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**LIGHT, COLOUR & TEXTURE** - "Light ~ Colour ~ Texture," a new art show on now at the Alton Mill Arts Centre through August 7, opened last week with several participating artists in attendance. Here, Brian Parrott pushed himself to create a variety of different vases to showcase for his first-ever exhibition. For more, see Page 11.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

# Town to use \$200,000 to hire outside help to manage impacts of Peel split

Caledon's CAO says significant data collection and analysis work needs to be completed

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon is going to hire outside help as it prepares to become an independent municipality.

At Caledon Council's July 11 General Committee meeting, a report was submitted to Council by Caledon's Chief Administrative Officer Carey Herd.

It asked that Caledon's Chief Financial Officer be given the authority to "secure and retain additional resources" to support work being done by the Town to address the financial impacts of Bill 112.

Herd said for 2023, staff are asking Council for permission to use \$200,000 from the Town's tax-funded operating contingency reserve.

Bill 112 is the Hazel McCallion Act and is

the legislation put into effect to dissolve the Region of Peel — making Caledon, Brampton and Mississauga independent municipalities as of January 1, 2025.

In her report, Herd said Bill 112 is the most significant piece of legislation to affect Caledon since its inception in 1974. She said the creation of a single-tier Caledon will have significant impacts and over the next year and a half, Town staff have much to do to prepare for the change.

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## Town to review municipal law enforcement service level

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon will be reviewing its municipal law enforcement level to see if it needs beefing up.


At Caledon Council's July 11 meeting, Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell put forward a motion asking Town staff to review Caledon's municipal law enforcement service level.

Maskell said the purpose of his motion is for staff to "take a good look" at bylaw enforcement staffing for evenings and weekends, and

to have a report on the findings presented back to Council in time for next year's budget.

In his motion, Maskell said unlawful street parking, evening and weekend noise complaints, and illegal event centres have been an ongoing concern for Caledon residents. He said the current level of bylaw enforcement Caledon has is insufficient in the face of the growth Caledon's facing.

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Three award-winning rib vendors attended Caledon Ribfest to sell their delicious meals to attendees.

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# Return of the ribs: Caledon Ribfest held last weekend

Three-day celebration of barbeque well received, says organizer

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

An event missed by many returned to Caledon last weekend. From July 7 to 9, Caledon Ribfest was held in the Bolton Canadian Tire parking lot. There were three “ribbers” in attendance, many food and drink vendors, and the event featured live music and a beer garden each day. Anthony Caputo of The Caputo Group led the push to bring back Caledon Ribfest. In an interview after the event, he said that he was exhausted but really happy. He said everyone that came to the event was pleased with how it turned out, from Caledon Mayor Annette Groves, to community members, to Caputo’s own friends and family. “I had people I’ve never met before that

came up to me and said ‘this is amazing’,” said Caputo. “Everyone was extremely happy that it was back.” So long as there is a venue available, Caputo said Caledon Ribfest will be back next year, too. This year, the winner of the best ribs award was Ribs Royale. Caputo said he wanted to thank Mayor Groves and members of Caledon Council for having his back in making the event happen. He also thanked Terry Groves, without whom he said the event couldn’t have happened. Finally, Caputo gave a big thank you to students from St. Michael Catholic Secondary School in Bolton. Many students from the school volunteered at Caledon Ribfest to get their volunteer hours and Caputo said they were a big help. Ribfest events are great for the economies of the communities they’re held in, said Caputo, adding that traffic to all businesses surrounding Caledon Ribfest increased over the time the event was held. “Ribfest is a real economic driver that I really believe should happen yearly,” said Caputo.



Regional Councillor Christina Early was among the many Caledon Council members who attended Caledon Ribfest last weekend. PHOTO - FACEBOOK/CHRISTINA EARLY

# Orangeville Rotary Ribfest set for return with great eats, activities and live music

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Live music, delicious BBQ and classic cars can be enjoyed all in one place this weekend. The 14th Annual Orangeville Rotary Ribfest is taking over the Alder Street Recreation Centre grounds from July 14 to 16. More than 20,000 people are expected over the three-day event, where they can watch local acts such as the Campfire Poets, Dufferin County Line, the Hit Disturbers and Larry Kurtz. Several other bands are on the lineup, and DJ Swankenstein is this year’s emcee. “There’s something for everyone – great music and entertainment is available,” said Orangeville Rotarian Lorna Hashem, who’s helping to organize Ribfest. “It’s a great way to spend the weekend.” This year’s event will feature a handful of award-winning ribbers –Brickyard BBQ, Billy Bones BBQ, Gator BBQ, Bubba Lou’s Bar-B-Q, Silver Bullet BBQ, and Camp 31

BBQ. Several food trucks will also be set up, such as Paco’s Tacos, F.N. Good Burgers, Ontario Corn Roasters, Nella’s Jerk, Mr. Kettle Corn, Rico’s Churros, Cookies by Gia, Rasmi Falafel, and Heavenly Dreams Ice Cream. There will also be a vendor’s market where attendees can shop. The Orangeville Rotary Ribfest tradition of holding a Classic Car Show is continuing this year, with vehicles set up from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, at the Alder Street Recreation Centre’s soccer fields. There are lots of activities for children at this year’s Ribfest with numerous community organizations, such as crafts and painting with Artsploration, bucket truck rides with Orangeville Hydro, a fun activity with Orangeville Public Library, and EarlyON will have materials to engage children’s creativity. Music Together Orangeville will also be at the Ribfest, along with the Museum of Duf-

ferin, which will run a button-making workshop. There will also be a face painter and balloon animals at the Ribfest. Kids Fest is returning on Sunday with an entertainment schedule featuring Dan the Music Man, a performance by Elsa from Frozen, storytime, the Bubbleology show, and a magic show by Steve Baker. Last year saw a record amount of money raised through Ribfest as people were eager to get out to community events after three years of the COVID-19 pandemic. Just under \$100,000 was the net fundraising total, which enables the rotary club to do charity work and donate to worthwhile causes. The six ribbers at this year’s event will be judged to see who has the best sauce and ribs, and the winners will walk away with bragging rights and a big trophy. “Come out and experience several [rib-

bers]. Share with your family, and try a few of them,” said Hashem. “ Ribfest is free to attend, but the Orangeville Rotary Club is accepting donations at the door. The event is the rotary club’s largest fundraiser of the year and enables the not-for-profit organization to spearhead community projects and contribute locally. Roughly 150 volunteers are helping put this year’s event together, but more are always welcome, and anyone interested in joining the rotary club is encouraged to reach out. “We are always open and welcome to new members joining us, especially for this big undertaking. We can’t do it alone. It takes a town.” She added that she’d encourage everyone to come out and enjoy Ribfest. “If you’re looking for something to do, take a walk down, bring your family, come see what it’s all about,” said Hashem.



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# Ceremony held in Palgrave to recognize long-time Peel 4-H volunteer

Carol Williams  
received  
the 2021 Ontario  
4-H Arbor Award

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A Caledon woman has been recognized for her over 30 years of volunteer service to Peel 4-H.

Carol Williams was honoured with the 2021 Ontario 4-H Arbor Award in a ceremony at Norma Bangay Park in Palgrave on June 4.

The ceremony was held this year as Williams wanted to have a gathering of friends and fellow volunteers to celebrate with, which couldn't have happened during the pandemic.

The Arbor Award is the most prestigious award that can be bestowed upon a 4-H volunteer.

4-H is for youth aged six to 21 and is all about learning through hands-on activities and mentorship. Williams explained there's livestock and life skills components in 4-H, the latter of which she's dedicated her time to.

Williams first became involved in 4-H when her daughter became a member. She started helping out and soon became an official volunteer.

"I love it, just absolutely love it," said Williams. "The kids are the best kids in the world."

She explained she works with the older 4-H kids on skills like cooking, sewing, needlework, crafts, and gardening. Williams has done fishing clubs, a heritage club, taught quilting and more.

When she was young, Williams learned many life skills in home economics class at school. She

was inspired and later went to Ryerson University to become a home economics teacher herself.

"I've continued using all the skills that I learned from the time I was in Grade 7," said Williams.

Williams was very surprised when she learned she won the Arbor Award, as those close to her kept it a total secret. She said former 4-H members that she had in her clubs were the ones who nominated her.

"Some of [them] were kids that I had [recommended] for scholarships... I explained to them how I had filled in their paperwork for scholarships," said Williams. "One of the fellows said, 'I remembered what you said and followed your instructions, that's how I filled in the nomination.'"

This was a great full-circle moment for Williams.

Williams now has a tree planted in her honour at Norma Bangay Park, as well as the Arbor Award itself which is a small metal sculpture she keeps in her house.

She thanked the Town of Caledon for graciously allowing the tree to be planted at the park where she can see it from her house.

There were around 30 people at the ceremony celebrating Williams, including Ward 4 Councillor Nick de Boer — who is also involved with 4-H. Williams thanked de Boer for including her husband Al in the ceremony, as she said she couldn't have done all her volunteering without his support.

Over the years, Williams has formed lifelong friendships and learned a lot from being a 4-H volunteer. She still loves teaching life skills and greatly enjoys the fellowship of 4-H volunteers from all around Ontario.



Al and Carol Williams stand with Ward 4 Councillor Nick de Boer next to the tree planted in honour of Carol winning the 2021 Ontario 4-H Arbor Award.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## Headwaters closes obstetrics unit temporarily due to staffing issues

BY PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Expecting parents nearing their due date found themselves having to contemplate alternative plans for giving birth last Friday following the temporary closure of the obstetrics unit at a Headwaters Health Care Centre.

The Orangeville-based hospital announced in a press release on July 7 that it was temporarily closing its obstetrical (OB) services due to staffing issues.

In the release, Headwaters cited staffing sick calls for the evening shift as the cause for the temporary closure. She added that the decision was made "after exhausting all

possible options and efforts to keep the unit open."

"We know this will be disappointing to some families who have chosen Headwaters as their place to deliver. It was a very tough decision to make but patient and staff safety is our top priority," said Kim Delahunt, president and CEO of Headwaters Hospital.

Officials said they were working with other hospitals in the area, ambulance services and families to ensure proper support was in place.

Alternative regional hospitals were provided as options for delivery, including Brampton Civic Hospital, Collingwood General and Marine Hospital, Etobicoke General Hospital, Groves Memorial Hospital in

Fergus, and Stevenson Memorial Hospital in Alliston.

Patients seeking emergency care due to pregnancy were still able to access services at Headwaters to be accessed and transferred to another hospital.

The Headwaters Health Care Centre obstetrics unit was closed at 3:30 p.m. on July 7 and was scheduled to reopen at 7:30 a.m. on July 8.

The closure last Friday was not the first time the unit has temporarily shut down as a result of staffing issues. In July of 2022, Headwaters announced it would be "redirecting" patients who were giving birth from July 28 through to Aug. 1 due to staffing shortages.



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FATAL COLLISION

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

“On July 7, 2023, just before 4:00 p.m., Caledon OPP and emergency crews responded to a two-vehicle collision on Old Church Road and Humber Station Road in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “Four occupants were transported to hospital. A 74-year-old from Toronto was later pronounced deceased.

“Old Church Road between Highway 50 and The Gore Road, as well as Humber Station Road between Mill Lane and Castlederg Sideroad were closed for several hours while the OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionists assisted with the investigation.”

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

If you are affected by this incident or witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

ARMED ROBBERY INVESTIGATION

The Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is currently investigating an armed robbery.

“On July 6, 2023, shortly after 11:00 p.m., the victim attended the area of True Blue Crescent in the Town of Caledon to complete a business transaction,” say Police. “They were met by a male who displayed a handgun and demanded money and the vehicle keys. Three males were observed entering the vehicle and leave the scene at a high rate of speed. Minor injuries were sustained as a result of the incident. The stolen vehicle is described as a 2021 Nissan Kick with Ontario plate CCBY743.”

The investigation is ongoing by the Caledon Major Crime Unit. Investigators are looking for any potentially relevant dash cam footage or home surveillance video or photos from the area from 10:00 p.m. to 11:40 p.m. Images and videos can be submitted by visiting: bit.ly/43dQEER

If anyone has any other information that

may assist the investigation, they should contact Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at [www.peelcrimestoppers.ca](http://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca). When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

If the vehicle is observed, do not approach it. Call 9-1-1 immediately.

E-BIKE DRIVER CHARGED WITH IMPAIRED

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged an e-bike driver involved in a collision with impaired operation.

“On July 6, 2023, just after 12:30 a.m., officers responded to a single vehicle collision on Airport Road at Olde Base Line Road, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “The vehicle was an e-bike, also known as an electric bicycle. Grounds were formed that it was being operated while the driver was impaired by alcohol.”

Norman McLay, 58, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on July 27, 2023, to answer to the charge.

The charge has not been proven.

“According to the Criminal Code of Canada, a motor vehicle is a vehicle that is drawn, propelled, or driven by any means other than muscular power. In the case of an e-bike, it is a ‘motor vehicle’ when not operated using the pedals and subject to impaired driving laws.”

For more information about e-bikes, visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/riding-e-bike>

For more information about the penalties of driving impaired, visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/impaired-driving>

“If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture.”

If you suspect an impaired driver, report it by calling 9-1-1. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [www.peelcrimestoppers.ca](http://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca). When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

DRIVERS CHARGED

Within one day, officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) charged two drivers involved in two separate collisions with impaired operation.

“On July 4, 2023, just before 8:00 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle collision on Healey Road and Humber Station Road,” say Police. “Minor injuries were reported. While speaking to one of the involved parties, grounds were formed that one driver was operating a motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol.”

Ameek Mann, 26, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Dangerous operation;
- Driving while under suspension;
- Disobey stop sign - fail to stop;
- Drive vehicle with cannabis readily available;
- Novice driver - B.A.C. above zero;
- Driving while under suspension;
- Take motor vehicle without consent.

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on July 27, 2023, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

“Just after 9:00 p.m. later that same day, an officer conducting a general patrol on Kennedy Road and Dougall Avenue observed a two-vehicle collision,” say Police. “While conducting the investigation, grounds were formed that one of the vehicles was being operated while impaired by alcohol. No injuries were reported.”

Rushi Trivedi, 33, of London, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor.

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on July 20, 2023, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

“Both driver’s licences were suspended for 90 days, and the vehicles were impounded for seven. If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture.”

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For more information about the penalties of driving impaired, visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/impaired-driving>.

STOLEN VEHICLE CHARGES

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged two individuals as a result of a stolen vehicle investigation in the Town of Orangeville.

“On July 11, 2023, at approximately 6:40 p.m., a Dufferin OPP officer was conducting general patrol when he became involved in a stolen vehicle investigation on Broadway in Orangeville,” say Police. “The officer observed the stolen 2017 Ford F150, grey in colour and engaged in a traffic stop.

“Two individuals exited the vehicle however, the driver remained in the vehicle and fled the scene in in a dangerous manner. Attempts to stop the vehicle were unsuccessful, and in the interest of public safety the officers disengaged.”

As a result of the investigation, two individuals have been charged. The driver remains outstanding.

A 42-year-old male, from Caledon, was charged with:

- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000

A 24-year-old, from Mississauga, was charged with:

- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000

Both accused individuals are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, in August 2023, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

“Members of the Dufferin 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 about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or [ontariocrimestoppers.ca](http://ontariocrimestoppers.ca).

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1. Draw a scene

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44. Military official (abbr.)

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47. All

48. Ohio city

50. More abject

51. A radio band

52. Controversial tech product (abbr.)

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# Mayor ready to work with Peel transition board following appointments

## Team handling dissolution of Peel was appointed on July 5

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon’s Mayor is ready for the Town to become a single-tier municipality.

On July 5, the Provincial government announced it had appointed the members of the five-person transition board that will be overseeing the dissolution of the Region of Peel. Caledon, Brampton, and Mississauga will be independent municipalities as of January 1, 2025.

In a statement sent to the Citizen on July 11, Mayor Annette Groves said she’s looking forward to working with the board.

“The Town of Caledon is committed to working productively with the transition board and the Region of Peel to ensure an outcome that is fair for all residents, supports quality services and helps prepare our Town for the growth it will see in the next 30 years,” said Groves. “The members appointed to the board have extensive experience in their fields. We look forward to a collaborative review process that ensures success for Caledon as a single-tier municipality.”

Regional Councillor Mario Russo said he sees it as a positive that none of the transition board members have any direct ties to Peel municipalities. He said this will ensure the board is fair and unbiased.

Prior to the transition board’s appointment, Russo had made a motion asking that the board be put together as soon as possible. He wanted residents and Region of Peel employees to have some certainty as to what the future holds. Russo said

all things considered the board was established quickly, but that it’s the type of thing that can never happen quick enough.

Russo echoed Groves’ desire to work with the board to ensure Caledon is treated fairly in the dissolution of Peel. He also wants to make sure there are no disruptions in service quality for residents.

One of Russo’s main concerns is making sure that Caledon is made whole, and he said the Town can do this by always calculating and keeping track of what funding is needed to meet growth targets.

In other transition board-related news, CUPE Ontario, a union that represents around 4,000 workers that deliver public services in Peel, said the lack of union representation on the transition board is a mistake.

According to a media release from CUPE Ontario Communications Representative Shannon Carranco, CUPE Ontario fears the dissolution of Peel will lead to a “drastic reduction in the quality and number of services” to Peel residents.

Fred Hahn, CUPE Ontario president, said the fact that none of the transition board members are from Peel is a downside. He said it means the Province is out of touch with the people of Peel.

“Regardless of this very troubling challenge, CUPE Ontario will work with others to stand with our members who work and live in the Peel Region,” said Hahn in the release.

Salil Arya, President of CUPE 966, a union that represents 2,000 Region of Peel employees, said the government has not been transparent enough about how Peel’s dissolution will go down.

“We cannot let them steamroll through the vital services people depend on every day, nor union rights and the rights of workers,” said Arya.

In the July 5 government media release announcing the appointment of the transition board, Minister of Municipal Affairs Steve Clark said the Ford government is making sure municipalities have the tools they need to prepare for coming growth.

“The five members that have agreed to serve on the transition board bring an impressive range of experience that will help ensure the dissolution process is carried out with minimal disruption for residents and employees,” said Clark.



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## Bolton woman among group of eight lotto winners

BY MARK PAVILONS

A Bolton woman was among eight friends who shared a \$1-million lottery win recently.

The group won a Maxmillions prize with \$1-million in the May 26 Lotto Max draw.

Patricia Bertoni of Bolton joined seven of her friends, who used to work together in the automotive industry.

They have been playing Lotto Max together for about six years. They have won some smaller prizes in the past, but this is their largest win to date.

“We’d hear about people winning before, but now it was our turn!” said Terry Wasilishin of Tottenham, while at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto to pick up their win.

Group leader Erica Kramer of Mississauga, said she was about to start her vacation when she decided to check their ticket on the OLG App. While standing in her kitchen, she

scanned it and discovered they’d won big.

“I must have said ‘Oh my God’ a thousand times!” she recalled.

Erica texted the other group members to reveal the big news. “No one believed me at first!” she said.

“Janice called and asked me to double-check the ticket. Then we all did a group call and shared in the excitement.”

Patricia woke everyone in her house screaming with excitement.

Erica plans to purchase a new car with her share of the windfall and Patricia will complete some home renovations and take a trip to Italy. Claire wants to travel, invest, and eventually purchase real estate.

The friends will continue playing as a group and plan to get together to celebrate their windfall.

The winning ticket was purchased at Esso on Hurontario Street in Mississauga.

## Caledon’s CAO says significant data collection and analysis work needs to be completed on transition

Continued from FRONT

Herd said in order to provide the best advice to Council and the transition board appointed to oversee Peel’s dissolution, outside help is required. That’s why she submitted the report asking to use \$200,000.

“Significant data collection and careful analysis will be necessary to protect the interests of Caledon,” wrote Herd. “For example, professional outside legal, financial, public works asset management, communication and governance resources will be necessary.”

Herd said the City of Mississauga has been planning for Peel’s dissolution for decades and are “no doubt properly resourced given the size of their bureaucracy.”

She said it’s important for Caledon to be properly resourced for Peel’s dissolution as well.

“This is a significant and complicated task and there is an immediate need to access specialized expertise for this once in a generation change to how the community is governed and services delivered,” wrote Herd.

Town staff are preparing to develop a work plan for when more details about the transition board are revealed. Herd said in the interim, staff will study what assets and liabilities might logically be assigned to Caledon in Peel’s dissolution.

“For example, a thorough condition assessment of regional roads and bridges, together with an estimate of the repair and replacement costs must be undertaken as an input into the final financial arrangement,” wrote Herd.

Council approved Herd’s request on consent.

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events

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

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# Palgrave resident warning others after finding Northern Black Widow spider in backyard

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A Caledon resident had an unexpected visit from an eight-legged guest lately.

Greg Sullivan, who lives in Palgrave, found a Northern Black Widow Spider in his backyard last week.

He was taking a tarp off of a cement mixer he had in storage when he saw a spider move by his hands. After taking some pictures of it and doing research, he determined the spider’s species. Alongside the Northern Black Widow, he also found what he thought was an egg sac.

Sullivan said he wanted to let people know the spiders could be around since they do not seem to appear too often in Caledon. He said the last he remembers, someone found one in 2007 in Bolton.

According to a paper published by Katherine Dugas from the department of entomology at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, Northern Black Widow spiders are easy to identify.

Female Black Widows have a half-inch long body (one and a half-inch including legs) and are a glossy black colour. They have a red hourglass on the underside of their abdomen that’s broken in the middle. Male spiders are marked similarly and are smaller.

Dugas said Black Widows can be found in natural shelters like hollow stumps and rock piles, and they prefer dark, closed-in areas with lots of attachment points for their webs. They can be found in underused sheds, greenhouses, garages and attic spaces. They’re timid and will usually flee when disturbed.

Symptoms of Black Widow spider bites include pain and abdominal cramping that leads to “intense, systemic pain.” According to Dugas, sweating, nausea, vomiting, and tremors can also occur.

If bitten, one should immediately seek medical attention and apply a cold compress to the wound site, said Dugas.

According to Michigan State University, there is a less than one per cent mortality rate from Black Widow bites, with most occurring in children.

“From now on, I’m wearing gloves when I’m working in the garage,” said Sullivan. “I’d hate to find out some kid was running around... and walks up and touches it because it’s pretty.”

Sullivan encouraged Caledon residents to be careful when in spaces where Northern Black Widows could be.

# Region of Peel will not borrow \$11.1 Billion to meet Provincial growth targets

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Peel Region will not be taking on debt for the purpose of constructing infrastructure required to meet the Province’s housing targets.

At Region of Peel Council’s July 6 meeting, a staff report was presented to Council by Gary Kent, the Region’s Chief Administrative Officer. It recommends that Peel “not seek to incur long-term debt in the amount of \$11.1 billion to immediately finance the servicing shortfall associated with new provincial growth targets.”

The report also recommended that Council should advocate to Ontario’s Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, asking him to ensure the Province creates a fund that will make municipalities whole “as a result of the impacts of Bill 23 on municipal growth funding revenues and expenditures.”

Kent’s report was created as a result of a motion brought forward by Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown — and seconded by Caledon Mayor Annette Groves — at Peel Council’s June 27 meeting.

Brown’s motion asked the Region, through taking on debt, to immediately commit to financing “the servicing shortfall of \$11.1 billion to meet the new provincial growth targets adopted by all three local municipalities.”

Discussion about the motion ensued, with some Council members expressing concerns about it and its financial feasibility. Ultimately, the motion was referred back to Region of Peel staff for more information.

That information was provided by Kent in his July 6 report.

In it, he said at the end of 2022, Peel had only \$1.27 billion in debt. He said capital projects using the proposed \$11.1 billion in debt have not been specifically identified, and in order to take on the debt, specific projects would have to be approved by Council.

Even if the projects were to be approved, the Region would then need to obtain approval from the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) to take on debt that exceeds prescribed borrowing limits in Ontario’s Municipal Act — \$11.1 billion exceeds said limits.

“Incurring the proposed debt would result in a materially significant deterioration of the Region’s financial sustainability and flexibility,” wrote Kent.

After seeing the report at the July 6 meeting, Brown motioned to refer the report to the recently-appointed transition board that will be overseeing Peel’s dissolution.

Groves seconded Brown’s motion and said “this is something the transition team really needs to take a close look at.”

Groves said after reviewing Kent’s report, she could no longer support borrowing the \$11.1 billion. She said Caledon taxpayers would not support the idea given the tax increases that would come from it.

“If I moved ahead with it, they’d shoot me,” said Groves.

Brown’s motion to refer Kent’s staff report to the transition board failed, with eight Councillors in favour and 16 opposed.

Council then moved to approve Kent’s staff report and the recommendations outlined in it. The report and its recommendations were passed with 17 Councillors in favour, six opposed, and one Councillor abstaining.

# Peel increases speed limit on King Street in Campbell’s Cross

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Peel is making changes to the flow of traffic on two regional roads in Caledon.

At Region of Peel Council’s July 6 meeting, several Regional staff recommendations were passed regarding speed limits and flashing speed limit zones on King Street and Mississauga Road.

The speed limit on King Street from 30 metres east of Heart Lake Road to 305 metres west of Kennedy Road will be increased from 40 to 60 kilometres per hour. This is the stretch of road in the community of Campbell’s Cross where Herb Campbell Public School is located.

The staff report recommending the change said if it’s not implemented, “drivers will continue to experience frustration along this stretch.”

While the speed limit is being increased in this area to 60 kilometres per hour, there will be a new flashing 40 kilometres per hour speed limit zone signs implemented in front of the school.

It will be in operation from 7 to 10 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. on school days.

In 2021, the Region installed an automated speed enforcement camera in Campbell’s Cross and reduced the speed limit there from 60 to 40 kilometres per hour. Since then, the Region has received re-

quests from residents to bring the speed limit back to what it originally was.

So, the Region completed a review of the area and consulted with Regional Councillors representing it and the principal of Herb Campbell Public School. Through this review, the changes mentioned earlier in this story were recommended and approved.

The change coming to Mississauga Road was initiated by the principal of Alloo Public School, which is located on that road. The flashing 60 kilometre per hour speed limit zone on Mississauga Road — from 720 metres north of Mayfield Road to 1132 metres north of Mayfield Road — will now be in operation from 7:15 to 9:25 a.m. and 3:15 to 6:15 p.m. on school days.

Previously, the flashing speed limit zone was in effect from 7:15 to 9:15 a.m. and 3:15 to 5:45 p.m. on school days. The change was made in order to accommodate extended pickup and drop off times for parents and school buses entering and exiting the school.

Staff noted there are no major financial implications to making these changes and they can be done under the Region’s existing approved roads operating budget. The Town of Caledon and Caledon OPP will be advised of the speed limit changes made by the Region.



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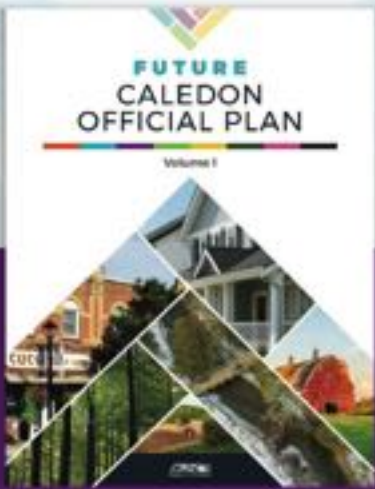
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# Town of Caledon seeks committee and task force members

The Town of Caledon is currently seeking interested and dedicated citizens interested in bringing their knowledge and passion to serve the Caledon community. The Town promotes and encourages civic engagement. Committees and Task Forces play an important role in guiding community improvements and making recommendations to Council.

We are currently recruiting for the following opportunities:

**CALEDON EAST REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE – (8) VACANT POSITIONS**

Members of the Caledon East Revitalization Task Force (CERTF) make recommendations and help with events and projects to revitalize downtown Caledon East and to create an annual work plan for the Town. The task force is made up of 11 members consisting of five community representatives and business owners within the downtown area of Caledon East, three members at large, two members of Council and the CAO or designate.

**AGE-FRIENDLY TASK FORCE – (1) VACANT POSITION**

Members advocate for older adult (55+) residents to help them age well and in place. The Age-Friendly Task Force (AFTF) supports the Town of Caledon's Age-Friendly Action Plan.

**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – (1) VACANT POSITION**

The Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) gives advice on accessibility in the Town of Caledon. The committee advises Council about accessibility standards, new legislation, funding initiatives, and promotion of the AAC activities. The committee is currently reviewing the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

**HERITAGE CALEDON – (1) VACANT POSITION**

The Heritage Caledon Committee (HCC) makes recommendations on property designation under the Ontario Heritage Act. Committee members review and comment on proposed changes to heritage designated properties and advise Council on proposed removal or demolition of buildings. The committee also works to encourage community involvement in heritage.

Interested residents can learn more and apply by visiting [caledon.ca/committees](https://caledon.ca/committees). Applications are due August 4, 2023 by 4:30 p.m.



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# No points to score playing the Blame Game

After weather threatened to pour lukewarm water all over long-held plans on Sunday afternoon, there was a bit of time to explore “the city.”

Prior to the pandemic, city strolls were a regular part of the weekend routine, exploring some of Toronto’s gems that are a bit further off the beaten path.

With a planned trip to Toronto Island scuttled due to threatening skies that ultimately materialized into very little, Kensington Market was the new destination. The neighbourhood has always been a favourite place of mine, but for some reason I’d only skirted around its perimeter since the plague clouds descended in 2020.

It was nice to be back and, as luck would have it, significantly more street vendors, musicians and buskers were roaming around, signalling that things were not only back to normal, but that some of the pivots, re-thinks, and re-calibrations we’ve all had to make over the last few years made things even better than they were before.

It was nice to see that things had rebounded, but, as we all know, not all the changes that have taken place since 2020 are altogether rosy.

The flipside of the coin was not far behind. Heading back from the “Big Smoke” via the TTC, and specifically via St. Patrick station, a curious interaction unfolded before my eyes. Well, more accurately, before my ears.

“If you see something, say something,” is a refrain familiar to anyone who has had to wait more than three or four minutes for the next train.

It’s not a phrase original to the Toronto Transit Commission, but it has, in recent years, become ubiquitous to the commute.

Standing there minding my own business on Sunday evening, that very message blared over the loudspeaker. As it feels like I’ve heard this “call to action” encouraging everyone to report something that didn’t seem right to the powers-appointed-to-be, I didn’t pay much attention to it. But the same couldn’t be said for a woman who was coming down the escalator headed for my general direction.

Before she passed me, she stopped and found her target: a security guard standing a few feet from the yellow line of safety.

“Yeah, if I see something I’m going to say something!” she said in a voice in sarcasm that reverberated through the metal-sleeved tunnels.

The security guard turned to look at her and, although I couldn’t hear what words passed through his lips, they were moving.

Whatever he said didn’t seem to do the trick as what followed was a monologue on the part of the new arrival on the platform.

“I see something, I say something, and you guys don’t do anything about it!” she continued, spending the next 30 seconds or so offering various riffs on the same topic before going to the other end of the platform.

It didn’t seem to matter whether or not she was getting the security guard’s dander up – he had a superb poker face – and it certainly didn’t seem to matter that the security guard in question had nothing to do with the TTC, but was rather employed to secure the office building just above the station. She saw someone, found something to say and she damn well said it, passing on the blame to a man who had absolutely nothing to with her concerns. He just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

That, to me, is one of the many flipsides, if there can indeed be multiple flipsides, of the pandemic that hasn’t shown any sides of

abating: misplaced blame.

Don’t get me wrong, misplaced blame is not a new phenomenon.

When the Liberal Party of Canada was elected to form government following the last campaign of Conservative leader Stephen Harper, once the new government was installed all of the country’s ills, legitimately or not, were blamed on the outgoing Blues.

Over the last seven to eight years of government, the pendulum has swung in the opposite direction, as it always does, to reframe the blame game on the shoulders of Justin Trudeau and his government – sometimes fairly, sometimes unfairly, ignoring all external factors beyond their control.

Similarly, when Doug Ford’s Progressive Conservatives formed government in 2018, every ill and misstep was laid squarely on the doorstep of outgoing premier Kathleen Wynne and her government. It was a good talking point taking advantage of the (often misplaced, in my opinion) vitriol Ontario seemed to have for party and leader at that point in our Provincial history, but attempts to continue the narrative have been less successful as the party has had five years to “clean up the mess” they say they were left and Ms. Wynne is now living once again as a private citizen.

But, back to Toronto.

Before this distanced encounter with a fellow TTC passenger who was more than over the idea of saying something when she saw something as, in her view, nobody was prepared to step up and do anything about whatever she saw, social media users were getting very heated about what they themselves were seeing.

Videos of violence on subways and streetcars, of people using drug paraphernalia on the same modes of transport, and passengers shouting down vehicle operators have been rife as of late.

Over the weekend, many such posts on social media were framed with variations on the theme of “Welcome to Olivia Chow’s Toronto!”

One of several problems with that narrative is Ms. Chow wasn’t scheduled to receive her chains of mayoral office until the middle of this week. It may be a new record – a mayor who hasn’t even assumed office yet being blamed for apparent problems that proliferated under the tenure of her predecessor. Maybe there really is something to the old saying that Ginger Rogers did everything Fred Astaire did only backwards and in high heels.

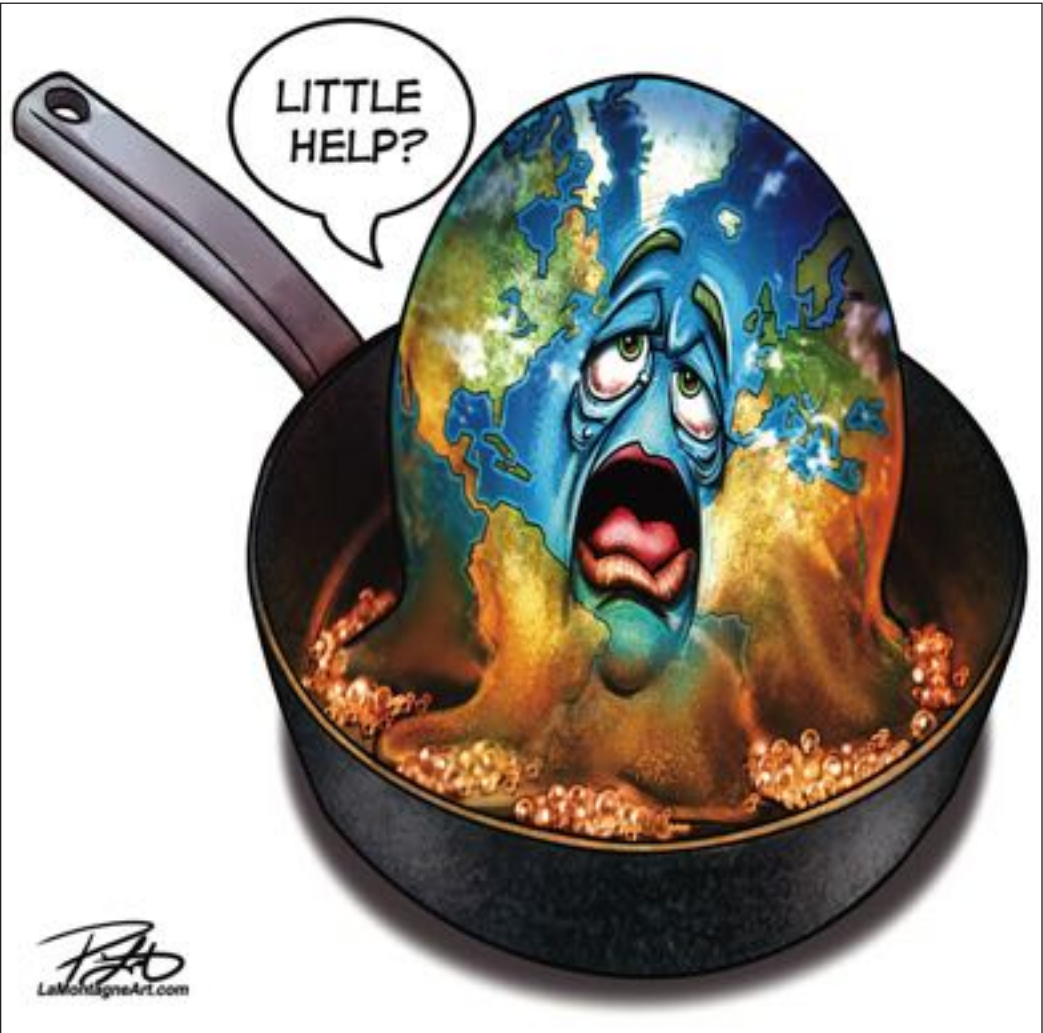
Many of Mayor-elect Chow’s critics said that she was not the right person to “fix” what is “broken” in Toronto. Whether she is or not remains to be seen, but those same critics never seemed to elaborate on the elements or individuals that “broke” it in the first place.

That, to me, feels like an important piece of the puzzle for a fulsome take on our Provincial seat and the first step in addressing issues across the board.

But, it’s all too convenient to cast blame in every direction to see what sticks rather than think critically about identified problems, their causes, and, of course, their solutions.

Critical thinking skills seem, sadly, to be in short supply these days, particularly in an age where so many people appear to be getting their news through memes and out-of-context or fabricated videos on social media.

With a new emphasis on practical math mercifully finding its place in schools once again, it’s high time to renew focus on civics as well and, maybe most importantly, media literacy to counter this unfortunate offshoot of the pandemic.



# Laughter saved the human species!

by Mark Pavilons



“Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.”

Victor Borge didn’t know how right he was when he said that.

Charles Dickens noted that nothing in the world is so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humour.

This truly human quality, one we take for granted, is likely responsible for us being at the top of the food chain.

A simple joke, and the resulting laughter and giggles, uses language skills, symbolism, abstract thinking and social perception.

Few of our peers on earth have those skills. We know that monkeys, dolphins and even elephants have a sense of humour. But can they tell a really good knock-knock joke?

When smiling became a thing among our distant ancestors, it was a sign of submissiveness.

That, in itself, allowed us to extend our lives from the threats of the more dominant of the species.

When our modern species (homo sapiens) showed up on earth roughly 250,000 years ago, we went through what scientists believe was a rapid, accelerated brain development. The development of language, and the limericks that followed date back some 150,000 years ago.

It’s thought that our brains grew because we needed to figure out how to live together in what became society. Mimicking, gesturing and grunting can only go so far. No one found that funny in the least.

As Dickens pointed out, laughter is contagious, so even the lower foreheaded members of our tribe could still get a chuckle out of things and feel like part of the group. Maybe that’s where the term “chuckleheads” originated.

Laughter, according to Spanish scientists Navarro and Marijuan, “should be considered as a highly efficient tool for inter-individual problem solving and for maintenance of social bonds.”

Wow, all that from watching one of our neighbours hit their head on a low-hanging branch.

Laughter helped our ancestors learn how to talk to one another.

So, my friends, it’s only when humankind developed a sense of humour that we excelled. While other species (apes) have remained stagnant for thousands of years, our sense of humour sent us right to the top of the food chain. Some could argue that it’s an essential part of our species and, like a good breakfast, it’s the best way to start the day.

And humour is an essential part of humanity to this day. Sure, some of us find very little to laugh

about these days, but there’s always something.

As Shirley MacLaine once said, “the person who knows how to laugh at himself will never cease to be amused.”

Experts say the first written joke was found on a Sumerian tablet dated 1,900 B.C. It had something to do with a woman farting in her husband’s lap. This proves one of the longest standing truths of all time – farts are funny.

Apparently, laughter is symmetrical – your guffaw sounds the same forward as it does backward. Yes, someone was paid to research and record such a thing.

Some mammals, like rats, also show “tickle-induced vocalizations.” There comes a time in every person’s life where they fear being tickled to death.

Elephants and dolphins may not vocalize their laughter, but they’ve been known to play tricks on their human counterparts. This is evidence that the creatures we share our planet with are not dumb at all, and share some of our best qualities.

Laughter is, indeed, the best medicine and this has been proven time and again. Laughing increases your oxygen intake, lowers your heart rate and blood pressure, and boosts your immune system. So, toss away those pills and act silly, for at least 15 minutes a day!

The only challenge is refining that all-empowering sense of humour. It’s a learned behaviour and it’s not innate like smiling.

Therefore, the funny bone is one of the most important parts of the human body. Perhaps our kids should be taught Laughter 101 in pre-school, so when they enter Grade 1 they’re well-armed to defend themselves with some quick one-liners.

What’s more, laughter itself is one of Nature’s best “home remedies.”

Laughter reduces the level of stress hormones like cortisol, epinephrine (adrenaline), dopamine, and growth hormone. It also increases the level of health-enhancing hormones, like endorphins. Laughter increases the number of antibody-producing cells and enhances the effectiveness of T cells. By turning to laughter we become stronger.

The Mayo Clinic notes that laughter isn’t just a quick pick-me-up, but has long-term effects. Positive thoughts (humour) can actually release neuropeptides that help fight stress and potentially more-serious illnesses.

Laughter can relieve pain, make it easier to cope, improves your mood and helps you connect with other people, just like our cave-dwelling ancestors.

I have also read that if you’re in a really bad mood, and sitting all alone, try smiling. This simple act also releases the hormones and gets you out of your funk much quicker.

And it’s spreading, my friends. I’ve heard someone has created “Laughter Yoga.” Now that’s a pose I can handle!

There are times when my internal funny bone is set off, and I just giggle, then laugh out loud at what’s going on in my head. My family members share the concerned look that Dad has lost it, but I just laugh it off.

If you want to crack up in stitches, laugh your head off, go ahead. I hope you have the last laugh and are laughing all the way to the bank.

I encourage everyone to roll in the aisles and contrary to popular belief, life IS a laughing matter.

If you’re not sure whether to laugh or cry, choose the former.

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# Artificial intelligence

“Hello, Grandma? It’s me Joey. I’ve been arrested. I need your help.”

You’ve probably heard of the grandparent scam, where an older person receives a telephone call from their supposed grandson, claiming he’s been arrested and needs money for bail.

It is surprising how many people fall for this and send some money to an unknown location to secure the release of the grandchild.

You would think that a grandmother or grandfather would be able to tell that is not their grandson on the phone. I’m sure lots of people have said, “You’re not my grandson,” and simply hung up the phone.

However, many have fallen for it.

The scam relies on two things.

The person calling usually acts very distressed, maybe even crying so their voice is very distorted from when they would be calling in a normal voice. Secondly, the grandparent, thinking their grandchild is in serious trouble, wants to do whatever they can to help. Usually, the caller insists it be done right away or they are going to be taken away or held in jail. The gullible grandparent, frazzled by the news, makes the deposit before calling anyone to verify the story.

What if you got a call from your grandson and he was speaking in a rational voice, and you recognized him right away because you speak to him the phone on a regular basis?

Would that be more convincing that he needed your help?

The concept of artificial intelligence has existed for quite some time. The idea of an artificial being with intelligence has been around since people started telling stories, however a more realistic version of what could actually happen started in the mid 20th century.

For many people, at that time, artificial intelligence seemed to be something along the lines of a robot. See Isaac Asimov on that.

It was assumed that in the future, which is actually now, having a robot butler or maid to do the housework and drive you around town as a chauffeur would be common place. Just look back at some of the old Twilight Zone episodes of the 50s and early 60s, where the story was set way in the future - in the 90s - and robots in many forms were common place.

The old TV show, Lost in Space, which premiered in 1965, and is probably in re-runs somewhere, was

set in the futuristic world of 1997, with a flying saucer, and a robot who had a mind of his own – “Danger Will Robinson, Danger!”

While they got it all wrong, Artificial Intelligence is actually here – it just doesn’t walk around the house, at least not yet.

Technology based on AI has seen a dramatic increase in capability, accessibility, and widespread use in recent years which in many ways is a good thing, but there is a darker side to what it can do.

Whenever something good happens, or new technology arrives, the criminal element will try to use it to their advantage, and that now includes high-tech criminals using AI to separate people from their money.

You have already probably received a notification from your bank asking you to verify your password or something else related to your account. Many of the notifications are very convincing, but all fake.

If you click on the link and verify your account information, you’ve just provided some criminal with your bank account number and password.

It is estimated that there are 3.4 billion of these messages sent worldwide every day. Even if a very tiny percentage of people fall for them, that is still a

huge number.

Even something as simple as a criminal finding out the password to your e-mail could result in someone getting an urgent message from ‘you’ requesting assistance in some way.

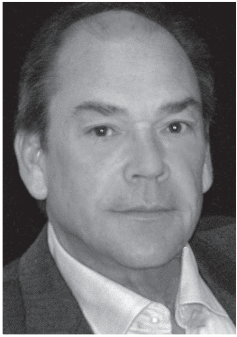
Facial recognition systems are another scary type of AI that can track your movements and could possibly be used against you in different ways.

Another nefarious method of abusing AI is popping up, and that is the replication of voices.

Criminals can call a person on the phone, and by getting them to answer a few questions, they have a sample of a person’s voice. AI can be used to replicate the voice.

The grandparents scam takes on an entirely new dynamic when you hear your grandson pleading for money in a voice you recognize.

Artificial Intelligence can provide some real benefits in a variety of ways, but at the same time, you have to remain vigilant to avoid ending up on the wrong side of it all.



**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW

# Musings on Community

If I’m not mistaken, for years Caledon has referred to itself as a “community of communities.” In fact, the Town of Caledon’s Economic Development office still reaffirms this on their “Why Caledon” page. Each village and hamlet within Caledon has its own distinctive charm but my overall sense, as a resident of 25+ years, is that while we might love and protect our little corner of Caledon, we are each nonetheless happy to be a part of Caledon as the whole. Moving forward, however, my concern is that with rapid “anticipated population growth from 2021 to 2051, from 76,581 to 300,000,” and the stripping away of the formerly protected greenbelt lands - our “community of communities” risks division, disruption and degradation, to the detriment of us all. Growth isn’t all bad - but unfettered growth is. Playing fast and loose with community borders, not managing infrastructure and allowing big corporations to dictate what goes where destroys communities and is a recipe for disaster.

What’s at stake is the loss of everything that each community within Caledon holds as unique and special. What, after all, are the Forks of the Credit without the Credit River, or the pretty little hamlets of Belfountain or Cataract? Visitors from near and far come to marvel at the river, the falls and to partake in hiking and the great outdoors. What is Alton without the Alton Mill or Millcroft Inn, destinations that both draw tourists and sup-

port our local artisans. Inglewood and Cheltenham are pretty little vistas and likely also enjoy the spillover impact of people traveling to Spirit Tree, or the Badlands, (the brewery and the physical location!) or to GoodLot. Palgrave has the pond in winter and the pub all year long and Bolton is enjoying a renaissance of the downtown core, great restaurants and the developing Humber River Centre. Southfields and Valleywood are the jumping off points for Caledon and Terra Cotta keeps us all connected by water (drawing many to float down the river) and via the trailways which flow through virtually every point in the 700+sq km that comprise Caledon. There’s so much more I could write but you get the idea and frankly, beginning with the very watersheds that played a pivotal role in the founding and development of Caledon, we are at risk of losing everything that makes us special.

While the Economic Development office is charged with helping to plan and manage the growth that attracts industry, which equals much needed tax dollars to support infrastructure growth, they, along with all Town staff and Council - must balance that growth against what makes us, “us.” However, when one factors in Mr. Ford’s edict that we must pave over the greenbelt to build more houses and gives our Mayor, along with 20+ other local mayors, “strong” mayor powers, I don’t like our chances.

Factor in large corporations like CBM Aggre-

gates (owned by the Brazilian company Votorantim Cimentos, the eighth-largest cement company in the world) despite all evidence to the contrary, insisting that a blasting quarry is in our best interests, everything that makes Caledon the beautiful community of communities it is now, is lost. All that attracts tourism dollars and local residents who want to live, work and play here, is not the only thing at risk - so too are the water tables, various species of fish and wildlife, environmental impacts and farmland - to name just a few of the long-term consequences, most of which will forever be non-recoverable.

At what price does all this development come? The Town of Caledon’s current website boasts “over 75% of our land mass is protected by the Greenbelt providing a wide range of opportunity for rural businesses, enjoying nature, recreation, housing variety and enjoying an excellent quality of life,” as a selling feature. Further, it acknowledges we are part of a green space consisting of “farmland, vibrant communities, forests, wetlands, and watersheds [that] contains over two million acres of land and is the largest and most strongly protected greenbelt in the world.” Yet, here we are, willing to pave it all over. We’ve already seen the impact of industrial development on much of the farmland in south Caledon. If a blasting quarry destroys the water table there will be no Forks of the Credit, no Cataract and no charming village of



Alton because it literally puts the Credit River and various species at risk. There will be no farmland to support this massive population growth (who presumably need to be fed) and our various cottage industries that rely on fertile farm ground, tourism dollars and clean air that’s not infused with quarry dust will dry up much like the water table will.

Where will the businesses go when there are no more tourists traveling to see our natural marvels? Maybe, along with Mayor Groves, they can visit our proposed sister city in Italy? Where will the residents go when their homes are no longer habitable? Perhaps to one of the massive new developments that are springing up along the Brampton/Caledon border? Where will the species at risk go? At least that one we can answer because as history has shown us time and again, there is no recovering from extinction.

Caledon Council, Mayor Groves, and all who work at the Town would do well to keep this in mind. Everything has a price and no amount of fines for bylaw enforcement on illegal trucking yards, seemingly our current most viable business model, will make up for what we are about to lose.



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# Iacobelli and Gonzalez star for the Caledon Cavaliers at Barbarians’ Mini’s Rugby Festival in Aurora

BY JIM STEWART

Christian Iacobelli of the Caledon Cavaliers’ U12 and Sebastian Gonzalez of the Caledon Cavaliers’ U10 squad had outstanding tournaments, respectively, at the “2023 Mini’s Festival” hosted by the Aurora Barbarians Rugby Football Club on Sunday morning.

Over 530 U6-U14 players enjoyed the ideal July conditions on the eleven fields deployed for the Festival at Sheppard’s Bush and St. Maximilian Kolbe CHS in Aurora.

Visiting teams included the Cavaliers, Balmy Beach, Ajax Wanderers, Toronto Nomads, Barrie Rugby Club, Georgian Bay Titans, Brock Rugby Club, Peterborough RC, Guelph RC, and Toronto City Rugby Club.

Gerardo Gonzalez, Junior Director of the Caledon Cavaliers RFC, said he was impressed by his four clubs’ performances on and off the field in Aurora.

“For our U6-U8 players, we want them to have fun, enjoy themselves, learn the game as we go, and build friendships. The communal meal for all the younger players after the games were done —which is served up by the host club with some help from Harvey’s —was a highlight for those entry level players.”

In addition to engaging in the collegial culture that is rugby, Junior Director Gonzalez was impressed by the “more competitive play of our U12 squad, particularly Bolton resident Christian Iacobelli who was battling injuries, needed to be taped up, but still scored 4-6 tries per game at the Festival and made 12-15 tackles per game. It’s Christian’s eighth season in rugby and his experience really shows.”

More than 60 Cavaliers participated in the Festival in Aurora and the four teams produced memorable moments for the organization. The Cavaliers Junior Director, who oversees the grassroots development plan for the club’s U6-U12 program, also noted the play of “U10 Cavalier Sebastian Gonzalez who scored 4-5 tries per game against non-contact competition in Aurora.”

The Vaughan resident was a regular call-up to the 10U Cavaliers last season and his experiences in 2022 have contributed greatly to his on-field success in 2023.

Gonzalez added that, “Sebastian has been playing since he was four so his experience as also showing as it is with Christian Iacobelli in a division higher.”

Gerardo Gonzalez noted the importance of gathering that experience through participation in Festivals during the season so players can “learn how to deal with things, especially adversity.”

“Rugby is a tiring sport—learning to play hurt and tired is such an important element. Equally important is the camaraderie between teammates after the game.”

The Cavaliers’ Junior Director indicated that the best part of the Barbarians’ Festival was seeing the event return to Aurora.

“This is the first time in many years, due to the Pandemic, that Aurora is hosting again. These are fun times for the kids. It was good that the Barbarians had a facility where everybody could be hosted in one place and get everyone fed on site.”

Experiencing rugby culture at Festivals and growing the game at the grassroots level is critical for the Cavaliers, according to Gonzalez, as it is for organizations across the province.

John Reich, who was inducted into the Rugby Ontario Hall of Fame in 2013 and is the Past President of the Aurora Barbarians, was pleased by the number of participants the tourney attracted this year.

“We’ve got 350 kids from the U6-U12 divisions, 60 U14 girls playing on the artificial turf field here at Sheppard’s Bush, and 120 U14 boys playing up at St. Max.”

The Hall of Famer was most excited about “the kids’ exposure to the sport and just getting them out to play.”

“We’re happy they could meet Archie the Mascot of the Toronto Arrows and to meet Arrows players at the event. We’re also grateful to the Town of Aurora for releasing the soccer fields for today’s Festival.”

According to Reich, the Barbarians are working on a plan with the Town of Aurora to build a new rugby field at Sheppard’s Bush to help house their growing program.

“We’re committed to building a new field—a second artificial turf field just north of the existing one. As an organization, we’ve committed \$1.75 M to the building of a rugby complex that would include the much-needed field, a clubhouse, public access change rooms, and public washrooms.”

Equally committed to growing the game is the Toronto Arrows RFC—Canada’s professional rugby franchise that competes in Major League Rugby.

Brock Smith, the Manager of Communications for the MLR squad, noted that “The Arrows have attended four festivals so far this season to build rugby at the grassroots level.”

“We’ve got our mascot, Archie the Raccoon, here today to meet the kids and parents. Our season’s now ended and nine of our players have been selected for the Internationals being hosted in Fiji and Tonga.”

Smith added that “The Arrows now supply the Canadian National Team with the most



U8 Caledon Cavaliers Kenna Nesbitt bonds with Archie the Raccoon, the Toronto Arrows' mascot, at Aurora Barbarians Mini's Rugby Festival on Sunday.

PHOTO BY RYAN NESBITT

players.”

“We want to demonstrate to Canadian players that there is now a pathway to pro rugby and that Canada has a pro rugby team.”

One of those pro rugby players in attendance at the Festival on Sunday was Travis Larsen, a flanker for the Arrows and a member of the Aurora Barbarians Senior Coaching Staff. The 6’3”, 240 pound forward, who played the 2022 MLR season with the Seattle Seawolves prior to being rostered by the Arrows, observed that the best part of the Barbarians’ Mini’s Festival was “getting kids playing rugby and enjoying the best sport in the world.”

“It’s fun for the kids, it’s great to see them trying rugby, and getting exposed to the sport at a young age. It’s a global game with so many opportunities to travel.”

Larsen, a well-travelled 31-year-old veteran who has played for a number of international clubs in Europe, was born in Canada, but raised in the rugby hotbed of New Zealand,

summed up his season with the Arrows.

“We had a rough year. We were struck by the injury bug, but, as a result, lots of Canadian players had opportunities to play because so many veteran international players got hurt. Brendan Black from Oakville really stepped up for the Arrows and became the youngest player to ever start in a Major League Rugby game.”

The evident theme of the day, according to Gerardo Gonzalez of the Caledon Cavaliers, Hall of Famer John Reich of the Aurora Barbarians, and Brock Smith and Travis Larsen of the Toronto Arrows, was kids having fun playing rugby.

It was a successful road trip for Gonzalez’s four Cavaliers teams and the 60 players who enjoyed the Festival in Aurora on the weekend. Mission accomplished by Cavaliers RFC as they grow their program at the grassroots level for the residents of Caledon and surrounding areas.

## Town to waive rental fees for upcoming Motionball Marathon of Sport event



Organizers are looking to grow Motionball Caledon this year and have received a boost from a recent Council decision.

FILE PHOTO

Registration is open for September 16 event, which will be held at Edelweiss Park in Bolton

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A local non-profit received a boost at a recent Council meeting. At Caledon Council’s July 11 General Committee meeting, Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli put

forward a motion asking that the Town provide a grant to help with this year’s Motionball Caledon event.

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

Napoli asked that the Town provide a grant of \$2,500 to cover the costs of rental fees for Edelweiss Park. In his motion, he explained to Council that Motionball is a national non-profit “that empowers young Canadians to be leaders in their communities, raising funds and awareness for Special Olym-

pics.”

He noted that 70 per cent of funds raised from the event will go to Special Olympics Ontario, 25 per cent will go to the Special Olympics Canada Foundation, and five per cent will go towards the #NoGoodWay campaign. The campaign is a national mission to end the use of the R-word.

Council approved Napoli’s request on consent and the Town will cover the park rental fees for Motionball Caledon 2023.

Registration for the event is now open, and there’s opportunities to volunteer at it or sponsor it too. Those interested can go online to [motionball.com/caledon](https://motionball.com/caledon).

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# Three art mediums converge to form one great show at Alton Mill Arts Centre

“Light ~ Colour ~ Texture” can be viewed until August 7

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Beautiful examples of glassblowing, woodturning, and painting are on display in Alton.

On July 8, an opening reception was held for “Light ~ Colour ~ Texture”, the newest members’ exhibition to be hosted by Headwaters Arts at its gallery at the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

The exhibition features work from Brian Parrott, a woodturner; Kathryn Thomson, a glass artist; and Marnie Cooke, a painter. The exhibition began with over 30 pieces on display — but some sold at the reception. It was a well-attended event with light refreshments, and each artist was there and happy to discuss their work with attendees.

Thomson has been glass blowing since 1976, when she took it up while getting her second diploma at Sheridan College. She explained you have to have an idea of what your final piece is going to look like before you even make your first move. Thomson said it’s a big misconception that you just start and see what happens.

Glassblowing involves first collecting molten glass out of a furnace. Colour (if desired) is added using little slices of what’s called a colour bar. More clear glass is then gathered over top of that, all before glassblowing even begins. It’s an art form that very much lends itself to planning.

Thomson said collecting glass looks a little bit like how you might gather honey.

Thomson said she makes “production” pieces like bowls and vases, as well as elaborate sculptural pieces using techniques like sandblasting. Sandblasting is one of the more advanced techniques as it can only be done once a piece has cooled down. Even to make a small piece, such as a little cat sculpture, it takes about eight hours.

In addition to sandblasting, Thomson also incorporates metal into some of her pieces. She

likes to play with fantastic and whimsical subject matter in her work, as well as representations of flora and fauna.

Parrott has only been woodturning for about four years, but it’s something he has always wanted to do. He said he’s never really been an artist and woodturning has become his way to express his creativity.

“I love working with wood, it’s a great medium. It’s fun to keep expanding my horizons, trying different things, and learning about different woods,” said Parrott.

He explained each type of wood reacts differently, and even the same type of wood can differ in how it reacts to woodturning from tree to tree.

“It’s always a challenge, you never know what you’re going to find,” said Parrott.

Parrott began learning about woodturning from YouTube, then found a master woodturner he was able to take lessons from. He said he picked it up fairly quickly, perhaps from his experience doing lots of planning and renovation work at home. He also credited some good luck for his woodturning ventures working out and said he now has so much fun doing it.

At the show, Parrott had many interesting pieces made from a variety of different woods. He had a bowl made from Silver Maple, a pen/pencil holder made out of Honey Locust, and a vase made out of Chinese Elm.

Parrott finishes all of his pieces with natural oils and waxes for a nice colour and durable finish. He said the more carnauba wax an oil has, the shinier the finish of a piece will be.

“Light ~ Colour ~ Texture” is Parrott’s first show with Headwaters Arts, and he said his favourite part of the experience was planning all the things he would show and pushing himself to try new techniques to showcase.

He said creating vases is relatively new to him and that it was a chance to stretch his skillset.

Parrott explained vases have lots of room for creativity as well since there are so many great examples of them throughout history to draw inspiration from. He said woodturners often look to ceramic pieces for inspiration, since ceramic has been made for such a long time.



Marnie Cooke was proud to show off her painting entitled “The Guardian”.
 PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Parrott said techniques such as the rule of thirds can be applied to vases to create an aesthetic that’s pleasing and naturally enjoyable to the eye. His wife is a graphic designer and a former art director, so she’s his number-one sounding board and source of advice. The pair will often discuss the direction of his work and share ideas.

Cooke has been painting for much of her life — secretly. She only began sharing her work with the world about eight years ago. Her professional career was in dance, and when she stopped dancing to teach dance, she met a fellow dance teacher who showcased her paintings at the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

Cooke, who moved to Alton from Toronto, decided to get involved with Headwaters Arts and showcase her paintings. She hasn’t looked back and is now a veteran of many art exhibitions at the Headwaters Arts gallery.

Over the years, Cooke said she’s learned so much about painting and that she strives to get better and experiment with new techniques and

styles. Cooke loves to paint abstract pieces that draw inspiration from nature.

“I use a lot of texture and I do a lot of layers of paint,” said Cooke. “I don’t need a lot of light, the light is built in (to my paintings).”

Cooke paints in her living room under natural light, and as the day goes on she likes to let the setting sun play a part in guiding her brush. She painted a piece specifically for the exhibition that used lots of bright green, yellow and turquoise to give a summer feel. Cooke likes to paint while listening to music, and said opera is a favourite choice while she works.

Cooke said artists always try to support other artists and that Headwaters Arts is always seeking to bring more people out to its shows. Cooke said she always tries to be spirited in her work and create something that people will feel the impact of.

“Light ~ Colour ~ Texture” can be viewed in the Headwaters Arts gallery at the Alton Mill Arts Centre until August 7.

## Theatre Orangeville’s Musical Young Company’s The Addams Family



The Theatre Orangeville Young Company cast of The Addams Family took a break from rehearsals last week to meet with our own Constance Scrafield. The excited group shared insights into the production process and their excitement to bring this production to the stage, with four shows from July 28-30.

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

There is great excitement within Theatre Orangeville’s Musical Young Company.

It is back with the Addams Family – a new musical (originally released in 2009) – with Murdock Schon directing.

Headline: Wednesday is now 18-years-old and she and Lucas Beineke, also 18, are in love and engaged. Wait. Lucas comes from a “normal” suburban background and the story is the evening when Gomez, Morticia and the Addams family meet Lucas and his “normal” parents, Malcolm and Alice.

This is the first fully-fledged musical, with sets, costumes, and lights Musical Young Company has produced for four years, due to Covid. Last August, Musical Young Company members sang a cabaret-style mini-concert as part of the first annual Theatre Orangeville Arts Festival at the Mt. Alverno Luxury Resort.

Rehearsals ran for the entire month of July, culminating in a full production in the theatre on the weekend of July 28 to 30.

For this bright beginning they are going dark and very funny with this new Addams Family production.

The Citizen went to the Rehearsal Hall at the end of their first week of rehearsing.

First, we spoke to Nicolas Mustapha, Music Director and accompanist for the show. He remarked, “It’s a great show – really funny. They’re really excited to be doing the first musical in four years.”

The cast of nine includes Lucas Nguyen as Gomez; Avary Arsenault as Grandma [Addams], Ziv Kyla Ross Day as Morticia; Kevin May as Fester; Cassidy Brown as Malcolm and Kiara-Lynn McKenna as Alice Beineke; Lucas Smith as Lucas; Payne Power as Pugsley; and Sophie Warren is Wednesday.

They, minus Nguyen who was absent, sat with us to talk about the show and their parts in it. We fired questions and they answered variously, beginning with what they liked about the show.

“It’s kinda dark with the original characters.”

“Wednesday falls in love with Lucas and he loves her back.”

“It’s dark versus normal.”

“It’s really funny when the Addams are trying to act ‘normal.’”

And why these young people love being part of a theatre company, we learned it is a safe spot to express yourself. It’s fun, and you make friends who support you no matter what.

Acting can mean being a different person. However funny the show is, the lines are delivered straight-faced. They told us repetition is the answer – the more they rehearse, the better to handle the humour.

This terrific Addams Family show might prove there is no normal, but can love still conquer all?

Kait Gallant is Programs Coordinator. The show runs from July 28 to 30.

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## NORVAL (NORRIE) ERNEST PATTERSON

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Norval (Norrie) Ernest Patterson, at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket, on Thursday July 6th, 2023, at the age of 91 years. Surrounded by family, he passed with his sharp sense of humour, amazing strength, and his determination shining. Best friend and husband of 68 years to Margaret (Lipsett), a father like no other to Norval (deceased), Cheryl (Lewis) Lawder, Debbie (Mike) Smith, Rick (Linda), Brent (Diane), Judy (Andy) Henderson, Sandy (deceased), Earl (Kim, deceased), Tracey (Adam) Burkitt. The very best poppa will be missed by his 21 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. Son of John Ernest (JE) and Jean (Munro). He was born and raised on the family farm on Mount Hope Road, formerly the 8th line of Albion. He worked on the farm and enjoyed life with his 7 siblings; Laurene (Gordon), Elmer (Hilda), Viola (Harold), John (Shirley), Beryle (Emil) and twins Edwin (Betty) and Ted (Doreen). He met the girl of his dreams and made a big move (a whopping 100 feet) from the family farm. He became the brother-in-law to 7 more siblings when he became a part of the Lipsett family. His new siblings consisted of Lorna (Don), Lorne (Doreen), LaVerne, Norman (Mary), Reginald, Calvin (Judy), Norval (Karen). In the homestead with his crew of 8, he planted a large garden and had a small hobby farm with a cow or two, and also chickens. When his grandchildren would visit, he was always sure to tell them if they misbehaved, they would be going OUT BEHIND THE BARN! Norrie had a career that he loved with the Town of Caledon (formerly Albion Township). He started as a labourer and retired 38 years later as Road Superintendent. He knew where every culvert in the Town of Caledon was. Even after his retirement, he was often called or taken for a ride so he could share his knowledge and advice. Norrie enjoyed retirement to the fullest. He could fix or build just about anything. When he was sought out for his advice, on any type of project, he always gave 100%. His handiwork can be found in many of his family members' homes, as well as buildings around Caledon. He spent a lot of time in his garden which always yielded a great crop. One of his true favourite places was "The Barn". This is where many of work projects started and sometimes ended. This is where he pondered life, shared stories, had many laughs, and shared many many... many ryes and coke. The motto of the Barn was What Happens in The Barn...stays in the Barn. Norrie was a community man. He was a Past Master L.O.L. No. 288, Palgrave, Past Master R.B.P. No. 403, Palgrave, was on the board of Directors of the Morningside Cemetery Board, and was the Chairman of the Albion Township School Area Board. He was a man of few words, unless you misplayed at Euchre. He taught his kids to always plant the green side up, and where best to hide the rye bottles. The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S., Bolton, on Sunday afternoon from noon until 4 o'clock and on Monday, July 10 from noon until time of funeral service in the chapel at 2 o'clock. Interment Morningside Cemetery, Palgrave. The family invites those who wish to view the service to do so through live streaming at <https://event.forgetmenotceremonies.com/ceremony?c=fc858c4d-f621-415b-8dea-4e0bb6672967>. You can view the service live at the time scheduled or you can view it at a more convenient time for you. If desired, in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Bethell Hospice ([www.bethellhospice.com](http://www.bethellhospice.com)), Caledon Seniors Centre ([www.caledonseniors.ca](http://www.caledonseniors.ca)), or a charity of your choice. Condolences for the family may be offered at [www.EganFuneralHome.com](http://www.EganFuneralHome.com)



## COLAUTTI, MICHAEL JOHN

Michael John Colautti, born in Windsor, Ontario on January 16th 1964, died July 4th 2023 in Orangeville, Ontario at the age of 59, from a rare form of lung cancer. After earning a degree in physics from the University of Windsor, Michael served his community for over 30 years as a hilarious, kind, and intelligent physics and science teacher at Orangeville District Secondary School. Even when he could no longer work, Michael continued to share his knowledge through his website and youtube channel. Michael is survived by two daughters, Keira and Brynn Colautti, who were the most important part of his life, his wife Sharon Adler, his niece Carleigh Montello (nee Elliot), and nephew, Dean Elliot. He is predeceased by his parents John Alexander Colautti, and Jeanne Elaine Colautti (nee Tutton), and his siblings, Linda Marie Stropkovich (nee Colautti), Jeanne Elizabeth Elliot (nee Colautti), and Anita Louise Colautti. Michael was the youngest of his siblings, and always a loving son and brother. Michael involved himself in more activities than can be listed, including: scuba diving, woodworking, writing, music composition, cooking and the creation of elaborate halloween costumes. He lived to put a smile on the faces of his daughters. There is no way to adequately summarize his life, or the gift that was knowing him.



Visitation will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Tuesday, July 11th, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Memorial donations to an education fund for his children would be appreciated by the family. Funds will be accepted at the funeral home also at <https://gofund.me/260ca7f8> - crop and paste this link to your browser. Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.dodsandmcnair.com](http://www.dodsandmcnair.com)

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# Councillors share resident concerns that Town doesn't have enough bylaw enforcement

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Maskell asked staff to take a look at enforcement models used in other municipalities and bring best practices back to Caledon. His hope is that a new bylaw model can bring satisfaction to Caledon residents and achieve behaviour change in rule-breakers.

Finally, Maskell asked that staff have a report back to Council by October 10. Council supported Maskell's motion and it passed.

Caledon's Chief Administrative Officer Carey Herd said she and her team will do the best they can to have a report by October 10. She noted the Town is reviewing municipal law enforcement as part of its 2023 work plan already, and that Maskell's motion solidifies that work and gives a concrete date for its completion.

Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen said he hears from people in his ward who are frustrated by a perceived lack of bylaw enforcement. He said residents often complain there is little bylaw enforcement of-

ficer availability after hours, and that service is not to the level residents expect.

Ward 4 Councillor Nick de Boer said he looks forward to the report coming back to Council. He suggested that staff include in their review ways to make evening bylaw infraction reporting better, such as by having a call go directly to an on-duty officer.

He said the increasing number of bylaw infractions is a sad reflection on how society in Caledon has become; that there are rules and expectations in Town and it's sad that people choose to ignore them. He

said the vast majority of people in Caledon follow the rules but the few that think they are exempt make everyone else pay for it.

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