A Message From
Kyle Seeback, MP
Dufferin-Caledon



1. Can I apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) to receive $2,000 a month for up to four months?

The CERB is available to Canadians:

- residing in Canada, who are at least 15 years old;
- who have stopped working because of COVID-19 or are eligible for Employment Insurance (EI) regular or sickness benefits;
- who had income of at least $5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application; and
- who are or expect to be without employment or self-employment income for at least 14 consecutive days in the initial four-week period.

2. How can I apply for CERB?

CERB began receiving applications as of April 6, 2020.

There are two ways to apply:

- Online with CRA My Account - bit.ly/applyforCERB
- Over the phone with an automated phone service at

1-800-959-2019 or 1-800-959-2041

3. What happens after I apply for the CERB?

If you are eligible for the CERB, you can expect $2,000 ($500 per week) for a 4-week period. It is a single payment for a 4-week period.

If your situation continues, you can re-apply for a payment for multiple 4-week periods, to a maximum of 16 weeks (4 periods)

FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CERB at www.kyleseeback.ca/cerb

4. What is Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy and how can it help businesses and organizations?

The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy would apply at a rate of 75% of the first $58,700 normally earned by employees – representing a benefit of up to $847 per week. The program would be in place for a 12-week period, from March 15 to June 6, 2020. Eligible employers including businesses, registered charities and non-profit organizations who suffer a drop in gross revenues of at least 15% in March, April or May, when compared to the same month in 2019, would be able to access the subsidy.

5. What is the Canada Emergency Business Account?

The Canada Emergency Business Account will provide interest-free loans of up to $40,000 to small businesses and not-for-profits, to help cover their operating costs during a period where their revenues have been temporarily reduced. To qualify, these organizations will need to demonstrate they paid between $50,000 to $1 million in total payroll in 2019.

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A Message From
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1. Internet data overage charges in rural areas

When the government is asking Canadians to stay home to stop the COVID-19 spread, students are continuing their studies online, and millions are working from home, while trying to entertain and teach their kids, it is unacceptable to charge them extra for data overage.

I published a video where I am calling on Bell, Rogers, Telus and all Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to stop data overage charges in rural communities during this crisis. I also sent letters to their CEOs with the same request. Watch the video at **bit.ly/stop-data-overcharge**

2. Canadians stuck abroad

Repatriating Canadians is a complex matter given the extent of the COVID-19 crisis around the world. There are tens of thousands of Canadians stranded in hundreds of countries. If your friends or family members are stuck abroad, they need to register with Global Affairs Canada. They can do it by telephone at **+1 613-996-8885** (call collect where available) or email **sos@international.gc.ca** or use this website **travel.gc.ca/travelling/registration**. Once they have registered, they will receive notifications of repatriation flights. There are also loan programs to help with the costs of these flights.

3. If you or someone you know arrives in Canada after travelling abroad.

If you have recently returned to Canada, you must self-isolate regardless of whether you have or do not have any symptoms. This is mandatory. Violating any instructions provided to you when you entered Canada could lead to up to six months in prison and/or $750,000 in fines.

4. What support is available for seniors during the COVID-19 outbreak?

The Government is reducing the required minimum withdrawals from Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs) by 25% for 2020.

If the seniors, who collect their pensions, lose their additional employment income due to the COVID-19 crisis, I encourage them to contact my office as they might be eligible for the CERB.

5. What has been done to help students with their loans?

Student loan repayment will be suspended until September 30th, 2020. Interest will not be charged to borrowers on their student loans from March 30th, 2020 to September 30th, 2020. If your loan was issued by Ontario, this applies to both the federal and provincial portions of your student loan.

6. Is there any Mortgage relief?

All bank customers who are currently in good standing and have been impacted by COVID-19 can apply for mortgage relief from their bank. Customers will answer a few questions to help their banks direct applications appropriately.

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7. What about the filing due date for 2019 income tax returns?

For individuals (other than trusts), the return filing due date will be deferred until June 1, 2020. However, the Agency encourages individuals who expect to receive benefits under the GSTC or the Canada Child Benefit not to delay the filing of their return to ensure their entitlements for the 2020-21 benefit year are properly determined.

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High number of charges laid in Caledon over Easter weekend

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Caledon OPP has noticed high volumes of group gatherings and illegal acts along Forks of the Credit in Belfountain, especially this past Easter weekend.

The long weekend saw many visitors from out of town travelling to Caledon to enjoy the scenery, and to take drives on the winding roads. Except, with the COVID-19 pandemic still ongoing, and the provincial and federal governments encouraging people to stay at home whenever possible, now is not the ideal time to be taking such trips.

As the weather gets warmer, many residents from surrounding areas are constantly visiting Caledon, which has caught the attention of locals as well as the OPP.

Caledon OPP Inspector Mike Garant has been providing updates to the Town of Caledon, with online reports of group gatherings, incompliance of social distancing and illegal activity in Caledon, recently making the rounds.

"The situation in Belfountain continues to receive out of town guests, mainly vehicle guests, and our project to target parked vehicles and deter people from being in groups has been working, but people are still very attracted to our trail systems and enclosed parkways and parks," Inspector Garant states to the Town at the Special Council Meeting on Tuesday (April 14).

Caledon OPP has increased the number of officers it has out in the community to monitor and assist with the situation in Belfountain, as well as tracking social media for tourists. They have requested that local businesses in the area close down their properties and put up signs prohibiting visitors from using their parking lots.

"We also, in our increased presence, have identified more and more of street racer type people" noted Inspector Garant. This past long weekend six vehicles were impounded after police found illegal physical modifications to the cars, and caught individuals speeding and stunt driving.

Several other charges were laid in Belfountain and other areas of Caledon, with tickets distributed for speeding, stunt driving, parking, trespass parking, careless driving, liquor license act and contravention of cannabis.

"There's less people on the roadways. Our officers are now noticing much higher speeds. As a result of that, I've directed all frontline members, not just the traffic enforcement team, to take a more aggressive approach in traffic enforcement in all of Caledon," explained Inspector Garant.

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BRINGING A BIT OF NASHVILLE TO CALEDON: Caledon resident Jessica Sole was excited to release her new country single 'Here for The Long Run' on various online formats this past Friday (April 10). The musician is planning to release her debut EP in June. For the full story, see Page A10.

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Local residents 'frustrated' by CERB says Dufferin-Caledon MP

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Back on March 25, the Government of Canada introduced a financial aid package to help workers and businesses who are greatly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) was created to assist those who need it most during these trying times.

CERB provides up to $2,000 a month for up to a total of four months for Canadians who have lost their income due to COVID-19, which comes to $500 a week. The benefit is eligible to those who reside in Canada and are at least 15 years of age, have stopped working due to the pandemic and have not voluntarily quit their job, who had income of $5,000 in 2019 and who are or expect to be without employment for at least 14 days in the four week period, according to the federal government's website.

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback encourages those who are eligible, to take advantage of the benefit and apply as soon as they can.

"I think people who haven't applied for CERB yet, for whatever reason, if they're eligible they should be applying. The money is actually flowing very quickly. I've heard stories from people who applied last week on Monday and had it in their bank account by Wednesday," he explained. "That's the good news for people, is when you apply, the money is going to flow very quickly."

Due to the pandemic, many people are working remotely, or not working at all to help stop the spread of the highly contagious virus. Those who are in quarantine, or self-isolation, as well as parents who are required to stay home due to schools being closed, are all eligible for CERB.

We asked Mr. Seeback about what he has been hearing from residents, particularly regarding concerns that are hoping to be resolved, and he said CERB was one of the main matters.

"I think the challenge that I've seen right now is number one, people who are applying for EI (employment insurance). Applications are supposed to be converted into a CERB application by the government automatically. And some of those who have applied for EI as opposed to CERB, have been waiting three or four weeks for money to flow. And the government needs to fix this."

Mr. Seeback has raised these concerns to the government quite aggressively after hearing horror stories from residents struggling to put food on the table and make ends meet. Some residents have asked the question about whether they are eligible for CERB even though they have applied and received payment for EI, and the answer is no. It is either one or the other, which creates immense frustration for many businesses.

The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) provides, for eligible Canadian employers, a 75 per cent wage subsidy up to 12 weeks beginning backdated to March 12. It helps companies financially as they seek to resume normal operations during the COVID-19 pandemic and prevents job losses. Eligibility includes individuals, taxable corporations and partnerships of eligible employers, non-profit organizations and charities. Revenue is calculated by "using the employers normal accounting method and exclude revenues from extraordinary items and amounts on account of capital" as stated on the federal governments' website. There are three eligible claiming periods for employers. To claim during the first period, businesses must have seen a 15 per cent reduction in revenue. To be eligible for the second and third periods, revenue must be down by 30.

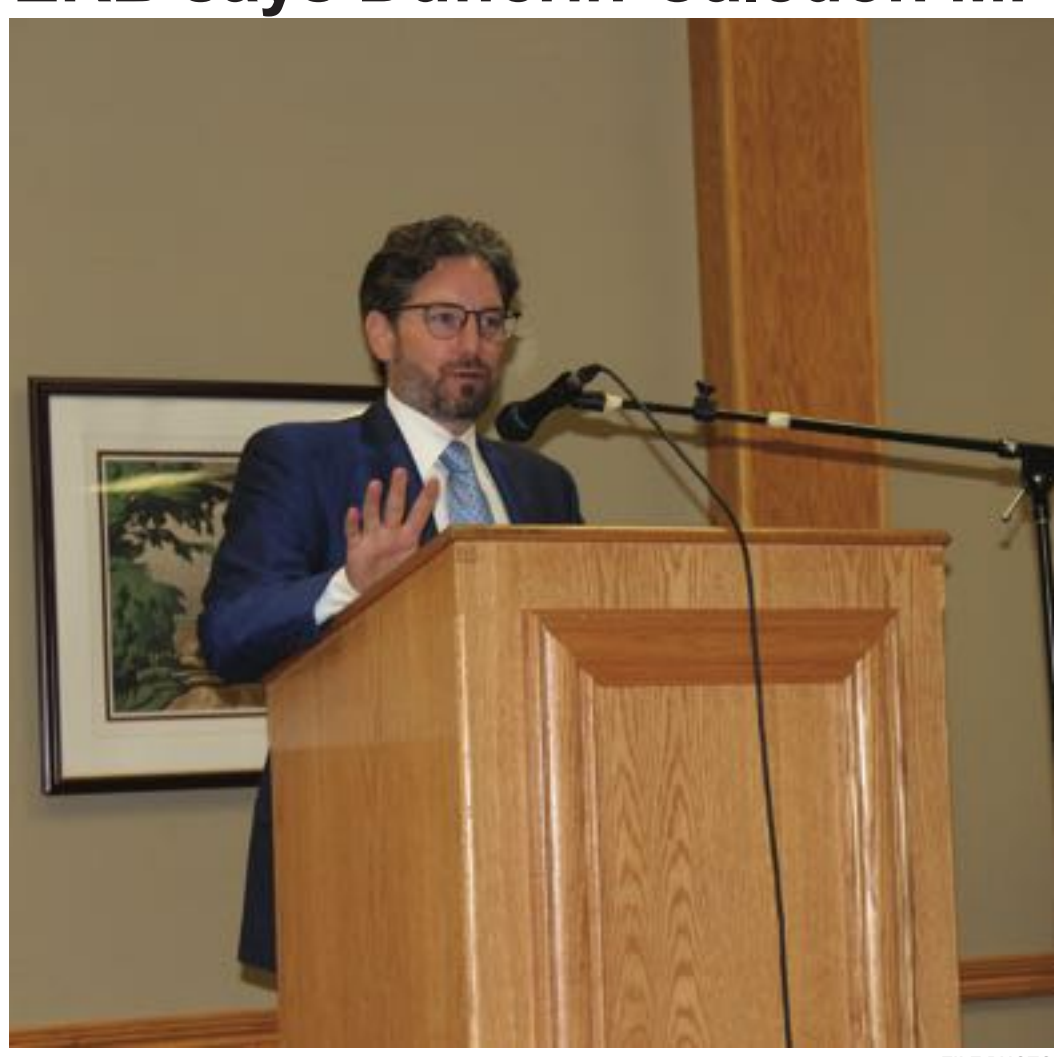
He added, "If the wage subsidy doesn't help you, which for a lot of companies it doesn't not, there can be challenges getting some of the other financial assistance."

Seeback explained the $4,000 loan that is being offered through regional banks and credit unions, several small businesses have commented about having a low payroll, so they don't qualify, by meeting the $50,000 payroll requirement. These small businesses are struggling because of lease payments and other bills needing to be paid.

"We're trying to get the government to recognize some of these challenges to make sure that they start acting a little quicker. Because then there are people who have lost significant hours, and CERB only applies if you've lost all of your income," he explained. "That's another big issue we're trying to get the government to make some changes on."

Mr. Seeback will be hosting a telephone Town Hall today (April 16) to answer any questions residents may have and provide as much information and updates as he can.

For more information on CERB, visit kyleseeback.ca



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SOME CONCERN: Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback has been hearing from lots of local residents regarding the Canada Emergency Response Benefit rolled out by the federal government last month, and the response hasn't been all positive.



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High number of charges laid over Easter

There was a total of 10 vehicle collisions this past weekend between Friday to Monday, eight of them single vehicle collisions.

"That is a stark number between car versus car, it's cars driving off the roadway on their own. That tells me they're inattentive or they're driving too fast or they're not paying attention. Four of them, were charged with impaired driving," he said.

Caledon OPP strongly encouraged residents of Caledon to report on any activity in their community that poses as a safety concern. Those including people not complying with social distancing, group gatherings but specifically request to report on if it is happening at the time being, and not something that has happened in the past.

"If you call the non-emergency line, not reporting something that's happening right now, there's not much we can do about it. If you want to report something that happened in the past, do it through online reporting at www.opp.ca/reporting. It's for any public safety concern that doesn't necessitate as a 911 emergency call," said Garant.

This past weekend, the OPP has partnered with the Ontario Public Health and now have prevention communication centres for officer safety and for public safety. They now have access to a list of local residents who have been ordered to quarantine, as well as test results so the officers who come in contact with other residents are able to determine whether those residents have been tested or not and what the results were.

For more information, or to report a safety concern that is happening right now, please visit opp.ca/reporting.



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Seasonal garden centres are considered an essential service

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

As spring arrives, the thought of getting out into the garden and planting an array of beautiful flowers is an exciting prospect for many residents.

With the COVID-19 pandemic still going strong in Canada and with many businesses closing their doors, either of their own accord or by way of provincial legislation, some have wondered whether seasonal gardening centres fall under the jurisdiction of being an essential service.

The Ontario government released a list of specific occupations and businesses that are to be considered an 'essential service' during the global pandemic on March 23, with the document updated on April 4. Those who were considered 'non-essential' were ordered to close their doors by March 24 to help flatten the curve and stop the spread of coronavirus in Ontario.

Several garden centres remain open to service the community, with a wide variety of products available. Zehr's confirmed with the Citizen that their seasonal garden centre is open and has been deemed essential for the community.

Other garden centres such as Glen Echo Nurseries have made changes in their operations to keep themselves and customers safe while preparing for the spring season.

"We have been quite affected because normally our doors are open, and people are in our centres and purchasing. We don't have an online store, many garden centres don't have an online store," remarked Valerie Wylie from Glen Echo Nurseries. "What most people are after are things for their gardens, in particular, their vegetable gardens."

With consistent shortages of produce due to the large customer demand, many have taken it upon themselves to grow their own produce.

She added, "People are after seeds, starting mix, and a lot of fruit bushes and plants."

Many farm companies rely on garden centers and nurseries for distribution. As spring rolls around, farmer's crops begin to sprout and grow to get ready for distribution to garden centres and nurseries. But if distribution were to be held off, product, money and jobs would be in jeopardy.

"It definitely affects the sales for sure. We've got to put a hold on some orders, but you've got all these growers that are spending months growing products for this time of year and they can't ship them out," Wylie explained. "They're definitely hurting that way themselves because they count on us to distribute their product."



FILE PHOTO

ARE THEY ESSENTIAL?: As springtime arrives, and the pandemic continues, many wonder whether or not gardening centres are considered an essential service.

Many farmers also depend on migrant workers who come in during new crop seasons. Farmers rely heavily on migrant workers, and production isn't possible without them. Wylie describes it as a "huge industry all around."

"We fall under an essential service in the fact that we provide food crops," said Wylie.

According to the list, "business that produce food and beverages and agricultural products including plants, including by farming, harvesting, aquaculture, hunting and fishing." As well as, "Businesses that process, manufacture or distribute food, beverages, crops, agricultural products and by-products."

Food supply isn't just one factor that has been considered when deciding whether a garden centre is essential or not. Maintaining the mental health of the public has been listed as another reason to keep the centres open.

Provinces such as British Columbia and Quebec have deemed gardening centres an essential service as springtime slowly arrives. Gardening provides an opportunity to get outside, while still self-isolating at home.

"It's people safely outside. They can still be isolating, but able to do something. Get some fresh air, enjoy the outdoors. It's mental and physical wellbeing, because they're actually getting in some exercise, whereas if you're living in a condo right now and can't get out," said Wylie.

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Local youth arrested for impaired driving after weekend collision

On Saturday, April 11, at approximately 12:30 p.m., officers from Caledon OPP responded to a motor vehicle collision on Highway 50 and Bolton Heights Road in the Town of Caledon.

The collision was reported by civilian caller, who had been following the vehicle north on Highway 50 prior to the collision. The vehicle in question collided with another car just south of that location, and failed to remain at the scene.

The driver was displaying signs of impairment while speaking to officers. The driver was placed under arrest for Operation of Motor Vehicle while Impaired and transported to the Caledon Detachment, where further tests were conducted.

As a result, Brittany Lee, 21, of Caledon has been charged with

- Operation of a motor vehicle while impaired by drug, and
- Drive vehicle with cannabis readily available.

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on June 4, 2020, to answer to the charges.

Easter weekend arrests

The officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were kept busy over the long weekend responding to several reported impaired drivers in the Town of Caledon.

On Sunday, April 12, 2020 at approximately 2:07 a.m. officers responded to the reports of an impaired driver in the area of Highway 10 and Charleston Side Road. The officers attended and located the vehicle in question. After a brief conversation with the driver, the driver was arrested for Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment for further tests to be conducted.

As a result, Jaspreet Singh, 33, of Brampton, has been charged with the following offences:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs;
- Failure or refusal to comply with demand;
- Drive vehicle with cannabis readily available;
- Driving motor vehicle with unsealed container of liquor, and
- Drive motor vehicle - no licence.

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on June 25th, 2020 to answer to the charges

Just a few hours later, at about 7:21 a.m., officers responded to a reported suspicious vehicle in the area of Boston Mills Road and Highway 10. The complainant advised that a vehicle was observed driving by their house several times, eventually crashing into a ditch.

The officers located the vehicle and the driver in question, and made an approved screening device demand (ASD) on the driver. The driver registered a "fail" and was placed under arrest for having more than 80 mg of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood. The driver was transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment, where further tests were conducte

As a result, Karanjot Singh, 20, of Brampton, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration exceeding 80 mgs;
- Class G1 licence holder - unaccompanied by qualified driver, and
- Novice driver - blood alcohol concentration above zero.

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on June 25, 2020 to answer to the charges.

Caledon OPP would like to thank our community members for reporting the above incidents and assisting the OPP in keeping our roads safe.

Business broken into

On Saturday, April 11, at approximately 12:19 a.m., officers from Caledon OPP responded to a reported break and enter at a business located in the area of Airport Road and Old Church Road in the Town of Caledon.

Once on scene, the officers confirmed that the front door of the convenience store was smashed and some of the merchandise, including cigarettes, had been stolen by two masked suspects.

The suspect vehicle is described as a light-coloured Ford F250 extended cab dually pickup truck with rear bumper and tail light damage.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact the Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit at 905-584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to $2000 upon an arrest.

Car thief arrested in Bolton

On Monday, April 13, at approximately 6:57 a.m. officers from the Caledon OPP responded to a report of a stolen vehicle. The complainant in the matter reported that his residence in Toronto had been broken into earlier that morning and his vehicle had been stolen as a result.

The complainant was able to track the stolen vehicle to a hotel located in the area of Highway 50 and McEwan Drive in Bolton.

As a result of the investigation conducted by the unformed members and the Community Street Crime Unit, two parties were arrested and charged with the following offences:

Sutantarbir Singh, 24, of Etobicoke, had been charged with:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over $5,000;
- Possession of a schedule I substance - heroin;
- Possession of a schedule I substance - methamphetamine, and
- Fail to comply with probation order X two counts.

Kudratbir Singh, 22, of Brampton, had been charged with:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over $5,000.

Both accused parties were held for a bail hearing and will appear in Court on a later date.

Charges laid after crash on Forks of the Credit

On Tuesday, April 14, at approximately 8:55 p.m., officers from Caledon OPP responded to a single motor vehicle collision in the area of Forks of the Credit Road and McLaren Road in the town of Caledon.



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IMPAIRED DRIVER ARRESTED: The scene of a weekend collision on Highway 50 and Bolton Heights Road that resulted in a 21-year-old Caledon resident facing impaired driving charges.

The collision was reported by a concerned passerby, who advised that the driver of the vehicle was acting suspicious, when asked about the collision.

Police attended the scene and investigated the incident further. The driver was asked to provide a sample of his breath into the approved roadside screening device, which resulted in a "fail" reading. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Caledon Detachment, where further tests were conducted.

As a result, Akashdeep Singh, 21, of Windsor, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration 80 mg plus.

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on June 25th, 2020, to answer to the charge.

The driver's vehicle was impounded for seven days and driver's license suspended for 90 days.

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Community challenge launched to help support local programs

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Caledon real estate agent Anthony Caputo is encouraging local residents to join him in taking on an exciting new 'challenge.'

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, people have struggled in many ways, including loss of childcare services, dealing with school closures, lack of availability on hours for work or even those who have lost their job. Residents have had to apply for financial aid from the government, and many have had to rely on community aid programs from groups such as the Caledon Community Services to help them get through these difficult times. But local community support hits an all-time high here in Caledon.

Last Wednesday (April 8) Caputo posted a video and message on Facebook declaring the beginning of the 100 Man Challenge. The challenge calls out 100 men, that haven't been able to cut their hair for weeks, even months, to shave their head and donate $100 in support of the frontline workers, and those who work to serve and protect our communities. After shaving his own head for the cause, he came up with the idea to invite 100 other men to join him.



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STEP ON UP: Anthony Caputo Real Estate has set off on a 100 Man Challenge to encourage residents of Caledon to support one another during difficult times.

The post read, "Many families have been impacted by this terrible virus and they need our help. This 100 Man Challenge is for all the men out there that haven't been able to cut their hair in weeks. Join me in showing support to our front-line workers and raising money for the Caledon Community Services and the Exchange in support of families in need. All proceeds will go towards helping families get basic necessities like food and clothing."

With many of his own family members working as front-line workers, Caputo felt helpless, but desperately wanted to chip in and do his part to help the community.

"I saw them going to work, helping out and listening to their stories about people they were treating, and how terrible everything was. I said to myself that I got to find a way to be able to do my part and help the community," he explained. "The Exchange and Caledon Community Services came to mind."

All proceeds from the 100 Man Challenge will be going towards the Caledon Community Services (CCS) and their programs that continue to help those in need during these difficult times. The GoFundMe page is open and is set with a $10,000 goal, in which $2,135 has been donated so far.

"It's important to give back because no matter what class you're in, whether your upper, middle or lower class, in order for a community to grow strong, everyone needs to be involved in the community. I've always been an advocate of, if someone is complaining about something and they don't do anything about it, they shouldn't be complaining at all," Caputo said. "We all need to really join together and do what's right, help each other out. Everything gets a lot easier when everyone is involved and everyone's helping each other."

For more information about Anthony Caputo's 100 Man Challenge or to donate, please visit Anthony Caputo Real Estate's Facebook page

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The Parlour Project: Keeping you mentally & physically healthy while at home

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Local Caledon resident, Lee-Anne Simpson, has been involved in the health and fitness industry for over 30 years.

Simpson has been working on an idea that would see her better connect with the local community, with a view to getting people more active. But then the need for the Parlour Project changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and she came up with a solution to give back by offering online classes on Zoom, a popular social interactive video platform. All classes are free and volunteer run, no registration needed what-so-ever, all you need to do is download Zoom and search for The Parlour Project.

The Parlour Project offers an ever-growing list of programs from fitness, lifestyle, personal well-being and care and is inclusive of everyone including seniors. Simpson is also working on launching a children's program. They are also working on offering offline content for those who are not comfortable with Zoom but are also hoping for connection.

"A lot of people tuning in are used to the routine of going into the gym for their regular classes with that added benefit of the energy of others. This is why we are offering live classes with professional leaders instead of simply posting videos," she said. "It's the interacting piece that makes this very unique."

She goes on to explain the personal and connective atmosphere during the online classes, which bring together family, friends and strangers who are quickly becoming connected as teachers open and close the classes with personal greetings and messages.

This all really started when the COVID-19 pandemic began last month. According to their website, "in the current environment of quarantine and working from home, many are feeling isolated and disconnected from their community, their friends and co-workers."

The main focus for these classes, along with the physical and mental wellness, is the connection for residents. In Simpson's words, "a connective piece. All of this is trying to connect to the natural need for support right now," she says.

Each class provided comes from different areas of learning from certified professionals who all volunteer for the Parlour Project. Eighteen volunteers vary from self-help coaching, yoga, kickboxing, total body circuits, meditation, strength training and athletic development, Zumba, just to name a few. But, it's not all about physical health.

"I went into my gut and thought about what I believe we are feeling disconnected from. Our newest volunteer is a hair specialist coming on to talk about how to manage roots! We have an organizational specialist because I thought about people being at home who might want to take the time and the opportunity to get organized and feel more productive and combat that feeling of being stuck and just not sure where to start," said Simpson.

The program has reached local audiences, but viewers are joining in from as far away as Florida, Los Angeles, Vancouver, Germany, Mexico and many other places. Within the first two and a half weeks of The Parlour Project beginning, there have been over 1,000 participants with 32 different classes each week on the schedule.

So, what happens to the program when the pandemic slows down, or even ends? Simpson hopes to keep it growing and return to its original design of extending into our communities for interfacing, as well as the online platform even after the pandemic.

"Frankly, I'll be honest, I am not sure that people will have memberships in their budget for the first little while. As a group our volunteers are aware that if they believe that this is ending with the quarantine, it likely is not. We'll still be here for you," she said. "Maybe not with this extensive schedule, but I don't really know that part yet. They'll see the program change a little bit, but our intention is to keep on going and even growing it a little bit more as people need us."



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INNOVATIVE: The Parlour Project was inspired by connecting a community together and giving back through online classes on a video platform called Zoom.

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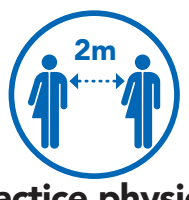
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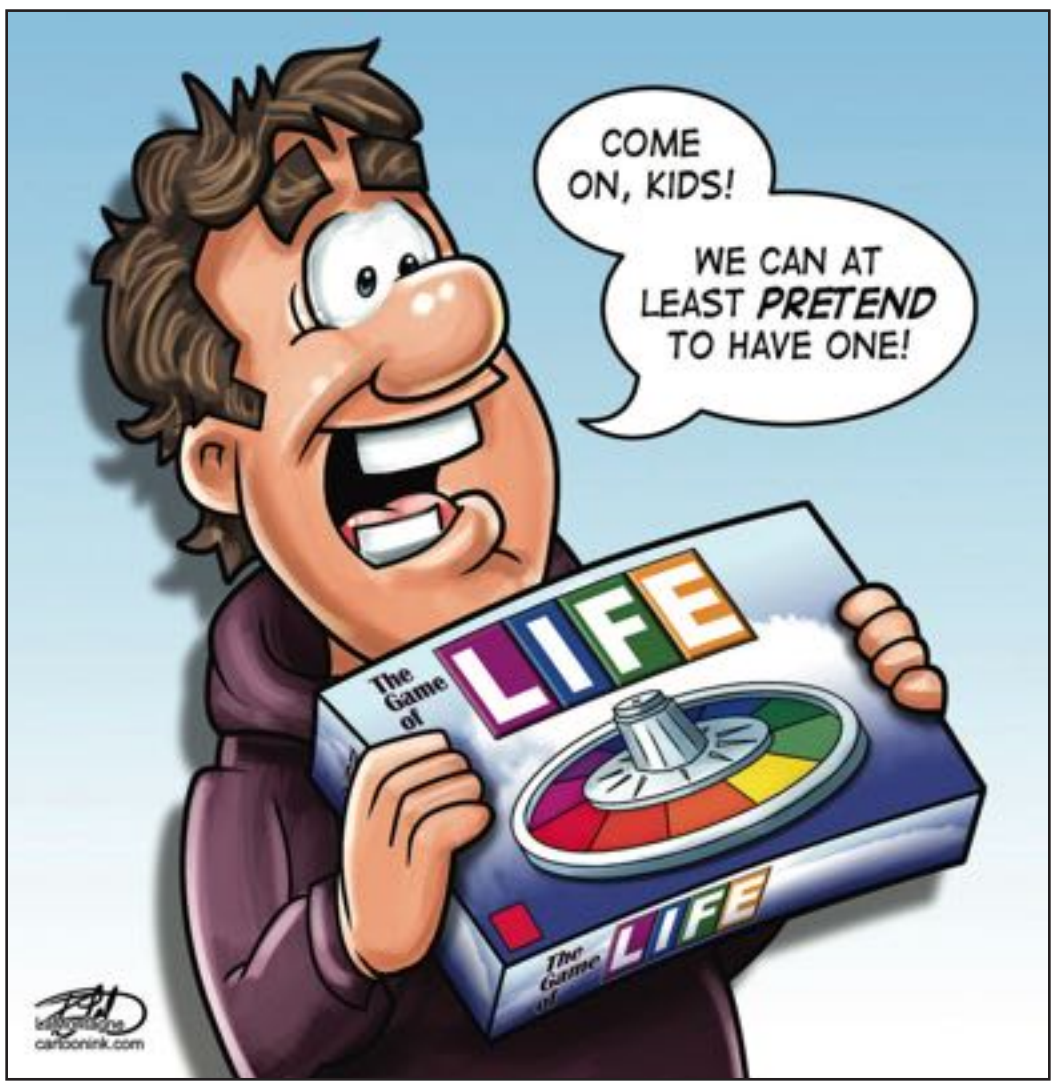
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Crises often stir the 'mother of invention'

by Mark Pavilons

Human beings are not only resilient, they are a crafty bunch.

It's been proven throughout our history that we can be quite innovative and progressive during times of crisis and tragedy. As Danish economist Ester Boserup coined, "necessity is the mother of invention."

As a society, currently secluded from our friends and family, we can get caught up in the doom and gloom and grim statistics. Or we can find those silver linings in the current storm clouds. They exist and that list continues to grow.

Technology will likely grow in leaps and bounds following this current COVID-19 pandemic.

We've already seen a giant rise in use of social media channels, including Zoom. This company offers simplified video conferencing and messaging across any device.

Zoom, and those what follow suit, will make leaps and bounds and have a tremendous impact on society in the future.

Ottawa's Spartan Bioscience will producing a mobile, handheld testing kit that can tell people quickly if they have COVID-19. The biotechnology company's Spartan Cube is a portable DNA testing technology designed for in-field diagnostic testing, with results in as little as 30 minutes.

That's a huge step up from current testing methods and this little machine will perform wonders in the weeks to come. Hopefully, this technology can be adapted to test for a myriad of infectious diseases or viruses and be a vital tool, especially in the field.

There are undoubtedly companies out there working at improving the effectiveness and design of protective equipment such as masks, goggles and face shields. There's no doubt we will be seeing more of these in the near future. Masks are commonplace in some countries, and they may find their way in mainstream North American society long after this crisis is over.

The plexi shields at grocery stores may become permanent fixtures. Some are better than others, but ultimately, some nice designs will find their way into every check-out line in the world.

Several pizza chains have introduced or ramped up the use of "contactless" methods of ordering and delivery. Some have machines, not unlike large vending machines, that dispense your finished pie.

Pizza Pizza revealed its "Tamper Proof Pizza Box," which features a safety locking mechanism that is only broken by the customer.

Roche Canada has launched the Roche Data Science Coalition, a group of organizations committed to working with the global community to develop solutions to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Roche Canada Data Science Coalition has developed a centralized location for curated publicly available population data sets, which will be gathered from sources across the globe and used to enhance COVID-19 research. This will provide the scientific and research community with a robust foundation for current and future COVID-19 patient-level data work.

These are just a few of the measures and advancements have been born in just a few weeks.

All of these not only attest to our ingenuity, but show we can rise out of turmoil and economic crisis and emerge with some powerful new tools and methods.

An injection of government funding in medical research will only benefit humankind in the long run.

While I'm confident we will emerge from the fog brighter and more efficient, there are some social drawbacks.

One worry I have is that we may become even more distanced from our fellow humans in the years to come. Yes, this has been a wake-up call to practice better hygiene and cleanliness. But will the "social distancing" continue and will self-preservation always be at the back of our minds? Will "contactlessness" become our new MO?

I had two overnights planned at resorts in April that were cancelled. I had seats for a musical and plans for weekend getaways.

Now all I have are daily conferences with Justin, Doug and Dr. Tam. I connect with friends and strangers on Facebook, getting a few chuckles here and there.

Just think of all the human interactions we used to make on a daily complaints at the gas pumps, jokes with cashiers, and shooting the breeze with total strangers. There were pleasantries and handshakes and waiting room banter. There were cheers from the stands, drinks at the bar and family dinners marking special occasions.

I really hope that when we all bounce back from this, these things will continue. I hope they will all come back with a vengeance and we'll flock to restaurants and coffee shops and salons.

For those who can afford it, I'd suggest going on a short spending spree – ordering pizza, getting those lawn and garden supplies, holding backyard barbecues and taking a vacation.

When we emerge on the other side of all this, we may not be able to prevent the next pandemic, but we'll be better prepared.

We may just appreciate life's little things just that much more. And we may become better neighbours, co-workers, friends and shoppers.

I can hardly wait!

Editorial

Is second term for Trump inevitable?

AS MATTERS STAND, two things appear to be inevitable: former U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden's nomination as the Democratic party's presidential candidate and his loss next November to the incumbent, Donald Trump.

Mr. Biden's nice-guy image might see him do better than Hillary Clinton, but his age and tendency to obfuscate leave him no match for the bluster of Mr. Trump, who has managed to achieve an approval rating in recent polls of about 43 per cent, a lot better than he scored a year or so ago, when the rating was just slightly over 30 per cent.

Historians will certainly fault the Trump administration for its failure to respond quickly to the threat posed by the COVID-19 outbreak in China, the single move being to halt flights from China.

This week's latest move by the president was to halt U.S. funding of the World Health Organization in the midst of the pandemic, on grounds it has mismanaged the crisis and favours China.

That was a classic move by a politician who has never been able to acknowledge having made a mistake and now blames WHO, China, U.S. stage governors and the "fake news" media for the fact that as of Wednesday more than 26,000 Americans have been killed by the same virus that has reportedly taken just 3,342 lives in China and 225 and 146, respectively, in South Korea and Japan.

There seems little doubt that authorities in South Korea and Japan got no earlier warning than their colleagues in the U.S. The big difference seems to be the earlier actions both countries took, particularly in massive testing for the new virus.

While all this was taking place, little or nothing was heard from the Biden camp, the main developments being the withdrawal of Bernie Sanders as the only other contender and more recently the public endorsement of Mr. Biden by his old boss, former president Barack Obama, which hardly came as a surprise.

Yet to be finally decided is when or whether the Democrats will hold their nominating convention, the current expectation being that it will be in mid-August in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with only a tiny fraction of the normal number of delegates attending in the circumstances and Mr. Biden as certain to win the nomination.

But back to the original question: is a Trump victory in the November presidential election a virtual certainty?

We think so, unless something happens that is likely unprecedented in U.S. politics, and Joe Biden withdraws as a candidate, perhaps citing personal reasons such as his doctor's advice.

Should that happen, the door would be open for a candidate who has a better chance of beating Mr. Trump. And while at one point there were more than 20 men and women seeking the party's nomination, none of them would fit the bill.

Indeed, there is only one politician we see as having the ability, and he has persistently denied any interest in taking the job.

But he is a lot younger than Joe Biden and has demonstrated an ability to deal capably in the epicentre of the coronavirus outbreak. And unlike Mr. Biden he has been enjoying a high profile, with daily televised press conferences in Albany, N.Y., with the state's top health officials.

Andrew Cuomo, 61, has been governor of New York State for nine years and would likely have no difficulty in retaining that office if he so wished.

Unlike Mr. Trump, whose background was in real estate and television, Mr. Cuomo comes from a political dynasty, his late father having served three terms as the state's governor, and perhaps because of this he has thus far made few mistakes.

During his governorship, he oversaw passage of a law legalizing same-sex marriage; creation of the United States Climate Alliance, a group of states committed to fighting climate change by following the terms of the Paris Climate Accords; passage of the strictest gun control law in the U.S.; Medicaid expansion; a new tax code that raised taxes for the wealthy and lowered taxes for the middle class; paid family leave; an increase in the minimum wage; wage equality; and legislation legalizing medical marijuana.

Should a miracle happen and a "draft Cuomo" campaign be launched, Mr. Trump would have good reason to be fearful.



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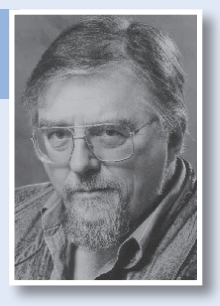
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Spain, coronavirus & basic income

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OUR WORLD TODAY



In times of great emergency, when the normal rules have been suspended, all sorts of things that used to seem unthinkable suddenly enter the realm of possibility. A national health service paid for by taxes and free at the point of delivery in the United States, for example – or a guaranteed basic income in Spain.

"We are going to implement a minimum basic income as soon as possible," said Nadia Calviño, Spain's deputy prime minister and economics minister, on Monday. She added that it will not "just be for this special situation, but for good."

Plenty of governments are providing what amounts to a basic income to millions of laid-off employees for the duration of this 'special situation'. Britain is covering 80% of people's normal salaries for at least three months, up to a maximum of £2,500 ($3,000) a month, if their employers will just keep them on the books.

Even freelancers and 'gig' workers are not being forgotten (80% of the income they reported for taxes, averaged over the past three years). And all this from a Conservative government.

Canada is paying workers affected by the coronavirus outbreak $C2,000 a month for up to four months. Even the U.S. government will be providing its citizens with two $1,000 cheques over the next three months (plus $500 extra for each child) – and they don't even have to be out of work to get them.

But all these benefits are temporary, to be withdrawn again when things are back to normal. The question is: do we really want to go back to 'normal', if that means that many people live on welfare and barely scrape by, and a great many more (the 'working poor') do have jobs and work very hard, but still don't have enough to live a comfortable life?

In normal times, this is a highly ideological issue, with a lot of people convinced that those below them on the income ladder are just lazy and undeserving even of charity, let alone welfare payments. Yet those convictions are easily put on hold when some unforeseen emergency means that those higher up the ladder also need government help.

Calviño is clearly using this crisis to advance a project that she and many others in her party have long favoured: a basic income that nobody can fall below, with any shortfall made up by the government. (Not, as some have incorrectly reported, a 'Universal Basic Income' that goes to everybody regardless of need).

There's nothing wrong with exploiting the disruption caused by a crisis to launch new policies. As Niccolo Machiavelli said 500 years ago: "Never waste the opportunity offered by a good crisis." But is Basic Income a good policy?

It's certainly a good policy politically, because those who benefit from it will probably vote for you. It's probably a good policy economically, because the beneficiaries, still being relatively poor, will immediately spend the money and boost the economy.

And it may well be neutral fiscally, because the money doled out in various unemployment and welfare programmes, plus the cost of administering all those programs, may be around the same as the cost of bringing the poorest fifth of the population up to the level of the slightly higher earners in the next fifth in a single, simple payment.

If it should turn out to cost a bit more, it would still be a small price to pay for raising so many people out of desperation and giving their children better opportunities for the future.

This was the kind of thinking that motivated the people who had lived through the Great Depression and the Second World War to build welfare states in all the developed countries in the quarter-century after 1945. They wanted to improve the lives of their citizens, but they also wanted to head off the populist anger and nationalist demagoguery that had made the war possible.

Those things are on the rise again, because the gap between the rich and the rest has widened steadily for the past 40 years in the developed countries. Fixing it will require a reshaping of the welfare state, and nothing will narrow the gap faster than raising the incomes of the poorest.

Making that kind of change in normal times is a Sisyphean task, but when the government must confine much of the population to their homes because of the pandemic and many of them lose their incomes as a result, it tends to broaden people's minds about the possibilities.

A small wager. The Spanish government will be only the first of many to propose a basic income as a permanent part of the economy before the current crisis is over.

Day 29 and counting

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



After almost 30 days in self-isolation I think it's only natural to feel just a tad "down in the dumps." Separated from loved ones, perhaps unable to work, the inevitable impact on finances and continued dire predictions about just how long it will take to recover from this pandemic are a few of the reasons one might be entirely justified in feeling verklempt. Add to that the pressures of attempting to home-school, grocery shopping in a hazmat suit, working from home and enduring consistently lousy weather and it's no surprise we're climbing the walls. Perhaps you've turned to wine for comfort or have run, screaming like a banshee to your car - not to drive away mind you, but rather, simply to sit in it for some much needed alone time! I may or may not be describing my personal experiences.

Sure all the websites tell us to focus on the positive and not get caught up in the bad news. My column last week, called "Reflections," may have said something similar. That was a week ago. A week in isolation is a LONG time. A week in isolation with five people is even longer! But I digress. Here's a positive. With all of this "extra" time I've had a chance to do some reading. Sure it's usually between midnight and 2am since I can't sleep anyway but as an avid reader, uninterrupted, quality down time spent with a good book even if in the "wee" hours, is a sure fire means of escape. Caledon Public Library and our local bookstore, Forster's Book Garden, have made such a pastime easy. Catching up on Netflix and sharing movie favourites with the next generation have also filled the time. (Note to readers: Thelma and Louise stands the test of time, You've Got Mail now just feels creepy and like Tom Hanks is actually stalking Meg Ryan.) My other job is considered an essential service so I'm able to escape the house a couple of times a week but it involves working with my spouse so……."escape" is a relative term. I know I have it better than many. My income is reduced but I still have an income. I'm bored, frustrated and fed up but I'm alive. My family are healthy and we are doing all the right things to stay that way. I am incredibly grateful and I know good health is all that really matters. But on Day 29 I can't help but also think about what frustrates me:

- Reading about the number of folks who continue to disregard all social distancing measures and not only ignore them but blatantly refuse to think the rules even apply to them. STOP making grocery shopping a family affair! Stop gathering in parks. Just. Stop. Gathering. Period.
- Hearing from folks who complain or pass judgement on others without knowing all the circumstances. Yes, keyboard warriors, I'm talking to you.
- Watching numerous cars pull-up in front of homes disgorging visitors this past weekend. If we see a CoVid19 spike in two weeks time I'll be holding each of personally you responsible. (Now who's the keyboard warrior?)
- Receiving so many "well-meaning" recommendations for how to fill my time productively including: learning a new language, starting a new fitness routine, or practising mindfulness (unless that's referring to my already overtaxed brain in which case I'm scoring an A+) to becoming the next Barefoot Contessa complete with raising, killing and plucking my own organic chickens (but not before they've laid a bunch of organic eggs for me!)

Frankly – most days I'm pretty proud of myself if I can shower, get a bit of work done, prop up the mental and physical wellbeing of myself and various family members and maybe sneak in a quick socially acceptable distancing "visit" with my Mum. By the way, bringing her fresh fruit or something my daughter just baked is way higher on my list of priorities than learning how to speak Yiddish thank you very much! I'm also pretty darn tired of being made to feel guilty that with all this "spare" time on my hands I have to accomplish anything at all. The reality is, some people will thrive in dire times, while others will merely survive. I think either option should be considered acceptable!

What I am NOT tired of reading about is the good folks who are taking this pandemic seriously and who are doing amazing things to promote and support community:

- Caledon, you really stepped up when CCS needed help and you continue to do so.
- Our young people are setting an example on how to stay positive and on how to do something constructive with their time by supporting our front line workers. So are several local companies.
- Everyone who continues to work day in and day out at essential services so that the rest of us can buy food, get gas if we need it, obtain our regular prescriptions and oh yes, receive treatment in a hospital if we do contract CoVid 19!
- The folks at Caledon Meals on Wheels who have started a new service offering shopping for seniors, providing much needed staples at both low cost and with free delivery!
- Our Mayor and Council who continue to collaborate and work hard, virtually, to ensure the safety of all and who host "Town Hall" meetings where residents can call in and have their questions answered by the Mayor and even Dr. Lawrence Loh.

The truth is, after hearing Doug Ford's announcement that he will seek another 28 day extension to the current state of emergency, and reading the results of a recent poll suggesting more than 45% of us don't expect life to return to normal for at least six months, I guess I'm just feeling a little overwhelmed. The overall impact of this pandemic isn't just about obvious loss such as losing a beloved family member, your job or your home. It's about a fractured economy that will remain so for some time. It's about people who may struggle, barely make it through this crisis and later (when emergency help is no longer available) face untold consequences. It's also about the potential impact on the many organizations that are currently supporting families through this crisis. Non-profits, already dependant on government funding and the goodwill of the community, will no doubt continue to suffer through the remainder of 2020 when any of their regular fundraising events will, of necessity, be cancelled or downsized.

Today – it all just seems like a lot to deal with. I know tomorrow will be a better day and I know too that this pandemic has presented an opportunity for each of us to reconsider, and reprioritize, what truly matters most in life. With that said, it is Day 29 and counting, and there's at least 28 more days to go. If you need me, I'll be in my car, in the driveway, silently screaming and possibly with wine. Don't worry I'll leave the keys in the house.

**I guess the moral of the story is don't write an article while you're experiencing the blues. Wait a couple of days for this too shall pass…..*



ARTS & Entertainment

Caledon country singer releases debut single 'Here For The Long Run'

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Local resident Jessica Sole is bringing a little bit of Nashville to Caledon.

Last Friday (April 10) her newly released single 'Here for The Long Run' was released on a variety of online platforms.

Jessica Sole has always had a passion for music. With several family members also boasting musical backgrounds, she's always been surrounded by music. Sole was born and raised in Caledon and has been performing around the community since the third grade. When she turned 13, she picked up a guitar and began teaching herself how to play. Only one year later, she began writing songs.

"I would say my music career started just a few years ago," explained the 23-year-old singer. "I started taking my song writing more seriously and started my band 'Jessica Sole and The Badlands'."

Jessica Sole and The Badlands have been working on this newly released tune for the past two years, perfecting it and making it into exactly what they wanted it to be. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, they have been performing live shows at restaurants, local bars and festivals

'Here For The Long Run' is only one of the singles that will make up Sole's debut EP, which she plans to be released in June. The country pop song reflects and shines on an important message of self-love.

"It's all about the journey to self-discovery. To me, it's about learning how to take care of yourself and being able to put yourself first," she said.

Like any country artist, one of Sole's goals is to go to Nashville, long considered to be the home of country music and where all her inspirations came from. But with the world currently in chaos, she would give anything just to get back to performing. Another goal she looks forward to in the future is putting out a full-length album.

Sole describes her music as bright, fresh and honest, with a twang of Nashville and the heart for country music. According to a recent Jessica, her newly released single is "relatable, encouraging and advocates for female empowerment. The lyrics are about staying strong and pushing through hard times, to finally see the light of self-discovery."

"I have several musical influences, all great women in country music. Kacey Musgraves is one of my main influences, along with the Dixie Chicks. Miranda Lambert and Maren Morris are also big influences of mine. These women all inspire me as an artist as well as a songwriter. Another one of my early influences is Taylor Swift. She inspired me to become a musician and songwriter."

Sole is currently attending Humber College, in her last year of the Bachelor of Music program. A Humber College professor has remarked on the single stating "Jessica's Sole's musical honesty, charming personality and focused dedication really shines through on Here For The Long Run. I hope you all enjoy her debut offering as much as I do!"

To check out her debut single 'Here For The Long Run' look up Jessica Sole on all streaming platforms.



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COUNTRY ARTIST: Pictured above, Caledon's Jessica Sole is excited to kick off her music career with a single release, and upcoming EP album.

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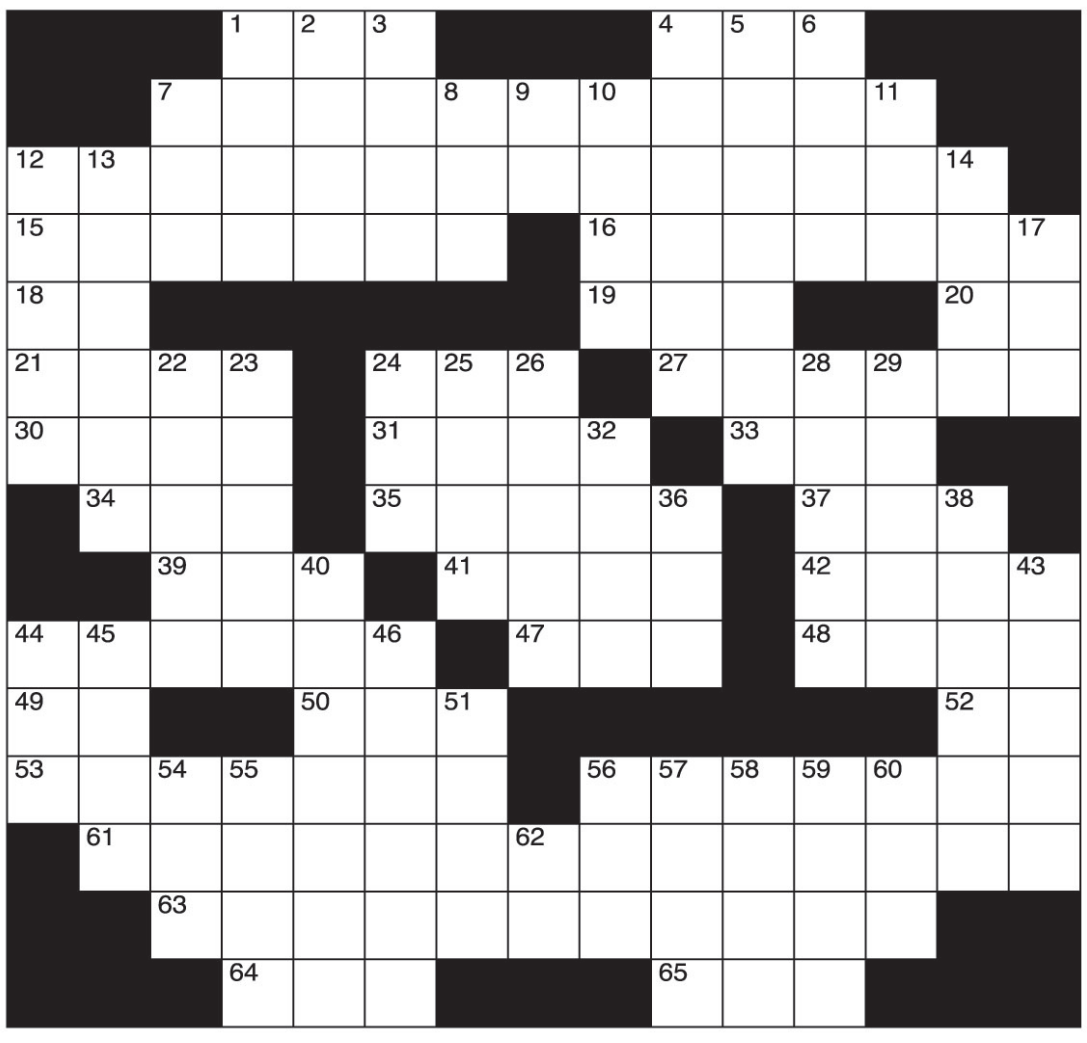
But, there were a lot of shoppers there, with the majority of them being young people! Disgusting, I say, and I certainly hope the store did not give them the 20 percent, and they should have had to wait until 10 a.m. to be fair to seniors like myself, who are so vulnerable. Please, please, follow instructions so that we can fight this pandemic, and get back to normal. Just because you're not in the "at risk" group, like seniors are, shouldn't mean that you can blatantly ignore the rules and put vulnerable people at risk.

Sandy Forester
Caledon resident

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The Citizen CROSSWORD

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1. Germanic mythological god
4. Cash machine
7. Improvement
12. What voters want
15. Sheepish
16. Placed at powerful level
18. Measure of illumination
19. Trent Reznor's band
20. Commercial
21. Amounts of time
24. English broadcaster
27. Rolls of tobacco
30. Position
31. Expresses pleasure
33. Corporate exec (abbr.)
34. Body part
35. Bleated
37. Businessman
39. Beats per minute
41. Defunct Italian monetary unit
42. Broken branch
44. Put in advance
47. Arrest
48. Prefix indicating adjacent to
49. Artificial intelligence
50. Disfigure
52. The Fighting Irish (abbr.)
53. Not in any place
56. Predict
61. A system of getting stuff from one place to another
63. Philosophy of the principles of things
64. US gov't office (abbr.)
65. Seaborgium's former name (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Network connector
2. Primordial matter
3. Get up
4. Uncoordinated
5. Ill-fated cruise ship
6. Work hard
7. Drivers' speed
8. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
9. Healthcare pro
10. Egyptian Sun god
11. Expresses the negative
12. Some are three-legged
13. Clothing manufacturer
14. Close by
17. Tooth caregiver
22. Housing material
23. Flows through
24. Founder of Babism
25. Honorific title
26. A type of letter
28. Seize and hold firmly
29. Artery
32. Body fluids
36. Press against lightly
38. An island in the Pacific
40. A reminder of past events
43. Austrian spa town
44. Peter's last name
45. Something a mob might do
46. Of the bones of the feet
51. "Amazing Stories" writer
54. Nazi-resistant youth group (abbr.)
55. Used to have (Scottish)
56. A way to cook
57. Japanese port city
58. Type of precipitation
59. Engrave
60. Female sibling
62. Expresses emotion

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COVID-19 claims 4 more local lives, outbreaks at Shelburne senior homes

Written By MIKE BAKER

Three residents of Shelburne retirement homes have died this week as the community comes to grips with two further outbreaks of COVID-19 in the area.

After an outbreak of the highly contagious virus was declared at Headwaters Health Care Centre in Orangeville on March 31, two retirement homes in Shelburne – Dufferin Oaks long-term care home and Shelburne Residence Retirement and Nursing Home have this week announced outbreaks of their own.

On Monday, it was revealed that two residents of Shelburne Residence had died after contracting COVID-19. This followed news that a Dufferin Oaks resident had passed away sometime over the Easter long weekend.

While the County, as stewards of Dufferin Oaks, has yet to make a statement regarding the death, statistics updated on their website daily state that three residents, including the deceased, and five staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 in recent weeks. In total, 58 residents have been tested at the home, with 18 coming back negative and 37 currently under investigation. Statistics pertaining to confirmed cases at Shelburne Residence were not available as of press time.

This brings the death total in Dufferin County to five, with one further death in Caledon. It was revealed last week that a 64-year-old Orangeville man, now identified as John Braaksma, was the first casualty in the area, passing away on April 7. John was a popular figure in the community, working at Hallmark Toyota for more than a decade, where he was known as the operator of the dealership's community shuttle service.

On Wednesday, word was received that Clark Campbell, husband of former Orangeville councillor Gail Campbell, had succumbed to the virus while being treated for an unrelated illness at Credit Valley hospital in Mississauga.

Confirmed cases of COVID-19 have, once again, seen a significant increase over the past week. Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health is reporting 162 individuals within its service area have contracted COVID-19, with 55 of those cases occurring in Dufferin County. As of press time, 37 of those cases have been resolved. A further 45 cases have been confirmed in Caledon, as reported by Peel Public Health.

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>
> Lori Ker
> Board Chair, Headwaters Health Care Centre

There have been four new confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Headwaters hospital since last week. Two patients and two staff members tested positive for the virus since April 9, bringing the overall total of those infected at the hospital to 28 – 12 patients and 16 staff members. The COVID-19 Assessment Centre, located outside the hospital, has now been visited 2,448 times as of Wednesday. Tests have been carried out on 1,136 individuals to date.

Looking at stats worldwide, according to the website Worldometer, there are a little over 2 million COVID-19 cases as of noon on Wednesday (April 15). In total, 129,960 people have died as a result of the virus, with 496,562 individuals making full recoveries. Canada is now ranked 12th in terms of total cases among individual nations, with 27,557 cases. As of press time, there have been 954 fatalities nationwide since March 9. Here in Ontario, 7,953 individuals have contracted COVID-19, with 2,574 making full recoveries and 274 individuals passing away.

Frontline workers at Headwaters hospital continue to work through the pandemic. Lori Ker, Chair of the Headwaters Health Care Centre Board of Directors reserves special thanks for the hundreds of local heroes who continue to put themselves in harm's way in the face of this global pandemic.

"These are unprecedented times. Seemingly overnight our world changed dramatically, not only in the dangers we face but in how kindness, compassion, empathy and professional dedication have risen to new heights," Ms. Ker said. "Locally, we are 'One Community Caring Together, supporting each other and the hospital and supporting our care providers in any way we can. There is wide recognition that everyone on the Headwaters team is going above and beyond in their everyday dedication to provide excellent care for the community."

She added, "The Headwaters board recognizes the exemplary service of all of our staff and physicians during this pandemic and we are deeply grateful. We know that a strong hospital is a key pillar of a thriving community, and that Headwaters is strong because of the courage and collaboration of all staff and health care providers.

"Thank you for your outstanding service, taking on extra hours, extra shifts, extra responsibilities and extra precautions to maintain Headwaters as a shining example of exemplary care despite the increased risk that you all must endure. Each of you is an inspiration to our community for you dedication and selfless teamwork," Ms. Ker said.

While much of Ontario remains on an unofficial lockdown, with only essential services open for business and residents encouraged to stay home as much as possible, U.S. President Donald Trump is itching to instill a sense of normalcy in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. Last month he expressed hope the country would "return to normal" in time for Easter.

With the Easter weekend now having passed, and no such measures taken, many are wondering how much longer Mr. Trump will maintain the status quo. Here in Canada, there has been little indication, by either the federal or provincial government, that we are anywhere close to lifting emergency measures implemented last month. The federal government is offering financial aid to businesses and residents as far ahead as June, while the Ontario government passed a bill this week to extend the province's state of emergency until May 12.

"No doubt there is a long journey ahead before we emerge from this pandemic, and it will take all of us to care for each other," Ms. Ker said. "Everyone on the Headwaters team, from support workers to health care providers, community partners and administrators, is making a critically important contribution to the care of the community at this extraordinary time."

She concluded, "You, the staff, are truly the heroes in the face of this ruthless pandemic."

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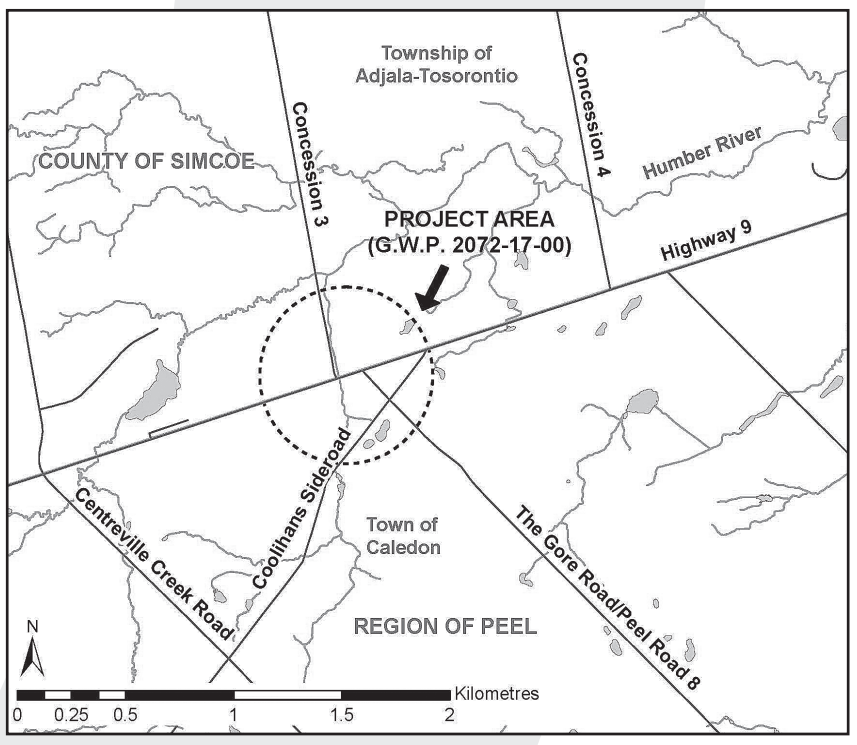
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THE PROJECT

The **Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **HDR Corporation (HDR)** to conduct a Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment for improvements to the intersection of Highway 9/Peel Road 8 (The Gore Road)/Concession Road 3 in the Town of Caledon, Region of Peel and Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, County of Simcoe. The project area is presented on the map.

The recommended design for the intersection carried forward from preliminary design includes the following components:

- provision for a new traffic signal system with partial illumination and approach lighting at the intersection of The Gore Road and Highway 9;
- provision of partial illumination and approach lighting at the intersection of Concession Road 3 and Highway 9;
- new westbound auxiliary through lane on Highway 9 extending from west of Coolihans Sideroad westerly to beyond Concession Road 3;
- new westbound left turn lane on Highway 9 at The Gore Road;
- new eastbound left turn lane on Highway 9 at Concession Road 3;
- widening to provide northbound left and right turn lanes on The Gore Road at Highway 9;
- provision of a 2 m wide mid-height berm along the north side of Highway 9 east of Concession Road 3, where the height of the earth cuts exceed 5 m;
- permanent closure of Coolihans Sideroad at Highway 9 and creation of a cul-de-sac;
- drainage improvements including general grading of ditches, addition of new/replacement culverts, and removal/extension of existing culverts; and,
- utility relocations.



THE PROCESS

This project is following the approved planning process for Group "B" projects under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000), with the opportunity for stakeholder/public input throughout. A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) documenting preliminary design was released for a 30-day public review period from August 8, 2019 to September 6, 2019.

Upon completion of the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared to document the development of the recommended preliminary design to the implementation level of detail. Notification of submission of the DCR for a 30-day public review period will be published in this newspaper.

COMMENTS

Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist the Project Team in meeting the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act.* Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.* With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members.

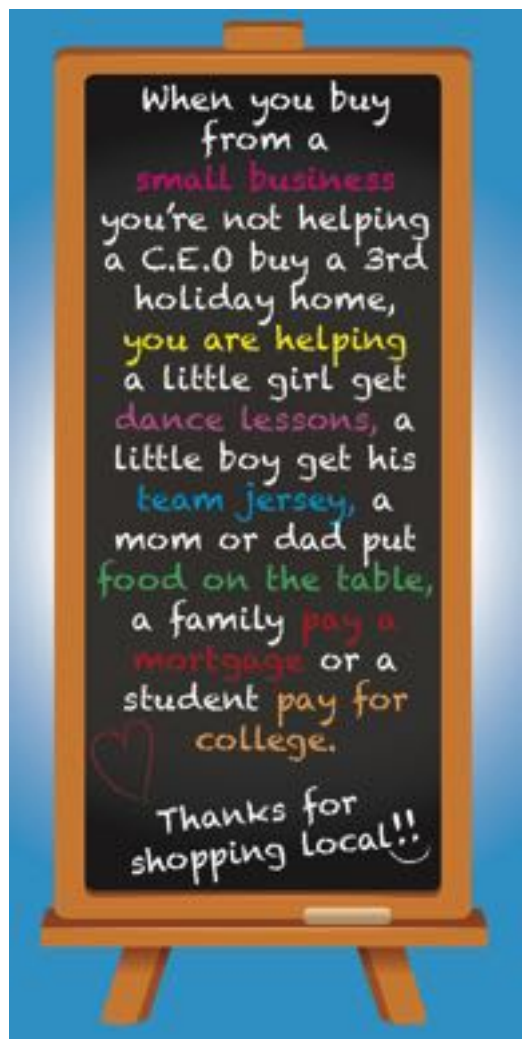
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Caledon equestrian to be inducted into Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

Local communities such as Caledon, King City and Aurora share one thing in common this year; they all have a representative entering the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame.

Annually, the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame selects ten inductees to join a prestigious history.

King City native and Thoroughbred horse "Play the King" from Kinghaven Farms, Standardbred horse McWicked; owned by the owner of SSG Gloves in Aurora, Ed James and Caledon resident Michael Keogh have been announced as the inductees, according to the press release last week.

Managing Director of the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame, Linda Rainey says the induction process is quite extensive.

Rainey explains, "it's based on significant contributions to horse racing in Canada. It's voted on two committees for an individual to be inducted."

The nominating committee oversees all of the public submissions. People within this committee have historical knowledge of the sport, current racing knowledge, breeding and background knowledge. These votes determine who proceeds to the ballot.

Rainey believes there were 80 nominations per breed presented to the Standardbred and Thoroughbred Nomination Committees this year.

Ballots are categorized and sent off to the final group of voters who inevitably decide which inductees are named for the year.

All of which of course, hold notable records to sway the judgment of the voters.

Trained by Roger Attfield, Play the King has had an exceptional four-year career. When the horse was only four years of age, victory at the Toboggan Handicap (G3) in Aqueduct, sparked a good run of form. Victories at Jacques Cartier, Vigil Handicap, Toronto Budweiser Breeders' Cup at Woodbine, Suffolk Sprint in Boston (G3) and Nearctic Stakes (G3) earned the horse the 1987 Sovereign Award champion as Canada's top, older male horse and champion sprinter.

In 1988, Play the King repeated as Sovereign Award champion with another championship at Woodbine, Nearctic Stakes (G3), the Breeder's Cup Sprint (G1) and Churchill Downs.

The second horse nominated from the local areas is McWicked from Aurora, owned by Ed James' SSG Stables of Aurora.

Recently retired from racing, McWicked earned $5.1 million during a race career that began in 2013 and included 40 wins in 110 starts while setting his lifetime mark of 1:46.2 at age 7.

During his career McWicked won four O'Brien awards, as Canada's top Older Pacing Horse of the Year in 2018 and 2019 and overall Horse of the Year in 2018.

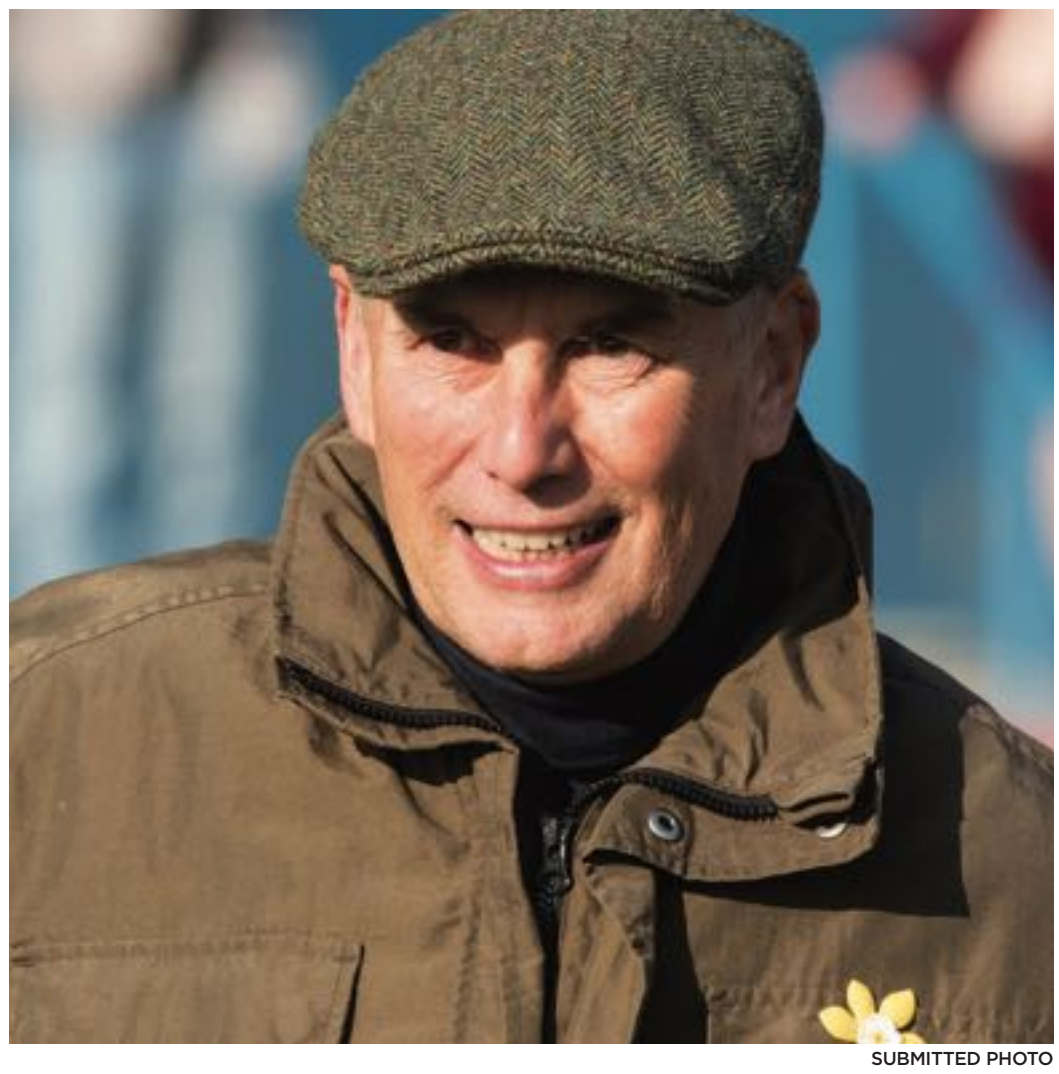
His 2018 bankroll of $1.662 million made him the oldest horse to top North American harness racing's earnings standings at the age of seven, and his $5.1 million in career earnings makes him the richest pacing stallion in the history of the sport.

Last, but most certainly not least, Bolton resident Michael Keogh; former trainer for the Hall of Fame Builder Gus Schickedanz, has been racing since 1993.

In 2,689 starts, Keogh has amassed 330 wins and earning over $21.5 million.

He is most famously known for winning the Queen's Plate twice in 1999 with Woodcarver , and again in 2003, with Wando who went on to win the Canadian Triple Crown.

Other Keogh trained horses include Sovereign Award winners Mobil and Langfuhr. Early in his career Keogh was an assistant to Hall of Fame trainer Roger Attfield from 1986-1993. During that time Keogh worked with one of his favourite horses, Play the King who coincidently is also being inducted to the CHRHF in 2020.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

HALL OF FAMER: Bolton resident and Trainer Michael Keogh has been nominated into the 2020 Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame.

Since its existence in 1976, the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame holds 500 inductees. It is open to the public at Woodbine Racetrack in Etobicoke.

Other 2020 Hall of Fame inductees representing thoroughbreds include, Builder Sue Leslie, Jockey Gary Boulanger and horse Tepin.

Standardbred Inductees include Driver Paul MacDonell, Trainer Ben Wallace, female horse Amour Angus and veteran horse Rambling Willie.

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Michael Petrasso believes soccer is on the rise in Canada

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

The Canadian Premier League was supposed to begin this past Easter Monday.

This sophomore season might provide a better glimpse into the future.

Canadians have a reason to be optimistic that soccer will carve itself into the identity of the country. A paradigm shift is growing along the horizon and the pathway to finding success is currently in progress.

A part of that path, is Woodbridge, Ontario native Michael Petrasso. The 24-year-old winger says, that Canada continues to improve in the sport.

"I think in the next six years, you will see a lot of players come out, from young ages and even older ages, that will try to grasp this opportunity. The World Cup is coming here in North America, I think the level can only go up for Canadian players," Petrasso explained.

He began his soccer playing days with Kleinburg-Nobleton SC around the age of four. He would watch soccer whenever it was on television and idolized, England's bulldog, Wayne Rooney.

At the age of 13, Petrasso was called up for a match in the local area with other Canadian prospects.

The opposition, lost a player due to illness and Petrasso pounced on the largest opportunity in his young life. He made an exceptional first impression in front of the coach of the national team at the time, Sean Fleming.

"I did really well that game, you know, luck of the draw there," Petrasso said.

"Sean Fleming approached me after the game, and he said he wanted to have a look at me at the next coming camp. I was at a one-year difference from the national team at the time. That's when I started to kick off and I went as a part of the national team program the next year."

Toronto FC scouts came lurking around and gazed their eyes on the youngster. He was asked to join the Toronto FC academy in 2010.

In January 2011, Petrasso helped lift Canada through qualifying in Costa Rica. The Canadians were rapt for the chance to compete in the U17 World Cup in Mexico.

Canada was placed in Group C with England, Uruguay and Rwanda. Petrasso had never competed in front of a stadium filled with fans, while his family was in attendance. He started all three games. He even went head to head with one of the most prolific wingers in the Premier League today; Manchester City starlet, Raheem Sterling.

Exposure on the global stage granted the youngster trials oversees. Petrasso went to try out for A.C Chievo Verona and Frosinone Calcio. Making neither squad, one of the coaches for Queens Park Rangers, Marc Bircham ensured that Petrasso would have an opportunity with QPR.

"I remember being driven to the airport after the training by Marc Bircham and he said, okay, we're going to offer you a two-year professional contract and we want you back over in the next month or so."

In 2012, Petrasso began his young professional career in White City, London. In the midst of this glamorous chance to grow as a player, Petrasso was forced to face the bitter reality of staring maturity dead in the eye; even if he wasn't quite ready to do so.

In the first six months, he would continuously call home. His friends would post on social media of their nights out together. He felt forgotten all on his lonesome. This ate away at his mental strength and affected his performances on the pitch.

He had to grow up. There was no other option. In front of a harsh English media that comes bellowing down on poor player performances, he knew he had to change.

If he was punished by his coaches, he would respond to the scowls by returning to training the next day to prove the leaders wrong. His game picked up and he was not only proving it to the media, but to himself.

Throughout his first two years on the senior team at QPR, Petrasso was sent out on loan to Oldham Athletic, Coventry City, Leyton Orient and Notts County, before finishing his last three months with the club he signed for. Above all, he had his coaches to thank for his development.

"Both of them simplified my game. I was a winger. I used my strength I was fast. So, tactically, they showed me where I needed to position myself."

In his journey away, while recording caps for the junior Canadian national team, the senior men's team called. He got his chance, to dawn the red and white of the national uniform on June 3rd, 2016 in a friendly against Azerbaijan.

In 2018 it was time for Petrasso to return to Canada. He signed with the Montreal Impact, ready to demonstrate how far he has come beneath the tutelage of Octavio Zambrano and former Canadian International and Gold Cup winner, Paul Stalteri.

He could not have imagined a short tenure with the club. He was ultimately, pushed out from the organization leading to one of the most downtrodden moments of his career thus far.

But, when there's a will there's a way. Everything about his career had been copacetic until this moment. Surely there was a way to turn it around, none other, than playing for Valour FC in Winnipeg.

In 18 appearances in the inaugural season of the Canadian Premier League, Petrasso netted home six goals.

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Seeback wants ISPs to waive overcharge fees for rural residents

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

"I am calling on Bell Canada, Rogers, TELUS and all internet service providers to stop data overcharges in rural communities during this crisis," stated MP Kyle Seeback in a recent YouTube video, calling out major internet companies for overcharging data payments for those living in rural and remote areas.

The Dufferin-Caledon MP has written letters to all of the CEOs of the large telecom companies, urging them to waive overcharge fees in rural areas.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, families, students, parents and many other residents are either working remotely from home or are simply not working to help flatten the curve of positive cases in North America. This being said, many residents have informed Mr. Seeback of their internet and cellphone bills reaching an all-time high, during the worst possible time.

"The COVID-19 crisis has been tough on all of us. I know many of us are at home all day, by ourselves or with our families. I've been getting a lot of emails recently though, about people in rural and remote communities complaining about the high cost of their cellphone and wireless internet bills," he stated in his video. "Right now, customers living in the rural parts of my riding, are getting bills in excess of $500, $600 and even $900."

Mr. Seeback has yet to hear back from the service providers but plans to follow up this week.

"I think the answer I'm getting right now from the telecoms is that they're worried that in rural areas, with capacity issues, and if they make it free, that too much might be used and it will affect the ability of first responders and others to get signals," he explained. "Unfortunately, for me that rationale just doesn't cut it. Charging people extra doesn't actually necessarily stop them from using. Throttle the speed. At certain points, if the system is getting over capacity, don't send someone a bill for $900, in the middle of a pandemic."

Mr. Seeback calls out the large telecoms in his video, stating that other companies have stepped up to do the right thing. Now, Seeback believes it's high time the telecommunication giants do the right thing, going so far as to call their actions thus far "unCanadian".

In March, Rogers committed to waiving long-distance fees and removing data usage caps for Canadians until May 30. They've recently extended the commitment until June 30.

"As this public health situation continues to evolve, we're focused on keeping our customers connected to what matters most to them," said Joe Natale, President and CEO of Rogers Communications in a recent news release. "Whether that's staying in touch with loved ones, being connected for digital learning, working from home in new ways or staying informed and entertained, we are here to help."

So, why are those in rural areas still getting overcharge fees? Mr. Seeback plans to find out. Urban areas are constantly seeing upgrades to create better and more sufficient service, with many rural areas still lagging way behind.

"I know this is a burning issue in our riding. I certainly heard about it quite a lot, and we have to try to find some solutions. For example, you drive across Mayfield Road, and you drive 10 minutes and you go from great internet to bad internet, and it makes no sense to me," he said. "I just fundamentally disagree that telecom companies should be investing in 5G technology in urban centers, before they have provided adequate rural internet."

For more information please visit kyleseeback.ca on upcoming works or visit MP Kyle Seeback's Facebook page for more updates.

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Michael Petrasso believes soccer is on the rise in Canada with World Cup on the horizon

In his journey away, while recording caps for the junior Canadian national team, the senior men's team called. He got his chance, to dawn the red and white of the national uniform on June 3rd, 2016 in a friendly against Azerbaijan.

In 2018 it was time for Petrasso to return to Canada. He signed with the Montreal Impact, ready to demonstrate how far he has come beneath the tutelage of Octavio Zambrano and former Canadian International and Gold Cup winner, Paul Stalteri.

He could not have imagined a short tenure with the club. He was ultimately, pushed out from the organization leading to one of the most downtrodden moments of his career thus far.

But, when there's a will there's a way. Everything about his career had been copacetic until this moment. Surely there was a way to turn it around, none other, than playing for Valour FC in Winnipeg.

In 18 appearances in the inaugural season of the Canadian Premier League, Petrasso netted home six goals.

Travelling throughout the country, Petrasso saw the potential of the Canadian soccer culture first hand.

He became a known celebrity in Winnipeg. He saw the raw passion of committed fan bases everywhere.

Now it's time to come back home with York9 FC. Petrasso is currently living at home with his parents for the first time in nine years.

He always thought, that if he wanted to come home to play soccer it would have to be for Toronto FC. Truthfully, he never saw a league in Canada that the country can name their own.

"I didn't actually think the league in Canada would come. It's given a lot of kids an opportunity, that haven't played pro before that are needing that opportunity that I got."

Awaiting, for the start of the second season, Petrasso is edging to suit up for the nine stripes. He says, he hopes to play a major role for the team in the league, and wants to rejoin the Canadian national team.

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>
> Michael Petrasso
> York9 FC player

How could you blame him? The World Cup will be here before you know it.



Suicide Awareness Council urges dialogue during difficult times

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Reaching out to family, friends, and neighbours during difficult times can help those who are feeling particularly isolated and vulnerable during our current situation.

The Suicide Awareness Council of Wellington-Dufferin stresses that anxiety, depression, and other mental health and life challenges can be can be hard to manage for some people curing the current COVID-19 crisis.

Creating opportunities for open and non-judgemental dialogue about feelings of suicide is one of the most important ways to prevent suicide before it happens.

Supporting people to let them know that they are not alone and there are many people who care and will help is crucial during difficult times.

"It is helpful to be able to recognize potential signs of suicide risk," said Suicide Awareness Council Coordinator, Heather Glenister. "A few of these include suicidal threats, talking or joking about suicide, expressions of hopelessness, helplessness, and desperation and changes in personality or mood. By being alert to changes in behaviours, people can help someone sooner and reduce the risk."

Dialogue and reaching out to at-risk people is an important step.

For many reasons, people are often reluctant to intervene when they suspect someone might be considering suicide. That includes a fear of not knowing what to say.

It is important to remember that there is no specific formula. Empathy, compassion, genuine concern, knowledge of resources and a desire to help are key to preventing a suicide.

There are many ways to foster good mental health and well-being during difficult times. This can include getting enough sleep, leaning on social networks, playing with a pet, volunteering and learning a new skill.

Coping with stress in a positive way can help to reduce feelings of isolation, anxiety, fear, and thoughts of suicide.





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CAMPBELL, Robert "Clark"



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Clark was born in Brampton in April of 1944 and led a life of devotion to the things that mattered to him most-his fierce love for his family and dogs, followed closely by his love of the outdoors, a quiet paddle on Lake Bernard, a week with the boys at the hunt camp, a roaring fireplace, a Bob Dylan tune and the appreciation of a good scotch. He proudly graduated from the University of Waterloo as a Civil Engineer and enjoyed his extremely accomplished career with The Town of Caledon, The City of Vaughan and with the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board prior to his retirement. Clark and his new bride Gail (the "city girl" he met on a blind date) moved to Orangeville in 1969 where they have built their life and remain to this day. Throughout the ups and downs of life, Clark was always there for his "girls" whether it was sitting though fashion shows and new dance routines, teaching his ladies to fish, chop wood, shoot guns, change tires, and to have confidence to fix anything, or just to give a hug and say the right words, Clark always approached things with his sense of humour and selfless spirit. Clark never considered anything broken to be beyond repair – people or things, and would often proudly call his ladies outside to display his latest find from the side of the road and tell them of his grand plans for it. This was Clark.
He is survived by; his life-time love Gail, his daughters and sons, Sarah, Mark, Mary and Roy, his beloved grandsons Ben and Nate, his best friend Ruby the wonder beagle, his lifetime friends-his cousins from Sundridge, and all who loved him.
A Celebration of Life will be held in the future when we can all safely gather, raise a glass, and share some memories and laughs to honour this incredible man.
To honour Clark at this time, the family would love to hear your memories and stories. If you prefer an additional honour, a donation to the Orangeville Humane Society would have meant the world to him.
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He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, 'Peace be Thine'.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
A tree will be planted in memory of Robert in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. The annual dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

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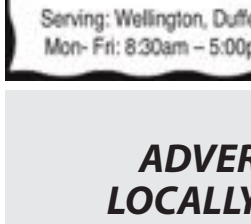
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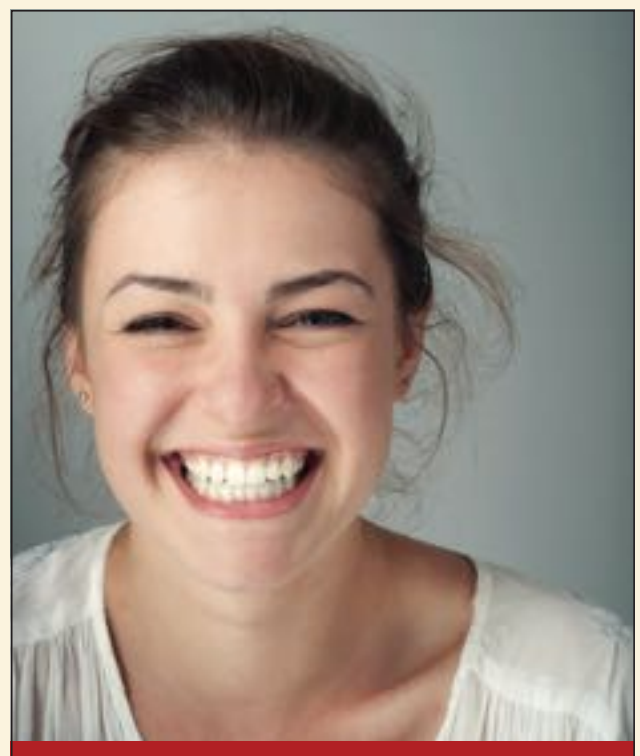
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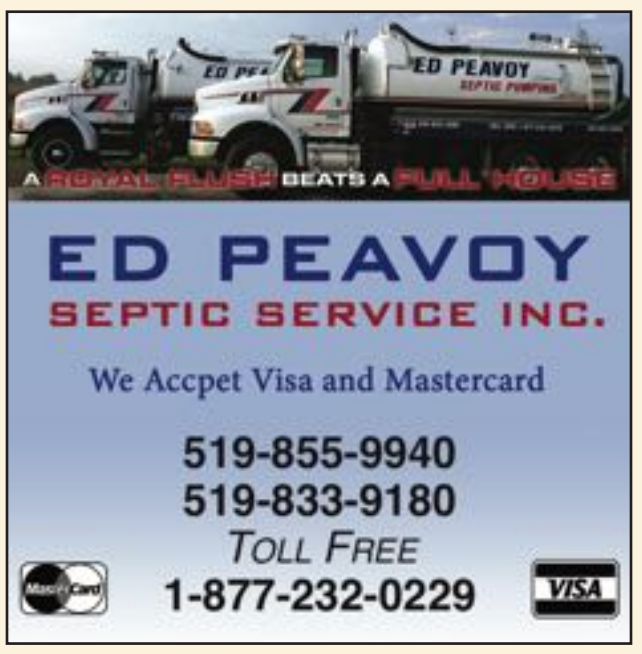
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