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Members and representatives of the Caledon Sports Hall of Fame's Class of 2025 pose for a group photo after last week's induction ceremony. PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

Caledon Sport Hall of Fame welcomes eight, plus championship team, as Class of 2025

BY JIM STEWART

Eight athletes and builders, along with a championship hockey team, were enshrined in the annual Caledon Sport Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Wednesday evening at the CECC Banquet Hall.

The 2025 Inductees in the Athlete Category were triathlete Lisa Bentley, synchronized swimmer Beverly (McKnight) Holden, field hockey Goaltender Zoe MacKinnon, NHL Power Forward Keith

McCreary, and pole vaulter Douglas Wood.

Wood was also enshrined in the Builder Category as a pole vaulting coach.

Two other Builders were inducted: Nordic Skiing Coach and High School Sports Coach Angus Doughty; and Triathlon Coach Barrie Shepley, who multi-tasked seamlessly and masterfully as the event's emcee for the second consecutive year.

Caledon's Town Crier Andrew Welch clanged his brass hand bell to bring the

solid-out crowd to order.

With the traditional booming voice that goes with his ceremonial role, Welch brought greetings from the Town in classic 19th-century formality.

He introduced Ward Four Councillor Nick deBoer who brought greetings on behalf of Mayor Annette Groves who sent her regrets.

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SOUL SOUP

Rotary Bolton

Bolton Rotary is offering a food challenge to donate soup ingredients to The Exchange (55 Healey Road) or any cash donation will be matched to \$2500 for the month of February, 2025.

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HOUSING FUNDS: Dignitaries gathered at Southfields Community Centre last week for an announcement of Caledon's receipt of \$14 million from the Housing Accelerator Fund. Pictured here, from left, are: Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli; Regional Councillor Mario Russo; Minister of Democratic Institutions Ruby Sahota; Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Nathaniel Erskine-Smith; Mayor Annette Groves; Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen; Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell; and Regional Councillor Christina Early. For more on the funds, see Page A5. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

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COVID-19 outbreak reported on E-Wing at Headwaters

BY SAM ODROWSKI

A COVID-19 respiratory outbreak was recently reported at Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC)

HHCC and Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH) declared the outbreak on January 30 due to positive COVID-19 cases among patients in the hospital's E-Wing.

In a press release issued by HHCC on January 31, the hospital reported that there were no COVID-19-positive cases among staff or physicians associated with the outbreak.

The earliest Headwaters can be declared out of outbreak status is tomorrow, February 7, provided there are no additional cases related to this outbreak. At that time, an "outbreak declared over" notice will be provided.

Headwaters Emergency Department, Ambulatory Care Services, other inpatient units, and scheduled surgeries are not impacted by the outbreak.

Precautionary infection prevention and control precautions are in place at HHCC in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. These include mandatory masking for E-Wing visitors and only one person being allowed to visit a patient at a time.

"Visitors must wear masks when entering the unit. Visitors are asked to refrain from eating/drinking while on the unit, always remaining masked. Hospital-issued masks will be available outside of the unit," said HHCC.



Caledon offers resources, business survey amid tariff threats

Canada gets 30-day reprieve following eleventh-hour calls

BY BROCK WEIR

An eleventh-hour agreement between Canada and the United States on Monday led to a 30-day delay in imposing "devastating" tariffs on Canadian goods going across the border – but Caledon's business community has stepped up with resources to help businesses adapt should they be put in place.

A trade war between the two nations was averted – at least temporarily – at the start of the week following talks between Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and President Donald Trump which led to additional measures to secure the border.

"Canada is implementing our \$1.3 billion border plan – reinforcing the border with new choppers, technology and personnel, enhanced coordination with our American partners, and increased resources to stop the flow of fentanyl," said Trudeau in a statement on Monday afternoon. "Nearly 10,000 frontline personnel are and will be working on protecting the border."

"In addition, Canada is making new

commitments to appoint a Fentanyl Czar, we will list cartels as terrorists, ensure 24/7 eyes on the border, launch a Canada-U.S. Joint Strike Force to combat organized crime, fentanyl, and money laundering. I have also signed a new intelligence directive on organized crime and fentanyl and we will be backing it with \$200 million."

The delay in tariffs came after a fraught weekend when Trump threatened to impose them this week.

His intentions sparked a flurry of responses from all levels of government.

Had a deal not been reached on Monday, Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced the Province intended to bar American companies from bidding on Provincial contracts, remove U.S.-produced beer, wine and spirits from LCBO shelves, and "rip up" Ontario's contract with Elon Musk's Starlink to bring high-speed internet to more remote parts of Ontario.

"We have temporarily averted tariffs that would have severely damaged our economy, giving time for more negotiations and time for cooler heads to prevail," said Ford on Monday. "Thank you to the countless workers, union leaders, businesses and every day proud Canadians who rallied together to make this happen. With the U.S. pausing tariffs, Ontario will pause retaliatory measures. If President Trump proceeds with tariffs, we won't

hesitate to remove American products off LCBO shelves or ban American companies from provincial procurement.

"Make no mistake, Canada and Ontario continue to stare down the threat of tariffs. Whether it's tomorrow, in a month or a year from now when we're renegotiating the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, President Trump will continue to use the threat of tariffs to get what he wants. We're already feeling the impact. So long as our trading relationship with our largest trading partner is up in the air, we will continue to see many potential projects frozen and projects that were already under way put at risk."

The Town of Caledon's Economic Development team is offering to help businesses navigate tariff impacts. Explore the Tariff Resource Hub to access the latest news and resources, connect with staff, and shape advocacy priorities. For more, visit <https://www.caledonbusiness.ca/en/business-support/tariffs.aspx>. The Town is also encouraging input to a survey they created on the impacts of the tariffs. Take the 5-minute survey to let them know how your business is impacted by the tariffs to shape support programs and advocacy efforts. For more, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CaledonTariffImpact>.

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Headwaters Health Care Centre invites public to apply to its Board of Directors

Are you passionate about health care and looking to make an impact locally?

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) is inviting members of the public to apply for its volunteer Board of Directors.

HHCC is looking for dedicated and dynamic individuals residing in the region to contribute to transformative health care through the volunteer board.

"As a growing medium-sized hospital, accredited with Exemplary Standing, HHCC is actively recruiting Director candidates to provide governance oversight and monitor our performance goals. Directors play a crucial role in offering feedback and guidance to the CEO, while serving as a vital link between the hospital and the communities it serves," said HHCC in a press release on February 3.

Kim Delahunt, President and CEO of Headwaters, encourages anyone with a passion for making a lasting difference in health care to consider this opportunity as their platform for giving back.

The Board actively seeks diverse representation in experience and background, aiming for inclusivity that mirrors the perspectives of the Dufferin-Caledon communities.

Ideal candidates possess:

- Strong communication skills, with the ability to listen and

ask constructive questions.

- Expertise in the legal, financial, clinical or health care system.
- Personal and professional integrity in navigating diverse perspectives and ideas.
- The time, commitment, and dedication required to contribute to their community hospital in a meaningful way.

Board members are expected to:

- Participate in monthly board meetings (approximately three hours per month, excluding summer months).
- Belong to at least one committee.
- Attend two-hour monthly/bi-monthly committee meetings (excluding summer months), with preparation in advance.
- Support the Headwaters Health Care Foundation.
- Take advantage of education and development opportunities in health care governance through the Ontario Hospital Association and other organizations.

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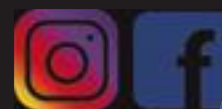


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Volunteers will be making fresh, healthy soup at The Exchange for those in need. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Bolton Rotary launches "Soul Soup" initiative

Volunteers to make large batches of soup for food bank with donated ingredients

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Bolton Rotary is cooking up healthy soup for those in need.

The club has recently launched a new initiative called "Soul Soup".

Caledon residents are being challenged to donate soup ingredients to The Exchange, the food bank run by Caledon Community Services (CCS). They can also donate to Bolton Rotary's Coldest Night of the Year fundraising walk team, and donations up to \$2,500 to CCS will be matched.

Once ingredients are collected, volun-

teers will meet at The Exchange to cook large batches of soup together and then freeze the soup into individual portions so it can easily be given to those in need.

Bolton Rotary member Karen Fast said the Soul Soup initiative has gained momentum rapidly.

"It's taken on a life of its own, it just seems to be hitting a whole bunch of different feelings and emotions. People want to give back, they want to volunteer," said Fast.

She explained The Exchange typically goes through a slow period of donations in February after holiday donations end.

"February is a downtime for them, so it's a great time to boost it up," said Fast. "We love the term Soul Soup because it gives you some warmth and happiness."

To volunteer to cook or offer soup ingredients, those interested can email boltonrotary@gmail.com. Those interested in donating to the cause can visit boltonrotary.ca.

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CHARGES LAID RELATING TO 2022 HOME INVASION

Officers from the Caledon OPP have laid charges in connection to a 2022 home invasion investigation.

“On October 8, 2022, just before 11:00 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a home invasion in progress on Dougall Avenue near Kennedy Road, in the Town of Caledon,” Police say. “Police arrived minutes later but the suspects had already departed. The preliminary investigation revealed that the residence was forcibly entered, and valuables were demanded. Minor injuries were sustained during the incident. Photographs of two vehicles and a person of interest was shared at the time.”

As a result of the investigation, a 19-year-old of Brampton was arrested on February 3, 2025, and charged with:

- Armed robbery;
- Break and enter dwelling house - commit indictable offence;
- Assault - two counts;
- Forcible confinement;
- Assault with a weapon;

- Disguise with intent;
- Carrying a concealed weapon.

The accused, whose identity is withheld under the provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act, was held for a Bail Hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville.

The charges have not been proven.

The investigation remains ongoing by the Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit with the assistance from the OPP Forensic Identification Unit (FIS). Four other suspects remain outstanding.

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 peelcrimestoppers.ca.

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FRAUD INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment

of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid 47 charges as part of a fraud investigation.

“In October 2022, a business establishment reported fraudulent activity in one of their accounts,” say Police. “The investigation was led by the Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit.”

On January 28, 2025, Giuseppe Cordi, 34, of Barrie was arrested and charged with:

- Fraud under \$5000 - 41 counts;
- Fraud over \$5000 - 6 counts.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on February 27, 2025, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

“The OPP is working to increase public awareness of fraud-related crimes. Fraud can affect anyone and it’s important to report it. In the event of an emergency, dial 9-1-1. If you are not in an emergent situation, the first step is to report the fraud either in person or by phone to your local police service.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at <https://peelcrimestoppers.ca>. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

You are also encouraged to report the incident to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC). You can contact the CAFC toll free by calling 1-888-495-8501.

Knowledge is power. Regardless of age or gender, everyone can take basic steps to better protect themselves, family and friends from becoming victims of fraud.

SCAM GAVE WAY TO THREATS, POLICE SAY

Members of the Caledon OPP are currently investigating a scam that has turned into treats against the victim’s safety.

“On January 21, 2025, officers received a fraud report,” say Police. “Through the investigation, it was discovered that the victim initially responded to an advertisement on social media to receive payment in exchange for providing photographs to create art. Once payment was received, a smaller amount was to be sent back to confirm receipt. Once beginning to suspect fraud, the victim contacted police. Since then, communication has continued, in-

cluding escalating threats to the safety of the victim. According to the investigators, the money mule scam is suspected.

“According to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, increasingly fraud networks are recruiting unsuspecting victims to receive and transfer money from other victims. Being used as a money mule victimizes you, victimizes others and can get you tied into a money laundering scheme and could result in facing criminal charges.”

It’s important to report fraud. In the event of an emergency, dial 9-1-1. If you are not in an emergent situation, the first step is to report the fraud either in person or by phone to your local police service. You are also encouraged to report the incident to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC). You can contact the CAFC toll free by calling 1-888-495-8501 or online at <https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalz-eng.htm#a1a>.

For additional information about the various types of scams and how to protect yourself from becoming a victim, visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre site at <https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>.

“Protect yourself from scams and fraud. Remember, if it seems too good to be true, it is.”

IMPAIRED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon OPP have charged a driver involved in a single motor vehicle collision with impaired operation.

“On January 27, 2025, shortly before 11:00 p.m., officers responded to a vehicle into the ditch in Caledon Village,” say Police. “During the interaction, grounds were formed that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result of the investigation, Shawn Lariviere, 52, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on February 13, 2025, to answer to the charges.

The charge has not been proven.

The driver’s licence was also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle was impounded for seven.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. “The Las Vegas of the East”
6. Cook
10. Manning and Wallach are two
14. Chameleon
15. A way to fill up
17. What MLBers hope to play in
19. Unhappy
20. Indefinite period of time
21. Excites
22. Males
23. Mongol leader
24. Turfs
26. Soda comes in them
29. Not nice
31. Professional organization
32. Part of a play
34. Sea eagle
35. Emily Blunt’s character in “Sicario”
37. Beige
38. Mental sharpness
39. Valley
40. Alcyone’s husband
41. A place to gamble
43. Flightless Australian birds
45. Call out somebody’s name over a P.A. system
46. US spy group
47. Pancakes from buckwheat flour
49. Swiss river
50. Disfigure
53. Have surgery
57. Formal withdrawal
58. Early English council
59. Square measures
60. 2,000 lbs.
61. Siskel and ___, critics

CLUES DOWN

1. Mouths
2. Buffalo
3. You plug it in
4. Each
5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
6. King of Thebes
7. English name meaning “mythical hunter”
8. Indicates near
9. More herbaceous
10. Gas-powered cars need one
11. Dishonest individual
12. Systems, doctrines, theories
13. The woman
16. The whole of one’s holdings
18. Witnesses
22. Doctor
23. Paul ___, Swiss painter
24. Kids look for him on December 24
25. Single
27. Competitions
28. Predict the future
29. Cage for trained hawks
30. Musician Clapton
31. Frozen water
33. Semiformal men’s evening attire
35. Most worn
36. Common soap ingredient
37. Former EU monetary unit
39. Provisions
42. Book parts
43. Republic of Ireland
44. Partner to “Pa”
46. Sammy ___, songwriter
47. Dutch colonist
48. Clare Booth ___, American writer
49. Solar disk in Egyptian mythology
50. Minute arachnid
51. From a distance
52. Monthly apartment cost
53. Young women’s association
54. Tourist destination
55. “Woman” in Ojibwe language
56. Pointed end of a pen

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

Town receives \$14 million from Housing Accelerator Fund



Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Nathaniel Erskine-Smith addressed the crowd at the Southfields Community Centre and spoke of the Government's housing plans.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Government of Canada and Town reach agreement to accelerate construction of 485 homes

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon has received funding to fast-track the development of new homes in Town.

On January 30, the Government of Canada and Town of Caledon announced they'd reached an agreement to accelerate the construction of 485 homes over the next three years.

Caledon will be receiving nearly \$14 million from the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) to meet this goal.

According to a news release from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), Canada's national housing

agency, the funding will also spur the construction of 6,250 additional homes in Caledon over the next decade.

The CMHC noted local governments must have action plans in order to receive HAF money.

Caledon's plan to speed construction of housing includes implementing e-permitting technology; creating financial incentives for multiplexes; updating zoning bylaws to allow for increased height and density in strategic growth areas; and leveraging Town-owned vacant land to develop affordable and attainable housing.

The January 30 announcement was made at the Southfields Community Centre, and among those in attendance were Caledon Mayor Annette Groves; Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Nathaniel Erskine-Smith; and Minister of Democratic Institutions Ruby Sahota.

Erskine-Smith said the Government is committed to removing barriers and cutting red tape to enable housing development.

Sahota said making housing affordable in the future means increasing housing

supply now.

"The Town of Caledon has put forward 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," said Sahota.

Groves said Caledon is very pleased to receive funding to speed up construction of housing.

"I thank our federal partners for this funding to bring new homes to Caledon including affordable and missing middle units," she said. "The Town of Caledon has taken bold steps to address the housing shortage. Housing is a foundational component of individual and social prosperity and we are ready to build complete communities to further Caledon's Strategic Plan."

Groves said the money from the HAF will allow Caledon to build new homes that meet the diverse needs of Caledon residents.

"This is about making sure everyone

has a place to call home in Caledon," said Groves. "Today's announcement is more than just an investment in housing, it's an investment in people, in families and in the future of our town of Caledon."

Erskine-Smith said rewarding ambition at the municipal level is essential and that it's what the HAF is all about.

"We want our municipal partners to cut red tape, to speed up approval processes, to make sure they're making public land available to drive greater affordability," said Erskine-Smith.

Sahota said it's no secret that housing has become unaffordable and that it's time for bold action.

"Today, we are taking a step in the right direction," said Sahota. "By working together with all levels of government, with builders, with community leaders and with the people of Caledon, we can continue to push for the kind of housing solutions that will make a real difference."

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Location: Caledon East Community Complex, Banquet Hall 6215 Old Church Rd., Caledon East
- **Thursday, February 20th** - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Location: Grace Tipling Hall, 203 Main St. E., Shelburne

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- **Monday, February 10th** - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
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- **Tuesday, February 11th** - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Location: 150 Queen St. S., Bolton
- **Wednesday, February 12th** - 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: 15825 McLaughlin Rd., Inglewood
- **Sunday, February 16th** - 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
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On February 3, Captain Kevin Junor gave a presentation on the No. 2 Construction Battalion, an all-Black Canadian labour unit that served in World War I.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Community learns about No. 2 Construction Battalion, largest Black military unit in Canadian history

Captain Kevin Junor delivers presentation on Battalion at Caledon Public Library's Albion-Bolton branch

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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An enthusiastic group of around 200 students and community members recently enjoyed learning about the largest Black military unit in Canadian history.

On February 3, Captain Kevin Junor delivered a presentation on the No. 2 Construction Battalion at the Caledon Public Library's (CPL) Albion-Bolton branch.

Junor had a career with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) that spanned over

three decades. He became a Chief Warrant Officer and was deployed on operational tours of duty to Sierra Leone and Jordan. Junor is a recipient of the Order of Military Merit and was recently appointed to the Order of Ontario.

Junor explained that when World War I broke out in 1914, many Black Canadians volunteered to fight but were turned away due to their skin colour. Despite facing this racism, leaders of Black communities across Canada kept on pushing.

"These guys, they fought for the right to be able to fight," said Junor.

On July 5, 1916, an all-Black labour battalion was officially authorized.

No. 2 Construction Battalion was formed under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Daniel Sutherland, a white officer, and recruiting began. By December of 1916, the Battalion had well over 500 Black soldiers.

On March 28, 1917, No. 2 Construction Battalion sailed from Halifax to Liverpool with 19 officers and 595 men. Out of all

the officers, only one was Black: Reverend William Andrew White, who was one of the Black leaders who fought for Black men's right to enlist.

No. 2 soldiers were urgently needed to support the Canadian Forestry Corps' work in the Jura Mountains in southeast France, and began working there in May of 1917.

"They did some amazing work. They cut down trees, helped to rehabilitate roads, helped to build trenches," said Junor. "Whatever was required by the military... it was produced without question."

Lumber played a huge role in the war effort and was essential for reinforcing trenches and for duckboards across muddy terrain, among many other uses. The soldiers of No. 2 continued providing valuable support at Jura and other locations all throughout the war.

In 1918, when the war finally ended, it was time for soldiers to go home. By February of 1919, all the members of No. 2 were back in Canada.

"They fought for the right to go on foreign soil, to potentially be killed in the line of duty... they went, they served, they came back and they weren't received like other soldiers, there was no fanfare or anything," said Junor.

On September 15, 1920, No. 2 Construction Battalion was officially disbanded. The Battalion remained largely unknown until Canadian Senator Calvin Ruck began research into it in the 1980s.

Ruck ended up publishing a book on the Battalion: *The Black Battalion 1916-1920: Canada's Best Kept Military Secret*.

In 2022, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau gave an official apology on behalf of the Federal Government to the descendants of No. 2 Construction Battalion for the racism members of the Battalion faced.

Junor said today, it's amazing to see many Black Canadians serving in leadership positions in an army that once didn't even want them.



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Peel opens shelter for homeless asylum claimants

Peel Reception Centre is located in Mississauga and is the largest shelter of its kind in Canada

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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The Region of Peel has opened a new shelter to house asylum claimants.

In a February 3 news release, the Region announced the Peel Reception Centre had opened in Mississauga. It's the largest shelter of its kind in Canada and has the capacity to serve 680 homeless asylum claimants in Peel.

"With just over \$22 million in funding through the Federal government's Interim Housing Assistance Program (IHAP), Peel was able to open the centre in just

three months, complete construction in six months, and anticipate completing it \$2 million under budget," said the Region in a statement. "By separating local homelessness from asylum claimant homelessness, Peel Region is able to efficiently serve each of these vulnerable populations, and to pilot wrap-around supports and programming in the new facility that meet the unique needs of asylum claimants."

Programs and services at the Peel Reception Centre are being offered by the Region in collaboration with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).

The IRCC will provide immigration case management services and coordinated exits to other municipalities through employment opportunities. The Peel Reception Centre will offer on-site settlement services, employment support, housing support, and access to income support programs, among other supports.

The Region states the size and scale of the reception centre's function is dependent on additional Federal funding support and a sustainable national system that scales to meet the needs of asylum claimants in Peel and across the country.

"Peel Region remains committed to working with IRCC on Canada's collective response to this ongoing challenge and to provide the necessary supports to seamlessly integrate these newcomers into the community," reads the release.

Peel Region Chair Nando Iannicca said he's hopeful for continued Federal support.

"Peel's response to unprecedented pressures, and our ability to stand up a first of its kind facility in record time to meet those pressures, is something to be very proud of," said Iannicca.

Peel's Human Services Commissioner Steve Jacques said Peel Region has come a long way in a short time to become leaders when it comes to helping asylum claimants.

"I want to acknowledge our dedicated

staff who have worked so hard to make this happen. Discussions continue with our federal and provincial partners, but this is a significant milestone. Peel should be very proud," said Jacques.

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Are you someone who likes to be surprised? Do you thrive on the unexpected, throwing away any plans you may have had for your day, opening yourself up to whatever opportunities come your way or to ride out whatever "fate" might have in store for you? Or do you like to sketch out a general plan for your day – either rigidly down to the minute, or with a bit of flexibility built in if an unexpected hurdle appears on your horizon?

Admittedly, I'm not sure where I fall on any of these questions.

While I thrive on some sort of a routine just for my own mental health, one of the joys of this job is that no two days are exactly alike and the news unfolds in real-time. But, in the same breath, something unexpected and significant happening can often result in the best-laid plans being cast aside.

Some people work best when they're on some variation of a strict nine-to-five work-day, but that's not necessarily for me; I'd get bored before too long and might long for a bit of unpredictability.

Alas, there aren't many things that we can accurately predict these days.

Heck, even some of our more high-profile weather-predicting rodents couldn't come up with a consensus on when spring weather might roll in when they went to work on February 2; perhaps a predictable result when we come to bank on a groundhog cosplaying a sundial to predict the weather rather than meteorological trends.

Still, when it comes to guarantees, the old adage of death and taxes always apply. We also know that when an opinion of any kind is expressed online in this day and age, there is always going to be a contrarian in the crowd who is going to argue that the sky is actually green, that our planet is flat, and that claiming water is wet rather than a substance that makes other things wet is an affront to all water-based, water-drinking, and water-composed animal life forms.

But not much else had a predictability factor these days – until this week.

On Monday afternoon, Canadians breathed a collective sigh of relief when the looming threat of crippling and nonsensical tariffs from our American neighbours were postponed by a few weeks following two eleven-hour phone calls between the Prime Minister and the US President.

It had, of course, been a nerve-wracking weekend for most Canadians after Trump confirmed he apparently fully intended to proceed with the tariffs this week, but there were some shining moments amid the mayhem and uncertainty.

Some of these highlights included a quick response from our Federal, Provincial and Municipal leaders to take comprehensive retaliatory action, earmarking items coming in from the United States; the Premier's decision to remove all US-produced beer, wine and spirits from LCBO shelves; the quick response from Canadians across the country to make a sincere effort to Buy Canadian, pooling knowledge to make the transition as easy as possible, and differentiating between the sometimes-confusing "Made in Canada" labels; from a political perspective, the outgoing Prime Minister giving what history might well remember as possibly the best speech of his career; and a growing realization that having a Federal election at this time of extreme uncertainty... might not be the best idea floating around these days.

Apparently "all" it took was a flurry of calls and Federal bucks to enhance already-an-

nounced border security measures.

"I just had a good call with President Trump," said the Prime Minister in a statement late Monday afternoon. "Canada is implementing our \$1.3 billion border plan – reinforcing the border with new choppers, technology and personnel, enhanced coordination of our American partners, and increased resources to stop the flow of fentanyl. Nearly 10,000 frontline personnel are and will be working on protecting the border.

"In addition, Canada is making new commitments to appoint a Fentanyl Czar, we will list cartels as terrorists, ensure 24/7 eyes on the border, launch a Canada-US Joint Strike Force to combat organized crime, fentanyl and money laundering. I have also signed a new intelligence directive on organized crime and fentanyl and we will be backing it with \$200 million. Proposed tariffs will be paused for at least 30 days while we work together."

Working together will be key – but even though we've heaved that collective sigh, at least temporarily, it's important we don't let our guard down.

It is only a 30-day reprieve and I fear, with some degree of certainty, that we'll be back at this again in March.

In fact, given our response – a response which, in my view, was entirely correct – we could very well have the tariff threats hanging over our heads in one way or another for the next four years – and potentially even beyond.

Yet, there is a tendency – for reasons I can't quite understand – for people not taking Trump's threats too seriously and take him at his word. "It's just bluster, he wouldn't actually do it," some people crow, only to find themselves eating that crow before too long. And, before too long, they're back at it again, and often express shock or surprise when fate flips them that bird again.

Perhaps that's one of the few things of which we can be certain for the time being.

If the President perceives the "deals" made Monday with Canada and Mexico were ones in the United States' win column, it will continue to be a looming threat to achieve whatever political whims he might have down the road.

Not even down the road, he's already telegraphed a few other goals – including opening up Canada's banking markets further to U.S. competition and, of course, the complete annexation of our country – so buckle up and stay vigilant.

Monday's last-minute decision to postpone things for at least 30 days resulted in our leaders walking back many of the retaliatory actions that were put on the table over the weekend – including, alarmingly, the Premier's decision to hold off on ending the Province's \$100M deal with Elon Musk's Starlink to expand high-speed internet in more remote parts of Ontario – but we still need to do our part and let our wallets do the talking in the meantime.

Governments should continue to look at ways to Buy Canadian and even Buy Local when it comes to contracts. Homegrown businesses should look to support homegrown suppliers and manufacturers. Canadians writ large should continue efforts to be discerning with their purchases, buy Canadian wherever they can – not excluding foreign-owned businesses that make their products in Canada and, in turn, keep Canadians employed.

We've got a reprieve, but the threat isn't going away any time soon.

Don't be surprised when the threats come back, just be prepared.



TRUMP'S TARIFF TALK



We should celebrate our very existence

by Mark Pavilons



Bottom line? Statistically, we shouldn't be here. In light of these startling odds, I laugh in the face of the puny 1 in 14 million odds of winning the Lot-6/49 jackpot.

Ziggy Marley put it this way: "I ... carry the spirit and blood of my father, mother and my ancestors. So, I am really never alone. My identify is through that line."

It is true, my friends, that each of our stories began before we were born. We are chapters of an on-going epic, a saga unlike anything ever created.

Some believe that we hardly get a chance to blossom on Earth, before we truly flower in the great beyond.

Thomas Fuller thought we are "born crying, live complaining and die disappointed."

Perhaps. But we don't know anything else. Who else would we be if not ourselves?

When you look at those aforementioned numbers, one has to wonder why we made it. How lucky were we that we reached the podium in some strange aquatic race to the finish line? Our trophy was creation and being born.

Few of us gives this much thought; we're much too preoccupied with our rather humdrum journeys. Some long for achievement, accomplishment and greatness. Others want to set an example and still others want a lasting legacy.

But really, what can compare to the odds of existence? How can we do any better than the powers that led to our conception? Just how do we top nativity and genesis?

Sounds like the ultimate formula of math, faith, spirituality and divine intervention, doesn't it?

But this is science, my friends, by the numbers. They say numbers don't lie.

Well, "our numbers" – perhaps led by a higher power rather than mere happenstance – saw fit to give us the world. Were we deemed deserving to inherit such wonders? Or did we land in this magical place because of some roll of the dice?

There are many things about us that simply can't be quantified.

Every person you meet carries a piece of you with them. And someone still smiles when they remember a moment with you.

Truly precious. What are the odds of that? We all know we're made of sugar, spice, snails and puppy dog tails, and maybe a wee bit more.

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We have been built out of an incomprehensible potion – parts of our ancestors and parts of the earth – aligned in a marvellous set of instructions hidden in a double helix, small enough to be carried by a single sperm.

We are made of recycled butterflies, plants, rocks, streams, firewood, wolf skins and shark teeth, decomposed into their smallest parts and reconstructed into the most complex living being on our planet.

We're not living on earth, we are earth.

We can count cards and calculate the odds all we want. The fact is we made it, you and I, out of quadrillions of possible scenarios.

So, my friends, we may be humble, but none of us live "boring lives." We are meant to be here, for as long as our genes permit.

Pull up a chair and sit a while, my friends. Chat, breathe in the air and admire the scenery. And revel in the fact you've won the ultimate lottery!

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It's hard to think like Mr. Rogers

Possibly one of the kindest humans, and not just on TV, Fred Rogers left at least a generation or two with the tools and resources needed to practice kindness, think good thoughts and help thy neighbour. Simple lessons like when you're in a crisis, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping," still resonate today. Well, we're in a crisis alright, but I'm not sure where or who the helpers might be and that has me thinking, "it's getting harder and harder to think like Mr. Rogers."

It's doubtful an impassioned plea from some local columnist will reach the ears of Donald Trump, but I sure wish it could. I'd tell him we are not now, nor will we ever willingly become the 51st state of America. Despite Mr. Trump's claims, promises of lower taxes don't equate to a healthcare system that easily bankrupts individuals who have the misfortune to get sick. His promise that we'd have "more protection" belies the sacrifices of thousands of Canadian men and women who already fought for our freedoms, in multiple conflicts and particularly during the two World Wars, wars we joined long before America entered either one I might add. This same "protection" Mr. Trump, presumably based on your military might, is meaningless if it means our children are afraid to go to school lest they be taken down by an assault weapon, a commonplace occurrence in America but a distinctly unlikely one here.

Further, when that protection extends only to men, while women – especially pregnant ones – are expendable, you can shove your protection in a place Mr. Rogers would never use his out-loud voice to describe. You claim you have all the resources America would ever need to keep your economy going? Guess what, Mr. Trump, so do we and last time I looked, you actually do need some of what we have. That's why we've been trading partners all these years. That's "partners," as in part of "an undertaking with others with shared risks and profits," not where one partner is "beholden to" the other.

I'm afraid no amount of cajoling or

calming by Mr. Rogers-type euphemisms would lessen my concern about the types of "jokes," and "negotiating tactics" that Trump is engaging in. I abhor the man on a visceral level, but his needling is working to some degree. It's purposefully designed to get under our skin and to cause us to question the capacity of those we should be relying upon right now to help protect Canadians. Belittling our Prime Minister, heckling from his Truth Social accounts and lumping us together with other countries are each designed to make us feel small (and perhaps therefore) in need of the so-called protection he promises. Right now, I need to hear from the people Mr. Rogers would have called the helpers, in this case our politicians, who should be willing and able to stand up to tyranny on our behalf. Because make no mistake, that's what this is – it's the onset of tyranny in America and Trump wants to spread his use of cruel, unreasonable and arbitrary power and control over us. My guess is that's because he knows America doesn't actually have all the resources it needs and he no longer wants to pay for ours in trade, but rather to simply extract it from us through "ownership." It's not a "beautiful day in the neighborhood" when one neighbour is trying to assert control over all the others.

On a more local level, who do we look to for support in our ongoing battle against the tyranny on our roads? It appears it sure as heck isn't our local MPP. She's been out and about town recently, celebrating a few store openings and ribbon-cuttings, but as far as addressing more serious issues? We've heard nothing. Our own Mayor sent Sylvia Jones' office a letter over two months ago requesting support for this issue, one "that impacts the quality of life for our residents" yet as far as we know, a response has not been forthcoming. Perhaps, at least for Caledon and area residents it won't matter what Trump does to us because we won't be around to witness it. There's a good chance we'll have been injured, permanently disabled or killed on our roads because there are no help-

ers coming to address our traffic nightmare.

We need Mr. Rogers now more than ever. Ironically, it's possible Trump and his minions would look upon Mr. Rogers in his sweater and clean-cut hair as a "good, Christian man," an example of how to live a life of straight, white, male, Republican virtue. I think it's the opposite. Mr. Rogers would have welcomed everyone into his home and, in fact, it was he who broke the colour barrier on TV by showing himself and "Officer Clemons," an African-American, sharing space in a pool together at a time when pools were still largely segregated. I believe Mr. Rogers would welcome members of all marginalized communities and support a country like ours, one that cares for its citizens through health care and social welfare and one where every person should feel free to express who they are. Mr. Rogers' America recognized "We all have different gifts, so we all have different ways of saying to the world who we are: and that, "When we love a person, we accept him or her exactly as is." *

Trump's America, not so much. Canadians want no part of it.

We need more Mr. Rogers in the world – or at least more support from people he would have called "the helpers." In the absence of politicians willing to step up, it looks like doing the right thing, and helping one another, will have to come from each one of us. Canadians banding together as individuals to support one another as a whole. We've done it before, and we even defeated America in the process (War of 1812, if you need the reminder) so let's do it again, whether we have help from those who should be there for us or not. Oh Canada – won't you be my neighbour and together we'll stand on guard for thee.

**I like to think Fred Rogers, already ahead of his time and with the benefit of today's more enlightened understanding, would have embraced current inclusive gender terminology.*



SCOTT HOLMES
PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON

Town hires new Director of Public Works

Scott Holmes to join Caledon from City of Mississauga

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon will soon have a new Director of Public Works. On February 5, the Town announced it had hired Scott Holmes for the position.

According to a Town of Caledon media release, Holmes has over 28 years of experience in the municipal sector and most recently worked for the City of Mississauga where he was responsible for the administration and supervision of city works yards, signs and pavements, maintenance and operations.

"His extensive knowledge and leadership skills will play a pivotal role in driving Caledon forward," said the Town.

Caledon's Commissioner of Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Domenica D'Amico said she's pleased to welcome Holmes to the Town's team.

"I am confident that Scott will lead our Public Works department effectively and continue our legacy of providing safe, reliable, high-quality services to our community. This work becomes even more critical as we plan for the Town's significant growth and his extensive experience makes him a great asset to our team," said D'Amico.

Caledon's Director of Public Works is responsible for leading the division related to maintenance and operations of parks, roads, fleet and forestry.

Holmes is looking forward to working with the Town of Caledon.

"I am excited to join the Town of Caledon at such a crucial time. It feels like a full-circle moment for me as I started my municipal career with the Town. The Town is growing rapidly and is well positioned to achieve its growth target of 300,000 residents by 2051 and I am glad to be part of that growth and contribute to its success," said Holmes.



NEWS

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Family Day Weekend

FEBRUARY 15-17



Looking for fun things to do with your family on Family Day? Recreation Caledon has you covered with fun activities at the following locations:

- Albion Bolton Community Centre
- Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness
- Caledon East Community Complex
- Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena
- Southfields Community Centre

Join us for Community Clue on Sunday, February 16, and enjoy skating, shinny, swimming, pickleball, games and much more on Monday, February 17!

If you're joining us for skating on Family Day, wear your favourite sports jersey!

For more details and a full schedule of our Family Day activities visit caledon.ca/FamilyDay

Caledon Day

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IMPAIRED CHARGES

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“The OPP remains committed to taking alcohol/drug-impaired drivers off our roads through enforcement and public education. If you plan to drink alcohol or take drugs, don’t include driving in that plan. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another option that takes driving out of the picture altogether.

“If you know or suspect that a driver is impaired by alcohol and/or drugs, call 9-1-1. In doing so, you may save a life. You can also provide

information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at <https://peelcrimestoppers.ca>. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

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

DRIVING WHILE PROHIBITED

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged

a driver with operation while prohibited while conducting a R.I.D.E (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot check.

“On February 2, 2025, shortly after 1:00 a.m., Caledon OPP officers were conducting a R.I.D.E spot check in the area of Innis Lake Road and Healey Road in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “One of the vehicles that entered the area was found being operated by a driver who was prohibited from driving.”

As a result of the investigation, Avtar Pal Singh, 49, of no fixed address, was charged with:

- Operation while prohibited under the Criminal Code;
- Operate a motor vehicle without insurance;

- Driver fail to properly wear seatbelt.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice on March 6, 2025, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

The vehicle was impounded for a period of 45 days.

“Conducting seatbelt law enforcement and public education forms an important part of the OPP’s commitment to reducing fatalities and injuries on our roads. The evidence that supports the effectiveness of seatbelt use remains irrefutable. The bottom line is that the odds of surviving or avoiding serious injuries in a collision are stacked against those who are not restrained in their seat.”

Public Notice



NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND

Form 2

Expropriations Act, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 363

IN THE MATTER OF an application by The Regional Municipality of Peel for approval to expropriate the lands being described in Schedule “A” attached hereto, for the municipal purpose of facilitating the reconstruction and improvement of Bush Street and Mississauga Road from Winston Churchill Boulevard to just east of Shaws Creek Road and from Caledon Mountain Drive to Olde Base Line Road, and Olde Base Line Road from Winston Churchill Boulevard to Mississauga Road, in the Town of Caledon, together with works ancillary thereto.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the interests in the lands described in Schedule “A”.

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires a hearing into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing,

(a) in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty (30) days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice;

(b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice.

The approving authority is:

The Council of The Regional Municipality of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton, Ontario L6T 4B9

The expropriating authority is:

The Regional Municipality of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton, Ontario L6T 4B9

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL

Aretha Adams, Regional Clerk

THIS NOTICE FIRST PUBLISHED ON THE 30TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2025

Schedule “A”

Fee Simple: All right, title and interest in the land.

Permanent Drainage Easement: Limited Interests in Perpetuity for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed permanent easement in gross or rights in the nature of a permanent easement in gross to enter, occupy and re-enter by The Regional Municipality of Peel including its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors and workers, with all necessary material, including, but not limited to, vehicles, machinery, supplies and equipment at all times in, on, over, through, under, above, along and upon the applicable lands for the municipal purpose of constructing, installing, operating, maintaining, inspecting, altering, removing, replacing, reconstructing, enlarging and repairing storm water sewers, culverts, drainage ditches, drainage facilities, and related appurtenances and side slopes and grading appurtenant to road improvements on Bush Street and Mississauga Road, including without limiting the foregoing removal of trees, shrubs, bushes, branches, stumps and roots and prevention or control of growth of same (“**Permanent Drainage Easement**”).

Temporary Construction Easement: Temporary Limited Interests for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed temporary easement in gross or rights in the nature of a temporary easement in gross, on an exclusive basis as necessary, for four (4) years commencing upon the date of registration of the plan of expropriation for the purposes of entering upon and occupying the lands by The Regional Municipality of Peel including its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors and workers with all necessary vehicles, machinery, equipment, material and supplies required to facilitate the reconstruction and improvement of Bush Street and Mississauga Road, grading and other works ancillary thereto (“**Temporary Construction Easement**”).

1. **Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14266-0089 (LT)
Part of Lot 1, Concession 4, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 43R-41283

Temporary Construction Easement

Part of PIN 14266-0089 (LT)
Part of Lot 1, Concession 4, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41283

2. **Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14266-0085 (LT)
Part of Lot 3, Concession 4, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41287

Temporary Construction Easement

Part of PIN 14266-0085 (LT)
Part of Lot 3, Concession 4, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 43R-41287

3. **Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14266-0079 (LT)
Part of Lot 4, Concession 4, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 43R-41275

Temporary Construction Easement

Part of PIN 14266-0079 (LT)
Part of Lot 4, Concession 4, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41275

4. **Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14266-0077 (LT)
Part of Lot 5, Concession 4, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41277

5. **Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14268-0170 (LT)
Part of Lot 6, Concession 4, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1 and 3 on Reference Plan 43R-41278

Temporary Construction Easement

Part of PIN 14268-0170 (LT)
Part of Lot 6, Concession 4, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 43R-41278

6. **Fee Simple**

Part of PIN 14267-0229 (LT)
Part of Lot 6, Concession 5, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41293

7. **Fee Simple**

Part of PIN 14266-0070 (LT)
Part of Lot 5, Concession 5, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 43R-41311

8. **Temporary Construction Easement**

Part of 14266-0066 (LT)
Part of Lot 4, Concession 5, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41438

9. **Temporary Construction Easement**

Part of PIN 14266-0065 (LT)
Part of Lot 3, Concession 5, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41295

10. **Fee Simple**

Part of PIN 14266-0057 (LT)
Part of Lot 1, Concession 5, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41296 and Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 43R-39915

11. **Fee Simple**

Part of PIN 14268-0172 (LT)
Part of Lot 6, Concession 4, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41285

12. **Fee Simple**

Part of PIN 14268-0167 (LT)
Part of Lot 6, Concession 4, West of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 3 on Reference Plan 43R-41276

Residents wanted for Youth Advisory, Traffic Safety Advisory committees

New committees recently approved by Caledon Council

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Community-minded residents may want to apply to be a part of new Town of Caledon committees.

On February 4, the Town of Caledon announced it was seeking applications from residents for its Youth Advisory Committee and Traffic Safety Committee.

Mayor Annette Groves said she's excited to welcome new voices to the committees.

"Our Traffic Safety Advisory and Youth Advisory Committees provide a great opportunity for residents to contribute their ideas and perspectives, helping to make our community safer, more inclusive and more responsive to the needs of the community," said Groves.

The Youth Advisory Committee's mandate is to "provide a voice for the youth of Caledon, while advising Council of important profession-

al, recreational, and social issues concerning the Town's younger population."

There is room for up to eight community representatives between the ages of 14 and 24 on the committee.

The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee's mandate is to provide a community perspective on road safety issues, involving all vehicle types, on Town of Caledon roads. The committee will work to enhance road safety and promote responsible driver behaviour through education, public engagement, and advocacy.

The committee has room for up to eight community representatives. The committee is set to collaborate with Caledon's Illegal Land Use Task Force and Active Transportation Task Force on common goals.

The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee will also be supported by Caledon's Transportation Engineering and Municipal Law Enforcement divisions; Caledon OPP; the Region of Peel's Traffic Engineering Division; and the Ministry of Transportation, all on an as needed basis.

Applications to both committees are open until February 19. For more information and to apply, those interested can visit the following link: caledon.ca/committees.



From left: Marion Upshall, Caledon Chamber of Commerce; Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli; Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell; Progressive Conservative candidate Sylvia Jones; Regional Councillor Christina Early; Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa; Red Swan Pizza Bolton location co-owners Anurag Sharma and Milind Bhardwaj; and Regional Councillor Mario Russo at the grand opening of Red Swan Pizza in Bolton.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Dignitaries attend grand opening of Red Swan Pizza franchise in Bolton

Co-owners Milind Bhardwaj and Anurag Sharma happy with turnout

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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A new pizza place has opened in Bolton.

On February 1, Caledon Councillors, Dufferin-Caledon Progressive Conservative candidate Sylvia Jones, and representatives from the Caledon Chamber of Commerce were all in attendance for a grand opening ceremony at Red Swan Pizza in Bolton.

The new restaurant is co-owned by Milind

Bhardwaj and Anurag Sharma.

Bhardwaj explained Red Swan Pizza was founded in Saskatchewan in 2013 and has been growing ever since. There's now well over 100 Red Swan Pizza locations. He said he and Sharma chose Bolton for their new business venture as it's a growing place in a great location.

At the opening ceremony, Bhardwaj said it was very exciting to have so many guests in attendance.

"We are getting a very good response, it's been good overall," he said.

During the grand opening ceremony, Regional Councillor Christina Early congratulated Bhardwaj and Sharma on the opening of their franchise.

Jones also offered congratulations.

"I love when new businesses open, especially when they come to Dufferin-Caledon," she said. "Welcome to Bolton."

Work plan for Illegal Land Use Task Force approved

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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The battle against illegal land use in Caledon continues.

On February 4, Caledon Council approved a 2025 work plan for the Town's Illegal Land Use Task Force (ILUTF).

The ILUTF's goal is to identify and address illegal land use through enforcement, policy change, and education. Community members were appointed to the task force in October 2024, and the task force has met three times since then.

"In these initial meetings, community representatives were provided an overview of the prevalence and impact of illegal transportation depots in Caledon; the typical process to enforce compliance; and the provisions of the Zoning By-Law that are specific to transportation depots, which is the group's immediate focus," reads a report from Town Staff.

The representatives were also advised of the increased enforcement powers the Town continues to advocate to the Province for: the ability to physically bar entry to properties; an increase to the maximum penalty amounts for individuals (to \$50,000) and corporations (up to \$100,000 and \$50,000 for each day continued); and the ability to include all charges, fines, orders, notices, prohibitions, injunctions, and court-imposed fines on the title of a property.

The 2025 work plan lays out priority areas

for the ILUTF to work on, including: advocacy; communication, education and community engagement; enforcement and compliance; and land-use planning.

In the area of advocacy, the ILUTF will work to secure meetings with the Attorney General, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Dufferin-Caledon MPP, with a specific goal of advancing the aforementioned enforcement powers.

"This additional authority is imperative to deterring illegal activity," reads the staff report.

The ILUTF also plans to create a fact sheet to support community-led advocacy efforts.

In the areas of communication, education and community engagement, a major development is an interactive map on the Town of Caledon's website where users can browse reported cases of illegal land use.

When it comes to enforcement and compliance, the ILUTF will look to use Caledon's by-laws to hold bad actors accountable.

"As part of the proposed work plan, the ILUTF will be looking to update the Fill, Woodland Conservation, and Property Standards Bylaws from an enforcement lens," reads the staff report.

The ILUTF's work on land-use planning will centre around the completion of a trucking strategy and "an update to the Town's Zoning Bylaw so that appropriate locations and standards are identified for transportation depots in our community."

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February events at the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives

Events to celebrate Black History Month, Chinese New Year and Family Day are planned

ground-breaking inventions, like space shuttle retrieval, and their inventors.

Also on February 14, with showtimes at 11 a.m. and 12, 1 and 2 p.m., there will be screenings of The National Film Board's film, The Road Taken.

The film is about the experiences of Black sleeping-car porters who worked on Canada's railways from the early 1900s through to the 1960s.

As is tradition, on Family Day, February 17, admission to PAMA will be free and there will be numerous exhibitions, events and activities available for families to enjoy.

From 1 to 2 p.m. on February 23, a panel talk titled "Celebrating Black-owned Artisan Businesses" will be held.

"Gain insight and inspiration from local Black entrepreneurs during a panel talk hosted by PAMA's Community Engagement Supervisor, Ann Pennicooke. Explore the creativity, vision, drive, and community impact of local businesswomen Naven Nash-longshaw of Chateau Neuf, Chantale Abbott-Keith of Cakestries, and Eshe Simba of Sugar Plum Scrubs," reads PAMA's website. "Be inspired by the uniqueness of their products and the story of their brands."

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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There's lots to celebrate this February. The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) has a variety of events planned to celebrate Black History Month, Chinese New Year, and Family Day.

From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on February 9, Chinese paper-cutting artist Kris Yun Xie will be hosting a paper cutting workshop. Under her guidance, attendees will learn how to make a paper-cut design of the 2025 Chinese Zodiac sign, the snake.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on February 14, the Canadian Multicultural Inventors Museum will show a pop-up exhibit at PAMA: International African Inventors.

The exhibit will teach residents about

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.

Albion Bolton Historical Society - Monday, February 10, 2025, 7:30 - 9:30 PM meeting at the Albion Bolton Community Centre, 150 Queen Street South, Bolton, Meeting Room C, 2nd Floor. (Elevator available). "Stand By Your Man (more or less): The Wives of Canada's Prime Ministers" presented by noted local historian Ken Weber. Ken will speak about the truly interesting women who have accompanied their spouses to the peak of Canada's political landscape, and how they approached their role as prime minister's wife in quite different ways. Questions, Nathan Hiller at 905-584-2801 or nhillerphoto@bell.net

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON 1344 Bolton is a non-profit group. We meet weekly on Wed. evenings in the basement of Bolton United Church. Weigh-in is from 6:00-6:30PM, followed by a meeting. If you have weight to lose and/or want to improve your health, we can help. We promote healthy eating, and support the efforts of all our members. Your first meeting is free. Annual fee including a starter kit is \$70 USD. Monthly chapter dues are \$15.00 CAD. Come join us! For more information, visit www.tops.org or call Marion at 905-857-5191.

Kinsmen Toonie Treasure Sale Saturday February 8 from 10 am till 1 pm at the President Bldg, Albion Bolton Fairgrounds. Racks and racks of new/gently used apparel for men women and children all for a TOONIE!! All proceeds help support community needs.

Lunch & Learn - Thursday, February 6, 2025
Join us at the Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton for our free Lunch & Learn on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 11:00 am. Topic is Estate Planning - The Role of the Executor. Presenter is David Hagenow, Senior Investment Advisor from Caledon Hills Private Wealth. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to register. Limited space is available.

Special Lunch - Wed. February 12, 2025
Join us for a special lunch at the Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton on Wed. February 12, 2025! The menu is chili, baked potato, bun and sweetheart black forest cake for dessert. Pick-up at 11:30 am, dine-in served at 12:00 pm and local delivery available for \$2. Cost is \$11. Order your meals by Monday, February 10 at 12:00 pm. For more information, call the Centre at 905-951-6114.

Tea Blending Workshop - Wed. February 12, 2025
The Caledon Public Library will be joining us at Rotary Place in Bolton on Wednesday, February 12 at 2:30 pm. Learn how to

blend your own tea, then enjoy some tea with scones, jam and clotted cream! Cost is \$4. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to register.

Lunch & Bid Euchre Tourn - Sat. February 15, 2025
The Caledon Seniors Centre is hosting a Lunch & Bid Euchre Tournament on Saturday, February 15, 2025 at Rotary Place in Bolton. Check-in starts at 11:30 am, lunch served at 12:00 pm and bid euchre tournament starts at 1:00 pm. Costs are as follows: Lunch & Tournament: \$20, Lunch Only: \$16, Tournament Only: \$15. The lunch menu is Spaghetti Bolognese, Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad and Lemon Meringue Pie for dessert. Pre-registration is required by Thursday February 13. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to buy your tickets.

Men's Lunch - Tuesday, February 18, 2025
The Caledon Seniors Centre is hosting their Men's Lunch on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at Rotary Place in Bolton. Speaker Ken Boker from the EV Society of Caledon will be presenting EV101: Everything You Wanted To Know About Electric Cars. Lunch menu is Chicken Caesar Wraps, Potato Salad, Chocolate Brownie and Ice-Cream for dessert. Cost is \$11. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to purchase your tickets.

Active Living Fair - Thursday, February 20, 2025
The Caledon Seniors Centre is hosting their 55+ Active Living & Wellness Fair at 7 Rotarian Way, Bolton. Come experience an event dedicated to health and wellness and services for the Older Adult. Enjoy a free lunch and entertainment, a variety of local exhibitors, guest speakers, program demonstrations, prizes and much more! Admission is free. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to register.

Monthly Dinner - February 28, 2025
The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is having a Monthly Dinner on Friday, February 28, 2025. The menu is stuffed chicken breast, roasted potatoes, kale salad, ice-cream sandwich dessert. Cost is \$16. Pick-up at 5:15 pm, dine-in served at 5:30 pm, local delivery available for \$2. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to buy your tickets! Everyone welcome!

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“Happy Days” exhibit at Museum of Dufferin explores nostalgia of childhood

BY PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Museum of Dufferin (MoD) is taking visitors on a nostalgic trip back to their childhood with a new exhibit.

The Museum of Dufferin will launch its new exhibit titled, “Happy Days,” on February 17 (Family Day) in the main gallery space of the museum. The exhibit explores the nostalgia of childhood through a curated collection of toys, games, and photographs.

“We’ve been planning this exhibit for over a year now and we thought about how we could make an exhibit that talks to a lot of different generations. Everyone, of course, has been a kid at some point so we explore the different stages of childhood, but also the nostalgia and joy that you get from being a kid,” said Jasmine Proteau, Manager of the Museum of Dufferin.

Visitors to the “Happy Days” exhibit have the opportunity to walk through and see a variety of different toys through the decades, many of which they might recognize from their own childhoods.

“One of the things that we look at when we’re trying to create an exhibit is what can we show from our collection to tell a story,” explained Proteau. “We have a lot of these really cute toys that I think people either remember playing with as a kid or that have endured until now.”

The collection of toys spans from the 1950s to the current day but also includes a few pieces dating as far back as the 1800s. Some of the pieces that may look familiar to visitors include: Lite Bright, Trolls, Cabbage Patch Kids, Hot Rod Cars, Pac-Man, Tamagotchi, and friendship bracelets.

“There are toys that people might not remember, but will spark deep memories they forgot they had as a kid,” said Proteau.

The exhibit also highlights the history of toy making within the community by sharing photos and interviews from residents who worked at or had family members working at the Fisher-Price factory. The toy manufacturer opened its factory doors in Orangeville in 1964 but closed the doors for good just four years later in 1968.

“Not a lot of people know that there’s a history with the toy manufacturing business in Dufferin County,” said Proteau.

While the exhibit reminisces on the nostalgia of childhood, it also explores larger themes within it such as workers’ rights and women’s rights.

In one particular instance, the exhibit shares the story of how workers of the Fisher-Price factory in Orangeville, who were primarily women, chose to go on strike to protest their low wages. Instead of negotiating with them or changing their wages, Fisher Price ultimately decided to close the factory and remove themselves from the area.

“There’s fun elements to the exhibition, but there’s also another underlying story that’s deeper,” said Proteau.

With the launch of the new exhibit falling on Family Day, the Museum of Dufferin is incorporating hands-on activities for children including friendship bracelet making and a scavenger hunt. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and has free admission.

To learn more about the “Happy Days” exhibit or to register for the Family Day activities at the Museum of Dufferin, visit www.dufferinmuseum.com.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Application and Public Meeting Proposed Official Plan Amendment

FILE NUMBER: POPA 2025-0002

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has initiated an Official Plan Amendment to update its growth management policies. A statutory Public Meeting will be held to provide more information and an opportunity to ask questions with respect to the proposal.

Meeting Date: March 4, 2025
Public Meeting Start Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chamber, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East

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(s) 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
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- Contacting Planning staff or the Lead Planner during office hours by phone or email.
- Booking an appointment to visit Town Hall to speak with Planning staff. Visit caledon.ca/development for more information.

APPLICANT:
The Corporation of the Town of Caledon

LOCATION:
Town-Wide (The Amendment Applies to All Lands Within the Limits of the Town of Caledon)

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The Town has initiated a town-wide Official Plan Amendment to implement its 2024 Growth Management and Phasing Plan. The proposed Amendment includes growth management policy updates plus a new schedule related to growth phasing in the Future Caledon Official Plan. The proposed Amendment also includes policy updates to the Region of Peel Official Plan as it applies to the Town of Caledon with respect to growth management and phasing. The Amendment will be available as of February 11, 2025 at haveyoursaycaledon.ca/official-plan-review.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and additional information and 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.

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Notice Date: February 6, 2025



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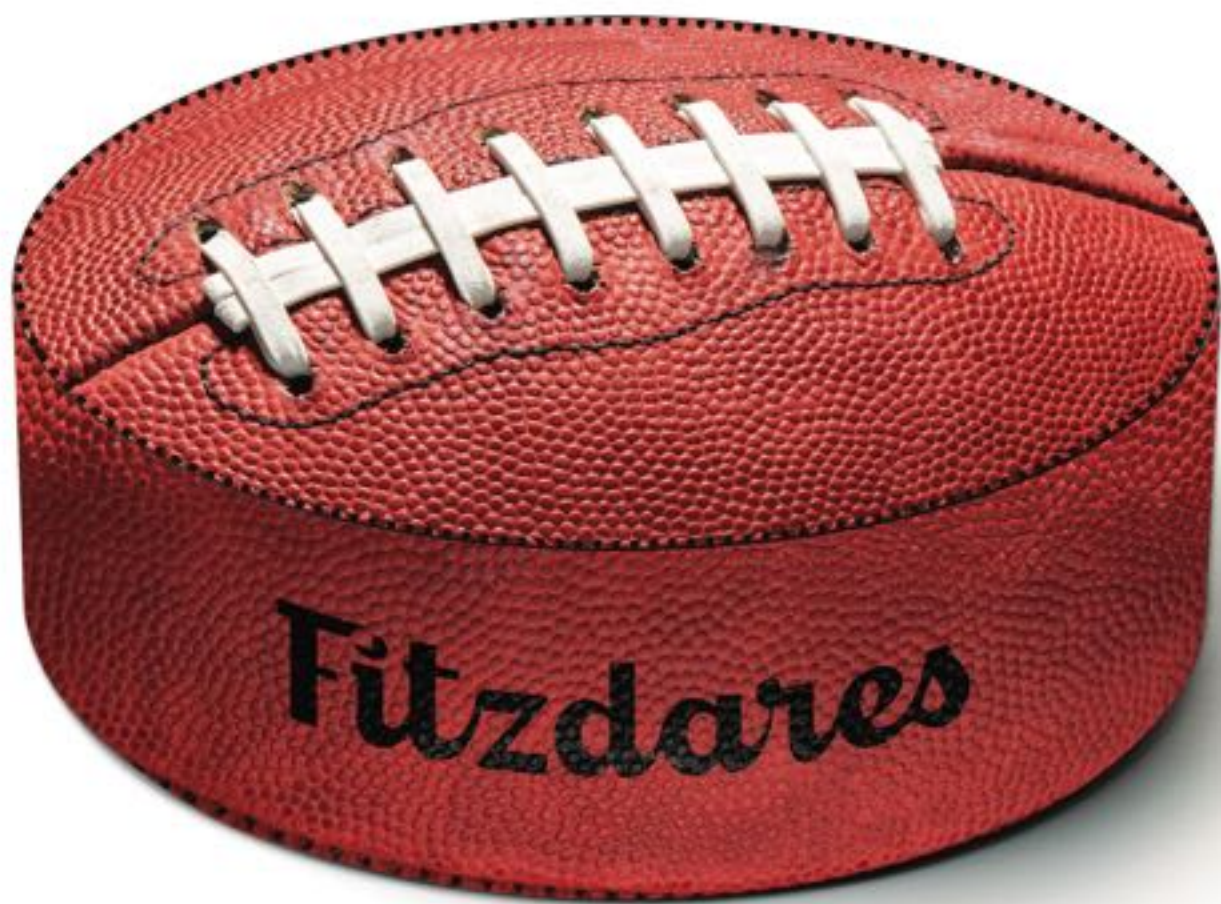
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Michael Dehn nominated as Ontario Liberal Candidate for Dufferin-Caledon

BY SAM ODROWSKI

With a provincial election looming later this month, the Ontario Liberal Party (OLP) has selected its candidate for Dufferin-Caledon.

It was announced by the OLP on February 3 that Erin Mayor Michael Dehn was nominated as the provincial candidate for Dufferin-Caledon.

OLP's press release on the announcement stated that Dufferin-Caledon faces an unprecedented road safety crisis, with fatal collisions in Caledon increasing by 114 per cent in 2023, while Ontario recorded its deadliest year in 15 years with 411 highway fatalities.

This safety crisis requires urgent infrastructure improvements in Dufferin-Caledon, according to the OLP.

"These aren't just statistics – they're problems we can solve," said Dehn, who has a 30-year career as a geologist and business executive. "Our communities need immediate action on road safety, healthcare access, as well as investments in infrastructure. As your MPP, I will ensure that I will advocate for the residents of Dufferin-Caledon and investment in our local communities."

Dehn is also committed to tackling infrastructure and food supply chain challenges.

"He will push for health and safety prioritized through immediate action on road safety, emergency healthcare, and essential infrastructure projects," reads the OLP's press release.

Dehn has made several commitments to Dufferin Caledon.

Concerning infrastructure safety, he has identified a few problems and solutions.

The significant impacts of truck traffic on our community including safety, congestion, noise, and detrimental effects on air quality can be solved by advocating for the fast-tracking of construction for the Shelburne bypass. Another component of the solution is to commit to securing financial support for increased Ministry of Transportation and Ontario Provincial Police roadside inspections of commercial vehicles to ensure that they are safe to drive.

Another problem Dehn has identified is "the tragic and preventable accidents now plague formerly safe routes, especially on Highways 9,

10, and 50 through Caledon and Dufferin." As a solution, he suggests prioritizing the safety and well-being of all motorists by investing in much-needed highway infrastructure improvements.

In terms of healthcare access, Dehn has noted that emergency departments face severe overcrowding.

His solution to overcrowding is advocating for the creation of mobile health units, increasing the number of community nursing clinics and expanding the availability of Ontario Health at Home to all Ontarians who do not have a family doctor.

When looking at Dehn's leadership record, as Erin's mayor he's oversaw more than \$250 million in developer funded infrastructure projects over three years. He also led Erin Council in successfully obtaining nearly \$30 million for community infrastructure from the province.

"Dufferin-Caledon deserves a representative who confronts challenges head on," Dehn said. "My commitment is simple: study the problem, create solutions, get it done."

The Ontario election will be held on February 27.



ONTARIO LIBERAL CANDIDATE MICHAEL DEHN

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Dufferin-Caledon NDP candidate named, aims to reach community in different ways



ONTARIO NDP CANDIDATE GEORGE NAKITSAS

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

"It's almost unthinkable," said George Nakitsas, the recently named Dufferin-Caledon candidate for the provincial NDP party, "to call an election, with such a majority and two years from [when it's] needed."

He told the Citizen the saddest part is how people are trying to find a doctor and "the sad thing is when our grandkids have to wait seven hours in the emergency ward."

Nakitsas has been a member of the NDP for decades. Indeed, he worked for Ed Broadbent for seven years and was called to join Jack Layton in the notable race in Quebec in 2011, when the NDP won 50 seats.

He told us he has known NDP Leader Marit Stiles for 25 years. She is clear that she wants to be the Premier of Ontario, he said.

"She made the case at this time, when you need a Premier and this one quit, she is ready," observed Nakitsas. "So, what I've been picking up is a shift, where the current MPP [Sylvia Jones] has been absent quite a bit."

Understanding how important it is, as a candidate, to be a familiar face, Nakitsas is making a point to be around on Saturdays during the weekly Orangeville Farmers' Market, handing out flyers and introducing himself to people.

With such short notice of the election day, Nakitsas and his team are canvassing but not door to door. A series of "meet and greets" are being planned, to go all around and meet as many people as they can.

He pointed the finger at Ford directly by asking, "Why call a snap election? To

deflect what the records on the new data show?"

The number of Ontarians without a family doctor has reached 2.5 million, up from 1.8 million in 2020. More than 160,000 people were added to the list of those without a family doctor in a six-month period alone, according to The Ontario College of Family Physicians.

"During the pandemic, wages of medical staff were frozen," Nakitsas said.

As for buildings, developers are picking up housing real estate as quickly as they can.

Along with the NDP, Nakitsas is concerned for the Greenbelt and was part of the protest and pressure that came against Ford when he declared his plans to bury it under housing.

Stiles has promised that immediately after she is elected, she will have the 407 open to trucks and begin to negotiate to purchase the 407 rather than spend billions of dollars on the 413.

Nakitsas made the point further as to why we are having this election: pressure from developers and big box stores.

Looking back on his own work life after his life in politics, Nakitsas worked for the steel industry.

"When I retired and left Parliament Hill, I established a Steel Trade and Employment Congress after the mid-80s steelworkers union, after free trade, thousands lost their jobs. In the 90s, there were not many apprentices. So, we got together with colleges and then there was something that made sense. We went to the colleges to retrain workers through the Canadian Steel Trade and Employment Congress (of which he was the Executive Director.) We went into the workplace and talked, determined that politics should not be a dirty word and the magic happened."

It was from 1982 that Nakitsas worked for Ed Broadbent for seven years. An uphill battle is a difficult one, but he had one of the best campaigns with Jack Layton who said, "If you keep never giving up, you can do impossible things."

They took the classic approach to how you make things work when you work together.

He met Marit Stiles at a meeting with ACTRA, where she was involved in looking at the digital industry.

"I was always impressed with her and when this election came I said yes," he said.

Nakitsas is happy to serve the community and riding, to help younger people.

He is big on community, having coached girls' sports teams, saying that helping young kids is critical.

The healthcare issues are what fuels Nakitsas most. On March 18, 2024, the NDP introduced the motion noting that healthcare workers have to spend too much time on administration and that staff should be hired to expand support among each three patients, to free up the medical workers. The motion was turned down.

PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Public Meeting Proposed Official Plan Amendment & Zoning By-law Amendment

FILE NUMBERS: POPA 2024-0007 & RZ 2024-0024

A Public Meeting will be held to consider a proposed Official Plan Amendment & Zoning By-law Amendment. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

Please be advised that the Town of Caledon is offering a Hybrid Committee and Council Meeting model with options for you to engage with Council, including in-person or virtual opportunities.

MEETING DATE: March 4th, 2025
PUBLIC MEETING START TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chamber, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Attend In-Person: Register to delegate in-person and speak to an item listed on the agenda or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting.
- Submit Written Comments: Submit written comments regarding the proposed application by completing the Participation Request Form, available at caledon.ca/speak-at-council
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- Booking an appointment to visit Town Hall to speak with Planning staff. Visit caledon.ca/development for more information.

APPLICANT:

Blackthorn Development Corp (c/o Maurizio Rogato) on behalf of Roscan Management Ltd. (c/o Mark Cancian) & Trican Estates Ltd.

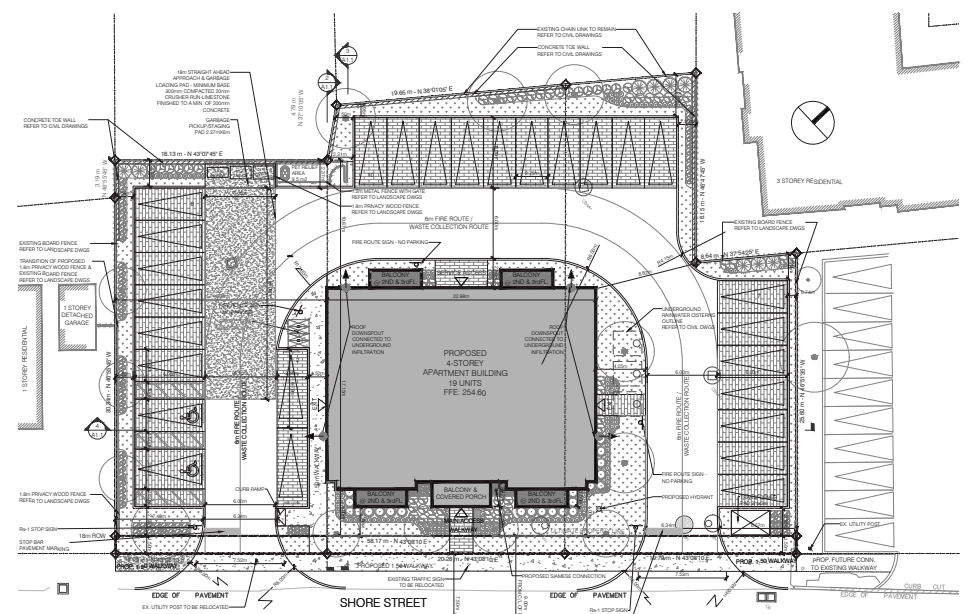
LOCATION:

15, 21 & 27 Shore Street, Part Lots 10, 11, 12 & 13, designated as Block 6 on Plan B0L-7 West side of Queen Street S, North of Shore Street Ward 5

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has submitted applications for an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment to permit the development of a four-storey Apartment Building. The building will include 19 Apartment dwelling units with balconies, 27 surface parking spaces, 10 long-term bicycle parking spaces, 4 short-term bicycle parking spaces, landscape buffers and landscaped areas, and an internal circular 6 metre private lane accessed from Shore Street via two driveways.

The Official Plan Amendment proposes to re-designate the lands from "Low Density Residential" to a "High Density Residential" with site-specific policies allowing for apartment building dwelling units. The Zoning By-law Amendment proposes to re-zone the lands from Residential One (R1) and Commercial – Exception 255 (C-255) to a site-specific Multiple Residential (RM-XX) Zone to allow a range of residential uses with site-specific zone standards.



*The plan is for information purposes. The applications are 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 & Zoning By-law Amendment and additional information and material, please visit

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Orangeville Legion Presents Donation to Headwaters Health Care Foundation

BY JOSH DRAKES

The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Branches and the Ladies Auxiliary Charitable Foundation made a donation of \$6,500 dollars to the Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) on January 28.

The Orangeville Legion, acting on behalf of the two charitable bodies, presented a \$6,500 cheque to HHCF.

Shauna Santarossa, Senior Development Officer of Marketing, Communications and Donor Relations at HHCF, said that donation initiatives like this one help ensure the hospital has everything it needs to serve its patients.

“The Foundation is the fundraising arm of Headwaters Health Care Centre,” Santarossa said. “We raise money to ensure the hospital can continue to keep up with equipment demands in our hospital.”

The foundation directly supports the hospital in acquiring funding for facility upgrades, new equipment as well as critical and long-term care.

She also thanked the Orangeville Legion for its continued support.

“We appreciate all donations made by the community,” she said. “It is especially great to have such strong support from local service clubs in our area, like the Royal Canadian Legion.”

The donation presented to Headwaters on January 28 is going towards specialized equipment for cancer detection.

“This donation is directed towards the purchase of a colposcopy machine for the hospital,” Santarossa said. “A colposcopy is a diagnostic tool that helps with early detection of women’s cervical cancer.”

A colposcopy machine is a vital diagnostic tool that helps detect precancerous lesions before they become cancerous. Once the tool detects these lesions, they can be treated before they develop further.

The current tool operated by Headwaters is outdated.

“The current machine we have is over 15 years old, and the imaging is not as accurate,” Santarossa said.

Representatives of the Orangeville Legion met their counterparts from the Headwaters Health Care Foundation at the front entrance of the Headwaters facility to present the cheque.

The Royal Canadian Legion and its affiliated branches run yearly charitable foundations like this one to pool resources normally beyond individuals or small groups.

“The Ontario Command Branches and Ladies’ Auxiliary Charitable Foundation, a registered charity, is a partnership of the branches of the Royal Canadian Legion and their Auxiliaries in Ontario Command,” said the Legion in their 2025 Charitable Foundation statement.

“Branches and auxiliaries, through poppy tagging and activities such as bingo, break open tickets, raffles and clubhouse operations, fund the foundation,” they said. “Through our collective strength, we are able to fund projects, which are normally beyond the means of individual branches.”

These projects include funding medical research, paying for medical equipment, granting bursaries, and providing programs for aging veterans and veterans welfare. They also take into consideration other non-profit organizations and initiatives on a case-by-case basis.

“Hospitals, clinics, long term care facilities, fire departments, and other not-for-profit organizations involved in health care may make applications for funding to the foundation,” said the Legion.

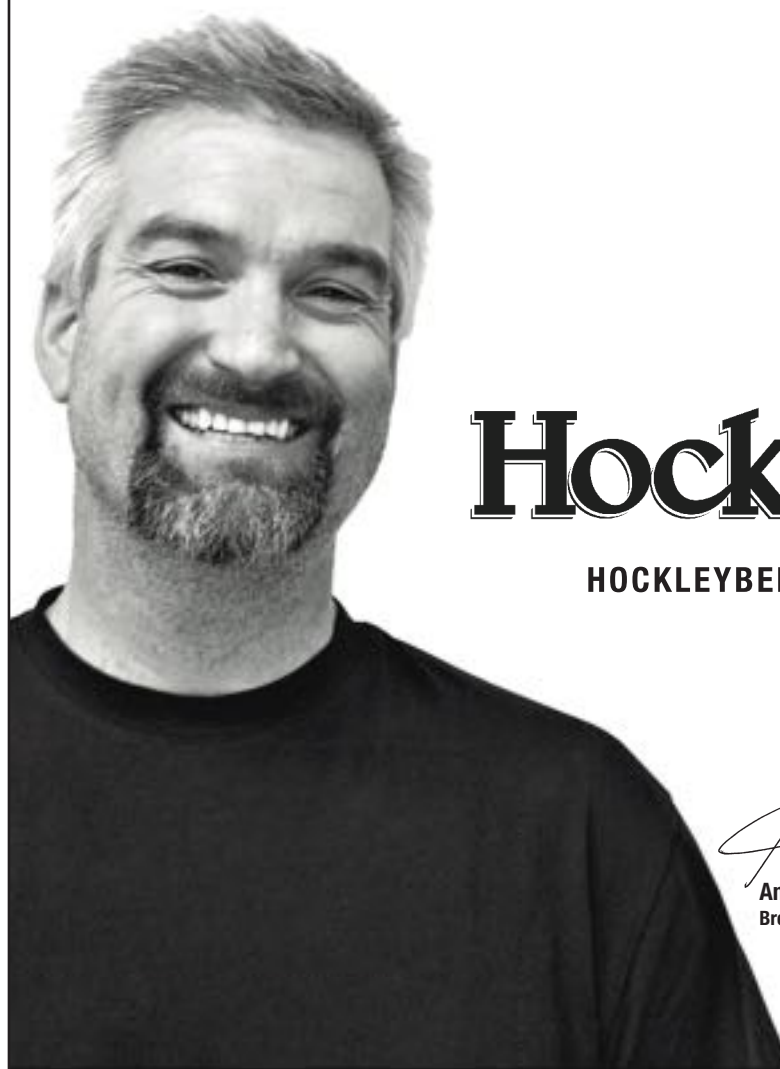
Through initiatives like this, the Royal Canadian Legion and its affiliates continue to play a vital role in strengthening local healthcare, helping to ensure that patients at Headwaters Health Care Centre have access to the latest diagnostic tools and quality care.

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Caledon Citizen's Student Athlete of the Week

Newly-arrived Maverick Jaxon Caciano makes immediate impact on Mayfield's hockey team

BY JIM STEWART

The Senior Boys Hockey Team at Mayfield Secondary School is awfully pleased that Jaxon Caciano pulled on a Mavericks jersey this winter.

Caciano's impact registered immediately in Mayfield's 4-3 win over crosstown rival Robert F. Hall. It was the Mavericks' first win over the Wolfpack in almost two years and Caciano tallied the winning goal late in the third period.

This kind of clutch performance caught the attention of Mavericks' Coach Tyler Grant who applauded Caciano's exceptional athletic qualities as demonstrated in multiple varsity and rep sports.

"Jackson is an exceptional athlete as a result of his commitment and high Levels of athleticism when it comes to ice hockey, box lacrosse, and field lacrosse. Jaxon is able to effectively extrapolate the skills required for each individual sport and apply them in different circumstances as each game setting requires. Jaxon is also able to balance playing AAA Hockey for both the Mayfield Mavericks and the Mississauga Senators."

Coach Grant described the Grade 11 Honor Roll student's academic abilities and his connection to his new school community.

"As a new student at Mayfield Secondary School, Jaxon exemplifies dedication, leadership, and academic excellence. Jaxon is actively involved in the school's athletic programs, playing hockey, and lacrosse. Through his leadership abilities, Jaxon maintains a commitment to fostering a positive athletic environment. Academically, Jaxon maintains a high average, thus demonstrating his strong work ethic and ability to balance rigorous academic and athletic schedules. His dedication to both academics and athletics makes him a well-rounded and exemplary student."

What impresses Coach Grant the most about Caciano is "his unwavering determination and his ability to lead by example."

"His leadership role – as part of the varsity hockey team at Mayfield – shows his commitment to guiding and inspiring his peers. Jaxon's consistent academic excellence, maintaining a high average while being heavily involved in sports, reflects his exceptional time management skills and dedication to personal growth. His humility and appreciation for the recognition he receives further demonstrate his admirable character and sense of responsibility."

Caciano's key performance of the season thus far was elaborated on by Coach Grant.

"During our regular season game against Robert F. Hall, Jackson's leadership skills and athletic talent were on full display as the team went up by a score of 3-1 before falling back to a tie game of 3-3. Jaxon stepped up during the third period and scored the game-winning goal with only two minutes left to go in the third. He pushed the Mayfield Mavericks to victory over Robert F. Hall for the first time in nearly two years."

Jaxon Caciano took a break from his end-of-semester studies and his rep hockey obligations to respond to our interview questions:

Caledon Citizen: What qualities did you demonstrate in your sports season to earn Student-Athlete of the Week honors?

Jaxon Caciano: "During the sports season, I played for the Mayfield ice hockey team as a forward. I demonstrated being a leader as a Grade 11 student by uplifting my teammates, being motivational and also being a good role model for the younger players on the team. I also maintained schoolwork and my hockey outside of school while also playing for the school team. I used authoritative traits to help my team when losing and give them advice while on the bench during the game, offering advice while in school, and teaching them tips and tricks while at school."

Caledon Citizen: What were your key statistics and performance moments from this season that you are most proud of?

Jaxon Caciano: "My most proud moments from the season were probably being able to score or set up plays in every game of the season to help my team out and just being able to play with all the boys, my proudest moment of the season was scoring the game-winning goal against Robert F. Hall with 2 minutes left in the game."

Caledon Citizen: In addition to your high school sports team(s), what other community teams do you play for and at what level?

Jaxon Caciano: "This year I'm playing U18 AAA hockey for the Mississauga Senators of the GTHL and my current position is left-wing, but I play a bit of everything as a forward. I also play box lacrosse for the Brampton Excelsiors U17 team as a transition player, and also got called up for the Excelsiors Jr. B team for 5 regular season games and 3 exhibitions."

Caledon Citizen: How would you describe yourself as a student at Mayfield? To which sports teams and clubs do you belong? Honor Roll?

Jaxon Caciano: "I belong to the Mayfield Hockey and Mayfield Lacrosse Team, and I achieved Honour Roll in Grade 10 as well as many character awards at my previous school."

Caledon Citizen: What are your post-secondary plans regarding prospective academic/athletic destinations?

Jaxon Caciano: "My post-secondary education plan is to hopefully become a student of kinesiology at a school that has a high-level hockey team that I could also do as an extracurricular while trying to achieve being a pro hockey player in the future."

Caledon Citizen: Who is your role model in terms of the person you admire the most?

Jaxon Caciano: "I have a few role models that I admire from watching the sports that I play, but a person I do admire most would be my Dad. He is a very hardworking man who loved to compete and be an athlete in high-school like me, he also



JAXON CACIANO

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taught me everything I know about sports and does anything he can to help me."

Caledon Citizen: How do you feel about being nominated as The Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week?

Jaxon Caciano: "I feel honored and grateful to be nominated as The Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week. This recognition means a lot to me, I'm humbled to represent my school and community, and I'll continue striving to give my best both on and off the rink."




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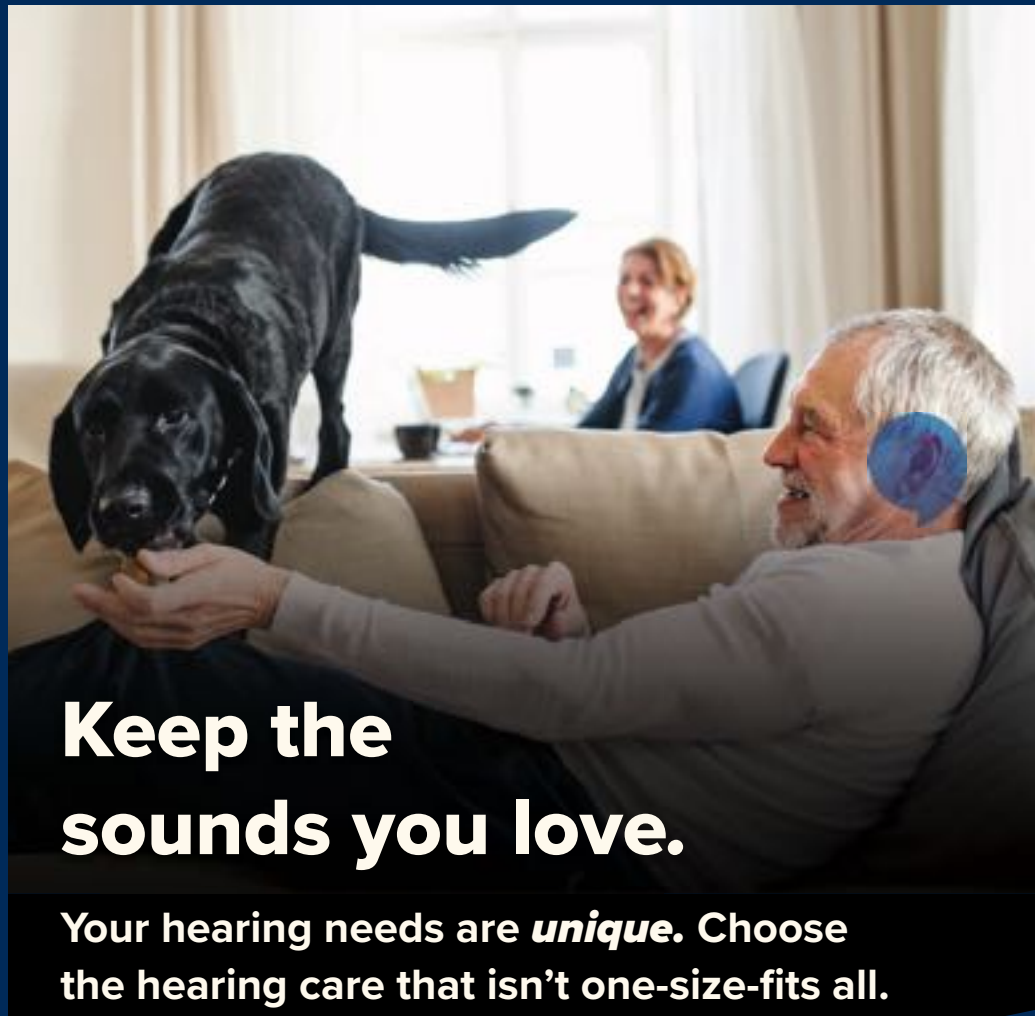
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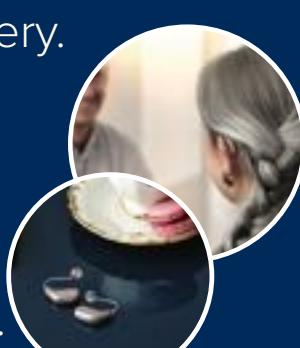
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Caledon Sport Hall of Fame welcomes eight, plus championship team, as Class of 2025



The family of Keith McCreary display a collection of vintage hockey cards tracing the NHLer's 10-year career with Montreal, Pittsburgh, and Atlanta. From left: daughter Carole-Lynn, wife Carole, and daughter Wendy-Lee. PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

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deBoer offered "Congratulations from the Town of Caledon to all the recipients for all your achievements" and encouraged all attendees "to visit the Hall of Fame exhibits on the second floor."

Lori Dupuis, Chair of the CSHOF Selection Committee, thanked "five local sports organizations that bought tables for tonight's event—the Cavaliers Rugby Football Club, the Coyotes Girls Hockey Association, the Caledon Soccer Club, the Golden Hawks Hockey Club, and the Dorado Stars Swim Club."

Dupuis praised the inductees for being "role models for the youth of Caledon."

"The highlight of tonight," began Shepley, "will be the induction of the 1967 Bolton Kinsmen Juvenile 'C' hockey squad in the Team Category."

The emcee announced the inductees connected to the Ontario Hockey Champs: Don Casey, Jim Casey, Bill Clements, John Deachman, Jim Farquharson, Eugene Fewster, Perry Ford, Wayne Kirby, Karl Koper, Dale Lemon, John Lostchuck (manager), Chris Markey, Peter Markle (trainer), Bruce Matson, Roy McKay (coach), Henry Newlove, Ted Praught, and Rob Salvian.

After the congenial Shepley introduced the '67 Ontario Champion Juvenile C Bolton Kinsmen, he reminded the audience about "something else that happened way back in 1967" – eliciting groans and cheers from the Leafs fans in attendance.

Assistant Captain Jim Farquharson acknowledged his "great coach Roy McKay who was a stone mason."

Roy employed many of us on the team in the summer – slinging stone kept us in great shape for the season."

Eugene Fewster promised to speak for one minute and proceeded to offer a series of anecdotes that took him into "quadruple overtime" much to the amusement of his audience.

Fewster made an opening pitch for his alma mater Colgate University as a great place to play hockey and then acknowledged his "connection to Keith McCreary in 1967 and what a thrill it was to meet an NHL player in such a fine dressing room."

He remembered fondly his role "as a member of the Kid Line—how we would tire out the other team's top lines with our young legs so our older players could do the damage against tired players."

He brought the house down when remembered telling Coach McKay to cut his post-game speech short one night because "I had a cool car outside with a hot woman in it."

Shepley marveled at the team's good health and wished that his rec hockey team had some of the Kinsmen on their side during a Wednesday morning game.

In a skillful transition from ice hockey to field hockey, Zoe MacKinnon's career highlights were presented by Shepley, including backstopping Canada's national squad at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles and winning the gold medal at the Canada Summer Games while still a student at Mayfield Secondary School.

MacKinnon's enshrinement was done posthumously and Zoe's sister, Fran Singer, brought greetings on behalf of her appreciative family.

"On behalf of Zoe, I wanted to thank the Town of Caledon for the great honor of being inducted into the Caledon Sports Hall of

Fame."

Beverly Holden was accompanied to the stage by her grandson, Jake, who spoke on behalf of his grandmother. Holden delivered a heartwarming tribute to his "Mimi."

"Bev and her family have called Caledon home since 1921. My grandmother just recently celebrated her 90th birthday and she continues to bring the vitality, passion, and grace to life that she brought to her synchronized swimming career. She'll always be a legend to us for her resilience as well as her determination and grit. We're a multi-generational family of athletes because of her."

Beverly Holden won Canada's first international medal in synchronized swimming when she captured bronze at the 1955 Pan-Am games. With her swimming partner Diane Ferguson, Holden won the Ontario Duet and Canadian Duet Championships in 1954.

Left winger Keith McCreary played in the NHL for parts of ten seasons with Montreal, Pittsburgh, and Atlanta from a playoff appearance with the Canadiens in 1961-62 to his final season with the Flames in 1974-75.

McCreary's most productive season was in 1968-69 when he fired 25 goals and 23 assists for the Penguins. The power forward scored 131 goals and earned 112 assists in his 532-game career.

He had three 20+ goal seasons—two as a Penguin and he scored 20 as the Captain of the Atlanta Flames in their inaugural season in 1972-73.

McCreary's daughter, Wendy, spoke on behalf of her father who passed away from pancreatic cancer in 2003. Wendy engaged the audience with a series of anecdotes and noted, "Dad's in really good company and his memory lives on in so many stories, many of which I can't share with you since we had a rule around the kitchen table about not sharing dad's stories that he would bring back from the rink. He was known for his loyalty off the ice and his tenacity on the ice. His life unfolded in two parts: as a dedicated NHL player playing for Montreal, Pittsburgh, and being the first captain of the Atlanta Flames. He carried on with the same dedication in the second part as a Regional Councillor for ten years—he was the voice for the residents of Bolton. Our family offers a humble and heartfelt thank you to the Selection Committee. Success is best when it is shared."

Shepley marveled at "tiny Caledon's capacity to generate so many world class athletes" and introduced Lisa Bentley who has "won eleven Ironman Triathlon races, including one during which she suffered from an appendix rupture."

Shepley also acknowledged that the indefatigable Bentley has earned all these athletic accolades while battling Cystic Fibrosis.

The 16-time ½ Ironman Triathlon champion spoke glowingly of her hometown: "The Hills of Caledon were my playground."

The international top tier elite athlete—whose inspirational life story is encapsulated in her book *An Unlikely Champion* – noted that "Sport gave me a gift" and she made an impassioned plea for the community to see the value of sports.

"Please embrace sports. It will change your life and your world."

In 2006, Bentley finished 3rd at the Hawaii Ironman World Championship and 2nd at the ½ Ironman World Championships.

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(LEFT) Emcee and inducted Builder Barrie Shepley. (RIGHT) Jim Farquharson, Assistant Captain of the 1967 Bolton Kinsmen team.

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Angus Doughty was introduced by Shepley as an “influential and dedicated coach for three decades whose Nordic ski teams at Mayfield won 30+ medals and three of his skiers represented Canada at the World Championships and Olympics.”

Doughty, whose coaching duties included high school rugby, flag football, and swimming, thanked “the administrators at Mayfield who supported extracurricular activities as well as the dedicated coaching staff, but most of all I want to thank the athletes for their energy and enthusiasm which gave me so much joy and made it all so memorable.”

Similar to Bentley’s impassioned plea for the community to embrace sport, Doughty called for the public to “support extracurricular activities in the schools” in the light of recent cutbacks to the education system.

Douglas Wood was presented as a double-inductee by Shepley who noted that the pole vaulter represented Canada at the

1992 Summer Olympics and earned a silver medal at the 1991 Pan-Am Games.

The emcee praised Wood for being “the founder of Bolton Pole Vault, which had grown the Town into the Pole Vault Capital of Canada.”

Shepley pointed to “the success of Caledon’s Alicia Newman whose bronze medal at the 2024 Olympics was the first-ever medal won by a Canadian in the sport.”

Wood noted that he was “very honored to be inducted with this group of athletes and builders.”

“I’ve been involved with pole vaulting for 45 years. A single word to describe my connection to my sport would be: Grateful. My family supported me ridiculously because pole vaulting is not lucrative”—eliciting much laughter from attendees.

Wood acknowledged the importance of his high school coach with whom he “learned the sport together with Super 8 movies of pole vaulters.”

The current pole vault guru added, “in closing, with Alicia’s success, we hope to build a training facility at Humberview

Secondary School since there hasn’t been any new infrastructure spending on track and field facilities in the GTA since the training centre was built at York University. It’s time for a second training facility for our athletes.”

To close the highlight reel evening, OPP Officer Andrew Yorke enshrined Triathlon Coach Barrie Shepley as a Builder.

Officer Yorke praised Shepley for his coaching abilities and for turning him into as Shepley described “the all-time fastest OPP officer ever.”

Officer Yorke also lauded Shepley’s significant contributions to community, most notably “being the driving force behind the James Dick Quarry recreation facility in Caledon that includes the Karen Shepley Dog Park” named after Shepley’s late wife.

Yorke added that “it’s the best dog park in Canada” and applauded the transformation of a decommissioned sand quarry into a flourishing “C3 facility—a place for a swim, canoeing, paddle boarding, and lots of other water sports.”

The emcee amused the gathering by opening with, “I should have had Eugene Fewster deliver my speech – if we had more time.”

After the laughter died down, Shepley acknowledged that “I was a dreamer as a kid and I was lucky to have a family that encouraged dreaming. My dad often asks me, ‘What is it that you actually do?’”

After thanking his family, his C3 family, his business partner Sheldon, and his late wife Karen for their support of his many endeavors, the gracious Shepley offered a metaphor to close the festivities.

“A rocket can’t get off the ground without rocket fuel. Two people provided my fuel: Sheldon and Karen.”

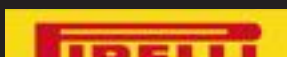
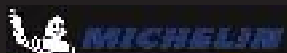
Shepley closed the second annual Caledon Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony by turning to the eternally-youthful 1967 Ontario champion Bolton Kinsmen.

“My highlight of the day was to meet you guys, to see the love of sport that exists in 75-year-olds, and to see the joy you created by gathering with us here tonight.”



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LUELLA V. THOMSON ED.D (NEE ROSS)
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With deep sadness we announce the passing of Luella Thomson, on January 26, 2025 in her 91st year. She passed peacefully at RVH in Barrie with her daughters by her side. Predeceased by her beloved husband Jim and her sister Dr. Miriam Ross, loving mother of Coleen (Paul) McLachlan, and Carolyn Ross. Lovingly remembered by Jim's children, Emily (Paul) Smith, her granddaughter Gillian, and Alison (Doug Cotton) Thomson along with extended family Nicole and Brodie Cahill, their daughters Sienna and Liv who fondly knew Luella as GG, and Danyel (Andy Carabine) McLachlan. Luella will be especially missed by her special friend Tom Wilcox.

Born to Christina and Clarence Ross in Roxville, Digby County, Nova Scotia, Luella spent her school years in Springhill, NS. She attended Concordia University and later went on to receive her doctorate from the University of Toronto.

As well as teaching in Nova Scotia, Luella's roaming spirit took her to teaching assignments in Labrador, Quebec and Ontario. Her final and most exciting career years happened when she was seconded to the Ontario Ministry of Education in Toronto, consulting and working on the initiative of the development of computer-based curriculum materials for Ontario classrooms. During this time she also made special lifelong friends.

Following her retirement, Luella and Jim moved to Mono, ON where she returned to her love of painting and became very involved in the arts community, as well as a favourite pastime, bridge. She and Jim enjoyed Scottish Country Dancing, Tai Chi, and the Caledon Mountain Trout Club where they were members for over 25 years. Luella's other passions included reading of all genres, world travels, discussing current events, and the simple beauty of good friends and neighbours, sunsets, fresh snow and all the little animals that shared her Mono property.

Dogs were always a part of her life. Two of her favourites, Big Ben and Beautiful Boise, added to her enjoyment of the Mono countryside. Trained as a therapy dog, Boise and Luella visited local retirement homes. These many years she and Jim spent at their rural Mono home joined Luella to her special childhood memories of time spent at her grandparents Nova Scotia farm with its blueberry fields and maple sugar bush.

Family will receive friends for a celebration of Luella's life at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home & Chapel in Orangeville in early Spring, a date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to an Art Gallery of your choice or to the Alzheimer's Society.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

DONNA JEAN MCALLISTER

How do we say good-bye when good-bye has come too soon.

Our loving mother, Donna Jean McAllister, unexpectedly left us on Thursday, January 30th, 2025. You were the most loving, kind, caring Mom to Shaun (Lissa), Christa (Rob), and Scott (Nicole). Your grandchildren Lauren (Curtis), Brooklyn, and Taylor always found comfort in your arms and strength from your love. Colt and Layla, so young still, will be reminded of the love their Nana held for them and all the happy times shared together. Predeceased by her husband Gordon and her older brother Nelson (Ria). Will be greatly missed by her older sister Margaret (late Thomas) and our extended family and many friends.

Mom, we will never understand why you were taken from us. We will always feel your love. Funeral service was held at the Egan Funeral Home, Bolton (905-857-2213) on Wednesday, February 5th. Followed by cremation.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations made to The Hospital for Sick Children (www.sickkids.ca) would be appreciated.

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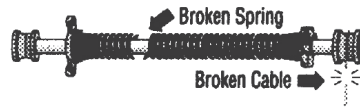


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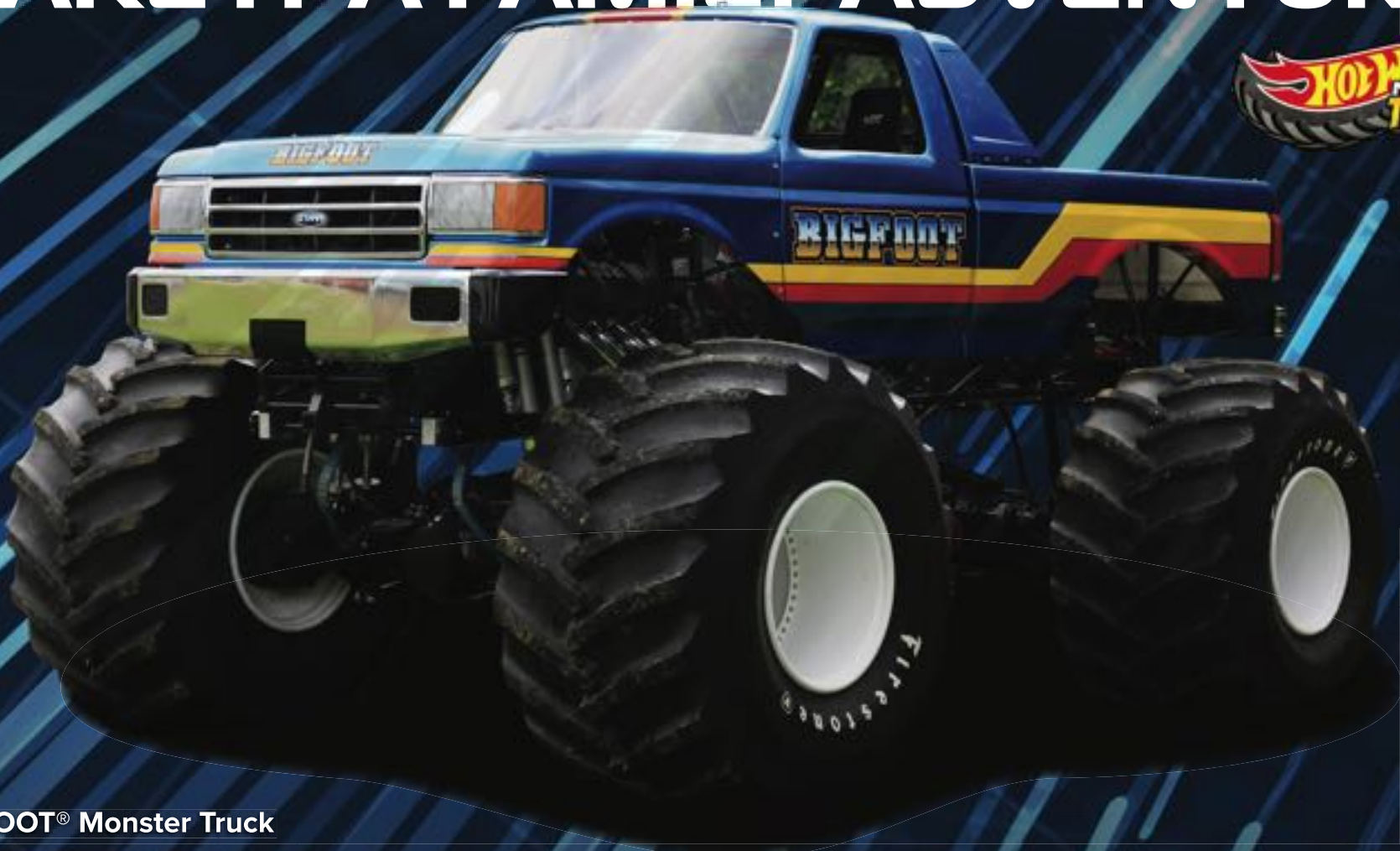
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