

Prescription drug drop-off was a success

OPP detachments throughout the province recently hosted Prescription Drug Drop Off Days, and they were a big success. More than 70 OPP detachments participated this year across Ontario. A total of 138 kilograms of prescription medications were received by the OPP from the public who participated in this May 10 public health and safety awareness initiative. Locally, Caledon residents brought in more than 10 kilograms of prescription medications. The success of this initiative is measured by the public awareness generated in communities in regards to the dangers associated with unused prescription medications. Better awareness of the dangers of unused or expired medications means that people are increasingly making a greater effort to take prescription drugs back to the pharmacy where they can easily be disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner. Continued vigilance by those who are in possession of drugs that can be dangerous when they fall into the hands of those for whom they were not intended, will help to curb this public safety issue.