

LEST WE FORGET

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2026

Honouring the courage, sacrifice and service of those who served Canada.

Remembrance Day is the time to honour the brave Canadians who serve our country and those who made the ultimate sacrifice to defend our freedom.

It is the day to honour our Veterans, our serving members and the families who stand behind them. Their courage and sacrifice must never be forgotten.

Across Dufferin–Caledon, we honour their service and remember the sacrifices that protect our freedoms.

We will remember them.

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REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVE



The tragic events at Canadian Forces Base Wainwright in Alberta are a solemn reminder of the risks faced by those who serve our country.

This Remembrance Day, we honour:

- Sergeant Morgan Wong
- Private Shaun Farrell
- Private Aidan Goulding
- Private Hayden Lykkemark

who lost their lives in a tragic training exercise on October 17th 2026, as well as those recovering from injuries and the families and fellow service members grieving their loss.

Their sacrifice reminds us that service to Canada demands courage and dedication, both at home and abroad.

HONOURING OUR VETERANS

On November 11th, wear a poppy with pride, attend a local ceremony, and share the stories of those who served with the next generation.

Across Dufferin–Caledon, we honour the Veterans who served our country and remember the freedoms they helped secure.

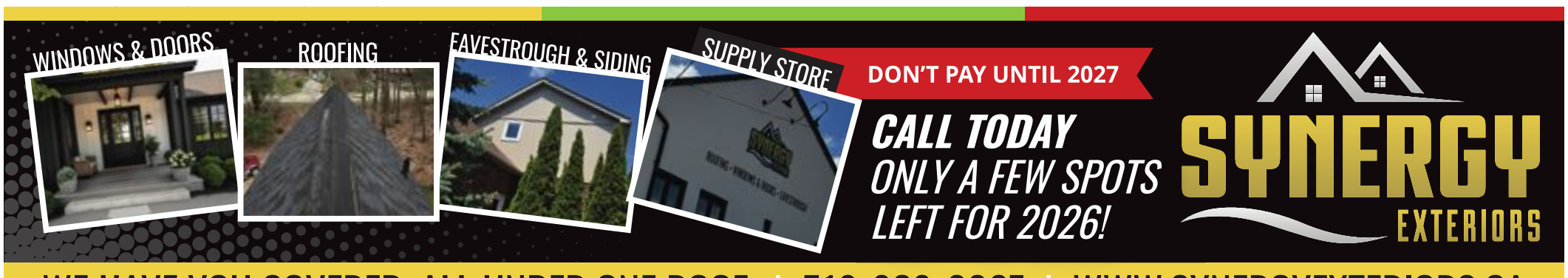
We must never take their sacrifice — or our freedom — for granted.

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Members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Caledon OPP and Caledon Fire and Emergency Services Honour Guard gather at the Mono Mills Cenotaph during Caledon's first Remembrance Day service of the year on Nov. 1. PHOTO BY KATHRYN FRASER

Caledon's new mayor shares vision and priorities heading into office

BY KATHRYN FRASER
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Christina Early has been elected as the new mayor for the Town of Caledon. She will be sworn in on Nov. 15, and the ceremony will be streamed for those interested.

As Early takes on this new role, she says she understands that this is not a responsibility that is to be taken lightly and wants to continue to work for the future of Caledon.

"It is an incredible honour, and one that I don't take lightly. I have lived in Caledon for over 30 years, raised my family here and had the privilege of serving residents for two terms, eight years, on Council. To now have the opportunity to serve as mayor means a great deal to me", says Early.

"Throughout the campaign, I heard from residents across all six wards who care deeply about the future of our community. I am grateful for the trust residents have placed in me, and I intend to work hard every day to earn that trust."

Stepping into this new role, Early is looking forward to getting started and putting in the work.

"I'm looking forward to getting to work. Caledon is at an important point in its history. We have significant growth ahead of us, and we need to make sure we are planning properly, protecting what makes Caledon special and delivering the infrastructure and services our residents need," says Early.

"I'm also looking forward to working with our new Council, our staff and the many community organizations that contribute so much to Caledon.

She adds, "There is a lot of work ahead, and I'm excited about the opportunity."

The new council for the Town of Caledon will also be sworn in on Nov. 15. Early says that collaboration with these councillors will be important when making decisions for both individual wards and Caledon as a whole.

"The election is over, and now it is time for Council to come together and get to work," says Early.

"Every member of Council brings different experiences, perspectives and priorities to the table. I respect that, and I believe we can accomplish a great deal if we work collaboratively. My approach will be to encourage open discussion, respect differing opinions and focus on finding practical solutions. I made commitments during the campaign, and I intend to work hard to deliver on them.

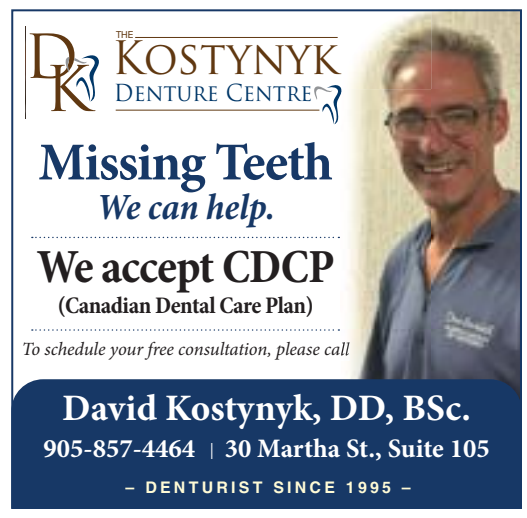
"But I also recognize that meaningful progress requires the support and participation of Council as a whole. I want to build a Council where everyone has a voice and where decisions are made collectively, with the interests of Caledon residents at the forefront."



Christina Early is Caledon's newly elected mayor, preparing to take office and lead the municipality through its next term. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Learning from the campaign and speaking to residents, Early heard how important it was for residents to feel that their voices matter. Coming into this role, she is prepared to make sure that all residents feel heard and represented regardless of how they voted.

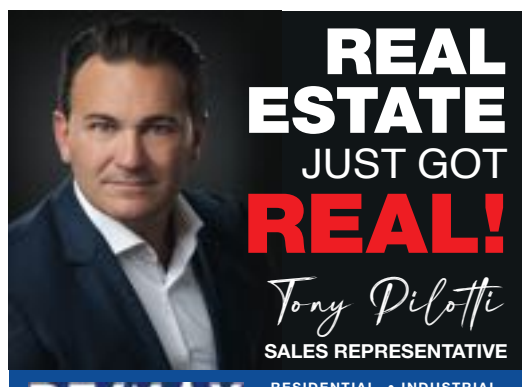
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ITALUS partners with Habitat for Humanity on Caledon home build

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ITALUS founder and CEO Daniela Sfara (left) joins Kathy Brett of Habitat for Humanity GTA during a Build Day on Oct. 28, bringing volunteers together to help build homes for families in need.



Members of ITALUS joined Habitat for Humanity GTA for a Build Day on Oct. 28, volunteering their time to help construct homes for families in need across the region.

KATHRYN FRASER PHOTOS

On Oct. 28, ITALUS partnered with Habitat for Humanity GTA as part of their Build Days program to help build houses for a family in need in Caledon and other communities.

ITALUS is an organization focusing on the next generation and bringing Italian heritage back into the community across the GTA.

Daniela Sfara is the founder and CEO of ITALUS and hopes that her organization can inspire the next generation to continue to carry Italian heritage.

"The next generation led of Italian heritage that's carrying forward Italian cultural heritage, so we're regenerating Southern Italy's cultural heritage, with and for its next generation," says Sfara.

"Because the diaspora of the next generation lives across the world, we are global first, and digital first, and in person second," says Sfara.

The organization was officially launched on June 1 of this year, and Sfara believes that this workshop with Habitat for Humanity aligns strongly with ITALUS, so she became interested in getting her team involved.

"I've loved what Habitat for Humanity has been about for a very long time, and I've always known that it deserves a lot more attention. When ITALUS came to be — and we've only launched June 1st — so we're still very young, and everything that we do has to have a very heavy and positive impact forward into the community and not just our community, but generations," says Sfara.

"For us, everything that we do has to make sense and align perfectly with the powerful positive alignment. Our stewards of ITALUS, which are the next generation, carry a cultural heritage. I thought Habitat for Humanity works perfectly because we can gather the purpose of what habitat does, while we honour the very people who came here to build our roads, our homes, our communities, and greatly thank our previous Italian generations with the coalition of Habitat for Humanity."

For Sfara, she hopes that workshops such as these will be able to not only inspire the generations but be a reminder of those that have come before them.

"ITALUS is now the bridging of the gap and it's wonderful because we can inspire the next generation to come in and do stuff. It's a nice way for us to come together and step into literally the boots of those who've done this before us and say, thank you for what you've given us. It's now our turn to carry it forward, for our future generations," says Sfara.

This is the first time that ITALUS and Habitat for Humanity GTA have partnered together. However, this house-building workshop is a recurring program in which organizations and other groups are able to sign up and participate in a one-day workshop where they build homes and learn more about Habitat for Humanity's initiative.

Throughout the day, ITALUS' team of 13 participants worked on building walls that will become part of Habitat Homes across the GTA. The donation of the group's time and work toward building the homes helps reduce overall costs.

The work done by ITALUS not only turned a day of volunteering into something tangible but is an example of how corporate partners can help make Habitat GTA build homes for those in the community.

For Sfara, it was important to not only have her team participate in this event but also for the sponsors to have a better understanding of what ITALUS wants to work towards.

"So, half of us here are stewards and the other half are our sponsors. We encourage our sponsors to come out and participate which is just wonderful. They have taken the time to not only, support us with their wallets, but now be here physically with us. build with us so they can see what their labour of love is going toward. Speaking with them today and asking how they feel about being here, they get a much deeper perspective of habitat for humanity is and does and what they represent, and they get a much stronger feel for what ITALUS does," says Sfara.

Kathy Brett is the manager of the Build Gift-In-Kind Program and has been helping to lead these build days to provide housing for those in Brampton, Caledon, Durham, Toronto and York Region. Roughly 15 people can sign up to be a group, and there is no experience needed, as there is plenty of walk-through training throughout the day before having the opportunity to have a hands-on experience and build.

"Typically, what we used to do is have the volunteers come on the construction site, and they could be doing anything, they could be moving gravel, drywall insulation, vapour barrier, but what we found was that to really propel and meet the need of the pace that we're growing we need to have a modular approach to our building," says Brett.

"And that's not a new concept. There are companies that do that, but we have the labour. So, by having the donation, having the labour, and then just having to pay the framers to erect the building, it saves us a ton of time and money. We have very tight quality control. Our crew leaders and our volunteers help guide our corporate groups through the build day. They're all very experienced. So, there's a very tight quality control that happens on the site."

Habitat for Humanity's goal is to build 2,000 homes by 2035 and still have spots available for groups and organizations looking to get involved.

For Sfara, this build day is only the beginning, and she hopes to be able to be back again with ITALUS to build even more.

"It's not just about coming out for Habitat for Humanity. It's not just about coming out to do a build, and it's not just about ITALUS with its multi-generational sponsors, which is amazing. They all love what we're doing. They love the purpose, and for them, this is exactly what's needed, because this is how everything's been built for us, and there's no reason it shouldn't continue that way," says Sfara.

"So, for us, it's just simple, and we're absolutely going to make a much bigger mark next year, probably with a one-week build, possibly, is what we would aim for, but no guarantees yet."

Sfara would like to thank all the sponsors that have supported ITALUS and helped be part of the Build Days with ITALUS and Habitat for Humanity: Michael Salerno Realty, Veneto Costruzioni, Advance Mortgages, KOR Construction, Vera Filice Real Estate, Tedescom Infrastructure, and DuRock Alfacing International.

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Christine Early shares approach heading into office

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"One of the things I heard repeatedly throughout the campaign was that residents want to feel that their voices matter. I have always believed that listening to residents is one of the most important responsibilities of an elected official. That doesn't change because I'm now mayor. I intend to be accessible, to encourage meaningful public engagement and to make sure residents have opportunities to provide input before important decisions are made. We won't always agree on every issue, but residents deserve to be heard, treated with respect and given clear explanations for the decisions being made,' says Early.

"And importantly, I will be mayor for all of Caledon, regardless of how someone voted."

During her first day as mayor, Early aims to begin working on the main priorities spoken about during her election campaign.

"One of my first priorities will be getting a clear understanding of where we stand with our growth planning and the infrastructure needed to support it. Throughout the campaign, I spoke about managed growth and the importance of ensuring that roads, water, wastewater, community facilities and other essential services are properly planned," says Early.

"I also want to take a close look at our financial position and the challenges associated with the transition of services from the Region of Peel. These are significant issues that will affect Caledon for years to come, and we need to make sure we are making informed, responsible decisions."

Focusing on working with the Council, Early plans to follow through on the importance of making decisions with residents' best interests in mind.

"For me, it starts with asking some very basic questions. Is this decision in the best interests of our residents? Is it financially responsible? Have we considered the long-term implications? And have the people who will be affected had an opportunity to be heard? I believe in transparency, accountability and making decisions based on good information," says Early.

"We also need to be mindful that decisions made today can have consequences for future generations. Growth needs to be managed responsibly, and we must protect our financial position while continuing to invest in the services and infrastructure our community needs."

She adds, "Residents should be able to understand why decisions are being made and have confidence that their interests are being considered."

As she begins to look ahead to the Nov. 15 swearing-in ceremony, Early expresses her gratitude to the residents of Caledon.

"First and foremost, thank you. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote, to those who shared their concerns and ideas with me, and to the many volunteers and supporters who helped make this campaign possible. The people of Caledon have spoken, and I recognize the responsibility that comes with the trust they have placed in me," says Early. "We have a wonderful community, with a rich history, strong rural roots, growing neighbourhoods and residents who genuinely care about where they live."

"My commitment is to work hard, listen, be accountable and always put the interests of Caledon residents first. It's time to move forward together, protect what we have and build what we need," Early concluded.

Motionball's #NoGoodWay Day campaign looks to eliminate usage of the R-word

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On Nov. 2, Motionball for Special Olympics announced its official 2026 #NoGoodWay campaign.

The campaign launched on Nov. 4 with the mission to eliminate the casual and negative use of the R-word from conversations.

This is the 12th year of #NoGoodWay.

Nov. 18 is #NoGoodWay Day, and this year's theme will be "Operation Integration" with the goal of getting Canadians to help and become agents of change through choosing inclusion in everyday conversations.

Paul Etherington is the co-founder of motionball and wants Canadians to join the campaign and use their voice to help stop the R-Word from being used.

"In our 12th year of #NoGoodWay, we're calling on everyday people to be superheroes in their communities by championing positive change," says Etherington. "Together, we as Canadians can use our voices to challenge stereotypes, spark conversations, and help create communities where everyone, especially those with intellectual disabilities, are treated with the respect, inclusion, and the dignity they deserve."

Through this initiative, members of motionball's community across Canada will be sharing social media posts and videos to bring awareness and inspire action for Canadians both in and outside of the motionball community to help symbolically destroy the R-Word.

Those interested in participating are asked to post a video on their social media destroying the R-word through either tearing, deleting or erasing and tagging motionball through their social media @motionball and using the hashtag #NoGoodWay to spread awareness about the initiative.

Participants are also asked to sign the #NoGoodWay pledge on motionball's website to seal their commitment. You can find the pledge by going to motionball.com/nogoodway .

In addition to sharing through social media, a variety of significant monuments across Canada will be lit up yellow to show support for the #NoGoodWay campaign and work towards the goal of ending the use of the R-Word.

Some monuments included in the campaign are the CN Tower, Mississauga's Clock Tower, Halifax's Provincial House, Ottawa's ByWard Market and Vancouver's Science World.

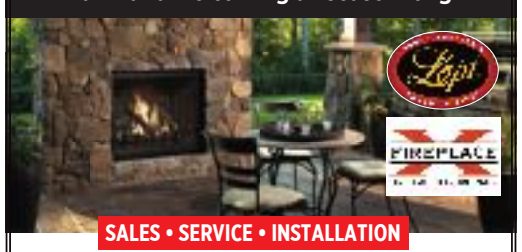
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The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is reminding motorists of the laws surrounding school crossing guards and the important role they play in keeping children and other pedestrians safe.

As students travel to and from school each day, drivers are expected to remain alert and exercise caution when approaching school crossings. Under the Highway Traffic Act, school crossing guards are authorized to stop traffic while assisting pedestrians across roadways where the speed limit does not exceed 60 km/h. When a school crossing guard displays a school crossing stop sign before entering the roadway, drivers approaching from either direction are required by law to stop before reaching the crossing.

This requirement applies to all vehicles, including those intending to make a right or left turn at an intersection. Drivers must remain stopped until all persons, including the school crossing guard, have cleared the roadway and it is safe to proceed.

School crossing guards help create a safe environment for children travelling to and from school. Failing to stop for a crossing guard not only places lives at risk but can also result in enforcement action.

Motorists should always:

Stop whenever a school crossing guard displays a stop sign, regardless of whether you are travelling straight through the intersection or making a turn;

Slow down and remain alert in school zones and near school crossings;

Watch for crossing guards, pedestrians and children who may enter the roadway unexpectedly;

Eliminate distractions and focus on driving.

Road safety is a shared responsibility. By slowing down, staying alert and following the law, motorists can help protect children and crossing guards and keep our school crossings safe.

DEER HUNT SEASON

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are reminding residents that the controlled deer hunt in Dufferin County will be taking place from November 2 to November 6, 2026.

During this period, residents and visitors may notice increased hunter activity and hear the sound of gunshots in designated hunting areas. The OPP encourages everyone to remain aware of their surroundings and to exercise caution while enjoying outdoor recreational activities.

Hunters are reminded to respect private property and ensure they have the landowner's permission before entering or hunting on private land.

Stay Informed: Know the dates and areas where the controlled hunt is taking place.

Be Respectful: Always respect private land and ensure you have permission before hunting on someone else's property.

Safety First: Follow all safety regulations, wear appropriate gear, and be aware of your surroundings. Communicate your hunting plans with someone.

Expect Increased Activity: Be prepared for more hunters and the sound of gunshots. Stay alert while outdoors.

Follow Regulations: Adhere to local hunting regulations and guidelines to ensure a safe and successful hunt.

Report Issues: If you observe unsafe behavior or violations, report it to local authorities.

Enjoy the Experience: Embrace the opportunity to connect with nature and contribute to wildlife management efforts.

Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you suspect someone is driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol call 9-1-1. If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

FATAL COLLISION IN MONO

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a collision in the Town of Mono that has resulted in one fatality.

"On Friday, October 30, 2026, shortly after 10:00 a.m., Dufferin OPP officers responded to reports of a collision involving a vehicle and a pedestrian in the area of Headwaters Lane and Blue Heron Drive in Mono," say Police. "Despite lifesaving efforts, the pedestrian, a 72-year-old female from the Town of Mono, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver of the involved passenger vehicle was not injured."

Members of the OPP Technical Collision Investigation attended the scene to assist with the investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Suzanne Henderson, 62, from the Town of Mono, has been charged with:

CC 320.13(3) Dangerous Operation causing death;

CC 320.14(3) Operation causing death.

The accused was scheduled to appear for a bail hearing before the Ontario Court of Justice on Saturday, October 31, 2026.

The charges have not been proven.

Blue Heron Drive was closed for several hours while officers conducted the on-scene investigation and facilitated cleanup efforts. The roadway has since reopened. The OPP would like to thank members of the public who assisted at the scene.

The investigation remains ongoing. Anyone with information, including dashcam footage related to the collision, is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Anyone who witnessed the collision and requires support is encouraged to contact Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services at 905-951-3838.

ARREST FOLLOWING BREAK-AND-ENTER INVESTIGATION

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a Haliburton resident with multiple offences following an investigation into a series of break-and-enters and thefts in the Town of Shelburne, Town of Mono and Township of Mulmur.

"On Wednesday September 2, 2026, the accused attended a storage facility on Victoria Street in the Town of Shelburne, where they allegedly entered several storage units," say Police. "During the incidents, the accused reportedly covered his face in an apparent attempt to avoid detection.

"On Friday September 11, 2026, the accused allegedly attended a rural property in the Township of Mulmur on an electric scooter and stole a side-by-side utility terrain vehicle (UTV). The vehicle was later recovered at a different address.

"On Saturday September 12, 2026, the accused allegedly attended two separate rural properties in the Town of Mono, where break-and-enters occurred. During one of these incidents, a side-by-side UTV was also stolen and later recovered at a different address.

"On Tuesday September 22, 2026, the accused was arrested on the outstanding Dufferin County warrants and subsequently charged in connection with the incidents."

As a result of the investigation, Dale McCrea, a 40-year-old male from Haliburton, has been charged with:

Break, Enter a place - with intent to commit indictable offence - two counts;

Break, Enter dwelling house - commit indictable offence;

Theft of Motor Vehicle - two counts;

Disguise with Intent.

The charges have not been proven.

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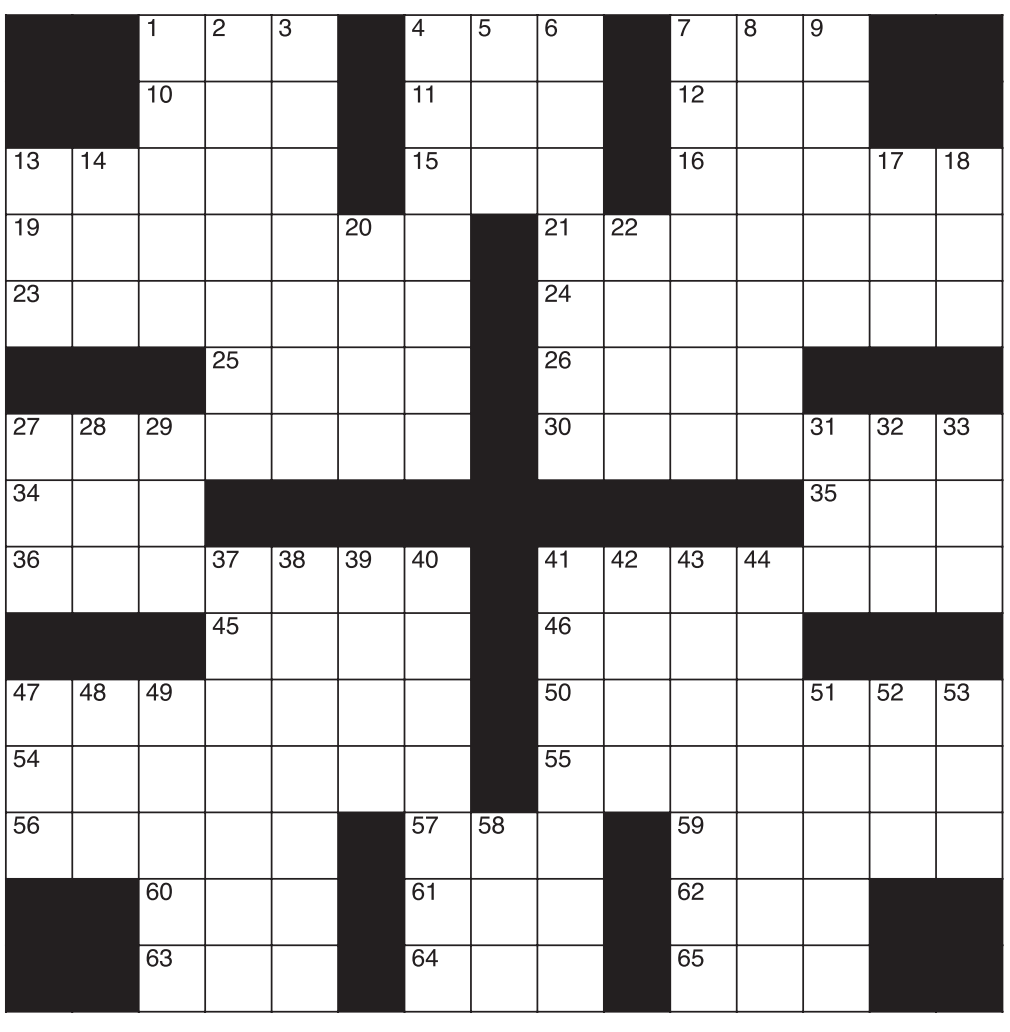
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15. Breeze through
16. Ladyfish genus
19. We all take them
21. Nobleman's jurisdiction
23. Members of U.S. Navy
24. Rummy-like card game
25. Unable to move
26. Type of horse
27. Parted
30. Woman's cloak
34. South American plant
35. Prohibit
36. Something one takes
41. Dish detergent manufacturer
45. Romanian river
46. Personification of pity
47. Makes upset
50. Discuss again
54. Medical instrument
55. Support
56. Informal term for money
57. Catch doing something wrong
59. Prehistoric people
60. Large African antelope
61. Automobile
62. "Losing My Religion" rockers
63. High-resolution scientific instrument
64. A major division of geological time
65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

1. Indoor plant
2. Fit to be sold
3. Rather
4. Collected
5. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
6. Irish rap group
7. Ageless
8. Lists indicating curriculum
9. Pokes at
13. Public television station
14. They __
17. Cooking tool
18. Separately managed account
20. Iron-containing compound
22. Swiss river
27. Former French coin
28. Electronic countermeasures
29. Taxi
31. Helps little firms
32. Unhappy
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Glowing
38. Lists of items to be discussed
39. An informal body of friends
40. Indispensable quality
41. Neural structures
42. Brews
43. A place to dock
44. Festive singer
47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
48. Northernmost point of mainland Wales
49. Most worthless parts
51. Type of "bear"
52. Take or consume
53. Defunct European organization
58. Swiss river

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

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The Dufferin OPP encourages residents to remain vigilant, report suspicious activity, and look out for their own property and that of their neighbours. Simple steps can help prevent theft and keep our communities safe.

-Lock It or Lose It! Secure your homes, vehicles, sheds, garages, and other outbuildings. Keep valuables out of sight, lock doors and windows, and never leave keys or garage door openers unsecured. Take a moment to check that your property is secure before leaving.

-Residents are also encouraged to participate in the OPP's CAMSafe program, which allows police to identify security camera locations that may assist in investigations. Security cameras can be a valuable tool in helping police investigate crime and protect our communities.

-If you see something suspicious, don't hesitate to report it to police. Being aware of your surroundings, keeping an eye out for your neighbours, and taking steps to safeguard your property can make a difference. Working together, we can help deter crime and keep our communities safe.

Members of the Dufferin OPP remain committed to public safety through proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities.

If you suspect someone is driving while impaired, call 9-1-1. To report non-emergency information, contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

ARREST FOLLOWING BREAK-AND-ENTER INVESTIGATION

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a Haliburton resident with multiple offences following an investigation into a series of break-and-enters and thefts in the Town of Shelburne, Town of Mono and Township of Mulmur.

"On Wednesday September 2, 2026, the accused attended a storage facility on Victoria Street in the Town of Shelburne, where they allegedly entered several storage units," say Police. "During the incidents, the accused reportedly covered his face in an apparent attempt to avoid detection.

"On Friday September 11, 2026, the accused allegedly attended a rural property in the Township of Mulmur on an electric scooter and stole a side-by-side utility terrain vehicle (UTV). The vehicle was later recovered at a different address.

"On Saturday September 12, 2026, the accused allegedly attended two separate rural properties in the Town of Mono, where break-and-enters occurred. During one of these incidents, a side-by-side UTV was also stolen and later recovered at a different address.

"On Tuesday September 22, 2026, the accused was arrested on the outstanding Dufferin County warrants and subsequently charged in connection with the incidents."

As a result of the investigation, Dale McCrea, a 40-year-old male from Haliburton, has been charged with:

Break, Enter a place - with intent to commit indictable offence - two counts;

Break, Enter dwelling house - commit indictable offence;

Theft of Motor Vehicle - two counts;

Disguise with Intent.

The charges have not been proven.

The Dufferin OPP encourages residents to remain vigilant, report suspicious activity, and look out for their own property and that of their neighbours. Simple steps can help prevent theft and keep our communities safe.

-Lock It or Lose It! Secure your homes, vehicles, sheds, garages, and other outbuildings. Keep valuables out of sight, lock doors and windows, and never leave keys or garage door openers unsecured. Take a moment to check that your property is secure before leaving.

-Residents are also encouraged to participate in the OPP's CAMSafe program, which allows police to identify security camera locations that may assist in investigations. Security cameras can be a valuable tool in helping police investigate crime and protect our communities.

-If you see something suspicious, don't hesitate to report it to police. Being aware of your surroundings, keeping an eye out for your neighbours, and taking steps to safeguard your property can make a difference. Working together, we can help deter crime and keep our communities safe.

Members of the Dufferin OPP remain committed to public safety through proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities.

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Over 200 drones to illuminate night sky this weekend at Peel Agrihub

BY KATHRYN FRASER
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Diwali Drone Show is officially back and will be hosted by the Town of Caledon on Nov. 7 to celebrate the Festival of Lights from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Peel Agrihub (12942 Heartlake Road, Caledon).

This is the third year that the event has been held. With over 4,000 attendees last year, organizers are hopeful to see the same turnout this year.

The event is open to all in the community, and it is free for all to attend.

This award-winning drone show will feature a large display with over 200 drones illuminating the Caledon sky with a variety of symbols to celebrate Diwali.

Throughout the night, there will be live musical performances and a variety of vendors with food for those in attendance to purchase.

While the event begins at 6 p.m., the drone show will not start until around 7:45 p.m. and will last for roughly 15 minutes.

As provided by the Town of Caledon, the following schedule of performers is as listed.

• 6:05 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Rihaana & Ridhaan Grover | Divine Bhajans

• 6:40 p.m. - 7:05 p.m. - 3S Harmony Dance Group

• 7:15 p.m. - 7:40 p.m. - The Humber River Voyagers

• 7:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Drone Show

• 8:20 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. - Mudra in Motion

In the event that inclement weather arises, there will be a backup date, as the event is heavily weather-dependent, and that will be on Nov. 8 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Peel Agrihub.

For those in need of transportation to and from the event, there will be free shuttle buses provided at the following locations from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Southfields Community Centre – shuttles will depart every 15 minutes starting at 5:30 p.m.

Mayfield West Neighbourhood – shuttles will depart every 15 minutes starting at 5:30 p.m.

Stop #1: Southwest corner of Tim Manley Avenue and Eberly Woods Drive

Stop #2: Southwest corner of Tim Manley Avenue and Petch Avenue

For more information about the Diwali Drone show and for a map of the shuttle bus routes, please visit caledon.ca/en/living-here/diwali-drone-show.aspx



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Peel Agricultural Advisory Working Group

Peel Region is seeking submissions from members of the public to serve in a voluntary capacity on the Peel Agricultural Advisory Working Group (PAAWG). The following positions are available:

- Peel citizen-at-large (3 members)
- Representative of a Peel agricultural society or other special agricultural interest group (2 members)
- Representative of a Peel youth organization or alternative representative of the agricultural community (1 member)

This group will advise Regional Council on topics involving the farming industry and agricultural community and assist in implementing relevant Region policies and programs. Members will have knowledge and/or experience in agriculture, urban agriculture, agri-environmental and/or rural topics. Members will be appointed for a term of four years, from 2026 – 2030.

A description of qualifications and applications are available at **peelregion.ca/paawg** or paper copies by request at the contact below.

Applications will be accepted by mail, e-mail, online or in-person at Peel Region, Access Peel, 10 Peel Centre, Brampton, ON, L6T 4B9, until 4:30 p.m. on **November 27, 2026**.

Only those selected will be contacted.

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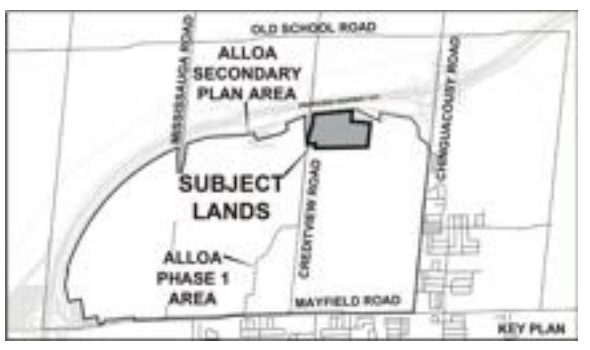
NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision

FILE NUMBER: 21T-26003C
RELATED FILE NUMBER(S): POPA 2024-0004, POPA 2025-0001

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:
Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc. (c/o Herman Wessels) on behalf of 12697 Creditview Developments Limited, Karen Johanna Loukes and Gordon Douglas McClure



LOCATION:
12697 Creditview Road
Part Lot 21, Concession 3, West of Hurontario Street (Chinguacousy);
Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41466

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant submitted a Draft Plan of Subdivision application to facilitate a residential development consisting of between 381 to 540 dwelling units, residential reserves, a Natural Heritage System block, buffer blocks from the future Highway 413, and roads, road widenings and reserve blocks.



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

LEAD PLANNER:

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information about this matter, including appeal rights, a copy of the draft plan and for supporting material, please contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

APPEAL PROCEDURE:

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

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.

ACCESSIBILITY:

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

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

Notice Date: November 5, 2026

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ARTS & CULTURE

Caledon Concert Band celebrates Rob Kinnear's 42 years as a conductor

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIED

Known for a 110 per cent response, conductor of the Caledon Concert Band, Rob Kinnear has a special talent for bringing out the best in his band members. They have been all ages from high school up and joined the band with a range of experience and ability.

Progress and confidence of younger or less developed musicians were possible with encouragement and mentoring from other members of the band and Kinnear himself.

His lifelong enthusiasm for music and, in particular, sharing it with new musicians brought them to appreciate his passion. With his musical knowledge and considerable ability to communicate a composer's intentions, Kinnear did inspire musicians to perform beyond what they believed they were able to achieve.

The band's treasurer, Maureen Schoonbaert, told the Citizen she was a guide through Kinnear's life and love of sharing music with as many people who echoed his excitement for as much time as possible. Knowing the conductor and the band's history so well, it made sense to let her tell this story in part, via an email interview.

Far beyond the podium, Kinnear was a teacher, mentor, friend, and inspiration to generations of musicians.

"He created a welcoming musical home where people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities could come together through their shared love of music," Schoonbaert wrote.

Kinnear firmly believes that music should bring people together, and he has encouraged musicians of stronger abilities to mentor younger or less experienced members, fostering an environment of friendship, learning, and mutual respect.

Many members see the band as more than a weekly rehearsal. It becomes a place of belonging, for friendships to develop across generations as a shared passion for music brings people together.

Like a life's mission, Kinnear set high expectations, not just as an aim for perfection, but because, believing in his musicians, he knew what they could accomplish together. Combining a deep understanding of music with an infectious passion for conducting, he continually challenged and encouraged the band to grow.

Throughout more than four decades, he has been a constant source of leadership and stability for the organization. In spite of moving an hour away from the Caledon area, Kinnear steadfastly attended every rehearsal to conduct the band, a stunning demonstration of the deep commitment he felt to its members and its place in the community.

For Kinnear, it has always been about music, not financial compensation nor even recognition: Kinnear simply loves making music. Those who know him understand that conducting has always been one of his greatest joys. A passion he'd be glad to spend every day playing music if he could.

His inclination to give his time and talent so generously has been a reflection of the spirit of volunteerism and community service that has helped sustain the Caledon Concert Band for more than five decades. Throughout his career, he has been an inspiration for countless students to develop confidence and experience the rewards of performing together.

For more than 25 years, Kinnear served as a Christian choral camp director and adjudicated for music festivals and the CNE Rising Star Competition.

His influence on many of his students continues long after graduation. The musical skills and confidence they developed under his direction have remained with them throughout their lives.

Kinnear's background is as a 38-year distinguished high school music educator, including teaching at Brampton Centennial Secondary School.

Attending a number of universities, Kinnear earned his Bachelor of Science (Western) and Bachelor of Education, plus an Honours of Specialist in Music from U of T and finally, a B.M.T. at Windsor University.

During those years, he was also busy training in concert band and symphonic conducting. He went on to perform professionally with the Windsor Classic Chorale and Michigan Opera Theatre, singing operatic and choral repertoire over a four-year period.

"On Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026, the Caledon Concert Band dedicated its Hallowe'en Spooktacular Concert to Kinnear in recognition of his 42 years of leadership, dedication and service," Schoonbaert reported, adding that a "full-house audience gathered to enjoy the concert and honour a man who has contributed so much to the band and the wider community."

When describing music, Kinnear said, "It's not just something you do; it is something in you – not just something you think about – it's about what you feel when you play that phase."

He continued, "It's something you can't hold down – you can actually feel it between these thoughts and you don't have control."

Even when he and his family moved to Kitchener, Kinnear continued to come back every Wednesday to rehearsals.

"It was a commitment I made," he said. "That meant something to me. It was actually about the relationship with the band. Forty-two years is a long time, and I wouldn't give up a moment of it."

"When there is music, there is reaction to it. When you see someone smile, you know something has clicked in a note, maybe in your lyrics," Kinnear added.

He commented on the veracity of bird calls, that after a while, a blue jay's call has told what you finally understand. On the bubbling of the pump in the fish tank, it is all music.

He was clear about music and the environment; walking in the woods, everything calls to us.

In answer to a pinnacle in his life, he brushed it all away: "Money is not important – there are no pinnacles – it's all about how people feel about the music."

Facebook is collecting tributes to Kinnear. Follows a couple of examples: from Deanna: "The concert was so fun. Great collection of music. This was my daughter's first time listening to a concert band. Mr. Kinnear, you are the heart of Caledon band and have touched the hearts of many. Including mine."

And from Jennifer: "I'm so sorry I missed it. Rob is the reason I pursued a career in music. He was like a second father to me in high school and a dear, beloved friend who became family. I am truly blessed to have Rob and his entire family in my life."



Rob Kinnear conducts the Caledon Concert Band during its 50th anniversary celebrations in October 2024. Kinnear is marking 42 years as the band's conductor and is known for bringing together musicians of all ages and abilities, encouraging them to develop their skills and reach their full potential. The band rehearsed and performed at Caledon Hills Fellowship Baptist Church. **SCOTT MARTIN PHOTO**

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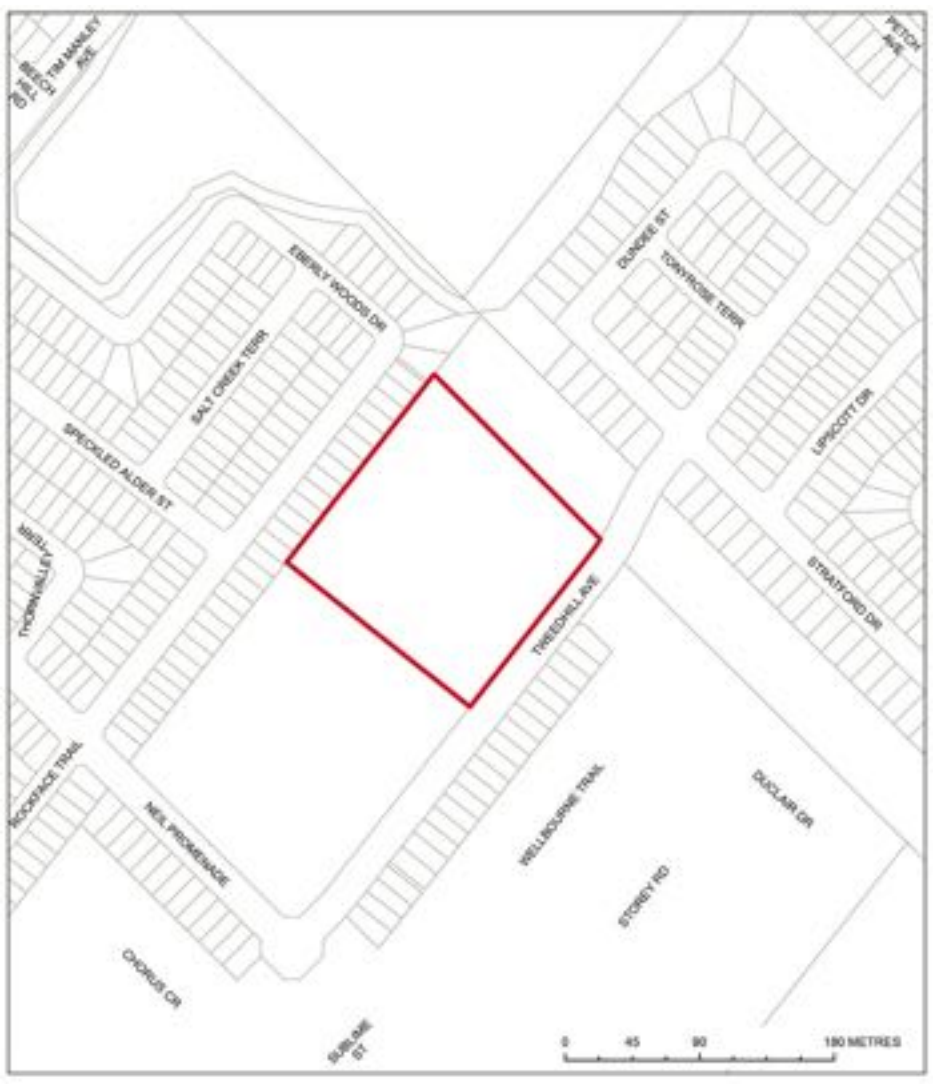
PUBLIC NOTICE

Mayfield West Phase 2 Community Park Public Information Session

The Town of Caledon invites you to attend a Public Information Session for the proposed Mayfield West Phase 2 Community Park, located at the northwest corner of Tweedhill Avenue and Duclair Drive. This is an opportunity to learn more about the project and share your input to help inform the future park and amenities that will help serve our growing community.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE DETAILS:

- **Date: November 18th, 2026**
- **Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
- **Location: Margaret Dunn Valleywood Library and Community Room**
- **Address: 20 Snelcrest Drive, Caledon, ON L7C 1B5**



The Information Session will be held in a drop-in format with no formal presentations, so residents are welcome to attend at any time during the session. Project information, plans, and display boards will be available for review at your own pace. Town staff will be in attendance throughout the evening to answer questions, discuss the project, and receive your input.

If you have any questions or concerns prior to the event, contact: Halley Patel, Parks Planner Parks and Natural Heritage at parksnh@caledon.ca.

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ADVERTISING WORKS LOCALLY!

Legacy Golf Classic's fundraising total surpasses half a million dollars

BY KATHRYN FRASER
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER



Darius Saplys, Dennis Milanov, Maninder Mand and Tony Iofranco celebrate their North Course victory at the second annual Legacy Golf Classic, held Sept. 2 at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley in Caledon. The team finished 17-under par. **PHOTO PROVIDED BY LEGACY GOLF CLASSIC**

On Sept. 2, Legacy Golf Classic held its second tournament at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley in Caledon.

On Oct. 14, it was announced that the tournament had raised $365,934 and generated $163,542 in net charitable proceeds, which brought the total fundraising amount to $566,001.

This adds to the initial charitable proceeds of last year's $110,200, now making the full net charitable proceeds $273,742 in a span of two years.

The Legacy Golf Classic event also reached a special milestone as it doubled the number of participants from last year's 144 golfers to now 288.

Co-founder Allan Thompson says that this growth is proof that the residents of Caledon are eager to participate in the tournament.

"Year one proved the concept. Year two proved we could scale it," says Thompson.

While the number of participants and charitable funds have grown, co-founder Anne Thompson believes that the increase represents more than just bigger financial numbers.

"When we started Legacy [Golf Classic], we wanted to create something that could bring people together and generate meaningful, lasting impact in our community," she says. "In only two years, our golfers, sponsors, partners, donors and volunteers have helped turn that idea into more than half a million dollars raised. More importantly, they have helped create meaningful support for organizations serving our community. That is an extraordinary reflection of what can happen when people get behind something together."

A grand total of $122,619 from this event will be donated to the Caledon Agricultural Society (CAS)as they are the 2026 grant recipient.

This was a two-year grant for CAS, and all proceeds will go towards planned expansion for the area, including the new community centre building that is to be put on the fairgrounds.

"As president of the Caledon Agricultural Society, it has been an absolute pleasure to work alongside Anne and Allan in helping realize our vision for a much-needed community centre at the Caledon Fairgrounds," says Caledon Agricultural Society President Ed Taccone.

"Anne and Allan are true community leaders. They don't just organize they inspire. We are incredibly grateful for the heart, dedication and endless energy they have poured into making the Legacy Golf Classic such a tremendous success."

The donation of funds for the event is set up in two ways through the Allan and Anne Thompson Community Fund in collaboration with the Brampton Caledon Community Foundation, with 75 per cent of the net proceeds designated for the immediate charity and the remaining 25 per cent is directed to a permanent endowment.

Since creating this fund, CAS has received $205,269 from the Legacy Golf Classic alone.

Through all this hard work, Allan and Anne Thompson share their gratitude for volunteers and over 60 sponsors that have played a large role in this volunteer-led golf tournament.

Some of the sponsors include TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley, Votorantim Cimentos and the Rice Group, joined by major partners Benson Steel, Brampton Brick, Arcadis, Four Valleys Excavating & Grading Ltd., LiUNA! Local 183, Peel Hardware & Supply, TD, Highway 10 Aggregates, Premier Medical Clinic, Scotiabank, Bayer, Downey's Farm Market, James Dick Construction Limited and Primont Homes.

"We simply could not do this without our partners," says Anne Thompson. "Some believed in Legacy when it was little more than an idea and have continued to grow with us. Others joined us this year as we took the enormous step from one course to two. Every one of them has become part of what Legacy is building, and we are incredibly grateful."

In addition to the funds raised, the tournament also had a number of champions winning in a variety of categories throughout the day.

Below are the 2026 champions.

Hoot Course Champions — 18-under

Colin Berry, Matthew Berry, Travis Mailhot and Marshall Waters

North Course Champions — 17-under

Maninder Mand, Dennis Milanov, Tony Iofranco and Darius Saplys

Men's Longest Drive

North — Tim O'Brien

Hoot — Bryce Jurk

Women's Longest Drive

North — Kiera Whitehead

Hoot — Carly Epp

Men's Closest to the Pin

North — Ryan Thompson

Hoot — Troy Sebok

Women's Closest to the Pin

North — Jill Knowles

Hoot — Marissa Crawford

Beat the Pro

North — Thomas Archer

Hoot — Travis Rumney

Looking to next year, the third annual tournament will be hosted on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2027, at TPC Osprey, and Thompson looks forward to seeing what next year brings.

"Our focus now is on making the two-course model we've built even stronger — continuing to improve the experience, growing our partnerships and ensuring that as Legacy develops, so does its capacity for charitable impact," she says.

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Remembering in discomfort

Remembrance Day services are always, in my view, a spectacular sight.

I've been a life-long sucker for pomp and circumstance, so the bands and pipers (bag and otherwise) that participate each year, not to mention the associated parades, and uniforms that have been cleaned-up and buttons polished to levels only seen at this time of year, is a perfect storm.

But it's not just pomp and circumstance solely for the sake of pomp and circumstance; it's potent, poignant, and never fails to lose its power.

This sight, unchanged in so many ways since the end of the First World War, had extra power this year due to circumstances well beyond our control.

The sheer number of people who gave their all to attend ceremonies on Tuesday, and those held over the weekend, despite a deep freeze and snow blowing in all directions, was a testament to how proud we are of the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice for King, Queen and Country. It was also reflective of the pride we have in the men and women who served, experienced the horrors taken in by the fallen but, mercifully, came home to share their stories.

As impressive as the numbers were given the unseasonable weather of the past few days, however, I often wonder just how many more people might turn out if not for any number of circumstances.

Sure, there are those who are unable to get out and mark the occasion privately, or, if they're living on a congregate setting, in services ably spearheaded by residential staff to allow their residents to Remember – and a special shout out goes to teachers and education support staff who go above and beyond to help students Remember in-class as well.

But there are other circumstances, too.

Some might say such services glorify war and conflict; well, talk to anyone who has served and you'll likely say otherwise.

Some might argue that there aren't enough hours to take out of the workday to make the effort; first of all, the men and women who served might have learned a word we can't print in this newspaper to refute that, but, regardless, there are almost always ways to remember on the weekends.

Yet, for others, it's a matter of discomfort.

I know there are members of our communities who don't turn out for very personal reasons. Perhaps they had a beloved parent or grandparent, aunt or uncle, who served and the aforementioned power and potency of such ceremonies are simply too much for them.

Others still might find the music that so often accompanies such services too evocative of events in their past, at funerals, for instance, and would prefer to ride out these emotions in privacy.

Fair enough.

While I respect each person's individual reasons for not coming out for such occasions, to me it invariably seems like such a missed opportunity.

I'm also reminded of an experience I had many years ago when, as a loved one's life ebbed towards its close, some members of their family were reluctant to come and say their final farewells.

Saying goodbye is always difficult, and that goes without saying, but their reason for staying away often surprised me: they preferred to remember the loved one as they were in their prime, not as they were as their time came to an end. That certainly didn't help anybody and, when you can provide comfort at no cost to someone you love when they need it the most is, in my opinion, peak selfishness.

And, again, a missed opportunity.

There is some value in discomfort.

At last week's recent induction ceremony for the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame's Class of 2025, some of the honourees touched upon the lessons they learned in taking a loss on the field, on the rink, or whatever their arena, if you'll pardon the pun, happened to be.

Losing is never a comfortable experience, but it's one that you learn from and, hopefully, propels you forward.

Political circumstances here at home, south of the border, and well-beyond have come together to inspire people who have never been engaged in politics before to step out of their comfort zones, put their opinions forward and, if not in writing, speaking before the public – a hurdle that's difficult to clear in the best of circumstances.

Just last week, comedian Nikki Glaser hosted Saturday Night Live and certainly sparked a conversation. Her monologue, which touched upon several controversial topics, made many people uncomfortable – and brought about the inevitable online backlash, as most things do these days – but, if not laughing, it certainly got people talking.

Maybe, however, there a shift in the offing.

An October 13 article in the UK newspaper, The Independent, delved into the topic of whether or not trigger warnings, such as those at the start of a movie or news article that contain scenes which could adversely impact its consumers, are effective.

In her article, Rebecca Whittaker, cited a study which found "flagging potentially distressing content may encourage people" to read or watch further.

"Almost 90 per vent of young people who saw a trigger warning still chose to view the content out of curiosity, whatever the source of the warnings, and irrespective of whether they suffered trauma. One person even told researchers: 'Sometimes my brain wants to be triggered, so it grabs my attention more.'"

More than 250 people between the ages of 17 and 25 participated in the study. It also found that whether or not the participant had trauma history or PTSD had little bearing in whether or not they were going to heed the warming.

"Although trigger warnings are there to signal care and consideration, the evidence suggests they do little to prevent exposure to distressing material. Instead, they may simply pique curiosity, leading users to engage with content they might otherwise have ignored."

This is not to suggest in any way that people go and run roughshod over trigger warnings that might very well be relevant to their own experiences and their mental health, but simply to illustrate that comfort zones are highly individual and we are in control of whether or not we stay in them.

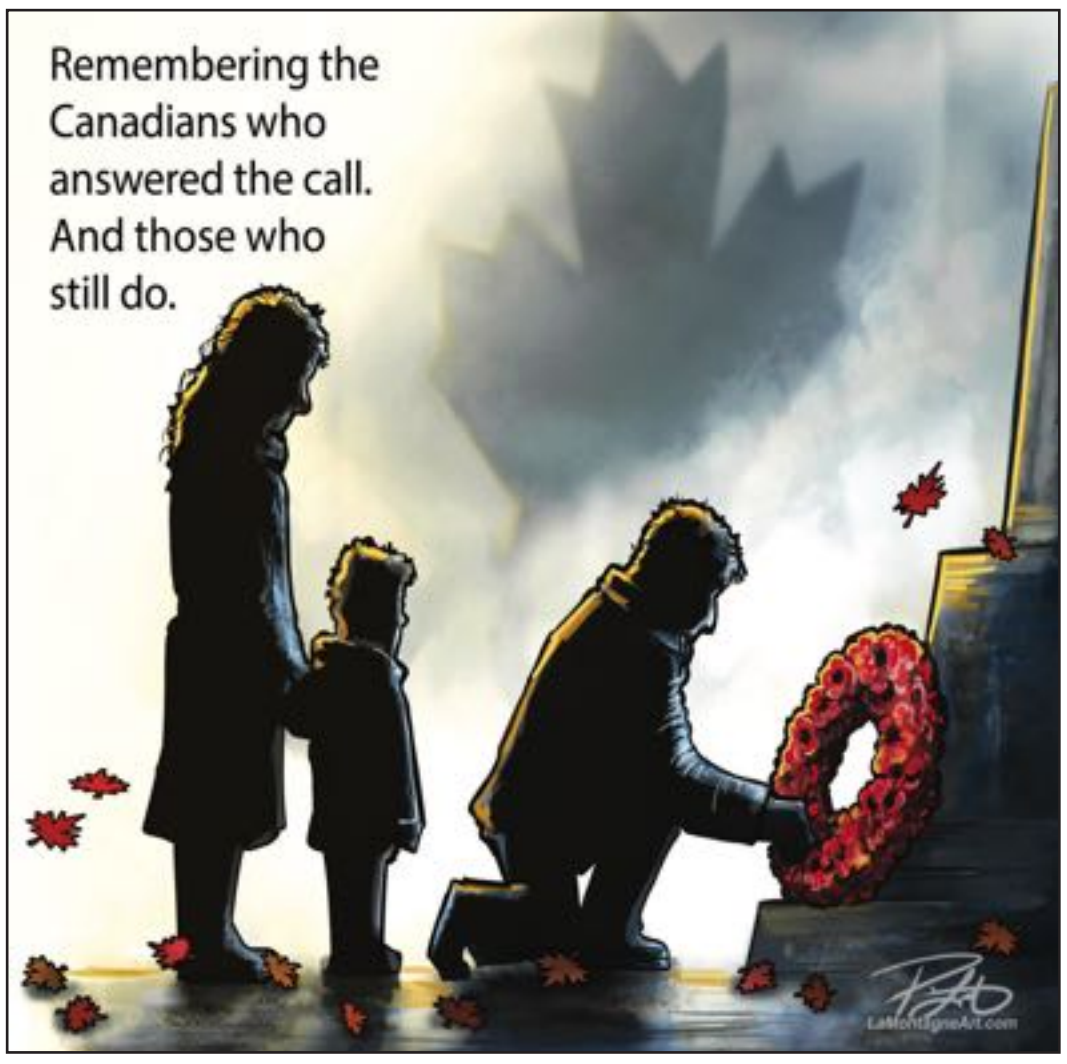
And how we Remember.

If you stay away from your local Cenotaph at this time of year solely because it might be an uncomfortable experience, perhaps 2026 is the year you step out of that comfort zone and take part in a remarkable example of community coming together for a common cause – something that is becoming increasingly rare in this day and age.

The men and women we gather to remember certainly stepped out of theirs to serve, and so-called creature comforts were barely a thought – aside, perhaps, from writing home about provisions and rations. Who knows, coming out next November might provide a valuable moment of catharsis.

For those who gathered on Tuesday and in the days that preceded it, it certainly wasn't a comfortable experience, either. But it completed the Act of Remembrance, and, I think we were all the richer for it.

Note: This column originally appeared in the November 13, 2025 edition of The Citizen



Is "falling down" a sign of weakness?



"Don't be afraid to ask for help. Sometimes the hardest thing we ever must do is ask for help. We want to show everyone that we can do it all, that we have it under control. But the reality is that asking for help is not a sign of weakness – it is the greatest sign of strength." – Kendra Scott

by Mark Pavilons

Seeing someone trip and fall down is often comical, a video clip worthy of America's Funniest Videos.

Just a few short years ago, that would be the case, but in my current life, it's just a cruel joke.

I don't like getting dizzy and falling down in the hallway. I hate it, with every fiber of my being.

I don't like feeling my legs buckle, reaching out for something to hold onto and then falling, like a sack of cement, to the floor.

I don't like having my son lift me up and set me straight.

I hate showing him how weak I am. I'm supposed to be the strong one. I'm supposed to support the family, not sit on the floor like a ragged stuffed toy that has seen better days.

I don't care where the weakness comes from – dehydration, chemo fatigue, improper diet – it reveals, like a mystic mirror, what's truly going on inside me.

I hate it all.

When I was in my prime I never really thought of growing old. I couldn't picture that future Mark, in a rocking chair with a knitted blanket keeping my aged bones warm.

I could never picture my twilight years.

Perhaps that was a bit of an omen, that I would never reach old age. Alas, that's the case, at least statistically speaking. My oncologist has not given me an "expiry date," but she has made it clear I won't make it to a certain age.

Sure, people defy the odds all the time and scoff at cancer diagnoses with derision.

They fight, because everything is on the line.

I am happy, and somewhat jealous, when I read social media posts about people who have ended their chemo, ringing the bell, or are celebrating a year or more being cancer free. They are the lucky ones.

My epitaph will indicate that cancer conquered me. It is not a "battle" or a "fight," it is about extending, stretching – time, energy, hope, love.

My obituary won't say that I passed after a "courageous battle with cancer." Quite the contrary. I hope my obituary writer tells the truth and say that I faded in the face of an unbeatable, insidious foe, becoming sad and weak as it robbed me of joy. I hope it says I hated every minute struggling with weakness.

Not a very heraldic picture, but a true reflection nevertheless.

And how do we measure strength and weakness?

The dictionary indicates that strength is the ability to resist being moved or broken by a force. It's the strength and durability of a material. And it's the quality that allows someone to deal with problems in a determined and effective way.

Weakness, on the other hand, is defined as exhaustion, feebleness, infirmity.

Is that what I have become?

Yes, at times, I'm tired, both physically and mentally. I've been fortunate in that I haven't suffered from severe chemo side effects like many others. I've had a good appetite, sleep pattern and little pain. Okay, I've suffered from fatigue and some aches and pains, but overall, I can't complain.

This is a physical reaction to what's happening to me. It's neither strength nor weakness.

I try to remain busy, as active as possible, and mentally well oiled. Working, and writing, keep my veins pumping and my mind sharp.

But my mind is plagued by depression, moodiness, anguish and even doom.

I'm reminded by many that a positive attitude will help clear those storm clouds and refresh my ability to see clearly. Easier said than done.

And what of my strength of character? My dad was known for saying that someone had "no character," meaning they were weak, unreliable, not trustworthy. To him, that was an important quality for a man to have.

I hope I haven't disappointed him. I've tried to be honest, genuine, dependable, compassionate and someone who is always ready to support a cause or help a friend.

I've tried to be a decent husband and father, but I admit I've had some character flaws along the way.

Billy Graham once said that the tears we shed for ourselves are "tears of weakness."

If that's true, I'm guilty of spilling a few pints.

Some believe our greatest strengths can be our greatest weaknesses, and vice versa. Maybe it's how we funnel such energy. And it's been said that men grow stronger by enduring weakness.

Regardless of how you view it, it's the dichotomy of being human. We are filled with a vast array of conflicting emotions, thoughts, and abilities. We must decide between right and wrong; whether to run or stay and fight; and if we should struggle or give in.

We deal with being happy and sad; upbeat and depressed, feeling blessed and feeling victimized.

Experts say that paying attention to our weaknesses is definitely helpful, in that improving our perception of weakness will help our resilience.

Identifying our strengths is as easy as noting what we're good at. I don't think that's an issue for most of us.

And if we are honest with ourselves, we know our weaknesses inside and out.

What becomes problematic is when something – a force, unforeseen happening, tragedy and yes, major illness – steps in and derails a perfectly well-rounded human being, flaws and all!

I know my weaknesses intimately. I've spent some time with them.

I never asked be strong. I just want to live.



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Caledon Fire and Emergency Services has added three new fire trucks to its fleet, strengthening emergency response capabilities and firefighter safety across the municipality.

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Caledon to receive three new fire trucks to support fire department

BY KATHRYN FRASER
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

On Oct. 23, the Town of Caledon announced that it will be delivering three new fire trucks to Caledon Emergency Fire Services.

This is due to the continuous growth that Caledon is facing, as its population is growing and will continue to grow, with an estimated 300,000 residents by 2050, as announced by the Province of Ontario.

The addition of the fire trucks will be used to make sure that Caledon Emergency Fire Services has the equipment to help Caledon both in the future and present.

Each new fire truck will be assigned to a different station with Squad 301 at Station 301 in Alton, Tanker 307 at Station 307 in Valleywood and Squad 308 at Station 308 in Mono Mills.

This is just three out of the 10 fire stations throughout Caledon.

Those interested in knowing which fire station is closest to them can find out at https://www.caledon.ca/en/town-services/stations.aspx

The new vehicles are also updated with larger fire pumps, improved braking and electrical systems, increased occupant seating, increased onboard water capacity, rollover protection with airbags and efficient diesel engines to be more eco-friendly.

Caledon Fire Chief Dave Pelayo says that investing in new fire trucks is important to increase safety.

"Investing in modern fire apparatus is an important part of ensuring our firefighters have the equipment they need to respond safely and effectively," says Chief Pelayo. "These new trucks are important improvements to firefighter safety, operational capabilities and environmental performance, helping us continue to deliver reliable fire and emergency services to Caledon residents."

Commissioner of Community Services Judith D'Souza Soares also spoke on the importance of having the essentials to support Caledon's growth.

"Maintaining safe, reliable and effective emergency services is essential as Caledon continues to grow," says D'Souza Soares. "These investments support our commitment to service excellence and ensure fire services continue to evolve alongside the needs of our community."

For more information about these new trucks, visit the Town of Caledon website and social media pages.

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



Feeling grateful

Not to be confused with Thanksgiving, but I am feeling grateful. Family, health, all those things are important for sure, but today's missive is grander in scale. I'm feeling grateful for the right to live in a society where I can express my opinion, vote in an election and move about freely. These things come at a cost, however, and a pretty significant one at that. So today, I'm also feeling grateful for the sacrifices made by generations of Canadians who made the choice to fight for our freedom. Such sacrifice also demands something of us. The responsibility to treat those sacrifices with respect.

By the time we go to press next week Remembrance Day will have come and gone. Here in Caledon, services at Mono Mills have already been held, and this coming weekend will see services take place at the Alton Legion on Sunday, November 8, at 10:15 am and in Bolton at the Cenotaph that same day at 12:30 pm. On November 11th, beginning at 10:50 am, services will take place at the Cenotaph located at Town Hall in Caledon East. If you are able, it's a very small price to pay to stand in the cold (or snow, or rain) to take the time to honour those who endured days, weeks and months in terrible conditions, separated from family and who risked their lives daily to protect ours. For those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, such remembrance and thanks is literally, the very least we can do.

If you cannot stand alongside an outdoor ceremony, stand where you are. Stop whatever you are doing, even at work or while you are running errands. Stop for the moment of silence and remember. Turn on the TV and watch the ceremonies taking place in Ottawa and consider yourself lucky that in Canada, the only booming of guns you are likely to ever hear come from the 21-gun salute. Be grateful that for you, hearing their loud retort is unlikely to make you flinch, or run to take cover, because of your own memories of first-hand experiences in a war-torn country or from being in battle yourself. Spare a thought for returning service personnel who have experienced danger, bombings, IEDs, and more and are living now with PTSD as a result of those experiences. Many of those persons weren't even fighting for Canadian freedoms but for the concept of freedom around the world. We owe that debt of gratitude to every single person who has ever taken up arms in the fight to preserve the kind of democracy we here in Canada are privileged to enjoy.

It seems appropriate today to share the following: Canada's War Museum reminds us that the history and evolution of Remembrance Day is "a day to honour the fallen, but …also…… to remember the horror of war and to embrace peace."

Additionally, history tells us that poppies have become an integral part of this solemn remembrance. The poppy, memorialized in Canadian Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae's poem In Flanders Fields, has become the symbol of our collective remembrance and we stand at cenotaphs (meaning, in Greek, "empty tomb") across the country to honour and remember those who have no final resting place, whose remains were never recovered or who are buried in lands far from home.

The Royal Canadian Legion shares the correct protocol for wearing your poppy respectfully requires that it is pinned to the left breast of your outermost clothing; unobscured, and unaltered by anything else, from the last Friday in October, until the end of Remembrance Day services on November 11. You may then choose to lay your poppy at the base of your local cenotaph after ceremonies end.

Many Canadians across the country, and certainly here in Caledon, recently voted in municipal elections. It's no secret that ours was a contentious one and many sharp words, barbs and criticisms were launched during the campaign with residents taking to social media, attending debates, and meet and greets with a vengeance. Our voter turnout could (and should) have been higher, but more people than ever DID exercise their right to vote. More people than ever exercised their right to freely engage in those debates, and to trade criticism and sharp words without fear of persecution. Personal attacks are never good, but having the freedom to debate, engage in democracy and to vote are. We have those rights because of those who paid the ultimate price for freedom. Never forget. Please stand in solemn Remembrance and with gratitude on November 11th.



Salvation Stitchers sew their way toward helping local patients

BY JOSHUA DRAKES
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Members of the Salvation Stitchers, a group of women who meet twice monthly at the Salvation Army church in Orangeville, sew caps and pouches for patients undergoing chemotherapy. The items are available free of charge to patients in the chemotherapy suite at Headwaters Health Care Centre.
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The Salvation Stitchers, an Orangeville knitting group, is putting their skills toward crafting hats and pouches for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy in the community.

Founded approximately 15 years ago by Betty McCutcheon, a member of the Salvation Army Church, the idea for the group originally began as a small sewing group intended to teach church members how to sew. It eventually grew into a larger community effort, with volunteers using their skills and donated materials to respond to requests from organizations across the region and beyond.

"Well, originally the pastors we had at the time were young, and they had two young daughters," McCutcheon said. "The wife wanted to learn to sew, and the daughters wanted to learn to sew, so we started with them, a little group. Then we expanded out, and we had a children's sewing group. So we were teaching kids how to sew, and then it expanded out to what we have here."

The sewing group has donated more than 40,000 handmade items to local organizations and charitable causes, with its total approaching 45,000 items to date.

The group brings together around 20 volunteers, including members who work from home, to turn donated fabric and other materials into practical items for people in need. Its latest project includes making chemotherapy caps for hospital patients, expanding on its existing work producing items to support people undergoing cancer treatment.

Today, the group supports a wide range of causes, including long-term care homes, hospice services, shelters, food banks and organizations supporting children and families. Its projects have included quilts, fidget blankets, tote bags, backpacks, pencil cases, children's clothing and pet beds for local animal shelters.

The Salvation Stitchers also contributes to international charitable efforts through Sew on Fire Ministries in Burlington, which distributes handmade items to communities around the world.

For McCutcheon, the group's approach is straightforward: identify a need and determine whether the volunteers can help meet it.

"What we do depends on what the needs are and depends on what fabrics we have on hand at the time," she said. "We try to match those two things together and come up with some useful items."

The Salvation Stitchers make baby and children's items, including diapers and sanitary napkins, which are donated to Sew on Fire for distribution to children who lack clothing and other necessities.

"Here in the community, we've had one couple, an older couple, who would cut out the quilts and lay them out on the floor, and his wife would sew them together. I mean, they did over 100 quilt tops. We still haven't got them all quilted, but we will," McCutcheon said. "If you get a whole batch of, say, heavier fabrics, well, we can make tote bags out of those. Then we can make pencil cases. Then we can make all of these things. So it just depends mostly on what we have on hand and what the needs are in the community."

That philosophy has also shaped the group's work supporting cancer patients. After McCutcheon's husband underwent chemotherapy, she recognized an opportunity to improve on the small cotton bag he had received to carry his treatment equipment. The group began making chemotherapy pouches, eventually producing hundreds.

Now, the volunteers are turning their attention to chemotherapy caps, while also exploring other items that could benefit hospital patients.

The group relies heavily on donations, with most of its materials coming from members of the public and volunteers who contribute supplies from their own collections. It is currently seeking yarn, cotton fabric, flannel and quilt batting, along with donations of portable sewing machines in good working condition.

Beyond its charitable work, the group offers an opportunity for people to learn a new skill and build friendships. McCutcheon welcomes newcomers, regardless of whether they belong to the Salvation Army, and is happy to teach those interested in sewing.

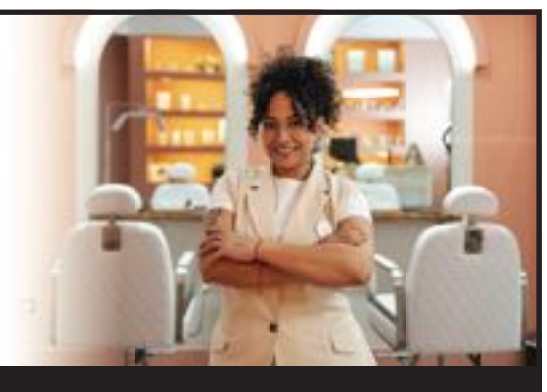
"We always need more ladies, and we take men too," she said. "If you can sew, come on in. We need knitters, we need crocheters. You do not have to be a member of the Salvation Army. This is a helpful group, a good group that welcomes everybody and anybody."

McCutcheon added, "It's a little community. It's a little support system, which is a really important thing for seniors, because there's a lot of loneliness out there, and a lot of people haven't got a regular, steady place that they know to look forward to."

The group meets twice a month and is open to anyone willing to contribute, including men, knitters and crocheters.

With thousands of items already distributed, the Salvation Stitchers continue to put their skills to work, one project at a time, helping local organizations provide comfort and practical support to people who need it.

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Senior centre's annual fundraiser to feature handcrafted items, baked goods

BY KATHRYN FRASER
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

On Nov. 7, the Caledon Senior Centre (CSC) will be hosting its annual Craft, Bake and Silent Auction Sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Caledon Senior Centre, Rotary Place.

This sale is one of CSC's largest fundraising events of the year and has something to offer to all.

The Caledon Seniors Centre serves approximately 2,500 members, providing recreation, education, wellness opportunities and meaningful social connections. As demand for senior-focused programs continues to grow, fundraising events like the Craft, Bake and Silent Auction play an important role in helping the centre sustain its programs and services that enrich the lives of local seniors.

Community members are encouraged to come early, bring their friends and family, and enjoy a morning of shopping, delicious treats and community spirit.

The sale will have a variety of items to choose from, including handcrafted items, baked goods and exciting silent auction items.

One highlighted section of the sale will be the handcrafted items created by participants and members from the Caledon Senior Centre's painting and woodworking classes.

Manager of Caledon Seniors Centre Beverley Nurden says that events like these are so important as they showcase the talent of the people in the community.

"Events like this are about so much more than fundraising. They bring our community together and showcase the incredible creativity, generosity and talent of the people who make our centre so special," says Nurden. "Every purchase and every winning bid helps support programs and activities that keep adults aged 55 and older active, connected and thriving."

In addition to perusing the tables, attendees will also be able to step in and explore the Team Room, which is a designated space to take a break.

The Nearly New Room is an additional room that will be filled with items that are slightly used but still in good condition, a perfect room to try and find items for family and friends.

For those foodies at heart, there will be a MacGregor's Meat and Seafood Sale, Krispy Kreme doughnuts (individual or by the dozen) and Purdy's Chocolate to satisfy the sweet tooth.

There's something for everyone, and plenty of opportunities to get your holiday shopping started early!

Throughout the event, raffle tickets will be for sale, and participants will have a chance to win six amazing grand prizes, which include $1,000 cash, Niagara Falls Escape (value $892), $500 cash, $200 gift cards, Keurig with Coffee Pods (value $142), and lottery tickets (value $66).

Tickets will be sold until the draw happens at 2 p.m.

Come for the treasures, stay for the community spirit, and help make a difference in the lives of Caledon's seniors.

Theatre Orangeville pledges continued accountability amid financial recovery

Theatre Orangeville is pledging continued financial accountability and cooperation with the town as the organization works to stabilize its finances and maintain its role in the community.

In a statement published Oct. 28, the theatre's Board of Directors outlined its ongoing recovery efforts, thanking residents and supporters while acknowledging public questions surrounding its financial circumstances and management.

"In recent months, Theatre Orangeville has been the subject of public discussion concerning our financial circumstances, our relationship with the town, and our role in the management of the historic Orangeville Opera House," the statement read. "Over the past year, Theatre Orangeville has faced significant financial challenges that have required difficult decisions and meaningful organizational change."

The statement, signed by board chair Laura Austin, also congratulated Mayor Lisa Post and Orangeville's newly elected council, expressing a desire to maintain the partnership between the municipality and the theatre as it works to repay its $300,000 loan.

The organization has faced significant financial challenges over the past year, prompting changes to its operations and internal structure.

Working alongside artistic director Jennifer Stewart, the board said that it has reviewed its operations, introduced cost-saving measures and reassigned responsibilities in an effort to establish a more sustainable financial footing.

The board emphasized that the assistance is a loan, not a grant, and repayment will follow the terms established through its agreement with the municipality. Beyond its financial relationship with the town, Theatre Orangeville continues to oversee operations at the Orangeville Opera House, a role that it will continue to do as always.

"Our partnership with the town extends well beyond financial support," the statement read. "Theatre Orangeville is proud of its longstanding role in managing the Orangeville Opera House, including supporting community rentals, providing front-of-house, box office and technical services, and helping ensure this historic facility remains an accessible and welcoming space for our community."

The board acknowledged that rebuilding confidence among residents, patrons and supporters will require continued action and responsible financial management.

Theatre Orangeville has operated for more than 30 years, offering professional Canadian theatre, arts education, youth programming and community partnerships.

The board said maintaining those programs and their community impact will depend on making responsible decisions while strengthening the organization's financial position.

It also committed to providing further updates as developments arise. The theatre expressed its gratitude for the continued support it receives from its patrons, the community and the Town of Orangeville.

"We recognize that the confidence of our patrons, supporters and community is earned through action," the statement read. "As we continue to strengthen our operations and financial foundation, our Board of Directors remains committed to responsible oversight, sound financial management and fulfilling our obligations to the Town of Orangeville. To our patrons, subscribers, donors, volunteers, community partners and the Town of Orangeville, thank you for your continued support, your questions and your belief in Theatre Orangeville."

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Peel Region

Environmental Assessment Study
NOTICE OF COMPLETION
Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
Kennedy Road Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project

Background

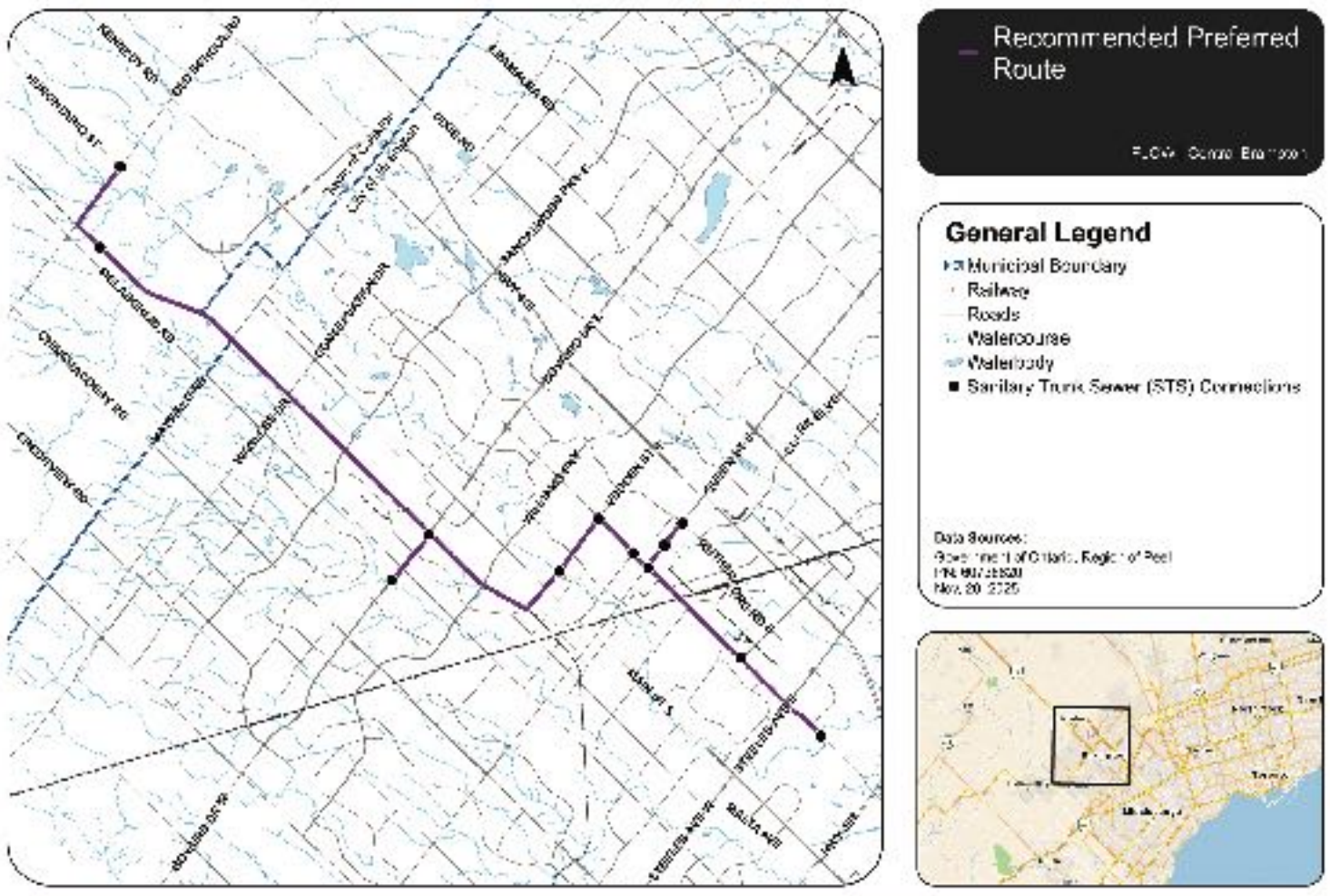
Peel Region ("the Region") has completed a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the Kennedy Road Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project. The study was undertaken to identify, evaluate, and recommend a preferred route alignment and method of construction to address long term wastewater servicing requirements and support planned growth in the City of Brampton and Town of Caledon.

Your Input is Important:

You are invited to review the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the Kennedy Road Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project, to provide the project team with feedback and comments. This ESR documents the planning process undertaken, potential impacts and mitigation measures, and the following recommendations (Figure 1):

- Construction of approximately 19 kilometers of new sanitary trunk sewer primarily along the Kennedy Road, the Orangeville-Brampton Railway corridor, and Old School Road.
- Connection of the new trunk sewer to the existing Rutherford North Sanitary Trunk Sewer at Queen Street East and existing Etobicoke Creek and Fletcher's Creek Sanitary Trunk Sewers.
- Implementation of construction methods, including trenchless technologies where feasible. Subject to comments received following this Notice and the receipt of approvals, the Region intends to proceed with construction of the recommended project as outlined in the ESR.

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Environmental Study Report (ESR):
The ESR will be available for a 30 day public review period from November 5, 2026 to December 7, 2026. An electronic copy of the ESR will be available for public review on the project website. You can access the website using the link below or by scanning the QR code with your smartphone: https://peelregion.ca/construction/environmental-assessments/kennedy-road-sanitary-trunk-sewer-project

Comment Submission:
If you wish to submit comments and/or concerns on this study, please contact the Project Manager listed below. If you have concerns related to Indigenous treaty rights which cannot be resolved, you may send your Section 16 Order request to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Director of the Environmental Assessment Branch at the addresses listed below. A copy of the request should also be sent to the Region's Project Manager. **All requests must be received by the Project Manager within the 30-day public review period by December 7, 2026.**

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This notice was first issued on November 5, 2026

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Orangeville Otters host third annual Spooky Splash Meet, break records

BY CHRIS PERROTTE

From Oct. 23 to 25, the Orangeville Otters hosted their third annual Spooky Splash Swim Meet at the Alder Recreation Centre.

Six swim clubs accepted the invitation to join the Otters in this event. The teams included the Waterloo Club Warriors, Hanover Swim Club, Owen Sound Aquatic Club, Mississauga Swim Club, the Port Elgin Breakers Swim Club and the Collingwood Clippers Swim Club.

"It is incredibly encouraging to see so many clubs accept our invitation and join us for this event. Visiting swimmers and their families provide significant financial support to our organization, but it is also a reflection of the reputation the Otters have worked hard to build," said Otters President David Egbert.

We take great pride in hosting well-organized, competitive and fun events that provide a positive experience for swimmers, coaches and families. Having so many clubs participate is a tremendous endorsement of our club and the swimming community we are proud to be part of," shared David Egbert, President of the Orangeville Otters.

In total, 336 swimmers participated in the three-day Spooky Splash Swim Meet, with 88 of those representing the Otters. The swimmers took part in a six-session meet. The 13 and over category had 14 events and two relays, with the finals on Saturday, Oct. 24. The 12 and under group did 11 events and two relays.

Paige Miller, head coach of the Otters, shared how she felt her team did in handling the nerves and pressure of competing in their events.

"First meets always bring a unique mix of anticipation and pressure, but our athletes handled it with exceptional maturity and composure," said Miller. "They supported one another, focused on their race strategies, and channeled that nervous energy into great performances. Seeing them rise to the occasion and step up under pressure speaks volumes about their preparation and mindset for the season ahead."

The Otters had record-breaking times during some of the races that swimmers competed in.

In the 200 Individual Medley, Wesley Halls had a time of 2:09.99 in the Boys 15-17 and Open

Qyona Egbert, Jemma Harrison, Ava Yardley and Claira Reinhart competed in the girls 11 to 12 4x50 medley relay where they swam in a time of 2:15.80.

In the girls 10 and under 4x50 medley relay, Hannah Herzog, Natalie Reinhart, Gracie Chapman and Nora Bennett raced a time of 2:49.74.

Grace Chapman did a time of 43.27 in the girls 10 and under 50 metre breast lap.

Natalie Reinhart did a time of 38:24 in the girls 10 and under 50 metre fly lap.

In the 50 metre free lap, Qyona Egbert swam a 29.13 for the girls 11 to 12.

For the girls 11 to 12, 200 individual medley, Jemma Harrison swam a time of 2:37.93

The 11 to 12 Girls 4x50 free relay, Jemma Harrison, Qyona Egbert, Ava Yardley and Olivia Breeunig-McLennon swam a time of 1:59.92.

Austin Nelissen set two records in the Ontario Provincial S10 Para-swimming. Nelissen swam a 2.07.69 in the 200 free and broke a 20-year-old record by swimming a time of 31.63 in the 50 metre fly.

Miller was pleased with her team's overall performance.

"I am incredibly proud of how our team performed at our first swim meet of the season. The swimmers brought fantastic energy to the pool deck, and we saw some truly great racing across all events. Delivering results like these this early in the season is fantastic, and it gives us tremendous momentum as we move forward," said Miller.

The next swim events for the Otters are on the weekend of Nov. 20 to 22 in Owen Sound and back in Orangeville on Nov. 28.



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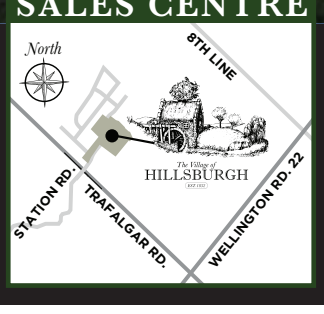


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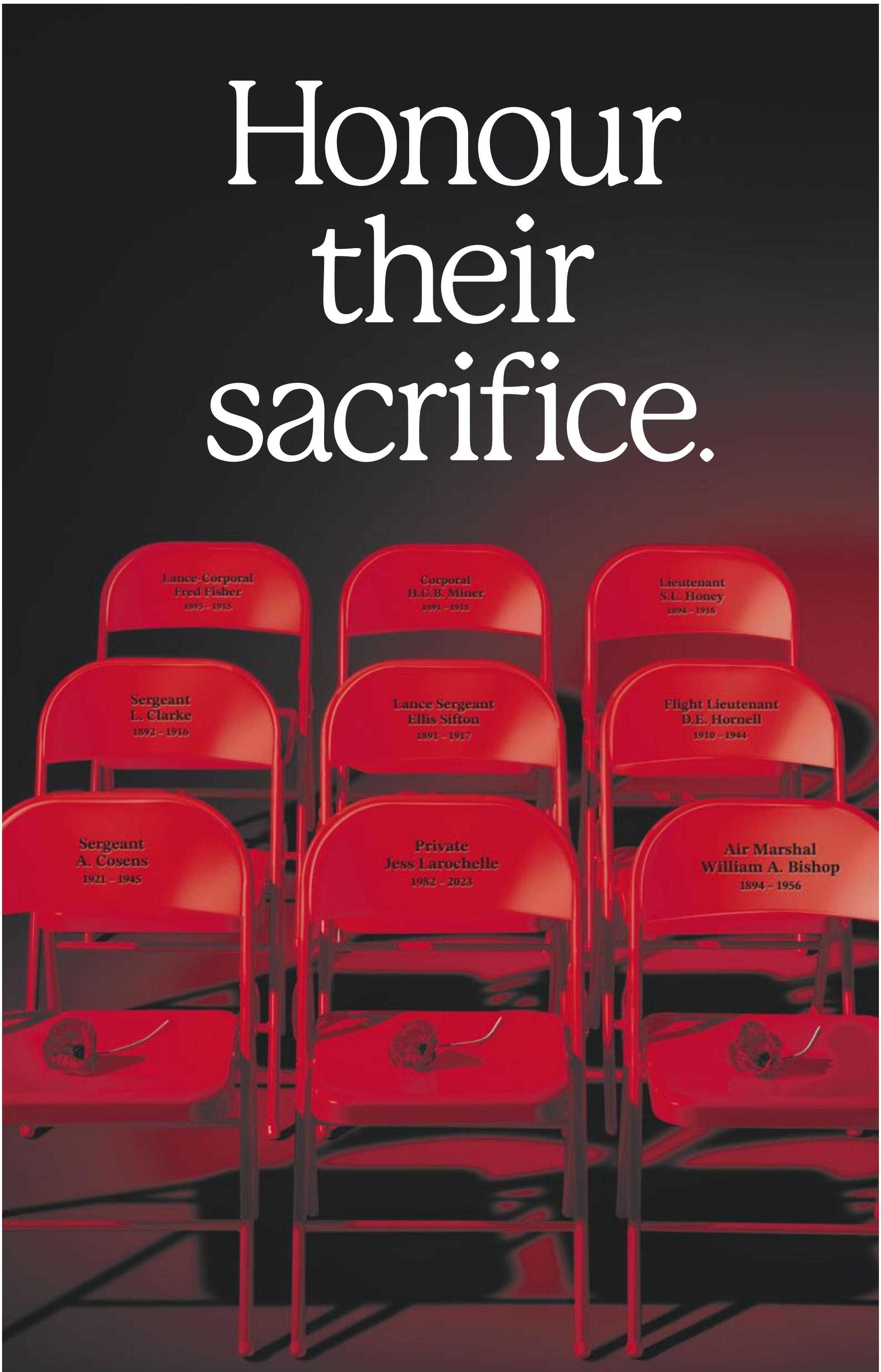


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Written By JOHN MCCRAE







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Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones joins members of the community, Town of Caledon, OPP, and Orangeville Legion for the annual Mono Mills Remembrance Day ceremony at the Mono Mills Cenotaph on Sunday, Nov. 1. The service honoured those who served and sacrificed their lives in defence of Canada.











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- A live singing of the National Anthem
- Attendance from local politicians, dignitaries and their families
- Army vehicles on display in the arena parking lot for the community to view

This event is an opportunity for the Caledon Hawks and community to come together, show appreciation for those who have served, and pay tribute to the sacrifices made for our freedom.

Everyone is encouraged to come out, support the Caledon Hawks U15A hockey team, and be part of this special occasion.









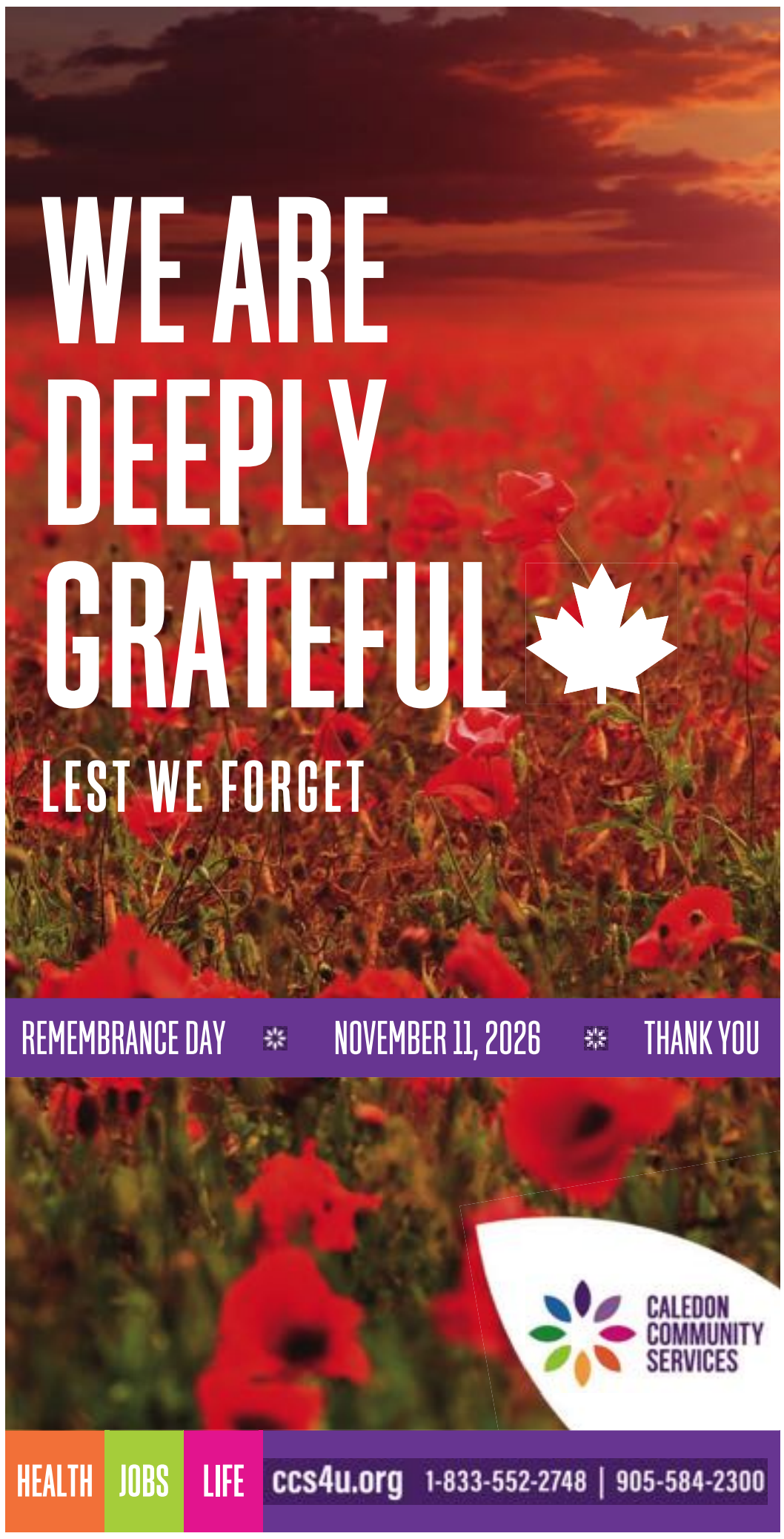
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Town of Caledon holds Remembrance Day Service at Mono Mills Cenotaph

BY KATHRYN FRASER
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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On Nov. 1, the Town of Caledon held the first Remembrance Day Service of the year at the Mono Mills Cenotaph, 35 Victoria Crescent.

The ceremony welcomed local residents, representatives from the Royal Canadian Legion, Dufferin–Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Caledon OPP and the Caledon Fire and Emergency Services Honour Guard.

Also in attendance were newly elected mayor Christina Early, Councillor Mario Russo, Councillor Nick de Boer, Councillor Tony Rosa and Councillor Heather French.

Those gathered watched as the ceremony paid tribute to the brave men and women who served and continue to serve their country.

Starting the ceremony, members marched along the cenotaph path before spreading out for those in attendance to see.

The Last Post was played and was followed by two minutes of silence to honour and remember the fallen.

During the ceremony, the names on the front and back of the Mono Mills Cenotaph were read out loud to acknowledge those who served and lost their lives.

"Erected to the memory of our honoured dead and those who carried on by the village of Mono Mills and Vicinity" reads the front of the cenotaph, along with the names of soldiers from 1914 leading up to 1953.

Once the names on the cenotaph were read out loud, bagpipes played The Lament and Amazing Grace for those in attendance.

Towards the end of the ceremony, three separate wreaths were placed in front of the cenotaph.

MPP Jones placed the first wreath, Mayor Early and a councillor placed the second wreath, and Royal Canadian Legion representatives placed the final wreath.

There will be many Remembrance Day ceremonies taking place across Caledon both leading up to and on Nov. 11.

Sunday, Nov. 8 at 10:15 a.m. – Alton Legion Hall
Sunday, Nov. 8 at 12:30 p.m. – Bolton Cenotaph, Centennial Drive – Laurel Hill Cemetery
Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 10:50 a.m. – Caledon East Cenotaph, Town Hall

For more information about the ceremonies, contact events@caledon.ca



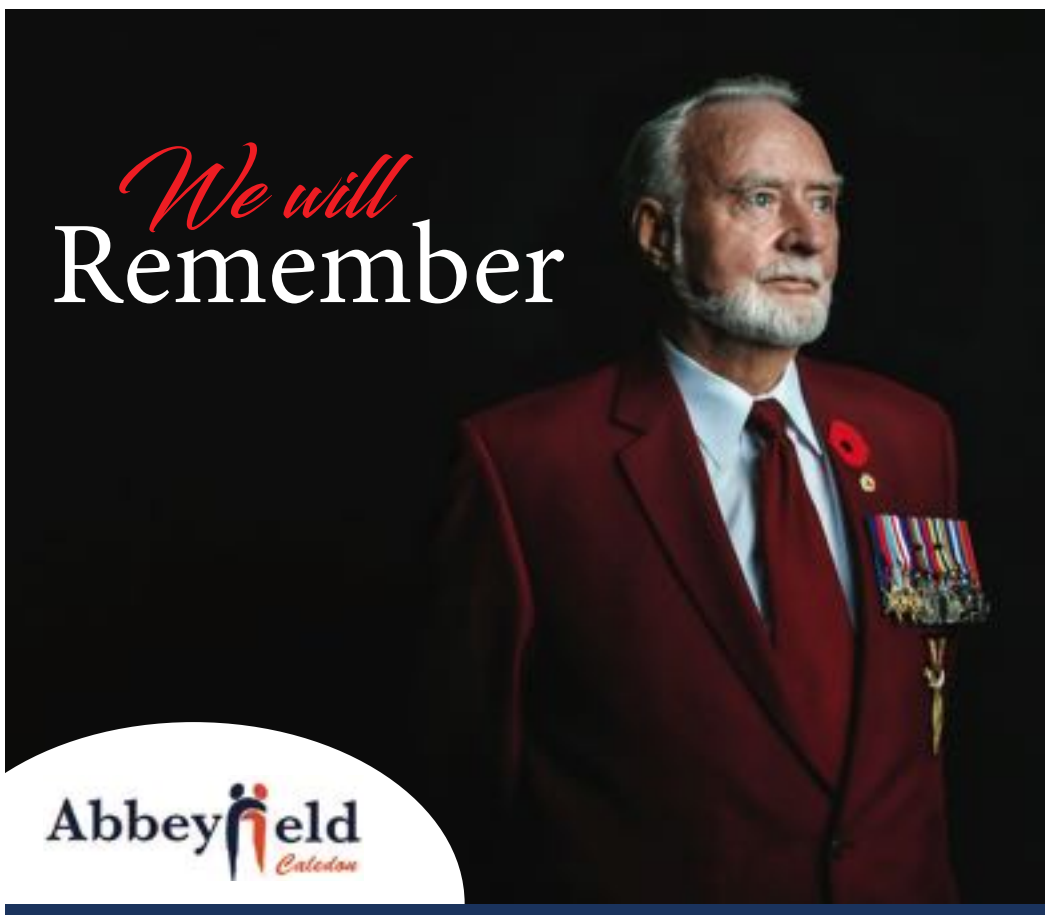
: Group photo after ceremony



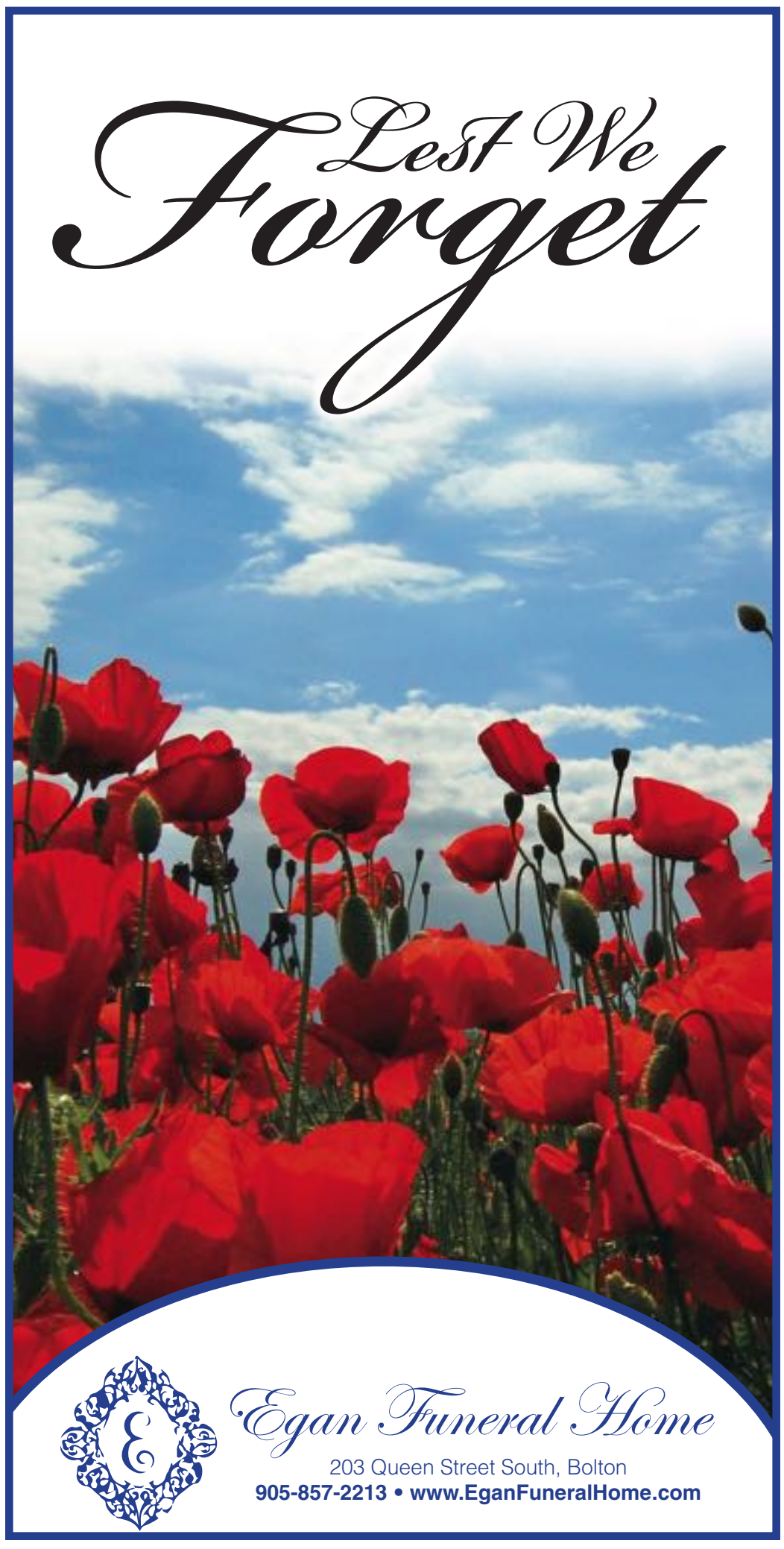
: Caledon OPP march to Cenotaph



: Exit from ceremony



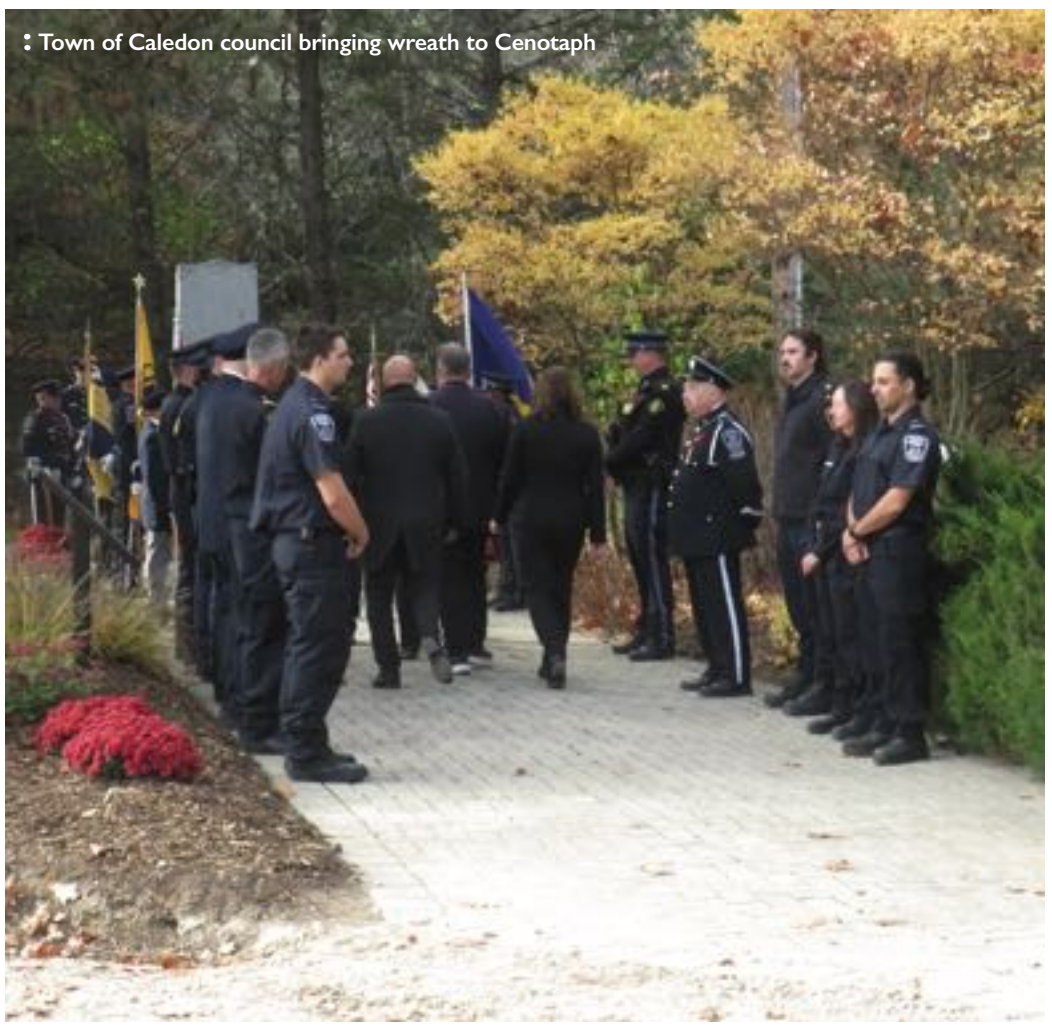




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: Mono Mills Cenotaph with Remembrance Day ceremony wreaths



: Town of Caledon council bringing wreath to Cenotaph







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Hall Wolfpack closes Senior Football regular season with 31-0 win over Lorne Park Spartans

BY JIM STEWART





The Hall Wolfpack surged to a 31-0 victory over Lorne Park Spartans to finish first in ROPSSAA Tier 1 Senior Football with a 5-1 record. The defending champs host the Suzuki Grizzlies on Friday morning at 11 for the 2026 ROPSSAA championship. **JIM STEWART PHOTOS**

The Hall Wolfpack Senior Football team rebounded from a shocking last-minute 28-24 loss to the Suzuki Grizzlies last week with a resounding 31-0 victory over the Spartans at Lorne Park Secondary School on Thursday afternoon.

The emphatic win clinched first place for the Wolfpack. The defending ROPSSAA Tier 1 and Metro Bowl champs closed their regular season with a 5-1 record.

Hall Wolfpack head coach Jonathan Beresford provided the keys to victory over the Spartans:

"We came out pushing the ball vertically. Ferlito completed a couple of deep touchdown passes to Kenny — one of them was for 65 yards. After three plays on offence, we had two touchdowns. Everybody played, and everybody made an impact. It was about getting the younger guys into the game and limiting our mistakes. We executed and came out strong."

The Wolfpack did, indeed, come out strong.

Quarterback Joseph Ferlito completed two touchdown passes to veteran wide receiver Owen Kenny, and Eric Rizzardo converted both majors to give Hall a 14-0 lead after two offensive possessions to start the game. Rizzardo hoofed a 35-yard field goal, and the Wolfpack led 17-0 at the end of the first quarter.

After another aerial attack by Ferlito's offence moved the ball to Lorne Park's five-yard line, running back Avery Benn rumbled into the end zone to give the Wolfpack a commanding 23-0 second-quarter lead. The reliable Rizzardo kicked the point after and the defending champs increased the Spartans' deficit to 24 points.

When Wolfpack wide receiver Kajon Hyman glided into the end zone, and Rizzardo kicked the convert as the second quarter drew to a close, the visitors took a 31-0 lead into half-time.

Coach Beresford substituted freely in the second half as a demonstration of authentic sportsmanship and praised Lorne Park's perseverance in their final game of the season.

"They weren't hanging their heads. They continued to play hard, and it was great to see a young team — in its first year of Tier 1 football — keep working in the second half," he said. "The Spartans won the Tier 2 championship last year as an AA school, and they competed hard in their first year in Tier 1. They are well-coached, and they'll become even more competitive next season. OFSAA is going to run an AA Football championship so that will be a great incentive for the smaller schools."

Friday's decisive win over Lorne Park set up a replay of last year's ROPSSAA Tier 1 Football final. The Suzuki Grizzlies will visit Hall Wolfpack on Friday with an 11 a.m. kickoff.

Coach Beresford described his admiration for the Grizzlies' elite quarterback and middle linebacker, Damian Neptune.

"He scored the winning touchdown against us last week — he dragged three of our players with him into the end zone in the last seconds of the game," he said. "He is a load. He's an excellent fifth-year player, and he'll be playing college football as a linebacker. Damian is a challenge for our players and their ability to stop him is a preview of what it will take to do well at the next level of football. We'll need to match up well against him, make their aggressive defence slow down in response to our offensive motion, and force them to react to all our looks on offence."

Coach Beresford outlined the qualities of his 5-1 football team as Hall Wolfpack heads into its most important game of the season:

"We can lean on our collective experience — it's our fourth Tier 1 Final in a row so all the players have been connected to these kinds of games. We'll need to execute in the big moments and play a clean game. We'll also have to win the turnover battle, the big plays battle, and the 'get fewer penalties' battle."

ROPSSAA Tier 1 Senior Football Final Standings

- Robert F. Hall CSS Wolfpack, 5-1, 166PF-63PA
- David Suzuki SS Grizzlies, 5-1, 153PF-97PA
- St. Roch CHS Ravens, 2-4, 106PF-126PA
- Lorne Park SS Spartans, 0-6, 19PF-158PA

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Caledon Admirals sail through two-win week by edging Buffalo Junior Sabres and Toronto Warriors

BY JIM STEWART

The Caledon Admirals continued to climb the OJHL West standings with back-to-back wins over Buffalo and Toronto last week.

On Friday night in Buffalo, Layton Strongman tallied two goals to lead the Admirals to a 4-3 win over the Junior Sabres.

On Sunday afternoon at Mayfield RC, Evan Greco's two-goal performance helped Caledon clip the Toronto Warriors 5-3.

Across the border at the Lecom Harborcentre, Cameron Gout's short-handed goal 11:27 into the first period gave the Admirals a 1-0 lead.

The home side responded with a pair of second-period power-play goals by Tucker Lyndaker and Watson Prier — giving Buffalo a 2-1 lead heading into the final frame.

The Admirals put the game away with a three-goal flourish midway through the third period. Strongman pounded in a pair of power-play goals at 8:11 and 11:38 to restore the visitors' lead.

Six minutes later, Lucas Cameron notched his first goal of the season into an empty net to provide the game-winning goal for Caledon.



Admirals forward Lucas Cameron (22) — pictured here at home versus Oakville — scored his first goal of the season to help sink the Junior Sabres 4-3 in Buffalo on Friday. **FILE PHOTO**

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Caledon Admirals improve standings with two wins on the road

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The plucky Junior Sabres got a second goal from Lyndaker with 38 seconds left on the clock, but Admirals goaltender Jacob Saldanha held off the home side's final push to preserve the visitors' victory.

Saldanha turned aside 43 of the 46 shots he faced to earn the much-needed win.

The fleet carried their good vibe back across the border and opened strongly against the Toronto Warriors on home ice on Sunday.

Caledon's Junior A club fired three goals in 10 minutes in the first period to take a commanding 3-0 lead over the visitors from Downsview.

Matvey Stremiakov's first of the season got things sailing for the Admirals when he beat Warriors goaltender Bogdan Bogomolov at 5:54.

Less than four minutes later, the Admirals' leading goal scorer Evan Greco tallied his tenth of the season to give the home side a 2-0 lead.

Nicholas Wlodarczyk's fourth of the campaign provided Caledon with a three-goal lead heading into intermission. Caledon's leading playmaker Layton Strongman earned helpers on the first and third goal to raise his assists total to 13.

The Warriors struck back in the middle frame with goals one minute apart by Matteo Mandarino and Marcus Carter to cut their deficit to 3-2 at 5:32

Greco tallied the game-winning goal three minutes later to give the home side some breathing room, but Carter fired his second goal of the period on the power play to pull Toronto to within one at 4-3.

Justin Anselmo's insurance goal four minutes into the final frame wrapped up the Admirals' second consecutive victory — boosting them into a tie with Mississauga for eighth place with two games in hand.

Justin Young stopped 18 of the 21 shots he faced against Toronto to earn the win for Caledon (7-10-2-0).

Headwaters invites the community to Hockey Fights Cancer event

The Dufferin Ducks are once again lacing up for a cause that reaches far beyond the rink.

On Saturday, Nov. 7, players, families, volunteers and community members will come together at Teen Ranch Arena for the annual Hockey Fights Cancer event, raising funds in support of the Headwaters Health Care Centre Oncology Unit.

For many local families, cancer is a journey that has touched someone they know and love. That's what makes this day so meaningful. While players battle it out on the ice, the larger goal is to help ensure cancer patients in our community continue to receive exceptional care close to home.

The day will feature six hockey games, vendor booths, a bake sale, raffles, merchandise, prizes, and the always popular "Chuck a Duck" fundraiser. Visitors will also have the chance to win Toronto Maple Leafs and Toronto Raptors tickets while supporting an important cause.

The event wraps up with a community public skate, Lace Up for a Cause, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Admission is just $5 per person.

Residents are encouraged to stop by, cheer on the teams, take part in the activities, and help make a difference for local health care.



Peel Region Council seeking committee members

BY KATHRYN FRASER
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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On Nov. 2, applications opened for Peel Region Council Committees for residents in the Peel Region interested in becoming committee members.

Those interested will be able to apply to three committees for the term that runs from 2026 to 2030.

The role of committee members will be to help shape decisions that impact the community. Members will bring valuable local knowledge and diverse perspectives to help review important issues, provide advice and support informed decision-making by council.

Applications will be open from now until Friday, Nov. 27.

There are a total of at least 13 spots available between three different committees.

Regional Council committees provide information and recommendations to Council on programs, services, policies, and community priorities within their mandate. Community members serve in an advisory role and help ensure decisions reflect the needs and perspectives of Peel residents.

The positions included are listed below.

• Audit and Risk Committee: Two community member positions.

• Accessibility Advisory Committee: A minimum of seven community member positions, including two group or organizational representatives that act on behalf of persons with disabilities residing in Peel Region.

• Diversity, Equity and Anti-Racism Committee: Four community member positions.

The term for these positions will last until Nov. 14, 2030.

Those who are interested in applying to be a community member must be eligible and meet all the requirements.

1. Be a Canadian citizen.
2. Be 18 years of age or older.
3. Be a resident, owner or tenant in Peel (Brampton, Caledon, and/or Mississauga).
4. Not be employed by Peel Region, the City of Mississauga, the City of Brampton or the Town of Caledon.
5. Not be an elected official of Regional Council or of a municipality in Peel region

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Artists throughout the region share what inspires their abstract creations

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

To celebrate the upcoming winter time when artists are inclined to increase their production of art, three local Abstract artists of different mediums joined the Citizen for a Zoom interview to talk about what their art as abstract, rather than realistic, means to them as the major force in their own creativity.

Taking part were photographer Peter Dušek of Hockley Valley, fibre artist Pat Hertzberg, living near Alton and Mono- based painter Deb Menken.

Their approaches to doing art and what they want to achieve as artists varied.

Peter Dusek opened with the thought, "Compared to a conversation between two people, abstract is like a direct meeting of the minds as opposed to translating it into words first and then back into the mind."

.He had little interest in art when his job was "to make beautiful code."

Asked what makes code beautiful, Deb Menken pitched in "It works! Code has to be perfect."

They share a common but unrelated professional history in the tech business but Menken has also been truly creating art since she was very young. By coincidence, 2015 marked a stepping stone in each of their artistic lives.

For Menken, it was the year she became more aware of artists paintings and one day like a bolt, she wondered, "Could I learn to do that?"

Since that heady moment, Menken has accepted the challenge to do ever better as a painter and has developed such a passion for painting abstracts that she cannot imagine herself ever giving it up.

With a studio in the Alton Mill Arts Centre, she does much of her painting and meeting visitors to the historic site. Menken admits that abstract is not for everyone but for those who visit her studio, there is the time and chance to talk about it.

"Sometimes, it's hard to explain the lure of abstract," was her comment. "You don't know what the final product will be."

The year 2015 was when Dušek realized that he wanted to photograph and began to be interested in visiting galleries and in art.

Pat Hertzberg's early life in the arts was her time studying Fine Arts. She recalled that lessons in her school focussed to begin, on realism in a painting and then they taught the students how to abstract it.

Following school, she went into fashion design for 12 years, finally realizing that she wanted to return to fine art. That brought her to creating abstract with her fibre art. She still struggles with the perception of accuracy where abstract is her goal. In recent years, Hertzberg has loosened and learned to be less rigid.

"Perfectionism is not good," she pronounced.

Hertzberg loves working in fibre art, saying that, with fibre the possibilities are limitless. She believes too that viewers always look for realism in abstract.

Some of Hertzberg's intricately woven and constructed fibre pieces can take her two months of working full time to complete one. She explained how fibre allows her to dye, stitch, tear and cut anyway she wants. Knowing when a piece is done is another skill.

"You look at it and see there is nothing left to do," she explained and she has pioneered techniques with molding fibre that are unique. Part of the joy is new techniques.

Menken agrees she reaches that point when she is done intuitively.

Abstract allows the artist to explore feelings and the many ways there are to express them.

"Sometimes you look at your work and you hate it!" Menken warned. Hertzberg joined her to say, "Just keep at it, art needs you to keep pushing, keep adding – it's called the ugly middle but it always comes around."

Abstract works spontaneously with your feelings.

They began in earnest to describe Why Abstract.

From Dusek, "What I want when someone looks at my pictures, is their feeling of elation that music can give – that joy you feel when you first hear music that you love."

For Hertzberg, noting that it is love of the process, allowing the artist time to arrive to an end result. The excitement of the process, to immerse themselves in the work.

Dusek is blazing a trail of his own. Once he began with photography, he learned how photographs can be manipulated – a snowy field with a simple tree on a hill's slope can be tidied by removing some elements. Many artistic touches to his photos added a mystic lure, more unusual as his skills developed.

Most recently, Dusek has developed a process, which he describes as a secret.

"I am photographing the wind, the sun and the water," he said. "Nothing else," he clarified.

His photos come up as patterns of coloured lines in which faces or forms might be construed but only by chance or imagination. One has to stand and gaze.

There has been much that abstract has taught each of them over their years. Most importantly is that abstract is limitless, agreeing that an artist's limits are only set by oneself.

So: Why abstract?

Pat Hertzberg is sure that we need it so much to off-set the digital age and keep our own integrity as artists.

Menken observed that as people are aging, they seem to be appreciating abstract more.

Abstract reaches the artist and the viewer both at the very depth of us to keep that strong.



Titled, "Of Sea & Sky," this art piece by Pat Hertzberg, is made from various textures including hand-dyed, hand-woven and hand-silk-screened fabrics: velvets, denims, silks, cottons, linens and damasks. It represents an abstracted turbulent sky and underwater seascape – in a contemporary fibre mosaic. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

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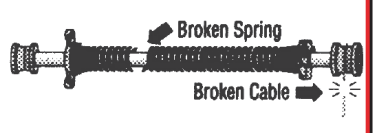
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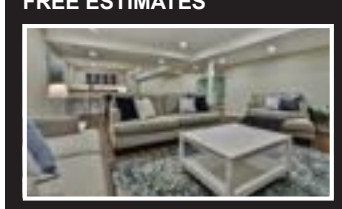
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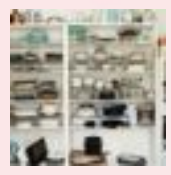
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Orangeville Poppy Project brings community together in remembrance

BY JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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As Remembrance Day approaches, the Orangeville Poppy Project serves as a tribute to veterans while showcasing the community spirit behind a collective effort to honour those who served.

Leading up to Remembrance Day, thousands of handmade poppies will decorate the Orangeville Clocktower on Broadway. The handmade tribute is a labour of love from multiple community clubs and groups from across town, spearheaded in 2020 by resident Laura Austin.

Austin brought an idea to the town council, inspired by similar displays in other communities and her family's connection to the Second World War.

"I saw other communities doing it," she said. "Stratford did a great job. My girlfriend was crocheting poppies in Stouffville, and I thought we should have this in Orangeville. My grandparents were all in the war, and my parents grew up during World War II. This is perfect, especially for Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph."

With support from Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor, Bill Ray, Austin was connected with retired Orangeville Public Library CEO Darla Fraser, helping establish a community project that would bring together residents and local organizations.

The project invited residents to knit, crochet and sew poppies that would be assembled into panels and displayed around Orangeville's downtown clock tower during the Remembrance Day period.

"I reached out to the Girl Guides and the Horticulture Society, which I'm a member of, and some other seniors groups," Austin said. "Some of the ladies in my horticulture society actually made poppies out of fabric, and then we had volunteers putting them all on. It was a big project."

More than 3,000 handmade poppies were ultimately produced, with volunteers contributing their time and skills to create the installation.

Participants contributed in different ways, with some knitting or crocheting poppies, others sewing fabric versions, and additional volunteers helping assemble and mount the finished display.

The project also reflected Orangeville's established network of community organizations, drawing together groups and individuals around a shared purpose. More organizations include church groups, the Lord Dufferin Centre, local seniors groups, Orange thREADS and local Brownies.



Thousands of handmade poppies decorate the Orangeville Clocktower ahead of Remembrance Day as part of the Orangeville Poppy Project. JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

The clock tower installation became a prominent feature of the town's Remembrance Day season, complementing the annual ceremony at the cenotaph and providing residents with another way to recognize the sacrifices made by veterans.

For Austin, the project was rooted in the importance of remembrance and the desire to establish a lasting community tradition.

The handmade display provides a visible reminder of the people behind the tribute, with each poppy representing the time and effort contributed by local volunteers.

The Orangeville Poppy Project demonstrates how residents can turn a shared commitment to remembrance into a community-wide initiative, bringing together generations and organizations through a meaningful act of recognition.

The project continues to highlight the role of local participation in preserving Remembrance Day traditions and honouring those who served.

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