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(L to R backrow) Lead X-ray Radiologist Dr. Mansfield, Jennifer Crewson, Headwaters Health Care Foundation CEO K.C. Carruthers, Joel Porter, Anne Thompson (L to R front row) Joan Waechter, Headwaters Health Care Centre CEO & President Kim Delahunt, Christopher Stewart, Sandra Hartman, Minister of Health and MPP Dufferin-Caledon Sylvia Jones. PHOTO COURTESY OF HEADWATERS

New X-ray machine unveiled at Headwaters Health Care Centre

Room made possible thanks to funds from Smart Headwaters campaign

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local hospital has brand-new X-ray technology.

On July 17, the Headwaters Health Care Centre unveiled its new X-ray machine at an event attended by dignitaries, hospital staff, and representatives from the Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Ontario's Minister of health, said she knows how important it is to have up-to-date and available diagnostic imaging services.

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart to the donors who stepped up and made a commitment to this Smart Headwaters campaign," said Jones, adding the new machine will make

a big difference to both hospital staff and patients. "We see the need expanding as our population increases, as our population ages."

Smart Headwaters is a \$18-million fundraising campaign run by the Headwaters Health Care Foundation that is ongoing. It's the reason the new X-ray machine was able to be installed, and the end goal of the campaign is to bring an MRI machine to the Headwaters Health Care Centre. The campaign has also helped bring a CT scanner and more to the hospital.

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Caledon calls on Province to increase funding for social services in Peel

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon Councillors would like to see Peel residents get their "fair" share of provincial funding for social services.

On July 9, Councillors passed a motion from Mayor Annette Groves calling on the Government of Ontario to work with Caledon on addressing provincial underfunding of municipal and social services.

Groves' motion came in response to a study commissioned by a group of Peel non-profits.

In May, the Metamorphosis Network, which represents over 100 Peel non-profits in the health and community service sectors, said there's an \$868 million annual shortfall in funding for Peel non-profits.

"The staggering, ongoing annual funding shortfall... equates to an annual gap of \$578 for every person in Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon," said Metamorphosis Network coordinator Sean Meagher in a May 23 statement.

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Town to draw \$8.3 million from developer's securities to finish work in Southfields Village

Residents in three subdivisions unable to use amenity spaces for years, says staff report

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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The Town of Caledon has placed a developer in default on three subdivision agreements. According to a Town of Caledon staff report, Digram Developments Caledon Inc. did not finish required work to complete three subdivisions (43M-2077, 43M-2096, and 43M-2051) in the Southfields Village community.

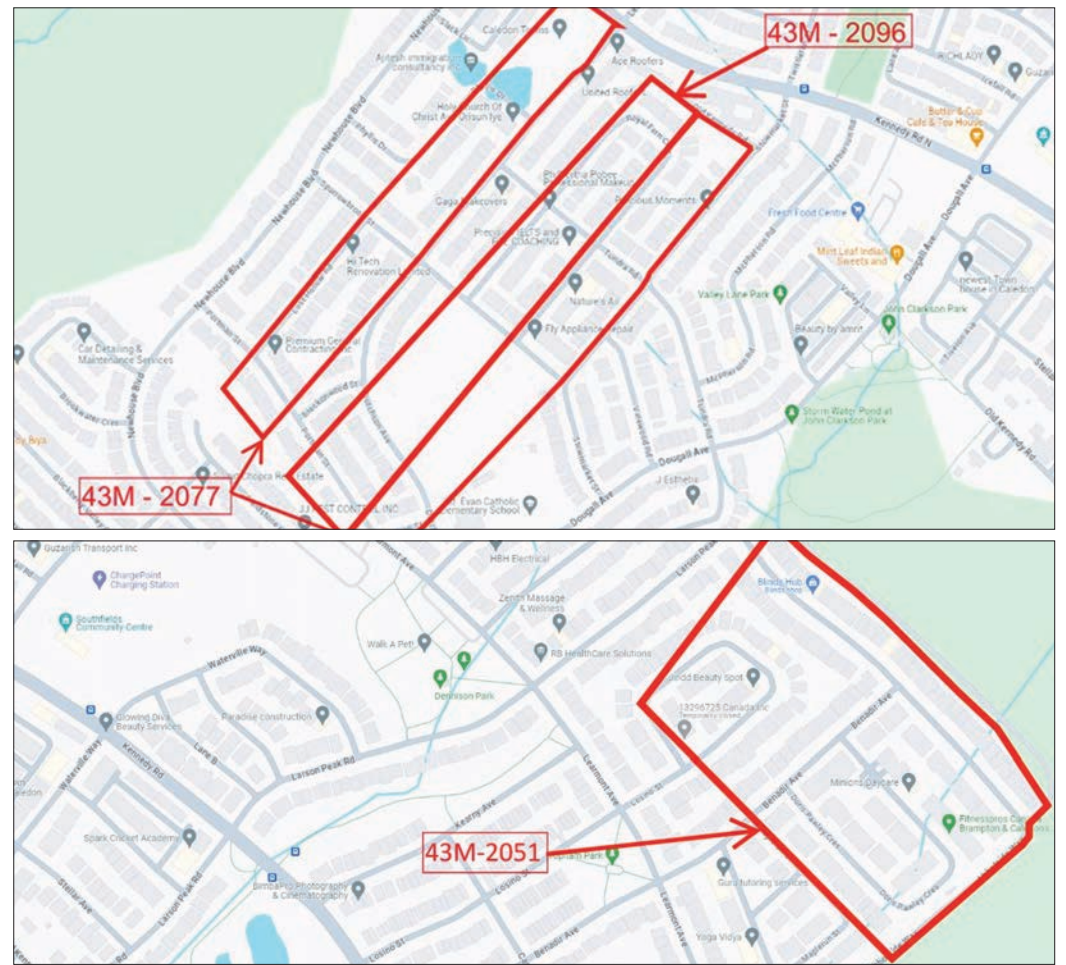
located on the west side of Kennedy Road between Dougall Avenue and Newhouse Boulevard. Subdivision 43M-2051 is located on the east side of Learmont Avenue between Larson Peak Road and Abbotside Way.

The staff report said due to the unfinished work, many residents have been unable to use their amenity spaces, finish their driveways, or experience a walkable neighbourhood for years.

"Town staff tried to work with the developer to have outstanding works completed in accordance with the subdivision agreements and bring the subdivisions to assumption, however there has been little to no cooperation from the developer," reads the report.

On April 16, the Town sent a written notice to Digram notifying the company it would be placed in default on the subdivision agreements if a response was not received by April 29. The report said no response was received.

In total, the Town of Caledon is drawing



These maps show the locations of subdivisions with unfinished work the Town of Caledon is set to complete. TOWN OF CALEDON IMAGE

\$8,381,062 from Digram's securities for the purposes of completing work in the three subdivisions.

In 43M-2051, minor repairs need to be done and top asphalt has to be completed.

The staff report said a substantial amount of work is required to complete 43M-2077 and 43M-2096.

The report said in 43M-2077, where one detached building and a condo of 33 units remain vacant, Digram only completed 50 per cent of top curb and sidewalks. This means the Town will need to complete the top curb, sidewalk, grade the boulevard, add plantings, and complete top asphalt.

The report said in 43M-2096, 70 per cent of top curb and sidewalk work is outstanding, so the Town will need to do the same works mentioned in the above paragraph.

The Town of Caledon also needs to remove a topsoil stockpile from a park in 43M-2077 that was supposed to be removed by August

31, 2021.

"The Town requires topsoil for final grading around the homes and the boulevards and therefore we will be slowly removing the material when needed in the subdivisions," reads the report. "It is expected that the stockpile will be completely removed by late fall of 2024 and park construction commencing late 2024 or spring of 2025."

At Caledon Council's July 9 meeting, Councillors approved a request from Town staff to hire SCS Consulting Group Ltd. to represent the Town as it completes the required work.

Staff said as SCS is the original design and contract administration consultant for the developer, using the company will save time as they have knowledge of the projects.

The Town is using funds drawn from Digram's securities in the amount of \$477,661.44 to hire SCS.

The request from Town staff will come to Council's July 23 meeting for final approval.

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Joe Tersigni (second from left) with delegates from Isola del Liri and Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa in Caledon. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Caledon's Senior of the Year instrumental in securing Isola del Liri sister city agreement

Joe Tersigni recognized for his volunteerism in Caledon

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Joe Tersigni said his parents always told him how important it was to help others.

It's a lesson he's put into action for his entire life. Now 75, Tersigni recently received Caledon's Senior of the Year award for his role in helping secure Caledon's sister city agreement with Isola del Liri in Italy, and his years of volunteerism in the Caledon community.

Tersigni, a realtor and music promoter, has been living in Caledon for 10 years. As soon as he came to Caledon, he became involved with the non-profit Bolton Italian Cultural Centre.

He helps the Centre fundraise for many initiatives, helps plan all sorts of events, and uses his skills in music management to bring in acts from Italy for the Centre's annual Italian Day events.

"When someone calls me for something, I'm

always there to listen," said Tersigni. "Sometimes I cut myself too thin, but I do what I have to and I do it without thinking... it's natural."

Tersigni said the Bolton Italian Cultural Centre is an amazing organization and its members work very well together to accomplish their goals. He said this year's Italian Day event was a great success and that planning work has already begun for next year's event.

"Community is built on getting together... you have to have community events," said Tersigni.

Helping Caledon become sister cities with Isola del Liri was special for Tersigni as that's where his parents are from — they came to Canada in 1958.

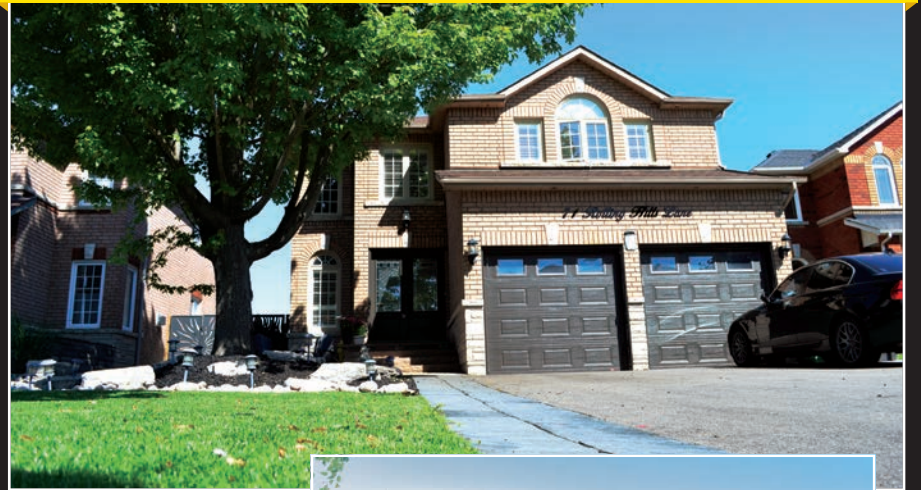
"I was the key person in negotiating the deal and bringing it together," said Tersigni, who, alongside Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa, provided translation as they speak Italian. "We made some great connections."

Tersigni said the sister city agreement is great for business and cultural exchanges and that Caledon has lots in common with Isola del Liri.

When Tersigni found out he won Caledon's Senior of the Year award, he felt appreciative and humbled. He said it's a reminder that people appreciate all the work that volunteers do.

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COPPER CABLES THEFT INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating two thefts occurrences of telephone cables.

“On July 14, 2024, shortly before 1:00 p.m., officers responded to the area of Mississauga Road, near The Grange Side Road, where telephone copper cables had been pulled down, cut, and stolen,” say Police. “It is suspected it occurred at approximately 12:45 a.m. that same morning.

“A similar occurrence was reported on July 13, 2024, on Shaws Creek Road, near Bush Street. It is unknown when that theft took place.”

Anyone with information, witnessed the thefts, or have dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

POLICE WARN OF CRYPTO SCAM

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Cyber-Enabled Fraud Team is assisting in an investment scam investigation where victims are losing hundreds of thousands of dollars in fake crypto currency investments.

Investigators are warning the public not to engage with the following websites:

- www[.]How2Crypto[.]com;
- www[.]How2Crypto[.]net

If you or someone you know has had dealings with the mentioned websites, please contact your local police service and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Center at 1-888-495-8501 / anti-fraudcenter.ca

Protect yourself:

- Once you send your crypto, it is gone;
- Government agencies do not accept cryptocurrencies;
- Conduct your own due diligence, ask questions and do your research before sending anyone your crypto.

IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has charged one driver with impaired operation related offences as the result of a traffic stop.

“On July 10, 2024, just before 6:00 p.m., officers from the Dufferin OPP conducted a traffic stop in the area of Broadway and John Street in the Town of Orangeville,” say Police. “Officers

spoke with the driver and were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.”

Jonathan Cambouris, 30, from Bolton has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville to answer to the charges. Their driver’s licence was suspended, and the vehicle was impounded.

The charge has not been proven.

“Dufferin OPP continues to conduct traffic enforcement daily as drivers who are impaired by alcohol or drugs and who drive at excessive speeds continue to pose a threat to Ontario roads. We are committed to the safety of our community.

“The Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, rideshare, public transit or stay overnight. Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impact your ability to make sound judgments. In a split second you could ruin your future, injure, or kill others, and tear a hole in the heart of everyone who loves you.

“Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestoppersdm.com.”

Police say there is no threat to public safety at this time.

Residents and motorists who were in the area are urged to review their video surveillance and dashcam between the hours of 10:30 pm - 11:30 pm on July 15, 2024.

If you have any information about crime in our community, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also call crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit your information online at www.crimestoppersdm.com. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display, and you will remain anonymous. You will not testify in court and your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

HAY HARVEST MEANS SLOW-MOVING VEHICLES

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to take the opportunity to remind motorists that hay harvest season is upon us, and agricultural equipment is on the move.

“We want to remind drivers to share the road, and drive with extra care and attention around slow moving vehicles and farm vehicles,” say Police. “A little extra patience can go a long way to ensure everyone gets to their destination safely.”

Motorists should use caution and reduce speeds when travelling near farm vehicles and equipment. Every year Dufferin OPP responds to incidents involving farm vehicles that are struck by impatient or inattentive drivers. These collisions frequently result in personal injury and/or death and all of these crashes are preventable.

Farm equipment such as tractors, combines and the trailers/wagons that they tow are exceptionally large and require significant room to safely manoeuvre on the roadway. The work that local farmers do is extremely important to all of us. Public safety is always a focus of the Dufferin OPP, and the following tips are provided to motorists using rural roadways during harvest time.

- If traveling through areas where crops are currently being harvested, expect to see large agricultural equipment, and drive accordingly;
- If you see large farm equipment on the roadway, slow down, be patient and pass only when it is safe to do so;
- Do not tailgate large farm equipment as the operator may not be able to see you;
- Do not blow your horn at the operator of the farm equipment as they will not be able to hear you due to the noise produced by the equipment.

“Please be mindful of farmers during this hay harvest and give them the necessary room to do their work by sharing our roadways,” say Police. “The Dufferin OPP appreciates the demanding work that our local farmers do every day, with special attention given at this time of year as they harvest their crops. Please ensure that hay harvest is safe for all of our motoring public.”

ARMED ROBBERY INVESTIGATION

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently seeking the public’s assistance in an armed robbery investigation which took place in the town of New Tecumseth.

“On July 15, 2024, shortly after 11:00 p.m., Nottawasaga OPP and emergency crews responded to an armed robbery at the Esso Gas Station located at 6968 Highway 9, New Tecumseth,” say Police. “There are three suspects involved, one suspect had brandished a firearm. There is no report that anything was stolen and there are no injuries as a result.

“The first suspect can be described as a black male, thin to medium build, wearing a blue/teal coloured hoodie, black gloves, black jogger styled pants and black lace up shoes with a black balaclava. The second suspect can be described as a black male, wearing a black jacket with a hood, green/teal joggers with black stitching on pockets, black lace up runners, black balaclava, a white backpack with black markings. The third suspect can be described as a black male, jacket with hood, black pants, black runners with lace, black balaclava with white markings on it. Holding a black Semi-automatic pistol in his right hand.”

The suspects were last seen running east from the address and were still outstanding at press time.

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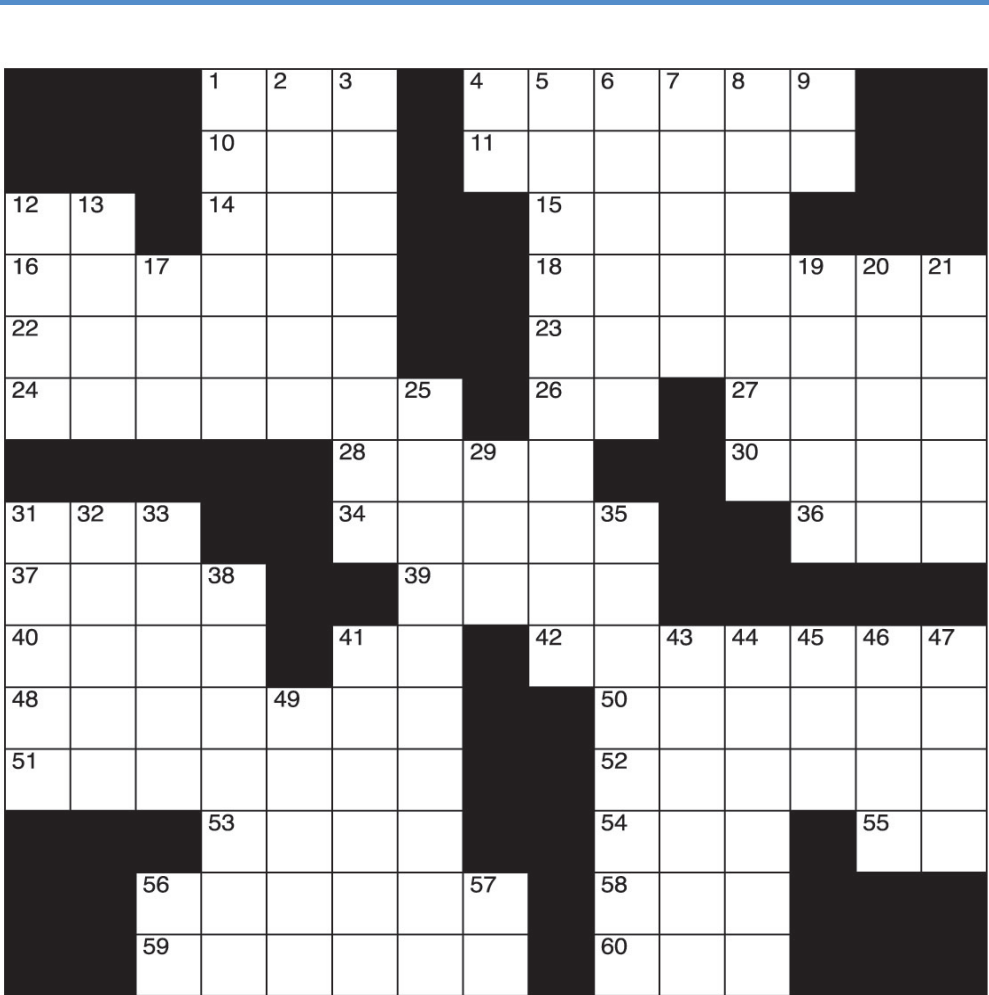
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 - American island state
 - Inflexibly entrenched
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 - Foolish person
 - Follows a particular Chairman
 - Choose
 - Sunrooms (abbr.)
 - One hundred grams (abbr.)
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 - Onions” painter
 - Wild dog
 - Units of land
 - Footwear
 - Possessing a constant temperature
 - Hormone that promotes water retention (abbr.)
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 - Pension (German)
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 - Inferred
 - One who revolves
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Doug Weaver (left) and Doug Post (right) are friends of Derek Moor (centre), who recently lost nearly all his vision. Weaver, Post, and many more people have rallied behind Moor as he navigates the challenges of life with limited vision. Here, they are pictured with Moor's new e-bike from Zeus Ebikes. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Community rallies to support Caledon man who lost almost all vision from stroke

Derek Moor was helped by friends, family, the community and Zeus Ebikes

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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A Caledon man's life changed overnight when he lost nearly all his sight.

Derek Moor recently suffered a stroke behind his left eye that caused his optic nerve to collapse, leaving him with extremely limited vision. While he's not legally blind, Moor, who is a mechanic and welder by trade, is no longer able to work in his job as a farm hand and had his driver's license taken away.

Despite all of this, Moor is not letting himself get down.

"I'm pretty thankful to have what I do... I'm sure somebody with no sight at all would be very happy to have the sight that I do," said Moor. "I try to stay on the positive side."

Support from friends, family, and the Caledon community has poured in for Moor during his tough time. A gofundme page was started by friend Bill Motley and over \$5,000

has been donated to help Moor pay rent and cover expenses while he figures out what comes next.

Help also came from an unexpected place: London, ON-based company Zeus Ebikes.

As Moor's driver's license had to be taken away, he needed a new way to get around.

Friend Doug Weaver began to look into e-bikes, and Moor thought an e-bike would be the perfect solution.

Weaver reached out to Milad Ghobadi-beygvand, owner of Zeus Ebikes, and Ghobadi-beygvand was able to assist in getting a bike for Moor.

Moor said doctors tell him it's unlikely his sight will ever return, but they won't give up on trying. He said the help he's received in this time has been unbelievable.

"I was always thankful for the friends I had, but sometimes you don't realize how many, and how good the community is around you, until something happens to make us realize," said Moor. "We're all so busy working every day that we don't step back and realize how lucky we really are... this has made me realize how lucky I really am."

Weaver said it's been amazing to see the support for Moor and that it's a reminder there's a lot of good in the world.

The following is the link to the gofundme supporting Moor: gofundme.com/f/derik-needs-to-move-on



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Room made possible thanks to funds from Smart Headwaters campaign

Continued from FRONT

K.C. Carruthers, the CEO of the Headwaters Health Care Foundation, said the new X-ray machine is another milestone in the Smart Headwaters campaign.

\$600,000 was used for the machine and related upgrades.

"We're unveiling technology that will help enhance the patient experience for thousands in our community who come here for the care they need close to home," said Carruthers. "It's our donors who have made this all possible... we want to give our heartfelt thanks."

The Headwaters Health Care Centre does about 60,000 diagnostic imaging tests per year.

Jennifer Zdravec, Director of Clinical Support Services for the Headwaters Health Care Centre, explained the new X-ray room has a lift for patients and a table that can support more weight.

The new X-ray machine is able to be controlled remotely and has some AI functionality.

With a new X-ray machine also comes increased safety — as technology gets better, X-ray machines emit less radiation.

The machine has enhanced image quality and precision as well.

Kim Delahunt, CEO of the Headwaters Health Care Centre, said she's excited to offer a modern X-ray experience to patients.

"I would like to thank our diagnostic imaging team, who has been adept at ensuring the installation project was completed in a timely and thorough manner and also our Foundation team and donors for making this possible," said Delahunt.

Dr. Asad Naqvi, Chief of Diagnostic Imaging and a diagnostic radiologist at the Headwaters Health Care Centre, hailed the addition.

"Headwaters' X-ray is one of our most popular diagnostic imaging services, and available to patients without any appointment booking," said Naqvi. "Given how frequently patients need X-rays, the ability to upgrade one of our two X-ray rooms provides a positive impact to patient care. This means higher quality patient-centred care, together with our health teams, and the ability to serve more patients in the community."



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Remote participation in Council meetings to be recorded in meeting minutes

Governance Committee to discuss remote participation registry with accepted reasons for remote participation

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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Minutes of meetings of Caledon Council will now note if a Councillor participated in a meeting virtually.

At Council's July 9 meeting, Councillors unanimously supported part of a motion from Regional Councillor Mario Russo to record remote participation of Councillors in meetings in meeting minutes.

The move came as part of a split vote — Russo's original motion on the topic was split into two parts, with votes being held on each part.

Vote One was on whether remote participation in meetings by Councillors should be recorded in meeting minutes; as mentioned above all Councillors were in support of this.

Vote Two was on whether Caledon's Municipal Clerk should report back to Caledon's Governance Review Committee on options for implementing a remote participation registry that would require Councillors participating remotely to provide rationale for doing so from a list of Council-accepted reasons.

This part of Russo's motion was also passed, but Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan, Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen, Ward 4 Councillor Nick de Boer, and Regional Councillor Christina Early were in opposition to it.

In his motion, Russo said remote partic-

ipation in meetings is a privilege and he's heard interest in respecting and preventing abuse of the privilege through implementing additional accountability and transparency measures.

Kiernan said the hybrid remote/in-person Council system has allowed her to serve the community while she recovered from two significant surgeries. She said when she was participating remotely at those times, she appreciated not having to divulge why as her health is a personal matter. She said she hasn't heard any concern from residents about remote participation.

Russo said he believes highlighting why a Councillor is not participating in a meeting in person is important.

Sheen also said he hasn't heard complaints about remote participation, and that Russo's motion makes it seem like participating remotely somehow makes Councillors less accountable.

Sheen said he attends the vast majority of meetings in person and that Councillors should be able to decide when they have a reason to not attend a meeting in person.

This sentiment was echoed by Kiernan, who said she feels very accountable to the community and that Councillors can decide if they have a valid reason to not be at a meeting in person.

Early said she hasn't seen any abuse of remote participation at the Caledon Council table. She said she doesn't see the need to see why Councillors aren't attending a meeting in person.

Mayor Annette Groves said she's heard from people who don't even want remote participation in meetings to be an option at all. While she disagrees with that sentiment, Groves said it's important for residents to know why a Councillor has not attended a meeting in person.

Russo said remote participation in meetings is sometimes abused and that Councillors should be able to say why they weren't at a meeting in person.

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When we suffer from prolonged stress it can affect the human body in different ways. It can cause decreased immune system function, delay the healing process and contribute to many illnesses (irritable bowel syndrome, inflammatory bowel disease and heart attacks to name a few). High stress can also contribute to or cause headaches, increased anxiety, decreased quality of sleep, postural issues and feeling "on edge" all the time.

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Remembering where you were and where we're going

"I hate it when he gets in there!" That phrase was uttered by Marge Simpson nearly 30 years ago, while giving, to borrow a phrase from fellow fictional icon Basil Fawlty, the dining room wall a "damned good thrashing" with a broom.

Bart retreated into this dark and damp space following a family spat. Marge may have hated it when Bart crouched down and got into this particular storage nook, but as a life-long fan of the cartoon, I didn't really see the problem at the time. After all, it was familiar territory for me!

Strange as it sounds, when I was about that perennial age of Bart's, I loved a good crawl-space and all the possibilities they might hold. My grandmother's, for instance, was nothing short of a treasure trove that I still don't feel, decades after the sale of her house, fully revealed its secrets.

Reminders of the past were thrown in there with apparently little rhyme or reason. In one dusty corner, there was a mercifully clean military bedpan. In another, boxes of well-worn Nancy Drew mysteries. Elsewhere, among the near-fossilized deposits left behind by a long-since-dead cat, there were odd pieces of furniture, small disused appliances, and stacks of old newspapers, magazines, and other mouldering mementos.

These newspapers, magazines and various paper goodies were usually my favourite finds as they spoke volumes about what previous generations felt were important – or, at the very least, interesting.

There were old Eaton catalogues, sheets of stamps commemorating the marriage of Grace Kelly to Prince Rainier of Monaco, scrapbooks on the wedding of Princess Margaret and the Moon Landing, and, shedding a light on the tumult of this period in time, scads of clippings and entire newspapers and magazines commemorating the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Robert F. Kennedy.

I can't say with absolute certainty what my forebears' intentions were when they squirreled those items away, but they were an education for this guy all those many years later. Looking back, I feel they not only gave me an appreciation of history, but context for the world we're living in today, and our place as individuals within it.

They also served to spark an interest in current events and attune my young brain to game-changing moments in our own history that were happening in real-time.

At the time of the crawlspace exploration and excavation, I was able to ask my parents and grandparents questions as I uncovered pieces of the past, including how it felt to live through any one of these very important, era-defining historical events, for better or worse, and their reminiscences stick with me to this day.

They certainly had their fair share of "I remember where I was when X happened..." moments, and my generation has as well, but I have to say these types of moments are happening at too quick a pace these days. In fact, with one happening on what feels to be a near-weekly basis now, it's feeling... well, it isn't right to say the novelty has worn off, nor is "excitement" the right word in this context, but it's feeling a bit threadbare.

It or we? This past Saturday afternoon saw another one of those, "Do you remember where you

were when..." moments when news broke that Donald Trump had been injured in an apparent assassination attempt at a Pennsylvania campaign rally.

A game-changer by any stretch of the imagination, no matter what your political leanings, it would have ordinarily been a moment where the world would stop to catch its breath and try to make sense of it all. Where I happened to be, on a long-awaited beach day, there was very little of that as many people checked their phones, made a comment or two, and went on with the rest of their day.

Yet, images soon rolled out, each one more evocative than the last. One knew they would come to be among the images that defined a campaign if not the decade, or even the first quarter of the twenty-first century, and yet...

And yet with no disrespect intended to the family of the person who lost their life in this incident, nor to the Trump family, in many respects it felt like just another violent landmark on the road of uncertainty – on which we're all very weary travellers.

In a speech following the incident, President Biden said, "The political rhetoric in this country has gotten very heated.... American democracy is where arguments are made in good faith... where the rule of law is respected."

"It's time to cool it down," he continued. "We all have a responsibility to do that."

The incumbent is very correct. In just about every part of the democratic world, political heat is reaching scorching levels. In the United States, over the last decade, the thermostat has been cranked to such an extent that as far as political rhetoric is concerned, it's often accompanied by threats of, or sadly, even the manifestation of violence and unrest.

Similarly, when it comes to gun violence in the country, such as the example on Saturday, many of the decision-makers have appeared resigned to messages of "thoughts and prayers" rather than real action that will ultimately make a difference.

In this country, we've heard from First Nations leaders that, following the initial flurry of coverage following the discovery of children's graves associated with residential schools and the subsequent discoveries each, unfortunately, garnering less attention and outrage than the last, there might be something of a news "fatigue" on this file.

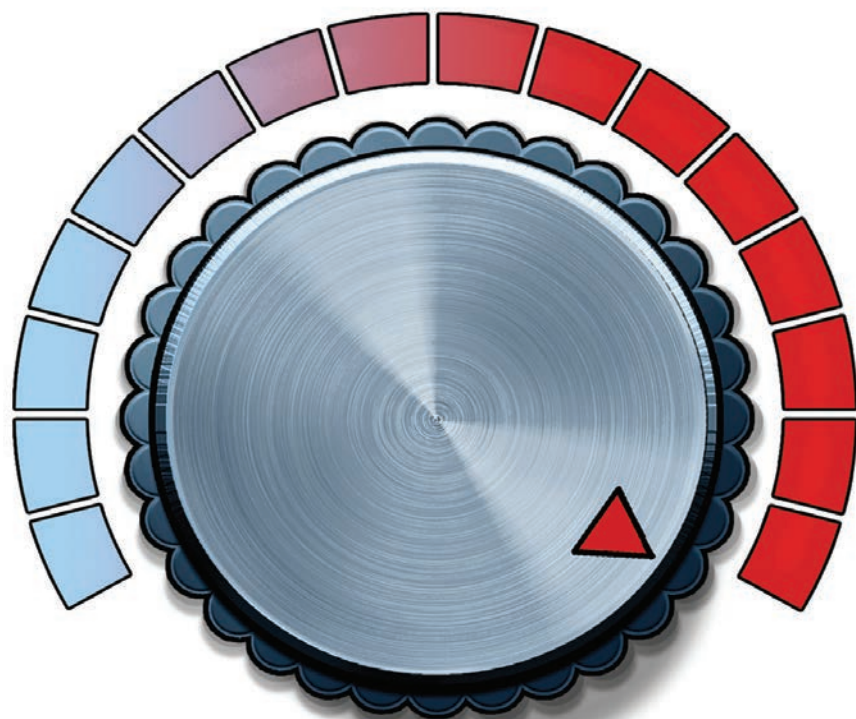
Is that the case here? Is it fatigue? Is it resignation? Have we been so desensitized over the years that something that would have defined a generation a few decades ago is greeted with a sigh and/or a brace for the next proverbial shoe to drop?

It's hard to say, but wading through today's political discourse, adapting as many "new normals" as a once-in-a-century pandemic required, and one "unprecedented" national and international event after another, can leave people, regardless of generation, mentally and emotionally exhausted.

Collectively, however, we can't let it get the better of us. Real issues with long-standing consequences haven't magically gone away or been consigned to the backburner. It's incumbent on everyone, regardless of where they live, to stay informed, vigilant and focused on the issues that matter to them. If we don't, we get the future we deserve.

I just shudder to think of future generations finding the mementos, however dispiriting and grim, we saved to remind us of "landmarks" in our own lives that are coming fast and furious at us.

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Checking things off my bucket list

by Mark Pavilons



I never really thought of "bucket list" ideas until recently.

I loved the 2007 movie of the same name starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman.

Some say that's where the term got its popularity and it's tough to actually track down the origins of this saying.

Simply put, it's a list of the things that a person would like to do or achieve before they die.

American author Sark advises us to "fill your life with tiny and large adventurous moments."

And Eleanor Roosevelt said: "The purpose of life, after all, is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience."

People have come up with thousands of normal, adventurous and outlandish things to do before the bucket is empty. But really, any new experience is bucket-list worthy. It may not be earth-shattering, but if it's important to you, that's all that matters.

I'm lucky in many ways, and could scratch off maybe two dozen items on a typical person's list: Flying in a plane and helicopter, visiting the Caribbean, Europe and various Canadian and American cities. I flew over the Hoover Dam; attempted skiing and skating. I'm not really a winter sport person and much prefer the warmer climes.

I swam in lakes, rivers and oceans. I have driven many cars, eaten in fancy restaurants and even owned a pair of leather pants!

I once got an eagle in golf and scored a few goals in the limited sports I played.

Some of these aren't really bucket list worthy, however.

It's funny because statistics say that most of us in North America don't venture too far from home. It's estimated the average Canadian lives (and dies) within 300 kilometres of where they were born.

But we do love to travel and Canadians are welcome around the world. I've been to the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Mexico, The Bahamas, and St. Maarten. Each has its unique flavour and draw.

I remember my mom telling me in my mid-20s that travel is a must – I had to make every effort to get away and see for myself the lure of the tropics.

She was right, of course. Moms usually are.

Kim and I really soaked up the fun in the sun and our tans spoke for themselves. We saw sunrises and sunsets, and were knocked silly by several waves.

We tried, as often as we could, to engage the locals and find out about their lives and culture.

We hated the term "tourist" for its negative innuendo, and much preferred "visitor" or "guest."

Each adventure was different and some even presented some inherent dangers. Oh, the reckless naivete.

We brought back some nice jewellery from St. Maarten, where my wife treated me to a wedding gift. Jewellery shops there (at least at the time) invited you in, gave you a beer and let you sit and chat. If they didn't have what you were looking for, they'd literally run down the street to another shop to grab that special item. Very reasonable, especially considering today's sky-high gold prices. I wouldn't even consider buying gold today.

I've been to casinos in Atlantic City and Vegas, enjoying sights and sounds of these sinful places that never sleep.

I've been to the horse races at Woodbine and enjoyed a lucrative Father's Day triactor win with my dad. One of the best days ever for both him and I.

I have been to the theatre and was mesmerized by The Phantom of the Opera during its Toronto run. I've tried to take the kids to as many of these as I could over the years, to expand their horizons and give them an appreciation of the arts. Both of my girls loved each and every one.

I actually owned a 1970 Camaro RS. Picked it up in my teens for under \$1,000. Loved that car. Today, a totally refurbished one sells for upwards of \$50,000. Oh, the short-sightedness of youth.

Variety definitely is the spice of life.

I feel bad for those who live somewhat sheltered, off-the-map lives in some backwoods region of any country. They never get to explore the world and truly appreciate what we've been given.

Heck, I've read that some places in the southern U.S. still don't have plumbing or electricity. This is also true of several developing nations around the globe, where poverty reigns and human lives come and go with nary a glance.

So sad. Another way to truly appreciate our brethren is to volunteer abroad, or take on a challenge of giving back. I highly recommend it.

I've been blessed, thanks to my oldest daughter Lexie, who encouraged me to join her on one of her humanitarian missions to the DR, helping to improve the plight of migrant Haitian sugar cane workers. Eye-opening to say the least. Humbling, too.

Despite the poverty, I was uplifted by the human spirit, the resilience and faith these people showed. Their hope for advancement was severely limited and most were happy to just enjoy each day as it came, making it to the next.

I'm reminded by Mother Teresa's words: "If you can't feed a hundred people, feed just one."

Imagine if we in North America, added that to our bucket list?

Maybe our bucket list isn't a list, or a bucket at all. Perhaps it's a culmination of the experiences that make up who we are. It's about the basic human emotions.

And those are things I really hope we take with us into the next world.

Our Readers Write

Ford not addressing "health care shortcomings"

My wife and I were both born and have lived in Ontario all our lives.

We are fortunate and grateful to have been healthy for the most part and have not had any serious illness or hospital stays.

We have paid all kinds of taxes, income, property, sales, etc., for close to 60 years and assumed that the system would be there for us.

This past week, one of us was referred to a Specialist, only to be told it was an 18 month

wait, just for an assessment appointment.

How is it that the Ford Government can give the Beer Store millions of dollars (the Beer Store is owned by a multi national company), can have a French Company build a spa we don't need and spend \$10+ billion on a highway we don't need and NOT address our health care shortcomings?

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Building maintenance

Commerce Court in downtown Toronto is a huge skyscraper that once dominated the skyline.

It has 57 stories and is 942 feet tall. It was constructed from steel and glass for a very modern look for the time.

I'm not sure what its lifespan was predicted to be, but it was opened in 1972, so it is now 52 years old.

I had an uncle who worked there and he took us for a tour and we visited the observation level.

It was, at the time, the tallest building, by far, in the city.

The Empire State Building in New York City, is one of the most recognizable buildings in the world. Built in the art deco style and finished in 1931, it was the world's tallest building for almost 40 years.

At 93 years old, it has outlived its designers and builders, and the vast majority of people who were alive when it was completed.

There must be a large team of maintenance people who keep these buildings operating and in good shape.

I'm sure there are structural engineers who routinely examine these buildings to make sure they are safe.

A structural failure in a building that size could have catastrophic results.

A couple of years ago I watched an interesting British TV documentary-type show that examined what happens to a home when it is abandoned and no one is living in it.

It was amazing to see how fast the property deteriorated.

Once the human occupants moved out, the animal world moved in. At first, it was insects of all kinds. Then larger animals like mice, squirrels, and similar rodents.

They all made a mess, and there was no one there to clean it up.

From there, other things started to happen. Mold and fungus started to grow in some areas.

With no heating or cooling system to maintain a livable temperature, the structure itself started to weaken.

Things like floorboards on the front porch started to warp. If left unchecked, the house would eventually collapse on itself.

Fortunately for this house, another family bought the place, moved it, and renovated it. It once again housed several people.

A building must be maintained.

If you're a home owner, you know what it's all about. It's always something.

The Ontario Science Centre is now closed due to structural problems.

The provincial government is indicating it is closed for good.

The Science Centre was an outstanding achievement. I recall visiting on a school field trip a few years after it was opened. It had amazing hands-on exhibits.

Every year, thousands of students around the province made the trek to the Science Centre for field trips. It was a full day of adventure and learning, in a place that made learning fun.

The Science Centre opened in 1969 making it 55 years old.

The plan is to move the Science Centre to Ontario Place and use the current land for housing.

Imagine that – the province selling public land to developers. There's way too much of that nonsense going on.

The Science Centre was built in a wooded, ravine area for a reason. It was to create an oasis of sorts in the middle of a heavily populated area that has largely been paved over.

Consultants estimated the cost of repairs to bring the Science Centre up to snuff, to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Ontario Place does not have the space to build a new Science Centre.

Most likely, the Science Centre will not be rebuilt – at least not in the way that it currently exists.

Most likely there will be "talks" about it for a while, then it will quietly fade away, until it will just be a footnote in history.

What happened to make a 55-year-old building so dangerous that it had to be closed due to the potential of a roof collapse?

There are millions of homes that are over 55 years-old and still lived in – because their owners maintain them.

Maybe the real question should be: who was responsible for a building that was so neglected that it got to the point that it wasn't safe to be occupied? And after just 55 years?

If maintenance teams can keep buildings like Commerce Court and the Empire State building safe and in good shape after all these years, the Science Centre should also still be a viable and safe place.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

The Dog Days of Summer

Here in Caledon, with a few of our bigger events behind us and not much on the radar until the end of July, we find ourselves smack dab in the middle of the so-called "dog days of summer." This has me thinking first of all, why are they called "dog days," and secondly, is it getting hotter around here or what? I'm not just talking about the temperature either. With electoral heat ramping up exponentially in the US and the recent attempt on Donald Trump's life, the heat is rising both literally and figuratively. In no particular order, here are a few things that have me thinking about dog-like days.

Astronomy fans may already know that the "dog days" of summer have celestial roots. This period between July and early September is linked to the time the constellation Canis Major, the principal star of which is Sirius, appears in the night sky. The ancient Romans referred to this time as "dies caniculares" or "days of the dog star," which it would appear, has now simply become dog days. It's a time characterized by heat, humidity, thunderstorms, lethargy and yes, apparently also by mad dogs. Now you know.

Speaking of mad dogs, madness and storms, for some it may feel like madness is exactly what we are witnessing south of the border. In the heat of a July day, the perfect storm of a visible sniper on a rooftop, pointed out by concerned rally attendees, was still somehow able to take a shot that grazed the ear of Donald Trump.

As assassination attempts go it was pretty damn close and is a sign of the chaos that appears to reign in the US right now. As we learn more about Project 2025 and the Heritage Foundation, with the case of the stolen confidential files stacked in a Mar-a-lago bathroom now dismissed by a Trump-appointed judge, President Biden's ongoing struggles, and an already iconic picture of a bloodied Trump raising his fist after the shots rang out, I think we should all be very, very concerned. The US is in serious trouble.

As for the lazy, hazy days of summer, it appears some cliches are more true than others. I bumped into an acquaintance who, like me, experienced a health scare earlier this year. They are taking some time off to re-evaluate life. I'm attempting to do the same with limited success, but why is that? Why does it so often take a major health scare for us to slow down, and "stop to smell the roses." Summer is the perfect time to do that yet humans are depressingly similar; running on the perpetual hamster wheel with a million excuses as to why we're so busy, promising ourselves we'll "take a break when..." I've got news for you; your health will force you to take a break, but it won't be the beach vacation you hoped for. Do whatever your funds allow for now, whether that's a short, local staycation or a long-dreamed of vacation. I hope to soon take my own advice. After all, the world is a dumpster fire so

we should enjoy it while we still can!

Speaking of dumpster fires, now more than ever might be a really good time to think about what's good, instead of what's not. Even if right at this moment you can only think of one good thing – the power of one can be astronomical. Just one voice, one comment, one card in the mail (remember mail?) can have such an uplifting effect on one's psyche. One compliment, one sincerely expressed thank you, one "here, let me get the door for you," is sometimes all it takes to change the course of one person's day. What does it cost us to be nice? Absolutely nothing but the impact? Immeasurable. Kindness is sadly lacking in many of our interactions with people these days, particularly so on social media. It's hot outside, tempers and temperatures are rising – try kindness instead.

Finally, the dog days of summer also have me thinking about the weather. Surprise! It's something Canadians are VERY good at talking about, or more specifically, complaining about. In the winter, of course, it's the cold and snow that has us griping, and in the summer it's the heat.

Why anyone would complain about heat when for six months of the year we're freezing I have no idea, but that's just me. Although, to be fair, perhaps these last few years of dangerously hot heat waves are concerning and worthy of complaint. We seem to be stuck

in a cycle: excessive heat, buckets of rain, lots of thunder and lightning, and repeat. Can you say climate change? It's real and it's worrisome. That said, and I might be dating myself, does anyone else remember the days of old when weather was just "hot," or "cold," and "rain" was just rain? There were no heat warnings, or alerts, no "severe thunderstorm warnings in effect," nor even dire warnings of rainfall amounts – "up to 10 mm predicted!" By the way, that's a whopping 1 cm of liquid, or for those still converting to imperial, about half an inch. Hardly the stuff of legendary, epic storms.

Nope, back in the day all we had was weatherman Dave Devall whose big trick was being somehow able to write the temperature backwards on an acrylic glass panel so that it was visible to us viewers on our TV screens. Talk about a party trick. Sometimes he'd even draw a cloud or some rain. I don't recall being warned very often, but if Dave said something was bad, you listened. These days, with every type of weather coming with its own alert or warning system, and our phones pinging constantly, I think we're becoming a tad complacent. But that could just be the heat talking, it is after all, the dog days of summer.



SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON

Trump: Neither Unique nor Irreplaceable

Almost everybody who feels obliged to comment about the attempted assassination of Donald Trump is currently insisting that "violence has no place in American politics", but of course it has. Four US presidents have been assassinated while in office, and three others (now including Trump) have been injured in assassination attempts.

Seven presidents out of 45 have been killed or wounded by a would-be assassin's bullet. That's a higher casualty rate than American soldiers suffered in any war of the past century. Violence plays a considerably larger role in American politics than it does in other developed countries, but it's not clear why.

It can't just be that the murder rate is much higher in America than in other fully developed countries (six times higher than Germany or Britain). The US murder rate is similar to the murder rate in semi-developed countries like Paraguay, Thailand or Russia, but none of those countries has a similar rate of political assassinations.

So, we're left with the default answer. All those American presidents were shot by guns, which are universally available in the United States but rare elsewhere. The US has at least the same share of fanatics and nut-cases as other countries, so what did

you expect?

The more interesting question is whether assassinations really change the course of history all that much. Intuition says yes, but historical experience says probably not.

Intuition says that the assassination of Abraham Lincoln in 1865, just after his victory in the American Civil War, delayed the genuine emancipation of American blacks by at least a century.

Realism says the "reconstruction" of race-based attitudes and institutions, especially in the South, was bound to take three or four generations no matter who was president. Indeed, the job is still not finished.

Intuition says that the Second World War would not have happened if any of the nine alleged assassination plots against Adolf Hitler during the 1930s (mostly by Germans) had succeeded.

Realism says the extreme character of the peace treaty imposed on the losing powers after the First World War made the Second World War inevitable. If not Hitler, then Himmler or Goebbels or Goering. If not the Nazis, then some other far-right German group seeking revenge for the "unfairness" of history.

Intuition says the assassination of Robert F. Ken-

edy in 1968, just when he was looking likely to win the Democratic presidential nomination, was a tragedy that prolonged the Vietnam war and opened the road to power for the criminal Richard Nixon.

Realism says that Kennedy might not have won the nomination, that if he did he might not have won the election – and if he had become president it would probably have taken him just as long to find a face-saving way out of the Vietnam mess as it actually took Nixon. True, there would have been no Watergate scandal, but so what?

And what if Saturday's bullet had hit Donald Trump about two fingers' width to the right and blown his brains out? Half the US population would be enraged and the other half would be secretly relieved, but how much would really be changed?

The Republican Party in the US would still be much farther to the right than it was ten years ago, and it's sheer nonsense to believe that Donald Trump was the sole cause for that slide into crude nationalism and populism.

Boris Johnson in Britain, Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil, Marine Le Pen in France, Narendra Modi in India and half a dozen other populist leaders have been peddling similar falsehoods to similar demographic groups in deniable partnership with the same

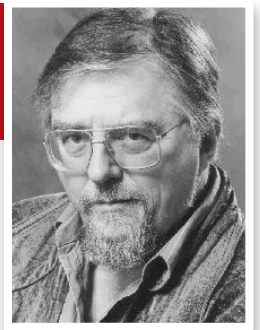
neo-liberal financial interests for years: Donald Trump is not unique, nor is he irreplaceable.

We are at what may be peak neo-liberalism right now. It began its rise with the elections of Margaret Thatcher in the United Kingdom in 1979 and Ronald Reagan in the United States in 1980, and for the next four-and-a-half decades the gulf between the very rich and the rest grew steadily wider almost everywhere.

There was nobody to put the brakes on before this process triggered a big political backlash, because the global rich are not that well organized. The victims were always free to vote against it, but mostly did not until the damage became too obvious to ignore. That is starting to happen now.

At this late stage in the cycle, the tactics of subtle misdirection must give way to the cruder distractions of nationalism and populism, and the Trumps and Johnsons of the world get their time on the stage. But they are stereotypes filling roles, not original thinkers with real plans.

As a number of people have pointed out, the graveyards are full of indispensable men.



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Husky founder Robert Schad passes away

BY MARK PAVILONS

An iconic businessman, with strong ties to Bolton, has passed away.

Robert Schad, founder of Husky Injection Molding Systems, died July 11 at age 95.

His was truly a rags to riches tale, and he set the bar in the Canadian plastics industry.

Peter Kendall, Executive Director of The Schad Foundation, said Robert was his friend and mentor.

"Robert always demanded a level of excellence that inspired those around him to achieve things they never thought possible. He was a passionate and demanding leader that cared deeply for all those around him. I am deeply grateful for the incredible impact Robert has had on my life. He will be greatly missed."

Robert Otto Dietrich Schad was born in Karlsruhe, Germany on November 3, 1928. His was a childhood filled with athletic pursuits, a deep curiosity of the world around him, and a natural propensity for mischief, something he never lost.

Following the war in 1945, Robert trained as a tool-and-die maker in a rigorous European apprentice program. He was at his best using his hands and his brilliant engineering mind, drafting and designing a better way of doing things. Even at a young age, he was all about solutions.

Robert landed on the shores of eastern Canada in November 1951, making his way to Toronto with \$25 in his pocket and a letter of reference from Albert Einstein. Within two years, he started a business to build a snowmobile which ran beautifully on asphalt but less so on snow.

To pay of his debts, Robert opened a tool-making shop in the back of an Esso garage. He orig-

inally built the Huskymobile snowmobile. He switched to mold-making and by 1957, the business grew to the point where he moved Husky into a 12,000-square-foot facility, where it produced molds and dies for high-production applications.

Schad thought that molding machines of the time were too slow to run his molds at their full potential, so he designed and built his own high-speed injection molding machine. The company had found its niche and grew rapidly, being renamed as Husky Injection Molding Systems, and supplying high-speed molding machinery to customers in more than 100 countries from its headquarters in Bolton.

Robert was world renowned for his absolute honesty and integrity, always putting the needs of his customers first. He designed a workplace that was a model of sustainability, and an employee wellness program far ahead of its time. He understood that business and environmental and social responsibility were not an either/or proposition. They could exist in tandem.

For Robert, there was no such thing as dreaming too big. He was a whirlwind of ideas, his mind always churning, his hands always moving, and he expected the same level of commitment and excellence from all those around him. He unapologetically cut a wide swath through mediocrity and demanded only the best from people.

Robert loved animals and nature with an abiding passion and felt privileged to have the means to give back to society, donating \$200 million to various initiatives during his lifetime.

He was a man of great integrity, whose word was his bond. His values of hard work, excellence, innovation and social responsibility remained firm and unyielding, even in the face of adversity.



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Brothers Bruno and Robert Bertone were joined by Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli to celebrate the 35th anniversary of their restaurant, Cheeks Bar & Grill. TOWN OF CALEDON PHOTO

Bolton's Cheeks Bar & Grill celebrates 35th anniversary

Owners Bruno and Robert Bertone credit loyal customers with restaurant's success

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A Bolton restaurant mainstay recently celebrated a major anniversary.

On July 11, Cheeks Bar & Grill celebrated 35 years in business in Bolton. To mark the occasion, Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa and Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli stopped by the business

to present a certificate of congratulations.

Bruno Bertone co-owns Cheeks Bar & Grill with his brother Robert. Bertone said they've been able to make it this far thanks to hard work and loyal customers. He said it certainly always hasn't been easy, as the business has made it through two recessions and a global pandemic.

Bertone said customers really stepped up to support Cheeks Bar & Grill with takeout orders during the pandemic, which helped them stay afloat in an extremely difficult time.

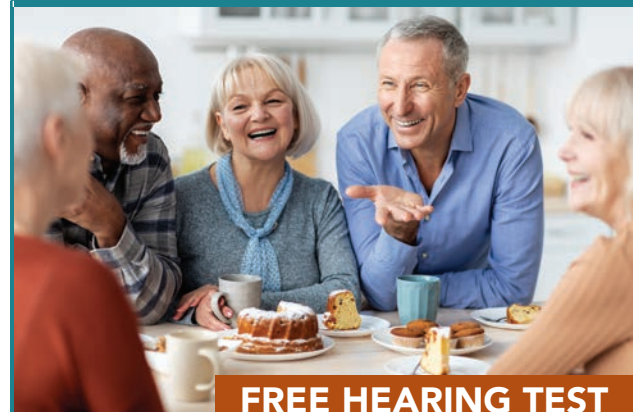
"We put out quality food at a reasonable price and people appreciate that," said Bertone. "A lot of my customers are long-term, they've been here forever."

Bertone said he's also received congratulations from Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback and will soon be receiving congratulations from Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones.

"I'd like to thank all my customers for their support... lots of thanks," said Bertone.

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Motion was response to Metamorphosis Network report

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In a July 9 news release, Groves said residents of Caledon, and Peel as a whole, deserve a fair deal from the Provincial Government.

“The current underfunding places an unfair burden on property taxpayers. We need sustainable funding solutions to ensure reliable access to social services and to equip our municipalities with the necessary revenue tools to meet the needs of our rapidly growing population,” said Groves.

Groves’ motion said timely collaboration on sustainable funding solutions is important to ensure reliable access to social services in Peel like child care, senior care, public health, and housing services.

According to the study commissioned by the Metamorphosis Network, Peel municipalities have to charge taxpayers \$138 per year on their property taxes to compensate for the funding shortfall.

The study was done by a firm called Blueprint ADE and it compares Peel to seven other municipalities in Ontario with populations over 500,000: Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, York, Durham, Waterloo and Halton.

“Funding in Peel is persistently low,” the report reads. “In the most recent year of data available, Peel finishes dead last among comparators for municipal social service funding, non-profit community service funding, and Local Health Integration Network community health funding. In 2023-24, it ranked below average for school board funding.”

The report found that non-profits in Peel grew less financially stable between 2021 and 2023.

“Over the same time period, fewer of them were able to rely on provincial support as their primary source of funding,” the report reads. “The available data suggest that the gap in provincial support for social services in Peel Region Municipalities is

having negative consequences for the organizations that provide those services, and that the bur-

den borne by municipal taxpayers in the Region is increasing.”

Town set to implement Community Recognition Task Force

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Residents interested in helping to honour Caledon residents for their contributions to the community may want to consider joining a new Task Force when it’s launched.

At Caledon Council’s July 9 General Committee meeting, Councillors approved the creation of a Community Recognition Task Force. Final approval for the Task Force’s creation is set to go through at Council’s July 23 meeting.

The task force will be formed to manage, review, and select residents to receive the Town of Caledon’s Volunteer Service, Citizen Achievement, and Walk of Fame awards. These awards will now be given out on Caledon Day on the main stage.

The Caledon Walk of Fame award will be awarded just once per term of Caledon Council, in the third year of each four-year term.

With the creation of the task force, Councillors also approved the rebranding of Caledon’s Volunteer Service and Citizen Achievement Awards to the Caledon Civic Awards Program.

The new Task Force will consist of five volunteers from Caledon who have experience “supporting and growing Caledon as a community”, according to a staff report from Community Supports and Events Supervisor Ryan Giles.

The Task Force will manage and review nomi-

nations from the public, then submit recommendations for Council to approve through a confidential report.

“Through benchmarking and research, staff determined that staff alone should not decide what volunteers are recognized,” reads Giles’ report. “... citizen recognition should be valued by the municipality and celebrated in a way that optimizes community exposure and celebrates the important contributions of volunteers.”

Volunteer Service awards will be given out in the areas of community and social services, sports and recreation, environmental leadership, and arts and culture.

Citizen Achievement awards will be given out in the areas of sports, arts and culture, and “Citizen of the Year.”

The Walk of Fame award is for someone who’s made a significant contribution to the quality of life in Caledon and received national or international recognition.

Giles’ staff report notes giving out the awards at Caledon Day will optimize community exposure and celebrate volunteers properly for their important contributions.

Recruitment for the community recognition task force will open in August, and the task force will be established by October.

Nominations for the 2025 Caledon Civic Awards Program will open in November.

COMMUNITY events

This column is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce up-coming events. Please contact the Caledon Citizen by calling (905) 857-6626 or emailing admin@caledoncitizen.com if you wish to have an announcement published.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON 1344 Bolton – Real People, Real Weight Loss is a non-profit group. We meet weekly on Wed. evenings in the basement of Bolton United Church. Weigh-ins are 6:00-6:30 followed by a meeting. The initial annual fee incl. a bi-monthly magazine and starter kit is \$59, and monthly dues are \$20. Today is the best day to make changes to your lifestyle! If you have weight to lose and/or want to improve your health, we can help! We promote healthy eating and support the efforts of all our members, and your first meeting is free. Come join us. For more information call Marion at 905-857-5191 or see www.tops.org. Online memberships are also available.

Limited tickets available. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to purchase your tickets.

Wednesday, July 24 – Special Lunch
The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place will be their Special Lunch on Wednesday, July 24.
Menu: Peameal Bacon on a Bun, Fried Onions, Coleslaw & Pineapple Sunshine Cake for dessert. Cost: \$11
Order deadline: Monday, July 22 at 3:30 pm. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to register.

Thursday, August 8 – Paint Night on the Patio
The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is hosting a Paint Night on the Patio on Thursday, August 8 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm!
Tickets: \$30 which includes hors d’oeuvres, wine, cheese, paints and supplies.
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Thirty-five teams compete in Caledon FC's First Annual "Heart of Caledon" Soccer Tournament

BY JIM STEWART

Caledon FC's Executive Director Gabe Borges was busy fielding calls on Saturday morning while convening a seven-division, two-day soccer tournament.

The amiable administrator took a break, scanned the five verdant fields of the Caledon East Community Complex, and, with a sense of accomplishment, observed that "It's beautiful to see the park filled with games all day."

Thirty-five soccer teams from across Ontario – Niagara Falls, Aurora, Muskoka, Acton, Collingwood, Burlington, Ottawa, Windsor, Simcoe, Erin Mills, Toronto, Puslinch, and Milton – vied for the host club's tournament hardware.

Borges also noted that six Caledon United FC rep teams competed in the 1st Annual "Heart of Caledon."

"We've got a wide range of divisions for

our first tournament: U13 Boys and U13 Girls; U14 Boys; U15 Boys and U15 Girls; U16 Boys; and Men's. It's satisfying to sit here at the Pavilion and see all our fields featuring competitive soccer. To see the competitive nature of the teams and to showcase our fields, teams, and facilities is really the best part of our opening day."

Resurrecting an annual tournament and rebuilding a soccer organization has been a challenge for Borges and President Shane Gordon over the last year, but the resolution and vision of the Executive manifested itself in the sheer number and range of teams that committed to Caledon FC's inaugural tournament.

The resolution and vision also manifested in the success of the Caledon rep teams at the weekend tourney with three local squads capturing divisional championships and a fourth qualifying for the championship finals.

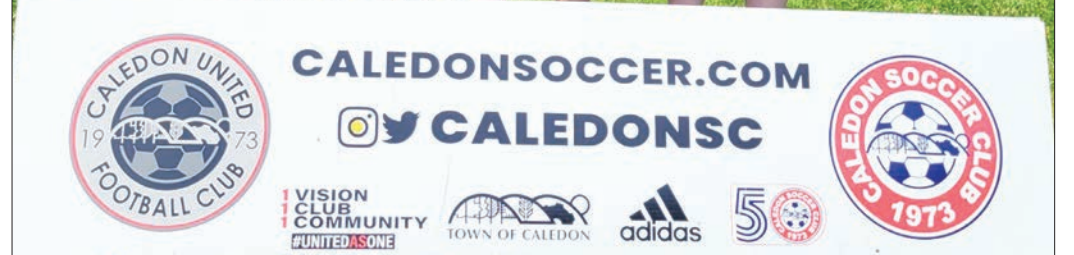


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The champions were crowned on Sunday afternoon with Caledon United FC capturing gold in the U13 Boys, U13 Girls, and U16 Boys divisions. The U15 Boys captured silver.

The championship finals featured wide margins of victory or hard-fought, competitive matches: U13 Boys: Caledon 7, Muskoka 0; U13 Girls: Caledon 12, Windsor 0; U14 Boys FC Emery 2- Dixie; U15 Boys: Puslinch 2, Caledon 1; U15 Girls: Ottawa 3, Aurora 2; U16 Boys: Caledon 2, FC Emery 2 (Caledon won on PK's); Men's Division: Ottawa 2, FC Emery 0.

In addition to thanking the clubs for participating, Executive Director Borges praised the presence of the RISA Food Truck.

"Big thanks to RISA Foods for providing great food options for our participants. Going forward, we are looking to grow the tournament and are seeking more sponsors to help build on what we've started."

Over 400 players and their families flocked to the East Caledon Community Complex's soccer fields last weekend. It was evident that the 1st Annual "Heart of Caledon" Tournament demonstrated Caledon United FC's prowess both on and off the field.

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Palgrave co-ed softball leagues donate \$500 to Caledon Animal Shelter

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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Local ball players are helping animals in need. On July 5, the Palgrave co-ed Softball League, Wobblers League, and Screwballers League donated \$500 to the Caledon Animal Shelter with funds they raised from a recent tournament.

Sean Hasmatali, who co-manages the Palgrave co-ed Softball League which runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays out of the Palgrave Ball Park, said on June 1, the league held its first annual Palgrave co-ed Invitational Softball Tournament, inviting the other Caledon co-ed leagues to come out and play. A total of six teams entered the tournament

and it was a great day.

The tournament was sponsored by Naked K9 Nutrition, which Hasmatali runs alongside Tanya Lawder.

Dale Salter and his Fireballs team, from the Screwballers league, were the winners of the tournament and got to choose where the donation of \$500 would go. They decided to help out the Caledon Animal Shelter.

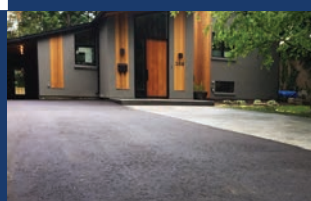
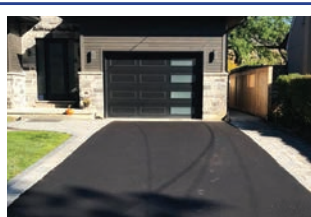
Hasmatali said it was great to bring all three leagues together for a tournament and that it's something that will now be happening every year. He said he hopes to grow the co-ed leagues, and the tournament too, and donate more money to charity in the future.



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Alice Margaret McMahon (nee Watson)

Alice was born fighting for her life, before the great depression, on August 25, 1926, in Orton, Ontario. The Forks of the Credit was her home for her teen years, her married life and most of her widowed years.

By the age of 16, she was working at Victory Aircraft in Malton, helping to build Lancaster bombers. When she turned 18, she signed up for the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service "WRENS". Many of her fondest memories are from that time as she served from Conestoga to Cornwallis, Nova Scotia to Royal Roads in BC and then back to Nova Scotia as the war ended. After the war, Alice attended business college and then entered the civilian workforce where she had many different jobs.

She had met Norm when they were just teenagers in the Forks and were married in 1947, after returning from war duties. Together, they raised six children - Lynda, Norma Suzanne, Brenda, Kathi, Carol and Chris.

Alice was a traveler, a poet, a student of history, a choir singer, a bell ringer, a gardener, a volunteer, a raconteur, a bird watcher and a force of nature.

She travelled to England, Scotland, Malta, the Caribbean, Hawaii, Africa and enjoyed many visits to see her children. Carol, Crede and Caleigh in Maryland; Sweden to visit Chris and Jane, Hanna and Patrick; Calgary and Invermere to visit Kathi, Rob, Cassandra and Michael; and Florida to visit Brenda. Visits to Erin to see Wayne and Lynda, Steven and Drew and to Kitchener to see Norma Suzanne were more frequent.

Alice was predeceased by her parents Wesley and Winnifred Watson; siblings Jean Eagles (Clarence D) and Ross Watson, husband Norman McMahon (1993) and daughters Brenda 2018 and Norma 2019.

Survived by sister-in-law Marie Watson, daughters Lynda (Wayne Shannon 2020), Kathi (Rob McAuley), Carol (Crede Calhoun 2022), son Chris (Jane Lindberg) as well as her grandchildren Steven, Drew, Cassandra, Michael, Caleigh, Hanna and Patrick and great grandchildren Cyrus and Erika.

Thank you to all her friends who nourished and sustained her. They are numerous and we are truly grateful for their love for Alice.

Alice spent her last 18 months at Wellington Terrace in Fergus and we would like to thank the amazing staff for their dedication, their ability to go above and beyond and most of all their ability to laugh with her.

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Funeral Service will be held at Knox United Church 2976 Charleston Sideroad, Caledon Village, ON L7K 0V8 on Thursday, July 18th, 2024 at 11:00 am. Family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 am, Reception to follow. Interment Belfountain Cemetery.

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ROBERT SCHAD

Robert Schad passed away peacefully in Toronto, July 11, 2024, at the age of 95. He will be deeply missed by his wife of 33 years, Elizabeth; his children Michael (Claire), Katherine, and Mark (Karen); many grandchildren; and lifelong friends who cherished Robert's generosity and joie de vivre. He is fondly remembered by Martina and the Kendall, Hooker and MacDonald families. He is predeceased by his first wife, Herta; his daughter, Lili; his sister, Annina; his half-brother, Thomas and stepsiblings Marianne, Margrit and Wolfgang.

Robert Otto Dietrich Schad was born in Karlsruhe, Germany on November 3, 1928. His was a childhood filled with athletic pursuits, a deep curiosity of the world around him, and a natural propensity for mischief, something he never lost.

Following the war in 1945, Robert trained as a tool-and-die maker in a rigorous European apprentice program. He was at his best using his hands and his brilliant engineering mind, drafting and designing a better way of doing things. Even at a young age, he was all about solutions.

Robert landed on the shores of eastern Canada in November 1951, making his way to Toronto with \$25 in his pocket and a letter of reference from Albert Einstein. Within two years, he started a business to build a snowmobile which ran beautifully on asphalt but less so on snow. To pay off his debts, Robert opened a tool-making shop in the back of a garage which he built over 50 years into Husky Injection Molding, a global leader in the plastics machinery industry. When he sold Husky in 2007, the company had sales of \$1 billion, 3,350 employees, customers in over 100 countries, a 75 percent global market share in PET systems and 1,600 patents. His professional accolades include the Man of the Year, 1972; Lifetime Achievement, 2005; Member, Plastics Hall of Fame, 2006; and International Businessperson of the Year, 2021. For his notable contributions in Europe, Robert was granted Commander in the Order of the Oak Crown from Luxembourg, an award rarely given to non-citizens.

Robert was world renowned for his absolute honesty and integrity, always putting the needs of his customers first. He designed a workplace that was a model of sustainability, and an employee wellness program far ahead of its time. He understood that business and environmental and social responsibility were not an either/or proposition. They could exist in tandem.

For Robert, there was no such thing as dreaming too big. He was a whirlwind of ideas, his mind always churning, his hands always moving, and he expected the same level of commitment and excellence from all those around him. He unapologetically cut a wide swath through mediocrity and demanded only the best from people.

Robert loved animals and nature with an abiding passion and felt privileged to have the means to give back to society, donating \$200 million to various initiatives during his lifetime. One of Canada's most respected conservationists, Robert founded the Schad Foundation which supported the creation of nearly 75% of Canada's protected areas and established Earth Rangers, the world's largest youth conservation group. Honouring his family's early connection with naturopathic medicine, Robert helped turn the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine and the Schad Clinic into the largest and most respected institutions of their kind in North America.

Robert earned countless awards for his work, including the title of Honorary Chief of Moose Deer Point First Nation, a rare honour for a non-indigenous person. He received honorary degrees from McMaster University, Carleton University and Humber College and was named to the Order of Canada.

An avid skier, windsurfer, tennis player and horseback rider, Robert derived inspiration and energy from the world around him. He was always in motion, and possessed a youth, both physically and mentally, that was the envy of all those who tried to keep up with him - heliskiing well into his 80's.

Robert was often found surrounded by friends, family and his beloved dogs at his favourite place, Lanoka Island, on the windswept shores of Georgian Bay. He was a perfect and generous host, indulging his guests in the finest of everything, often preparing breakfast himself after the mandatory swim around the island.

He was a man of great integrity, whose word was his bond. His values of hard work, excellence, innovation and social responsibility remained firm and unyielding, even in the face of adversity.

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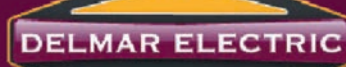
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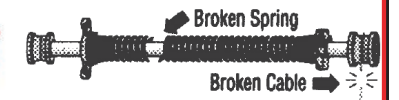
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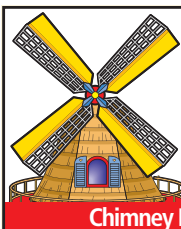


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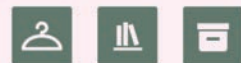
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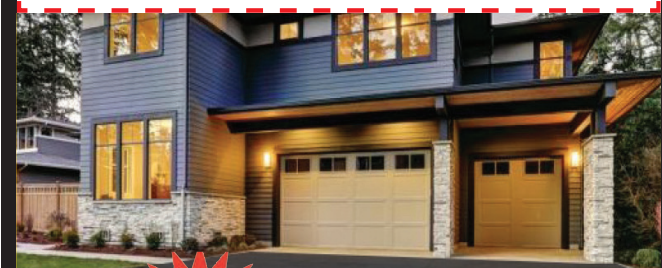
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Ready-to-drink beverages, large beer packs available in grocery stores early, amidst province-wide LCBO strike

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Ready-to-drink (RTD) beverages and large beer pack sizes are now available in Ontario's grocery stores.

The addition of these products to grocery stores came into effect July 18, two weeks ahead of the originally scheduled date of August 1.

The Ontario government accelerated the first phase of its plan to expand alcohol sales into grocery, convenience and big-box stores by allowing the 450 grocery stores that are currently licensed to sell beer, cider or wine to sell them once they arrive in store.

The acceleration of placing RTD beverages in grocery has come as more than 9,000 LCBO employees, represented by the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU), are on strike, closing 669 LCBO locations across the province.

The strike started on July 5 and, as of press time, there have been no plans to reopen any of the LCBO locations on strike.

In OPSEU's statement on July 4 announcing the strike, the union shared concerns about Premier Doug Ford's government moving to privatize alcohol sales.

"Doug Ford wants to make life better for his wealthy friends. It's why he's wasting

upwards of a billion dollars of our money to fast-track privatized alcohol sales and hand more of the public revenues generated by the LCBO over to the CEOs and big box grocery and convenience chains like Loblaws and Circle K," said OPSEU President JPHornick.

The union fears that LCBO workers will face massive job losses as alcohol becomes available through private retailers.

During negotiations, which later broke down at the bargaining table, OPSEU proposed an alternative plan to the Ontario government's expansion of alcohol availability into the private sector. The union argued that the LCBO should be grown to meet demand and increase convenience by opening more stores, increasing hours of operation, and increasing warehousing, logistics, and e-commerce capacity. OPSEU said this will expand public revenues by increasing LCBO sales that are used to fund public services like health care and education.

The union said it would strike if its plan wasn't accepted, and began striking on July 5.

"We told Ford not to ruin everybody's summer, but now he's closed the Science Centre and forced a dry summer for Ontarians by refusing to offer a deal that would be good for LCBO workers and Ontario," said Hornick.

However, the Ontario government argues the changes in alcohol availability within the province will improve choice and convenience for consumers while supporting Ontario-made beverage producers across the province. This includes the Ontario businesses that produce more than 80 per cent of the RTD beverages sold in the province.

"This is an important milestone for grocery retailers and consumers alike as we continue our work modernizing Ontario's alcohol marketplace," said Ontario's Finance Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy.

As part of the government's plan to expand alcohol sales, every convenience, grocery and big-box store in Ontario will be able to sell beer, cider, wine and RTD alcoholic beverages if they choose to do so, by the end of October.

This will create up to an estimated 8,500 new stores where these alcoholic products can be sold, which the Ontario government hails as the largest expansion of consumer choice and convenience since the end of prohibition almost 100 years ago.

But OPSEU warns that every dollar in profit made at these 8,500 new private retailers is a dollar that should have been invested into Ontario's communities.

The government said it will continue to

evaluate how it can deliver choice and convenience to Ontarians as the changes are rolled out.

In addition to beginning the sale of ready-to-drink beverages and large pack-sizes of beer in the existing licensed grocery stores, the government is also creating temporary flexibility to allow licensed grocery stores to display alcohol in multiple areas of a store, with some limits.

"To help bars and restaurants manage inventory and to help ensure consistent supply of products, the government is also temporarily allowing the transfer of wine and spirits between locations with the same owner and/or affiliated licensees," said the Ontario government in a press release.

"To help consumers connect with local retailers and producers close to home, the province has also launched a new searchable and interactive map of retailers that remain open and ready to serve."

These retailers include more than 1,000 local Ontario breweries, wineries, wine shops and distilleries, in addition to other retailers such as LCBO Convenience Outlets, The Beer Store and licenced grocery stores that sell a range of Ontario-made and imported products.

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