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**CHILLY CREATION:** Live ice carving was just one of the many activities and demonstrations that kept more than 2,600 attendees of Alton's fourteenth-annual Fire & Ice Festival. For more on this year's celebrations, see Page A12. **PETER RICHARDSON PHOTO**

## Post-traumatic stress injury treatment centre for first responders coming to Caledon

Region of Peel donates land to Caledon for centre

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A major announcement of support for first responders was made in Caledon last week.

Canada's first post-traumatic stress injury

(PTSI) treatment centre for first responders will be built in Caledon.

On January 24, Ontario Premier Doug Ford was in Caledon for the announcement of the Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Centre of Excellence for First Responders, to be run by Runnymede Health Care Centre.

It will be a comprehensive mental health and rehabilitation treatment centre with a facility in Toronto and a 40-bed in-patient recovery centre in Caledon. Services provided by the

centre will include mental health assessments, rehabilitation and residential treatment, virtual care, 24/7 crisis support, peer support and navigation support.

Ford said investing in mental health and rehabilitation treatment for first responders is a way to give back to the brave people who make incredible sacrifices every day to keep families and communities across Ontario safe.

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**TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley donates \$250,000 to Agricultural Society**

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local golf course and its owners have pledged support to one of Caledon's oldest organizations.

On January 28, TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley and the Humeniuk family announced a \$250,000 multi-year donation to the Caledon Agricultural Society (CAS).

The money will go towards the Society's mission to build a new community centre at the Caledon Fairgrounds in Caledon Village. Last summer, the Society launched a massive \$3 million capital campaign in support of this goal.

The Caledon Fairgrounds is home to the annual Caledon Canada Day and Strawberry Festival and Caledon Fair. The first Caledon Fair was held in 1860.

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## Avian Influenza found in dead geese at stormwater ponds in Bolton, Southfields Village

Risk of bird flu spreading to humans is extremely rare

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Bird Flu has been found in dead geese at two locations in Caledon.

On January 24, Town of Caledon municipal law enforcement staff confirmed there were outbreaks of Avian Influenza, commonly known as Bird Flu, at stormwater ponds in Bolton and Southfields Village.

According to a Town of Caledon news release, the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative (CWHC) reported the disease came from dead geese.

There has been no transmission of the disease to humans reported, and the risk of Avian Influenza spreading to humans is extremely rare.

Still, residents are advised to take sensible precautions.

Residents should not handle sick or dead wildlife, and likewise keep their pets away from sick or dead wildlife and on a leash.

“To help stop the potential spread of viruses, Caledon Animal Services discourages the use of birdfeeders and recommends the removal of existing ones to limit transmission. Cats should also be kept indoors, and birdbaths on private property should be avoided,” reads the Town’s news release.

Residents are asked to report sick or dead wildlife to the Town by calling 3-1-1.

## Ontarians set to go to the polls February 27 following snap election call

**BY BROCK WEIR**

Ontarians are set to go to the polls on February 27 following a snap election call by Progressive Conservative Premier Doug Ford.

Lieutenant-Governor Edith Dumont, the King’s representative in Ontario, made things official on Wednesday morning, issuing the traditional writ that kicks off the campaign.

Ford made his intentions to call an election more than a year ahead of schedule last week in Brampton, citing a need for a renewed mandate from Ontarians amid looming tariff threats from US President Donald Trump.

“We’re entering a period of unprecedented economic risk and lengthy negotiations – against President Trump and with the federal government and other provinces,” said Ford in a social media post on Tuesday, ahead of his formal campaign launch in Windsor, ON, Wednesday morning. “Responding to this challenge will demand extraordinary action: the need to invest tens of billions of dollars in unplanned spending and tough choices about making Ontario’s economy the most competitive place to invest, create jobs and do business. To protect Ontario, I’m asking the people for a strong mandate – a strong, stable, four-year mandate that will outlive and outlast the Trump administration.”

“During this time, I will never stop working for you. I will remain chair of the Council of the Federation and will join my fellow premiers and the prime minister for weekly meetings. I will travel to Washington to make Canada’s case against tariffs. I will fight to protect Ontario: for our families, for our workers, for our businesses, for all of us.”

Ford seeks a third term as Ontario Premier against Ontario NDP leader Marit Stiles and Ontario Liberal leader – and former Mississauga mayor – Bonnie Crombie.

Both party leaders said a new mandate wasn’t needed at this time – particularly in light of the Progressive Conservatives’ clear majority at Queen’s Park.

“While the people of Ontario are anx-

ious about the grave threat of tariffs, Doug Ford is pursuing his own political gain,” said Stiles in a statement. “People need a Premier who will fight like hell for every single job that’s at risk, not run to the polls over a year early. Doug Ford thinks that he can call an early election to escape his record of failure on housing, health care, education and affordability. We won’t let him.”

“In the coming weeks, we have the power to choose a better future for our province. We have the power to fight back against Donald Trump and turn the page on Doug Ford. Together, we can win an NDP government that’s on your side.”

In a campaign message, Crombie said the cost of an election is wasteful.

“Doug Ford’s Ontario has failed you,” said Crombie in a statement. “He’s wasting \$175 million on an early election instead of using it to fix our broken healthcare system and make your life more affordable. As Premier, I’ll deliver more for you by guaranteeing you’ll have a family doctor, cutting taxes on your paycheque and home heating, and building homes you can afford.”

In Dufferin-Caledon, the PC banner will once again be carried by Sylvia Jones, who has most recently served as Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. She will be challenged by former Orangeville mayor Sandy Brown, who will be carrying the Green Party of Ontario banner.

At press time this week, no candidates had been formally confirmed for the NDP or the Liberals.

Orangeville Councillor Tess Prendergast was previously confirmed as the Ontario Liberal candidate for Dufferin-Caledon but pulled out of the race earlier this month following the death of her father. She committed to supporting the party and the new candidate once they are confirmed.

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# Donation will support construction of new facilities at Caledon Fairgrounds

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Caledon Agricultural Society president Ed Taccone said facility upgrades at the Caledon Fairgrounds, combined with its great location, will make it a popular event destination.

“We are planning for future generations and want to ensure the needs of our ever-growing community are met with quality facilities and abundant opportunities,” said Taccone. “We believe this legacy community project will create so many benefits throughout Caledon, and we are so appreciative of TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley and the Humeniuk family’s generosity in helping it become a reality.”

Chris Humeniuk, president of TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley, said the course is proud to have called Caledon home for over 30 years.

“The Caledon Agricultural Society’s

ambitious plan to improve and expand offerings for community events at the fairgrounds site is admirable and important, and we are pleased to play a role in helping this plan become a reality,” said Humeniuk.

The new community centre at the Caledon Fairgrounds is planned to be 15,000 square feet in size and feature a 6,000 square foot banquet hall and multi-purpose space. Also planned is a commercial kitchen with walk-in storage, refrigeration, and a bar area; accessible washrooms; two large garage-style doors for equipment access; and office space for the Caledon Agricultural Society’s administration team.

Former Caledon mayor Allan Thompson is part of the Society’s fundraising committee and said TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley and the Humeniuk family’s donation is a commendable example of giving back and supporting a worthy cause.

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## IMPAIRED DRIVING 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 2:00 a.m., officers responded to a vehicle into the ditch on Winston Churchill Boulevard, near Bush Street, in the Town of Caledon,” 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, Matthew Diraimo, 23, of Mississauga, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Operation while impaired – alcohol.

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

The charges have not been proven.

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

“On January 25, 2025, just before midnight, a traffic stop was conducted in the area of Mayfield Road and Bramalea Road, in the Town of Caledon,” 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, Prabhnoor Johal, 22, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor.

The charges have not been proven.

“Shortly thereafter, on January 26, 2025, just after 1:00 a.m., officers responded to a vehicle into the ditch on Mississauga Road, near Old School Road. During the investigation, grounds were formed that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

Ranjit Singh, 31, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol.

The charge has not been proven.

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

The driver’s licences were also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicles were impounded for seven.

“On January 23, 2025, just before 1:00 a.m., a vehicle entered a RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot check location setup by officers on Old School Road and Heart Lake Road, in the Town of Caledon,” 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, Miroslav Demeter, 50, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Operation while impaired - alcohol;
- Driving motor vehicle with liquor readily available.

The charges have not been proven.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on February 13, 2025, to answer to the charges. The driver’s licence was also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle was impounded for seven.

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. =

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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://peel-crimestoppers.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>.

## DISTRACTION THEFTS

Members of the Dufferin OPP are currently investigating a distraction fraud that took place in Orangeville and is believed to be part of a larger, ongoing scam targeting banking institutions across the province.

“On December 19th, 2024, an elderly male attempted to use the ATM at a banking institution on Broadway in Orangeville,” say Police. “At the time, the victim encountered an obstruction in the card slot, and a male suspect, speaking a foreign language possibly Spanish, approached him offering assistance. The victim’s card was stolen, and a replacement card was provided in exchange. Bank surveillance footage shows a female suspect inserting paper into the ATM, while the male suspect removes the victim’s card and hands it to the female.

“This same scam has been reported at other banks across Ontario, and the OPP are urging anyone with information to come forward.”

### Suspect Descriptions:

- Suspect 1: Male, dark curly hair, wearing a black jacket and black hat.
- Suspect 2: Female, long dark hair, wearing a pink jacket and pink hat.

Anyone with information about this theft is encouraged to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122, or to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or visit [www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca](http://www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca). The investigation is ongoing.

“Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you suspect someone is driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol call 9-1-1. If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or [www.crimestoppersdm.com](http://www.crimestoppersdm.com).”

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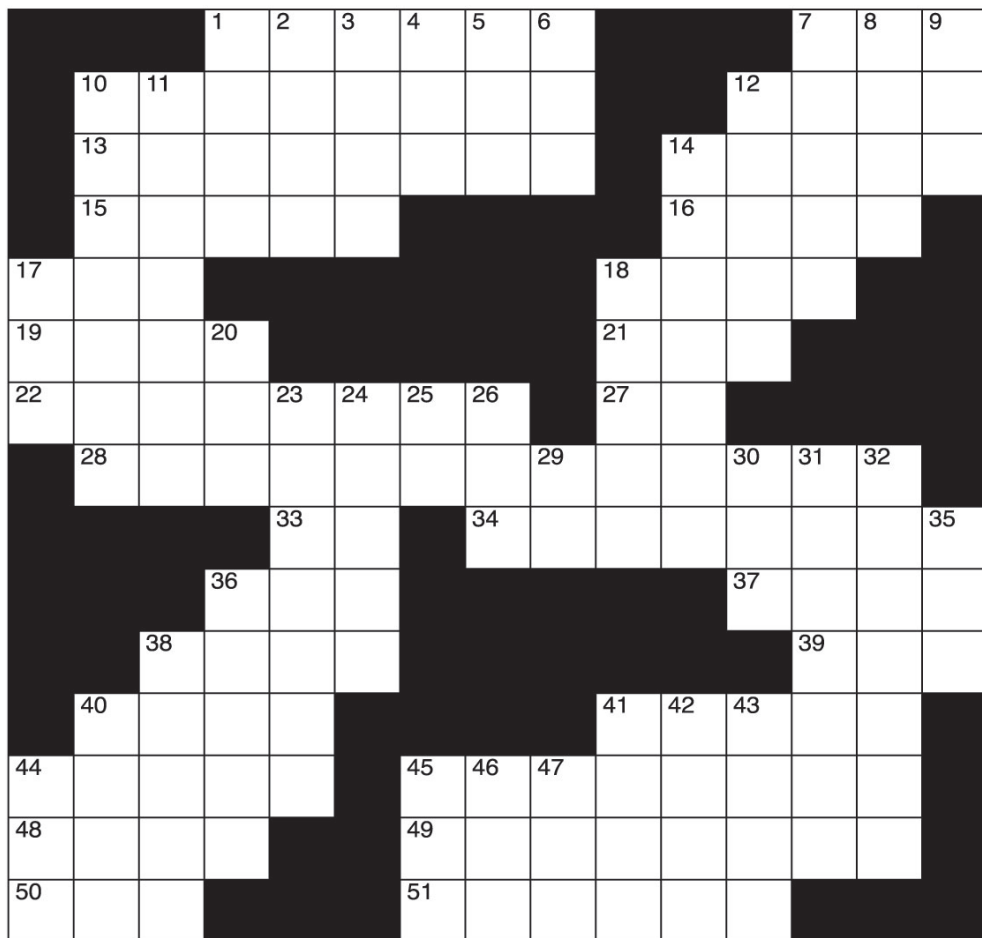
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- Greek mythological personification of Earth
- A major division of geological time
- German courtesy title
- English family dating back to Norman times
- Discounts
- South American nation
- Former Milwaukee Buck Michael
- Hostile
- Passports and drivers licenses are two
- Discourages from doing

### CLUES DOWN

- Supreme god of ancient Egyptians
- Nevada city
- Energy, style and enthusiasm
- Bird's beak
- Language
- Midway between south and southeast
- Punjab village
- Small biting flies
- Sportscaster Patrick
- A way to get around
- Repeat
- A way to cook with fat (Scottish)
- Temporary loss of consciousness
- Reciprocal of a sine
- Fir tree genus
- "Transformers" director Michael
- Criminals who steal
- Genus of leaf-footed bug
- Music product
- "Talk to you"
- Santa says it three times
- Doctors' group
- African nation
- Ageless
- When you hope to get somewhere
- Worn
- Deprives of vigor
- Used to have (Scottish)
- Where you live
- Muslim ruler title
- Basics
- Type of drug (abbr.)
- Spanish soldier
- It precedes two
- Illuminated

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

# Post-traumatic stress injury treatment centre for first responders coming to Caledon

Continued from FRONT

Dufferin-Caledon MPP and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones said Ontario is proud to be home to world-class first responders.

“By investing in Runnymede Healthcare Centre’s PTSI Centre of Excellence project, our government is building on our work through the Roadmap to Wellness to improve access to mental health services, ensuring our first responders can connect to targeted, comprehensive supports where and when they are needed most,” said Jones.

According to a news release from the Province, it’s estimated up to 23 per cent of first responders and public safety personnel suffer from PTSI.

The Province states the PTSI Centre of Excellence will be able to provide care to 1,500 people each year, supporting 41,700 visits.

Ontario’s Solicitor General Michael Kerzner said the facility will be the first of its kind and allow first responders to receive dedicated treatment for PTSI injuries, ensuring they receive the critical resources they deserve.

“Getting our first responders access to comprehensive mental health support they might need at any given time is another way our government is taking concrete action to support those who serve our communities every day,” said Kerzner.

Michael Tibollo, in his capacity as Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions in Ontario, said first responders face unique and extraordinary challenges at work that put their mental health and well-being at risk.

“By investing in the Runnymede Healthcare Centre’s Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Centre of Excellence, we are ensuring that those who dedicate their lives to keeping us safe have access to the specialized care and support they need to heal and thrive. This is a vital step in building a continuum of care that recognizes the sacrifices made by our frontline heroes and supports them throughout their recovery journey,” said Tibollo.

Connie Dejak, President and CEO of the Runnymede Health Care Centre, said our current system fails to adequately protect first responders who are exposed to traumatic events.



Premier Doug Ford was in Caledon on January 24 to announce the Post-traumatic Stress Injury Centre of Excellence for First Responders.

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matic events.

“We cannot have safe, healthy, and resilient communities without safe, healthy, and resilient First Responders. It is time to serve those that serve their communities every day. The PTSI Centre of Excellence will help navigate all First Responders and their families to appropriate and timely access across the end-to-end continuum of care, from prevention, to treatment and return to wellness, throughout a person’s professional career, and beyond,” said Dejak.

Mark Baxter, President of the Police Association of Ontario, also welcomed the recent announcement.

“Expanding access to comprehensive mental health and rehabilitation services, including the creation of Runnymede Healthcare Centre’s Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Centre of Excellence, is an investment in the well-being of the brave men and women who ensure the safety and security of our communities every day. These facilities will provide the tailored care and support our members need and deserve as they navigate the impacts of their demanding and critical work. We applaud the government for prioritizing this essential initiative,” said Baxter.

Greg Horton, President of the Ontario Professional Firefighters Association, also shared praise for the announcement.

“Firefighters experience mental health challenges at a significantly higher rate than the general population due to their repeated exposure to traumatic events while serving their communities. The government’s significant investment in this mental health initiative for first responders will enable the construction to begin on this one-of-a-kind center which will provide critical support to firefighters and other first responders in need,” said Horton.

Greg Sage, President of the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs, gave support to the announcement as well.

“Paramedics encounter situations that put them at a high risk for PTSD and other mental health challenges, as such they require access to specialized treatment options in a timely manner. These new mental health and rehabilitative treatment services that are tailored to first responders and frontline healthcare providers will ensure that those who serve the citizens of Ontario receive the care they require to remain healthy so they are able to continue to serve and care for our

communities,” said Sage.

The Region of Peel donated a 38-acre parcel of land in Mono Mills to Caledon for the centre back in 2022. Peel Region Chair Nando Iannicca said he could think of no better use for it than to turn it into a healing space for first responders in a time of need.

“Peel Region is proud to contribute to the development of the PTSI Centre of Excellence alongside the Government of Canada, Government of Ontario and other partners. In coming together to build state-of-the-art mental health facilities in Toronto and Peel region, we’re saying loud and clear that protecting the mental health of first responders is a priority. The PTSI Centre of Excellence will make it easier for Peel paramedics and police struggling with post-traumatic stress injuries to get the urgent care and support they need and deserve,” said Iannicca.

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# CMHA launches resources to help communities combat chronic loneliness

BY BROCK WEIR

Loneliness has been shown to have a negative impact on one's health, exacerbating such issues as mental health and cognitive decline.

In an effort to combat this problem and foster "a community where everyone belongs," the Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region (CMHA-YRSS) and South Simcoe, in partnership with the Laboratory for Artistic Intelligence, have launched a new evidence-based resource to help local leaders take steps to end chronic loneliness in their communities.

Dubbed "Solutions for Belonging," it is a framework to implement community-based strategies to solve loneliness. It underscores that the issue can be addressed "with a community development approach that sets out specific conditions that contribute to a sense of belonging: Presence, Access, Cultures and Place."

"People need someone, someplace and something to belong to," said CMHA-YRSS CEO Rebecca Shields. "We're taking a different approach to what's been done before to address chronic loneliness. The Solutions for Belonging framework presents a community development approach we can do together to address loneliness, by creating the conditions for belonging within our communities."

Added Helen Yung, Lead Researcher for the Laboratory for Artistic Intelligence: "Belonging mitigates loneliness. Feeling supported, seen, accepted and accommodated increases feelings of wellbeing, reducing the negative effects of chronic loneliness. We've seen evidence of this in community arts, we heard it in CMHA's community consultations, and it makes intuitive sense to everyone. The key is for enabling conditions to feel authentic and appropriate."

Focusing on those key pillars of Presence, Access, Cultures and Place, the framework notes that "all people have opportunities to socialize, be vulnerable, express their feelings, feel accepted, feel respected, feel their presence matters, and feel that their humanity is reciprocated (recognized, reflected back, responded to). They have people whom they may share beliefs, experienced and understandings."

Access, in this context, includes ensuring "all

people are able to access experiences, events, groups, individuals, institutions, and environments that contribute positively to their sense of belonging, the quality of their social interactions and the development of social connections."

"They feel that they have the means, permission, and ability to choose to develop satisfying connections and relationships," the report finds.

The report also defines Culture as "encompassing the stories, ideas, images, customs, values, beliefs, and practices that exert influence on people."

"In this community, cultures are factored into how people are supported in experiencing Presence and Access. Culture is also the means by which Presence and Access (even Place) are promoted and supported," the framework outlines before moving on to Place, which they define as ensuring "the physical environs of this community support Presence, Access, and cultural differences in how people need to experience Presence and Access."

According to the CMHA-YRSS, data shows that loneliness often rises in young adulthood before declining through middle adulthood, yet begins to increase again in "old age." Young people, they found, voice their experiences with loneliness more so than seniors, and in youth between the ages of 15 to 24, 23 per cent say they were "always lonely or felt lonely" compared to 14 per cent of seniors over the age of 65.

"Communities are unique, and priorities for addressing loneliness and creating belonging vary by community," said CMHA Loneliness Project Lead Karen Beitel. "Every community needs to address loneliness through a framework that factors in its own unique circumstances. With Solutions for Belonging, we believe we've provided a path forward for all communities to achieve that."

For more information on Solutions for Belonging, visit [solutionsforbelonging.ca](https://solutionsforbelonging.ca).

"It was developed with the expertise and contributions of many, including an advisory circle with members from across a variety of sectors," says CMHA-YRSS. "Community leaders are invited to take up the framework to mitigate loneliness and create belonging."

# Caledon Chamber of Commerce has lots planned for year ahead

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
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The Caledon Chamber of Commerce is excited to support local businesses this year.

On January 23, the Chamber held a meeting at the Humber River Centre in Bolton to let Chamber members know what it has in store for the year ahead.

Marion Upshall, president of the Caledon Chamber of Commerce, said the Chamber has been growing with many events in 2024 and even more planned for 2025.

"We want to really hone in and ensure we're connecting all of Caledon and not just parts of Caledon," said Upshall. "We want to ensure the business community knows that their Caledon Chamber of Commerce is up and running. We are all about advocacy, connection and education."

Regional Councillor Mario Russo attended the January 23 meeting, and said he wanted to acknowledge the hard work of the Chamber's Board of Directors, who are all volunteers who run their own businesses.

He said it's been great to see the Chamber collaborate with the Town of Caledon's economic development staff, and Caledon Councillors, to support local businesses.

"When you invest in our community, recognize that you have people working with you and on your behalf," said Russo. "We want to see business flourish."

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones also attended the meeting and said she sees the great value that Chambers of Commerce bring to communities.

"Everything is about helping each other and driving that prosperity movement," said Jones.

Upshall said the Chamber will continue its popular Lunch and Learn and networking events this year. It will also host its annual Business Summit in October, and for



Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones attended the Caledon Chamber of Commerce's 2025 preview meeting on January 23.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

the first time, hosting "CaleDine", an event to showcase local restaurants.

Other upcoming events include a mental health awareness forum, government keynote forum, and business essentials workshop.

To work on connecting businesses across Caledon, the Chamber plans to host ward-based information sessions, industry roundtables, and execute a strong marketing and social media plan rooted in collaboration.

The Chamber will also bring back its Business Awards in 2025.

To learn more about the Caledon Chamber of Commerce and stay updated on all of its events, those interested can visit [caledonchamberofcommerce.ca](https://caledonchamberofcommerce.ca).



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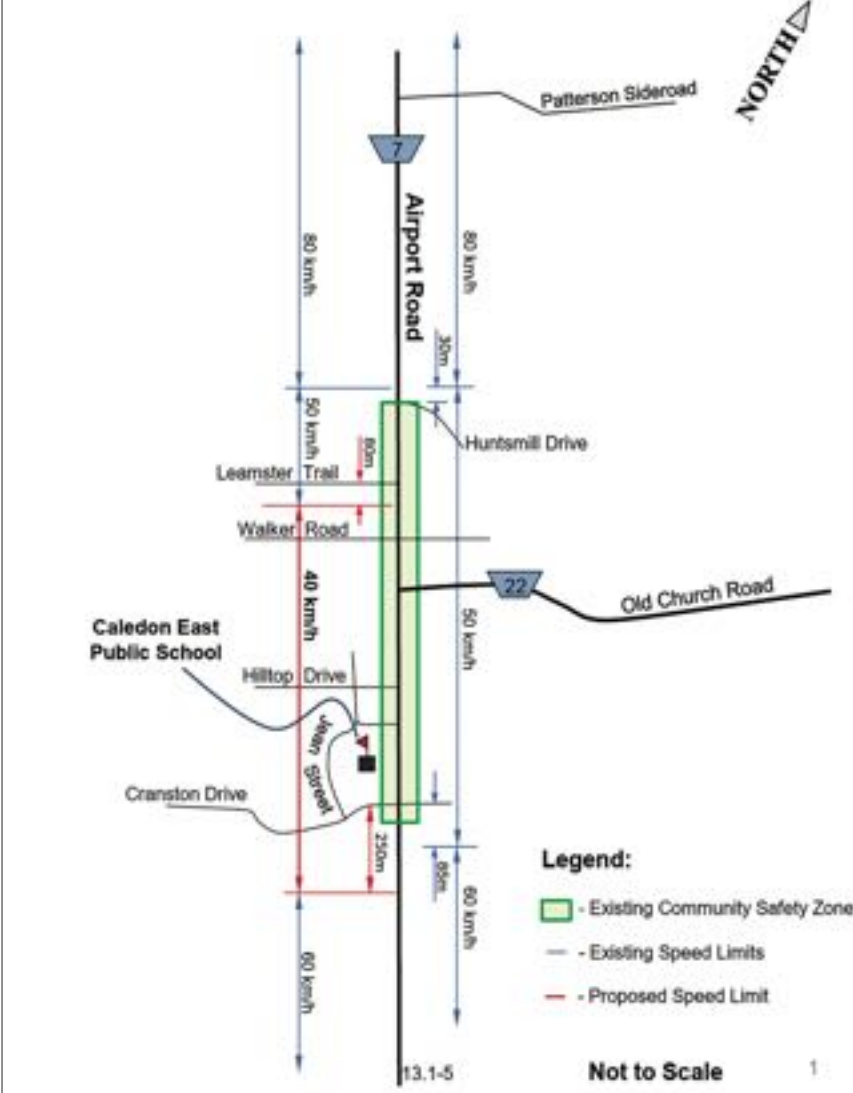
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# Speed limit changes coming to Caledon East

APPENDIX I  
SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS, AMENDMENT TO BY-LAW 15-2013, TOWN OF CALEDON, WARD 3



A diagram (not to scale) of speed limit changes coming to Airport Road in Caledon East.

don East’s downtown core.

On Old Church Road, from 40 metres west of Henry Wilson Drive to Airport Road, the speed limit will also be reduced to 40 kilometres per hour.

This stretch of road covers the area from around Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School to Caledon East’s downtown core.

A Region of Peel staff report on the speed reductions states that Caledon residents, Town of Caledon staff, and Caledon Councillors all provided feedback supporting speed limit reductions in Caledon East. The new speed limits bring Caledon East’s speed limits in line with that of other villages in Caledon.

“Airport Road and the short westerly section of Old Church Road are being reconstructed in Caledon East, with the anticipated construction to commence in spring of 2025. The posted speed limit reductions align with the reconstruction and the anticipated construction duration,” reads the staff report. “The redesign will include traffic calming features such as roundabouts, gateway median treatments and controlled crossings at strategic locations being included on Airport Road. Additionally, active transportation infrastructure such as a multi-use path will be implemented on both Regional roads in Caledon East as part of the Airport Road capital project. With the changing road characteristics, additional residential units and future developments in the areas, the speed limit review was prompted to determine the appropriate speed limit for both present and future conditions.”

The report states the new speed limits will provide a more uniform and safe posted speed that promotes safety for all road users.

# Peel partners with Service Ontario to offer integrated service centre

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Province and Region of Peel will be working together through a new service centre.

At Region of Peel Council’s January 23 meeting, Councillors approved a staff recommendation to begin a two-year pilot partnership between Service Ontario and the Region of Peel for an integrated service centre at 10 Peel Centre Drive in Brampton.

In a report, Regional staff said the centre will increase access to services and improve the customer experience.

The proposed launch date of the centre is March 17 and it will integrate with the existing Service Peel counter at 10 Peel Centre Drive. The centre will be operated by Peel Region and staffed by Peel employees.

“The pilot is expected to be cost-neutral for Peel Region. It will use a cost recovery funding model with the province covering costs for staffing, administration, training, technology and support,” reads the report. “The partnership aims to enhance accessibility, efficiency, and customer satisfaction by taking an integrated approach to service delivery, bringing more government services to residents in a convenient and familiar space.”

The pilot will be monitored by Regional staff throughout its duration and if it’s successful, staff will consider the feasibility of adding more integrated service centres throughout Peel’s three municipalities.

According to the report, other larger municipalities will be following Peel’s pilot to see if it is successful as well.

The report states Service Peel will expect an up to four times increase in visits thanks to the pilot project, with an estimated 59,000 visits a year.

“Critically, the service centre will make it easier for vulnerable populations to access social and health services, including income support, disability support, addiction treatment, counseling, hospitalization, and more,” reads the report. “Currently, applicants to these programs without identification are referred to other providers. Under the pilot program, Human Services employees can visually confirm the identity of individuals who lack the necessary information to acquire the requested identification. Individuals with no fixed address can also use this service to obtain ID. And a temporary health card can be issued immediately to a client in need of health care services.”

## Reductions will be made on Airport and Old Church roads

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Drivers will need to slow down

when passing through Caledon East.

The Region of Peel recently passed an amendment to a bylaw to reduce speeds at two locations in Caledon East.

On Airport Road, from 250 metres south of Cranston Drive to 80 metres south of Leamster Trail, the speed limit will be reduced to 40 kilometres per hour.

This stretch of road covers Cale-

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## Un-muddled Mandates

Our language is a funny thing.

While English has done the trick for us for many centuries, it's something of a living document as we don't have officially-appointed individuals to monitor its usage and whether a new word or phrase becomes part of our collective lexicon.

We do, however, have multiple arbiters of such things – the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) and Merriam-Webster being but two bodies who end the year by adding a new word or two to their respective tomes.

New to the latest volume produced by the OED for the year ahead was "brain rot," a noun which has been defined as "supposed deterioration of a person's mental or intellectual state, especially viewed as a result of overconsumption of material (now particularly online content) considered to be trivial or unchallenging. Also: something characterized as likely to lead such deterioration."

Whether or not you suffer from "brain rot" I'll leave for you to self-diagnose. The choice offered by Merriam-Webster, however, is something we can all relate to: "Polarization."

Merriam-Webster defines the word as "division into two sharply distinct opposites; especially, a state in which the opinions, beliefs, or interests of a group or society no longer range along a continuum but become concentrated at opposing extremes."

We don't have to look very far to find examples of polarization in our day to day lives, particularly in our public discourse when it comes to the "big stuff," we're seeing it more and more with the "small stuff," which so many have forgotten not to sweat.

The US is experiencing heaps of both at the moment while the people, many of whom voted with their pocketbook in the supposed hope that a vote for the ultimate victor in the race would somehow lower grocery prices with the wave of some sort of magic pen, are feeling the impacts. At President Trump rolls back many human rights that were hard-fought by Americans, stoking no small amount of fear amongst large swaths of the populace, there are the distraction issues which nobody voted for – such as a unilateral re-naming of the Gulf of Mexico, despite the fact that three nations share its shore. Nonsense.

There have been calls to coalesce around these changes – and the person at the centre of power – all in the name of national unity, but it often feels like the ones who are ripping up long-held playbooks, attacking long-serving and well-run institutions, and taking direct aim at significant segments of the population, are always the ones waiting for unity after sowing the seeds of division themselves.

Here at home, we're going through our own time of transition.

The Federal Parliament is currently prorogued while the governing Liberals find themselves a new leader. Some may have wanted a snap election rather than a leadership race, content to put themselves forward as an alternative to a Prime Minister who chose to ignore the writing on the wall and stay at the helm long after it was clear that he wouldn't be continuing in the role for very much longer – whether at the will of his caucus or of the people.

Not many options were left to Trudeau following the pre-Christmas resignation of Chrystia Freeland, but given recent events south of the border, going down the leadership path was, in my view, probably the best option of the unenviable list that remained; it gives us a chance of some stability on the world stage, keeping

some individuals with relevant experience at the table as we navigate the choppy waters of Trump Tariffs and threats to our independence.

An election, of course, is an inevitability once the new Liberal leader and, therefore, Prime Minister, is chosen by party faithful – but, it offers some degree of stability in the middle of what is otherwise a power vacuum at the worst possible time.

Then, there is Doug Ford who is no stranger to polarizing politics.

In the midst of long-term controversies on myriad subjects, including the developments of Highway 413, the Bradford Bypass, and all the scores of issues associated with both projects, to even his Government's controversial decision to forge ahead with the removal of cycling infrastructure from some Toronto streets, he recently – and finally – found a groove that crossed party lines: taking a strong stand against Trump and his seemingly bottomless and fatiguing font of threats.

Since those tariffs were first mooted, along with the "idea" of Canada becoming the fifty-first state of the union, Ford, in my view, stepped up to the plate to provide a strong voice not just for the province, but the nation – gee, it's almost as if he took notes from the last time we collectively weathered a Trump Tornado.

Yet, instead of staying on the file in the absence of permanent leadership elsewhere, he's made the decision to do away with that goodwill and leave yet another power vacuum, calling a snap election to give him a mandate to...continue leading as the people hired him to do for a second time two-and-a-half years ago.

With an unassailable majority of 20-ish seats. And a strong mandate that would be the envy of many a politician.

Despite this healthy majority and inspiring a degree of rare unity amongst opposition parties on protecting Ontario's cross-border trade and economy, an early election was called at his behest on Tuesday to ostensibly seek a somehow stronger mandate to keep calm and carry on.

Ford rides into this election with healthy poll numbers, which bodes well for he and his slate of candidates. The odds are in his favour and, following Election Day on February 27, we might not see significant change at Queen's Park. So, what's it all for?

That will be up to voters to decide, but I fear this decision to call an early election will erode our parliamentary system and pave the way for something of an ad-hoc style of government where governments are elected and dissolved to address Trump's threat du jour, or whatever winds blow our way.

In this environment, stability is the key, and going down that route for the next four years – and, perhaps, beyond – will leave us both exhausted and without a reliable rudder to navigate these unfavourable waters. I wonder if the OED will one day have a concise word for that.

We already know we're going to have a long four years ahead of us, no matter which leader and party wins here at home next month, or on the national level whenever that election comes to pass. We need our stability where we can find it.

Yet, what's done is done, and I thank all candidates who have stepped up to be a part of the democratic process and wish them all the best in presenting their visions for the Province to electors.

Now, it's on us to listen, think critically on all sides, and cast a vote that is most aligned with our own visions for the future.



## Every day is a challenge for many: World Cancer Day is Feb. 4

by Mark Pavilons



treatment last year was inconclusive.

A phone consult in February, following blood work, will give me an idea as to how things are, and whether my PSA levels remain in check. That's the key, according to my oncologist. If those levels can remain consistently low, I can continue on.

But that's my life now. I have to take things week by week, month by month.

It's a mental struggle and a puzzle that offers nothing but mis-aligned pieces.

A recent announcement from the Provincial government noted a new radiation treatment for prostate cancer. I'm not sure whether I'm in line at this point, or even if I need it. But it's good to know things are progressing on that front.

Several oncologists I saw over the past couple of years noted scientists are aggressively working on prostate cancer and constantly looking for new treatments and protocols.

That's good news for those who are newly diagnosed, and those who will be in the future. I only hope something concrete, even miraculous, is on the horizon so I can benefit. I would give anything in the world to live another five or six years.

I avoid reading the life expectancy data for those in my "boat," or "dinghy." One has to keep in mind that prostate cancer studies, by and large, relate to older male patients, those typically in their 70s or even 80s. That was the typical age group affected by prostate cancer, but that's no longer the case.

During my visits to cancer centres, I was told more men in their 40s and 50s are getting the disease. While it is often slow-moving and treatable, every case is different.

When confronted by such a thing, we often wonder if we could have done something to prevent it. Could I have curbed certain behaviors, exercised more and cut out aspartame or KFC? I read that prostate cancer is one of the few that aren't linked to lifestyle, but rather a breakdown or failure in genes. Do I blame my ancestors and shake my fist at the heavens for passing down the genetic material for this evil?

With that double-edged sword comes the knowledge that my existence (like all of ours) is a miracle in itself. Some 150 generations were needed to pass on the genetic material for me to even be alive today. And I beat the odds of some 400 quadrillion to one of coming into being.

One would think that making it out of the womb in one piece – to face this brave new world – is a feat reserved for the fittest in the animal kingdom. Bravo to us all!

And yet, how much time have we frittered away in our lives, not realizing the gift we've been given? Why do we waste so much of it when time is the only real, meaningful commodity?

Unfortunately, we don't live in a utopian society where everything is provided and we can sit around philosophizing in our togas, eating fruit from endless bowls. We have to struggle, and earn every step we take.

We have to work and earn money in order to live. We have to strive for more, in order to get more. We have to be a bit lucky as well, to be in the right place at the right time.

The odds are also against us meeting the love of our lives, settling down and having children.

We are all part of that mathematical formula that makes life so inexplicable.

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## Our Readers Write

### Citizens weren't asked for mandate on Greenbelt: reader

We are to have an election soon in Ontario under the guise of needing a mandate from the citizenry to stand up against potential tariffs. We are told by the present government that the fight may cost billions to Ontario taxpayers. If we want him as our leader again, Doug Fords' record thus far indicates we will have a leader trying to counter a deceptive bully to the south with similar tactics.

These tactics have already been used on us to distract, deceive and avoid any responsibility for poor decisions around a previous attempt to take land out of the Greenbelt, to not find real solutions to key healthcare problems and to bleed more money from education.

Meanwhile, there is the current deception in giving \$200 cheques to citizens, while the money (\$3 billion) clearly came from the citizens themselves to begin with and disproportionately from the middle- and working-class people of this province.

We were not asked for a mandate to sell off parts of the Greenbelt to wealthy developers to promote even more urban sprawl in Southern Ontario where each acre paved over will never again be prime farmland or forests or wetlands that are critical for our survival.

The Premier's current fixation on the 413 highway

will increase a vicious cycle of congestion as more urban sprawl will inevitably surround the highway. Once again this compromises the Greenbelt. If the 407 were used as part of an alternative solution it would save billions for Ontario. There are other parts of the province that could take on sustainable growth without such damaging effects to our environment.

Interestingly, one of the Premier's first responses to the threat of tariffs from the U.S. was to suggest that LCBOs remove U.S. products. He sure loves to focus on alcohol! Remember a buck a beer? It reminds one of the joy he wanted us to share with him that we can now buy 24 beers for the weekend at a convenience store. What is the goal here?

Do we want sober participants in this province or addicted citizens distracted from dealing together with real issues? We have serious problems. This province needs to genuinely engage actively with everyone to find alternatives. Let us use the billions this government spends (on things like \$200 "gifts") and intends to spend (as on the 413), on meaningful solutions instead.

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# Roadmaps and other things

SHERALYN ROMAN  
TALK CALEDON



First of all, if you are reading this on publication day, January 30, congratulations...you've almost made it. The longest month of the year, clocking in at 3,642 days is almost over. All that darkness, the exceptionally snow-covered environment and the bone-chilling, frigid, cold will soon be over. January, the bleakest month of the year, is just about done. If you did it "dry" (as in sober) you're some kind of super-human. Now, on to more pressing matters.

So much to talk about, but let's start with a spot of good news. As part of the provincial government's "Roadmap to Wellness," we were pleased to see that new facilities for treating PTSD, one of which is to be located here in Caledon, were announced last week.

First responders are in a class of their own when it comes to what they see, hear and experience each and every day, in the course of their normal, everyday job duties. Human suffering and extreme trauma, coming face to face with danger, running into the flames, not away from them, its first responders who the rest of us call when the worst is happening to us. Recognizing PTSD as a mental, physical and emotional health risk, and providing the tools and resources necessary for rehabilitation is a good thing. As Premier Ford said, "We owe a huge debt to our first responders, who make incredible sacrifices every day to keep families and communities across Ontario safe." This is a good thing, perhaps one of those few times I might "heap" praise upon Mr. Ford. Respectfully, and perhaps somewhat related, next up Mr. Premier, may I suggest we also consider a "Roadmap to Road Safety?"

Mr. Ford, not to downplay the great announcement referenced above, but unless you've been living under the proverbial rock, or in January's case, a massive snowdrift, there is another pressing and urgent issue happening in Caledon and the surrounding area, and it too requires a roadmap. To borrow your phrasing, I'll call it a Roadmap to Road Safety. By now, you must know that traffic in Caledon (indeed throughout our province) is a nightmare. Delegations at successive ROMAs, petitions presented in your provincial legislature, personal appeals to, and meetings with, successive transportation ministers of your government including Caroline Mulroney and Prabmeet Sarkaria, have each attempted to draw your attention to the daily dangers Caledon residents face on our roads. These are roads that will only get busier with your demand that Caledon accommodate 13,000 more homes by 2031, a demand made worse by our own Mayor (while quoting one of your favorite phrases, "open for business") committing to building 35,000 more homes instead!

Combined with what you must surely know are huge numbers of illegal truck yards located here and along our borders and a steep rise in licensing fraud, fraudulent truck schools and more, the time for action is NOW. Truckers for Safer Highways and many major trucking associations are all calling for the province to do something sooner than later. Just last week, from January 19 - 25, 2025 there were FIVE fatalities and four critical injuries related to truck/vehicle accidents and five of the accidents that led to these grim statistics involved

school buses!

We need a Roadmap to Road Safety now. Not another highway, Mr. Ford, but a way to deal with the flagrant disregard for public safety on our existing roads. It may even help to alleviate some of the crisis faced by our first responders who have to deal with horrific traffic accident scenes and their aftermath happening virtually every day.

Unfortunately, I fear you may be otherwise occupied. It seems you need a larger "mandate" in order to keep governing the province. Last time I looked, you already controlled the legislature with more seats than the other three main political parties combined. Your current mandate could extend all the way to June of 2026 which is plenty of time to deal with the threat of Trump tariffs, although I would have thought that is the responsibility of both the federal government and provinces/territories combined.

I suppose being in power potentially through to 2029 has a much nicer ring to it. Listen, Mr. Ford, some of us "folks" (yes, even me) actually liked hearing the tough talk about defending our province against Trump tariffs, but we all know that's just an excuse for calling an election now. The timing seems further questionable when many of us "folks" are also receiving, or about to receive, a \$200 "gift" from the government coffers - yes, the very same ones we pay into regularly - for things like protection on our roads, the ability to roam, hike, bike and enjoy the greenbelt, to reap the benefits of our healthcare system, and more. Let's focus on fixing those roads, on not replacing bike lanes

at a cost higher than installing them in the first place, on pouring more money, doctors and nurses into our healthcare system, AND on preserving and protecting the greenbelt from developers. You remember the Greenbelt, don't you?

January has been a long month. Inaction on the part of the government to address the serious and ongoing carnage on Caledon roads and beyond; the failure to provide municipalities with the tools and resources to deal with illegal truck yards, and the abject failure to address truck and motor vehicle licensing issues are just some of the areas that require your urgent attention. Poised to call an unnecessary election now makes January feel even longer than its current 3,642 days. Dare I say it, but traffic, opening the 407, focussing on healthcare and the greenbelt (plus so much more) are all matters that are a much more important part of your purview than requiring a mandate to deal with #47 south of the border.

## World Cancer Day

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We are not machines, easily programmable with embedded directives. We are thinking, feeling, hurting beings.

We internalize a lot and our brains - which can outthink any supercomputer - can be our nemesis. Never a dull moment, I should say.

And from the time we have a grasp on our mortality, the clock winds down. We know what faces us all and yet we believe, somehow, it won't happen.

Immortality isn't possible at the moment. But I can see humanity being downloaded into a massive, collective computerized "soul."

I saw a video of a doctor who has spoken with many patients who've had near-death experiences. They all say something similar about the great beyond - it's a place where everyone is accepted and you feel like you're home.

I'm not saying that's something to look forward to, but any tiny morsel of "more than this" is a comfort.

Why can't we make this place, this world, accepting and hospitable? This life, and all that is contains, should also feel like home.

Let's try to make it that way, while we still have time!

## Family Transition Place to feature Cityline's Tracy Moore at International Women's Day Event

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Family Transition Place (FTP) is marking International Women's Day with a celebratory event at Hockley Valley Resort on March 7.

The event is an opportunity to network, connect, and celebrate with friends, co-workers, family members - all of the special women in your life. It also acts as a fundraiser for FTP, supporting the not-for-profit's shelter, education and counselling programs for women fleeing domestic violence.

There will be a prominent guest speaker, a

silent auction, swag and door prize items, as well as a three-course gourmet meal.

"This year, we're excited to present Tracy Moore as our special guest," said FTP in a press release. "For over a decade, Tracy spearheaded Cityline, one of Canada's most influential lifestyle programs. Whether speaking on women's empowerment, gender and race-based challenges in the workplace, diversity and inclusion, maternal mental health, and body image or lighting up the stage as an energetic host and emcee, Tracy is celebrated for her friendly nature and down-to-earth attitude."

Early bird tickets are available for the International Women's Day Event until February 2. They're currently available for \$175 but will increase to \$200 on Feb. 3.

FTP says the event can accommodate up to 400 guests and is expected to sell out.

The event will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 7.

Hockley Valley Resort is located at 793522 3rd Line EHS, Mono.

For more information on registration, how to sponsor this event or other ways to support, please visit [www.familytransitionplace.ca](http://www.familytransitionplace.ca).

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# Region of Peel supports creation of Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Councillors from Caledon, Brampton and Mississauga all agree that safety on rural roads is an important issue.

At Region of Peel Council's January 23 meeting, Councillors supported a report recommending the writing of a letter to the

Minister of Transportation and Minister of Rural Affairs in support of the Province implementing a rural road safety program.

The program would be led by the Ontario Good Roads Association.

In 2023, 23 per cent of fatal collisions on Region of Peel roads occurred on rural roads.

"Due to the nature of rural roads, colli-

sions are generally more severe than collisions on urban roads due to differences in operating speeds, road geometry, functionality, enforcement levels, and other factors," said Region of Peel staff in a report. "Good Roads has proposed leading a five-year, \$183 million program to put in place the solutions that will address some of Ontario's most dangerous roads."

The report notes that as Caledon is predominantly rural and covers 55 per cent of Peel's total land area, it's pertinent for the Region to support rural road safety.

Good Roads' rural road safety program would target a municipality's most dangerous roads, perform safety audits, and install modern safety infrastructure to prevent serious injuries and save lives.

## 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

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Aretha Adams, Regional Clerk

**THIS NOTICE FIRST PUBLISHED ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> 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**").

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# Headliner announced for Caledon Day 2025

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon Day will take place on June 14 this year. On January 29, the Town of Caledon announced that two-time Juno Award-winning alternative band The Strumbellas will headline Caledon Day. Like last year, Caledon Day will take place at the Caledon East Community Complex. Mayor Annette Groves said she's excited for this year's event. "Last year was a record-setting event, and we're looking forward to another fantastic Caledon Day

this June," said Groves. "Mark your calendars and get ready to come out and celebrate the vitality of our community with a free, fun day of family-friendly activities!" Caledon Day is set to feature performances from local talent on the community stage, arts and crafts, games for families and kids, a new community mural, food, a beer and cider zone and more. Also on June 14, Caledon Community Services will host its annual Velocity Ride cycling event for Caledon Seniors. For more information and updates on Caledon Day, residents can visit [caledon.ca/caledon-day](http://caledon.ca/caledon-day).

# Theatre Orangeville to stage new comedy, "The Beaver Club"

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

"We're four women of a 'certain age,' driving together in one car – from Toronto to Dildo, Newfoundland – what could possibly go wrong?" Those were the words of Mary Pitt as she opened the door to Theatre Orangeville's upcoming comedy, *The Beaver Club* by Barb Scheffler, and our interview with Pitt, Blythe Wilson, Melanie Janzen, Debbie Collins, plus Sheila McCarthy, the play's director. *The Beaver Club* is on at Theatre Orangeville from February 6 to 23.

They were in high spirits, laughing and swapping ideas in response to our questions while we joined the ride. A virtual gathering, they were all in the Green Room next to the Nancy and Doc Gillies Rehearsal Hall.

The *Beaver Club*'s plot begins as a combination of circumstances, for each of the ladies' lives has seen real change and left every one of them at loose ends.

As a result, Eunice, Radiance, Yvette and Karen decide to take a trip together – just like that! They have very little in common to help them bond; it could be quite a trip.

"This trip idea is incredibly impulsive," added Melanie Janzen as Radiance. "They don't know what's going to happen."

Within the play, they agreed: it is finally time for women of an age, backed by substance and history, "you will recognize them," said Debbie Collins as Eunice, "while they make this wonderful journey."

The men in their lives are discussed but never seen, adding to the dynamics. All four have different secrets but, as they confirmed, "What happens in the *Beaver Club* stays in the *Beaver*

Club." This is a universally funny comedy, they assured, where everyone can relate.

Blythe Wilson, playing Karen, said she read it to her husband who loved it for how it encompasses everything about relationships. Come to a play with all women? For sure!

There are others: Norm Foster's *The Ladies Foursome* and *Steel Magnolias* by Robert Harling, to name a couple but as a growing trend, it might be seen as growth in an ancient art.

After years of cleaning the house or being involved in public service – at a certain point, you realize, "I just don't care anymore..." and become determined to have an adventure.

Rehearsing *The Beaver Club* has been provoking a lot of conversations.

"I feel as though my brain is on fire," Collins said. "We keep going and supporting each other."

The actors are on stage all the time as their journey takes them to many different, amazing locations and celebrates Canada as an ongoing theme. One of the ladies suggested it is a great idea for a tour.

Throughout this impulsive decision to travel, it becomes a time to be free, a catalyst for self-discovery about each other and themselves. Much of the humour in the show arises from how diverse these characters are from each other, and how the ebb and flow of honest perspectives will make us laugh. It goes too, as they explained, to the appeal of everyone to come and see the show.

A swap of ideas, a time for the gentlemen in the audience to have a peek into revealing conversations between women they might never otherwise hear; and

for younger audiences to enjoy the vision from there, as one might say.

Yet, not all the comedy is about age and beauty. None of them are acting as though they are old. More than that, the status as to neither wealth nor power comes into play, for the trip is the thing and the fun is the motive. There is a mirror – it portrays to share as art should do.

It's a good time out, they promised, and might inspire others to say, "let's start!" If not the lengthy trip, at least a point of sharing experiences that make a difference.

You will be laughing so hard – these are people you know.

As a performer and playwright, Scheffler became enthusiastic about script writing and had some success with mystery plays she wrote for a mystery dinner theatre. Her children's play *Pirates Don't Babysit!* won the Best of Fringekids Award at the Toronto Fringe.

The *Beaver Club* is Scheffler's first full-length play, which premiered at the Port Stanley Festival Theatre in 2023, selling a sold-out run to rapturous reviews.

As Mary Pitt, in the role of the French-Canadian Yvette, began, so she summed up, "I couldn't think of a better cast – we're all really happy to be in Orangeville."

Be sure to catch this hilarious play. The *Beaver Club* opens February 6 and runs to February 23. For more details and tickets, go to [www.theatreorangeville.ca](http://www.theatreorangeville.ca) or call the Box Office at 519-942-3423.

Pop in too, if you like, at 87 Broadway, the Orangeville Town Hall Opera House, for tickets.

As well, this is the last week to buy the new season subscriptions at a lower price.

# Region receives \$5.19 million in grants for energy efficiency projects

## Money will support energy recovery and conservation projects at G.E. Booth and Clarkson water resource recovery facilities

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Province is supporting energy efficiency in Peel.

On January 28, the Region of Peel announced it had received \$5.19 million in Provincial grants to implement energy recovery and conservation projects at the G.E. Booth and Clarkson Water Resource Recovery Facilities (WRRFs).

At the G.E. Booth WRRF, \$2.39 million will be used to upgrade aeration blowers and implement a more energy-efficient Ammonia-Based Aeration Control process.

"This project is expected to save 12,000 MWh (megawatt hours) of electricity annually, equivalent to reducing 456 tonnes of GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions and saving \$1.3 million in electricity costs each year," said the Region of Peel in a statement.

At the Clarkson WRRF, \$2.8 million

will be used on a cogeneration project to recover energy from waste gas. There will also be an upgrade to the Ammonia-Based Aeration Control Process at this facility.

"This initiative is projected to save 14,165 MWh annually, cutting 538 tonnes of GHG emissions and reducing electricity costs by \$1.8 million yearly," said the Region.

The Region anticipates that both projects will be complete by the fourth quarter of 2026.

Nando Iannicca, Peel Region Chair, said Peel is grateful for the grants.

"They support Peel's mission to create healthy, safe and connected communities and will enable us to continue our plan to deliver environmentally and financially sustainable programs now and into the future," said Iannicca.

Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries, said, "these upgrades reflect our government's commitment to affordability by harnessing the latest technology to improve energy efficiency in our infrastructure, all while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This is a win-win for Peel families, resulting in millions of dollars in energy savings being invested back into the community while increasing capacity on the grid to attract further investment – bringing more jobs, manufacturing, and opportunity to Peel Region."

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## Thousands turn out for annual Fire and Ice Festival

Winter celebration in Alton was a big hit

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The village of Alton was full of people enjoying winter's beauty last weekend.

On January 25 and 26, the Alton Mill Arts Centre held its 14th-Annual Fire and Ice Festival. The event has grown to be so popular that the Centre offered parking at alternate sites and a free shuttle to bring people to the Centre.

One of the main attractions at the festival is the annual burning of the fire sculpture, which takes place on Saturday evening and is always a fantastic sight.

For children, the super snow slide, created



PHOTO BY PETER RICHARDSON



Many visitors enjoyed skating on the beautiful pond at the Alton Mill Arts Centre. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

each year from the best snow Mother Nature has to offer, is always a huge hit.

This year the ice at the pond at the Alton Mill was great and allowed visitors to enjoy ice skating and hockey in the great outdoors.

Visitors to the Mill got to enjoy viewing live demonstrations of ice carving, and were able to ask carvers all sorts of questions about how they do their craft.

The event featured countless other activities like snow-lantern building, live author readings

and music, and arts and crafts.

The Fire and Ice Festival is held on a pay-what-you-can basis and all proceeds go to Headwaters Arts, a non-profit that promotes art and supports artists in our region.

"It was an incredible weekend, full of winter fun, unforgettable experiences and amazing people! It truly warms our hearts to see so many wonderful people out enjoying a place that means so much to us," said the Alton Mill Arts Centre team in a social media post.

## Winterfest event coming to C3 James Dick Quarry on Family Day

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
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Caledon residents are invited out for a day of winter fun on Family Day.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on February 17, the C3 Canadian Cross Training Club will host a Winterfest event at the C3 James Dick Quarry in Caledon Village.

There will be tobogganing, ice skating and hockey, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and a food truck with warm drinks and food.

Barrie Shepley, a coach at

C3, said Mother Nature has provided amazing conditions for winter fun this year.

"It's fun to use the space on a 365-day basis...you know, this is Canada, you have to get outside and enjoy it," he said.

C3 hosted its first Winterfest event this year on January 19 and it was well-attended.

Shepley said tobogganing was a hit with families, and that attendees loved skating on outdoor ice.

"There's just something about outdoor ice that's different than at an arena," said Shepley.

A hockey rink and a skating

trail were created on the ice at the quarry.

There was a polar bear dip held on January 19, with many brave souls taking the plunge into chilly waters. Shepley said C3 had to cut through nearly 16 inches of ice to create an area where people could jump in. After taking the plunge, swimmers warmed up in C3's heated changeroom.

"It was great weather, sunny, big crowds and lots of fun," said Shepley. "It was the biggest of all the ones we've run over the last four or five years."



Tons of winter fun was had at the C3 James Dick Quarry during a January 19 Winterfest event. PHOTOS COURTESY OF BARRIE SHEPLEY

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:nhillerphoto@bell.net)

**FREE COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Saturday, February 1st, 2025 from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. Caledon East United Church, 6046 Old Church Rd. Pancakes, eggs, sausages, yogurt, fruit, tea, coffee, juice. All are welcome!

**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](http://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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# Hundreds attend ribbon-cutting ceremony at King's Zancor Centre



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Hundreds of residents, visitors, and dignitaries attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony in King's Municipal Maintenance Athletic Centre at the Zancor Centre on Sunday morning.

The grand entrance of Premier Doug Ford, MPP Stephen Lecce, and Mayor Steve Pellegrini through the north doors caused a stir among those assembled for the 9 a.m. event.

Ford, Minister Lecce, and Pellegrini traversed the length of the artificial turf field along the synthetic track. The trio mingled freely with hundreds of folks assembled on the tarped multipurpose sports court prior to the ceremony.

The Premier was in full electioneering mode – as if the writ had been dropped. It was a dynamic, politically-charged event. With a provincial election imminent and anti-Canadian sentiment from US President Donald Trump, the content of the Official Opening speeches reflected last week's intriguing political developments.

Mayor Pellegrini emceed the ceremony and was flanked by 18 dignitaries who spanned the width of the artificial turf field. On hand were King Councillors Jordan Cescolini, Debbie Schaefer, Avia Eek, Mary Asselstine, Jennifer Anstey, and David Boyd as well as Aurora Mayor Tom Mirakas, Uxbridge Mayor Dave Barton, Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Iain Lovatt, East Gwillimbury Mayor Virginia Hackson, and Vaughan Mayor Stephen Del Duca. Other dignitaries included Seneca Polytechnic President David Agnew, Vaughan-Woodbridge MPP Michael Tibollo, and King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts.

"This project has been twenty years in the making. This has been my dream," said Pellegrini.

The long-time mayor jolted the solemnity of the occasion when he pulled his Speedo from a jacket pocket – an artifact from his lifeguarding days. The moment of levity served as a reminder that King residents had to travel for decades to surrounding towns to use recreational swimming pools and he pointed to the Aqua Tech Solutions Aquatic Centre as "a place to improve the physical fitness of residents."

"This facility is a miracle. It was built with only \$678,000 of local tax-supported dollars."

Mayor Pellegrini thanked the partners assembled for their generous support and noted the "significant contributions of \$21.1M from the Canadian government, \$17.6M from the Ontario government, and \$20M from [development] charges that made the Zancor Centre possible. We're sitting on 25 acres due to our partners at Seneca Polytechnic who provided the land for \$1 per year for the next 99 years."

The mayor applauded Zancor Homes, JTF Homes, and Country Day School for purchasing naming rights to the facility and the two ice hockey rinks. As a segue into the Premier's speech, Pellegrini presented Ford with a navy blue King Junior A Rebellion jacket which the Progressive Conservative leader donned immediately.

Ford expressed his gratitude for the Rebellion

gear and praised the state-of-the-art recreation complex.

"What a spectacular facility. Recreational facilities bring the community together." He acknowledged the importance of intergovernmental cooperation, adding: "You can't do this without many partners."

Ford also projected the prospective careers of current facility users.

Future Olympic athletes and NHL players could be working out and competing at this recreation facility."

Lastly, the Premier praised the unity of purpose that created the Zancor Centre and suggested the limitations of political partisanship: "I don't give two hoots about political stripes. It's important that we work together."

Ford's remarks about political unity in Ontario and, by extension, Canada elicited a hearty round of applause the audience and led to a smooth segue to Mayor Pellegrini's introduction of Seneca Polytechnic President David Agnew.

Pellegrini noted that with "only 9,500 households in King, we couldn't have built this facility without the help of partners such as Seneca." Agnew acknowledged the property their King Campus is situated – and the 25 acres that have been leased to King – were purchased from the Eaton family in 1972.

The importance of history and cooperation was echoed by MPP Lecce.

As King's MPP, Lecce secured a \$17.6 million investment to ensure the Centre's completion –

the largest provincial infrastructure investment in King's history.

"After delivering the largest infrastructure investment in the history of King Township to build the Zancor Recreation Centre, I proudly stand with Premier Ford and Mayor Pellegrini to officially open it. A promise made – a promise kept."

Vaughan-Woodbridge MPP and Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Michael Tibollo reinforced the theme of national unity and thanked former MP Deb Schulte for her dedication to the building of the Township Wide Recreation Complex.

"This project was championed by Deb and she passed the baton."

In addition to praising Schulte, Tibollo pointed to the importance of infrastructure project investments across the country.

"Infrastructure is the backbone of any country. It creates spaces for us to come together. It's incredible what we can do when we work together. These are safe and welcoming places for us to go. There is nothing that can stop Canadians from working together. There is only Team Canada."

Tibollo's call for national political cooperation was echoed by MP Anna Roberts.

Roberts' remarks reinforced the event's recurring theme: "This is about working together to achieve the goals of the future. This recreation complex will be a safe space for our children – a great place to raise our families. We now have a world class facility in King."

After the formal part of the celebration, hundreds of attendees poured out into the Zancor Centre's sunlit foyer where dozens of community organizations had set up information booths. The displays spanned the length of the facility and included kiosks sponsored by King Heritage and Cultural Centre, King Curling Club, King United Soccer Club, King Township Recreation Programs, Central York Panthers Girls Hockey Association, Seneca Polytechnic, and the King Rebellion Junior A Hockey Team.

Tours of the facility were conducted by King Township staff and the Zancor Centre sprang to life when its ice rinks, turf field, track, pools, basketball court, and community meeting areas were filled with residents. Adding to the ambience of these healthy activities was the aroma of pancakes and sausages on the griddle as folks lined up for the Mayor's Annual Pancake Breakfast prepared by the King City Lions Club.

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**"What makes a 'home'?"** by Bill Parnaby, The Bill Parnaby Team Lead Sponsor, Coldest Night of the Year, Caledon



There's something special about coming home.

Whether you're stepping through the door after a long day or returning to

your hometown after days or even years away, there's a sense of belonging, safety and warmth that's hard to describe.

As a realtor in Caledon for many years, I've had the privilege of helping countless families and individuals find the perfect house. But what makes a house a "home"?

Many have chosen to put down roots here in Caledon and it's easy to see why. It's not just about the houses - they've found a community here that makes them feel safe, welcomed and supported. Those feelings of comfort and belonging can be found in every corner of this town, from the friendly smiles at the grocery store to the way neighbours rally when someone is in need. Caledon is a place where you know you're never alone and that's what makes it a place worth calling home.

But for many of our neighbours, the idea of "home" feels out of reach. There are people right here in our community that are struggling to put food on the table, to pay their bills and

even some who are facing homelessness during the harsh winter months. As someone who helps people find their homes, I can't imagine how difficult it must feel to lose that sense of security.

That's why it is a privilege to be returning as Lead Sponsor for Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY), a Caledon Community Services (CCS) fundraiser that unites our community to ensure everyone in Caledon has the chance to experience what "home" truly means.

The CNOY initiative is a powerful reminder that we can come together as a community to help and support those who need it most. Whether you walk, donate or volunteer, your involvement sends a powerful message: Caledon is a place where everyone is welcome, cared for and supported - a place that feels like home.

On February 22, please join me in making a difference. Visit the Caledon CNOY webpage at <https://cnoy.org/location/caledon> or by scanning the QR code to donate to your favourite team, set up a team, sign up as a walker and/or reach out to your family and friends for pledges.

Let's walk together to make Caledon feel like home for everyone.



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## Lang's clutch goals lead Admirals to 4-3 overtime victory over the Chargers in Mississauga

BY JIM STEWART

Admirals' leading scorer Cam Lang fired the tying goal in the third period and the game-winner forty-nine seconds into overtime to lead Caledon to a 4-3 comeback victory over the Chargers in Mississauga on Saturday evening.

Lang, who has 10 goals and 25 assists in 41 games in his first full season in the OJHL, described his OT winner versus the Chargers.

"It was on our first shift. We needed a good start to overtime on the road. Curtis Freeman gave me a perfect pass, I went backhand, and was able to score."

The resident of Burlington offered insights into his team's spirited comeback and his two-goal performance that reined in the Chargers.

"It was a good win for us. We were due for a big win after our loss to Milton at home on Thursday night. We needed a strong third period when we got down 3-2. Meli gave me a great pass, I was able to make a move, and got lucky when the puck deflected into the net."

Lady Luck has been shining on Lang's rapidly-improving team since mid-December.

The articulate offensive leader acknowledged the turning point and highlight of the Admirals' season so far.

"Beating the Menace in Milton in OT in December was a big game for us. We started believing more in ourselves and started seeing that we belong in this league after struggling for the first part of the season. More than half the team played U18 last year and everyone had to adapt to junior hockey. Things began to build and, as we played more games together, we found our pace. We figured out how to win and what it took to win. We've been building each other up."

The Admirals' assist leader also noted his own improvement to help make Caledon a better offensive club.

"Personally, I've been scoring more to help the team and it's been fun to find the back of the net more often than at the beginning of the season when we were having trouble as a team scoring goals."

Lang's heroics on Saturday night improved the Admirals' record to 5-6-2-0 since December 10.

In our post-game interview at the Zancor Centre, he observed how winning has improved their outlook for the rest of this season and how winning now is a motivation for next year when the young team re-assembles in September.

"Even though we aren't going to make the playoffs, we're staying motivated in our remaining games because it's about looking past this season a little bit. We know we'll be together next year and we'll be a better hockey team. Right now, we're taking it game by game and trying to improve each time."

The incremental improvements were evident when Lang's Admirals took to the ice at the Official Opening of the Zancor Centre in King City—the new home of the eighth-place Rebellion. The last time Caledon faced King, the Admirals were on the wrong end of a 9-4 decision. However, on Sunday afternoon, the scoreboard told a different story.

The Admirals took part in Sunday's centre ice ceremonies at the Zancor Centre and became part of local history by competing in the first OJHL game played at the \$78M



King forward Kyle Baston (22) screens Admirals' goalie Nolan Godfrey (30) and battles Caledon defenseman Ethan Mann (5) for position during OJHL action at the Zancor Centre on Sunday. PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

state-of-the-art recreation facility.

Although the home side skated to a narrow 4-2 win over Caledon, the game revealed staying power by the Admirals who were playing their third game in four days.

The Rebellion, with a precarious hold on the final playoff spot in the OJHL West, came out firing and outshot the Admirals 20-3 in the first period. However, the stellar play of Caledon goaltender Nolan Godfrey limited King to one unassisted goal by Ryan Fairbairn at 11:49. The plucky Admirals evened the score when Eric He fired Jack Fang's feed behind King netminder Tre Altman with thirty-nine seconds left in the opening frame.

Rebellion defenseman Evan Hjelholt's power play blast from the right point eluded a screened Godfrey and restored King's one-goal lead with five seconds left in the second period. King outshot Caledon 36-8 after two periods of play, but led only 2-1 on their brand new centre ice scoreboard.

It took the inspired play of one of the Rebellion veterans to tip the scales in King's favor on Sunday afternoon.

Power forward Marshall McCharles scored a pair of clutch third period goals to secure a much-needed victory. The Rebellion's leading scorer, who has tallied 21 goals and 18 assists in 45 games this season, enjoyed the team's first game at the Zancor Center, but acknowledged that King was even more motivated to win for their Head Coach Mark Joselin, who is being inducted into a nearby Sports Hall of Fame this week.

"Before the game, we did a video for the Richmond Hill Sports Hall of Fame to say thank you to our coach for all he has done for us. It was a great team activity and got us ready for our first game at the Zancor Centre. We wanted to win it for Jozy."

McCharles's game-winning-goal ensured the win for the Rebellion's beloved coach and he complimented his teammate Jacob Xu for setting up the big goal at 3:10 of the third period.

"It was a nice pass from Jacob that gave me the space for the goal. I saw the left side of the net open and I was able to get a great shot away."

McCharles's goal was timely because Caledon forward Henry Brady scored his

12th of the season at 5:40 to narrow the margin to 3-2. It was Brady's second goal in as many games. The rookie forward scored a go-ahead goal versus the Chargers in Mississauga the night before.

Brady and his fatigued teammates, playing their second road game in less than 36 hours, pressed the Rebellion in the waning minutes of the contest by pulling Godfrey with 2:05 during a 30-second timeout called by Admirals' Head Coach Chris Taylor.

Tre Altman, the 5th-ranked goaltender in the OJHL, made two game-saving stops with the Admirals pressing their man-advantage.

Rugged King forward Kyle Baston delivered the Rebellion from harm's way by stealing the puck in his own zone and feeding McCharles in open ice behind two Caledon defenders.

McCharles's shot from above the circles

missed the net by inches, but he collected the carom off the end boards and snapped the puck into the empty cage from a challenging angle for his 21st of the season.

In an interesting parallel, King's leading scorer McCharles led his team to victory with two clutch late-game goals on Sunday and Caledon's leading scorer Cam Lang led his team to victory with a pair of big late-game goals on Saturday.

As McCharles goes, so go the Rebellion and as Caledon Coach Chris Taylor has maintained all season: "As Lang goes, so go the Admirals."

Based on recent performance, it's apparent that Cam Lang has assumed the mantle of offensive leadership for his OJHL club and the young Admirals will act as motivated spoilers for the balance of their 2024-25 schedule.

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Paul is predeceased by his beloved mother Marilyn and his sister Shawna.

Special thanks to the Headwaters Health Centre staff, Personal Support Workers and East Wellington Community Services (EWCS) for their hard work and support.

A memorial visitation will be held at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, 21 First St., Orangeville on Wednesday, February 12th, 2025 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, with words of remembrance at 2:00 pm.

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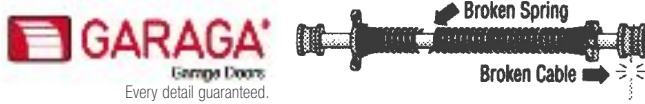
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