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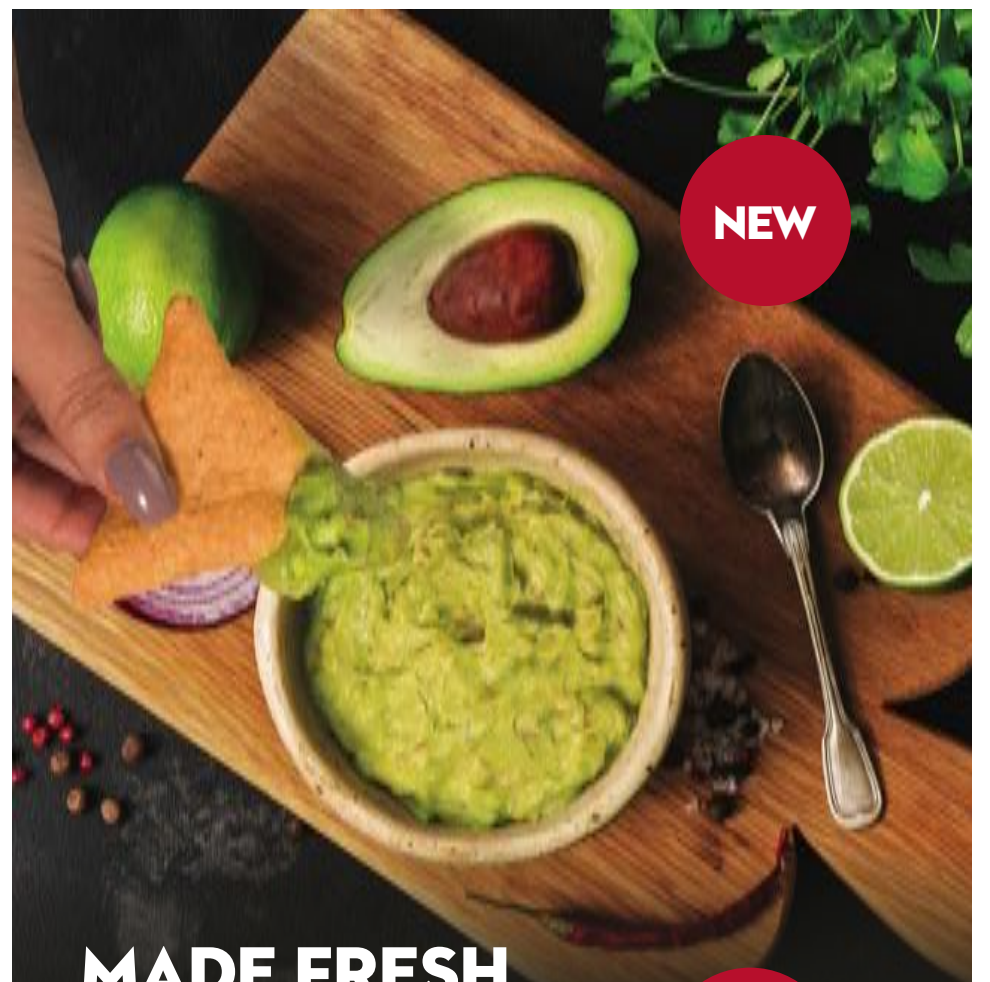
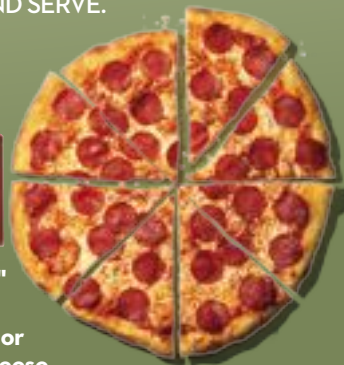
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**A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION** – Mayor and Council joined athletes, community builders and teammates on stage last week as the Town of Caledon hosted the first annual induction ceremony of the Caledon Sport Hall of Fame. (Below) Mayor Groves is pictured with inductee Bob Knuckey. PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON

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## Inaugural Sport Hall of Fame ceremony enshrines four athletes, three builders, and one team

BY JIM STEWART

180 attendees enjoyed the anecdotes provided by inductees and their families at the First Annual Caledon Sport Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Wednesday evening.

Prior attempts to host the event were scuttled due to the COVID Pandemic, so the warm and congenial mid-week gathering at the Caledon East Community Complex made up for lost time.

Four athletes, three builders, and one team were enshrined.

Town Crier Andrew Welch—official Town Crier for both Caledon and Erin—called the gala to order. With sartorial flare, he introduced the Emcee for the evening.

Master of Ceremonies Barrie Shepley moved the evening along with the perfect blend of grace, humor, and charm. His connectivity to the inductees was evident throughout the ceremony as he invited dignitaries, inductees, and families of posthumous-

ly-honored winners to the stage to share poignant sporting and personal memories of the athletes, builders, and team being feted.

Mayor Annette Groves introduced all the Regional Councilors in attendance and noted “the importance of this occasion.”

Mayor Groves spoke glowingly that “Sports have always held a special place in Caledon with its rich, historical traditions.”

She thanked the family of the first CSHOF inductee Jerry Callaghan for “his significant contributions to youth sports in Caledon” and acknowledged that “in the Town’s 50th year, we have dedicated space on the second floor of the Complex to the Caledon Sport Hall of Fame.”

Mayor Groves offered her “Congratulations to all inductees for being an inspiration to future generations.”



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**Bolton author pens book on first Black Canadian woman to become a doctor**

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Sophia Jones was the first Black woman born in Canada to receive a medical degree.

John Steckley, a Bolton resident and retired professor, recently discovered her story and was inspired by it. He decided to write a book about her, and in his research found amazing stories about Jones’ family as well.

Steckley, who has a PhD from the University of Toronto, taught at Humber College for over 30 years. His primary area of study was anthropology. When writing a sociology textbook, Steckley was looking for the first Black Canadian woman to receive a medical degree. This led him to discover Jones.

Jones was born in 1857 in Chatham, ON (Chatham, Canada West at the time) — a place known as a major northern terminus of the Underground Railroad.

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# Town seeking resident feedback on prospect of allowing legal cannabis stores

## Council directed staff to create report on effects of permitting legal cannabis stores last October

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon would like to know whether residents want to see legal cannabis stores in the municipality.

On February 1, the Town announced it was looking for input from residents on the issue.

When the Federal government legalized recreational cannabis in 2018, it gave municipalities the ability to opt out of having retail cannabis stores set up shop in their boundaries.

In 2019, Caledon decided to opt out. Municipalities that opt out can choose to opt in at any time; however, once they opt in they may not opt out again.

At Caledon Council's October 24, 2023 meeting, Caledon resident Wendel Clarke delegated and shared his opinion that Caledon should allow legal retail cannabis stores.

This led to Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell putting forward a motion for Town staff to "review the feasibility of permitting cannabis retail stores within the Town of Cale-



don and report back in the first quarter of 2024."

The motion was supported unanimously by the rest of Caledon Council.

As part of this process, staff are now collecting feedback on the possibility of allowing legal cannabis stores from Caledon residents. Those interested in providing their thoughts can do so by completing an online survey at the following link: [haveyour-saycaledon.ca/embeds/projects/41165/survey-tools/44012](https://haveyour-saycaledon.ca/embeds/projects/41165/survey-tools/44012)

The survey will be open until March 1. It asks residents what ward they live in; if they have ever used or currently use cannabis; where they would be most likely to purchase

cannabis; and if they support having legal cannabis retail stores in Caledon.

Residents may also offer their thoughts at an open house being held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on February 21 in the atrium at Caledon Town Hall (6311 Old Church Road).

In his October 2023 delegation, Clarke said there's numerous reasons Caledon should opt in to having legal cannabis stores, one being that allowing legal cannabis stores can bring economic benefits to a community through increases in tax revenue and the creation of jobs.

Clarke said as it stands, cannabis users in Caledon are either leaving Caledon to purchase their product, or are buying it illegally.

## 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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Location: 34 Nixon Rd., Bolton

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Albion Bolton Historical Society - February 12, 2024, 7:30 PM meeting at the Albion Bolton Community Centre, 150 Queen Street South, Bolton, Meeting Room C. Upper

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Kinsmen Toonie Treasure Sale: Saturday February 10th from 10 am till 1 pm at the President Bldg, Albion Bolton Fairgrounds. Racks and racks of new /gently used apparel for men women and children all for a TOONIE !! All proceeds help support community needs.

**Valentine's Day Special Lunch**  
The Caledon Seniors Centre is hosting a Valentine's Day Special Lunch on Wed. Feb. 14 at Rotary Place in Bolton. The menu is: peameal bacon on a bun, fresh coleslaw and delicious Black Forest Cake. Plus, there will be a photo booth and Valentine's cookies courtesy of Montgomery Village! Special Cost: \$7. The lunch is sponsored by Chartwell Montgomery Village. Pick up at 11:30 am, dine-in served at 12:00 pm and local delivery is \$2. Register by Feb. 12 by calling 905-951-6114

**Luncheon, Bridge & Oh Hell Tournament**  
The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is hosting a Luncheon & Bridge/Oh Hell Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 10. Lunch menu is: 4 Meatball Sub, Salad, Red Velvet Cake  
Check-in at 11:15 am  
Lunch Pick-up: 11:30 am  
Dine-in served at 12:00 pm  
Tournaments start at 1:00 pm  
Pre-registration is required!  
Bridge – sign up by Feb. 6 with your partner (or we assign you one)  
Lunch & Oh Hell – sign up by Feb. 10  
Call the Centre at 905-951-6114

**Monthly Dinner**  
The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is hosting their Monthly Dinner on Friday, Feb. 23. The menu is: ham, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, pineapple upside down cake.  
Cost is \$16  
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## Caledon set to adopt tiered municipal law enforcement system, add two parking officers

### Town staff recently completed municipal law enforcement service level review

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon will soon make changes to its municipal law enforcement service levels.

At Caledon Council's February 6 General Committee meeting, Councillors endorsed a recommendation to adopt a tiered municipal law enforcement system and add two full-time equivalent parking officers.

In July of 2023, Council directed Town of Caledon staff to conduct a review of the municipality's municipal law enforcement service level. The goal of the review was to assess bylaw enforcement models used by other municipalities, and use the findings to create a new model for Caledon that will better serve residents.

Currently, the Town of Caledon employs nine bylaw officers, one animal control officer, and one full-time and three part-time parking officers.

"The by-law officers are deployed Monday to Friday in a condensed four-day work week schedule involving three nine-hour shifts and one eight-hour shift," said staff in a report to Council. "One officer... provides weekend coverage. Also, from May to September, one by-law officer...

will work an afternoon shift which provides coverage into the early evening."

The review staff conducted discovered that best practices in other municipalities saw use of a tiered municipal law enforcement officer (MLEO) system.

In a tiered system, MLEO 1 officers would be tasked with responding to parking-related matters, complaints related to signs and noise, and after-hours complaints. They would provide 24/7 coverage through a two weeks of day shifts and two weeks of night shifts schedule.

MLEO 2 officers would be responsible for more complex complaints and infractions such as zoning, property standards, licensing, woodland, fill and dumping. They would work during regular business hours.

As a result of the review, staff proposed that Council adopt either a four-platoon system with day and night shifts, or the tiered system described above.

Council voted to choose the tiered system, with Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell adding an amendment for the two extra parking officers, and it will be recommended for official adoption at an upcoming Council meeting.

As part of the municipal law enforcement level review, staff conducted a survey of Caledon residents.

Staff found that 78 per cent of people surveyed were not satisfied with Caledon's current bylaw deployment model. Staff also discovered that 63 per cent of respondents wanted to see more weekend coverage and 61 per cent of respondents wanted to see more overnight coverage.

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# Town looks at recognizing those who served in Afghanistan, on peacekeeping missions on cenotaphs



The Cenotaph in front of the Alton Legion is an important part of Remembrance Day ceremonies. **FILE PHOTO**

## Motion from Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell sparked review

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon is taking steps to commemorate those who served on United Nations peacekeeping missions and in Afghanistan.

At Caledon Council's February 6 General Committee meeting, Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell put forward a motion asking

Town staff to investigate adding plaques or inscriptions on Caledon cenotaphs to honour those who served on peacekeeping missions and in Afghanistan.

The motion was unanimously supported by his fellow councillors and is recommended for adoption at the next Caledon Council meeting.

Staff were directed to report back to Council with enough time to complete updates to the cenotaphs before Remembrance Day this year.

There are four cenotaphs in Caledon, one each in Alton, Bolton, Caledon East, and Mono Mills.

They currently commemorate those who

served in the two World Wars and in Korea.

Since 1948, more than 125,000 Canadians have served on United Nations missions, with 130 losing their lives.

More than 40,000 Canadians were deployed to Afghanistan, with 125 being killed and over 2,000 wounded.

Maskell said he got the idea for his motion when he was visiting the Caledon East cenotaph last Remembrance Day. While there, he ran into a couple whose son had served in Afghanistan.

He realized that the son's service was not commemorated on the cenotaph, and wanted to do something to rectify the situation. Maskell felt bad for the family and like they weren't being seen.

"I don't know how many families go to these monuments and there's no recognition of their service," said Maskell. "I thought, why don't we look at doing an update... as recognition to all those people

that have gone over and served on all kinds of missions and represented Canada."

Maskell is hoping to have the cenotaphs updated by next Remembrance Day, and hopes the Town will be able to mention the updates in its ceremony. He said the cost of adding plaques or inscriptions shouldn't be too much for the Town to take on.

Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen shared that he has many family connections to the military and said he's very supportive of recognizing Canadian Armed Forces personnel. He said Caledon should also start thinking about a new cenotaph in Mayfield West.

Regional Councillor Mario Russo said Maskell's motion was easy to support and that our veterans deserve our respect because they've done so much for us.

Ward 4 Councillor Nick de Boer said he wants to make sure the Royal Canadian Legion is involved in discussions about updating the cenotaphs.

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### STOLEN VEHICLE RECOVERED

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a Brampton resident following a traffic stop on Wednesday.

“On January 31, 2024, Caledon OPP officers were conducting traffic enforcement in the Southfields Village community in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “Just before 2:00 p.m., while officers were attempting to conduct a traffic stop, the vehicle made contact with a police cruiser in an attempt to flee. The driver was subsequently arrested. The investigation revealed the vehicle involved had been reported as stolen.”

As a result, Sukhamrit Sanan, 24, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime over \$5000;
- Possession of Schedule I Substance;
- Possession of an Identity document;
- Possession of Break-In Instruments;
- Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle;
- Failure to Comply with Release Order;

- Failure to Comply with Undertaking;
- Flight from Police.

The accused was held for a bail hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

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### VEHICLE FIRE INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a suspicious fire.

“On January 27, 2024, shortly after 1:00 a.m., Caledon OPP, along with Caledon Fire and Emergency Services, responded

to vehicle fire on Tranquility Court, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “The fire was safely extinguished, and no injuries were sustained. The preliminary investigation has revealed a red four-door sedan was seen in the area shortly prior the fire being reported. The incident is being treated as suspicious.”

The investigation is ongoing by the Caledon Major Crime Unit.

Anyone with information that might assist the investigation or have dashcam footage of the area during that timeframe should contact the Caledon OPP at 905-584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

### CANNABIS SEIZURE



Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a Brampton resident following a traffic stop on Wednesday.

“On January 31, 2024, just before 1:00 a.m., Caledon OPP conducted a traffic stop while patrolling the community of Southfields Village, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “The investigation led officers to seize just over 266 grams of cannabis, as well as various cannabis-related paraphernalia. The driver was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, a 25-year-old of Brampton, was charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule II Substance for the Purpose of Traffick-

- ing;
- Possession of over 30g dried Cannabis in a Public Place.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

“The OPP remains committed to keeping our communities safe through enforcement and public education. It is an offence to possess cannabis for the purpose of selling. Additionally, an individual 19 years of age or older can only have up to 30 grams of cannabis or its equivalent in public. When transporting cannabis in a vehicle, unless otherwise exempt, it must be in its original package that has not been opened, or packed in baggage that is fastened closed or is not otherwise readily available to any person in the vehicle.”

For more information about the rules surrounding cannabis, please visit: www.opp.ca/cannabis.

You can also provide information anonymously regarding drug offences by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

### IMPAIRED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a Brampton resident following a collision.

“On Monday, January 22, 2024, at approximately 8:00 p.m., Caledon OPP received a report of a two-vehicle motor vehicle collision on Mayfield Road near Hurontario Street, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “No injuries were reported. During the course of the investigation, officers formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, Manjeet Singh, 23, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The driver is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on February 8, 2024, to answer to the charge. Additionally, the driver’s vehicle was impounded for a period of seven days, and their driver’s licence suspended for a period of 90 days.

The charges have not been proven.  
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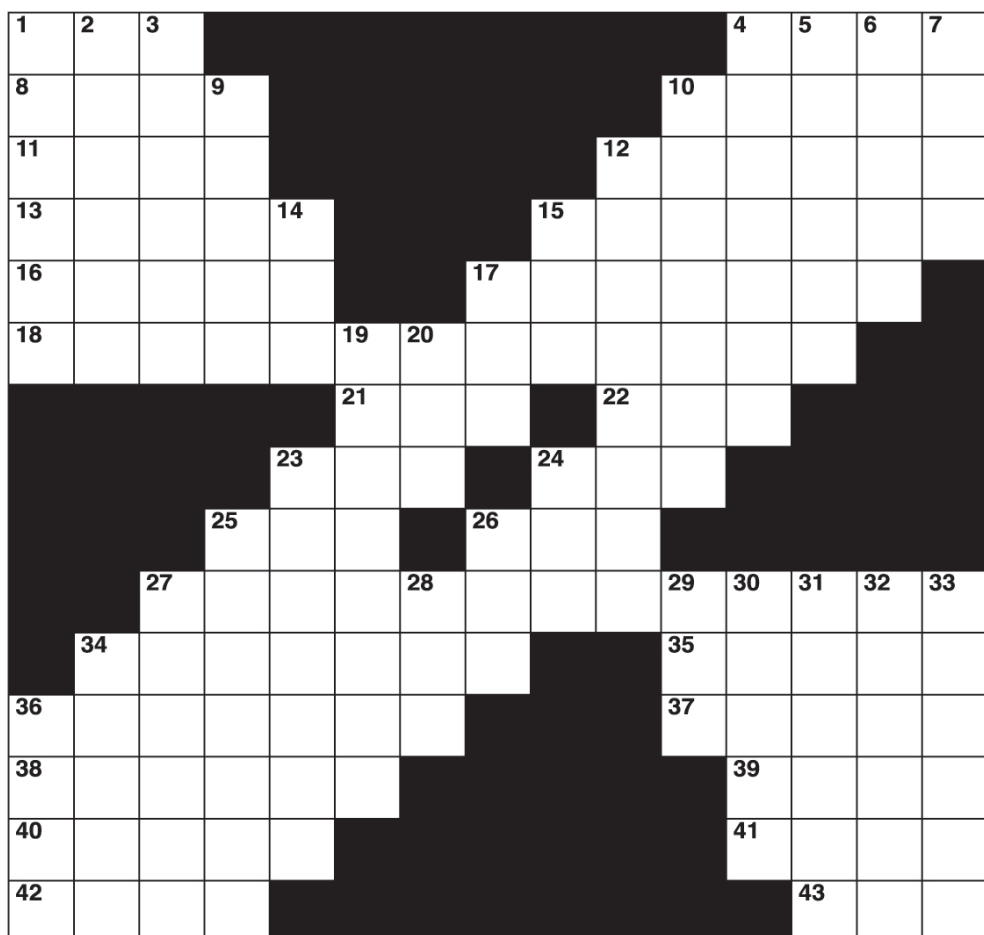
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### CLUES ACROSS

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- Coagulated blood
- Fortifying ditch
- Devotee of Hinduism
- Trunk of a tree
- Bank note
- Capital of Guam
- Study again
- Covered with hoarfrost
- Opening
- Legendary Rolling Stone
- Stray
- Computer storing system

- Signal
- Pitching statistic
- Human being
- Malaysian isthmus
- The “Blonde Bombshell”
- A gland
- Bluish greens
- Endangered
- Three-dimensional
- In a way, precipitated
- God associated with dissolution
- Blemished
- Flow or leak slowly
- Disco legends The Bee \_\_\_
- Midway between

- south and southeast
- A way to board
- Get down
- Highly seasoned sausage
- First day of month
- Eurasian shrubs
- The organ that bears the ovules of a flower
- Small lake
- Belief
- Sunrooms
- Metric weight unit
- Vasopressin
- Bravo! Bravo!
- Bravo!
- One-time family room staple

### CLUES DOWN

- Got back together
- Anger
- Sang merrily
- Sea eagle
- Military men
- Kilo yard (abbr.)
- Found in the sea
- Protects from weather
- Type of medicine
- City along the Rhine
- Animal disease
- Martini ingredients
- Get away
- Lack of disunity
- One-time European Commission officer

*No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.*

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“Drivers continue to take chances. It’s simply not worth the risk. Motorists are reminded that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it.

“You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [www.peelcrimestoppers.ca](http://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca). When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.”

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

## STOLEN WEAPON RECOVERED

Members of the Nottawasaga Detach-

ment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have recovered a stolen police-issued firearm, specifically a Colt C8 rifle.

“The firearm was stolen from a police vehicle in Angus on February 3, 2024, in the Brentwood Road area,” say Police. “The investigation into the circumstances surrounding the stolen firearm remain ongoing. More information will be released when it becomes available.

“The OPP extends its gratitude to the community for their support, cooperation, and vigilance during this process.”

## CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION CHARGES

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has arrested an Oro-Medonte resident following a child sexual exploitation investigation.

“A search warrant was executed at a residence by the OPP Child Sexual Exploitation Unit, with the assistance of the Orillia OPP Detachment, the Digital Forensics Unit and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. Several electronic devices were seized,” say Police.”

Andrew Bertan, 55, was arrested and charged with the following Criminal Code offences:

- Possession of child pornography, section 163.1(4) - two counts
- Making Child Pornography available, section 163.1(3)

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orillia on February 20, 2024.

The charges have not been proven.

“Children are our most vulnerable and precious members of society. Many victims of child sexual abuse are so young that they cannot tell their story. Every time an image or video depicting that abuse is shared, that child is re-victimized.

“The OPP will continue to aggressively identify and pursue individuals who use technology to exploit children. Parents are reminded to take a proactive approach to help protect their children from online sexual exploitation by speaking with their children regarding internet safety. Parents can find resources at [cybertip.ca](http://cybertip.ca) or [protectchildren.ca](http://protectchildren.ca).”

If you have information regarding internet child exploitation and wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at

1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or [ontariocrimestoppers.ca](http://ontariocrimestoppers.ca). Information can also be reported through [cybertip.ca](http://cybertip.ca).



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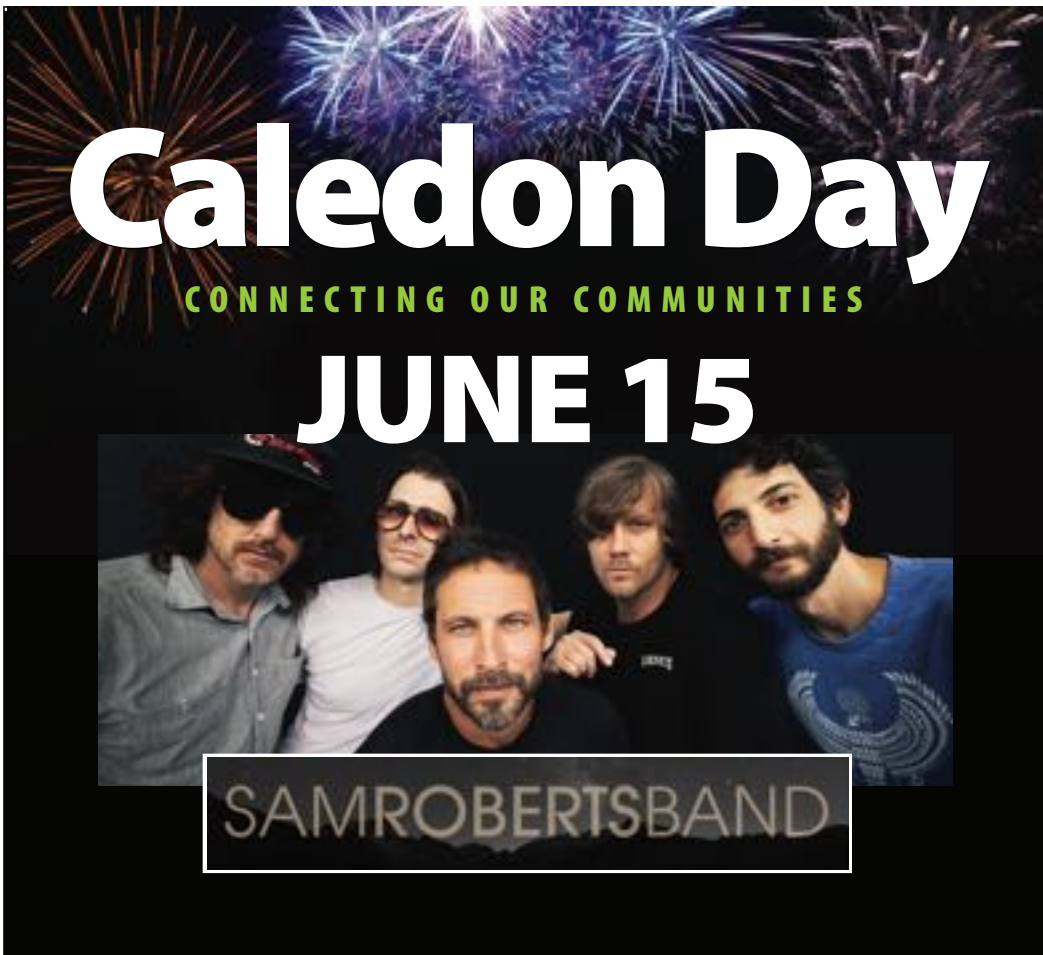
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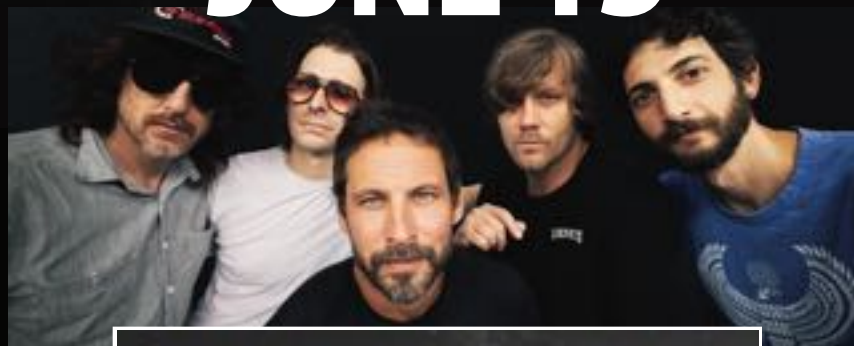




# Caledon Day

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# Rosa pushing for improvements to “gateway to Caledon”

Over 2,000 Caledon residents have signed a petition in support of improvements

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Bolton residents would like to see improvements made at and around the intersection of Highway 50 and Mayfield Road.

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa will soon be delegating at a City of Vaughan Council meeting with a goal of bringing Caledon and Vaughan together to address issues around the busy intersection that he calls a “gateway to Caledon”.

Rosa will bring with him a petition with over 2,000 signatures of support for the cause.

“The current condition requires some TLC as far as I’m concerned... those stacked containers that are right at our doorstep... I’m worried about the appearance, but more importantly safety as well,” said Rosa.

He’s referring to shipping containers in a yard that’s within Vaughan’s municipal boundaries but is visible from Caledon.

Rosa also wants to see Caledon and Vaughan work together on beautifying the Highway 50 corridor. He used the example of the Gardiner Expressway, where there are landscaped berms with sponsors, as something the municipalities could emulate.

“I’m hoping we can do that same thing... maybe we can get some local businesses advertising,” said Rosa.

He wants to make the drive into Caledon on Highway 50 less of an eyesore so that it becomes something Caledon residents can be proud of. Rosa will also be going to the City of Brampton seeking collaboration as it too shares municipal boundaries with Caledon in the area.



Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa has raised concerns over Caledon’s border with Vaughan. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

“It’s the gateway to my community... I’m going to ask (Vaughan and Brampton) to be partners in finding solutions, I’m going to bring examples of what could make it better,” said Rosa. “It’s igniting the conversation.”

Rosa said constituents in his ward have long expressed concern about the Mayfield Road and Highway 50 area and that he promised in his election campaign he would address it.

He said the community really came together on this issue and that the petition will greatly increase the impact of his delegations at other municipalities’ Council meetings.

“Over 2,000 people took the time to come out and put their name on this petition because they’re equally concerned,” said Rosa. “They deserve that this doesn’t get put under the carpet.”

Beyond beautification, Rosa and his constituents are also concerned about the flow of traffic on Highway 50.

“We’ve been calling upon the Province to come to the table,” said Rosa. “We have continued to advocate for a better solution at Highway 50 and Major Mackenzie.”

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- Albion Bolton Community Centre
- Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness
- Caledon East Community Complex
- Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena
- Southfields Community Centre

### PUBLIC NOTICE

## Caledon’s Draft Official Plan

A new draft Official Plan will be available for review on February 14, 2024. Attend the open house and public meeting to learn about the draft Official Plan and share your feedback. Comments are due by March 7, 2024.

Visit [haveyoursaycaledon.ca](http://haveyoursaycaledon.ca) to view the draft Official Plan.

The Official Plan is an overarching policy document consisting of goals, objectives, policies and maps that will guide Caledon’s growth and development to the year 2051. It strives to maintain a high quality of life for residents and sets out the expectations for future community and employment areas, transportation and municipal services, and use of land.

The draft Official Plan will apply to all lands within the municipal boundary of the Town of Caledon except for the land use designations and associated policies within the Rural Service Centres of Bolton, Mayfield West and Caledon East, as well as Tullamore, Sandhill, Palgrave Estates, and Inglewood, and all mineral aggregate resources policies, which will be updated in later phases of the Official Plan Review.

#### OPEN HOUSE

**Tuesday March 5, 2024**  
From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Atrium, Town Hall  
6311 Old Church Road,  
Caledon, L7C 1J6

#### PUBLIC MEETING

Hybrid (In-Person/Virtual) **Tuesday March 5, 2024 7 p.m.**  
Council Chamber, Town Hall / via Cisco WebEx 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, ON L7C 1J6

The live stream will be available on the Town’s website approximately five minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

To call and listen to the meeting, dial 1-833-311-4101 (toll free) and enter the meeting access code followed by the pound (#) key: 2633 927 0374#.

If you wish to make written or verbal submissions at the public meeting, please complete the participation form available on the Town’s website prior to the meeting.

You can also provide comments on the draft Official Plan in writing to [opreview@caledon.ca](mailto:opreview@caledon.ca) by Thursday March 7, 2024.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The latest draft Official Plan is available for review: On the Official Plan webpage of [haveyoursaycaledon.ca](http://haveyoursaycaledon.ca); or Upon request by contacting the Municipal Clerk by email to [agenda@caledon.ca](mailto:agenda@caledon.ca) or contacting the Official Plan Review team by email to [opreview@caledon.ca](mailto:opreview@caledon.ca).

If you require an accessibility accommodation or to access information in an alternate format, please contact Council & Committee Services at 905.584.2272 x.2366 or by e-mail to [agenda@caledon.ca](mailto:agenda@caledon.ca). Requests should be submitted at least 10 days prior to a scheduled open house or public meeting

#### NOTICE OF DECISION

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Caledon on the proposed new Official Plan, you must make a written request to:

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Town Hall,  
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For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, contact the Municipal Clerk by email to [agenda@caledon.ca](mailto:agenda@caledon.ca) or by phone to 905-584-2272, ext. 2366. This notice is pursuant to Section 17 and Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.



### PUBLIC NOTICE

## The Bolton Secondary Plans Review

### Vision and Planning Alternatives



The Town of Caledon is in the process of updating and consolidating the land use policy framework for six secondary plans and other areas within Bolton from the existing Official Plan. The new consolidated secondary plan will guide intensification and land use changes in Bolton, especially along the Queen Street corridor.

#### PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

Public consultation is a vital component of the planning process. A Public Information Session is being held to receive your comments regarding the proposed vision and planning alternatives report for the Bolton Secondary Plans Review.

#### VISION AND PLANNING ALTERNATIVES:

At the Open House, the Town of Caledon will present information related to the proposed vision and two planning alternatives.

**WHEN:**  
Thursday, February 22, 2024  
Start Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Presentation: 7 pm

**WHERE:**  
Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness  
4111 Hwy 50, Bolton, ON L7E 2V2




If you would like to provide us with your comments, require additional information please contact:

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# A rose by any other name...

There was no end of confusion while growing up with one of the most basic facts about myself.

As you can see in this space, I go by "Brock Weir," but now it can be told that Brock is actually my middle name.

Mind you I've never really been referred to by my real first name, at least for nearly the entirety of my first two decades. Rather, I was called Brock in the day-to-day basically from Day 1.

Where do things get confusing, you might be wondering.

Well, the first degree of complication stems from the fact that I was named after my father, presumably at his insistence. So, there were two Brocks in the household to keep things both interesting and confusing.

Potential shortcuts were floated to restore some kind of order.

"Little Brock" was the first attempt within my extended family to bring clarity.

That only lasted for so long.

Then along came "Brock Junior," which maddeningly had longer legs than I would have cared for.

One family member tried to really streamline things by taking "Brock Junior" and trying to make "B.J." happen – it didn't – while others attempted various nicknames ranging from "Broccoli" to "Squirt" (no, my family had no connection to the Green Giant family of jolly products), each with minimal staying power.

But wait, there's more.

The name "Brock" wasn't the only detail that caused befuddlement amongst certain parties. It was exacerbated by the fact that my seldom-used first name was also shared by my father.

And his father.

And my grandfather's grandfather.

And my grandfather's grandfather's father.

I haven't done much research to find out where my first name got caught in the branches of my family tree and spread out like an invasive vine, but suffice it to say there were more than enough people going around answering to the name at any given point.

Of course, my own father simplified things – and still does – by referring to me by my elder brother's first name, so there's a lot I've become accustomed answering to.

It took me a while, however, to fully accept my first name – and that happened only by sheer necessity.

Enrolling at Carleton University in 2003, I obviously had to do so under my legal name. No biggie, or so I thought. I made a note in whatever documentation was necessary that the middle name was the go-to going forward, but that memo got lost somewhere along the line.

After frosh week was behind us and regular classes were the order of the day, the fun of having to explain myself to professors, teaching assistants, peers in both the classroom and in dorms, and to just about everyone else – in both official languages!

Something eventually had to give, so it just became simpler to go by that dusty old name and correct the record only when it naturally came up.

Today, when I encounter those who knew me from my university days, it's a crap shoot which name ultimately comes to the fore, but I'm now able and comfortable enough to answer to either, sometimes both, with reasonable ease.

But growing up, I never truly realised this was something of a privilege.

Aside for any behind-the-scenes tussles between my parents back in 1985 over what names were to go on my birth certificate, and

in what order, nobody seemed really all that put out whether I used my first, second, or even third name – yes, there's a third one, just to spice things up! – and was able to see what fit who I was and what I wanted to be.

How I wish everyone had that luxury – and, of course, as someone who identifies as a cis-gender male, it's much easier for me.

Not so for young Albertans who do not identify as cisgender.

Last week, Premier Danielle Smith, who, like me, opts to go by her middle name, announced several youth-related policy changes under the banner of "Preserving choice for children and youth."

"The government is introducing policies across several ministries to preserve choices children and youth have before potentially making life-altering and often irreversible adult decisions involving the alteration of their biological sex while also ensuring women and girls have the opportunity to participate safely and meaningfully in sport," said the Alberta Government in its announcement. "In addition, the government will improve access to health services for Alberta's transgender community and social supports for children identifying as transgender and their families."

On the subject of how this will work in schools, they add: "Parents must be notified and opt in to any instance when a teacher provides formal instruction on subject matter involving gender identity, sexual orientation, or human sexuality; all third-party resource materials or presentations related to gender identity, sexual orientation, or human sexuality in Alberta classrooms must be pre-approved by the Ministry of Education to ensure they are age-appropriate; parents must consent for their child aged 15 and under to alter their name or pronouns used by school teachers, administration and other educational staff; parents must be notified for their child aged 16 or 17 to alter their names or pronouns used by school teachers, administration and other educational staff."

"Alberta's government is also developing a counselling pilot project to help youth identifying as transgender and their families work through often difficult and complex issues and discussions," they concluded.

Reading this last paragraph, I couldn't help but think Canadians' collective sense of irony somehow dissipated over the prairies on its journey westward.

By identifying the difficulty and arguable complexity of said discussions, it should be quite evident why parental consent for those 15 and under to simply choose their preferred name and their preferred pronoun might not be feasible; if they come from a loving and accepting family, they will already be well-aware of their child's identity and the person they are becoming and it will come as no surprise. If parents are not already in the loop, the whys and wherefores should be abundantly clear.

For those youth ages 16 and 17, the same question on parental knowledge should be asked and, if parents are not, again, already in the loop, consider how this type of notification can make these "difficult and complex" discussions even more so – and potentially even dangerous.

Where does preserving a child or youth's choice dovetail into these scenarios?

It doesn't. While I am thankful to have never been in this situation, I'm empathetic to those who are – as we all should be.

Now, as far as names go, I'm grateful for an abundance of choice and the fact that, from as long as I can remember, the choice among the three, and any others that came to mind, was mine alone.



## Exercising your democratic privilege

by Mark Pavilons



Of course, once in office, many things impact that ability and individual effect.

I try to tell my excitable son that within parties and our Parliamentary system, there are protocols, levels of bureaucracy, strategies, party alliances and more. It's a lot more complicated than it appears on the surface.

A lot of the younger voters may still not understand that we don't vote for party leader or Prime Minister, but rather our local MP or MPP. They, in turn, contribute to their respective party.

Numbers mean everything in House when it comes to voting on legislation.

In Canada, the current federal Liberals have all the cards, and with NDP support, yield a lot of power.

My son asks whether a certain leader can be impeached, or kicked out of office. I tell him that typically, that comes with a vote of non-confidence in the House, most often following a budget. Here, ousting a leader isn't as easy as it sounds. The Governor General can, in fact, appoint a Prime Minister, and remove one from office, given the proper set of circumstances.

My son did pose a very interesting question: if voters put everyone in office, shouldn't voters have a say in who should stay and who should go?

Why yes, that happens at election time. But could there be a mechanism to hold leaders accountable, at every stage of their tenure? Could they be rated or graded in some way?

All good questions, and fair in democratic terms. But sadly, no.

The judging and voting comes every four or so years.

"We the people" have the power and we have to exercise it, en masse, to make a difference.

Apathy is our main enemy in a democracy, and the numbers over the years continue to decline.

I get it, people are concerned with their lives, cost of living, making ends meet, getting or keeping a job and paying their bills. Do average citizens have time to join a political party, get accustomed to party platforms and rally support?

As the numbers indicate, no.

I know that people can get really passionate about issues and party performance. There are many current issues locally where this is the case. One thing I will give our citizenry is they are very well prepared, have done their homework, and get organized. That's the very definition of an informed populace.

But is it enough?

Strong, defensible positions are not always no-brainers.

I have witnessed so many strong, articulated arguments get defeated that it sometimes make you sigh and shrug your shoulders. It has, I'm sure, made many lose faith in the system. But we can't.

We are part of it, whether we like it or not. Strong opinions often become rallying cries and these sometimes lead to change.

Some of the most historic upheavals have come from the grassroots, the people.

Just as it should be.

So, what to do?

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## There's no substitute for experience

A few years ago I was party to a conversation between a woman with a young child, and another woman who was around 30 years older.

I wasn't part of the conversation, I was an innocent bystander who happened to be in the same room. Although I did laugh out loud when the zinger was spoken.

The younger woman's baby was around a year old at the time.

In the course of conversation, the younger woman was explaining different things about being a parent and what you had to do for your child, as if the older woman had no clue what to do with a baby.

The older woman just smiled and nodded.

As the younger woman attended to the baby, she explained the proper way to care for the child, and why other things were important.

Finally the older woman, I guess, had enough, and politely said, "Yes, I know, I raised three of them myself."

For some reason, we all think we are the first to do something.

How many times has a teenager said, "You don't understand" to a parent, when the teen is having a

major crisis, like finding out a boy she likes talked to another girl?

Well, yes, the mother does understand, because the mother already went through all that when she was in high school.

How many times has a father discouraged his son from doing something, or at least issued a caution, because the father is thinking back to the time he did the very same thing – and it could have ended in disaster?

Every generation thinks they are the first to do things.

Several years ago, I was working with a guy who had just graduated film school – which, of course, meant he knew all there was to know about making a film.

For some reason, he felt the need to explain to me the proper technique for editing film, even though I had graduated film school 25 years earlier.

I resisted the urge to smack him across the head, and explained I did indeed know editing techniques.

There's no substitute for experience.

During the Vietnam war, when the U.S. military rotated personnel in on a yearly basis, a new Lieutenant who arrived to take over a platoon, was ad-

vised very strongly to listen to his experienced Sergeant. Even though the Lieutenant was an officer and in charge, it was the experience of the Sergeant that would keep them all from getting killed.

A smart new officer would follow that unwritten rule and take advice from the lower rank. A new officer who though he knew it all, would likely end up dead and take some of his men with him.

I once met a triage nurse who had spent 30 years in the emergency room of a hospital. She had seen pretty much everything when it came to medical emergencies.

She explained that something as simple as a sore throat could actually be a symptom of something more serious. With all her experience, she knew the symptoms that would refer that person to the front of the line. A new doctor, fresh out of medical school, may think he knows it all, but in fact they would be wise to listen if that nurse made a suggestion.

Experience is something that can only be attained, by doing and learning something.

That's why you hire an experienced and qualified electrician when you need work done on the fuse box in the basement. You can try doing it yourself,

with no experience, but you will most likely find yourself in real trouble, and end up calling a qualified person anyway.

Our society tends to see older people as no longer contributing to society. Yet, in the group of older people you see in the coffee shop you have no idea what they have accomplished in the past, and the knowledge they have.

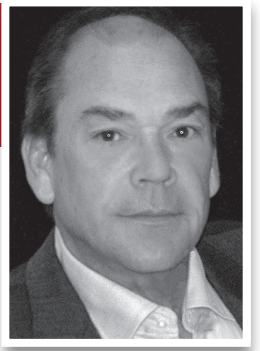
Maybe one once ran a Fortune 500 company, while another spent 40 years as a merchant seaman, while another was a professional boxer.

I saw an interesting question on a web forum I frequent that asked, "If you could go back in time and give your younger self, some advice, what would it be?"

There were plenty of answers – all from people who realized the experiences they have had in the past 20 or 30 years, would have greatly impacted their own future, if only they had known it at the time.

There's no substitute for experience.

### BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Explain it to me like I'm in Kindergarten

There are changes coming to a classroom near you, changes that may or may not be beneficial to the learning of those INSIDE it. Remember the Minister of Education? We haven't talked about him much lately - he's probably thrilled. With recent announcements to changes in the classroom however, including some that are very specific to Peel, I'm going to need someone like Minister Lecce to explain the changes to me like I'm in kindergarten, because I'm not sure I fully understand why they are happening, or more specifically, why they are happening now.

Perhaps you are sick of hearing the words "post-pandemic." I'm getting a little tired of writing them, if we're honest. That said, the realities of the world we are living in right now are such that "post-pandemic" is an apt (and short, easily summarized) reminder of the fact that much has changed, and significantly so. One might argue that such change, in the field of education, has been profound. With children out of the classroom altogether for months at a time and some little ones seeing the delay of their first day of in-person kindergarten by at least a year, any proposed changes now are likely only to further disrupt and cause

harm to an education system already on the ropes. The government's proposed changes, coming on the heels of an announcement locally that in Peel Region a number of highly specialized teaching positions at Board offices will be eliminated, just adds (to use yet another metaphor) fuel to the fire.

To be clear, some of the proposed changes include references to enhanced opportunities to help students connect sound and letter relationships and develop phonics knowledge. These are not bad things at all. Rather, the issue is about managing the proverbial pendulum swing between two extremes of educational doctrine and doing it in a mindful manner that includes educators in the process and which acknowledges that when we have already experienced much upheaval, heaping yet more change on both students and educators, places an additional burden on an already overburdened system.

The changes, set to begin in September of this year, purport to help the "youngest students develop core foundational skills" like reading, writing and math skills, by taking a "back-to-basics" approach to education. This kind of language appeals to those who don't see, or value, that children can

expand their critical thinking skills by exploring, asking questions and experimenting through play-based learning.

Meanwhile, here at home, we don't have to look too far back in history to find references to the Ontario government's previous position on play-based learning. In advocating for the introduction of the concept, the government had this to say: "Play is a vehicle for learning and rests at the core of innovation and creativity. It provides opportunities for learning in a context in which children are at their most receptive... [as well] it has long been acknowledged that there is a strong link between play and learning for young children, especially in the areas of problem solving, language acquisition, literacy, and mathematics, as well as the development of social, physical, and emotional skills."

Because it was a Liberal government in power back when play-based learning was first introduced one can't help but wonder if this new "back-to-basics" approach is a reflection of a true need to return to rote learning (typically only good for those with a great capacity for memorization and whom are not inquisitive by nature) or a reflection of politics, aka change for the sake of change.

### SHERALYN ROMAN TALK CALEDON



Coming at a time when some highly specialized teachers, right here in Peel Region, have been put on notice that their services are no longer required, and when student's needs "post-pandemic are at their highest," I think there are better opportunities for the government to enhance and augment student learning; by making classrooms a safe space for students, funding adequate supports for those with special needs and/or behavioural concerns, and by continuing to focus on, and enhance, mental health supports for children and teens.

These are the real issues we know to be facing students and educators in our post-pandemic world. We don't need a "back-to-basics" approach when we are living in a world that is anything but. The new normal is one where children and teachers in the classroom need help. Period. Please explain to me, like I'm in kindergarten, why the focus is on yet more change when what's really needed is stability, support and special needs education workers in the classroom.

## How can we rebuild Canada's crumbling economy?

A lot of recent surveys taking the pulse of the nation show that Canadians are worried and anxious about the state of our economy and the future of the country.

And so they should be.

An Oxford Economics report published in late December shows that Canada's GDP growth is projected to be lower than most other advanced economies, with one of the main culprits being the high level of household debt many Canadians are carrying.

The real question, though, is why is Canada lately always at the back of the pack when compared to other G7 countries?

When it comes to the economy, Canadian CEOs are also rather gloomy: only one out of every four Canadian chief executives thinks economic growth will improve this year, according to PwC's annual Global CEO survey released last week.

When asked to list some of the factors that are driving changes in the way their companies operate, CEOs said one of the most prominent factors is increased government regulation, just slightly behind technological advances and changing cus-

tomers preferences.

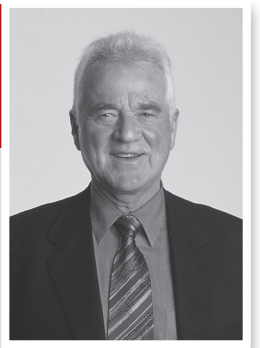
Business is tough enough as is. Increased government regulation should never be on a list of factors driving changes in the way a company operates. Our governments are regulating Canadian companies into the ground.

When it comes to housing, the picture is just as grim. The latest report from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) released last week showed that the supply of rental properties has shrunk to its lowest level since the organization began tracking this sort of data. According to the CMHC report, "affordability decreased as rent growth exceeded average wage growth by a wide margin."

A lot of reasons are contributing to the lack of rental housing, including an unusually high level of immigration, but creeping government over-regulation is rarely cited as one of the main reasons.

The main point is this: in virtually every segment of the economy, suffocating red tape is a factor that has led to stagnant growth, higher costs and lower standards of living.

### FRANK STRONACH PRINCIPLES OF AN ECONOMIC CHARTER OF RIGHTS



Who should worry about the state of our country?

Everyone should be worried, from low- and middle-income Canadians who are experiencing a serious and possibly permanent drop in living standards, to wealthy Canadians, who will be largely insulated from the economic fallout but who will not be able to escape the greater crime and social upheaval that will inevitably result.

I've been saying our country's in trouble for quite a while now. But in life, timing is everything. Ten years ago, our fridges were full. Today, for a growing number of Canadians, they're only half-full. And given the way things are going – everything from our ballooning debt to the relentlessly rising cost of living – the outlook for many Canadians remains less and less hopeful.

That's why more Canadians today than ever before are open to new solutions. A growing number realize that the only way real change will come about is when citizens mobilize and unite behind a cause.

Working together with other concerned Canadians, I've created a non-political, not-for-profit

foundation that advocates for the establishment of a national charter of economic rights. The charter would handcuff government from going further into debt and would give Canadians greater economic freedoms and opportunities. Most of all, it would put us back on the path to widespread prosperity and keep our country from falling back into economic erosion we see happening today.

To learn more about the economic charter and how it could generate economic growth and prosperity, email me at [info@economiccharter.ca](mailto:info@economiccharter.ca). Or to learn more about the economic charter, visit: [www.economiccharter.ca](http://www.economiccharter.ca).

#### Author Bio

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## Retired professor John Steckley inspired by story of Sophia Jones

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Steckley explained her first education would have taken place in a segregated private school financially supported by the local Black community.

Jones then went to Wilberforce Collegiate Institute, a school that prepared Black students for university.

In 1879, Jones was accepted to the University of Toronto, but was unable to join the school's medical program — both because she was Black and because she was a woman.

In 1880, Jones was able to follow her dreams by moving to the United States and attending the University of Michigan Medical School.

In 1885, when Jones was 28, she became the first Black woman to graduate from the University of Michigan Medical School and the first Black Canadian woman to receive a medical degree.

"The university still respects her... there's a lectureship named after her, there's a conference room named after her, and there's an alumni society that provides a scholarship fund," said Steckley. "She's

considered important in Michigan but in Canada she's pretty much unknown."

Jones went on to have a successful career teaching in many places of higher learning, such as Spelman College, Wilberforce University, and the Agricultural and Mechanical College in Greensboro, North Carolina (which later became a branch of the University of North Carolina).

Jones' father had an arts degree from Oberlin College and was a well-known gunsmith. One of her uncles, William Allen Jones, was the first dentist in B.C. to be granted a license and was known as "Painless Jones". Another of Jones' uncles was the first and only teacher on Salt Spring Island in B.C.

Jones had three sisters, and they all became teachers as well.

"They became champions of Black education in the U.S.," said Steckley. "Just an amazing family, what they achieved."

Steckley is publishing his upcoming book on Jones and her family with Rock's Mills Press sometime later this year.

"She should have been written about decades ago," said Steckley of Jones. "I'm glad I got to write about her, I learned a lot."



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# Here's what's happening on the Family Day weekend in Caledon

## Rink will be dedicated in honour of Reese Meyer

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Each year, Family Day is a chance for families to spend a little bit of extra time together.

There are a number of Family Day activities happening from February 17 to 19 in Caledon, including activities hosted by the Town of Caledon itself.

On February 17 at the Caledon East Community Complex (CECC), the Town will host a grand opening ceremony for Reese's Rink, a new outdoor skating rink.

The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. and will honour Reese Meyer, a local hockey player who played for the Caledon Hawks and tragically passed away from cancerous brain tumour at the age of 14. Meyer was an inspiration to the Caledon community, which rallied around him during his battle.

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves will be at the grand opening for a ceremonial puck drop and said it will be a bittersweet moment.

"I'm proud to drop the ceremonial puck and officially open Reese's rink, a new amenity in Caledon that will provide others with the opportunity to do what Reese loved to do, which was get on the ice and skate," said Groves.

Meyer's parents and members of his hockey team will be at the grand opening ceremony, and Reese's memorabilia will be available for viewing.

Catherine McLean, Caledon's Commissioner of Community and Human Services, said the new outdoor rink will be a place where Meyer's memory

will always remain alive.

"Reese Meyer captured the hearts of the Caledon community with his determination, kind words, and his infectious smile during treatment of a cancerous brain tumour," said McLean. "The Caledon community really came together to show their support for Reese and his family during his battle — from other teams putting Reese stickers on their helmets and raising money in his name, to donating a bench and a tree dedicated to him on the Caledon trail near his home."

Also on February 17 at the CECC, the Town of Caledon will celebrate two women born in Caledon who are playing for Ottawa in the Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL).

From 1 to 4 p.m. the Town will be hosting a watch party as PWHL Ottawa takes on PWHL Minnesota. The two Caledon-born women on PWHL Ottawa are Zoe Boyd and Kristin Della Rovere.

Boyd joined PWHL Ottawa after a successful college hockey career at Quinnipiac University, and Della Rovere joined the team after a successful college hockey career at Harvard University. In their final college hockey seasons, both women were captains of their respective teams.

Groves said the launch of the PWHL was a historic milestone in women's sports.

"We are thrilled to celebrate Zoe and Kristin for being a part of this and representing Caledon proudly," she said. "I encourage residents to come out and help us celebrate their achievement and cheer them on."

On February 18, the Caledon South Asian Association (CSAA) is hosting a game of "Community Clue" at the Southfields Community Centre (225 Dougall Ave).

The event runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will see residents answering clues about their communi-

ty for a chance to win a basket of local treats.

On Family Day, February 19, the Town of Caledon is hosting drop-in recreation activities at the Albion Bolton Community Centre, Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness, CECC, Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena, and Southfields Community Centre. More information on these activities is available at [caledon.ca/familyday](http://caledon.ca/familyday).

Also on the February 19, the Canadian Multicultural Inventors Museum will have a pop-up exhibit from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring innovators of African descent at the Humber River Centre in Down-

town Bolton (28 Ann Street).

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on February 17, the Caledon Public Library (CPL) is hosting family fun challenges, and family storytime, at various branches across Caledon. More information is available at [events.caledonlibrary.com](http://events.caledonlibrary.com).

On February 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the CPL's Margaret Dunn Valleywood Branch, the CPL is hosting a mixed media tote bag-making workshop using its Cricut machines. Registration for this event can be done at the above link.

## Island Lake Ice Fishing Derby returns

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Some people like to fish on a warm summer day.

Others prefer the challenge of trekking over a frozen lake, drilling a hole in the ice, and staying warm by taking shelter in a fishing hut. The more easy-going ice fisherman might enjoy simply sitting in a lawn chair and relaxing in the open air while they drop their line.

No matter how you fish, there's a great opportunity to enjoy the sport at the 14th annual Island Lake Ice Fishing Derby. The event is running from February 10 to 19 with some great prizes for those who are lucky enough to reel in the big ones.

The Island Lake Ice Fishing Derby is held in partnership with Credit Valley Conservation, Credit Valley Conservation Foundation, and the Friends of Island

Lake.

Participants can compete for up to \$2,500 in cash prizes in the adult category, including big catch prizes for the top three Northern Pike, and the largest Yellow Perch and Black Crappie.

Youth prizes are available from the top three longest fish of any species.

Participants who register before tomorrow (February 9), at 12 noon, are also eligible for the early bird prize — an individual Credit Valley Parks Pass.

A valid Ontario Fishing License is required to take part in the derby. Part of the derby occurs during Ontario Family Fishing Weekend, from February 17 to 19. A fishing license is not required on those days.

If you are new to the sport, ice rod and ice hut rentals are available. Minnows will also be available at the Conservation Area rental shop.

As this is an ice fishing derby, there must be enough ice on the lake to ensure a safe event. If the weather does not cooperate and the ice becomes unsafe for people to go on to fish, there will be an announcement made by Credit Valley Conservation (CVC).

"We're monitoring the weather closely," explained Yasmine Slater, Superintendent of Conservation Parks with CVC. "We will continue to share daily updates on our website's park advisories page. If winter conditions are not favourable, we might postpone or cancel the derby."

Keep updated by visiting the CVC website prior to the start of the derby.

If you want to be part of the derby, you can register online or by phone until February 18. Registration will also be available at Island Lake's Rental Shop until noon on February 19.

# Public Notice



### Expropriations Act

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND Form 2

### Expropriations Act, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 363

**IN THE MATTER OF** an application by The Regional Municipality of Peel for approval to expropriate the lands, as set out in Schedule "A" herein, in the Town of Caledon, in the Regional Municipality of Peel being:

**1. Fee Simple:** All Right, Title and Interest in the land.

**2. Temporary Construction Easement:** Temporary Limited Interests for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed temporary easement in gross or rights in the nature of a temporary easement in gross, on an exclusive basis as necessary, for the purposes of entering upon and occupying the lands by The Regional Municipality of Peel including its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors and workers with all necessary vehicles, machinery, equipment, material and supplies required to facilitate the entrance grading related to the widening and improving of Mayfield Road, grading and other works ancillary thereto ("**Temporary Construction Easement**"), for a term of one (1) year commencing the earlier of (i) no less than one (1) months' written notice to the registered owner, or (ii) on the sixth anniversary of the date of registration of the plan of expropriation (the "**Commencement Date**") and expiring no later than seven (7) years after the date of the registration of the plan of expropriation.

For the municipal purpose of facilitating the widening and improving of Mayfield Road from Dixie Road to Bramalea Road in the Town of Caledon, together with works ancillary thereto.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that application has been made for approval to expropriate the interests herein described in the lands described in Schedule "A" set out herein.

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires a hearing into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing,

(a) in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty (30) days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice;

(b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice.

The approving authority is:	Name of expropriating authority:
The Council of The Regional Municipality of Peel 10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton, Ontario L6T 4B9	The Regional Municipality of Peel 10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton, Ontario L6T 4B9  The Regional Municipality of Peel, Aretha Adams, Regional Clerk

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### SCHEDULE "A"

Those lands in the Town of Caledon in the Regional Municipality of Peel described as follows:

**1. Fee Simple: All Right, Title and Interest in the land**

Part of PIN 14347-0327 (LT)

Part of Lot 18, Concession 4, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Chinguacousy), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41055

**Temporary Construction Easement**

Part of PIN 14347-0327 (LT)

Part of Lot 18, Concession 4, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Chinguacousy), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 2, 3 and 4 on Reference Plan 43R-41055

**2. Fee Simple: All Right, Title and Interest in the land**

Part of PIN 14347-0323 (LT)

Part of Lot 18, Concession 4, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Chinguacousy), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41054

**Temporary Construction Easement**

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**3. Fee Simple: All Right, Title and Interest in the land**

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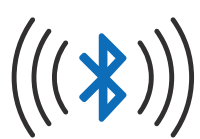


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**Headwaters Health Care  
Centre looking for  
new board members**

**Volunteer  
Board of Directors  
provides governance  
oversight, monitors  
performance goals**

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin-Caledon's local hospital is looking for people to join its volunteer board of directors.

On February 5, Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) announced it was seeking applicants for its board of directors.

The HHCC's Board of Directors is responsible for providing governance oversight and monitoring performance goals for the HHCC.

"Directors play a crucial role in offering feedback and guidance to the CEO while serving as a vital link between the hospital and the communities it serves," said HHCC in a media release.

People who live in Dufferin and Caledon are welcome to apply to be board members. The HHCC Board of Directors is looking

for diverse representation in experience and background, as it aims for "inclusivity that mirrors the perspectives of the Dufferin-Caledon communities."

Kim Delahunt, President and CEO of the HHCC, said she's encouraging anyone with a passion for making a lasting difference in health care to consider the HHCC as their way to give back to the community.

Responsibilities of board members include participating in monthly board meetings (three hours per month, minus summer months), belonging to at least one committee, attending two-hour bi-monthly committee meetings that require advance preparation, and supporting the Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

The HHCC said ideal candidates will have strong communication skills, the ability to listen and ask constructive questions, and personal and professional integrity in navigating diverse ideas. It said candidates should also have time to contribute to the hospital.

Board members are provided with education and development opportunities, such as developmental opportunities in health care governance from the Ontario Hospital Association. Those interested in becoming a board member can submit an expression of interest via email to [info@headwatershealth.ca](mailto:info@headwatershealth.ca) by March 29.

**Headwaters Foundation receives  
\$1 million anonymous  
donation**

**BY PAULA BROWN**

A patient at Headwaters Hospital has donated \$1 million to the hospital's charity organization, Headwaters Health Care Foundation, in appreciation of the care they received.

In a February 5 press release, the local hospital reported that the patient, who has chosen to remain anonymous, pledged one million to the hospital after receiving "excellent care," specifically in the emergency department.

The million-dollar gift was directed to Smart Headwaters, an \$18 million campaign aimed at acquiring an MRI machine and other vital medical technology to enhance the diagnostic services at the local hospital.

Dr. Yousef Alkurdi was one of the physicians who provided care to the donor.

"The equipment this donation will fund will help us to diagnose the thousands of patients Headwaters Health

Care Centre sees annually more accurately and efficiently," said Dr. Alkurdi in the press release. "An MRI machine is a necessary tool for diagnosis to ensure optimal patient outcomes. Our entire team is grateful for the generosity of this donor."

The donor highlighted the need for MRI services within the Dufferin County community as one of the purposes behind their donation.

K.C Carruthers, CEO of Headwaters Health Care Foundation, commented on the Anonymous donation.

"When patients and families take the time to show their appreciation for excellent care, it lifts everyone's spirits," he said. "Headwaters has an incredible team, and we are so grateful to this donor for showing their appreciation with such a generous gift. It is an extraordinary act of gratitude."

Donations to Smart Headwaters can be made at [www.hhcfoundation.com](http://www.hhcfoundation.com) or by calling 519-941-2702 ext. 2303

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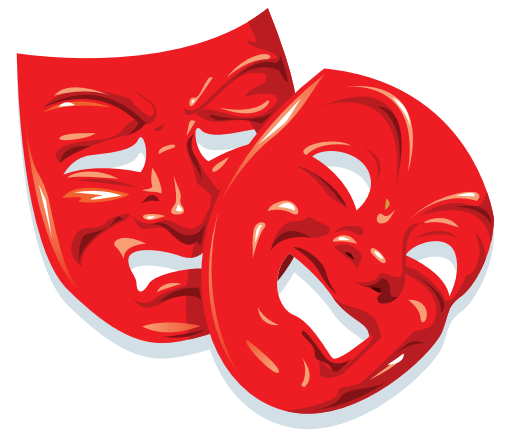
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# ARTS & CULTURE



## Library, PAMA to host events for Black History Month

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

February is Black History Month. The Caledon Public Library (CPL) and Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) have events planned to mark the month in the coming days and weeks.

At 10 a.m. on February 27, the CPL is hosting musician, composer, choreographer, author and educator Njacko Backo for an event called “African Voyage.”

The event, which is geared towards children ages six to 12, will teach attendees about the important role music, dance, and storytelling plays in everyday life in Cameroon, Central Africa.

“Students will experience traditional dance and drumming, listen to a traditional story, and learn about the importance of community,” says the CPL.

Registration for this event can be done at the following link: [events.caledonlibrary.com/event/9838343](https://events.caledonlibrary.com/event/9838343).

PAMA is currently showcasing the exhibition “Our Voices, Our Journeys.”

The exhibition celebrates one of many Black communities in Peel: The North Peel Community Church. It showcases the personal jour-



North Peel Community Church members can be seen working on church renovations in this photograph. The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives is currently hosting an exhibition all about the church and its community. **PAMA IMAGE**

neys of leaders and mentors from the church congregation, illustrating stories of immigration, family life, and establishing a community of faith.

On February 10 at PAMA (9 Wellington St. East, Brampton), Shakkoi Hibbert will host a “Family Floetry Fitness” session. From 2 to 3

p.m. families are invited to immerse themselves in the rhythm of Afro-Caribbean beats in a beginner-friendly dance fitness experience.

Registration for this, and the following, PAMA event can be done online at [pama.peelregion.ca](https://pama.peelregion.ca).

From 1 to 4:30 p.m. on February 24, educator and artist Reynold Thomas will host an after-

noon of figurative drawing with a live model at PAMA.

“As we celebrate Black History Month, we will foster a sense of connection and appreciation for the richness within the African diaspora and the importance of art and storytelling,” said the Region of Peel in a statement.

## Caledon Town Hall Players prepare for new show, “A Bench in the Sun”

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Heidi Kachel is directing “A Bench in the Sun,” next up on the Caledon Town Hall Players’ (CTHP) season this year.

It opens next Saturday, February 17.

Kachel briefed the plot: It takes place at a seniors’ retirement home. Two lifelong friends, Bert and Harold were boyhood friends who fell out but they came back together at home. Different as two can be, one is the curmudgeon and the other is all optimism.

One day, as Kachel put it, “a B-rate actress” moves in and rattles the two quietly retired men, whose main business is to argue with each other.

“This is a comedy,” says Kachel. “Lots of physical action and a surprise ending.”

The three characters learn their home is to be sold to developers but what can they do to stop that?

A Bench in the Sun is written by Canadian playwright Ron Clark, whose 60-year career, mainly in the US as the author of several comedies carries an impressive list of achievements. These include the screenplay of Silent Movie for Mel Brooks, Revenge of the Pink Panther for Peter Sellers and many more shows and entertainments.

The location of the story is “someplace”, a medium-sized city. It is a three-hander of two buddies well known to CTHP audiences and Cynthia Melba, who is new to the group.

“It’s great when we have new faces. It is going amazingly well,” says Kachel. “We’re doing full run throughs with cos-

tumes and everything.”

A Bench in the Sun opens Saturday, Feb. 17 and runs over the two weekends to February 24, six performances in all with matinees and evening shows. Also for both Saturday evening performances, Knox United Church, which is a stone’s throw away from the CTHP building in Caledon Village, at 2976 Charleston Sideroad, continues to sell dinner tickets as they have done for years.

Primarily, the company does comedies with an occasional mystery and suspense.

Caledon Town Hall Players are running their 60th season this year, a very remarkable fact that looks to see their secret of success. In Kachel’s opinion, it begins with a good, dedicated band of volunteers. She came to the theatre company 40 years ago and was impressed with the welcome she received.

What keeps her at it, we were curious to know.

“The building has a certain magic. There was no running water; there were outhouses and stacking chairs. You wanted to see the Grand Old Lady go on.”

In 1992, they were able to add a green room and install running water. Then, the actual building was moved in the summer of 2003 to be placed further away from the highway to the south and the east, safer, quieter and much better parking.

“It’s a Heritage building,” she commented. “And it was important to keep it.”

Working with new ideas, Ms. Kachel did say they are “tipping our toe in the water about doing a play in the summer.”

They need to see if people are interest-

ed in participating in the theatre during the summer. Not everyone leaves town for extended periods during the summer months.

As to why we should come see A Bench in the Sun: the tale is about friendship and how it can stand the test of time.

A lovely afternoon or evening out with

lots of laughs – a good time.

Anyone interested in working with a summer show should contact the theatre.

For all the details about times and dates and to purchase tickets, go to [www.caledontownhallplayers.com](http://www.caledontownhallplayers.com) or call 519-927-5460.



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# Caledon Chamber of Commerce to host business summit

Mayor Annette Groves, entrepreneur Chris Stoikos among speakers at event

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A full day of networking and education for the local business community is coming soon.

On February 15, the Caledon Chamber of Commerce will host its Business Summit.

Its theme is “The Future of Business in Caledon: Dealing with Change”.

The summit will take place at the Albi-on Bolton Community Centre from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature guest speakers like Caledon Mayor Annette Groves, Shaun Rath from the Business Development Bank of Canada, and successful entrepreneur Chris Stoikos.

There will also be a panel discussion at the summit featuring Regional Councilor Christina Early, Cynthia Weeden from FutureShield Inc., and Parm Chohan from Conquer Leadership — in addition to Rath and Stoikos.

Tickets to the summit cost \$40 for Caledon Chamber of Commerce members and \$65 for non-members. Special ticket pricing is available for full tables. Tickets can be purchased for the summit on the chamber’s website: [caledonchamberofcommerce.ca/business-summit/](http://caledonchamberofcommerce.ca/business-summit/).

The summit will begin with registration,



Chris Stoikos, Cynthia Weeden, Shaun Rath, Christina Early, and Parm Chohan will engage in a panel discussion on dealing with change at the Caledon Chamber of Commerce’s 2024 Business Summit. **IMAGE COURTESY OF THE CALEDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

breakfast, and Groves’ speech on business in Caledon. Hazel Piacentini from the Caledon Chamber of Commerce will provide an introduction to the Chamber before Rath takes the stage to talk about protecting profits in an age of rising costs.

After a break for networking, Stoikos will discuss overcoming obstacles and conflicts before lunch. When lunch is finished, the panel discussion will begin, and its theme is dealing with change.

Piacentini will close the event with remarks, after which there will be more time for networking.

Stephanie Rowe, an Administrative Assistant with the Caledon Chamber of Commerce, explained when the Chamber was first planning this year’s summit, the dissolution of the Region of Peel was still on the table. This led to the theme of dealing with change, as many local businesses were calling the Chamber with questions on how the dissolution of Peel would change things.

Even though the Region of Peel will no longer be dissolved, there’s still much that has changed and will change in Caledon, said Rowe. The Chamber decided to stick with the summit theme of dealing with change, as Caledon businesses are coming out of a pandemic and into a period of immense growth in the municipality.

The upcoming business summit isn’t the only exciting thing going on with the Chamber, explained Rowe.

The Caledon Chamber of Commerce is proud to have a space in the newly-opened Humber River Centre in Downtown Bolton.

“It’s a beautifully designed building, it’s an awesome space that businesses are go-

ing to be able to utilize,” said Rowe.

There’s a grand opening ceremony for the Humber River Centre on February 10, and the chamber will be in attendance to share information with residents about all it offers to the community.

Rowe said one of the amazing strengths of the Caledon Chamber of Commerce is it has members as small as in-home businesses and as large as Husky.

“Our membership is very diverse... insurance brokers, lawyers, marketing companies, construction... just about everything,” said Rowe. “We have a vast array of members and it’s always great in our networking events.”

The Caledon Chamber of Commerce hosts two networking events per month and Rowe said it’s great to see collaboration come out of them.

Rowe said the upcoming business summit is a great opportunity.

“Get out there, see what other businesses are in the area, learn some things from entrepreneurs and great business mentors as well as network your own company,” she said.

Rowe added that breakfast and lunch at the event will be catered by local vendors.

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## Ellie's Sc'Arfs: Caledon girl's business supporting Autism Dog Services

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
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Making cute dogs even cuter is all in a day's work for 10-year-old Ellie Howey.

Howey is a young entrepreneur from Bolton who creates stylish dog scarves with her sewing skills. She sells them through her business, Ellie's Sc'Arfs, and donates one dollar from each sale to the non-profit Autism Dog Services.

Autism Dog Services is dedicated to training, placing, and supporting dogs that offer individuals with autism safety, companionship, and independence.

Howey learned how to sew three years ago with her cousin, who taught her how to sew a scarf that you can tie around a dog's neck.

She enjoyed the creative process, but found these scarves had a tendency to fall off during dog walks — Howey has a dog herself, named Charlie, that's half King Charles Cavalier Spaniel, half poodle.

Howey went back to the drawing board and after some research, found a sewing pattern for a scarf that had a pocket so it could go through a dog's collar. This eliminated the problem of potentially losing scarves on a dog walk.

At first, Howey made a bunch of scarves for

Charlie.

"Then, I had an idea for a business," she said. Howey and her mom Jillian brainstormed a name, settling on Ellie's Sc'Arfs, and thought about what it would take to start the business. Last summer, when Howey's preparations were complete, she launched her business.

Jillian said her daughter is very creative and has always loved arts and crafts. She said Howey has been really enjoying creating the scarves for her business.

Howey explained that her favourite part of the whole experience has been seeing the pictures people send of their dogs wearing her scarves, and being able to give back.

Jillian said that Autism Dog Services has been an amazing charity to support.

"They do a lot of wonderful work... these dogs are changing people's lives," she said.

Jillian said her favourite part of the experience has been spending time with her daughter doing something she loves.

Anyone interested in purchasing a dog scarf can search for Ellie's Sc'Arfs on Instagram and Facebook, or send an email to ellies.dog.scarfs@gmail.com.

Right now, Howey has a special three-scarf package for sale that includes scarves for Valentine's Day, Easter, and St. Patrick's Day.

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## Inaugural Sport Hall of Fame ceremony enshrines four athletes, three builders, and one team



Inductee Laurie Graham delivers the climactic speech at the Caledon Sport Hall of Fame induction ceremony last week.

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The Belle of the Ball, whose induction was delivered last on the program and who delivered the unofficial keynote address of the evening, was legendary downhill skier Laurie Graham who noted that her life has come full circle.

Graham told the attendees that she is “living in [her] childhood home in Inglewood to care for [her] 96-year-old mother.” In addition to demonstrating her care for her family and community, Canada’s best female skier in the 1980s extolled the joys and positive energy of turning 60 at a birthday party with her Team Canada teammates last year.

“60-year-olds are the teenagers of Canada’s older demographic.”

The engaging World Champion, who looked fit enough to conquer any slope anew, offered insights into how sports contribute mightily to local culture.

“Sports provide a lot of pride to a community, especially when you grow up in a small town like Inglewood.”

Graham’s charming memory of the local fire department driving her through her hometown to herald her World Cup victory showed her self-deprecatory humor – “It was cold, I was miserable, but I really appreciate now what they did for me then”—as well as her genuine connectivity to place.

“It’s wonderful to be back in Inglewood.”

In the Athlete category, Emcee Shepley

called to the stage Triathlete and Marathoner Bob Knuckey, Racing Hall of Fame Jockey Robin Platts, and Graham, as well as the family of the late NHLer and Stanley Cup Champion Bert McCaffrey whose great-grandson’s wife acknowledged “Bert’s athletic greatness” and spoke glowingly of the family’s pride in seeing Bert inducted into the Caledon Sport Hall of Fame.

“It truly is an honor for our family.” Knuckey—a charming public speaker—thanked his wife for “keeping me alive” and expressed his gratitude towards “the Caledon Road Works teams for keeping the roads nice to run and ride on.”

The triathlete acknowledged the stunning contrast between “the Hills of Caledon and the mountains of Nice, France” and the challenges and joys of conquering both. In closing his induction address, he flashed a fluorescent yellow sign from his blue Walmart bag that warned the audience: “Caution: Old Age Ahead!” Knuckey’s stage prop evoked chuckles from the audience as the fit and inspirational 75-year-old deftly exited the stage.

Platts’ self-deprecatory humor about his diminutive stature was evident when he lowered the microphone with sharp comic timing in synch with Emcee Shepley. The legendary jockey, with an incredible 3,200 victories in the saddle, acknowledged his connection to Caledon.

“My children attended school in Palgrave and I am proud of my roots in Caledon. It’s truly an honor to belong to the

Caledon Sport Hall of Fame.”

In the Builder category, Shepley invited the families of Editor and Reporter Bill Whitbread and Horse Racing Legend Conn Smythe who accepted the posthumous inductions on behalf of their parent and grandparent, respectively.

Richard and Debbie—grandchildren of the legendary Leafs owner—remembered fondly that “Grampa loved the farm and loved to brag that Caledon was a great place to raise champions.”

Shirley and Steve—two of Bill Whitbread’s children—spoke movingly about their father’s love of community sport, his contributions to the CMHA, and praised “the 61-years that Dad worked as a reporter and editor.”

“Our Dad would have been honored by this recognition.”

Inductee Coach Gord Everett—a legendary Humberview SS and Elite Division Provincial basketball coach—dedicated his enshrinement to the players he has served during his decades as a teacher-coach.

“Basketball was an unexpected journey for me, given that I grew up as baseball player.”

Coach Everett thanked his family for “their love and unconditional support” and expressed his gratitude to “the Humberview Secondary School Phys Ed department for their support of the Elite OSBA program and to my players for their blood, sweat, and tears.”

Everett thanked “The Village for raising a Coach.”

All three builders were acknowledged for their significant contributions to community sports in multimedia presentations.

In the Team category, Shepley called representatives of the 2004 Mayfield SS Nordic Ski Team to the dais. The prodigious high school team—comprised of Brittany Webster, Julie Porter, Gillian Montgomery, Brittany Barclay, and Robyn Kemp—was immortalized during the ceremony for their stellar per-

formance on the trails from 2001-2004 during which they won four consecutive provincial cross country skiing championships.

The team’s All-Ontario banners were on display on tables to the right of the stage, along with other items of historical memorabilia belonging to the inductees that will be housed in the new Caledon Sport Hall of Fame display cases.

The individual stories presented on Wednesday evening were compelling and Emcee Shepley took those assembled on an engaging trip through over 100 years of Caledon’s sporting history.

Bert McCaffrey played seven seasons in the NHL and won a Stanley Cup in 1930 with the Montreal Canadiens.

He scored a remarkable 20 goals in five games to lead Team Canada to a Gold Medal in the 1924 Winter Olympics in Chamonix, France. McCaffrey—who passed away in 1955—played eight seasons of OHA Senior Hockey prior to playing in the NHL.

Laurie Graham was Canada’s top female downhill skier in the 1980s and a three-time Olympian in 1980, 1984, and 1988.

Graham captured a bronze medal in the 1982 World Championships, procured six World Cup victories, three national titles, and was the first Canadian to win on home snow at the first World Cup downhill event held at Mont Tremblant, Quebec.

She was inducted into Canada’s Sports Hall of Fame in 1993, and was made a Member of the Order of Canada in 1998.

Bob Knuckey—an elite triathlete—won the Toronto Marathon in 1976 with a finishing time of 2:28 and has won dozens of national and international masters titles in his running career.

As a 58-year-old, Knuckey started competing in the triathlon and has captured four Ironman World Championships, including the Hawaii Ironman 70-74 category and, more recently, the 2023 Ironman World Championship in Nice, France.

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It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Steve Hunter of East Garafraxa. Steve spent his early years in Erindale where he was raised by his mother Doris Hunter (Hendry) (1996), and his Uncle, Ralph Hendry (2006). Steve was predeceased by his wife, Jan Grice (2023). They happily worked side by side on their farm for many years and raced their quarter horses at Ajax Downs Racetrack. Every day was a struggle since her passing in September.

Steve was the proud father of Todd (Michelle), Dave (2017) (Holle), and brother to Randy (Sue). He was grandfather to Raecanne, Noah, Asha, Conner, Ethan, & Hailee and uncle to Eric (Victoria) & Devan

He will be remembered by is many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Steve leaves behind many friends from the horse racing community. Both he and Jan were so passionate about the care and training of their horses.

A Celebration of Steve's Life will be held at the Erin Legion, 12 Dundas St. E. on April 6, from 1 to 4 pm. In Lieu of flowers, kindly consider donating to The Upper Credit Humane Society ([uppercredit.com](http://uppercredit.com)) to reflect Steve's love of animals. There will be a donation box available at the celebration.

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On February 1st, 2024, in the comfort of her home, surrounded by her family, our dear Mother passed.

Beloved wife of the late Robert Bannerman (1993), cherished Mother of Heather (Chris), Lew (Brenda) and Erin (Greg). Devoted Grandmother of Mike (Barbara), Ryan (Andrea), Rob (Anna), Dan (Brittany), Tom, Jake (Hannah) and Brennan. Loving Gigi to Launa, Leah, Wyatt, Brynn, Waylon and Liv.

Our Mother dedicated herself to friendship and community service. Daughters of the Empire, Education Ambassador, Meals on Wheels, volunteering at the coffee bar and gift shops at the former hospital in Orangeville as well as the early days at the Headwaters Hospital.

A joyful participant with the Just Friends Singers as well as an active member of the Drum Corp playing the Glockenspiel. Placing great pride in her longtime membership and service at Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church, her 25 years of service to the Eastern Star (Valley and Orangeville Chapters), as well as her many years with the Shrine, Daughters of the Nile.

We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Marcella Palad for her kindness and gracious support throughout our journey with Mom. As well, to nurses Mlrvia and Amanda, our PSW Lean and Anne our case manager for their dedication and caring. It truly takes a village.

The celebration of her life will take place on Saturday, February 24th, at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre 21 First St. Orangeville. Visitation will commence at 10:00 am, followed by a service at 11:00 am, concluding with a heartfelt celebration of her remarkable life in the reception area. In lieu of flowers, we kindly request expressions of sympathy in the form of donations to the Salvation Army, New Hope Community Church food bank, or a charity close to your heart. May her legacy of love and service continue to inspire us all.

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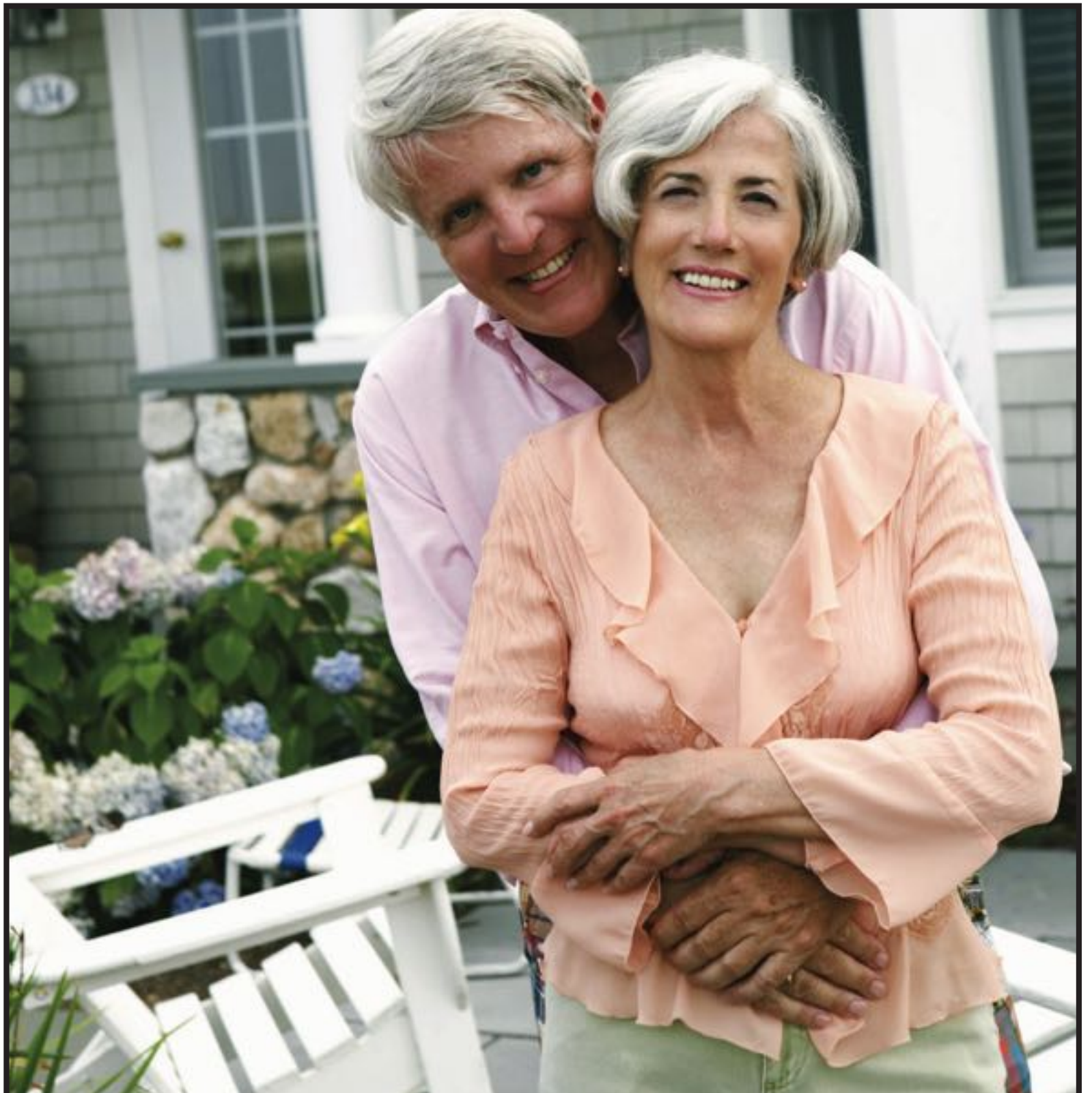
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# Hall of Fame ceremony was a first for local sports

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Knuckey was a local teacher and coach in Caledon for thirty-seven years.

Robin Platts is one of the three jockeys to win the King's Plate a record four times.

Platts accrued over 3200 victories on horseback and competed in over 20, 400 races during his 35-year career. The 30-year resident of Bolton won the Sovereign Award as Canada's Top Jockey in 1979, the Avelino Gomez Award in 1992 for contributions to horse racing in Canada, and was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 1997.

Bill Whitbread was a long-time editor and reporter of The Caledon Enterprise. The sports reporter, who passed away in 2014, attended

all championship games at playoffs and tournaments in Caledon and Bolton.

Whithead made sure that he photographed the important moments in local sports and provided through his reporting a rich history of sports events in the Region. He was a tireless community sports advocate and promoted local athletes in his newspaper articles for decades.

Conn Smythe bought land for a farm in Caledon in 1951 to breed race horses.

Smythe's stable won the King's Plate twice and hosted the 1963 World Plowing Championships on his farm in 1963. Smythe—the legendary owner of the Toronto Maple Leafs from 1927-1961 and the builder of Maple Leaf Gardens—was inducted into the Hockey

Hall of Fame in 1958 and the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 1977. The sportsman, after whom is named the Conn Smythe Trophy for the MVP of the Stanley Cup Playoffs, passed away in 1980.

Gord Everett was a dedicated and remarkable basketball coach who was the Bench Boss of Team Ontario from 2012 to 2019. Two athletes that were born and raised in Bolton and who played for the Canadian National Women's Team were mentored by Coach Everett. Everett was recognized as the Ontario Basketball Elite Coach of the Year in 2012. Everett pioneered the Elite OSBA program at Humberview SS.

The 2004 Mayfield Secondary School Girls Nordic Ski team captured the Provin-

cial Championship and a host of other honors twenty years ago. The quintet—featuring Brittany Webster, Julie Porter, Gillian Montgomery, Brittany Barclay, and Robyn Kemp—went on to skiing scholarships and careers in myriad settings around the world.

Local sports organizations in attendance supporting the inaugural event included the Cavaliers Rugby Club, the Caledon Hawks Hockey Club, the Caledon United Soccer Club, and the Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School Timberwolves.

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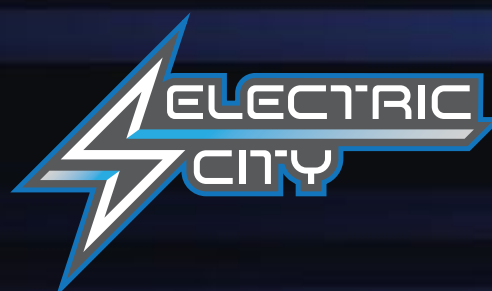
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