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Caledon Meals on Wheels' volunteer board worked hard preparing for the charity's inaugural Fall for Caledon Meals on Wheels event. It was a great success and was well attended. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Inaugural Fall for Caledon Meals on Wheels event a resounding success

Fundraising event held at Royal Ambassador Event Centre

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents gathered for a night of great food and entertainment last week in support of a local charity.

On November 7, Caledon Meals on Wheels (CMOW) hosted its inaugural Fall for Caledon Meals on Wheels event, a gala-style fundraising dinner at the Royal Ambassador Event Centre in Caledon East.

It was well attended by residents, volunteers, dignitaries, and business owners.

Kim Rodrigues, Executive Director of CMOW, estimated there were over 100 people in attendance.

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves was one of the attendees at the event and delivered a speech.

Rodrigues said Groves is a wonderful supporter of CMOW — it comes from experience, as Groves was a volunteer for the charity for about 10 years.

“She really recognizes the needs of seniors in our community and continues to support us,” said Rodrigues.

Fall for Caledon Meals on Wheels fea-

ured gourmet food, live music, live and silent auctions, and 50/50 and wine basket raffles.

Rodrigues said she wanted to thank all of the dedicated volunteers who made the event possible, especially the subcommittee of CMOW's volunteer Board of Directors that led the event's planning. She also thanked the many generous sponsors and donors involved.

“Our volunteers put in countless hours to make sure all the details were perfect, we really wanted to leverage the fall theme and the Ambassador is such a beautiful location,” said Rodrigues.

CMOW had a fundraising goal of \$15,000 for the event, and all money raised from it goes directly into subsidizing the cost of meals for seniors in need.

“Our meals are already subsidized, but we have seniors in the community that need a little bit more. We will subsidize anywhere from 25 to 100 per cent for a senior in need; we want to make sure anybody that needs a meal, we'll have it for them,” said Rodrigues. “The cost of living and the cost of food is a real struggle for some in our community.”

Rodrigues said she's thrilled there was such strong interest and support for the inaugural Fall for Caledon Meals on Wheels event and shared there are plans to make it an annual occasion.

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Four local Tim Hortons restaurants will be supporting local non-profit Cassie's Place through the Holiday Smile Cookie campaign. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Cassie's Place partners with local Tim Hortons restaurants for Holiday Smile Cookie fundraiser

Cookies will be sold from November 18 to 24

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents will soon be able to buy cookies for a cause.

From November 18 to 24, local non-profit Cassie's Place will benefit from the sales of Holiday Smile Cookies at local Tim Hortons restaurants.

Cassie's Place is a home away from home for individuals with differing abilities and offers a wide range of programs and services to its participants.

Cassie's Place volunteer Joe Sassine said he's thrilled Cassie's Place has been chosen to benefit from the Holiday Smile Cookie campaign this year.

"This incredible opportunity has been made possible through the generous support of Tim Hortons and local restaurant owners in Caledon," said Sassine. "Their commitment

reflects the strength of community collaboration and we are immensely grateful for their support."

During the campaign, 50 per cent of the proceeds from cookie sales will be donated to Cassie's Place and the other 50 per cent will go to Tim Hortons Foundation Camps.

Local dignitaries kicked off this year's Holiday Smile Cookie campaign at a cookie decorating event with Cassie's Place participants on November 13.

Ward 4 Councillor Nick de Boer, Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa, Regional Councillor Mario Russo, and Mayor Annette Groves all attended the event, which was held at the 12596 Highway 50 Tim Hortons.

"Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our wonderful community. We look forward to your participation and to sharing smiles with you during the Holiday Smile Cookie campaign," said Sassine.

The Tim Hortons locations participating in the campaign in Caledon are as follows: Highway 10 and Charleston Sideroad; Airport and Mayfield roads; and the two Tim Hortons' on Highway 50 in Bolton.

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DEATH INVESTIGATED

The Caledon OPP is investigating a death in Caledon.

“Officers were called to a residence on Deer Ridge Trail shortly before 10:00 p.m. on November 9, 2024, where one person was located injured and later pronounced deceased at the hospital,” say Police.

“While the cause of death cannot yet be confirmed, investigators believe there is no imminent threat to public safety, although the OPP reminds all members of the public to be aware of their personal safety at all times.

“The investigation is in its early stages and no further details can be released at this time. Residents of the area should expect to see a continued police presence.”

If anyone has any information that may assist the investigation, they should contact the Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

IMPAIRED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon OPP have charged two drivers with impaired operation over the past weekend.

“On November 8, 2024, just after 5:00 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a three-vehicle collision on Queen Street, near King Street, in Bolton,” say Police. “No injuries were sustained. During the investigation, officers formed grounds that one of the drivers’ ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol.”

Iqbal Bedi, 55, of Bolton, was arrested and charged with:

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

The charge has not been proven.

“On November 9, 2024, just after 1:00 a.m., officers were conducting a RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot check on the Valleywood Boulevard offramp from northbound Highway 410,” Police continue. “At that time, a vehicle entered the area and was met by the officers. During the interaction, grounds were formed that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, Virender Kumar, 32, of Brampton, was charged with:

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

The charge has not been proven.

Both accused are scheduled to appear at

the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on November 28, 2024, to answer to their charge. The driver’s licences were also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicles were impounded for seven.

Although the OPP runs its annual Festive RIDE campaign, RIDE spot checks are conducted throughout the year, 24/7. The OPP remains committed to taking alcohol/drug-impaired drivers off our roads through enforcement and public education. If you know or suspect that a driver is impaired by alcohol or drugs, call 9-1-1. In doing so, you may save a life. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peel-crimestoppers.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: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/impaired-driving>.

PREVENT BREAK & ENTERS: OPP

The Central Region of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to share tips and resources with the public to help prevent break and enters.

Break and enters continue to remain an all-too-common occurrence in Canada, with more than 150,000 reported to police annually of which six in 10 are residential. Another 30% are business and 10% are other locations such as a school, shed or detached garage.

Research indicates the decision to commit a crime is tied to the perceived risk of being caught. To protect your property, the OPP recommends the following:

- Always keep your front door and garage doors locked, even when you are in the house or backyard;
- Trim hedges below the window level or remove excess landscaping to eliminate hiding spots for criminals;
- Don’t allow strangers into your home;
- Lack of lighting can draw attention to your residence. Use timers to maintain at least two visible lights from the front of the property during

the evening. Motion activated lights are also effective against trespassers and helps to alert witnesses;

- Place a piece of wood in the frame of a sliding glass door or window to prevent criminals from lifting them out of place;
- Make sure your home looks lived in. Obvious signs such as un-shovelled snow, uncut lawns, full mailboxes and porch lights left on throughout the day are tell-tale signs that help make the criminals’ job of selecting a target especially easy;
- Engrave an identifying mark on your property to make it easier for police to identify and harder for criminals to sell;
- Take inventory of your property through photos or videos;
- Keep valuables in a safe place when not in use, such as a safety deposit box or in a spot no one would suspect.

OFF-ROAD SAFETY TIPS

The Central Region of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is committed to increasing awareness around Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) safety.

Lack of helmet use, alcohol and/or drug consumption, and failure to maintain control of the vehicle remain the leading factors in ORV collisions. With the help of our communities, the OPP hopes to spread the word about ORV safety. Here are some critical safety guidelines and best preparation for enjoyable riding:

- Driving an ORV while impaired by alcohol or drugs is as unlawful as driving any other vehicle and carries the same impaired driving penalties that apply to driving a motor vehicle;
- Always wear a properly fitted helmet with a secure chin strap. ORV drivers and passengers who do not wear their helmets are at a much higher risk of serious injury or death if they crash, lose control, or their vehicle tips over;
- Always carry your registration and proof of insurance;
- Ensure proper display of licence plate according to the ORVA;
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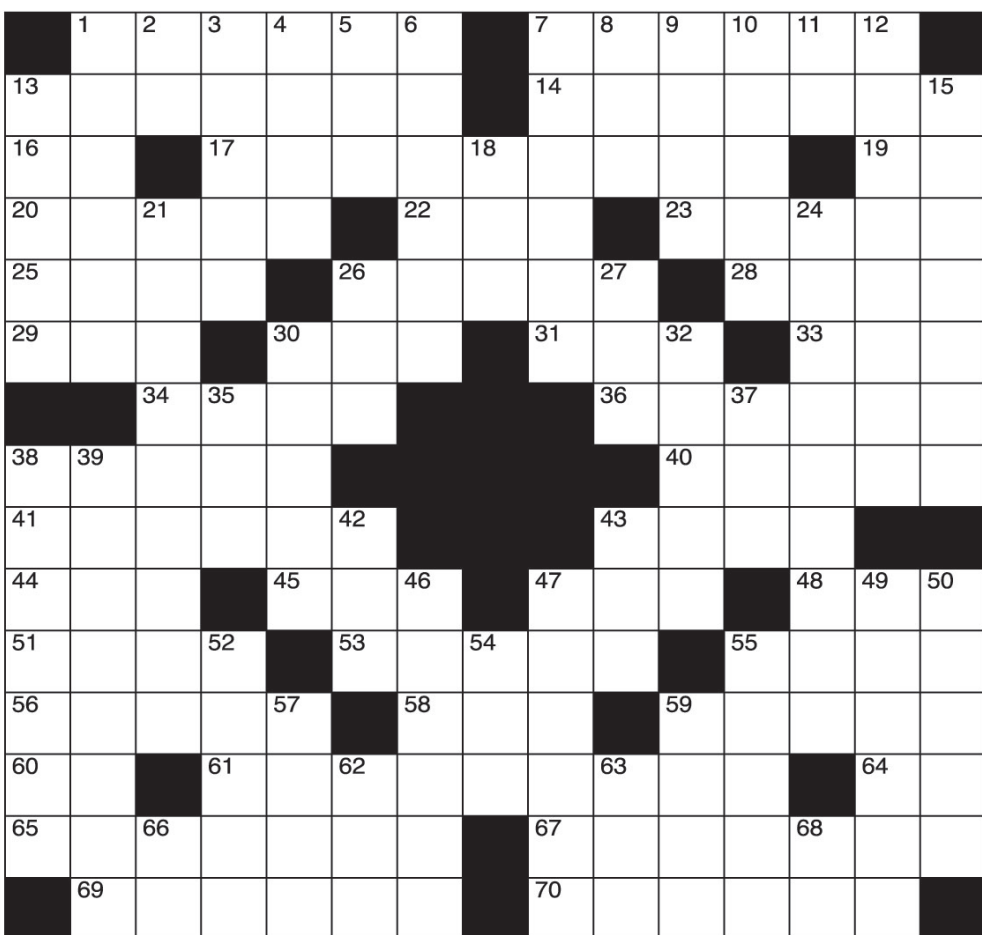
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- Slags
- One who scrapes
- Centiliter
- White wine
- Of I
- Former Syracuse great Warrick
- Relating to the ear
- Sandwich shops
- Victories
- White (French)
- Self-immolation by fire ritual
- Genus of parrots
- Unhappy
- Talk incessantly
- Type of Squad
- Unit of perceived loudness
- Violent seizure of property
- Agave
- Sound units
- Removes from

record

- Partner to Mama
- Mythological bird
- Dash
- Hair product
- Two-year-old sheep
- Signs a deal
- Conifer
- Autonomous republic in NW Russia
- Wife of Muhammed
- British Air Aces
- Ears or ear-like appendages
- Not caps
- Deep-bodied sea dweller
- Rural delivery
- Feeling
- Study of relations of organisms to one another
- Room to argue
- Question

CLUES DOWN

- Cream puff
- Road open

- Stressed syllable
- Thailand’s former name
- Cologne
- Recounted
- Garment of cloth
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Reproduced
- Emits coherent radiation
- “Westworld” actor Harris
- Smallest interval in Western music
- Unstressed central vowel
- Lives in
- When you expect to get somewhere
- Storage bags
- One who covers with plastic
- Cast out
- Automobile
- Repaired shoe
- Belonging to the bottom layer

- Possesses
- Soda
- Programs
- In an unexpected way
- A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
- For each
- Unbelief
- Seized or impaled
- Arrive on the scene
- Especially happy
- Classic western film
- Split pulses
- Frida __: Painter
- Start again
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Young women’s association
- Frozen water
- “The First State”
- Computers need one

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



Two local firefighters have partnered with Mark's in Orangeville to sell T-shirts in support of Movember. Movember is a charity that raises funds for prostate cancer research and awareness about mental health by running fundraisers through November where men grow facial hair for donations. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Firefighters partner with Mark's to raise funds for Movember

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Area firefighters have partnered with Mark's in Orangeville to raise funds for Movember.

Tyler Sloan and Shawn Burns are firefighters with Orangeville Fire Services and have dedicated a significant amount of time to raising funds that will be donated to Movember Canada.

Movember is a charity that is near and dear to firefighters. Not only does the organization support research into prostate cancer and other types of cancer, but it also supports mental health awareness.

Firefighters are at a higher risk of having their lives impacted by certain types of cancers, including prostate cancer, and mental health concerns. This not only impacts them, it impacts the lives of their family members and others around them.

The name Movember comes from the movement where supporters grow mustaches during November to help raise awareness of the campaign.

Sloan and Burns started their initiative

three years ago when they wanted to find a way to raise more funds for this charity.

"We started selling T-shirts honouring their fire service background and the effort to support what Movember stands for," Sloan explained. "This year has been a big success so far. We have partnered with our local Mark's store in Orangeville. Not only are they supplying the shirts this year, they are selling them in the store – a big shout out to Mike Lockey and the crew at Mark's in Orangeville."

You can buy a T-shirt by visiting the Mark's store on 4th Avenue in Orangeville.

There is still a lot of time to support this cause. If you don't want to purchase a T-shirt, you can visit the Orangeville Fire Services Movember webpage: ca.movember.com/team/2346651

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If you are growing a mustache this November, you should wear it proudly as a way to spread the word and bring awareness to a good cause.

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Bill 212 paves the way for Highway 413 in a number of ways Councillors found unacceptable

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“That’s not my Ontario, not my Caledon... residents need to be protected from gross government overreach.”

Mayor Annette Groves said Bill 212 seems heavy-handed and that the Province dropped the ball by introducing the bill.

“I’m not sure that a bill like this should have been tabled. I think there should have been some consultation with the community, with the residents,” said Groves.

Groves noted she’d like to send a letter to the Province about Caledon’s concerns and requested it be added to Maskell’s motion.

Ward 4 Councillor Nick de Boer stated he would like the motion to clearly state Caledon does not oppose the 413, but measures in Bill 212.



Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell tabled the motion against the building of Highway 413 as outlined in the Province’s Bill 212. **FILE PHOTO**

Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen said Caledon is kidding itself if it thinks the 413 won’t be built.

“The government’s going to build the 413 one way or the other; what they’re doing with Bill 212 is putting the tools in place to do it... the way I read Bill 212, it goes too far. It is draconian... it runs roughshod over Caledon residents’ rights and I can’t support that.”

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa said he can’t support Bill 212 as it is written in good conscience.

Sharon Sommerville, of the group Headwaters Stoppes the 413, said Bill 212 will have a catastrophic impact. She said it implements egregious antidemocratic policies and that citizens deserve better.

Resident Angela Piscitelli said Bill 212 does not give people nearly enough time to prepare for a move, especially seniors.

Former Caledon Councillor Ian Sinclair said Bill 212 is an abominable attack on democracy and that it’s sad he had to come make comments against such a “deplorable piece of legislation.”

County invites public to apply for Homelessness Task Force

BY SAM ODROWSKI

The County of Dufferin is seeking applications from members of the public looking to join its Homelessness Task Force.

The Homelessness Task Force will look to identify sustainable and innovative options for providing housing and support services to homeless people in Dufferin County.

Duties of Homelessness Task Force members include collaborating with current homelessness tables and organizations that already provide support in the community. Together, they’ll work to identify and analyze additional tools and resources to enhance current homelessness services and providers. Potential opportunities for affordable housing and supports based on best practices and examples in other jurisdictions will also be looked at. As well, members will look at associated costs, resources and implementation timelines, alongside the organizations that already support homelessness in the county.

In addition, task force members will assess the Dufferin County Master

Housing Strategy and provide community education and engagement.

Applicants to the task force must be 18 years of age or older and a resident, business owner or stakeholder in Dufferin County. Applicants cannot be employed by the County of Dufferin.

Individuals who apply should understand the qualifications listed in the Committee Terms of Reference, which can be found online at dufferincounty.ca/council/advisory-committees/#task-force.

Applicants should also understand the overall community issues related to homelessness and be able to build meaningful relationships and connections within the community.

Applications can be submitted online at www.t.ly/aLsJw or emailed to info@dufferincounty.ca.

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Council hits brakes on motion to buy 10 Automated Speed Enforcement cameras

Five of Caledon's nine Councillors wanted to see more information from staff before any purchase

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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While all Caledon Councillors are in agreement that traffic safety is an issue in Town, a majority voted to press pause on a motion to purchase more automated speed enforcement cameras.

At Caledon Council's November 12 General Committee meeting, Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen put forward a motion asking that Caledon explore purchasing an additional 10 Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) cameras to bring Caledon's total number of said cameras to 16 by the end of 2025.

Sheen said ASE cameras are highly-effective and cost-efficient. He said speeding remains a pervasive and serious concern for residents across Caledon and that traffic engineering and finance staff should prioritize expanding Caledon's ASE program as a matter of urgency.

"To no surprise, traffic safety and parking issues are consistently the top concerns I hear from residents in Caledon... our community is deeply troubled by recurring fatalities on our roadways and they are urgently calling for action to create safer streets," said Sheen.

Sheen said residents want more road enforcement and to keep taxes in check — he said ASE cameras are the perfect way to do both.

"It will pay for itself eventually," said

Sheen.

Regional Councillor Mario Russo put forward a referral for Sheen's motion, suggesting that it be sent back to Town of Caledon staff so they can provide Council with more data so it can make a better-informed decision.

Ward 4 Councillor Nick de Boer said he couldn't support the removal, stating it's time to move and that Caledon needs to find the money for more cameras and get started.

Mayor Annette Groves said a referral is prudent and that Town staff are currently doing a lot of work to make roads safer. She said it's important to understand from the experts how many more cameras are needed.

Russo said he doesn't want to see Caledon spend money on cameras that may sit dormant because they can't yet be used.

Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan said the responsible thing to do is to do everything Council can to keep residents safe.

"You can't put a price tag on that," said Kiernan.

She added Sheen's motion basically has a referral built into it, as it asks staff to prepare a proposal for the 10 additional cameras and present it for discussion in the Town's 2025 Budget.

Regional Councillor Christina Early said Sheen's motion is a bold one she's prepared to support.

"I'd like to see 20 or 30 cameras, I want to slow down traffic in the municipality," said Early.

Ultimately, Russo's referral was passed. Russo, Groves, Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa, Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli, and Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell supported the referral.

Kiernan, Early, de Boer, and Sheen did not support the referral.

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Budget Meeting Schedule

In the coming weeks, staff will present an overview of the 2025 Town of Caledon Budget. Please be advised of the meetings and dates below.

A copy of the 2025 Budget will be available at caledon.ca/budget for the presentation on **Monday, December 2** and updates will be provided throughout the process.

MEETING LOCATION

All the meetings will be hybrid. Members of the public have the option to participate in-person in Council Chambers at Town Hall (6311 Old Church Road) or remotely.

For full details, visit caledon.ca/agenda.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

- When: General Committee – **Monday, December 2, 2024**
- What: The first budget meeting serves as a primer to identify the needs and pressures the Town faces in the coming fiscal year.

BUDGET PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND FEES & CHARGES

- When: General Committee - **Tuesday, December 10, 2024**
- What: Before the budget goes to the regular Council Meeting, Council will have an opportunity to debate and propose amendments to the budget, as well as the Fees and Charges By-law. Each year, the Town's annual fees and charges are also updated as part of the budget process.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS APPROVAL

- When: Council Meeting – **Tuesday, December 17, 2024**
- What: Recommended amendments to the 2025 Budget, from the December 10, 2024 Committee Meeting, go to Council for final approval.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Adoption: Ontario Heritage Act Alternative Notice Policy

TAKE NOTICE: As per Council Resolution 2024-171, the Town of Caledon has adopted the Ontario Heritage Act Alternative Notice Policy. The objective of this Policy is to establish an alternative method for the Town to provide public notice required under the Ontario Heritage Act (the "Act") by publishing notices on the Town website, whereas these public notices are traditionally published in the local newspaper.

For future notices related to the Act, such as Notices of Intention to Designate and Notices of Passing of By-laws, please refer to the Public Notices page on the Town's website: www.caledon.ca

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Caledon Remembers: Remembrance Day services held in Caledon East, Bolton and Alton

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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(Above) Student musicians participated in the ceremony. (Below Left) Caledon Mayor Annette Groves led the Town of Caledon's Remembrance Day service. (Below Right) Wreaths were laid at the cenotaph at Caledon Town Hall. PHOTOS BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon residents took time over the last week to remember those who served our country in times of war.

Remembrance Day services were held across Caledon and around Remembrance Day, November 11.

On November 10, the Alton Legion hosted its annual ceremony, and on the same day another ceremony was held in Bolton at the cenotaph in Laurel Hill Cemetery. On November 11, a ceremony was held at Town Hall in Caledon East.

Local politicians, volunteers, cadets, Legion members, religious leaders, the Caledon Fire and Emergency Services Honour Guard, and school communities were all involved in making these important ceremonies happen.

At the Bolton ceremony, a wreath was laid by 96-year-old former prisoner of war Vilma Howe, who lives in Caledon.

Howe was 12 and living in Singapore during World War II. Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbour, the Japanese invaded Singapore. Amid intense bombing, Howe and her family attempted to evacuate by boat, but their ship was hit in Sumatran waters.

She and others on board were taken captive and brought to internment camps at Muntok and Palembang in Sumatra — many other evacuating ships were sunk along with all on board. Later in the war, Howe was transferred by sea to Singapore's Changi Jail. She spent time as a captive there, and at the Sime Road camp, until the camps were finally liberated in August of 1945.

"There are not many survivors left alive and not very many talk about it," said Howe. "All you had was the clothes on your back when you got captured... I had an 88-year-old-grandmother, I don't know how she made it, she was tough."

Howe said conditions in the camps were very bad, with Changi Jail being an especially horrible place.

Howe believes strongly in the importance of Remembrance Day and participates in ceremonies and lays a wreath each year. Previously, she's laid wreaths at Queen's Park in Toronto and in Singapore.





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Metamorphos(s)

Peel to continue funding Metamorphosis Network

Non-profit's new mandate is to ensure social services are fully-funded and effective

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Region of Peel will continue to fund a non-profit first created as a response to the Region's potential dissolution.

On November 7, Region of Peel Councilors unanimously voted to continue funding the Metamorphosis Network.

The network represents over 100 Peel non-profits in the health and community services sectors and was originally created to advocate for Peel's non-profits ahead of the Region's dissolution, which never came to be.

The Metamorphosis Network's new mandate is to advocate to ensure that social services in Peel are fully-funded, effective, and meet the needs of the community.

Regional Councillors approved a two-year funding plan for the Metamorphosis Network; in 2025 the non-profit will receive \$450,000 from the Region and in 2026 it will receive \$400,000.

The money is coming from Peel's tax rate stabilization reserve and will be administered through Peel's Community Investment Program under the oversight of the Region's Commissioner of Human Services.

Geraldine Aguiar, CEO of Caledon Community Services (CCS), delegated to Regional Council on November 7 in support

of the Metamorphosis Network's funding request.

She said ongoing underfunding remains a consistent barrier for residents needing to access essential community support services in Peel.

Aguiar said the Metamorphosis Network has become the go-to for consultation on non-profit issues and has been key in bringing the fact that Peel's non-profits are underfunded to light.

"Our collective work to advocate for a new deal for Peel aims to ensure that Mississauga, Brampton, and Caledon don't get left behind," said Aguiar.

A study commissioned by the Metamorphosis Network earlier this year found that, on average, Peel receives \$578 less per person for social services than comparable municipalities.

The study, from research firm Blueprint ADE, found an \$868 million annual funding shortfall for Peel non-profits.

According to the study, the funding shortfall impacts services like housing, child care, schools, seniors' care, mental health programs and youth programs.

In a media release earlier this year, the Metamorphosis Network stated Peel municipalities have to charge taxpayers \$138 per year on their property taxes to "compensate for inadequate provincial funding of essential services."

Peel resident Melissa Harricharan was quoted in the release.

"I rely on local community services that support me and my family, but I see how stretched they are, with long waiting lists and limited capacity," said Harricharan. "I am counting on our MPPs to speak with the Premier and Cabinet to make sure that these gaps don't continue."



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It's a very fine balancing act between looking forward and looking backward — particularly when one can invariably lead to another.

On Monday, most of us took a moment on the eleventh hour to pause and reflect on the lives of those who answered the call to protect our freedoms.

While that two minutes of silence every November 11 is intended to remember the men and women who paid the ultimate price for King, Queen and country, and that is undoubtedly at the core of our reflection, there are often shades to one's own simple act of Remembrance depending on your life's journey, that of your forebears, and even your own unique areas of interest and expertise.

Standing at the Cenotaph in years past, I've thought of my grandfather, a pilot in the Second World War, who was shot down over Norway in 1941 and served as a Prisoner of War until Victory in Europe was won.

I've thought of his parents, my great-grandparents, who both served in the First World War, as a doctor and nurse respectively, and how they somehow found love in that very brutal situation, lighting a spark that eventually burned its fuse in my general direction.

I've thought of her brother, a young man who signed up for the army just days before his sister did likewise, who paid his ultimate sacrifice in the Battle of the Somme, lying in an unmarked grave somewhere in the vicinity, represented only by the Unknown Soldiers in Ottawa and Westminster Abbey, and by a small addendum to his parents' gravestone in out-of-the-way cemetery northeast of Uxbridge.

This year, I couldn't help but think specifically of the many men, and some women, veterans all from the Second World War, very few of whom are still with us today, who entrusted me to share their stories with the community. Despite their individual roles in the war effort, whether they served at home and abroad, their similarities struck me almost as much as their differences.

While I was initially trepidatious about the very first of these interviews more than a decade ago, knowing that many veterans wear that moniker with a bit of unease, reluctant to open up old wounds, I needn't have worried. All were very eager to share their stories and welcomed me into their own spaces with warmth.

Again, while their individual stories of service varied widely, they almost spoke as one on two things: the importance of sharing their often-raw experiences with their communities. They often paid particular attention to youngsters in the hopes they would carry the torch to prevent the circumstances leading up to their respective conflict from ever happening again. As the decade from that initial interview wore on, I noticed a slight shift in the messages they wanted to share. There was concern, even alarm and fear, that these very circumstances that led to their service were rearing their ugly heads once again.

One such veteran, now nearing his centenary, has presented an unvarnished view of war, and what the Second World War was all about, to countless students over the years. He never glorified the realities of war; he's been very real about not only of his personal experience, but how he's seen rhetoric shift

in recent years.

Just over four years ago, the last time Americans went to the polls to elect a person to their top job, I was at a local retirement home to chat with two remarkable veterans whose love endured in times of conflict. We sat down quite literally moments before Joe Biden was finally declared the winner after days of counts and recounts, and both were on tenterhooks for the news they wanted, as was their daughter.

They made clear that what the other party represented flew in the face of what they stood for, drawing a particular line under the candidate's own professed views of the fallen. As I had been up for days to hear the results in real time, with a few catnaps as necessary, I asked my mother to accompany me to the residence so she could blow her car horn from the parking lot when news broke — two honks for the Republican candidate and three for the Democrat.

I let my interview subjects in on the signal, just in case I seemed antsy, and about 20 minutes into our interview we heard one blare. Then another. After the second, I locked eyes with the D-Day veteran, eyes slightly cloudy with age but with another degree of clarity that can only come from what they witnessed, and saw the relief that passed behind them when the third horn was heard. This flash of relief was punctuated by a slight sag of the shoulders as if a huge weight had been lifted.

As rhetoric continued unabated over the subsequent four years, I was at another retirement home to interview another D-Day vet, his wife, and, once again, their daughter. As it was already clear by that time that the genie of inflammatory language was not about to get back in its bottle any time soon, the elders couldn't even bear to utter a certain name, although they had no shortage of alternatives to choose from!

"We have to learn from one another, and we have to care about each other, and we've got to set an example for kids in doing so — whether we're 90, 97, or whatever age," one Mr. Williams, a veteran of the Korean War, told me in 2021. "You need to set an example for your children and your cohorts."

Many of them might be gone by now, but they have left behind legacies we can all learn from — if only we'd sit up and listen. In some ways, it now feels like society has failed their American counterparts and the very principles they fought for.

In the United States, we've all had our fill of "Make America Great Again" and this sentiment has trickled over our side of the border in recent years and "Make Canada Great Again" merch is getting easier and easier to come by. But, if we have to have an ideal to strive for, why must it be regressive.

While many of the veterans we honoured on Monday were lauded for what they achieved in the past, to hear them tell it, they took up arms to ensure a better future for their families back home, their future children and grandchildren, and looking backward was the last thing on their minds. And it remained so with decades of hindsight.

It was a matter of protecting what they had and making sure they had the ability to build upon it and move forward — and building on their legacies is the best way we can pay tribute.



Leave love and memories behind, not things

by Mark Pavilons



"Ooo, cookies!" I exclaimed to myself when I recently opened my lunch, lovingly prepared by my wife.

Such is life's simple pleasures sometimes. Not overly exciting or earth-shattering, but these tiny chocolate chip specimens brought a smile to my face.

When we near retirement age, I think we quickly take stock, look around, and do some mental math. Maybe we recall our successes and failures, or perhaps we just erase them from life's chalkboard. Who didn't like smacking the chalk board erasers together, creating a cloud of smoke?

It's kind of a full-circle scenario, from classroom to pasture.

My wife has been trying to declutter our home by cleaning, tidying, organizing everything from the evil Tupperware cupboard to the garage, and every nook and cranny in between. As a Virgo, I was once a stickler for order, but have eased off a bit in recent years.

Given my health, I no longer have the energy or desire to wrestle with minor or trivial things.

I look at things much differently around our abode these days.

There's a corner in our bedroom that is earmarked for Mark's junk. It basically consists of a small roll-top desk purchased at a thrift store, a portion of our dresser, a night table and an Ikea glass cabinet for my "collectibles." These tiny treasures consist of small military models and spacecraft, the bulk of which fit in the palm of one's hand.

Years of collecting and hours upon hours of fine details and painting. I still find "playing with toys" to be quite relaxing and it takes my mind off the harsh realities of my world.

Other than these trinkets, there's not much Mark in our house. I fear that when I depart this cruel world, nothing but memories will remain. My tiny toys will be packed up and likely tossed for they have very little monetary value. My other personal belongings like jewellery and watches will be shared among my family members.

I plan to get rid of my junk when the time comes because I don't want my family to be burdened with such a chore.

I have done it several times with relatives of mine who passed, and these were the toughest, and weirdest experiences ever.

I had to clear out my uncle's apartment and it was so strange going through his "stuff." He had a large collection of fancy liquor bottles on a shelf, but most were dust-covered and spoiled. Yes, alcohol can go bad.

With every trip to the dumpster, I felt sad and guilty.

But he lived a full life and other than not having children, he had no regrets.

I had to "tidy up" after my sister and parents

passed. Every occasion was a task I would not wish on anyone.

The fact that our lives are reduced to a few boxes and bags of "things" and mementos is a bit disappointing.

For average people, there are no buildings bearing our names, no monuments in our honour and no real evidence of our time spent here on Earth.

Sure, we have family members and children who keep bits of us in their minds and hearts. They may tell a few funny stories to their children one day. There are a few photographs of me during happy times spent with family. And the odd, brief video on a few cell phones.

And that's it. What will I do when I have to face the final curtain, when my time is up? I don't want to go. I never want to disappear into nothingness, let go and depart without a trace. That's horrible. "Go, go where, exactly?" Doctor McCoy once asked in a Star Trek movie.

If I knew, I may be somewhat comforted at the prospect. I like to be prepared, all packed, with my toothbrush, pills, a change of clothes and my wallet, just in case.

When I am taken, will I have to leave with the clothes on my back? I have quite the collection of colourful Hawaiian shirts and any one of them would suit me just fine. In the blinding whiteness of the great beyond, I'd be sure to stand out. It won't matter what I'm wearing if the next plateau — the next and perhaps final destination — is but a black, empty void, a blanket of thick nothingness that wraps around my very soul and sucks every bit of essence from me.

However, in my brief experiences with other worldly concepts and universal energy, there's a glimmer of hope. Many are adamant about an afterlife, an everlasting energy or existence of some sort. The universe is a marvellous, unexplained phenomenon that our puny human brains can't begin to understand, let alone explain.

So, my friends, here's to never-ending sandy beaches, an endless supply of frolicking dogs, and sharing memories with our entire lineage of deceased relatives. That would be quite something, wouldn't it?

Back on Earth, there are times when I question the point of it all. I watch TV game shows, look at flyers for deals on groceries, run errands, meander through the Facebook rabbit hole. I no longer search eBay or Marketplace for more jewellery or baubles to spoil myself. Just more junk to leave behind.

I know that may sound terrible and pessimistic, but folks, it's reality.

As Denzel Washington once said: "You've never seen a U-Haul behind a hearse."

Most of us don't need to accumulate more material things. Fat bank accounts are great, if the government doesn't get its greedy paws on our life savings.

My only advice for the younger ones in our society is to keep an eye on the future, but don't let it consume you. Squeeze every ounce of joy out of life that you can, while you can. You can be replaced at work, but never at home.

Plan, save and show compassion. Travel, climb mountains and soak up nature's beauty. Feel the earth beneath your feet.

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Human Nature

It's a sad, sad state of affairs when our base human nature overwhelms what I used to think of as evolutionary progress. When millions upon millions of people vote for a convicted felon over a highly qualified woman whose very gender, not to mention ethnicity, threatens them. As seems to happen so often in politics, even right here at home, despite the majority's core needs for food, safety and security being met, we want more. To be clear, that means more for ourselves, not those we view as "others." And, apparently despite the lessons of history, that means we're willing to do just about anything to obtain whatever "more" means to each of us as individuals.

No matter whom you study, it's pretty much accepted that human nature consists of at least these three basic instincts: self-preservation/survival, food and yes, sex. Beyond that, as probably the most universally known and pyramid drawing psychologist Abraham Maslow would tell us, are needs related to love, belonging and connection, these more esoteric values that mean we've moved beyond our most basic instincts toward caring not just for our family, but our community too. Sadly, somewhere along the way I believe the quest for the almighty dollar has replaced these latter values as well as the final two tiers of Maslow's five stage pyramid: self-respect and self-actualization. What this most recent election in America has shown us is that more than half of American voters did not find it morally repugnant to vote for someone who is a convicted felon because

they believed a false narrative that tariffs would make the cost of gas, bread and eggs cheaper.

Trump succeeded in appealing to voter's most basic instincts, not just in economic terms but also by "othering," pitting humans against their fellow humans. He used anger to stoke division and frustration to fuel hatred, ensuring everyone focussed on pointing fingers at one another rather than pointing out his flaws, his lack of policy (sure, he had "concepts of a plan") and his long list of historical failures both in business and while leading the country through a pandemic.

As Canadians, we watched smugly, secure in our homes north of the longest undefended border in the world, confident that such divisiveness would never happen here. We're more evolved. We're higher on the pyramid. We're a caring nation. We welcome immigrants, embrace racial diversity and support LGBTQ2S+ rights. And yet...increasingly we don't. Federally, a Conservative movement is gaining momentum using many of the same tactics employed south of the border, encouraging anti-vaxxers and convoys of "freedom-fighters," denying climate change, encouraging finger-pointing between and amongst us, all while blaming the current government for absolutely everything that's "wrong" with Canada. A national dental plan for low-income families and seniors? Wrong. A national pharmacare plan providing access for women to products and services that maintain bodily autonomy, or which support self-employed families (like mine) who don't

not have health coverage and face debilitating medical debt? Nope. With nothing but three word slogans the Conservatives bait Canadians against one another pitting the so-called "woke" (presumably those seeking higher-order Maslow goals like fostering community wellness, belonging and support) against those who perceive it's the woke who are taking all of that away.

Here at home, we see the influence of the almighty dollar over all else. In Caledon, we're mandated to build homes faster, so developers are being granted significant leeway in development charges to support this initiative. At what cost? Less money flowing into municipal coffers to support parks, services and public transit, just a few examples of what actually makes a community the kind of community you actually want to live in. The federal Conservatives' "Build the homes!" slogan aligns nicely with provincial conservatives "Saving You Time Act," that glosses over environmental and land expropriation concerns, making it easier for developers (who already own large swathes of land near the proposed 413 highway) to obtain even more of it, and to circumvent democratic processes put in place to protect landowners along the way.

For more on that, take a few moments to review Councillor Doug Maskell's motion before this past Tuesday's Council, asking it to not support the 413. Amongst a variety of reasons like environmental concerns, his motion also cites the issue of land expropriation including

where "the Building Highways Faster Act, in Section 13.9 authorizes the use of force to take possession of land owned by a Caledon resident." Is it too far of a stretch to suggest the democratic right to vote Republican in the US or Conservative here at home, gives us the right to vote in the end of democracy?

What does "more" mean to Canadians? What are the implications of the US election here at home? I believe "more" speaks to the most basic of human instincts. Not for us to rise to Maslow's pinnacle of the pyramid, achieving self-actualization, but rather, to survive at all costs even if that means blaming others. It means collectively, we're willing to permit things many of us find morally reprehensible, for the perceived notion of cheaper goods and services. My brother has an expression; "follow the money." Who is profiting from an electorate that is pitted against one another? Who profits from land expropriated without due process or construction completed without development charges? What is the real cost of the results of the American election, and the likely outcome of a Canadian one when it is eventually held? Average citizens will remain average and the rich will get richer. Communities will lack a feeling of community. We'll remain at the bottom of the pyramid. Beware the true costs of appealing to our more basic human nature.



SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON

Our Readers Write

Open letter to MPP Sylvia Jones

As you must be aware, many Caledon residents of my acquaintance, as well as myself, have been dismayed by your failure to participate in, much less represent, the best interests of your constituents, many of whom are your friends and neighbours.

There is no doubt that Caledon is facing a tsunami of issues that threaten to disrupt and, in some cases, destroy residents' ability to live, work, travel and recreate in the healthy, safe environment that we aspire to.

Caledon is facing significant expansions of existing aggregate mines, an application for a blasting quarry, an unprecedented flooding of local and regional roads (especially Highway 10, Charleston Sideroad, Airport Road and Highway 50) by aggregate trucks (my analysis discovered an increase

of some 1800 trucks per day on Charleston Sideroad if the Votorantim application is approved), a rise in commuter traffic of a minimum of 1000 cars per day as a result of new housing developments in Erin, sewage disposal into the West Credit River at the Wellington/Peel border, a new housing target that speeds up development and will lead to sprawl and, when combined with the anticipated downloading of regional roads to the municipality, is expected to result in Caledon's taxes rising to levels that while crippling to residents will, according to a Deloitte report, result in the municipality becoming non-viable economically.

Meanwhile, our system of wetlands and water-course management systems put together by our conservation authorities, supported by many governments for decades and the result of a huge

investment by taxpayers is being systematically dismantled. The result will be a dramatic reduction in water quality that will affect people and wildlife alike both from a health and economic perspective.

All this (and more) to say nothing of the impact of a major 400 series highway cutting across the Peel Plain that many experts agree will not solve the gridlock problem but will have a negative impact on the environment, will reduce the quality of life of local residents, will cause the permanent loss of prime agricultural land, enrich developers on a scale unheard of in our history and will cost taxpayers yet more.

And throughout all this turmoil, you have remained all but unreachable even by Caledon residents who considered you a friend. It is your duty

as our Provincial Member of Parliament to act in the best interests of your constituents. To do so, you need to be present, approachable and ensure the government of this province cares for Caledon and Dufferin. Rather than doing that, by all appearances, you have thrown your community, your home, your environment and your constituents to the wolves, and man are they having a field day in the riding you have abandoned. Where, I ask, is Sylvia Jones?

I request that you hold a series of townhall meetings with constituents to discuss the dire situation we are in and to come up with steps we can take collectively to protect and preserve the place we love and call home.

NICOLA ROSS
ALTON

Notice of Completion - Design and Construction Report

Highway 9/Peel Road (The Gore Road)/Concession Road 3 Intersection Improvements
Town of Caledon, Region of Peel and Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, County of Simcoe
G.W.P. 2072-17-00

The Project

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained HDR Corporation (HDR) to complete a Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study for improvements to the intersection of Highway 9/Peel Road 8 (The Gore Road)/Concession Road 3 in the Town of Caledon, Region of Peel and Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, County of Simcoe. The project area is presented on the map.

The proposed intersection improvements include:

- A new traffic signal system with partial illumination and approach lighting at the intersection of The Gore Road and Highway 9;
- Partial illumination and approach lighting at the intersection of Concession Road 3 and Highway 9;
- New westbound auxiliary through lane on Highway 9 extending from west of Coolihans Sideroad westerly to beyond Concession Road 3;
- New westbound left turn lane on Highway 9 at The Gore Road;
- New eastbound right turn lane on Highway 9 at Concession Road 3;
- Widening to provide northbound left and right turn lanes on The Gore Road at Highway 9;
- Permanent closure of Coolihans Sideroad at Highway 9 and creation of a cul-de-sac; and,
- Utility relocations.

The Process

This project was completed in accordance with the approved planning process for a Group "B" project under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. The Class EA process included consultation with the public, technical agencies/stakeholders, and Indigenous communities. A Design and Construction Report (DCR) has been prepared to document the Class EA planning process followed, including the recommended design, impacts and mitigation measures and consultation.

Comments

The DCR is available for a 30-day comment period from November 14, 2024 to December 16, 2024.

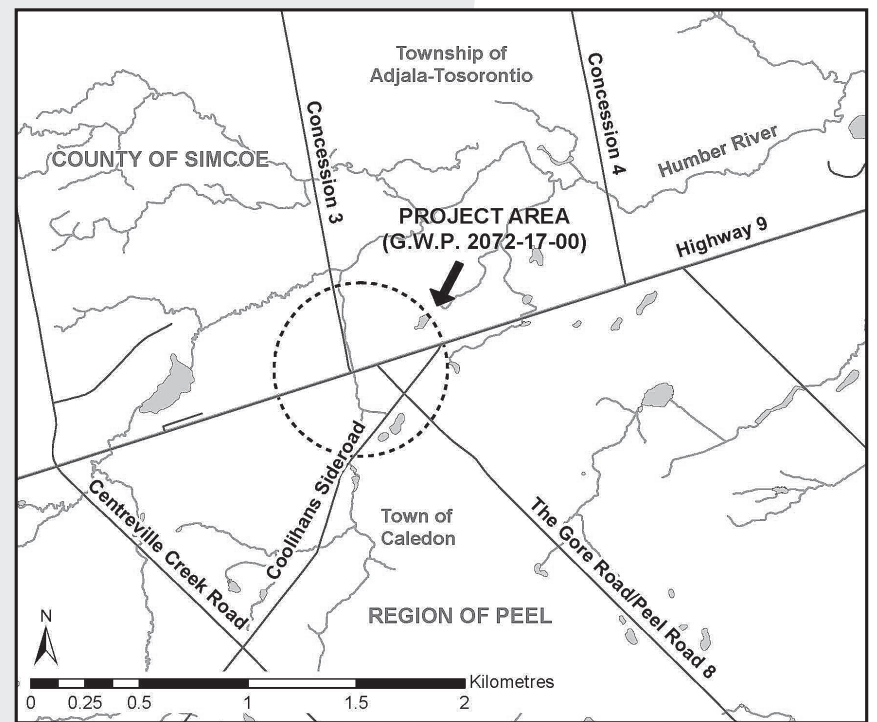
The DCR is available for download on the Project Website at: [Highway9-GoreRoad.ca](#)

Comments on the DCR can be emailed to the Project Team members below:

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In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e., requiring a comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy adverse



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Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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Local arts group hosting annual "Artful Giving" show and sale

Headwaters Arts says show is a great way to get started on holiday shopping

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Local artists and artisans are showcasing and selling their work in Alton for the holidays.

On November 13, Headwaters Arts' annual Artful Giving Christmas Artisan Gift and Fine Art Sale began at the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

The show is held each year to give local artists and artisans a chance to sell their work, and residents a chance to buy some handmade local gifts.

Headwaters Arts marketing lead Sue Powell said there's sure to be something at the show to bring joy to someone on your gift list.

"The Headwaters Arts Gallery is filled with extraordinary and delightful handmade, beautifully-crafted and thoughtfully-created items," said Powell. "There are over 30 local and regional artists showcasing their vast array of unique, original works in a multitude of mediums."

There's hand-painted Christmas ornaments, handcrafted jewelry, clay and ceramics, wood-turned items, glass, textiles, paintings, cards and more.

Loni Griffin, co-coordinator of the Headwaters Arts Gallery, said the price point for most items at the sale is between \$5 and \$100, with some works of art and paintings going for \$200 and above.

"There is a tremendous selection of truly unique, handcrafted items that are beautiful and affordable," said Griffin.



A selection of the gifts on sale at this year's Artful Giving show and sale.

HEADWATERS ARTS PHOTO

The Artful Giving Show and Sale runs now until January 5, and there will be a fun opening reception for it on November 23.

Powell said she invites all to meet the artists and enjoy some refreshments at the

reception, which runs from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Headwaters Arts Gallery.

The Alton Mill Arts Centre itself is hosting a Christmas open house on November 23 and 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. where the

centre's studio artists open their doors to curious visitors.

Powell said guests are invited to explore artists' creative spaces and discover more gifts for the holiday season.

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Neverland, three orphan boys encounter a smart and witty girl named Molly Aster, the daughter of an English lord and minister to the Queen. Also on board is a trunk full of precious star stuff that Molly has promised to protect.

One of the orphans, known only as Boy, is bitter and unpleasant. Once he meets Molly, his lonely and miserable world is turned upside down. On the other ship, The Wasp, Molly's father, the famous starcatcher Lord Aster, guards a decoy trunk from pirates who are in search of treasure. The pirate captain, Stache, discovers the ruse and goes after The Neverland.

Hilarious, adventurous and endlessly inventive, this is a show that people of all ages and families will not want to miss.

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Caledon Public Library seeks resident feedback on new strategic plan



CPL PHOTO

Online survey on plan open until November 30

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon's library is planning for the future.

On November 7, the Caledon Public Library (CPL) announced it was seeking resident feedback for its new strategic plan. The plan will guide the library's priorities over the next four years.

There is an online survey for residents to provide their feedback, and it can be found at the caledon.library.on.ca/strategic-plan.

The CPL is seeking feedback from residents, businesses, and local non-profit organizations and groups.

In a media release, the CPL said public input on the library's services, programs and facilities will provide valuable feedback that will help develop the strategic plan to meet community needs.

The survey is just a few minutes in length, and participants in the survey can be entered to win a number of prizes.

The prizes are as follows: a round of golf for four in the 2025 golf season at Glen Eagle Golf Club; a Sculpto2 3D printer;

and a tote bag full of books.

Colleen Lipp, CEO of the CPL, said the CPL is committed to meeting the evolving needs of Caledon.

"Your voice plays a crucial role in shaping the future of our services. I encourage everyone to take a few moments to complete our strategic plan survey — your feedback will help us build a library that truly reflects the interests and aspirations of Caledon's residents," said Lipp.

"Together, we can ensure that our library continues to be a vibrant and valuable resource for years to come."

Potential survey participants have until November 30 to complete the survey.

At the URL mentioned above, residents can also find information on upcoming open houses and focus groups regarding the new strategic plan.

The CPL plans to host various pop-ups at branches across Caledon and a community partners focus group.

According to the CPL's website, strategic planning is about goal setting and creating a roadmap for an organization.

"The new strategic plan will identify an updated vision, mission, values and strategic directions that are consistent with CPL's overall goals," reads the website.

A draft of the strategic plan is set to be complete in January or February of 2025, and finalized in the same time frame.

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Honouring Black Canadian soldiers: “We need to get into these spaces and let people know we’re there”

BY BROCK WEIR

The contributions of Black Canadian soldiers, both in history and in today’s Canadian Armed Forces, were celebrated at the Aurora Public Library (APL) last week, in a presentation facilitated by the Aurora Black Community Association. (ABC)

Hosted by Phiona Durrant of the ABC and Nelia Pacheco of the APL, the November 5 panel discussion showcased the lived experiences of Dr. Vincent Conville of the Jamaican Canadian Association, Captain Kevin Junior (Retired), Sergeant Darnel Leader (Active Duty) and Registered Psychotherapist Leticia Osei.

As the panel shared the history of the Black soldier, as well as the role of the Black soldier today, local artist Dubi used his skills with the paint brush to bring a historic photo to life in real-time, with the finished product set to be donated to the Aurora Museum & Archives.

“The goal of this evening’s program is to honour and raise awareness of the contributions made by Black Canadians who served in the Canadian military, both in times of conflict and in peace,” said Durrant. “Black Canadians have a proud and enduring legacy of service to the country, serving with courage, distinction, and, in some cases, making the ultimate sacrifice.

“Today, Black Canadians, inspired by the legacy of their pioneering predecessors, continue to serve with pride in uniform, contributing to the sacrifice and achievements of the Canadian Armed Forces.... By immersing ourselves in the culture and history of Black Canadians, we enrich the fabric of Aurora, making it more inclusive, informed and vibrant for all.”

Junior, a resident of Bolton, shared that he first considered a job in the Forces when a recruiter came into his Scarborough High School, pitching it as a summer job. He said it sounded like fun and, once the summer was over, stayed in part because of the camaraderie.

“One of my favourite movies is The Good, The Bad & The Ugly and over that summer, over my career, there is the good, the bad, the ugly and the very ugly,” said Junior. “It is all of that who made me who I am today and why I stayed over 30 years in there.”

Leader came into the service with heritage. In St. Kitts, his father, uncles and many other members of his family served in Cadets. Here in Canada, he said he was partially inspired to pursue a role in the Army due to the long-running TV drama J.A.G. He agreed it was all about the challenge and camaraderie.

In their respective roles, both have served as change-makers in their units and the wider-forces.

Junior, for instance, as served as a Personal Advisor to Canada’s Chief of Defence Staff, tasked with developing ways and initiatives to ensure the Forces were fully inclusive.

“My job as a leader was to change the game,” he said.

Indeed, a common theme in last week’s panel was to increase the sense of diversity that comes with Remembrance Day, Remembrance Week, and how we think of the Forces throughout the year.

“Black men and women are not excluded,” said Junior, when asked by an



Last week’s panel, hosted by the Aurora Black Community Association in the Aurora Public Library “living room” space included Dr. Vincent Conville, Sergeant Darnel Leader, Captain Kevin Junior, and Registered Psychotherapist Leticia Osei. PHOTO BY BROCK WEIR

audience member how communities like ours can raise awareness of the day-to-day experiences of Black soldiers. “I don’t think we’re respected the way we should be. From an inclusion perspective, inclusion means you’re a part of the organization and feel comfortable. What we have within the Canadian Armed Forces is a diverse organization, diverse in that we have different races, different cultures, different ethnicities.”

Speaking to the role of the Black soldier in the role of Remembrance and within branches of the Royal Canadian Legion, he added, “we have to change the game.”

“In needing to change the game, sometimes it’s uncomfortable because people are used to the status quo, they are used to doing things the way they have been done forever,” Junior continued. “When I moved to Bolton, I went out for Remembrance Day and the local legion was doing their thing and I went up and said, ‘Can I help?’ I was a Regimental Sergeant Major at that time and part of my role was to do parades. When I walked up to him, he said, ‘I don’t know if you know what you’re doing.’ Well, I had a little bit of experience and he said, ‘Okay, I’ll tell you what to do and make sure you do it to the letter.’ After that, he came to me [and said], ‘I’ll never do another parade here again.’ We need to get into these spaces and let people know that we’re there. Don’t just take what they’re going to give us.”

Added Leader: “I think the first thing is showing your true authentic self is the way to go. Just don’t get discouraged. I think there is a lot of synergy between the Legion itself and the community, and those bonds need to be strengthened by finding similarities, not focusing the negativity.”

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Road tennis is a sport from Barbados and is a low-cost, accessible sport

Continued from FRONT

Kellman said road tennis has been an amazing way to get kids active again after the pandemic. He said it’s a sport that brings people off the sidelines because it’s not intimidating.

“Kids everywhere need to get out and play, so why not have a game that is going to make you laugh, have fun, and associate with your friends,” said Kellman.

As wood is expensive right now, Kellman is working on designing a cheaper net made out of other materials to make the sport even more accessible than it already

is. He noted a bench turned on its side can also be used as a makeshift net.

Kellman said he has two sons who play hockey and baseball, expensive sports, in addition to road tennis. He says it is amazing how they have just as much fun playing road tennis, which is far more affordable.

Due to the small size of a road tennis court, Kellman said it’s ideal for gym classes because so many courts can be set up. In that way, no students have to wait their turn on the sidelines.

“It’s becoming a movement, it’s amazing to watch it grow in front of our eyes,” said Kellman.

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Mayfield Mustangs' Three-Sport Star Charlotte Meek is Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week

BY JIM STEWART

Charlotte Meek has represented Mayfield Secondary School and three rep sports organizations with a high degree of efficacy in multiple centres over the last few years. Remarkably, Meek has suited up for the Orangeville Tigers hockey team, the Guelph Cobras field hockey team, and the Fergus Highland rugby squad.

In addition to representing three cities in three different rep sports, Meek is also a three-sport athlete for the Mustangs where the Grade 11 student has excelled in wrestling, rugby, and field hockey. It is for her most recent success as the Mustangs' leading scorer on the field hockey pitch that the Honor Roll student was nominated for The Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week by her Head Coach Jennifer Rawson.

Even more important than her individual statistics, Meek led the Mustangs to the ROPSSAA Field Hockey championship this Fall and was part of the Mustangs' ROPSSAA Championship Senior Girls Rugby team last Spring. In addition to these gold medals, Meek grappled her way to a bronze medal at the 2024 ROPSSAA Junior Wrestling championships. Meek's necklace of medals is a testament to her athleticism and dedication.

Coach Rawson outlined Meek's skills that led the Mustangs to the 2024 ROPSSAA Field Hockey title.

"Charlotte has strong leadership skills, has a high skill set in field hockey, ability to slow down the game, and play with poise. She is a strong driver on the penalty corners and always gives us a chance to score. She is the backbone of our team and we would not have had the success we did this season without her."

In addition to Meek's athletic prowess, Coach Rowson also noted her best player's many contributions to school life at Mayfield.

"She's strong academically and able to manage her time between practice and studies. She is very dedicated and participates in Mayfield school events and believes the high school experience should be more than just academics."

What impresses Coach Rowson most is Meek's "ability to communicate in a way that is honest and respectful."

"Charlotte is so coachable and wants to improve herself but, ultimately, the team is the most important."

Meek's head coach could not isolate one highlight to capture her star player's season, but discussed her Co-Captain's impact on the field hockey team during its drive to the ROPSSAA championship.

"Charlotte had so many key moments this season as she scored so many goals for us. But she has the ability when speaking to the team to instill confidence and inspire them to do their best."

Charlotte Meek took time from her academic and athletic responsibilities to respond to our interview questions:

Caledon Citizen: What qualities did you demonstrate in your sports season to earn Student-Athlete of the Week honors?
Charlotte Meek: "This field hockey season, I demonstrated leadership and dedica-

tion as a co-captain to earn the Athlete of the Week honor at Mayfield. Every day at practice, I strive to improve my skills and motivate my teammates to do the same. In addition to focusing on performance, I work to create a fun environment so my teammates look forward to practice each day."

Caledon Citizen: What were your key statistics and performance moments from the 2023-24 season that you are most proud of?
Charlotte Meek: "In the 2023-24 season, I earned 3rd place at the Junior Wrestling ROPSSAA and played for the senior girls' rugby team, which won ROPSSAA last season. This fall, my field hockey team won the ROPSSAA championship and qualified for the OFSAA championships."

Caledon Citizen: In addition to your high school sports team(s), what other community teams do you play for and at what level?
Charlotte Meek: "I played competitive ice hockey for the Orangeville Tigers and competitive field hockey for the Guelph Cobras growing up. This summer, I played club rugby for Fergus Highland and hope to continue participating in upcoming seasons."

Caledon Citizen: How would you describe yourself as a student at Mayfield? To which sports teams and clubs do you belong? Honor Roll?
Charlotte Meek: "As a Grade 11 student at Mayfield, I am dedicated to both athletics and academics. I achieved Honor Roll in both grades nine and ten and strive to maintain this in my senior years. Currently, I am co-captain of Mayfield's undefeated field hockey team, a member of the Mayfield Athletic Association, and a participant on both the wrestling and rugby teams."

Caledon Citizen: What are your post-sec-



CHARLOTTE MEEK

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Caledon Citizen: Who is your role model in terms of the person you admire the most?
Charlotte Meek: "My role model, despite our differences, is my older sister Rosie. She is currently studying biomedical engineering at McMaster University and competes on McMaster's track team. I have always admired her determination and consistency; she is the most intelligent and athletic person I know."

Caledon Citizen: What are your post-secondary plans regarding prospective academic/athletic destinations?
Charlotte Meek: "Post-secondary, I hope to keep my passion for athletics alive by volunteering at sports camps, assisting local sports teams, and maintaining my gym routine. Academically, I plan to pursue a degree in veterinary medicine at the University of Guelph to become a licensed veterinarian."

ODSS senior boys win cross-country silver at OFSAA

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Orangeville District Secondary School (ODSS) senior boys cross-country team succeeded in bringing home the first OFSAA medal in cross country for ODSS in over 25 years when they competed at the provincial meet in Ottawa on Monday, November 4.

ODSS also sent their senior girls cross-country team to OFSAA. The senior girls qualified at CWOSSA to earn the right to compete at the provincial OFSAA competition.

One individual runner, junior Liam Willcott, qualified at CWOSSA and ran his own race at OFSAA.

Teams were ranked on their times over a 6-kilometre course with points totalled to create each team's score.

This year's competition was held in pouring rain which turned much of the course into mud and made running difficult over much of the terrain. An added feature this year was a 300-yard stretch along a beach meaning runners had to run over sand. A couple of places on the course also had hay bales on the trail so runners

had to leap over them to keep going.

The runners only found out about the sand and the hay when they walked the course prior to the competition.

Logan Willcott was the first ODSS runner to cross the finish line in the senior competition with a time of 20:21.08. Teammates Craig Stevenson and Thomas Beukeboom finished just two seconds

apart with times of 21:08 and 21:10.

"The start wasn't too fast, it was a big line and I was trying to get out ahead of everyone else," said Logan Willcott about his race. "The sand slowed you down, and you don't get much traction so you lose your speed, but after that you hit grass and you pick it up again."

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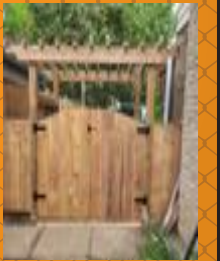
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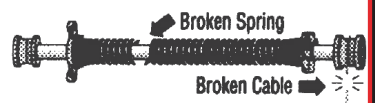
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Orangeville Food Bank aims to collect 150,000 pounds of non-perishables for holiday food drive

BY SAM ODROWSKI

With the season of giving underway, the Orangeville Food Bank is inviting the community to take part in its Festive Food Drive.

The food drive runs from now until Jan. 3, 2025, and its goal is to raise 150,000 pounds of food to ensure individuals struggling with food insecurity in the community are fed.

“The food drive aims to collect non-perishable food items and essential supplies to ensure that every family in Orangeville can enjoy a warm meal this holiday season. With rising costs impacting many households, the demand for support from the Orangeville Food Bank has never been greater,” said the Orangeville Food Bank in a press release.

The local food bank requires a steady flow

of donations to replenish outgoing supplies.

“Last month, we distributed nearly 55,000 pounds of food within our community. While our shelves may appear to be adequately stocked today, organizing a food drive allows us to ensure a continuous supply without any gaps,” said Carrie-Anne DeCaprio, outreach manager at the Orangeville Food Bank.

She added that it’s anticipated the food bank’s demand will only grow as the seasons change, making the Festive Food Drive an essential fundraiser.

“As we approach the winter months, we do anticipate an increase in demand,” DeCaprio noted. “With the departure of sunny days, many individuals that work in outdoor jobs, such as construction workers and landscapers, often face unemployment and need to access our service.”

A key event to help generate donations

is the Orangeville Food Bank’s High Five Festive Food Drive. It’s taking place at Zehrs (50 4thAve.), Metro (150 First St.), Sobeys (500 Riddell Rd.), FreshCo (268 Broadway) and No Frills (90 C Line) on Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

High-priority items encouraged to be dropped off during the High Five Festive Food Drive include peanut butter, canned tomatoes and fruits, pasta sauce, dry pasta, cereal, oatmeal, toiletries and hygiene products.

DeCaprio said the donations dropped off during the High Five Festive Food Drive will play a crucial role in maintaining a stable and diverse supply to distribute to those in need. It will allow the food bank to meet both regular demands and any unforeseen needs that may arise.

“We are excited to bring the community together for this meaningful cause.” said

DeCaprio. “It’s amazing to see how much we can achieve when we all come together.”

It’s important to note that in addition to the food drive on November 23, donations can be dropped off at any time at Orangeville’s Zehrs, Metro, FreshCo, Sobeys and No Frills through their donation bins.

Donations are also accepted at the Orangeville Food Bank on 3 Commerce Rd., where hundreds of individuals and families receive food, hygiene products and essential supplies.

The Orangeville Food Bank does not receive government funding and relies on the community to keep its shelves stocked and operational.

“We are incredibly grateful to the community for their generosity,” said DeCaprio. “Every donation, big or small, makes a meaningful difference in the lives of families facing food insecurity.”

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Rally against Bill 212: “Reducing Gridlock – Saving You Time Act” coming to Dufferin-Caledon

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Doug Ford’s new Bill 212 is an omnibus bill, directed primarily, but not exclusively at fast-tracking building Highway 413.

Opposition to this project stems from its infringement on the Mississaugas of Credit First Nation, a destructive path through sensitive wetlands, and the risk it poses to 29 endangered or at-risk species. This, and the removing of the project of the 413 as an exception from environmental assessment are all causes for a local protest taking place later this month.

On Friday, November 22, a series of rallies will be staged outside a number of Conservative MPP offices, including Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, in Orangeville (180 Broadway).

The essential basis for the highway’s construction is “reducing gridlock,” according to the Ontario government, although this has been denied by various organizations as incorrect. In particular, Environmental Defence formally requested that Canada’s Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Stephen Guilbeault, review the project and re-designate it for a Federal Impact Assessment under the Impact Assessment Act (IAA) after the bill was introduced.

There is real urgency as the Ford Government is changing the conditions to kick start the first levels of early digging and appropriation of land to stall such an assessment.

While construction has not commenced, there is still time for the Federal Government to come in, as such projects cannot be designated for assessment once construction has begun, in a meaningful way.

Penalties in Bill 212 for the resistance of entry into one’s homes or property for expropriation purposes are \$50,000, with \$10,000 per day of further resistance; on a second offence, the penalty is \$100,000, and for corporations, such objections and resistance can cost \$1 million.

Tim Gray, Executive Director of Environmental Defence, called Bill 212, “an attack

on freedom and the environment.”

“We know in order to solve gridlock we need transportation options, putting people on transport,” he said. “Municipalities know how to make that happen and they have proceeded with that.

“The government says, ‘we don’t care about bike lanes, or public transport.’ They are lying about the usefulness of bike lanes; they are the opposite of creators of traffic congestion. More people are using bike lanes than they say and they know it’s not true.”

Gray says he is very concerned that the 413 is to be exempted from an Environmental Assessment review for highways going through the Greenbelt.

There are 29 endangered species in question, Gray told the Citizen.

“It is so important the feds designate these protected areas,” he said. “Ford can’t override the Federal government with a notwithstanding clause.”

The Ford government is working on enacting legislation on municipalities to limit bike lanes, which will force people to take bikes back into traffic or go back to their cars, Gray said.

To relieve gridlock, the answer is good public transit, he said. The 413 is going to cost at least \$10 Billion and Gray suggested that money should be spent on train lines, bus lanes – all the things for getting people out of their cars.

“A study by transport consultants confirmed it would be cheaper to go on to the 407. They [the tolls] are high but the highways are empty. You can put the trucks on the 401 and on the 407, and make money. 51 per cent of the 407 is owned by the Canada Pension Plan,” said Gray.

People protesting has been the strongest tool for change so far and it has worked in the past, he emphasized. In the previous protests against developers going into the Greenbelt, the Provincial government eventually changed its position and didn’t move forward.

Gray said the way forward is to appeal to

the Federal Minister of the Environment; he is sitting on the request for Environmental Defence’s demand for an Environmental Assessment.

“There’s a bunch of things they need to do,” Gray said. “Possibly next year, they can start.”

Urging the population to commit to rallies, he said, “It’s very important that people come out. They need to make sure the MPPs know they are concerned about putting people at risk over bike lanes and the heavy damage the 413 would cause.”

Showing up at the rallies matters, he said. It is important that people know about the risks and get in touch with their MPP, Gray urged. The more people they hear from, the better.

“This week was November 11. Many of our ancestors fought for our freedom and safety,” he said. “It is our responsibility to protect that.

“We can’t afford to ignore our responsibility.”

On Friday, November 22, there are groups in several rallies all along the Highway 413 corridor in recognition of the potential harm caused by Bill 212. Friday is a Constituent Day for MPPs across Ontario.

The rally, called, “Say No to 212” is set to meet at noon outside Sylvia Jones’ Office, 180 Broadway.

Environmental Defence has a list of rallies on their website for stopping the 413 at environmental.ca/stop-the-413/3/.



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ODSS senior boys win cross-country silver at OFSAA

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Cross-country races typically have a string of leaders, spread out, followed by packs of slower runners in groups.

“Usually, the first top 15 or 20 guys are all strung out,” Logan explained. “After that you start seeing clumps of guys. I was the last single guy to come in. At the end of the race, I was gassed, I was done.”

Junior individual competitor, Liam Willcott finished his five-kilometre race with a time of 18:41.76.

“It was hard, I qualified as an individual so when I started, I started at the back,” Liam said. “It was fun. It was definitely an experience starting at the back then having to catch them. The sand was really hard to run on – it definitely slowed me down. I felt like I was trying harder but going slower. As an individual runner it was a fun experience.”

The ODSS senior girls team also had a good showing but didn’t medal at the

event. The senior girls ran a 6-kilometre course.

“It was super muddy and it was raining, everyone was sliding,” said senior girls team member Talia Osborne. “It was a super-fast start because everyone who makes it is really good, so they all sprint crazy at the beginning. I felt pretty good in the race but it was really challenging because we had to run on the beach and we had never run on sand and there were hay bales that we had to jump over.”

Ailsa Bogan was the top finisher for Orangeville in the senior girls division.

“I had to start fast and I lost anyone I knew that I could pace with, so I had to figure that out myself,” Ailsa said. “The course was really muddy – I skidded down hills. People were sliding and falling.”

All the runners said they enjoyed the experience of competing at the provincial level.

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