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The Dufferin Board of Trade held a Federal Election Debate at Orangeville's Opera House (87 Broadway) on Tuesday, April 15. Participating candidates, from left, were Dymrna Carolan, People's Party of Canada; Jeffrey Halsall, independent; Kyle Seeback, Conservative Party of Canada; and Viktor Karklins, New Democratic Party.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Dufferin-Caledon federal election candidates debate at Orangeville Opera House

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Local candidates in the upcoming federal election shared their thoughts on key issues at a recent debate.

From 7 to 9 p.m. on April 15, the Dufferin Board of Trade hosted an all-candidates debate at the Orangeville Opera House (87 Broadway).

The debate was well-attended by the public,

and the following candidates were there: Kyle Seeback, Conservative Party of Canada; Viktor Karklins, New Democratic Party; Dymrna Carolan, People's Party of Canada; and Jeffrey Halsall, independent.

Liberal Party of Canada candidate Malalai Halimi and Green Party of Canada candidate Ifra Baig were not in attendance.

Halimi's campaign spokesperson Dmytro Basmat told the Citizen she was unable to attend the debate due to a "scheduling conflict." Basmat

said she was in Bolton door-knocking alongside Brampton-Centre MP Shaqfat Ali during the time of the debate.

Green Party candidate Ifra Baig posted a statement on social media where she apologized for not being able to attend the debate. Baig is a post-secondary school student and noted that the debate and an important exam were scheduled for the same time, preventing her from attending.

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We extend our congratulations to our reporter, Zachary Roman, on receiving the Best Feature/News Series Award on Friday evening as part of the Ontario Community Newspaper Association's (OCNA) 2024 Better Newspapers Competition. The award recognized Roman's thorough reporting on the impact of Strong Mayor Powers in Caledon. Well done! For more, see Page A5.

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Residents hope to see historic Alton schoolhouse used as a museum, community hub

Committee of Alton residents renewing push to make use of schoolhouse

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Alton residents see great potential in the village's historic schoolhouse.

The Historic Alton Schoolhouse Committee, a subcommittee of the Alton Village Association, would like to see the Alton Schoolhouse turned into a museum and community hub.

The schoolhouse has a long history in the community. It was built from 1874 to 1875 and by 1891, it was already serving 90 students. In the early 1900s, the roofline of the school was changed to what it looks like today and two new classrooms were added and used for high school education. When better transportation came around, high school students were bussed into Orangeville and the Alton Schoolhouse became an elementary school.

In 1969, the Peel District School Board took over the school, which then had 101 students in Grades One to Eight.

By 1982, boundary changes and other factors led to the school population dropping to just 41 students in Grades Two to Five. The school was slated for closure, but the community rallied to save it.

An association of local residents was formed and 90 per cent of Alton's adult population signed a petition asking the Town of Caledon for its support in keeping the school open. Thanks to the community and Town's efforts, the school was able to remain open.

The Historic Alton Schoolhouse was then used until 2014 when a brand-new school was built next door. Since then, the old schoolhouse has been used for various community events, like Alton's bicentennial celebration.



A group of Alton residents are renewing their push to see the historic Alton schoolhouse used as a museum and community hub.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

However, the Historic Alton Schoolhouse Committee wants to see it used for more than just special occasions.

The committee was formed in 2021 and soon created a vision statement for the schoolhouse, which is as follows: "The West Caledon Creative Community Hub is a meeting space for residents, community groups and tourists to thrive by supporting their learning, leisure and social needs through a variety of quality programs and services."

Of note, the vision also included part of

the schoolhouse being used as a museum in partnership with the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA).

In 2023, the committee was able to meet with Mayor Annette Groves to discuss the schoolhouse and in May of 2024, Groves visited Alton for a tour which included the schoolhouse. In July that same year, Town and PAMA officials took a tour of the schoolhouse itself.

In March this year, PAMA sent a letter of support to the Historic Alton Schoolhouse Committee for its vision.

"PAMA would be happy to provide support to the Caledon Heritage Foundation, the Historic Alton Schoolhouse Committee, volunteers and staff at the Town of Caledon to discuss and plan for future opportunities for satellite exhibitions and programs," reads the letter.

Local businesses and tourist attractions like the Alton Mill Arts Centre, Millcroft Inn & Spa, and Paul Morin Gallery have also submitted their support in writing for the committee's vision.

Jordan Grant, co-founder of the Alton Mill Arts Centre, said in a 2022 letter that converting the schoolhouse to a museum would help foster local awareness and pride in the community and serve as a tourist attraction.

"We believe an investment by the Town in the Historic Alton Schoolhouse for use by the community and for tourism will be repaid many times over with social and economic benefits," wrote Grant.

In his letter, Paul Morin, owner of the Paul Morin Gallery, said the schoolhouse is architecturally unique and would be a

fantastic showcase for community programming and educational purposes.

The Historic Alton Schoolhouse Committee is composed of Betty Starr, Dwayne Jackson, Grant Gedies, Jessie Cardinal, John Paterson, Mary Cooney, Nancy Early, Sarah Haney, Steve Hertzberg, and Tony Williams.

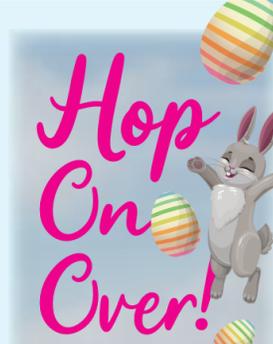
Hertzberg noted Alton is growing which will lead to more need for a community centre to provide local recreation and culture programming run by the Town. He said west Caledon is already underserved in terms of recreation and culture programming.

"We feel really strongly about having the school come alive that way," said Hertzberg.

He added, "It's really important to have a museum to show off the history of the past."

Haney is president of the Caledon Heritage Foundation, which strongly supports the Historic Alton Schoolhouse Committee's vision.

"We heartily endorse the committee's vision for the school, particularly its use as Caledon's Heritage Museum – where historical artifacts and other important reminders of our past can be safely housed and viewed," wrote Haney in an April 9 letter. "Your plan for a museum partnered with PAMA, as part of the Alton "Community Hub," would embrace the need for a place to house the historical artifacts from our villages, schools, farms and Indigenous communities."



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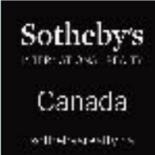





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The Southfields Community Centre is the location of an all-candidates debate tonight, April 17. TOWN OF CALEDON PHOTO

All-candidates debate for Brampton North-Caledon riding to be held Thursday at Southfields Community Centre

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Voters in the Brampton North-Caledon riding have a chance to learn more about their candidates this evening.

The Southfields Residents Association is hosting an all-candidates debate tonight, April 17, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Southfields Community Centre (225 Dougall Avenue).

In Caledon, the Brampton North-Caledon riding is bounded by Mayfield Road to the south, King Street to the north, The Gore Road to the east, and Winston Churchill Boulevard to the west.

Confirmed debate attendees are Ruby Sahota, Liberal Party of Canada; and Sat Anand, People's Party of Canada.

Southfields Residents Association representatives Hunar Kahlon and Rohit Rao note they are awaiting confirmation from other candidates.

They say Conservative candidate Amandeep Judge is planning to attend; they await confirmation from him and New Democratic Party candidate Ruby Zaman.

"This meeting aims to provide a platform for residents to ask questions, evaluate political platforms, and understand the candidates' stances on key issues affecting our community," said Kahlon and Rao in an email to The Citizen. "Residents... can get insights into the candidates' views on local and national issues and witness firsthand the candidates' responses to community concerns. This will help voters in making an informed decision in the Brampton North-Caledon riding."

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SECOND HOME INVASION INVESTIGATION THIS MONTH

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a home invasion on The Gore Road, in the Town of Caledon.

“On April 12, 2025, shortly after 5:00 a.m., officers responded to a home invasion at a residence on The Gore Road, near Old Church Road,” say Police. “One occupant was home at the time.

“Preliminary findings indicate that five male suspects entered the residence and displayed a firearm, believed to be an imitation. After a confrontation with the occupant, the suspects fled in two vehicles: a newer model black or grey Acura TLX sedan and a black Volkswagen Tiguan. Minor injuries were sustained during the incident. Attached are images from surveillance footage.”

The investigation is ongoing by the Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit with the assistance from the OPP Forensic Identification Unit (FIS).

Anyone with information in relation to this incident is asked to contact the Caledon OPP

Major Crime Unit 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 <https://peel-crimestoppers.ca>.

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FATAL COLLISION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating fatal single-vehicle collision on Bramalea Road, in the Town of Caledon.

“On April 13, 2025, shortly after 1:30 a.m., Caledon OPP and emergency crews responded to a single-vehicle collision on Bramalea Road, near Boston Mills Road,” say Police. “Three occupants were in the vehicle. One passenger, a 21-year-old from Brampton, was pronounced deceased at the scene. Another passenger, a 20-year-old from Brampton, was transported to a Toronto-area trauma centre with serious, life-threatening injuries.

“The driver was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries and was later arrested after officers formed grounds that their ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol.”

As a result of the investigation, Karanvir

Singh, 23, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Impaired operation causing death;
- Impaired operation causing bodily harm;
- Obstruct peace officer.

The accused was held for a Bail Hearing. The charges have not been proven.

Bramalea Road between King Street and Boston Mills Road was closed for several hours while the OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionists assisted with the investigation. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has 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 <https://peel-crimestoppers.ca>. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

If you are affected by this incident or witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

IMPAIRED CHARGES

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a failed to remain collision and charged a driver with over four times the legal limit with impaired operation.

“On April 10, 2025, shortly after 2:00 p.m., officers responded to a report of a collision on Ditchson Avenue, where a vehicle had failed to remain at the scene,” say Police. “Officers located the vehicle and met with the driver. During the interaction, grounds were formed that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol, leading to the driver’s arrest.”

As a result of the investigation, Karanvir Mann, 33, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Dangerous operation;
- Fail to remain;
- Fail to report damage to property on highway.

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on May 1, 2025, to answer to the charges. The driver’s licence was also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for seven.

The charges have not been proven.

The OPP remains committed to ensuring Ontario roads are safe from impaired drivers.

If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it. You can also provide

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For more information about the penalties of driving impaired, visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/impaired-driving>.

DRUGS SEIZED

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) executed a search warrant at a residence in Orangeville.

“During the operation, they seized a quantity of drugs, including cocaine, psilocybin along with other illegal items. Two individuals were arrested in connection with the incident,” say Police. “In the spring of 2025, the Dufferin OPP launched a drug trafficking investigation in the Town of Orangeville in response to numerous public complaints. On April 9, 2025, members of the Dufferin OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with assistance from the Collingwood CSCU and Dufferin A Platoon, executed a search warrant.”

The operation resulted in the arrest of two men: As a result, Kyle Mackenzie, 38-years-old, from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Traffic in Schedule I substance- Cocaine;
- Poss of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking – Cocaine;
- Poss of a Schedule III Substance;
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose;
- Unauthorized Possession of Weapon;
- Unauthorized Possession of Weapon.

As a result, Burim Gajtani, 41-years-old, from Grand Valley has been charged with:

- Poss of a Schedule I Substance- Cocaine

The charges have not been proven. The following items were seized during the investigation:

- 16 grams Cocaine;
- 14 grams psilocybin;
- Canadian currency;
- Metal homemade nun chuck
- Brass knuckles
- Three blade punching device.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Dufferin OPP.

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- Georgia rockers
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- Sheep sound
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- Inflammation of colon lining
- Origins
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- Perceived by the senses
- A place to play ball
- Occur before
- Animal body parts
- Thanksgiving dessert
- Root mean square (abbr.)
- 1960s teen idol Bobby
- Promotional materials
- One point east of northeast
- Piers Anthony protagonist
- Popular sports league
- Cologne
- Partner to cheese
- Constrictor snake
- Not good
- Supplement with difficulty
- Hug with fondness
- Enforced again
- Small amount of time (abbr.)
- Substance
- Anterior parts of the brain
- Brews
- Where ships load cargo
- Holiday season singer
- “__ humbug!”
- Monetary unit of Macao
- Popular children’s book elephant
- Glutinous
- Function
- Old world, new
- Swiss river

No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.

Motion to support protection of turtles passed at Planning meeting

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon will take steps to help protect turtles living in Town.

At Caledon Council's April 16 meeting, Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell brought forward a motion requesting that Town staff "be directed to incorporate specific turtle protection actions into the ongoing Natural Heritage and Urban Forest Strategy, including but not limited to road ecology, nest protection and habitat enhancement actions."

Further, the motion requested that Town staff engage the Headwaters Turtle Protectors, a volunteer group based in Dufferin and Caledon, in the creation of the Natural Heritage and Urban Forest Strategy.

The motion was passed with the support of all Caledon Councillors.

"I am very excited to bring this forward and

I'm looking forward to working with many groups in the community to establish this," said Maskell. "Turtles as we know are under serious threat in our community."

Maskell's motion notes that Ontario is home to eight species of turtles, all of which are listed federally as species at risk.

He added that Town staff frequently notice turtles nesting on the side of town roads and have taken actions to minimize impacts to these turtles; and, that Headwaters Turtle Protectors are also taking action to protect turtles and their habitats.

"Habitat loss, habitat fragmentation, road mortality are key factors in the rapid decline of local turtle populations," reads Maskell's motion.

He noted that in Caledon's Official Plan, the Town is committed to protect, maintain, and as appropriate, enhance and restore physical and biological systems and features that support ecosystem integrity.

Conservative, NDP, People's Party of Canada, and independent candidates attended debate

Continued from FRONT

The Dufferin Board of Trade hosted the debate in partnership with the Orangeville Food Bank, Dufferin Federation of Agriculture, and Headwaters Communities in Action with support from Theatre Orangeville.

Questions from the public and organizers were asked of candidates.

The Orangeville Food Bank asked candidates how they would confront the growing crisis in which even full-time workers are having to line up at the food bank because their paychecks no longer cover life's basic necessities.

Halsall said strengthening Canada's economy by lowering taxes and getting young people into the trades is key.

"I'm all about strengthening the economy and working from the ground up," said Halsall.

Seeback said the issue is all about affordability. He said the Conservatives would cut taxes by 15 per cent for the average family and implement their plan to make housing more affordable.

"There will be no capital gains tax if you reinvest that capital in the country. Imagine what that's going to do for building and development. You're not going to pay a capital gains tax if you sell something and you reinvest in Canada and build something else," said Seeback. "We're going to sell off 6,000 federal buildings so they can be turned into affordable housing for people."

Seeback said the Conservatives would sell off thousands of acres of federal land so it can be used for housing, and incentivize municipalities to reduce their development charges.

Karklins said the NDP's platform promises three million new homes built by 2030. He said the party would make the Government of Canada build houses again.

"Private developers love profit and that's OK, that's their job... let's stop incentivizing them and begging them to do something. Let's just go build some houses," said Karklins.

He said the NDP has allocated \$16 billion in its platform to do just that.

Carolan said Canada's housing and affordability crisis is caused by high levels of immigration.

"We should turn off the taps on immigration, that'll cool everything down and allow our economy to get back in shape," said Carolan.

The Dufferin Federation of Agriculture asked candidates what policies they would implement to encourage stable trading environments and access to diversified markets for Canadian agriculture.

Seeback said non-tariff barriers are preventing Canadian agricultural products from accessing markets around the world.

"Countries come up with these sort of fake and phony sanitary conditions like, 'we don't like the carcass wash you're using for beef so your cattle can't come into the U.K.,'" said Seeback. "We need a government that's going to stand up for farmers and get rid of these ridiculous non-tariff barriers."

Karklins said Canada needs to work inter-provincially and with partners all around the world, not just the United States.

"Let's not just sit on our hands, let's do something," said Karklins.

Carolan said the People's Party of Canada would like to work with the United States. She also said it would demolish Canada's supply management system for products like dairy and poultry.

To view the debate in its entirety, those interested can visit dufferinbot.ca/2025election.

Thank you, Caledon!

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

After three amazing years with the Caledon Citizen, I'm moving on to a new chapter in my life.

Caledon is the town I grew up in and has a truly special place in my heart. It's been an honour to cover the many important events shaping our town and I have always strove to do so fairly, accurately, and to the best of my ability. Reader, thank you for supporting local journalism at a time when it's more important than ever and staying informed on what's happening in our community.

I'd be remiss if I didn't give a special shoutout to my most loyal reader, my nanna. Thank you for your unwavering love and support!

During my time with this newspaper, I've had the pleasure of meeting so many awesome and inspiring people from every corner of our town. I want to share a sincere thanks to everyone I have interviewed, worked with, and received compliments and criticism from.

If you've read this paper throughout my time here, you'll know my writing style is not particularly verbose. In keeping with tradition, I'll get to the point.

Thank you for everything, Caledon. To all the wonderful people I've met, I look forward to seeing you around town. Next time you see me, I'll just be a Caledon citizen.

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New exhibitions at Peel Art Gallery, Museum & Archives “address urgent climate change challenges”

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
 LOCAL JOURNALISM
 INITIATIVE REPORTER

April is Earth Month and there’s a number of new exhibitions on for it at a local gallery.

The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) has three new exhibitions on now that focus on the challenges of climate change.

The first is titled “A Daily Drive” and is a photograph by Inuk photographer Robert Kautuk that’s featured on PAMA’s outdoor banners.

“Kautuk captures the vast beauty of the Arctic landscape in a low-angle photograph,” says PAMA in a news release. “Kautuk and his team are driving to check the Akuliaqattak and Nattiqsujuk weather stations. These stations track the changing climate in the North. The weather stations are part of the Silalirijit Project, which combines Inuit knowledge with science to help solve the urgent problems caused by climate change.”

The second exhibition is called “Illuminated Collapse” and it’s by artist Jude Griebel. It’s a series of small sculptures that explore stories of the world’s end.

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The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives has three new exhibitions on for Earth Month.

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miniature worlds reflect our modern life, highlighting issues like consumerism, industry, and pollution, and their damaging impact on the environment,” says PAMA. “The exhibition invites us to consider how our everyday actions are connected to larger global challenges and the future of the Earth.”

The third exhibition is called “Dark Ice” and it’s by Kautuk and Leslie Reid. The exhibition features photographs, paintings and videos of Arctic land, ice and communities, showing their experience with climate change.

“Climate change is significantly impacting ecosystems worldwide, especially in northern landscapes and communities.

In these areas, Inuit knowledge and ways of building community are at risk,” reads the release. “To address these challenges, it’s important to use different approaches, combining the knowledge of both Inuit and settler communities.”

PAMA is located at 9 Wellington Street East in Brampton and is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Wednesday and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

PAMA is closed on Good Friday, and admission is free in April thanks to the Sikh Foundation of Canada – April is Sikh Heritage Month and there are a number of exhibitions on to celebrate it too.

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.

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Caledon hires new Director of Policy and Strategic Planning

Jeff Chase comes to the Town of Caledon from Alberta, where he worked for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton



Jeff Chase, Caledon's new Director of Policy and Strategic Planning.

TOWN OF CALEDON PHOTO

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon has hired another employee for a senior leadership position.

Jeff Chase, who is to be Caledon's new Director of Policy and Strategic Planning, is the fourth person to be hired for such a position since March 20.

Chase comes to the Town of Caledon from Alberta, where he spent the last 10 years working for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton. He helped create Edmonton's 10-year economic action plan and Calgary's housing strategy.

Eric Lucic, Caledon's Commissioner of Planning and Development, said Chase is an accomplished planning leader with "a record of advancing strategic change and policy innovation, and expertise in urban planning, economic development, strategy, and community development."

He added that "these assets are valuable as we work towards an ambitious plan to build housing and that will not only grow the supply of housing in Caledon but will also help to alleviate housing pressures in the region."

In his new role at the Town of Caledon, Chase will oversee Caledon's long-term planning strategy. He will work on Caledon's Official Plan and comprehensive Zoning Bylaw review, and his team will include Caledon's Policy, Heritage and Planning teams.

Chase said he's excited to be joining the Town of Caledon team.

"The Town is growing exponentially, is strategically positioned for growth and committed to proactively tackling the local housing crisis and fostering sustainable growth," said Chase.

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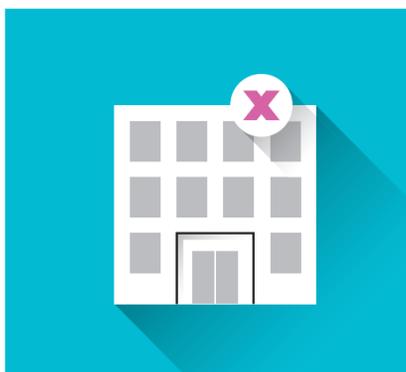
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(LEFT) Chef Scott MacNeill of Caledon Meals on Wheels.



(RIGHT) Show producer Liz Shaughnessy, left, is pictured with MPP Sylvia Jones.

Home & Lifestyle Show cooks up another success for community, businesses

PHOTOS BY SHERALYN ROMAN



(LEFT) Caledon Councillors Maskell and Napoli with Emcee Rick Sargent.



(RIGHT) Sandra Sharpe and Kathryn Mifsud representing Caledon Meals on Wheels.



(LEFT) Tish, Danielle and Marion.



(RIGHT) Coach and Keynote Speaker Doug Wood is pictured at the podium.

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Sip 'n Savour signals start of another successful Home Show, benefiting CMOW

BY SHERALYN ROMAN

Opening night of the Caledon Home and Lifestyle Show on Friday, April 11, served as a well-attended fundraising event in support of Caledon Meals on Wheels.

The evening marked the return of “Sip ‘n Savour,” where attendees were invited to shop, sip, and savour delectable bites prepared by local businesses and CMOW’s own Chef Scott MacNeill.

Local wines from Windrush Estates and great craft beer from GoodLot were also available.

The show ran throughout the weekend offering home, lifestyle and landscaping tips and tools and was produced by Liz Shaughnessy who was happy to continue the tradition of supporting CMOW with this signature event.

During the opening ceremonies, Executive Director Kim Rodriguez spoke to assembled guests about the important work CMOW does in the community, supporting over 350 clients each week with sub-

sidized, or low cost meals, friendly visitor wellness checks and free seniors programs such as fitness classes and more.

According to Rodriguez, all of this would not be possible without the support of critical fundraising initiatives like this one which help to ensure there are no barriers for people to access any CMOW services.

Dignitaries in attendance included local Dufferin Caledon MPP and Health Minister Sylvia Jones, Councillor Doug Maskell representing Mayor Groves, and other members of Council, along with special guest and keynote speaker Doug Wood, a former Olympic pole-vaulter and coach of current Olympic champion Alysha Newman.

Mr. Wood spoke about his experiences with the sport and coaching, along with sharing his own family’s long history of volunteering with organizations like Meals on Wheels in the small community of Wingham, where he grew up.

Along with booths representing a num-

ber of area businesses, the recently formed CCRSA was also onsite, sharing information about their work alongside a petition for interested area residents to sign.

Between the Friday night Sip ‘n Savour

celebrations and further community contributions made by show visitors throughout the weekend, organizers anticipate raising more than \$2,000 for Caledon Meals on Wheels.

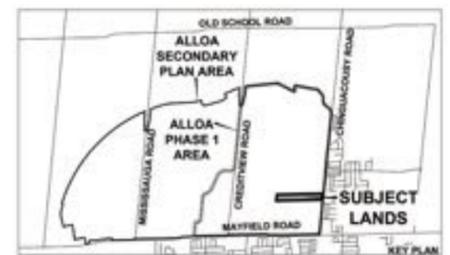
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Notice of Application for Draft Plan of Subdivision

FILE NUMBER: 21T-25004C
RELATED FILE NUMBERS: POPA 2024-0004 & RZ 2024-0031

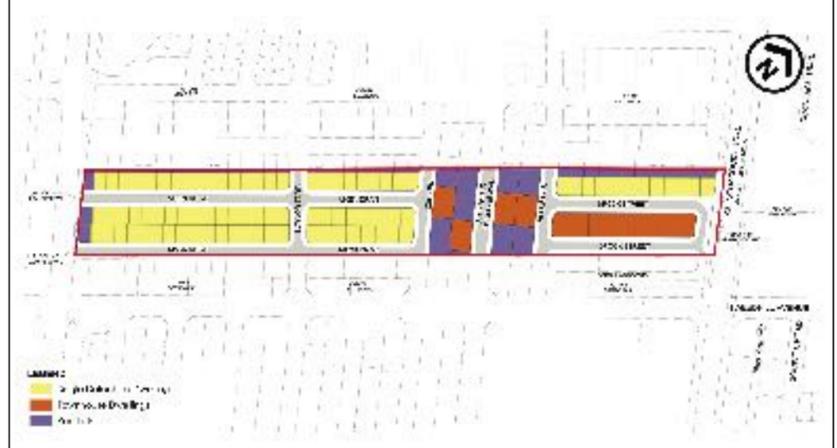
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APPLICANT:
Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc. on behalf of Dhaliwal et al

LOCATION:
12192 Chinguacousy Road
(West side of Chinguacousy Road, North of Mayfield Road)

PROPOSAL:
The applicant has submitted a Draft Plan of Subdivision application to facilitate a residential subdivision consisting of 84 single detached dwellings, 16 street townhouse dwellings and 48 back-to-back townhouse dwellings (total of 148 units), roads, road widenings and future development reserves.



*The illustration is a conceptual plan for information purposes and it is subject to change. The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
For more information about this matter, including appeal rights, a copy of the Draft Plan, or any additional material, please visit www.caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

APPEAL PROCEDURE:
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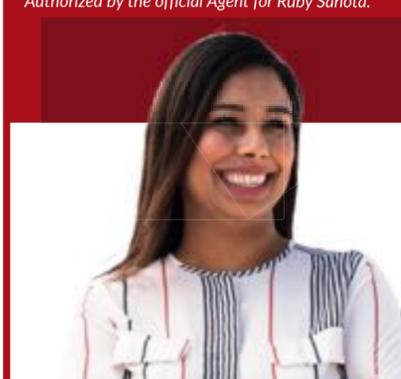
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I was pleased to have the opportunity to attend the Ontario Community Newspapers Association's Publisher's Retreat over the weekend with our teams from Aurora, Caledon and Orangeville.

Held in the always picturesque Niagara-on-the-Lake, it was an opportunity for both learning and celebration as the OCNA recognized the winners of their annual Better Newspapers Competition and their Hall of Fame's Class of 2025.

The celebratory part of the weekend took place on Friday night over a lovely dinner where connections were made and renewed and, for our outgoing Caledon reporter, Zachary Roman, celebrate his success as he took home top honours in the Best News Series category exploring the challenges of Strong Mayor Powers in smaller and mid-sized Ontario communities.

Professionally, it was a very happy occasion but I have to admit that when we checked into our hotel, I did feel a bit of a melancholic pang.

In any given year, we usually get out to Niagara-on-the-Lake at least twice; once to explore the beautiful community itself and revisit some favourite haunts, and usually on the way back from our annual trip to Western New York to the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival – as it's held in August, it's a great chance to replenish Ontario-grown stone fruit on the way back!

As we opened the door to the room, we were thrilled that it had a great view of the lake, but I have to admit, the pang came from seeing what was just beyond the lake – a reasonably short distance away but a jaunt that seemed further away than ever before.

We are among the many, many Canadians who are now second-guessing any travel plans to the United States. It's a country where many of my closest friends call home, a place where some of my happiest memories were formed, and a place where, until very recently, I've always felt at home.

Admittedly, on that last front, it's been something of a slow decline as politics descended into a divisive delirium. In the last few years, while experiences with individuals remained pleasant by and large, some of the hateful rhetoric was silent but evident; signs with slurs against political candidates, for instance, and placards denouncing entire groups of people – naturally created a feeling of discomfort. Yet, with each passing year, it was a discomfort that sadly felt like another "new normal" to get used to.

A place as familiar as Western New York – or, at least my memories of it – never seemed further out of reach, and given Niagara-on-the-Lake's proximity to so many key sites related to the War of 1812 I couldn't help but look out that window to across the way wondering how many long-gone residents stood near that very site, looking in the same direction, wondering just what the heck was going on across the water.

A recent report from the U.S. Travel Association (via the Washington Post) has estimated that 20 million Canadians visit the United States each year, generating \$20 billion in spending, but this year, given the tensions between the two countries, the travel industry is noting a steep drop-off in cross-border trips.

"McKenzie McMillan, a Vancouver-based adviser with the Travel Group, said his company would typically be busy this time of year arranging last-minute spring break and summer trips for Canadians to such favourite spots as San Diego, Palm Springs, Phoenix, Las Vegas and Florida," shared the Washington Post. "Instead, he said, 'it's zero.' The

steep drop-off started gradually, with some clients in January saying they were thinking they might avoid the U.S. this year. 'Since February, it's been a complete collapse.'

"McMillan said about 20 to 30 percent of trips that were already booked got cancelled. Since then, he said the company has seen about a 90 per cent drop in new bookings for U.S. vacations compared with the previous year, as clients opt for other destinations."

One Canadian woman interviewed for the piece said not going to the United States at this time was a "moral choice" and one of the ways "Canadian citizens can stand against this."

But it might also be a practical choice as well. As of this past Friday, all Canadians over the age of 14 who are visiting the U.S. for 30 days or more will have to register with the Washington's Citizen and Immigration Services. This was coupled with a warning from the Canadian Government that not only will this rule be strictly enforced, it opens up the door to further surveillance.

"Expect scrutiny at points of entry, including electronic devices. Comply and be forthcoming in all interactions with border authorities. If you are denied entry, you could be detained while awaiting deportation."

In the wake of this, a British Columbia-based immigration lawyer told CTV News "border agents aren't just looking for evidence of a crime, but whether the traveller aligns with the U.S. administration and its policies."

"The issue is that border officers have full discretion in order to grant somebody admission, and they can deny somebody admission for any reason," Cindy Switzer said, "per the CTV report. 'The lawyer's comments come in the wake of a French scientist being denied entry to the U.S. after border agents read the contents of his cellphone. The scientist was deported after border officials accused him of having 'hateful' messages against U.S. policy.'"

One has to wonder whether the same evaluation would extend to anyone who has, at any time, texted a friend, family member or colleague expressing frustration at tariffs or any of the other myriad issues plaguing our neighbours and our relationship with them.

So, is it worth it? Morally? That is, of course, up to you.

Economically? Well, it doesn't hurt to let our wallets send a clear message.

Practically? Personally, the idea of being detained and deported because I didn't take my passport with me to breakfast at the nearest Bob Evans doesn't really appeal to me. Nor does running the risk of being denied entry because I'm not a cheerleader for our neighbours tanking our economy in an effort for annexation.

The good news is we're not exactly starved for vacation options.

This is a prime opportunity to discover and re-discover Canada and all we have to offer here at home, not to mention supporting homegrown communities that are rowing in the same direction as the rest of us.

So, this week, I'd like to ask all of you for your suggestions on Ontario and Canadian destinations that might be flying under the radar and are well worth a visit. Where in Canada have you formed unexpected favourite memories? What are some local, provincial and national destinations that are due for a renaissance?

Send your thoughts, suggestions and insights to brock@ipcmedia.ca.

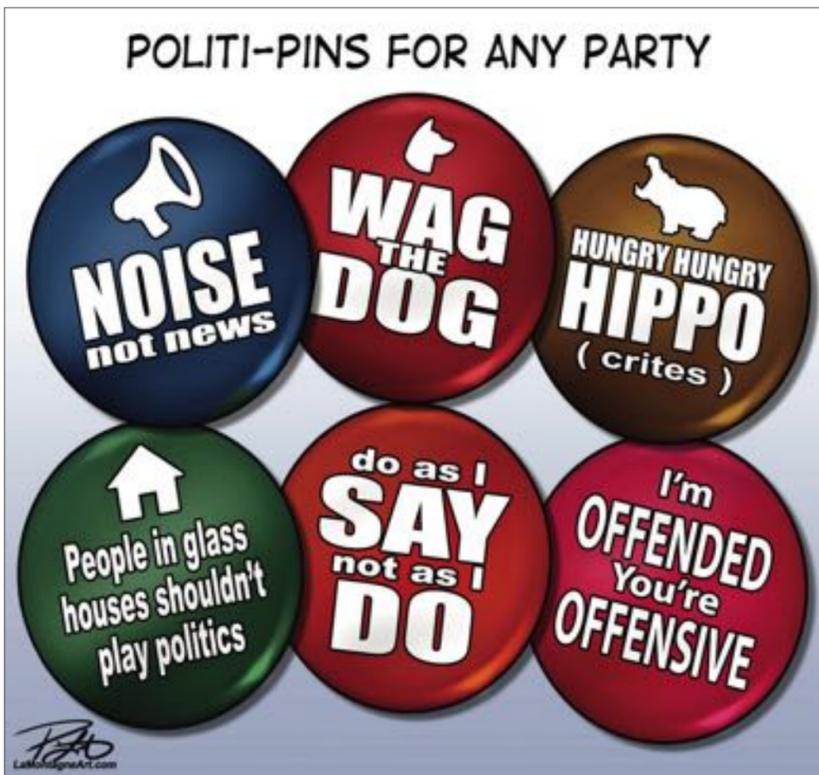
Our Readers Write

A thank you from Inglewood Schoolhouse Performers

The Inglewood Schoolhouse Performers recently completed a very successful three-weekend production of There's Nothing to Tell...If it all Goes Well. All six performances were sold out. We would like to thank the residents of Inglewood and the wider Caledon for their patronage. As well,

we would also like to thank the Caledon Citizen for publishing our news release which contributed, in no small part, to the large attendance.

BARB JENSEN
DIRECTOR,
INGLEWOOD SCHOOLHOUSE PERFORMERS



Hope is one thing that keeps us moving

by Mark Pavilons



often it seems futile, hollow and impractical. Still others say a positive outlook can do wonders for the mind and body. Negativity is the enemy and one that can be defeated by a brightness, an alacrity to leap forward.

No one knows what the next day holds. No one knows which of us will be around to celebrate another birthday, anniversary or holiday.

For those of us living with cancer, all we know is what we're told by our oncologists, our health-care providers. But we're reluctant to ask for the whole truth, for them to spell it out like it is.

I have avoided reading about my metastatic prostate cancer because I know the outlook isn't the greatest. I don't want to know the statistics and the bleak direction. It's not avoidance or a matter of sticking my head in the sand, but I'd rather not smear a bleak streak of black paint on an otherwise colourful canvas.

I know enough to realize my fate is somewhat sealed. Sure, there are some medications and treatments to prolong my life, but I'm faced with the inevitable. And that's hard to shake, knowing the months and years that remain are limited. Sure, I hope for more, much more. But I'm practical, even though I've entertained herbal remedies, meditation, tuning fork sessions, Reiki, and Pulsed Electromagnetic Frequency (PEMF) via my Vibe device.

All in vain? Or exercises that contain a tiny bit of hope?

My latest PSA and bloodwork results were pretty encouraging. But I will never shake it completely. Keeping it at bay is all we can do. Is it enough? It has to be. That's all I got.

I fully accept that I'm not walking away from this one and I won't be one of those "cancer survivors." I will never say I am cancer-free, but I envy those who can.

Every day begins with an act of courage and hope, not just for me, but for everyone.

Some have said that hope is renewable, even if you run out of it one day, you get to start again in the morning.

Lately, every time I get up in the middle of the night for a bathroom break – tossed into the real world – I remind myself that I have cancer. I don't know why.

My wife and oldest daughter believe I'm somewhat defeatist, and sometimes I sabotage myself.

Perhaps. But I'm also a realist and in my line of work I deal mainly in facts.

Some people mix hope with other ingredients available to them – faith, drive, positivity and a host of natural healing techniques.

I'm not really a skeptic. I'm also neither an optimist nor a pessimist. I think you can carry hope around in your pocket. It's like the feeling that your life and work have meaning.

And when those come to end, then what? Stephen King said hope is perhaps the "best of things." And good things, he attests, never die.

Martin Luther King Jr. not only had a dream, but he encouraged people never to lose hope – that vitality that keeps us moving and helps us go on in spite of it all.

"There is no medicine like hope, no incentive so great, and no tonic so powerful as expectation of something better tomorrow." – Orison Swett Marden

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Moving into Spring

As we transition into the spring season, the Town of Caledon is preparing for warmer weather and the busy months ahead. This time of year, brings important maintenance work and exciting developments for our community.

Spring Road Maintenance

Spring is the time when we begin to focus on road and infrastructure maintenance, weather permitting. This includes pothole and asphalt repairs, gravel road repairs, concrete curb repairs, sidewalk inspections and repairs, addressing sod damage caused by snow-clearing operations, litter cleanup along roadways, and ensuring catch basins and drains are clear. We also kick off street sweeping to keep our roads clean and to prevent pollutants from entering our local waterways through Caledon's stormwater systems.

Potholes and Road Repairs

Winter's freeze-thaw cycles cause the ground beneath the roads to expand and contract, resulting in cracks and potholes. Once the weather warms up, our dedicated town staff work hard to repair these potholes and ensure that our roads are safe and smooth for drivers.

Street Sweeping and Cleaning

As soon as the weather allows, street sweeping begins to clear any litter and debris left behind from the winter. This helps maintain a clean environment and supports the health of our local ecosystems by preventing debris from entering the stormwater system.

Parks and Trails Maintenance

Our parks and trails crews are already hard at work getting our green spaces ready for the spring and summer months. This includes litter cleanup, trail maintenance, and preparing sports fields for the season ahead. They're also trimming trees, hedges, and bushes away from roads and sidewalks to ensure clear pathways. Additionally, they're taking special care of the trees recently planted throughout Caledon.

How to Report a Problem

Residents can support the Town's maintenance efforts by reporting any issues they notice.

If you see concerns such as a pothole, damaged sidewalk, or debris-covered catch basin—or if you spot any trees that need pruning or are in poor health—please report it by calling 311 or submitting an online service request at caledon.ca/reportaproblem.

As spring maintenance ramps up, remember to give crews, trucks, and equipment plenty of space. Respect road signage, follow any detours or barricades, and be patient as delays are expected during road repairs.

Future Pickleball Courts

We're thrilled to announce that new pickleball courts are coming to Caledon over the next few years. This popular sport is a fun way to stay active, and we're excited to support it in our community.

In the 2025 budget, Council approved a capital project to design and build pickleball courts in Bolton. Additionally, plans are underway for a new community park in Caledon East that will feature four dedicated pickleball courts, with construction expected to begin in 2027, contingent on the completion of the associated subdivision. Another new park in the Southfields community, slated for completion in 2026, will include three pickleball courts. In Mono Mills, staff are working on a proposal to redevelop Victoria Park, which will include two new pickleball courts as part of the improvements.

Transit Service Updates

Starting in May, there will be some exciting service improvements for Caledon's transit network. Route 25 (MW2) will be extended along Petch Avenue and Tim Manley Avenue, and Route 81 (SFV) will now have Saturday and Sunday service, running with a 45-minute frequency. For full details, visit brampton.ca/transit.

Looking Ahead

With the warmer weather on the horizon, now is the perfect time to get outside and enjoy all that Caledon has to offer. Be sure to mark your calendars for Caledon Day on June 14, a celebration of our community and everything that makes it special.

ASK's fifth annual writing contest under way

BY DORITA PEER

Timeless Tales V – The Letters may prove to be the most exciting in the historically-themed short story series launched four years ago.

Arts Society King (ASK) was eager to discover literary talent in York Region and has since expanded to include Simcoe, Peel and Dufferin. ASK partnered with the King Heritage & Cultural Centre to use artifacts and photos from the archives.

History also means taking sneak peeks at diaries and letters. Little lives have titillated the nosy since the dawn of writing. So, this year, excerpts from five letters or from personal journals were offered as launching pads for the soaring imaginations of writers of all ages.

The anthologies published in previous years have proven the authors' merit in all the stories, bar none. In the fall, the public will be treated to readings and book signings by writers become authors at Tale Tellers' Night.

Contestants can find the information they need at www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca under "Events."

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The submission period closes on May 5, 2025.

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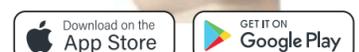


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Pierre Poilievre pledges to “stop the crime” at Brampton rally

Dufferin-Caledon Conservative candidate Kyle Seeback attended rally at the Embassy Grand Convention Centre

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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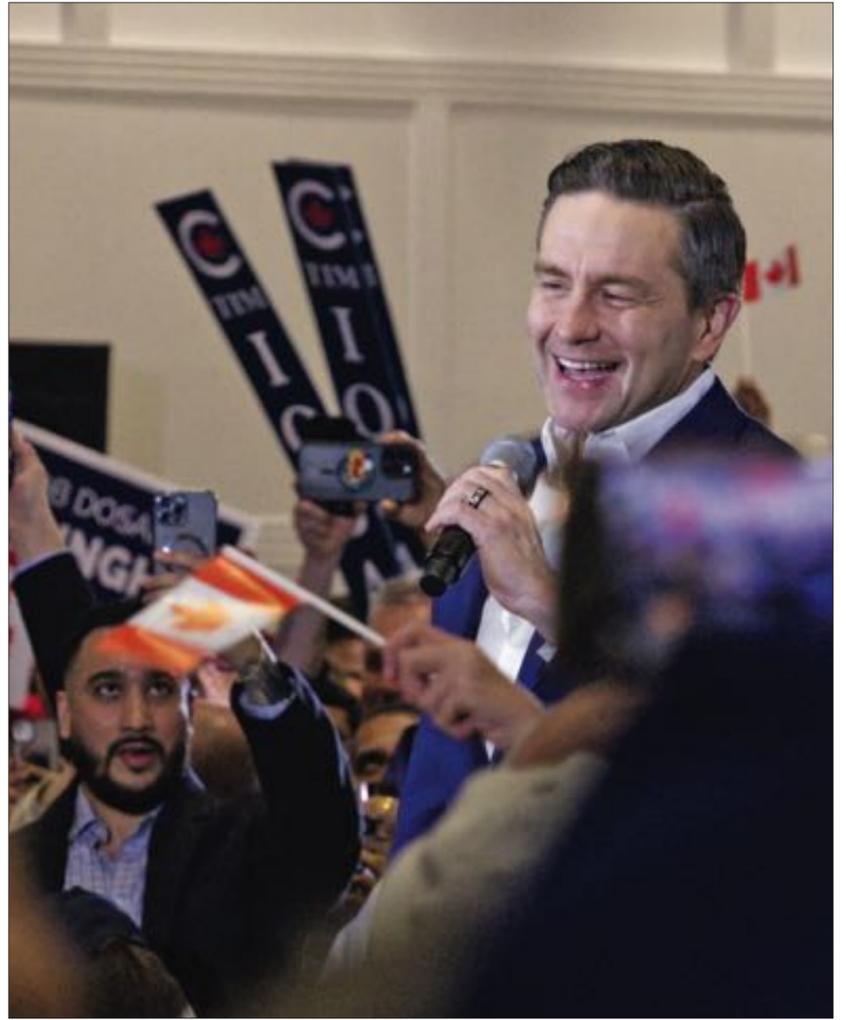
Pierre Poilievre’s Conservatives have

announced their plan to deal with crime in Canada.

On April 9, Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre held a rally in Brampton at the Embassy Grand Convention Centre. The rally, dubbed “Stop the Crime”, was attended by many supporters and numerous Conservative candidates – including Dufferin-Caledon candidate Kyle Seeback.

Poilievre said, if elected, the Conservatives will repeal the Liberals’ Bill C-75, which he called a catch-and-release act that allows criminals to repeatedly be let out on bail.

He said the Conservatives will repeal house arrest for serious offenders and “career criminals”, and create a new offence for intimate partner violence.



Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre addresses supporters at his “Stop the Crime” rally in Brampton on April 9.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

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The Conservatives would also take steps to stop extortion by creating minimum penalties for the crime, noted Poilievre.

Poilievre said Conservatives would bring in mandatory life sentences for human traffickers, gun smugglers, and fentanyl mass-marketers and producers.

“When you’re mass-marketing fentanyl,

40 milligrams of which is enough to kill 20 people, you are effectively committing mass murder. You’re firing into a crowded room,” said Poilievre.

Poilievre boasted his Conservatives would usher in the largest crackdown on crime in Canadian history.

“Today, I announce the ‘three strikes, you’re out’ law. Anyone convicted of three serious offences will go to jail for at least 10 years, and maybe for life, and will never be eligible for bail,” said Poilievre. “We won’t have to worry about them getting early parole because there will be no parole.”

Poilievre explained any potential release for these persons would be conditional on perfect behaviour in prison, repeated drug tests, and proof of learning a trade or vocation.

“The message is this: after you’ve done three offences, you’re going away for life unless you can prove to society that you are no longer a danger,” said Poilievre. “That is how we are going to stop the crime and protect our communities forever.”

Poilievre said the Conservatives will shut down supervised drug consumption sites and invest in treatment and recovery options for 50,000 Canadians. He said the Conservatives will hire 2,000 additional Canada Border Services Agency officers to help secure Canada’s borders and stop smuggling.

Poilievre and the Conservatives would cancel the Liberals’ gun buyback program.

“We know that licensed, law-abiding, trained and tested firearms owners are not the problem. That’s because criminals don’t typically go and get a license before they rob a bank – they take stolen guns from America,” said Poilievre. “We want to protect Canadians from criminals, not turkeys from hunters. It’s time to respect the law-abiding people of our country.”

At Poilievre’s rally, Peel Regional Police Association (PRPA) president Adrian Woolley endorsed Poilievre and the Conservatives.

“Pierre will restore mandatory minimums. He will slam the revolving door of criminality and put violent offenders where they belong, behind bars,” said Woolley. “He will put victims before criminals, families before politics and safety before ideology.”

Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land

Form 2 Expropriations Act

In the matter of an application by the Ministry of Transportation for approval to expropriate land, pursuant to s.11(2) and subsection 11.1(3) of the *Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act*, being in the Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, Town of Halton Hills, and in Town of Milton, Regional Municipality of Halton, Province of Ontario.

For the purpose(s) of: Properties contained hereto are required for the proposed ROW of Highway 413 and associated ramps at the Hurontario Street interchange, Transitway and Transit Station as well as the stormwater management pond at Highway 401/407ETR/413 interchange, and all other works related thereto.

Notice is hereby given that application has been made for approval to expropriate the land described in the schedule attached hereto.

The approving authority is the Minister of Transportation with an address of:

Minister of Transportation
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8
416-327-9200

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given, who desires to comment on the proposed expropriation of the land for the described purpose(s) may do so by submitting the comment within the time stated herein to the Assistant Deputy Minister, Transportation Infrastructure Management Division, Ministry of Transportation, in writing.

The Ministry will review the comments for their technical/engineering information, having regard to the need for the land for the purposes of the project.

SCHEDULE A

All right, title and interest in the following lands in the Town of Milton and Halton Hills,

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1. Part of PIN 24939-0310 (LT), being Part of Lot 14, Concession 8, New Survey, Geographic Township of Trafalgar, shown as Parts 1 and 3 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5150-0002 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Halton as Plan 20R-22686.

All right, title and interest in the following lands in the Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, Province of Ontario, being:

3. Part of PIN 14257-0053 (LT), being Part of Lot 24, Concession 1, West of Hurontario Street, Geographic Township of Chinguacousy, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5152-0020 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Peel as Plan 43R-41632.
4. ALL of PIN 14257-0051 (LT), being Part of Lot 23, Concession 1, West of Hurontario Street, Geographic Township of Chinguacousy, shown as Part 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5152-0019 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Peel as Plan 43R-41631.
5. ALL of PIN 14257-0050 (LT), being Part of Lot 23, Concession 1, West of Hurontario Street, Geographic Township of Chinguacousy, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5152-0019 being
2. Part of PIN 25026-0231 (LT), being Part of Lot 15, Concession 10, New Survey, Geographic Township of Trafalgar, shown as Part 3 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5150-0000 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Halton as Plan 20R-22687.
6. ALL of PIN 14257-0299 (LT), being Part of Lot 23, Concession 1, West of Hurontario Street, Geographic Township of Chinguacousy, shown as Parts 2, 3 and 4 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5152-0020 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Peel as Plan 43R-41632.
7. Part of PIN 14297-0451 (LT), being Part of Lots 23 and 24, Concession 1, East of Hurontario Street, Geographic Township of Chinguacousy, shown as Parts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5152-0018 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Peel as Plan 43R-41665. Parts 7 and 8 subject to as easement as in CH32240.

The Assistant Deputy Minister must receive the comments within thirty days after the owner is served with this notice, or within thirty days after the first publication of the notice.

The comments must be sent:

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Or by mail to: Assistant Deputy Minister
Transportation and Infrastructure Management
Ministry of Transportation
4th Floor, Garden City Tower
301 St. Paul Street
St. Catharines, ON L2R 7R4

Please include the municipal address of the land in the comment.

The expropriating authority is the Minister of Transportation with an address of:

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Minister of Transportation

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Mark Carney pledges to be tough on guns, make bail harder to get and more at Brampton campaign stop



Liberal leader Mark Carney addressed the media during an April 10 campaign stop in Brampton where he unveiled his party's plans to tackle crime. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Dufferin-Caledon Liberal candidate Malalai Halimi attended announcement at Sheridan College

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Mark Carney's Liberals have announced their plan to make Canada secure.

On April 10, Liberal leader Mark Carney made a campaign stop in Brampton at Sheridan College to announce his par-

ty's plans to tackle crime. He was joined by numerous Liberal candidates, including Dufferin-Caledon candidate Malalai Halimi.

Carney said you can't be tough on crime if you're not willing to be tough on guns.

"We are taking action, all while respecting the longstanding traditions of hunting and sport shooting (and) respecting the traditions of Indigenous peoples," said Carney.

He said, if elected, the Liberals will automatically revoke gun licenses for individuals convicted of violent offences, including intimate partner violence. Further, the Liberals would strengthen firearms licensing and invest in the RCMP's nation-

al forensic laboratories and ballistics lab to increase police's ability to track down guns used in crimes.

"We will quickly, and I mean quickly, reinvigorate the buyback of assault-style firearms and leave the classification of new firearm models to the RCMP," said Carney.

Carney said Canada needs to stem the tide of illegal guns and drugs coming into Canada from America. He said the Liberals will be deploying more drones, helicopters and personnel to our southern border. Carney said the Liberals will recruit 1,000 more RCMP personnel and increase pay for cadet recruits, and hire 1,000 new Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

officers.

If elected, Carney said the Liberals will make bail harder to get for those charged with stealing cars using violence, stealing cars for a criminal organization, home invasion, and certain human trafficking and smuggling offences. He said the Liberals will toughen sentencing guidelines for repeat offenders charged in relation to stolen cars and violent and organized crime.

"We will protect the victims of sexual violence and intimate partner violence by making murder motivated by hate, including femicide, a constructive first-degree offence," said Carney. "We will make producing and distributing non-consensual sexual deepfakes a criminal offense, and we will increase penalties on summary conviction for sexual assault and the distribution of intimate images without consent."

Carney said the Liberals will introduce legislation to protect children from online exploitation and provide new funding to the Canadian Centre for Child Protection. He also said the Liberals will make it a criminal offence to intentionally and willfully obstruct access to any place of worship, school, or community centre.

While Carney said the aforementioned measures are necessary, it's even better to prevent crime by making sure every Canadian child has the chance to grow up safe and healthy so they can reach their full potential.

He said the Liberals will extend Canada's Building Safer Communities Fund and support Indigenous-led community safety priorities.

"Ultimately, safe communities come from within, from who we are and how we treat each other," said Carney. "It's not the Canadian way to stoke fear, anger and division. It's not the Canadian way to point fingers at each other. The Canadian way is to come together to solve problems and to look out for each other – that's how we build communities that are safe, secure and strong."

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SPRING GOLF PREVIEW

Swinging the Sticks and enjoying SoCal's wineries one last time in Trump's America

BY JIM STEWART
OPINION

Tantalizing tee off vistas and tours through Temecula's wineries were two features of our enjoyable yet untimely golf excursion to The Golden State last week.

The decision to move our annual golf vacation from Arizona to California was predicated on getting better value for the sinking Canadian dollar.

We secured an eight-bedroom, five-bath-room Vista Estate in the mountains of Southern California – complete with an eternity pool, hot tub, big screen TVs, pool table, and piano – for the reasonable rate of \$5,200 for eight days and seven nights. We booked our flights with Air Canada to LAX and paid for our superb lodging all before November 2024.

We also secured Seniors' Greens Fees ranging from \$65-\$85 US at three nearby courses: Cross Creek GC (Temecula), Red Hawk GC (Temecula), and The Golf Club of California (Fallbrook). These were significant bargains compared to the escalating rates to play golf in Scottsdale, AZ.

Sadly, after "The Magnificent Seven" put down over \$15K collectively for The Trip, Trump was elected in early-November. Months later, he threatened to annex Canada, referred to our PM as Governor of the 51st State, and declared economic war on our nation via nonsensical tariffs. Declining or avoiding all vacations to the USA became the patriotic duty of Canadians.

What was this fraternity of Canadian golfers to do?

With \$15K already invested collectively in the trip, we held our noses and boarded our AC 788 flight to Los Angeles.

We were not alone at Canada's busiest airport.

Based on the bustling traffic at Pearson we witnessed on April 6, it appeared that most Canadians were also going ahead with their purchased vacations to the USA. However, based on numerous conversations, most of our fellow citizens would not be returning to America in 2026 if the current political climate persists.

In keeping with this spirit of economic retaliation and political repudiation, our merry band of duffers pivoted as well.

We determined that our annual Spring Golf Trip to the USA would be moved to alternate destinations to punish Trump's administration. It'll be Portugal, Costa Rica, or Dominican Republic for us in 2026.

All political commentary aside, the 2025 Excursion to Temecula was a pleasant experience for the seven of us and we would return in a heartbeat – if and when diplomatic order is restored between the USA and Canada.

Here's our travelogue outlining the wineries and golf courses we enjoyed in SoCal in mid-April:

Day 1: Warming Up for Golf by Visiting Wineries

Unlike last year's travel fiasco at Pearson and Phoenix that resembled the comedic chaos in "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles," this year's early morning flight and rental car pickups went smoothly. In fact, our flight into LAX arrived 12 minutes ahead of schedule. However, our plane was downsized by Air Canada from a Dream Liner to a cramped Airbus 320 due to declining numbers of Canadians flying to The City of Angels.

The four of us – Dan, JK, Rob, and your faithful scribe – departed LAX in a sleek, silver Dodge Ram 2500 pickup truck and drove south to Wine Country.

We discovered that the vistas of Temecula



VIEWES OF TEMECULA

PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

are spectacular: ranges of snow-capped mountains provide a backdrop for dozens of vineyards sprinkled across the stony, verdant landscape. It's a wine-making zone smaller than Napa-Sonoma, but it features more topographical diversity. After securing provisions from Costco and Ralph's to make seven home-cooked meals, our quartet of wine-drinking golfers stopped at Cougar Vineyard and Winery for lunch.

On a hot afternoon, we started with cold microbrewery beers – my IPA was a citrusy delight – to complement an excellent charcuterie board and two soft crust, light pizzas. The gustatory treats, served by friendly and welcoming staff, helped us recover from our five-hour flight. Fortunately, we arrived at Cougar during Happy Hour. The dog-friendly venue with great views of wine country featured the soulful sounds of live music on a Sunday afternoon. Sophie Diument, who looked like Sheryl Crow and sounded like Amanda Marshall, engaged the weary travellers with acoustic guitar standards.

Catching a second wind, we departed the charming Cougar patio and set up shop in our Mansion in the Mountains. That evening, a Costco roast chicken was complemented by bottles of Quinta Das Carvalhas-Douro 2021 and Campo Viejo Rioja Temperinillo 2021. The stars came out as did the coyotes and a Great Horned Owl which we identified with our Merlin app.

The illuminated eternity pool served as a beacon – dare I say the green light from Fitzgerald's Great Gatsby – on a cool Spring evening as we settled into the joys of outdoor dining in the heart of Temecula's Wine Country.

Day 2: Practice at Red Hawk GC

Our second day featured a trip to Red Hawk GC in the heart of Temecula, CA. We availed ourselves of its excellent and scenic practice facilities. Coral and green mountains serve as background to Red Hawk's driving range as

well as its four putting and chipping greens. We were so impressed with the aesthetics and features of Red Hawk that we switched two of our six rounds to the suburban tract.

The three remaining members of The Magnificent Seven – Frank, John, and Ed – arrived from LAX and joined us in Wine Country.

A regional drive yielded great bucolic sights and sounds.

Llamas and lemon groves.
Horses and hillside haciendas.
Vineyards and vistas.

On our Mansion in the Mountains deck, we enjoyed the sight of soaring Redtailed Hawks scoping out dinner in the valley below.

Our Monday dinner featured Rob's famous home-made burgers and Jamaican Cole Slaw set off by innumerable bottles of red wine. We enjoyed, as per tradition, the exciting March Madness NCAA final and the Florida Gators' stirring comeback victory over Houston.

Days 3 and 4: Getting Cross at Cross Creek GC

After receiving an excellent pro shop reception, our two player groups tackled the challenges of mountainous Cross Creek. Sadly, the greens had been freshly top-dressed so putting was an ongoing puzzle during both our rounds. The sandy remains and the aeration marks led to much heartbreak on the greens with many fine efforts coming up short.

In short, Cross Creek is a challenging track, especially the Par 4 9th. It's the hardest hole on the course and requires a perfectly-placed drive as well as a high loft approach shot to a postage-stamp sized green that rejects weak entry shots off its banks.

There are at least four funnel shots at Cross Creek that are not for the faint of heart and the scenic elevated tees provide their own special requirements. Carrying drives of over 180 yards is a necessity at Cross Creek with all its gullies, gulches, and gardens.

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This 'n That - the April edition

With the arrival of some sun and warmth, many of us are, metaphorically speaking, awakening from a long winter slumber. As such, we are out and about in our communities and neighbourhoods, talking over fences instead of over social media and there is certainly much to talk about.

In Caledon we're talking about regional representation, federally about the election, and in the greater GTA, the resurgence of the topic of fundraising in schools – something I recall being discussed at length some 20 years ago when I was a part of the school's parent advisory council. Ahhh spring, a time when the sun shines, or it rains, or it snows. A time that, much like today's topics, constantly keeps us guessing.

Even as patchy bits of snow still persist in some of the more rural areas of Caledon, residents emerge from their winter cocoons much like fat caterpillars burst forth to spread their wings as beautiful butterflies enjoying the sun. Ok - some of us might still be in the fat caterpillar stage, carrying some winter weight, but we dream of being butterflies nonetheless.

So, in a ritual as old as time, we embrace the collective amnesia that sees us ignoring the fact that spring actually arrives in stages.

We take off the snow tires and wash the windows, haul out the lawn furniture and make the annual pilgrimage to Canadian Tire for fertilizer, only to wake up the next morning to a major snowstorm, followed several days later by a debilitating ice storm. Every. Damn. Year. Did anyone else wake up on April 11 and literally curse out loud? Surely that's the last of the blasted white stuff right? It can't possibly snow again right?

Said every Canadian ever...and then it does.

Spring, the only thing predictable about it is that it's unpredictable.

Speaking of unpredictable, there's been some good news recently, with the Ontario Land Tribunal refuting claims by the gravel industry and finding in favour of an argument put forth by the Forks of the Credit Preservation Group. The tribunal "was not persuaded" that aggregate reserves are in "critically low" supply as CBM had claimed in their testimony. Instead, the tribunal "was persuaded by [FCPG's] submissions and evidence, including data provided, that there appears to be an ample supply of aggregate resources, with at least 13.44 million tonnes available annually, contradicting the Appellant's [CBM] concerns about economic harm and aggregate shortages."

It was a tacit acknowledgement that we aren't going to run out of gravel anytime soon from which I'd love to infer that the OLT might also agree we don't need a new blasting, mega-quarry. Hey it's spring – the sunshine is making me feel more optimistic!

Here's something else about spring. Ever notice how life gets noisier? The insulating layers of snow melting away is partly to blame, but so too is the emergence of lawn mowers and leaf blowers, the shriek of children as they play outdoors, and the steady, rhythmic thump of balls, pucks, or bouncing on trampolines filling the air alongside bird song and goose honks. Which "racket" do you enjoy more, nature or children playing outdoors? We already know absolutely no one likes the leaf blowers.

Speaking of making a racket, plenty of people were planning on heading to town hall this past Tuesday to make some noise on the topic of democratic representation in Caledon.

As mentioned in this space a couple of weeks ago, significant changes are proposed to how we elect Regional Councillors to represent our interests at the Region. Like the ever-fluctuating spring temperatures, the Region is grappling with a number of key issues including the off-loading of critical services to Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga and as a result, now more than ever Caledon needs strong voices that best represent our interests, especially as we ourselves are being coerced into significant population growth.

Now is not the time to mess with potentially removing voices that represent BOTH our rural/agricultural and our urban interests.

As for the other topics referenced in the opening paragraph, I'm not sure we can do them justice in just a paragraph or two. The federal election looms and it too resembles the vagaries of spring, bringing as it does a flurry of announcements promising much and delivering ... well ... just like you never know what you are going to get with the weather in spring, you never know what will actually be delivered by an election.

One thing we can be sure of, however, is that despite the weather, we all have an obligation, perhaps more than ever before, to get out and VOTE, no matter what the weather. With ever-present looming tariff threats and even threats to our very sovereignty (economic or otherwise) Canadians need to ensure their voices are heard. If you're out there talking over the fence with

your neighbours on the days where the sun is actually shining, make sure you translate that talk into action and VOTE!

Finally, there's the small matter of equality in education.

Education, I believe, is the great equalizer. It provides access to knowledge for all and who knows where that knowledge will take someone. It fosters dreams, the imagination, and encourages opportunities for children of all ages to realize their true potential. But it comes at a cost.

While it goes without saying the government should be responsible for these costs, our current reality is such that it cannot meet every need which is why many schools rely on fundraising. This is particularly true in spring.

Hosting "Spring Flings" and similar events, parent advisory councils aim to "top up" the funds at their schools, helping to ensure students have access to all they need to succeed. So far, so good. But what about schools in areas that are economically disadvantaged or where many parents and guardians don't have the flexibility within their work schedules to actively participate in planning such events? Many work two jobs, or are precariously employed, and while everyone wants the best for their child, some folks are simply not in a position to support the additional work of fundraising.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING



Proposed Official Plan Amendment and Local Subwatershed Study

FILE NUMBER: POPA 2022-0001

A Public Meeting will be held to consider a proposed Official Plan Amendment application and related Local Subwatershed Study. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025
Information Boards: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Public Meeting Start Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East

There will be presentation boards outside of Council Chambers available for public viewing 1 hour prior to the public meeting. The consulting team will be available to answer questions.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

The Town of Caledon offers a hybrid meeting model with multiple ways for members of the public to participate and engage with Council.

- Attend In-Person: Members of the public may attend a meeting in-person and provide verbal comments regarding the proposed application or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting. Although registration is not mandatory, members of the public are encouraged to complete the Participation Request Form, available at caledon.ca/speak-at-council
- Submit Written Comment: Members of the public may submit written comment regarding the proposed application by completing the participation Request Form, available at caledon.ca/speak-at-council
- Virtually: Members of the public are welcome to participate via telephone or video conference through WebEx upon request. For more information on how to participate, please complete the Participation Request Form, available at caledon.ca/speak-at-council. In addition, members of the public can watch meetings through the live stream available on the Town's website.

You can also ask questions or provide comments by:

- Submitting written correspondence to agenda@caledon.ca and planning@caledon.ca for consideration during the Public Meeting. Please note that written comments will form part of the public record.
- Contacting the Lead Planner during office hours by phone or email.

APPLICANT:

Bousfields Inc. on behalf of Bolton North Hill Landowners Group Inc.

LOCATION:

0, 14289, 14291, 14337, 14442, 14445, 14475, 14530, 14600, 14616, 14684, 14685, 14687, 14700, 14766 Highway 50 and 0, 14674, 14691 Duffys Lane, 0 Mount Hope Road

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has applied for an Official Plan Amendment (POPA 2022-0001) to facilitate the development of a Secondary Plan for approximately 167 hectares (412 acres) of land along Highway 50, north of the existing Bolton Rural Service Centre. The area is planned to house approximately 14,780 people (4,446 dwelling units) and provide approximately 410 jobs. The Secondary Plan also includes a conceptual road network, parks, stormwater management facilities, protected environmental policy areas, schools, and a centralized mixed-use area that encourages both residential and commercial uses.



*The illustration is a conceptual plan for information purposes and it is subject to change. The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
 For more information about this matter, including appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and for supporting material, please visit www.caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

APPEAL PROCEDURE:
 The applicant or specified persons as defined by the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended, public bodies as defined by the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended, and registered

owners of land to which the by-law would apply who made oral or written submissions to Council prior to the adoption and/or passing of the by-law(s) may appeal a decision of the municipality or planning board to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law(s) was passed, they made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person, public body or registered owner of land to which the by-law would apply as a party.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED:
 If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Caledon on the proposed

Official Plan Amendment you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario L7C 1J6.

ACCESSIBILITY:
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Multi-Tenant Landowners: Please post this notice in a visible location to all residents of the land.

Notice Date: April 17, 2025

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE



The Bolton Rotary Performing Arts Pavilion at Dick's Dam Park

A Public Meeting will be held to provide residents with details on the planned Bolton Rotary Performing Arts Pavilion being installed in Dick's Dam Park. The Town has partnered with the Rotary Club of Bolton to construct the pavilion to celebrate the Village of Bolton's Bicentennial in 2022.

Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2025
Meeting Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: Humber River Centre
 28 Ann Street
 Bolton, ON L7E 1B9

PURPOSE OF THE BOLTON ROTARY PERFORMING ARTS PAVILION

The proposed pavilion will be a key feature of Dick's Dam Park. It will create new and engaging ways for the community to experience local musical and theatrical productions.

The pavilion will create opportunities for local programming such as:

- Musical productions
- Theatrical productions
- Outdoor Movie Nights
- Summer Camps
- General support of creative arts

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION:

Design work is completed. Construction to begin in the spring of 2025.

We understand the inconvenience this may cause and ask for your patience while we work to improve the area.

ACCESSIBILITY:

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STAY INFORMED:

If you wish to stay up to date on the progress of the Bolton Rotary Performing Arts Pavilion project, or have further questions, please visit our Have Your Say Caledon engagement website at haveyoursaycaledon.ca/boltonrotaryperformingartspavilion

LOCATION:



ILLUSTRATION:



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From the moment those first crocuses and tulips peek their heads out of the soil to the days of cherry blossoms in full bloom, spring is a time of sunshine, warmth and a renewed sense of vitality.

Seniors who may have spent much of the winter cooped up indoors often are inspired by warmer temperatures to venture outside once again when spring has sprung. According to UC Davis Health, time outdoors provides a host of health benefits, and seniors who embrace the great outdoors can reap those rewards. Studies show that nature has a positive effect on the body by reducing cortisol levels and demands on the cardiovascular system and relieving muscle tension. Being outside in the sunshine (with the use of sunscreen) can increase vitamin D levels, which is important for a healthy immune system and strong bones.

Embracing the many ways to enjoy spring is relatively easy to do. The following are some ways seniors can make the most of spring.

• **PLANT A GARDEN**

Spring is a time when the ground has thawed and the soil is warm enough to begin planting a garden. Individuals should refer to their particular agricultural zones to determine when to plant. Certain plants need a specific number of hours of sunlight and minimum temperatures to grow. It's important to wait until the threat of overnight frost has subsided. Gardening can be a thorough workout, so it's important for seniors to go slowly as they acclimate to this type of activity.

• **RELAX OUTSIDE.**

Seniors can soak up vitamin D and enjoy the sounds of nature by spending time on a deck or the front porch. Any activity that was typically done indoors, such as reading a book, listening to music, engaging in a hobby, and more, can be moved outside.

• **EXPLORE LOCAL WILDLIFE.**

Trees and flowers are not the only things renewed by spring. Many animals give birth in spring and there might be little ones frolicking. Seniors can look for bunnies, fledglings chirping in bird nests, spotted fawns, and young foxes around their neighbourhoods.

• **ATTEND AN OPEN-AIR EVENT.**

Whether it's a concert or an outdoor theatre performance, seniors can look to local entertainment as a way to get outside and have a little fun.

• **BIKE OR WALK THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.**

Seniors can find serene paths to bike or walk. Dog owners can take their pooches for a stroll, or meet up with other friends and begin a walking club for camaraderie and exercise.

Seniors can make the most of the warm weather and extended daylight hours of spring to enjoy many outdoor activities.

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How to maintain a healthy weight as you age



Age often brings wisdom, experience, and for many people, some body weight changes that might affect their health over time.

Maintaining a healthy weight is important throughout life, but as a person gets older, it can be harder to keep extra pounds off. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says obesity prevalence was 44.3 percent among adults between the ages of 40 and 59 in May 2024. Obesity prevalence was 51.5 percent for people aged 60 and older. According to a report from the Government of Canada, 40.1 percent of seniors are overweight, and 28.1 percent are obese. Yet some older adults also are underweight and struggle to keep weight on.

It's important to note that a healthy weight for one age group may not be the same for another. Verywell Health says a healthy weight and BMI range for adults over age 65 could translate into carrying extra pounds. The National Institutes of Health says a BMI of 25 to 27, which normally is considered overweight, may offer benefits to adults over the age of 65 by way of bone health side effects that protect against osteoporosis. Some studies also indicate that being underweight can increase risk of disability, dementia and even cancer or heart failure.

Before one binges at the all-you-can-eat buffet, it is important to discuss weight with a doctor and develop a customized plan that takes individual variables, including age, into consideration. In addition, these tips can help people maintain a healthy weight.

• **SPREAD OUT SMALLER MEALS**
Eat five to six small meals per day to help with

digestion and circumvent slower metabolism. Eating smaller meals also may help seniors who find they don't have appetites and push away food.

• **VARY THE FOODS YOU EAT**

Eat more vegetables, whole grains, fish, beans, and low-fat or fat-free dairy. Try to keep meat and poultry lean, only splurging on fattier cuts once in a while.

• **WATCH EMPTY CALORIES**

Empty calories come from sugars, sugary beverages and processed foods with little or no nutritional value, indicates WebMD. Instead, when choosing calories, look for whole, nutritional foods.

• **EAT MORE PROTEIN**

Older adults are at risk of losing muscle mass, so protein is essential. Protein also helps a person feel fuller longer, which can help with avoiding eating empty calories or overeating in general.

• **CONSUME EXTRA FIBER**

As a person gets older, fibre can help prevent constipation, colorectal cancer and hemorrhoids. Whole-grain fibre also reduces the risk of heart disease. In addition, whole grain fibre is filling, which can help with weight control.

• **EXERCISE DAILY**

Weight loss involves a formula in which more calories are burned than consumed. For those who need to shed some pounds, increasing physical activity through low-impact exercise can help. Bike riding, swimming, pickleball, yoga, and other activities can be beneficial.

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That includes a strong emphasis on high-quality dining. The restaurant-quality meals come from a rotating menu crafted and delivered by Sorrento's exceptional in-house chef. Residents and their guests enjoy fresh baked pizza each Thursday night followed by musical entertainment.

Howie's Bar, located inside Sorrento Retirement Residence, serves a variety of drinks from cocktails to cappuccinos, while Roma bistro is the perfect spot to grab a coffee accompanied by a cornetto.

Sorrento also hosts regular culinary and community events. During the live food demos, cooks teach residents how to prepare delicious desserts or tasty appetizers. They also host lively community dinners for the holidays and regular events like beer tasting and ice cream sampling.

For residents looking to host an event of their own, Sorrento offers a "Mama Mia's" Kitchen to allow families to indulge in home-cooked meals, accompanied by a private, full-serviced dining room for family and friends.

If you've experienced the lobby — with its modern design and curated art collection — you'll find that each of Sorrento's suites are similarly impressive. One-bedroom suites like Bel'Mare have options for a terrace, den, and walk-in closet. The suites range in size, with some sporting up to 1,000 Sq. Ft and 10-foot-tall ceilings.

Sorrento also offers experiences to help residents stay fit, intellectually stimulated, and to enjoy active social lives.

Programs like yoga classes, tai chi, and weekly aquafit classes are offered at Sorrento's pool and exercise room. Stroll around the rooftop gardens or putting green, where Sorrento staff host weekly putting and bocce ball tournaments. The Sorrento theatre regularly offers lectures from guest speakers, academics, and authors. In the evening, there are screenings of popular and classic movies.

On the first floor, there's always something to do: a pool table, a foosball table, and a selection of board games like Scrabble or Carrom. Residents often spend time sitting in lounge chairs by the fireplace while a volunteer plays the nearby grand piano. For those with more comprehensive medical needs, Sorrento also offers assisted living with dedicated nursing staff and medicine management. These options are completely customizable depending on the desired level of care.

Have more questions about life at Sorrento? Visit our website for a virtual tour or to contact our team. We look forward to welcoming you.



Lowering blood sugar may reduce Alzheimer's risk

AGING IS ASSOCIATED with certain ailments, some of which concern seniors more than others. One of the conditions many older adults worry about is dementia, particularly in the form of Alzheimer's disease. Though there's no cure for Alzheimer's disease, recent research suggests reducing blood sugar may be associated with a lower risk.

Doctors and researchers have determined a link between high blood sugar levels and the formation of dementia, which includes a loss of memory and thinking skills that afflicts millions of older people. A 2013 study published in the New England Journal of Medicine found that, even when diabetes was not evident, there is a correlation between sugar and dementia. A blood sugar level above normal levels (depending on activity level and weight, among other factors) can contribute to an elevated risk of developing dementia. Furthermore, a longitudinal study published in

2018 in the journal Diabetologia, which followed 5,189 people over 10 years, found those with high blood sugar had a faster rate of cognitive decline than those with normal blood sugar — whether or not those blood sugar levels classified the people as being diabetic.

...those with high blood sugar had a faster rate of cognitive decline than those with normal blood sugar...

The link could be due to an enzyme that breaks down insulin. Insulin-degrading enzyme, a product of insulin that breaks down both insulin and amyloid proteins in the brain, which are the same proteins that can lead to Alzheimer's disease, is a factor in the connection to dementia. Melissa Schilling, a

professor at New York University, reviewed studies and found that people who have type 1 diabetes and don't produce enough insulin can't break down the amyloid proteins naturally. Furthermore, those who take insulin to treat diabetes can end up with a surplus of insulin in the body. The insulin-degrading enzyme gets used up trying to break the surplus down. This doesn't leave enough enzymes to tackle amyloid brain-clumping proteins. These same scenarios can occur in people if their blood sugar levels are elevated, even if they don't have diabetes yet.

Data published by Harvard Health Publishing indicates that "any incremental increase in blood sugar was associated with an increased risk of dementia." Individuals who have elevated blood sugar levels, or roughly 100 mg/dL or higher after a fast, can tame sugar levels by exercising, losing weight and shifting

away from highly refined grains. Individuals also may want to favour a Mediterranean style of eating, which focuses on fish, olive oil, fruits, vegetables, and beans over a processed carbohydrate- and sugar-laden diet.

High blood sugar is another factor linked to the formation of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Making lifestyle changes can keep seniors healthy throughout their golden years.



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ASH WALANI GOT INTO THE HEALTH CARE BUSINESS TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON PEOPLE'S LIVES.

When his own grandmother was suffering with dementia, he saw firsthand how home care could make a massive difference. Walani has been working with Right at Home Canada for eight years now. It's a one-stop shop for home health care. "We do everything from warming up soup to 24-hour nursing care," said Walani. "We have personal support workers, companions, registered nurses, registered practical nurses, whatever is needed." Right at Home Canada is a boutique private health care provider for anyone that needs it. Care can be provided at home, in-hospital, at a private retirement home — the company has even sent health care workers on vacations with clients. It's a truly personalized approach where the client can get exactly the type and amount of care they need. "Although senior care is our main staple, we have clients with developmental challenges, people with motor vehicle accident issues — wherever care is needed, we're there," said Walani. Right at Home Canada has been around for 13 years and has grown rapidly in that time. It has offices across Canada, and Walani attributes this growth to the company's client-centric approach. If you're receiving this newspaper, you can get care

from Right at Home Canada. When you call, you'll get directed to the right location for you. The company is there to help you navigate health care. Michelle Boyce is the care planner for the local Right at Home Canada branch — she's the personal care concierge for Right at Home clients. With over 20 years of experience in the medical field, she's an expert coordinator. Right at Home Canada is proud to launch a new service called RightCare+. It involves the use of a device that can be placed in a client's home and can respond to audio cues — like if someone falls, or asks for water — to let the appropriate party know that care is required. It gives clients the peace of mind of 24/7 monitoring. The device, Sensi Care CoPilot, provides the care team with an added understanding of the client's physical, emotional and cognitive needs. It provides over 100 types of crucial insights which enable proactive care. The technology is trusted by home care companies internationally and has demonstrated its lifesaving success and ability to enhance caregiving services. To get in touch with Right at Home Canada, you can call 1-855-983-4663, visit rightathomecanada.com or reach Michelle Boyce at: michelle@rightathomecanada.com

What is a Denturist?



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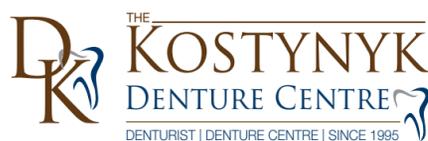
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Caledon Takes Bold Steps Toward Integrated, Age-Friendly Care



April 2025 has been a landmark month for health and community planning in Caledon, with two key events driving forward a shared vision for accessible, integrated overall health services for Caledon residents of all ages with the second event highlighting a special focus on age-friendly services for seniors living in Caledon. Geraldine Aguiar, Chief Executive Officer at Caledon Community Services (CCS), sitting on the expert panels for both these important discussions aligns with CCS' vision of a 'healthy and engaged community' in Caledon. *'This vision of what the future of healthcare can bring – will take 'all hands on deck' a coordinated effort of dedicated partnership to bring to life – the conversations are in the early stages and it's very encouraging what we've heard to date. The support from the Town of Caledon and all levels of government and local groups and organizations will help advance these important discussions moving ever closer toward realization,' says Geraldine Aguiar, CEO, Caledon Community Services, 'It's an exciting time for healthcare in Caledon.'*

Caledon Health Summit – April 7, 2025
Held at the Southfields Community Centre, the Caledon Health Summit brought together healthcare professionals, service providers, and community leaders to explore new models of coordinated care. With a focus on both data and lived experience, discussions emphasized the importance of team-based care and supporting aging populations. Panelists from Caledon Community Services (CCS),

Hills of Headwaters OHT, Family Transition Place, and local physicians shared insights on service gaps and opportunities. In response, CCS has launched a **Community Hub Subcommittee** with its' Board of Directors to explore its role as a catalyst in moving this work forward.

Aging with Dignity – April 11, 2025
Later in the week the Town of Caledon, through their Age Friendly initiative invited Linda Jeffrey of the National Seniors Council to be a special guest presenter and participate in a panel discussion alongside its Advisory Committee Chair Carine Strong, and Co-Chair, Geraldine Aguiar to discuss recommendations from the federal report entitled **Supporting Canadians Aging at Home**. This conversation was moderated by Joe McReynolds. With 96% of seniors expressing a desire to remain in their homes and over 475,000 reporting unmet home care needs in 2021, the event underscored the urgency of local action. Discussions highlighted how Caledon's age-friendly efforts align with national priorities. Watch for information on these important conversations from the many partners at the table to move this forward. Learn more on age-friendly initiatives at caledon.ca/adult55 and for information on opportunities and services for seniors offered through Caledon Community Services email seniors@ccs4u.org or visit our website at ccs4u.org.

The pros and cons of receiving your Canada Pension Plan benefits early or late



(NC) Financial planners used to ask their clients, "What if you die? How will you look after your family?"

Nowadays, with people living longer, the question is, "What if you live?"

One of the key decisions that many Canadians need to make in retirement planning is when to begin receiving your Canada Pension Plan (CPP) benefits. It's an important decision that can have a significant impact on retirement income, but it's a decision that is different for everyone based on personal circumstances.

payments at age 60 versus \$14,200 at 70.

FACTORS TO CONSIDER BEFORE DECIDING:

It can be daunting to make the decision, but there are several questions you can ask yourself before you decide – and of course you can choose to begin receiving benefits any time between ages 60 and 70.

UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF EARLY AND LATE BENEFITS:

The standard age to receive CPP benefits is 65. You can start as early as 60, but you'll receive a smaller amount; or you can delay until 70 and receive higher benefits. (The maximum monthly amount is reached at 70, except for increases due to inflation.)

For example, you may consider taking CPP earlier if you are ill or have a family history of shorter lifespans. You may also want to pay off debts or invest the money. On the other hand, you may consider waiting longer if you are healthy, have a family history of living longer and don't need the money for immediate needs.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- If you choose to start receiving benefits before age 65, payments will decrease by 0.6 per cent each month (or 7.2 per cent per year), up to a maximum reduction of 36 per cent if you start at age 60.
- If you start after age 65, payments increase by 0.7 per cent each month (or 8.4 per cent per year) up to a maximum of 42 per cent if you wait until age 70.

BENEFITS ASSURANCE:

Whatever you decide, the benefits will be there for you – and you'll keep receiving payments for as long as you live. As of September 30, 2024, the Fund stands at \$675 billion. It's professionally managed by CPP Investments, the independent Crown Corporation that operates at arm's length from the federal and provincial governments. The independent Office of the Chief Actuary, which monitors the long-term health of the Fund, says in its latest review that the CPP Fund is financially sustainable for at least the next 75 years.

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HOW MUCH DO HEARING AIDS COST?

When it comes to purchasing hearing aids, one of the most common questions people ask is, "How much does a hearing aid cost in Canada?" While the price of hearing aids can vary depending on various factors, it's important to look beyond the sticker price and understand the full picture. Investing in hearing aids is not just about buying a device; it's about enhancing your quality of life and reconnecting with the world around you. In this post, we'll break down the costs of hearing aids, what you get for your money, and why it's important to make an informed decision about where and how you purchase them.

THE BASICS OF HEARING AID PRICING

When you purchase hearing aids, you're not just paying for the physical device. The cost includes several key elements that contribute to the overall value of your hearing aid experience:

- **The Device:** You can choose from basic models with simple amplification, mid-range options with better features, or premium models offering advanced technology like automatic adjustments and wireless connectivity.
- **Personalized Fitting:** Professional hearing care ensures you're matched with the best solution for your specific needs, including thorough tests, unique programming, and fine-tuning for optimal results.
- **Follow-Up Care:** Regular adjustments and maintenance are essential to keep your devices working well over time.
- **Ongoing Support:** Many providers offer troubleshooting assistance, repairs, and updates—often included in your purchase.
- **Warranties:** Hearing aids typically come with warranties covering repairs, replacements, and sometimes protection against loss or damage.

OVER-THE-COUNTER VS. PROFESSIONALLY FITTED HEARING AIDS

While OTC hearing aids may appear to be a budget-friendly option, they often lack personalization, professional care, and ongoing support, leading to poor results and higher costs over time.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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WHY CHOOSE PROFESSIONAL HEARING CARE?

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IT'S ABOUT MORE THAN COST

The cost of hearing aids can vary widely, but it's important to consider the value that comes with purchasing from a professional hearing care provider. The price covers not only the device but also personalized fitting, ongoing support, and peace of mind through warranties and financing options. Choosing hearing aids that are specifically tailored to your needs ensures that you can reconnect with the world around you and improve your quality of life.

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TIPS TO PICK the right time to retire

Professionals work hard to achieve both short- and long-term goals. Retirement certainly qualifies as a long-term goal, and many people spend decades building and investing in a nest egg that they hope will help them enjoy their golden years to the fullest extent.

THE DECISION REGARDING when to retire is affected by a host of variables, so what's a good time for one individual may not be ideal for another. However, professionals on the cusp of retirement can consider these tips as they try to pick the right time to retire.

• CONSIDER AGE-RELATED BENEFITS
The Canada Pension Plan (CPP) allows individuals to begin receiving full CPP benefits at age 65, but they also can get a permanently reduced amount the moment they turn 60. The CPP also allows people to receive a permanent increase if they wait until turning 70 to receive payment.

These distinctions are significant, especially for people who will be looking to government-sponsored programs to provide significant financial support in

retirement. Individuals who won't rely as heavily on such programs may be able to retire earlier.

• PAY OFF YOUR DEBTS
Carrying debt into retirement can be risky. In general, it's ideal to pay off all debts, including a mortgage and car payment, before retiring. Doing so can provide more financial flexibility and make it easier to manage unforeseen expenses, such as those incurred due to health problems.

• CONSIDER YOUR RETIREMENT LIVING EXPENSES
It goes without saying that a sizable nest egg will be a necessity for anyone hoping to live comfortably in retirement. But the tricky part is figuring out just how big a nest egg might need to be. In such instances, individuals can speak with a financial advisor and discuss what their retirement living expenses will be. Conventional wisdom based on the Consumer Price Index suggests individuals will need to replace between 70 and 80 percent of their pre-retirement income after calling it a career. But even that figure is not set in stone, as rising inflation, such as the rapid spike experienced in 2022, can quickly put retirees in financial jeopardy. By estimating the expenses they might have in retirement, individuals can begin to see just how close or far away from retirement they may be. Budget for inflation so any spike in living expenses can be easier to manage.

Many individuals recognize that there's no perfect time to retire. But a few simple strategies can help professionals make the best decision possible.



DEALING WITH GUILT

Are you dealing with feelings of guilt because society often shames you into thinking the worst thing you can ever do for your parents is place them in a retirement home? This simply is not true. There are excellent forever homes who provide the extra love, care, and support that your loved ones may need. It is necessary to do your homework and visit homes and talk to residents and families. It is similar to choosing a good day care for your child. When you are busy with work, family members and your own personal life, it can be difficult to give an elderly family member the attention they need. As a result, their health and well-being can deteriorate. Trained professionals can help in providing care. These services can reduce the stress that you may be experiencing while trying to care for your loved one. No matter our age, the role reversal is uncomfortable. We want our parents to remain decision-makers. We find it difficult when we must take over their roles. We feel guilty about the role reversal. Taking on the responsibility of finding a suitable living environment for your loved one can be taxing, but please know that it is normal to feel uncomfortable during this time. Society plays a significant role in placing guilt on family members. Often stories written of neglect and abuse plant notions in your head that residents' safety may be a concern. When it comes to safety, those with marked cognitive decline, mobility issues or other disabilities are definitely safer in an environment with experienced staff,

built-in barrier-free hallways, well-placed grab bars and other environmental supports rather than in their multi-story, cluttered houses. Reports have shown seniors often maintain a healthy weight and show improvement to their physical and mental health when they have fresh cooked meals, medication monitoring, attentive physical care, and opportunities to engage in meaningful activities such as music, art, exercise, and games. Often fellow residents are eager to include new people in the social aspect of group living. Group activities evoke feelings of camaraderie and human connection, which are necessary for well-being. Take the time to acknowledge and appreciate that you are doing the best you can and deserve to have a life and relationships outside of caregiving. Relationships improve when you return to being a family member first and caregiver second. You will still oversee your loved one's care, but the day-to-day stresses and responsibilities will be shared with a full support team. They will still need you as their advocate. Accept this newly defined caregiver role and the benefits it provides. A commitment to a life of your own will make you a more refreshed caregiver and protect against caregiver burnout. That is a winning situation for both sides. At Woodhall Park Retirement Village we have been caring for seniors for over 35 years, providing love and support to many families. Call today 905-846-1441 extension 32 for your tour or visit us online at www.woodhallpark.ca.



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At Abbeyfield Caledon, we've mastered the art of blending care, community, and comfort to create an unparalleled living experience for seniors. Set in the heart of Caledon East's tranquil neighborhood, our non-profit seniors residence promises more than just a place to stay - it offers a chance to thrive among peers in a family-like atmosphere. Let's talk about the myriad of benefits that life at Abbeyfield Caledon provides, highlighting why it stands out as an exceptional choice for seniors seeking companionship, independence, and a vibrant lifestyle in their later years:

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- Home-like Setting
- Nutrition and Well-being
- Affordable Living
- Independence and Dignity
- Volunteer Support

Living in a non-profit seniors residence like Abbeyfield Caledon offers the privilege of a supportive, caring community, nutritious meals, and a comfortable living space. It ensures a secure, dignified, and affordable lifestyle for seniors, helping them preserve their independence while living in a social, stimulating environment. This combination of benefits makes Abbeyfield Caledon an attractive choice for senior living in Ontario. We can't wait for you to make Abbeyfield Caledon your new home. We are here, ready to welcome you with open arms into our family. Get in touch with us if you are interested in becoming a resident or if you want to join us as a volunteer serving the community. Call Lisa Chevalier, House Manager at: 905-860-0181 or visit us at: abbeyfieldcaledon.org.



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Celebrating SENIORS



LOOKING FOR A GREAT SPRING STAYCATION IDEA?

Check out **Peel Art Gallery, Museum + Archives (PAMA)**

With May being Museum Month, what a great time to explore PAMA's state-of-the-art facility in downtown Brampton, across from beautiful Gage Park. The PAMA complex is made up of four historic buildings, with some dating back to 1867. Ask about a special guided tour on Thursday evenings and weekends!

PAMA is a place to explore and learn about Peel region's diverse culture and heritage highlighting important local, Canadian, and global narratives. Art, artifact, and archival collections, exhibitions, and programs help visitors make new and fascinating connections to the surrounding community. Join us throughout the year for tours, events, workshops, and public programs for all ages.

Discover two powerful art exhibitions, Jude Griebel: *Illuminated Collapse* and *Dark Ice: Leslie Reid and Robert Kautuk*, which address the urgent issues of climate change. These exhibitions invite visitors to explore thought-provoking works that highlight the challenges facing our planet.

In addition, don't miss a range of other exciting exhibitions, including *Behind Bars: The History of the Peel County Jail*, *Sights/Sites of Peel Region*, *Youth on Reconciliation*, *This is How We Do It: Creating Museum Exhibitions*, *All Aboard: The Railways of Peel*, *Stories of Home*, and more!

Spring Event Highlights

Workshops

- Paper Quilling Workshop with Deepa Krishnan: Sat. May 3
- Toy Making Workshops: Sun. May 4, 18, June 8, 22
- Turkish Paper Marbling Workshop, Sun. May 25

Musical Experiences

- Argentinian Folk Music with El Ceibo: Thurs. May 8
- Portuguese Fado Music: Thurs. June 5
- Music Night featuring Brampton Folk Club: Thurs. June 19

Celebrating Mom!

- Tea Tasting Experience, T by Daniel: Sat. May 10

Celebrating Youth Week!

- Open-Mic Poetry event with Speak Your Truth (pay what you can event): Thurs. May 22
- Peel Perspectives - A Youth Art Showcase (pay what you can event): Sat. May 24

Celebrating Pride Month in June

- Living Queer History - A Storytelling Celebration (pay what you can event): Sun. June 22

AND more!

- Spring Art Reception (free event): Fri. May 23
- Connections Art & Book Club (free event): Thurs. June 12

Admission to PAMA is \$20 for a family of two adults and up to five kids, \$8 for adults, and \$6 for seniors and students. If cost is a barrier, they offer free passes at any library in Brampton, Mississauga, and Caledon for sign-out with your library card. PAMA is located at 9 Wellington Street East, Brampton.

Visit pama.peelregion.ca to learn about hours, admission and reservations or follow them @visit-PAMA on socials.

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Outdoor Maintenance Assistance Program



We've expanded the Snow Removal Financial Assistance Program and renamed it the Outdoor Maintenance Assistance Program.

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SPRING Exhibitions at PAMA

- **A Daily Drive** with CONTACT Photography Festival April 1 – Sept. 7, 2025
- **Jude Griebel: Illuminated Collapse** April 12 – Sept. 7, 2025
- **Dark Ice: Leslie Reid and Robert Kautuk** April 25 – Sept. 7, 2025



Jude Griebel, *Gaining Ground* (detail), 2019

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A Serene, Peaceful Retreat

At Southbrook, we understand the importance of a peaceful environment, especially when entering a new chapter of life. Surrounded by lush green grounds and beautiful natural landscapes, our residents experience a tranquil, calming atmosphere that promotes both relaxation and well-being. The quiet beauty of our grounds offers the perfect setting for leisurely walks, peaceful moments of reflection, or simply enjoying the fresh air. Whether it's a morning stroll or an afternoon chat with friends on one of our outdoor benches, the serenity of Southbrook

provides a respite from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

A Place Where You're Family

What truly sets Southbrook apart, however, is the people. Our friendly, personable staff go beyond the call of duty to create an environment that feels just like home. When you walk through our doors, you'll notice the difference immediately. It's not just about meeting the needs of our residents—it's about getting to know them on a personal level and ensuring they feel valued, cared for, and connected to the Southbrook family.

From our compassionate care team to our engaging activity staff, every member of the Southbrook staff is dedicated to fostering a sense of belonging. Our team is always ready to offer a helping hand, share a laugh, or simply listen to a story. We believe that a supportive, friendly atmosphere is essential to making every resident feel comfortable and at ease, and that's something we take pride in every single day.

A Reputation Built on Word of Mouth

At Southbrook, we believe our reputation speaks for itself—and it's one that's been built on word of mouth. The majority of our new residents come to us because someone they know has had a positive experience at Southbrook. Whether it's a friend, family member, or neighbour, word quickly spreads about the high level of care, the warm, inviting atmosphere, and the beautiful surroundings that make Southbrook a standout choice. We're proud of the fact that so many of our residents are referred by others who have lived here and experienced the Southbrook difference firsthand. Our tight-knit community and the bonds our residents share play a large part in this. It's not just about being a place to live; it's about becoming a place where life-long friendships are made and cherished.

The Hidden Gem in Brampton

Located in the peaceful suburbs of Brampton, Southbrook Retirement Residence is often referred to as the "hidden gem" of the area. While we may not be

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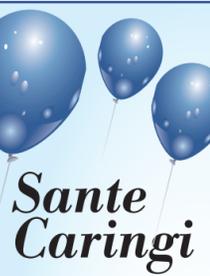
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Sante Caringi

Today, we honor and celebrate an extraordinary man —Sante Caringi—on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Born April 18th, 1935, in Castelliri, Italy, Sante began his journey in life with deep roots in tradition, family, and hard work. In 1960, with courage and his wife Maria, he immigrated to this country to build a better future—not just for himself, but for generations to come.

Here, he laid the foundation for a legacy that would flourish. He founded Sun-Brite Drapery and through his tireless work and commitment, he created opportunities for others and helped shape the lives of many.

Since the 90's, Sante has been the heart and soul of the Associazione Culturale di Castelliri in Toronto, where his guidance, wisdom, and leadership left a lasting impact. Even now, at 90 years young, he remains a vibrant and active member of his community—continuing to give, support, and inspire all those around him.

Sante is loved beyond measure. Though his beloved spouse Maria Caringi has passed, their love continues to be felt deeply on this day and always. He is celebrated by his devoted family and the countless friends he has made over the years—near and far,—who cherish his kindness, laughter, and enduring strength.

To know Sante is to be uplifted by his spirit, to feel the warmth of his presence, and to be reminded of the power of resilience, faith, and love.

Happy 90th Birthday, Sante. Your life is a blessing to us all.

IN MEMORIAM

Linda Gail Armstrong
 January 26, 1956 - April 17, 1999

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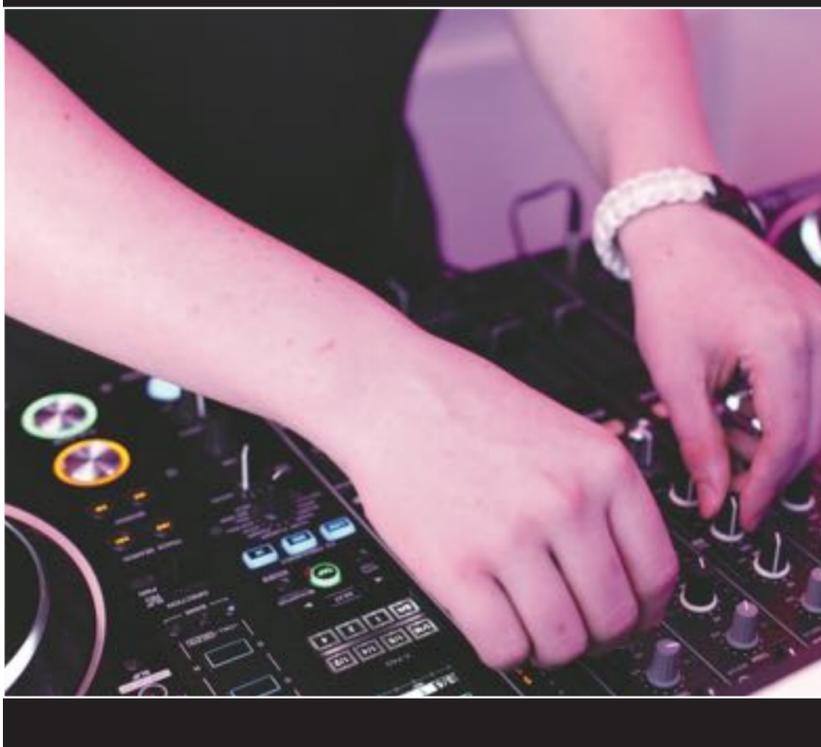
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Round 2 at Cross Creek featured another perfect sunny 30-degree day for golf and a group photo was taken by friendly staff on the putting green: The Magnificent 7 in the foreground; red azaleas and coral and green mountains in the background. Despite our valiant collective efforts, Cross Creek GC proved to be a tough course to improve our first day scores on.

A refreshing post-round dip in our Mansion in the Mountains Eternity Pool took the edge off another bad putting day in the baking California sun and heat.

Tuesday's culinary flare was demonstrated by the masterful grilling efforts of JK on the BBQ who provided the group with a perfect pork tenderloin, and Frank grilled a range of delectable vegetables, including mushrooms, to complement the three bottles of wine we enjoyed El Fresco.

After a meta-golf day comprised of playing 18 holes; watching 18 holes of the Masters Par 3 tournament including Keegan Bradley's hole-in-one; drafting our six choices for the Masters Pool; and critiquing each other's games, our home base of Temecula served as a perfect milieu for multiple levels of golf by seven avid golfers looking to escape from a harsh Winter and cold Spring in Ontario.

Days 5 and 6: Soaring at Red Hawk GC and Wine-Tasting at Leoness Cellars

In a fortuitous change of plans, we pivoted from playing a third round in a row at Cross Creek and opted for a venue much closer so we could enjoy Temecula's wineries.

Our shift in golf courses paid immediate dividends. The sights and sounds of aesthetically-pleasing Red Hawk made the \$85 greens fee quite worthwhile. A warm welcome from pro shop staff, a senior discount, superior practice facilities, quick greens, and decorative flower gardens surrounding all tee blocks created an invitational appeal. The wide, forgiving fairways are lined with mature white-trunked Eucalyptus and Sycamore trees.

"The Magnificent Seven" found Red Hawk's layout fair and rewarding. Our Fearless Leader, Dan, had played the course in previous years so he booked us for two enjoyable rounds of golf played in ideal sunny, 29-30-degree conditions.

A refreshing post-round dip cured all physical ills and patio libations washed away the blunders on the links.

Sandwiched between our two rounds at Red Hawk was a trip to Leoness Cellars—a charming Winery with rolling acres of grapes growing in the shadows of the Santa Ana Mountain Range. Our Group of Six ordered various flight combinations to taste a wide variety of local wines.

Dan, JK, John, and Frank have much experience as wine lovers.

I chose the Mixed Flight. The one-ounce pours were presented in five stemmed glasses on a vertical metal stands. The Mixed Flight was priced at \$30 and consisted of two whites and three reds: Melange de Blanc, Melange d'ete, Mertage, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Zinfandel. The Flights were delivered to our table alongside complementary foods – big cut parmesan fries and flatbreads – that set off the Leoness's vintages. Friendly staff and patrons made Leoness Cellars' shaded stone patio a relaxing post-golf setting.

Days 7 and 8: On the Road to San Diego to enjoy The Golf Club of California at Fallbrook

Our intrepid group of six – alas, our seventh golfer succumbed to a nasty Spring virus – ventured down the fog-shrouded freeway to San Diego's northern suburb of Fallbrook.

The Golf Club of California is a challenging 6082-yard layout from the whites with half the par 4s very difficult to reach in regulation. Day 1 featured an oppressive fog for the first three holes, but the California sun emerged to burn off the cool mist. Day 2 was sunny and 27.

Unfortunately, the GCOC also top-dressed its undulating greens last week which magnified the difficulty of breaking 90 for our group. JK fought through the fatigue we were feeling after six rounds in six days and the grainy, spiked putting surfaces to finish first in our four-round tournament. Your faithful scribe captured the 2024 tourney of eight players in my inaugural road trip with these sagacious golf and wine enthusiasts, but I did the "right" thing this year by finishing dead last with a frightening array of errant drives and steady stream of bad short iron shots. So it goes.

In addition to JK capturing the Road Trip Tourney, the highlight of the Golf Club of California was playing the three-hole elevated com-

bo of holes labelled The Summit.

Yellow wildflowers adorn the teeblocks. Sycamores, ancient oaks, palms, eucalyptus, and towering Pines line the fairways and greens. The GCOC was, indeed, our best playing experience. Our group is looking forward to re-playing this course when the greens aren't freshly top-dressed and the current occupant of The White House is relieved of his duties.

One of the three main reasons to take in this San Diego-area course is The Par 5 6th which is ranked as the most difficult hole on the course at 528 yards off the whites. Following the stem challenge of airing out a high elevation drive into a narrow valley, getting on the green in regulation required circumnavigating bunkers and boulders positioned quite deviously to thwart your best-laid fairway plans.

After the Par 5 came the second reason to play the GCOC. It's nicknamed "The Cyclops" – a nasty 140-yard Par 3 that features a circular bunker in the center of the green. We were required to fire our elevated offerings into a second consecutive valley and into a persistent headwind both days with the eyeball bunker winking at our bad approaches. There is sand everywhere!

The 398-yard Par 4 8th – nicknamed Split Decision – required us to choose a right or left side attack of the elevated green which is surrounded by boulders and protected by a gigantic raised bunker that spanned the fairway. The enormity of the steeped bunker enters your consciousness and does not leave.

These three consecutive holes made our drive to the northern suburbs of San Diego so well worth it.

The climax of our golf vacation occurred on Sunday afternoon when we cheered on Rory McIlroy to his first Masters championship.

We were thrilled to watch our recording of McIlroy's wildly inconsistent final round as the Northern Irishman became the sixth golfer in PGA history to win the Grand Slam. What a classic final round—featuring the resurgent Justin Rose push McIlroy into a one-hole playoff and watching McIlroy dance through a minefield of disasters in the back nine before jarring his putt in the playoff and donning the Green Jacket. Certainly a final round for the ages...

To win a Masters championship with two double Bogeys on one's scorecard provided hope for all duffers.

As one of those duffers, I'm looking forward

to teeing it up next week at St. Andrew's Valley in the Seniors' League, especially after spending six enjoyable warmup rounds in the Blue State of California with Steady Eddie, Fearsome Frank, Respiratory Rob, Dangerous Dan, Jovial John, and Jocular JK.

We had a terrific time in Temecula and I'd recommend it highly as a golf and winery destination for Canadian travelers—once the current occupant at the White House is gone.

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The Toronto Star recently reignited the issue of sharing the proceeds of fundraisers between schools and it's been making the rounds on podcasts and on talk radio too. It's something I remember we vehemently debated at our own parent council meetings all those years ago and I recall being disappointed that more people were not in support of the idea of sharing the largesse – particularly in schools where the "wants" very much outweighed the "needs."

To my mind, this isn't about what parents should, or shouldn't (or can't) do to support fundraising efforts, but rather, it's about a child's potential. Thankfully, we live in a country where everyone has the freedom to learn, and I think the costs are a responsibility we should mutually share. If a school in one community can raise thousands of dollars and one in another community doesn't even have the socio-economic tools to raise a few hundred dollars, in a country like Canada such economic disparity should never prevent a child from succeeding.

Fundraising is hard work. I recognize this. You don't have to give away all the money you raise, but perhaps you might remember this lesson from your school days: "sharing is caring."

Too late each year we realize that April is "too soon." It's too soon to garden, and certainly too soon to wear shorts. April starts with April Fool's Day and it's fools like us Canadians that fall for April's annual joke that "spring has arrived" when in reality it won't be here anytime soon. What is coming soon, however, is the federal election. Don't let the weather dictate whether you vote.

And one final note on spring: like the great Maya Angelou once said (about a topic far more serious than this) "still we rise." It's spring, and no matter what, Canadians will still drag out the lawn furniture regardless of temperature, then stubbornly sit on it wrapped in a blanket just to prove how "nice" it is outside.

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