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FEDERAL INVESTMENT: Brampton North MP Ruby Sahota and Caledon Mayor Annette Groves were joined by members of Caledon Council and Town of Caledon staff for the announcement of funding for energy-efficient upgrades to the Caledon East Community Complex. For more on the announcement, see Page A5. TOWN OF CALEDON PHOTO

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Partnership between Caledon and TMU will see business incubator come to Bolton

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A business incubator will soon be coming to Bolton.

On March 14, the Town of Caledon announced it had partnered with Toronto Metropolitan University's (TMU) business incubator, DMZ, to launch a business incubator at the Humber River Centre (HRC).

Through the partnership, DMZ will design and implement an incubator program "tailored to the unique economic landscape of Caledon", said the Town in its announcement.

According to the release, thanks to the incubator Caledon entrepreneurs, start-ups and businesses will gain access to: customized workshops, training sessions, and one-

on-one mentorship from industry experts; support in business development, digital transformation, and operational efficiency; opportunities to connect with investors, business leaders, and government stakeholders; and access to tools and resources that enhance brand visibility and business scalability.

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"Rotary Performing Arts Pavilion" coming to Dick's Dam Park

Dick's Dam Park will soon be home to the "Rotary Performing Arts Pavilion". TOWN OF CALEDON PHOTO

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Caledon residents will soon have a place to view live music and theatre outdoors.

At Caledon Council's March 4 General Committee meeting, Councillors unanimously agreed on the name for a new bandshell that will be built in Dick's Dam Park in Bolton and is expected to be complete this Spring.

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Ontario Land Tribunal dismisses appeal of Caledon's Interim Control Bylaw against new pits and quarries



Forks of the Credit Preservation Group

Town implemented bylaw to give itself time to strengthen its aggregate policies

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A temporary bylaw put in place so Caledon could update its aggregate policies has been ruled to be justified.

On March 14, the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) issued a ruling that upheld Caledon's Interim Control Bylaw (ICBL) against new pits and quarries.

CBM Aggregates, a company proposing a roughly 800-acre blasting quarry south of Alton, appealed the ICBL in November of 2023.

The OLT heard the case in September and October of 2024 before releasing its decision this March.

If it had not upheld the ICBL, any new pit or quarry applications filed during the bylaw's duration would have had to be assessed under Caledon's old aggregate

policies — which were some of Ontario's weakest among top aggregate-producing municipalities.

Caledon's aggregate ICBL was put in place on October 18, 2022 and remained in effect until Oct. 18, 2024. ICBLs have a duration of one year and can be renewed for one additional year.

During that time, Caledon reviewed, strengthened, and passed new aggregate policies. The new, stronger policies are awaiting approval from the Province.

The OLT ruled in favour of Caledon for a number of reasons.

"The Appellant argued that the ICBL limits the economic well-being of the province and the GTA, because, as the Appellant's planner testified, aggregate reserves that are 'close to market' are critically low," reads the OLT's ruling. "However, the Tribunal was not persuaded by this. Rather, the Tribunal was persuaded by Forks' submissions and evidence, including data provided, that there appears to be an ample supply of aggregate resources, with at least 13.44 million tonnes available annually, contradicting the Appellant's concerns about economic harm and aggregate shortages."

Forks, as mentioned in the ruling ex-

cerpt above, refers to the Forks of the Credit Preservation Group (FCPG). They are a non-profit group of residents that have been fighting against the proposed blasting quarry since the beginning.

"The Tribunal was also persuaded by (FCPG's) Counsel's [David Donnelly] submissions that the ICBL supports the Town's goal, as outlined in the Town's (Official Plan), to preserve its unique character while managing aggregate resources responsibly," reads the OLT ruling.

Donnelly said the OLT decision is a big win for rural Ontario municipalities.

"A lightbulb will go off in the office of every Mayor and Councillor in rural Ontario who is dealing with the messy dust, traffic, noise, and pollution that the over-abundance of pits and quarries cre-

ates," said Donnelly. "This OLT decision is a major step in reforming the gravel mining industry and forcing the provincial government to finally regulate aggregates as it does other natural resources like forestry, and oil and gas."

David Sylvester, president of the FCPG, said he wanted to congratulate Mayor Annette Groves and Caledon Councillors for championing better aggregate policies and fighting CBM's appeal.

"The OLT's clear decision shows that CBM's appeal of the ICBL was without merit, wasting taxpayer dollars that could have been better spent," said Sylvester.

FCPG board member Debra Wilson gave a big thanks to the group's supporters and donors who have been supporting the fight.

Peel District School Board elects student trustees for 2025-26 school year

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Three students have been selected by their peers to represent their schools for the next school year.

On February 26, the Peel District School Board (PDSB) announced the winners of the 2025-26 Student Trustee election for the Board.

The three elected student trustees are as follows: Amenah Gangat, from Lincoln M. Alexander Secondary School, as the trustee representing schools north of the 401; Julia Zhu, from Clarkson Secondary School, representing students south of the 401; and Indica Simms Johnny, from Rick Hansen Secondary School,

as the Indigenous student trustee.

This is the second year that PDSB students have been able to elect an Indigenous student trustee. The role elects a self-identifying Indigenous student that is nominated by students

who voluntarily self-identify as First Nations, Métis, or Inuit.

The three newly-elected trustees will now represent over 148,000 students as they sit on board meetings, amplify the voice of students in decisions about education in Peel, and help keep students informed

about policies and actions that will impact them.

The trustees will officially begin their term on August 1 and will be sworn in at the beginning of the 2025-26 school year.



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Earth Hour event happening Saturday at Caledon East Community Complex

Family-friendly activities taking place from 6 to 10 p.m.

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Caledon residents are invited to celebrate Earth Hour 2025 together at the Caledon East Community Complex.

From 6 to 10 p.m. the Town of Caledon, Caledon Public Library, ecoCaledon and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority have a number of fun activities planned.

From 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the library there will be hands-on activities, live maker-space demos and flashlight storytime.

From 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority will lead a guided night walk on the Caledon Trailway.

There will be a magic show at 6:30 p.m., yoga at 7 p.m. and a community paint-by-numbers Earth Hour art piece to contribute to.

The event will also feature a sustainable vendor showcase, eco-friendly giveaways and prizes, and snacks and treats throughout the evening.

All who attend the event are invited to "Pledge for the Planet" and commit to a sustainable action for the year.

"Earth Hour is more than just turning off the lights – it's a moment of unity that shines a spotlight on the urgent need to address climate change and protect our planet. Together, we can create a brighter, more sustainable future," says the Town in a statement.

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ARREST FOLLOWING ARMED ROBBERY

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a youth in connection to a Caledon East armed robbery.

“On March 17, 2025, just after 1:00 p.m., officers responded to a report of an armed robbery near Old Church Road and Atchison Drive in Caledon East,” say Police. “The incident was between two youths, during which a knife was displayed to steal personal property. No injuries were sustained. After a brief search, officers successfully located and arrested the suspect.”

“As a result of the investigation, a 16-year-old of Orangeville was charged with robbery with a weapon. The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on a later date to answer to the charge. The identity of the person will be withheld under the provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act.”

The charge has not been proved. “The OPP is dedicated and committed to serving the province with pride, professionalism and honour by protecting residents, upholding the law and preserving public

safety for a secure Ontario.”

For urgent situations, call 9-1-1. For non-emergencies, the toll-free number 1-888-310-1122 is available 24/7. 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, you never have to testify.

VEHICLE SALES FRAUD

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged an individual for scams associated with car sales.

“In July 2024, Caledon OPP received a report of fraudulent transactions while purchasing vehicles,” say Police. “The fraud was initiated through an ad on Facebook Marketplace where a family discount was offered on the sale of vehicles. Three victims transferred funds to the alleged seller and the transactions were completed at a dealership. In the end, money was transferred but did not go against the vehicle loans that were opened as part of the scam.” The Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit led

the investigation.

On March 5, 2025, an individual was arrested.

As a result, Rafael Layton, 52, of Oakville, was charged with:

- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime over \$5000;
- Fraud over \$5000 - three counts;
- Intimidation - use of threatens use of violence;
- Laundering proceeds of crime.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on April 3, 2025, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

Anyone who has experience this type of fraud or any other should report it to their local police immediately. After contacting police, it is important to also report it online at <https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca> or by phone at 1-888-495-8501.

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March is Fraud Prevention Month. Educate yourself to recognize the signs of fraud. The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre provides many resources, including information on all types of scams.

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“Remember: If something seems “too good to be true”, it likely is a scam.”

IMPAIRED CHARGES

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver with impaired operation by drugs following a single motor vehicle collision.

“On March 13, 2025, just before 3:00 p.m., officers responded to a vehicle into the ditch on Old School Road, near Winston Churchill Boulevard, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “During the interaction, the officer formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by drugs and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result of the investigation, Michael Ricci, 42, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – drugs;
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance – Opioid.

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on April 7, 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 impounded for seven.

“Whether a driver is impaired by alcohol or drugs, impaired is impaired, and impaired driving is dangerous regardless of the source of impairment. The OPP remains committed to ensuring Ontario roads are safe from impaired drivers.”

Officers from the Caledon OPP also charged a driver with impaired operation following a suspicious vehicle investigation.

“On March 11, 2025, shortly after 2:00 a.m., officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle on Kingsview Drive,” 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, Stephen Wallace, 63, of Holland Landing, was charged with:

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

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

The charges have not been proven.

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

The OPP remains committed to taking alcohol/drug-impaired drivers off our roads through enforcement and public education. If you know or suspect that a driver is impaired by alcohol and/or drugs, call 9-1-1. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at <https://peelcrimestoppers.ca>. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

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

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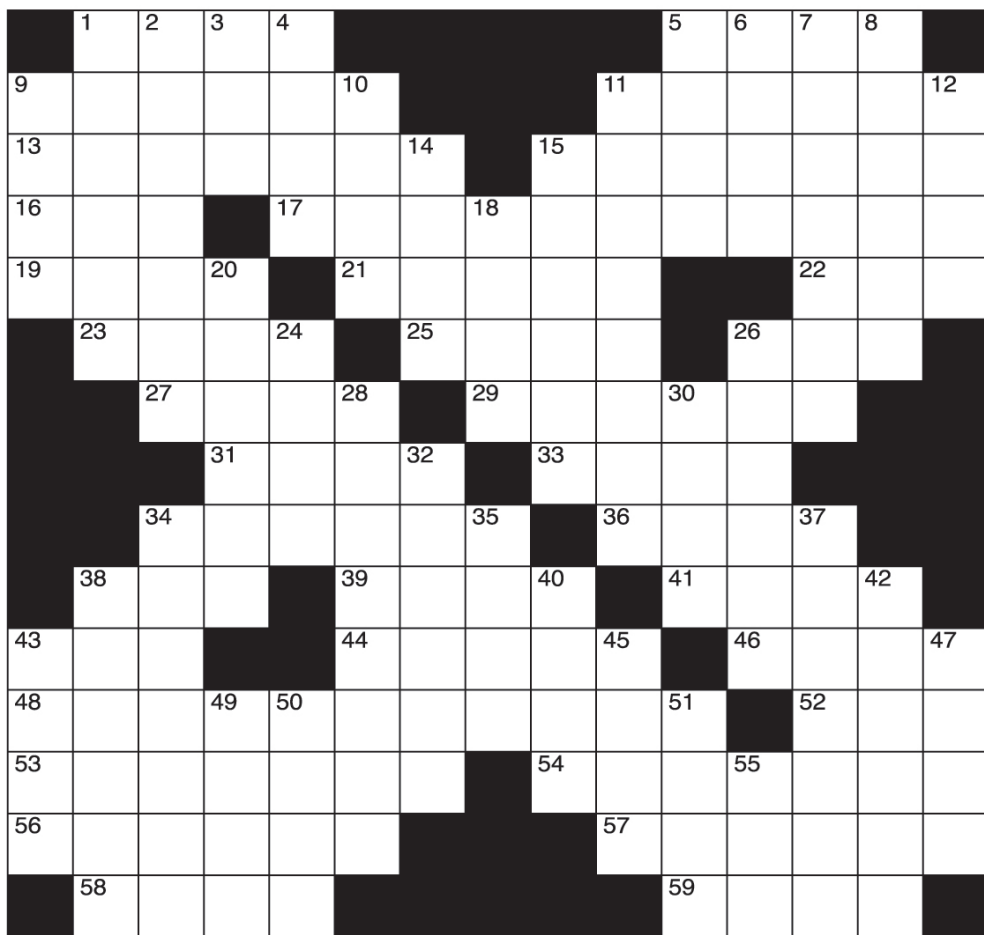
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- 11. Tighten anew
- 13. Type of textile fiber
- 15. Animalistic
- 16. When you hope to get somewhere
- 17. Offender
- 19. Former NYC mayor Ed
- 21. Type of cryptocurrency
- 22. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- 23. Herring-like fish
- 25. Popular PBS program
- 26. Congressman (abbr.)
- 27. Flightless Australian birds
- 29. Defrosted

CLUES DOWN

- 31. Prior Yankee sensation Kevin
- 33. Nasal mucus
- 34. Some are southern
- 36. A place to construct
- 38. Popular beer brand
- 39. Shouts of farewell
- 41. Network of nerves
- 43. Make a mistake
- 44. Showed old movie
- 46. Body parts
- 48. A divisor
- 52. Congressional investigatory body
- 53. Papers
- 54. Most unnatural
- 56. Judge the worth of something
- 57. Makes sounds while sleeping
- 58. Which
- 59. Hungarian Violinist

- 2. Head pain
- 3. A loud utterance
- 4. Large brown seaweed
- 5. Hulu’s chef Carmine
- 6. Greek mountain
- 7. Made final
- 8. Bar
- 9. Tai subgroup
- 10. What you eat
- 11. Teaches again
- 12. Small constellation
- 14. Type of berry
- 15. Cows fattened for meat
- 18. A way to hoof it
- 20. Exaggerated a role
- 24. About two
- 26. Long upholstered seat
- 28. What employees earn
- 30. Fiber from a coconut husk
- 32. Digits
- 34. Polish by rubbing
- 35. Liquid body substances
- 37. Furniture with open shelves
- 38. Edible part of a chicken
- 40. Satisfy
- 42. Tool used to remove
- 43. Icelandic poems
- 45. Swiss village
- 47. Drunks
- 49. Evergreen plant genus
- 50. Light precipitation
- 51. Ribosomal
- 55. An informal debt instrument

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A local community complex will be getting some eco-friendly updates thanks to a government grant.

On March 18, the Town of Caledon announced it had received \$336,688 from the Federal Government's Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GCIB) program. The money will be used at the Caledon East Community Complex (CECC) to retrofit 14 natural gas heaters at the end of their lifespan with electric radiant heaters.

According to a Town news release, the heaters will improve indoor air quality, save energy, and provide enhanced comfort for CECC users.

Caledon will also be expanding its Building Automation System (BAS) at the CECC. The system allows staff to manage energy throughout the building based on real-time conditions.

"By optimizing operations and equipment runtimes, this system will further reduce energy consumption, operational costs, and emissions," reads the news release.

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves said the upgrades are "an important step forward in making our facilities more energy-efficient, reducing our environmental footprint, and enhancing the experience for residents who use our facilities."

According to the news release, the upgrades should result in a 30.4 per cent reduction in total building energy consumption – meaning 131 tonnes less carbon dioxide emissions annually. This is equivalent to taking 24 cars or light trucks off the road for a year.

Domenica D'Amico, Caledon's Commissioner of Engineering, Public Works and Transportation, said Caledon is committed to investing in sustainable infrastructure that improves the overall functionality of its facilities.

"With this funding, we are modernizing the Caledon East Community Complex while contributing to our goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050 and creating a comfortable and environmentally responsible space for residents to enjoy," said D'Amico.

The CECC upgrades are expected to be complete by the end of this year.



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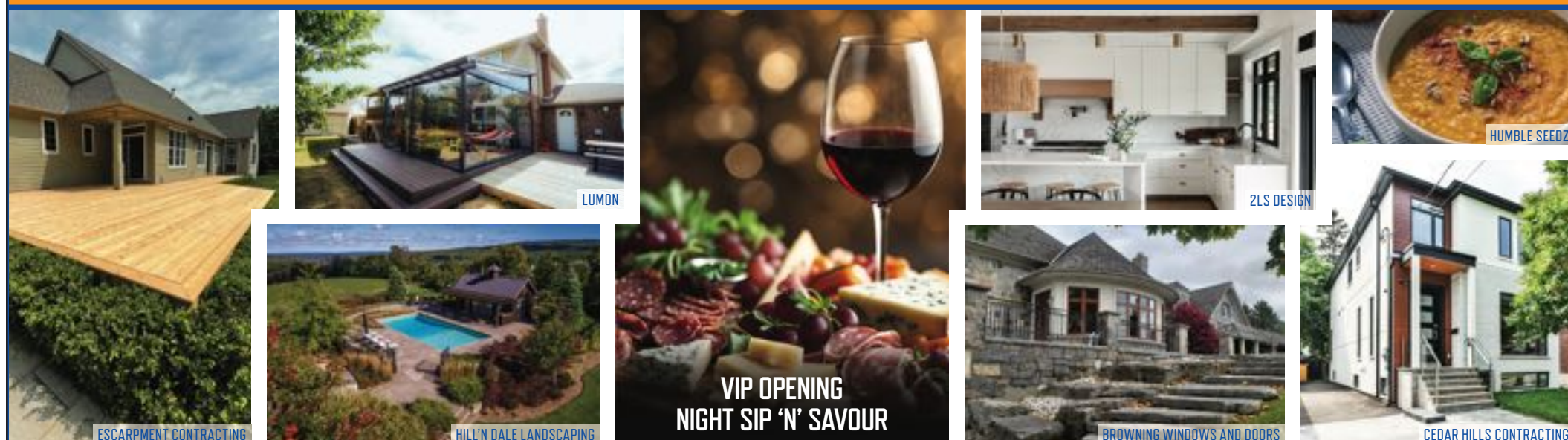
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Some of the artwork that will be on display at Headwaters Arts' latest exhibition, "Nature's Inspiration".

HEADWATERS ARTS IMAGE

Headwaters Arts celebrates Spring with "Nature's Inspiration" show

Opening reception for show being held March 22 at Alton Mill Arts Centre

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
 LOCAL JOURNALISM
 INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local arts non-profit is putting nature-inspired artwork in the spotlight to celebrate the arrival of Spring.

From 1 to 3 p.m. on March 22, Headwaters Arts will host an opening reception for its latest members' exhibition, "Nature's Inspiration", in the Headwaters Arts Gallery at the Alton Mill Arts Centre (1402 Queen Street West).

The new exhibition will feature 55 works of

art from over 30 different artists working in a variety of mediums.

The exhibition opened Wednesday, March 19, and will run through April.

Sam Meandro is a Caledon resident whose woodturning art will be featured in Nature's In-

spiration.

"As a woodturner, my inspiration from nature comes from within the piece of wood. Nature has a way of producing beautiful grain and colour in most woods as with the hollow form," said Meandro.

COMMUNITY events

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

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

Friday, March 28, 2025 - Monthly Dinner
 The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton will be hosting their Monthly Dinner on Friday, March 28.
 Menu: Guinness Stew, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Bun, Guinness Chocolate Cake for dessert
 Cost: \$16
 P/U: 5:15 pm
 Dine-in served at 5:30 pm
 Local delivery available for \$2
 Pre-registration required by Wed. March 26. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to purchase your tickets.

Friday, April 4, 2025 - Spring Birdhouse Paint Night
 The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton will be having a Spring Birdhouse Paint Night on Friday, April 4 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm.
 We will be painting spring designs on hand made, wooden birdhouses.
 Tickets are \$30 which includes hors d'oeuvres, wine and cheese, birdhouses and paints.
 Limited space available. Tickets must be purchased in advance.
 Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to purchase your tickets.

Saturday, April 5, 2025 - Income Tax Clinic
 The Caledon Seniors Centre will be hosting a free Income Tax Clinic on Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Qualifications are as follows: Single income up to \$45,000, Couple income up to \$55,000 and 3-Person Income up to \$57,500. This will be by appointment only. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to book your time.

Caledon Chamber Concerts presents:
Quartet Malamatina
 Saturday, April 5, 2025 - 7:30 pm
 Great Hall - St. James Anglican Church - 6025 Old Church Road, Caledon East
 \$40 per adult
 Free 18 years old and younger
 Known for their "immensely colourful, lyrical and expressive playing" (Laura Snowden).

Albion Bolton Historical Society
 Monday, April 14, 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).
 "The Hiking Experience: The Humber Valley Heritage Trail" presented by Jerry Gorman. Jerry will speak about many aspects of the HVHTA, including some river history. Questions, Nathan Hiller at 905-584-2801 or nhillerphoto@bell.net

Bolton United Church Fish Fry Dinner
 Good Friday April 18 2025 4:30 - 7 pm
 Continuous seating or Take-out
 All tickets sold at the door.
 Adults \$20, Children 6-12 years \$8, Children 5 and under free
 Menu includes Freshly caught & lightly battered Rainbow Trout from Georgian Bay, hash browns, coleslaw, potato salad, peas, carrot salad, rolls, assorted pies & beverages.
 For further information contact Sandra @ 905-857-2615 or e-mail office@boltonunitedchurch.com www.boltonunitedchurch.com

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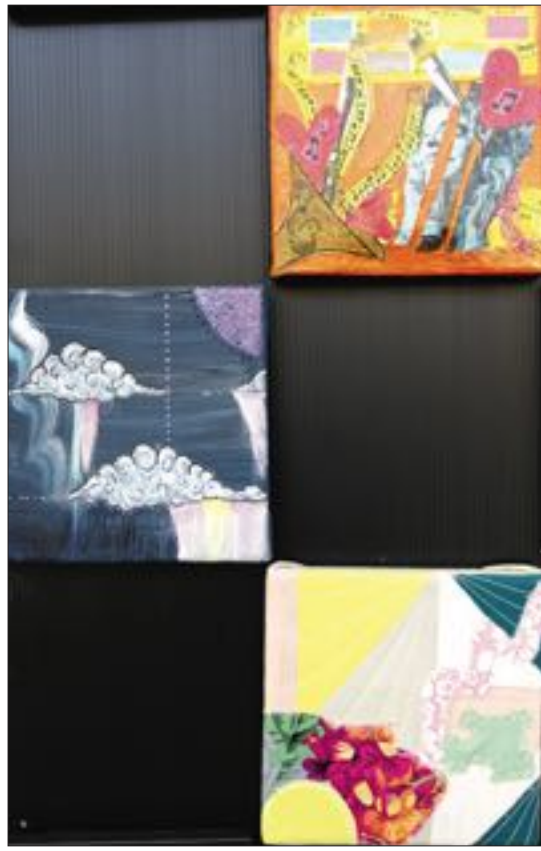
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Call for artists issued for annual Tapestry of Art and Music fundraiser



The annual Tapestry of Art and Music fundraiser brings local artists together to support art in the community. **FILE PHOTO**

Event will take place May 25 at the Alton Mill Arts Centre

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

If you're an artist who wants to lend your talents to supporting a local arts non-profit, an opportunity is available now.

Headwaters Arts has issued an open call to artists for its annual Tapestry of Art and Music fundraiser, which will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. on May 25 at the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

Artists interested in participating in the event can register with Headwaters Arts to receive a free 6 x 6 x 1.5" canvas, on which they're asked to complete a piece of art that fits this year's theme: "Wonder and Whimsy".

Artists are welcome to interpret the theme as they like, or use one of these prompts: Favourite Childhood Memory – A moment of joy, discovery, or wonder from your younger years; Soundtrack of

Your Youth – A piece inspired by a song, artist, or musical moment that shaped you; Dream Worlds – Explore your creative imagination; or Colours of Play – Be bold and playful with textures, hues, strokes and ideas.

The art pieces will be donated to Headwaters Arts and then put up for sale on May 25. All proceeds will go towards the non-profit.

Headwaters Arts hopes to involve 100 artists in the project – all submitted canvases will be displayed together on May 25, forming one large tapestry, hence the event's name.

Artists are encouraged to register as soon as possible, though the final deadline is May 11.

For a complete list of rules, and to register, interested artists can visit headwatersarts.org.

In addition to viewing and purchasing art from the tapestry, the May 25 event will offer visitors a chance to see a performance from the Oakville Choir for Children and Youth, be entered in a draw to win a Paul Morin artwork, and view the award presentation for young new artist of the year.

PUBLIC NOTICE



Bolton Secondary Plans Review Draft Bolton Secondary Plan Public Information Session

You are invited to this in-person meeting about the Bolton Secondary Plans Review Study.

The purpose of the meeting is to present an overview of the proposed policies, land use framework and development guidelines in the draft Bolton Secondary Plan and obtain feedback from landowners and representatives. Staff will also be on hand to answer questions about the Bolton Special Policy Area.

Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

MEETING DATE: March 27, 2025
MEETING TIME: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
PRESENTATION TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Albion Bolton Community Centre, Auditorium 1
50 Queen Street South, Bolton L7E 1E3
HOSTS: Town of Caledon

ABOUT THE STUDY

This study set out to prepare a modern and innovate planning framework for built form and land use to guide intensification and land use change in this Bolton to the 2051 planning horizon:

KEY GOALS OF THE BOLTON SECONDARY PLANS REVIEW ARE TO:

- Consolidate the six (6) existing Secondary Plans for Bolton into a single modern Secondary Plan to the 2051 planning horizon.
- Analyze the potential for a second Bolton area GO station on the Caledon-Vaughan GO rail line in the proximity of Queen Street/Highway 50.
- Complete a detailed planning study of the proposed Focused Study Area along the Queen Street corridor from the rail line to Mayfield Road, to put in place a modern and innovative planning policy framework.
- Address the interface and compatibility of mixed use/residential intensification adjacent to an existing dry industrial area and determine options for the future that consider the long-term viability of the dry industrial area.

For more information about the study, please visit <https://haveyoursaycaledon.ca/bolton-secondary-plan-review> or contact the Lead Planner.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED AND PROVIDE INPUT

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to receive email updates about the study, please contact the Lead Planner. You may also ask questions or provide comments to the Lead Planner by mail, email, or phone.

Notice of any future Town-initiated official plan or zoning by-law amendments related to this study will be given in accordance with the Planning Act and Town procedures.

LEAD PLANNER

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PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Application for Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment and Public Meeting for Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

FILE NUMBERS: RZ 2025-0002 & 21T-25002C

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received applications for Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment. A statutory Public Meeting will be held to provide those interested an opportunity to make representation with respect to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

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

MEETING DATE: April 15, 2025
PUBLIC MEETING START TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- 1. Attend In-Person:** Members of the public may register to delegate in-person and speak to an item listed on the agenda or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting.
- 2. Submit a Written Comment:** Members of the public may submit a written comment regarding the proposed application(s) by completing the Participation Request Form, available at www.caledon.ca/speak-at-council
- 3. Virtually:** Members of the public are welcome to participate via phone or WebEx Meeting upon request. For more information on how to participate, please visit www.caledon.ca/notice or contact the Planning Department. Please note that there are deadlines by which the request to participate need to be made.

YOU CAN ALSO PROVIDE INPUT BY:

- Submitting written correspondence to agenda@caledon.ca and planning@caledon.ca for consideration during the Public Meeting. Please note that written comments will form part of the public record.
- Contacting Planning staff or the Lead Planner during office hours by phone or email.
- Booking an appointment to visit Town Hall to speak with Planning staff. Visit caledon.ca/development for more information.

APPLICANT: Weston Consulting on behalf of The Alton Development Inc.

LOCATION: 0 Agnes Street

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has submitted a Zoning By-law amendment to facilitate a Draft Plan of Subdivision application for a residential development of 65 townhouse units within 14 condominium residential blocks fronting onto a common element condominium road, 16 visitor parking spaces, and 1,078 square metres of amenity space.



*The concept plan is for information purposes.
The applications are currently under review by the Town of Caledon.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

APPEAL PROCEDURE:

Zoning By-law Amendment

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Caledon to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written

submissions to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Draft Plan of Subdivision

If a person or public body would otherwise have the ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Caledon but does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, if one is held, or make written submissions to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision before the approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the draft plan of subdivision, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, if one is held, or make written submissions to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision before the approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the draft plan of subdivision, the person or

public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED:

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

ACCESSIBILITY:

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

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

Notice Date: March 20, 2025



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Wafting winter away

"Grab some toilet paper," she said. "Why?" I replied somewhat taken aback – after all, I had only met her mere minutes before.

"Just grab some toilet paper," she repeated, firmly, but with a friendly smile on her face.

Since I was in a brand-new place, I just adopted a "When in Rome..." mentality.

I was a 17-year-old first-year university student who had just finished the first phase of unpacking in a brand-new dorm room, and I was unfamiliar with the ice-breaking ritual of revealing a factoid about yourself, however banal, according to how many squares of Charmin or Royale you happened to yank off the roll.

Apparently, I bit off a bit more than I could chew as the Residence Assistant held the roll. Speaking as someone who finds such ice-breakers not far removed from torture, my unlucky spin, which yielded me no less than 12 squares, was setting me up for failure.

My heart sank as the rules of the game were read out and I discovered when you're pressed to share something about yourself in a socially-awkward setting, you're damned if you can come up with something interesting right off the bat – despite the fact that everyone is interesting.

I'm afraid in my quest for "interesting" I served up more than my fair share of weird, but by the time square eight or nine came around, they would have done little to help me wipe the sweat off my brow as I began scraping what I thought was the bottom of the proverbial barrel.

"Well," I began, hesitatingly, "I love the feeling of going outside in the winter, still warm from a shower, and feeling the inside of the nostrils freeze just a little bit on first contact."

If a photo can say a thousand words, I wonder how many tomes could've been generated by the blank stares that greeted this revelation.

Weird? Yes. Memorable? Perhaps. Something that sets the tone for the year? Unfortunately, yes.

Yet, it wasn't wrong.

As a child, winter was my favourite season. In addition to the aforementioned nostril frost, my love of the season was also about the perfect crunch underfoot when the snow the night before fell in just the right way. There's also the cold-warm feeling of rosininess gathering on one's cheeks, which I always found revitalizing, keeping me grounded in the moment. Yes, I feel somewhat alone in this. Then, when I was older, there was the feeling of tiny icicles forming on the beard – such as when covering a Santa Claus parade over a decade ago where flash blizzard hit, and, unable to do anything about it, came back to the car icier than that time Lucy Ricardo got locked in the freezer. Uncomfortable? Sure, but what a reminder of being Canadian!

Yet, in recent years, the love affair with winter has somewhat waned.

As I settled into adulthood, I don't know just what it was, but I finally had my summer "switch" flipped. Suddenly I "got it" and saw beyond the wall of mugginess that was previously my overarching idea of our hottest season.

There was no turning back and each year takes me further and further away from whatever remnants of Northern European that still lingers in my veins.

And yet, that trend has hit something of a personal speedbump – even as spring has well

and truly sprung.

Perhaps it is the state of the world these days, but did you ever have the feeling that the "winter that was" was just a little bit darker, a little bit drearier than in winters' past, a bit harder to tease out a few strands of tinsel-like silver linings that are part and parcel of the season? Maybe it was just me.

This time around, I found myself counting down the days of the winter solstice, excited to know that every day thereafter, at least until the Summer Solstice, would be just a little bit longer than the last. From there, it was a brief sprint to the holidays before the bona-fide countdown began. No, not towards 2025, but counting down the days towards this month's time change.

Ah, the joys of archaic customs! But at least we were moving in the right direction.

And yet, as we move into the future, one that has true spring and a full summer almost within reach, I can't help but find myself almost (ALMOST) looking for a do-over to make the most out of the season that was.

Maybe that's because we're now in a season of rebirth and it's high time to think differently about many things, including the most contentious season of all!

As we cracked and destroyed heat records this summer, a particular meme circulated on social media which made me chuckle – at least at first. Then, realizing the so-called "truth bomb" it represented, the chuckle led to a furrowed brow.

This particular meme featured a vignette of Homer and Bart Simpson.

As the original scene went, a plaintive Bart whines to his father, "This is the worst day of my life"

An oblivious Homer responds to his son, "The worst day of your life SO FAR," complete with a friendly, if unlikely grin.

The meme in question, however, subbed the word "worst" with "hottest" (or, in some variants, "warmest") and the simple truth of that certainly made me pause.

If we exclude the significant snow storms that punctuated winter's last month, we didn't have it all that bad when it comes to the dreaded white stuff. We were well into the latter half of winter before we had to truly put our backs into shovelling or adopt our reflexive gait to safely walk across icy terrain.

We enjoyed the mildness, revelled in being outdoors just a little bit more without that nostril freeze and without the cheeks getting too ruddy.

Jokes about the so-called benefits of Climate Change, but more often in day-to-day banter, "global warming", abounded with degrees of enthusiasm both genuine and mock. But, really, it's no laughing matter.

While I look forward to spring getting well and truly underway, the grass getting greener, flowers popping out to add a splash of colour to the landscape, and birds providing the perfect soundtrack to all this, I do wonder when what we've come to love, hate and grapple with when it comes to winter will be little more than a memory – and this could apply to all the seasons as well.

As we wake ourselves out of the doldrums of winter, and we've all earned it, let's be mindful not to wish it away the next one, whatever it has in store for us, completely. And this is a sentiment I am happy to share without a single square of toilet paper in my hand demanding it so.



Finding, and defining joy in our lives

by Mark Pavilons



still tinker with tiny model airplanes because they soothe my complex mind with really simple ideas and thoughts.

"Building a plastic model is a form of art. And like any art, it's subjective. What matters is not what others think of your model, but what you think of it. And how much you enjoyed making it."

Joy can be simple or very complex.

Many people spend a lot of time in their lives trying to outsmart their own vulnerabilities or shortcomings. They equate joy with success or some sort of recognition.

If you wait for pats on the back, you'll be disappointed.

Many "experts" say we should focus on creating joy and not merely accepting it as it comes.

That's all well and good, but the practicality of life says otherwise.

We have to spend roughly eight hours per day working for a living. Money is necessary to put a roof over our heads, food on the table and brand name brand runners on our kids' feet. It pays for our taxes, car repairs and dog food.

With a third of our lives dedicated to the "grindstone," another third is spent sleeping.

Recharging our minds and bodies every night is vital to our overall wellbeing. It's not a luxury, but a necessity.

And that leaves roughly eight to 10 hours per day to do as we please. And that "pleasure" often entails cooking, doing dishes, running errands, helping kids with their homework and getting stressed out by watching the nightly news.

One could argue there's little joy in any of these things.

Of course, you can always exploit any situation for nuggets of brightness.

After my chemo sessions at Southlake in Newmarket, my wife and I would venture to Costco and it became a bit of a tradition. It turned a rather unpleasant task into time together, exploring the massive shelves of massive products. We found bargains and had a few laughs.

While I can't speak for anyone else, I know that mental health issues tend to kick joy to the ground and place a not-so-tender shoe on its chest. I have experienced waves of dread, sweeping over me out of nowhere, knocking me off-balance.

My health concerns dominate my thoughts – every second of every day. There's no joy in cancer.

I have let it crush almost all joy within me, succumbing to the darkness on a regular basis.

I wish I could wag my tail like a happy puppy, who seems content just to be alive and finds joy in seeing someone's face at the end of the day.

I think, perhaps, joy is also shutting out the anguish and letting in the glee, comfort and wonder.

And finding humour, wherever it may be lurking, is always satisfying.

Hugh Sidey once said that a sense of humour is needed armour in life. "Laughter on one's lips is a sign that the person down deep has a pretty good grasp of life."

While I may have a "pretty good grasp of life," it doesn't mean I'm filled with joy.

But I welcome all spontaneous feelings of joy. The joy of life, according to Aleister Crowley, is in the exercise of one's energies; continual growth; constant change; the enjoyment of every new experience."

Have at it, I say.

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Traffic Safety for All

I'd like to take a moment to share some of the exciting and ongoing work happening in our community to improve traffic safety across Caledon. Ensuring the safety of our roads is a top priority, and we are committed to working closely with the Province to secure the resources and tools we need to address challenges like illegal land use and trucking. Following the recent election, we'll continue to advocate for the support Caledon deserves to make our roads safer for everyone.

Our Town's Traffic Safety Advisory Committee is a wonderful group made up of residents from all Wards who are deeply passionate about our community and road safety. This team will help bring valuable perspectives on the concerns surrounding traffic and pedestrian safety, and together, we'll focus on enhancing road safety through education and advocacy. By collaborating with Town employees, the Committee will recommend initiatives that can reduce traffic risks and improve safety across Caledon's roads.

On February 25, Council took an important step by approving the Illegal Land Use Task Force's workplan. This is a huge milestone in ensuring that land-use policies are not only well-enforced but also clearly understood by the community. Through a balanced approach that includes enforcement, advocacy, and proactive education, we are making strides toward addressing illegal land use. The workplan includes 25 action items, focusing on advocacy, community engagement, and enhanced enforcement. These efforts are designed to make real progress in reducing illegal land use across Caledon, with a special emphasis on addressing illegal transportation depots.

Here are the four main areas the workplan covers:

- **Advocacy:** We're committed to urging the Province to empower municipalities with the enforcement tools needed to prevent illegal land use;
- **Education & Engagement:** The Town has launched an interactive map to track the status of illegal land use complaints across Caledon. We'll also be hosting an information session on illegal trucking, covering everything

from how to properly park trucks to how you can report violations and stay informed on our advocacy efforts;

- **Enforcement & Compliance:** We're working to update municipal by-laws to strengthen enforcement and hold property owners accountable for illegal land use;
- **Land-Use Planning:** We're moving forward with plans to develop a Trucking Strategy and updating the Town's Zoning Bylaw to identify suitable locations and standards for transportation depots.

If you suspect illegal land use in your area, please don't hesitate to make a report to Service Caledon by calling 3-1-1 or emailing info@caledon.ca.

We are also connecting with key stakeholders who share our commitment to traffic safety, including the Ontario Trucking Association (OTA). The OTA is a crucial partner in tackling illegal trucking in Caledon and will play a key role in bringing this issue to the Province's attention. I had the opportunity to meet with the OTA, emphasizing the importance of our partnership and connecting them with both the Town's Illegal Land Use Task Force and the Caledon Community Road Safety Advocacy Group. I truly believe that by working together, we can collaborate with the Province to achieve our shared goals and make a lasting impact on road safety.

I have also been meeting and working with other Mayors including Small Urban GTHA Mayors to request key legislative amendments from the Province to make to modernize the legal framework for enforcing local land use regulations and Zoning By-laws. Current Provincial legislation limits the local government's ability to effectively address these issues and deter illegal land development.

This spring, I'll be hosting a series of community traffic safety meetings across Caledon to update you on our progress, share challenges we're facing, and listen to your thoughts and ideas. Stay tuned to my social media channels for dates and locations in May and June—I'd love to hear from you!

Community Insights

News publishers call on Canada Post CEO to Support Local News

For many Canadian community news publishers, Canada Post is really the only game in town when it comes to distributing their newspapers to readers. This is especially true in more rural and remote communities. A year ago, Canada Post decided that community newspapers with commercial inserts – like Canadian Tire or grocery store flyers – were no longer exempt from Canada Post's Consumers' Choice program, which allows Canadians to opt out of receiving 'junk mail'.

Like advertisements on the pages of a newspaper, commercial inserts pay for the news content our journalists produce. This abrupt U-turn from Canada Post's long-standing policy was made without proper stakeholder consultation or economic/social impact analysis.

Clearly, community newspapers with commercial inserts are not "junk mail." The decision is having a demonstrable and devastating impact on community newspaper revenue. By way of example, recently, the East Central Alberta Review announced that it was shuttering after faithfully serving the community for 114 years.

Joyce Webster, who started off as a receptionist and typesetter and eventually became the publisher and owner, devoted 44 years of her life to the paper. In a recent column, she cited Canada Post as one of the contributing factors. She wrote, "I could write a book on how Canada Post (who we depend on to deliver our time-sensitive product) treats their newspaper customers since they became our "competitor"! Newspapers are all about bringing market information to the public and yet their policy of not permitting "advertising" (our bread and butter) flyers into our total market coverage newspapers effectively removed \$24,000 annual revenue

from the Review bottom line when they changed their policy in 2024. That's just one of many policies. Add poor delivery policy, newspaper bundles ending up in post office recycling bins, even in garbage dumpsters, and postal strikes."

In addition to harming community newspaper publishers like Joyce, Canada Post is hurting local small businesses, like local grocery and hardware store franchisees, who keep their customers informed about sales and Canadian made products through commercial inserts. With the price of many goods, especially food, remaining elevated – coupled with the Trump tariff threats – Canadians are very conscious about both price and country of origin these days.

On behalf of the Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association, BC & Yukon Community News Media Association, Hebdos Québec, Manitoba Community Newspapers Association, National Ethnic Press and Media Council of Canada, News Media Canada, Ontario Community Newspapers Association, and Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association, we are calling on Canada Post CEO Doug Ettinger to reverse this decision that is harming community newspapers, our readers, and our advertisers and their customers.

Newspapers keep Canadians informed, connected, and engaged. Canada Post shouldn't be hampering their ability to earn scarce advertising revenue, which pays for vital local news content.

PAUL DEEGAN
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
NEWS MEDIA CANADA



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SPECIAL GUESTS:

- Linda Jeffery, National Seniors Council
- Caledon's Age-Friendly Advisory Committee

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PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Public Meeting – Rental Licencing Bylaw and Application Program

The Town of Caledon is hosting a public meeting to discuss the proposed Rental Licencing Bylaw and Application Program.

The proposed bylaw and program aims to provide better oversight and enforcement of rental accommodations in Caledon.

- Date: Thursday, April 10, 2025
- Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Location: Town Hall (6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East)

For more information or questions, contact Municipal Law Enforcement at info@caledon.ca.

Notice Date: **Thursday, March 20, 2025**



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Rotary Club of Bolton donated \$100,000 towards construction of bandshell

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The “Rotary Performing Arts Pavilion” will be a home for outdoor performances in the heart of Bolton.

The Rotary Club of Bolton has undertaken significant fundraising efforts in order to make the project a reality, and has donated \$100,000 to the Town of Caledon to assist in the building of the bandshell.

The name of the bandshell, and three free uses of it per year, show the Town’s thanks to Bolton Rotary for their efforts. As well, a section of the bandshell will feature commemorative bricks with the names of donors who helped make the project a reality.

The Bolton Bandshell project was first established in 2021 amid Bolton’s bi-centennial celebrations “to provide the Town’s local musical and theatre groups

Rotary Bolton



with an outdoor place to showcase their talents,” according to a staff report.

The report notes Dick’s Dam Park was chosen as the location for the bandshell for a number of reasons: it’s close to historical

downtown Bolton and local businesses; it’s within walking distance to over 14,000 Caledon residents; it’s minimally disruptive to existing homes; and there is sufficient parking near it.

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Home and Lifestyle Show running April 11 to 13 at Albion Bolton Community Centre

Annual event connects residents with local experts

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
 LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon’s annual Home and Lifestyle Show is coming soon, and local home and lifestyle industry experts will be sharing their knowledge in Bolton.

The 2025 Home and Lifestyle Show will be held from April 11 to 13 at the Albion Bolton Community Centre.

Admission to the show is free if you sign up online on homeandlifestyleshow.ca, or \$5 cash at the door. Children ages 12 and

under are free no matter what.

There’s going to be a ticketed event on Friday evening called Sip n Savour. Tickets are \$35 each, can be purchased at the above URL, and all net proceeds from them will be going to Caledon Meals on Wheels. Attendees will be able to sample a wide variety of local wines, craft beers, and hard ciders. They’ll also be able to sample gourmet fare from local restaurants and caterers.

Another highlight of the Home & Lifestyle Show is the “Ask the Experts Stage” which will be running on Saturday and Sunday. Attendees can speak to industry experts in their respective fields.

The show runs from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, April 11; 10 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 12; and 10 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 13.

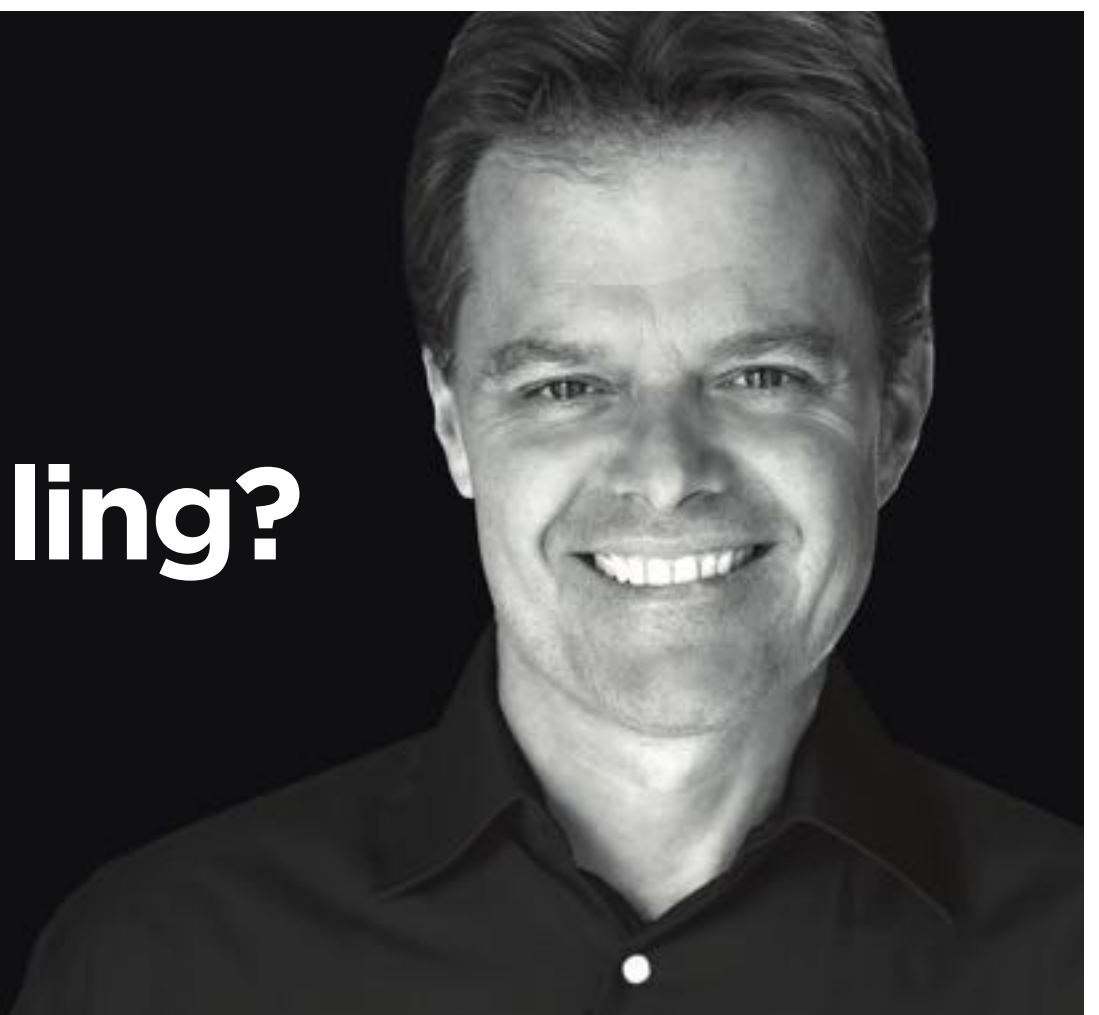
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TOWN OF CALEDON IMAGE

DMZ, Toronto Metropolitan University's business incubator, will implement program at HRC

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Over the next three years, the Town and DMZ hope to incubate up to 45 start-ups, host over 350 workshops and events, and establish strategic partnerships to “enhance investment opportunities and business expansion.”

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves said the Town is committed to fostering innovation and economic development in Caledon.

“By partnering with TMU’s DMZ, we are providing for our local entrepreneurs and attracting new investment with world-class resources and opportunities that will drive sustainable business growth and job creation,” said Groves.

Caledon’s CAO, Nathan Hyde, said the new partnership is an exciting step forward.

“By working alongside DMZ, one of the world’s top-ranked business incubators, we are offering local entrepreneurs and small businesses access to unparalleled re-

sources, mentorship, and networking opportunities. Through this initiative, we are not only encouraging the growth of our local economy but also positioning Caledon as a hub for innovation and job creation,” said Hyde.

Abdullah Snobar, Executive Director of DMZ and the CEO of DMZ Ventures, said DMZ is honoured to partner with the Town of Caledon to bring “world-class entrepreneurial support” to Caledon.

“The future of Canada’s start-up economy isn’t just in big cities — it’s in the drive, grit and ideas coming out of towns like Caledon. When we invest in local entrepreneurs, we unlock new engines of innovation and economic growth. This partnership is about meeting entrepreneurs where they are and building pathways for bold ideas to thrive — right in their own backyard,” said Snobar.

Anyone interested in learning more about the new partnership and business incubator can visit caledonbusiness.ca/hrc.

PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Application Proposed Draft Plan of Condominium Application

FILE NUMBER: 21CDM-24002C

RELATED FILE NUMBER(S): SPA 2022-0051 (associated 21CDM-24002C - Zancor), SPA 2022-0052 (associated 21CDM-24003C - Fernbrook Homes)

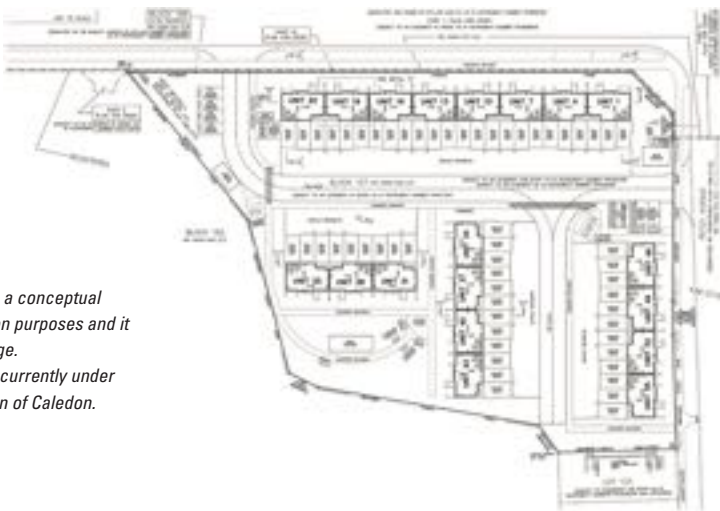
This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received an application for a Draft Plan of Condominium. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

APPLICANT: Zancor Homes
LOCATION: 0 Petch Avenue PLAN 43M2112 BLK 157

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has submitted a Draft Plan of Condominium application to facilitate a standard condominium with 57 stacked townhouse units, parking spaces, and open space area.

A copy of the proposed draft plan is attached for your review. Please note that this plan is proposed, under review and subject to change.



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

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 Community Planner,
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 Planning and Development
 Department
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
 For more information about this matter, including a copy of the proposed Draft Plan of

Condominium and for supporting material, please visit www.caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
ACCESSIBILITY:
 If you require an accessibility accommodation to access any materials related to this item in an alternate format please contact Records and

Information Services by phone at 905-584-2272 x.2366 or via email at accessibility@caledon.ca.
 Multi-Tenant Landowners: Please post this notice in a visible location to all residents of the land.
Notice Date: March 20, 2025



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PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Application and Public Meeting Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

FILE NUMBER: RZ 2025-0001

The Town of Caledon has received an application for a Zoning By-law Amendment to implement a federal Airport Zoning Regulation (AZR). A statutory Public Meeting will be held to provide more information and an opportunity to ask questions with respect to the application.

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

MEETING DATE: April 15, 2025
PUBLIC MEETING START TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Attend In-Person:** Members of the public may register to delegate in-person and speak to an item listed on the agenda or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting.
- Submit a Written Comment:** Members of the public may submit a written comment regarding the proposed application(s) by completing the Participation Request Form, available at www.caledon.ca/speak-at-council
- Virtually:** Members of the public are welcome to participate via phone or WebEx Meeting upon request. For more information on how to participate, please visit www.caledon.ca/notice or contact the Planning Department. Please note that there are deadlines by which the request to participate need to be made.

YOU CAN ALSO ASK QUESTIONS OR PROVIDE COMMENTS BY:

- Submitting written correspondence to agenda@caledon.ca and planning@caledon.ca for consideration during the Public Meeting. Please note that written comments will form part of the public record.
- Contacting Planning staff or the Lead Planner during office hours by phone or email.
- Booking an appointment to visit Town Hall to speak with Planning staff. Visit caledon.ca/development for more information.

APPLICANT: Brampton Flying Club

LOCATION: 13691 McLaughlin Road, Caledon, and surrounding area (see map)

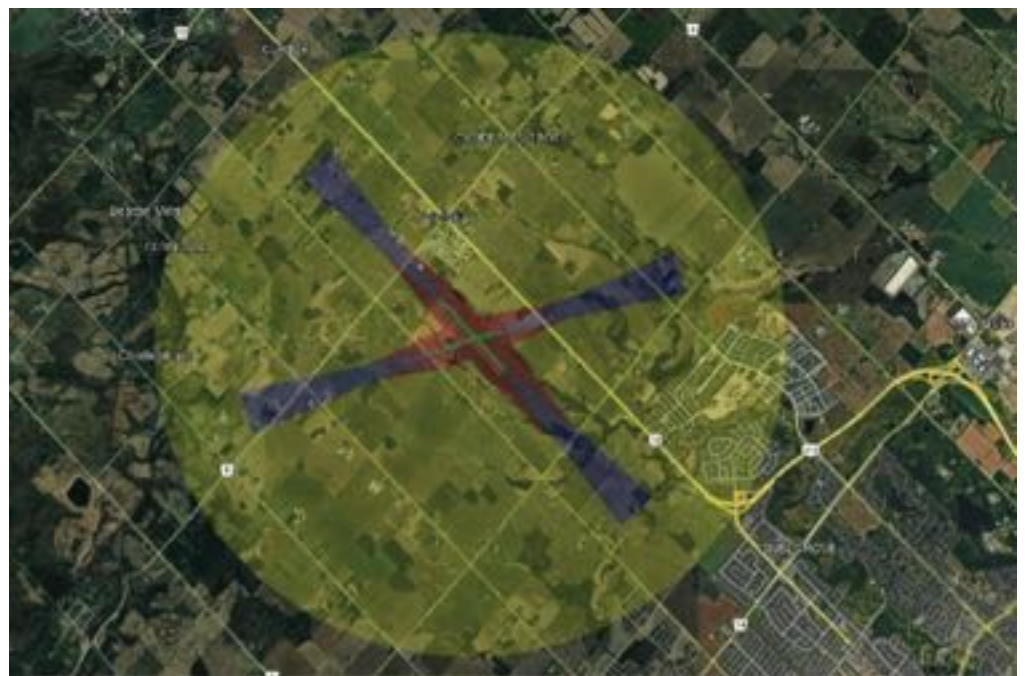
PROPOSED CHANGES:

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application would implement a federal Airport Zoning Regulation (AZR) to protect the safe operation and long-term viability of the Brampton Airport, which is located in Caledon.

The proposed AZR **does not propose any new development or airport improvements**. Rather, it proposes a regulation area surrounding the existing airport where regulations would apply to prohibit land uses that could pose hazards to aviation and set height limits on structures and natural growth (e.g., trees).

The proposed regulation covers a 4km radius around the intersection of the airport’s runways, as shown on the map below.

To better understand how the proposed AZR would affect properties within the proposed regulation area, more information and an interactive mapping tool are available at www.caledon.ca/azr.



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

LEAD PLANNER:
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 Department
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
 For more information about this matter, including appeal rights, a copy of the proposed AZR by-law and for supporting material, please visit www.caledon.ca/notices, www.caledon.ca/azr, or contact Brandon Bell from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

APPEAL PROCEDURE:
 The applicant or specified persons as defined by the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended, public bodies as defined by the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended and registered owners of land to which the by-law would apply who made oral or written submissions to Council prior to the passing of the by-law may appeal a decision of the municipality or planning board to the Ontario Land Tribunal.
 No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, they made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person, public body or registered owner of land to which the by-law would apply as a party.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED:
 If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Caledon on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Planning Department of the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario L7C 1J6, or planning@caledon.ca.

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

Notice Date: March 6th, 2025



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SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



"Dodging" Spring

Is it possible to have two hopeful columns in a row when you are mostly a pernickety curmudgeon? I say this, because sometimes in this space I rant ad nauseum about the state of Caledon and our country, but the truth is I'm actually a pretty empathetic individual and mostly an eternal optimist. I always try to see the good in people and/or situations and my motto is "try nice first." These are not personality traits I would ever want to do away with, but seeing the world in this way does potentially leave you more vulnerable to bouts of despair (and the occasional inherently curmudgeon-like tendencies) brought on by the kind of disillusionment only an optimist can experience. That said, it's finally (and officially as of today) SPRING! So, much like last week's column talked about hope, the official arrival of spring still has me feeling good. Or does it? Like sushi left out on the counter overnight, it's dodgy.

Of course, I'm not feeling good as I traverse area roads filled with potholes so deep you could bathe a small child in some of them. But it's spring, and potholes are as predictable as death and taxes. And yes, you pay taxes so that potholes will be repaired, preferably before the bottom of your car falls off, but let's give the folks at Town Hall a break. As the snow finally melts and potholes become more pronounced, we have a responsibility as taxpayers and that's to report said craters to Town Hall. When properly reported, repair crews are then dispatched to deal with them. It won't happen overnight, nor is it reasonable to assume it will. There's a process and hint, hint, it's not posting and complaining about them on social media. Call Service Caledon at *311 or use the online tool, "Report A Problem" on the Town of Caledon's website and then ... exercise some patience. I know most of us have very little of this increasingly rare commodity, but these things do take time. In the meantime, brush up on your driving skills as you play "dodge the potholes." Just dodge safely.

Along with patience and potholes, spring brings another "p" word to mind and it's poop. You can say "poop" in a family newspaper, right? Poop is worse than potholes because poop is something that can EASILY be fixed, no calls or special reporting tools required. Got a dog? Invest in poop bags. If you can afford a dog, and afford to feed a dog (hence the poop) you can afford to buy poop bags. Think of the poop as a physical fitness opportunity. Stoop and scoop. It's basically a squat. While you're out exercising (dog walking) take the extra 10 or 15 seconds it takes to be a human being, one that actually gives a s**t about your fellow human beings. (Oh, the irony.)

As predictable as potholes, every year spring produces a plethora of poop that dog owners seem to think magically disappears in winter, leaving the rest of us dodging poop piles as they slowly melt into messy, biohazardous landmines dotting the landscape. There is literally no excuse for leaving your dog's business behind. Dogs don't know any better, but humans presumably do. Let's eliminate "dodging doggie doo doo" as an annual springtime right of passage please.

But enough about that. On the bright side, did you know that according to a 2015 study (a bit outdated, but I'll take my good news any way I can get it) you are statistically safer in spring? Try saying that ten times fast! But seriously, it has to do with daylight savings time extending, well, daylight. Apparently with more daylight comes a 27% reduction in robbery rates. So more sunshine equals less crime. Or, in keeping with today's theme, you might say "more daytime leads to less dodgy behaviour by those prone to dodginess." Fun fact to keep in mind however, is that this bonus "safe" time doesn't actually start today. That's because it's the spring equinox: a 240hour period with virtually the same amount of hours of both day, and night.

I'm sure there's got to be other things that are good about spring. I mean longer days and more sunshine are obvious; and eventually there will be flowers, but first comes all that rain, mud, and in some parts of Caledon, the very real risk of flooding. So even for an optimist like me, in spring it's easy to let the pessimist personality push through to the surface. Spring is a time when you can have a snowstorm and a thunderstorm in the same week, maybe even on the same day! Spring is a time when you leave the house in boots and a turtleneck and come home in a t-shirt and flip flops, but only if you planned accordingly, otherwise you're roasting like a fried egg on a sidewalk in summer. Spring is a time when you see grown men sporting shorts paired with a winter jacket because "it's warming up outside" and nothing says that louder than bare legs, a coat and perhaps a toque. Spring is that quintessentially Canadian season when 10 degrees celsius is considered balmy, but in fall it would be time to don a heavy sweater or even a coat. Spring is essentially Mother Nature having a hot flash. It's a series of menopausal moments; hot, then drenched, then throwing open all the windows to let the cold air in. There's no dodging it. It's just gonna happen and with absolutely zero predictability. Now as one woman to another, that I can relate to.

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REMEMBER TO SHOP LOCALLY!

Lineup announced for 21st Annual Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Excitement is growing for the 21st Annual Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival, as organizers have released the official lineup for the three-day event that will return from May 30 to June 1.

The festival's founder and artistic director, Larry Kurtz, who hires the talent each year, said he's excited for the community to experience this year's lineup.

"We are especially proud to highlight an incredible roster of Canadian artists. With over 40 acts scheduled, the 2025 Festival will feature some of the finest talent in blues and jazz music," he enthused.

"Putting together the lineup is a balancing act. I try to include a variety of styles within the Blues and Jazz genres while supporting Canadian artists as much as possible. It's important to keep current with new musical acts but also bring back festival favorites while staying within our budget."

The TD Mainstage at Alexandra Park, TD Broadway Stage at the Broadway/Second Street intersection and Opera House Stage inside of Town Hall (87 Broadway) will feature several different headliners over three days. Some big names on the lineup include Harry Manx, Robi Botos, Steve Strongman, Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne, and Lachy Doley.

"Our Saturday [May 31] headliner

Lachy Doley is an award-winning blues artist from Australia. He plays Hammond organ and clavinet with a whammy bar to create a sound unlike anything you have heard before," said Kurtz. "It's quite amazing and he puts on a dynamic show."

Harry Manx, a world-touring musician from British Columbia who blends Indian folk melodies with slide guitar blues, will be another headliner to watch out for, according to Kurtz.

"He plays an 18-string guitar called a Mohan Veena for a truly original sound," he said.

In the Opera House, Kurtz said to keep an eye on the Robi Botos trio, featuring Mike Downs on bass, Larnell Lewis on drums and Robi on the piano.

"Robi, who draws comparisons to Oscar Peterson, is widely considered a master piano player and is a multi-award winner," said Kurtz.

Other performing artists include Maple Blues Band, Raoul & The Big Time, Jay Douglas & The Allstars, Canefire, Johnny Max Band, Tia Brazda, Al Lerman & The Country Fried Band, Larry Kurtz & The Lawbreakers, Murray Kinsley & Wicked Grin, Erin McCallum Band, Rosie's Smokehouse Deluxe and Danny Boy Phelan.

In addition, Stan Chang, Jazz Society Band, Turbo Street Funk, Danny Marks, James Anthony Band, Mike McCarthy

Band, Voodoo Pawnshop, CJ Lee, Dwayne Laforme, Gail Gunnis & The Dirty Roosters, Little Joe & The Werewolves, Campfire Poets, Soul Collective, Heather Katz, Itchy & Scratchy will be playing.

As well, The Supervoids, Traveling Wannabes, Puslinch House of Blues Band, Flashback, ODSS Jazz Band, The Shed Hawks, ODSS Teachers Band and Orangeville Community Band will be performing at this year's festival.

The celebration of blues and jazz music fosters a strong sense of community while transforming downtown Orangeville into the region's largest music festival and special event venue.

"On behalf of the Festival Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, we are thrilled to present another three-day weekend of exceptional music and events for thousands of local residents and visitors," said Festival Board of Directors President Nancy Claridge.

"This incredible event is made possible with support from the Orangeville Business Improvement Area, local businesses, the Town of Orangeville, government funding agencies, our featured performers, and the enthusiastic audiences who attend."

The festival has been on the Top 100 Festivals and Events in Ontario for 12 years in a row and has a reputation as one of the strongest medium-size blues and

jazz events in the province.

The majority of events taking place within the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival are free of charge.

At no cost, attendees can enjoy the TD Broadway Stage, Classic Cars Blues Cruise, Blues & Bikes Show & Shine event, New Orleans-style Jazz March, Broadway Rumble, performer workshops at the Mill Street Library and pop-up street performances.

"New this year will be a beer garden on the street next to the Broadway Stage, which features great local talent," Kurtz said.

Weekend passes for access to the TD Mainstage and Opera House from Friday to Sunday are \$40. Single-day tickets for Friday or Saturday are \$20 each and a single-day ticket for Sunday is \$10.

Tickets can be purchased online at ticket-scene.ca/events/51445.

"In a time when many festivals are struggling, we want to ensure the festival remains a vital part of what makes Orangeville such a great place to live and work. The best way to show your support is to buy a ticket to the main stage," said Kurtz. "We know it is one of the best values for your money you will find anywhere."

He added that he would encourage members of the public to join the festival's fantastic team of volunteers.

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Melancthon's Kidd Family Auctions celebrates 10 years of bidding, buying and selling

BY PAULA BROWN

Going once, going twice – sold!

Kidd Family Auctions, located at 438280 4th Line in Melancthon, is celebrating 10 years of business.

"I find it hard to believe, on one hand, that this much time has elapsed. On the other hand, it feels like a while because of the things we've covered and the places we've been. It's incredible to reach 10 years," said Dennis Kidd, founder and owner of Kidd Family Auctions.

Coming from a family of local generational farmers, Kidd's earliest experiences in auctioning come from his childhood.

"When I was a kid, my dad would take me along with him to the old farm auctions and I just found it fascinating. Watching and listening to the auctioneer without any clue about the business," he recalled.

Kidd graduated from the Southwestern Ontario School of Auctioneering in 1995 and later received his CPPA designation from the Canadian Personal Property Appraisers Group (CPPAG), to offer appraisal services. In February of 2017, he was appointed as a director of the Auctioneers Association of Ontario.

For many years, Kidd worked as a contract auctioneer for other companies, until early 2015 when he formed Kidd Family Auctions with a team consisting of three generations of Kidds.

In the early days of the business they leaned into the entertainment aspect of auctioneering, hosting in-person events for crowds of shoppers, treasure hunters, and collectors to attend. Eventually, they intro-

duced a hybrid model with a live broadcast of the auction and after 2020 they made the switch to mostly online auctioneering.

The online switch meant that Kidd Family Auctions could open their auctions up to sell items not just nation-wide, but globally, including locations like the Czech Republic, New Zealand, France, England, Iceland, Sweden and the U.S.

"It's pretty cool when you get to ship out of country and you think 'how did they find us'," said Kidd. "That specifically underlines the value of online versus live auctions for us."

Since opening a decade ago, Kidd Family Auctions has grown from a generationally run business to a team of seven full-time employees and four part-time staff members.

The local auction company has also grown their collection of items and created specialized auctioning events around categories like Inuit Art, coins and currency, farming equipment, antique automotive and transportation pieces, and firearms.

"I could have never imagined it," he said. "We've tried to evolve and raise the bar as we go."

Some of the biggest dollar-value items Kidd Family Auctions has sold over the years include a farm for around \$2 million, large farming equipment ranging between \$100,000 and \$150,000, a piece of artwork for \$26,000, and a firearm for \$18,000.

Recently, they also sold a misprinted \$5 Canadian bill for \$2,200.

"The thing that's exciting with this business, is you never know what people have in their houses," said Kidd.

As they celebrate their 10th anniversary, Kidd Family Auctions is looking ahead to the future and continues to host auctions. At the same time, they're also reflecting on those who helped them reach the milestone.

"There are people who were with us from the beginning, who supported us and if they

didn't believe in us and trust us to work with them, we could not possibly be here. We often think about and wish we had an adequate way to recognize them," said Kidd.

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Honeywood Arena makes finals for 2025 Kraft Hockeyville Competition

BY PAULA BROWN
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Mulmur residents rallied together to show their love of hockey, and now their local arena has been announced as a finalist in the 2025 Kraft Hockeyville Competition.

Honeywood Arena was announced as one of four finalists in the 2025 Kraft Hockeyville Competition on Saturday, March 15, with the hope of winning \$250,000 for arena upgrades and the chance to host an NHL pre-season game.

"This is a huge opportunity for us if we win, but we've also already won as a community by creating a positive impact for our local residents and for our



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"The Great Eight" is Number Four in My Books

BY JIM STEWART
OPINION

There's a movement afoot to reassess Alex Ovechkin's ascendancy to professional hockey's greatest goal scorer.

At press time, The Great Eight trailed The Great One by only seven goals and there's been much hand-wringing across the country about Ovechkin surpassing a much-coveted hockey record.

In a timely manner, a group of WHA enthusiasts is positing a solution to our anxiety.

The WHA fan group is lobbying the NHL to accept statistics generated by the 1970s "out-law pro hockey league." The NHL's positive response to this decades-long request would cast a shadow over Ovechkin's much-publicized pursuit of Gretzky's 894-goal mark which Number 99 accrued as a member of the Edmonton Oilers, Los Angeles Kings, St. Louis Blues, and New York Rangers.

In fact, if the NHL does the rational thing and incorporates the WHA's statistics into its record books, Ovechkin would be chasing not only Gretzky, but hockey icons Gordie Howe and Bobby Hull as well.

If and when the WHA goals scored by Howe, Gretzky, and Hull are added to their NHL totals, Ovechkin will be put where he belongs in the history of Major Professional Hockey: a solid fourth and off the podium.

The Divine Nine of Major Professional Hockey Goal Scorers—with the players' NHL and WHA goals combined—offers a more accurate view of who and what Ovechkin is chasing:

1. Gordie Howe—975 (801 in the NHL and 174 in the WHA)
2. Wayne Gretzky—940 (894 in the NHL and 46 in the WHA)
3. Bobby Hull—913 (610 in the NHL and 303 in the WHA)
4. Alex Ovechkin—887 (all in the NHL)
5. Jaromir Jagr—766 (all in the NHL)
6. Brett Hull—741 (all in the NHL)
7. Mike Gartner—735 (708 in the NHL and 27 in the WHA)
8. Marcel Dionne—731 (all in the NHL)
9. Phil Esposito—717 (all in the NHL)

Ovechkin belongs in the same statistical class as the eight icons above, but he is no Howe, Gretzky, nor Hull.

Howe, Gretzky, and Hull each dominated a decade or more of NHL and/or WHA play.

The "Gordie Howe Hat Trick"—a goal, an assist, and a fight—is legendary. Gretzky re-wrote Howe's scoring records amassed over parts of four decades and helped create a dynasty in Edmonton. Hull became professional hockey's first million-dollar player and gave the WHA instant credibility when he defected from the Chicago Blackhawks in 1972. He

and Orr were Team Canada's best players in the Canada Cup in 1976.

Howe, Gretzky, and Hull were also multiple Major Professional Hockey champions with the Red Wings and Aeros, Oilers, and Blackhawks and Jets, respectively. Individually, they could electrify an arena in vastly different ways.

Howe, Gretzky, and Hull were Canadian hockey icons who suited up for Team Canada on multiple occasions.

By comparison, Ovechkin—with his one ring in Washington as well as his close association with the reviled Putin and the banished Russian national team—has been reduced to an X-marks-the-spot power play specialist and empty net savant who is embarrassingly long in the tooth in 2025 and hanging on to secure a record that many hockey statisticians believe is illusory.

When NHL and WHA goals are combined, Ovechkin trails all three of Hockey's Mount Rushmore members—Howe, Gretzky, and Hull—by dozens of goals. The fourth member of Hockey's Mount Rushmore is, of course, Bobby Orr—not Ovechkin—but that's another story for another time.

In 2025, the case for the WHA's stats being amalgamated with NHL stats has never been clearer.

The NHL is currently comprised of 8 more teams (32) than the combination of 17 NHL teams and 7 WHA teams that were operating in the 1978-1979 season. The NHL expanded in 1979-80 by adding 4 of the 6 remaining WHA franchises: Edmonton, Winnipeg (to Arizona and now Utah), Quebec City (now Colorado), and New England (now Carolina). The argument that WHA stats were watered down was always specious and given how watered-down today's numbers are in a 32-team league that is 25% bigger than the NHL and WHA teams combined in 1978-79 suggests that the WHA players' goals and assists were legit.

In a related professional statistical development last year, Major League Baseball re-wrote its record books when it acknowledged Negro League stats and amalgamated them to recognize the quality of play and players prior to Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in 1947.

It is timely to put Ovechkin's achievements in a more accurate context. There is no doubt that Ovechkin is a superstar athlete destined for the Hockey Hall of Fame and worthy of our attention—but he's #4 on The All-Time List of Major Professional Hockey goal scorers. He trails The Golden Jet by 26 goals in case anyone is asking and has a long way to go to catch The Great One and Mr. Hockey.

community. We've rallied and have all come together," said Jeanette McFarlane, a member of the Honeywood Fundraising Committee and lead organizer of the local Hockeyville fundraising team.

The 2025 Kraft Hockeyville Competition started on January 1 with the "Nomination and Rally" phase, which officially wrapped up on March 2.

Community members submitted nomination stories, sharing why the Honeywood Arena is important to them and the community, and how winning the competition would help enhance the space for future generations.

"It's where families head to after school and on weekends to make memories and to be part of the community. For kids, it's part of working towards whatever their on-ice dreams may be," said McFarlane about the arena.

The North Dufferin Community Centre (NDCC), commonly known as the Honeywood Arena, has been a long-standing fixture in the community for more than a century. The first rink was built in 1912 by Thomas Crawford but collapsed in 1921 under the weight of heavy snow. In 1948, a total of \$91,000 was raised to build a new arena, which opened the following year.

The Honeywood Arena experienced another tragedy, on January 24, 1965, when it burned to the ground. The arena was rebuilt and opened by Christmas 1965 following fundraising efforts from the community.

The Honeywood Arena has seen notable hockey players pass through their doors, including Bert Wilson, who became Honeywood's first NHL player, and Aaron Downey, who won the Stanley Cup

with the Detroit Red Wings in 2008.

In a January press release announcing their participation in the annual event, the Township of Mulmur highlighted how the Kraft Hockeyville Competition could bring "much-needed" renovations to the Honeywood Arena.

"It's an aging arena in great need of repair and there's so many essential upgrades that we need to do," said McFarlane.

While McFarlane said there's a long list of upgrades needed for the 60-year-old arena, the Kraft Hockeyville Competition prize money would be specifically allocated to projects that address equality.

Some of these upgrades include providing girls with change rooms, fixing existing washrooms and installing a proper water fountain for kids to fill up their water bottles.

The Top 3 Runner-Ups of the Kraft Hockeyville Competition will receive \$25,000 for arena upgrades and \$10,000 for equipment.

"We've won in so many ways, but this gets us closer to getting the job done and raising funds for the arena," said McFarlane.

Voting will open on April 4 at 9 a.m. EST and close on April 5 at 5 p.m. EST. Votes can be submitted at www.kraffthockeyville.ca.

"Do it for the future generations to be able to have a special place in the community where they can continue with and live out their on-ice dreams," McFarlane concluded.


The winner of the 2025 Kraft Hockeyville Competition will be announced on April 5.



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OBITUARIES

GAIL ELIZABETH WILSON (NEE FORDHAM)

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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Gail. Loving wife to Steve, Daughter of Don and Anne (2018), Sister to Diane, Mother to Melissa, and loving Nana to Madison and Wynter. Gail will be deeply missed by her friends and family.



Gail loved to go fishing and camping, and spending time with family and friends when she was able to. She lived a strong life and will be missed by so many.

We would like to send a big thank you to Dr. Trop and the staff at Brampton Civic Hospital Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit. The care and compassion they showed our family was greatly appreciated.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The Ontario Cancer Society or Brampton Civic Hospital in Gail's name.

Online condolences can be made at www.imfunerals.com

In Memoriam Funeral Services Inc. has been given the honour to serve the Wilson and Fordham Families.

CARLO CUNTI

Surrounded by his loving wife, children, and grandchildren, Carlo passed away in peace on Sunday, March 9, 2025, in his 80th year.

Carlo was a devoted husband to Maria, a loving father to his sons, John and Claudio (and wife Sara), and his daughter, Loredana (and husband Felix).

He was a cherished and nurturing Nonno to Carlo, Brian, Anthony, David, Jonathan, Maria, Vienna, and Frederick. He was loved by his siblings, nieces, nephews, and cousins and will be dearly missed by paesani, friends, and business associates.

Born in Italy, Carlo immigrated to Canada in 1963 and always expressed gratitude for the opportunities that Canada provided. Founding Emery Woodworking Ltd. in 1972, he dedicated himself to his craft for nearly 50 years. Coming from humble beginnings, through hard work, sacrifice, and perseverance, Carlo and his wife, Maria, worked together to become successful entrepreneurs and business leaders in real estate on Highway 50 and Healey Road in Bolton. Carlo will be forever remembered as fiercely proud of his family, a generous soul, an innovative thinker, an open-minded spirit, and a warm-hearted storyteller.

The family received friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213), on Tuesday evening, March 18, from 4 – 8 o'clock. A Funeral Mass was held in St. Patrick's Church, 11873 The Gore Road, Brampton, on Wednesday morning, March 19, at 11 o'clock. Interment followed at Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com.

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GARY RAYMOND BAILEY
MAY 23RD, 1934 - MARCH 11TH, 2025



Gary passed away at the Hanover Hospital at the age of 90. Our family is saddened by his passing, but honouring of his incredible life.

Gary was the beloved husband of Constance Margery (nee Thiel). Dad is deeply missed and lovingly remembered by his children; Byron Ward Bailey, and Jilanna Marie and her husband Dave Gibson. Treasured Grandfather of Tabitha and her husband Mike Cunningham, Nicole Gibson, Jessie-Ann Gibson and her partner Adea, Nathen and wife Charlotte Bailey, Natasha Bailey and her partner Austin, and Harmoni Hoffman. Adored Great-grandfather of Henry and Calvin Cunningham and Lily Hoffman.

Fondly remembered by siblings Jim Bailey, Sandra and her husband Roy Lamond, Tom and his wife Yvonne Bailey. Sisters-in-law Lucielle Thiel and Louise Bailey, along with many nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by his parents Bruce Dods Gunn Bailey and Myrtle (nee Hepworth). Grandparents Dr. James Trueman Bailey and Alice Emily (nee Dods), and Briggs Hepworth and Rose Elizabeth Ford; Brothers Bill Bailey and Norman Bailey. Sister Beverly Ann Daradick. Grandson Alexander Raymond Bailey. Sister's-in-law Beatrice (Tom) Raveney and Phyllis (Bruce) Morrison. Brothers-in-law Dr. Chelsea (Valerie) Thiel, Calvin (Eileen) Thiel, Ward (Jean) Thiel.

Dad joined the army in August 1952 at the age of 18 and served for 25 years. His career took him all over the world. Korea in 1953, Egypt in 1956 and 1975, Cyprus in 1965. He lived with his family in Calgary Alberta, Germany, Victoria British Columbia, Ottawa Ontario, CFB Borden and Orangeville. Gary was a proud and active member of the Orangeville and Durham Legions.

Gary will be laid to rest at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Orangeville. Cremation has taken place. As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations to Durham Legion or the Poppy Fund at the Orangeville Legion (cheques payable to RCL Br 233 Orangeville Legion, please put Poppy Fund in memo line) would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the McCulloch-Watson Funeral Home, Durham.

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OPP WARNS OF SPOOFED EMAILS

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During Fraud Prevention Month, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is reminding Ontarians and businesses to stay informed and vigilant against evolving fraud threats.

Cybercriminals use spoofed emails, fake websites and malware links, which are malicious links designed to install harmful software, to steal personal information, compromise business accounts and redirect payments. These tactics are becoming increasingly sophisticated, making fraud awareness and prevention critical.

Spoofed Emails and Fake Websites

Fraudulent emails and fake websites are designed to look legitimate and often claim to be from financial institutions, government agencies or well-known businesses. These messages may include copied logos, branding and professional formatting to appear authentic.

Fraudulent tactics include:

- Slightly altered email addresses or domains (e.g. “opp.com” instead of “opp.ca”);
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- Urgent or unexpected requests for payment or sensitive information

Ransomware Attacks

Ransomware is a type of malware that encrypts files or locks systems, allowing the sender to demand payment to restore access. These attacks often begin with phishing or spear phishing emails, which use deceptive messages and infected attachments or links to steal information or gain unauthorized access. Once activated, the malware spreads through the system and may remain undetected before locking critical files.

Ransomware can also be introduced through:

- Visiting unsafe or compromised websites;
- Plugging in infected USB drives or external devices;
- Exposing systems to the internet without proper security measures.

How to Protect Yourself from Smishing Scams (SMS Phishing):

- Do not click on links, reply to messages or call numbers from unknown senders;
- Report suspicious texts by forwarding them to 7726 (SPAM);
- Delete all suspicious messages immediately;
- Keep your smartphone secure by updating your operating system and security software;
- Use multi-factor authentication for banking, social media and other sensitive accounts;
- Verify any unexpected text messages by checking official websites or contacting organizations directly;
- If you are a victim of smishing frauds, ensure to review the CAFC guide on What to do if you’re a victim of fraud.

For more information on fraud prevention, visit opp.ca and sfo.opp.ca.

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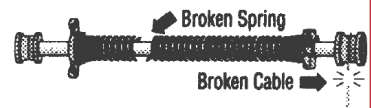
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Last Tuesday there was a vote in the Bundestag, the lower house of the German parliament, that may have changed the course of history. When the vote came out "Yes", you could feel the tectonic plates shift. Germany has voted to rearm.

In an ideal world, disarming would have been the better choice, but we are not in that world.

The United States has changed sides and Donald Trump is about to deliver a besieged Ukraine that he has deliberately starved of weapons into the hands of his good friend, the invader Vladimir Putin.

The Bundestag's decision was not just about Ukraine. It is about the "rule of law", which can be summed up in one sentence: henceforward, no country shall expand its border by force. Borders may be "unfair" and they are almost always the result of past violence, but you must live within them in peace forever (unless you can negotiate voluntary changes).

What kind of fools would try to impose such an extreme and idealistic rule on the world? Only the survivors of the Second World War, who had seen 50 to 70 million people die in a war that was basically about territory, as most wars have been throughout history. And at the end of that war, in

1945, they had watched the first cities die under nuclear weapons.

So yes, those fools put their new idea about freezing the frontiers and allowing no more border changes by force into Article 2.4 of the United Nations Charter in 1945, and you know what? It worked.

Not everywhere, all the time, but no sovereign country of significant size has been destroyed by war since 1945. Nuclear weapons were used twice in August 1945, but not again in the eighty years since. The death toll from wars all over the planet has fallen from around 10 million people in 1945 to a couple of hundred thousand a year in the early 2020s.

That is the remarkable accomplishment that almost nobody is grateful for, or even aware of. It is why most children in the world have grown up in peace for the past three generations, even though the media persistently show you mostly images of the unfortunate minority who don't.

It is what is at stake when Donald Trump, chasing the Nobel Peace Prize and ignorant of history, tries to impose a "peace deal" that will give a large chunk of Ukraine to the Russian ruler. Putin formally recognised Ukraine's border in 2003, but he is now trying to change it permanently by

force.

Putin doesn't care about the "rule of law" because he thinks he can profit by ignoring it. Trump doesn't even understand the rules that were established in 1945 or why they matter to the world. But most of the European members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) both know and care, because their continent was leveled by the last great war.

They have given up on the United States but they desperately want to prevent the destruction of the "rule of law." Trump is promoting an internationally recognised partition of Ukraine by a victorious Russia, so he is actually their enemy (although they will never say so publicly). And they must create a new alliance without the United States to stop Trump's "peace."

That is why the vote in Germany's Bundestag on Tuesday was so important. Creating a European mini-NATO (no US, but perhaps Canada and Turkey) will require major rearmament, which will take a lot of money – and Germany (84 million people) is by far the biggest European country in the new proto-alliance.

The new German chancellor, Friedrich Merz, is willing to spend the money, but the German constitution contains an amend-

ment, passed during the last financial crisis (2009), that severely restricts emergency spending by the federal government.

He needed a two-thirds majority in the Bundestag to kill that amendment, but the far left and the hard right in Germany are pro-Russian so the Tuesday vote was going to be tricky. In the event, he got the votes he needed and the plates moved. The money will be there, from Germany and about 30 other countries.

Nobody imagines that Ukraine, starved for arms for the past three years and hugely outnumbered, can recapture its lost territories at this point, but it is not on the brink of defeat as Kremlin and White House propaganda insist.

With adequate arms and money from its supporters in Europe and overseas, Ukraine may still be able to fight the Russians to a standstill and achieve a ceasefire that does not give away its territory permanently. That's not the kind of objective you can boast about in public, but it would keep the rule of law more or less alive.

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Theatre Orangeville presents “Bed and Breakfast”, following the life of gay couple in a small town

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

The story of “Bed and Breakfast” begins in mild tones, a chance to meet Brett and Drew who live together as a gay couple in a tiny downtown Toronto apartment. We find them charming and amusing as they make plans for what comes next in their search to buy a house when they are interrupted by the news that one of Brett’s favourite relatives – his Aunt Maggie – has suddenly died in a car accident.

The funeral is held near her home in a small Ontario town, where Brett spent many happy summer days as a child. After the funeral, his father informs Brett that she has left her house to him.

“Bed and Breakfast” is on at Theatre Orangeville now and running to March 30, with Adrian Shepherd-Gawinski as Brett and Warren Macaulay as Drew. Shepherd-Gawinski is returning to Theatre Orangeville after some years when he joined the cast for separate runs of Screwball Comedy and Queen Milli of Galt. Welcome to Warren Macaulay making his debut here.

The choices this inheritance opens to Brett and Drew take us on a journey to remember, whereas their latest offer to buy in Toronto was seriously outbid – out of the blue – they find themselves owners of their own home.

A boon they might feel yet, it is not in the city but as it is in a small town, attitudes toward their relationship might prove difficult.

Playwright Mark Crawford does not pull any punches about this; he writes the story with craft and humour, drawing us into loving this couple and accepting wholeheartedly who they are.

This very funny play is host to – count ‘em – 21 characters whom we begin to meet as soon Brett and Drew arrive in Aunt Maggie’s town.

They vary in nature and approach; they are each quite comical but the magic is in the clever writing and the astonishing rapidity with which Shepherd-Gawinski and Macaulay play every one of them. From the baker arriving daily with wonderful treats to the hopeless teenager who says, “I dunno.” to everything, the scope and fun these multi-changes create have audiences ringing the hall with their laughter.

There are ladies in the cast – one of whom is pregnant and these two actors let us know with real clarity whom we are seeing, with each individual’s stance, voice and look. No props assist in this whirlwind. All they have to keep the continuity are their skill and con-



On stage now at Theatre Orangeville, Mark Crawford’s Bed and Breakfast. A heartwarming comedy about being ‘out’ in a small town. Starring (L-R) Warren Macaulay as Drew and Adrian Shepherd-Gawinski as Brett. Playing now through March 30. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

siderable talent.

The exchanges go on as the two men and the townspeople begin to become acquainted and even friends. Yet, with honesty, the playwright admits to the mixed feelings such a blend might realize, leaving Brett and Drew to wonder, to struggle on and off, whether they can stay in their new home or be better off back in the more cosmopolitan city.

What entices them to stay, in addition to the fact of actually possessing the place outright, is the idea they have of turning it into a Bed and Breakfast. There is much to be done by way of renovations but the growing reality that this could be their new business is exciting. They are keen to establish it in this small town, which pleases nearly everyone.

Then, there is a hate crime, an attack on their home, ugly words painted across a wall.

Best to come and see this terrific show for yourselves.

As director, Stewart Arnott, along with Shepherd-Gawinski and Macaulay brought this play originally to the Lighthouse Festival Theatre in Port Dover.

In addition to staging it this time here in Orangeville, where all the actors love to come, there is the joy of re-mounting it for Theatre Orangeville audiences, the chance to expand and even re-think some of the characters.

Bed and Breakfast is a somewhat complicated production with the large number of those characters being played only by the two actors. It is a lot to learn but doing it for the second time has given them the genuine pleasure of digging deeper into those voices, gestures and minds.

Arnott has done a tidy job of keeping the flow moving in a way that maintains cohesion while letting the comedy shine.

This time around, simple geometry encases the set of “Aunt Maggie’s Bed and Break-

fast,” designed by William Chesney, whose bio tells of his creating set designs for more than 250 productions spanning a career of over forty years.

Essential to any production, the lighting for Bed and Breakfast is designed by Wendy Lundgren, returning to Theatre Orangeville, while Tim Lindsay debuted as sound designer.

If seeing is believing, be sure to get your tickets for this show, for its dazzling feat of comic acting. When viewed at Theatre Orangeville’s recent Starlight Gala, at the end, the audience positively bounced to their feet for a standing ovation.

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