

## Prayer is out of date

The Supreme Court of Canada's decision to ensure the separation of church, synagogue, mosque, temple, wiccan sweat lodge and state in meetings of public governance is long overdue.

The citizens of Caledon are a diverse group of peoples with many different cultural backgrounds. It is true that the dominant religion of the Town is undeniably Christian; it is also true that Christianity is not the only religion to which citizens of Caledon offer their allegiance.

Since the Town Council is not a separate religious institution, it should not begin its public deliberations with a prayer derived from any one religion or non-religion. A universal prayer for guidance in thinking, discourse and action would be much more appropriate in this day and age of recognizing the diverse world in which we live and work.

I have heard the argument that the Lord's Prayer at council meetings is a tradition over 100 years old. More than 100 years ago, women were considered property and did not have the right to vote. Traditions change for good reason. The time has come to honour our diversity. A moment's silence, please.

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