

Mayor Marolyn Morrison ? Argos? Grey Cup win will be topic at annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast



The Caledon Ministerial Association will be holding its sixth annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, in partnership with community churches, businesses and individuals from across Caledon, May 15 at the Caledon Community Complex in Caledon East. I can tell you, I am very enthusiastic about participating in this year's event as it promises to be both very inspiring and entertaining. Beginning at 7 a.m. and running until 8:30 a.m., we will be entertained by the Mayfield Secondary School Youth Gospel Choir. Our special guest speaker will be David Lee, the Toronto Argonaut defensive end and special teams' player who will speak to us about the Road to the 100th Grey Cup and the thrill of winning that incredible milestone trophy on their home field in Toronto. This is a very well-attended event and seating is limited so, if you are interested in reserving a seat, please contact St. James' Anglican Church at 905-584-9635. The deadline for reservations is May 6.

Combatting graffiti

Also, at council this week, we passed the recommendations of our Graffiti Advisory Committee. Their report laid down the framework for a graffiti eradication plan for our community; a plan that is based on three important principles. The most important of these is prevention; the anticipation, recognition and appraisal of an offense risk; and the initiation of action to reduce the likelihood that graffiti will occur. Interestingly, the committee pointed out how parents can determine whether their child is involved in graffiti. Tags (the symbolic words or initials we see sprayed on property) are often found repeated on items like binders, backpacks or other personal belongings.

The committee will be creating an educational and informational communications plan that will define and describe the social, economic and community costs of graffiti and why, but more importantly how we can reduce the incidence of graffiti throughout Caledon. Part of the new community initiative will include the development of a Graffiti Hotline, a 1-800 number that will assist in reporting and tracking incidents of graffiti. This is a great effort on behalf of a volunteer community committee whose members have the health and safety of our Town as their top priority.