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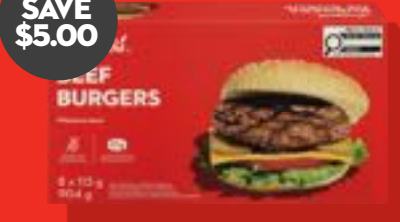
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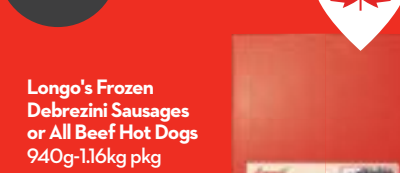
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Councillor Dave Sheen, Regional Councillor Christina Early, MP Ruby Sahota, Fire Chief Dave Pelayo, Mayor Annette Groves, Regional Councillor Mario Russo, and Councillor Doug Maskell celebrate the official opening. PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

Firefighter safety front and centre at new Caledon Station 310 opening

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The words “Everyone Goes Home” stand tall on the bay doors at the brand new fire station 310 in Caledon, a station designed specifically with the safety of its firefighters and efficiency in mind.

The opening was celebrated on May 11 with Caledon Fire and Emergency Services, Caledon OPP, and local dignitaries.

Deputy Fire Chief with Caledon Fire and Emergency Services, Jeff Fairbairn, opened

the celebration.

The new station, he says, was “thoughtfully designed to support both emergency response and the long-term health and well-being of all firefighters and staff.”

Station 310 is equipped with various upgrades to ensure the health and longevity of its firefighters, including dedicated decontamination zones.

Inside the designated decontamination zones will be washing machines for bunker gear and packs, as well as shower spaces.

These dedicated spaces now create a clear divide between “clean” and “contaminated”

areas in the station.

Colours can also be seen on various doors in the station – green, yellow, and red – marking the potential contamination level of the space, top of mind for all in the station.

Fairbairn says the modern layout, integrated safety features, and every aspect of the facility reflect a commitment to “creating a clean, efficient, and more supportive working environment.”

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Chamber’s Rise and Thrive event encourages Caledon to Recentre and Recharge

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May 12 marked the second annual Rise and Thrive Meditation and Wellness event held by the Caledon Chamber of Commerce, and the morning celebrated those who truly took the time for themselves and their mental health.

With May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Canada, Chamber President Marion Upshall says they really honed in on the mental health aspect at their Chamber event this year.

“The uncertainty, the frustration that we’re hearing from members, anxiety, which of course always results in a type of burnout or the effect of not being able to work at your top peak, we thought what better way to support our entrepreneurs and our members in this way, to give them a morning to recenter, to refocus and to calm down,” says Upshall.

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Residents and Business Owners gathered at Mount Alverno Luxury Resorts for Rise and Thrive. PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

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nCourage expansion brings coordinated anti-trafficking support to Caledon



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nCourage, Peel's Anti-Human Sex Trafficking Integrated Service Hub, will be expanding its anti-human sex trafficking work in Peel Region into areas such as Caledon.

nCourage delivers trauma-informed, client-centred care by bringing together partners across health, justice, housing, community services, and child welfare.

As of January 2026, they officially moved into their dedicated space within The Circle: Peel Centre of Child, Youth and Family Well-Being in Mississauga.

Now, they're expanding yet again to better serve the areas of Caledon, Brampton, and Mississauga.

Officially, nCourage will launch a new hub at Toronto Pearson International Airport, along with service expansion into the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon.

In collaboration with various community groups, and led by Peel Children's Aid Society (Peel CAS), a media release from nCourage stated that the announcement comes at a "critical time", as incidents of human sex trafficking "continue to rise across the GTA."

"Since last year, 202 children and youth were identified by Peel CAS as being involved in human sex trafficking, underscoring the urgent need for earlier intervention and stronger system coordination," said Mary Beth Moellenkamp, CEO, Peel CAS. "nCourage's anti-human sex trafficking work is now fully integrated within the child welfare system, marking a critical shift from crisis response to proactive intervention."

This expansion will add two new partner organizations to nCourage's sphere: Victim Services of Peel and Caledon\Dufferin Victim Services.

The release stated this partnership will "further strengthen a coordinated, wrap-around approach to service delivery."

"Caledon\Dufferin Victim Services is proud to be part of a coordinated, trauma-informed response in Caledon, supporting crisis intervention, safety planning, and pathways to care for individuals at risk of human trafficking," says Julie Elsdon-Height, Executive Director, Caledon\Dufferin Victim Services.

It was stated that with 62 per cent of Canadian human trafficking cases originating in the GTA, the new nCourage hub at Toronto Pearson International Airport will serve as a strategic site for disrupting these incidents within a major transportation corridor.

With this week also marking Victims and Survivors of Crime Week, nCourage will also launch their new campaign, "If you see something, say something," which aims to empower the community to recognize signs of sex trafficking and take action.

Raising awareness was said to be a critical tool in terms of prevention, as it was stated that the average age of recruitment into sex trafficking in Canada is 13-years-old.

nCourage provides indicators that a person may be at risk, such as isolation from family and friends, someone speaking for them, dictated or restricted movement, the youth are always being monitored or controlled, and more.

To learn more about their campaign or visit nCourage, community members can visit nCourage.ca or call 905-866-2831.

If you are a victim or survivor of human sex trafficking or forced labour, or you know someone who is, contact the Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline at canadianhumantraffickinghotline.ca or at 1-833-900-1010.

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Incumbent Councillor Mario Russo, left, and Jagdeep Sacha, right, are two of the latest candidates to enter the race for Caledon's top job. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS**

To Run or Not to Run: Election nominations continue rolling in

BY RILEY MURPHY
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With May 1st officially marking the beginning of nominations for the upcoming 2026 municipal elections in Caledon, candidates have continued to put themselves forward in the following weeks.

A candidate's campaign period officially begins when the Municipal Clerk has received their nomination, and candidates have until 2 p.m. on August 21 to file their papers.

Nominations can be submitted for Caledon Council or school board trustee positions.

As of Wednesday, May 13, confirmed candidates are as follows:

MAYOR

- Baljit Bawa
- Christina Early
- Mario Russo
- Jagdeep Sacha

WARD 2

- Hunar Kahlon
- Rakesh Madhok

WARD 3

- Stan Cameron
- Doug Maskell

WARD 4

- Heather French

WARD 5

- Anthony Caputo
- Diana Mollicone

WARD 6

- Cosimo Napoli

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WARDS 1, 2 and 3

- Harpreet Grewal
- Dave Sheen

WARDS 4, 5 and 6

- Tony Rosa

SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES

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- Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi

ENGLISH PUBLIC

- Rosey Kaur

Come election day on October 26, 2026, Caledon voters will vote by paper ballot to elect the Mayor of the Town of Caledon, Ward and Regional Councillors, and School Board Trustees to serve during the 2026 to 2030 Council term of office.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Application Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision

FILE NUMBER: 21T-26005C

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

APPLICANT:
KLM Planning Partners Inc.
on behalf of Alcan Holdings Inc.

LOCATION:
12879 The Gore Road,
Southeast Corner of Healey Road and The Gore Road

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has submitted a Draft Plan of Subdivision application to facilitate a residential development consisting of 128 single-detached dwelling units, 430 semi-detached dwelling units and 227 townhouse dwelling units. The proposed development also includes a neighbourhood park, a stormwater management pond, environmental protection and an internal road network.



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

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
For more information about this matter, including appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and for supporting material, please visit

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HOW TO STAY INFORMED:
If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Caledon on the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario L7C 1J6.

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The Caledon OPP is investigating two serious collisions that occurred on Highways 9 and 10 last week.

“On May 6, 2026, at approximately 7:45 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle collision on Highway 9, between Highway 50 and Duffy’s Lane, in the Town of Caledon, involving a transport truck and a sedan,” say Police. “As a result of the collision, the driver of the sedan was transported to hospital suffering from life-threatening injuries.

“Highway 9 between Highway 50 and Humber Station Road was closed for several hours while the OPP Traffic Incident Management & Enforcement (TIME) Team assisted with the investigation.

“On Saturday, May 9, 2026, at approximately 6:00 a.m. officers were dispatched to a single vehicle on Highway 10 north of Olde Base Line Road. Upon arriving officers found the driver of the vehicle had been ejected from the vehicle and sustained life-threatening injuries. The driver of the vehicle was transported to a trauma centre in serious condition.

“Highway 10 between Olde Base Line Road and The Grange Sideroad was closed for several hours while the OPP Traffic Incident Management & Enforcement (TIME) Team assisted with the investigation.”

The investigations are ongoing. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

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

DRUG TRAFFICKING INVESTIGATION

Members of the Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid numerous charges against an individual following a recent warrant execution.

“In April 2026, the Caledon CSCU entered into a drug trafficking investigation,” say Police. “With the assistance of Collingwood and Orillia CSCU’s, a search warrant was executed upon a residence and a vehicle in the City of Brampton.

“Officers seized approximately 116 grams of opium, Canadian currency, and items consistent

with the sale and trafficking of drugs, including cell phones, digital scales, and packaging materials.”

As a result of the investigation, Puneetpal Singh, 23, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Trafficking in a Schedule I substance - Opioid - two counts;
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - Opioid;
- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime under \$5000.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton at a later date to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

If you suspect illegal activity in your neighbourhood, you can report it to Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

STOLEN VEHICLES RECOVERED

Members of the Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have recovered four stolen vehicles following a search warrant.

“On April 29, 2026, officers from the Caledon OPP received information regarding a stolen vehicle being located at a residential property in Alton, within the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “Later that evening, a search warrant was executed by the Caledon CSCU, which resulted in the seizure of four stolen vehicles, with a total value of approximately \$235,000 (CAD). Vehicle master keys, fraudulent vehicle identification number (VIN) stickers, 9mm ammunition, and other forensic evidence was also seized as a result.”

This investigation remains ongoing. For anyone with information regarding high value stolen property, please contact the Caledon OPP CSCU at (905) 584-2241. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

VICTIMS & SURVIVORS OF CRIME WEEK

During Victims and Survivors of Crime Week (May 10-16, 2026), the Ontario Provincial Police recognize the strength and resilience of victims and survivors, while acknowledging the dedication of individuals who work tirelessly to support those impacted by crime.

“Across Ontario, the OPP works closely with Victim Services personnel and communitybased

partners to provide timely, traumainformed assistance to individuals and families during some of the most difficult moments of their lives. These partnerships rely on committed professionals and volunteers whose compassion and expertise help bridge the gap between emergency response and longterm recovery.

“On May 14, Central Region OPP, alongside Victim Service community partners, will recognize individuals whose contributions and commitment have positively impacted communities throughout the region. This event provides an opportunity to recognize Victim Services workers, OPP members, and dedicated community members and organizations who have gone above and beyond in supporting victims and strengthening our communities.”

OPP members are often the first point of contact for victims and survivors. Through collaboration with Victim Services professionals and volunteers, the OPP helps ensure support extends beyond the initial police response. This collective approach reflects a shared commitment to victimcentred policing, compassion and community safety. Victims and Survivors of Crime Week also serves as an opportunity to recognize the people who, through their daily work, help victims navigate the aftermath of crime and access the support they need to move forward.

For information about victim supports available in your community, individuals are encouraged to contact local Victim Services organizations or visit Ontario.ca/VictimServices.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Sexual assault centres and community partners have dedicated decades of work to raising awareness about sexual violence and supporting survivors.

This month, Caledon OPP, Caledon Dufferin Victim Services, Sexual Assault Advisory Committee Caledon/Dufferin, and Family Transition Place, and other members of the Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres (OCRCC) are coming together to highlight ongoing efforts and strengthen prevention initiatives.

This year’s focus emphasizes a #Survivors-First approach, prioritizing survivor-centered care, community education, and proactive violence prevention strategies.

The Town of Caledon’s proclamation recognizes the importance of collective action in addressing sexual violence, amplifying survivor voices, and fostering safer, more informed communities.

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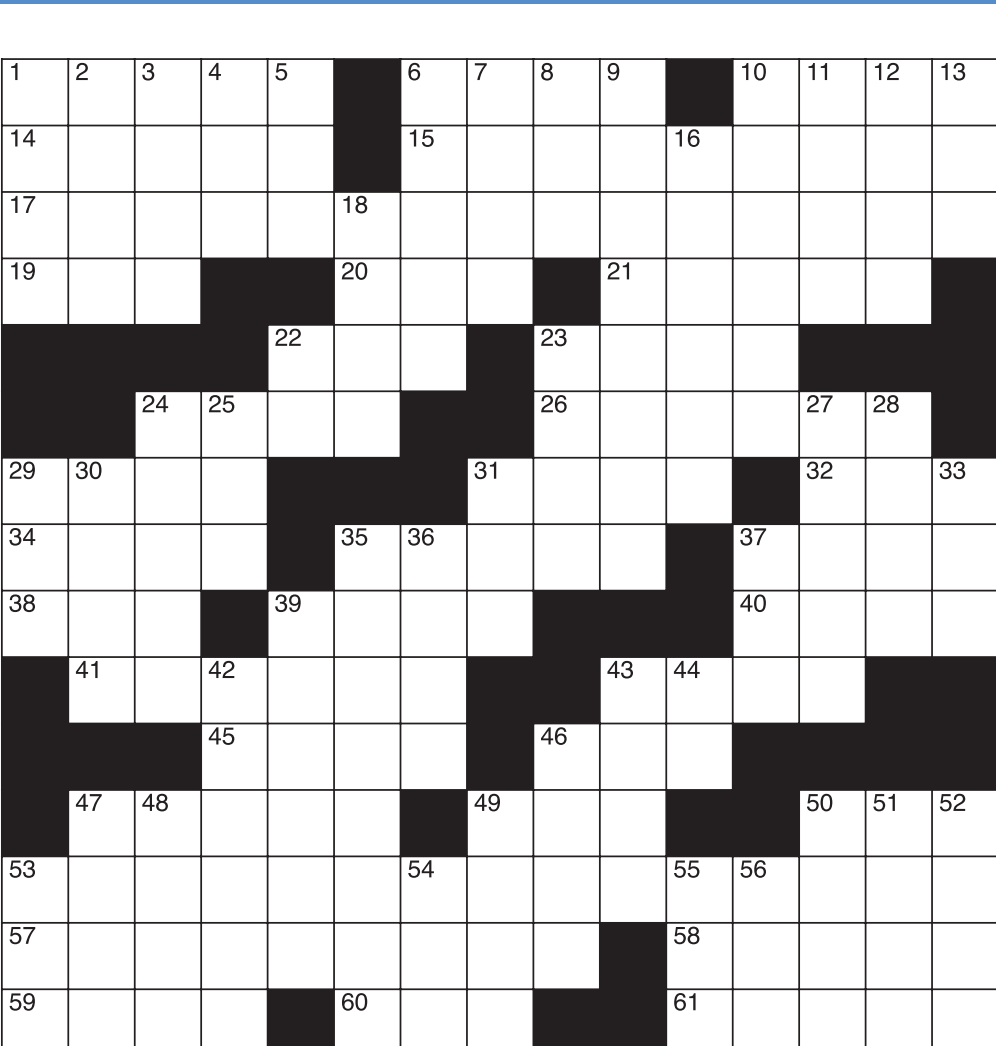
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 58. Early English council
 59. Area units
 60. 2,000 lbs.
 61. Siskel and ___
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Animal jaws
 2. Small water buffalo
 3. An appliance has one

4. Every near Dead Sea
5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
6. Very skilled
7. No more than what is specified
8. Tire measurement
9. Towers
10. Forward
11. Jacob ___, American journalist
12. Vale songwriter
13. Former CIA
16. Middle Eastern nation
18. Exhausts
22. South Dakota
23. The complete duration of something
24. Kids love him
25. Singular association
27. Cod genus
28. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
29. Resistance unit
30. Ancient kingdom
31. Cast out
33. 60-minute periods
35. Most worn
36. European river
37. Atomic mass unit
39. Items of food
42. Body parts
43. Ireland
44. Partner to Pa
46. Sammy ___, songwriter
47. Dutch settler
48. Full-grown pike fish
49. Sun or solar disk
50. Minute arachnid
51. From a distance
52. A monthly expense
53. Young women’s
54. Brazilian state
55. Air freight provider
56. Pointed end of a pen

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

Road Safety Week kicks off with OPP reminder to Follow “Big 4” Rules



BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

This week marks the start of Road Safety in Canada, and the OPP is alerting drivers to dangers on the road today, and every day.

Observed from May 12 to 18, this year’s campaign theme is “Road Safety – Every Road. Every Day. Everyone.”

Provincial Constable Ian Michel says they are treating this week “as we treat all weeks in Caledon.”

“We expect every driver on every road, everyday to adhere to the laws and rules of safe driving. Don’t speed, Use your seatbelt, stay off your phone and drive sober. The message and expectation remains the same for drivers. The only way to ensure we have safe roads is for all drivers to buy-in and follow the rules,” says Michel, adding that they call these laws the “Big 4.”

Unfortunately, he says, they are still seeing many drivers show “little regard” for safe driving practices, and they continue to stop and charge motorists across Caledon with

“Big-4 offences.”

Serving for 25 years, Michel says it still “boggles his mind” how people haven’t realized not only how dangerous these driving behaviours are, but how they affect other people’s lives.

Even with distracted driving and seatbelt laws introduced decades ago, Michel says they still see people using their phones regularly and not wearing seatbelts.

“With all of the hand-free technology in cars now there is no excuse to be holding your phone for any reason while driving,” he adds.

“Caledon residents are seeing it too, and they’re letting us know about it. Everyday we receive numerous traffic complaints from residents and drivers all over Caledon about bad driving behaviour,” says Michel. “We can’t keep up.”

Michel explains that they have amalgamated their Community Response Unit and Traffic Unit into a new Community Mobilization Unit and that officers are working every day on traffic enforcement.

They have dedicated Commercial Motor Vehicle inspectors attached to the unit, providing everyday coverage for commercial motor vehicle enforcement.

He says they continue to try to educate the public about things such as passenger seatbelt use and child restraints, conduct R.I.D.E. checkpoints daily, and work with their community partners to educate the public about the dangers of impaired driving.

Michel adds that speed enforcement is done every day, and they still impound vehicles for stunt driving on a regular basis.

“It is frustrating, but the vast majority of drivers are safe and adhere to the rules. Now we just need the others to follow suit and participate,” says Michel. “We need the drivers of Caledon to help us by doing their part.”

“We take road safety very seriously in Caledon. We are lucky to have some very dedicated officers in our detachment that take it seriously as well, and amazing residents that participate in committees and attend our traffic safety meetings to share their thoughts and what they are seeing on the roads of Caledon to help us plan enforcement and education activities.”

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Application Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision

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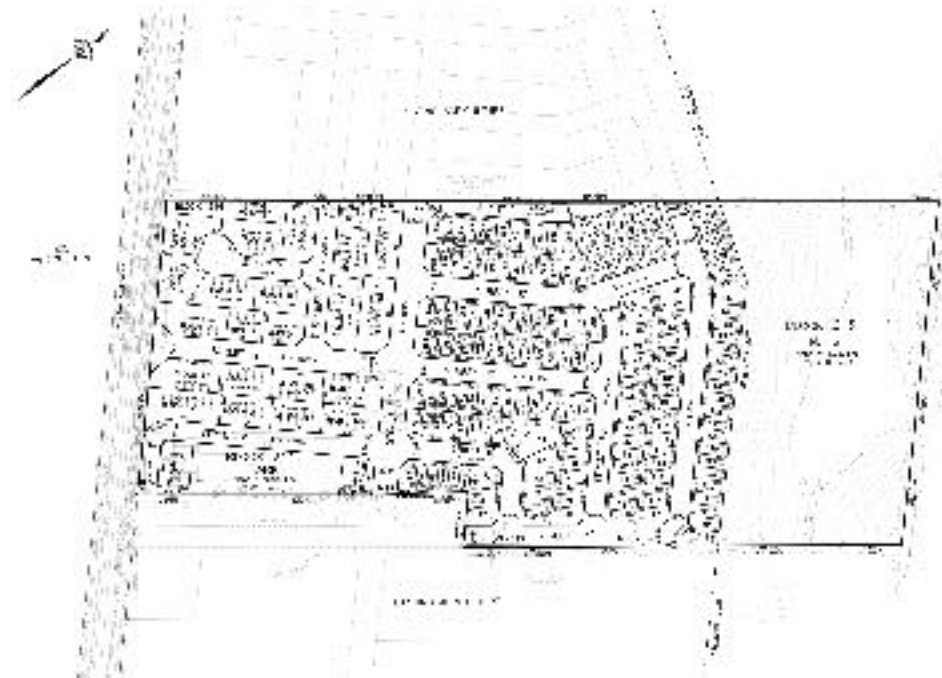
This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received an application for a Draft Plan of Subdivision. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

APPLICANT:
KLM Planning Partners Inc.
on behalf of Tiffany Rox North Hill Ltd.

LOCATION:
14337 Highway 50,
East side of Hwy 50 north of Columbia Way.

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has submitted a Draft Plan of Subdivision application to facilitate a residential development consisting of 180 single-detached dwelling units and approximately 135 townhouse dwelling units. The proposed development also includes a neighbourhood park, a stormwater management pond and an internal public road network.



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

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

material, please visit www.caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED:
If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Caledon on the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario L7C 1J6.

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Cell Phone Couples Counselling

I didn't see the point of it at first, but, for reasons I couldn't quite rationalize, I certainly wanted to be a part of it. Maybe it was the exclusivity of it all.

There are few things more intriguing than what's behind a closed door when you can see shadows behind it milling about through some frosted glass.

When that door opens, you're inevitably going to have that rush of "FINALLY!" or that gut-sinking feeling of, "That's it? That's what all the fuss was about?"

It seems like a distant memory now, but, once upon a time, such was the level of intrigue over the new online platform known as Facebook.

When the platform itself first hit my radar as a university student, it was almost exclusively for that particular demographic. But it wasn't open to just any university student – much like the early days of the also-now-ubiquitous Gmail, one had to be invited to join by an existing user before you could see what was going on behind the proverbial curtain.

It took a while to get that highly-anticipated invitation to see what all the fuss was about, and I'm afraid I was in the "That's it?" crowd.

As it was a mostly student-driven platform at the time, most of the people I'd even consider connecting with were those I invariably saw in person at some point every week. The impact of almost pre-historic status updates like "Joe Q. Public is..." and picking something like "hungry" as the blank-filler from a drop-down menu was minimal at best when you were sitting across the cafeteria table from Joe himself. My interest waned pretty quickly.

It took a couple of years for my interest to become piqued again when the platform was opened up wider and one could then stay in much closer touch with further-flung friends and family, find others with shared interest, and see communities of these interests spring up – and many of these communities gradually became what their name suggests.

But, for every positive, there has been a negative, and this has proven true not just with Facebook, but in just about every platform that has emerged in the last couple of decades.

As connected as we have become virtually, it seems some are becoming more and more disconnected from our common reality.

In recent months, I have watched with no small degree of alarm as an acquaintance borne out of those online communities introduced their significant other to the group – only for it to become clearer and clearer in time that this "significant other" was the other side of their preferred AI chatbot.

While I'm happy that this person has found a way to stave off loneliness, if that is what they were indeed feeling, it has become concerning that the clear line between reality, fantasy, and wherever something like this falls, has become ever more blurred.

Maybe I was right in my first instinct to become a committed social media luddite, but I don't discount the value these tools and platforms bring to our society if they are used right and with full knowledge of how they can impact our lives.

I'm sure teachers, administrators and others in our education system might be nostalgic for the days when such platforms and outlets were invite-only and their impact could be rather contained – particularly when jurisdictions here at home and abroad consider wider-ranging social media and AI bans in the classroom.

Late last month, the Province of Manitoba announced it would take their cell phone ban in classrooms, first put in place in 2024, to the next level in banning youth from using social media and AI chatbots, citing the "harmful"

effects these platforms and programs have on those who use them.

In a CBC report on Manitoba's progression on the file, they cite Premier Wab Kinew's concern with the "addiction to the infinite scroll" and its impact on anxiety, depression, and other mental health indicators, as a reason to move forward.

Manitoba's move comes as the Federal Government considers following Australia's lead in a country-wide ban on the same for users aged 16 and under. This development follows two non-binding motions passed at the Liberal Party of Canada's convention this past spring, which has caught the attention of party members in power – and amongst the opposition.

While some important questions have been raised over enforcement of keeping youth from finding ways around a ban, they have stressed the importance of making sure legislation is comprehensive and done right.

"The government's response to companies behind AI chatbots – tools that simulate human conversation – is being closely monitored in the wake of the Tumbler Ridge, B.C. mass shooting," the CBC reported last month. "Open AI decided against flagging concerning messages the shooter had exchanged with ChatGBT months earlier.

"[Minister of Canadian Culture and Identity Marc] Miller says a moratorium on social media and AI chatbots 'could be an important layer' as government looks to resurrect part of its online harms legislation, 'but has to be seen as that and not as an answer to everything.'

"The politics...of it are convenient, but the policy has to be right," said Miller.

But is an outright ban the right policy? The devil will be in the details.

Early results from Australia seem promising, and Ontario Education Minister Paul Calandra said such measures are being explored in this Province as well – building upon their ban on cell phones in the classrooms issued in 2024.

"I think the evidence is becoming more and more clear that cellphone use in our schools – elementary and secondary schools – anywhere on site has become a problem," said Calandra via the CBC.

It certainly has become a problem, there's no arguing that. And, in the case of these AI chatbots, it's become far more than just a "problem," but is a ban really the next logical step?

To my mind, a blanket ban represents an opportunity that is in danger of being missed.

Is cellphone use in schools, in and of itself, the problem? Or, is the problem cellphone use that is unfettered and unguided?

While I am not an educator myself, it appears to me that a major issue at the heart of it all is lack of instruction and education on how to use these ubiquitous devices, and all the bells and whistles they and app-makers offer, to their best and safest advantage.

If used correctly, these devices have tremendous power to enhance the learning experience, point users in – and I can't stress this enough – the right direction to learn more and enhance their lessons, and explore new horizons.

But it takes a collective effort – of teachers, parents, caregivers, and guardians alike – to equip youth with all-important critical thinking skills to suss out good resources from bad, and be able to separate the wheat from the chaff – or, in the parlance of Artificial Intelligence, the real from the "slop."

A ban would certainly have its benefits, but, before it's put into place, all the good must be weighed with the bad – and an outright ban, to my mind, seems like a reactionary step that avoids the heavy lifting that could reap benefits.



It's important to share our life stories

by Mark Pavilons



"Sharing your story is a courageous step towards healing your own heart." – Lynda Chelidelin Fell

If you're a regular reader of my column, you know all too well that I tend to share my life's journey – every sordid detail.

I've always felt that having lived into my 60s, I just might have a few tidbits to impart, to share with my fellow human beings. I truly believe that finding things in common helps us realize we are not alone in this wild ride known as life.

"Stories are a communal currency of humanity," Tahir Shah once said.

Ain't it the truth? Really, what are we but a bunch of storytellers, reading and willing to impart tales of wisdom, humorous anecdotes and stories of horror and miracles?

Just get a few humans in a room together, or gathering for an occasion and listen to the stories fly – narratives, fables, adventures, even folk tales. I think what makes us social creatures is our ability to share and give up the goods, so to speak. Offering tidbits of one's life journey is a very personal thing. Some are eager to spill it all, while others are a bit more guarded and would rather keep their cards close to the vest.

In my case, what you see is what you get, Hawaiian shirts and all!

I'll admit that my personal meanderings have been clouded by my cancer journey. Sorry, but it can be overwhelming and one of my coping mechanisms is to share my own details, twists and turns.

Kim McManus noted that our "heartache is someone else's hope. If you make it through, somebody else is going to make it through. Tell your story."

And so I do, and shall continue.

My oldest daughter presented me with a couple of tasks recently – a sheet of questions to answer and a small book entitled "I want to have your story DAD." It contains pages to be filled in regarding family history, love, marriage, family, etc. It's all in the name of having some written documents – in my own words – for her to read, over and over during her life.

My body will not last, but perhaps my words will ring immortal and offer some comfort or guidance in the years ahead.

One of her questions asked for some of my biggest "takeaways" in life. Wow. In terms of lessons, or food for thought, I'd say approach

everything with an open mind and heart. It's okay to be skeptical or reticent, but try to listen, hear and feel. Be open to new things – ideas, experiences, sounds, tastes and smells. The world is filled with wonder, so take a bite every chance you get.

Forgive and forget – forgive yourself, forgive others. We have enough burdens in our life, we don't need any self-imposed pain.

Travel. It's one way to get an idea of just how big the earth is. It's also filled with some amazing people from all cultures and all walks of life. Beautiful people, each and every one of them.

Greet them, talk to them, ask questions.

Another question asked what brought me great happiness. The answer would have to be my wife and then our children. Finding love isn't always easy, but when you do, hold on to it with all your might.

My wife has had to put up with a lot from me over the years, but her loyalty and strength have never waned. She's a rock, our rock.

She's also a great mom and has raised three amazing children. She's given them strength, wisdom, compassion, self-esteem and direction. They embody all of Kim's best qualities and for that I am truly happy. I am also happy that I had the chance to be a dad three times over. While my parenting skills are far from top-notch, I am there. I have their backs, always.

When asked about parenting tips, I'd have to say be patient, guiding, present, supportive. Show and give love always, unconditionally. Hugs and kisses should always be in ample supply. It's okay to be firm, and chastise the little ones when necessary. But be careful with words, lest they leave some welts.

Be prepared for many, many late nights, worrying constantly, and trying to figure out where your kids are coming from.

Julie Andrews once sang about her favourite things.

Some of mine would have to be experiences rather than material things, although I have had a couple of items that made me smile. One was my 1970 Camaro RS I managed to get while in high school. Nothing puts a spring in a young man's step like a cool muscle car.

Fast-forward to when my kids were young and our best times were family vacations at the Delawana Inn near Honey Harbour. For more than a decade, we visited this special place and made literally hundreds of memories. I know our kids cherish those times.

Other faves include hearing my kids laugh, so hard they can hardly breathe. I have joined in from time to time, laughing so hard, tears ran down my cheeks. This is what happiness is, there's no doubt about it. If we could only bottle the stuff!

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A day in the life of Caledon

Birds, highways, pits, and a day in court. What else is new for Caledon? Our town is changing minute by minute and it can be hard to keep up. Resident advocacy groups like Democracy Caledon can help, as do a myriad of other organizations linked to calling attention to developer overreach, the environment (Forks of the Credit Preservation Group and Caledon Swan Lake), trucking and safety issues (the Caledon Community Road Safety Advocacy Group), and others.

Who doesn't keep up? The Town of Caledon and its messaging.

"Read the room" is an expression representing one's ability to understand the audience to whom they are playing. The Town of Caledon appears to have lost that ability. Residents are struggling under the weight of rising costs of food and gas, trying to get to work on unsafe roads surrounded by trucks, and have genuine concerns about the potential for rising tax rates related to massive, and seemingly unrestrained development. In the midst of all this, recent exhortations about how the Town is protecting birds and bragging about proximity to trade corridors and growth potential are being received by the public as completely tone deaf.

Considering the Town seems pretty intent on allowing developers, gravel pit owners and Doug Ford and his Highway 413 free reign over Caledon, the messaging from the Town portrays a false sense of reality.

Here are just two examples.

Recently, the Town boasted about birds, for the second time I might add, announcing Caledon has been "certified as a Bird friendly City by Nature Canada" and recognized for its "leadership in bird conservation, habitat protection, and community engagement." I'm not entirely sure how massive land rezoning, highway construction and a blasting quarry are exactly bird friendly, but according to the Town's own messaging, staff were "directed to apply for Bird Friendly City status." In doing so, the Town committed to such initiatives as implementing bird-friendly building design, "dark-sky lighting measures to reduce light pollution"...and, I kid you not, "animal control by-laws that limit free roaming cats." I note nothing specific however, about whether filling in Swan Lake might disrupt the habitat and home of a multitude of species -including Trumpeter Swans, which, last I checked,

I'm pretty certain are BIRDS!

In the second announcement, the Town proclaims "Ontario is Caledon." Not content to just be a Town, I guess we are now all of Ontario wrapped up into one, tidy set of 12 legally contested zoning approvals. The messaging brags that Caledon is "set to become one of the fastest -growing municipalities in Ontario (and) secured \$14M of federal accelerator funding to support the supply of more housing." Nothing about affordability was mentioned, but it did go on to note that "located along major GTA trade corridors with connectivity through the future Highway 413" makes us an ideal location for businesses looking to relocate. The accompanying graphics and photos included a beautiful park and homes located next to a pristine-looking body of water. Not pictured? Any of the hundreds of illegal truck, trailer and storage container yards currently dotting the landscape as applications for truck and trailer parking continue unabated and "zoning into compliance" has become just another sentence in the Caledon dictionary.

Meanwhile yet another application is coming before Council on June 2, this one concerning a sand and gravel aggregate extraction facility who want to expand an existing site by having land rezoned from Prime Agricultural to Extractive Industrial. About the only "positive" thing we can say about the applicant Amrize, formerly LaFarge (and, of course, I'm being ironic) is that at least it's not a blasting below the water table proposal.

Finally, we'll end by noting that Democracy Caledon recently had their day in court.

On May 4, the force was with the citizen-led group who are challenging the legality of a series of 12 land rezoning applications, pushed through in part via the use of provincially granted Strong Mayor powers. At issue are a number of concerns including the speed with which the rezoning took place, the lack of any secondary plans, how infrastructure like water and sewers and roads would be developed and paid for and by whom? (Resident tax dollars?) As well, did this rezoning violate municipal planning processes and both the Town and the Region of Peel's Official Plan? Judgement has been reserved for announcement at a future date, but could have a significant impact not just on Caledon, but all of Ontario, which - according to the Town - is Caledon.

Tone deaf indeed.

MAYOR ANNETTE GROVES
MAYOR GROVES' COLUMN



BrightStart Caledon Family Centre

I would like to highlight an outstanding resource available to families in Caledon.

BrightStart Caledon Family Centre offers free, high-quality programs and services for children, parents, and caregivers in Caledon and the surrounding communities.

Since 1987, BrightStart has supported tens of thousands of families by providing access to early learning programs, workshops, resources, and referrals. As the community has grown, so has the organization - expanding its services to better meet the evolving needs of the families it serves. In 2024, following a comprehensive rebranding initiative, the Caledon Parent-Child Centre became BrightStart Caledon Family Centre.

Today, BrightStart is recognized as a trusted and valued community resource - a welcoming environment where children, parents, and caregivers can access support, build confidence in their roles, and foster a strong sense of belonging.

BrightStart is guided by a vision of bringing families together through enriching programs that support their overall well-being. Its mission is to provide a strong foundation for healthy family development, creating positive outcomes for children that extend throughout the broader community.

Over the years, BrightStart has remained responsive to the unique needs of Caledon, continually adapting its programs and services to bridge gaps and deliver meaningful impact. The organization is committed to supporting the vital role of parents and caregivers while fostering a connected and supportive community.

BrightStart Caledon Family Centre is a place where families can grow, connect, and thrive. I encourage families to explore this valuable resource and discover the wide range of programs available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Learn more by visiting brightstartcaledon.com

It's important to share our life stories

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As far as food goes, I always have a soft spot for KFC. I believe it goes back to when my favourite uncle would visit us in Bolton, and he always brought a bucket of KFC (under \$20 back then).

When asked what I would do differently, I had to pause and reflect. The only things that spring to mind are to be more frugal with money and more giving with my time.

I would recommend, not to just to my daughter but to everyone, to let go of guilt, pain and sorrow. Life isn't fair and you have to become a really good card player to win some hands. As Kenny said you have to know when to hold, fold and walk away.

The real kicker is what I believe is the meaning of life.

In a nutshell, life is about understanding what's all around you - the air, nature, wind, birds, butterflies and puppies. It's about seeing what was created and gifted to us humans to explore and experience. Life is also about people - because it's special people who come into your life and help shape you.

It's been said that any experience, which is not written, will be lost in time.

Maya Angelou reminded us that "there is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you."

I would encourage every parent and grandparent to jot down some of your fondest memories and best pieces of advice.

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ARTS & CULTURE

Chamber's Rise and Thrive event encourages Caledon to Recentre and Recharge

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She says that she turns to meditation herself to centre and refocus when working in high-stress situations, adding that when you take the time to clear your mind, your thoughts become more positive and creative.

"I think it's so important for all entrepreneurs to find the time to take care of themselves and that allows them to be there for others, to be there for their business, to be there for their family, because when they are working from a very low cup, you can't function properly," says Upshall.

The event, hosted at Mount Alverno Luxury Resorts, had more than 30 attendees who had registered to take part in a morning of wellness that day, featuring breakout sessions in Qi Gong, meditation, and sound therapy.

Qi Gong practitioner Brigitte Li guided attendees in her breakout session that morning. She has been practicing for almost nine years.

"Qi Gong is slow-moving, stretching, breathing, and because it is so slow, it actually helps you to be mindful and aware," explained Li. "Because it is combined with movement, you have to be present."

Li also teaches Qi Gong for the Town of Caledon, which is how she was introduced to the Chamber event that morning.

Li added more and more companies are looking to incorporate Qi Gong to ease workplace stress and create a reset.

"Any company, no matter how big or small they are, their assets are people, and if they take care of the wellness of their people, I think that's the foundation," said Li.

"I'm delighted to be here and it's great



Aspilla sets up her instruments for her sessions.

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Men's Lunch – Tuesday, May 19, 2026

The Caledon Seniors Centre is hosting their Men's Lunch on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at Rotary Place in Bolton. Lunch menu is fish & chips, coleslaw, & pineapple sunshine cake. Topic is: There Is More Than 1 Way To Shoot A Moose: Wildlife The Way I See It. Presenter Gary Hall, Wildlife Photographer. Cost is \$11. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to purchase your tickets by Friday, May 15 at 12 PM.

Monthly Dinner – Friday, May 29, 2026

The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is having a Monthly Dinner on Friday, May 29, 2026. The menu is Stuffed Chicken Breast, Roasted Potatoes, Kale Salad & Ice-Cream Sandwich Dessert. Cost is \$16. Pick-up at 5:15 pm, dine-in served at 5:30 pm, local delivery available for \$2. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 by Thurs. May 27 at 3:30 pm to buy your tickets!

The Caledon Breast Cancer Support Group

will be holding it's monthly meeting on June 17, 2026

Details as follows:

Date: June 17, 2026
Place: Kinsmen Club in Bolton
Address: 35 Chapel St, Bolton (Hwy 50 & King Intersection)
Time: 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Price: No Charge
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that the Chamber is open-minded like this and has this kind of event, a morning focused on wellness."

Business Owner Danielle Gomes with Crown Commons Landscape Design said the event was about taking the time and making it a priority, especially during Mental Health Awareness Month.

Even that morning, she noted it was challenging to make time for the event, but that's why it's important to make the time.

She also attended the event last year and enjoyed it, leading her to sign up for the second year.

Layla Roche, Meditation Practitioner, also led a breakout session and said her passion for yoga, meditation, wellness, fitness, and nutrition brought her to the event.

For more than five years, she has been teaching yoga, fitness coaching, sound healing, breathwork, and meditation, specifically for people who are in high-performing positions or entrepreneurs, who "have a lot on their shoulders and want to not only de-stress, but also potentially prevent things like Alzheimer's, dementia, health issues, and health concerns."

"That's why I'm so passionate about it because I've seen my family members go through health conditions, and yoga, meditation, breathwork can be proven to reduce stress, cortisol, and regulate our nervous system, which helps with their health," said Roche.

That day, she led breathwork and mindful meditation, which she said are accessible to everyone.

When looking at habits, health, and lifestyle, Roche said to think about whether it is optimal or short-term and will lead to burnout, cortisol, and fatigue in the future.

"A lot of business owners, they have the business covered, but they don't have their mental health, their physical well-being, and even their emotional well-being covered," she said.

"I am most looking forward to the conversations after our sessions, people bringing up what the key takeaways were from our sessions together, and how it's impacted them, and how they feel afterwards," she added. "Usually they feel blissful, just absolutely amazing after, so I'm excited to hear that."

Dr. Rupa Salwan, Naturopathic Doctor, was the keynote speaker for the morning.

Salwan focused on talking to entrepreneurs and business owners about how they can support their mental health in their

own capacity and in her capacity as a naturopathic doctor.

"Mental health is very personal to everyone," says Salwan. "We're all going to take away a little bit. What's going to help one person might not help the other person."

Salwan discussed the benefits of the Rise and Thrive event's layout that morning.

"I like how it's not just about a talk and gathering information, but it's also a practice of what does it look like to actually do those things, and what does it feel like to actually experience those things? Hopefully something will resonate with people, and then we can spark a light when it comes to that," said Salwan.

"Taking the time in the morning and giving a little piece of a slice of that cake for yourself can really set us up for the rest of the day," she added. "I'll be talking about the various physiological aspects of why that's important. But even just human to human, we know that taking a little bit of time before our lives get busy and start dedicating that to business, family, kids, dogs, can really help to set us up in a more mindful state. It doesn't change stress or change what's going on, but it can help us to stay more present."

The final breakout session leader was Sound Bath Practitioner Raizelle Aspilla, who received her certifications in Nepal.

All of her instruments were made locally in Nepal, and she shares that they hold important meaning for her and her values, both in supporting the community and in honouring the practice and its roots.

For Aspilla, events like the Rise and Thrive morning are important because "you're the foundation of everything in your life."

"Pouring into yourself, overfilling your own cup allows you to be there for your community, allows you to have enough energy for yourself and for others, and it's just good for everybody and yourself," said Aspilla. "It's super important for these wellness pockets to be available and to finally have that conversation [that] it's not feasible to go into burnout until it's too late, and then you lose your passion, you lose your spark. It doesn't have to be that way."

"Wellness, with my personal practices, with self-healing movement, that's given me my vitality, my life force energy to be overflowing within myself to also flow into and give to other people."

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Caledon deemed Bird Friendly City by Nature Canada



BIRD FRIENDLY CITY

CERTIFIED BY NATURE CANADA

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

After more than a year since Council passed a motion to apply for Bird Friendly City status, Nature Canada has officially certified Caledon as a Bird Friendly City.

This certification is awarded to municipalities that meet standards across three key areas: threat reduction, habitat protection and restoration, and community outreach and education.

In January of 2025, Council passed a Motion directing staff to apply for Bird Friendly City status and committed to ongoing action, including annual reporting, continued program development, and support for a community-led Bird Team.

Since then, Caledon has implemented a range of initiatives toward achieving certification.

A Town of Caledon official stated that key initiatives include Caledon's Animal Care and Control By-law, which requires pets to be

restrained and limits the number of cats per household, as well as the Town's Community Cat Program, which helps manage feral cat populations through humane trapping, spaying/neutering and vaccination.

More recently, the Town launched an internal bird-window collision reporting tool for staff to help identify and address collision risks at Town facilities.

It was stated that since 2024, the Town has also requested that eligible new development applications consider bird-friendly building design and dark-sky lighting measures to help reduce bird-window collisions and light pollution.

Part of Council's January motion was to support a community-led Bird Team, which includes Town staff, representatives from Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), local school boards, and residents with an interest in conservation and nature.

A Town of Caledon official stated that the Caledon Bird Team "played an important role in identifying and coordinating existing

bird-friendly initiatives happening across Caledon, which helped support the Town's successful certification application."

The collaboration was said to create stronger partnerships that will help guide future bird conservation and education efforts.

"This designation reflects Caledon's commitment to protecting our natural environment and the wildlife that depend on it," said Mayor Annette Groves. "Becoming a Bird Friendly City is the result of ongoing collaboration between Council, staff, community partners and residents who care about preserving the landscapes that make Caledon unique."

As the Bird Friendly City certification re-

quires continuous improvement, the Town will continue advancing bird-friendly actions through existing and emerging environmental strategies, including the Resilient Caledon Community Climate Action Plan, the Natural Heritage Strategy, and the Urban Forest Strategy.

It was shared that they will also continue working with conservation authorities and community partners to promote existing and future programs, expand education and awareness initiatives, and encourage residents to adopt bird-friendly practices.

Residents can also expect to see more Bird-Friendly Caledon events and outreach campaigns in the future.



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Think twice before you ignite this Victoria Day

BY RILEY MURPHY
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The sun is out this weekend for the Victoria Day holiday, and the community is looking forward to celebrating, but it's always good to keep in mind that it should be done safely and legally.

As of April 26, 2022, with the implementation of Caledon's Fireworks By-law, the discharge of fireworks for personal use is not allowed in Caledon, nor is the sale of home fireworks.

Any person who violates the Fireworks By-law is guilty of an offence and subject to a fine of up to \$600, which may increase progressively.

"As Victoria Day approaches, residents are reminded that personal use of fireworks is not permitted in Caledon and may result in fines of up to \$615," says Judith D'Souza Soares, Commissioner of Community Services for the Town of Caledon.

Fines for various fireworks-related activities are as follows:

- Discharge or possession of fireworks - \$365-\$615;
- Set off fireworks in a manner which causes a nuisance or disturbance - \$615;
- Hold a fireworks display on town land - \$365;
- Obstruct an officer while performing their duty - \$615.

The Town also has discretion to issue a summons requiring someone to attend court, where fines range from a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$100,000

Caledon residents can call 311 to report a violation.

For more information on the Fireworks By-law, visit caledon.ca/fireworks.

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Form 2 Expropriations Act

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

For the purpose(s) of: Subject lands are required for the proposed ROW of Highway 413, Highway 410 extension and freeway to freeway ramps, transitway, and interchange ramps from west of Kennedy to Dixie along the Highway 413 alignment and from Mayfield to Highway 413 along the Highway 410 alignment and all works related hereto.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The comments must be sent:

By e-mail to: Property.Process@ontario.ca

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

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

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

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SCHEDULE "A"

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

1. ALL of PIN 14297-0098 (LT), being Part of Lot 24, Concession 1 East of Hurontario Street, Geographic Township of Chinguacousy, Town of Caledon; shown as Parts 1 to 5, all inclusive, on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5152-0064 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Peel as Plan 43R-42191.
2. PART of PIN 14297-0167 (LT), being Part of Lot 23, Concession 3 East of Hurontario Street, Geographic Township of Chinguacousy, Town of Caledon; shown as Parts 3 and 4 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5152-0061 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Peel as Plan 43R-42160.
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Chamber of Commerce presents local business frustrations to Council

BY RILEY MURPHY
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The Caledon Chamber of Commerce recently appeared before Caledon Council, presenting its findings from a member roundtable event and a business challenges survey.

These were held to listen to the business community, identify recurring barriers, and present actionable insights.

During the presentation, Caledon Chamber of Commerce President Marion Upshall shared many of the frustrations faced were not isolated to one industry but were systemic.

“We consistently heard similar concerns, whether it is retail, service providers, hospitality, or professional services,” says Upshall.

The Chamber consists of 223 members, of whom 77 per cent are businesses with 1 to 10 employees.

In their presentation, the Chamber of Commerce revealed that the top three challenges businesses reported to be facing were rising costs, transportation/infrastructure issues, and access to customers/market visibility.

Upshall noted “little transportation opportunities in Caledon” affect the local labour pool and customer access.

“Traffic congestion from the significant volume of truck traffic moving through our major corridors continues to be one of the most pressing concerns for our community,” she said. “Our key roads are increasingly burdened, creating delays for residents, employees, customers, and goods movement alike. This not only discourages people from traveling across Caledon to shop, dine, or access services, but also impacts workforce attraction and retention as potential employees may be less inclined to commute to or seek employment in our area due to ongoing transportation challenges.”

She noted one of the most frequent sources of frustration for businesses was navigating government systems, which they described as overly complicated, unclear, and often too slow.

“They want to spend less time figuring out bureaucracy and more time running and growing their businesses,” said Upshall.

Based on the feedback, the Chamber presented four opportunities for action.

The first was to improve navigation and communication by creating a more centralized business resource, such as a Small Business Enterprise Centre (SBEC).

The next step was to develop a visible, coordinated shop local campaign through Town and Chamber partnerships.

The third is to continue strong advocacy for local businesses at the regional and provincial levels, and finally, to have ongoing communication and transparency with the business community.

“Our businesses are resilient, innovative, and deeply invested in this community. With stronger collaboration between the Town, Chamber, and business community, we can create an environment where businesses don’t just survive but truly thrive,” said Upshall.

Councillors shared their thoughts on the feedback received.

When it comes to the transportation frustrations voiced, Councillor Tony Rosa noted the new Argo electric bus minibus service, which will launch this September.

He added he feels more business profiling should be done to educate the community on local businesses, with a possible opportunity for collaboration with the Town’s Economic Development department.

Councillor Mario Russo echoed that point, adding a synergistic partnership between the two could create great strides.

Councillor Christina Early posed the possi-

bility of operations training for businesses to understand how to grow to the next level, and Chair of the Board of the Caledon Chamber of Commerce, Hazel Piacentini, responded that they themselves have been considering hosting business training for local owners.

“I want to be able to help them right from the start to be able to do that with the help of larger organizations to be able to come in and mentor,” she said. “That’s what we’re working on, and that’s what we would like to be able to roll out.”

Another issue raised during the meeting was Caledon’s future growth and the welcoming of over 200,000 residents over the coming decades.

Rosa says with these new residents, the housing pledge also discusses the 125,000 new jobs that Caledon is expected to create.

“When you talk about mentorship, I think we also need to work with the businesses that exist here today, who have potential to bring their business to the next level, who have potential to grow their businesses and create more work and more positions within organically, because that can also make a huge contribution to that 125,000 jobs,” said Rosa.

Manager of Business Attraction and Investment with Planning and Development Ben Roberts said as Caledon continues to grow, they need the resources in place to support new and existing businesses in the community.

“We continue to advocate any chance that

we have, speaking with our provincial representatives, to have [a] Small Business Enterprise Centre, within our community to support our companies,” says Roberts. “We still continue to work well with our current specs that offer services to our community through both Brampton and Orangeville. However, ultimately having something within our community within a distance which is close by, that would meet our needs best.”

Councillor Doug Maskell said it is “frustrating” to see smaller municipalities with small business enterprise centres, while Caledon remains without one.

In the meantime, Roberts said they continue to look at expanding the services they currently offer, such as the Growth Wheel program offered at the Humber River Centre.

Growth Wheel is a cloud-based tool that helps business owners set priorities and take steps toward their goals.

As well as the Business Retention Expansion Program, Roberts adds they currently have a group of four students who will be going out into the community to collect information on new businesses, which, in turn, will create conversations where businesses can voice their needs and possible frustrations.

Their partnership with Toronto Metropolitan University’s DMZ incubator, the DMZ Caledon Business Incubator for Caledon entrepreneurs, continues to be in place.



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The Bottle Bay to celebrate with community at grand re-opening

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

After holding its initial grand opening on May 2, brand-new restaurant The Bottle Bay is set to hold a grand re-opening later this month.

Aaron Gawdi, Owner and CEO, is the vision behind The Bottle Bay.

After years of tribulations in his own life, Gawdi saw a small space for rent available in Downtown Bolton on a drive through Caledon and knew it was meant to be.

The landlord asked Gawdi what he planned to do with the space, and Gawdi answered laughing that he had no idea.

Now, months later, he has successfully opened The Bottle Bay, a restaurant specializing in locally-crafted Ontario wines, beers, and spirits, as well as a varied menu.

Gawdi has over 20 years of bartending experience and, after serving in numerous venues, has finally created a place of his own.

And, he wanted to make it proudly Canadian.

After moving to Canada from Amsterdam decades ago as part of a student exchange program, he always knew he wanted to return.

Years later, he did, and now works with local distilleries and various companies to ensure everything is made here, locally and in the country.

"I'm proud to be part of this beautiful community, Bolton and Caledon,"

adds Gawdi. "I drove around to Sudbury, Welland, Niagara Falls, Perth, ON, Orangeville. I met up with breweries, spirits, distilleries and wineries, I only want to carry local products exclusive from the LCBO and Ontario made."

Seeing it all come together on his original opening day in the first weekend in May, he says, was a huge relief.

After working for months through renovation and licensing issues, he was grateful to see it in front of him that day.

He adds that with all the people helping and supporting him through his opening, he feels it was meant to be.

"It's a hard task that I picked. But, at the end of the day, I knew that this could happen. Nothing can stop me," says Gawdi.

At The Bottle Bay, he says it's about the experience: they offer tasting experiences and various pairings.

After working in the hotel industry for numerous years, along with his restaurant experience, he says he was able to build a strong menu with something for everyone.

One of his favourite parts, he says, is that people have already begun booking his restaurant for their special celebrations, and he's already gaining regulars, making his space a "place to gather."

Now, he's set to hold a grand re-opening on May 23 at 2 p.m. outside his store, 4 Queen St S, Bolton.

Already planning for the big day, he notes he will set up a tasting booth inside for everyone to enjoy and looks forward to celebrating with the whole community.



Aaron Gawdi is pictured inside his restaurant.

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Community-driven video sheds light on domestic and sexual violence in Dufferin-Caledon

BY JOSHUA DRAKES

A new community-driven awareness video is putting a spotlight on gender-based violence in Dufferin County and Caledon, using familiar settings and lived experiences to challenge long-held assumptions about safety in rural communities.

The video, part of the “It Happens Here” campaign, was developed as an accessible educational tool designed to reach viewers where they are, both physically and emotionally. The project was conceived as something that could be shared widely online and revisited over time. The project aims to create a lasting impact rather than a one-time message.

Barbara Mason is the sexual violence community engagement facilitator with Family Transition Place and a member of

Dufferin-Caledon Domestic Assault Review Team (DART). She said that by presenting real stories in recognizable local spaces, the video underscores a central idea: violence is not confined to distant places – it exists within the community itself.

“We want people to understand that this isn’t something that happens somewhere else; it does happen here,” Mason said. “When people watch it, you can tell that it’s Orangeville... These are landmarks in our community. This is a close-to-home story. The video shares the reality of gender-based violence throughout our community through survivor voices and through their lived experience.”

The video features multiple survivors sharing their personal stories of experiencing violence and how it affected them.

The project emerged through the work of the Dufferin-Caledon DART team, which meets with and consults with a survivor engagement group known as “Voices of Courage.” Formed in 2010, the group includes individuals with lived experience who actively contribute to education and outreach efforts.

Members played a key role in shaping the video, offering insight, feedback and direction throughout the process. The result is a collaborative effort that reflects both professional expertise and personal experience.

“Survivors involved in this group contributed their experiences, their feedback and their insights, which helped shape the video and its message,” Mason said. “They were incredibly brave to share their stories on camera, and they have done a remarkable job to help make DART and our partners more approachable and accessible for survivors.”

At its core, the video is meant to resonate on multiple levels.

For viewers, it delivers a clear message that support exists and that those experiencing violence are not alone. For survivors, it offers a sense of recognition and possibility, showing that others have navigated similar experiences and found a path forward. The storytelling approach – grounded in real voices rather than statistics – aims to create a deeper emotional connection and encourage reflection.

The campaign also highlights the unique challenges of addressing domestic and sexual violence in rural communities.

Limited anonymity, transportation barriers, and close social networks can make it more difficult for individuals to seek help.

“For example, you go to the hospital because something’s happened and you need support, but you know the nurse who’s working at triage,” Mason said. “Or you know the officer who might get dispatched to your house might be friends with the perpetrator... There are some significant barriers around confidentiality... If you’re in Toronto, you can drive a couple blocks away, and nobody has a clue who you are.”

“There’s the other issues of transpor-

ation. How do folks who live in rural communities access support if they don’t have access to a vehicle or they don’t have money for gas? If there is an emergency and it’s a violent situation, how long is it going to take for someone to get there to help you?”

Concerns about confidentiality and the visibility of accessing services can discourage reporting, while geographic distance can delay access to support. These factors contribute to underreporting and complicate efforts to fully understand the scope of the issue.

Compounding these challenges are persistent misconceptions about small-town safety. The campaign directly confronts the belief that violence does not occur in close-knit or seemingly secure communities.

By placing survivor stories against a backdrop of recognizable local landmarks, the video emphasizes that appearances can be misleading and that harm often occurs behind closed doors.

It’s those stories of survival that give this campaign its strength, Mason says.

“As much as ‘It Happens Here’ is the title, it happens everywhere,” she said. “That’s what gives this campaign strength. It’s universal, and it’s the women who chose to speak when staying silent would have been much easier for them, and their willingness to share their lived experience so openly, that’s what gives this message the weight. That kind of courage doesn’t just inform a campaign, it anchors it in reality, and it gives others permission to recognize their stories and feel less alone than sharing them.”

Ultimately, organizers see the video as a starting point. By raising awareness and encouraging conversations, the campaign is intended to break cycles of silence and foster a more informed and responsive community.

Through shared understanding and dialogue, it aims to lay the groundwork for continued education, support, and meaningful change.

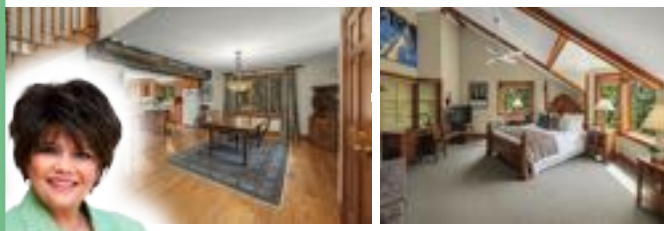
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Firefighter safety front and centre at new Caledon Station 310 opening



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“It’s spaces that enable our crews to perform at their best while helping others to reduce risk by supporting health over the course of their careers.”

The new station, he adds, will improve response times, enhance coordination, and strengthen their ability to “keep residents safe.”

One important addition to the station is a brand-new bank for their air cylinders, allowing their firefighters to refill clean air into their cylinders, eight at a time, instead of the previous six.

He estimates that, historically, it takes approximately 10 minutes to fill each one, which Fairbairn notes becomes crucial when you’re possibly using hundreds on one fire, with another potentially around the corner.

With grant funding, they also secured

the same model for Station 303.

“This is what saves us so much time and allows us to actually go in and fight the fire,” says Fairbairn. “When you talk about not having the resources, like adequate air supply for our staff to breathe, they then have to fight that fire defensively, and maybe not as aggressive as we possibly could.”

Located at 12357 Chinguacousy Road, the station is said to be positioned to serve one of Caledon’s growing neighbourhoods.

“This fire station will serve one of Caledon’s fastest-growing corridors improving coverage for those existing neighborhoods and future development,” said Mayor Annette Groves. “By improving emergency services coverage, we’re ensuring residents and businesses continue to receive the high standards of public safety and service excellency they deserve. The

new station reduces response times and supports the Town’s commitment to high standards of public safety as the community continues to grow.”

Groves noted that Station 310 incorporates energy-efficient systems and environmentally responsible building practices.

Ruby Sahota, MP for Brampton North-Caledon, also attended the event and said the day was about more than just the new building.

Sahota remarked the new station showcases investment in safety and community, adding that not only does it represent a commitment to protecting families and first responders, but also ensuring that Caledon continues to grow with the infrastructure and emergency services residents deserve.

Fire Chief Dave Pelayo said that the station represents a lot of planning, collabora-

tion, and ensuring Caledon is getting the level of emergency service the community needs.

“Caledon is growing quickly, and as it grows, our responsibility is to make sure that emergency services grow with it. Station 310 does exactly that, it improves response times, it fills an important service gap, and allows us to better serve the residents of South Caledon and right here in Mayfield West,” said Pelayo.

Pelayo said the station was built to be prepared, with their apparatus bay, training rooms, and living areas.

He added the station was designed to keep their firefighters healthy over the long term, with separate contaminated and clean areas and building systems that reduce exposure risks.

The station, he noted, is a modern, low-carbon facility with energy-efficient systems and rooftop solar.

“It shows that you can build an essential infrastructure that is smart, responsible, and future-focused, all at the same time,” said Pelayo.

The brand-new facility also serves as a space for their regional training courses, separate from the firefighters’ living quarters.

Also in the brand-new building is a gym, storage space, living space, and a kitchen and dining area, each space thoughtfully designed.

The living spaces have been designed to address cross-contamination issues during times such as the COVID-19 pandemic; the rooms can be separated into platoons without risk of exposure to one another.

Each detail has been thought through, even down to their dining room, specifically designed to be big enough to fit everyone in the station at once, creating a common area for them all to enjoy together.

“To our firefighters, this station is here for you. It is here to support the work you do every single day and to make sure you have a safe, functional space to operate from as you continue serving our community professionally and with pride,” said Pelayo.



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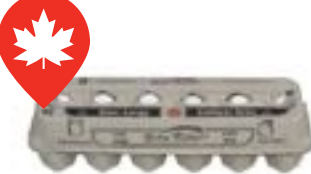
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Humeniuk announces RBC Canadian Open will return to TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley in 2027

BY JIM STEWART

Media Day 2026 at TPC Toronto showcased the surging popularity of the RBC Canadian Open and the beauty of Osprey Valley during our complimentary round of golf at The Hoot on a sunny Monday.

It also brought great news for the Town as Caledon Sports Hall of Famer Chris Humeniuk declared that “We’re coming back here in 2027!”

“May the 4th be with you: is often said, but it certainly rang true for all attendees on Monday at TPC Toronto. In addition to the big announcement by Humeniuk, the media were treated to ideal May conditions on a very forgiving South Course 18-hole layout. My partners and I piped out drives most of the time and were rewarded for staying in the middle of The Hoot’s spacious verdant fairways and sizeable, subtle greens. The idyllic afternoon round was a perfect punctuation mark to Media Day.

The morning was equally enjoyable. After registration and a delicious hot breakfast served in the Main Clubhouse, the press conference featured Canadian golf royalty.

Presiding over the “presser” were RBC’s Shannon Cole, Golf Canada’s Laurence Applebaum, TPC Toronto’s Chris Humeniuk, and Golf Canada’s Ryan Paul.

The scrum was attended by more than 100 broadcasters, producers, and reporters.

Cole brought greetings from the Royal Bank and noted that the Canadian Open is “the third oldest tournament on the PGA.” She cited “Canada’s famous hospitality” as a key factor reinforcing the event’s “\$100 M impact on the Canadian economy.”

Cole applauded “this generation of Canadian talent currently on the PGA tour” and pointed to the “power of sustained investment in the game” that has produced “current national stars like 2023 Canadian Open champion Nick Taylor, Corey Connors, Adam Hadwin, Taylor Pendrith, Mackenzie Hughes, and a number of rising stars committed to the tournament.”

In addition to the treasured national contingent that will appear at the 2026 RBC Canadian Open, Cole delineated an enviable septet of “top level players who have already committed to this year’s event in Caledon: Jacob Richmond, Max Homa, Brooks Koepka, Tony Finau, Collin Morikawa, Tommy Fleetwood, and Matt Fitzpatrick. The world’s best players deserve a world class course.”

Cole’s closing disclosure of the star power in this year’s tournament segued nicely into Applebaum’s humorous opening remarks about the comparative caliber of golfer gracing Osprey Valley on Monday.

He described “Media Day as one of the most fun days of the year—kind of like Caddyshack when all the caddies get to play on the course for a few hours. We’re so excited to host our friends from the media. For Canadian golfers, this is their Major.”

“Tommy Fleetwood told us that it feels like home when he plays in this part of the world and it’s great to have him at our 115th Open.”

Applebaum voiced his appreciation of the government of Ontario and thanked three representatives specifically for their ongoing support.

“The Province of Ontario is one of our partners that gets it. A special thank you to Neil Lumsden, Stan Cho, and Doug Ford – who are all amazing partners and drivers of this event.”

He closed his address by lavishing praise on the Caledon resident who heads up TPC Toronto: “Chris Humeniuk has put this property on the world platform. This is the new home of Canadian golf including our Hall of Fame and a new putting park will be unveiled during the Open.”

Humeniuk, who was inducted into the 2026 Caledon Sport Hall of Fame in January, offered a good-natured jab at Applebaum as he took the microphone.

“I’ll be moving faster through my presentation than Lawrence plays golf.”

The President of TPC Toronto discussed the process of tweaking and renovating the North Course to prepare it for the level of talent that will take on Osprey Valley in mid-June.

“The north course was re-designed to challenge the world’s best players to make bold shots. Ryan Fox’s bold shot on 18 last year won the championship. Seeing those dramatic shots, seeing the positive \$100 million impact, and the incredible engagement of our 130,000 fans on the course—over seven million Canadians are playing the game and seventy million rounds of golf were played in Canada in 2025.”

After delivering these good news items about the dramatic finish by Fox and the growth of golf in Canada, Humeniuk thanked the Councillors from Caledon and Orangeville for their attendance and saved the best for last.

The Caledon Sport Hall of Famer extracted his buried lead in an ironic twist on Media Day and presented the most important news item of the day as a triumphant conclusion: “And we’re coming back here in 2027!”

Humeniuk’s climactic announcement about the RBC Canadian Open returning to TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley in 2027 marked the third consecutive year that the nation’s top golf tournament would be set in the Town of Caledon.

Tournament Director Ryan Paul echoed Humeniuk’s enthusiasm and described TPC Toronto as “a true legacy venue for the event.”

“We’re set up to create benefits for our communities. This is an incredible moment as the RBC Canadian Open has become a premier stop on the PGA Tour. What sets our course apart is its ability to challenge so many players. 7,500 yards including four Par 4s over 500 yards. Strategic bunkering and new tee decks. A return of ‘The Rink’ which was home to 118 birdies. This one will be the loudest yet. There have been 3,100 attempts at ‘The Rink’ but so far—no holes in one, yet.”

Sportsnet’s Adam Stanley asked Paul what the planning team learned from the 2025 Open and the Tournament Director observed, “The biggest thing we learned was how fans moved through the venue. We’re creating more pathways, building



Chris Humeniuk announces that the 2027 RBC Canadian Open will return to TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley. PHOTO BY JIM STEWART



RBC’s Shannon Cole announced an enviable slate of players committed to the 2026 Canadian Open at TPC Toronto. PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

on the success of The Rink, and creating more off-site parking so shuttle buses deliver the fans to the course.”

Defending champion Ryan Fox joined the presser by telephone while travelling between venues and echoed Humeniuk’s remarks about the necessity of making bold shots to win the Canadian Open.

“The 3-wood into 18 was the best shot I’ve ever made. I’ll be able to draw on those good vibes this year. It’s always enjoyable coming back to a course where I’ve done well. It kick-starts things again.”

Fox also complimented TPC Toronto’s North Course, the fanbase, and the RBC Canadian Open as a tour stop.

“It’s a really good golf course, the Canadian fans are amazing, and it’s grown into a well-respected event. When I rewind ‘The Shot’ in 2025, there was no doubt in my mind when I saw they changed the pin position for the playoff. 230 into the wind. I had the shot that I wanted to hit and I had no thoughts about laying up.”

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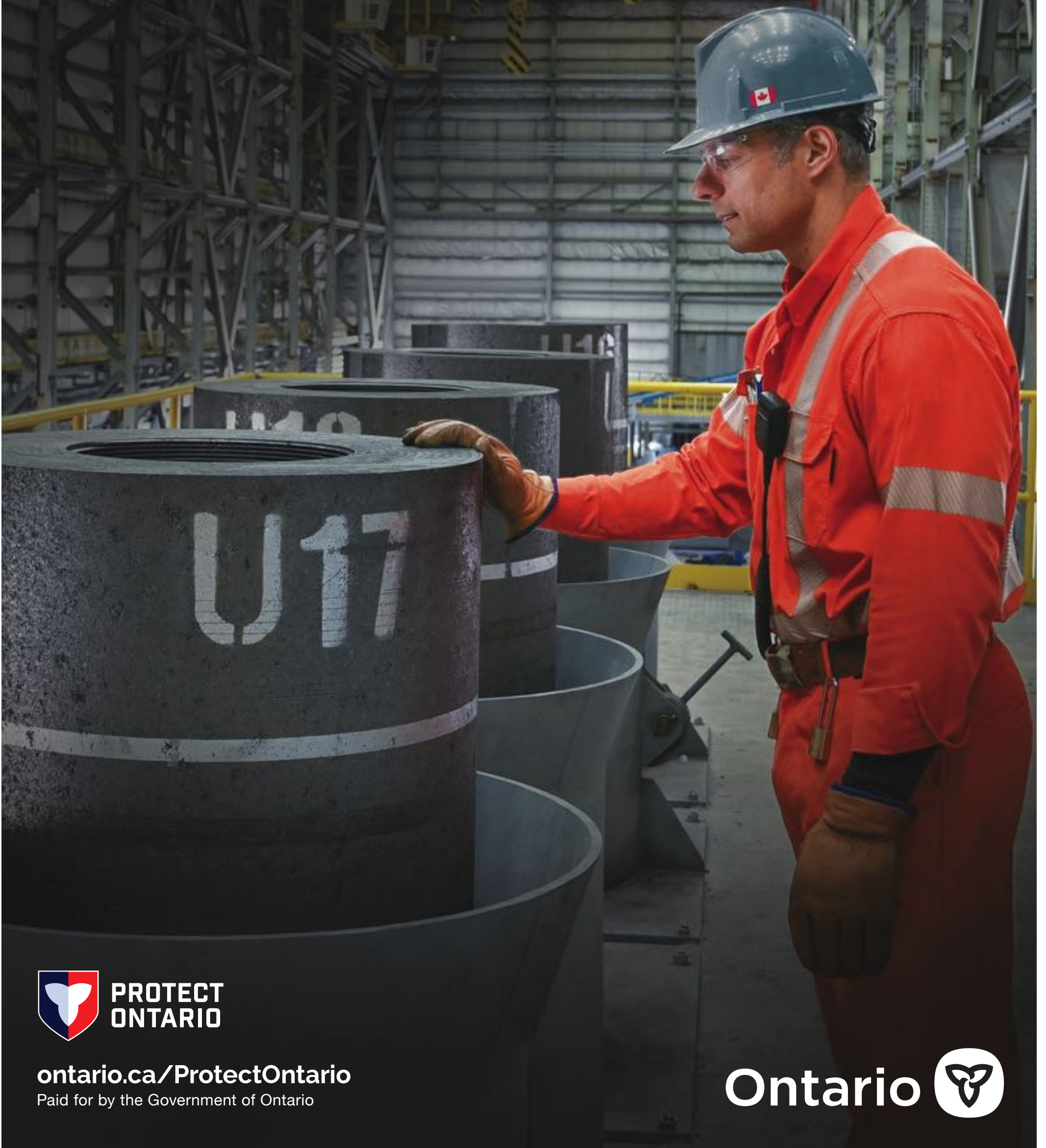


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Must-have features when outfitting an outdoor living space

Outdoor living spaces are wildly popular. A 2024 poll of more than 1,000 homeowners conducted by Thumbtack found that 29 percent of respondents intended to spend as much as \$5,000 improving their outdoor spaces in the coming months.

THERE'S MUCH TO GAIN from upgrading outdoor living spaces. In addition to the improved functionality and additional usage residents get to enjoy when upgrading these spaces, such projects can help to improve resale value. In fact, a 2021 survey of real estate agents conducted by HomeLight found that a new patio provided an average return on investment of 109 percent.

There's much to gain in both the short- and long-term when upgrading an outdoor living space. The following are a handful of must-have features to make such spaces an even better addition to a home's existing layout and landscape.

Multi-functionality
The home renovation experts at This Old House note versatility in an outdoor living space can set a stage for relaxation, entertaining and family activities. Outdoor living spaces tend to be most useful when they're multifunctional, providing a space where residents can relax on weekend mornings and

evenings throughout the week while also offering the potential to entertain crowds during backyard barbecue season. Homeowners can keep this in mind and prioritize multifunctionality when designing outdoor living spaces.

Seamless connectivity with interior designs
Though outdoor living areas were long viewed as areas wholly separate from home interiors, that traditional outlook has changed in recent years. In a 2024 survey conducted by Fixr, 78 percent of industry experts noted a coherent indoor-outdoor design was the most popular outdoor living space trend that year. This design choice suggests an outdoor living space is an extension of the home as opposed to a wholly separate area.

Comfortable seating
The days of stackable plastic lawn chairs are largely a thing of the past. Modern outdoor living spaces offer comfortable, all-weather seating where residents and guests can gather to relax and engage in conver-

sation. Accent tables to place drinks and other items is another nice touch that can add to the comfort-first feel of an outdoor space. Modular furniture merits homeowners' consideration, as such furnishings can be customized and rearranged for each gathering and might prove easier to store for homeowners who will be taking the seating in over the winter.

Lighting
Of course, summer gatherings in outdoor living spaces have a tendency to continue past sundown. Proper lighting can ensure spaces are safely navigated when the sun goes down. Sufficient lighting also enhances the visual appeal of the space while facilitating conversation when natural light is no longer enough to illuminate a space.

There's no shortage of ways to create an awe-inspiring outdoor living space. Homeowners can start with some must-have features and then build on the spaces as they see fit.

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The basics of 3 popular siding materials

Few home renovation projects can change the look of a home as significantly as new siding. New siding can make a home look brand new, and a new color can dramatically change the perception of a home.

As homeowners begin to consider siding replacement projects, they might be surprised to learn their options in relation to materials are so numerous. Though it's great to have options, it also can be difficult to pick a material when there are so many products to choose from. Vinyl, fiber cement and wood are three popular siding materials, and understanding the characteristics of each can help homeowners make more informed decisions.

Vinyl

Vinyl siding has long been among the most popular siding materials. The National Association of Home Builders notes that popularity has declined in recent years, with the market share of vinyl siding dropping 5 percent over the last decade and nearly 13 percent

over the last 20 years. Despite that declining popularity, vinyl remains a strong option for many homeowners due to its affordability and minimal maintenance requirements. Consumer Reports also notes that vinyl siding is impervious to insects and water, an attribute that's highly appealing to many homeowners.

Fiber cement

Consumer Reports notes that fiber cement siding blends cement, sand and cellulose. Many homeowners like fiber cement siding because of its aesthetic appeal, as it looks like real wood without the vulnerabilities associated with wood (see below). The home renovation experts at This Old House report that fiber cement siding has exceptional durability and offers great resistance to environmental factors like harsh weather, UV rays and moisture. Fiber cement siding also is a low-maintenance, insect-resistant option that won't warp or rot. Fiber cement siding is not easily installed, which contributes to a higher overall cost.



Wood

Siding materials don't get much more traditional than wood. It shouldn't surprise homeowners to learn that wood siding can warp or rot, and anything made from wood can be vulnerable to insects. However, well-maintained wood siding can be very durable and certain types are less vulnerable to rot than others. Local climate will affect which wood siding

options are best for a given area. Many see wood siding as characteristic of a high-end home, making the somewhat higher price tag compared to vinyl siding easier to justify.

There's no right or wrong decision when choosing siding materials for a home. Homeowners are urged to do their homework, including studying cost and the local climate, before choosing a material for their home.

Why hiring a painter is the right choice

Few home improvements can change the look of a room faster and more affordably than a painting makeover. In fact, homeowners often turn to paint before they make any other renovations. Home Light, a real estate technology company, says painting a home's interior can net a return on investment as high as 107 percent.

Although painting is a project that can be tackled by do-it-yourselfers, there are various advantages to calling in a professional to handle painting projects. Here is a look at some of the benefits to working with a professional painter.

CUT DOWN ON THE JOB TIME

A professional painter can reduce the project timeline. Painters have the skill set and experience to complete a project in a timely manner. This means the job will be streamlined from preparation to clean-up.

PAY ATTENTION TO DETAILS

Professional painters are likely to do a job that is nearly flawless, especially after homeowners exercise their due diligence and vet painters carefully. Professionals will pay attention to the small details that less experienced painters wouldn't think about.

REDUCE YOUR WORKLOAD

Painting can be a time-consuming job, and most of it occurs even before you pick up a brush. It can take hours to prep walls, patch holes, remove moldings, and apply painter's tape. Homeowners who do not have much time are better off leaving trusting the project to a professional.

PAINTERS ALREADY HAVE EQUIPMENT

Do-it-yourselfers may need to buy new tools before beginning the job. This means brushes, rollers, tape, tarps, trays, and much more. Unless you plan to paint multiple times, this

can make stocking up a considerable investment. Professionals already have all the right gear and tools of the trade.

LASTING RESULTS

Professional painters understand which products will produce the desired results, depending on the wear and tear of the space. Paints are not all created equal, and certain walls, floors and trim may require unique priming and preparation that novices are not familiar with. Professional painters can help ensure durability and save homeowners from having to do the job again in a few months or years.

A SAFER EXPERIENCE

Painting can be a challenging job when it involves painting hard-to-reach spaces and/or climbing and balancing on tall ladders. Homeowners are not at risk of injury when hiring a professional painter. In addition, professional



painters should be licensed and insured. This means if an injury or incident occurs, the homeowner will not be on the hook for the cost.

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What distinguishes our company is the level of care and attention we bring to every project.

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initial consultation and quotation stage through to project completion, we aim to keep our customers informed, organized, and comfortable throughout the renovation journey.

At The Flooring Mart Inc., we also place a strong emphasis on workmanship and finishing details. Proper floor preparation, accurate installation techniques, staircase finishing, trim work, and clean transitions are all essential to achieving a professional result. We believe that quality craftsmanship is what ultimately determines the appearance, durability, and value of the finished project.

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A rundown on ROOFING PROJECTS

No two home renovation projects are the same.

Some projects are highly detailed undertakings that take months if not years from start to finish, while others can be tackled by skilled do-it-yourselfers over the course of a single weekend. Though each project is different, categorizing renovations as needs or wants can help homeowners determine when the time is right to go forward.

Roof replacement projects typically fall into the “need” category. A decaying roof can jeopardize the safety and security of a home and lead to additional issues, like water damage. It’s unwise to delay roof replacement projects when signs of a decaying roof start to appear. Homeowners who are starting to see such indicators can look to this rundown of roof replacement projects as they begin the process of replacing their roof.

Cost

Roof replacement costs vary considerably depending on a host of variables. Materials, location and the cost of labor, dimensions of the roof, and even choice of contractor all affect the cost of the project. The home renovation experts at Angi indicate the average roof replacement project costs \$9,500. Asphalt is among the more affordable roofing materials, costing an average of \$1 to \$1.20 per square foot, according to Nerdwallet. Slate roofs will be more expensive, costing anywhere from \$10 to \$30 per square foot.

Life expectancy

Homeowners may blanch at the cost of a roof replacement project, particularly if they choose a more expensive material. However, it’s important to keep life expectancy in mind when receiving roof estimates. Many homeowners never replace a roof twice, making this a potentially costly but ultimately one-time expense. Though slate roofs are expensive,



homeowners may find it reassuring that estimates from various roofing resources indicate slate roofs come with a life expectancy ranging from 50 to 200 years. By contrast, Nerdwallet estimates an asphalt roof lasts around 10 to 20 years, while others suggest such roofs can last as long as 30 years.

Materials

Choice of materials is arguably the most significant decision homeowners will make when replacing a roof. The experts at This Old House report that materials typically account for 55 to 65 percent of the overall cost of a roof replacement project. Decisions

regarding roof materials will be affected by budget, local climate (certain materials are better suited to particular climates than others), aesthetic appeal, and required maintenance. It’s also important that homeowners consider the material warranty of each roofing product. Some materials offer longer warranties than others, which can provide a measure of security to homeowners investing so much in the project.

A roof replacement project is not a renovation that can be delayed when signs the roof is fading start to appear. Homeowners are urged to consider a wide range of variables before committing to a project.

SIGNS IT’S TIME TO REPLACE GUTTERS

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS run the gamut from complex undertakings like room additions to simpler renovations like a new front door. Some home renovations excite homeowners more than others, but all improvements are a way to make a home safer, more comfortable and/or more functional.

A gutter replacement might not inspire the same level of excitement as a room addition or an overhaul of an outdoor living space, but new gutters can help to prevent roof damage and make properties safer by ensuring rain water is directed away from walkways. Homeowners who suspect it might be time for a gutter replacement can look for these signs of fading gutters.

CRACKS OR SPLITS: Cracks or splits at the seams of the gutters where two pieces connect is a telltale sign they need to be replaced. Cracks or splits can slowly lead to separation of gutter pieces, which will lead to leaks. But not all cracks or splits are found at the seams. In fact, some homes feature seamless gutters, which also can crack or split. Regardless of where



they’re found, cracks or splits are a warning sign of fading gutters.

RUST: Rust is rarely a good sign whether you’re looking at a vehicle or even garden tools. Rust also is a bad sign in relation to gutters. Gutters are painted, and not only for aesthetic purposes. Paint on gutter also serves to protect them from water. When paint begins to flake, gutters will begin to rust and may even pro-

duce noticeable rust flakes on the ground below. Rust on gutters and rust flakes beneath them are indicative of gutters that need to be replaced.

GUTTERS PULLING AWAY FROM THE HOME: Gutters that appear to be pulling away from the home is a sign that they need to be replaced. Gutters are fastened to a home during installation, which ensures they can withstand rain and water. Over time, those fasteners can

wear down, ultimately leading to gutters that appear to be pulling away from the home. Though gutters can be refastened, eventually they will need to be replaced.

POOLING WATER: Pooling water in a gutter may just be a sign that gutters need to be cleaned. However, pooling water on the ground directly beneath gutters indicates they’re not effectively directing water away from the home.

WATER DAMAGE INSIDE: A home’s interior might not be the first place homeowners look when inspecting for damaged gutters, but a flooded basement or crawl space could indicate a gutter problem. Gutters and downspouts are designed to direct water away from a home when functioning properly. When that isn’t happening, water can pool beneath the foundation, leading to pooling water and other water damage in basements and crawl spaces.

Gutter replacement projects may not be exciting, but new gutters can make a home safer and prolong the life of a roof and other features on a property.

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At The Fireplace Stop, a customer's experience is truly second to none.

Run by Andy Leonard, his family, and team, he says that their people are what make the store the comforting and welcoming space it is.

They'll take care of you every step of the way, whether it's picking out a product in their up-to-date showroom, right down to the recommendation on installation.

The Fireplace Stop will have everything covered, so all you have to worry about is enjoying.

Leonard prides himself on his businesses, bringing good people, high-quality products, and fair prices to the table.

"Everything, and a little bit more," he adds. But don't just take their word for it, 90% of the jobs they do, the customer will phone back to thank them for their exceptional service, and quality team members.

The Fireplace Stop, founded by Leonard in

1987, opened its location at Highway 9 and 27 in Schomberg in 1990, where it stands to this day.

Now, Leonard and his family are coming full circle, as they have taken over the Fireplace and Leisure Centre in Seguin, Ontario, 1km from Parry Sound, where he grew up.

At The Fireplace Stop, not only does Leonard work with his three kids, but the team is like one big family, with many of its employees having been there for decades, the business is Canadian, family-owned and operated and always has been.

They bring their team to both locations, ensuring best treatment will never be a second thought.

At The Fireplace Stop, they understand the struggles you face every day and work hard to adapt to them. They know that you work hard too!

If you can't come in during their

operating hours, they invite you to make an appointment to visit, see their products, and meet their team in person.

Leonard makes sure his people are the best, in turn giving you the best experience possible.

His team knows exactly which product you'll need after hearing your concerns, and the exact technical aspects needed for the job.

They also receive frequent recertifications, ensuring their technique remains up to date.

"You're going to be taken care of the right way," says Leonard.

Continuing to advance their business by meeting their customers where they are, The Fireplace Stop is renovating their showroom with the newest products and introducing financing for all jobs.

Leonard believes that, like all high-ticket items in your life, you should be able to do the same with your jobs through The

Fireplace Stop.

Financing is done directly online, ensuring customers can keep their personal information private and making it quick and easy for consumers.

At The Fireplace Stop, they can do a wide variety of jobs, including those on properties with snowmobile or boat access only.

They sell and service top-brand-name fireplaces at both locations, and also offer hot tubs at their northern location.

At The Fireplace Stop, both staff and customers are treated like lifelong friends. Many actually are, as Leonard says he knows almost everyone who comes through his doors.

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He attributes the company's long-standing success to its loyal customer base and word-of-mouth reputation within the community.

"We really want to express our thanks and appreciation to the customers who have stuck with us for the past 29 years that we've been here. That loyalty means everything to us," said Eppenberger, who has been involved with the family business since it opened and took over management about 15 years ago.

"A big part of what we do is build relationships. We still have customers today who my mother knew decades ago, and they continue to come back because that sense of trust and rapport has carried through over time."

Beyond paint, Focus on Decorating carries Hunter Douglas Blinds, Alta Window Fashions, Maxxmar Window Fashions, Hickory Hardware products, wallpaper ordering through supplier books, and a wide selection of decorative home-finishing solutions.

Personalized service and product quality are what define Focus on Decorating, according to Eppenberger.

"People who have tried our brand are generally impressed with the quality, the lasting finish, and the coverage they get compared to other products on the market," he said.

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Eppenberger said he has a small but highly dedicated team of seven employees who ensure customers walk out the door with everything they need.

"Most of our staff have five to seven years of experience here, so customers are dealing with people who really know the products," he said. "My philosophy is that it shouldn't matter who you're talking to — you should be getting the same answers and the same advice from everyone here."

Focus on Decorating is very active in the community, supporting service clubs and church groups throughout the year. The business recently donated paint to the Orangeville Curling Club for facility improvements and has donated gift cards to support its fundraising efforts through annual bonspiels.

"We try to assist where we can," Eppenberger said. Monthly specials are always available, and there is pric-

ing flexibility for whole-home projects. Staff work with customers to help manage project costs where possible.

Focus on Decorating is located at 88 First St., Orangeville, and is open seven days a week. Its hours of operation are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. The weekday hours serve contractors by opening early at 7 a.m. and the general public by keeping it open until 7 p.m.

Eppenberger says he's always happy to help customers, no matter when they come through the door.

"The consumer coming in is never an inconvenience to us — they are the reason we are in business. If you lose sight of that, you lose what makes a small business work in the first place," Eppenberger explained.

"We try to go out of our way to provide a level of service where the customer doesn't have to figure everything out themselves. We guide them through it, we help them make decisions."

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Upgrades to ensure a home stays safe and secure

A home can never be too safe or secure.

When residents of a home leave or go to bed at night, a wide range of safety and security features can protect them and their belongings. In-home amenities also can make homes safer for residents with mobility issues or other limitations.

Homeowners indeed have no shortage of options when seeking to make their homes safer and more secure. An assortment of safety and security features can help homeowners plan for nearly every situation that could put residents in jeopardy.

Age-related safety features

Various features can help seniors age in place. The National Institute on Aging recommends installing grab bars in showers and bathtubs to reduce the risk of falls when bathing. Such features also can help seniors balance themselves while they bathe and get in and out of showers and tubs. Nonslip strips can be installed on bathroom and kitchen floors in areas that might

be vulnerable to spills or puddling. The NIA also recommends fixing all carpets firmly on the floors, which may necessitate the removal of all area rugs. Adding handrails on staircases so there's something to grab onto on each side the staircase also can enhance the safety of these potentially risky spaces in a home.

Entry point security features

Deadbolts, security cameras and/or smart doorbells make it easier to keep strangers out and monitor entryways. Smart doorbells may deter criminals from approaching a property. Locks and sensors also can be installed on all windows, and especially those on the first floor that can be accessed from the ground. Locks on sliding doors can be reinforced with secondary locks that further prevent the door from being opened from the outside once the locks are engaged.

Fire safety features

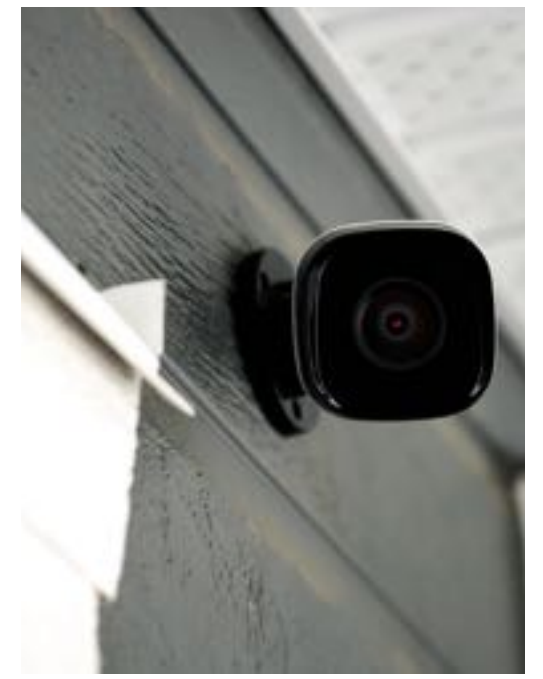
The National Fire Protection Association notes that the death rate in home structure fires is approximately 60 percent lower in homes with working smoke alarms than in homes with no alarms or in homes where alarms are not working. The NFPA adds that smoke

alarms monitor for smoke and control the speaker that emits the sounds that notify occupants of the presence of smoke. The NFPA recommends both ionization smoke alarms and photoelectric smoke alarms, as each employs a different type of sensor. The combination of both in a home ensures people are alerted in the case of both flaming fires (ionization alarms) and smoldering fires (photoelectric alarms). A functioning fire extinguisher also is a must (disposable extinguishers typically last between 10 and 12 years), as is a carbon monoxide detector.

Lighting

Sufficient lighting in a home and around the exterior of a home and even the property can be another important safety and security measure. Exterior lighting deters intruders because it makes them more visible to residents while they're awake and makes them easier to see on overnight security cameras, which can be enough to keep them away. Interior lighting makes it easier to navigate a home at twilight and at night. Hallway night lights can make trips to the bathroom safer, and lighting alongside stairways can make these spaces easier to navigate when the rest of the home is dark.

There's no shortage of ways to make homes safer and more secure, which should be a priority for homeowners of all ages.



Things to know when replacing windows

WINDOWS ARE DURABLE, but they do not last forever. The experts at This Old House say the life span of home windows is between 15 and 50 years, with most reaching the upper limits of their life expectancy at around 20 years. Once they reach this age, the seals begin to weaken or fail, and windows become susceptible to drafts and water seepage.

Replacing windows can be a good investment. Such a project is one of the more effective ways to elevate a home's curb appeal and value. New windows are energy efficient and make homes more secure. They also tend to look better than old, fading windows. When pondering a window replacement project, it's important to consider these factors.

KNOW THE WINDOW TYPES

Double hung windows are classic and have operable upper and lower sashes. Lowering the upper sash allows warm air near the ceiling to escape and cooler air can to flow in through the bottom. Single hung windows only have an operable lower sash. Sliding windows have one or more panels that move horizontally, and picture windows are fixed models designed to of-

fer wide, unobstructed views and lots of light.

REPAIR OR REPLACE WINDOWS

Existing windows might just need to be repaired, saving homeowners thousands of dollars. It's best to consult with a professional to see if certain components can be repaired rather than replaced. Typically, rotten framing, wet or weeping windows or significant drafts require replacement.

IDENTIFY THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN REPLACEMENT WINDOWS AND CONSTRUCTION WINDOWS

Traditional replacement windows are sometimes called pocket windows, says Consumer Reports. They fit inside an existing window frame. Construction windows require the removal of the entire old window, including the frame, sill and trim. The latter cost more to install.

FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH WINDOW FRAME MATERIALS

Various window frame materials are available for purchase, and variables such as heat transfer, maintenance

and durability differ with each product. Vinyl is a common material that's low-maintenance and affordable. Aluminum and aluminum clad windows can be economical options, and they are corrosion-resistant and require little maintenance. Wood also is popular for the interior parts of a window, and offer a traditional look. Wood is available on new construction windows. Fiberglass windows also are available in new construction windows. They won't crack, warp, rust, corrode, or peel, and the frames will not expand and contract as much as other materials.

KEEP COSTS IN MIND

According to Fixr, an online marketplace for local remodeling services, the average national price for a professional to replace a window is around \$800. For a one-story house, a window replacement project of multiple windows may cost around \$8,000.

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The benefits of working with an INTERIOR DESIGNER

Homes are undoubtedly a point of pride for millions of homeowners, and that sense of fulfillment is even greater when interiors are up-to-date and welcoming. Home trends come and go, and busy homeowners can be forgiven if they're not able to keep up with the latest interior design styles. That's the job of a skilled interior designer. Working with such professionals when redoing a home's interior can make all the difference and increase the already profound sense of pride many homeowners have in their homes.

- Interior designers can help narrow down the possibilities. A simple internet search prior to beginning a home renovation project will turn up millions of results. That can leave homeowners' heads spinning as they try to identify their own style and plan a project that coordinates with their preferences. Experienced interior designers can help homeowners identify their style and offer practical insight as they work with clients to choose elements to incorporate into spaces they aspire to renovate.

- Interior designers can ensure a room doesn't stick out like a sore thumb. Just because a design looks good on the internet does not mean it will work well in every home, particularly if only one room is being renovated. Interior designers recognize that and can steer homeowners in the direction of designs

that will fit the larger theme of the home while still offering a fresh look and feel.

- Interior designers can save homeowners money and headaches. Renovation projects can be pricey, and that price tag only goes up when mistakes are made. Interior designers advise clients on furnishings and other design components, and that advice can save homeowners money in the long run. Furnishings may be returnable, but such returns typically come with sizable fees. By directing clients toward furnishings and other components that fit the overall design scheme, interior designers are saving homeowners the cost and headaches associated with fixable yet expensive mistakes.

- Interior designs are up-to-date on the latest trends. Real estate and design trends come and go, and dated designs can adversely affect what homeowners recoup at resale. Homeowners who want to update their home interiors with the ultimate goal of selling their homes can work with experienced interior designers who know which trends are in and which are out. That knowledge can make it easier and more lucrative to sell a home.

Homes are a significant investment, and investing in the services of an experienced interior designer can ensure homeowners maximize the value of their homes.

How to decide between a deck or pavers in an outdoor remodel

Outdoor living spaces have become sought-after commodities among homeowners. A 2022 survey of homeowners conducted by the New Home Trends Institute found that open yards are less appealing to home buyers than they once were. The survey noted that just 28 percent of respondents chose open yards, while 65 percent preferred patios and 55 percent chose decks. Green spaces remain popular, but the survey indicates that many would-be home buyers also want an outdoor living area to make the most of their home exteriors. Homeowners aspiring to transform their home exterior spaces typically must decide between a deck or pavers when the time comes to plan such areas. That's a personal choice homeowners must make, but those without strong feelings on either option can consider these tips as they try to decide if a deck or pavers are for them.

DETERMINE YOUR BUDGET

Budget is a notable variable with any home renovation project, and the addition of an outdoor living space is no exception. The materials homeowners choose will ultimately determine the cost of each project. For example, composite decking materials tend to cost significantly more than wood decks, but that higher price tag also comes with less maintenance and typically a longer life span. Pavers may prove less expensive than composite decking, but those cost savings may be negligible if a yard requires extensive excavation to prepare an area for a new patio. It requires patience, but gathering estimates of the various materials can serve as a good starting point when planning an outdoor living space. In addition, homeowners must recognize that material costs can fluctuate considerably over time, as such prices are often contingent on a range of variables, including supply chain issues. So it's best to gather estimates in a short period of time to make the most accurate price comparisons.

IDENTIFY YOUR VISION FOR THE SPACE

Homeowners who have a vision for their outdoor living space, even if they are not

sure about which material they prefer, may find the process goes more quickly and even more smoothly than those who are unsure about what they want. Those who prefer a flexible multi-use space may be best going with pavers, as the spaces can be easily converted and areas simply designated as one might differentiate between rooms inside the home. For example, an outdoor living room can be separated with the installation of a pavillion and fireplace, while kitchen and dining areas can be separate spaces on the same patio. Decks tend to be less flexible, which might make them ideal for homeowners who prefer an outdoor dining area but don't need a more expansive entertaining space. Of course, decks can be as big as homeowners choose, which can make the spaces more multi-functional.

RECOGNIZE BOTH MAY BE IN YOUR BEST INTEREST

Homeowners also should know that many outdoor living spaces feature both a deck and a paver patio. Homeowners may like an elevated deck that steps down to a patio, which can easily distinguish between the spaces and establish the area as a multifunctional space.

Homeowners planning outdoor living space projects may find themselves choosing between a deck and pavers. Each option can work, and homeowners may even want to combine the two.





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Sun exposure damages skin and also can prematurely age outdoor fabrics and furniture. Spending time in direct sunlight also can make outdoor activities hot and uncomfortable for guests. Each of these variables make some sort of shelter an asset to a backyard living design. Shelters come in different types, and these are some of the more popular.

Screen-in porches

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Pergola

A pergola has vertical columns upon which sits a slatted roof. A pergola can be designed to cover an entire deck or small enough to create a slightly sheltered spot in a nook of the yard. While a pergola doesn't keep out rain, the slatted roof is enough to filter out sunlight to make the area underneath more comfortable.

Arbor

While they seem similar, an arbor is not the same thing as a pergola. An arbor is designed with sides formed from lattice and often has an arched top, says Penn Dutch Structures. Arbors add shade and a decorative element typically to designate the entry point into a backyard or garden.

Gazebo

A gazebo is a roofed, freestanding structure that is typically round, hexagonal or octagonal in shape. It is used for shade, relaxation, and often serves as a decorative element in an outdoor space. Gazebos often become the centerpiece in a yard.

Pavillion

A pavillion is like a gazebo, only it doesn't have enclosed walls, nor a built-in floor. Pavillions commonly are attached to decks, paver patios and concrete bases. Most pavillions are styled as long and rectangular, serving mainly to provide a covered area for a patio or seating area.



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Bolton Brewers open 2026 NDBL season with tidy 4-0 win over Midland Mariners

BY JIM STEWART

Bolton Player-Coach Mike Wallace hit a two-run double and starter Jack Perry threw four hitless innings to lead the Brewers to a 4-0 win over the Midland Mariners at chilly Taylor Fields on Monday night.

Coach Wallace offered self-deprecating humor about his game-winning hit at the bottom of the first inning: “The old guy got it done. It was great for the team to get out of the gate so well. It was a good start all around.”

The Brewers’ balanced attack churned out eight hits up and down the lineup and Coach Wallace complimented his hitters for coming through in cold conditions.

“The wind was howling, but we had good at-bats and everyone was making good contact.”

Catcher Carter Burnside and shortstop Brett Chater provided pop at the top of the Brewers’ lineup by driving in one run

each.

Chater, Burnside, Reid Deibert, and Chris Fafalios each crossed the plate and helped pace the Brewers’ 8-hit attack.

In addition to praising the Brewers’ offense, Coach Wallace expressed his satisfaction with the two pitchers who stymied Midland, starter Jack Perry and closer Victor Moguel.

“It was a colder night and it took a little while for Jack to warm up, but when he did, his fastball looked really good. We couldn’t have drawn it up better—Jack did his job. Victor came in and gave us a much different look. His change-up was working well.”

Perry picked up the W by striking out eight Mariners over four hitless innings of work.

Moguel earned a three-inning save, scattered three hits, and struck out six.

Unfortunately, Perry’s time with the Brewers is coming to an end.

Coach Wallace explained: “It was a good

news/bad news night for us regarding Jack because he had such a great start, but we learned he’ll be gone June 1st to join the NCAA D1 Michigan Wolverines. We’re excited about his prospects in Michigan, but it will be tough to see him go. Hopefully, we’ll get two more starts from Jack before he goes to pitch for the Wolverines.”

Monday’s game was historic.

The Brewers took the field in their new navy blue jerseys and it was the Bolton Senior squad’s first game at brand new Taylor Fields on Emil Kolb Parkway.

A 4-0 win is a fine way to christen a new ballpark and new uniforms.

The Brewers’ next home game at Taylor Fields is Saturday, May 23rd when they host the Clarksburg Blues in a double header.

First pitch of Game 1 is 1 p.m.

Game 2’s first pitch is 3 p.m.

Colombia conference carves better climate and trade path

BY DAVID SUZUKI
OPINION

The world must move away from coal, gas and oil — quickly. Fossil fuels pollute land, water and air, create global instability and energy price volatility, increase the gap between rich and poor and alter the climate in ways that threaten health and survival.

But it’s difficult to accomplish this when the global economic system prevents governments from protecting public health and the environment.

The First Conference on Transitioning Away from Fossil Fuels — held in Santa Marta, Colombia, from April 24 to 29 — shone a spotlight on this contradiction. Hosted by Colombia and the Netherlands, it brought government representatives from 57 nations together with Indigenous Peoples, scientists, academics, non-governmental organizations, farmers, youth, women and labour, health and social movements.

Participants underscored that the climate crisis is far beyond an environmental emergency; it’s the ultimate test of whether international cooperation, strained under current economic and legal systems, can serve communities and people rather than protecting concentrated private power.

The international trade and investment treaties that underpin the global economy allow corporate interests to override peoples’ rights to a healthy environment, life, water, food and democratic decision-making.

The Santa Marta conference made clear that the global struggle against fossil fuel dependence must be understood as part of a much longer movement for global economic justice. Formal colonial rule may have receded but many of its economic structures have endured through trade, finance and law.

Assisted by investment treaties and investor-state dispute settlements, foreign corporations have been granted powerful rights to challenge public interest measures when they feel their profits — or even speculative profits — are affected. Communities facing environmental harm, displacement or threats to health from extractive industries enabled through foreign investments have no equivalent standing.

More than 2,500 international investment treaties, including several Canada has signed, allow corporations to bypass domestic courts and bring claims before private tribunals that operate with limited transparency and outside ordinary judicial safeguards, escaping virtually all public scrutiny.

This means foreign corporations can contest climate measures, environmental protections, Indigenous rights and public health decisions that might hinder their profits in a parallel, opaque legal system designed to buttress investor privilege. Even when governments’ duties to regulate in the public interest ultimately prevail, the risk of costly claims can create a regulatory chill and discourage ambitious action before policies are enacted.

The fossil fuel sector has been a principal benefactor. Worldwide, companies have challenged coal phase-outs and cancelled infrastructure projects, drilling restrictions and other efforts necessary to accelerate the energy transition, uphold human and environmental rights and protect climate and biodiversity. Although states have committed to transition away from fossil fuels (as evidenced by the decision at the 2023 COP28 climate summit to “accelerate action across all areas by 2030”), they remain constrained by legal arrangements that can penalize them for doing so.

Canada has been an active participant, promoting investment protections through trade and bilateral investment agreements that have benefited many Canadian extractive interests abroad.

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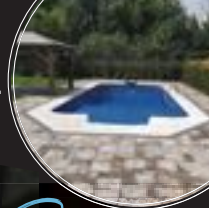
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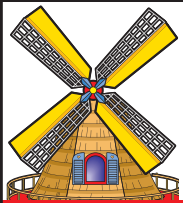
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Spring Economic Update projects \$66.9 billion deficit amid new spending initiative

Conservative MP for Dufferin—Caledon Kyle Seeback shares criticisms surrounding new spending plan

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Canada's finances came into focus last week with the release of the 2026 Spring Economic Update.

Presented on April 28, the update projects a federal deficit of \$66.9 billion for 2025-26, with \$529.6 billion in revenue and \$594.8 billion in expenses. The country's total deficit is estimated at \$1.33 trillion.

The deficit has come in \$11.4 billion below projections in the federal government's 2025 Budget.

New announcements in the Spring Economic Update include a \$25 billion Canada Strong Fund, a \$6 billion investment in skilled trades, new apprenticeship incentives, a reduction in CPP contributions, a ban on crypto ATMs and a new federal Financial Crimes Agency.

Canada continues to run large annual deficits as interest costs on the national debt remain one of the fastest-growing federal expenses, reaching nearly \$55 billion annually. While the government is positioning new spending as an investment in long-term economic growth, critics say rising debt levels and ongoing cost-of-living pressures mean Canadians are not yet seeing clear benefits in their day-to-day finances.

Conservative MP for Dufferin—Caledon, Kyle Seeback, recently spoke with the Citizen about the 2026 Spring Economic Update, outlining what he described as missed opportunities to address rising costs, rein in government spending and improve housing affordability.

"The deficit is gigantic — we're talking almost \$70 billion — which is more than double the deficit that Justin Trudeau left, and Mark Carney was supposed to be a good fiscal manager," MP Seeback said.

"There's really no plan in this update to deal with the huge increases in food inflation, and there's nothing new here for Canadians struggling with the cost of living."

MP Seeback was also critical of the growth projections outlined in the 2026 Spring Eco-

omic Update, totalling 1.1 per cent in 2026 and 1.9 per cent in 2027.

"We continue to add more debt and deficit without really knowing how Canadians' lives are getting better, because most Canadians tell me that they're being squeezed with the cost of living," he said.

The Liberal government, under Prime Minister Mark Carney and Finance Minister François-Philippe Champagne, argues that new spending aimed at building a more independent economy will benefit Canadians.

Among these efforts is the Canada Strong Fund, the country's first national sovereign wealth fund, which the government says is designed to function like a national savings and investment account that grows wealth for future generations.

The fund is receiving \$25 billion from the federal government over the next three years, and will make investments in strategic sectors, such as infrastructure, energy, critical minerals and advanced manufacturing. It is publicly owned, with returns benefiting Canadian taxpayers.

A traditional sovereign wealth fund is typically built from government surpluses and invested globally to generate long-term returns.

MP Seeback said he sees the Canada Strong Fund as less of a sovereign wealth fund and more of a rebranded version of the Canada Infrastructure Bank, which focuses on domestic investments and has faced criticism over its effectiveness.

"It's not really a wealth fund. Generally, a wealth fund is built using surplus money, and they (the federal government) don't have a surplus. They're borrowing \$25 billion to create this," he said.

"If we were creating a true sovereign wealth fund from natural resource revenues, like Norway, that would make sense. But this isn't that."

Housing affordability remains a key concern in Dufferin—Caledon and across the country, driven by rising costs and limited supply.

To grow the number of workers in Canada who can build houses, the federal government announced \$6 billion in new funding to recruit, train and hire 80,000 to 100,000 new Red Seal skilled trades workers by 2030.

MP Seeback expressed support for the initiative, but said the government needs to go further to address the housing crisis.

"We do need more skilled trades, so I support that in principle. The details are

thin, but there's clearly a need. I've visited training centres across the country, and they need more investment," he explained.

"The bigger issue with housing is the environment for building. It's the length of time it takes to get approvals to build a house at the municipal level... and high development fees. Those are driving up costs and slowing construction, and the government hasn't addressed them," MP Seeback added.

He said the federal government's removal of HST from new homes is a step in the right direction for addressing housing affordability, though more work is needed.

"We proposed incentivizing municipalities to speed up approvals and reduce development fees," MP Seeback said. "If municipalities met housing targets, they would receive bonus funding. If they didn't, some federal funding would be reduced. While at the same time, having a program to lower the cost of the fees associated with building those houses, which would get the housing prices down. That's what our policy was in the last election, and if we implemented that a year ago, along with the GST cut we talked about, the housing market would look very different today."

When asked how to reduce the spending deficit in the 2026 Spring Economic Update, MP Seeback said the amount of money spent on consultants should be reduced to what it was a little over a decade ago.

"[The government] could cut consultant spending from \$20 billion back to \$8-9 billion, where it was in 2015. That alone would save \$11 billion," he explained.

MP Seeback said government spending needs to be reduced to bring the deficit under control and prevent debt levels from rising further.

"I think it was a big missed opportunity to try and show some fiscal restraint, reduce the cost of government and demonstrate that [it] is willing to do the hard work needed to get spending under control," he said.

However, Finance Minister Champagne sees the update as a thoughtful and measured approach to supporting Canada's economy.

"The Spring Economic Update 2026 builds on the momentum of our budget, combining strategic investments with sustained fiscal discipline to keep building Canada strong for all — delivering prosperity today and strengthening our economy for tomorrow," he said.

Colombia conference carves better climate and trade path

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Canada has also been a target. When democratic institutions in Quebec rejected the development of a new liquefied natural gas pipeline and export terminal, and subsequently adopted measures to restrict fossil fuel development, American corporations (Lone Pine Resources and Ruby River Capital) reframed those decisions as investor losses requiring compensation and sued the Quebec and federal governments for billions.

New legal developments such as the Building Canada Act and the sovereign wealth fund could help build a more resilient and forward-looking economy, but only if they contribute to ending Canada's lethal fossil fuel dependence. Public investment can and should play a central role in financing renewable energy, public infrastructure and a just transition. But these tools must be governed by clear public interest objectives. If deregulation weakens safeguards, or public funds are used to prolong fossil fuel dependence, we're not transforming the system but extending it.

If Canada wants credibility on climate leadership, it must end support for investor-state dispute settlements, reform trade and investment rules, respect Indigenous rights and ensure new public institutions and initiatives such as a sovereign wealth fund serve the transition rather than the status quo.

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