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CCS volunteers Karen Hutchinson and Trudy Hurvitz (left, right) and CCS Events and Partnerships lead Carol Petri (centre), were in the kitchen at The Exchange on December 4 preparing to bake cookies for those in need.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

## Online, in-person and phone donations encouraged for Season of Hope campaign

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Amid the ongoing postal strike, a local non-profit is encouraging residents to remember those in need.

Caledon Community Services (CCS) runs its Season of Hope campaign each year to provide vital food and utility support for those in

need. Normally, the campaign is run by mail, but this year alternative donation methods must be used.

CCS welcomes donations to the campaign in person at 55 Healey Road (Unit 10), by phone (905-584-2300), and online at [ccs4u.org](http://ccs4u.org).

Mars Canada has pledged to match community donations to Season of Hope up to \$25,000. CCS CEO Geraldine Aguiar said

she's grateful for strong corporate partners like Mars Canada.

Mariia Kupriianova, CCS' Chief Development Officer, said there's truly a food insecurity crisis in Ontario right now. She said last year, one million people turned to Ontario's food banks.

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Caledon Area Families host successful Candy Cane Social

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
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Local families kicked off holiday celebrations in style last Sunday.

On December 1, Caledon Area Families For Inclusion (CAFFI) held its annual Candy Cane Social at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness in Bolton.

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# Smart Headwaters campaign receives donation from Caledon's Thompsons

The Allan and Anne Thompson Community Fund is joining the hundreds of businesses, community partners and philanthropic residents who have donated to the Smart Head-

waters campaign.

The \$18-million fundraising campaign was launched last June to revolutionize and revitalize the equipment and resources at the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Headwaters Health Care Centre, which is serving one of the fastest growing communities in the Greater Toronto Area.

The acquisition of a state-of-the-art MRI machine is the centrepiece of the Smart Headwaters campaign.

"Our government is supporting the operation of new MRIs across the province, including right here in our community at Headwaters Health Care Centre," said Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones. "With the support of the Allan and Anne Thompson Community Fund, local families are one step closer to having access to world-class diagnostic imaging, where and when they need it, closer to home."

Choosing to support this initiative was an easy choice for Anne and Allan, who hail from Caledon.

Anne joined the Board of Directors of the Headwaters Health Care Foundation in June 2020 and only three months later found herself as a patient needing Headwaters' medical resources when she broke her back.

"Communities need their local hospitals and we want to know our hospital is equipped with all the latest diagnostic tools and resources to better serve our community. It really is a win-win for everyone because a well-equipped hospital with the most-up-to-date resources is a tremendous incentive to attract the talented medical professionals who will use those resources," says Anne.

The Community Fund was established by the couple and is managed by the Brampton and Caledon Community Foundation (BACCF), based in Caledon East.

"I really appreciate and commend Allan and Anne for the leadership they have always shown—and continue to show—in support of important charitable causes in our community... (and) we're thrilled that the BACCF can

play its part in supporting their philanthropy," says Lori Robinson, Brampton and Caledon Community Foundation chair.

Following Allan's Caledon Mayoral retirement evening celebrations in November 2022 residual event proceeds were also added to the fund.

"I have lived in this community my entire life and we have so many inspiring individuals and businesses who regularly step up to support the various organizations and agencies our community relies on to thrive. It was important to me that the remaining funds from the retirement evening—in addition to our own continued support—be used in an ongoing and positive way for our community," said Allan.

All monies deposited into the Fund remain in perpetuity.

Jim Boyd, President and CEO of the Brampton and Caledon Community Foundation, said the Allan and Anne Thompson Community Fund at the Brampton and Caledon Community Foundation is a Donor-Directed Fund from which Allan and Anne can support various charities on an annual basis.

"The Thompson endowment fund has already provided financial grants to several Caledon-based charities, and this year it's great to see Allan and Anne direct their annual grant to the Headwaters Health Care Centre, which is such an important hospital for so many Caledon residents," said Boyd.

Ground broke for the MRI earlier this fall and is scheduled to be completed next year.

To learn more about the first MRI coming to Headwaters visit [www.headwatershealth.ca/MRI](http://www.headwatershealth.ca/MRI).

For more information or to join Allan and Anne and support the Smart Headwaters campaign visit the link: <https://tinyurl.com/CaledonCares>.

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### CHARGES LAID FOLLOWING ALLEGED ASSAULT ON BYLAW OFFICER

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have arrested suspects in relation to the assault of a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer last Sunday.

“On November 24, 2024, shortly after 2:00 a.m., Caledon OPP responded to an assault on Fallview Circle, in the community of Southfields Village,” say Police. “A Town of Caledon Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, in the course of their duties, was assaulted by a group of individuals. The officer was transported to hospital and the injuries were later deemed to be minor. On November 28, 2024, members of the Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit located and arrested one suspect in relation to the assault.

“A second suspect was arrested on November 29, 2024. The identity of a third remains unknown.”

As a result, Avhijeet Araich, 33, of Brampton, and Japdeep Brar, 26, of Caledon, have both been charged with:

- Assault Peace Officer - Cause bodily harm

Both accused were being held for a Bail Hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on November 29, 2024.

The charges have not been proven.

The investigation remains ongoing with the assistance of the Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit and the Regional Support Team. Anyone with information, including dashcam or surveillance video, is urged to contact Caledon OPP 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](http://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca). When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

### GRANDPARENTS, DON'T ACT TOO QUICKY, OPP WARNS

Grandparent or emergency scams are common scams that target loving grandparents, taking advantage of their emotions to rob them of their money, say Police.

Fraudsters are targeting seniors by calling and pretending to be a family member in distress, the police or a justice official claiming that a loved one or grandchild is in trouble and needs money immediately.

In other cases, the scammer will pretend to be an old neighbour or a family friend in trouble. Common misfortunes include having been in a car accident, getting locked up in jail, or

trouble returning home from a foreign country.

The caller will ask you questions, getting you to reveal personal information. They'll also swear you to secrecy, saying that they are embarrassed and don't want other family members to find out what's happened. A scam call commonly starts as follows:

*Victim: Hello?*

*Suspect: Hi Grandma/Nonna/Oma (depending on last name on Canada411 or potential accent).*

*Victim: Johnny? Is that you?*

*Suspect: Yes, it's Johnny. Grandma, my voice sounds different because I have a cold. Grandma, can you keep a secret? I really don't want my parents to know. I'm so scared and I need help.*

*Victim: Ok... What's going on? Are you okay?*

*Suspect: My friend picked me up to take me to the store and we were in his brother's car... (story about a car accident or other misfortune) and now I'm in jail and they won't let me out...*

**If you receive a suspicious call, remember:**

- Be suspicious of calls that require immediate action. Hang up and contact the family member directly;
- The caller either doesn't provide a normal jail location for the area if asked or mistakes the local police service. Call the non-emergency number of the police service to verify the story or confirm the name and badge number of the officer calling;
- When at the bank, tell the truth about why you're taking out large sums of cash as bank tellers are very familiar with scams;
- The courts won't ask for cash to bail out someone in custody and will require people to be present in court;
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If you believe you have been scammed, contact your local police and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or [antifraudcentre.ca](http://antifraudcentre.ca).

### DRIVERS CHARGED

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver involved in a collision after refusing to provide a breath sample.

On December 1, 2024, shortly after 3:30

a.m., officers responded to a single motor vehicle collision in the intersection of Highway 10 and King Street. No injuries were reported.

As a result of the investigation, Joshua Pizarro, 30, of Brampton was charged with:

- Failure or refusal to comply with demand; Fail to remain.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on December 19, 2024, to answer to the charges. The driver's licence was also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for seven.

The charges have not been proven.

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has charged an Orangeville resident with impaired operation related offences as the result of a traffic complaint.

“On November 30, 2024, at approximately 5:10 a.m., Dufferin OPP officers were dispatched to a traffic complaint in the area of Dufferin Road 109 in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “Officers located the vehicle in question and conducted a traffic stop. After a brief conversation the officers were quickly led to an impaired driving investigation.”

Sydney Belcher, 29, from Orangeville has been charged with:

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

The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville. Their driver's licence was suspended 90 days, and their vehicle impounded for 7 days.

The charge has not been proven.

“Caledon OPP would like to take this opportunity to remind motorists that failure or refusal to comply with a demand in an impaired operation investigation is a criminal offence. Furthermore, the consequences an individual will face are the same as being charged with impaired operation.

“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.”

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

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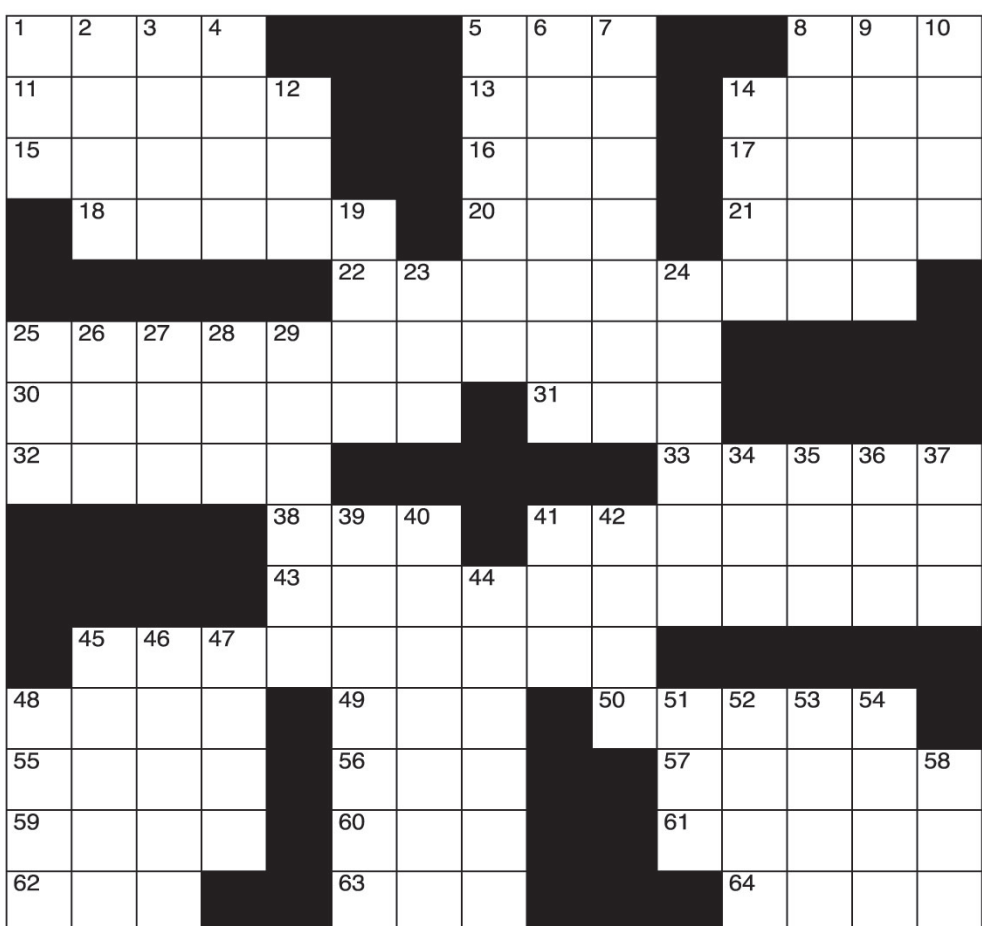


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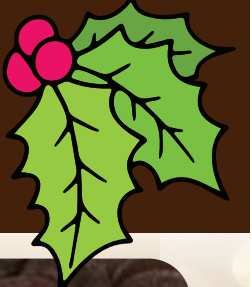
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- A French abbot
- Having a strong sharp smell or taste
- Local area network
- Data transmission speed measure
- Embarrass
- When you hope to get there
- This (Spanish)
- Gives up
- Churchgoer
- Current
- Slang for gun
- Small drum
- Vanished union bigwig
- Rocker's tool of
- the trade
- Dearth
- 2024 Olympics host
- Excess blood in the vessels
- Afrikaans
- Agreement between provider and customer
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Ancient Syrian city
- Witch
- Celebrations
- Long period of time
- A team's best pitcher
- Current unit
- One-time aerospace company
- French/Belgian river
- Swedish rock group

### CLUES DOWN

- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- Genus of clams
- Remark
- Actor LaBeouf
- Ohio town
- Olympic sport
- Cure
- Behave in a way that belittles
- Shares a boundary with
- Give advice
- Promotional materials
- Assist or encourage, usually in some wrongdoing
- “Agatha All Along” actress Kathryn
- Small piece
- King of Camelot
- Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- Small Milky Way constellation
- One who challenges authority (abbr.)
- Equal (prefix)
- Shawl
- S. American wood
- correl relative
- The end
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- Yes vote
- Officer of high rank
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- From a distance
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- Nobel Prize-winning physicist
- Map out
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# New report says investing in community services is best way to increase public safety

Report commissioned by Peel’s Anti-Black Racism and Systemic Discrimination Collective

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A recently-released report states investing in community services is the most cost-effective way of increasing community safety.

The report was authored by research firm Blueprint ADE and commissioned by Peel’s Anti-Black Racism & Systemic Discrimination Collective (ABR-SD).

Research for the report was undertaken between February and August of 2023. Blueprint ADE was tasked with researching community safety in Peel, analyzing how current safety systems in Peel work, and developing a roadmap and options for enhancing safety in Peel — with an emphasis on community perspectives and ideas that have been less commonly heard or considered.

The report’s executive summary highlights some of Blueprint ADE’s key findings.

In the area of mental health crisis response, Blueprint ADE said Peel Regional Police (PRP) officer responses are perceived by community agencies as having mixed success.

“Data from other jurisdictions shows that non-police responses have promising results in de-escalating incidents without harm, connecting individuals to services, and achieving cost savings and efficiencies,” reads the report. “There is an opportunity to scale the Peel non-police response model and assess its impact.”

When it comes to the safety of individuals experiencing homelessness, the report said housing and mental health services, including those specifically designed for people who are in the

justice system, are “more effective at supporting life stabilization and recovery than police or justice system involvement.”

When it comes to the safety of youth, the report said Peel has an opportunity to “enhance accessible, affordable, culturally specific, and peer-based mental health supports for young people in Peel.”

It also said Peel can “expand the use of diversion programs to minimize the harm and long-term impact of justice system involvement.”

The report, which is 94 pages in its entirety, outlines some ways Peel can enhance community safety.

In the short term, the report states Peel can invest in non-police community crisis response, enhance support for existing community services making a proven difference in Peel, and work with Peel Regional Police to find funding for agencies that attend the Peel Situation Table.

In the medium term, the report states Peel can work with Peel Regional Police to improve and expand community crisis response based on data collected, shift the Peel Situation Table from being police-led to municipally-led, and work with other levels of government to fill gaps in social services.

In the long term, the report states Peel can shift its 911 call centre to be municipally-led and assess the feasibility of creating a community-based organization to house a community crisis response program, lead the Peel Situation Table, and work with municipal staff to make sure 911 call centre staff are well-trained.

Angela Carter, a member of the ABR-SD collective, said in a statement that Peel needs a system that sends the right people to a given crisis.

“Good programs are up and running here and there, but we need a coherent plan for providing the right kind of crisis support to people who are in vulnerable situations,” said Carter.

The ABR-SD’s news release states that “Peel Region can significantly improve community safety, at a far lower cost, by investing in community services and taking a more diversified approach to funding community safety.”



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## Tradition vs. Tradition

Everyone has their own special traditions that help get them into the holiday spirit.

A lucky few of us are in the holiday spirit year-round, brainstorming gift and party ideas as soon as the dust has settled on Boxing Day. Others, however, need the conditions to be just right.

Maybe the snow has to start flying in earnest before you can hear the distant sound of Jingle Bells in your head – a silver lining for those of us in Simcoe County still digging out from the weekend's massive snow dump! – or maybe the real signal for the start of the season is finding that perfect place for an heirloom ornament on an evergreen bough, real or fake.

Maybe that perfect thing to kick-start the merriment is the spirit of fellowship that comes with gathering with your neighbours to help light your community's collective Christmas tree, as experienced in Aurora on Friday evening.

If holiday is usually a time of stress for you, maybe you can't really lean into the spirit until your shopping is done or your office Christmas party is in the books, knowing you can now well and truly relax – at least for a few days – and give the yuletide the attention it deserves.

Perhaps your holiday spirit is triggered by the senses, whether it's hearing a favourite character, sampling a culinary tradition unique to this time of year, or getting that singular whiff that only comes from a freshly cut tree or a simmering pot of mulled cider or wine.

I've always been a big fan of Christmas, and that often starts with the putting up the tree in the latter half of November and opening that exciting first door on the advent calendar at the start of the month.

While the tree is not up yet for various reasons, a highlight of this past Sunday was opening up that first door. Now, we're spoiled for choice these days when it comes to advent calendars. Most of us who have used our fingers to perforate that sometimes hard-to-open cardboard flap have a sentimental attachment to that distinctly chalky chocolatey nugget that advent calendars have pushed for generations; I've graduated myself to something a little more adult – craftier chocolate, mind you, not one of those groovier numbers that offer a shot of 24 different tipples. But, in doing so, I have inadvertently started a new tradition with some of my favourite youngsters in California.

Last fall, I visited one of my closest friends in Los Angeles and, as a gift, brought her three children a calendar from one of our more upscale chocolate emporiums. As the kiddos' ages range from one-and-a-half to sixteen-going-on-seventeen, I figured chocolate would be the one thing to satisfy all three sets of tastebuds, and I wasn't wrong.

"This is the best chocolate ever," one of the three opined, so it was clear that even though I wasn't bound for California this time around, a tradition worth maintaining had started.

As it's a bit of a crunch time around here, my mom was kind enough to pick up this year's calendar – just as the Canada Post strike hit. Reluctant to give in and just send it off via courier, as we were bound for a day trip to the States a short time later, Plan A became bringing it with us to post from upstate New York. The day we were there, however, our designated post office closed exceptionally early, so that was that.

Plan B, which should have been Plan A, was a trip to a local courier.

Admittedly, my initial hesitation was the

cost of such a service, but was pleasantly surprised my imagination had vastly inflated reality. Not only that, they had the perfect-sized box to fit the awkwardly-shaped chocolate delivery system, and guaranteed it would be there by the time the first door came a-knock-in'.

So far so good – until something went awry with the tracking number, leaving me to hope their guarantee was still in place, as enquiring at the destination too early would have, of course, spoiled the surprise.

Thankfully, everything aligned just right, and mere minutes after I answered my own cardboard door, I got a photo of the trio excitedly doing the exact same thing at almost the exact same time.

Surprise made and crisis averted.

For everyone with friends and family flung further afield than the GTA dependent on sending out cards and packages this season, not only to spread holiday cheer but maintain valued traditions, I hope you've found workarounds as the strike has bulldozed through some key holiday dates.

Canada Post provides a valuable and largely egalitarian service to this country, and was a unifying force in our nationhood since Canada's first postage stamps were printed in the 1850s. As such, their employees, whether they are postal clerks, sorters, or carriers, have been called upon to continue their work, often in challenging conditions.

We all, of course, have the stereotype in our heads of postal carriers being chased away from on-porch mailboxes by the dog of the house, but as online shopping continues to ramp up, they're laden-down now more than ever and called upon to do so much more than they had been before.

At the same time, as far as I can see, Canada Post hasn't done all they can to stay competitive.

They might be a Crown Corporation, which has made them ubiquitous, but they have never had a complete monopoly on how documents and parcels are delivered in this country.

At the start of the global pandemic, when the vast majority of us pivoted towards online commerce, whether supporting local businesses via their websites when they were unable to open their doors, or doubling down on our argued reliance on the usual online subjects who had the infrastructure in place to keep their goods moving without a blip, I thought this would be Canada Post's time to shine.

Instead of taking advantage of this opportunity to make further inroads into the courier market, they instead posted significant losses, continuing a trend from long before the pandemic, and answered the call by raising prices for their products and services, rather than taking the opportunity to position themselves a cost-effective service for individuals and businesses alike.

At press time this week, there was still no resolution on the labour dispute, leaving the United States Postal Service to announce Monday it was no longer accepting Canada-bound mail until the strike was over, throwing water on an already damp week for cross-border trade, not to mention holiday cheer.

One can only hope the resolution is swift and that the new year brings the service some much-needed soul searching.

That being said, if you're still hoping to receive a gift sent weeks ago from a family member in States or for a friend in Vancouver to receive your masterpiece of a Christmas letter, nobody is going to begrudge you opening up some advent calendar doors a few days early to soothe the worrying soul!



## Just how much can a person bear?

by Mark Pavilons



Reggie White once said that "God places the heaviest burden on those who can carry its weight."

When we are burdened, we say we carry the weight of the world on our shoulders. Our burdens, both mental and physical, help shape our experiences and make us who we are.

Making difficult choices – and we're confronted with these on a regular basis – is part of being human. Our choices and their repercussions define us and shape our destinies.

The average man can lift between 135 and 175 pounds, so I assume that's what rests on my shoulders. I admit it's been a while since I did a bench press.

I remember my dad commenting that I had broad shoulders, a quality he saw as strong and masculine. Little did he know that with broad shoulders comes an increased load to carry. His generation's thinking, which filtered into my own, included silent males, men who didn't cry or discuss their problems and challenges.

Too bad. I think regular bouts of self-disclosure and release would have done us both the world of good.

The first man so burdened was Atlas, who was punished by Zeus. He was tasked with literally holding up the heavens on his shoulders for all eternity.

We are also "weighed down," another expression pointing to our heavy responsibilities. And if we have a "cross to bear," we confront challenges on our own.

Matthew 11:28-30 reminds us that God will switch yokes with us and ease our burdens.

Typically used for pack animals, a yoke was a long wooden beam placed on them to pull a plow or cart.

So, quite literally, we are all sporting this wooden beam, which contains all of our troubles and worries.

There have been times when I felt like a donkey or mule, trudging through the mud, carrying out some undesirable task or chore. I just wanted the burden to end.

It's been said that a person's true strength is knowing what weight needs to be carried, and what weight can be let go.

Good advice, to be sure.

And yet we frail humans do love our yoke and chains. We are all history buffs – we love the pain of the past!

Parents are the pack animals of society, always willing to take on more weight to keep families together. Not only do we struggle with our own difficulties, we take on those of our children. At times, it's like we're bombarded with challenges, dramas

and traumas.

We're expected to know what to do, in every situation, at all times.

I will tell you from experience, it ain't so. Each of us has our own area of expertise and knowledge. We are not wise in all areas of life. We learn by doing.

Sometimes, experience is the only real teacher and our youngins have to make the journey on their own. They have to touch the hot stove from time to time to understand heat.

We can offer advice, direction and tidbits we've gathered along the way of in our own personal expeditions. Admittedly, they don't fit every situation.

And our young minds today don't seem satisfied with our "old school" or "tried and true" approaches. They question everything. While that's a very good quality, the reality is we've helped create a society, a system, that is cemented in place. Our Canada today has been shaped by all who came before us, and the sacrifices they made.

Sure, our modern, top-heavy governments are challenging and expensive and don't always put people first.

I tell my offspring that they are in the driver's seat and they can usher in change in the decades to come. Our work is all but done.

I recall, as an eager college student, wanting to change the world with ideas and the written word. I wanted to educate, inform and inspire.

I even ran for political office, believing I could make a difference in local governance.

But, unlike our brothers and sisters of the 1960s, we late Boomers were more interested in education, security and raising families. We had peace signs on our t-shirts, but never fully understood their meaning.

We didn't revolt, but rather tried to slowly shape things to our liking.

Until we became parents and the proud owners of mortgages, our loads were less heavy, less stressful.

I've found that in recent years – perhaps the last 6 or 7 – that life has decided to change dealers, and the cards went cold.

And now, I feel the weight almost daily, mentally and physically.

It may have something to do with my cancer journey, or it may just be "maturity" (a nice way to say older). I have finally learned to let certain things slide off my shoulders and that's a very good thing, let me tell you.

We all fight the good fight on our own, not always relying on our support network of friends and loved ones. They can also supply the muscle to ease some of that weight we're lifting.

We don't have to be the guardians of the world around us. The weight can be shared by all.

I'm not sure if the current, younger generation is willing to shoulder some of this responsibility.

Hopefully, they are engaged enough to become the Atlases of their generation.

"All you could do was take on as much weight as you can bear. And if you're lucky, there's someone close enough by to shoulder the rest," wrote Sarah Dessen (Just Listen). As careworn as my frame is, I am always willing to help others. The Beatles knew all about getting by with a little help from their friends.

On the day when the weight deadens on your shoulders and you stumble, may the clay dance to balance you!

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## Is Trauma in Trouble?

*Trigger Warning: gender-based violence and school gun calls.*

Sometimes, as I ponder topics for this space, a theme naturally emerges. More often than not it's a theme reflective of current events happening around our own town, in other nearby communities and yes even throughout the province or country. This week, it's the use of the word "trauma" that has me troubled and specifically, folks who are dismissive of it, apparently never having been troubled by trauma themselves. Increasingly, it seems to me I am hearing, reading and seeing more and more from those persons who possess less and less tolerance. I'm concerned that the idea that some people have experienced trauma – or how they experienced it – is in trouble, and that could make for troubled times indeed.

Just last week saw the conclusion of the month of November during which many communities, including our own, proclaimed it to be Woman Abuse Prevention Month. November was "an opportunity to raise awareness of gender-based violence and to take a stand against this heinous crime in all its forms." It is of course, appalling that we must even proclaim such a month in order to bring the appropriate amount of attention to intimate partner violence but here we are. Despite so-called advances in gender-equity, it's a fact that one in three women WILL (not might, will) experience "at least one incident of physical or sexual violence in her lifetime." That means if you have a mother, a sister or a daughter – one of them has been impacted. Yes, it's that close to home.

Women are 3.5 times more likely than men to experience intimate partner violence and the statistics are significantly worse for Indigenous and members of the LGBTQ2S+ community. Violence can be physical, sexual and/or psychological and other forms of abuse also include financial and/or emotional manipulation. To provide further context, here in Peel Region alone there were seven femicides in 2023. Seven! Across Canada, the Canadian Femicide Observatory for Justice and Accountability estimates one woman or girl is killed every 48 hours. If you are reading this and feel unsafe or suspect someone you know might be, locally, Caledon and Dufferin residents are served by Family Transition Place located in Orangeville with offices in Bolton

and Shelburne. In addition to acting as a shelter, they also offer counselling services, youth education programs, support services and a rural response program.

Despite all this information being readily available to help everyone in our community better understand, respond to and support those experiencing violence – what did I recently overhear in a casual conversation between two persons talking about a third? That "she needs to just get over it." Somehow it felt worse that it was two women who made the comment. They were discussing the intimate details (quite loudly, in public) of an assault on a woman they knew. Noticeably absent from the conversation was any semblance of empathy, compassion, or even a rudimentary level of concern that what this person experienced, or might still be experiencing, was "worthy" of their attention. Where are we in this world when we don't have the capacity to offer compassion or at least a basic level of understanding that each of us comes to the table with a variety of lived experiences that have impacted us, possibly having caused significant trauma, and that each of us will respond differently to that trauma?

In a similar vein, a recent incident at a local high school involving a gun, a police tactical team and police dogs – an unusual occurrence here in Canada by any measure – resulted in a barrage of braggadocious scoffing at the fact the school was making counselling available to those students, teachers and staff impacted by the event. Once again, the words "get over it" were typed ad nauseam in social media posts, presumably by people who have no doubt lived through many gun calls personally and therefore felt free to offer their "sage" advice. Worse still, the term "snowflake," was tossed around and a suggestion that by offering counselling we are "bubble wrapping kids these days." To these folks I ask, what happened to you that turned you into such a harda\$\$? Perhaps it was your "coping skills" that involved suppressing your fear and your feelings rather than talking openly about them, resulting in little to no compassion, care or concern for your fellow citizens?

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## Bolton Santa Claus Parade happening this Saturday

**Bolton Kin proudly hosting parade for the 51st time**

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
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Bolton Santa Claus Parade will begin on Highway 50 at Queensgate Boulevard.

The parade will travel north on Highway 50, down the south hill, and finish on the north hill at Centennial Drive.

There are 60 entries in this year's parade, including 11 bands. There are four high school bands in the parade, and bands coming in from as far as Sudbury.

Santa Claus is coming to town. At 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 7, the

Many community groups are joining in



The Bolton Santa Claus Parade is happening this Saturday.

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## COMMUNITY events

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the parade, such as youth sports teams and non-profits.

John Stegeman, a volunteer with the Bolton Kin, is chairing this year's parade.

"We have a lot of kids walking in the parade, and that's what makes a community parade so great, local kids being part of it," he said. "It's a good opportunity for

everyone to come together."

Stegeman said having lots of bands also makes for an amazing parade.

"There are some amazing bands we've got," said Stegeman.

The Bolton Kin have been planning for the parade for some months now, and it's been an all hands on deck effort.



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Caledon Area Families For Inclusion's annual Candy Cane Social event brought holiday cheer to the over 100 people who attended.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

# Caledon Area Families host successful Candy Cane Social

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The group works hard to ensure that individuals with complex needs and individuals over age 18 are not left out.

Mike Brunetto, a CAFFI volunteer, said he was really happy to see everyone out enjoying themselves on Sunday.

He said he wanted to thank all the volunteers

who helped make the event possible, and thank all the people who brought non-perishable food items to donate to those in need.

"It was weeks and months in the planning..."

I was very happy to see the numbers were even higher than last year," said Brunetto. "It showed people wanted the event and we're happy to provide it."

The Candy Cane Social was also made possible thanks to a grant from Community Living Ontario.

Brunetto said CAFFI is always ready to welcome more families out to its events and CAFFI already has a number of them planned for the new year.

# Library hosts Taylor Swift-themed open mic night

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
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Taylor Swift fans enjoyed an awesome night of music in Bolton last week.

On November 27, the Caledon Public Library (CPL) held "Open Mic Night (Taylor's Version)" at its Albion Bolton branch.

Local musician Isabella Morency was the emcee for the evening, and participants enjoyed singing Taylor Swift hits all night long. Attendees also made Swiftie friend-

ship bracelets, buttons and keychains.

There were more than 70 people at the event.

Melanie Alderfer-Mowat, a Coordinator of Communications and Cultural Development for the CPL, said the open mic night was a great success.

"The program highlighted ways in which CPL helps people build capacity to express themselves creatively through storytelling and the arts," said Alderfer-Mowat. "At CPL, Caledon and nearby residents can access free learning resources and tools,

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Local musician Isabella Morency led over 70 people in song at the CPL's Open Mic Night (Taylor's Version).  
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Udder Tournament volunteers proudly presented a cheque with funds the tournament raised to Bethell Hospice on December 2. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

## Women's hockey tournament raises over \$53,000 for Bethell Hospice

### Annual Udder Tournament is held in memory of Donna de Boer

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
 LOCAL JOURNALISM  
 INITIATIVE REPORTER

A recent women's hockey tournament was an amazing success and it raised a significant sum for a local charity.

From November 8 to 10, the 10th-annual Udder Tournament was held at the Caledon East Community Complex.

The tournament is held each year in memory of Caledon Women's Hockey League (CWHL) founding member Donna de Boer, who is remembered for her incredible contributions to the league and Caledon community at large.

A lifelong dairy farmer, de Boer was a friend and teammate to many in Caledon. Her profession was the inspiration for the tournament's cow theme.

This year's Udder Tournament raised

over \$53,000 for Bethell Hospice, a local non-profit that provides free hospice palliative care and community programs.

This year's fundraising total beat last year's already-impressive mark of over \$50,000.

The Udder Tournament is also known for its scholarship awards — this year, three scholarships were given out to female athletes attending post-secondary education.

As it does each year, the Udder Tournament reached capacity with 30 different teams playing in it across eight different divisions. Players of all skill levels enjoyed games over the three-day event.

The Udder Tournament is all about promoting the positive values de Boer represents: good sportsmanship, kindness, respect for others, and cooperation on and off the ice.

73 volunteers were involved in this year's tournament; as one can imagine, hosting a tournament as big as the Udder Tournament is quite the undertaking.

Tournament organizers said they were very happy with this year's event and look forward to the next one.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND - FORM 2

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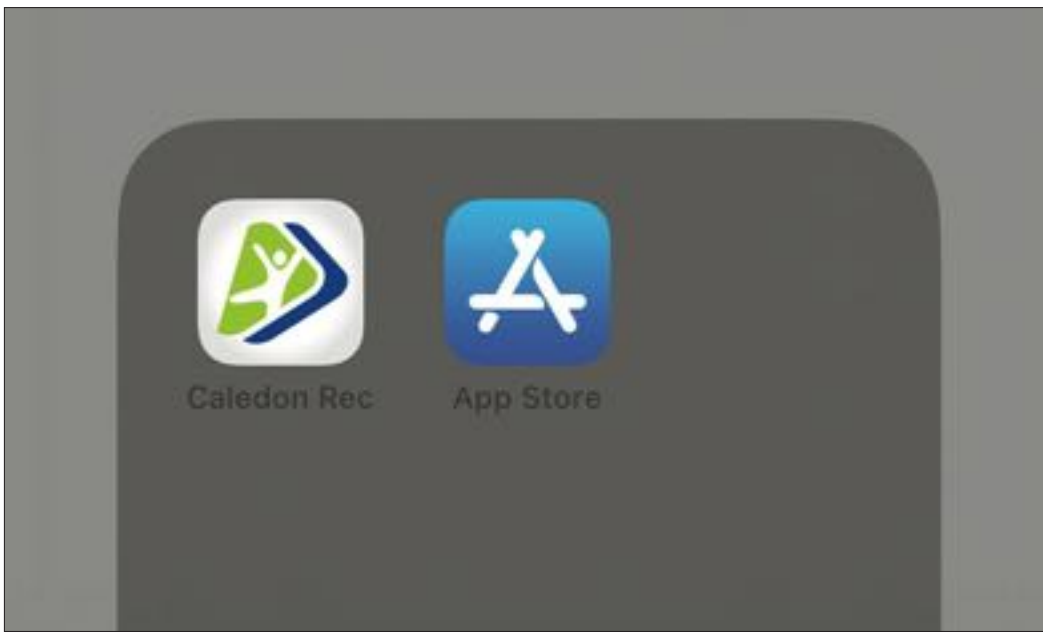
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The Town of Caledon has a new app residents can use to sign up for recreation programs.

# Town of Caledon launches mobile app for recreation services

Residents can browse and register for programs through app

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon has a new app available on the App Store and Google Play.

On November 27, the Town launched its Caledon Recreation Mobile App. It allows residents to browse, register, and pay for recreation programs on their mobile device.

Catherine McLean, Caledon's Commissioner of Community and Human Services, said the app is an exciting development.

"App users can easily search for available programs and schedules, pay for registrations, manage their family's activities and more," said McLean. "The creation and launch of this app is another great example of the Town's dedication to community vitality and livability, as well as service excellence and accountability, two key

priorities of our Strategic Plan. I encourage all residents and recreation program users to download the app today and take advantage of the convenience it offers."

According to the Town, the app has an intuitive, easy-to-use interface, an AI-powered smart search feature, and real-time updates about waitlist changes and program availability.

The app also allows residents to have a digital membership card they can use to check in to drop-in programs.

In a media release, Town Communications Staff said Caledon is committed to improving user experience with enhanced self-serve options as part of its parks and recreation strategy.

"This app is a significant step forward, providing users with the tools to manage their recreation activities at their convenience," said the Town.

The Town hopes the app will reduce wait times, streamline operations, and improve resident satisfaction.

According to the Town, four in five users of Caledon recreation services already access the Town's recreation platform from their mobile device.

# Proposed 2025 budget presented to Council

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon's proposed 2025 budget was presented to Council and the public this week.

At a December 2 budget meeting, Mayor Anette Groves brought the budget forward using Strong Mayor powers.

At a December 10 meeting, Councillors will have a chance to present amendments to the budget. Finally, a meeting is set for December 17 for the adoption of the budget.

The budget currently proposes a three per cent tax increase. The Region of Peel's proposed tax increase is currently at 3.09 per cent, though its target is two per cent.

Caledon's budget is separated into a \$146 million operating budget, which covers things like road maintenance, municipal law enforcement, and recreation; and, a \$56 million

capital budget, which covers things like infrastructure projects and new town vehicles like fire trucks.

Caledon's CFO, Robert Cummings, said the budget is a fiscally-responsible one that supports day-to-day operations while building a strong foundation for Caledon's future.

For the first time this year, the Caledon Public Library was asked to present its 2025 budget separately from the Town's budget. At present, only funds equivalent to the CPL's 2024 operating budget are reflected in the Town's budget. Service level changes and capital investments in the library will come to the December 10 budget meeting.

The Town of Caledon's proposed 2025 budget is available in its entirety on the Town's website at the following link: [caledon.ca/budget](http://caledon.ca/budget).

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# Caledon Community Services continues to see unprecedented demand for food support

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“Hunger and poverty are right here at our doorstep... this Season of Hope, we are very grateful to each and every one of our community donors who are stepping up, who are coming here to drop off food donations, drop off cheques, who generously donate online,” she said.

Kupriianova said people using food banks are not those you might think. There are many double income families using the food bank because they just can’t make ends meet. She said the affordability crisis is pushing people to the brink and many people are using food banks that have never had to before.

One in three people that uses CCS’ food bank, The Exchange, is a child.

Kupriianova said CCS is even seeing former donors needing to ask for help.

“There’s no stigma in seeking help, this is just the harsh reality we are all facing,” she

said. “Your gift will mean those families, those children, will have a much-needed hand up.”

Aguiar said the government does not provide as much as people think to non-profits. She shared that each year, CCS has to raise one million dollars to provide its many services.

“Our clients are people trying to be as independent as they can, they’re not people looking to beat the system. It’s people who are exhausted trying to make it on their own,” said Aguiar. “We’re here to help you get where you want to be.”

Kupriianova said CCS is often the last stop before someone becomes homeless or goes hungry.

“We are already serving the highest-ever number of Caledon neighbours in need and we are setting new tragic records every day,” she said.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on December 7,

CCS is hosting its annual family day of giving at The Exchange (55 Healey Road).

There will be a variety of family-friendly volunteering experiences available, as well

as hot cocoa and cookies.

On the same day, CCS is hosting a sip and shop event at its Evolve Caledon thrift store (4 Industrial Road).

## Talk Caledon

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I for one am happy that we live in a world where trauma-informed counselling is available and where we are encouraged to talk openly about trauma’s impact for it’s in the open dialogue that we all realize we are not alone in our experiences and learn how to heal using more appropriate coping mechanisms. I’ve got to think that hiding under a desk, or hidden in a dark closet as students texted one another for support and rumours swirled about a gun or guns in the school while police in tactical gear with dogs running around was indeed a traumatic event. The school offering some support to those impacted was an entirely reasonable, nay necessary, response.

Finally, these thoughts are particularly timely given that we are in the midst of the UN sponsored 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence, and that tomorrow, December 6, is the annual day of remembrance of what’s often referred to as the Montreal Massacre. For those who need a reminder, tomorrow – more formally known as The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women – came about as a result of a gun call at Montreal’s Ecole Polytechnique that resulted in the murder (femicide) of 14 women who had the temerity to study engineering. A short vigil is planned for this evening, outside the doors of Family Transition Place in Orangeville at 5 p.m. Do you know why we continue to honour

these 14 women some 35 years after the event? It’s because of the comments, attitudes and behaviours noted in the first few paragraphs of this column.

Some of us have learned nothing. We say things like “you never heard about domestic violence in my day,” and “she should get over it,” or “what a bunch of snowflakes.” Yet sometimes gun calls are real. Intimate partner violence is real. People die. Often, it’s simply because they were women. We didn’t hear about gender based violence in the past because it was taboo and “happened behind closed doors.” We were too afraid to talk about it and/or had no access to trauma-informed tools and resources to do so. This world is better in many ways in terms of the availability of such support, but obviously we still have a long, long way to go. Understanding that trauma is real, that it leaves a lifelong mark physically, emotionally and intellectually - and that supporting those who seek help in dealing with it is a powerful, and frankly necessary, gift. Give the gift of understanding and empathy. It costs you nothing but might just mean the world to someone who has experienced trauma.

*Full disclosure, I am a proud member of the Board of Directors of Family Transition Place but these opinions are completely my own, expressed as a result of recent events heard and/or experienced in and around our community.*

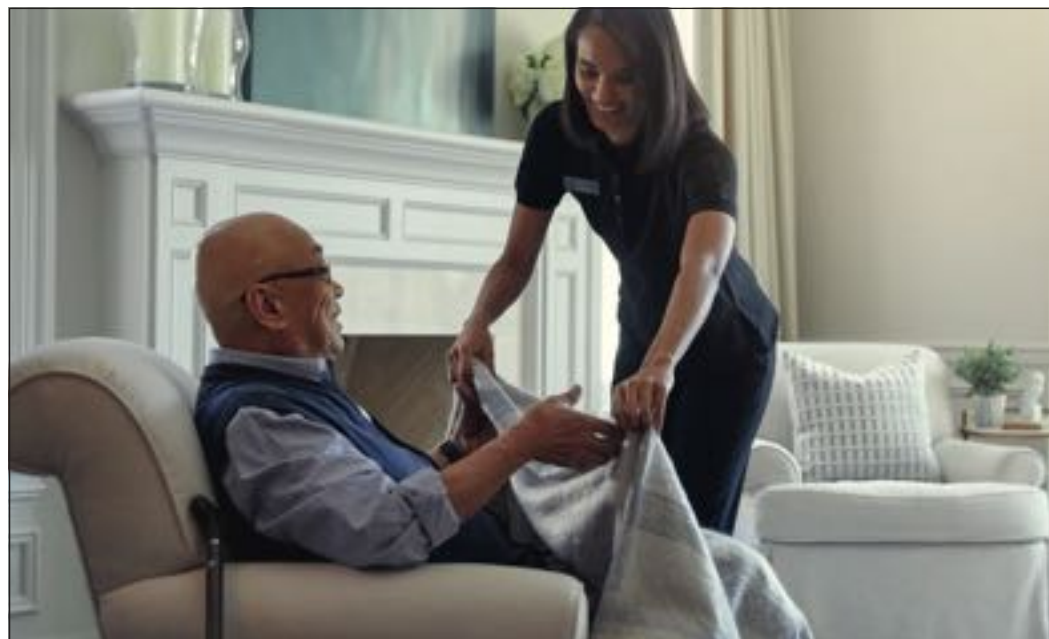
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# Peel students take over Living Arts Centre for Youth in Action Day

Students gained experiential learning for certification in trades

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Peel students pursuing a career in the trades had a unique learning opportunity on Wednesday.

From 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on December 4, 1,200 secondary school students from the Peel District School Board (PDSB) were at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga for Youth in Action Day.

There, the students, who are in Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) or Explore High Skills (EHS) programs, engaged in experiential learning in a variety of areas. Students completed components needed to earn a Red Seal on their graduation diploma, participated in workshops, networked with fellow students, and met with community partners.

Each student fulfilled one certification required for their program, and one "Reach Ahead" opportunity to help them plan for their future.

A media release from PDSB Manager of Communications Malon Edwards explained Youth in Action Day is an initiative to get students out of the classroom and into Ontario's professional industries through experiential learning and an exploration of future careers. Thirty post-secondary vendors were in atten-



Activities included a got glass workshop.

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dance at the event, and there were several guest speakers from the Canadian Football League (CFL): Toronto Argonauts Dejon Brisset and Robbie Smith; Montreal Alouette Kaion Julien-Grant; and BC Lion David Mackie.

Edwards explained SHSM is a Ministry of Education-approved program that allows Grade 11 and 12 students to gain their Ontario Second-

ary School Diploma while focusing on a specific industry.

The EHS program allows Grade 9 and 10 students to learn more about their chosen sector.

The PDSB offers SHSM programs in 13 career and industry sectors, and EHS programs in 11 of them.

## Dufferin-Caledon Green Party to nominate Sandy Brown as candidate

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Former Orangeville Mayor Sandy Brown will soon be confirmed as the Ontario Green Party's candidate for the next provincial election.

The Dufferin-Caledon Greens issued a press release on December 4 stating that Brown will be confirmed during a nomination meeting at Mill Creek Pub in Orangeville on Tuesday, December 10.

"Sandy Brown's candidacy signals that Dufferin-Caledon is firmly in contention for the Green Party. In his successful term as mayor, he earned widespread support extending beyond Orangeville," said the Dufferin-Caledon Greens' press release. "With his wealth of experience and proven ability to attract cross-party support, Sandy Brown is an immediate frontrunner to win the seat."

Brown served as Orangeville's mayor from 2018 to 2022 and oversaw the Town's transition from Orangeville Police Service to the Ontario Provincial Police. He also led Orangeville as it responded to the COVID-19 pandemic and endorsed a Climate Change Adaptation Policy in 2019.

Former Green Party candidate Laura Campbell, who ran in two previous elections, said she is taking a break from electioneering to concentrate more on family and running her Broadway Avenue café, Pia's.

"I'm delighted Sandy's stepped up," Campbell said. "He's a strong leader and does his homework."

Green Party of Ontario leader Mike Schreiner said Brown will be a welcome addition to the caucus at Queen's Park to help the party fight against Highway 413 and the Caledon Megaquarry as well as improved access to health services and affordable housing.

During Brown's tenure as Orangeville's mayor, he met with Schreiner at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and was impressed.

"I admire Mike's integrity and his ability to achieve results by working across party lines. The Party's core values of fiscal and environmental responsibility line up with mine. I knew I could find a home with the Greens," said Brown.

He believes his history of community advocacy and successful political results in Dufferin-Caledon positions him to beat Sylvia Jones, the riding's Conservative incumbent since 2007. Jones is currently serving her fifth consecutive term in Dufferin-Caledon.

"I'm in this to win and fairly represent all residents of Dufferin Caledon by providing the best constituency office in the province," Brown noted.

Brown, who's served as a real estate agent since 2007, has 30 years of sales experience in the sign industry and has volunteered extensively with the Orangeville Lions Club, Orangeville Minor Hockey Association, Friends of Island Lake, Heart and Stroke Ontario and the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre.

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First, let's take a look at the different types of Christmas trees available. There are many popular options, including Douglas Fir and Balsam Fir to the lesser-known Colorado Blue Spruce. Each tree has unique characteristics that you

should consider before purchasing. We'll cover nine different Christmas tree types to help you make an informed decision.

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# Caledon Admirals spring to life with feisty wins over Panthers and Toronto Patriots



Rookie Admirals forward Curtis Freeman paced his team with four points in a 5-1 win over Pickering.

PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

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The rookie-laden Caledon Admirals are playing their best hockey midway through the OJHL season.

Caledon's Junior A club has won three of its last six games including a thrilling 4-3 win over the fourth-place Menace in Milton, a decisive 5-1 triumph over the perennially playoff-bound Pickering Panthers on Thursday night on home ice, and a shocking 2-1 double overtime victory over the high-scoring Patriots on Saturday night in Toronto.

Rookie forward Curtis Freeman tallied a goal and three assists in the Admirals' 5-1 win over

Pickering at the Mayfield Icebox on Thursday night. Freeman credited Henry Brady, Luca Bonomo, and Owen Meli for converting his feeds into goals as the Admirals jumped out to a 3-0 lead by the midway point of the second period.

"My teammates—Henry, Luca, and Owen—finished my passes so well against Pickering."

After Pickering's Noah Smith narrowed his team's deficit to 3-1 at 4:52 of the third period, Freeman restored the Admirals' three-goal lead when he beat Panthers' goalie Ian Michelone at 11:20. Cam Lang—with his 16th assist of the season—and Ash Mitchelmore set up the rookie forward.

Freeman described his goal that subdued the Panthers.

"I got a great pass right on my tape from Mitchelmore and was able to find the back of the net."

Mitchelmore also set up Tanner Greenwood's empty net goal with thirty-five seconds left to close the scoring versus Pickering (12-15-1-1).

Caledon goaltender Calem Yorke earned the W by making 36 saves.

On Saturday night, the Admirals held one of the most potent OJHL offences scoreless for two periods and Yorke had a significant role in the upset victory by turning aside 39 of the 40 shots he faced in almost 66 minutes of work against the fifth-place Patriots (16-11-1-3).

Caledon led 1-0 when Freeman and Greenwood set up Ayden Agius who beat Patriots' goalie Alex Levshyn at 16:17 of the second period.

Noah Vettese put the puck past Yorke at 13:30 of the final frame to tie the game and force overtime.

Thirty-seven seconds into the second overtime period, rookie defenseman Owen Meli fired his fifth of the season with helpers from Agius and Lang to set off a raucous celebration by the rapidly-improving Admirals.

Freeman described his teammate's OT winner. "Meli went top shelf against his old team. He skated by them during our celebration. It was a big goal for us."

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### Notice of Application Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Official Plan Amendment

FILE NUMBER: RZ 2024-0030 and OPA 2024-0009

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received Zoning By-law and Official Plan Amendment Applications. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

APPLICANT: Lafarge Canada, Inc.

LOCATION: 17923 Shaws Creek Road, Caledon  
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The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment application is to rezone the lands from Agricultural (A1) to a site specific Extractive Industrial zoning to permit the sand and gravel aggregate extraction operation, and a site-specific Environmental Policy Area 1 to allow for environmental management, forest management, and an acoustic/visual berm.



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

#### LEAD PLANNER:

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#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

# Tri-sport athlete Alex Mercer volleys, skates, and hits for the Hall Wolfpack



ALEX MERCER

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BY JIM STEWART

Hall Wolfpack Volleyball Coach Brian Bontigao nominated Grade 12 student-athlete Alex Mercer as our newspaper's Student-Athlete of the Week.

It is the second time in three years that Mercer has been recognized for his significant contributions to the academic and athletic life of his high school.

Mercer, a versatile high performance athlete who excels in volleyball, hockey, and baseball at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School, caught the attention of Coach Bontigao.

"Alex is an exceptional athlete. He plays all three sports at a very high level. He's passionate, a great leader, and very coachable."

What also impressed the veteran Wolfpack coach are Mercer's qualities as a student.

"He is involved in the school community by volunteering. Alex is a great mentor to the younger kids."

What impressed Coach Bontigao the most about Mercer is that, "He leads by example."

"He's always doing and saying the right things in practices and games."

A key recent performance by Mercer on the volleyball court was highlighted by his coach.

"In a game against Brampton Christian this year, Alex led his team to victory through his dominant back court play. We defeated the first-place team in the division."

Alex Mercer took time from his Grade 12 studies and his on-court responsibilities to answer our interview questions:

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

**Alex Mercer:** "I continuously demonstrated tremendous leadership and determination on the court. I always brought high energy to the team, which I believe reflected onto my teammates. I always gave it my all, even in practice, which I believe sets a good example for my teammates. I would always motivate and encourage my teammates in times where they may have little hope. Volleyball is a game of many ups and downs, so I would always do my best to keep our team ener-

gized, rather than getting down emotionally and physically."

**Caledon Citizen:** What were your key statistics and performance moments from the 2024 season that you are most proud of?

**Alex Mercer:** "I am most proud of taking on a new position this year, as I feel like I was able to excel and help our team. I battled a shoulder injury for the majority of the season, which took away my ability to effectively set or hit the ball. Therefore, I took on the role of libero which has far less setting and hitting involved. This was a new position I had not played in all of high school. I feel I was able to adapt quickly and be effective in this position."

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

**Alex Mercer:** "All throughout high school I have played hockey and baseball; however, this past year I was faced with the challenging decision of choosing between hockey or baseball, due to the overlapping schedules. I eventually chose to pursue baseball, which takes up many nights a week during the summer and winter. I am playing on Brampton Elite for my final year of minor baseball."

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

**Alex Mercer:** "At Robert F Hall, I would consider myself very involved in many different ways. I am a Pack Leader and help out with council to put on events at the school. I am on the school volleyball, hockey, and baseball teams. Playing sports at Robert F Hall has been a great experience, as I have made many friends and have many memories to take with me. I take pride in my academics as well, as I have earned Honour Roll in each year of high school. I plan to continue this in Grade 12."

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

ic destinations?

**Alex Mercer:** "Looking past high school, I aim to play baseball at the university level. I've been striving for this goal for many years now, and it would be a dream come true."

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

**Alex Mercer:** "I look up to my parents the most because they are very hard-working and dedicated individuals. They have shaped me to be the person I am today. They constantly push me to be better and better each day. I wish to be

as successful as they are when I am older."

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

**Alex Mercer:** "It is truly a great honour to be nominated for student-athlete of the week. It makes me proud to know my leadership on and off the court/field/rink does not go unnoticed. I was nominated for athlete of the week back in Grade 10 as well, and I was very proud of myself. I have the same feeling the second time around as well!"

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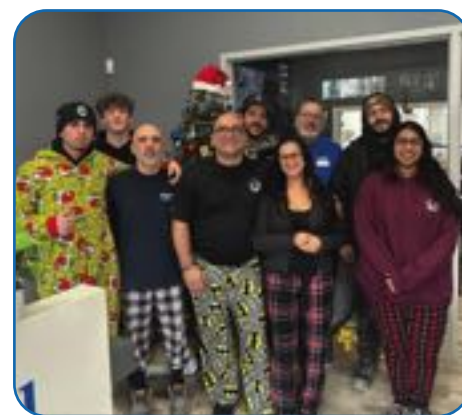
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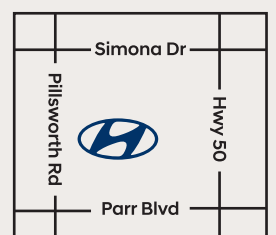
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**Vehicles** (all sold as is): 1967 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow sedan, 4 dr, 107K mi; 1979 Lincoln Continental Mark 5 coupe, cloth int, 400 V8; 1999 Mercedes SLK 450, 2 dr, hard top; 1999 Mercedes CLK 430 convertible, black leather, 295K km; Mitsubishi Fuso cube van, 8'x16' box, diesel, lift gate; 2015 Dodge Outdoorsman 4x4 truck, Eco-diesel, 4 dr, white, cloth int, 334K km; 1999 Dodge Ram 3500 Cummins dually, 12ft flatbed, 74K km, white; 2006 Ford F450 diesel ambulance, converted to camper. **Tractor:** MF 240 tractor, single remote, R: 13.6-28, 794hrs, very nice; **Trailers:** 2013 5th wheel flatbed trailer, 14000lbs, ramps, tandem, 22'x8'; 2014 Wildwood 281 XLite 30ft travel trailer; (3)storage trailers 2-46', 1-40'; 5'x7' landscape trailer, mesh floor & rear ramp; steel 3'x5' trailer. **RTVs/ATVs/Snowmobiles/Golf Cart, +Acc:** Kubota 1100 RTV, diesel, 4x4, 400hrs, cab, heat, A/C, hydr dump; JD 825i 4x4 Gator, hydr dump; Toro Workman MDX, hydr dump; 2005 Skidoo Rotax 1000 SDI, 3572 mi; 2002 Skidoo Legend Rotax 600, 12,000km; 1977 Skidoo Elan 250; MFC50 4-wheeler; Golf cart, Yamaha gas motor, bench seat, box; ATV snowblade; Can-AM 6ft snowblade for side-by-side. **Lawnmowers:** JD 3325 reel mower; JD 1600 diesel mower 11'cut; JD lawnmower for parts; Kubota T1770 riding lawnmower, 17hp, 48" cut. **Mach/Equip/Accs:** Hyster 50 propane forklift; (2) wood hay wagons; front mount skidsteer 6ft bushog, hydr drive; Sullair 425 diesel compressor on trailer, JD engine; skidsteer mount tree shear; JD 54" riding mower snowblade; mounting harness; payloader snowblade. **Shop/Farm Rel:** (NIB-new in box): 25'x50'x16'h Quonset hut-brand new (has all parts); 1100 sq ft mezzanine with galvanized flooring; Generac generators-2000 & G8000; B&S TMG-GWC5 woodchipper, 420cc engine; gas hedge trimmers (Stihl HS45, Echo HC150); Echo gas leaf blower; (4)Dri-Eaz turbo dryers; tool box; hardware; qty transfer hose; stone; paving slabs; paving bricks; uncut firewood; asst lumber & building supplies; sandblasting cabinet -NIB; propane heaters; (2)Saracco ind size sandblasters; KEW 0940C elec pressure washer; asst hand/power tools; HD ext cords; Honda EB10000 generator, 450hrs; chainsaws-Husqvarna, Stihl; Tomcat GTX 30D floor sweeper; John Bean brake lathe FMC 601PF; fuel tank with elec pump; qty ladders; (90) 4x5 round bales first cut hay. **Misc/Furn:** Pool table, wood bed, 5'x8'; golf clubs(R); chairs; wood table; dressers; cooler for golf cart; canoes- 2-Evergreen,1-Sportspal; (4) hitching posts from Windsor Raceway.

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**ROSELEE ELIZABETH MAE SOYKA**

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Roselee Soyka, on Monday, November 25, 2024, at the age of 80. Roselee passed away peacefully at Etobicoke General Hospital. Beloved wife of the late Ted Soyka (2001), she will be forever cherished by her loving son David and his wife Megan Wall. Roselee was the proud and devoted grandmother of Jackson, Tyler, and Grace. She will be dearly missed by her sister Cheryl Sellers (Gord) and brother Richard (Ricky) Hagerman, and fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Roselee was predeceased by her brother Ken Hagerman earlier this year. A lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi, Roselee was a woman of strength and independence, known for her loyalty, honesty, and unwavering friendship. She took immense pride in her family and shared their joys with her friends and the community at Rivers Edge. In keeping with Roselee's wishes, cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be arranged in the new year. Arrangements entrusted to Egan Funeral Home, Bolton (905-857-2213). Friends and family are invited to share their condolences at [www.EganFuneralHome.com](http://www.EganFuneralHome.com). In lieu of flowers, donations in Roselee's memory to Sleeping Children Around the World, a charity dear to her heart, would be gratefully appreciated.

OBITUARIES

**LORRAINE JESSIE ALEXANDER (NEE CARR)**  
**DECEMBER 24, 1927 -**  
**DECEMBER 3, 2024**

Peacefully and surrounded by her family, Lorraine passed away at home on December 3, 2024, just three weeks shy of her 97th birthday.

Predeceased by her husband John Alexander, lovingly remembered by her daughter Faith (Glenn Wood), son John (Sue), and grandchildren Jessica, Jackson and Samuel.

Lorraine was a cherished friend to many, a lover of birds, animals, books, baking and all things Christmas. Her conversations were always spirited, her butter tarts and shortbread were legendary.

Special thanks to Dr. Price, Dr. Rodrigues, Dr. Ferguson, Dr. Mauro, Dr. Tepper, Dr. Linney, Joanne Murdoch, and Care Partners PSWs for their compassionate & loving care.

At her request private interment at Westminster Memorial, Toronto.

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