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Caledon Mayor Annette Groves and Ontario Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria chat at Groves' October 11 business breakfast. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

# Mayor speaks of time of transition and opportunity for Caledon at Fall Business Breakfast

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Caledon community was talking business on Wednesday morning.

On October 11, Caledon Mayor Annette Groves hosted a Fall Business Breakfast event at the Royal Ambassador Event Centre in Caledon East.

Ontario's Minister of Transportation,

Prabmeet Sarkaria, was a special guest speaker at the event.

Groves said small businesses are the backbone of Caledon's economy.

"Small businesses make up 98 per cent of our employment base and are critical to the success of the Town's economy," said Groves. "When small businesses succeed, Caledon thrives."

This year to date, Groves said she has at-

tended the opening ceremonies of 11 small businesses in Caledon.

Groves thanked the business community for participating in Caledon's annual business survey. She said it gives the Town important information about the needs of local businesses, and what they'd like to see prioritized.

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## Council defers report recommending creation of single-tier transition committee

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon has hit pause on the establishment of a committee to deal with the Region of Peel's dissolution.

At an October 10 Special Council meeting, Town of Caledon staff brought forward a report recommending that

a single-tier transition committee be formed.

The committee was to consist of Regional Councillor Mario Russo as Vice-Chair and Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell as Chair, with Mayor Annette Groves as an ex-officio member.

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# Local sportsmen’s club donates \$10,000 to Cassie’s Place

Islington Sportsmen’s Club donates golf tournament proceeds to local charities each year

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A Caledon sportsmen’s club has made a big contribution to a local non-profit.

On October 5, the Islington Sportsmen’s Club presented a cheque for \$10,000 to Cassie’s Place, a local non-profit that provides a home away from home for individuals with differing abilities.

The presentation was held at the Cassie’s Place house in Southfields Village.

David Castelli, the current President of the Islington Sportsmen’s Club, a not-for-profit club that’s located in the Highway 9 and Highway 50 area, said the club hosts a charity golf tournament each year, and wants to help out in its own backyard: Caledon.

The club reached out to the Town of Caledon looking for a charity to support and was recommended Cassie’s Place.

The Islington Sportsmen’s Club is a conservation and gun club that’s been around for 67 years. It features gun ranges, archery, a stocked trout pond and a clubhouse where all kinds of events are held. There are family Halloween and Christmas



Caledon Mayor Annette Groves, Cassie’s Place volunteer Joe Sassine, and Islington Sportsmen’s Club president David Castelli attended a cheque presentation at Cassie’s Place on October 5.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

COMMUNITY  
events

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

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

The Bolton Al-Anon Group has recently moved the regular meeting location to the Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy Street (across from Bolton Post Office). We still meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is/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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CALEDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY At the September 14th meeting, a vote was taken and it was agreed that the Caledon Horticultural Society would be closed. Our last ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on October 26, 2023, from 7 to 9 PM at the Cheltenham Community Hall, 14190 Creditview Road (behind the fire hall). If you would like to attend, please contact Bobbie Bennett at [gscale3541@gmail.com](mailto:gscale3541@gmail.com) for more information.

The Albion Bolton Historical Society is holding their next meeting on Monday, October 16th - 7:30 pm start, at the Albion Bolton Community Centre, 150 Queen Street South, Bolton, Meeting Room C, 2nd floor. Members will present objects, photographs, documents, story, etc. that has an Albion or Bolton connection for a “Show and Tell”. Questions, please contact Nathan at 905-584-2801 or [nhillerphoto@bell.net](mailto:nhillerphoto@bell.net). Visit our website [boltonhistory.com](http://boltonhistory.com)

events upcoming at the club that are always well attended.

At the cheque presentation, Castelli said his club was honoured to support Cassie’s Place and was amazed to see how happy everyone at Cassie’s Place was.

Mayor Annette Groves was also at the cheque presentation, and shared her belief in how important the work done at Cassie’s Place is.

“This is a great cause,” said Groves. “Thanks to the hard work of all the volunteers.”

She said every bit of fundraising for Cassie’s Place is a big help, as funding from the Provincial and Federal governments is

not enough to keep the non-profit going.

Aman Grewal, an accountant and a supporter of Cassie’s Place and Caledon resident, lives near Cassie’s Place and came by to see the cheque presentation. Being a neighbour, he said he sees the work they do at Cassie’s Place each day at the grassroots level.

“As an accountant I deal with lots of non-profits,” said Grewal. “Every dollar raised for Cassie’s Place goes to work there.”

Grewal said it’s remarkable to see how lives of individuals with differing abilities are improved at Cassie’s Place.

Caledon Fire and  
Emergency Services remind  
residents “Cooking safety starts  
with YOU!”

Caledon Fire and Emergency Services is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association for this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Cooking safety starts with YOU.”

Running October 8 – 14, the campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take when cooking to keep themselves and those around them safe.

Year after year, cooking remains the leading cause of home fires by far. These fires indicate that there is still much work to do when it comes to better educating the public about ways to stay safe when cooking.

“A cooking fire can grow quickly and I have seen many homes damaged, and people injured, by fires that could easi-

ly have been prevented,” said Fire Chief Dave Forfar. “Caledon Fire encourages all residents to participate in Fire Prevention Week and embrace the theme that cooking safety does start with you!”

These key safety tips will help reduce the risk of a cooking fire:

Watch what you heat. Always keep a close eye on what you are cooking. Set a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.

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# Delegation from Isola del Liri visits Caledon to finalize “sister city” agreement

Flag-raising ceremony held outside Town Hall in Caledon East

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dignitaries from Caledon’s sister city visited Town recently.

On October 10, a delegation from Isola del Liri, Italy, visited Town Hall in Caledon East. The delegation included Isola del Liri’s mayor, Massimiliano Quadrini, and members of its Economic Development and Tourism teams.

The delegation was in Caledon to finalize a sister city agreement between Isola del Liri and Caledon.

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves visited Isola del Liri in July to sign an agreement there. Plans were then made for an Isola del Liri delegation to visit Caledon to sign an agreement.

Caledon and Isola del Liri have been working on their sister city agreement since 2022, when Allan Thompson was still mayor of Caledon.

Public art, celebration of Italian heritage, and tourism marketing are the three main focuses of the sister city partnership.

At the October 10 signing ceremony, the Italian and Canadian national anthems were played and Town Crier Andrew Welch delivered a proclamation in English and Italian. The Italian flag was raised outside Caledon Town Hall, and a Council meeting was held to formalize the sister city agreement.

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa said it was a very important day for Caledon as it entered into the sister city agreement.

“I’d like to thank (the delegation) for taking this long trip,” said Rosa. “I calculated today that it’s 7,182 kilometres between the centre of Isola del Liri and the centre of Caledon.”

Groves thanked Thompson, who was in attendance at the signing ceremony, for



Caledon Mayor Annette Groves and Isola del Liri Mayor Massimiliano Quadrini were part of a flag-raising ceremony at Caledon Town Hall that marked the sister city agreement between the two municipalities.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

initiating the sister city process.

Caledon and Isola del Liri are both an hour away from a major urban centre, pushing for tourism growth, and committed to agriculture.

Quadrini, through translator Anna Meo of the Bolton Italian Cultural Centre, thanked Groves for inviting him to Caledon and said he’s learned a lot in his time here.

He said it’s important for the two municipalities to share strategies around development and tourism. Quadrini said Isola del Liri can learn a lot from Caledon, and Groves said Caledon can learn a lot from Isola del Liri.

Quadrini and his delegation also attend-

ed Groves’ business breakfast on October 11.

At the breakfast, Quadrini said he likes how business and government work to-

gether on important priorities in Caledon. He said he’s thinking of hosting a similar business event in Isola del Liri as a way to bring the business community together.

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## SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE CALL LEADS TO CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a suspicious vehicle call and charged the driver with impaired operation.

“On October 5, 2023, shortly before 9:00 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot in the Southfields Village community,” say Police. “During the investigation, the officer formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, Amanpreet Grewal, 28, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Having care or control of a motor vehicle with open container of liquor.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on October 26, 2023, to answer to the charges. The driver’s licence was suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for 14.

The charges have not been proven.



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For more information about the penalties of driving impaired, visit: [www.ontario.ca/page/impaired-driving](http://www.ontario.ca/page/impaired-driving)

Impact campaign, drivers are reminded that safe behaviours and decisions behind the wheel are the single biggest factor in getting through the long weekend without more lives lost,” say Police. “Passengers who wear their seatbelt can also contribute to fewer road deaths.

“What would a successful Operation Impact campaign look like? Over and above a week-end with no collisions, OPP officers would like the weekend to pass without a single driver observed or charged with speeding, alcohol/drug-impaired driving, distracted driving or other risky behaviours that could deprive more families of their loved ones.”

Over the weekend, officers worked around the clock and doing their part to keep roads safe through robust enforcement and education regarding traffic laws.

“A zero-fatality and zero-injury weekend that sees everyone arrive safely home from their Thanksgiving gatherings and other destinations is well within reach if every driver and other road user does their part. The OPP remains committed to its Provincial Traffic Safety Strategy which aims to reduce deaths and injuries on roads, waterways and trails.”

ground on the new Operational Support Facility (OSF) at 8100 Mississauga Road, set to be completed in 2027.

The facility will be home to over 700 Peel Regional Police employees with some bureaus and units operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

“Peel Region is among the fastest growing, most diverse communities in Canada with an additional 350,000 residents predicted to call the Region home within the next 10 years,” said the Force. “This means more households, more vehicles on the road and more needs from the community. The OSF will be vital in accommodating current and future growth in order to address the public safety needs of Peel communities. The new OSF will also adopt areas previously housed in Sir Robert Peel Centre such as our 9-1-1 Communications Centre. The new area will be equipped to improve response to critical incidents and needs.”

“We are excited to announce this landmark investment to maintain public safety across our growing region. This facility will help address current and future service pressures and meet the needs of our community,” added Chief Nishan Duraipappah

The state-of-the-art building will be a flagship of technology and innovation, designed using sustainable materials consistent with the Region of Peel’s net zero carbon commitment. Early works will commence before the end of the year and construction is expected to start early next year. To learn more, visit [www.peel-police.ca/facilities](http://www.peel-police.ca/facilities).

## OPERATION IMPACT

278 lives lost on Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)-patrolled roads so far this year is something the OPP needed every driver to think about before they headed out on busy roads during the Thanksgiving long weekend.

“As the OPP joins Canadian policing partners to keep roads safe during the annual Operation

## GROUND BROKEN ON SUPPORT FACILITY

Peel Regional Police have officially broken



## LOCAL “CHAMP” RIDES WITH CONFIDENCE

Being born a left arm amputee hasn’t stopped nine-year-old Calisi Colura-Clarke of Bolton from living a full and active life. Thanks to The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program, she was recently fitted with a device that allows her to hold onto the handlebar of her bike. The War Amps began more than 100 years ago to assist war amputee veterans returning from the First World War. It has expanded its programs over the years to support all amputees, including adults and children.

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5. Seaport (abbr.)  
8. Agricultural disease (abbr.)  
11. Riding horses  
13. Boxing’s GOAT  
14. Hurt or discomfort  
15. A small sharp knife to trim vegetables  
16. A beaver builds one  
17. Horizontal passage into a mine  
18. Self-immolation by fire rituals  
20. Chain bar with lots of games (abbr.)  
21. Goo Goo Dolls’ hit  
22. Agreeable  
25. In an early way  
30. In a way, struck  
31. It’s there in the morning  
32. County in the S. Pacific  
33. Central Florida city

38. Numbers cruncher  
41. Mexican beers  
43. Lawyers say you can indict one  
45. Capital of South Australia  
47. Wings  
49. Drug used to treat HIV/AIDS  
50. Fencing sword  
55. Capital of Qatar  
56. Portable bed  
57. Afflicted  
59. Lying down  
60. Midway between northeast and east  
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation  
62. Inflamed  
63. Soviet Socialist Republic  
64. Impudence

**CLUES DOWN**  
1. A way to fish  
2. Greek mythological figure

3. Scarlett’s home  
4. Assist  
5. More doleful  
6. Premeditated  
7. Dish featuring minced food  
8. San Diego  
9. Eight  
10. Unwelcome picnic guests  
12. Human gene  
14. Bucket  
19. Make full  
23. Dirt  
24. Person cited as ideal example  
25. A part of (abbr.)  
26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet  
27. Very long period of time  
28. Gas usage measurement  
29. North American native people

34. It says “moo”  
35. Folk singer Di Franco  
36. Resinlike substance of certain insects  
37. Residue  
39. Grand homes  
40. Popinjays  
41. Man who behaves dishonorably  
42. Figures  
44. One who watches over children  
45. Expressed pleasure  
46. No longer living  
47. Hebrew calendar month  
48. Part of the ear  
51. Swiss river  
52. Prejudice  
53. Italian Island  
54. Resist authority (slang)  
58. Criticize

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# Council approves five per cent Caledon OPP Budget increase

## Caledon OPP Detachment Commander provides update on police work in Caledon

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
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Caledon will spend more on policing next year.

At Caledon Council’s October 10 General Committee meeting, the Caledon OPP’s 2024 Budget was tabled.

The police force’s budget next year is \$14.25 million, an increase of about \$700,000 from this year.

That equals an approximate budget increase of 5.3 per cent, slightly more than the 3.78 per cent increase projected for 2024 in the 2023 Caledon OPP budget.

Caledon OPP Detachment Commander MaryLouise Kearns made a presentation on the 2024 Budget to Council alongside Caledon’s CFO, David Sutton. The presentation also touched on various OPP statistics.

Kearns’ presentation showed steadily rising calls for service in Caledon since 2019, with police expecting to receive over 36,000 calls by year’s end. This is approximately 3,000 more calls than in 2022, and 12,000 more than in 2019.

Kearns said contract enhancements are being made for Caledon OPP’s traffic unit, community response unit, mobile crisis response team, and community street crime unit.

She highlighted work Caledon OPP is doing to promote traffic safety, such as seat belt campaigns, commercial vehicle safety checks, RIDE programs, and increased patrols on long weekends.

“We take a very proactive stance on impaired driving with frequent RIDE programs throughout Caledon,” said Kearns.

From January to July, Kearns said Caledon OPP dealt with 70 occurrences of impaired driving.

Kearns said Caledon OPP has been able to secure new technology like in-car cameras and automated license plate readers.



She said the plate readers help find stolen vehicles and suspended drivers.

She said Caledon OPP have issued 1,278 more tickets in 2023 than they had by this time in 2022. Of those tickets, 175 have been for trucks using no-truck routes.

As of July, there have been seven fatal motor vehicle collisions in Caledon and 144 collisions that caused personal injury.

Kearns said Caledon has been piloting

the use of detachment operation clerks, civilian employees who are hired to help officers with a variety of administrative tasks and get them back onto the road quicker.

Caledon OPP has also increased overtime shifts and hired two special constables that help with duties like collection of fingerprints and court administrative functions.

The increase in the 2024 Caledon OPP Budget is mainly in the OPP service contract due to increases in salaries and wages. The increase is also due in part to inflationary pressures on services the OPP contracts out like snow plowing and landscaping.

Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell said he’d like to see a staffing breakdown between 2019 and 2023.

“We see a lot of statistics from 2019 to 2023 about offenses, but we don’t really have any sense of what’s happened in terms of enforcement personnel during that time,” said Maskell.

He asked if the Budget increase for 2024 meant Caledon OPP would be adding additional uninformed staff.

Kearns said it doesn’t, and that Caledon police officers are busier than ever, going call to call.

“Every year, our calls are not only getting higher, but they are also getting more violent,” said Kearns. “Our accidents are increasing because the sheer volume on our roads is unbelievable.”

Kearns said Caledon OPP has enough officers to cover Caledon, and that for big events like Bolton’s Midnight Madness, Caledon OPP call in extra officers from other jurisdictions to help.

Across Ontario, police agencies are trying to recruit more officers, she said.

Ward 4 Councillor Nick de Boer said he’d be supporting the Budget, and introduced an amendment providing funding for additional radar speed units for officers to use.

The Budget, with Councillor de Boer’s amendment, was passed unanimously and will be recommended for adoption at Council’s October 24 meeting.

## OPP’s Dufferin Detachment receives \$207,850 for mental health crisis support

BY PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police is receiving funding from the provincial government to provide specialized support to people experiencing a mental health crisis.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones announced in a press release issued on Monday, October 10, that the local detachment would be granted a total of \$207,850 in funding.

The funding is being delivered through the Mobile Crisis Response Team Enhancement Grant program and looks to enable police to utilize trained crisis workers when responding to calls involving mental health.

“Our government is continuing to

take action by providing the OPP’s Dufferin Detachment with the tools and resources they need to support those experiencing a mental health crisis in our community,” said Jones. “By continuing to invest in OPP Dufferin’s Mobile Crisis Response Team, our government is expanding their ability to deliver appropriate services to those in crisis situations.”

The Mobile Crisis Response Teams consist of police officers and crisis workers, who work together to respond to complex calls where mental health or addictions may be a factor. Supported by police officers, crisis workers can assess if an individual should be sent to an emergency department for treatment or provide referrals to community programs that support both mental and

physical well-being.

“Police are called up to respond to thousands of mental health calls a year,” said Thomas Carrique, OPP Commissioner. “The integrated Mobile Crisis Response Teams approach, with officers and crisis workers attending calls together, supports de-escalation at the time of crisis and connects individuals with the right community resources, at the right time, to better meet their needs and reduce future police interactions.”

In 2023-24, the provincial government is allocating more than \$4.5 million to 39 municipal and First Nations police services, as well as Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), to help strengthen Mobile Crisis Response Teams across the province.

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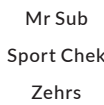
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# Local business community gathers for Mayor Groves’ Fall Business Breakfast

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The Mayor said Caledon is working on expanding its transit service, something that will help businesses. She explained the Town’s strategic plan has staff working towards a Town-wide transit strategy, and said in 2024 transit will expand further.

Groves said she’s committed to growing business in Caledon as the Town works through the dissolution of the Region of Peel. She said it’s a time of transition and opportunity for Caledon.

“What will not change is our commitment to supporting the growth of our local economy,” said Groves. “We will be working to keep our businesses informed as we move forward.”

One of the ways Groves said Caledon is helping businesses is through Community Improvement Plans and community revitalization efforts.

She said since the adoption of Caledon’s first Community Improvement Plan, 40 applications for property improvement have been approved. The Town has disbursed \$650,000 in grant funding to these business owners.

Groves also mentioned the upcoming grand opening of the Humber River Centre in Bolton. This Centre will play host to meeting space for small businesses, and a home for the Caledon Chamber of Commerce.

“This innovative community hub will provide businesses with access to the local network of support services,” said Groves.

The Mayor thanked Caledon business owners for their passion, hard work, and for choosing to do business in Caledon.

“We will continue to move forward and support our local economy,” said Groves. “Please stay connected as we grow together as a community.”

Sarkaria, who now lives in and represents the riding of Brampton South, shared that he was born in Orangeville and raised in Caledon.

“I spent the first 22 years of my life in Caledon... it holds a special place in my heart,” said Sarkaria. “Caledon is an amazing Town, I love the people, the culture... I always felt like it was like a family. Ev-

eryone knows everyone, everyone likes to work together.”

Sarkaria said the Caledon Chamber of Commerce, like other chambers, is an important community leader. He said it was great to see the Town and Chamber work together to put on the business breakfast.

Sarkaria said the Province is investing nearly \$70 billion in public transit across Ontario over the next 10 years. He called

the proposed Highway 413, alongside other provincial projects like LRT lines, critical.

“In a Town like Caledon that is growing exponentially... [we need to] make those investments... as the population grows (so) we have the right service levels,” he said.

Sarkaria said there’s a lot of opportunity in Caledon and it will be an important

part of the Province’s GO rail network. He said the Province is committed to working with Caledon to make sure it’s part of the conversation around GO transit.

Groves said transit is top of mind in Caledon because a lot of local roads are quite congested.

“We’re looking forward to having that transit service sooner than later,” said Groves.

## Town to develop parking strategy for Southfields Village

### Staff aim for September 2024 completion of strategy

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon is looking to tackle parking issues in one of its subdivisions.

At Caledon Council’s October 10 General Committee meeting, a draft terms of reference for a Southfields Village Parking Strategy was approved by Council. It will be recommended for adoption at Council’s October 24 meeting.

As a result of this, a \$100,000 Southfields Village parking strategy capital project will be included for Council’s approval in the Town’s

2024 budget.

Council first asked Town of Caledon staff to develop a terms of reference, work plan, and budget for the parking strategy on April 4. Councilors wanted to identify actions that could be taken to address parking issues in Southfields.

A staff report on the strategy was submitted to Council by Imran Salam, Transportation Engineer at the Town of Caledon.

Salam said Southfields has a high auto dependency and as a result, needs additional parking.

A lack of parking in the community is leading to residents parking on the street and in narrow boulevards. It is also contributing to the widening of driveways, paving of front yards, and removal of landscaping to be used as additional parking, wrote Salam.

It is anticipated that parking issues will only increase in the future, as

there are still dwellings being built in Southfields Village.

In developing a parking strategy for the community, Town staff will analyze the current situation and assess existing bylaws and permitting practices. Next, staff will identify options for actions to take and run them by key stakeholders like the public, Caledon OPP, and Caledon Fire and Emergency Services. Finally, staff will take any required actions and develop any required bylaws, permitting processes or programs needed to address parking issues.

The Town plans to initiate the creation of the parking strategy in February 2024, if it’s approved in the Town’s 2024 Budget. Public consultation is set to start in April 2024.

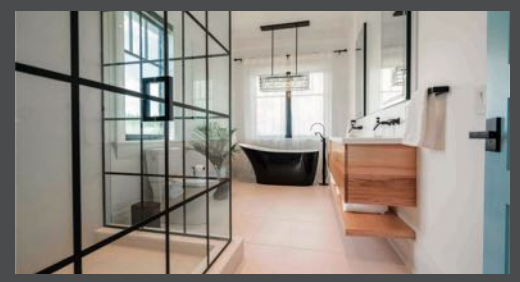
A report detailing the Southfields Village parking strategy is targeted to be brought to Council by September 2024.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING



6939 King Street  
Proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment

FILE NUMBER(S): POPA 2020-0003 and RZ 2020-0011

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

Please be advised that the Town of Caledon is offering a Hybrid Committee and Council Meeting model offering options for you to engage with Council, including in-person or virtual opportunities.

Meeting Date: November 7, 2023 Location: Virtual & Council Chambers, Town Hall  
Start Time: 7:00 p.m. 6311 Old Church Road  
Caledon East L7C 1J6

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. Attend In-Person

Members of the public may attend a meeting in-person and provide verbal comments regarding a proposed application(s) or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting. Although registration is not mandatory, members of the public are encouraged to complete the Participation Request Form, available at <http://www.caledon.ca/speak-at-council>

2. Submit a Written Comment

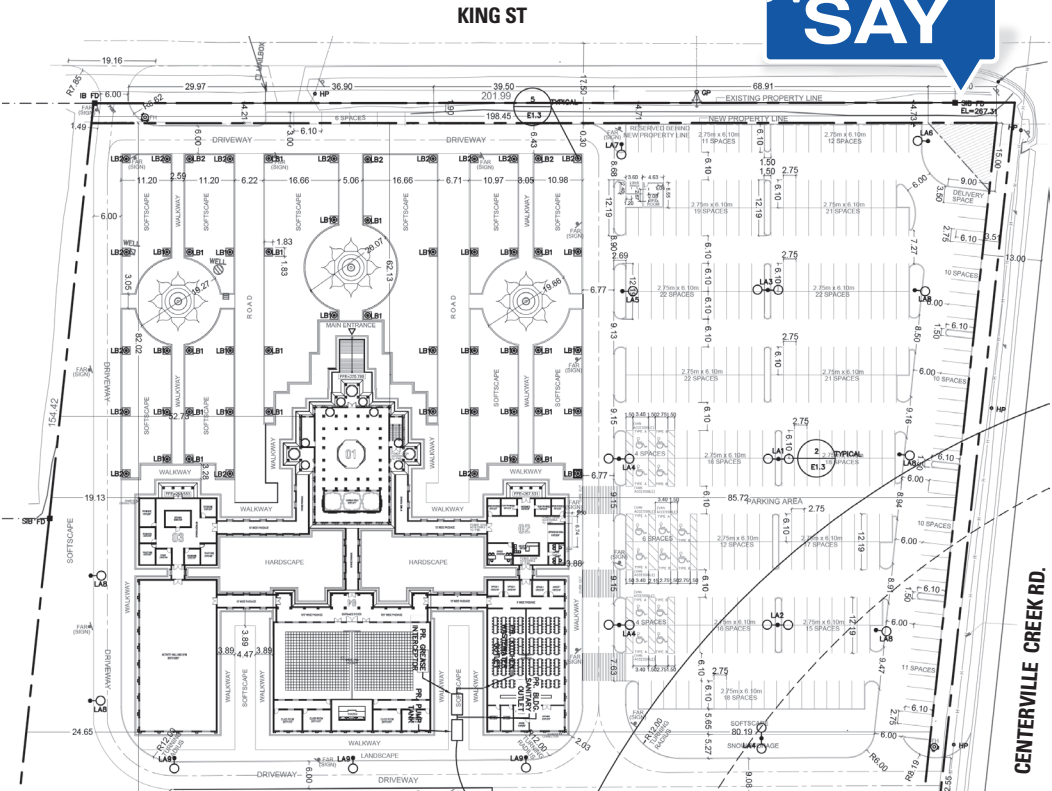
Members of the public may submit a written comment regarding a proposed application(s) by completing the Participation Request Form, available at [caledon.ca/speak-at-council](http://caledon.ca/speak-at-council)

3. Participate 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 virtually, please complete the Participation Request Form, available at [caledon.ca/speak-at-council](http://caledon.ca/speak-at-council). In addition, members of the public can watch meetings through the live stream available on the Town's website.

APPLICANT: IPS Consulting Inc. on behalf of  
Swaminarayan Mandir Vasna Sanstha Canada

LOCATION: 6939 King Street  
Part Lot 10, Concession 2 (Albion)  
South-West Corner of King Street and Centreville Creek Road  
Ward 3



*\*The illustration is a conceptual plan for information purposes and it is subject to change. The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon.*

APPLICATION CONTEXT AND REVISIONS:

On December 21, 2020 and December 23, 2020, the Town of Caledon received proposed Official Plan Amendment (POPA 2020-0003) and Zoning By-law Amendment (RZ 2020-0011) applications from Weston Consulting on behalf of Swaminarayan Mandir Vasna Sanstha Canada for the subject lands. The applications were deemed complete on January 12, 2021.

As originally submitted, the applicant proposed an amendment to the Official Plan to re-designate the subject lands from Prime Agricultural Area to Rural Lands in order to permit a proposed Place of Worship use.

The Zoning By-law Amendment proposed to rezone the lands from Small Agricultural Holdings (A3) to Institutional Exception XXX (I-XXX) to permit various institutional uses and site-specific standards to permit the construction of a place of worship. The proposed site plan submitted illustrated a 3,149.7 m2 (33,903 ft2) place with worship with 352 parking spaces. On August 20, 2022, the Town received a resubmission from the applicant.

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant is proposing an Official Plan Amendment to permit a Place of Worship and a Place of Assembly in the current Prime Agricultural Area designation and to re-designate a portion of the lands from Prime Agricultural Area to Environmental Policy Area. The applicant is also proposing to amend the Zoning By-law to rezone the lands from Small Agricultural Holdings (A3) to Environmental Policy Area 1 (EPA 1) and Institutional Exception XX (I-XX) to permit a place of worship having site-specific standards.

LEAD PLANNER:

Toula Theocharidis, Meridian Planning Consultants  
On behalf of Development Review Services, Planning  
Department, Town of Caledon  
(905) 532-9651 [toula@meridian-vaughan.ca](mailto:toula@meridian-vaughan.ca)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information about this matter, including a copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications, additional information and material, please visit [www.caledon.ca/notices](http://www.caledon.ca/notices) or contact the Lead Planner from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

APPEAL PROCEDURE:

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

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the

person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED:

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Caledon on the proposal, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario, L7C 1J6 or to the Planning Department at [planning@caledon.ca](mailto:planning@caledon.ca)

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Notice Date: October 12, 2023



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For more details on our community rinks visit [caledon.ca/skating](http://caledon.ca/skating)



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Deadline for submissions:  
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# A Note to Self: Revisited

Nearly seven years ago, photographer Angela Durante, was kind enough to invite me to participate in a project she was spearheading alongside fellow community creatives.

Entitled “The Note to Self Project,” more than 50 individuals were invited to quite literally write a note with advice to their younger selves. Each response was to be accompanied by a professional portrait taken by participating photographers, with the prose left up to the subjects.

I was taken aback, at first, to get the invitation, but the idea was certainly interesting and I was eager to take on the challenge. Getting a professional headshot in the process was just a bonus!

“Step away from the mothballs. You might not know it now, but the seeds have already been sewn,” I wrote to myself. “You will find out soon enough that you’re just a little bit different from other people. Some might call you an ‘old soul,’ that horrible term you will come to mildly detest over time as it implies you’re living in the past or, at worst, inching closer and closer to your ‘sell by’ date. Despite your best efforts, you’re not going to give a damn about most of the things your peers will obsess over.

“In private, you acknowledge the fact you’re an old soul. You’re not living in the past or cocooning yourself in a false wave of nostalgia, but you appreciate what’s come before you, how it defines where you’re going and, moreover, you appreciate quality. Rather than coming home from school or flipping on the TV to watch something like *Saved By The Bell*, you’d rather take in that episode of *I Love Lucy* you recorded earlier in the day.... You might prefer to stand on the edge of what’s going on, taking in the scene, and tucking your observations away in the event it might become useful. It’s a great skill to hone, of course, and will help your job prospects later on, but the longer you keep your freak flag under wraps, the worse off you’ll be. Everyone invariably feels the desire for conformity, but it will always give way for an insatiable need for individuality. The earlier you unfurl the flag and fly it up your proverbial pole, the further ahead you will be. Fly it high and fly it proud. You will learn that there are a bunch of other people just like you waiting for someone to make the first move. They will have the same interests, the same life experiences, and will lead you to finding the closest, longest, and most fulfilling friendships of your life. The sooner you embrace everything that makes you unique, the better off you will be.”

This past Thanksgiving, my mind went back to these words I wrote in 2016 more than a few times. A good portion of the weekend was spent in the basement combing through what I thought was nearly 20 years of accumulated “life” – those things that were collected in one way or another over the years, packed away, lost, or otherwise forgotten. I thought the boxes covered the years since I first left home for university in 2003, but that turned out to be a gross understatement.

Apparently, after I left for Carleton and we had cause to move, a neighbour helped out with the packing. While grateful for her help, it appears they felt it prudent to simply throw items willy-nilly into plastic totes where, over the last few days, I’ve found heirloom sterling silver and family photographs going back to the 1940s packed alongside diner packets of grape jelly that expired long before the lid was replaced and old chestnuts – not

those metaphorical “hoary old chestnuts,” mind you, but the real, withered, tree-grown variety!

Her packing methods might remain a mystery, but if there is a lining – silver or otherwise – to be had in sifting through more than 15 boxes of total chaos, it’s the process of rediscovery.

A few weeks ago, I wrote of my early ambitions to be an archeologist. Now I am getting my chance. Instead of Ancient Greece, Egypt or Rome, however, I’m sifting through my own life and making discoveries along the way.

It seems there were some things I’d either forgot, blocked out, or sent to the recesses of my brain – and, with this newfound information, the note I wrote to myself all those years ago, seems to have lost a bit of heft.

There were hand-written letters squirreled away, evidently once important, but without any context now to shed light on why that was. There were hundreds of unlabelled VHS tapes that were probably notable at the time, but now essentially obsolete. There was seemingly every single spelling and math test I completed during my entire academic career – the middling results in both subjects, however, escaped being erased from my brain. Thanksgiving-themed turkeys made out of hand-tracings, Bristol board projects for a number of classes (a French class project on Vivian Vance made me smile, as it is reliably on brand for me), essays, short stories, report cards... and some rather insightful letters home from my teachers. As I read these letters, maybe they were missives I was never privy to in the first place, it felt like I was reading about a person who was foreign to me. The picture painted through my respective teachers’ prose painted the K to 4 me as moody kid, prone to outbursts and acting out, someone who was apparently occasionally hard to get along with, who needed coaxing to participate, and whose classroom daydreams sometimes got in the way of the lesson.

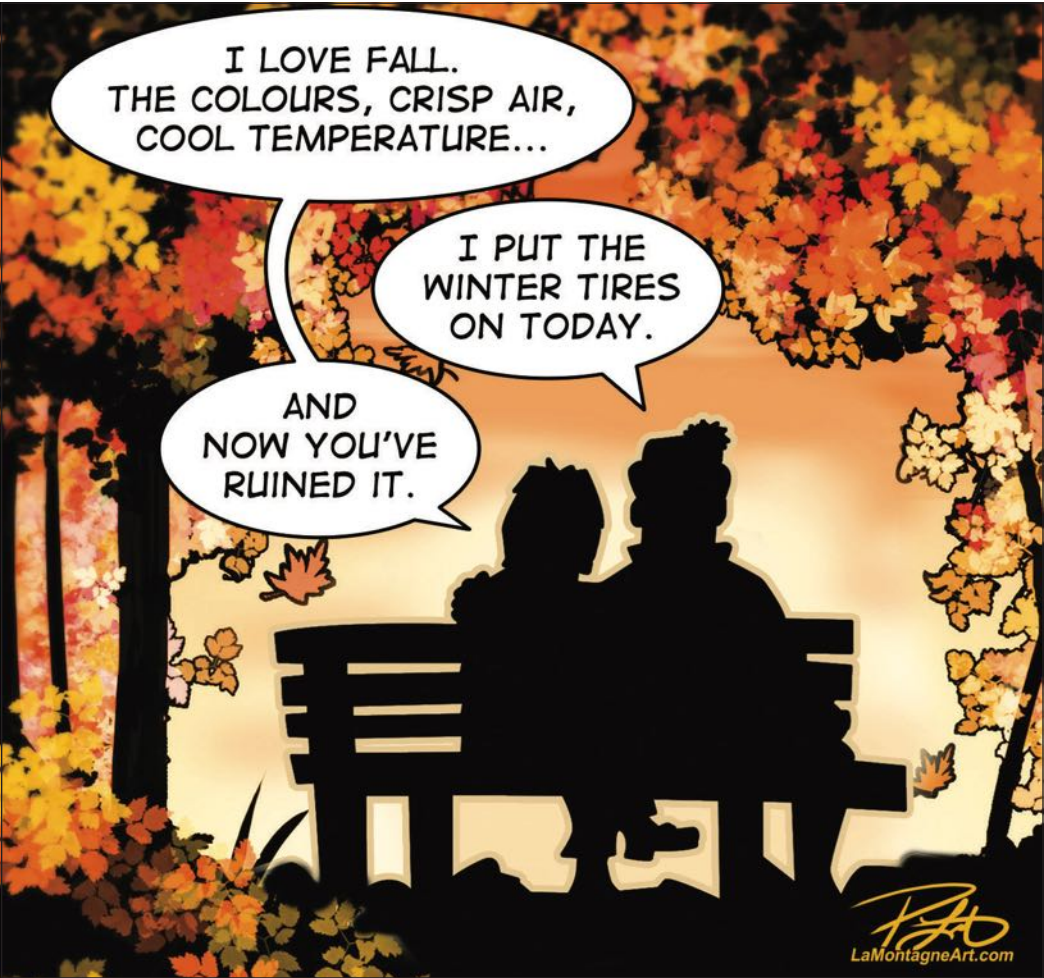
If we scratch the surface, I think we’d find that our respective childhoods were never as easy as we’d imagine or like to think, but sometimes it’s startling to see it all spelled out before you in black and white.

While my mind’s eye preserved my “being a little different” from the crowd in terms of interests and ways of thinking as a positive – and, don’t get me wrong, it’s always a positive – it did not preserve the ways I apparently struggled with it, along with what read to be my desire to fit in... despite not really wanting to in the first place?

It will take some time to process all the findings of this particular archeological dig into the self. While I am thankful for the opportunity for a bit more introspection, I couldn’t help but look back to that Note I Wrote to my younger self and think it all sounded a bit cavalier. Back to the drawing board!

Some might feel that an archeological dive into the self is, at best, a waste of time or, at worst, an exercise in ego-stroking, but I now realize it never hurts to get reacquainted with who you were because it’s very insightful on who you are.

Which leads me to my question – How many of you have done archeological dives into the self? What do you want to leave behind for others to paint a picture of who you are? Send your thoughts to [brock@lpcmedia.ca](mailto:brock@lpcmedia.ca).



## Life is really about helping others

by Mark Pavilons



Nelson Mandela once said that overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice.

Poverty is not natural, it’s man-made and can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings.

And Martin Luther King Jr. asked: “What are you doing for others?”

We North Americans have been tasked, for decades, to helping the less fortunate – the impoverished, the downtrodden, the oppressed – around the world. In fact, Canada’s Armed Forces have been known the world over as the best “peacekeepers.”

Life’s not about us, it’s about everyone contributing to world around us.

There’s something inside the human psyche that when we do what’s right there’s something that energize us. We need to express gratitude and help others.

When we face injustice, dilemmas or challenges, we tend to band together, combine our resources, and take up the fight. We fight for human rights, women’s rights, fair trade, the environment, climate change, and of course, poverty.

Right here in Ontario, poverty exists but it’s somewhat hidden. Area food banks are burdened like never before, to deliver help to those in need. In such a wealthy region, it’s almost unfathomable that poverty and food insecurity exist, and that we haven’t erased it by now.

People in less developed nations around the world have struggled with these things for generations. Children in poverty grow up to be adults in poverty. They don’t know anything else.

And that’s just sad.

We watch documentaries from the comfort of our lavishly decorated living rooms, and sigh when faced with these realities. But they’re thousands of miles away – out of sight, out of mind.

Why should we donate to people half-way around the world when we have our own problems and needs? Again, look to the thoughts of famous humanitarians and you have your answer.

We are so smart, savvy and connected and yet we have trouble reaching out, fixing what needs to be fixed. Our high school students are required to do community service hours and yet limitations on what they can do stifle real, boots on the ground work.

My oldest daughter, Lexie, is our family humanitarian, and has done volunteer mission work in Kenya, Rwanda, Guatemala, and the Dominican Republic. Throughout high school, the chaplain organized annual mission trips to the Dominican Republic, providing assistance to impoverished residents and Haitian sugar cane workers, who toil, 12 hours a day in the cane fields, for less than \$1. Haiti is considered the poorest nation on earth and these people are the poorest of the poor.

In 2017, I decided to go with my son Liam to see first-hand for myself.

Nine high school students and six adults formed a team of “pilgrims” working under our host, Sister Maude Rhenuad and the Congregation Hijas de Maria. This mission involved hard work, from sun up to sun down. After a couple of days, every part of my body ached, but it was a good pain, a well-deserved wake-up call. We worked hard to make the lives of strangers a little better, more tolerable, less empty.

We concentrated our efforts on providing food, clothing and necessities to the Haitian sugar cane workers, who are persona non grata in the Dominican. Sister Maude oversees some 55 bateys (ramshackled villages), helping upwards of 10,000 souls!

I was moved in many ways. One moment I was on the verge of tears, the next I’m laughing with children.

In one afternoon, we visited three bateys and handed out clothes to more than 200 people. The next day we delivered food care packages to another 100 sugar cane workers and their families. We spent hours standing in the back of a pickup truck, bouncing around upwards of 100 kilometres of dirt paths. On another occasion the teachers purchased groceries and a team chopped, cooked and prepared fresh, hot food, which we took to the bateys. I believe we fed some 150 people that day, which involved amazing teamwork to pull off such a potentially precarious move.

I watched some of them eat their meals. For that short time, they felt the comfort of a warm meal brought to their doorstep. Perhaps they took comfort in the fact that a group of Canadians cared enough to make the gesture. The number of young mothers with babies and toddlers in tow was astonishing. These beautiful children are growing up in rather dismal conditions, yet they are priceless.

In one batey, we were invited in to a typical dwelling. The one-room “house” has a dirt floor, bed and some shelves for their meager possessions.

Our work and contributions helped the on-site school and seniors’ centre. We also helped fund the construction of a new well and a public washroom.

By paying it forward this mighty bunch of teens planted a seed, and set in motion a cycle of generosity and compassion for our fellow human beings.

We created a sense of renewed hope and potential, for them, and for us. It created in me a renewed sense of humanity, for which I am truly grateful.

And now, Lexie is returning with some of her former teachers, to where their humanitarian spark, their love of helping others, began.

A small group will head back, perhaps to witness the fruits of their labour, perhaps to see the tasks that still need to be done.

My daughter is conducting a yoga fundraiser this fall, to help raise money. I have started a GoFundMe page for her, in hopes of attracting donations. All proceeds go to those boots on the ground, in the cane fields, and in the classrooms. If you can, please contribute at [www.gofundme.com/manage/mission-to-aid-nuns-migrant-workers](http://www.gofundme.com/manage/mission-to-aid-nuns-migrant-workers)

We celebrated World Humanitarian Day on August 19 and this year’s theme was “No Matter What.”

I think that’s a great mantra for all human beings, every day of our lives. Let’s help one another, “no matter what.”

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# Giving workers a piece of the action

Do Canadian workers have the right to get a share of the profits they help generate?

I would argue that they do, and what’s more, I believe that profit sharing should be one of the cornerstone principles in a new Canadian Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities.

Profit sharing is one of seven key economic charter principles I highlighted in last week’s column. It would require all large companies in Canada with more than 300 employees to share annual profits with their workers.

At Magna International Inc., the Canadian auto parts company I founded, profit sharing was a core principle in the economic charter of rights that we enshrined in our governing Corporate Constitution. The economic rights contained in the Corporate Constitution made every employee a partner in profitability.

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ucts at a competitive price. With profit sharing in place, revenue and profits skyrocketed in the years that followed and placed Magna on the path of phenomenal growth and expansion.

Harvard Business School labelled our profit sharing philosophy, “Magna’s success formula”. And that formula was based on the belief that all of the company’s key stakeholders should share in the success of the business – or what we described as “getting a piece of the action.”

When Magna celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2007, the company had shared more than \$1 billion in profits with employees – and it has shared hundreds of millions more since then.

I believe we should implement the same profit-sharing principle on a national scale through a Canadian Economic Charter of Rights & Responsibilities.

A company can’t make a profit without the hard work, creativity and resourcefulness of its

employees. And when companies are making record profits, they should have to share some of those profits with their employees.

Sharing profits with workers would not only benefit employees, but it would also benefit companies and governments. Companies would see an increase in productivity and generate higher profits. Employees would get to pocket more money. And governments would bring in more tax revenue.

We would end up creating a system where wealth is distributed more evenly and fairly throughout the economy, rather than remaining concentrated in the hands of a relatively few wealthy individuals. One thing is for certain: if we fail to find a way to allow workers to participate in sharing some of the profits they produce, our living standards will continue to erode.

Creating an economic right of sharing profits with workers would basically be a recognition

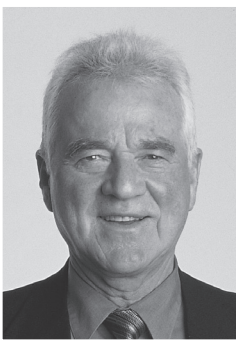
that our economy is driven by three forces: smart managers, hard-working employees, and investors.

All three have the right to share in the profits of the business.

With profit sharing as a core right in a new economic charter, more Canadian workers would begin to reap the benefits of having a financial stake in their place of employment, and Canadian businesses would become much more productive and competitive.

That’s a win-win scenario that’s difficult to ignore.

If you would like to learn more about how a Canadian Economic Charter of Rights can improve Canadian living standards, please email [info@economiccharter.ca](mailto:info@economiccharter.ca).



**FRANK STRONACH**  
THE PRINCIPLES OF AN  
ECONOMIC CHARTER OF RIGHTS

# The Dissolution of Caledon

I know many of you just read the title of this column and thought, “She’s got it all wrong, it’s the Region of Peel that’s dissolving.” You would be forgiven for thinking so. But with the alarming rate of exits from Town Hall over these past few months, one might wonder if in fact it is the Town of Caledon that’s being dissolved. At 15 people and counting, Caledon staff are being terminated at an alarming rate and still more are “voluntarily” following them out the door. What the heck is going on at Town Hall?

From the moment Mayor Groves took over the reins, Caledon has been in flux. Certainly some of that was to be expected; a change in leadership will result in a certain amount of change simply due to style, personality, and political leanings. However, it’s one thing to say change is expected and entirely another to watch as a wholesale exodus of competent, credentialed staff are shown the door at a time when Caledon is being asked to absorb thousands of new residents, development is galloping across the whitebelt and the Region of Peel is dissolving, no doubt leaving us to assume more of the actual costs of development and infrastructure. It’s alarming. To lose senior staff with experience and then watch as their teams

crumble below them, leaves Caledon increasingly vulnerable during an already rocky time. Granting strong mayoral powers to a newbie at the helm during a time of massive change adds to the mayhem and has placed a stranglehold on our Councillors – you know – the ones elected to represent OUR interests at town hall.

If you haven’t been paying attention, here’s a bit of a recap for you. As mentioned above, a total of 15 people (so far) are no longer employed by the Town of Caledon. That more than half of this number were women, and seven of those were fired from their positions, is simply not a good look for the Town. That too, many of these women held senior level positions including the Town’s CAO, Director of Planning, the Town’s Solicitor and the Town Clerk is frankly, outrageous. In some cases, as mentioned in previous columns, the people being shown the exit had previously been specifically sought out by the Town, hired for their talents and expertise to specifically help guide us as we head into these turbulent times. Why have they suddenly been shown the door and what is going on that is so bad a further seven people have chosen to walk out the front doors of Town Hall for the final time?

The appalling lack of communication from the Town does nothing to allay the concerns of residents. A brief notification was given at one point, citing “financial efficiencies” to be gained from the restructuring taking place. One wonders if there are in fact any financial efficiencies gained when you factor in severance pay (rest assured, dismissing folks like your CAO, your Directors of Planning and Corporate Strategy and others is not going to be an inexpensive option). Adding to the cost of severance pay is the fact that the Town is now actively recruiting to fill each of these positions making this entire situation an exercise that could be used as a Grade Nine textbook math exercise on how NOT to save money. It is in fact, a shining example of costly inefficiency – and that’s putting it nicely.

Call me a cynic (you already do, let’s be honest) but there’s been an awful lot of “restructuring” in a very short amount of time and from departments that Caledon absolutely needs to be at their peak of performance during dissolution talks. You know, departments like Planning, Engineering, Finance, Bylaw enforcement and Legal. At a time when illegal trucking yards dominate the Caledon landscape, the fact that

both our head of By-law enforcement and Manager are both gone is enough to be worrisome all on its own.

At a time when Caledon is provincially mandated to grow exponentially, losing our Director of Planning, our Senior Planner, the Director of Engineering, the Commissioner (a new name for Director) of Finance and our Treasurer is simply beyond belief. These are the people who would have helped to shape and guide Caledon as it grows. These are the people who may have pushed back on developer demands, and helped Caledon to maintain some level of control over its own planning. These are the people managing the money – OUR taxpayer dollars.

Meetings are being cancelled, other meetings hastily arranged and Councillors are scrambling. One dismissal, even two might be explainable, perhaps even to be expected, but 15? Nope, that’s just not right. With so many key divisions now left floundering, residents can’t help but wonder just what the heck is going on at Town Hall.



**SHERALYN ROMAN**  
TALK CALEDON

# Be thankful for three oceans

We have celebrated the Thanksgiving weekend, and I hope many people appreciated this holiday for what it is meant to be.

It is a time when you should reflect on your good fortune and be thankful for the many blessings you have in life including good health, a decent job, family, and the fact that you live in a country that is peaceful and tolerant.

We should also be thankful we live in a country that has only one border and is surrounded by three oceans. Apparently having neighbours is not a good thing because eventually they will start lobbing bombs onto your houses.

Once again there is war in Europe and the Middle East. Wars seem to be getting even uglier as the years go by.

War has never been a pleasant experience, but in the past, for the most part, combatants faced combatants – although that was never a hard-fast rule. There have always been civilian casualties and outright murders.

Most soldiers, at least those that are dedicated professionals, know their job, and during conflict will display at least some respect for innocent civilians who are caught in a cross-fire or

simply in the wrong place when an armed force enters their town, village, or city.

This recent attack on Israel shows just how despicable people can be. They chose to attack a music concert. It was a concert filled with unarmed people who were there to hear music and enjoy a weekend. People were gunned down and murdered as they tried to flee.

Some of those killed were foreigners who had nothing to do with either side. Other civilians have been taken hostage, or had their broken bodies openly displayed on the street for the enjoyment of others.

Retaliation was swift and very destructive – and it’s not going to stop. Bloodshed breeds bloodshed and a lot more people are going to die or lose their homes in the next few weeks.

Our time to remember past conflicts is coming up in November.

Remembrance Day isn’t a statutory holiday, and it isn’t a day of celebration. It is exactly as the name implies – a day to remember.

You’ve probably seen the war movies depicting battles of the Second World War. There’s always a big movie star in the lead role. There’s

always the quirky guy, the tough guy, the inner-city guy, and of course the fresh-faced kid from Iowa, who always dies in the movie.

While the movies are usually relatively accurate, and for the most part entertaining, there’s one thing that Hollywood usually gets wrong.

John Wayne was 42 years old when he was in the film Sands of Iwo Jima as Sgt. Stryker. He was 61 when he starred in The Green Berets.

Tom Hanks was 42 when he took on the role of Captain Miller in the movie Saving Private Ryan. Brad Pitt was 47 when he starred in Inglourious Basterds as Lt. Raine, and 51 when he portrayed a tank commander in the film Fury.

These are all great films, but at those ages, these guys were already too old to be in a platoon marching across Europe.

John Wayne, himself, had reservations about making Iwo Jima, at his age because he knew he was too old.

German actor, Jürgen Prochnow was 40 when he played a submarine commander in the classic film, Das Boot. Critics of the movie said that even if he was only 30-years-old he still would have been considered an “old man” among sail-

ors of the day.

The truth is, if you went to a local high school and pulled out 20 Grade 12 students, and put them in a group, they would more accurately resemble the men who stormed the beaches on D-Day.

This is why it is so important to remember, on Remembrance Day.

It is a time to remember sacrifice, duty, and a willingness to step up and do your part.

It is a time to remember that many of those men did not return. It is a time to remember that for many of those men, no one even knows what became of them. They could have been taken prisoner and executed, or buried in a field by an exploding artillery shell.

In the eyes of their comrades who survived, they are still 20 years old.

On Remembrance Day, do your part and take part in a ceremony at the cenotaph in your town.

It’s one hour out of the year, but a lifetime to those who are being honoured.



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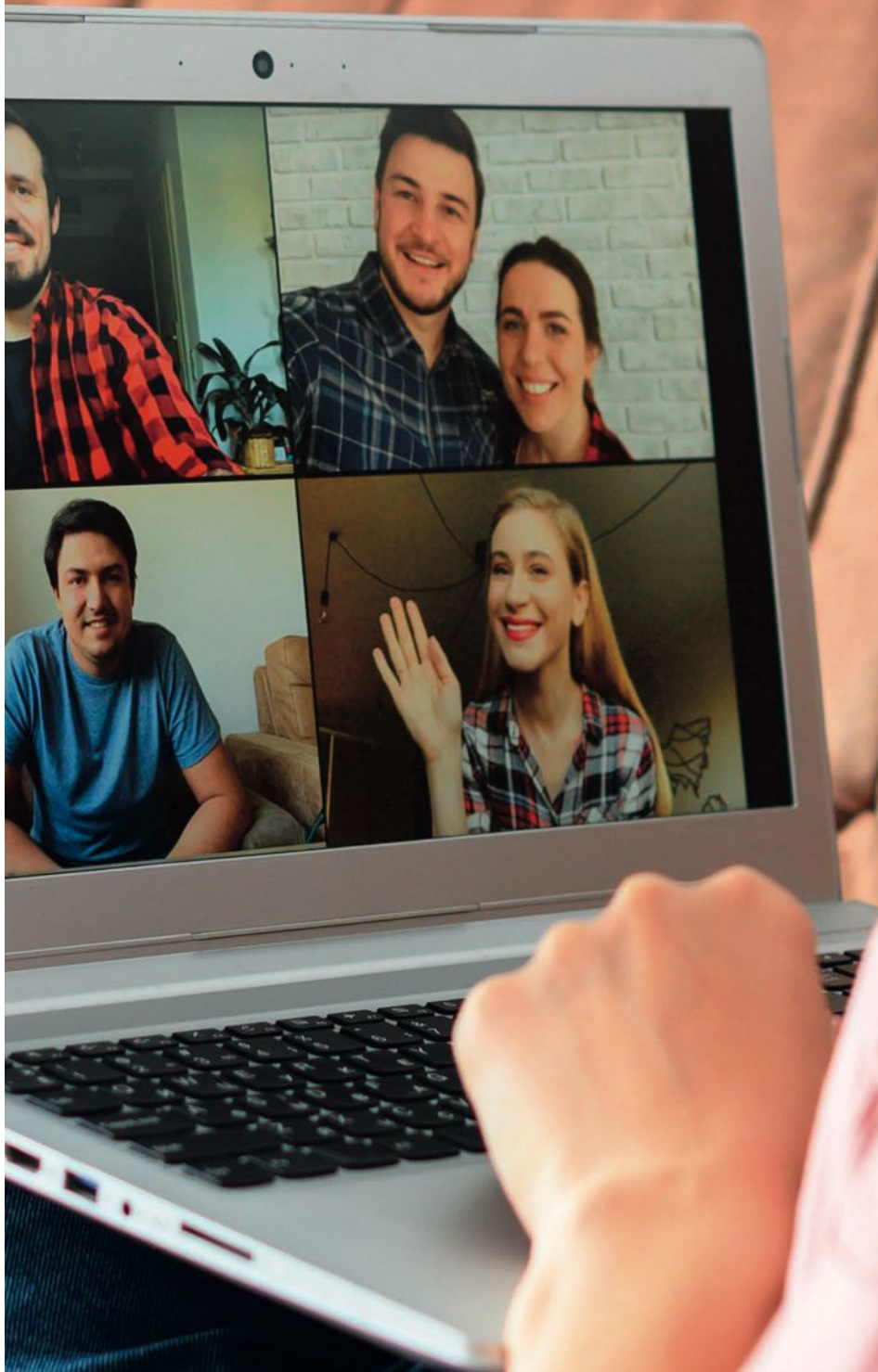
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# Local students donate \$5,000 to Caledon Animal Services



Brenda Dermott, Supervisor of Town of Caledon Animal Services, and Rosalie De Francesca, of Montessori Country School, are pictured with students.  
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## Montessori Country School students wanted to help animals in their community

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Local students have worked hard to make a difference in the lives of animals in Caledon. On September 25, the Town of Caledon announced that students and staff from Montessori Country School donated \$5,000 to Caledon Animal Services. The Town said it was one of the biggest donations its animal services department had received all year. Students and staff from Montessori Country School’s Nobleton Campus made the donation with money they raised from themed dress-

down pizza days. The campus is near the Caledon Animal Shelter in Bolton. On the last Friday of every month, students and staff at the school could donate to participate in a dress-down pizza day. Students chose themes such as crazy hair day, twin day, and wear your favourite Disney character day. Rosalie De Francesca, Director of Admissions for the Montessori Country School, said students at the school love animals and have their own class pets, goldfish, they take turns taking care of as part of their daily tasks. “Students wanted to ensure animals in need had the opportunity to have all the resources to make them feel loved and cared for while awaiting their new homes,” said De Francesca of students’ decision to support Caledon Animal Services. Mayor Annette Groves thanked Montessori Country School for its donation. “Hundreds of animals in need come through our animal shelter doors each year,” said Groves. “We aim to reunite, rehabilitate, and rehome

# Council defers report recommending creation of single-tier transition committee

Continued from FRONT

The creation of the committee would have also meant Maskell replacing Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen as an alternate member of Region of Peel Council. Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa said he felt rushed by the report’s recommendation and that he’d like more time to have wholesome discussions about it. “I’d like to see this come up at a future Council meeting where we would have a little more time to discuss this,” said Rosa. “I need to ask a lot more questions between now and the next meeting... I’m respectfully asking my colleagues for a deferral... this is really important.” Rosa motioned to defer the report to a future meeting, and his motion was unanimously supported by Council. Caledon resident Joanna Valeriani submitted written comments about the single-tier transition committee report for the public record. She asked how it was determined which Councillors would be on the committee, and said the Councillor selections denied representation from the west side of Caledon, Wards 1 and 2. “Wards 1 and 2 encompass a land mass that is half of Caledon,” wrote Valeriani. “That is a big area to be considered and... (it’s) very different from the rest of Caledon.” Valeriani said she didn’t agree with the single-tier committee report being brought forward at a Special Council meeting on a Tuesday morning. The report, which will now be brought forward at a future Council meeting, was created by Caledon CAO Nathan Hyde. In it, Hyde said Caledon has already formed an internal transition team of staff

to deal with Caledon becoming a single-tier municipality. The Region of Peel is set to be dissolved as of January 1, 2025. At a September 12 General Committee meeting, Councillor Sheen put forward a motion requesting clarification on a process for providing updates to Council on transition progress. Hyde’s report was created in response to this motion. “The purpose of this staff report is to propose a Single-Tier Transition Committee (STTC) to ensure members of Council are informed and directly involved in providing input into the Town’s progress towards becoming a single-tier municipality,” wrote Hyde. Hyde said Caledon’s internal transition team is composed of him, Mayor Groves, and senior Town staff members with expertise in areas like finance, human resources, servicing, roads, and human services. He said the team includes staff to provide research support and a consultant with “experience in regional matters.” “The role of the internal transition team is to liaise with the Peel Transition Board who will provide a work plan approved by the Province,” wrote Hyde. Hyde said the role of the STTC would be to provide advice to the internal transition team, and receive information and recommendations from the team. Hyde’s report noted the appointment of Councillors Maskell and Russo to the Committee would be done by way of Mayoral Decision (Strong Mayor Powers). Hyde’s report said Councillor Maskell would replace Sheen as Regional Council alternate to “ensure STTC members have the opportunity to gain perspective and experience in regional matters.”

lost and abandoned animals in our community and this donation is a tremendous help to us in achieving these goals.” Brenda Dermott, Supervisor of Animal Services in Caledon, said the donation was a generous one. “The Town of Caledon’s Animal Shelter helps approximately 500 each year and that number continues to grow,” said Dermott. “We help many lost pets that need care during their stay at the shelter. We also have many animals ready for adoption needing care before leaving for their forever home.” Programs offered by Caledon Animal Services include adopt-a-pet, volunteer foster, lost and found pets, education and awareness and more.

## BOLTON ROTARY 1K FUN RUN & 5K WALK/RUN

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The kids Fun Run will be FREE to all participants. The run will begin at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness – with the Fun Run around the track within the park.

The all-ages 5 k walk/run will start at the CCRW, down Kingsview/Longwood and into the Bolton Camp. Registration for the 5k run/walk is free for those under 12 and \$25 for 12+ ages. We hope you will try to solicit sponsors and pledges to support your amazing accomplishment! Proceeds for the day will go to support local youth programs.

Check out [ROTARYHAUNTEDHILL.COM](https://ROTARYHAUNTEDHILL.COM) for details of the day including registration, maps, parking, runner requirements, etc.

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## Sustainable Orangeville and CVC invite residents to tree planting

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Sustainable Orangeville and Credit Valley Conservation are inviting area residents to join them in planting native trees and shrubs along the Mill Creek Trail in Orangeville.

Town of Orangeville Councillor Tess Prendergast, chair of Sustainable Orangeville, emphasized that trees and greenery serve a multifaceted purpose beyond aesthetic enhancement for the community.

“They play a vital role in fortifying the ecosystem and providing crucial habitats for wildlife,” Councillor Prendergast said. “Trees mitigate the impact of flooding, store carbon and protect against extreme heat. The annual tree planting events represent a valuable occasion for community members to unite, engage with the local ecosystem, and actively contribute to the realization of a more sustainable future.”

As part of its municipal Tree Canopy Policy, the Town of Orangeville hopes to have a tree canopy of 40 per cent coverage by the year 2040. Community tree planting is one of the many ways the Town works towards achieving this goal.

This year’s fall tree planting event will take place on October 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., along Mill Creek Tail, located off Hunter Road.

Roadside parking is available.

Registration is recommended for this event and will be available until October 13. The event date may be subject to change or be cancelled due to inclement weather. Any changes will be communicated by the CVC and the Town of Orangeville via social media channels.

If you are planning on attending, you should wear a hat, long pants and closed-toed shoes. Bring a reusable and refillable water bottle. Water refills will be available.

Also, bring sunscreen and bug spray.

Volunteers under 18 are asked to bring a signed copy of the CVC Youth Event Waiver.

Volunteers over 18 are asked to read and acknowledge the CVC Event Waiver.

To submit your registration or learn more, visit online at: [cvc.ca/event/sustainable-orangeville-community-tree-planting](http://cvc.ca/event/sustainable-orangeville-community-tree-planting).

# Caledon updates bylaw governing maintenance of heritage properties

### Minimum standards for heritage properties being brought into effect

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Council wants to see Caledon’s heritage buildings protected.

At Caledon Council’s October 10 General Committee meeting, an amendment to Caledon’s Property Standards Bylaw was passed and recommended for adoption at Council’s October 24 meeting.

The amendment prescribes minimum maintenance standards for designated heritage properties in Caledon.

Regional Councillor Christina Early and Ward 4 Councillor Nick de Boer were opposed to the amendment’s passing.

Catherine McLean, Caledon’s Director of Community Service, said the Town is going to create a communication strategy to let heritage property owners know about the updated bylaw. She said a guide will be made in plain language so people will know their responsibilities as a heritage property owner.

Every heritage property in Caledon is designated as such by a bylaw, which contains a description of the heritage attributes of the property. These attributes form the premise on which any requirement for repairs or maintenance will be based.

Ward 4 Councillor Nick de Boer asked what would happen if someone is living in a heritage

property but doesn’t have the money to do the work required to maintain it to the Town’s standards.

Town staff said there are grants available for heritage property owners, and de Boer replied the grants may not always be enough.

Staff said the bylaw update is particularly pointed at vacant heritage properties, not lived-in heritage properties, which they said the majority of are well-maintained. Staff said the bylaw’s goal is to enforce some minimum property standards so a heritage property does not fall into disrepair.

“If the bylaw was directed primarily to vacant heritage homes, I would have a lot more comfort,” said de Boer. “I think that to address one problem, we’ve actually opened up a potential for the people that are doing the best that they can getting caught up in something.”

Staff said the bylaw is meant to be reactive, and it will be complaint-driven. This means the Town won’t actively go out looking to enforce the bylaw. Instead, it gives the Town authority to take action if there are complaints about a property from residents, not unlike it would for any non-heritage property in Caledon.

Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan said the intention of the bylaw is not to put anyone in financial hardship, rather it’s about protecting the integrity of heritage buildings while under growth pressure from the Province.

Ontario’s Heritage Act allows municipalities with a property standards bylaw to prescribe

minimum standards for designated heritage properties.

Town staff looked at best practices from other municipalities that have their own standards to guide its new minimum standards.

According to a report by Joe Assaly, Municipal Law Enforcement Analyst at the Town, the minimum standards are “a valuable tool to protect against “demolition by neglect” and a conservation initiative for the ongoing care and maintenance of designated heritage properties.”

There are currently 140 designated heritage properties in Caledon, and another 185 in the Village of Bolton Heritage Conservation District.

Assaly’s report has identified eight heritage properties in Town that are vacant and subject to minimal or no maintenance.

The two approaches to avoiding demolition by neglect in the updated bylaw are: requiring proper maintenance of a property’s heritage attributes; and preventing damage to, and deterioration of, heritage attributes and super structures of vacant designated buildings to ensure that they remain viable for future use.

Assaly’s report said key provisions in the updated bylaw include: repair rather than replacement of heritage attributes; where necessary, using appropriate replacement materials that replicate a property’s original look; requiring minimal utilities in vacant heritage buildings to maintain heat and ventilation; and eliminating the demolition option for heritage buildings, except as allowed under Ontario’s Heritage Act.

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# Tickets on sale for Caledon theatre company’s first-ever show

Over the Footlight Productions performing “Something Rotten” at Vaughan Playhouse

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Excitement is building for a local theatre company’s inaugural show. On October 26 at 7:30 p.m. the curtain will rise at the Vaughan Playhouse and Over the Footlight Productions will put on its first-ever show: “Something Rotten.”

Over the Footlight Productions is a not-for-profit theatre company specializing in musical theatre. It was started earlier this year by longtime Caledon residents Lucy Todish and John Thomas.

Todish and Thomas both have a passion for musical theatre, which led them to start Over the Footlight Productions and partner with the Stage Academy Theatre Association to put on a show.

The pair decided the first show they’d put on would be “Something Rotten” as Todish said it’s a high-energy show that’s funny, has great costumes, and interesting songs and dances.

The show follows the lives of Nigel and Nick Bottom, struggling playwrights in 1590s London.

They’re trying to write the next big hit, only their competition is someone pretty notable: William Shakespeare.



Over the Footlight Productions will soon be putting on its first-ever show. Here, actors rehearse at the Albion Bolton Community Centre. PHOTO COURTESY OF OVER THE FOOTLIGHT PRODUCTIONS/INSTAGRAM

The actors, stage crew and volunteers of Over the Footlight Productions have been hard at work all year preparing to put on their performance. They have been rehearsing at the Albion Bolton Community Centre.

“It’s very exciting,” said Todish of being less than a month away from showtime. “The cast has been amazing, they’ve been working really hard. Now we just want to make sure that we’ve got the support and audience for them to do their best and shine their light on stage.”

Over the Footlight Productions is putting on four performances of “Something Rotten” at the Vaughan Playhouse (1000 New Westminster Drive). The dates and times are as follows: October 26, 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m.; and October 29 at 1:30 p.m.

Those interested in purchasing tickets for a show can do so online at [overthefootlightproductions.com](https://overthefootlightproductions.com).





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### Junior C hockey underway across Ontario

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Small-town hockey is underway in Ontario, with towns across the province cheering on their Junior teams as they vie for division and conference titles for a chance to compete for the provincial Schmalz Cup.

With 61 teams and eight divisions, the Provincial Junior Hockey League is the largest Junior hockey league in the world.

Locally, the North Carruthers Division regular season schedule got underway on September 14.

There are nine teams in the division this season – all are returning teams from last year.

The defending champions, the Stayer Siskins, are hoping for a repeat victory this year. They won the Conference last year and went to the Schmalz Cup final tournament.

It's still early in the season, but after eight games, the Alliston Hornets have moved into first place with a 6-2 record. The Hornets have taken losses to Penetang and Orillia so far this season.

The Stayer Siskins are in second place with five wins after seven times on the ice. They lost their first match-up with Alliston this year when the Hornets shut them down for a 3-1 win on October 6.

The Schomberg Cougars, who finished in third place last year, are once again in the number three spot after seven games. The Cougars have a 5-2 record so far this season.

They are followed by the Orillia Terriers, who have taken one loss but only played five games so far, so it's too early to tell how things will shape up for the Terriers.

In fifth place, the Penetang Kings can't get on the plus side yet. After eight games, they have a 3-4-1 record, including one overtime loss.

The Huntsville Otters are in sixth place with a 3-4 record. They are followed by the Caledon Golden Hawks in seventh place. After nine games, the Hawks have a 3-5-1 record.

In the number eight spot, the Midland Flyers have a 2-4 record, including one overtime loss.

In the basement, the Innisfil Spartans have yet to win a game after seven times on the ice.

The PJHL regular season schedule runs through to Feb. 25, before heading into the playoffs.



### Caledon Citizen's Student Athlete of the Week

## Nolan Butler is excelling on the golf course and volleyball court this fall for the Mayfield Mustangs

BY JIM STEWART

Nolan Butler has a full Fall high school sports schedule and he is thriving as a Mayfield Mustang so far this season.

Not only did the Honor Roll student qualify for the ROPSSAA Championship golf tournament at Royal Ontario this week, but he is also serving as the Captain of Mayfield's Senior Boys Volleyball team.

Butler, who has been a three-season and four-sport athlete at Mayfield by competing in hockey and badminton for the Mustangs, chose to end his rep hockey career this year to focus on his schooling as well as his two Fall sports.

"After playing both AAA and AA hockey for 10+ years, I recently decided to hang up the stick in exchange for a whistle. While playing the sport was a blast, I found the need for more time and money for my upcoming schooling."

Coach Cheney credited his player's mature decision-making and extolled the virtues of Mayfield's two-sport Fall athlete.

"Nolan participates fully in Golf and Varsity Boys Volleyball. He's our captain of the Varsity Boys Volleyball team and Nolan qualified for OFSAA golf as an individual. Despite the fact that he is not the oldest or most experienced player, he demonstrates considerable leadership. He assists the coaching staff with every practice and provides encouragement to his teammates. Nolan is committed—he attends every practice and is always eager to improve. He is a gifted athlete and exceptional leader."

The Mustangs' Head Coach is also impressed by Butler's citizenship at Mayfield SS.

"Nolan is known by many and admired by all who know him. He is polite, friendly, and respectful and works just as hard on his academics as he does on his athletics."

What impressed Coach Cheney the most about Butler is his selfless sportsmanship: "Even when his team loses, he never becomes discouraged and only cheers louder and builds others up. He works with younger players helping them to build their skills and become better players."

Nolan Butler took time from his first semester studies at Mayfield Secondary School, his driving range preparation for OFSAA, and on-court responsibilities as Captain of the Volleyball team to respond to our interview questions:

**Caledon Citizen:** What qualities did you demonstrate in your sports season to earn Student-Athlete of the Week honors?

**Nolan Butler:** "During this Fall

season, I feel I've demonstrated leadership with my volleyball team. Being given the role of team captain, I was very weary at the start not knowing how to conduct a team, but as the season progressed, I feel my leadership skills have shown through in a very laid-back manner. I have also shown great perseverance in my golf game; not having my best game on display, I still was able to battle through. Paired with a little bit of luck, I was able to qualify for this year's OFSAA boys' championship."

**Caledon Citizen:** What were your key statistics and performance moments from the 2023-24 season that you are most proud of?

**Nolan Butler:** "The key stats I am most proud of are the hours of practice and refinement I have put in to prepare myself for my competitions. Playing setter on the varsity volleyball team takes a great deal of practice and persistence to make everyone around you better. Not being a trained volleyball player, I have had to really focus and perform at the level needed to succeed."

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

**Nolan Butler:** "After playing both AAA and AA hockey for 10+ years, I have recently decided to hang up the stick in exchange for a whistle. While playing the sport was a blast, I found the need for more time and money for my upcoming schooling. Though making that decision was hard, I felt it was the right choice for my future in sport and education."

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

**Nolan Butler:** "Following in the footsteps of family members, Mayfield Athletics has been a major part of my high school experience. In years prior, playing for the volleyball, golf, hockey, and badminton teams, while trying to balance academics, has posed its challenges. In the end, with the support of friends and family, I have been able to maintain Honor Roll status and hope to continue on such a path. As a student, I would describe myself as positive, perseverant, and open-minded. These traits have helped me understand challenging topics and made learning somewhat fun, helping to make school a little more enjoyable."

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

tinations?

**Nolan Butler:** "Though drawings have been made in the sand, nothing is yet set in stone. Post-secondary pathways can be difficult rides, but very important. Currently, I am planning to go to school for business then follow it up with a specialization in college within the trades. I feel this pathway best suits my needs and helps set me up for a promising future. Sports as always are second to studies; saying that, I do see myself playing post-secondary sports, whether that be golf or another sport, sports are definitely here to stay."

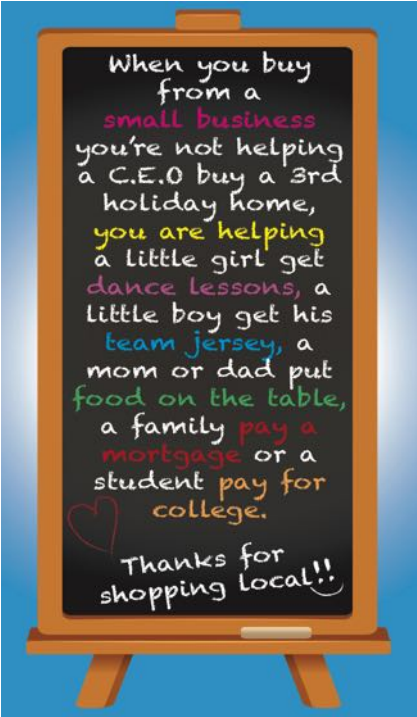
**Caledon Citizen:** Who is your role model in terms of the person you admire the most?

**Nolan Butler:** "When it comes to a role model, I like to base myself off of various traits pertaining to my different endeavors; but if I had to pick one, it would be my dad. Having some success in the rugby world, I admire my dad not because of his abilities but because of his attitude. Following the golden rule, "treat others the way you want to be treated", my dad takes that to a whole other level. Making sure everyone is taken care of before himself, and doing everything in his power to make my days as smooth as possible."

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

**Nolan Butler:** "I honestly had no clue whatsoever and I feel very honored. A nomination like this is definitely one to be thankful for and is one I will write down in the memory books."

*If you are a community or high school coach who would like to nominate a Caledon-based student-athlete for The Caledon Citizen's Student Athlete of the Week, please email me at jim@lpcmedia.ca.*



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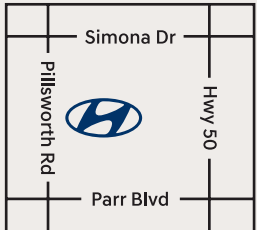


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ROBIN BOBECHKO  
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# Local artist launches fashion show at Alton Mill

BY JAMES MATTHEWS

Robin Bobechko is on a mission to empower women through art and fashion. And to help accomplish her mission, she’s launched an art and fashion show to take place October 19 at the Alton Mill. Bobechko is an artist and designer who has ignited her creativity since her semi-retirement from being a financial advisor. This creativity started with painting and has expanded into fashion with the everyday woman in mind. “Everyone is welcome,” she said. “Grab a few friends, claim a date night, treat yourself to a personal viewing of the Dusk Till Dawn Collection by RB.” Being a wife, mother to three adult sons, a grandmother to five grandchildren, a breast cancer survivor, and a pet parent to a rescue dog named Bob, Bobechko has an acute eye

for style and embracing what makes women unique and beautiful. New fashion trends will be explored at the Alton Mill on October 19. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The evening promises to be layered with fun, food, cocktails, friendship, music, and gorgeous wearable art pieces custom-designed by local artist Bobechko. She will be on hand for a question-and-answer session about her Fall/Winter Collection. Robin has lived, worked, and embraced Orangeville for over 50 years. She also currently serves on the fundraising committee with the Orangeville Foodbank. Reserve tickets at Eventbrite at [www.eventbrite.ca/e/dawn-till-dusk-fashion-show-by-robin-bobechko-tickets-726563931277](http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/dawn-till-dusk-fashion-show-by-robin-bobechko-tickets-726563931277) Learn more about Robin’s work at [RobinBobechko.com](http://RobinBobechko.com).

# Dufferin Film Festival opens screenwriting contest

BY JAMES MATTHEWS

Orangeville and surrounding municipalities will have its own place to celebrate independent filmmakers next fall. The lights will go up on the Dufferin Film Festival (DFF) on August 9-10, 2024. Kelly McDowell, the festival’s director, said the event will celebrate Canadian independent filmmakers through a curated selection of films, educational opportunities, industry forums, and networking events. The festival will foster filmmakers, film enthusiasts, and audiences while raising the profile of Canadian talent. Filmmakers can enter their films through Film-Freeway. “DFF will be showcasing the best of Canadian films of all genres,” McDowell said. She has an ambitious program for the two-day festival but is inspired to bring the best film experience possible to the community.

“Dufferin County is not only full of many talented artists and art lovers, but is also an incredible landscape for film production. It is the perfect community to launch a film festival and [will] continue to put Dufferin County on the map for filmmakers and film enthusiasts,” said McDowell. The festival will host a myriad of creative forums, workshops, and networking opportunities. The opening night will include a presentation of the Screenwriting Competition winners’ films and an evening feature film, followed by a question-and-answer session with the filmmakers. The night will commence with a red carpet, complete with filmmakers and photographers. The celebration continues at the opening night social, hosted at the Bluebird Cafe and Grill, which will be transformed into a Filmmaker and Film Enthusiast Hub, complete with entertainment, networking opportunities, and food. The second day of DFF includes more film programming from prominent and emerging filmmakers. More information on the schedule, films and events will be available in the weeks leading up to the festival. As part of the launch of DFF, the festival is hosting a Headwaters region community-wide screenwriting contest. Applicants can submit their microfilm scripts of five minutes or less, and two winners will be selected, one from a youth category of ages 12 to 18 and the other from an all-ages category. Rose Digital Media Group, in partnership with DFF, will acquire the scripts and work with the writer on-set in the production of the screenplay. The films will debut at DFF as part of the film selections. The application portal opened on Oct. 10 and will close on Dec. 31. Winners will be announced in February 2024.



# Local church hosting Fall festival

Event will be held in Bolton on October 21

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
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Autumn is truly underway and so are fall festivals. On Saturday, October 21 Connect Church will host its annual Fall festival in Bolton (12495 Peel Regional Road 50). The non-denominational event features trunk-or-treating for kids: attendees will

bring candy and decorate their cars, and kids are welcome to come in-costume and trick-or-treat around the cars. There will be carnival games and food, as well as a game called cakewalk. It’s like musical chairs, except when the music stops, if you’re in the right place you win a free cake. The event runs from 2 to 5 p.m. and there is no charge for admission.



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Ivan was born on October 17, 1932 to Ivan and Zlata in Parndorf, Austria. From a young age, he exhibited a remarkable blend of kindness, fairness, sarcasm, and generosity that would shape his character throughout his life. These qualities endeared him to those around him

and earned him the respect and admiration of his family and friends.

In 1955, Ivan met the love of his life, Mary, and they embarked on a journey of love and commitment that lasted 65 years. Their union was blessed with three children: Julie (Morris), Mary, and Linda (Tom). Ivan was a dedicated and loving father, always providing guidance, support, and an endless supply of jokes to keep the family entertained. He took great pride in watching his children grow into remarkable individuals they became.

As a grandfather, Ivan's heart overflowed with joy. He cherished every moment spent with his grandchildren: Arienne (Trysten), John Dean (Sabrina), Jason (Pam), Caterina (Matthew), Cody, Ryan, Andrew, and Lauren. He embraced his role as a source of wisdom, fun, and unconditional love in their lives. Ivan's presence at family gatherings was always filled with laughter and happy memories that will be forever treasured.

In his later years, Ivan was blessed with the arrival of great-grandchildren: Mila, Anthony, Alicya, John Anthony, and Olivia. He delighted in seeing the continuation of the family lineage and showered them with affection. His wisdom and zest for life will continue to inspire and guide them as they grow.

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As we bid farewell to Ivan, we find solace in the memories we shared, the laughter he brought, and the love he bestowed upon us. His spirit will forever live on in the hearts of his family and friends.

The family will receive their relatives and friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen St. S., Bolton on Thursday October 12 from 2pm – 4pm and 6pm – 8 pm. Funeral mass is Friday October 13 at 11am in the Chapel at Egan's Funeral Home. Condolences for the family may be offered at [www.EganFuneralHome.com](http://www.EganFuneralHome.com)

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# Dufferin-Peel Catholic Secondary Schools to hold Information Sessions for Grade 8 students and parents

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The information sessions will provide an overview of the programs and services offered at Dufferin-Peel Catholic secondary schools and will provide Grade 8 students with an opportunity to take a tour of

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