

## Talk of the Town by Mayor Allan Thompson ? Volunteers make Caledon the community it is

April in Caledon is full of activity as the warmer weather gets us outdoors walking around our communities and neighbourhoods, enjoying the many parks and greenspaces that we are well known for.

We are getting ready for a busy and exciting spring and summer season. Caledon is home to the most spectacular natural landscapes, rolling hills and winding roads in the GTA, perfect for a Sunday drive. Explore all we have to offer in our community of communities. For more information on things to do and see around [visitcaledon.ca](http://visitcaledon.ca)

Caledon is fast becoming a cycle-friendly community; we are working on a transportation master plan with an on-road cycling focus. Last year, the Tour de Terra Cotta saw 450 participants who raced the eight-kilometre scenic loop along the Niagara Escarpment while more than 700 spectators cheered them on. This year's race Aug. 1 will be a highlight of the summer and something you won't want to miss.

April is volunteer month. In Caledon, that's a big deal because we have an incredibly large number of dedicated volunteers. Without them, we would not be able to provide vital services to our community like Meals on Wheels, school programs, coaching team sports, HomeJames, as well as arts, culture and recreation programs.

Each year, the Town of Caledon recognizes outstanding citizens who have contributed in an extraordinary way to our community.

It's not an easy choice because we have so many. April 11, I will proudly join my council colleagues to host the Annual Community Recognition Night and Citizen Achievement Awards. Then April 12, I'm proud to sponsor the Volunteer MBC (Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon) awards, which recognizes volunteers across the Region of Peel.

As beautiful as our town is, it's the people who call Caledon home and help make life easier and better for others through volunteerism that make it a great place to live.

