments, a lot of social care appointments, and you have to tell your story over and over again,” said Coffin. “What the ID badge does... it lets the doctor, nurse or whoever is working with the individual, know the person is a caregiver and will be able to help and become part of the care team.”

Another part of the Caregivers in the Hills program is a collaboration with local businesses.

When a caregiver shows their badge at a business that’s partnered with the HOHCOHT, they can receive discounts. To see the list of businesses, or to apply for your own caregiver badge, those interested can visit caregiversinthehills.ca.

Coffin said caregiving is an often thankless job. She said it was so important to host an appreciation event as a way to say “way to go” and give the thanks to caregivers that they deserve.

“Caregivers are a critical part of our health care system and they’re a critical part of the health care team,” said Coffin. “The work we do with Caregivers in the Hills is a way to identify them, appreciate them, and make sure they are able to support their loved ones as best they can.”

Having community partners with booths set up at the event was a way for the HOHCOHT



Duffering-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones addresses the audience at the June 25 event.
PHOTO BY PETER RICHARDSON

to let caregivers know about all the different services there are in the community that could possibly help them.

“I’ve worked in different parts of Ontario, I’ve worked in England, and I have to say this community is the most collaborative community I’ve ever come across,” said Coffin.

Heidi Vanderhorst, program lead for Caregivers in the Hills, helped create and develop the program when caregivers requested it. She said before the program existed, the HOHCOHT felt like caregivers weren’t getting the recognition they deserved.

“We heard over and over... caregivers were being questioned why they had to be with their loved one,” said Vanderhorst.

Now, there are over 140 caregivers registered with Caregivers in the Hills and Vanderhorst is hoping more will join as well to gain access to recognition and resources.

Vanderhorst said she was ecstatic with the way Caregiver Appreciation Day turned out. She was happy to see the amount of community partners that joined in, and pleased to see Ontario Minister of Health and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia

Jones make an appearance.

Most importantly, of course, was the amount of caregivers that attended.

“Caregiving is a very difficult role, there’s potential for a lot of burnout. I think there is a lack of acknowledgement for who they are and what they do,” said Vanderhorst. “We really just wanted to provide a few hours for them to be the spotlight and have some downtime if possible... we just really wanted to make it a day about them that they could enjoy.”

Stephanie Coulson, Project Manager for the HOHCOHT and a caregiver for her mother, said it was a nice experience to have her work intersect with her unpaid work as a caregiver. Coulson said that knowing what she does at her job might help out another caregiver is a great motivation.

Coulson said it was touching to see caregivers honoured because it takes a lot of time and energy to be a caregiver. She said it can be challenging at times and extremely rewarding at others.

“To have people come together and say ‘thank you for what you’re doing’ is really nice,” said Coulson.



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“Celebrating Senior’s Month in Caledon”

by Silvana Ferrari, Coordinator, Seniors Health & Wellness



According to a study by the Fraser Institute, in 2010, 14.1 per cent of Canada’s population was age 65 or older.

This number increased to 19.0 per cent in 2022 and Statistics Canada predicts this growing trend will continue, reaching 22.5 per cent by 2030.

June is Seniors Month in Ontario and Caledon celebrates our seniors in a big way. Caledon Community Services (CCS) hosted our Velocity cycling fundraiser, raising more than \$69k for vital programs and services that support senior’s health, wellness and independence and allows them to thrive in the community they call home. (Donations can still be made at ccsvelocity.ca until July 31st.)

As the senior population continues to grow and we move forward in the post-pandemic landscape, programs and services for seniors are more important than ever before.

A highly vulnerable demographic, seniors were some of the most impacted by the pandemic. Many became fearful about leaving their homes and as a result, became isolated. In-person programs transitioned to virtual activities and while these helped seniors stay active and

connected, the camaraderie fostered by face-to-face interaction was missing.

Now that some restrictions have been lifted, our Seniors Health and Wellness programming has returned to near-normal, with exercise classes, games and other fun activities, in a variety of locations across Caledon. We even added activities at CCS’ Evolve Caledon thrift store. Our seniors love heading down after the day’s activities to enjoy a little shopping. They are extremely grateful to be able to mix with friends and resume a lifestyle that was suppressed for so long.

On a personal note, my seniors make me laugh and keep me very humble. I’m always amazed at how the little things light them up. I work hard to deliver wholesome programming that is engaging and educational and I invite every Caledon senior to join in at a location, date and time that works for them. I also collaborate with partners in the community, inviting them to my programs to share relevant and interesting topics.

I feel very fortunate to be part of the CCS team serving seniors and look forward to innovating new ways to serve this growing demographic.

CCS offers a wide variety of options for seniors, caregivers and support workers. Visit ccs4u.org to learn how you or a loved one can benefit.

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Region of Peel declares epidemic of intimate-partner violence

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Advocacy efforts have led to formal acknowledgement of an intimate-partner violence epidemic in Peel.

At the Region of Peel’s June 22 Council meeting, Rebecca Pacheco, a coordinator for the Peel Committee Against Women Abuse (PCAWA), made a delegation to lawmakers and asked that it declare intimate-partner and gender-based violence an epidemic.

Regional Councillors unanimously supported PCAWA’s request.

The move came just one day after the City of Brampton also declared an intimate-partner and gender-based violence epidemic. Peel and Brampton are the 26th and 27th municipalities in Ontario to declare intimate-partner violence an epidemic.

PCAWA will soon be delegating to Mississauga City Council and Town of Caledon Council to ask for the same declaration.

According to PCAWA, declaring intimate-partner violence to be an epidemic was one of 86 jury recommendations that came out of the Renfrew Inquest.

The Renfrew Inquest happened in June 2022. It was a coroner’s inquest that asked jurors to suggest ways to end gender-based violence after the 2015 murders of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam in (or near) Renfrew County.

According to PCAWA, every 48 hours a woman or girl is killed by an act of violence in Canada. In Peel, four femicides occurred in 2022 and 2 have already occurred in 2023.

Pacheco said more and more municipalities declaring intimate-partner violence to be an epidemic means it’s an issue that demands immediate attention from the Province.

“We need our provincial government to listen to the municipalities and regions across the province as we’re calling out for support, leadership and funding at a provincial level,” said Pacheco.

PCAWA said the Province’s 2023 budget does not provide the amount of investment needed to respond to “rising rates of gender-based violence across the Province.”



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Brown asks Peel to borrow \$11.1 billion to meet Provincial housing targets

Motion was seconded and supported by Groves

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Mayor of Brampton wants the Region of Peel to take on a significant amount of debt so it can begin constructing infrastructure required to meet the Province’s housing targets.

At Region of Peel Council’s June 22 meeting, Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown and Caledon Mayor Annette Groves put forward a motion that said any delays in construction of servicing would block Caledon, Brampton, and Mississauga’s ability to meet the Province’s housing targets set out in Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act.

They asked that “the Region of Peel commit to the immediate financing of the servicing shortfall of \$11.1 billion to meet the new provincial growth targets adopted by all three local municipalities...”

They also asked that “the required debenture be issued in the 2023 fiscal year to ensure the continuity of regional services...”

Groves said residents of Peel have been dealing with a lack of affordable housing for a long time.

“It’s on all of us to ensure we provide a safe place for people to live,” said Groves.

She said Peel has gone beyond having a housing crisis to the point where it has a housing security issue. Groves said when

a crisis is at hand, sometimes drastic measures have to be taken in order to fix it.

Several Regional Council members expressed concerns with the motion and its financial feasibility, as well as the risk it presents to taxpayers and the Region’s finances. Peel’s Chief Administrative Officer said taking on \$11.1 billion in debt would not meet the standards outlined in Ontario’s Municipal Act.

Councillor concerns about the amount of debt left with Mississauga post-Peel dissolution were also shared, as well as concerns about the motion hindering the Region’s efforts to get the Province to help pay for growth-related infrastructure.

Groves said ultimately, Region of Peel staff can come back to Council and let them know whether it’s even possible for the Region to borrow that much money.

“I am certain the Province will not just abandon us,” said Groves. “This motion puts our money where our mouth is... they need houses and we will deliver them... all we are saying is we need the tools, resources and funding.”

Brown said Peel is in a housing crisis and that young people can’t even dream of owning a home. He said the motion sends a message to the Province that Peel will honour its housing commitments, and that the \$11.1 billion is necessary if Peel municipalities are to meet them.

A motion to refer Brown and Groves’ motion back to Region of Peel staff was put forward and passed, with 13 Councillors in favour and 11 opposed.

Province giving strong mayor powers to mayors of 26 municipalities

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Councillors can override a mayor’s veto of bylaws and budget amendments with a two-thirds majority vote.

According to the Province, “strong mayor powers offer tools to help heads of Council cut red tape and speed up the delivery of key shared municipal-provincial priorities such as housing, transit and infrastructure.”

In a statement sent to The Citizen, Mayor Annette Groves said the Province’s decision to expand strong mayor powers to Caledon speaks to the fact that Caledon is growing and a mature municipality.

“It is not lost on me the importance of these powers and the significance of being the Mayor at this moment in Caledon’s history,” said Groves.

Referencing Caledon’s pledge to the Province to build 13,000 housing units, Groves said Caledon needs houses for people choosing to call Caledon home and people who have always lived in Caledon.

“[We need] homes to keep families close, homes to keep our... seniors close to their families and friends, homes for the single parent struggling to keep a roof over their child(ren)’s heads, homes for people who have struggled with mental health and addiction...” said Groves.

Groves said nothing happens in a vacuum and that strong mayor powers come with a legislated requirement to be open and transparent any time they are used. Any time they are used it must be recorded in writing and disclosed to the public.

“While these new authorities are granted to me as the head of Council, I have always believed that the best way for Town business to be done is through consensus,” said Groves. “I remain committed to working with my council to find the best policies and plans for the Town and its residents’ future. I look forward to continued collaboration with my Council to deliver positive results to all of Caledon.”

The mayors of Toronto and Ottawa already have strong mayor powers which took effect last fall. The 26 municipalities whose mayors will be getting strong mayor powers on July 1 are all single or lower-tier municipalities with a population over 100,000 (or growing to 100,000 by 2031) that have submitted a housing pledge to the Province.

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Emergency services communicators honoured at first responders appreciation BBQ

Event held in Caledon for first time at Southfields Community Centre

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Caledon community gathered to thank first responders last weekend.

On June 24, residents came to the parking lot of the Southfields Community Centre for the 3rd Annual Peel First Responders Recognition BBQ. The event was hosted by Peel Crime Stoppers.

In attendance were representatives from the Caledon, Brampton, and Mississauga fire departments; Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Caledon OPP; Peel Regional Police; CN Police; St. John's Ambulance; Peel Regional Paramedic Services; Respond Search and Rescue; and emergency services communicators working in the Region of Peel.

Caledon's Police Chief, Inspector MaryLouise Kearns, spoke at the event and said in addition to first responders she wanted to thank the community members who make sure their communities are safe every day.

"You too are part of a system that makes public safety a priority," said Kearns.

Deputy Chief of the Peel Regional Police, Mark Dapat, brought greetings from Peel's Police Chief, Nishan Duraipapp, and thanked Peel Crime Stoppers for hosting the barbeque.

"It is amazing to see so many people supporting first responders — our elected officials, businesses, residents — we're all working towards the same goal and that's community safety," said Dapat.

He went on to acknowledge the 11 emergency communicators who had volunteered to attend the barbeque. He said they are the first line of contact in any emergency.

"The very women and men here before you... they're the ones that try to keep you calm, the ones that get all the information and make sure the response to your crisis is done properly and as soon as possible," said Dapat. "Please take an opportunity to thank them because they are essential — they're the bloodline of our frontline."

Caledon's Fire Chief Dave Forfar said firefight-



ers can't do their job without the support of their first responder colleagues. He said all first responders work together as one big team and that Ontario has the best first responder services in the world.

"We all work side by side to help," said Forfar. "Let's not forget our communicators, they are the backbone for all of us and point us in the right direction."

Forfar said he'd be remiss as Fire Chief to not remind everyone in attendance to make an escape plan with their family in case of a fire, and to check their smoke alarms too. He thanked Peel Crime Stoppers for hosting the barbeque and all the Caledon residents who attended.

Brian Gibson, Acting Chief of Peel Regional Paramedic Services, also spoke at the event to thank the community for their support. He said while the barbeque was an appreciation event for first responders, he wanted to let residents know first responders appreciate all that residents do to keep their communities safe.

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves thanked all the volunteers that made the barbeque possible as she began her speech. She went on to say that Peel residents are very fortunate to have such great first responders and that they are very grateful for all that first responders do.

"Always remember to show your support for these folks," said Groves.

Former Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson came to the barbeque to bring greetings from Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones.

"Sylvia wants to emphasize how important our emergency services are... we're grateful," said Thompson.



(TOP) Members of Caledon Council and former Mayor Allan Thompson stand with Caledon OPP members, including Caledon Police Chief MaryLouise Kearns. (ABOVE) Royal Canadian Mounted Police held up the Canadian flag while the national anthem was sung.

PHOTOS BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown said everyone has a debt of gratitude to first responders for keeping the public safe.

"There's a risk they take for all of us, and I just want to say thank you," said Brown. "There's nothing more important than our collective safety."

Imran Hasan, Chair of Peel Crime Stoppers, thanked everyone in attendance at the barbeque for choosing to be there over anything else. Hasan also thanked Thompson for attending previous Peel

First Responders Recognition BBQs in Brampton and Mississauga.

Hasan said first responders serve day in and day out and risk their lives to ensure the safety of the public.

"And that's not lost upon us," said Hasan. He also added his sincere thanks for the communicators, who he said tirelessly respond and take action to put first responders in the right place at the right time.

DRUG CHARGES

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) seized a quantity of drugs and charged five individuals as a result of a lengthy multi-jurisdictional drug investigation.

"On June 21, 2023, members of the Dufferin Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), and frontline uniform officers with the assistance of Nottawasaga CSCU, Caledon CSCU, Collingwood/Huron West CSCU, Southern Georgian Bay CSCU, Muskoka CSCU, the OPP Physical Surveillance Unit, Covert Deployment Unit, Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau, and Halton Regional Police Service executed three search warrants in the Town of Orangeville, Bolton, and Oakville," say Police.

"Officers located and seized nearly three kilograms of cocaine, 280 grams of Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), over 500 oxycodone tablets, over 200 tablets of clonazepam, quantities of hydrocodone, a high-capacity magazine, and currency. As a result, five individuals are facing multiple charges."

The following was seized:

- Cocaine: 2798.2 grams (2.798 KG);
- Methylenedioxymethamphetamine - 285.6 grams;
- Oxycodone tablets: 517;
- Hydrocodone liquid: 1100 mgs;
- Lorazepam/Clonazepam: 208 pills;
- Psilocybin Mushrooms: 20.1 grams;
- Canadian Currency: \$3,035;
- High-capacity magazine;
- Operating scales, Packaging material and a Cocaine press;
- 60 packages of contraband tobacco.

A 26-year-old male, from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the purpose of Trafficking – Cocaine;
- Traffic in Schedule I substance - Cocaine - (six counts);
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance - Opioid (two counts);
- Traffic in Schedule I Substance – Methylenedioxymethamphetamine;

- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime - under \$5000 (two counts)
- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime - over \$5000 (three counts)

A 55-year-old female, from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I Substance – Cocaine;
 - Possession of a Schedule I Substance – Opioid;
 - Possession of a Schedule III Substance
- A 23-year-old male, from Caledon has been charged with:
- Trafficking in Schedule I Substance – Opioid;
 - Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the purpose of trafficking - Opioid - (five counts);
 - Possession of Schedule IV Substance for the purpose trafficking - (three counts);
 - Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime - under \$5000.

A 24-year-old female, from Oakville has been charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the purpose of Trafficking – Cocaine;
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance – Methylenedioxymethamphetamine;
- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime - over \$5000;
- Possession of prohibited device or ammunition.

A 23-year-old male, from Oakville is outstanding and charges are pending.

The accused are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, in July 2023, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

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

OPIOID AWARENESS

Since early 2017, an opioid overdose crisis has been sweeping across Canada, and our region has not been immune to this crisis.

"Addiction to opioids, and especially the increasing use of fentanyl, is an urgent public health situation in our communities," say Police. "The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) continues its opioid public awareness campaign with a focus on the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act (GSDOA).

"At the centre of the OPP's response to the opioid crisis is the spirit of the GSDOA, which is intended to save lives. Many opioid-related deaths are preventable if medical attention is received quickly, but evidence shows that witnesses to an overdose often do not call 9-1-1 for fear of police involvement and legal consequences."

The purpose of the GSDOA is to reduce fear of police attending overdose events and encourage people to seek life-saving assistance and stay with a victim in the event of an overdose. The GSDOA came into effect in May 2017, and amended the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) to provide some legal protection for individuals who seek emergency assistance during an overdose.

The GSDOA applies to anyone seeking emergency support during an overdose, including the person experiencing an overdose. The Act protects the person who seeks help, whether they stay or leave from the overdose scene before help arrives. The Act also protects anyone else who is at the scene when help arrives.

The GSDOA does provide protection against charges for:

- Possessing drugs for your own use;
- Violating conditions of your parole, bail, probation or conditional sentence for a simple drug possession charge.

The GSDOA does not provide protection against charges for:

- Trafficking illegal drugs;
- Any outstanding arrest warrants;
- Violating conditions of your parole, bail, probation or conditional sentence for an offence that is not simple possession.

If you suspect an overdose, stay, call 9-1-1 and save a life. For more information, visit www.opp.ca/overdose. For more valuable information please visit www.smdhu.org/opioids.

OPERATION PERFECT 10 BLITZ

Members of the Caledon OPP Detachment Traffic, and Community Response Unit teamed up with officers from the Ministry of Transportation for a one-day traffic and education blitz on Highway 10 in the Town of Caledon.

"The blitz, dubbed 'Operation Perfect 10', took place on Friday, June 23, 2023 during the day," say Police. "12 officers from the OPP and MTO took place looking for drivers who were speeding, not wearing seatbelts, using handheld communication devices while driving, and for unsafe commercial motor vehicles.

"Caledon OPP received numerous traffic complaints every day about vehicles and drivers on Highway 10. Officers from the OPP and MTO take enforcement and education action every day as well. The blitz was designed to show the community that their concerns are recognized, and the OPP, along with our highway safety partners, is working to address those concerns."

During the enforcement period, numerous charged were laid:

- 72 Speeding violations;
- 1 Stunt Driving violation;
- 8 Seatbelt violation;
- 26 Other moving violations;
- 35 Non-moving violations;
- 3 Commercial Vehicles were taken out of service.

"The OPP and MTO urge drivers and vehicle operators to take the time to prepare themselves, and their vehicles before driving. The OPP and MTO will continue to aggressively enforce the Highway Traffic Act on Highway 10 and all roadways and highways in the Caledon area.

If you observe unsafe driving or vehicles you can call the OPP at *OPP (*677), or 911 on your mobile device. You will not be charged for distracted driving for calling the OPP."



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Fun ways to celebrate Canada Day

There are so many reasons to be excited about Canada Day this year. Canada Day 2023 falls on a Saturday, allowing many people to enjoy an especially long weekend fit for barbecues and general relaxation.

Canada Day, also known as Fête du Canada in French-speaking areas of the country, is celebrated each year on July 1. It marks the anniversary of

Canada's Constitution Act of 1867. The holiday is celebrated across all 10 provinces and three territories. Each province or territory will host its own events in commemoration of Canada Day. Individuals can add to the festivities with their own contributions to the celebration.

CELEBRATE CANADIAN TRADITIONS. Explore what makes Canada so unique and incorporate those things into your celebration. Maple syrup is as Canadian as food gets, so create a maple-bacon burger for the festivities. Learn about beavers or other wildlife that is native to Canada. Explore the rules of Indigenous games with children and include them in recreational activities.

PLAY HOCKEY. Few things are as Canadian as hockey, and millions of people watch or play hockey

around the world. While ice may not be covering the ground come July, enthusiasts can don their inline skates and play hockey right in the streets on Canada Day. Give out hockey-themed party favours, such as cookies or chocolates shaped like hockey pucks.

ENJOY CANADIAN DESSERTS. Canadians have created many highly regarded foods. While poutine garners a lot of attention, Canadians also have a notorious sweet tooth. Serve Nanaimo bars, which is a Canadian-born dessert named after the city of Nanaimo, British Columbia. The bars have a wafer, nut and coconut crumb base; custard icing in the middle; and a layer of chocolate ganache on top.

CELEBRATE CANADIAN ARTISTS. Compile a playlist of famed Canadian singers, including Justin Bieber, Neil Young, Bryan Adams, Avril Lavigne, and

Shania Twain for your backyard gathering.

MAKE SAFE FIREWORKS. Fireworks are fun to watch from afar when they are set off by professionals. For kids who want to enjoy some safe explosions, some simple science can fit the bill, courtesy of the positive parenting site OneTimeThrough. Mix 1 teaspoon of baking soda into three or four ice cube tray compartments. Fill the remaining space with water and add four to five drops of food colouring to each. Mix until the baking soda is dissolved, then freeze. Pour white vinegar into a see-through jar to roughly 1 inch in depth. Then add cooking oil to a depth of 2 inches. Drop the ice cubes into the jars for some gas-powered pyrotechnics.

Canada Day is almost here and fun can be the name of the game when creative ideas come into play.



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Strawberry festivals take centre stage in Caledon for Canada Day

It's almost time for Canada Day celebrations in the Town of Caledon, and there's some sweet events being held in Town.

By Zachary Roman

CALEDON CANADA DAY AND STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

A classic Canada Day event is the Caledon Canada Day and Strawberry Festival which is held each year at the Caledon Fairgrounds (18297 Hurontario Street) in Caledon Village. On Saturday, July 1, residents can enjoy a delicious strawberry breakfast all day, with birthday cake at noon. Admission to the festival is free, and there will be a classic car show, village craft show, and vendor's village. There will also be a lawn tractor pull which is sure to entertain guests. The event is being hosted by

the Caledon Agricultural Society. The Caledon Canada Day and Strawberry Festival has been happening for more than 30 years and in 2022, it returned after a hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **DOWNEY'S CANADA DAY STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** Downey's Farm (13682 Heart Lake Road) is hosting its own Strawberry Festival on July 1. Tickets for the festival must be purchased in advance on downeysfarm.com and a portion of all sales will go to Caledon Community Services. The Downey's Canada Day Strawberry Festival will begin at 9 a.m. with a pancake breakfast featuring fresh strawberries from the farm. At 10 a.m. there will be opening ceremonies and throughout the day there will be live music, dog shows, and magic shows. The play area at Downey's Farm will also be open all day. Guests will be able to purchase freshly-picked strawberries and are encouraged to dress festively for Canada Day.

C3 CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

A world-record attempt will be among the activities happening at the C3 James Dick Quarry on Canada Day. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. there will be 1-kilometre and 3.6 kilometre swimming races which can be registered for online at C3online.ca. At 11:30 a.m., people will be gathering to try and break the record for the world's largest aqua-aerobics class. The record was set last year at the quarry. Closing out the event at 1:30 p.m. will be live music on the C3 gazebo.



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CANADA DAY SCHEDULE

We've got a GREAT line-up for July 1st including your favourite Play Area activities. Tickets are required for Canada Day.

9am	Festival Play Area Opens - Farm Animals, Jumping Pillows, Pirate's Cove, Discovery Barn, and more!
9am - 5pm	Farm Store Open
9am - 11am	Strawberry Pancake Breakfast
10am	Opening Ceremonies
10:15am	Retro Rockers Band
11am	K-9 Dog Show
12pm	Retro Rockers Band
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Interesting facts about Canada

Each year on the first day of July, people across Canada celebrate Canada Day.

CANADA DAY commemorates the anniversary of the Canadian Confederation. On July 1, 1867, the separate colonies of Upper Canada, Lower Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick were united, forming a single dominion within the British Empire. That dominion was named Canada, which is why Canada Day is often described as “Canada’s birthday.” Canada Day marks a great time to learn more about this beautiful, prosperous country.

- Canada is the second-largest country by total area in the world. Only Russia has more total area than Canada.
- Despite its size, much of Canada is uninhabited. Specific estimates vary, but it’s widely accepted that more than 80 percent of Canada is uninhabited. Occupying the northern region of North America, Canada is, particularly in its northernmost regions, cold, rocky and snowy. That makes much of its northernmost regions unsuitable for human inhabitants.
- Canada is often considered the northernmost part of North America, though that’s not necessarily accurate. Greenland lies on the eastern edge of the North American tectonic plate, which means it is technically part of North America, even though its cultural influences are decidedly European. The World Atlas notes that, if Greenland is considered part of Europe, then Cape Columbia in Nunavut, Canada, is the northernmost point in North America.
- Though metrics vary, data from the World Bank indicates that Canada has the ninth-largest economy in the world as measured by nominal gross domestic product.
- Canada Day is a day to celebrate throughout much of the country, but the day is a little different in Quebec. July 1 is Moving Day in Quebec because that’s when leases in the province typically expire. Moving Day in Quebec used to fall on May 1, but less-than-ideal weather in early May compelled the government to move Moving Day to July 1.
- Data from the United Nations indicates that the population of Canada as of spring 2022 was around 38 million people.
- According to the World Population Review, the median age in Canada in 2022 is 42.2 years. By contrast, the median age in the United States and Mexico is 38.1 and 28.3, respectively.
- Canada’s Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages reports that 98 percent of Canadians indicate they can conduct a conversation in English, French or both.
- Though hockey is the sport most widely associated with Canada, more Canadian youths play soccer than hockey. While the organization Canada Soccer reports youth participation at right around one million players, Hockey Canada reported that around 606,000 youths played hockey in 2019-20.

Canada is a beautiful and fascinating country with a rich history. Canada Day marks a perfect time to immerse oneself in Canadian history and modern life in Canada.

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Headwaters launches \$18 million fundraising campaign for MRI

BY PAULA BROWN
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Headwaters Health Care Foundation has announced the start of an ambitious fundraising campaign to obtain state-of-the-art technology to help provide access to more healthcare services close to home.

The not-for-profit healthcare organization launched Smart Headwaters, an \$18 million fundraiser to acquire a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine and other vital medical technology to enhance diagnostic capabilities and elevate patient care at Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC).

“Exceptional community health care requires constant innovation and investment. With the launch of this campaign, we are taking a significant step towards improving the quality of care we can offer to our patients,” said Kim Delahunt, CEO of Headwaters Health Care Centre.

The centrepiece of the Smart Headwaters fundraiser is the acquisition of an MRI machine, which Headwaters said will revolutionize medical services at the hospital, allowing for more accurate and timely diagnoses, improved treatment planning and enhanced patient outcomes.

“Access to advanced medical imaging services, such as MRI, plays a crucial role in diagnosing and treating a wide range of medical conditions. The new MRI machine

will be instrumental in providing our medical professionals with the tools they need to make informed decisions and deliver personalized care tailored to each patient’s unique needs,” said Dr. Grace Wang, Chief of Staff at Headwaters Hospital.

Joan Waechter, Chair of the Smart Headwaters Campaign, and her husband, Paul, pledged \$1 million in support of the fundraiser, bringing the total raised to \$11.2 million.

“As campaign chair, I believe we all have a responsibility to ensure that our hospital has the necessary resources to deliver top-notch care close to home,” said Waechter. “By investing in modern equipment like the MRI machine and life-saving services such as the dialysis unit, we are making a profound difference in the lives of countless patients, providing them with the highest quality of care and a renewed sense of home. Together, we can create a stronger, healthier future for our community.”

Smart Headwaters will fund several additional medical technologies, programs and services at the local hospital, including an expansion and relocation of the dialysis unit, a new computerized tomography (CT) machine, nuclear medicine camera, furthering nursing education, MEDITECH expanse, tomosynthesis mammography, bone densitometry, health information infrastructure, and surgical C-Arm.

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PROVINCIAL OFFENCES COURTS
Provincial Offences Courts in Orangeville and Caledon East will be closed on Monday, July 3 reopening on July 4, 2023.

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Accentuating the positive in now-unexpected places

Sometimes I can be a bit negative about certain topics in this space.

Over the last 12 years or so writing this column, I’ve registered my fair share of dismay on various issues municipal, provincial, and federal.

There have been a few pieces of constructive criticism levelled at various leaders at all three levels of government over the last decade-plus. I’ve bemoaned the seemingly inescapable growth of echo chambers – and their inexplicable yet still somehow explicable popularity – over the same time period. The same can be said of the growth in the “anti” populations when it comes to social movements that were, at the start of this writing period, seen as relatively benign, and now the subject of purely performative “protest theatre” in aid of a larger “cause.”

As much as I have spoken of my dismay on some municipal, provincial, and federal decisions, as well as the individual decisions taken by elected leaders and members, I’ve always tried to strike a balance between warranted criticism and giving credit where credit is due.

The credit has been spread to all levels of government, where applicable, as well as the leaders that made it happen.

This week, as much as I have bemoaned the seeds of negativity that social media has helped nurture into full bloom, regardless of platform, I want to take this opportunity to once again give credit where credit is due.

During the month of June, for example, we have been bombarded with negative messages related to Pride, most of which have no root in reality. Residents, regardless of age, have been attacked for who they are, and for their efforts to create inclusive spaces for themselves and their peers. They have been on the receiving end of slurs, disparagement and, in the case of some York Catholic School Board students this month protesting the denial of the Progress Flag in their places of education, had, according to recent letters to the editor from protest organizers, even experienced physical violence.

Pride does not have the exclusive monopoly on being at the wrong end of the barrage.

Anyone who has the courage to fly their political stripe online as high as a Pride flag do so at their peril these days. Even those who dare to ask an innocuous question on an innocuous subject are subject to the same treatment, either mocked for asking something that appears obvious to the reader, given oh-so-helpful suggestions on how to use Google, or otherwise abused for having the temerity of curiosity.

So, as I waited for a flight to New York on Thursday, I approached one thread from a “What’s Happening?” Facebook group serving a neighbouring community, which popped up on my feed with little to no explanation.

“What’s the best park to sleep in?” was the question that kick-started the thread.

Now, as far as questions go, it was fairly open-ended, but, like so many issues, the simplest of answers could cause the entire works to slip a gear.

There’s the process the reader has to go through to determine whether or not it is a genuine question or one simply posted to stir debate and bring out the best and worst in people.

There’s the question of whether the original poster was unhoused (most likely) or perhaps looking for some camping recommendations in a way that should be been worded clearer. (less likely)

Given the ongoing debates in our communities (and, indeed, in cities like Toronto during its most recent mayoral election campaign which swept Olivia Chow into the city’s top job) on the survival or removal of encampments, their necessity, and how they might impact the most ironic of all factors, property values, you also need to consider whether you or not you actually want to wade in to all the muck that might be ahead of you.

With about 40 minutes to chill before the flight, I braced myself and waded into the anticipated muck.

But what I found within was not what I had expected.

One of the first responses out of the gate was a suggestion of the gazebo of a popular area green space which was not only obviously sheltered but close to public washrooms. A great suggestion for someone who is unhoused, particularly in the short-term.

Another poster, a former resident of the community in question, tagged a number of their friends who still live there asking for suggestions on where they could be, noting in their post that had they still lived nearby they would offer the use of their couch.

One of those innocuous questions led to a brief barrage, but all was not as it appeared.

“Why do you need a park to sleep in?” asked the apparent offender, prompting the original poster to reply, “Cause I have no where to go,” and a further explanation that their question was not a criticism but trying to find out whether they would be in need of housing, shelter, and even to clarify whether posters were missing the point of the original question.

Some branded that initial question as out-of-line, rightly pointing out that the whys and the wherefores are really nobody’s business, but that too eventually evolved into a wave of support.

So, as much as social media’s ills have made themselves known in recent years, I was pleasantly thrilled that a question such as this, especially in the middle of an inarguable housing and affordability crisis was met with fellowship, understanding and warmth.

Perhaps it’s a comment on the state of social media overall that reading messages like these, positive in the face of an extreme negative and responding as one would like to be responded to was surprising. Looking back, it was much more of the norm rather than an exception so relatively recently.

And it was heartening that people of different circumstances could still speak to each other with kindness, understanding and, above all, respect.

More of that, please.



Unclench and enjoy the simple pleasures



Imagine this: a man and his dog, sitting on a sidewalk bench on a pleasant Saturday afternoon. The little pup, whose adventures in the real world are limited, stayed close by the man’s side, watching as each car and person passed by.

It was a lot for the little one to take in.

For the man, he held his pup tight and enjoyed the warm breezes. He soaked up the “incredible lightness of being.” The man was reminded of other pleasant bench experiences, mostly with his best half watching boats inch by in the channel at their favourite resort.

It’s funny how a somewhat uneventful moment can be so fulfilling. It may have been a picture-postcard scene, but there was no one to capture it, or even make some quick sketches.

Everyone who passed by seemed busy, on a mission to this place or that, despite the fact the bench was on the main street of Tottenham.

The man was relaxing, as men tend to do. The pup most likely experienced sensory overload, seeing cars, motorcycles and other humans dash to and fro.

She did not care much for this noisy world of humans. Why would the man take her to such a place, she must have thought to herself.

And what the heck was that place where other dogs barked, whined, and got stuck with needles?

All the head-tilting in the world won’t answer those questions.

A world without dogs is like a world filled with pain. And even so, there’s still lots of that to go around.

I grind my teeth because of what’s to come. And I sob quietly to myself at night because of what’s been.

So, what to feel in between the clenching and the crying? Fear, ya, and maybe a bit of self-loathing at my imperfections and faults. Yes, I know that’s not very productive.

Mind you, it didn’t all happen all on its on. Oh, no, it took years to incubate, nurture and let loose on the world. But at times it feels much worse than finding a hair in your soup. It’s more like an age-old family recipe that has gone terribly wrong, despite using all the right ingredients. It’s really not fair to set us frail, often unprepared humans into the world all on our own, unsupervised and all.

All of our previous knowledge and wisdom was passed down by our ancestors, through stories, photo albums, written works and the DNA of subsequent members of the lineage along the way.

We arrive, quite literally vulnerable and afraid. Just when does that feeling leave us?

I watch our two new puppies grow, learn, and experience new things every day. Almost everything is new to them. It’s really cool to watch sometimes.

Most of us can’t remember being really young children. My first clear memories go back to kindergarten, pushing around a cart filled with pilfered plastic produce. I was a bit of a terror and class clown, even at that age.

Just where did my penchant for tomfoolery come from? My parents were mostly sombre folks and sure we laughed and played, but they didn’t have side hustles as clowns or anything.

No, that talent came from yours truly, all on his own.

It’s funny because until you have little ones of your own, you can’t really watch, in real time, the progress, growth and evolution of young ones into older ones.

My memory is a bit fuzzy when it comes to our kids’ pre-school years. Even first steps and first words escape me.

But my wife Kim recalls a million little things with a clarity only a mother possesses.

When our now grown kids act a certain way, Kim can recall the first arrival of such characteristics when they were tots or pre-teens.

Me, I never had much patience for the crafting end of things. I much preferred the finished product, even if it required touch-ups.

That rings true whether it’s building model planes or molding children. Of course, they’re both interesting and exciting journeys, filled with twists and turns.

Right now, we are the rule-setters and boundary makers for our pups. We try to act stern, but they have that look in their eyes like “ya okay, but I’ll do it again.”

They are starting to grasp some fundamentals in their new surroundings, but they are still intent on gobbling their food, racing around given the chance, and play fighting on a level seen in the UFC.

I realize a lot of a dog’s behaviour is inherent and instinctive, things passed down for literally generations, embedded in their DNA.

I doubt the two new additions will need to take down a hyena any time soon, but they do look ready!

Simple needs. Simple pleasures.

If only our lives could be the same.

If you boil it all down, our wants and needs can be whittled down. We can simplify.

Simple pleasures are all around us – I’ve seen and felt them.

During the Father’s Day weekend, I perched myself outside, feeling the sun and breeze on my face. It was like a slow-working cocktail, awakening feelings, emotions and memories of just chilling.

Life should be about very simple choices. Like the famous Kung Fu Master Oogway once said: “Quit. Don’t Quit. Noodles. Don’t noodles. You are too concerned with what was and what will be.”

You can veer left, or stay right. You can choose, and you can refrain from making a choice.

You can grind your teeth and sob, or you can look into your puppies’ eyes and get a new perspective.

Do chores, get cracking at the grill, or just chill in an egg chair or hammock.

Do whatever unclenches that jaw!

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Why take the risk?

I watched an interesting TV program a few years ago about people who do high-risk sports. The term “Adrenaline Junkie” is quite often used as some kind of badge of honour. This one fellow on the show, who had already done things like base jumping, invented a new sport. He would tie ropes around his ankles, and leap off mountain cliffs. The thrill was the free fall. I’m not sure how he didn’t manage to rip his legs off, but I believe the ropes were a special type that stretched so it wasn’t a sudden stop. This guy was from California, and pretty much a typical surfer guy, who said “dude” a lot. He was indeed a rather likable, outgoing fellow. His new sport had found quite a few followers. A few weeks after the show aired, he was killed during a jump – he was around 30-years-old. His friend, who was with him when he made the jump, said they heard a scream followed by the sound of breaking branches as his body hurtled through a forest area and on to the ground below. An investigation revealed the ropes he had used had been stored for a while and become brittle in spots, and broke when he hit the end of the line.

This is why you always check your equipment. The sport took a left turn after this incident and I don’t think anyone does it any more. I have never understood why some people engage in activities where the risk of severe injury or death is too obvious for people with common sense. Many people engage in high-risk activities every day. If you go skiing, snowboarding, play contact hockey or football, ride a motorcycle, race a car, ride a snowmobile, or take that once in a lifetime jump out of an airplane with a parachute, you’ve engaged in an activity with a higher-than-normal degree of risk. There’s nothing wrong with any of these activities. Skiing is a fun sport, but at the same time, everyone knows a fall or collision could get you hurt. The key is to be trained and do it as safely as you can. After all, you can’t stay home wrapped in bubble wrap all the time. You may however, wish you didn’t try that black diamond run, if you find yourself in the hospital with a painful broken leg – but that’s life – got to have some fun! However, when you try that activity where the risk outweighs the experience, you may have

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



gone too far. Every year, people sign up to climb Mount Everest. And every year people die while attempting the climb. What they don’t really tell you is if you run into trouble, no one will help you. The mountain is littered with over 200 dead bodies of climbers, who were left where they died. If you run into trouble because of the altitude or cold, no one will stop to help you – they will step over you and keep going. There is even one guy who died a few decades ago, nickname “green boots” because of his attire, who’s body lies frozen on the mountain and serves as a road sign for climbers. “When you see green boots, make a right.” Now the deep seas submersible, Titan, has been lost, along with five souls, while on an “adventure” to see the remnants of the Titanic. This adventure was super-high-risk. Not only were they going into the most inhospitable place on the planet, the craft they were passengers on was of questionable construction. The Titan operated in international waters so it wasn’t subject to any country’s laws or safety regulations. The guy who built this disaster of a marine vessel said he didn’t want to be “bogged down” by such standards. The vessel was largely constructed of carbon fibre. Engineers already warned that when subject to different levels of extreme pressure, the hull would experience fatigue. Pressure at the dive site is 400 times greater than sea level. This is the same reason why pressurized aircraft only operate for so long before being retired. During a recent interview about the Titan, the company CEO showed the video game controller that is used to steer the vehicle. The interviewer was shocked at seeing what is basically a kid’s toy, that was in control of a deep sea craft. The interviewer inspected the Titan and noticed some rather slipshod methods used in its operation. When he questioned the CEO, saying that parts of the craft appear to be jury rigged, the CEO laughed it off. The risk involved to see a beat-up old shipwreck certainly was not worth the experience, especially since none of those on-board lived to tell about the experience.

Sure it’s been busy but that’s no excuse

June is a particularly busy month on the calendar. We’re asked to acknowledge and honour a number of significant dates and events, chief among them Pride month and National Indigenous History Month along with National Indigenous People’s Day. With perhaps less fanfare, or certainly at least on a more personal vs. nationwide level, we also celebrate Father’s Day and the arrival of summer on June 21. For many Grade 8, Grade 12, College or University students it’s graduation and prom time. Here at home, we even celebrated Caledon Day. You know what we are not celebrating? Canada Day, and that’s a shame. Sure, June has been a busy month but that’s no excuse not to celebrate the birth of our nation. Maybe you’ll think I’m being a little “nitpicky” but especially after the last few years with Covid restrictions and “freedom fighters” co-opting our nation’s flag, stripping it of meaning and causing those of us who wish to fly it proudly to question whether we should, I feel strongly that communities across our great nation, including Caledon, should embrace the full-fledged celebration of Canada Day. To me, that includes festivals, parties and picnics, but it also includes fireworks. Caledon Day was a great event. The first ever Pride Walk in Caledon took place which was significant and very much something to be celebrated. A variety of culturally significant performances also were featured on the main stage, although sadly missing was any recognition of Indigenous history, culture or heritage; an unfortunate oversight at any time but especially in a month meant to honour Indigenous history. There were vendors and a fundraiser for Caledon Community Services, craft beverages and yes, there were fireworks - a cool celebration of all things Caledon but not necessarily of all things “Canada.” Now, as I understand it, we are without a featured Canada Day celebration this year and certainly without Canada Day fireworks, in part because apparently, the Town has “been busy” with all these other various events, and it’s alleged, did not/does not see the need to celebrate again so soon. That means no fireworks so there will be no gathering at Albion Hills to enjoy the shared experience of our nation’s birth by celebrating together.

SHERALYN ROMAN TALK CALEDON



This is according to at least one or two of our elected representatives. Perhaps the thinking is that some parts of Caledon are close to York Region while others close to Brampton and finally, still other parts of Caledon are nice and close to Orangeville meaning residents will simply drive to one of those locations to watch fireworks. Perhaps it’s good practice for what might be to come when the Region of Peel folds and as the “child” of the divorce we’ll be shunted back and forth to our various step-parents for the holidays. I do acknowledge, and I’m looking forward to, the Strawberry Festival in Caledon Village. If you are so inclined, MP Seebach is cooking breakfast at the Alton Legion. Various independent businesses and farms and market-style facilities are hosting events, and the night before Canada Day there is a tractor pull in Bolton. However, sadly, no actual Canada Day specific events are planned and busy or not, I think that’s an oversight on the Town’s part. Plenty of people complained about the rainbow flag painted behind Southfields Community Centre, and still others worried about the influence of a drag performer on young and impressionable minds. Some

moaned about a band that was flown here from Saskatchewan instead of featuring local performers on Caledon Day. No doubt for some, a breakfast date with a politician is not their idea of fun. You know what IS fun? You know what typically WON’T cause any griping, controversy or complaints? Gathering together as a community in celebration of this amazing country we are blessed enough to call home. So many of us chose to be here, to seek a better, brighter future, and are also invested in doing the work of reconciliation with respect to those who were here first. So, while we might question three Canadian flags flying from the back of a pickup truck with “F\$\$k Trudeau” written on them, chances are, those that choose to raise the flag on Canada Day are united in our common belief that Canada is awesome. It would have been nice to share in some fireworks along with the rest of the country to help put the finishing touches on the party.

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Caledon Cavaliers RFC Hosts 450 players at U6-U12 Rugby Tournament at Palgrave Park

BY JIM STEWART

The Caledon Cavaliers hosted a U6-U12 Rugby Festival Tournament at Palgrave Park on Saturday.

The misty morning conditions kept the pitch cool and comfortable for the 450 players who travelled to Caledon from across Ontario.

In addition to the host club, the Toronto Nomads, Markham Irish, Toronto Dragons, Aurora Barbarians, Brock RFC, Oshawa Vikings, Mississauga Blues, Georgian Bay Titans, and Barrie RFC made the trip to Palgrave Park where the booming music and the smells of candy floss and barbecue gave the event a festive atmosphere.

Representatives from Rugby Ontario, the Toronto Arrows, and dignitaries from multiple levels of government participated in the opening ceremonies.

Cavaliers RFC President Mike Iacovelli said he was pleased with the success of his club's first tournament of the year.

"It's all about highlighting the grassroots and development of local rugby. We had 40 teams here today from 10 clubs. We're grateful to the Town of Caledon and to the Canadian Government as well for providing grants to help kids play the sport."

In addition to timely assistance from various branches of government, Iacovelli also thanked the event's many sponsors for their contributions to the rugby community.

"So many sponsors have not only donated financial support, but also food for the event and restaurant vouchers where kids under 12 eat for free."

In a tournament featuring 450 kids under 12, the generosity of a local restaurateur was clear.

Liz Coulter, one of the event organizers, a



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current Cavaliers Coach, and who played for a previous incarnation of the Club in 2008, noted that "seventeen different families who could not afford to put their children into rugby were helped by various government grants so they could participate in this tournament and enjoy a season of rugby."

"After the previous organization fell apart in 2008, Mike has been instrumental in resurrecting the Club as we've also secured grants to hire and train eight coaches to serve the high demand of kids who want to play rugby in Caledon."

Coulter spoke warmly of her rugby playing

days at Humberview Secondary School and acknowledged the Mayfield SS Mavericks winning their second consecutive AAA OF-SAA Girls' Rugby title this month.

"It's great to see a Caledon high school win the provincial championship."

Both Iacovelli and Coulter discussed the importance of developing their grassroots program and extolled the considerable organizational virtues of the Cavaliers' intern Hailey Hyland whose summer job has included visiting local elementary schools to drum up support for participation in rugby.

Hyland mentioned that she had "just finished

introducing the sport of rugby at events at three elementary schools in Bolton, including just-completed field days at Alloo Public School for Grades 6, 7, and 8 students; another field day at James Bolton Public School this coming Monday; and a big event at Ellwood Memorial Public School in September."

The Caledon Cavaliers RFC is clearly committed to growing the sport of rugby.

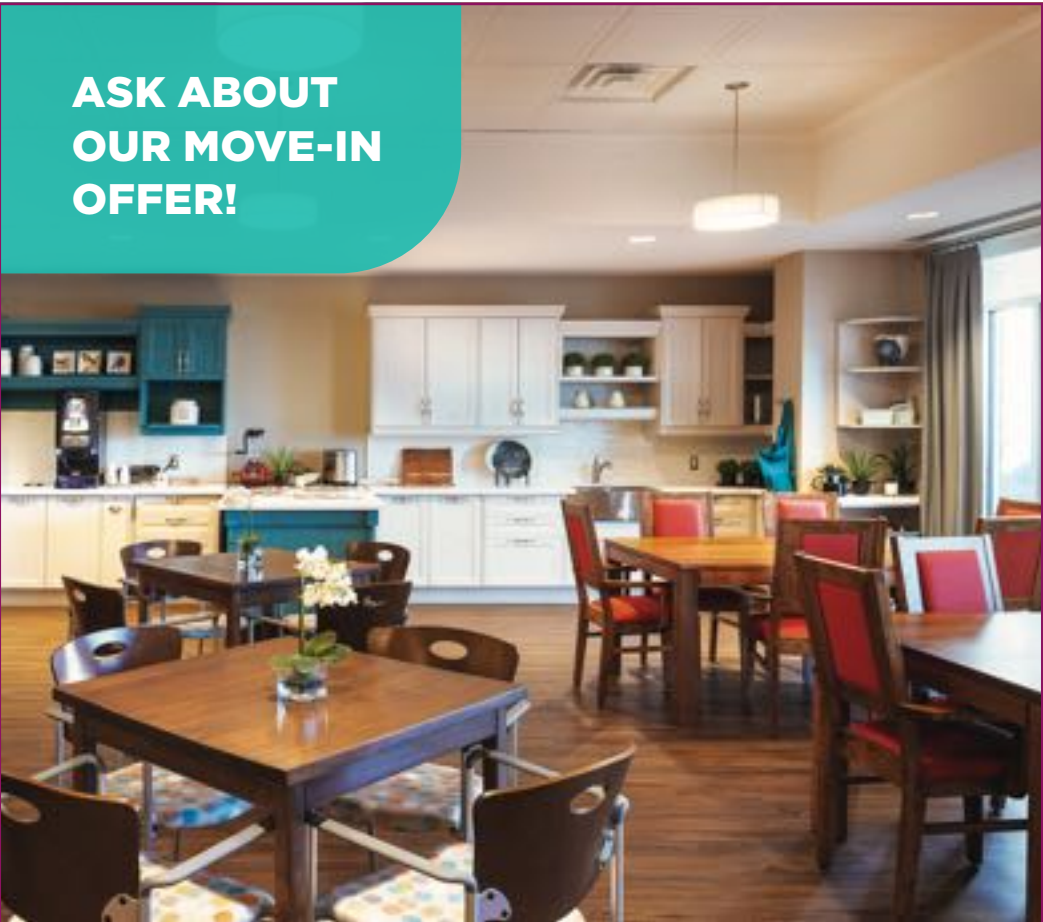
The Cavaliers' dedicated staff members certainly know how to host a festival—a family event that featured hundreds of young players whose love of rugby was evident as they exited Palgrave Park on Saturday afternoon.



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Registration open for Motionball Caledon 2023 benefiting Special Olympics



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Full day of sports fun will benefit Special Olympics

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Residents looking for a fun day of sports action can check out this year’s Motionball Caledon event.

Motionball Caledon is being held on September 16 at Edelweiss Park in Bolton and it will be a day of athletic competition alongside Special Olympics athletes from Caledon.

Those interested in participating can register as a team captain, then recruit up to ten people to play on their team. On the day of the event, each team will be paired with one or two Caledon Special Olympics athletes to play games like soccer, football, ultimate frisbee, bocce, and bench ball.

To register, become a sponsor, volunteer, or donate, those interested can visit motionball.com/caledon to get started.

Individual and corporate teams are welcome at the event, and corporations can go one step further by becoming event sponsors, too. Volunteers at Motionball Caledon will be helping with things like registration and refereeing.

Motionball is a national non-profit that raises funds and awareness for Special Olympics through inclusive social and sporting events.

Rob Ricciardi is the co-director of Motionball Caledon this year alongside decorated local Special Olympics athlete Jason Scoria.

Ricciardi explained this year’s event will be the second Motionball event to be held in Caledon, and he and his team are looking to expand on the success of the inaugural event held in 2022.

He said growing the event each year will bring more awareness and funding to local Special Olympics athletes, which is what it’s all about.

Quick to thank his co-director and the committee members that help plan Motionball Caledon, Ricciardi said the event just couldn’t happen without all their hard work.

“The unsung heroes are the reason this got going,” said Ricciardi.

He explained that participants will get to play a wide variety of sports during the day of the event, and said the more teams that register the more sports can be added to the event. This all contributes to making the day as fun as possible for athletes.

The fun doesn’t begin and end on the playing field though.

“Last year, we had a big opening ceremony... we made a tunnel and all the athletes ran through the tunnel with everyone cheering them on to get the day going,” said Ricciardi. “Then we also do a big afterparty for everybody, just to show our appreciation for the people that came out and supported the event.”

Ricciardi got involved volunteering with Motionball Caledon last year and said it’s been a blessing.

“I love it, it’s so much fun. I get to spend so much time with Jason, he’s awesome,” said Ricciardi. “He’s a superstar, he gets people involved, he goes out and gets teams, he draws everybody to the website. (motionball.com/Caledon) Without Jason we wouldn’t be able to put this on.”

Ricciardi said the Motionball website is set up to make things as easy as possible for participants. He said it even has tools that help people fundraise.

“Every little bit that a team fundraises helps,” said Ricciardi. “Have fun with it — if you have fun with the fundraising part, you’d be surprised how much you can get done.”

Ricciardi is confident there will be a great turnout for this year’s event and is looking forward to a day of fun with the community.



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Upcoming golf tournament raising money for cancer research

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A local company is hosting a charitable golf tournament next month.

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The tournament is being held in support of The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation as it is a cause that’s close to the heart of the tournament hosts.


“The fight against breast cancer is something that means a lot to us,” said Johnny Suppa and Danny Cardoso from Yournesta Financial. They said many people have a loved one, friend, or know someone who has been impacted by the disease.

Suppa and Cardoso said they’re proud to be hosting their tournament for the third time, and are hoping to build on the success of last year’s tournament which raised over \$15,000. They said it promises to be a fun-filled day on the course, and each participant will get a barbeque lunch, gift bag, and access to on-course stations.

Tickets for the tournament are \$225 per golfer (\$900 per foursome). Individuals or companies looking to sponsor a hole can do so for \$500. Hole sponsors are welcome to set up and promote their business at the hole they sponsored.

Those interested in signing up for the tournament can do so online at the following link: tinyurl.com/2023sfc3. Interested parties can also sign up for the tournament by calling Cardoso at 416-882-4172.

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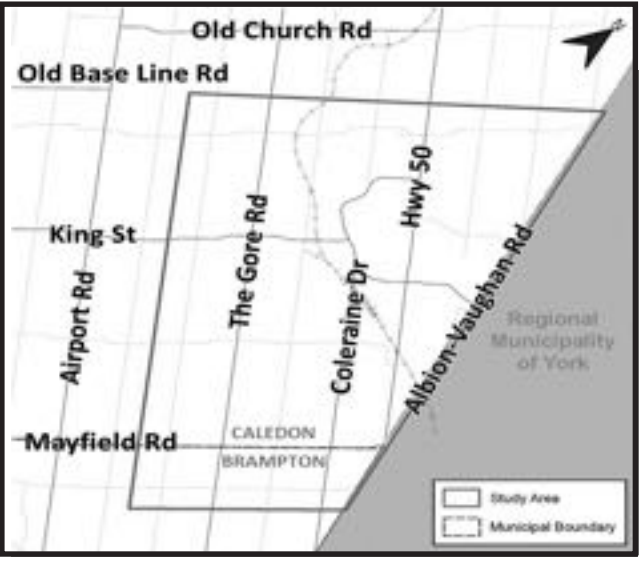
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Bolton Water and Wastewater Capacity Improvements

Background:

Peel Region has started the Bolton Water and Wastewater Capacity Improvements Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) study. This MCEA builds off a Feasibility Study recently completed which outlined conceptual water and wastewater projects that service the additional development proposed within both the intensification and greenfield growth areas in the Community of Bolton. This study will evaluate all potential alternatives to developing the best water and wastewater servicing solutions to meet existing needs and growth within the Bolton study area.



Process:

This study will follow the 2023 process for a Schedule “C” MCEA project, which includes:

- Indigenous community engagement and public and stakeholder consultation
- Identification of projects that may be exempted from the MCEA process (as per recent 2023 amendment) through the Archaeological Screening Process
- Development and evaluation of water and wastewater servicing alternatives
- Selection of the preferred water and wastewater servicing alternative including routes, sites, design, and schedule

Your Input is Important:

Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held to present the findings of the MCEA study and provide opportunities to give feedback to the project team. The first PIC is planned for Fall 2023 to present the alternate water and wastewater servicing solutions and the second PIC is anticipated in the Summer of 2024. Once the study is complete, results will be published in an Environmental Study Report (ESR) and will be made available for public review and comment.

Contact the Team:

To be added to the mailing list or to receive further information about the study, please contact:

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IAN GRAY MCEACHERN

Ian Gray McEachern, 80, peacefully passed away with family by his side, Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at Matthews House Hospice, Alliston.



Beloved husband of the late Marilyn, loving father of Marlene and Todd Smith, Peter and Annette, Sheri and Reid McBain, Mark and Ashlynn, Sadly missed by grandchildren Sydney, Hayley, Charlotte, Madison, Katrina, Graydon, Alexie and Chloe. Predeceased by his parents John and Margaret McEachern, his sister Ruth Groat, and survived by his sister Hazel-Ellen Armstrong. Fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews and friends.

Join the family for a Celebration of Ian's Life at Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street. S., (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Friday, June 30 from 1pm until time of service in the chapel at 2pm, followed by refreshments.

Donations to Matthew's House Hospice, 131 Wellington Street East, Alliston L9R 1G7, would be appreciated by the family. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

EDITH NANCY SIMPSON

MARCH 23, 1944 - JUNE 18, 2023

Nancy is survived by her only daughter, Marie and her husband David Lewis. Predeceased by her parents Freda and John Bulloch and her siblings Reg Bulloch, Marie Jones, Willie Bulloch and Chris Bulloch. Fondly remembered by her many sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews. Nancy was born in Brampton and started her life in Ospringe, then moved to Alton, Brampton, Georgetown and finally came to settle in Caledon East in 1976. Along the way, she has made many friends. Nancy was a go getter. Nothing slowed her down. She worked for Northern Telecom for over 35 years and spent the remaining years on her porch on Airport Road. The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Tuesday afternoon. Graveside service was held in Caledon East Cemetery, Airport Road, Caledon East on Wednesday, June 28 at 2 o'clock. If desired, memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com



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DEANNA CLEAVE

JULY 9, 1941 – JUNE 21, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Deanna Joyce Cleave on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, peacefully at her home in Georgetown.

Born on July 9, 1941 in Brampton, Ontario, she was the eldest daughter of Russell and Bertha McKechnie who resided in the Britannia area of Mississauga.

Following graduation from Brampton High School, Deanna immediately began her career at Prudential Life Insurance in Toronto. In 1961, she married Don Cleave and together they started their life at Cleave View Farms in Huttonville, sharing 45 years of marriage and raising their four children.

Deanna is survived by her sons, Brian, David (Sara Lynn) and Paul Cleave; fondly known as "Grandma D." to her adoring grandchildren, Allison, Shea, Beth and Sophie Cleave.

Predeceased by her husband, Donald W. Cleave (2006) and her beloved daughter, Brenda Elizabeth Cleave (2009).

Cherished sister of Linda Livingston and sister-in-law of David Livingston of Caledon; the late Helen and Bill Anderson and the late Marilyn and Jim Buck, formerly all of Georgetown.

She will fondly be remembered by her nieces and nephews and many life-long friends.

Deanna's life was enriched by the friendships she and Don shared with close friends and neighbours in the Huttonville, Norval, Georgetown and Ayr communities, as well as their colleagues in the Agricultural fraternity across Ontario.

Many happy times were spent with her friends attending social outings with PROBUS, enjoying productions at the theatre and day trips to St. Jacobs and other small Ontario towns which always included a stop for treats at Sittler's Bakery.

Deanna enjoyed significant accomplishments in business and was well-respected by her peers. She had an exceptional business mind and enjoyed looking after the logistical side of Cleave View Farms.

Deanna was always the first to help others – whether it be preparing food for a neighbour in need, canvassing for the Canadian Cancer Society, helping to organize bus tours for the Norval UCW or baking pies for the Church BBQ. Deanna was also known for sending a thoughtful, well-written card or gift of thanks or a special note of congratulations. She took pleasure in helping others; however, her primary focus was always her dedication to her family.

We wish to thank all of the individuals who have provided support to Deanna and our family as we navigated these last few months of her life. In particular, we would like to thank Acclaim Health and the team of Jericho, Jas, Rupi and Marzena, as well as her personal evening companion, Liza, who all provided her with excellent care over these last few months.

A private family interment will be held at Roseville Mennonite Cemetery in Ayr.

A reception will be held to honour Deanna's life on Saturday, July 8, 2023, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Terrace on the Green – 8672 Mississauga Rd., Brampton. Friends and family are welcome.

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Former Caledon Mayor keeps busy volunteering with a variety of community organizations

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“We’re working on really having more and more people walking on our trail... I’m very happy to be a part of this group,” said Seglins.

Seglins is working on connecting with local schools to see if high school students would like to get their volunteer hours by helping maintain the trail. She said hiking is a great thing and she’d like to see more young people out doing it.

With the ABHS, Seglins helps manage historical findings and artifacts while also helping plan events. She said it’s a very interesting organization to be a part of and that she’s really enjoying being a part of it.

“It’s wonderful to find out more about the history, because the more you do, the more you get involved,” said Seglins.

Seglins is also a volunteer and board member with the Caledon Seniors Centre (CSC) and Bolton and District Probus

Club. At the CSC, she supports various initiatives for those ages 55 and up by fundraising. At Probud, Seglins is a member of the club’s program committee and assists in organizing guest speakers, book clubs and social outings.

With all her community involvement, Seglins said she doesn’t find much time for herself — but that’s the way she likes it.

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