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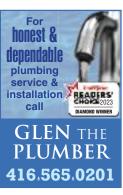
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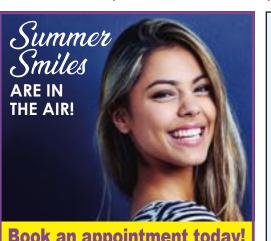
#### Caledon's new strategic plan promises "best of rural and urban life" Plan will govern municipal This is the vision the Town of Caledon adopt-Caledon's Chief Administrative Officer, Cared in its new 12-year, 2023-2035 strategic plan. ey Herd, said the plan is a vital piece of work The plan was adopted by Caledon Council at priorities for the next that will help Town staff deliver the best quality its July 26 meeting, and will govern municipal of life to Caledon residents. priorities, actions and initiatives for the next 12 12 years "In collaboration with Council, staff and the years.



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#### **BY ZACHARY ROMAN** LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

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According to the Town, the plan unites Council and staff on a long-term plan that commits them to collaboration and measurable goals. One of the main reasons it's being implemented is to map out work needed to achieve goals that are longer than just one term of Council (four years).

community, we were able to develop a strong plan to support all aspects of our business, and will help guide future budgets, policy decisions and produce a framework that will help strengthen Caledon's future," said Herd.

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## **Community demand outpacing** capacity in Caledon: CCS

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN** LOCAL JOURNALISM **INITIATIVE REPORTER** 

Demand for food support in Caledon is increasing.

Caledon Community Services (CCS) recently published its annual impact report for 2022 to 2023, which details various statistics about the non-profit's work in the community.

There were 2,592 visits to CCS' food pantry in the past year, which CCS reports is a 29 per cent increase from the year prior. A total of over 160,000 pounds of food, personal care and household items were distributed to Caledon residents in need.

Nearly 1,000 Caledon residents, around half of them children, received basic needs support, healthy meals, and "information and access to vital services" from CCS in the past year according to its report.

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## Caledon and Isola del Liri are officially sister cities following signing ceremony

#### **BY ZACHARY ROMAN**

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon has a sister city.

On July 17, Caledon Mayor Annette Groves was in Isola del Liri for a ceremony to officially sign a sister city agreement between the two municipalities.

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa, who was in Italy with his wife to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary at the time, attended the ceremony as well and acted as translator since he speaks fluent Italian.

Caledon and Isola del Liri have been working on their partnership since August of 2022 and plan to make the most of their new agreement.

"This cultural exchange is a wonderful opportunity both municipalities can benefit from..." said Groves in a statement. "This twinning agreement will grow our public art, heritage and tourism."

Public art, heritage and tourism are the three initiatives that Caledon is going to be focusing on with the sister city partnership in 2023.

In an interview after the ceremony, Rosa said it was a wonderful experience. He said Isola del Liri arranged for a local band to come to

their Council chambers and play the national anthems of both Italy and Canada.

Then, the mayors of the two municipalities formally signed the sister city agreement and there was a reception after.

"It was beautifully done in their Town hall... the reception outside was great too," said Rosa. "We all had an opportunity to speak."

Rosa said the mayor of Isola del Liri will be coming to visit Caledon from October 6 to 12, the perfect time to see the fall colours. Another signing ceremony will be held in Caledon during that time.

Joining Isola del Liri's mayor will be members of the municipality's economic development and tourism teams.

"We want them to see the beauty of our municipality," said Rosa. "We're currently working on an itinerary and we look forward to hosting them in Caledon."

Rosa said he's a true believer that tourism will be one of Caledon's major industries in the years to come. He said the sister city partnership really complements the work the Town is doing to bolster its tourism industry.

"It's been a really rewarding experience," said Rosa of working on the partnership. "I at one point and now it's become a reality."



embraced it when I got elected... it was a dream On July 17, at a ceremony in Isola del Liri's Council chambers, Caledon and Isola del Liri officially became sister cities. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO** 

## First Cassie's Place charity golf tournament sells out, organizers plan to make it annual

#### **BY ZACHARY ROMAN** LOCAL JOURNALISM

INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local non-profit is looking forward to its inaugural fundraising golf tournament next week.

Cassie's Place, a home away from home for individuals with differing abilities, is hosting a charity golf tournament on August 8 at Glen Eagle Golf Club in Bolton.

Joe Sassine, a volunteer with Cassie's Place, said all those who registered for the tournament are making a positive impact on the lives of their fellow community members. He explained that originally he was hoping to have 72 golfers sign up, but that support has been overwhelming and there are now over 125 golfers registered: a sold-out event.

"It's gonna be huge... the mayor is coming too," said Sassine. "Glen Eagle has been very helpful for us... we got good sponsors for the tournament."

Sassine said he's very proud of the all-volunteer team from Cassie's Place that set up the

tournament.

"They did an excellent job," said Sassine. "So many people signed up, I'm humbled to say the least."

The tournament is planned to be a yearly event and something Sassine hopes to grow each year.

Cassie's Place was founded in 2019 by Victoria Street, who named it after her daughter Cassandra. It's a place that offers a wide variety of programs for individuals with disabilities such as summer programs, day camps, a bowling league and online activities.

Over 20 individuals attend its day program which is located at a home in Southfields Village. Cassie's Place is fundraising in the hopes it can one day purchase a permanent location for its day program, as well as a vehicle for transportation to day trips. Sassine said Cassie's place is somewhere that everyone can feel safe, be treated equally, and be involved.

Those interested in learning more about Cassie's Place or getting involved with next year's golf tournament can visit cassiesplace.ca.



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

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problem with alcohol. If you have any questions please come any Thursday evening or email: boltonalanon@gmail.com.

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morning @ 10 am. Monday prayer meeting @ 7 pm. Resources: Prayer counselling, Baby/

## **Caledon Council Community Golf** Tournament deemed a "great success"

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN** LOCAL JOURNALISM **INITIATIVE REPORTER** 

Another Caledon Council golf tournament is in the books.

On August 2, the Town sent out a thank you message to all the participants and donors who made the 2023 Caledon Council Community Golf Tournament (CCCGT) a successful one.

The tournament was held on July 25 at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley in Alton.

The primary recipient of this year's Mayor Annette Groves addresses the crowd at



CCGT grant of \$75,000 was the Nation- the Caledon Council Community Golf Tourna-**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO** 

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

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al Wildlife Centre (NWC) who is going to ment on July 25. use it to fund its mobile animal hospital and construct a new field wildlife hospital.

wildlife veterinary clinic for injured, sick creation and sharing, and emergency preand orphaned animals. The permanent loca- paredness and response," said Cox in the tion will allow them to accept animals from release. "With the new centre we will be the public too.

year, Dr. Sherri Cox, medical director and munity." president of the NWC, said she was very excited about receiving the grant.

der four pillars: rehabilitation and surgery, tal in Caledon.

At present, the NWC operates a mobile conservation and education, knowledge able to admit sick and injured wild animals. In a media release sent out earlier this and offer care and programs for the com-

Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan was the chair of this year's CCCGT committee and "National Wildlife Centre operates un- said it means a lot to have a wildlife hospi-

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## Town to submit expression of interest for Historic Alton Schoolhouse

## Motion about school house made by Councillor Lynn Kiernan at July 11 council meeting

#### **BY ZACHARY ROMAN** LOCAL JOURNALISM

INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon would like to make use of the Historic Alton School House.

At Caledon Council's July 11 meeting, Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan put forward a motion about the school house that was supported by her fellow councillors.

Kiernan said she made the motion because of a dedicated group of community members that have been working to save the school house for future use.

"They've done this for years... we want to retain and utilise the building in a way that the community and others will enjoy," said Kiernan.

Kiernan asked Town staff to submit an ex-

pression of interest to, and continue discussions with, the Peel District School Board (PDSB) to indicate Caledon's desire to explore opportunities for the Historic Alton School House.

She then asked for staff to report back to Council at a later date to share how discussions with the PDSB went.

The Historic Alton School House is located on Main Street in Alton, next to the Alton Public School.

In her motion, Kiernan said the school house is a key asset for promoting tourism, preserving the cultural heritage of Alton, and supporting local economic growth.

"The Village of Alton is a tourist destination for its unique heritage and cultural assets and the Historic Alton School House is an opportunity to continue to showcase Alton's history," reads the motion.

Kiernan's motion came after a letter was sent from the PDSB to the Town on June 7. The letter was sent to notify the Town that the PDSB no longer needs the property and that it is available via a surplus lease.

The PDSB's letter noted that Caledon has until September 5 to submit an expression of to make an offer to lease the property.



interest for the property, and until December 4 The Town of Caledon is going to submit an expression of interest for the Historic Alton School House. **ZACHARY ROMAN PHOTO** 

## Headwaters to get \$2.7 million for repairs

**BY PAULA BROWN** LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) has received funding from the provincial government to make repairs and upgrades at the facility.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones announced in a press release last Thursday (July 20) the provincial government would be allocating \$2.7 million in funding to support essential upgrades and repairs at the local hospital.

"By continuing to invest in our hospitals and community health service providers, patients can continue to access the care they need, while providing our local health care system with the tools to improve the quality of care for all Ontarians," said Jones.

As a 26-year-old facility, Headwaters Health Care Centre has identified a comprehensive list of short and long-term repairs and renovations necessary to maintain the building.

This year, the allocated funds will go toward supporting the following initiatives:

• Plant and building automation system upgrades, including replacement of end-oflife equipment, enhanced ventilation systems controls, additional air handling units, and a significant reduction in energy costs resulting from new high-efficiency systems.

• Security cameras and door access system replacement

• Roof replacement and repairs

"This investment will help us upgrade some of the critical areas in need across the hospital," said Kim Delahunt, CEO and president of Headwaters Health Care Centre. "We are pleased to receive this funding that is necessary to help us ensure that our building infrastructure continues to meet the growing and evolving needs of patients and our community."

The investment in Headwaters Hospital is part of the provincial government's Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF) Program, which aims to enhance the infrastructure of 131 hospitals and 58 community health facilities across Ontario.

Earlier this year, Headwaters Health Care Centre unveiled its Clinical Priority Plan, which emphasized improvements in emergency services, geriatrics, mental health and substance use, obstetrics, and pediatrics as some of the most urgent clinical needs with the anticipated growth in population.

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#### IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

Members of the Caledon OPP Detachment arrested three impaired drivers following complaints from concerned citizens this past weekend in the Town of Caledon.

"On Friday, July 21, 2023, officers were dispatched to a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Highway 10 and Olde Baseline Road," say Police. "One of the involved vehicles failed to remain at the scene and was pointed out to officers southbound on Highway 10. When officers stopped the vehicle, the driver showed signs of impairment and was arrested."

Philip Varone, 32, from Vaughan has been charged with:

- Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle
- Operate a vehicle with Over 80mgs of alcohol in blood

The charges have not been proven.

"On Sunday, July 23, 2023, officers were dispatched to two separate incidents where concerned drivers called in suspected impaired drivers on Torbram Road and Highway 10. When officers stopped these vehicles both drivers showed signs of impairment and were arrested."



Josephine Barredo, 29, from Caledon has been charged with:

- Impaired Operation of a Motor VehicleOperate a vehicle with Over 80mgs of
- alcohol in blood The charges have not been proven.

Amarjot Singh, 22, from Caledon has been charged with:

- Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle
- Operate a vehicle with Over 80mgs of alcohol in blood

All accused persons are scheduled to appear in Orangeville Provincial Court on August 10, 2023.

Drivers charged with Refusal and Over 80mgs received an immediate 90-day drivers' license suspension and 7-day vehicle impoundment.

Caledon OPP would like to thank the witnesses who contacted the police. Taking the time to report impaired driving saves lives.

The OPP Caledon Detachment would like to encourage motorists to report potential impaired drivers. Motorists can call 911, or \*OPP (\*677) on their mobile device and be put in contact with an emergency dispatcher. Using a mobile device to report a potential impaired driver will not result in a charge for using a hand-held communication device.

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#### **SERIOUS COLLISION**

Officers from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Caledon Detachment are investigating a serious motor vehicle collision that occurred on Highway 10, in the Town of Caledon.

"On Monday, July 24, 2023 at approximately 6:24 p.m., officers responded to the report of a multi-vehicle motor vehicle collision on Highway 10 north of Escarpment Side Road. One of the involved drivers, a 55-year-old from Mono was transported to a trauma centre with critical injuries. Other drivers sustained minor injuries."

Collision Reconstructionists from the OPP Central Region Traffic Incident Management and Enforcement Team are assisting with the investigation.

Highway 10 was closed for several hours for the investigation, opening at 5:00 a.m.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or who may have dash camera footage is asked to contact the OPP Caledon Detachment at (905) 584-2241.





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from trailers parked on the property."

The suspects were observed driving a red Ford F150 pick-up truck and a dark grey minivan from the scene.

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#### **MISCHIEF INCIDENT**



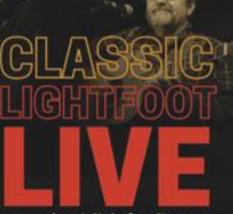


Members of the Caledon OPP Detachment are asking for the public's assistance in identifying suspects involved in a mischief to property incident in the Town of Caledon.

"On Saturday, July 23 2023 at approximately 4:08 a.m., a group of young males attended a residence on Arthur Griffen Crescent. One male was observed holding what appeared to be a long blade. The suspects then broke windshields and headlights of three vehicles

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#### INVESTIGATION INTO THEFTS FROM TRAILERS

Members of the Caledon OPP Detachment are asking for the public's assistance in identifying four suspects and vehicle involved in theft in the Town of Caledon.

"On Sunday, July 16, 2023 and Friday, July 21, 2023, at approximately 1:45 am, four male suspects broke into a trailer storage compound located on Simpson Road," say Police. "These males cut through the fence from McEwan Drive and entered the compound where they were observed removing numerous items

parked at the residence.

"The suspects fled in two separate vehicles."

If you have any information in relation this mischief investigation, please call the Caledon OPP Detachment at (905) 584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122.

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## **Committee calls for action after murder of Peel woman**

## **Peel Committee Against** Women Abuse asks for government plan

#### **BY ZACHARY ROMAN** LOCAL JOURNALISM **INITIATIVE REPORTER**

A local group dedicated to ending intimate-partner and gender-based violence is

speaking out after a recent murder.

On June 30, Tracy Lynne Iannuccilli was murdered, allegedly by her male partner in after the Region of Peel declared inti-North York. She was born and raised in mate-partner and gender-based violence Brampton and had many connections in the Region of Peel.

The Peel Committee Against Women Abuse (PCAWA) issued a press release on PCAWA, was the one who delegated at July 31 expressing outrage and sadness at the meeting asking for the declaration the murder.

"PCAWA sends our deepest condolences to her family and friends," reads the re-

lease.

The murder happened just eight days an epidemic at its June 22 Council meeting.

Rebecca Pacheco, a coordinator for - which was unanimously supported.

Peel is one of 40 municipalities across Ontario that has declared the epidemic. PCAWA said femicides are not isolated incidents, but rather the result of "systemic inequities and patriarchal systems that condone, normalize and encourage acts of violence towards women and gender-diverse individuals."

Andrine Johnson, co-chair of PCAWA, said the murder of Iannuccilli is the third femicide in 2023 to have a connection to Peel.

"Gender-based violence is an epidemic, it is a systemic public health issue," said

Johnson. In Ontario there have been 30 femicides in 30 weeks... we need government recognition of this crisis and their plan for action."

PCAWA said in the coming months, it's going to be trying to arrange a meeting with political leaders at the municipal, provincial and federal level for a discussion on what actions and commitments are needed from the government to respond to intimate-partner and gender-based violence in the community.

"We need immediate action. The trends show us that there will be at least one femicide, one life taken every week in our province," reads PCAWA's release. "We need action for all levels of government that recognize the urgency of this crisis."

Pacheco said since gender-based violence is a systemic issue, it requires a systemic response to meaningfully address it. She said until everyone understands their responsibility in ending the epidemic, there will not be a change in trends.



#### THEFT INVESTIGATION

#### Continued from Page 4

Members of the Caledon OPP Detachment are asking for the public's assistance in identifying two suspects and vehicle involved in theft in the Town of Caledon.

"On Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at approximately 1:30 pm, three individuals attended the Bolts Plus store on George Bolton Parkway in Caledon," say Police. "These individuals were involved in the theft of several pieces of auto maintenance equipment. The suspects were observed

entering an Orange Dodge minivan motor vehicle bearing Ontario license plate # CZLS731."

If you have any information in relation these thefts, please call the Caledon OPP Detachment at (905) 584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122.

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## Inaugural Cassie's Place charity golf tournament sells out

## Organizers plan to make tournament an annual event

#### **BY ZACHARY ROMAN** LOCAL JOURNALISM **INITIATIVE REPORTER**

A local non-profit is looking forward to its inaugural fundraising golf tournament next week.

Cassie's Place, a home away from home for individuals with differing abilities, is hosting a charity golf tournament on August 8 at Glen Eagle Golf Club in Bolton.

Joe Sassine, a volunteer with Cassie's Place, said all those who registered for the tournament are making a positive impact on the lives of their fellow community members. He explained that originally he was hoping to have 72 golfers sign up, but that support has been overwhelming and

there are now over 125 golfers registered: a sold-out event.

"It's going to be huge... the Mayor is coming too," said Sassine. "Glen Eagle has been very helpful for us... we got good sponsors for the tournament."

Sassine said he's very proud of the all-volunteer team from Cassie's Place that set up the tournament.

"They did an excellent job," said Sassine. "So many people signed up; I'm humbled to say the least."

The tournament is planned to be a yearly event and something Sassine hopes to grow each year.

Cassie's Place was founded in 2019 by Victoria Street, who named it after her daughter Cassandra. It's a place that offers a wide variety of programs for individuals with disabilities such as summer programs, day camps, a bowling league and online activities.

Over 20 individuals attend its day program, which is located at a home in Southfields Village.





Tickets sold out fast for the inaugural Cassie's Place golf tournament, which is taking place on Au-**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO** gust 8 in Bolton.

Cassie's Place is fundraising in the hopes it that everyone can feel safe, be treated equally, can one day purchase a permanent location for its day program, as well as a vehicle for transportation to day trips.

Sassine said Cassie's place is somewhere

and be involved.

Those interested in learning more about Cassie's Place or getting involved with next year's golf tournament can visit cassiesplace.ca.

## Plan will govern municipal priorities for the next 12 years

#### Continued from FRONT

The plan has four different priority areas, which the Town says were determined in part by feedback from Caledon residents, businesses, and community groups. The four areas are enhanced transportation and mobility; environmental leadership; community vitality and livability; and service excellence and accountability.

In the creation of the plan, there were over 600 submissions to online surveys and idea boards put out by the Town.

In a media release, Caledon Mayor Annette Groves said the plan "represents the qualities of Caledon we want to maintain as we grow."

She said it highlights what Caledon is committed to doing, to offer the best of rural and urban life for current and future residents.

According to the Town, it will present updates on the status of actions from the plan, and their impact in the community, on a yearly basis.

In a message in the plan itself, Groves thanked everyone who took the time to provide input on the plan.

The plan notes Caledon will grow to a population of about 150,000 by 2035 and despite this, Caledon's rural and agricultural roots must remain a strong part of the Town's identity. The Town says it will preserve the character of the villages and hamlets that "define Caledon today."

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

## Proposed Amendment to Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO)

The Town of Caledon has received notice from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing of a proposed amendment to a Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO). The Town of Caledon has not requested this MZO.

In accordance with the Town's Procedure for Consideration of Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) and Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator (CIHA) Requests, the Town is issuing notice of the proposed amendment together with an invitation to attend a Public Meeting to hear comments on the MZO request.

For more information on MZOs, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) on the Town's website.

#### NOTE:

- The issuance of an MZO (including the content and timeline to issue) is the sole discretion of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
- Should a member of the public have comments on the proposed MZO, the Town encourages written comments be submitted to the Lead Planner as soon as possible.

#### **PUBLIC MEETING DETAILS:**

Meeting Date:	August 24, 2023
Public Meeting Start Time:	7:00 p.m.
Location:	Council Chambers, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East
HOW TO PARTICIPATE:	

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

- 1. Attend In-Person Members of the public may attend a meeting in-person and provide verbal comments regarding the proposed application(s) or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting. Although registration is not mandatory, members of the public are encouraged to complete the Participation Request Form, available at caledon.ca/speak-at-council
- Submit a Written Comment Members of the public may submit a written comment regarding the proposed 2. application(s) by completing the Participation Request Form, available at caledon.ca/speak-at-council
- 3. Virtually Members of the public are welcome to participate via telephone or video conference through WebEx upon request. For more information on how to participate, please complete the Participation Request Form, available at caledon.ca/speak-at-council In addition, members of the public can watch meetings through the live stream available on the Town's website.

You can also ask questions or provide comments by:

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

#### LOCATION:

0 Old School Road, 0 McLaughlin Road, 12502 McLaughlin Road, 12771 McLaughlin Road and 12760 Hurontario Street. West Side of McLaughlin Road, South of Old School Road and Between McLaughlin Road and Hurontario Street, South of Old School Road

#### O. REG. 362/20:

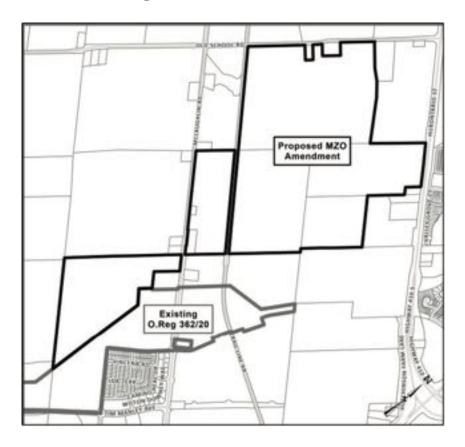
On July 10, 2020, the Minister issued a Ministerial Zoning Order (O. Reg. 362/20) for the lands within the Mayfield West Phase 2, Stage 2 Secondary Plan Area.

#### PROPOSED CHANGES:

The Town has received notice from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing of a proposed amendment to O. Reg. 362/20 to:

- Expand the lands that the MZO applies to, to include lands on the west side of McLaughlin Road, south of Old a. School Road, as well as lands between McLaughlin Road and Hurontario Street, south of Old School Road (totaling approximately 180 hectares); and,
- Include additional text to reflect the zones, uses and standards proposed through the amendment. b.

Ultimately, the amended MZO would permit the development of residential and commercial uses (including public infrastructure such as stormwater management pond) and recognize environmental lands. The proposed amendment, as received for comment, proposes that lands within the Greenbelt Plan be included in the MZO.



#### BACKGROUND:

On July 15, 2022, the Town received an Official Plan Amendment application for the subject lands from Malone Given Parsons on behalf of Brookvalley Project Management, On February 21, 2023, staff brought forward a report to Council recommending refusal of the application as it was incomplete and premature. Council referred the matter back to staff until such time that the Growth Management and Phasing Plan was complete.

The proposed Official Plan Amendment has not yet been brought back to Council for consideration pending completion of the Growth Management and Phasing Plan. It is anticipated that both the Growth Management and Phasing Plan and the report on the proposed Official Plan Amendment be brought forward in 03/04 of 2023.

#### LEAD PLANNER:

Stephanie McVittie Manager, Development 905-584-2272 x. 4253 stephanie.mcvittie@caledon.ca

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

#### HOW TO STAY INFORMED:

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Caledon on the proposed Ministerial Zoning Order, you must make a written request to the Planning Department of the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario, L7C 1J6 or planning@caledon.ca.

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## Caledon Fire reminding residents that residential fire sprinklers save lives



A new canopy tent and educational banners are going to help Caledon Fire and Emergency Services teach Caledon residents about the benefits of home fire TOWN OF CALEDON IMAGE sprinklers.

Fire department receives grant to purchase educational banners, canopy tent

#### **BY ZACHARY ROMAN**

LOCAL JOURNALISM **INITIATIVE REPORTER** 

A house fire can become deadly in less than three minutes.

With this fact in mind, Caledon Fire and Emergency Services is working to spread the word that residential fire sprinklers can save your life.

On August 1, Caledon Fire announced it had received a grant from

the non-profit group, Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC) Canada, to put towards educational materials about sprinklers.

Caledon's Fire Chief, Dave Forfar, said residential fire sprinklers can control a house fire and prevent it from becoming deadly, giving people a chance to escape their home safely.

"With the growth expected in our municipality in the near future, and with support from the HFSC, we will be working with Council, developers and builders to help realize the goal of having sprinkler systems in all new subdivisions," said Forfar.

Including Caledon Fire, HFSC Canada has provided funding to 20 fire departments across Canada this summer. Caledon Fire is using its funding to increase its visibility at public events by purchasing a new canopy tent and educational banners. The department hopes to attract more visitors at events such as Bolton's

Midnight Madness — which is happening on August 11 - and get thechance to share knowledge with them.

Forfar said Caledon Fire will be set up in the "Safety Zone" at Midnight Madness and encouraged residents to stop by with their families to say hello and learn more about fire safety.

According to HFSC Canada, today's house fires can become deadly in as little as two minutes by putting residents at risk from toxic smoke, heat and flames.

In a home equipped with sprinklers, the closest sprinkler to a fire will activate when the room temperature reaches about 74 degrees celsius. HFSC Canada said the sprinkler will then spray water directly on the fire, adding that in most home fires, just one sprinkler activates. Those interested in learning more about home fire sprinklers can visit homefiresprinklercanada.ca.





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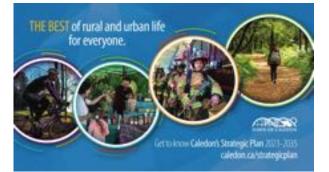
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> Nominations for inductees are open from July 17 - August 11, 2023, for the following categories:

> > ATHLETE - BUILDER - TEAM

To submit a nomination, please visit caledon.ca/CSHOF

## Town of Caledon launches 2023-2035 Strategic Plan



On July 26, Council adopted the Town of Caledon's 2023 - 2035 Strategic Plan – a collaborative strategy that will shape Caledon's future over the next 12 years.

Caledon's 2023-2035 Strategic Plan is a plan for everyone. Informed by contributions from the community, Council and staff, it is a plan that represents the qualities of Caledon we want to maintain as we grow, and what we commit to doing to offer the best of rural and urban life for current and future residents

Get familiar with the Strategic Plan at caledon.ca/strategicplan and monitor Town channels (@TownofCaledon) for updates on actions and initiatives that will help make Caledon the best of rural and urban life for everyone.

## Southfields Village Walking Tours

Join your neighbours and Town staff at a Community Conversations Walking Tour this summer.

Visit haveyoursaycaledon.ca/walkingtours to see when a walk is scheduled in your neighbourhood and to register.

Can't make it to a walk? Participate online using our digital mapping tool at haveyoursay.ca/walkingtours.

Don't see your neighbourhood? This is the beginning of a town-wide revitalization effort. More walking tours will be coming in the near future!

## **JOB FAIR! Caledon East Community Complex**



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- Hall A and Hall B at the Caledon East Community Complex

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- Meet the leadership team (Coordinators and Programmers).

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## Lining up to get your hands dirty

We often joke amongst ourselves that standing in a meal. line is something of a national pastime.

it is for something that tickles your fancy. Rather, it can be extended to seeing others standing in line and forth between client and pharmacist, but at the and either asking those who had already found their place there what the line was for – or simply tacking yourself onto the back of the queue in anticipation of whatever the mystery might be.

with standing in line if there's a clear objective. Airport lines, after all, are one of the prices we have to pay when we're able to travel, the slight inconvenience made all worthwhile by the destination.

Admittedly, since the start of the global pandemic, I've been slightly less enthusiastic about line-standing, particularly when it comes to retail as businesses scale back their customer service representatives, including cashiers, to save on their bottom line - or, reactions that are nothing short of visceral. worse, pass this duty onto the customer in the form of self-service - different approaches to achieving I'm always glad to see efforts being made to give the same objective.

But, if given the choice, I'd rather stand an extra five minutes in line rather than practice the theory of such machines being time-savers. After all, if you scan a bottle of ketchup once, hear a single beep, and having it come out thrice on the screen, thus necessitating a 10-minute wait for the one employee supervising the area to get to you after all the others have had similar problems kind of renders it useless. erations ago, certainly help dispel some of the un-I digress...

But sometimes standing in line, however, is an opportunity to get some insight on the human experience.

A few days ago, I was at a local chain pharmacy waiting for an appointment.

There were a couple of people in line ahead of me before I could check in, but the line was moving quickly and efficiently. Things slightly slowed, however, when it was the turn of the woman in front vision, a new build of more than a handful of abodes of me to step up to the pharmacist.

Eavesdropping is not my most natural of states, but I couldn't help but smile when my ears tuned into a brief snippet of their conversation.

Potentially a new Canadian, the woman seemed a bit unsure of herself as she took her place in front of the cash register. There to pick up a prescription that seemed to be all on the up and up, her voice brought already part of our collective suburban experience that sense of unsureness into deeper focus. She had a question.

In the interests of brevity, the question was whether or not the pharmacy could recommend a supplement, medicine, or any kind of product writ large to get her child or her grandchild to eat more vegetables, something I, as a non-parent, suspect is a done right, all around us, and finding the right path theme universal.

I don't think there was anything among the sitate reinventing the wheel. non-descript bottles of equally non-descript pills behind the pharmacist that would help specifically coming in ever-shorter supply, I believe community with this challenge, one I would imagine is as old as gardens will, before too long, become much more when our first forebears first began cultivating crops to supplement the meat they hunted and raised. But, Speaking for myself, when any opportunities near the pharmacist was helpful, suggesting a number of me arise for a little garden plot, I will gladly join the ways she might be able to sneak some veggies into line.

Unfortunately, the customer had tried that to no It's not just the action of standing in line when avail, the kid at home being one tough customer.

> Variations on the exchange were volleyed back end of the day, it all boiled down to the idea that only sheer grit and determination would result in the boy getting his five-to-ten servings a day into his diet.

As far as I remember from my own childhood, Personally speaking, I've never had a problem it was never a struggle to get me to eat my veggies.

My mother has often tells of my toddlerhood, sitting in a grocery cart being wheeled through a local market and grabbing handfuls of bean sprouts, mushrooms, and broccoli crowns with my tiny hands and quickly shoving them into my mouth before I got caught - I guess I always did. My brother was and is a very different story and today even some perfectly delicious veggies seem to inspire

Is it nature versus nurture? Maybe, but in this job, kids as early a shot as possible at developing a taste for their things that grow out of the soil.

Many of these initiatives can be best described as getting "back to basics" in helping youngsters plant their own seeds, watering them, watching sprouts emerge from the loamy darkness, and harvesting them when the time is nigh.

Approaches, commonplace just a couple of gencertainty about what's on our plates and gave the young consumer a sense of ownership about the foods they put in their bodies.

The only problem is having the space to do so.

In communities like ours, the perennial issue of community gardens, particularly proposals to make them a key part of new builds and neighbourhood planning, often germinates to nothing.

All it takes is for a new community, a new subdito bring out all those clamoring for community allotments for a patch of dirt to call their own. In turn, a similar number of people come out of the proverbial woodwork, often those living nearby to any such opportunities, to shoot down the idea, citing everything from an influx of dastardly critters to the area - as if raccoons, coyotes, possum, and mice are not - to the aesthetic appeal of a working piece of land.

More often than not, the loudest voices prevail and the ideas are sent back to the freezer section, tossed upon bags of processed corn and peas, and that, to my mind is a shame.

Community gardens continue to thrive when forward to make them a local reality does not neces-

Now, with our farmlands and greenspaces bethan nice-to-haves.



## Is humankind in jeopardy of extinction?



As we tiny human beings scurry to clean up the mess we've made, we need to look at the bigger pic-

We've known, for decades, that our use of fossil fuels, pollution, waste, litter and over-fishing has taxed our poor, little globe. It's all we have and yet we haven't treated it very well since the industrial revolution.

While our billion-dollar telescopes are pointing outward, we still need to focus inward. Helping one another is always paramount, but cleaning up our act is vital, too.

The "Doomsday Clock," created in 1947 to illustrate global nuclear weapons threats, is now poised at 90 seconds before midnight. At the stroke of 12, kaboom!

#### by Mark Pavilons

In a discussion among 17 experts and scientists from several nations, the consensus was that our planet is in a much worse state than we think.

"The scale of the threats to the biosphere and all its life forms - including humanity - is in fact so great that it is difficult to grasp for even well-informed experts," they wrote in a report in Frontiers in Conservation Science, which references more than 150 studies detailing the world's major environmental challenges.

NASA has also tossed in its two cents' worth on the "Last Day of Life on Earth." The existence of planet earth is the sole reason humans have thrived since the beginning of time. Scientists predict that our planet is dying and we don't have a lot of time left.

NASA claims that humans are at a very real risk of extinction. Scientists fear that if they cannot locate somewhere else in the solar system that can support human life, we are in serious trouble.

Experts claim that the end of life as we know it will be caused by solar radiation. The sun's damage to our ecosystem is the most threatening environmental issue. Computer simulations give scientists mathematical predictions on the state of the earth's health, and they claim that it's not looking good.

They forgot to mention alien invasion, getting hit by an asteroid, and overdosing on stupidity.

Pretty bleak, but what do they know?

The answer, my friends, may indeed be blowing in the wind so to speak.

#### **Our Readers Write**

## Fair or Foe, reader asks?

City Hall our elected and unelected official ing of services will undoubtedly increase our have new visions, new plans and lofty goals. taxes, but won't the upgrading add to the value Different voices become a single chorus for one on the proprieties? A neighbour found out how grandiose vision. Someone may celebrate this far his money would go: a bachelor apartment collaboration of parts. I otherwise see my street, in Richmond Hill or a three-bedroom home on in south Bolton, being taken over by new hous- the east side of Bobcaygeon. Both desirable es, higher than the 5-story building sitting on bargains. the corner of Hwy 50.

the construction of these single-family homes, single-family dwelling is of the size of a garrison.

Privacy is highly valued: no "would be af- Period! fected" person may enquire or have access to the proposed or approved project; this administration aims to be remembered as "Caledon the Good." In many cases no notices are issued by the departments to the most affected neightrees. (No concern for local trees!)

about the lack of information, stalled permits for upgrading projects. The taller dwelling on each side of a home left the backyard in unmiti-

Many are the changes today in Caledon; at gated shade. Others mentioned that the upgrad-

I guess all it takes for us living in rural, I must now praise the Building Department backwater Caledon is to re-adjust some of our of Caledon, the Inspector Dep., the Regulatory out-dated views and synchronize our goals with Services for bending over backward to facilitate the ones of our "betters." My queries, last September, to the building department about con-"castle" by their proportion; one especially, a struction and permits in Bolton, were met with quick dismissal and told that we must "have trust in the Departments and their decisions."

> Our "betters" take directions and strength from the top leader of our country and that is: shielding us from misinformation and disinformation, for a constructive future.

In Halton, farmers, local folks, are questionbours; what of variances and exceptions? Easy ing the future use of the land, opposing the operanswer: we limit the use of paper; we care about ation of a mega foreign company of aggregates. Our official addressing the company, promised There were voices of dissent: complains to be fair and impartial. Let's give 'em a hand!

GABRY COSTA

In the Book of Revelation, Armageddon is described as a gathering of armies for a battle during the "end times." Most interpret this Bible prophecy to be symbolic of the progression of the world toward the day in which God pours out his just and holy wrath against unrepentant sinners, led by Satan, in a literal end-of-the-world final confrontation!

Wow. Here and now, the outlook is also bleak. A paper published by an Australian think tank says if nothing is done to combat climate change, we'll all perish by 2050.

Steve Luby, an epidemiologist and the director of research for Stanford's Center for Innovation in Global Health, ponders whether we can avert imminent extinction.

Luby says we can, but along the way and without intervention, the future looks pretty grim. By 2100 - a short 77 years in the future - he sees three potential outcomes: human extinction, the collapse of civilization with limited survival, or a thriving human society. The first two outcomes could be the result of population growth coupled with the increasing destruction of our planet.

Demographers have estimated the total number of people who ever lived at about 100 billion.

Currently, roughly 130 million people are born each year and at that rate, it would take perhaps 760 years for another 100 billion more people to be born. That's the basis of the claim that there's a 50 per cent of saying "enough is enough." chance that humans will become extinct within 760 years.

Not sure why this figure is the ultimate tipping point, but there you have it. Maybe it's some sort of a "reset" number, like Y2K was supposed to be.

Paleontologist Henry Gee says the most insidious threat to humankind is something called "extinction debt." This refers to habitat loss - running out build, replant, restore and reassure. of space. Since we occupy the entire planet, we're **BOLTON** most at risk.

If you glance through the pages of humankind's history book, you will find many thriving, advanced civilizations who perished, or mysteriously disappeared. Some were brought down by disease and natural disasters, others, well, who knows.

One only has to look at the mighty Greek, Egyptian and Roman Empires to be awed by the societies, structures, temples and places of worship our ancestors created.

Archaeologists are continuing to unearth evidence of advanced societies tens of thousands of years old, with the ability to carve massive stone buildings and monuments. Many were expert astronomers before telescopes or any real knowledge of the universe existed. Some built structures so big, and so perfect, that we cannot replicate their techniques to this day.

We are still mystified by the great pyramids, the Great Sphinx, Stonehenge, Gobekli Tepe, Ggantija, Teotihuacan, Derinkuyu and one of my favourites, Machu Picchu.

Are we due for another great "reset" - leaving the modern mysteries of Kingdom Tower, Burj Khalifa, The Shard, Sydney Opera House, Taj Mahal and even our own CN Tower or Mississauga's Absolute World highrises - behind for the future generations to ponder?

As we have seen with many recent natural disasters - floods, forest fires, earthquakes - we are at the mercy of our planet. Maybe it's the earth's way

Just like our own short lifespan, our world's existence is but a flicker in the massive expanse of the universe. Our world's entire history, our human impact, could come and go, with hardly a footnote in the Great Big Book of Everything.

Before that happens, though, maybe we should do what we can to shore up the storm shutters, re-

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## Are we under water yet?

Everyone loves a good conspiracy theory.

Well, maybe not everyone, but a lot of people do follow the information leaked from buried, just have to look for them. hidden, re-routed sources, or in some cases totally altered from reality.

There are conspiracy theories that are so ridiculous a person with any kind of common sense there was less than 20 years' worth of oil remaincan figure out it's an urban myth created from a ing on the planet. Yet, here we are, 80 and 50 rumour, that came from a story, that came from years later, and there are still massive oil reserves someone's relative who knew a guy who knew a capable of powering the planet for hundreds of guy it happened to.

There are other theories that are plausible, however, not likely.

Then there are theories that do have indicators that there is more to the story than we have been told.

Many conspiracy theories, at least the well-researched ones, do have a grain of truth, or some lation was a little over 3.5 billion. That figure has kind of path that leads to other information.

The national and international media picks up on many of these stories and runs with them for countries like China with huge populations, have years. Many of these stories are based on "expert" opinion. All it takes is one published opinion to get the ball rolling and a lot of other people in many food products. jump on board.

sense. The information and stories are there, you teacher who was convinced we were all going to phenomenon that oc-

Numerous times over the past 100 years, the experts predicted the world was running out of oil. In some published papers, it was suggested years.

For around a decade, starting in the mid 60s, the big concern was the "population explosion."

The experts predicted dire consequences and mass starvation if the world's population didn't get under control.

That hasn't happened. In 1968, the world popumore than doubled in 55 years to over 8 billion.

There has been no mass starvation, in fact increased food production to meet the needs of a growing country and they lead world production

During the 70s, scientists came up with the A look at the petroleum industry over the past idea that the earth was heading for a new ice age. The ozone layer is now doing fine. Apparently the same as it was in 2023."

**BRIAN LOCKHART** FROM THE SECOND ROW

120 years provides a good example of this non- I was even taught this in high school by a science it was partly a natural be freezing to death in less than ten years.

> I do recall having a bleak conversation with several friends who were convinced they would call any news stories never have a beach house because everything about that. would be frozen solid.

Apparently the ice age didn't happen.

A few decades ago, there was the great ozone merly called "global warming." layer scare. The ozone layer in the atmosphere was shrinking. Up until that announcement, most derwater in few short years. people didn't even know there was an ozone layer.

that threatened all of humanity, and doomed us all go outdoors on a sunny day.

I'm sure many people wished they had shares in a big suntan lotion company prior to that an- picture of photographs taken at the exact same nouncement, because we were all warned to spot around 110 years ago. The water levels were slather on the lotion before even thinking about exactly the same. going outdoors.

curs every few years. However, I don't re-

So now, as we all

know, we are in a period of climate change - for-

The ice caps are melting, New York will be un-

I've heard the theory of rising ocean levels for years, and so have many people. And yet an But there it was, a giant hole in the ozone layer enterprising photographer photographed several well-known locations around the world, includto a scorching case of skin cancer if you dared to ing the Statue of Liberty, who should be up to her ankles in seawater by now.

He was detailed and captured the exact same

I know a lot of people won't agree with me, but Mothers would poor lotion all over their kids I think in 20 or 30 years, people will look back before letting them play in a park for 30 minutes. and say "do you remember when they told us the Again, the dire predictions did not come true. climate was changing? Yet, the climate now, is

## Feeling Reflective

you? I only ask because I feel that it's entire- all the "what if's," and missed opportunities (a job we dislike or a long commute) when we cally on their family, ly possible many of you have, or will, expe- and we call into question our own priorities. understand the greater purpose behind it - our their friends, perhaps rience something similar to the feelings I'm Have I achieved what I wanted to, whether "why." However, we're not always encour- their having at the moment. They are the kinds of that's an education, travel, a prestigious po- aged/conditioned to understand our "why." To feelings that we don't often talk about public- sition in an organization? Have I excelled at ask such existential questions is not baked into ly and maybe, unless it's amongst our closest a sport, am I "the best" at something? Is this our educational institutions and is not somefriends and family, they are feelings we don't what matters? even like to acknowledge having. Perhaps Instead, I propose the questions we ask of of time talking about. Would, I wonder, the we should. Perhaps then, the world might be ourselves should actually be quite different. great philosophers be revered today? Instead, a kinder, more gentle, place. If indeed we all We've been conditioned to believe that excel- it's "WHAT do you want to be?" not "WHO spoke more openly about the powerful impact lence is an end goal. That being "the best" is do you want to be?" We are actively encourof our thoughts and feelings, there might be what matters most. A degree is more import- aged to think about what kind of occupation less hate, division, intolerance and injustice ant than a diploma and either is better than a we should aspire to rather than aspiring to be in the world. Because at our core, beneath the skilled trade. Really? What's wrong with us? kind. We are encouraged in business to have colour of our skin, or the clothes we wear, or What's wrong with simply doing what you "big, audacious goals" but we still very much the religion we practice - we are all simply hu- can, with what you have, every day? Living need the mundane, daily tasks to be done so man beings, struggling with feelings of who a life that matters - and has purpose - for you. what does that say to the people for whom the pier in general. If we worried less about othwe are and what we might mean to the world We are all individuals and every kind of per- mundane is their responsibility? around us.

question our own mortality. It doesn't have to of those who surround us. So, what are the real neral comments include phrases like, "they in- good where we can, to love whom we love, be a personal family member, or even a close questions we should be asking of ourselves? creased third quarter profits," or "single-hand- and have a positive impact on those who love friend – if we are human and experience empathy - it can be a person at quite a distance and if I am not, am I doing what needs to be No. More often than not, they speak of the pretty darn sure as a result, we'd still have a removed from us that is battling through a dif- done right now and which is serving a purpose impact the person had on the world around positive impact on the wider world around us.

son in this world has value, and adds value, if

Permit me a bit of self-indulgence, will ficult time. We feel their pain, their sorrow at that makes sense to me? We can endure much them, more specifi-

thing society in general spends a great deal

At the end of a life, we don't often talk

#### SHERALYN ROMAN TALK CALEDON

community. How they made a difference in someone's life, how they made



someone laugh, smile, or how fiercely they loved. So, the question we should all be asking ourselves is "What impact am I having, not on the world - but on the world around me?"

Because as I sit here feeling reflective, I can't help but think if we all focussed on the priorities that matter most in our own lives, not with selfish intent, but rather, to do and to honour what is important to us, we'd be hapers' expectations of us and worried more about meeting our own expectations, we'd be hap-Sometimes we hear some news that calls into only we could see our impact through the eyes about what one achieved in business. Few fu- pier in general. If we each aspired to do some Am I happy? Am I doing what I want to do, edly reduced corporate expenditures by half." us most, we'd be happier in general AND I'm



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## Hospitable Halifax hosts Green Rider revelers and ardent **Argo Fans at CFL's Touchdown Atlantic 2023**

#### **BY JIM STEWART**

Halifax is no stranger to stirring events. It endured 200 years of war between England and France. It was a significant rescue and salvage port following the tragic sinking of the Titanic in 1912. It was decimated in the terrifying Explosion in 1917 when the Mont Blanc collided with the Imo in The Narrows and ignited a 1.5 kiloton explosion. Parts of the destroyed ships in a lethal blast zone were jettisoned as far as four kilometers into the center of the city. Halifax was terrorized by Hurricane Juan in 2003 when the tropical cyclone devastated the Nova Scotia coastline. Juan's sustained 158 km/h winds blew the beautiful Halifax boardwalk into the Harbour.

More recently, in July, the resilient and charming city endured a "Biblical" amount of rainfall as the besieged Nova Scotian capital and nearby municipalities like Bedford received three months of rain in 24 hours.

Despite this meteorological mayhem and the cleanup that ensued, Halifax hosted with tremendous efficacy the Canadian Football fax welcomed both the friendly "invasion" of nomadic Green Rider fans who routinely fill CFL stadiums and the arrival of a smaller number of ardent Argonaut fans whose distinctive double-blue gear separated them from the Regina revelers.

For the second year in a row, the regular season game pitted Canada's most popular CFL franchise, the Saskatchewan Roughriders, against the CFL's winningest franchise, the Toronto Argonauts.

Last year's event was hosted at Acadia University in Wolfville, NS, but this weekend's game was held at Huskies Stadium on the 221-year-old campus of St. Mary's University in the heart of Halifax.

Over 10,000 CFL fans-the vast majority supporters of the visitors from Regina - swept into the city for three days of revelry, culminating in the Big Game on Saturday afternoon which was broadcast nationally on TSN.

"Touchdown Atlantic", a celebration of CFL culture and played by two of the league's

League's biggest pre-Grey Cup event of its most storied franchises, is also played in Halseason, "Touchdown Atlantic 2023". Hali- ifax to drum up support for a prospective CFL expansion franchise aptly named the Atlantic Schooners. Halifax is a great sports town that already boasts the CHL Halifax Mooseheads, the CPL HFX Wanderers FC, the NLL Halifax Thunderbirds, and the ARU Halifax Tars Rugby Football Club. Halifax and Moncton co-hosted the 2023 IIHF World Junior Championships so the city knows how to throw a sports party in any season.

> Fortunately, I was among those invaders clad in green that descended on Halifax on Thursday and my assignment this week morphed into a travelogue that extols the virtues of Porter Airlines, the great pubs, restaurants, and museums of downtown Halifax, the hospitality of Haligonians, my own love of the Saskatchewan Roughriders since 1966, and my lifelong admiration of the venerable Toronto Argonauts-an ancient sports franchise by Canadian standards-that is rolling right along this season with a perfect 5-0 record heading into Touchdown Atlantic 2023.

> Here's how the Three-Day Party unfolded in one of the greatest Canadian cities.

#### Day 1-Flying Into Halifax to Bond with Rider Fans and Enjoying East Coast Hospitality

If you haven't visited Halifax in the summer, consider this an invitation to enjoy the charming capital of Nova Scotia during its peak tourist season.

If you've never seen a CFL game live, consider this an invitation to travel to nearby Hamilton or Toronto or even Ottawa to experience the unique version of football that Canadians have enjoyed since the league was formed in 1956 and renamed in 1958 when the Interprovincial Football Union (1907) and the Western Interprovincial Football Union (1936) merged into the CFL as we have known it for 65 years. The Grey Cup, the oldest trophy in professional sport in North America, has been competed for by rugby teams and, as the sport evolved, football teams in Canada since 1909.

When these two invitations were merged, the working vacation was irresistible. Covering a Riders-Argos game in July in Halifax was a "dream" sports and travel assignment.

"Touchdown Atlantic 2023" was promoted

Garnet (from Sutton and originally from Saskatchewan), Paul, and I-all loyal Riders fans since the 1960s-meet Ardys and Ed, Garnet's sister and brother-in-law from Saskatchewan, to enjoy some Argyll Street fare.

Our quintet is looked after expertly by Victoria who delivers local beer for us- Black Angus IPA and Halifax Haze-to complement a big bowl of the best seafood chowder I have consumed since I visited San Francisco.

The big meaty scallops have come fresh from Digby and today's medley of items in this creamy goodness includes shrimp, haddock, potatoes, and carrots served with Durty Nelly's warm "house-made Guinness Brown Bread."

Buoyed by our first meal of the trip, our Quintet strolled down to the harbor to take in its lively night life. We enjoy the reggae rhythms of Andru Branch and Halfway Tree on our way to other more bacchanalian pursuits. We settle on The Stubborn Goat Beer Garden on the boardwalk with its enchanting view of the harbor and decide on whisky for a nightcap-doubles of Bushmill's Highball for Paul and Red Bank on the Rocks with a sprig of mint for me. Both are served perfectly by Owen-a quick-witted, friendly, and articulate server who is an Argos fans and we forgive him for this minor transgression.

Owen looks after us skillfully, goes the extra mile to serve us like yacht captains, and we reward him royally. A very sobering, brisk walk up Duke Street and a nice night photo of the misty Citadel that overlooks this great Canadian city close off an enjoyable Day 1 in Halifax.

#### Day 2-Preparing for the Big Game subtitled "Gather ye Rider Fans while ye may"

We are a slow-moving trio today after last night's "liquid-induced lethargy", but bless my brother-he's already attended his business meeting and comes back to the flat to inspire the troops to get a move on. Our flat has Earl Grey tea and a number of essential niceties-a lovely treat to have my plasma in a mug. We set off for vibrant Halifax which is teeming with millennials-such great levels of energy in the cafes and sidewalks as we descend Citadel Hill in search of brunch. We settle on Cora's on Dresden Road where Paul orders a 10-Star Omelette, Ramekin Fruits, and a Coffee, Garn opts for The Gargantuan Breakfast and a Coffee, and I select the French Toast and Fruit Medley with a side of sausages and Earl Grey Tea. All the essential absorbent ingredients are in our respective meals. After power-shopping for victuals and power-walking back up the hill to fill the flat's fridge, we conduct a costume change and emerge in Rider Green gear. The Terrific Trio assumed a nice downhill gait-great for the calves-to take in the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic for only \$8.50 each. The Titanic and The Halifax Explosion are poignant exhibits among so many compelling artefacts that show the fury and cruelty of the Atlantic. The models of the great ships, especially the Cunard ocean liners that transported European immigrants to Pier 21, are intricately-detailed. The most notable of the ships for us was the Aquitania that was built in 1913 after the Titanic tragedy and carried our dad from Scotland to Canada in 1949 when he was 17. What a meaningful trip down family memory lane. After the reflective moments in the museum and the obligatory trip to the Gift Shop for a black \$24 Titanic Nightfall t-shirt, we developed a thirst for harbour patio life, took out our Treasure Map, and it was off to The Lower Deck-one of best waterfront pubs where Ardys and Ed had a table ready for our Green-Garbed Quintet. It was evident that thousands of Rider fans had flown in on Friday with Saskatchewan fans outnumbering Argos fans on the harbor front at least 5 to 1.





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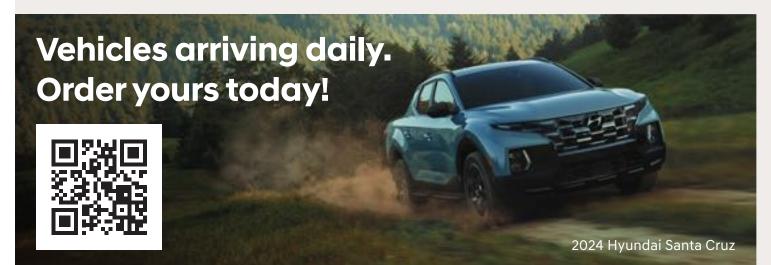
After an effortless digital check-in with our Porter boarding passes, my brother Paul and I, both lifelong Riders fans, sampled some smoky delights at Caplansky's Delicatessen at Pearson Terminal 3.

As our Porter Flight 207 banked its way to the tarmac of Halifax Stanfield International Airport, we saw aerial evidence of flood-ravaged Nova Scotia. Roiled, cloudy, waterways were still swollen from the incredible amount of rain and the muskeg looked soggier than usual north of the airport, but Halifax looked like it had weathered the storm better than its neighboring municipalities as we Ubered our way from the Alt Hotel for \$50 through Dartmouth and into the city to our three-bedroom flat.

Halifax is so walkable—as long as you can climb hills. It's as hilly as San Francisco and as steep in places. We arrive at our flat west of the Citadel. Its location affords us walking distance to the famous bars and the hospitable Haligonians who look after tourists so well. We have a Pub Crawl Map to follow for three days, courtesy of my son-in-law's friend who, like so many young Ontarians, has moved to Nova Scotia for employment and housing opportunities. His hand-drawn overview of downtown Halifax, featuring its best bars and restaurants, is penned on an envelope and perfect for non-digital natives. Essentially, it functions as a treasure map for 72 hours.

We start our Touchdown Atlantic Adventure at Durty Nelly's—an authentic Irish Pub.

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## Two new clubhouses, on-site accommodations coming to TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley

## **Construction part of** 'Home of Canadian Golf' project

#### **BY ZACHARY ROMAN** LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Major construction is underway at a golf course in Alton.

On July 28, TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley announced it was expanding with a "play and stay" project. The course said it will be the first of its kind in the Greater Toronto Area and give guests a chance to combine their love of golf with a relaxing vacation stay.

There are two new clubhouses being built on the Osprey Valley grounds. The first clubhouse is intentionally designed to look like a modern interpretation of a traditional Ontario barn structure. A second, smaller clubhouse is also using the "modern farmhouse" design but will be a more intimate venue that

Osprey Valley said will be great for weddings and other events.

On-site accommodations are also being built at Osprey Valley. Ontario-based Flat Iron Building Group and Hicks Design Studio are collaborating on the building project.

A grand opening of the new amenities is expected to take place in 2024.

Last summer, on July 20, Golf Canada and Osprey Valley announced that Golf Canada's headquarters would be moving to Osprey Valley. Alongside Golf Canada, Golf Ontario and the Club Management Association of Canada will be moving their headquarters to the Alton location.

The Canadian Golf Hall of Fame and Museum, a free and publicly accessible putting green and indoor high-performance golf centre, will also be coming to the Osprey Valley grounds.

Additionally, the national headquarters of First Tee Canada will be moving to Osprey Valley. First Tee Canada is a youth development organization launched in 2021, designed to increase access to golf for kids from diverse backgrounds.



An overhead view of one of the new clubhouses being built at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley in Alton, as seen on June 29, 2023. ZACHARY ROMAN PHOTO

## **Bolton Community Crew preparing for** massive Midnight Madness event

#### **BY ZACHARY ROMAN** LOCAL IOURNALISM

INITIATIVE REPORTER

It's almost time for one of Caledon's largest summer events.

On Friday, August 11, Midnight Madness is returning to Downtown Bolton. The event will be held from 6 to 11 p.m., and the streets will be pedestrian-only for the yearly night of fun.

Musical entertainment for the evening will include Sylvia Kay, a singer-songwriter from Caledon East; local singer Sebastian Carubia; The Salida Project, a jazz-influenced rock band with a horn section; and Abba Revisited, a renowned Abba cover mand. band.

Sarah Leslie of the Bolton Community Crew said this year, there's going to be over 60 vendors at the Midnight Madness street send an email to boltoncommunitycrew@ market. She said a lot of the businesses in gmail.com. Free pizza and drinks will be Downtown Bolton will have special offer- provided for all volunteers. ings on the eleventh.

year. Reptilia is going to be joining us," said Bolton's North and South hills so people can Leslie. Reptilia will have all kinds of rep- park and access the event easily.



**FILE PHOTO** 

tiles, amphibians and arachnids on display. Food trucks were a big hit at last year's Midnight Madness event, and there will be 11 of them this year to meet the popular de-

Volunteers are still needed for Midnight Madness for 3 to 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. shifts. Those interested in helping out can

There will be shuttle buses running from "We've got an awesome kids zone this 7 to 11 p.m. to Midnight Madness from

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At our Lower Deck table overlooking the big ships in the harbor and seated with a bunch of vocal Rider fans, we "clapped in" all those clad in Green. A "Love In", indeed. Even a young lady sporting a Green purse and no Riders gear was applauded vociferously. A couple pints of beer for the Quintet enhanced our view of the sailboats dotting the brilliant blue harbor.

The Lower Deck's local offerings prepped us for our walk up the hill to the Barrington Steakhouse and Oyster Bar where we splurged on a decadent meal. I chose the six-ounce tenderloin and seared scallops, seasonal veggies, and mashed potatoes preceded by a colorful and tasty garden salad complemented by a shared bottle of Joel Gott 815 Cabernet Sauvignon California 2019.

Equally perfect were the dulcet vocal stylings of pianist Apryll Aileen who voice suggested notes of both Sarah McLachlan and Amanda Marshall. Our quintet-clad in Rider gear in one of the finer restaurants in Halifaxsubmitted an Amanda Marshall request to

the charming songstress and the sweet tones of "Let it Rain" rolled from the microphone and piano, much to the delight of her "fans all the way from Saskatchewan" that she noted to her audience.

After a nice visit with the engaging paddler-pianist-vocalist-songwriter, we set up for the next stage of the uphill climb to "Riderville"-a big party for Saskatchewan fans complete with music, dancing, a spirited watermelon-eating contest, and pics with Roughrider players at the greenlit Marquee Ballroom on Gottingen Street.

We conversed with legendary Rider running back Wes Cates and enjoyed the company of affable Canadian wide receiver Kian Schaffer-Baker who posed with us for a number of photographs. His patience with photo-seekers and inebriated fans was saint-like.

As another night of Rider Revelry drew to a close in the great city of Halifax, Riderville was on our way home from downtown so it was a wee walk uphill to our Creighton Street flat.

To be continued next week.



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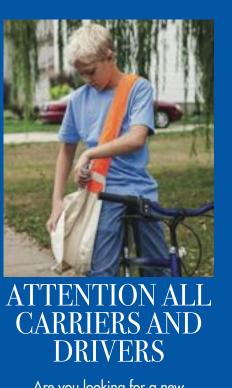
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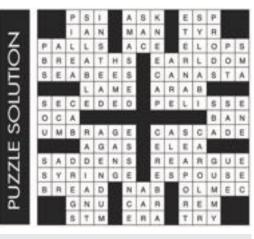
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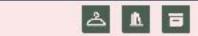
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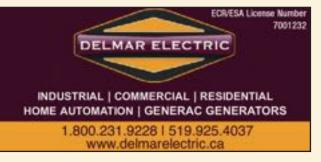




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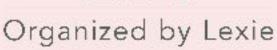
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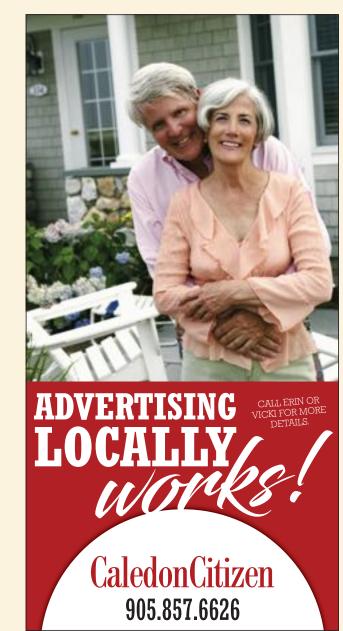


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## CCS celebrating success and looking ahead to future challenges

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CCS also provides settlement assistance, and 213 newcomers to Town accessed that service last year. There were also 139 people who took English language classes from CCS.

CCS' employment programs saw 548 people assisted and resulted in 156 job starts, a 200 per cent increase from 2021 to 2022. There were 45 local businesses that received assistance with their workforce needs and 47 youth who went to CCS for job training and experience.

Also highlighted in the report was the nearly 21,000 rides provided by CCS in the past year, and the 356 seniors' health and wellness sessions it delivered.

Mariia Kupriianova, Chief Development Officer for CCS, said over the past year it was the kindness and generosity of Caledon residents and businesses that made a difference in the community. She said CCS' recent Annual General Meeting (AGM), held on June 28, was about business but also about celebrating the successes of the past year and looking ahead to meet the challenges to come.

"Demand unfortunately outpaces our capabilities..." said Kupriianova. "There are many challenges that lie ahead... we're now serving the highest-ever number of Caledon residents with food support, that's what we're up against."

Kupriianova said Caledon is a fast-growing municipality and that CCS is seeing people come in for support that never thought they would need it before.

At the AGM, several honorary life member awards were given out to supporters of CCS: one to Piero Carbone, long-time owner of Garden Foods: one to Bob Fines, owner of Fines Ford Lincoln; and one to Johanna Chevalier, former Caledon Councillor.

The AGM was held at the Southfields Community Centre, where CCS has its newcomer support office. No new members joined the CCS board of directors at the AGM.

Donna Cragg, Director of Communications for CCS, said the non-profit is looking for new board members to help out.

"We're looking to diversify the board so we can connect with different lived experiences around Caledon," said Cragg.

CCS is in the last year of its current strategic plan and is already beginning the process of creating its new one. Cragg said this will involve connecting with the Caledon community on a large scale. Cragg noted CCS CEO Geraldine Aguiar has already met with nearly every social service agency CEO in Caledon already, with community group meetings to come.



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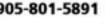




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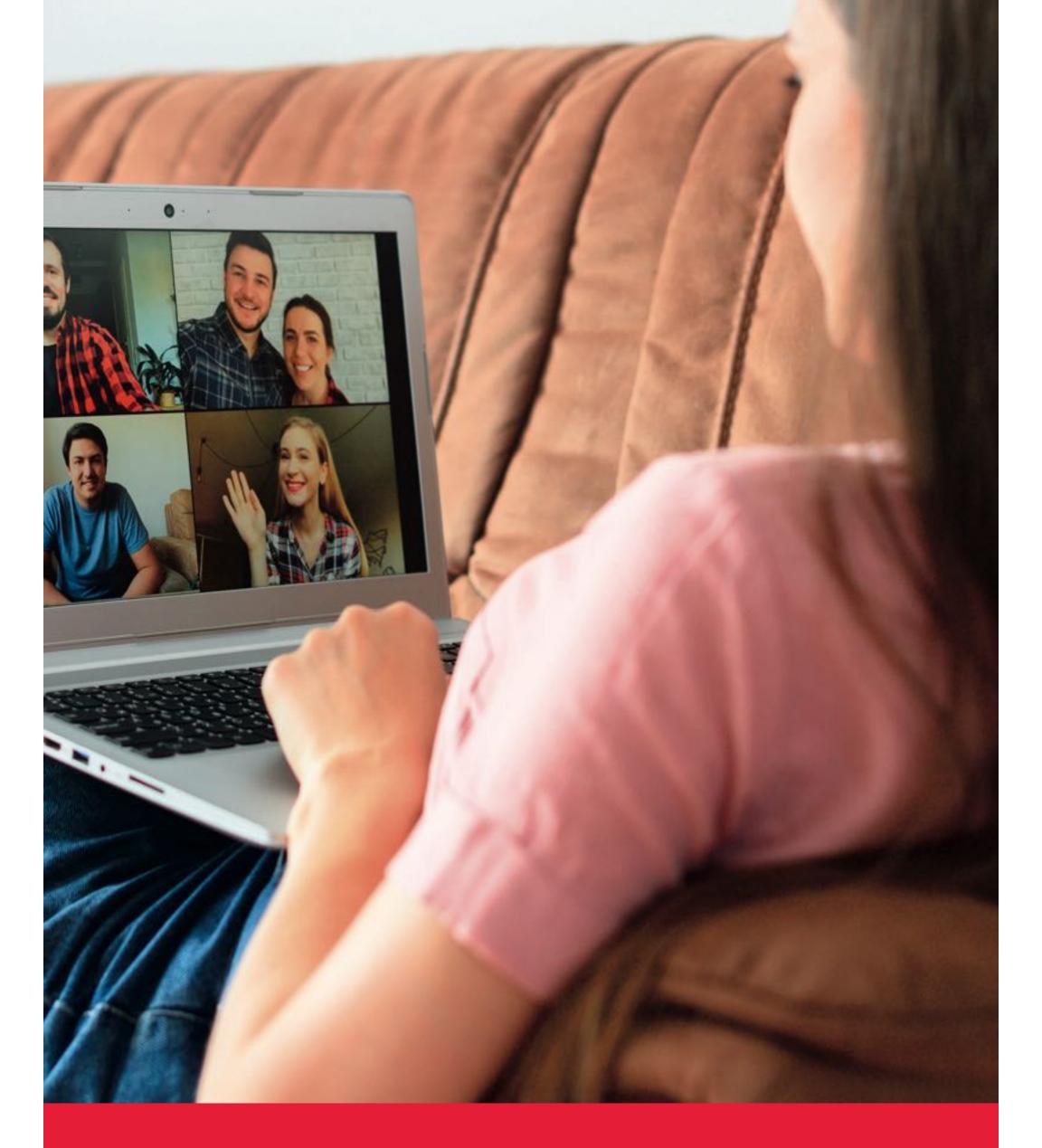
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