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Frontline workers share experiences about working amid COVID-19 pandemic

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Essential workers from an assortment of industries are working tirelessly on the frontlines to provide healthcare, food and other services to ensure local residents are able to carry on living as normal a life as possible during COVID-19 pandemic.

With a long list of approximately 80 health and safety guidelines provided from the provincial and federal government, businesses and service providers have had to make drastic and critical changes to be able to follow the proper instructions that have been outlined to them. These guidelines have been implemented by the Chief Medical Officer of Health keep customers, employees and patients safe.

Communities have showed their support by organizing parades to drive by local hospitals, making donations, and creating signs or art to put outside their homes to tell our frontline workers how appreciative we are of the work they do.

As everyone is being greatly impacted by COVID-19, it's vital we know how our frontline workers are coping as well.

Members at Headwaters Health Care Centre and Foundation have been sharing their stories on social media, to give an understanding of how their daily works lives have been impacted while working through the pandemic.

"Since COVID-19, I have taken on a temporary role change. I have transitioned to Monday – Friday eight-hour shifts. A big change from shift work! I have been working to increase RT staffing and to help prepare the ER for a surge of COVID patients. I am continually impressed with the teamwork and support I see in the hospital since the COVID-19 crisis began. Teamwork has always been a positive factor at HHCC, but it is even more so now with everybody watching out for each other, keeping us all safe," said Laura Graydon, a Charge Respiratory Therapist at the local hospital.

Janet Wells is a cardio-pulmonary technician within the ambulatory care wing at Headwaters hospital. She too has had to adjust to something of a role change in recent weeks.

"My role has changed from performing Lung Function Tests and Oxygen Assessments with Outpatients to meeting, greeting and screening all staff, patients and visitors. I consider my role to be assuring that all people who need to be at the hospital are well protected from exposure to COVID-19. It is great to see the relationship that is growing between our hospital and the community we serve," she said.

Jennifer Dinnick-Johnston is a member of the cleaning staff at the local facility as an environmental services aide. She, alongside a collection of other janitorial staff members, have stepped up in a big way since the pandemic hit a little more than two months ago.

"Since the onset of COVID-19, I have seen a big change in the volume of isolation cleans. We have increased our staffing, which is a huge support," Jennifer said. "I am most proud of the teamwork of our department during this challenging time, as well as, knowing I am doing my part to ensure we are eliminating the spread of this virus with the continuance of our enhanced cleaning practices,"

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READY TO REOPEN: Susan Fripp, owner of Caledon Equestrian School on Airport Road, is excited to reopen her doors after being forced to shutdown for the past two months due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. For the full story, see Page A10.

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Ontario schools to stay closed until at least September, says Lecce

Written By MARK PAVILONS

Students in Ontario will not be returning to the classroom to finish off the school year.

Education Minister Stephen Lecce announced Tuesday that keeping schools closed for the rest of this school year will help protect the health and safety of students. This decision was based on advice from the Chief Medical Officer of Health, health officials on the COVID-19 Command Table, and medical experts at The Hospital for Sick Children.

At the same time, the government is planning for the reopening of schools for the 2020-21 school year, the gradual reopening of child care and the opening of summer day camps.

"We will never waver from our commitment to keep your child safe, while learning at home," said Minister Lecce. "Our plan will ensure students receive the best educational experience, both inside and outside the classroom during this difficult time. That is why we are strengthening summer learning opportunities, reopening summer day-camps, and it is why we will continue to make the case for synchronous, live, and dynamic learning."

"Nothing is more important than protecting our kids in this province, bar none over anything," said Premier Ford. "(The) announcement gives parents certainty, knowing that their children can continue to learn safely at home and that we have a plan for child care as we work to gradually reopen more of our economy, when it is safe to do so."

"We know children belong at school with their peers for their physical and mental well-being. As I have discussed with Minister Lecce, taking the time to ensure the appropriate infection prevention and control measures are in place, along with thoughtful screening and testing protocols, is a prudent step forward as we work to facilitate a safe return to school in the fall," said Dr. Ronald Cohn, president and CEO of The Hospital for Sick Children.

All students who were on track to graduate from secondary school before the initial school closure order was made in March will be able to graduate, and all students will receive report cards.

Before the summer, the government will announce a plan to strengthen learning and safety protocols to enable students and staff to return to in-class instruction for the 2020-2021 school year. That plan will be bolstered by an enhanced province-wide virtual learning program that will allow all students learn, regardless of the challenges that may transpire in the coming months.

Private schools, licensed child care centres and EarlyON programs will also remain closed for the safety and protection of children and families and staff through Stage 1 of the Framework for Reopening the Province. Emergency child care will continue to operate and provide support for health care and other frontline workers. A gradual reopening of child care is expected to begin as part of Stage 2, which will use robust safety protocols for the safety of Ontario's youngest learners and their staff.

Assuming trends in key public health indicators continue to improve, summer day camps, both indoor and outdoor, may be permitted in July and August of this year with strict health and safety guidelines to be developed in partnership with local public health, the Ministry of Labour, and municipalities. Overnight camps will not be permitted to operate in the summer of 2020.

The Province also unveiled an expanded seven-point summer learning plan for Ontario students to ensure students have every opportunity to continue their learning through the summer months. Summer learning programs are being expanded to reach the most students in Ontario history, to ensure they remain on track to start the 2020-21 school year with the confidence and knowledge required to succeed.

To support at-home learning the government is leveraging all tools, resources, technologies, and services to assist school boards deliver equitable and effective learning through access to technology and Internet connectivity, especially for students in rural and remote parts of Ontario. To help improve access to remote learning, Ontario is partnering with 34 organizations and private businesses, along with school boards, to address key needs among educators, students and their families during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Students, Lecce said, have been able to make the "pivot" to e-learning he credits them, their teachers, teaching assistants and parents with embracing the technology. Everyone involved deserves credit for keeping students engaged and involved.

Lecce noted Ontario is the most efficient by far of any province in the country in terms of online and virtual leaning. He said it's a "powerful tool to bring people together."

He said e-learning is a strong "back-stop" to traditional education, not a replacement. It's proven to be an effective tool to complement education in these times of crisis.

Lecce said the provincial government has been pushing technology and online learning opportunities before the pandemic. This type of forum creates more course diversity.

At this point, classes in September are still questionable and Lecce said we need to be ready for enhanced online learning should it be required for the new school year.

Lecce's duties as Education Minister have consumed his time, but he's adamant about being a local representative, first and foremost.

Lecce said he's never lost sight of why he got into politics – to fight for community and assist the next generation.

"I am forever motivated to serve this community and fight for common values," he said, adding he will always put his constituents above his ministerial duties.

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Background
The Region of Peel has begun a strategic and integrated infrastructure planning initiative to develop a Stormwater Servicing Master Plan for Regional Roads. The process will provide the Region with a basis to make sound decisions to service current and future growth that addresses existing issues and the expected impacts of climate change. The Stormwater Servicing Master Plan will provide a strategic, economical, and optimized vision that will guide the Region of Peel into the 2041 horizon year.



Process
This study is being planned in accordance with the Master Planning process (Approach #2) as set out in Section A.2.7 of the Municipal Engineer Association (MEA) Class EA (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011& 2015). This approach involves the preparation of a Master Plan document at the conclusion of Phase 1 and 2 of the Class EA process.

Your Input is Important
The study will take approximately two years to complete. The Region wants to ensure that anyone with an interest in this study has the opportunity to be involved and to provide input. Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held throughout this study. Due to COVID-19 Provincial guidelines on physical distancing, the first in-person PIC is cancelled, however, the presentation material will be available online through the Region of Peel website: https://www.peelregion.ca/pw/transportation/residents/sw-road-infrastructure.asp. Presentation material will be posted on May 21, 2020 to present the study including the existing study area and the problem/opportunity statement.

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This notice was first issued on May 21, 2020

With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record of the study. The study is being conducted according to the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, which is a planning process approved under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*.

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Toronto developer finds solace in farming & raising natural grown beef

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Baghai Development Limited was established in 1976 and has gone on to become one of the largest custom home builders in North America. With handfuls of prestigious awards under his belt, Shane Baghai continues his work building luxury homes. But, back in 2008, he took on yet another challenge.

Baghai acquired several pieces of land in Caledon and Erin with the idea of branching out into the farming industry. It was a surprising turn for a man with extensive experience in the world of real estate, and was inspired, almost entirely, by his wife.

"I became a builder, developer, a real estate person, and I never thought I'd become a farmer," he said. "I was told by a number of doctors and nutritionists that artificial hormones would not be recommended, in particular to people who have or had breast cancer."

Baghai's wife is a breast cancer survivor, and it inspired him to begin producing his own, organic, natural beef.

"Another reason was the doctors that I know recommended that, for her energy, she should have fresh eggs, to be close to nature and not indulge in beef with artificial hormones. That was what pushed me towards looking into acquiring farms and raising cattle of my own, the natural way," said Baghai.

The cattle on Paradise Farms are raised without the use of chemicals, while Baghai refrains from using antibiotics on his animals. The ensure all of their animals are given GMO-free feed to make sure they are as healthy, and naturally grown as possible.

Baghai admits he is surprised to see how big Paradise Farms has become, both locally and across the GTA. The farm's butcher shop, located in Erin, has become a popular spot for locals seeking fresh, locally grown beef.



PHOTO: MIKE BAKER

CALEDON'S BEST BEEF: Paradise Farms Beef Boutique and Outlet, located at 2 Thompson Court in Erin, offers a wide variety of Angus and Wagyu beef options. All meat sold at Paradise Farms is raised locally, without the use of chemicals.

"I've kept it as small as I can. I have enough to supply Paradise Butcher Shop in Erin. I have some private customers that only buy from us, which are very specialized meat stores, outside of the GTA," he stated.

There was a time where Paradise Farms supplied their beef to a variety of locations within and outside of Canada, but Baghai decided to scale back his operations a number of years ago. With his building business his main priority, he decided to keep supply in demand within 50 kilometres.

Farming has become a passion for Baghai, and less of a career. He enjoys the occupation, and knowing the he is providing locally grown, natural beef for the community.

"I'm still a builder, I'm a developer and I'm still building high rises in Toronto," he said. "But I enjoy farming. It gives me a tremendous amount of satisfaction."

Paradise Farms beef is more expensive than some other Canadian beef, but Baghai explains that they carry other Canadian beef for people who are on a budget.

Paradise Butcher Shop is located at 2 Thompson Court in Erin. They sell a variety of different forms of beef products including meat pies, sausages, burgers, meatballs, ground beef, and, of course, steaks.

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Man charged after Caledon OPP responds to fatal collision in Bolton

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Caledon Detachment responded to a motor vehicle collision that occurred in the area of Healey Road and Nixon Road in Bolton.

The collision involved three motor vehicles - a black sedan and two pickup trucks. Initial investigation revealed that the sedan was travelling in the North West direction on Healey Road at a high rate of speed. The sedan crossed over into the oncoming traffic, slightly connected with the white pickup truck, and collided with the grey pickup head on.

The passenger of the grey pickup truck sustained fatal injuries in the collision. The deceased party has been identified as Guido Vantichelen, 79, of Caledon.

The driver of the grey pickup truck was airlifted and transported to a hospital with life-threatening injuries.

The driver and the passenger of the black sedan were transported to local hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

As a result of the police investigation, the driver of the black sedan, Arshdeep Mand, 22, of Brampton, has been arrested and charged with:

- Operation while impaired causing death
- Two counts of operation while impaired causing bodily harm.

The accused party was held for a bail hearing and will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on a later date to answer to the charges.

Caledon OPP is appealing to the public for additional witnesses of this collision. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Caledon OPP detachment 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 $2,000 upon an arrest.

If you had witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

The 'dos' and 'don'ts' of boating

With Safe Boating Awareness Week getting underway this weekend, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is partnering with the Canadian Safe Boating Council (CSBC) to remind boaters and paddlers about the main dos and don'ts for getting through a safe boating season.

DO wear a life jacket. It doesn't suffice to just have one nearby on your vessel. The only safe life jacket is the one you're wearing.

In the last 10 years, 80 per cent of the people who died in OPP-investigated boating incidents were not wearing a life jacket. It is important for paddlers to wear them too as canoes and kayaks were among the top three vessel types involved in the fatalities over the last 10-year period.

Two people died last weekend (May 9, 2020) when their canoe capsized off Manitoulin Island. Neither of the paddlers was wearing a life jacket.

DON'T take your boat out if you've consumed any amount of alcohol or drugs. Even prescription drugs can impair your ability to safely navigate your vessel or deal with an emergency.

Almost 40 per cent of boating fatalities in the last 10 years involved alcohol or drugs.

DO be wary of the dangers of cold water immersion.

In the last decade, 43 of the 229 boating fatalities occurred between the months of January and May, when water is either freezing or cold enough for hypothermia to set in.

DON'T take your boat out unless both you and your vessel are fully prepared. Every year, the OPP is called out to stranded boaters who failed to properly check their vessels and plan their trip.

Ensure your boat is properly equipped. Be sure to have sufficient fuel and only go out if the weather makes it safe to do so.

DO take a safe boating course. A boating course will educate you about keeping you and your family safe on the water.

During the week-long safe boating campaign, members of the OPP Marine Program will join marine partners across Canada as they conduct enforcement on waterways and educate boaters and paddlers about staying safe.

Street crime investigation yields $500,000 in confiscated cash

Officers from the Caledon Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) assisted by the CSCU members from Peterborough, Northumberland, Nottawasaga, Dufferin, Collingwood, Huronia West, Southern Georgian Bay and Muskoka, made a large seizure of cocaine and Canadian currency related to drug trafficking in the Town of Caledon.

After a lengthy police investigation, the CSCU members identified four suspects trafficking cocaine in Caledon. On Friday May 15th, 2020, officers executed three search warrants on the residences of the suspects - two in Caledon and one in north Brampton.

As a result, the following items were seized: Large amount of Canadian currency - just under $500,000; 2020 black pickup truck, and 2014 black sedan, 265 grams of cocaine; 39.7 grams of prepackaged cocaine divided into small portions; Scales and baggies; Several cell phones; 0.5 grams of psilocybin; 0.8 grams of methamphetamine;

The following parties were arrested and stand charged with:

Stacey Murrin, 45, of Brampton: Possession for the purpose of trafficking - cocaine; Possession of proceeds of crime over $5000, and Trafficking in schedule I substance - cocaine.

The accused was held for a bail hearing and will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on a later date to answer to the charges.

Lee-Ann Lush, 43, of Brampton: Possession for the purpose of trafficking - cocaine, and Possession of proceeds of crime over $5000.

The accused will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on July 27th, 2020 to answer to the charges.

Kyle Scheibe, 29, of Caledon: Possession for the purpose of trafficking - cocaine; Trafficking in schedule I substance - cocaine; Possession of proceeds of crime under $5000, and Possession of schedule III substance - psilocybin.

The accused will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on July 27th, 2020 to answer to the charges.

Jennifer Blackwood, 42, of Caledon: Trafficking in schedule I substance - cocaine, and Possession for the purpose of trafficking - methamphetamine.

The accused will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on July 27th, 2020 to answer to the charges.

If you have any information in relation to this investigation, please contact Caledon Detachment Community Street Crime Unit at (905) 584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

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Local results from road safety week

Officers from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Caledon Detachment are always committed to traffic safety. In the last week, our members have significantly stepped up enforcement and participated in the Canada Road Safety Week initiative that took place from May 12th to May 18th.

The following charges were laid by the Caledon OPP during the national traffic safety campaign designed to increase public compliance with traffic laws:

- Six impaired driving charges (alcohol); one warn range driver's licence suspension; One charge of driving while prohibited; One charge of dangerous driving; Seven fail to yield charges; Five careless driving charges; 414 speeding charges; 20 stunt racing charges; Four seatbelt-related charges, and two distracted driving charges.

Here are the leading causal factors in road death on OPP-patrolled roads: Impaired driving; Distracted driving; Aggressive driving, and Lack of seat belt use.

Caledon OPP would like to remind drivers to adopt and practice safe driving behaviours to keep our roadways safe.





MPP Sylvia Jones expects 'big changes' following COVID crisis

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

The Ontario government has officially begun the first stage of reopening the province, as of Tuesday (May 19).

This first stage includes reopening outdoor spaces, such as recreational and sports facilities, multi-use fields, off-leash dog parks and other recreational areas. In following the lift of these restrictions, all emergency orders have been extended until May 29 to keep the public safe. This includes bars and restaurants and continues to limit social gatherings.

"Although we are entering the first stage of our framework to reopen the economy, it's critical that we continue to do so in a safe and responsible manner," said Premier Doug Ford. "The people of Ontario have been doing a fantastic job to help flatten the curve and stop the spread of this terrible virus. With warmer weather beginning, individuals and families will now be able to enjoy many outdoor amenities, but everyone must continue to maintain physical distancing from those outside of their household."

Dufferin-Caledon MPP and Solicitor General Sylvia Jones spoke with the Citizen this week about the gradual reopening of the province and what the future may look like.

"I'm not going to delude anyone into thinking that it's going to happen very quickly. I think that we really have to be very careful to continue to watch the numbers
of how many new cases have been tested positive," said MPP Jones. "We also have to continue to rely on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health. If we push it too quickly, then I'm very concerned that we will end up being in a situation where we have a major push back and nobody wants to see that."

As of Tuesday there are over 23,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the province, with 1,919 deaths. In total, 17,898 individuals who have had the virus have made complete recoveries. As several businesses have been selected to reopen this past weekend, a spike of over 400 new confirmed cases were announced on Monday.

What the next year will look like is hard to predict, but MPP Jones sees a "different normal", where safety is heightened in all aspects of our lives.

"I think what you will see going forward is that businesses and manufacturing firms will have, for lack of a better word, a new motto. There are things that we will expect as employees, as customers and as owners, that we need to make sure we're protecting people when they come into our facilities. We're already seeing those changes with plexiglass and shields at check outs. It would not at all surprise me that those continue to be in place moving forward."

She added, "Frankly, if that's what we need to make sure that our families are protected and our employees are protected, then I fully support those changes."

Many members of the community have reached out with concerns over their beliefs that the province is reopening too quickly, or not fast enough. The process of relaunching the economy is being spread out over three stages, with each stage within two to four weeks of each other.

"There are people that would like to see us move forward faster, and there are those who are concerned. I've spoken to a number of healthcare practitioners who want to make sure that they're not going to be overwhelmed, because there's a net increasing community spread," explained Jones. "I think the ongoing focus and concern continues to surround our loved ones who are in long-term care settings and what I call conjugate settings, so group homes and prisons. Anywhere where people are living in close quarters together becomes a concern, and we have to put extra measures in place to protect those individuals."

Working as MPP and Solicitor General, Jones has an overflowing plate of work ahead of her. She is grateful for her team and associates who are working alongside her to help coordinate each sector of her job.

"I literally have to remember what day of the week it is," she explained. "The days are packed. There is a lot of activity going on at the cabinet level, at the caucus level. Frankly, at the Solicitor General level, we've been working around the clock. I have to give a thank you and a shout out to the people who work in the ministry, the people, my staff who've continued to help people over the phone and on email. I have been pretty blessed, and I guess I'm one of the lucky ones that I have all my family at home with me, so I'm not worried about a spouse or child who is sheltering somewhere else. I've been blessed that way because it's one less thing not to have to stress about."

To read more about updates on MPP and Solicitor General Sylvia Jones, please visit sylviajonesmpp.ca.

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Frontline workers share experiences about working during the COVID-19 crisis

While hospital staff have been incredible busy reacting to our new COVID-19 reality, so too have members of the Headwaters Health Care Foundation – the fundraising arm charged with finding the money to pay for vital upgrades and equipment purchases at the facility. Nicole Warren is a key member of the organization's marketing and communications team, and she shared her experiences about how her position has changed in recent weeks.

"At the onset of COVID-19, I spent some time working with the hospital's communications team, and also maintaining the Foundation's communication with donors and keeping them informed with the Hospital's Capital Equipment Needs," Warren said. "I am most proud of the positive and heartfelt response from our community during these unprecedented times."

Members of the Caledon community have also gone to great lengths to show their support for those working on the front lines, including one local resident who has been living apart from her partner to protect each other and their children.

In support of the community, long-time local Bolton resident Emma Palumbo decorated and created a rainbow tree on the front lawn of their home on the South Hill in Bolton to show support for not only her husband, Ron, who works as a manager at a nursing home in Toronto, but for all frontline workers. One of their children is currently recovering from a surgery, leaving Ron to take up temporary residence elsewhere during these difficult times.

Trudy Mulder-Hall is a Registered Nurse (RN) with the Clinical Lead Team at Bethell Hospice and is proud of how well prepared the organization was to handle the pandemic.

"What stands out to me is how well Bethell Hospice was prepared for this completely unexpected situation, how resilient our team has been, and what wonderful support we have in the community. We have a wonderful, knowledgeable clinical and leadership team, and a super-supportive board. We had well-stocked pandemic supplies, and a strong health and safety committee already in place. We have staff that are certified to do mask fit testing, and had all staff updated by the end of January 2020," she explained. "

Bethell Hospice has made critical changes in their day-to-day work to keep staff safe, as well as their patients. Some changes have proved to be more difficult than others, especially for those that impact the people under their care.

"One of the changes that has been toughest on everyone is the evolving visitor policies to ensure optimal safety, while at the same time keeping the residents connected to those that matter most to them," said Mulder-Hall. "Keeping social distance, and not being able to give someone a hug, is very difficult in palliative care situations. But all changes that have been made are to keep everyone as safe as possible."

Though the pandemic has rained it's challenges and struggles down upon our frontline workers, it has also shined a light on all the wonderful work they do.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has made me realize how fortunate I am to work with such an amazing team, organization and community," Mulder-Hall remarked. "The knowledge, skill, judgement, respect and support we have in our Bethell Hospice community, and the connections we have to our broader community and health partners are so important. I feel that the COVID-19 pandemic has shown how important palliative care is, and how Bethell Hospice is a key partner in helping everyone have access to palliative care when they need it."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

ON THE FRONTLINE: Clinical staff at Bethell Hospice have been sporting full personal protective gear during their shifts over the past couple of months. For of those individuals shared their stories about working on the frontline during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Public Notice

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Notice of Application
Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment to Expand the Bolton Rural Service Center

Community Involvement

The Region of Peel has received a Regional Official Plan Amendment application. Notice is being provided pursuant Section 22 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended.

Application

Applicant: Zancor Homes (Bolton) Ltd
Site Area: 10.4 hectares (25.7 acres)
Regional File: ROPA-20-001
Location: 13935, 13951, 13977, and 13999 Chickadee Lane; 0 King Street; 550, 600, and 615 Glasgow Road. The subject lands are in the Town of Caledon, just outside of the Bolton Rural Service Center. Please refer to the map provided.



What are the Proposed Changes?

The purpose of the application is to include the subject lands in the Bolton Rural Service Centre Boundary of the Region of Peel Official Plan. The effect of application is an expansion to the settlement boundary of approximately 10.4 hectares of new developable lands.

This application is being brought forward for consideration as a less than 40-hectare settlement expansion under the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2019) to meet 2041 growth needs.

Related Applications

The lands are also subject to another Region of Peel Official Plan Amendment Application, File #ROPA-14-002, known as the Bolton Residential Expansion Area. The related application considers options for expanding the Bolton Rural Service Center, and part of the subject lands were included as an option. Information regarding this application is also available on the Region of Peel's Official Plan Amendments webpage (link provided under Materials for Review).

Materials for Review

Copies of the draft amendment and related information are available:

- on the Region of Peel's Official Plan Amendments webpage at: https://www.peelregion.ca/planning/officialplan/list-amendmts.htm (ROPA-20-001);
  - Due to the current COVID-19 Provincial restrictions, copies cannot be picked up as our offices are currently closed to the public. Please contact regional.clerk@peelregion.ca or 905-791-7800 ext. 4502 if you require alternative arrangements.

Further Information

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, contact the Office of the Regional Clerk at regional.clerk@peelregion.ca or at 905-791-7800 ext. 4502.

Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Mayor, MP & MPP answer questions in virtual town hall meeting

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Back on May 8, Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson alongside Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones held a virtual town hall to discuss information and access to assistance for local businesses.

Town of Caledon staff gathered questions from the public, allowing them to make submissions via email to ask the three officials on how to assist their business during these times of COVID-19.

Some business owners have reached out to ask about the qualifications for financial assistance for their businesses, including one Bolton resident who informed the Town that they don't have a mortgage on their property.

"We see the gaps and those are the types of conversations that we have with our federal counterparts to say, 'can we modify this program that residential landlords that don't have a mortgage can qualify in the days and months to come'," said MPP Jones. "The answer right now is no you don't. But I can assure you that there are lots of conversations being had between the ministries and levels of government to see whether there are opportunities for improving the program."

The Ontario government has put together a handful of financial assistance programs to allow those eligible to apply for and receive funding towards keeping their business afloat. From tax and financial relief, to rent assistance and wage subsidy.

Q: "What is the government's plan on reengaging and rehiring employees now that they are being subsidized by CERB and CESB?"

"The whole concept of the Canada Emergency Wage summary is that businesses will remain in contact with their employees, so they will be able to rehire them full-time when we get to the end of COVID-19," explained Mr. Seeback. "That is one of the primary functions of the Canada wage subsidy. All these programs are going to have to be looked to be modified in such a way, so people aren't going to choose to not work because it might affect the benefits that they applied to."

"As we transition back to more work on-site, there is going to be a different reality, and some of that responsibility will end up on the employers in terms of 'what do we have to do to keep our employees, our clients and customers safe," commented MPP Jones.

Mr. Seeback continued to state that the government is looking to extend the wage subsidy past June 6 by one more month.

Q: "What future aid will be provided to the tourism, agriculture and agritourism industries, specifically in Caledon?"

"In terms of agriculture and food relation products, of course that is an essential business today and can operate. Even businesses that are allowed to operate as essential services and businesses, they must adhere to very strict guidelines. You see social distancing changes, you see how businesses have very astutely adapted to make sure their customers and employees are safe on the job, and work environment," answered MPP Jones. "In terms of tourism sector as a whole, there is no doubt that it is one of the most hard hit pieces, and of course in Dufferin-Caledon when many of our smaller businesses rely on that tourism component, these are important pieces that we are looking at through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport but also with Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs."

Mr. Seeback remarked that the federal government is looking at sector to sector relief and has wholly prioritized getting funds out to individuals and businesses that are need of assistance, and informed that $250 million has been committed to the agricultural field.

"I know hearing from farmers all across Dufferin and Caledon that things are tough right now, and there's going to need to be a much larger federal aid package for all farming sectors, across Canada, and here in Dufferin-Caledon," he explained.

Q: "Has the town or region considered commercial tax reductions?"

"When we look at our residential taxes basically a third to the school board, a third to the region and a third to the town of Caledon. The town of Caledon is the tax collector, but the very day the taxes are due the next day we have to issue the money to province to either the school board or to the region for their portion," explained Mr. Thompson. "The challenge we have when it comes to commercial taxes is, two thirds of it is education tax. That's the big kicker. So, if we can see a reduction or reprieve of the school board taxes, then yes that's how we can definitely help the commercial tax. We've done everything in our power that we possibly can, both at the town and the region, but our biggest issue is the school board."

Q: "Credit card companies are still charging high interest rates with no relief in sight, during this difficult time many of us rely on using our credit cards. What can the government do to address this problem?"

"There has been legislation before Parliament several times in the last number of years to limit the amount that can be charged for interest on credit cards. Right now, what banks have committed to is to review customer situations on a case by case basis, in respect to mortgage payments and other loan products. Get in touch with your bank, let them know that your business is facing some difficulties, and you're looking for a reduction in interest for your various loan products, deferral of interest payments, try to find what options are available," said Mr. Seeback. "The government has been able to speak to the banks about this, without enacting any legislation, so my hope is that will continue, and no legislation would be required from the government at this time."

To end of a positive, note each official announced their dedication and thanks to local businesses for their questions and inquiries and their continuation on working to doing right for local businesses.

"We care about our businesses, it's essential. We want to make sure that we keep our community whole as we come out of this," said Mayor Thompson. "The only way we're going to do that is have the open dialogue, try to find ways that we can help one another, and to do that is through collaboration between the businesses, the economic development at the Town of Caledon, the province of Ontario and the federal government."

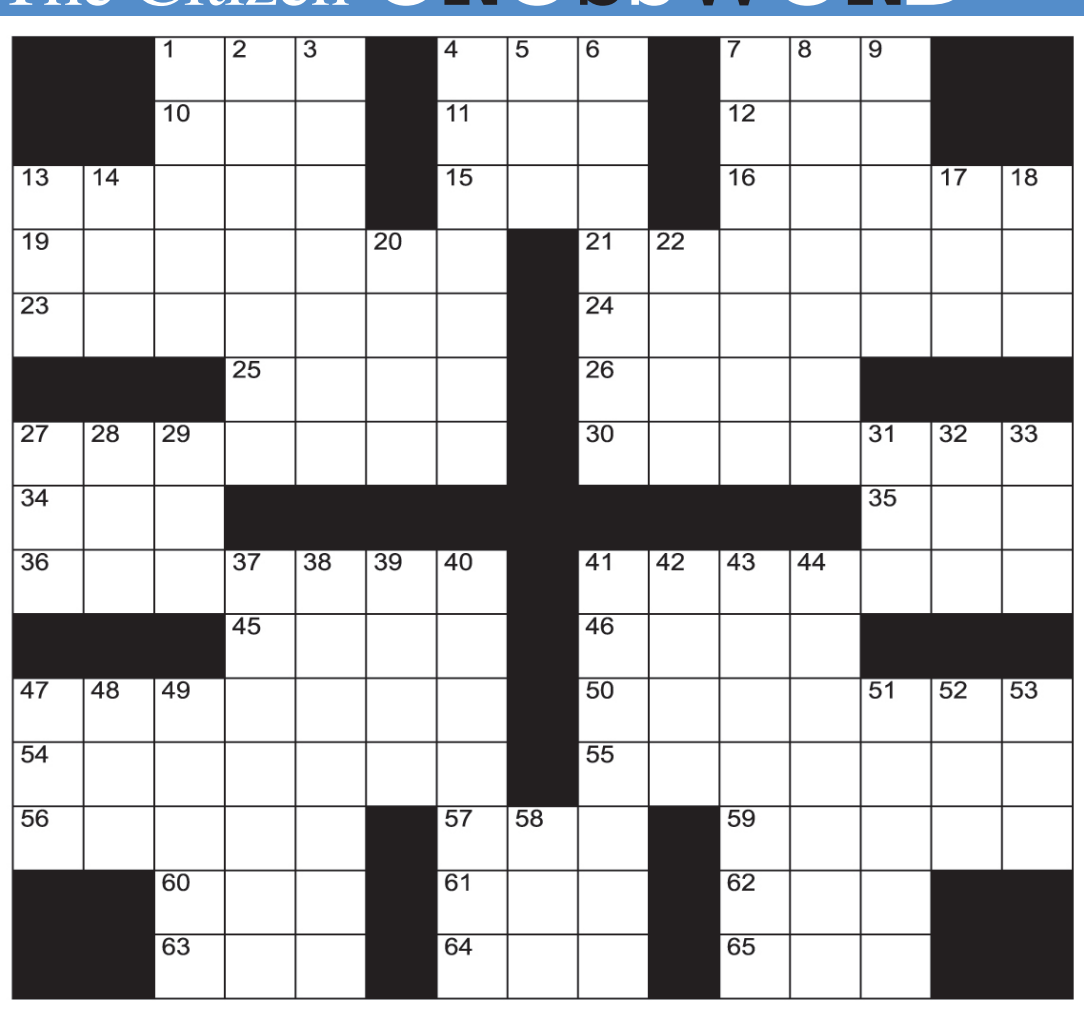
He added, "we want to help, we care and the only way we can do it, is us all working together."

For more information about the virtual town hall, or businesses assistance please visit Caledon.ca.



The Citizen CROSSWORD

Puzzle No. 205310 • Solution on pg A12



CLUES ACROSS

1. It's now called Experian
4. You can draw it
7. Very fast aircraft
10. Go quickly
11. Fifth note of a major scale
12. Biochemical abbreviation
13. Make somebody laugh
15. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
16. City in NE Morocco
19. Colorless gas
21. NE football player
23. A snake is one
24. Small spot
25. Inform
26. Republic of Ireland
27. Large statues
30. Documents about an individual
34. Helps little firms
35. Namibia's former name
36. Large insects
41. Thirsty
45. A well-defined track or path
46. One who utilizes
47. Plant-eating mammals
50. Not in tip-top shape
54. Alternate names
55. A part of a broadcast serial
56. City in central Italy
57. LOTR actor McKellen
59. Trees provide it
60. Men's fashion accessory
61. Type of screen
62. Snakelike fish
63. Possesses
64. When you aim to get there
65. Tooth caregiver

CLUES DOWN

1. Hit heavily
2. Italian rice dish
3. Some are cocktail
4. A citizen of Israel
5. Read-only memory
6. Passed by
7. Northern diving ducks
8. References
9. Iranian language
13. Swiss river
14. Woman (French)
17. Gov't department (abbr.)
18. Consumed
20. Ailments
22. Balkan Jewish appetizer
27. Reciprocal of a sine
28. Skywalker mentor __-Wan
29. Resinous secretion of insects
31. Similar
32. Female sheep
33. Cool!
37. Borders the Adriatic Sea
38. Flowers
39. It's sometimes upped
40. Immobile
41. Female body parts
42. Common request
43. Made a second thrust
44. Fell into deep sleep
47. Subway resident
48. Brew
49. The event of being born
51. Aspirations
52. Doctor of Education
53. Punk musician __ Dee Ramone
58. A subdivision of a play

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

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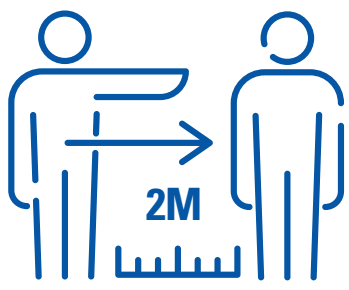


As businesses begin to reopen,

it's not business as usual. Let's continue to do our part.



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Practice physical distancing.



Only go out for essentials.



Wash your hands frequently.

COVID-19 Links & Resources

THE NATIONAL RESPONSE

For updates, travel advice and information about symptoms and treatment as well as support for workers and business, visit **canada.ca/coronavirus**.

THE PROVINCIAL RESPONSE

Take a self-assessment or learn more about the status of cases in Ontario and how you can protect yourself at **ontario.ca/coronavirus**.

THE REGIONAL RESPONSE

Peel Public Health is the lead agency responsible for the pandemic response in Caledon, Brampton and Mississauga. If you have questions call 905.584.2216 or visit **peelregion.ca/coronavirus**.

THE LOCAL RESPONSE

The Town of Caledon is coordinating closely with regional partners. All programs are cancelled. Town offices, facilities and outdoor recreational spaces are closed to the public. For more information visit **caledon.ca/coronavirus**.

SUPPORT FOR BUSINESS

For business services, programs and resources visit **caledon.ca/business**.

Important Recreation Update

Summer programs, including camps, have been cancelled up to July 6, 2020

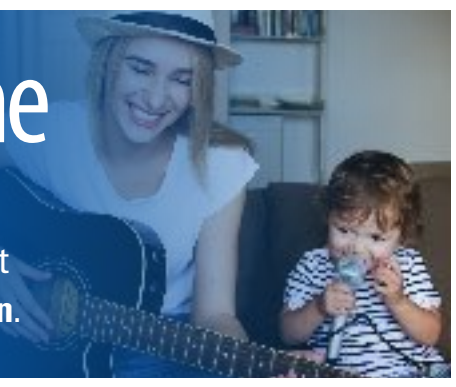
The decision to resume recreation programs will be made in the coming weeks based on recommendations from the provincial government and Peel Public Health.

For updates on recreation programs, visit

caledon.ca/coronavirus.

Recreation @ Home

Consider virtual opportunities to be active, explore your skills and abilities, and connect with your community: **caledon.ca/recreation**.



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Isolation forces inward reflection

by Mark Pavilons

We casually toss around phrases like "taking stock" and "glancing inward," or even "taking time to reflect."

These can be nasty things, especially when they're forced.

As isolation stretched out seven, eight, nine weeks, our nerves frayed and our patience has been tested. We've likely been frustrated to say the least.

We know exactly what the culprit is and yet this doesn't help our mental state one iota. Almost everyone would admit to being stretched to the limit in recent weeks, like a modern-day Gumby.

Polls and surveys all point to skyrocketing stress levels and daily attacks on our mental health and well being.

I think aside from the physical isolation, there's one root cause of our inner turmoil. That's being forced to look into ourselves and examine our lives like never before.

And this may have produced some unsettling conclusions.

It's not easy to look deep, opening all those locked doors inside our hearts and minds. Who knows what you'll find?

I try not to dwell on the fact I lost both my parents and my sister. When I do think of them, I try to remember the brighter moments. But I don't find prolonged grieving or sadness very productive, so I simply push these thoughts aside.

My youngest often wonders why I don't talk about them more often. My parents had tough lives, during and after the war. They started their new lives here simply and worked hard to achieve a level of sustainability. Their deaths were painful ordeals.

But this past Mother's Day, late a night after a couple of stiff drinks, I posted an emotional note on social media, indicating I missed my mom every day.

Wow. Is that how I really feel? All this time, have I just been keeping this buried inside and putting on a brave face?

My kids have been quite agitated at times and studies show that children and youth are more susceptible to mental health challenges. While we're dealing with our own woes, we forget that our kids aren't as happy-go-lucky as we think. They, too, sink and get stuck in some dark places.

Young people between the ages of 15 and 24 years are three times more likely to have a substance use problem than people over the age of 24. Roughly 24% of deaths in 15- to 24-year-olds in Canada are due to suicide (Open Minds, Healthy Minds, 2011).

COVID-19 has had an adverse effect on the lives of our most vulnerable youth. We are witnessing increased stress, anxiety and depression in young people. Many more youth are reaching out to helplines and counselling agencies across the country and are worried about what the future holds in store for them.

We've been talking to our kids more and have managed to get them to open up a bit. Boy, I never imagined that young people today carry the weight of the world on their shoulders.

When I was in my late teens and early 20s, all we thought about was hitting the drive-in, getting a case a beer for the weekend and just chilling. We never worried about the world economy, climate change, or questionable choices for president.

I have found a certain amount of peace during this COVID-19 forced solitude. I don't miss the traffic congestion at all and I have found my short trips around town quite enjoyable. I don't even mind the lineups!

I may miss going out to dinner, the movies and chats with my hair stylist, but I've come to realize that I can live without a lot of these things. We can pare down our lives substantially and still live normally, sharing family dinners, backyard barbecues, cards, movie nights and long walks.

Granted, it's not very exciting, even mundane. But isn't that okay? Isn't simplicity the key?

I remember, when it came time to choose a career, I wanted something that was different every day and not monotonous in any way. That's why I chose journalism – keeping up with current events, constantly changing, meeting new people all the time.

Even during these times, the news of the day never sleeps. There's always something new going on. But there are more lull periods and quiet times.

While I've always enjoyed "me time," I don't always like the company I keep. My wife says I love my own company, but trust me, there's not a lot of joy inside this thick skull.

In this extended period of down time, I try to find new ways to keep busy and engaged, active and mentally sharp.

I enjoy online window shopping, but I'm restrained by my inherent cheapness.

My wife frowns upon what she calls unnecessary expenditures, but she uses much more colourful descriptions. I do shop around, always in search of a deal and I do my research and compare prices and sources.

I did make one rather unique purchase recently – a 3,000-year-old sword blade from a European dealer. It was found in Uzbekistan circa 1,200 B.C. I called upon a local craftsman to create a wood handle (of prehistoric wood from the Marsh) to complement this specimen, which will be proudly displayed (and handled regularly by yours truly). Thank you George Burt!

While I can now wave around my new plaything in my PJs, life outside remains in limbo.

Sure, things are slowly creeping toward a new reality. But I worry that the cancellation of most summer attractions, concerts, amusement parks, maybe even beaches, may drive us all mad in the coming months.

I don't have any answers or quick fixes. The only thing I can suggest is "sharing is caring" when it comes to family.

We'll never get another opportunity like this to really open up to one another and explore our inner selves.

Take advantage of it!

Editorial

It's time to reopen the economy

When Premier Doug Ford "took back Ontario", as he so vociferously claimed following the 2018 provincial election, he promised to usher in a new era of common-sense, for-the-people critical thinking at Queen's Park. Now, more than ever, we need him to follow through on that commitment.

COVID-19 has really knocked the world for a loop over the past few months. Entire countries, particularly in Europe, have, figuratively, been brought to their knees. Nations have closed their borders and completely shut down their economies in an attempt to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Granted pandemic status by the World Health Organization (WHO) in March, COVID-19 has, as of Monday infected a shade under 5 million people worldwide, and killed almost 320,000.

On the face of it, those are some pretty startling statistics. It's only when you begin to dive a little deeper that you may wind up scratching your head, wondering why we find ourselves in the situation we're in today.

We currently have a population on earth of around 7.8 billion people. Using the statistics published by the WHO, that means 0.06 percent of the global population have been infected by COVID-19. Even if we acknowledge that many confirmed cases have flown under the radar and gone undiagnosed, let's say we, generously, multiply the confirmed number by 10, it still only brings us to a fraction of a percent – 0.6 percent, in fact.

There have been many comparisons made by the mainstream media in Canada, for some strange reason, between COVID-19 and the Spanish Flu, which gripped the world for the better part of two years from 1918 to 1920. An estimated 500 million people were infected at a time when earth had a population of between 1.5 billion and 2 billion, with deaths reported to be between 17 million and 50 million. You likely don't need a calculator to break down those numbers.

Looking more recently, going back a decade, the H1N1 Swine Flu pandemic saw as many as 1.4 billion people infected worldwide. The virus, which was considerably more vicious than COVID-19, is believed to have claimed the lives of around 575,400 people, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It should be noted, there was no real mass hysteria, and certainly no global shutdown when Swine Flu first hit in 2009.

Here in Canada, as of Monday, there have been around 78,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19. The majority of those cases have been in Quebec (43,000), and here in Ontario (23,000). Mr. Ford moved quickly to legislate lockdown measures that prohibited non-essential services from operating. That was more than eight weeks ago.

Since then, the provincial unemployment rate has ballooned to around 12 percent – the highest it's been in more than 25 years. An estimated 2.2 million Ontario workers, representing nearly one in three jobs in the province, have been directly effected through job losses or reduced hours at work. Ontario's deficit is expected to quadruple to around $41 billion due to costs incurred by the coronavirus.

While the Premier unveiled the first stage of his plan to relaunch the economy last week, a move that will allow most retail operations with a street-front entrance to open and lifts limits on construction projects across the province, it doesn't quite go far enough. We understand why a shutdown had to happen, and commend the provincial government for successfully slowing the spread of COVID-19, but the time has come to remove the kid gloves, relax those restrictions and fully restore the economy.

While every one of the 5,679 (as of Sunday) lives lost due to COVID-19 is a tragedy, the vast majority of those deaths, around 90 percent, occurred with people over the age of 70, many of whom had additional health problems that compromised their immune systems. For those aged 20 to 69 – the people who predominantly make up Canada's workforce, there have been 547 deaths. That equates to around 0.003 percent of the workforce.

Conrad Black made a harsh, but good point in a recent column published by the National Post, stating "putting between a fifth and a third of the population in grave financial danger and at risk of ancillary conditions that can also be deadly, to reduce the mortal incidence of the virus from 320 people in one million over the whole population to 200, is not a justifiable measure."

He pointed to Sweden, who has avoided a mass shutdown of services, instead implementing less stringent coronavirus measures. The result is a little more than 30,000 of the Scandinavian nation's 10.23 million people have contracted the virus. While its economy has been impacted by the pandemic, it certainly hasn't been hit as hard as some other European nations, such as the UK, Germany and France.

It's already being said that the COVID-19 crisis is going to bring on the worst recession in modern history – even worse than the Great Depression. The financial implications are already going to be felt for generations. Pushing the reopening of the economy back any more is only going to exacerbate the problem, and increase that timeline.

We are in a much stronger position now than we were when the crisis hit more than two months ago. Hospitals are better prepared to handle any future outbreak, while businesses have introduced extensive safeguarding measures to ensure the spread of the virus is limited. We, the general public, are more in tune with what to do, too. Elderly residents, and those with health concerns, should continue to self-isolate and limit any face-to-face interaction. But the rest of us need to get back to work. We need to do what we can to rebuild the Ontario economy, before it's too late.



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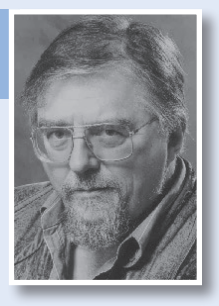
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Basic income: a done deal?

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



The First World War sped up the emancipation of women; the Second World War led to the creation of welfare states in all the industrialised countries. What great change will the coronavirus crisis bring us?

This crisis has not yet killed tens of millions, and it probably never will. No great empires have fallen, and no human villain can be blamed for the problem. Yet there will probably be changes as great as those after the two world wars.

One great change will be in the pace of automation. As Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella put it, we have seen "two years' worth of digital transformation in two weeks," as tens of millions of people stayed at home and worked online. A great many of them will not go back to working in an office when the threat of the coronavirus recedes.

So does five weeks of lock-down equal five years' worth of digital transformation? Probably yes. Last week Twitter became the first major Silicon Valley company to publicly accept this new reality, announcing that "If our employees are in a role and situation that enables them to work from home and they want to continue to do so forever, we will make that happen."

But for the considerably larger number of people whose occupations do not allow them to work at home, the news is not so good. For them, the digital transformation means automation and unemployment. In a recent survey of company executives in 45 countries, auditors Ernst and Young found that 41% of them are investing in greater automation of their work processes.

More will follow. The reason that the service industries (apart from retail sales) have largely escaped automation so far is that the new technology is expensive, disruptive, and annoys the customers, not that it doesn't exist. But now the crisis is forcing the customers to get used to that kind of service, at the same time that the owners and managers are realising what a nuisance it is to depend on human employees.

The process that has already destroyed the assembly lines (and given us Donald Trump) will continue through the workforce until around half the existing jobs have been destroyed, as Carl Benedikt Frey and Michael Osborne of Oxford University predicted in their famous 2013 study. Their prediction was for the year 2033, but the coronavirus may be bringing that date forward.

However, the other great change wrought by the coronavirus works in the opposite direction. When unemployment suddenly leapt to 30% as lock-downs spread across the world, we were suddenly confronted with a working model of that future – and the social and economic changes that might deal with the mass destruction of jobs by automation are actually being road-tested right now.

In some countries, like the United States, it is real unemployment, only slightly alleviated by handouts like a $1,200 cheque signed by Trump. In most richer countries, it is some form of 'furlough', with the government paying 75%-85% of people's wages, up to a limit that is high enough to let them live in modest comfort, until their jobs resume in two or three or four months' time.

Either way, it does concentrate people's minds, rather like the prospect of being hanged in the morning. A lot of them will notice a) that this is the level of unemployment that already lies in wait for them down the road; and b) that there is still enough money around to keep them going anyway. Or, in the case of the U.S., that there could be if the government was willing to try.

It's a small step from there to the concept of a guaranteed basic income as the long-term solution for a society where half the jobs have been destroyed by automation but productivity is higher than ever.

There are, of course, a number of codicils to this conclusion. The current levels of income support could not be sustained long-term without a significantly higher rate of tax. Widespread job-sharing would be needed to avoid creating a permanent under-class of the unemployed and to keep people connected. There are no magic bullets.

We were already sleep-walking towards this level of unemployment anyway, just over a much longer period. At least now we're awake to the fact that such things can happen, and we know that they can be managed.

More or less normal service will probably be resumed in a few months, or at worst in a year or so, but automation is getting a big boost and from now on it will be an ever-present companion. But the experience we are going through right now makes it a lot less scary.

It's official!

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Well, we certainly waited long enough and now we finally know. The kids will NOT be going back to school. It's newsworthy, even several days after the decision was announced, in part because it took so long to make the announcement. Why the delay? Why put off announcing a decision that I think we all pretty much knew was going to result in the permanent closure of schools for the remainder of this academic year? I'm reminded of the scene in A Few Good Men where Jack Nicholson and Tom Cruise are battling it out in the courtroom and Jack blurts out, "You can't handle the truth!" I think that's the stark reality here. Doug Ford, Stephen Lecce, perhaps even the Chief Medical Officer of Health each felt that parents, already struggling under so much pandemic panic, just couldn't handle the truth that their kids weren't going to return to school this year.

I have shared in this space on many an occasion my feelings about some of the decisions Mr. Ford has made. On the whole however, during this pandemic, I believe he has done an exceptional job. On the subject of school though – I do think he could have done better. Announcing a closure wasn't a big ask in my opinion, rather, it was simply a case of relieving the ongoing uncertainty and anxiety of both parents and kids about whether school would return at all this year. With many jurisdictions still seeing CoVid counts of 300+ (and in fact, on the day of the announcement a 400+ daily jump) and with an earlier invitation for educational support staff to volunteer to work in long-term care facilities, it didn't really take a genius to figure out that our kids weren't going anywhere. I firmly believe that with parents in crisis, trying to work from home, home school their kids and maintain some semblance of sanity – both Ford and Mr. Lecce just didn't think we "could handle the truth." This announcement may well be the tipping point for parents who are pretty much done with parenting, policing school work, pandemic stress, online grocery orders, cooking and cleaning – all while also trying to work from home.

Ironically, as Doug Ford was making his announcement, the screen froze. Every network we checked just wasn't working – in our house they froze immediately after Premier Ford's first sentence, where he stated schools would remain closed for the remainder of the academic school year because he's "just not going to risk it." I'm betting the system froze because collectively, thousands of parents and children across the province all tuned in simultaneously, and whether it was cheers (kids) or groans (parents) the system was overwhelmed! That frozen web or TV screen reflected the frozen look of fear on the faces of parents who, province wide, are now staring down another six weeks of home-schooling their kids! I'm sure it was a tough decision and I fully support and appreciate Mr. Ford's comment that it was "not easy, but the right decision," because "kids safety comes first." YES, yes it does. So again, my only remaining issue is why wait so long to announce it?

After Ford came Stephen Lecce who went on to comment that the government "wants all the kids to get the support they need" and further, that schools will not look the same in September. This too is to be expected and perhaps parents can use this next 6 weeks to help their children understand both how this academic year will end and when and how the new one will begin. Finally, the government shared that they made their decision in conjunction with the CoVid19 command table, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, experts from The Hospital for Sick Children and that all of these experts will also work together to ensure that by the end of June there will be a plan in place including "strong safety protocols" and additional educational supports, for students returning to school in September. In the interim, summer learning programs will be enhanced and expanded, all children will receive report cards and those students who were "on track" in March to graduate, will still graduate this June.

Maybe Mr. Ford and Mr. Lecce were correct in delaying this announcement. Maybe the freeze that occurred during the live network broadcasts wasn't just ironic but actually a result of the collective groans of parents everywhere who may have suspected this news was coming but who just weren't ready to "handle the truth." In the words of Alice Cooper, "School's out for Summer!"



Excitement building over reopening of Caledon Equestrian School

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Susan Fripp, the owner of the Caledon Equestrian School on Airport Rd, has had her fill of challenges after being ordered to temporarily close by the provincial government.

Things are slowly turning around as the Ontario government has started to re-open the province, including lifting the restrictions for businesses that board animals including stables and equestrian centres that will allow boarders to visit and ride.

"It's the new normal. I'm going from a couple of hundred kids in the summertime between my YMCA camps to who knows what," explained Fripp. "But it's looking better than it was yesterday."

The Caledon Equestrian School is a lesson-based facility. Without the capability of completing her lessons in-person, or having any boarders, there is currently no income for the school. Fripp was able to apply and receive support from the federal government through the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), but it wasn't able to pay for everything.

"It was tough. I was kind of okay for part of April from (the) income we collected in March, but by May, when I looked at my books, it was jaw-dropping. It's the first time in the 42 years I've been in business where I had no income," said Fripp. "The horses are still eating, and the bills are still there. It was quite a shock and it's been a big adjustment."

Fripp was able to continue paying her bills and providing for the needs of the animals, to a certain degree, through the "generous" community support. A couple of local fundraisers were held in support of the school, with other donations trickling in from the community in recent weeks.

While the financial struggles, at times, played on her mind and weighed her down, Fripp didn't realize how much she had missed the social part of her job until this week.

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"When a couple of the kids started coming back this week, it was just uplifting. The fact that we can open is fantastic, especially now I know how rough things can be," she said.

Having been given permission to reopen this week, Fripp has already started planning for the future. She is putting a schedule together to re-start the various programs the school runs, while remaining mindful of the guidelines she is to follow to ensure participants and staff are kept safe.

This means smaller lesson groups of four students and one coach, and no students allowed in the barn. This will impact students, Fripp says, as grooming and preparing their horses for the ride is a part of the enjoyment.

"Kids come, they spend time in the barn getting the horses ready, they ride, they pick out their stalls and they help out around the farm. But now no one is allowed in the barn," expressed Fripp. "Our stage one is allowing advanced riders back and the new park boarders to come back."

One Caledon resident is especially excited to hear of Caledon Equestrian School's reopening.

"Horseback riding has been a constant in my daughter's life for the last ten years. She has ridden, with very few exceptions, every Saturday and all through the summer since she was 10 years old. All of a sudden that came to a stop. She is constantly worried about the horses. Are they okay? Do they miss the hustle and bustle of their human family caring for them? She wanted many times to drive up to the farm just to check in on them," said Renata Quattro.

"My daughter is transported into a different world when she is riding. It's a place of calm where the rest of the world melts away and she is truly just free. Without having those horses and farm breaks, plus the added stress of doing Grade 12 online, missing out on prom and grad, yet maintaining her grades and just trying to cope with being cooped up for weeks on end, I can see the weariness in her eyes. She is an absolute stellar rider and my heart breaks knowing that the one place she wants to be more than anywhere else is atop her favorite pony Cira, and riding in the outdoor grass paddock at sunset," she added.

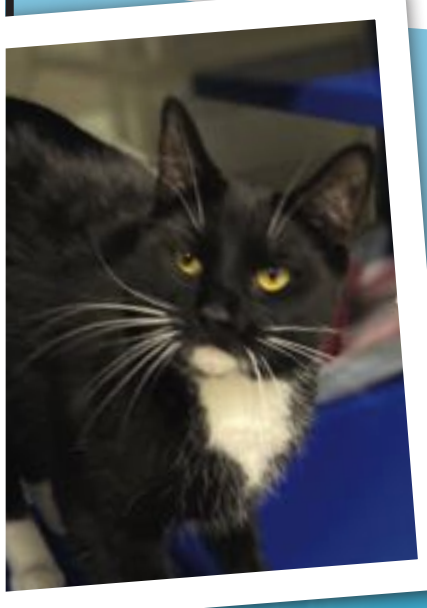
On the positive side, Caledon Equestrian School, following months of challenges, is now reopen. Fripp couldn't contain her excitement with the small step in the right direction for her farm and business, but still hopes the reopening of the province continues to be gradual.

"We're getting through this one, but if it happens again in another two or three months of shutting down, we have to really be careful," she explained. "We don't want it to be too fast because we want to be safe. As much as we are torn because we really want to get going, we can't. Slow and steady wins the race."

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Amazon confirms second positive case of COVID-19 at Bolton warehouse

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

A second employee at the Amazon Fulfilment Centre in Bolton has tested posted for COVID-19.

The first case was confirmed back on April 28. Since then, Amazon has implemented strict measures to ensure its warehouse can remain open and fully functional to meet the large stream of online orders placed by individuals isolating at home. The company did not specify when it found out about the second confirmed case.

"We are supporting the individuals who are recovering. We are following guidelines from health officials and medical experts and are taking extreme measures to ensure the safety of employees at our site," said Amazon spokesperson Jen Crowcroft.

Amazon has taken the approach to share with each employee when there is a confirmed case within their warehouse, and alert employees who have been in close contact with the individual. Those employees are then asked to self-quarantine for 14 days to avoid the risk of spread.

"We are encouraging those who are unwell to stay home and are taking extreme measures to keep people safe in our buildings. And, since the early days of this situation, we have worked closely with health authorities to proactively respond, ensuring we continue to serve customers while taking care of our associates and teams. We have also implemented proactive measures at our facilities to protect employees including increased cleaning at all facilities, maintaining social distance in the fulfillment centers, and adding distance between drivers and customers when making deliveries," Crowcroft added.

Social distancing practises at the site have been ramped up, with employees told not to move chairs or tables in their breakrooms, shift times being staggered, warnings handed out to those who do not follow social distancing rules, exit screening suspended to manage movement at main entrances and smaller groups for training or in-app training formats for new employees.

As a show of support for their employees throughout the COVID-19 crisis, Amazon has increased pay by $2/hour has been committed as well as doubled the regular hour base pay for every overtime hour worked. The company has committed to paying two COVID-9-positive workers, as well as any other member of staff currently self-isolating.

Personal protective equipment is provided for all employees, along with temperature checks and screening. Approximately 100,000 new jobs have been provided since March globally. Thus far, the company has invested upwards of $800 million on PPE and other essential supplies since the COVID-19 pandemic began a little more than two months ago.

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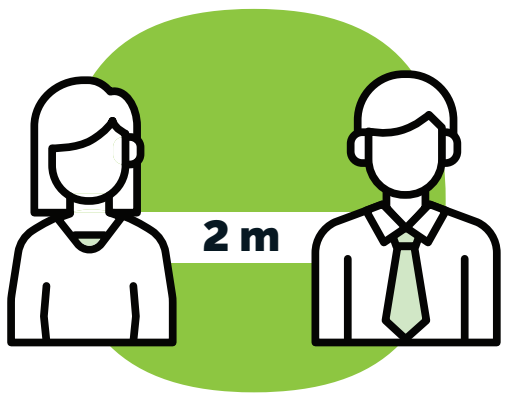
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Caledon Golden Hawks moving to a new home next season

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

The Caledon Golden Hawks will not be playing their home games in Caledon East this year, team president, David Arsenault says.

The Arsenault Hockey Group (AHG) has struck a deal with the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) and the Town of Caledon last month, to move the Golden Hawks games into Mayfield Arena for next season.

Uniquely, the club is not the only team to move there. The Brampton Admirals Junior A team and the Brampton Bombers Junior B team will also move into the arena beginning next season.

All three clubs are owned by AHG. AHG purchased the Caledon Golden Hawks in June of 2019.

AHG is also proud to announce, the Brampton Bombers will be formerly known as the Caledon Bombers. The Brampton Admirals name will remain until further notice.

"Nobody in North America has the setup that we have with junior at three levels, all playing in the facility," Arsenault explained.

"It's quite an interesting and unique opportunity for the development of hockey players."

The Town of Caledon has not seen junior A hockey since the Caledon Canadians disbanded in 1999. The Canadians, won the Buckland Cup in 1993-1994 and the league in back-to-back years in 1995 and 1996.

Bringing junior A hockey back to Caledon, Arsenault says is good for the large amount of talented hockey players in the Caledon area.

"Caledon is a growing market. There are a lot of good hockey players that have played and currently play in Caledon and live in Caledon. It's a new market for junior B, but the C is there now and the A's were there before," said Arsenault.

AHG has been working closely with minor hockey in the area. Minor hockey wanted Caledon East. The deal suggests, the Caledon Hawks and Coyotes, will have Caledon East to play their matches. Arsenault believes, this is a win-win situation.

The Caledon Golden Hawks will continue to play their home matches on Sunday night's as scheduled previously.

The Admirals will be hosting their matches on Saturday nights and the Bombers on Friday.

Arsenault hopes local support will grow as families come to support each other and friends attend the rink on a weekend night.

No further news has been announced by the Provincial Junior Hockey League as to when the season will begin. The PJHL playoffs were cancelled due to the pandemic.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

NEW DIGS: The Caledon Golden Hawks will play their home games at Mayfield Arena in the 2020/21 season.

For now, all spring camps are on hold until further notice and the beginning of the year of next season is unknown.

Caledon golf courses reopen in time for Victoria Day long weekend

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Just in time for this past long weekend, the provincial government gave the green light for recreational centres, such as boathouses, marinas, private parks and playgrounds, and golf courses, to reopen.

Caledon golf clubs were finally able to open their doors after being temporarily closed amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and what great timing to do so.

The Ontario government announced last Thursday (May 14), that selected businesses were able to reopen to the public, with specific guidelines put in place to ensure residents continue practising safety precautions, such as physical distancing. As of Saturday (May 16), all golf courses allowed players to enjoy their first game of the season.

Management at the Devil's Pulpit Golf Course in Caledon East said the time they were temporarily closed gave them the opportunity to prepare and make necessary changes to the popular local course. As strange as it may sound, the timing around being forced to close actually worked in their favour.

"This pandemic couldn't have fallen at a better time for the golf courses sake. It generally isn't until almost April 1, when outdoor routine property maintenance is started in this part of Ontario. I have a winter staff of seven people and, up until May 4, we were able to keep our golf courses in pretty decent shape with just us. Regular mowing, irrigation and general upkeep didn't ramp up before then and I have mother nature to thank for that," said Rob Wright, Golf Course Superintendent.

He added, "If this happened in the middle of July, things could have looked a lot different. Many golf courses around the world had to battle much more extreme conditions and stresses than we did. My hat goes off to all of them."

Several changes have had to be made regarding tee times, scheduled groups, screening processes and flow of players and staff.

"Our management team has been diligently preparing for what reopening may look like well before the government announced we could prepare for opening back on May 4. From an overall service perspective, we have adjusted everything, from how members arrive at our facility with a screening process at our front gate, specific flow into the property, to physically distancing from one another. We've even adjusted our hole layout for better flow on and off the golf course," explained Wright.

He added, "Our service towards members is still far from where we would typically be, but to ensure their and our employees' safety, we have to provide a very limited amount of amenities above and beyond their round of golf."

The pandemic has changed the 2020 season for golf clubs and players alike, and it seems several operational changes will likely stick around for the long-term to protect players and staff.

"Many aspects of what has changed are probably here to stay," said Wright. "The new options for ball retrieval from the cup, I believe, will become a new normal. Our tee times being farther apart to provide physical distancing will probably be around for a while. We will all have to learn and embrace these changes instead of complaining about them. They are for everyone's safety."

Mayfield Golf Club have faced similar challenges to their business and agreed that, during the time of being temporarily closed, staff were able to appropriately plan and prepare for eventual reopening.

"Everything has changed. The biggest thing that we've done is we changed our tee times, so they're expanded and create more space on the golf course," said Christopher Delaat, Director of Golf and Food Services at Mayfield Golf Club. "We've had to make sure that the bookings are all pre-paid, so we reduce the risk at check-in. We put staff in key positions to coordinate people more efficiently. We basically moved our entire operation outside to reduce the risk of being in a building. My job is to make sure people have a safe environment, so that they can work and play."

Delaat has been in the golf industry for 43 years, following in his father's footsteps, who played the game professionally. Not once has he come across a situation such as the COVID-19 pandemic but is strict in his word to keep people safe, and the golf course functioning at its best. With the several challenges he has faced along the way, he has found a silver lining in it all.

"I find myself very fortunate to be among the few businesses that are allowed to reopen. I never want to lose sight of the fact that some friends of mine that are in restaurants or fitness clubs, don't have the same opportunities. So, I try to make sure that is front and centre in my mind as I go through the day," he explained.

This past long weekend usually involves family outings, participating in different activities or simply getting together with friends to enjoy Victoria Day. With the COVID-19 pandemic and Ontario's state of emergency still in place across the province, many have had to celebrate while at home. As the provincial government made the decision to slowly open up some activities in light of the long weekend, Mayfield Golf Club was a little surprised to see how relaxed and well-mannered residents were when attending the course.

"Back in January when it started to shift, I started making plans and thinking how these situations would play out. It was a lot of work trying to figure out the schematics of what was going to be needed," explained Delaat. "We really went to town on the planning, and it worked out really well. Yes, there's hiccups, there's problems, but they were so small, and people were so well-behaved, it was actually a lot of fun."

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It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of Alan Donald Douglas (Ernie to many) on Saturday May 9, 2020. Born in Orangeville, Sept. 21, 1954 to Donald (late) and Gena Douglas, he grew up in Orangeville but made his home in Ottawa, a city he loved. Kanata is where he and Patti raised their family.
He will be forever missed by his wife Patti Hunt, daughter Jami Labranche (Eric) and son Caelan, his mother Gena Douglas, sisters Donna Douglas (Ivar Boriss), Sam Anderson (Neil) and Pam McCormick (Dave), many nieces and nephews, cousins, friends and his best friend of 50 years, Ian Britnell (Pauline).
None of us will ever stop missing this remarkable man. From a very young child his infectious laugh and keen sense of humour is what people remember first about Al. He never cared about how silly he looked so long as he made you laugh. He loved unconditionally. And was just a little bit stubborn!
His family and friends all won the lottery being able to call him son, brother, husband, dad, friend, uncle, father-in-law. He was the gentlest soul, whose innocence and non- judgemental approach made him stand out from the crowd. He always thought of himself last.
He has left a large hole in his business community leaving many colleagues behind. His knowledge is second to none in the computer world; in project management, software development, business analysis, document management, self written publications and so much more that we lay people cannot comprehend. Replacing him in his industry will be a challenge.
The final journey for him was complicated by the restrictions of Covid19 but he was determined to fight. When he knew his battle was over his final wish was not for him but for his family that he was leaving behind. We hope to have a celebration in the near future when restrictions have been lifted and we can all rejoice in our love for Al and give him the farewell he deserves and give each other comfort in our loss.
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HAMILTON, Helen Ilene (nee Herriot)



Peacefully at Shelburne Residence on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at the age of 91. Beloved wife of Terry (1975). Dear mother of Trish Masters, Pete Hamilton (Alison), Paul Hamilton (Cindy), and Phil Hamilton (Lisa). Cherished grandma to Terry (Carly), Megan Masters and Renee Hamilton. Extended Grandma to Paul, Mike, Ryan and Riley. Will be fondly remembered by sister-in-law Norine Hamilton and Larry Vollett (Mary Louise, 2013). Helen will also be greatly missed by her nieces, nephew other relatives and many friends.
Graveside Service will be held at St. Cornelius Catholic Cemetery on Saturday, May 16, 2020. Memorial donations to Bethell Hospice Foundation would be appreciated by the family. A tree will be planted in memory of Helen 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

BAINBRIDGE, Marita Elsa (nee Fors)



Peacefully at her home in Orangeville on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at the age of 82. Beloved wife of David Bainbridge (2016). Marita will be greatly missed by her St. Mark's Church family, Headwaters Auxiliary family, relatives in Sweden and England and many friends throughout the community.
Funeral Service to Celebrate Marita's Life will be held at a later date.
Memorial donations to St. Mark's Anglican Church or Headwaters Health Care Auxiliary would be appreciated.
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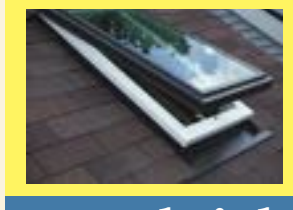
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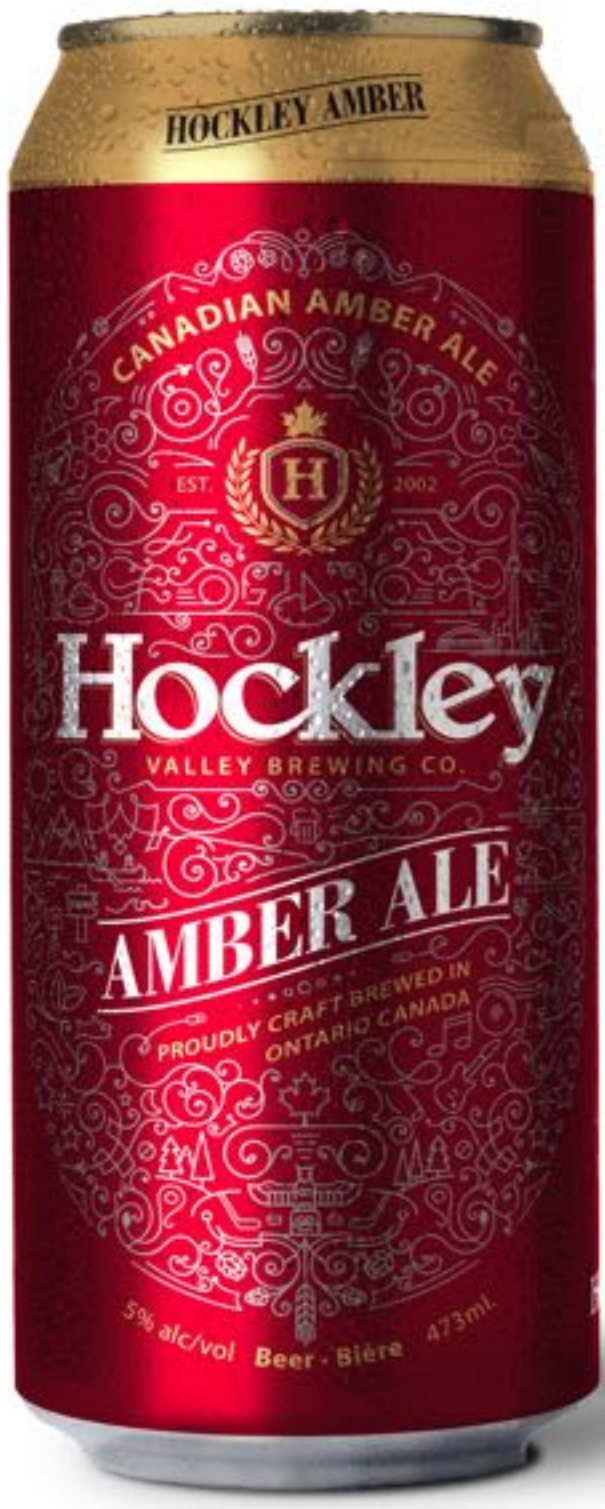
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