

Talk of the Town by Mayor Allan Thompson ? Lots has been happening in Caledon, and more is to come

Here we are in March already and thinking about spring.

But before we get to far down that road I want to reflect a little bit on last month.

February was jam-packed full of community events and fun like Town-wide Family Day celebrations, Tim Horton's Big Brothers, Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake and The Caledon East Revitalization Committee Valentine's Dance.

It was a busy time for council. With the year well under way and many things on our agendas, we celebrated and honoured heritage, launched the 2016 tree seedling program and went out into to the community for input into the Transportation Master Plan.

It was also a time to learn and build relationships with other levels of government. We were well represented at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Sustainable Communities Conference and the Ontario Good Roads Association/Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference. We met with Provincial representatives to advocate for critical infrastructure investments for our local roads and internet connectivity. These conferences provide opportunities for us to get Caledon issues out in the forefront.

Looking ahead to March, registration is opens for spring programs, aquatics and summer camp. For more information call 905-584-2272, ext. 7327, or visit one of our recreation centres.

March 8 was proclaimed International Women's Day here in Caledon and around the globe, celebrating the collective power of women past, present and future. I'm very lucky to have strong women in my life, my wife Anne is my rock, she knows me better than anyone and my daughter Julia is bright, caring and full of life, I don't know how I would get along without them.

I really enjoy getting out into the community to chat with people and see all of the good things that go on in this town. Last Saturday, Anne and I attended the Terra Cotta community gathering to honour and remember the lives of two young people, Kaya Firth and Zach Sutherland, who were tragically lost in a kayak accident on the Credit River. So many came out to share in conversation and prayer, to show that as a community, they cared.

Last Thursday at Regional Council I was proud to be presented with the Trillium gift of life pin and I was really proud that Caledon led Peel Region per capita in the percentage of people who are organ donors, 29 per cent. I would encourage everyone to register and save lives.

A special shout out to Tisho's Music Academy and Meaghan Zaremba for their work with the Meaghan's Music Room Program for persons with disabilities, and also a shout out to Clark Elliott of Macville Public School for leading the Spread the Net? initiative. These are the people and things that make Caledon a special place to live.

