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Richard and Ruth Hunt are pictured at the Caledon Seniors' Centre with their family as the community celebrated Richard's 90th birthday. PHOTO BY KATHRYN FRASER

Caledon community celebrates Richard Hunt on milestone birthday

BY KATHRYN FRASER
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On September 20, members of the community gathered at the Caledon Seniors Centre to celebrate the 90th birthday of Richard Hunt.

Hunt and his family have been in the Caledon area since the early 1970s and Hunt is a long-standing volunteer and advocate who has made many significant contributions to the community.

Hunt's care for not only the community but for nature fueled his drive to contribute and be

an active volunteer. He helped to raise more than \$400,000 in funding and donations which led to the addition of 5,000 trees, shrubs, restored wetlands and fishways in areas such as Dick's Dam Park, North Hill Park, Bolton Mill Park and many others.

Other accomplishments include founding and chairing the Bolton North Hill Residents Association, coaching youth sports, and he was an active member of the Bolton and District Horticultural Society where he made several environmental contributions, such as planting trees in various parks.

Hunt has also received a number of awards,

including the Volunteer and Citizen Achievement Awards in 2007 and 2012 as well as being the recipient of the Community Recognition Award in the Environmental Leadership category in 2017. He was also named a Paul Harris Fellow for The Rotary Foundation.

In addition to being a strong volunteer and member of the community, Hunt also raised a family in Caledon with his wife Ruth, who all gathered to celebrate Hunt for not only for his hard work but to celebrate him and his remarkable milestone.

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Headwaters Arts marks 30th anniversary with annual Fall Festival



Deb Menkin is pictured with her painting, Place Upon the Rock. PHOTO BY KATHRYN FRASER

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On September 17, Headwater Arts celebrated its 30th anniversary with its Annual Fall Festival and the Opening Night Soiree of the Open Juried Art Show Sale at the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

This event featured more than 70 creations with a wide variety of mediums used, celebrating art, artists and creativity.

This year, organizers received over 200 submissions from 117 different artists.

Deb Menken is one of the artists that was selected to have not one, but two pieces of her work displayed in this year's show.

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Caledon Votes 2026

Council candidates weigh in on growth issues in their Wards

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This week, the Caledon Citizen asked what each candidate: “Caledon is a growing community. What would you identify as the single most important/prevalent growth-related issue or challenge in your respective Ward and what would you do to address it?” Here is how they answered:

WARD 1

Kate Hepworth – “Development site plans rarely if ever address the peripheral issues that can impact the surrounding residents or villages and hamlets. Deeper dives on these issues need to be explored. Can the area support more development? Does the removal of vital trees and vegetation create further flooding issues? Do existing roads provide adequate movement? If unable to park at the home, where do visitors

park? A single issue? there is no single issue, there are a multitude and they must all be truly recognized if the site plan even makes it past an EA.”

Keri Parfitt – “The single biggest challenge for Ward 1 is the pace of growth and what that growth means for our rural communities, roads and water resources. We are seeing a proposal for a blasting quarry extending tens of feet below the water table, potentially supplying aggregate for Highway 413, alongside a new Site Alteration By-law that could enable large-scale movement of fill generated by development across the GTA. Both have significant implications for our groundwater and natural environment, while bringing more heavy trucks to our roads that are already under pressure. I would advocate for infrastructure-first growth, rigorous assessment of cumulative impacts on groundwater and natural areas, responsible management of fill and ensuring development pays its fair share of infrastructure costs.

Growth should be thoughtfully planned, not rushed, and must work for both existing residents and future communities.”

Aanya Shahi – “The most important growth-related challenge in Ward 1 is making sure infrastructure keeps pace with development. Growth should not leave existing residents dealing with more traffic, unsafe roads or services that are stretched beyond their capacity. I would push for development to be properly supported by the roads, emergency services and community infrastructure it requires. I would also prioritize road safety concerns, including speeding and dangerous intersections, and ensure residents have meaningful opportunities to provide input as growth decisions are made. Growth is coming, but it needs to be responsible and well planned. My priority would be making sure Ward 1 grows in a way that protects residents’ quality of life and preserves what makes our community special.”

Tom Sweeney – “The most prevalent growth-related challenge that comes up in every hamlet and village in Ward 1 is the traffic and traffic related dangers. Many of the complaints I hear are related to speeding, particularly in residential zones. Despite traffic calming measures in some communities, dangerous behaviours continue on our roads. I would like to see the Council petition the OPP and, if necessary, increase funding to ramp up police enforcement and presence on our roads. Ward 1 rarely sees police on our roads and this needs to change. In addition, I question the common use of unmarked police vehicles in our community. With the huge geographic size of our Town, I believe that marked units should be used in most cases to increase visibility and further crime prevention. Black and white cruisers should be a common sight in our Town on every road.”

(Jeffrey Halsall did not respond by deadline)

WARD 2

Yogi Chahal – “For me, the biggest growth challenge in Ward 2 is making sure growth is matched by the infrastructure and services residents need to live safely and comfortably. I live here, and I have watched our neighbourhoods grow rapidly. But residents are asking very basic questions: Where are the parks and recreation spaces for our families? How do we keep up with traffic and speeding as more people move in? How do we make our streets safer while construction and truck traffic increase? In parts of our community, families have been here for five or six years without seeing a single new park. That should make us stop and ask whether infrastructure is keeping pace with development. As Councillor, I would focus on identifying these gaps early, pushing for clear priorities and timelines, and working with Town and Regional staff, developers and other partners to address them. I would also keep residents informed about what is planned, what is delayed, and what is actually delivered. Growth should build a better community for the people who call Ward 2 home.”

Hunar Kahlon – “The biggest growth-related challenge in Ward 2 is making sure our infrastructure and services keep pace with development. ‘Infrastructure before development’ isn’t just a campaign promise for me — it’s a challenge I want to address. We know significant growth is coming to Caledon, much of it driven by provincial growth requirements. The question is how we manage that growth responsibly. We need to build complete communities, not just houses. That means roads, transportation, schools, parks, recreation, emergency services and other essential infrastructure must keep pace with new development. It also requires bringing the Town, Region, Province, school boards, developers and other responsible agencies to the table and setting clear expectations from the beginning. My approach is straightforward: growth should pay for growth, infrastructure should be planned and delivered alongside development, and

existing residents should not be left paying the price for growth that wasn’t properly planned. There really is no other sustainable way to grow.”

Rakesh Madhok – “Residents are facing higher costs for housing, utilities, food and everyday necessities. I would support responsible budgeting, careful spending and strong accountability for every tax dollar. Growth should help address the tax burden. New development should pay its fair share of the infrastructure and services required to support that growth rather than shifting those costs onto existing residents. If elected then I will make sure the Town regularly reviews its programs, contracts, staffing and capital projects to ensure we are receiving good value and eliminating unnecessary expenditures. I would also support greater transparency around municipal finances so taxpayers can clearly understand where their money is going.”

Jagraj Sekhon – “The biggest growth-related issue I hear about in Ward 2 is the pace of development. Residents understand that Caledon will grow, but many are concerned that development is happening too quickly and that our roads, parks, schools and other services will not keep up. I believe in smart planning and responsible growth. We need to make sure that the essential infrastructure and community services are planned alongside new development, not after residents have already moved in. Growth should also respect the character of our existing neighbourhoods and what people love about living in Caledon. As Councillor, I will listen to residents, ask the tough questions regarding the timeline of new development, and work to make sure growth is properly planned as well as benefits both current and future residents.”

WARD 3

Stan Cameron – “The single most important growth-related challenge for Ward 3 is ensuring infrastructure and municipal services keep pace with development without placing an unfair financial burden on existing residents. As Caledon grows, increased traffic and pressure on roads, recreation facilities, parks, libraries and other services will affect communities across the ward. I would advocate for responsible growth planning, with the necessary infrastructure identified and funded before development places additional pressure on existing services. Caledon should also pursue its fair share of provincial and federal funding for infrastructure required by provincially driven growth, rather than expecting existing taxpayers to carry those costs. Growth must also be balanced with protecting what makes Ward 3 and Caledon unique, including agricultural lands, green space, natural areas and our rural character. Development and environmental protection should not be competing priorities. With thoughtful planning, we can accommodate growth while protecting the community we value.”

Doug Maskell – “Ward 3 will soon see the residential and industrial/commercial growth that was unanimously supported by all Councillors when we approved Caledon’s official plan, Future Caledon, in 2023. Building complete and livable communities is going to be a challenge due to the significant changes the Provincial government has made over the past four years. New legislation and amendments to existing legislation have: reduced required park space by 50%, reduced the number of parking spaces required per home and increased the population density per hectare. So, new developments will have fewer parks, less parking and higher population densities. Town Staff and Councillors will have to encourage developers and builders to go above the Provincial minimum requirements and create new developments in Caledon that have sufficient park space, adequate parking and libraries and community centres within a reasonable distance. We must aspire to a Caledon standard that exceeds the Provincial minimums.”

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Nearly 150 golfers took part in Bethell Hospice's annual Golf Tournament.

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Bethell Hospice Golf Tournament raises more than \$115,000 for community care

BY KATHRYN FRASER
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

On September 16, Bethell Hospice held their 7th Annual Golf 4 Bethell Hospice Tournament at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley in Caledon.

The event started with a welcome breakfast, sponsored by Liuna Local 183, for all the participants when they first arrived, as well as a beverage cart sponsored by The Morton and MacDonald Families.

Attendees were also given the chance to purchase something called a Power Pac, which included a longest drive contest, closest to the keg, the longest putt and two hole-in-one contest.

After signing in, all participants were led to the start where the co-chair of Bethell Hospice, Adrian Horwood, introduced the Master of Ceremonies, Hugh Burrill, Brand Ambassador for Golf Town.

In his speech, Burrill spoke about the importance of the event and what the funds would be going to.

“This year, Bethell Hospice Foundation must raise over \$2 million to help keep the doors at Bethell Hospice open and to ensure residents, community clients and their families continue to receive compassionate, palliative care at no cost,” said Burrill. “It’s important. Thank you for being here, and your generosity, of course, and for helping make a difference in the lives of those receiving care through Bethell Hospice.”

Burrill also noted that the end of the day this tournament wasn’t just about competition.

“The bottom line here today is to raise money and to have fun and maybe meet some new friends and colleagues along the way,” said Burrill.

The Bethell Hospice team also took some time to thank their sponsors for the event.

Sponsors included Scotiabank, Chinguacousy Lions Club, Maple Toyota, Meadowvale Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Centres, Jaguar and Land Rover Brampton, Audi Brampton, Orangeville Honda, MacMasters and many others.

Players then broke for a lunch sponsored by the Ledson Family after the round had concluded, and had an opportunity to participate in a 50/50 raffle and win a handful of prizes.

At the end of the event, it was announced that \$115,000 had been raised and would go towards supporting Bethell Hospice and helping to fund the free programs and services required.

For more information about Bethell Hospice and its programs or to donate, visit bethellhospice.org.



Golfers are pictured setting out for the first hole.

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HollyFest continues to be targeted by impersonation scam

Scammers continue to target the Orangeville Citizen’s annual HollyFest Christmas Market by impersonating the market’s official email: shows@lpcmedia.ca.

The only correspondence with vendors or the public from HollyFest will come from the email: shows@lpcmedia.ca.

Please do not respond to any emails that appear differently. Those impersonating HollyFest market organizers are using several different email addresses that closely resemble the official email address. Please pay close attention to the spelling of the email address you get from anyone claiming to represent HollyFest.

Scammers are requesting vendor fee payments from previous, current and potential vendors. They are also requesting security deposits and a “cleaning fee,” which HollyFest will never ask for.

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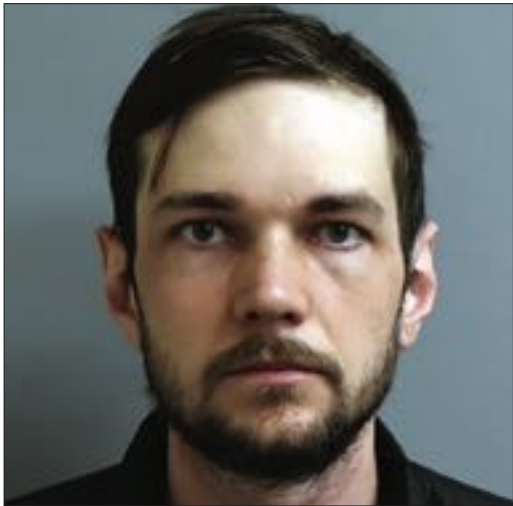
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CHARGES LAID IN SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATION

The Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has laid additional charges in connection with an ongoing sexual assault investigation.

“In February 2026, Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit (MCU) began investigating a report of a sexual assault which occurred in 2023, involving a young person,” say Police. “Following the release of initial information, an additional victim has been identified.”

On September 16, 2026, police re-arrested Alexander Armitage, 33, of Uxbridge, and laid additional charges:

- Sexual assault on a person under 16 years of age - three counts;
- Invitation to sexual touching to person under 16 years of age - three counts;
- Sexual interference - three counts;
- Make sexually explicit content available to a person under 18 years of age;
- Forcible confinement.

The charges have not been proven.

FATAL COLLISION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a fatal collision on King Street.

“On September 18, 2026, at approximately 6:08 a.m., officers and other emergency services responded to a two-vehicle collision involving a sedan and a dump truck on King Street at Dixie Road, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “The driver of the sedan, a 61-year-old from Caledon, was pronounced deceased at scene. The other involved driver did not sustain injuries as a result.”

King Street at Dixie Road was closed in all directions for several hours while the OPP Traffic Incident Management & Enforcement (TIME) Team assisted with the investigation.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP at (905) 584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122.

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

ALLISTON RESIDENT CHARGED IN CHILD EXPLOITATION INVESTIGATION

Police have arrested and charged an Alliston resident following a child sexual exploitation investigation.

“On Thursday, September 10, 2026, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Child Sexual Exploitation Unit (CSEU) executed a search warrant at a residence in Alliston,” say Police. “Assistance was provided by members of the OPP’s Nottawasaga Detachment and Digital Forensics Unit. Several electronic devices were seized.”

As a result of the investigation, Kevin Weatherall, 58, of Alliston, was arrested and charged with the following Criminal Code offences:

- Make child sexual abuse and exploitation material, section 163.1(2) - two counts;
- Possession of child sexual abuse and exploitation material, section 163.1(4) - three counts;
- Agree to commit a sexual offence against a child, section 172.2(1)(b) - two counts;
- Make available child sexual abuse and exploitation material, section 163.1(3) - two counts.

The accused remained in custody pending a bail hearing and was scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Barrie on Friday, September 18, 2026.

The charges have not been proven.

The OPP will continue to identify and pursue individuals who use technology to exploit children. Parents are reminded to take a proactive approach to help protect their children from online sexual exploitation by educating them on internet safety. Parents can find resources at cybertip.ca or protectchildren.ca.

If you have information regarding online child exploitation and wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or ontariocrimestoppers.ca. Information can also be reported through cybertip.ca.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. A place for worship

7. Referee declaration

10. Torsos

12. Used to introduce something

13. Healing method

14. Takes to the sea

15. Make law

16. French coastal city

17. Hawaiian dish

18. Young of domestic cattle

19. Women’s undergarments

21. 60-minute intervals (abbr.)

22. One after another

27. It’s a hot topic these days

28. Folk band frontman

33. They precede C

34. Heavenly vessel

36. Fiddler crabs

37. Major Hindu deity

38. Hebrew given name of flowers

39. Cost per mile

40. ___ Romeo, car

41. Rural municipality in Manitoba

44. Narratives

45. “A tragedy had ___ him”

48. Iranian city

49. Praises publicly

50. Founding Father Franklin

51. Herbal tea

CLUES DOWN

1. Indian unit of mass

2. “Tears in Heaven” singer Clapton

3. Part of a sailing vessel

4. Part of (abbr.)

5. Polynesian garland of flowers

6. Keyboard key

7. One who steals

8. Large oven

9. Former CIA

10. Idea

11. Solomon Islands

12. Afrikaans

14. Remove thatch

17. Television network

18. Jalen Brunson

is one

20. Title of respect

23. Flowering trees

24. Occurring in a tube

25. Exists

26. Woman (French)

29. Expression of doubt

30. NHL legend Bobby

31. Accomplished

32. Makes slightly wet

35. National Assn. of Manufacturers

36. Not sated

38. Poe’s middle name

40. Swiss river

41. Rhythmic pattern in Indian music

42. “Shane” actor Ladd

43. Popular whodunit

board game

44. Bar bill

45. Ballplayer’s tool

46. Indicates near

47. Feet per second

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BrightStart Caledon announces new Development Officer

BY KATHRYN FRASER
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BrightStart Caledon Family Centre announced its new Development Officer on September 18.

Glenn Coulson is the newest addition to the BrightStart Caledon Family Centre and will be responsible for leading BrightStart Caledon’s fund development strategy. He will also be responsible for building and expanding strategic relationships within the Caledon community.

Coulson assumed his role on September 14 and is looking forward to working with the team at BrightStart Caledon, working towards leading their fund development strategy, and ensuring it has a successful execution.

Coming into this new role, Coulson brings more than 20 years of experience working as a senior fundraising and donor strategy leader, building sustainable revenue through a variety of fund development channels.

“We look forward to working with Glenn

as we work to grow and diversify resources to fulfill the centre’s mission and deepen our impact,” says Teresa Colasanti Executive, Director at BrightStart Caledon. “In a year that has seen a strategic plan update and a refreshed fund development strategy, it’s exciting to bring someone with Glenn’s deep skill set and enthusiasm on board.

BrightStart Caledon is a non-profit charitable organization that has been part of the Caledon community since 1987.

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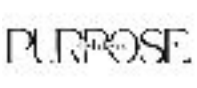
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Caledon Votes 2026

Ward 2 candidates talk bylaw, taxes, and infrastructure at first face-off

BY KATHRYN FRASER
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On September 15, candidates running for Ward 2 Councillor and Regional Councillor gathered at the Southfields Community Centre Complex to answer questions residents of Ward 2 had sent to the organizers.

A total of 10 questions asked with two additional follow up questions being provided.

Candidates were given 60 seconds each to respond to the question and 30 seconds to respond to the follow up.

Regional Candidates who attended included Dave Sheen, Mauro Testani and Harpreet Grewal.

Ward 2 Councillor Candidates in attendance included Yogi Chahal, Hunar Kahlon, Rakesh Madhok and Jagraj Sekhon.

The questions involved a variety of topics from growth, to drug usage, to collaboration with the Mayor, to transparency and accountability.

One main question that stood out during the debate was, “Residents have raised concerns about parking, speed, illegal dumping, noise and development-related impacts. How would you improve bylaw enforcement to ensure residents feel their concerns are addressed clearly, consistently, and any timely manner?”

Dave Sheen said he hears a lot about bylaw issues from residents. He ex-

plained that with the change in management and unionization at the bylaw office, it has caused some challenges. However, he mentioned about a year ago Council changed the schedule to allow for greater coverage – more overnight, evening, and weekend coverage. Sheen also said he has heard that it isn’t just an issue that people aren’t seeing bylaw enforcement but also what they are getting tickets for. To this, Sheen questioned whether it was enough, stating that it probably isn’t, and there needs to be changes in the bylaw office to keep pace with growth.

Mauro Testani said if proper planning was done, these issues wouldn’t be as prevalent. He spoke about the need for bylaw on weekends or overnight instead of the same time during the day. Testani also stressed the importance of holding people accountable and up to standards. He mentioned landlords collecting rent and people are living there, but they’re not looking after the property and the need to hold them accountable. Testani also spoke about the importance of communication and, if elected, he would hold more town hall meetings and interactions with the community as he understands that residents live with what is happening.

Harpreet Grewal said that it all comes back to growth and that the department needs to grow as well. She agreed Caledon needs more bylaw officers and they need to be available at all hours. Grewal said



Candidates Dave Sheen, Mauro Testani and Harpreet Grewal are pictured at last week’s debate. PHOTO BY KATHRYN FRASER

she wants to make sure that complaints are handled fairly, with consistency, and in a timely manner so that way people do not have to wait until a weekend is over to get in touch with an officer.

Yogi Chahal said that bylaws only work when residents believe that they are being fair and consistent. Chahal noted many residents have spoken to him about standards and noise, illegal activity and other community issues. His plan is simple: have clear rules, clear enforcement across the board for everybody, and proper communication. The residents should know if there’s an issue who to talk to, he said, especially as he mentioned that many have brought concerns forward about enforcement being unfair in giving tickets.

Rakesh Madhok discussed that just because bylaws are in place does not mean that they can’t be amended and fixed. Madhok also spoke about the importance of getting residents to bring their issues regarding bylaws to their Councillor, depending on the department, so that they can bring forward a motion.

Hunar Kahlon said that bylaw as of right now is reactive but needs to be proactive. Kahlon said that as Caledon grows, we need to see that the department does better and that they hire more bylaw officers. Kahlon said residents have brought up many issues where bylaw are slow to respond and if they hire more bylaw officers they can serve the needs of the community that is growing at a very rapid pace.

Jagraj Sekhon discussed his support for bylaw enforcement but explained that it must be done in a fair and consistent way with the focus on safe neighbourhoods. He mentioned areas in the Ward where there are areas that can be used for parking and that permits can be issued for these areas to create more flexibility, as well as focusing on strengthening penalties.

Another main question that stood out during the debate was, “Residents continue to face increasing costs associated with housing, food, and everyday living. How would you balance infrastructure investment with concerns regarding and rising property taxes?”

Sheen said this isn’t easy, especially when it comes to taxing people fairly and delivering services that everyone wants. Sheen spoke about his time on Council where every year they tried to keep tax-

es as low as possible and explained that the tax increases over the years came from mainly cost-of-living increases for the Town.

Mauro Testani spoke about being against tax increases and said it is important to go through needs versus wants when it comes to spending and keeping what people want. Testani also spoke about a possible solution for spending on certain wants by getting sponsors and other businesses involved.

“A lot of businessmen in the community are willing to support the community for the gratification of having their name put up. Why not take advantage of that? Why not have partnerships with them and get things done and not impact you with tax?”

Harpreet Grewal discussed the need to look at budgets, find where the Town has overspent funds, and locating which services can have less spent on them and other services taking priority, including more OPP surveillance.

Yogi Chahal spoke about the importance of making property taxes matter and that there needs to be more transparency on where taxpayers’ money goes. He urged more efficient and responsible spending saying, “It must prioritize the things which need to be done first. My goal would be to keep taxes as affordable as possible by making responsible investment. We need to have more businesses coming here so that the burden on individual residential families is over.”

Hunar Kahlon spoke about advocating for a two-year tax freeze and to re-evaluate the economy after the two years are up when it is hoped the economy will be in a recovery period. Kahlon also advocated for infrastructure and making sure that proper and responsible growth in taken into consideration.

Rakesh Madhok said he’s not in favour of increasing taxes and that Council must focus on tax-related expenditures and on where the money is going. “We must see Council revisit the contracts we have and staffing where most of our expenses are and cut down some other expenses.”

Jagraj Sekhon said affordability starts with respecting every tax dollar and that there needs to be a more proper review on the budget. “We need to have more tax rebates for low income, families, disabled persons and seniors,” he said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision

FILE NUMBER: RZ 20206-0011 and 21T-26008C

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received applications for a Zoning By-law Amendment and 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. ('GSAI') (c/o Ethan Bohnert) on behalf of TACC Developments (Armstrong) Inc.

LOCATION:

12933 Bramalea Road, 5089 Old School Road, 5101 Old School Road, 5155 Old School Road
Part of Lots 21 and 22, Concession 5

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has submitted Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision applications to facilitate the development of 515 single detached residential dwellings and 1,011 townhouse dwelling units. The proposed subdivision also includes an internal road network, a mixed-use block, six residential reserve blocks, two park blocks, five walkway blocks, one stormwater management block, and three natural heritage blocks.



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

LEAD PLANNER:

Alicia West
Senior Planner, Planning Services and Zoning Planning and Development Department
905-584-2272 ext. 4264

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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6:00 PM

7:00 PM

8:00 PM

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Petting Zoo (Old McDonalds Farm)

Ag Learning Kids Zone (President's Building)

Pedal Kart Raceway

Monster Truck – Pit Party (Track)

FMX Show (Track)

Ramblin Soul (Main Stage)

Opening Ceremonies (Main Stage)

Ambassador Program (Main Stage)

Ramblin Soul (Main Stage)

Monster Madness Show (Track)

Live Demo - Knitting & Crochet with Jeanette & Trudy (Homecraft Stage)

Barn Dance Feat. Steve Waters Band (Main Stage)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

10:00 AM

ALL DAY

10:30 AM

11:00 AM

NOON

12:30 PM

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3:30 PM

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5:00 PM

6:00 PM

7:00 PM

Grounds/ Midway Opens

Petting Zoo (Old McDonalds Farm)

Ag Learning Kids Zone (President's Building)

Free Train Rides (12:00pm – 6:00pm)

Free Pony Rides (12:30pm – 6:00pm)

Antique Tractor and Farm Equipment Display

Pedal Kart Raceway

Wild Wild Woof Superdogs (Outdoor Show Ring)

FMX Show (Track)

Free Monster Truck Rides (until 2pm) (Track)

4-H Dairy Show (Outdoor Show Ring)

Live Demo - Loom Studio (Homecraft Stage)

FMX Show (Track)

Guitar Cadillacs (Live Music) (Main Stage)

Mad Science Fun Station (Arena)

Monster Truck – Pit Party (Track)

Chili Cook Off (Arena)

Bingo (Hospitality Barn)

Wild Wild Woof Superdogs (Outdoor Show Ring)

Kiddie Pedal Pull (Main Stage)

Monster Madness Show (Track)

Mad Science Show (Homecraft Stage)

Wild Wild Woof Superdogs (Outdoor Show Ring)

Pie Eating Competition (Main Stage)

FMX Show (Track)

Live Demo - Loom Studio (Homecraft Stage)

Arm Wrestling Competition (Main Stage)

Mad Science Fun Station (Arena)

Guitar Cadillacs (Live Music)

Power Wheels (Track)

Demolition Derby (Track)

8:00 PM Colt McLaughlin (Live Band) (Main Stage)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

8:00 AM

ALL DAY

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2:00 PM

3:00 PM

3:45 PM

Grounds Open

Pancake Breakfast (Hospitality Barn)

Tiger Paws Petting Zoo (Old McDonalds Farm)

Ag Learning Kids Zone (President's Building)

Free Pony Rides (10:00am – 3:00pm)

Free Train Rides (10:00am – 2:00pm)

Antique Tractor and Farm Equipment Display

Pedal Kart Raceway

Wild Wild Woof Superdogs (Outdoor Show Rig)

Midway Opens

Baby Show (Main Stage)

Chip Off The Block (Main Stage)

Community Church Service (Auditorium)

Comedy in Motion 2.0 - Jugglers (Main Stage)

Mad Science Fun Station

Tug of War (Track)

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K-Pop Demon Hunters Meet & Greet (Beside Main Stage)

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Mad Science Show (Homecraft Stage)

Comedy in Motion 2.0 - Jugglers (Main Stage)

Pet Show (Main Stage)

Mad Science Fun Station (Arena)

Live Demo - Loom Studio (Homecraft Stage)

K-Pop Demon Hunters Performance (Main Stage)

Wild Wild Woof Superdogs (Outdoor Show Ring)

K-Pop Demon Hunters Meet & Greet (Beside Main Stage)

Comedy in Motion 2.0 - Jugglers (Main Stage)

Childrens Draw (Main Stage)

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Okay, now it's time to bust out the pumpkin spice.

In this space a few weeks ago, I dug in my heels, placed myself squarely against the grain, and refused to welcome autumn prematurely, just because Labour Day was freshly in the rear-view mirror.

It's not that I dislike the rise of fall, quite the contrary. It's simply a matter that summer weather, as we have come to define it in Canada, is in decidedly short supply in our part of the globe and there were still a few weeks to milk the season for all it was worth.

I hope you all made the most of it – I certainly did my best.

The last few weeks have been a matter of spending time with family, re-connecting with friends before so many adopt a hibernation stance once the cool weather starts to descend, and, in between attending local and community events that are part and parcel of this time of year, even stealing an unexpected bonus beach day.

A particular highlight of this in-between season, however, took place this past Thursday.

September 17 was my birthday and while I've never been keen on birthdays – less a matter of getting older and more of an aversion to being at the centre of attention, however briefly – a real highlight was stepping back in time with my mom.

On the eastern arm of a small residential crescent in Etobicoke sits a yellow and grey mid-century-modern split-level house. When it was first built in 1957, it was just one of many such models on the street. Unfortunately, it's now something of an endangered species as its 60-plus-year-old brethren are gradually replaced one by one by modern houses with varying aesthetic appeal.

People might pass by the house every day without a second thought, but that's never been the case with me. My family lived in the house from the time it was built until the early 1970s. While they may have moved just down the street to a more manageable abode, it was a home that has always remained close to the hearts of members of my family who lived, loved, laughed and lost within its walls.

When subsequent family gatherings inevitably turned to reminiscences, more often than not the memories shared were focused squarely on the home that was.

There were stories of joyous Christmas mornings, sibling squabbles, personal challenges, and even some tragic events that family members would prefer to never relive. But whether the reminiscences were happy or sad, they were always painted with a brush so vivid it was easy to envision these second-hand memories as if they were your own.

If we happened to be in the neighbourhood in the intervening years, we would often drive by the house. There never seemed to be much activity inside, the exterior rarely changed, and, at first glance, it felt like a silent, unmoving repository of memories.

Until this past spring, that is.

When I was recovering from hip replacement surgery in March, I lasted for nearly a week inside before I suddenly felt like I would suffocate without a change of scenery. Sounding the alarm to my mom, she came up and we went for a drive – a route that, once again, turned right down this crescent. As luck would have it, there was actually activity outside and I encouraged my mom to pluck up her courage, knock on the door, and see if she could cross that threshold again.

It was a difficult decision, but she forged ahead as I waited in the car nursing my

wounds. She was in there far longer than I thought she would be and, when she came out, she did so with a rain check for me – good for a tour of the house when I was back on my feet again.

A few things got in the way between March and September, but everything aligned this past week for me to cash in the tour – and I'm so glad I did.

Imaginations can be a powerful thing.

Listening to the stories told over the years by my grandmother, mom, aunt, and uncle, I only had their words to go by. My brain, my mind's eye, filled in the visuals.

“What would the reality be like?” I silently asked myself as we approached the home. “Would my second-hand memories be confirmed, or would it be a jarring yank back to a reality that was never really mine?”

As it turns out, the memories that were shared with me over the years, along with two or three visual references in the form of slightly faded snapshots, were translated in my brain surprisingly accurately.

The unchanged tile in the front hall was somehow identical to what I envisioned, as was the layout of the kitchen and the living room. The biggest misses were the central stairway, which was much shorter than I imagined it to be, and the locations of the dining room and what was once a screened-in porch.

Sitting in the living room of a home that, until that point, had been such an important but unknown part of my life, my mom and I casually shooting the breeze with the current homeowner was nothing short of surreal – as has been the process of the subsequent days where the second-hand memories stored in my brain are being re-imagined, re-configured, and retrofitted to reflect the now wonderfully-real, well, reality.

I sensed it was a similar experience for the 85-year-old homeowner as well, who sat us down, took out his smart phone, flipped on the Voice Memo option and had my mom dictate her memories of growing up within the walls they have called home for more than half-a-century.

There were, of course, memories of the “new” family all around the place. It was briefly unsettling to go into one of the upstairs bedrooms and seeing a framed photo on the wall of “strangers” sitting on such a familiar-looking front porch, to pick one example, but of course they were – and I can only hope that the memories my mom was able to share last week will be shared with the next generation of children who were raised within, sparking memories and filling in blanks of their own.

It's often said you can't go home again, and while that is undoubtedly true in many cases, I'm particularly grateful to have had the opportunity to revisit a building that wasn't technically my home, but is nevertheless an inextricable part of my heritage and a foundational root of my own family tree.

We're fortunate enough to live in communities that value their histories, but it's often the everyday histories, often the stuff that's overlooked as inconsequential, that can tell stories more evocative than we could ever imagine. It's all around us if people take the time to document it.

In a community that is growing as fast and rapidly as Toronto, and a community where post-war houses are seen as rather disposable, I was grateful for last week's opportunity – and to experience a part of my own history – a built history where time is not necessarily on its side.



Possibilities begin to dwindle
as time goes on

by Mark Pavilons



I really miss my “old life” and how it took so little effort to live it!

Edith and Archie sang the praises about “those were the days,” and we humans often reminisce about days gone by.

As a Boomer, I will tell you that while things may be relative, our youth and even young adulthood in the 1970s and 1980s were easier. They were fun, simple, relatively stress-free.

We had freedom and seldom worried about getting into trouble, running info ruffians or running a tab.

If we disappointed out parents, we apologized and worked hard to make up for it.

They always forgave us.

Before we got our driver's licence, we rode bikes on gravel sideroads. Sliding into the ditch and getting stones stuck in our knees was common, but we never whined about it.

A warm, home-cooked meal always waited for us.

Back then, our choices were a bit limited, or perhaps more narrow, compared to today.

Sure, there were dozens of post-secondary school courses to choose from, but nowhere near the hundreds offered today. My daughter's school offers an elective in Harry Potter's impact on popular culture!

We met with our guidance counsellors in Grade 13 (yes, there was a time when that existed) to help us find a suitable course and apply to college or university.

In terms of careers, these, too, were limited. We could find a trade, or go to college and university where, upon graduation, we were pretty much guaranteed meaningful work.

I excelled at English, History and languages in high school. I chose journalism, because I didn't want anything repetitive, boring or mundane. In hindsight, perhaps a teaching career would have been much more lucrative but here we are.

My dad didn't quite get the “journalism business,” and felt computers were the way to go. Sure, but IT 40 years ago was still in its infancy, and computer programming was just icky. Does anyone remember punch cards?

I enjoyed college and I landed a job after a brief internship at a local newspaper and well, the rest is history.

Back in the day, we made friendships that lasted to this day.

We were glad to borrow dad's car, even if it was a brown on brown Oldsmobile.

We never really stressed about the future. Okay, opportunities were plentiful but that didn't guarantee success. We didn't dwell on owning a home, starting a family or socking money away. Investments were foreign to us.

We lived for the day, and planned our future step by step.

We briefly lost touch with high school buds, then rekindled when they returned from their on-campus homes or work abroad.

It's funny how we free-wheeling humans skip through life thinking the possibilities are endless. We're taught to dream and reach for the stars, being told there's nothing we can't achieve if we try. Infinite possibilities.

Of course, our individual circumstances did have limits and boundaries, but we always had encouragement from family and friends. Decades ago, when times were less complicated, doors were always open and paths were well lit so we could find our way.

Yes, a lot has changed. But human nature hasn't.

I see my oldest child climb the ladder personally and professionally. She worked hard at university and took it upon herself to get her master's degree. She has a decent job with the provincial government and recently bought her first house, together with her boyfriend.

For her, the possibilities are endless and she's worked hard to clear a path forward. I don't know where she got such gusto and focus from, but good for her. I am so happy that she has all the qualities to succeed – which is quite a feat these days.

I read a recent statistic where 50% of Canadian parents with adult children are still financially supporting them.

My wife and I have tried so hard to help steer our kids and light a spark. Our youngest is finishing a college course in the veterinary field and we are confident she will find her place and her true calling.

Our brilliant son is beginning to clear some jungle-like vines and find a way, an opening. He's exploring options and narrowing down a couple of fields of interest.

He has so many good qualities, I really hope he will find his niche.

Even in these tumultuous times there is hope and optimism. There are opportunities.

I am extremely happy and confident they will excel and succeed. I will do everything in my power for as long as I can to help them.

In my case, my roads and choices are finite and limited. My personal sphere is closing in on me, given my struggle with cancer, leaving few options on the horizon.

I am now looking at the trees and not the forest beyond.

My current treatment schedule prevents me from planning ahead. I can plan day trips and enjoy dinners out. But long-term plans, bucket list trips and even road trips are problematic.

And that weighs heavy on my broad shoulders. My limits become restrictions on my family's happiness and that's something I never considered when I ventured down this cancer rabbit hole.

Feeling hollow, a bit empty, filled with straw. (My apologies to T.S. Eliot.)

I can't totally believe my own encouraging words and continue to ooze positivity.

When I'm trying desperately to console myself, how do I convince myself to embrace hope? How do I emit joy and pleasantries when I don't believe it?

I'd love to know how to walk on hallowed ground, connecting with Mother Earth, Turtle Island and all the energies of this amazing planet.

Stephen Hawking said the future is “indefinite and exists only as a spectrum of possibilities.”

I'm with H. Jackson Brown Jr.: “Hope is the magic carpet that transports us from the present moment into the realm of infinite possibilities.”

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Fall – and falling for it.

For some folks, this is the “most wonderful time of the year,” an extravaganza of colour, a bountiful harvest, and a time for meandering drives through the countryside. For others, it’s the onset of seasonal depression as temperatures lower and the skies turn dark earlier and earlier each day.

For cynics, Fall (at least once every four years that is) is also the season of “falling for it,” where those seeking election get to say all kinds of things, but it’s up to us to decide whether we’re “falling” for their words or not. Words, after all, are an amazing thing. They’re a tool for the wise, to educate and inform, or a tool for a fool to spread lies. Unfortunately, and increasingly, far too few of us are practising the kind of discernment required to distinguish between the two.

Fall in Caledon can be a beautiful thing. On offer are apple orchards and pumpkin patches, cideries and breweries where you can soak up the last of the sun’s warmth while enjoying a beverage; or hay bales and farm visits that provide opportunities for children and families to get up close with nature, learn where food comes from, and how animals are cared for. Multi-hued leafy drives through winding country roads and stops for ice cream are all but mandatory this time of year.

Sounds idyllic, right? At one time, it was. Sadly, Caledon is under siege by nameless, faceless numbered companies (or big, multinational consortiums) buying up and developing land, digging (or blasting) gravel pits, and the combined volume of trucks, illegal trucking yards, and poorly trained drivers, are all impacting our quality of life here in Caledon. Leafy, scenic drives are no longer enjoyable when you’re stuck behind a gravel truck or the roar of a hundred motorbikes. With developers slapping up homes, but doing little in the way of developing parks and greenspaces for families to enjoy, the Town is losing income from development charges and families are losing out - period.

One Mayfield West development has been without a park for over five years! That literally means a child, from birth to starting school, has never once had the chance to play in a local park. Major roads are increasingly more dangerous to travel, meaning if you want to take that same child to a park located elsewhere, or to one of the farms or pumpkin patches we like to brag about to draw tourists to the area,

you’re taking your life into your hands. More development, more gravel pits, a possible highway and the downloading of roads from the region to the municipality will all very likely only make things that much worse.

Fall is beautiful, to be sure. But we already have so much to be concerned about and falling for candidate rhetoric only puts us at even greater risk. If you want to plan a beautiful fall day in our Town it’s still possible, but for how much longer?

We’re hearing about candidates who don’t seem to want to talk about illegal trucking or dangerous roads and instead are blocking constituents on social media. That’s not a good sign and certainly seems to suggest an unwillingness to listen to the concerns of residents. On the other hand, encouragingly, we are also hearing about registered third-parties (of which there are two in Caledon) who are doing research and making it available to Caledon residents through their own websites.

Their goals include helping residents to make a more informed decision by providing analysis and tracking individual voting records on issues of concern. One of these groups just recently publicly endorsed a Mayoral candidate by stating, “Her voting record speaks for itself.”

As we shared last week and which will continue to be shared by this paper, you will have your chance to hear what all the candidates have to say several times over the coming weeks. If you’re still the type to “fall for Fall,” a person in love with a season that’s still sunny, and offers fantastic scenery (all explored while perhaps holding a pumpkin spice-flavoured treat from one of our many coffee establishments) then you also know how important it is to protect and preserve what we have.

The best way to do that is to listen. Don’t be a fool and fall for the rhetoric, listen instead to wise words, to the candidates who truly know the issues, not just the surface platitudes. Listen to the people who engage with you at the front doors, the meet and greets and Town events, not the ones blocking you on social media. In other words, since it’s harvest time, we’ll use a farming analogy: listen with discernment so you can separate the “wheat from the chaff” – that is, the good, useful and knowledgeable words from the nice, but useless platitudes.

Local projects help municipal leaders get to know agriculture

BY DREW SPOELSTRA
PRESIDENT, ONTARIO
FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

Municipal governments make decisions every day that affect Ontario farms, from roads, bridges and farmland drainage to land use planning, development and local services.

That’s why farmers need to know what is happening at their local governments, but we also need to build relationships with the people making those decisions and help them understand agriculture.

Agriculture is a major contributor to Ontario’s economy, generating almost \$53 billion for Ontario’s economy and supporting more than 854,000 jobs annually, but farmers make up a relatively small share of our population.

But running for office isn’t the only way farmers can make sure agriculture is understood at the municipal level.

We also need to create opportunities for councillors, municipal staff and candidates to meet farmers, visit farms and learn about the realities of running a farm business.

Three local federations have taken on projects this year to do just that, including two I represent on the board of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture as a director, Niagara and Hamilton-Wentworth.

Through the OFA’s Revive Fund, our 51 local federations can access matching funding for projects that support agriculture and their communities. Since the program began in 2021, OFA, local federations and project partners have invested a combined total of approximately \$1.5 million in community projects.

The Niagara Federation of Agriculture invited councillors and municipal planning and economic development staff onto a bus tour for a first-hand look at agriculture in the region, visiting four agricultural businesses representing dairy, swine, beef, grain production and custom farming, as well as beekeeping and pollination services. Along the way, participants also learned about agricultural landmarks and the region’s farming history.

One of the interesting takeaways from the day was that while many participants knew Niagara for its tender fruit industry, they didn’t realize how diverse agriculture in the region actually is.

They were also surprised by the size of mod-

ern farm equipment and gained a better understanding of why road safety matters when farm machinery and other vehicles share rural roads.

The Middlesex Federation of Agriculture took a different approach, hosting a politician forum last winter that brought together representatives from eight agricultural organizations with local elected officials, including municipal mayors as well as provincial and federal representatives.

Farm leaders talked about what their sectors contribute to the local economy and discussed issues including access to skilled labour, the Temporary Foreign Worker Program, processing capacity, rural infrastructure and trade.

I farm in Binbrook near Hamilton and my local federation in Hamilton-Wentworth will be hosting a social this fall for municipal election candidates. It will give farmers a chance to meet candidates, hear how they plan to work with the agricultural community and talk directly with them about what farm businesses and rural residents need from their municipality.

Other federations have undertaken similar projects in previous years, such as bus tours in Frontenac and Algoma in 2025, and in Lambton in 2023, or a farmers’ breakfast in Arnprior in 2024.

Each project is unique, but they all accomplish something important: bringing agriculture and municipal decision-makers together.

Even in rural Ontario, we can’t assume everyone understands agriculture. Councillors and municipal staff come from many different backgrounds, and some may have little direct experience with farming.

That’s why these local connections matter. A farm tour, breakfast meeting or conversation with election candidates gives people a chance to ask questions, see how farms operate and better understand why issues like roads, drainage, land use and development matter to farm businesses.

And those relationships are much easier to build before there’s a contentious planning application, road project or by-law on the council agenda.

The more our local decision-makers know about agriculture, the better equipped they are to consider its needs when making decisions for their communities. Farmers have an important role to play in helping them get there.

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ARTS & CULTURE



(LEFT) Iris Ranieri is pictured with her First Place-winning piece, Forest River. (RIGHT) Margi Taylor, President of Headwaters Arts, welcomes guests to their anniversary celebration. PHOTOS BY KATHRYN FRASER

Headwaters Arts marks 30th anniversary with annual Fall Festival

Continued from FRONT

Menken has been in nine Headwaters Arts shows so far and inspiration for her piece, Placed Upon the Rock, came when she was working on another landscape while in Newfoundland in 2024.

“I did a two-week artist retreat, and I was at the bottom of Conception Bay where there’s a highway that goes up and a highway that goes on to St. John’s. It was at that cross section where the landscape just looked a little bit creepy, because you don’t see a soul and there’s just this sort of really barren landscape, gray with this lit-

tle covering of green on everything,” says Menken. “It just really felt like the green cheese moon.”

The evening also served as Headwaters Arts’ flagship fundraising event of the year.

During the celebration, many members of the community came out in support of the artists.

Pat Hertzberg is another artist who has work featured in the show. Her piece, titled Joy, was used fibre as its medium and had small lines and loops flying all over the piece as those in attendance took a closer look.

For Hertzberg, this piece was special to her as it came after getting good news from a test result, but it also served as a way for the people who viewed it to take them away from all of the anger and angst that the world is dealing with and to be able to see some joy.

“I wanted to create an art piece that really helped to take them away from that, that when you look at it, you just get lost and feel joy,” says Hertzberg. “I started out with fabrics, a number of different fabrics, dozens and dozens of different fabrics, then I dyed some more to make sure that I had the full spectrum of what I wanted to create. Then I cut them up into all different sizes of pieces so that they wouldn’t fit together like a typical quilt. I didn’t want it to be a quilt. I wanted it to be far more abstract.”

Hertzberg added she had lot of fun playing with different colours and putting the brightness of the colours into the piece.

“I wanted to then play with juxtaposing the colours, putting them beside each other, and creating that excitement that you get from putting pink and orange beside each other, different shades beside each other,” says Hertzberg. “Juxtaposing the colours was a big part of the joy I had in creating it, and then, when all the composition is done, I then put the stitching on top of it. The stitching is also a joyful sort of thing because I did it in a very whimsical way.”

All pieces in the show are sale and attendees had the opportunity to participate in a silent auction where they were able to bid on a wide variety of items, including various bottles of wine and several rounds of golf at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley.

Various refreshments were offered throughout the evening for those in attendance.

After a few hours of guests viewing the artwork, attendees were led outside to an open building where members of Headwaters Arts thanked everyone for attending and supporting the event.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones also attended the event and presented Headwaters Arts with a special plaque to commemorate 30 years.

In addition to the speeches, several awards, including Headwaters Arts 2026 Student Scholarship Award and Juror’s Awards for prize-winning artists, were presented.

First to third place and honorable mentions were awarded to artists at the event and were given ribbons that were then attached to their pieces.

Local art lovers will also have the chance to participate in the People’s Choice Awards by filling out a ballot. These ballots will be accepted through October 4.

Valeria Kouznetsova’s The Blue Kingdom received an Honourable Mention ribbon, Courtney Chard’s Ringmaster received Top Honour 3rd Award, and Haley Marfleet’s A Box From Crumbl was selected for the Curators Choice Award.

Nancy Lennon’s Blue Silhouette Reeds placed Third, Patricia MacDonald’s What the World Needs Now is Love placed Second, and Iris Ranieri’s Forest River was awarded First and a Best in Show ribbon.

This was Ranieri’s second time submitting a piece of her art to Headwaters Arts and said she was very excited to be given the Best in Show award for the night and said her inspiration for Forest River was inspired by her travels.

“A lot of my most recent work is based on nature, but especially BC, Colorado, sort of like rocky, rugged landscapes, just speak to me and then, most recently, incorporated in some of waterfalls and rushing water and that type of things. Inspiration comes just basically being in nature,” says Ranieri.

To find out more information about Headwaters Arts, visit www.headwatersarts.org.

COMMUNITY events

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

Psychic Tina Curtis with Monthly Dinner

Friday, September 25th, 2026 Dinner 5:30 PM
Psychic 7PM-9PM
Join us for a group reading and monthly dinner starts at 5:30 PM at the Caledon Seniors Centre, this event is open to anyone in the community, you don't have to be 55+ to attend any of our fundraising events.
Members with dinner \$50.00
Non-Members with dinner \$58.50
Members Psychic only \$35.00
Non-Members Psychic only \$38.50
Call the centre at 905-951-6114 to register

Creating Keepsakes, Celebrating Moments Big & Small

Join Janine Smith for a day of reflection, creativity, and connection. This one-day mini-retreat features an immersive four-hour assemblage workshop with assemblage artist Eric Allen Montgomery, who will guide you in creating a one-of-a-kind memory box filled with your own treasured mementos artfully assembled for display.
Throughout the day, you'll be invited into gentle, meaningful exercises designed to deepen your connection with memory and gratitude. Enjoy a delicious hot lunch with a fresh salad bar and dessert, and end the experience with a closing circle around the fire, offering space for reflection and sharing.
Date: Sat, September 26th from 11 am to 6 pm
Registration fee including art supplies, lunch and snacks: \$225
To register, visit <https://wholepepperstudio.com/workshops>
Email art@wholepepperstudio.com or call Janine at (519) 496-4008

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Sunday September 27th, 2026 10 AM
Join us on **Sunday, September 27** for the **CSC Walk for Healthy Living**—a community fundraiser where every step makes a difference.
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Register your team at <https://caledonseniors.ca/fundraising-events/csc-walk-for-healthy-living/>

You are invited to Orangeville Show Chorus Fall membership Series. Come and learn to sing with Orangeville Show Chorus. Perform with us in our November 7 show. 5 week program (Wednesdays). Wed. Sept. 30 - Wed. Nov. 4. *Excluding October 14* 6:30-8:00 p.m. Cost - \$50. 247 Broadway, Orangeville . Lower Auditorium. osc.choirgenius.com. Contact membershipchair@osc.choirgenius.com. Contact membershipchair@osc.choirgenius.com

FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 3rd from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit, Sausages, Mixed berries, Yoghurt, Coffee, Tea & Juice. Gluten Free pancakes upon request. Caledon East United Church. Free Parking. ALL WELCOME.

Plalking in October and November

The Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club and ecoCaledon are co-hosting “Plalking” events - pick up while walking. Register for a Humber Valley Heritage Trail event (October 18 or November 8) or a Caledon Trailway event (October 25 or November 1) on the Bruce Trail Conservancy's Hike Schedule at <https://brucetrail.org>.

Albion Bolton Historical Society - Monday, **October 19**, for a 7:30 PM start, at Rotary Place, 7 Rotarian Way, Bolton, Multi-purpose Room 2. **NOTE: NEW MEETING LOCATION.** Valerie Mackie and John McFall will present The Humber River: A River's Indigenous Roots & Bolton's Water-powered Industrial Past. Guests \$5.00. Questions: nhillerphoto@bell.net or 905-584-2801 visit us at boltonhistory.com

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Business, community leaders welcome re-opening of Airport Road section

BY KATHRYN FRASER
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

On September 4, Airport Road in Caledon between Emma Street and Hilltop Drive, reopened with two lanes of traffic.

According to Peel Region, construction will continue under staged traffic conditions, and traffic-control measures will remain in place. Currently, they aren’t expecting another full road closure. Phase 1 is expected to continue until the end of 2027, while Phase 2 is projected to finish by the end of 2029, subject to property acquisition and utility relocation.

This was reopened prior to the original scheduled reopening date on September 7 due to working on weekends and extending work hours.

“Peel Region and its contractor were able to complete this phase of the work safely and ahead of schedule by working Saturdays, extending working hours where feasible and identifying opportunities to advance certain construction activities. These efforts allowed Airport Road to reopen before the long weekend while also minimizing impacts on nearby residents and businesses,” said Karen Flores Senior Manager of Media Relations and Issues Management for Peel Region.

During the time that Airport Road was closed, many businesses said they lost customers due to the construction and closure.

One concern raised by members of the community at the July 28 meeting of Caledon Council was the communication from



both the Town and the Region of Peel.

Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell agreed that there should have been additional steps in regard to keeping residents and businesses informed.

“I believe that there should have been a formal, public meeting to allow business owners and residents to better understand the need for the road closure,” said Maskell.

Despite the losses that the road has caused, Maskell said he is hopeful that this construction will have some positive effects.

“The Airport Road reconstruction project (and a portion of Old Church Road) is fundamental to the revitalization of Caledon East. We will be getting a new road,

new curbs, new sidewalks, new lighting and a multi-use trail. Caledon East will have a brand-new downtown. Once the Airport Road reconstruction is completed then the Town can build its new public square/park in downtown Caledon East. It is hoped that these improvements will attract new businesses and investment to Caledon East,” said Maskell.

Reflecting on the construction, the Region of Peel plans to continue to provide updates in a variety of ways to keep the community informed.

“The closure demonstrated the importance of maintaining regular communication with residents and businesses, responding to community feedback and identifying opportunities to adjust con-

struction staging where feasible. As construction transitions from a full closure to staged traffic conditions, temporary pedestrian access and traffic-control measures will help keep Airport Road open while the next phase of work proceeds,” said Flores. “Peel Region will continue providing updates through hand-delivered notices, door hangers, social media, the Connect to Peel newsletter and the project webpage. Updates will also continue to be provided to the local Councillor.”

For more information about Phase 2 visit, peelregion.ca/construction/project-19-4060.

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Orangeville Antique and Vintage Show coming to fairgrounds

BY SAM ODROWSKI

As mass-produced goods fill store shelves, interest in unique, vintage pieces continues to draw collectors and shoppers.

The Orangeville Fairgrounds will soon become a hub for antiques, collectibles and vintage finds with over 55 dealers filling its exhibition hall on Sunday, October 3.

Running from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Orangeville Antique and Vintage Show invites the community to explore a wide variety of dealers from across Ontario, and as far as Quebec.

Hosted by show producers Jeff and Wendy Gadsden, who also organize the spring-time Elora Antique Show, Jeff said the Orangeville event is a great opportunity for the community to browse items from the past.

“We’ve been in this business for a long time and have built relationships with top dealers,” said Jeff. “We think visitors to the show will be impressed by the range of dealers who are set up. Many of them seldom do other shows, so this will be a rare opportunity to meet new dealers and browse their wares. We also make room for novice dealers, which helps ensure broader variety.”

Orangeville dealer Melody Polonsky has been gearing up for the show since early summer. As a veteran antiquer, Polonsky has a great eye for mid-century decor, vintage lighting, ceramics and pottery, and framed art. She has choice pieces from the

50s to the 70s set aside for the show.

SG Antiquities is hauling a trailer full of pine furniture and folk art from Terrebonne, QC., while Claudia Lemieux, from Deux-Montagnes, QC., specializes in old metal signs and nostalgia.

The event will also feature food trucks, on-site ATMs, and free parking.

“How did the show land in Orangeville? It’s all about a warm, dry venue,” said Jeff. “Lately we’ve had some unpleasant experiences with weather at our fall outdoor show. It was clear that outdoor events are risky business. Having lived and worked in Shelburne for 30 years, we were well aware of the excellent facilities at the Orangeville Fairgrounds. Upon booking the space, we contacted dealers, and the show filled up inside of three weeks.”

Jeff said the show is designed to appeal to both longtime collectors and a younger generation discovering the appeal of vintage pieces.

“We’re hoping for a good turnout on October 3. We have capacity for up to 1,500 people. We’ve been targeting veteran antique collectors and history buffs, and also the younger cohort, who are keen on ‘vintage’ home decor, dating from the 50s to the 80s,” said Jeff.

Admission to the event is \$10 for adults, while kids under 13 can enter for free.

The Orangeville Fairgrounds are located at 247090 5 Sideroad, Mono.

To learn more, visit: antiqueshowscana.com/orangeville-home-page.



Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones presented Hunt with congratulatory certificates from Ontario Lieutenant-Governor Edith Dumont, Premier Doug Ford, and herself. PHOTO BY KATHRYN FRASER

Caledon community celebrates Richard Hunt on milestone birthday

Continued from FRONT

The event was filled with many friends and family members, all there to celebrate Hunt on his big day.

During the celebration, Hunt received a special presentation from his eldest son, and a special toast from his friend of over 50 years, Colin.

“Looking back over our more than 50 years of friendship, Sydney, and I feel very fortunate to have shared so many of those memories with you and Ruth. We look forward to welcoming you and Ruth on your next visit...and to continue this friendship for many, many years to come,” said Colin. “Richard, on your 90th birthday, here is to you – to a life well lived, to the community you’ve enriched, to the trees you planted, to Rotary and the many friends you brought together, and to the many people whose lives you made a little richer.”

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones also attended the event and presented Hunt with special scrolls from the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Premier Ford, and herself to acknowledge Hunt turning 90.

Back in 2018, the Town of Caledon renamed the Kingsview Park to be the Ruth and Richard Hunt Park in honour of Hunt and his wife for their longstanding work and

serving the Bolton community for more than 50 years.

On September 13, the Town unveiled a special bench in Ruth and Richard Hunt Park to commemorate Hunt’s 90th birthday.

Councillors Mario Russo, Cosimo Napoli and Tony Rosa were all in attendance at the bench naming and Russo offered a speech in recognition of Hunt.

During his speech, Russo spoke about Hunt’s decades of service and life lived with “purpose, heart and undeniable passion,” and referred to Hunt by a nickname he has been given around Bolton: “Tree Hugger Hunt.”

“When you look across Bolton today, you are walking through his living legacy. Through the Bolton North Hill Residents Association and the Bolton Horticultural Society, he had the foresight to look at developer lands and say: this belongs to the people,” said Russo. “He championed the Town’s purchase of vital spaces-from the east side of Humberlea Road, to North Hill Park, Generations Park, and the parkland that so proudly bears his and Ruth’s names today: the Ruth and Richard Hunt Park. He even stepped forward to reach out to the TRCA (Toronto & Region Conservation Authority) to help secure Bolton Camp as protected land for everyone.”

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment (Temporary Use)

FILE NUMBER: RZ 2026-0013

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received an application for a Temporary Zoning By-law Amendment.

APPLICANT:

Gagnon Walker Domes Ltd.
(c/o Anthony Sirianni) on behalf of Ishaan Holdings Inc.

LOCATION:

6404 Mayfield Road
Part of Lot 1,
Concession 1, Albion

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant is proposing to amend Zoning By-law 2006-50, as amended, to rezone the subject lands for a temporary period of three (3) years from Agricultural (A1) to a site-specific Agricultural (A1-TXXX) Zone. The amendment is proposed to permit the use of truck and trailer parking on the subject property, together with an Accessory Storage Building, Open Storage Areas, and Parking Areas.

LEAD PLANNER:

Yvette George
Community Planner, Development
Planning and Development Department
905-584-2272 ext. 4285
Yvette.George@caledon.ca

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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



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

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If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Caledon on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario L7C 1J6.

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“Food Security: It’s About More Than Just Food!” by Kim D’Eri, Manager, Food Bank



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In 2025-2026, 1,490 Caledon neighbours were supported and 315,765 lbs of food and essential items were distributed.*

“Without the CCS Exchange food bank, life would be much harder,” shared Lisa,** single mom and Exchange client. “It gives me peace of mind that I can feed my child.”

If you or someone you know needs a helping hand, seeking support is a sign of strength and help is just a call away at 905-584-2300 ext. 201.

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*2025-2026 Community Impact Report

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How Do You See It?

Tell us how you see it.
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Bruce Trail Day brings music, nature and hiking to Splitrock Narrows

BY JOSHUA DRAKES

The Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club is inviting residents to experience the Bruce Trail in a different way this fall, with music, hiking, nature demonstrations and a free barbecue planned for Bruce Trail Day.

The annual celebration takes place Sunday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Splitrock Narrows Nature Reserve in Mono, located at 755437 2nd Line EHS, Mono. The event is free, with no pre-registration required.

Organizer and vice president of the Dufferin Hi-Land Club, Lorraine Campbell, said that one of the main attractions will be the return of the club’s musical hike, now in its third year.

“We’ve got a new slate of musicians this year,” she said. “There’s six of them, and they include a reggae singer, a couple of guitarists, one classical guitarist, a clarinetist, and the Guelph Celtic Orchestra.”

The musicians will be spread throughout the trail, giving visitors the opportunity to hear performances as they make their way through Splitrock Narrows.

A children’s music circle will also be offered, providing another way for younger visitors to participate.

Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club member Don Stewart said that the musical hike was inspired by a similar event hosted by the Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club

“We did a copycat a few years ago because Blue Mountain had done it the year prior and found it very successful,” he said. “So, if you get something that works, why not try it?”

“Tom [Dufferin Hi-Lands President] was in a band for many years professionally, so he has all kinds of contacts in the music industry, especially up here. So, he was able to make arrangements. We are not for profit, so we don’t have a whole lot of money. To get professional musicians, some of them just came because they loved the concept, but other ones, they wanted to get some remuneration for their time and effort, so we were able to make deals.”

After seeing its success, Dufferin Hi-Land adopted the concept, using local connections to bring musicians onto the trail. The musical format proved popular during previous Bruce Trail Day celebrations, combining the natural

setting with live performances.

Music will not be the only focus.

Visitors can take part in a guided hike, learn about the club’s biodiversity work and visit its seed orchard, which is part of efforts to regenerate native plants for use along the trail. An iNaturalist demonstration led by Rod Murray will also highlight observations of nature along the Bruce Trail.

The event is designed to be accessible to people who may have little or no hiking experience. The route is less than three kilometres, and visitors can choose how much of it they want to explore. Some of the more challenging crevices can also be bypassed.

“This is a hike that anyone can get to, anyone can do,” Campbell said. “It is accessible to the youngest children, even to dogs. There

are the crevices that you can hike down into, but you can bypass them as well. There’s absolutely no challenge to this hike. Anybody can participate.”

Bruce Trail Day is held annually across all nine Bruce Trail clubs, with each section offering its own activities. The day is intended to introduce people to the trail, encourage people to spend time outdoors and highlight the Bruce Trail Conservancy’s work protecting a continuous ribbon of wilderness along the Niagara Escarpment.

For the Dufferin Hi-Land club, that conservation work is an important part of the celebration.

The club’s activities will showcase not only hiking, but also biodiversity and efforts to preserve the natural environment.

“When it comes to the Bruce Trail Conservancy, there are two bonds to it,” Campbell said. “One is hiking, but the other, and it’s just as important, is that we’re a nature conservancy organization. Preserving nature is our core mission. The actual mandate is preserving a remnant of wilderness for everyone, everywhere. [There are] the two arms to the Bruce Trail, and we’re trying to address and celebrate both of them during Bruce Trail Day.”

Visitors can also learn about club membership, upcoming hikes and volunteer opportunities, making Bruce Trail Day an opportunity to experience the trail while discovering ways to become more involved in the organization and its conservation work.



CULTURE DAYS ON NOW – On September 17, Councillor Tony Rosa helped raise the Culture Days flag at Town Hall, signalling the start of several fun events ahead. Culture Days is a national celebration of arts, culture, and heritage that runs from September 18 to October 4 across Caledon. This week, the community will host the Creative Arts Weekend on September 25 and 26, followed on October 3 by Caledon CultureFest, and, between October 3 – 4, the Caledon Studio Tour. For a full roster of events and activities, visit caledon.ca/en/living-here/culture-days.aspx.

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Tony Rosa Acclaimed as Regional Councillor for Wards 4, 5, & 6

Veteran Caledon Councillor moves to Regional Council after eight years representing Ward 5

CALEDON – After eight years representing Ward 5 on Caledon Town Council, Tony Rosa is preparing for a new chapter in municipal government after being acclaimed as Regional Councillor for Wards 4, 5 and 6.

Rosa was the only candidate to file for the position by the close of nominations for the 2026 municipal election, securing his place on the next Caledon Council. The acclamation represents a significant political milestone for Rosa, who was first elected as Ward 5 Councillor in 2018 and decisively re-elected in 2022. Now, his responsibilities are set to expand considerably. Rather than representing one ward, Rosa will represent residents across Wards 4, 5 and 6 while serving at both the Town of Caledon and Region of Peel council tables.

EIGHT YEARS OF MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE

Rosa has developed a strong connection to Bolton during his two terms as Ward 5 Councillor, establishing a public profile centred on community engagement, local businesses, arts and culture, economic development and local neighbourhood issues. His electoral strength was demonstrated during the 2022 municipal election, when Rosa captured over two-thirds of the votes cast in the Ward 5 race.

His move to Regional Council follows eight years of experience dealing with some of the most significant challenges facing one of Ontario's fastest-growing municipalities. Growth, infrastructure, transportation, economic development, road safety, illegal land uses and community services have increasingly dominated the municipal agenda. Those issues are expected to remain central to Rosa's priorities in his expanded role.

INFRASTRUCTURE MUST ACCOMPANY GROWTH

Managing Caledon's rapid growth is likely to be among the defining challenges facing the incoming Council. Rosa has emphasized the importance of ensuring infrastructure keeps pace with development as new communities are built across Caledon.

Road improvements, public transit, recreation facilities, parks, community amenities and other municipal services will increasingly be required as the municipality's population grows. Transportation will be particularly important.

Expanding local transit and continuing efforts to bring GO Rail service to Caledon are among the major transportation priorities Rosa has identified. Economic development will also remain a focus, with an emphasis on attracting investment, creating employment opportunities and ensuring Caledon develops a stronger local economy alongside its residential growth.

TACKLING ILLEGAL LAND USES

Rosa has also been involved in Caledon's efforts to combat illegal land uses, including illegal trucking operations and other unauthorized commercial activities. The issue has become increasingly important as residents raise concerns about truck traffic, road safety, environmental impacts and the effect illegal operations can have on rural communities. Rosa has participated in advocacy efforts aimed at strengthening enforcement and encouraging other levels of government to provide municipalities with additional tools to address the problem. His involvement has included work through Caledon's Illegal Land Use Task Force and advocacy beyond the municipal level. It is an issue likely to remain prominent during the next Council term.

COMMUNITY AT THE CENTRE

Beyond municipal policy, Rosa has become closely associated with community and cultural initiatives.

His involvement in local events, the arts and activities supporting Downtown Bolton has contributed to a political identity that extends beyond the traditional Council chamber. Rosa has consistently emphasized the importance of bringing residents together and strengthening the individual villages and communities that collectively make up Caledon.

That philosophy is reflected in a phrase that has increasingly become associated with his approach: **"Building Unity and Community."** A philosophy he will now be taking beyond Ward 5 as the next Regional Councillor for Wards 4, 5, and 6.

A NEW CHAPTER

After eight years as Ward 5 Councillor, the next four years will provide Rosa with an opportunity to establish himself not simply as a representative of Bolton, but as a voice for a much larger portion of Caledon. His priorities are expected to include responsible growth, infrastructure, transportation, economic development, road safety, senior services, community facilities, illegal land-use enforcement and continued investment in Caledon's villages and neighbourhoods.

As Caledon continues working through one of the most significant periods of growth and transformation in its history, Rosa will enter Regional Council with eight years of municipal experience behind him and a considerably larger constituency ahead.

From Ward 5 to Wards 4, 5 and 6, Tony Rosa's next chapter in public service is about to begin!



Caledon Votes 2026

Council candidates weigh in on growth issues in their Wards

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WARD 4

Cheryl Connors – “The most important growth-related challenge in Ward 4 is the financial burden being placed on Caledon taxpayers. The Province is transferring responsibility for regional roads, water and wastewater infrastructure to Caledon while requiring the Town to accommodate significant growth. Existing residents should not be left paying for infrastructure needed primarily to serve new development. Provincial and regional planning decisions have turned Caledon into a major warehousing and freight hub. Caledon taxpayers should not be forced to absorb the cost of repairing and maintaining roads damaged by the heavy truck traffic these decisions have created. I would demand full transparency about the short- and long-term costs before Caledon assumes responsibility for this infrastructure. I would also

press the Province, Region and developers to pay their fair share. I will be a strong and persistent advocate for growth that does not leave Caledon taxpayers carrying an unfair financial burden.”

Heather French – “Road safety is the biggest challenge facing Ward 4 as Caledon grows. More people moving here has brought traffic, speeding, illegal heavy trucks, and unauthorized scooters to our local roads and trails. Everyone deserves to feel safe in their own neighborhood. To fix this urgent problem, I will partner with Town staff and the OPP to crack down on traffic violations. I will also advocate for traffic calming measures, so our quiet rural roads are not used as shortcuts. At the same time, I will launch community education programs to teach safer driving habits. We must put public safety first as our community expands. By securing safer roads, better parks, and reliable emergency services, we will keep Caledon safe and thriving for

everyone.”

Paul Parete – “A critical growth challenge in Ward 4 is a commitment to funding and delivering local infrastructure before development happens, ensuring growth pays for growth without overburdening taxpayers. We cannot build houses without the necessary roads, traffic calming, emergency services, and recreational facilities to support our communities....building complete communities, not just houses! To address this, I will: Leverage Intergovernmental Partnerships: Build strong, collaborative relationships to secure our fair share of infrastructure funding and align regional priorities; Apply Evidence-Based Planning: Use hard data—like traffic studies and an ecosystem approach—to ensure infrastructure projects, water security, and farmland protections are prioritized before ground is broken; Fiscal Discipline: Ensure taxpayer dollars are managed transparently, keeping local property taxes predictable and affordable.”

population while protecting the quality-of-life residents. I will advocate for responsible, well-planned growth and work collaboratively to make sure Caledon has the infrastructure it needs as our community continues to grow.”

(Anthony Caputo did not respond by deadline.)

WARD 6

Carmela Palkowski – “The biggest concern in Ward 6 is making sure our infrastructure keeps pace with growth. Bolton is going to see more people and more homes, which also means more cars, more traffic and greater demand for services. We need infrastructure to keep up with growth, not fall behind it. I would push to make sure new development is properly planned around road capacity, traffic safety and the services residents need. Ward 6 needs a strong voice in these decisions so we can plan ahead instead of fixing problems after they happen. This is what is currently happening and we need to stop this pattern. We need to plan for growth, hold developers and other levels of government accountable, and make sure Bolton gets the infrastructure it needs.”

(Cosimo Napoli did not respond by deadline.)

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Harpreet Grewal – “After knocking on doors all summer, one of the biggest growth-related challenges I have heard in Wards 1, 2 and 3 is development outpacing the infrastructure and services needed to support it. I have seen neighbourhoods built and families move in, while years later there is still no park or recreation facility to serve them, just an empty site with overgrown grass. Growth should support complete communities by strengthening existing infrastructure and delivering the roads, parks and recreation facilities residents need. It must also respect Caledon’s rural character and protect our farmland, greenspace and natural heritage. That means strongly opposing proposals such as blasting quarries near residential areas and protecting places like Swan Lake. Growth should be considered community by community, based on what each area can support, with infrastructure and amenities delivered as development happens.”

(Mauro Testani and Dave Sheen did not respond by deadline.)

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CDS siblings and cousins demonstrate entrepreneurial spirit



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BY KIM SILLCOX

Charlize, Wesley, Sebastian and Lucas were busy this past summer with 3D printers and jewelry-making for the launch of their business, Printed and Polished - Handmade Jewelry and 3D Creations. Their first appearance was at last Saturday’s Aurora Farmers Market.

“The idea began when we visited a flea market in Florida and saw a table full of 3D prints and fidgets,” explained Wesley. “I was with my younger cousins, Sebastian and Lucas in Grade 2 and SK in the Junior School, and we left the booth having spent all of our money and our pockets full of gadgets. We spent days playing with them and wanted more. The problem was that they were expensive and hard to come by. So we decided to save our money and buy our own 3D printer last spring!”

Eager to join in on the fun, Sebastian and Lucas pooled their birthday money to buy a 3D printer of their own, and spent the summer alongside Wesley and contributing to the business. Sebastian quickly became the team’s trend-spotter, always finding the most popular prints online and mass producing them! They proceeded to spend their summer designing and printing what they would enjoy playing with themselves. Now in Grade 8, Wesley was too young to be employed and didn’t want to go to camp, so their mom suggested they start their own business.

“We never thought it would actually happen,” said Wesley. “But we made lists of what we had to

do: filling out applications and applying to different food and farmers markets, calling printing companies, creating a business name, making a logo, printing a banner, starting an Instagram page @printedandpolished, buying a tent for the food market, and even getting our own Square tap for people who wanted to use a card at the market.”

Wesley took Navigating Technology in Grade 7 at The Country Day School, where he was introduced to different apps that he could 3D print from and learned the fundamentals. “I also used the Nav Tech printers in a project where we had to create our own monster for art class. It also helped me become more comfortable using Tinkercad, a free web app for 3D design, electronics, and coding. That class contributed greatly to my interests and skill sets, but I also taught myself how to print using other platforms by watching videos and online tutorials.”

Their inaugural sales event last Saturday was a big success; they sold over half their inventory and are planning to restock and adapt based on their best-sellers. Their customers were not only intrigued by their 3D prints and jewelry designs, but eager to support two kids who had started their own business.

They had carefully priced their prints by size and popularity, between \$2 and \$20, with their line of gadgets including fidgets, dragons, mini animals, iPhone and AirPods cases, and puzzles. Charlize’s jewelry sells for \$3 to \$25, based on the materials and complexity of the design.

“We actually try out all the toys on our young-

est cousin, Lucas,” said Wesley. “If he loves it, we know it will be a success!” Behind the scenes, their younger cousins Lucas and Sebastian have been a big part of the process, helping choose what to print, testing everything out, and deciding what makes the cut. “Some of our most popular items are the ones Lucas never wants us to sell because he wants to keep them for himself!” the siblings shared. “Working together this summer has been so much fun for us!”

While Wesley and his cousins share a passion for 3D printing, his older sister Charlize has been making jewelry since Grade 2. “I have always loved being creative, whether it was making Rainbow Loom bracelets in the schoolyard, gimp bracelets at camp, weaving friendship bracelets during summer, or fixing a broken chain or charm.”

Now in Grade 10 at CDS, Charlize has explored earring-making, learned how to add a clasp, close a jump ring, and reattach a chain. She uses odds and ends around their house to create her pieces, whether it is a giant pair of pliers from her dad’s toolbox or a lighter in the kitchen to seal a knot. Thinking outside the box was what allowed her to keep learning.

“Similar to Wesley, I found my inspiration at a flea market in Florida,” Charlize noted. “There was a stall full of seashells and complex designs and necklaces, and the girls running the stand were making the jewelry right there. They had a welding machine and offered custom-fitted jewelry. Seeing those girls run such a popular booth inspired me to take my hobby seriously. I am now working toward purchasing a welder to make my own permanent jewelry.”

“This business began as a step outside of our comfort zones, putting our passions together to make something new,” the siblings shared. “Our goal was to get a taste of the business world, to learn to interact with customers, and to get a little extra cash for something we already love to do. We wanted to learn what worked and what didn’t – what to sell and how to connect with people. We hope to grow and get into the Newmarket Main Street Farmers Market next summer. Holiday fairs are around the corner, and it would be a great opportunity to find a local one to participate in.”

In the meantime, they’ll be back at the Aurora Farmers Market on Saturday, October 3 and 17. Be sure to stop by and check out their designs!

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Brewers bombed 14-2 by Knights in Game 3 of NDBL Finals in idyllic conditions at Taylor Fields



Knights slugger Zach Haywood (33) launches a solo home run versus Brewers pitcher Carson Jones (7) and catcher Carter Burnside (15) to lead New Lowell to a 14 – 2 win over Bolton on Thursday night. Hayward's three-run double in the first inning keyed a Knights' five-run outburst.

PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

Knights capture 2026 Strother Cup with 10-1 and 8-1 victories in Games 4 and 5 in New Lowell

BY JIM STEWART

The new Taylor Fields baseball complex has a Midwest vibe to it in mid-September—rolling green hills, acres of corn in the distance, and, as WP Kinsella described the Iowan setting in his masterpiece *Shoeless Joe*, “the sky was a robin’s egg blue and the wind as soft as a day-old chick.”

Thursday night's Game 3 of the NDBL Finals, the turning point of the championship series, was played in this Field of Dreams setting. It was a contest featuring two long-time rivals looking for a leg up in a series tied 1-1. It would have been reasonable to expect Shoeless Joe himself to emerge from the left field gate on a perfect night for baseball as Brewers' hurler Carson Burns took the mound and fired warmup pitches to veteran backstop Carter Burnside.

However, Shoeless Joe Jackson did not emerge from the left field gate to assist the Brewers and the idyllic setting was rocked by the visitors whose bat-around first inning featured three doubles and two singles—a rude greeting for Burns and the valiant Bolton Nine.

Instead of the ghostly Jackson, it was Knights' power hitter Zach Haywood who strode to the plate from the first base dug-out and smashed a three-run double over the head of Brewers' long-time playing coach and right fielder Mike Wallace. It was the key hit in a five-run outburst that gave New Lowell a 5-0 lead after half an inning of play.

The Knights held their five-run margin until the top of three when Haywood resumed his hitting heroics

He lashed a Burns offering over the centre field fence, just out of the reach of leaping Bolton outfielder Ben Sterritt. Burns bounced back from the home run shot by Haywood and struck out the other three Knights he faced during the top of the third to retire the side.

Bolton got on the board at the bottom of the third when Sterritt's single was moved to third by Jack Larmer's double—a looping fly ball that was lost in the lights by New Lowell right fielder Brandon Norrie.

The sweet-hitting Burns promptly drove in Sterritt with a GO3 to the right side of the diamond, but the single run was all the mighty Brewers' batting lineup could muster on a fateful evening.

The rout was on in the top of the fourth when New Lowell plated four more runs to make it 10-1 during which Haywood collected a single to leave him a triple short of the cycle.

After Bolton manufactured a run when Burnside led off the bottom of four with a single that was cashed in by Paul Cota's base hit, the visitors scored four more runs at the top of the sixth to stretch their lead to 14-2. When the Brewers failed to score at the bottom of six, the NDBL mercy rule took effect and the Knights claimed Game 3 with a dominant twelve-run victory. The visitors had stolen the momentum of the series.

There was no storybook ending for the Brewers on Thursday night.

Nor was there one on the weekend in New Lowell--only a storybook setting at picturesque Taylor Fields on Thursday and good memories of a riveting late season surge, two crisp playoff series victories, and an emphatic Game 2 victory in the championship finals that turned out to be the apex of the Brewers' season.

After the 14-2 blowout in Game 3, the Knights exploited the Brewers' severely diminished pitching staff and batting line-up both of which had powered the team through the first two rounds of the play-offs. In the end, New Lowell cruised to the 2026 NDBL championship on their home field with a 10-1 win in Game 4 on Saturday and an 8-1 victory in Game 5 on Sunday to win the Strother Cup series four games to one.

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Caledon Admirals sail into sixth place in OJHL West with 4-2 win over Mississauga Chargers

BY JIM STEWART

Evan Greco scored two goals and Braylon Masulka and Layton Strongman added one each in Caledon’s 4-2 win over Mississauga on Sunday afternoon at the Mayfield RC.

Greco fired two first period goals to pace the Admirals’ offence.

The team’s leading goal scorer—who found the back of the net three times versus Niagara Falls in a recent 6-5 OT victory—put The Fleet up 1-0 just 1:25 into the game when he beat former Admiral goalie James Meredith.

However, Robert Knight replied for the Chargers 33 seconds later after finishing a feed from Mississauga’s prolific playmaker Owen Barfoot.

The veteran OJHLer earned his seventh assist of the season on Knight’s marker.

Greco restored the Admirals’ lead with a shortie at 13:47 assisted by Strongman, but Barfoot’s power play goal evened the score at 2-2 three minutes later.

Masulka added another shortie for Caledon—assisted yet again by Strongman—at 15:04 of the middle frame. The rugged winger’s second of the campaign stood up as the game winner.

Strongman’s empty netter with fifty seconds left—which capped off a three-point night for the first-year Admiral—sealed the deal for The Fleet which improved to 3-1-0-1 with the tidy victory over their regional rival.

Caledon outshot Mississauga 54-30.

In Thursday’s narrow 5-4 OT loss to Oakville, Austin Sylver and Nicholas Wlodarczyk tallied consecutive power play goals to pull Caledon into a 2-2 tie midway through the second period.

Sylver’s second goal of the game—three min-



utes into the third period—gave the Admirals their first lead, but Cam Godard of the Blades tied it 3-3 four minutes later.

Although Noah Wlodarczyk’s first of the season staked Caledon to a 4-3 lead, The Fleet surrendered a last-minute goal to Ben Austin which forced OT and Nixon McCaig scored the OT winner 1:07 into the extra period of play.

Fun Facts about The Fleet

In Caledon’s 6-5 OT victory over Niagara Falls, defenseman Alex Fegaras notched five assists. Fegaras leads the Admirals in scoring with seven points so far this season, including a team-leading seven assists. Greco leads the team in goal scoring with five after five games played.

OBITUARIES

BARRY WATKINS



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Barry Watkins who left us peacefully on July 24 at the age of 80, one day short of his 81st birthday in Vernon, B.C.



A cornerstone of the Caledon, Ontario community, Barry dedicated most of his life to a successful and meaningful career in Real Estate. His passion for Caledon extended far beyond his profession.

He was a tireless volunteer and an advocate for local causes. A proud member of the Bolton and Nobleton Lions Club where he formed long lasting friendships and cherished the camaraderie he shared with fellow members. In recognition of his countless years of service to the community, he was honoured with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012, which was a testament to his selflessness, leadership, and enduring civic pride. He is survived by his stepdaughter Rita, her husband Richard, and his granddaughter Jessica. Those wishing to honour Barry’s memory are invited to consider making a donation to a charity of their choice.

OBITUARIES

JOSEPH LEONARD (LEN) STANLEY



On Monday 14 September 2026, in his 87th year, Len passed peacefully into the presence of the Lord at Crescent Park Lodge in Fort Erie, Ontario. Predeceased by his father Leonard Stanley, mother,



Kathleen Stanley (Grace) and his sister, Veronica Arnold (Rick Arnold). He is survived by his brother John Stanley and his family in Ireland. Loving uncle to Allan LeBlanc, Karen LeBlanc, Peter Arnold and Alan Stanley.

The family will receive their friends for visitation at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. Bolton on Friday 25 September 2026, from 4:00 until 6:00 pm. There will be no Service. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.eganfuneralhome.com

Upcoming Orangeville and Area Job Fair looks to connect job seekers with local employers

The Town of Orangeville invites job seekers to explore local employment opportunities at the Orangeville and Area Job Fair on Thursday, October 1.

Hosted by the Town’s Economic Development and Culture Office, the annual event supports local hiring needs and connects job seekers with employers from across Dufferin County.

Participating businesses will recruit for current and future opportunities while showcasing the diverse career paths available close to home.

Employers representing public service, manufacturing, health care, social services, hospitality, engineering and other sectors will be on site. Job seekers can meet directly with hiring representatives, learn about available roles and make valuable connections with local businesses.

“Businesses located in Orangeville and Dufferin County offer a broad range of career opportunities for people at

every stage of their working lives,” said Katrina Lemire, the Town’s Manager of Economic Development and Culture. “The job fair gives residents a convenient opportunity to meet local employers and explore meaningful employment close to home.”

The Orangeville and Area Job Fair will take place on October 1 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Best Western Plus Orangeville Inn & Suites (7 Buena Vista Drive, Orangeville).

Georgian College’s Centre for Career and Employment Services will also be available at the event to provide resources for job seekers and employers.

Job seekers are encouraged to dress professionally, bring copies of their resumes and be prepared to speak with employers about their experience, skills and career interests.

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Candidates: Keri Parfitt, Ward 1



KERI PARFITT

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Keri Parfitt has thrown her hat in the race to be Councillor of Ward 1 for the upcoming municipal election in October.

Parfitt is a local business owner and food entrepreneur with previous experience working as an environmental and water education specialist for Peel Region and York Region.

Living in Caledon for over 20 years, Parfitt wants to put residents first and be able to advocate for those in Ward 1.

Parfitt got involved during 2024 when she started to get more interested in municipal politics, especially around the time that Caledon approved 35,000 new housing units when the province had only asked to preapprove 13,000.

Parfitt then attended a Council meeting where approximately 200 people came out, and this led delegations to run until 2 a.m. the next day.

Since then, Parfitt has been watching politics closely as she is concerned about some of the decisions being made.

“Our democratic erosions that have been happening at various levels of government, and I’m very concerned about it. That was when I really started paying attention to our municipal politics and started to watch every Council meeting and attend as many as I could,” says Parfitt.

Fast forward to the present, Parfitt wants to continue being involved in Caledon’s municipal politics and wants to represent the residents of Ward 1 by being a voice and an advocate for them.

“The number one reason I am running is because I want to represent the voice of the people. I feel like that has been lacking in some ways around the Council table, particularly over the last term, and I really want to represent the voices of the people in the Ward 1 community,” says Parfitt.

One of the ways Parfitt says she hopes to be an advocate for the people of Ward 1 is fostering strong communication and connection.

“Communication is key for people to understand what is coming up and how they can get involved. We have a lot of community groups in Ward One and they’re all very actively involved. Ward One is fantastic that way in terms of people being involved in their community. I feel very fortunate to have lived here for 23 years and been involved in some of those groups myself.... It is important to connect through coffee chats and communicating through newsletters and emails and reaching out to people.”

In addition to being a strong physical connection, Parfitt also wants to be able to keep residents up to date and informed with what is happening on Council.

“I also want to implement a mass email when agendas come out so people understand what’s happening at the Council table, how it might impact Ward One properly, and whether or not they might be

interested in attending [the meeting], depending on the issues that are coming up,” says Parfitt.

Parfitt says she believes that Ward One needs a strong voice that is going to advocate for the people of the community with all the different issues that they are facing, and that she can be that voice for change.

Back in 2025 Parfitt led more than 200 residents in the fight to save Swan Lake when a motion was passed to fill it in despite the decision going against bylaws that were already established.

Through all the hard work and leadership, the motion was rescinded in December of 2025, and Swan Lake was not to be filled.

Focusing on main issues, Parfitt says she has heard and seen many challenges that Ward 1 is facing and will make a priority to find a solution if elected.

One of Parfitt’s main concerns is the current fill bylaw that is under update.

“We have an old fill bylaw that we’ve had since 2007,” she says. “It has the potential to be disastrous for Ward 1 if we allow fill below the water table, if we allow commercial fill operations and if we allow fill in excess of 10,000 metres cubed. Those are all issues that must be addressed by the next Council in terms of the details of this alteration bylaw, and whether it is something that Council approves.”

Another concern for Parfitt is the current and future truck traffic that she explains is not just a concern for Ward 1 but for all of Caledon.

“We have some very dangerous intersections and roadways in Caledon, and with the downloading of regional roads coming into the municipal purview...we’re going to have to care for those roads, and they’re going to come under our jurisdiction. Then we also have our existing roadways that we’re caring for, too. So, we’ve got a lot of responsibility that’s being given to us and it’s how we manage that and how we manage to pay for a lot of these things that are being downloaded to municipality as well,” says Parfitt.

Parfitt says she believes that transparency, accountability and governance are massive priorities that she will bring to the table, if elected.

Reflecting on her time in Caledon, she says she feels that not just the people of Ward 1 but all of Caledon are special and wants to be able to put in the work and show that she can be a voice for them.

“I have dedicated a lot of time and energy to representing the people already,” says Parfitt. “I’m really hoping to continue that, and I’m hoping that through a lot of the work that I’ve already done, people can look back and see what I did when I had no intention of running for Council. I’ve been in the community for a long time. I’ve raised my family here, and I’ve built a lot of supportive networks, and I will always represent the people and always speak for the people.”



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Hunar Kahlon has decided to run for Councillor of Ward 2 in the October 26 municipal election.

Kahlon has been a resident of Ward 2 for many years and wants to be able to help solve problems in his community and be an advocate for his Ward 2 neighbours.

Kahlon ran for Councillor of Ward 2 back in 2022 and is hoping for another chance this year.

Through his many years in the community, Kahlon had been involved in several organizations, from being an active member in the Caledon Lions Club, serving on the board for the Caledon Seniors Centre, and being the current chair for the Caledon South Asian Association.

Beyond his involvement in community, he says he feels his business experience and knowledge of Ward 2 will make him a strong Councillor.

Kahlon says he doesn't just want to fix things for the present but also provide long-term solutions that will be helpful for the future.

"A lot of growth is coming our way because Caledon is projected to have a population of roughly 300,000 by year 2051. So, we need to manage that, and we need to plan for 2051 today," says Kahlon.

Focusing on proper growth, Kahlon wants to make sure that Caledon isn't just focused on building houses but complete communities as well.

"We are not building complete communities. What we are building is housing, and that's about it. We need to make sure we bring in some commercial space so that residents don't have to travel to other towns and cities for their everyday needs," says Kahlon. "We need to make sure that they feel their community is a walkable community where they can simply go out on a walk or maybe on a bicycle to get something from a grocery store, if they need to visit the pharmacy or if they need to see a doctor. These are the things which we have been missing for quite some time now and we need to pause the development up until we make sure that these facilities are there for the residents."

In addition to growth and infrastructure Kahlon is focused on helping to keep taxes low for residents.

"We're going through tough economic times right now, and the one thing where a municipality can help their residents is keeping their taxes low, so that's why I will propose a two-year tax freeze, and we will not be increasing tax for two years on the residential properties," says Kahlon. "And for those wondering why two years? It is because I feel that that's the ample time, and in two years we can review where the

economy is at large on a macro level."

Noticing the amount of crime in Ward 2, Kahlon is focused on making the area a safer place to live and wants to work with the OPP towards finding solutions, including having a full-time OPP station in Ward 2 and creating a police board.

"We need to create a police board, which we [do] not have at the moment so that they can advocate on residents' behalf, and we need more resources from the provincial government because it is the province that is mandating us to grow," says Kahlon. "With that growth, the aforementioned issues have been brought to Caledon borders, and now we need province help to fix those."

Kahlon wants to be able to work together with not just the Town on finding solutions but also have residents become more involved, giving them a chance to have more of a say when it comes to making certain decisions.

"What we need to do is, whenever we do anything for any community, we need to make sure we engage that particular community, rather than making decisions at Town Hall, sitting in office; we need to do the work on the ground," says Kahlon. "If an issue concerns Valleywood, we need to discuss with Valleywood residents what they want and listen to their feedback, because different areas have different priorities. We need to engage the residents, especially where we are making any significant change."

Kahlon says he has noticed that over the years one way of communication cannot always be relied on and he wants to make sure that all members have a chance to be heard and can give feedback.

"We need to make sure that we are using everything at our disposal. We have to hold online meetings, we have to hold in-person meetings, and we have to try everything within our powers to make sure as many residents are engaged, and their feedback is taken and also considered," says Kahlon.

Kahlon wants to be able to not only earn voters' trust but also follow through on his promises and be a strong advocate for all residents of Ward 2.

"There are a lot of promises made, and unfortunately, residents over the years have seen that those promises often are empty promises after the fact when people get elected and they tend to not deliver on those promises that they made. They made those promises just to get the votes, and for me, it is the commitment. It is not the title," says Kahlon of becoming a Councillor. "This position will give me a seat at the table where I can take these concerns forward [and] make a meaningful difference."

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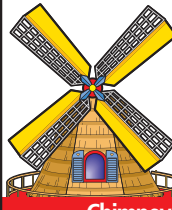


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Ontario opens nominations for the 2027 Rural Ontario Inspiration Awards

The Ontario government is opening nominations for the Rural Ontario Inspiration Awards, an annual program recognizing the people, businesses, organizations and communities that are helping to drive economic growth, create opportunity and strengthen rural Ontario.

“In rural communities across the province, people are making a difference every day by stepping up, creating opportunities and helping to build a stronger rural Ontario,” said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs. “The response to last year’s Rural Ontario Inspiration Awards showed us how important it is to recognize and honour those contributions, and we’re proud to continue that celebration in 2027.”

The Rural Ontario Inspiration Awards will recognize outstanding achievements across eight categories:

- Rural Inspiration
 - Rural Community
 - Rural Entrepreneur
 - Rural Youth Leader
 - Rural Economic Innovation
 - Rural Partnerships
 - Rural Champion
 - Rural Heart
- Nominations will be accepted until October 23, 2026. You can learn more about the program and submit a nomination at Ontario.ca/RuralAwards.
- “Rural Ontario is a driving force behind our province’s economy, and its success is built on the hard work of local leaders, businesses and communities that create jobs, at-

tract investment and build opportunity,” said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “Through the Rural Ontario Inspiration Awards, our government is proud to recognize the people and organizations who work tirelessly to strengthen their communities, grow local economies and ensure rural Ontario continues to prosper for generations to come.”

The Rural Ontario Inspiration Awards support the three pillars of Enabling Opportunity: Ontario’s Rural Economic Development Strategy by recognizing contributions to safe and strong rural communities, business development and attraction and a growing rural workforce, all of which help build a strong and thriving rural economy.

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