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WISH UPON A STAR – The Caledon Citizen would like to wish all of our readers and business partners a very happy new year. As you may know, each year the Citizen runs its "Wish Upon a Star" advertising campaign. Thanks to you we were able to donate \$3,500 to CCS this year. Pictured here are Cathy Perennec McLean, CCS Director of Programs and Operations; Geraldine Aguiar, CCS CEO; Mariia Kupriiannova, CCS Chief Development Officer; Melinda Crake, Caledon Citizen; and Donna Cragg, CCS Director of Marketing and Communications. For more, see Page 11.

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#### **BY MAYOR ANNETTE GROVES**

As 2024 draws to a close, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our residents for your continued support. Caledon is a truly caring community, and it's because of our dedicated volunteers and engaged community members that our open houses, events, and public meetings are so successful. I am deeply grateful for your commitment to making Caledon a special place to call home.

This is also a wonderful moment to reflect on the year gone by and celebrate the many milestones we've achieved together here in the Town of Caledon.

This year, we celebrated the Town's 50th anniversary with numerous events that honoured our past and celebrated the future. We opened the Humber River Centre, a green and accessible space for the community, acting as a business and culture hub supporting the aspirations of our residents in the heart of Downtown Bolton.

In March, Caledon was honoured to receive \$2.8 million from the Province of Ontario's Building Faster Fund. This funding was made



MAYOR ANNETTE GROVES

possible by the progress we've made in our commitment to the Province, to build 13,000 new housing units. As we begin the journey of bringing new homes to Caledon, this funding reflects our dedication to this important cause. It shows that we are ready to face the housing challenge with determination and reinforces our promise to build a brighter, more accessible future for everyone in our community.

We continue to grow our transit. In May, the Town announced it had partnered with Brampton Transit to run bus service in Bolton. Brampton Transit Route 41 now runs along Highway 50 between Queen Street and Highway 7 in Brampton to Columbia Way/Bolton Heights in Caledon. The route also services employment lands along Coleraine Drive. Brampton Transit has also partnered with the Town of Caledon to provide transit service in Mayfield West, Southfields Village, Tullamore, and on Dixie Road. The Town of Caledon will continue to explore additional public transit for Caledon that is cost-effective and environmentally sustainable for residents. Thank you to Brampton Transit for their continued partnership and I look forward to continuing to achieve our transit goals together.

Caledon Council took steps to prioritize advocacy for a GO Train station on Highway 50 in Bolton. Caledon needs more transit options, and the time to plan a new GO Train

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# JANUARY



January marked a year of new beginnings, fond farewells, and a look ahead to celebrations of our shared history. Maverick was the first citizen of Caledon of 2024 as he was welcomed by parents Dan and Ashley Powell at Headwaters at 8.56 p.m. on January 1. The New Year was formally welcomed to the community in celebratory fashion at the annual Winterfest event, which was the start of a milestone year for the community as Caledon marked its 50th anniversary in 2024. Those at Winterfest included Mayor Annette Groves and members of Council, magicians and a variety of entertainers, and members of the Caledon Public Library team, who handed out free prizes and led workshops. As the Town of Caledon began its milestone year, it suffered the loss of one of its most acclaimed citizens, Academy Award-winning filmmaker Norman Jewison, the first inductee to the Caledon Walk of Fame, who died January 20 at the age of 97.



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February in Caledon fully embraced winter's possibilities with a series of outdoor occasions to celebrate the season, and events to underscore the challenges the season also poses for some members of our community. The Fire & Ice Festival was a spectacular affair for the whole family, including ice carving. The Coldest Night of the Year event helped highlight the plight of the unhoused and precariously-housed, raising money to make a difference in the process. On February 17, a ceremonial puck drop was held to mark the grand opening of Reese's Rink, an outdoor skating rink in Caledon East that's named after Reese Meyer, a beloved Caledon resident and hockey player who passed away from a cancerous brain tumour at the age of 14. On the ice for the puck drop were Meyer's family, Meyer's hockey team, Mayor Annette Groves, and Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback. Elsewhere, local sporting heroes were celebrated at the first induction ceremony for the Caledon Sport Hall of Fame, while residents of Bolton marked the opening of the Humber River Centre, a new community hub that saw excellent use over the course of the year.



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March hit the right note as students from more than 25 schools from across the Province descended on Mayfield Secondary School for the Ontario Vocal Jazz/Contemporary Festival, a chance to not only perform but learn through workshops hosted by professional vocalists. Pictured here, The Magnetics, a vocal group from Mayfield S.S., performed a feature concert. Nearly \$3 million in provincial funding from the Building Faster Fund was celebrated at the community level by Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan, Ward 4 Councillor Nick deBoer, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Associate Minister of Housing Rob Flack, Mayor Annette Groves, Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen, Regional Councillor Christina Early, Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell, and Regional Councillor Mario Russo. As the spring approached, renewal was on the minds of many, and the local gardening community came together at the Albion Bolton Community Centre to host a Seedy Saturday event. New upgrades at Albion Hills Conservation Park were formally dedicated by Mayor David West of Richmond Hill and member of the TRCA's Board of Directors; Richard Ubbens, Director, Conservation Parks and Lands, TRCA; Dave Barton, Mayor of Uxbridge Township and Vice-Chair of the TRCA's Board of Directors; Regional Councillor Mario Russo, Town of Caledon, Wards 4, 5, 6 and member of the TRCA's Board of Directors; Jay Clark, Supervisor, Conservation Parks, TRCA; Stan Cameron, Peel District School Board Trustee; Ian Boyd, Senior Manager, Conservation Parks, TRCA; and John MacKenzie, CEO, TRCA. It was a slow and steady March Break for some, and for others a hare-paced holiday, but the Caledon Public Library offered myriad programs to suit local youngsters and the young-at-heart. The fun got underway with a presentation from Hands-On Exotics, which kept the kids enthralled – and a tortoise on pace!

**APRIL** 

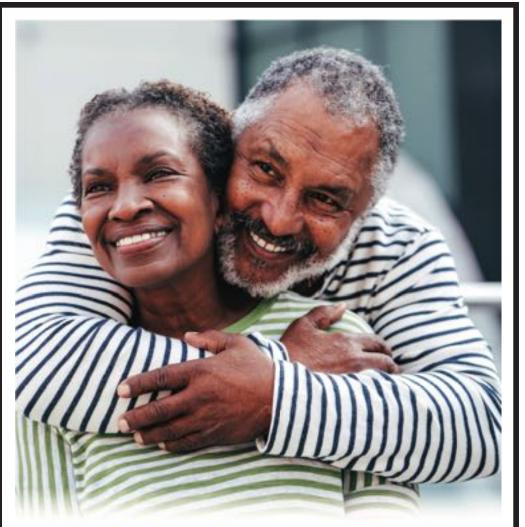


Brothers Walter and George Redman thoroughly enjoyed the bouncy castle at the Easter in Alton event on March 29, one of several ways the community marked Easter. Also on the egg hunt in Alton were Sophia Peca with children Davion and Selene. Caledon Mayor Annette Groves addressed crowds at a meeting of the newly-formed citizen group Democracy Caledon, addressing concerns with how she was using Strong Mayor powers. Grade 4 students from Tammy Arcuri's class led a shoe drive at Caledon Central Public School that raised 1,375 pairs of shoes for those in need. Paula Oake (co-secretary, ecoCaledon), Laurie Dickson (home energy retrofit lead, Centre for Community Energy Transformation), and John MacRae (co-chair, ecoCaledon) promoted green living at the Caledon Home and Lifestyle Show.



May was a time of looking back as well as looking forward. As spring settled in, rain couldn't dampen the spirits of Albion Hills Community Farm volunteers during the farm's annual spring festival and plant sale. Premier Doug Ford visited Caledon to tout the government's plans to start construction of Highway 413 in the year ahead, a move which continues to be controversial within the community. Dignitaries, including MPP Sylvia Jones and members of Council, representatives from the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), and the owners of ChainLink Disc Golf celebrated the grand opening of two new disc golf courses at Albion Hills Conservation Park on May 11. Albion Bolton Historical Society founding member Heather Broadbent, Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa, and Albion Bolton Historical Society President Nathan Hiller shared excitement over the Society's 50th anniversary. Pam Claridge, former owner and publisher of the Citizen, was remembered for her dedication to music, teaching young performers and keeping the community informed. She passed away on May 9 at the age of 80. Rohit Rao (CSAA), Hunar Kahlon (CSAA), Maneet Chahal-Gill (Soch Mental Health), Uzma Aziz Irfan (Malton Women Council) and Dr. Vikas Puri (CSAA) are pictured at the Caledon South Asian Association's 2024 Mental Health event. Bolton Kin president Kathy McFarlane accepts a certificate from Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback on the occasion of the Bolton Kin's 60th anniversary. Students from Southfields Village Public School had fun and gained new skills while building raised garden beds, led by Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Staff. They were there as part of their "Girls Can Too" initiative which provides female-identifying youth with hands-on learning experiences in construction and ecology. Hikers left the Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena to begin this year's Hike for Bethell Hospice.







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Nissie and her children, Michael and Gabriella, stopped to take a photo in front of the "Caledon 50" sign during Caledon Day celebrations this month. Caledon Pride and Youth Activists Inc. held a flag-raising ceremony for Pride Month in Bolton on June 8. Tucker Hardy, pictured here with nephew Lincoln Holmes, came away with some hardware at the Caledon Fair's Demolition Derby. The Fera family stopped to check out one of Caledon Fire's trucks at a popular Touch-a-Truck event. Residents protested outside Caledon Town Hall on June 25 before the Council meeting where zoning bylaws permitting 35,000 housing units were discussed. Downtown Bolton came alive for Italian Heritage Day, which was well-attended and a great success. A June 8 protest against a proposed "mega-quarry" in Caledon was also well-attended. Palgrave Rotarians were proud to host their 25th annual Wines of the World fundraiser on June 22. Crowds enjoyed watching demonstrations of different Indigenous dance styles at a PDSB powwow. Archers warmed up for the 2024 Canada Cup East tournament held in Caledon. Two new murals were installed on the Caledon Trailway between Mountainview and St. Andrews roads. Satpaul Singh Johal, Vice-Chair of the PDSB; Jaspal Gill, Associate Director and Chief Operating Officer of the PDSB; Caledon Regional Councillor Christina Early; PDSB Director of Education Rashmi Swarup; Ontario Minister of Education Stephen Lecce; Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones; Caledon's PDSB Trustee Stan Cameron; Caledon Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen; and Alvin Au, Superintendent for Caledon schools within the PDSB, announced a new elementary school in Mayfield West.



Caledon celebrated Canada Day at the start of the month and Amy and Rebecca Anderson, top right, had a "berry" good time at the Caledon Fairgrounds. Caledon Community Services (CCS) held their Annual General Meeting and CCS CEO Geraldine Aguiar welcomed Ian Armstrong as a new honourary CCS Life Member. Anthony Fairclough, director and secretary of the Forks of the Credit Preservation Group, welcomed Green Party of Ontario leader Mike Schreiner to Caledon on July 17 to tour the site of a proposed blasting quarry. Father-daughter wood turning duo Lawrence and Lucy Kristan had their work on display at the Headwaters Arts Gallery as part of their exhibition, Trilogy. Cheltenham kids kicked off Cheltenham Day celebrations with a bike parade. The chicken run saw contestants race to the finish line while trying to keep a pylon on their back. She Plays Golf was a local success. Region of Peel staff, Caledon Central Public School Principal Lesley Kennedy, Caledon's PDSB Trustee Stan Cameron, Regional Councillor Christina Early, Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan, and Caledon Central Vice Principal Brandon Pachan celebrated the installation of new traffic lights at Kennedy Road and Charleston Sideroad. Runners had the chance to race around the Lafarge Caledon Pit on July 6.

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Summer continued in full swing in August and the streets of Bolton were packed for Midnight Madness on August 9. Elsewhere, Premier Doug Ford and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones visited James Dick Construction in Caledon to congratulate the business on its 60th anniversary. While in the area, Jones also took Ford to see KTH Manufacturing and Ice River Springs in Shelburne. CCCGT Committee Chair Dave Sheen, CCCGT Committee Vice-Chair Mario Russo, PUCK coordinator Barb Imrie and PUCK volunteers celebrated the announcement that PUCK will be the primary recipient of funds from the 2024 CCCGT. Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback's third-annual Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon charity game made more than \$150,000 for local healthcare services at Headwaters. Pictured here are, from left, are Darcy Tucker (Team Caledon), K.C. Carruthers (CEO, Headwaters Health Care Foundation), MP Seeback, Bill Bettridge (Enercare), Whilna Stewart-Franklin (UPS), and Mike Krushelnyski (Team Dufferin). Members of the Cassie's Place community and event supporters cheer on golf tournament participants. Friends of Chamber Music, the first concert in the 2024 Caledon Music Festival, took place August 4 at the Alton Mill Arts Centre. Olympic Bronze Medal-winning pole-vaulter Alysha Newman, along with her Bolton-based coaches, were celebrated at C3 James Dick Quarry, after finding success at the Paris Olympics.

SEPTEMBER



Caledon's communities came together this month as Labour Day approached and kids returned to school. Councillor Dave Sheen was just one of the dignitaries who took on the dunk tank to raise money for local hospice care at the annual Valleywood Block Party. The initiative raised more than \$1,200 for the Bethell Hospice Foundation. Women's hockey legend Angela James and author Maria Quinto attended a book signing in Caledon East. The Caledon Creative Arts Festival took place on September 28 on the grounds of the Caledon East Community Complex. It featured live music and dance performances, art activities for both kids and adults, a vendors' market, and much more. Mayfield Secondary School was well-represented at a tree planting event in King. Bruce Trail Day was promoted by the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club. The community raised the flag to celebrate Culture Days, which included the unveiling of a new mural celebrating Caledon's 50th anniversary by artist Nikita Mistry. The rodeo at this year's Bolton Fall Fair drew huge crowds that were wowed by the skills of the riders competing in it. Contestants competed in barrel racing, pole bending, bull riding and more. Bolton Kin volunteer John Stegeman and his grandchildren came out to take part in the annual Terry Fox Run, as did many other residents of Caledon's communities.

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route to Bolton is now. Caledon must grow to 300,000 by 2051, and residents want and need access to the transit infrastructure, already enjoyed by communities of similar size. This year's rezoning of parcels along Highway 50 means we will finally have the population density needed to support a GO Train. The proposed GO Train line to Caledon would have two stops, one in South Bolton at Highway 50 and one in Macville.

In May, the Town of Caledon approved a new set of Green Development Standards to ensure new development in Caledon is environmentally conscious. This program is a critical tool to ensure new development is green and clean, so we can grow sustainably and meet our ambitious environmental targets outlined in our strategic plan. Caledon's Green Development Standards outline climate-friendly design standards for new residential, commercial and industrial development. The program focuses on minimizing energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, protecting and enhancing the natural climate, and creating walkable communities.

The Town of Caledon is continuing to work on road safety. We have taken many steps to improve traffic safety this past summer by reaching out to our Provincial partners at the Ministry of Transportation, Attorney General and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference and at a Provincial Standing Committee. We presented our concerns with traffic safety related to illegal land use and trucking. We also connected with the Ontario Provincial Police and Peel Regional Police and Greater Toronto and Hamilton Mayors.

This year, Council approved an Illegal Land Use Task Force with eight citizen representatives. The task force is currently laying out its priority objectives and a detailed workplan for the next twelve months.

Priorities will include advocacy, enhancements to Town by-laws, enforcement tactics and community communication initiatives. The next update to Council will be in January 2025. Council also passed motions to prohibit truck route network development on Highway 50 and request an OPP Community Sub-Station in Bolton and establish a Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. Locally, we held five traffic safety meetings this year in Alton, Bolton, Caledon East, Southfield and Valleywood where we had updates from Town of Caledon staff, Region of Peel staff and Ontario Provincial Police.

Caledon Fire and Emergency Services received a designation to open the GTA's second Regional Training Centre, demonstrating the Town's commitment to excellence in emergency response training and community safety. I would also like to share that our Town staff has made many achievements this year and were recognized internationally. • Two Gold MarCom Awards from the Association of Marketing and Communications Professionals for excellence in public marketing and communication. Caledon staff won for the 2024 Caledon Day and Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment campaigns. The MarCom Awards is one of the largest and most respected creative contests in the world. This year, it received over 6,500 entries in over 300 categories from 45 countries.

• International Excellence in Economic Development - The new state-of-the-art Humber River Centre received Bronze at the 2024 Excellence in Economic Development Awards, by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC).

• Platinum-level Data certification for third year in a row - The World Council on City Data (WCCD) gave Caledon its third platinum certification for the implementation of ISO 37120 Standards (Indicators for Sustainable Cities).

• Green Development Standards -The Energy and Environment Team received the Ontario Parks Association's (OPA) Protecting Tomorrow Today Award for the Town's new Green Development Standards (GDS).

• Caledon was added to the Ontario Build Code - Caledon is being recognized in the Ontario Building Code's Climatic Design Data Table, resulting in access to more accurate and reliable data for municipal staff and partners in the design process for buildings.

This year, the Town of Caledon announced a \$2 million surplus for 2024 giving taxpayers more value than ever before without compromising service. Council and staff found new, more effective ways of meeting the needs of our community with the resources in the Council-approved budget. The Town will reinvest these funds into reserves which help to strengthen the overall financial state of the municipality. We are focused on building a brighter future for our growing community, and this surplus positions us well for ongoing investments.

The municipal budget for 2025, reflects our deep commitment to strengthening our community, prioritizing the services that matter most, and working toward our long-term goals. We've focused on key areas such as community safety, infrastructure, service excellence, quality of life, and economic development. Listening to your feedback, we've dedicated resources to improving roads, parks, and public spaces, making our neighborhoods more accessible and enjoyable for everyone. We're also increasing support for emergency services, ensuring we have the resources needed to keep our community safe and thriving.

To build a bright and prosperous future, we are investing in local businesses, job creation, and educational programs, all with the goal of creating new opportunities for growth and success. At the same time, this budget reflects our commitment to fiscal responsibility. We've worked diligently to balance smart investments with sustainable spending, ensuring that we continue to move forward without placing an unnecessary burden on our taxpayers. Together, we're creating a thriving community for everyone. As we welcome the New Year let's keep working together to make our Town an even better place to live, work, and thrive. I truly appreciate your ongoing commitment and cooperation - together, we're building something special. Thank you!

### **OCTOBER**



Regional Councillor Mario Russo, Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen, Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell, and Regional Councillor Christina Early raised the Every Child Matters and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation flags in a ceremony at Town Hall on September 30. Indigenous performers were also showcased at the Caledon Creative Arts Festival, along with crafts and activities for the whole family. Oakley got to use a real fire hose with the help of a Palgrave firefighter at an open house. The "March to Save the Next Life" in Downtown Bolton was well-attended by Caledon residents who want to see measures implemented to increase road safety. Caledon Fire and Emergency Services personnel, members of Caledon Council, and a representative from the Office of the Fire Marshal attended a ceremony to officially designate Caledon's Regional Fire and Emergency Training Centre. Remembrance ceremonies began early in 2024, led by Mono Mills. Fiona Barrie, Darlene Moffatt, Isabelle Bottoms, Carol Seglins, Sharon Venning, Heather Broadbent, and Lorna Fuller are pictured at the unveiling of a plaque to honour Bolton's founder George Bolton. Caledon residents turned out in all manner of costume on October 27 when Bolton Rotary hosted their annual Haunted Hill Walk/Run. Pictured here, when the five-kilometre race started, festive runners flew by cheering bystanders. Over 175 people attended the inaugural Headwaters Hike to Fight Breast Cancer on October 10. Held at Monora Park in Mono, the event raised 68,000 for breast cancer care equipment for local health care.

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# **LOOKING BACK AT 2024 A YEAR IN REVIEW**

#### BY KYLE SEEBACK, M.P. (DUFFERIN-CALEDON)

The year is quickly coming to an end and what a year it was locally and nationally. There were many community highlights that made me extremely proud as your Member of Parliament for Dufferin-Caledon. However, it was also a difficult year for many members of our community and Canadians across the country who continue to struggle with the affordability crisis.

Sadly, millions of Canadians continued to go hungry in 2024. Feed Ontario's recently released report cited that in Ontario alone, food banks had to handle 7.7 million visits from over one million residents. Food bank usage has risen in Ontario for eight consecutive years, including here in Dufferin-Caledon. The Orangeville Food Bank experienced a sharp increase, seeing a 19 per cent rise in usage over the last history.

Throughout 2024, I heard from many of you telling me the dream of homeownership is out of reach. The carbon tax continues to compound the struggles of Canadians. Many of you also contacted me saying that you're feeling less safe in our community. I, along with all Conservatives, have been working hard to ensure the Trudeau government hears these struggles. We've also been presenting a positive plan to Canadians that will axe the tax, build the homes, fix the budget, and stop the crime. We have common sense solutions that will restore hope and opportunity to Canadians.

Some of the best highlights of 2024 for me involved our community coming together to support and celebrate each other, which Dufferin-Caledon does best. I was honoured to be a part of the Grand Opening of Reese's Rink

year, which was already the highest in its on February 17, 2024. This new outdoor rink at the Caledon East Community Complex was named after Reese Meyer, a very special young local hockey player for the Caledon Hawks, who tragically, lost his battle with cancer in 2020. I was incredibly touched that his family invited me to participate in the special opening ceremony of the outdoor rink named in his honour. This lasting tribute to Reese gives everyone in our community the opportunity for coming out together to enjoy skating and hockey, just as he did.

On July 1, I saw thousands of you at Caledon Canada Day. I served many of you pancakes while celebrating our great country. Another huge highlight for me was my third annual Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon (HNDC) on August 14, 2024. It was a massive success thanks to the incredible support of our community. This year, we raised \$150,000! The money will go towards pur-



M.P. KYLE SEEBACK

chasing an MRI machine for our local hospital. In just three short years, HNDC has now raised over \$350,000 for this cause.

Most recently, another special highlight of 2024 for me was the Orangeville Santa Claus Parade on November 16, 2024. I love this annual event, which draws thousands and thousands from within and outside the community. For me, it's the official kickoff of the Christmas season. Not only do I enjoy entering a float in the parade, but it's fantastic to witness the tremendous Christmas spirit it creates bringing us together as a community.

It's been a challenging year, but I remain optimistic about 2025 because I see the resilience and strength of our community and Canadians every day when we pull together during tough times. I'm also looking forward to the promise of a new government next year that will put Canadians first, restoring hope and opportunity for everyone.



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# **Caledon Citizen's Top Student Athletes of 2024**

#### **BY JIM STEWART**

We salute the fine achievements in the classroom and in their respective sports of our seventeen Student-Athletes of the Week from 2024:

# Fleming is the "Heart" of the Hall Wolfpack's Senior Basketball Team

The Senior Boys Basketball team at Robert F. Hall CSS won three of its final four games to finish its Tier One North regular season schedule on a high note. Decisive victories over Braithwaite SS 69-62, Heart Lake SS 64-39, and Fletchers Meadow 64-56 demonstrated the team's steady improvement over the Winter season. The central cog in the Wolfpack's oncourt motor was Grade 11 Honor Roll Student and top-performing combo forward Calum Fleming.

# Alyssa Kowal's court play leads to consecutive Volleyball MVP Awards at Hall CSS

Two-sport student-athlete Alyssa Kowal had distinguished herself on two courts of play in her first three years at Robert F Hall Catholic Secondary School. The Grade 11 Honor Roll student has starred for the Hall Wolfpack's Girls Volleyball team as its Captain three consecutive seasons and has earned MVP honors at the last two Athletic Banquets. In addition to her leadership and prowess on the volleyball court, Kowal has also performed admirably in badminton. Kowal came up just short of qualifying for the ROPSSA championship girls' singles finals in the 2022-23 season.

guric has had a productive athletic career in Wolfpack colours both on the ice and on the fairways. In addition to gracing the greens for the Varsity Golf team, Grguric has excelled as a steady defenseman for Robert F Hall and was instrumental in winning their Peel Region hockey championship in 2022-23. The two-sport athlete has impressed the Hall hockey coaching staff.

# VanNiejenhuis recovers from ACL injury to return to the pitch

Claire VanNiejenhuis captained and kicked her Hall Wolfpack to a ROPSAA Rugby championship in 2022. The talented leader of the squad appeared headed for another stellar season when a debilitating knee injury shut down her 2023 season. Her successful rehabilitation is a poignant one, indeed, as is her return to the rugby pitch in a Wolfpack uniform this Spring and in a Golden Gaels uniform this Fall at Queen's University.

# Alonzi leads Hall Wolfpack Peel Senior Soccer Championship

It's been a big week for Hall Wolfpack soccer player Anthony Alonzi. After being nominated for The Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week for his fine work in the classroom and on the pitch, the Grade 12 Honor Roll student was a significant factor in the Wolfpack's undefeated season that culminated in a ROPSAA Senior Boys Soccer championship last week to cap off his final year of High School.

# Ferlito led Wolfpack to football and baseball championships

His stellar performance in cross-country, hockey, and lacrosse earned him Junior Athlete of the Year honors at Mayfield and the admiration of Mavericks' Coach Tyler Grant.

# Meek moves to McMaster after capturing Senior Athlete of the Year Honors

Mayfield Secondary School graduate Rosie Meek enjoyed a magnificent run during her last two sports seasons competing for the Mavericks. The three-sport, Honor Roll student-athlete excelled in Cross Country Skiing, Track, and Rugby to capture Senior Athlete of the Year honors and cap off her career at Mayfield. Based on her sterling performances in the classroom and on the slopes, track, and pitch as a Maverick, Coach Marcia Baker acknowledged that "Rosie is headed to McMaster University to study in the Faculty of Engineering and to race Varsity Cross Country and Track and Field."

# Grier Forbes starred in flag football, hockey, and rugby

Grier Forbes was selected Mayfield Secondary School's Junior Athlete of the Year for her prowess on the Flag Football field, Hockey rink, and Rugby pitch in 2023-24. The Grade 10 Honor Roll student-athlete played against older competition in all three sports and played significant roles for the Varsity Flag Football team, the Varsity Hockey team, and for the Senior Rugby team. Forbes was fully-immersed in the academic, artistic, and athletic life at Mayfield and demonstrated the balance that so many high performance student-athletes acquire to succeed both in and out of the classroom. Forbes's three seasons of excellence caught the attention of her rugby coach Rhys Manning who described the fly-half's exceptional performances that contributed to the team's Peel Region Championship in the Spring

victory over Lorne Park on the final game of the regular season. Keenan is part of a powerhouse football program at Hall. The Tier 1 Senior Wolfpack football team finished their 2024 ROPSSAA regular season undefeated with a 4-0 record and has qualified for the regional football championship game two seasons in a row.

# Mavericks' three-sport star Charlotte Meek is Student-Athlete of the Week

Charlotte Meek has represented Mayfield Secondary School and three rep sports organizations with a high degree of efficacy in multiple centres over the last few years. Remarkably, Meek has suited up for the Orangeville Tigers hockey team, the Guelph Cobras field hockey team, and the Fergus Highland rugby squad. In addition to representing three cities in three different rep sports, Meek is also a threesport athlete for the Mavericks where the Grade 11 student has excelled in wrestling, rugby, and field hockey. It is for her most recent success as the Mavericks' leading scorer on the field hockey pitch that the Honor Roll student was nominated for The Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week by her Head Coach Jennifer Rawson.

Even more important than her individual statistics, Meek led the Mavericks to the ROPSSAA Field Hockey championship this Fall and was part of the Mavericks' ROPSAA Championship Senior Girls Rugby team last Spring. In addition to these gold medals, Meek grappled her way to a bronze medal at the 2024 ROPS-SAA Junior Wrestling championships. Meek's necklace of medals is a testament to her athleticism and dedication.

# Sebben Leads Wolfpack Varsity Girls Hockey Team and the U15 Canadettes

Piper Sebben has made quite a first impression in her Grade 9 year at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School. Not only has the first-year Honor Roll student carved out a leadership role for herself on the Varsity Girls' Hockey team and thrived as a freshman on the Varsity Girls' Flag Football team, but she is also serving as Captain of her Brampton Canadettes rep team this winter as the team enters its playoff season. Sebben played a key role in the resurrection of the Girls Hockey program at Hall and helped the re-born Wolfpack capture a tournament championship. After the hockey season, the tri-sport athlete will take to the pitch to compete for the Wolfpack Varsity Girls' Rugby squad.

# Mancini spikes and serves way to volleyball leadership at Robert F. Hall

Grade 9 Student-Athlete Athena Mancini has made quite an impact on her school community in her freshman year. Her Volleyball Coach Tania Knappich nominated the dynamic Mancini as our newspaper's Student-Athlete of the Week because "she is committed, works hard, is highly skilled, and is a leader who leads by example. Despite her high skill level, she is always trying to improve and become better. She strives for excellence."

# Grguric led the Wolfpack to ROPSSAA Hockey Championship

Grade 11 Honor Roll student Mark Gr-

Grade 12 Robert F. Hall CSS two-sport athlete Tyler Ferlito ended his high school athletic career with an impressive flourish to earn The Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week. Ferlito quarterbacked the Wolfpack to the ROPSSAA Senior Boys Football Championship Finals in the Fall. Eight months later, the clutch hitter and big game pitcher led the Wolfpack to its second consecutive ROPSSAA Varsity Boys Baseball Championship.

# Butler excelled in Junior year for the Mayfield Mavericks

Mayfield Secondary School's Senior Athlete of the Year Nolan Butler completed his third year of high school with an inspirational and impressive flourish. Remarkably, Butler excelled in five sports--hockey, lacrosse, badminton, volleyball, and golf--and all five were at elevated stages of competition in a series of provincial or regional championships during 2023-24. In addition to his Herculean efforts on the hockey rink, lacrosse field, golf course, and badminton and volleyball courts for the Mayfield Mavericks, Butler earned his place on the school's Honor Roll for the third consecutive year.

# Holleran wins Mayfield's Junior Athlete of the Year

Grade 10 Mayfield Secondary School student-athlete William Holleran left for summer holidays after the 2023-24 school year with much accomplished. Holleran served a successful term as Vice President of the school's Athletic Association and he achieved Honor Roll status with a 90+ average for the second consecutive year.

# Lebourdais leading way as Quarterback and Primary Pass Rusher this Fall

Mikayala Lebourdais has made quite an initial impact as a student-athlete at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School. The Grade 9 student was voted MVP at a Flag Football tournament hosted by Hall in September that featured over 300 athletes. Lebourdais is a two-sport athlete who plays rep hockey for the Caledon Coyotes and she has burst on to the high school athletics scene as the quarterback and primary pass rusher of Hall's Varsity Flag Football squad. The rookie pivot has left quite an impression on her Wolfpack coaching staff-- comprised of Andrea Czyrka, Chris Fielder, and Nick Pusateri-who nominated her as our newspaper's Student-Athlete of the Week.

# Quarterback Keenan leads Wolfpack to third-place finish in ROPSSAA Tier One Junior Football

Junior Wolfpack Quarterback Jack Keenan has burst on to the athletic scene at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School. As a Grade 9 student in his first semester of high school, Keenan led his ROPSSA Tier 1 Football team to a third-place finish with a 2-4 record, including a narrow 9-6

# Mavericks' Corbett stars in Varsity Flag Football, Volleyball, and Rugby

Brooklynn Corbett's recent run of playoff success is enviable. The three-sport athlete from Mayfield Secondary School advanced to the ROPSSAA playoffs in flag football, volleyball, and rugby in 2023-24. Although the Mavericks were eliminated in the quarterfinals in flag football and volleyball, Corbett's Varsity Girls Rugby team won ROPSSAA. It was Mayfield's fifth consecutive girls' regional rugby championship and Corbett's impressive run in rugby included provincial championships with the Mavericks in 2022 and 2023. She expressed her connectivity to this winning tradition at Mayfield: "It's special to be part of this legacy." Although the Mavericks flag football team lost in the ROPSSAA quarterfinals this Fall, the three-season athlete is "hoping to compete in the playoffs in volleyball and potentially win another championship in rugby."

# Mercer volleys, skates, and hits for the Hall Wolfpack

Hall Wolfpack Volleyball Coach Brian Bontigao nominated Grade 12 student-athlete Alex Mercer as our newspaper's Student-Athlete of the Week. It is the second time in three years that Mercer has been recognized for his significant contributions to the academic and athletic life of his high school. Mercer—a versatile high performance athlete who excels in volleyball, hockey, and baseball at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School—caught the attention of Coach Bontigao.

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# Caledon Public Library reflects on busy, innovative 2024

#### **BY COLLEEN LIPP CEO & CHIEF LIBRARIAN** CALEDON PUBLIC LIBRARY

As we close out 2024 and reflect on the past year, we remember the wonderful moments we've been part of: the excitement shared during book clubs, the sense of accomplishment shining on the faces of people using technology in the makerspaces, giggles, hugs and smiles during story times, and new insights discovered through books, digital titles and e-resources. We saw many of you take Library), gather and connect in library spaces, study and explore new ideas, and ingly, CPL released its own public survey celebrate arts and culture. It is a joy to see Caledon Public Library (CPL) promoting well-being and helping people in this community thrive.

I must thank our incredible staff for their work in championing the Library, providing expert service to library users, and serving as the most important resource CPL offers. I see their passion and dedication to connecting people to the services and information they need. Speaking on behalf of the staff, we are enormously grateful for the opportunities you provide us. Librarians love to answer questions! We delight in connecting you to the information, services, programs and support you seek.

The numbers share the story of how CPL has supported library users. Over the last year, we have tracked 107,000 digital titles borrowed (and counting). You, our community members, have borrowed a staggering 272,323+ physical items, including books, audiobooks, and "things" like instruments and board games. Children's titles account for 34% of books

borrowed, which shows that families and caregivers are encouraging their children to read for enjoyment, setting them up to enjoy learning, in turn setting the stage for lifelong success.

CPL released a report demonstrating a \$3.31 social return on investment resulting in \$254 per Caledon resident and \$822 per household. Additionally, 85% of 300 respondents to the Town's budget survey indicated they wanted library services maintained or increased. This lets us know we are on the right track, that a majority up a new instrument (borrowed from the of people find value in and support the Library's work and future direction. Excit-

this year as part of the 2025-28 strategic Friends of Caledon Public Library, an orgaplan project. We are grateful for all the responses and feedback we received, which will allow us to create a roadmap for the next four years that best serves your needs and will shape your future library.

Finally, I thank the amazing lifelong library users who support CPL through volunteerism. CPL's Board of Directors is an extraordinary group of nine Caledon community members with a wide range of expertise that they bring to the table in support of a common goal: to govern the public library, ensuring it operates responsibly and meets the needs of the community to the very best of its ability. And to the nization that exists to support CPL and just celebrated its 30th year, thank you. Your belief in the value of library services in our community helps ensure that these services will continue and that we will keep reaching new library users every year, so we can share what CPL has to offer and make life better for the people living and working in Caledon.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful holiday season, visit the library in person or online, and if you don't already have one, get yourself a library card.

# **Caledon Citizen and advertising partners** donate \$3,500 to CCS

# **Caledon Community** Services is currently running its Season of Hope Campaign

#### **CALEDON CITIZEN STAFF**

The Caledon Citizen would like to wish all of our readers and business partners a very happy new year.

As you may know, each year the Citizen runs its "Wish Upon a Star" advertising campaign. The campaign brings together so many generous local businesses, community groups, and residents in the spirit of raising money for Caledon Community Services (CCS).

CCS staff note that the need for food support, and help with utilities, becomes very noticeable in the holiday season. It's why the non-profit runs its own campaign, "Season of Hope", every year to rally the community behind their neighbours in need.

By donating to Season of Hope, residents bring nourishing food to the tables of their Caledon neighbours, and help keep the heat on in the cold winter months.

The Citizen extends a sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone who was a part of this year's Wish Upon a Star initiative.

Thanks to you, we were able to donate \$3,500 to CCS this year.



November was a time of Taylor Swift fever in the GTA as the singer brought her Eras tour to Toronto, and Caledon was no exception. Bolton's Rosie Maria Trimboli got into the spirit of things as Southlake Regional Health Centre's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit dressed babies in outfits inspired by each Era. Trimboli, who was born at Headwaters on November 10, represented the Speak Now Era. The Caledon Fire and Emergency Services Honour Guard led the parade to Remembrance Day services in Caledon on November 11. The Region of Peel, and over 25 community partners including the Town of Caledon, launched the Break the Silence campaign to raise awareness about family and intimate partner violence. Headwaters Health Care Centre unveiled its 2024 Butterfly Bereavement Project at Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) on Tuesday, November 5. Members of the community opposed to the building of Highway 413 rallied outside of MPP Sylvia Jones' office. Caledon Meals on Wheels' volunteer board worked hard preparing for the charity's inaugural Fall for Caledon Meals on Wheels event. It was a great success and was well-attended. More than 200 drones lit up the night sky in Caledon to celebrate Diwali on November 2. The award-winning drone display dazzled for the second year running, bringing out hundreds of spectators. The show was infused "with various symbols reflecting the essence of Diwali." Four local Tim Hortons restaurants supported area non-profit Cassie's Place through the Holiday Smile Cookie campaign.

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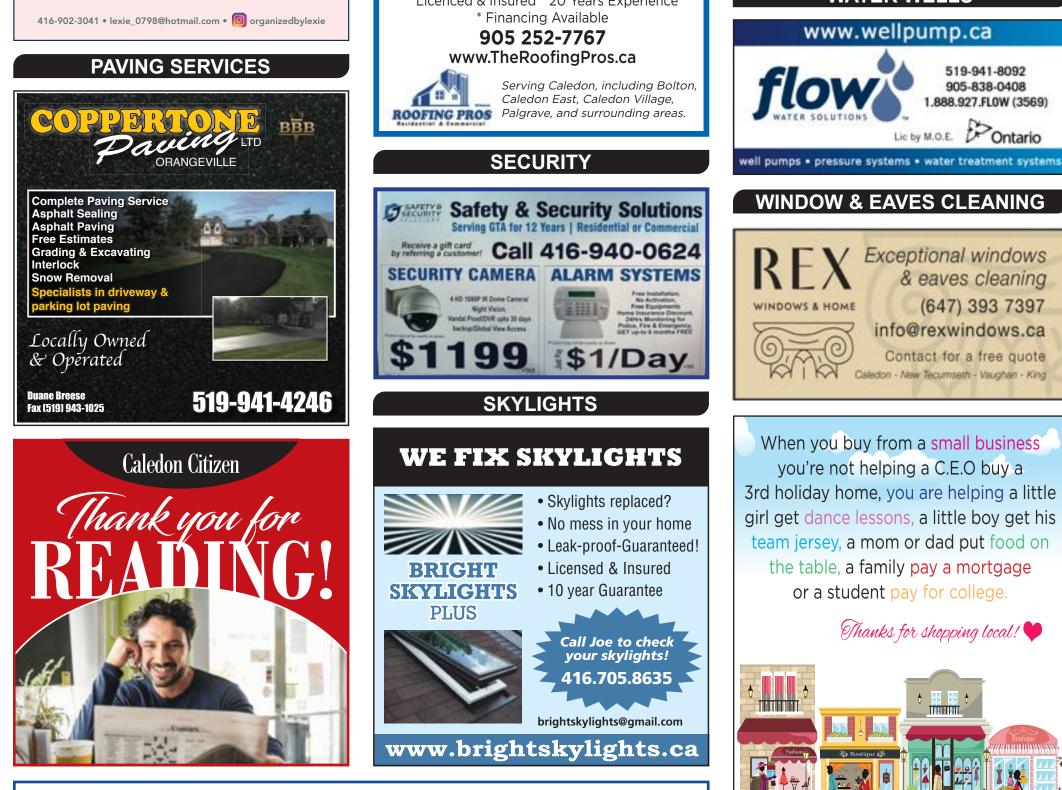
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Tree-lighting ceremonies ushered in the holiday season with events taking place in Palgrave and outside Town Hall. At the Town Hall event, families came out to enjoy cookies and hot chocolate, take pictures with Santa, and watch the Town's tree light up for the season. Caledon Councillors came out to the event too, and Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell addressed the crowd, providing season's greetings and leading the countdown to the tree lighting. Caledon Community Services volunteers hosted a cookie decorating station at the CCS' Family Day of Giving event. CCS volunteers Karen Hutchinson and Trudy Hurvitz, and CCS Events and Partnerships lead Carol Petrini, were in the kitchen at The Exchange on December 4 preparing to bake cookies for those in need. Caledon Area Families For Inclusion's annual Candy Cane Social event brought holiday cheer to the over 100 people who attended. The Queen of the Furrow was among the participants in this year's Bolton Santa Claus Parade, hosted by Kin. Udder Tournament volunteers proudly presented a cheque with funds the tournament raised to Bethell Hospice on December 2. Peel students took over the Living Arts Centre for Youth in Action Day. Students gained experiential learning for certification in trades, as demonstrated by students here who learned the ins and outs of glasswork. Caledon Central Public School hosted the annual Bronco Family Holiday Breakfast. The event was supported by the President's Choice Children's Charity (PCCC), which supports Caledon Central's breakfast club all year through financial donations. During the breakfast, Caledon Optimist Club president Susan Montgomery and director Ted Simmonds presented a \$1,000 cheque to Caledon Central to go towards outdoor equipment and games.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

# Notice of Application

#### FILE NUMBER: 21T-24011C RELATED FILE NUMBER: POPA 2023-0006

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received an application for Draft Plan of Subdivision. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

#### **APPLICANT:**

Malone Given Parsons Ltd. (MGP) on behalf of Brookvalley Project Management Inc.

#### I OCATION.

Part of Lots 19, 20 and 22, Concession 2 and Part of Lots 21 and 22, Concession 1

#### **PROPOSAL:**

The applicant has submitted a Draft Plan of Subdivision application to facilitate a residential subdivision consisting of 1,421 dwelling units, a medium density block, mixed use residential blocks, a school, parks, roads, stormwater management ponds, pumping station, open space and natural heritage blocks and future development blocks.



\*The aerial mapping is for information purposes. The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon

#### LEAD PLANNER:

Taniot Bal Senior Planner, Development & Design **Planning Department** 905-584-2272 ext. 4418 Tanjot.bal@caledon.ca

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information about this matter, including appeal rights, a copy of the Draft Plan, 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.

#### **APPEAL PROCEDURE:**

If a person or public body does not make written submissions to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision before the approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the draft plan of subdivision, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Caledon to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make written submissions to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision before the



approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the draft plan of subdivision, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

#### HOW TO STAY INFORMED

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision, you must make a written request to the Planning Department of the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario L7C 1J6 or planning@caledon.ca.

#### ACCESSIBILITY:

If you require an accessibility accommodation to access any materials related to this item in an alternate format please contact Records and Information Services by phone at 905-584-2272 x.2366 or via email at accessibility@caledon.ca.

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

#### Notice Date: January 2, 2025

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

# Notice of Intention to Pass Amending By-law to Remove a Holding Symbol ("H")

#### FILE NUMBER: RZ 2024-0025

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

#### Earliest Town Council Meeting Date: January 28, 2025

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. Attend In-Person: Members of the public may attend a meeting in-person and provide verbal comments (through delegation) regarding the proposed application or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting. For a delegation to be heard, registration is required. To do so, please complete the Participation Request Form available at caledon.ca/speak-at-council

2. Submit a Written Comment: Members of the public may submit a written comment regarding the proposed application by completing the Participation Request Form,

available at caledon.ca/speak-at-council

3. Virtually: Members of the public are welcome to delegate virtually through WebEx upon request. For a delegation to be heard, registration is required. To do so, please complete the Participation Request Form, available at caledon.ca/speak-at-council. In addition, members of the public can watch meetings through the live stream available on the Town's website.

#### **APPLICANT:**

Arcadis Professional Services (Canada) Inc. on behalf of 12304 Heart Lake Road Limited Partnership

#### LOCATION:

0 & 12304 Heart Lake Road Block 1, Registered Plan 43M-2171 South side of Abbotside Way, west of Heart Lake Road Ward 2

#### **PROPOSED CHANGES:**

The applicant has applied for a Zoning By-law Amendment (Lifting of Holding Symbol ("H")) to remove the Holding Symbol ("H34") on the subject lands for lands zoned Prestige Industrial - Exception 679 - Holding 34 (MP-679-H34) Zone by Zoning By-law 2006-50, as amended. Removal of the Holding Symbols ("H34") will allow for industrial uses on these lands subject to Town approvals.

#### LEAD PLANNER:

**Rob Hughes** Senior Planner, Development, Planning & Development Department 905-584-2272 ext. 4245 rob.hughes@caledon.ca

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

For more information about this matter, including a copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application, additional information and material, please visit www.caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner at 905-584-2272 ext. 4245 from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Under Section 36(3) of the Planning Act, only the applicant has appeal rights with respect to the removal of a Holding (H) symbol. There are no third-party rights to appeal the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. ACCESSIBILITY:

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If you require an accessibility accommodation to attend or participate in this Council Meeting, or to access any materials related to this item in an alternate format please contact Council and Committee Services by phone at 905-584-2272 x.2366 or via email at agenda@caledon.ca. Requests should be submitted at least 10 days before the Council Meeting.

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